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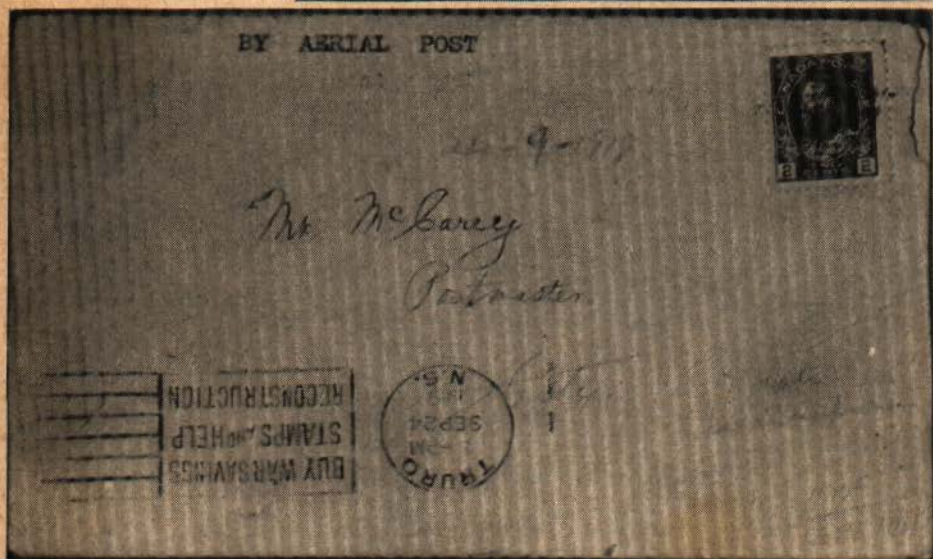
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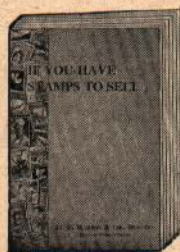
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Rounding Up SQUARED CIRCLES

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

LATE DISCOVERIES

Springhill Mines, N.S., Type One, dated Au 4, 93(?). This is in a Winnipeg collection. I have seen this copy.

Coleman, Ont., Type One. Date not given. Reported as being found by a London, England, collector. I have not yet seen it.

These are notable discoveries indeed, as the above have long been considered as 'improbables.' They are the only Type One discoveries made since my article of December 1951 appeared in TOPICS. Only **Montreal**, Type One, remains to complete the group of 25 hammers with thin lines.

London, Ont., Type One, Ap 28, 93. Two copies reported. This town shares with **Brockville** the distinction of being the earliest squared circles known.

The above discoveries will do something to bring back the small group of Type One hammers to the attention of squared circle collectors. Type Two, a much larger group, has dominated the scene for far too long!

LONDON, TYPE TWO

London is unique, according to our present knowledge, in having used all three types of markings typical of the period 1892-93. (The only possibility of displacing London from this unique position would be the discovery of **Montreal, Type One**, listed by Boggs as being in the Proof Book; which in view of the recent finding of both **Coleman, Ont.**, and **Springhill Mines, N.S.**—both of Type One, and long considered 'impossibles'—would not cause undue surprise). It is one of the small group of

'1892 postmarks,' the rarest of that group with the exception of Seaforth. Then in 1893 and '94 the two London squared circles of Type One, with thin lines, appeared, followed in 1895 by the Type Two hammer, the subject of these brief notes.

This group of London hammers, four in all, would be a fertile field for a specialist with sufficient material. Interesting features to be determined would be (a) period of use; (b) changes in indicia: AM, PM, 1-5, occasional blanks, and last of all, 1-24; and (c) the possible reservation of these hammers for certain definite purposes.

The London Type Two hammer has the following history, so far as we know at present:

Proofed: Ja 29, 95 (as in the Proof Book, now housed in The Philatelic Foundation, New York.
Earliest: Fe 5, 95.

Latest: First period of use—Fe 8, 00. I haven't seen 1897 dates, and believe there was a gap from late '96 to late '98. Too, I have no record of '99 dates. May I hear from collectors on these points?

Later use on K.G.V issues in 1917, and on K.G.VI airmail around 1947-9.

Above the Date: AM—with rare blanks—to June '96. This is the period which produced the most strikes. Later use became increasingly rare.

From Au '96—1, 2, 3, 4, 5.
From 1900—PM reported (but this may have been during the AM period above); also various numbers from 10 to 24, pointing to around-the-clock time marks, possibly 1-24, as in the case of Hamilton.

Occasionally seen on K.G.V issues, generally with 1917 dates. My copies have "17," "19" above the date.

Latest use was on airmail of 1947-9 (possibly later) with "11," "17" above the date.

(More on next page)

MISSING TOWNS

By T. BRADEN ELLIOTT

The following is a schedule of the number of collectors who were missing these scarcer squared circles out of rosters supplied by 27 of the leading specialists in this cancellation:

Pointe a Pic	25	Wolfville	21
Fort William West	25	Newcastle Creek	21
Pontypool	25	Eastman	21
Aldergrove	24	Watford	21
Byng Inlet North	24	Estevan	21
Beeton	24	Great Village	20
Matane	24	Blyth	20
Sutton	24	Parliament Street	20
Forest	24	Richmond	19
Millbrook	24	Freeport	19
Clifton	23	Bleeker St.	18
Lennoxville	23	St. Ann's	17
Nassagaweya	23	Butternut Ridge	17
Achcroft Station	23	River Louison	17
St. Hilarion	22	Cache Bay	17
Stanstead	22	Schreiber	17
Bluevale	22	Gretna	17

Pipestone	17	Bellerive	16
Sandon	17	St. Polycarpe	16
New Germany	16	Angus	16
Canso	16	Port Dover	16

This information was compiled some time ago and in some cases material changes have taken place. Large numbers of Eastmans have turned up, and quantities of Pipestone have appeared. There have been finds of Estevan, Wolfville and Bleeker St., too.

It is hoped that, at the very least, 100 collectors will fill out the new roster form (see back of this issue of TOPICS), and submit it, in order that an up-to-date survey can be made, with particular emphasis on the medium rarities, those missing in most collections, in the RF200 to RF250 range. (These figures are based on the new scale of rarity factors as used in the new handbook.) ★



REVENUE GROUP

News

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

1958 Unemployment — Fishing Industry Series. Many thanks to Roy Wrigley (BNAPS 1065) for coming up with the report and example of this new series of Fishing Industry Unemployment stamps. I

had not even heard of them before.

Back in the December 1957 issue of TOPICS, I reported and illustrated an example of the first issue of Fishing Industry Unemployments—

the provisional issue of April 1, 1957. These were the weekly values, nine to the set, 32c through \$1.20 inclusive, overprinted with the outline of a fish on the current 1955 issue.

This new issue is entirely different, incorporating the outline of a fish in the design. The design itself is something new in Unemployments, being octagonal in shape.



The following denominations exist:

32c red-brown	96c turquoise
48c sage-green	\$1.04 violet
60c orange	\$1.12 blue-gray
72c brown	\$1.20 yellow-green
84c yellow	

In each case the denomination is printed in black. Therefore, it would appear likely that only one die, and only one plate, was prepared. All of the basic stamps were probably printed from the same plate.

The stamp illustrated here is overprinted SPECIMEN in red, in sans serif type.

On pages 64-65 of Bond's *Catalogue of Federal Revenue Stamps of Canada*, he discusses the essay for a "Canada Receipt" stamp. He points out that "Nothing is known about their legislative background if any, of their intended purpose, of the proposed plate format, etc." Die proofs (large) with the "American Bank Note Co." imprint at the bottom, as illustrated on next page, are known in orange, brown and green.



Small die proofs, without the imprint, are also known in those same colors, plus blue.

The purpose in illustrating this item and drawing your attention to it, is to again ask if any BNAPSer can supply any additional information about this Canadian revenue inigma?

12c Quebec Unemployment — Rouletted.

The Quebec Unemployment stamps of 1934 are common enough. They appear to be readily available in large quantities both used and mint. However, **where are all the 15c rouletted?** In the past 20 years I believe I have looked over at least 1,000 used copies of this value alone, and still have but the ONE copy in my collection. I suspect they may be much more rare than generally credited. Anyone having ANY copies at all would be doing the Revenue Study Group a favor by dropping us a post-card reporting the fact.

British Columbia Centennial Law—With out Background Color. In this column for March 1959, we reported the existence of the 50c value with **background color missing**. At that time I stated that I had not



White background.
Background color missing.

Orange background.
Normal stamp.

yet seen this variety. This month we are able to illustrate it herewith. We just recently were able to secure this single example. We believe that only one sheet of 25 exist.

Tax Tickets. On a number of occasions we have called attention to the existence of these tax tickets, and have illustrated a few. A number of them are also illustrated on pages 279-80 of Holmes' catalogue. We wonder if any BNAPSer has a collection of these? If so, we would appreciate your contacting the writer. We believe a check list of the known varieties would be of interest to other BNAPSers. If someone should have sufficient variety to do so, if they will prepare a check list and send it to this writer, I will check it against my own collection, and against any others reported to me, and the revised check list will appear in BNA TOPICS under the originator's own by-line.

Catalogue of the Federal Revenue Stamps of Canada. This excellent revenue handbook was called to the attention of BNAPSers in our December 1958 column. Originally distributed at \$2.25 per copy, this excellent encyclopaedia on the federal revenue issues, compiled by BNAPSer Nelson Bond, has brought as much as \$5 a copy when available.

As reported, the Revenue Study Group has in its possession the remaining stock of these, in brand-new condition. Since calling it to BNAPSers' attention, 23 members have taken advantage of our offer. It is still available at \$2.25 postpaid, from either the writer, or from Study Group Chairman Wilmer C. Rockett, 2030 Overlook Ave., Willow Grove, Pa.

The entire proceeds resulting from the

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NEWFOUNDLAND SPECIALIZED

(Scott Nos. 208 - 225)

(The first article of this series, on Scott Nos. 183-199, appeared in January 1959)

CONTINUING the listing that first appeared in the January issue of BNA TOPICS, I present herewith the listing of the next two issues and the provisional that appears at the same time. As in the case of the line perforate copy of the 30c, Scott No. 198, we must suspect the presence of a line perforate copy of the 7c, Scott No. 208, as it is known as a horizontal pair imperforate between in this perforation. As this section appears in print work has already been started on the three issues that appeared from 1928-1931, Scott Nos. 145-182. I can tell you now that it will be a difficult series to work with as there are ever so many different perforation varieties and it will take the full efforts of Marshall Kay (BNAPS 760), Dr. Willan (BNAPS 568) and myself to straighten them out. Any ideas as to how the listing can be improved would be much appreciated.

SCOTT No. 208—7c red brown, comb perf 13.2x13.2. Watermark Coat of Arms.

- A Imperforate
- C Horizontal pair imperforate between, line perf 14.1x14.1

SCOTT No. 209—8c orange red, comb perf 13.2x13.2. Watermark Coat of Arms.

- A Imperforate

SCOTT No. 210—24c light blue, comb perf 13.2x13.2. Watermark Coat of Arms.

- A Imperforate

SCOTT No. 211—15c brown, line perforate 13.7x13.7. Watermark Coat of Arms. Surcharged "L & S Post" in panes of 25 (5x5). Surcharge reading down.

- B Line perforate 14.1x14.1
- K1 Strip of 5, top stamp no surcharge—perf variety unknown
- K2 Strip of 5, top two stamps no surcharge—perf variety unknown
- K3 Strip of 5, surcharge reading up instead of down—perf variety unknown
- J1 Pair with and without watermark, line perf 13.7x13.7
- J2 Block with "GREEK CROSS" watermark, line perf 13.7x13.7

SCOTT No. 212—1c gray black, comb perf 13.2x13.2. Watermark Coat of Arms

- A Imperforate

SCOTT No. 213—2c green, comb perf 13.2x13.2. Watermark Coat of Arms.

- A Imperforate
- L Double print

SCOTT No. 214—3c yellow brown, comb perf 13.2x13.2. Watermark Coat of Arms.

- A Imperforate—no gum—probably a proof.
- C Imperforate between stamp and right margin.

SCOTT No. 215—4c carmine, comb perf 13.2x13.2. Watermark Coat of Arms.

- A Imperforate
- C Vertical pair imperf between, line perf 13x13. Origin suspect

SCOTT No. 216—5c dull violet, comb perf 13.2x13.2. Watermark Coat of Arms

- A Imperforate—no gum—probably a proof

SCOTT No. 217—7c blue, comb perf 13.2x13.2. Watermark Coat of Arms

- B Line perforate 13.7x13.7

SCOTT No. 218—8c orange red, comb perf 13.2x13.2. Watermark Coat of Arms

SCOTT No. 219—9c ultramarine, comb perf 13.2x13.2. Watermark Coat of Arms

- A Imperforate
- B Line perforate 13.7x13.7

SCOTT No. 220—10c red brown, comb perf 13.2x13.2. Watermark Coat of Arms

- A Imperforate
- B Line perforate 13.7x13.7

SCOTT No. 221—14c black, comb perf 13.2x13.2. Watermark Coat of Arms

- B Line perforate 13.7x13.7

SCOTT No. 222—15c claret, comb perf 13.2x13.2. Watermark Coat of Arms (reversed)

- A Imperforate

SCOTT No. 223—20c deep green, comb perf 13.2x13.2. Watermark Coat of Arms

- B Line perforate 13.7x13.7

SCOTT No. 224—24c violet brown, comb perf 13.2x13.2. Watermark Coat of Arms

- A Imperforate
- B Line perforate 13.7x13.7
- J1 Watermark reversed—imperforate
- J2 Watermark reversed—line perf 13.7x13.7

SCOTT No. 225—32c gray, comb perf 13.2x13.2. Watermark Coat of Arms

- B Line perforate 13.7x13.7
- J Watermark reversed—comb perf 13.2x13.2 ★

CLASSIFICATION AND KEYING SYSTEM

A—Imperforates; B—Line Perforates; C—Part Perforates; D—Booklets; E—Plate Blocks; F—Specimens; G—Bisects; H—Hairlines; J—Watermarks.

Notes on Canadian Airmails

By N. PELLETIER (BNAPS 1268)

TRURO-CHARLOTTETOWN FLIGHTS

DURING March of 1919, the Devere Aviation Company was organized by two former RAF pilots, Captain L. E. D. Stevens and Lieutenant I. L. Barnhill. By using their gratuities and selling shares to local business men, they were able to purchase a Curtis biplane which they used for instruction, carrying passengers, and stunt flying.

Wishing to further publicize their air-line, an airmail flight was arranged between Truro and Charlottetown, where a local exhibition was being held. Shortly after 1 p.m. on September 24, 1919, with Capt. Stevens and Lieut. J. M. Stevenson at the controls, the 'Jenny' was seen heading towards Charlottetown where it arrived safely at the exhibition grounds. This had become Eastern Canada's first airmail flight.

Among letters flown was one to Charlottetown's Mayor G. D. Wright and another to Postmaster Joseph McCarey. An envelope addressed to him is illustrated here. There were also several letters sent with

the Devere Company letterhead. It well describes the ambitious little company:

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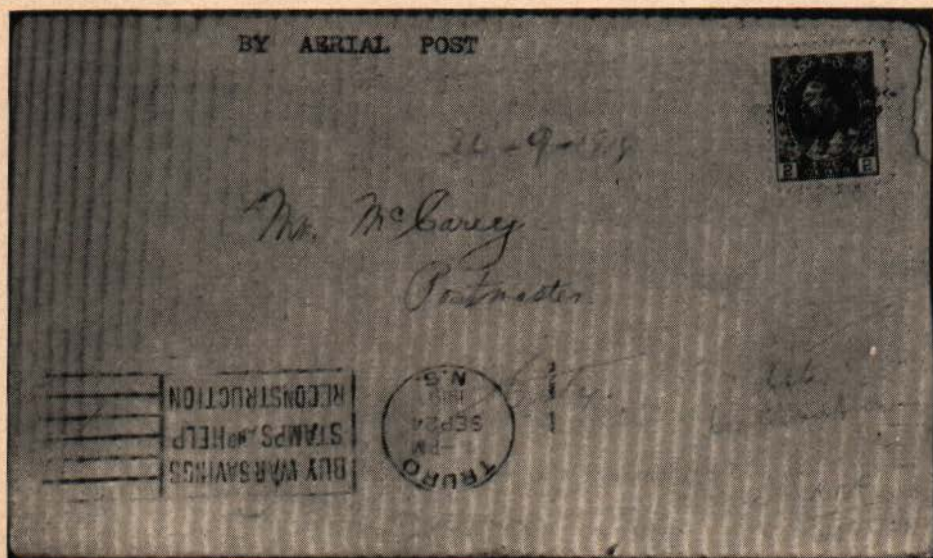
Capt. L. E. D. Stevens, A.F.C., General Manager
Head Office: Truro, Nova Scotia, Canada

Dear Sir:

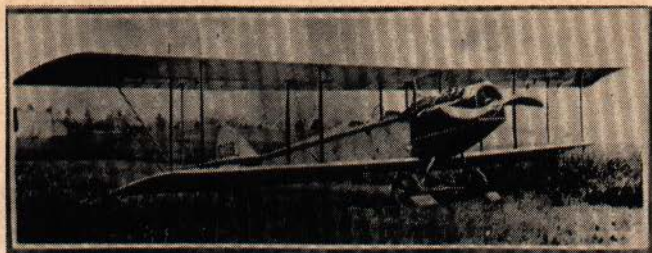
We have great pleasure in presenting our compliments to you on this, the occasion of the first commercial flight from the mainland to Prince Edward Island, and we esteem it a pleasure to include your name on our list, as a recipient of our compliments by the first aerial mail in the Province.

We know that you will join us in appreciating the fact that a great amount of importance is attached to this flight, because it means the beginning of a new era, the entry of a new age, the birth of aviation as far as the Island is concerned.

Our experience in the world of aviation has taught us the assured fact that within the next few months travel by air will be as common as travel by train; mails will be carried principally by air; in fact aviation will be the predominating factor in the commercial world. It is bound to be so considering that we are living in an age 50 years ahead of half a century ago, an age in which the world's motto is "Speed," and the modern man requires modern methods.



Cover dated September 24, 1919, addressed to Postmaster J. McCarey



—Courtesy Truro News.

Aircraft used on special flight was a Curtiss JN4-C118, as illustrated.

Prince Edward Island will not be behind in aviation, and as soon as possible, with the co-operation of the people of the Province, we shall have a daily mail and passenger service connecting the Island with all the principal cities of Eastern Canada.

The Return Flight

A return flight had been planned to Truro on the same date, but Postmaster McLary refused to allow mail to be carried unless the Post Office Department would wire its permission. Authority arrived and on Sep-

tember 29, some 30 letters were flown back to Truro with Capt. Stevens and Lieut. Barnhill flying the 'Jenny.' The aircraft had left at 3:40 p.m., and because of headwinds arrived at about 5 p.m.

A rather interesting letter was sent by Mr. McLary to Postmaster F. Smith of Truro:

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt by aeroplane, through the good offices of Capt. Stevens and Lieut. Stevenson of your communication of the 24th. instant, and I warmly reciprocate your felicitations on the first trip by air between Truro and Charlottetown.

Your letter despatched at 1 p.m. is date stamped at this office at 2 p.m. on the same day, which is in striking contrast with occasions within my experience in postal matters when two weeks elapsed without communication between this city and the mainland.

The closed supplementary mail in which this letter is contained is the first authorized dispatch by air in Canada, and I have every confidence that a permanent service will prove a success.

We deduce from Mr. McLary's letter that he did not know of some earlier flights in Ontario and Alberta. It is possible that no official permission had been given except by the local postmaster, for the first flight.

The company had a short life. It discontinued operations on November 19, 1919. A company known as the P.E. Island Aerial Transport Co. was later organized.

Information for the above story was taken from the Truro Daily News and a 1919 copy of Aviation News. ★

Harry Saxton Dies in Calgary

H. G. (Harry) Saxton, long-time member of BNAPS (No. 440), died April 24, in Calgary, Alberta. His wife had died three days earlier.

Mr. Saxton was born in England and had resided in Calgary for the past 42 years. He was a well known stamp dealer, and had also contributed to BNA TOPICS and other philatelic magazines. ★

REVENUE GROUP NEWS

(Continued from page 199)

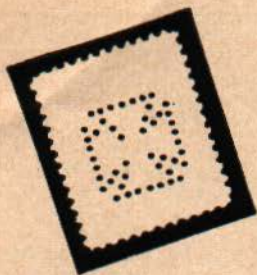
sale of these books, less packing and postage costs, goes to defray the expense of cuts used for illustrations in this column.

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"N.S." \$1 So-called Pin-perf. I ask a question, I quickly get it answered! In the June 1959 issue I asked owners of any \$1 Third Issue Bill Stamps overprinted "N.S." to report should they have copies of this value perforated 12½. My question arose because Holmes and Marks list this variety as "Pin-perf" whereas Bond in his book lists it as regular.

Neil Utberg, a frequent co-operator with this column, and another Texas revenueur, BNAPS 1551, comes through again! He shows me two copies of the perf. 12½. They definitely are NOT Pin-perf. The perforation is very coarse, giving a ragged appearance, but definitely it is a regular type perforation. This would tend to discredit the existence of the so-called "pin-perf" unless someone can come up with such a copy!

Additional copies of the \$3 N.S. perf. 12½ have been reported. Utberg reports owning a mint copy, and another now resides in the collection of Victor Howes, BNAPS 771. All are on the thin paper. ★



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PLATE BLOCKS, PERFORATED OHMS — TYPE B (4-HOLE)

By ALFRED P. COOK (BNAPS 320), Guest of the Column

WHILE checking my plate blocks with the fourth edition of The Canada Plate Block Catalogue, I was intrigued by the notes on page 55, entitled "Officials, perforated O.H.M.S.," containing the following sentence: "It is not the intention of this catalogue to list any data on a much discussed subject," referring to plates used for this purpose.

Perhaps my readings on Canadian philately have overlooked references to the above, and I certainly do not recall much discussion on this topic. However, the fact remains, that certain plates were used, though the Post Office Department admittedly made no record of them. Since the overprinted O.H.M.S. and G were sold, I believe, for philatelic purposes also, it would seem logical that an effort should be made by those interested to compile a listing of the plates used for perforated officials.

Over the past 10 years I have accumulated the following list of items which show plate numbers. These were acquired by me from several dealers and auctions, but not from the post office.

After studying this list it is obvious that the same selvage was not always removed by the operator when putting the sheets into the perforating machine. It is also evident that in the earlier issues, the south or bottom selvage (bearing the imprint), at least in the lower left panes, was removed, leaving the plate number and control on the west, or left hand selvage.

No.	Plate No.	Position	Item	Selvage	Showing
0232	2	LL	Mint block (4)	No bottom	No 2 907
	7	"	"	"	No 7 596-A
	8	"	"	"	No 8 596-A
0233	11	"	"	"	No 11 278
	16	"	Used single	"	844-A
	16	"	"	"	No 16
	18	"	Mint block (4)	"	No 1 — 909
0235	3	"	"	"	No 3 813-A
0241	1	UL	Complete plate block	Both	—
0241a	1	UL or R	Mint block (4)	No side	—
0242	1	LL	Complete plate block	Both	—
0249	7	"	Used block (4)	No bottom	—No 7 1119
0250	1	"	Mint block (4)	"	No 1 1055BA
	3	"	"	"	No 3 1055BA
0252	22	"	"	"	No 22 838
0253	1	UL or R	"	No side	—
	1	LL or R	"	"	—
0255	1	LL	"	No bottom	No 1 1055E
	2	"	Vert. mint pair	—	No 2 1055E
	3	"	Mint block (4)	No bottom	No 3 595
0257	1	UR	Complete plate block	Both	—
	2	"	"	"	—
	2	LR	"	"	—
	3	UL	"	"	—
	3	UL or R	Used block	No side	—
	6	LL or R	Mint block	"	—

No.	Plate No.	Position	Item	Selvdge	Showing
0259	1	LL	Complete plate block	Both	(hairlines)
0260	1	"	"	"	—
0261	1	"	"	"	—
0262	1	UL	"	"	—
0268	?	"	Complete block	"	(LL corn. of UL pane)
0269	1	"	Complete plate block (10)	"	—
	1	UL	Complete plate block	"	—
	1	LR	"	"	—
	1	"	"	"	(2nd row missing many holes)
	2	UL	"	"	—
	2	UR	"	"	—
	2	LL	"	"	—
	2	LR	"	"	—
	2	"	"	"	(2nd row missing many holes)
0271	1	UL	"	"	—
	1	UR	"	"	—
	1	LL	"	"	—
	1	LR	"	"	—
	2	UL	"	"	—
	2	LL	"	"	—
	2	LR	"	"	—
0272	1	UL	"	"	—
	1	UR	"	"	—
	1	LL	"	"	—
0285	1	LL	Mint block (4)	No bottom	No 1 540
0C6	1	"	Complete plate block	Both	—
0C7	1	"	"	"	—
0C8	1	"	"	"	—
	2	UL	"	"	—
	2	LL	"	"	—
	2	LR	"	"	—
	3	LL	"	"	—
	4	UL	"	"	—
0C9	1	UR	"	"	—
	1	LL	"	"	—
	1	LR	"	"	—
	2	UR	"	"	—
	2	LL	"	"	—
	2	LR	"	"	—
0E10	1	"	"	"	—
0CE1	1	LL	Complete plate block (6)	"	—
0CE2	1	UL	"	"	—
	1	LL	"	"	—
0CE4	1	UL	Complete plate block	"	—

CENTENNIAL OF 1859 ISSUE MARKED

The Edmonton Study Group, BNAPS, celebrated 100 years of decimal postage in Canada at the final monthly meeting of the 1958-59 season at the home of E. A. Harris when five members prepared papers on the different values of the 1859 series of postage stamps, that were introduced to match the shift from sterling to decimal currency on July 1, 1859. Fifteen were present. The table for a buffet lunch was centered by a cake decorated in colors and design of the five-cent Beaver, with added dates—1859-1959.

Introducing the panel, the host noted that the 1859 stamp series made use of the designs and colors used for the stamps they replaced. Speakers dealt with such features as the various printings, shades and perforations, re-entries. A few pages and examples of different types were passed around to illustrate points.

S. S. Kenyon reviewed his study of the one-cent rose, and Mr. Harris the five-cent Beaver; Harris McLeod dealt with the 10-cent issues, Dutton Copp with the 17-cent; W. Rorke was assigned the 12½-cent. ★

Numerical Cancellations on The 1868 Large Queen Issue

THE Dominion of Canada issued its first postage stamps on April 1, 1868. These replaced the provincial issues of Canada, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Concurrent with this issue, a set of numeral obliterators from "1" through "60" within two concentric circles (see Fig. 1) were placed in use in the 60 largest post offices within the Dominion. These official 2-ring Numeral obliterators replaced the 4-ring Numeral obliterators (see Fig. 2) of Upper and Lower Canada; the numeral within grid obliterators (see Fig. 3) of New Brunswick, at least for those post offices which were assigned and issued the new Dominion two-ring type.

iously been published in the light of what has been discovered in the past few years, and to make a real effort to elicit new information from the host of new sources created by the work of the pioneers. This is, of course, a mammoth task, though small in comparison to that of the trail-breakers.

However, the way to begin any large task is to begin. We have selected the numeral cancellations found on the Large Queen issue as our departure point, and we shall continue from that point in both directions provided the response and co-operation from our fellow philatelists—collectors and dealers alike—is sufficient for us to clear up some of the mysteries and to add substantially to the knowledge of Canadian postal history.

To many, it will seem that we have begun in the middle, and so we have; but we have done so for the reason that the stamps of the Large Queens issue are found with the vast majority of all the official numeral obliterators, both Provincial and Dominion, and some or all were current as the Dominion expanded.

Seek Aid

This is intended primarily as an article to arouse the interest and enlist the aid of the general collector of Canadian material, as well as the advanced specialist. It is our intention, in this article, to cover in a rudimentary fashion the basic knowledge of numeral cancellations on the Large Queens issue; and to follow it up with a comprehensive and detailed study based on the responses to our request for help. We will try to keep those who assist us in any way informed as to our progress, and to furnish them with a mimeographed copy of the final article in advance of publication.



FIG. 1—2-ring.



FIG. 2—4-ring.

Much has been written previously on the subject of these fascinating numeral obliterators, principally by Fred Jarrett¹ and Winthrop S. Boggs.²

Tremendous Interest in Field

Certainly, the thorough work which these two did has had much to do with the tremendous interest in the field of Canadian cancellations which is current from the United Kingdom westward to Australia. Because of this greatly increased interest, it seems to us that it is now time to attempt a comprehensive revision of what has pre-

¹ In 1929 edition of his "British North America."

² In the exhaustive study, "The Postage Stamps and Postal History of Canada," 1944.



FIG. 3—N.B. Grid.



FIG. 4—3-ring.



FIG. 5—1-ring.

The history of the assignment of 2-ring Numerals 20, 22 and 34 is somewhat of a mystery to us. In order to help clear up these problems, it is hoped that all collectors of Canada, including dealers having any stock of covers for the period 1868-80, will examine their covers carefully, and send all covers bearing 2-ring 20, 22 and 34 to us for examination and recording. We would like to see the covers franked with Small Queen issues as well as those franked with Large Queens. If you do not care to send us the covers, please have them photostatted front and back, or make tracings thereof, and send them along.

Use Handy Form

Having checked your covers for 2-ring 20, 22 and 34 cancels, and sent them along to us for perusal and return within three days (not including Sunday); we now ask that you examine all your 1868 Large Queen issue (including the 1c yellow and the 5c olive green) both on and off cover, and list those with numeral cancels on the handy form provided on page 208, or a similar form of your own making, and send it along to us. Perhaps you are a specialist in modern plate blocks and have only a few of the earlies—even so, please check what you have and send along the information which we seek. Postcards are most welcome.

We are interested in turning up information as to the relative scarcity of these various numerals. We will not—repeat NOT—attempt to establish a timeless formula for valuing these strikes, but we will attempt to establish their scarcity relative to the most common of them so that collectors and dealers alike will both be in a position to arrive at a fair value based on clearness of the strike and condition of the stamp. To all those who help us out, we promise to send at least one cover bearing a modern stamp of recent design issued by either the United States or the United Kingdom; and enclosed therein will be a short note of thanks personally signed by one of the two

authors of this article, plus mint stamps to the value of the postage which you expended in sending us the information; plus an extra added attraction to those who ask for it—a list of all the towns which were assigned numeral obliterated during the period 1857-80, including the British Columbia numbers as well as the provincial numerals of Canada, New Brunswick, and the Prince Edward Island Lot Numbers, as far as we know them.

Sample Drawings

As an aid in identifying the types of numeral, we have made sample drawings of the various common official types. If your collection contains a Large Queen cancelled with a numeral obliterator which does not fall readily into one of the type groups illustrated here, please make a tracing of the cancel and send it along with your list, or better still, enclose the stamp itself, which we guarantee to return within three days, even if our wives have to stay up three nights running to address the envelopes. (We doubt that we will be that swamped—but we hope you prove us wrong.) If you are one of the luckier collectors or dealers to possess either a Boggs or a Jarrett, and your numeral is illustrated in either of these books, just identify the strike by referring to the illustration number, as: Boggs Kingston 9, type 6 . . . or whatever it may be.

There were numerous unofficial numeral obliterated used, either locally produced or privately purchased from the manufacturers. Figures 4 and 5 illustrate variations of Figure 2. In addition to these variations which incorporate both the assigned numeral and the circular format, there are other obliterated, probably locally produced, which incorporate the assigned numeral but not the circular form — using barred squares, squared circles, and barred ovals as a surround for the numerals. Boggs listed eight different numerals of the provincial Canada series with surrounds varying from the official 4 rings: 13, 15, 16, 17, 19, 21, 23 and



FIG. 6—
St. John, N.B.



FIG. 7—?



FIG. 8—B.C.



FIG. 9—P.E.I.

37. We are particularly anxious to have reports of varieties with other numerals.

There is only one variety that we know of in the provincial grids of New Brunswick (see Figure 6).

Great Variety

The greatest variety of the unofficial, locally produced obliterators incorporating the assigned numbers in a fancy surround are those of the Dominion series of 1868. Boggs illustrates 16 various designs incorporating the numeral "2" assigned to Toronto, and we have noted four additional ones. Boggs shows 13 various of the numeral "9" assigned to Kingston and we have noted three others. He shows six different of the numeral "8" assigned to Hamilton and the numeral "6" assigned to London (these were the killer portions of duplex), and one each for the numeral "1" assigned to Fredericton and the numeral "14" assigned to Guelph. We have noted a variety off cover in which the numeral "31" is surrounded by a barred diamond (see Figure 7). We make an educated (?) guess that it is from Oshawa, but we seek confirmation from the lucky fellow who has this strike on cover.

Postal service in British Columbia was assumed by the Dominion on August 20, 1871. Since the ½c, 2c, 6c, 12½c and 15c values of the Large Queen issue were still in current use, it is possible that all of the provincial British Columbia numeral cancels (see Figure 8) can be found on these values. Can anyone report other than numerals "10" and "35" on a Large Queen?

On July 1, 1873, the provincial issues of Prince Edward Island were withdrawn and replaced by those of the Dominion. At this time, only the ½c, 12½c and 15c Large Queens were in current use, but it is possible that some of these may be found with the Charlottetown numeral "13" (similar to Figure 9). Can anyone report a P.E.I. Lot Number cancel on a Large Queen, or on a Large Queen cover?

To Sum Up

As a resumé of what we are seeking from our readers, we sum up as follows:

1. If Galt was originally assigned 2-ring 20, what town was assigned 2-ring 22; or vice versa?
2. If Boggs is correct in assigning 2-ring 34 to Branchton, Ont., when was the numeral re-assigned to Chatham, N.B., and what number was then assigned to Branchton?
3. Why was the numeral "5" removed from the Hamilton duplex in 1876? If it was

• **There is so much** to be learned about this transitory period of the Canadian Post Office when the Dominion was growing by leaps and bounds as more and more provinces joined Confederation. If all who have a little knowledge of what occurred, or a stamp or cover which gives a clue, will help out by letting the authors know what you know or have, perhaps we can assemble a clearer picture. Those of you in the Western Hemisphere please communicate with **Horace W. Harrison**, Box 5780, Pikesville 8, Maryland, U.S.A. (BNAPS 1501; CPS 6779); and those located elsewhere, communicate with **Stanley Cohen**, 51 Westfield Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham 15, England (BNAPS 1474; CPSGB 72). We have been working together (by mail) on these problems for over a year now, and we need your help to go further.

not because of the abolition of the 1-through-60 series, then what city was assigned numeral "5" and what was Hamilton's new number?

4. Were any of the 1-through-60 series obliterators assigned to cities and towns of British Columbia after August 20, 1871, and if so, how were they shuffled?
5. Was Charlottetown, P.E.I., assigned a numeral in the 1-through-60 series after July 1, 1873, and if so, which one, when,

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Flight From Toronto Planned For London International Show

A reservation has been applied for to charter a flight to enable members and their friends in the Toronto, Ont., area to attend the London International Exhibition, 1960.

The flight will leave Malton on Friday, July 8, 1960, returning from London July 30. This will enable those travelling to attend the opening of the show and then have two weeks in Britain after the show.

The flight will be by scheduled air line and the fare will be \$316 return. A minimum of 71 persons is required.

We must have a reasonably firm commitment by the end of this month for those intending to take part, and \$100 each deposit will be required at a later date. Those intending to make the trip should advise **A. H. Hinrichs**, 319 St. Clements Ave., Toronto 12, Ont., as soon as possible, and if there is insufficient interest we will cancel the application.

Although the flight is primarily for those in the Toronto area, there is nothing to prevent other members from applying should they be interested. They would, of course, have to make their own travel arrangements to and from Toronto. ★

and what was the assignment alignment at that time?

6. What was the official date of withdrawal of the 2 ring 1-through-60 Dominion series of obliterations, or was the series merely allowed to expire with the advent and increased use of duplex and/or other obliterations?
7. What is the relative scarcity of numeral cancels on the Large Queen issue? (This last question is the one which we hope to be able to answer as a result of your replies to our census of numeral cancels request.)

Town Assignments

Town assignments of the 2-ring numeral obliterations of the Dominion series:

1 Montreal	12 St. Catharines
2 Toronto	13 Belleville
3 Quebec	14 Guelph
4 Halifax	15 Brantford
5 Hamilton	16 Brockville
6 London	17 St. Hyacinthe
7 St. John, N.B.	18 Yarmouth
8 Ottawa	19 Peterborough
9 Kingston	20 Galt
10 Sydney	21 Goderich
11 Fredericton	22 Galt

23 Woodstock	42 Acton Vale
24 Stratford, Ont.	43 Windsor, N.S.
25 New Glasgow, N.S.	44 Owen Sound
26 Windsor, Ont.	45 Perth
27 Ingersoll	46 Dundas
28 Sarnia	47 Napanee
29 Cobourg	48 Simcoe
30 Pictou	49 Prescott
31 Oshawa*	50 St. Andrew's, N.B.
32 Barrie	51 Picton
33 Sherbrooke	52 Caledon, Ont.
34 Branchton, Ont.	53 Three Rivers
34 Chatham, N.B.†	54 Truro
35 Lindsay, Ont.	55 Berlin (Kitchener)
36 St. John's, Que.	56 Brampton
37 Amherst	57 St. Thomas
38 Bowmanville	58 Aylmer
39 Whitby §	59 Clinton, Ont.
40 Cornwall	60 Newmarket
41 St. Mary's Ont.	

* V. G. Greene reported 2-ring 31 as from Oshawa (Popular Stamps, Oct. 1947).

† A. K. Grimmer reported five covers with 2-ring 34 from Chatham, N.B., dated between March 1873 and December 1874 (Popular Stamps, April 1955).

§ Recorded as such in 1954 edition Holmes' BNA Catalogue.

∕ All others from covers in the author's collections or the 1929 edition of Jarrett's "B.N.A.," or the 1944 edition of Boggs' Postage Stamps and Postal History of Canada.

HANDY NUMERAL CENSUS FORM

EXAMPLES

Value	Type & Numeral	If on Cover, Town & Date	Remarks, If Any
3c	2 Ring 49	Prescott, C.W. AU 19, 69	No backstamps to Concord, Ont.
1cy	1 Ring 19		Strike smeared
6c	B.C. 35		¾ strike, ½ of 3 & all of 5 show

Canadian 19th Century Official Stationery

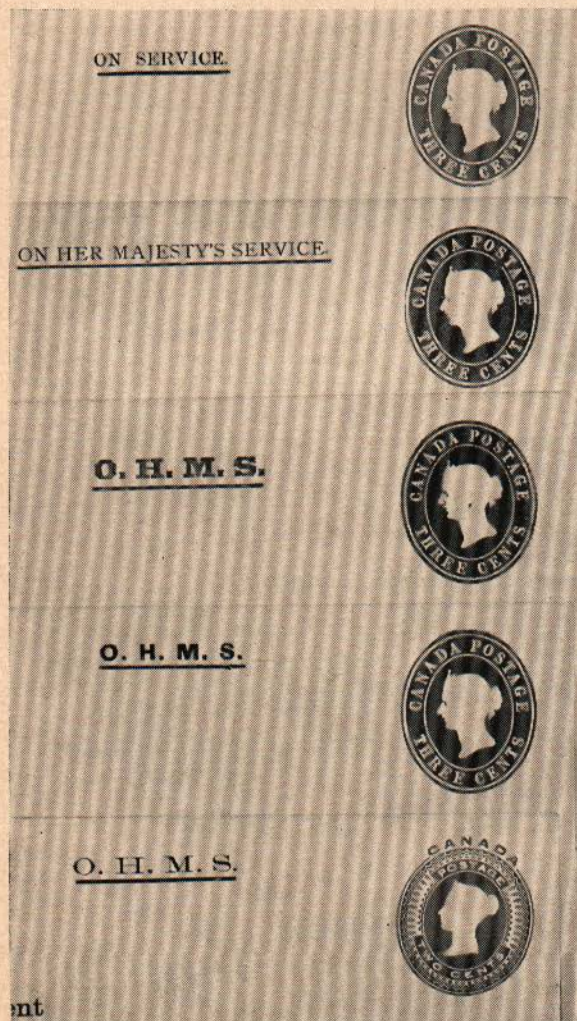
(Marine and Fisheries Department)

IN SPITE of the tremendous amount of study which has been given to Canada's Official Postage Stamps—types of perforated OHMS, and the overprinted issues—it probably will come as a surprise to most Canadian collectors that these adhesive issues were anteceded by a quarter of a century or more by other forms of Canadian official postal paper.

On page 217 of Holmes' Specialized Catalogue, eighth edition, is listed: "#1008b 3c Red, B, with 'O.H.M.S.' at top . . ."

Roy Wrigley, in his excellent Checklist, Canadian O.H.M.S. Official Postage Stamps, refers to this same variety on page 10, under Official Stationery: "Holmes' 1008b—1888 Envelope 3c Queen Victoria."

Fred Jarrett gives us an additional clue



Type 1

On Holmes' 1077

"ON SERVICE"

(Marine Department)

1888

Type 2

On Holmes' 1007 (deep shade)

"ON HER MAJESTY'S SERVICE"

(Marine Department)

Circa 1891(?)

Type 3

On Holmes' 1008b (deep shade)

Thick, serif "O.H.M.S."

(Marine and Fisheries Department)

Circa 1893(?)

Type 4

On Holmes' 1008b var.

(24 mm. vergures)

Sans serif "O.H.M.S."

(Marine and Fisheries Department)

"900-7-3-'96"

Type 5

On Holmes' 1016; Jarrett's 183?

Thin, serif "O.H.M.S."

(Department of Marine and Fisheries, Lighthouse Service)

"1,200-12-8-'02"

in his 1929 edition of his B.N.A. Catalogue, page 160—in the postal stationery section which describes his item #183 as “Marine and Fisheries O.H.M.S. Envelopes supplied lightkeepers for Official Reports.”

Now, thanks to W. St. Clair Inngraham (BNAPS 1220) of North Sydney, N.S., our collection now contains, and we illustrate and record, not ONE but FIVE varieties of these forerunners of today’s overprinted “G” items.

All of these five envelopes have printed addresses, consisting of three lines. The **first** line — in all three types — reads “The Agent.” The **third** line reads “Halifax, N.S.” in the first four types, but in Type 5 the “N.S.” has been dropped. The **second** line differs considerably—Types 1 and 2 reading “Marine Department”; Types 3 and 4 reading “Marine and Fisheries Department” and Type 5 reading “Department of Marine and Fisheries.”

Only Type 5 has the additional two lines, “Lighthouse Service/Nova Scotia” in the lower left corner.

Only Types 4 and 5 have any reference to the quantities printed and the date. Type 4 shows that 900 copies were printed—July 3, 1896, while 1,200 of Type 5 were printed (or ordered) December 8, 1902.

For those using the Bond Postal Stationery of Canada catalogue, Types 1, 2 and 3 are on EA6, with the cross vergures or batonne lines 27 mm. apart. Type 4 is

on EA9 with the vergures 24 mm. apart. Type 5 is on ED2.

For the specialist of postal stationery it might be well to call attention to the shades of Types 1-4. Type 1 is vermilion, Types 2 and 3 are carmine, and Type 4 is orange-red.

These postal stationery varieties must be very scarce indeed. This probably accounts for the fact that except for one or two possible varieties, they have hitherto escaped the attention of leading catalogue editors. Even the 1,200 copies of Type 5 would not provide many copies, mint or used, for collectors, as most were probably used and destroyed. Type 4, with only 900 printed, would be even more rare. It is doubtful if even this quantity would have been printed of any of the first three types. If it took six years, 1896-1902, to use up the 900 copies of Type 4—an average of only 150 a year—then during the eight years 1888-96 it would be logical to expect that a **total** of approximately 1,200 copies for **all three types** would have been sufficient to take care of requirements.

So start looking through those accumulations of postal stationery—you may have a really scarce item which you previously failed to fully appreciate! Happy hunting! ★

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Harry George Hawker

AN Australian air pioneer, Harry George Hawker, came close to being the first man to cross the Atlantic by air, and his flight resulted in the production of one of the world's rarest airmail stamps.

When Hawker attempted his great flight the lure was the offer of Lord Northcliffe, through his paper, *The Daily Mail*, of £10,000 for the first trans-Atlantic flight in 72 hours or less.

Before the First World War, Harry Hawker had become intensely interested in aviation. He was born in 1889 at Moorabbin, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, and was the son of George Hawker, a blacksmith known as a champion rifle-shooter. He was educated in Melbourne State Schools and early in his teens began work in a motor and bicycle agency.

When he was 22 years of age he had saved enough money to go to England, filled with the desire to become an aviator.

His early experiences in England were not too cheerful. He got jobs at poor wages in various motor companies, but when his chance came he had a masterly knowledge of all types of motors. His opportunity came in June 1912, when he got a job with the Sopwith Company at the magnificent wage of £2 a week.

Soon Has Airman's License

He soon had his airman's flying license and began to break record after record for distance and height. A few weeks after he had broken the record for height by reaching 11,450 feet he won the Mortimer Singer prize of £500. Then in 1913 he started on a round-Britain flight, with his companion, a man named Kauper. The machine fell into the water just off the coast from Dublin; Kauper had his arm broken but Hawker was unhurt. But they had made a world's record for a seaplane—1,043 miles in under 56 hours; actual flying time, 21 hours 44 minutes.

Near the end of 1913 Hawker had designed the Sopwith Tabloid biplane which attained the remarkable speed (for those days) of 90 miles an hour. He took one Tabloid to Australia in 1914 and gave exhibition flights in Melbourne and Sydney. Soon after his return to England came the First World War. Hawker enlisted in the Royal Navy Air Force but the military

heads insisted on employing him as a "tester." He tested 295 machines, and many improvements were due to his advice.

Attempts Atlantic Crossing

Then in March 1919, he made his attempt to cross the Atlantic from Newfoundland. His navigator was Lieut.-Commander C. Mackenzie Grieve. The Sopwith machine with a Rolls-Royce 360 h.p. engine of 12 cylinders, was quickly blown off its course by a northerly gale. There was no visibility and, after a long delay, they discovered they were 150 miles off their course. Various engine troubles developed and they descended to look for a ship. They found the "Mary," a Danish ship without wireless. A boat was sent to them and they were rescued. Six days elapsed before news of their rescue was received in England. Both men were given the Air Force Cross by King George V, and Northcliffe gave them a cheque for £5,000.

When the arrangements had originally been made for the Hawker flight across the Atlantic, the Postmaster-General of Newfoundland and a representative of the Sopwith Company had come to an agreement as to carrying mail on the flight.

A nominal fee of one dollar was to be paid to the Sopwith Company. There were to be 100 letters from private persons and 10 official letters. Provisional stamps were prepared. The 3 cents of the Caribou issue was overprinted in five lines in black: "First Trans-Atlantic Air Post, April, 1919." A total of 200 stamps was overprinted at the offices of the Royal Gazette, owned by Robinson and Co. Ltd.

Mailbags Saved

The airplane was salvaged, with the precious mailbags, by an American steamer which towed it into Falmouth Harbor. Seawater had damaged the letters but they were in a fit condition to deliver. The letters proved to be 95 in number, leaving 105 stamps to account for. It is known that 18 of them had been damaged and had been subsequently burned. Gifts were made of 11 of the specimens—one each to King George V, the Governor of Newfoundland, the Aero Club, and the official sealer (Major Partridge), two to the Castle Museum, five to M. H. Fern (for the Sopwith Aviation Company). Thus 76 stamps remained, and

these were all sold at \$25 each, the proceeds going to the Permanent Marine Disasters Fund.

There is no doubt that although Harry Hawker did not actually make the complete flight across the Atlantic it was his and his gallant partner's initiative that started the long list of perilous early flights that have resulted in the stabilization of flight conditions which make long distance travel by air today just as safe, and far faster, than travel by car or train.

Later, Hawker became a speedster on the motor-racing tracks, and on the formation of the Hawker Engineering Company he revealed his talents as a designer of fast racing cars.

On July 12, 1921, his Nieuport Goshawk biplane, in which he had agreed to compete in an aerial derby, took fire while he was on a practice flight. The machine crashed and he was killed. ★

CPS of G.B. Issues First Handbook

CANADIAN DUPLEX CANCELLATIONS OF THE VICTORIAN ERA, 1860-1902.
By E. A. Smythies. Published by the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain. 37 pages. Illustrated. Price \$1.10 postpaid.

We welcome the first handbook to be published by our sister society, compiled by E. A. Smythies, who has been a frequent contributor to the pages of BNA TOPICS on the subject of duplex.

Until recently little research had been undertaken into these markings, the first real attempt to study duplex being a series of articles in BNA TOPICS and Maple Leaves (Journal of the CPS of G.B.) during the past two years. These articles aroused considerable interest and led to the compilation of this handbook, in an attempt to get all the scattered information between two covers.

In their first effort at producing a handbook, the society has chosen well, and no one was more qualified to gather this material together than Mr. Smythies.

The book contains a wealth of information, which a glance at the contents will verify. Chapter I deals with recognition of duplex; classification of duplex; variable factors; official duplex; unofficial and freak duplex; time indicia; method of manufacture; suppliers of duplex hammers; rarity factors and values. Other chapters deal as fully with the earliest duplex by Berri (1860-75); official duplex of eight principal towns; official duplex of five provinces; RPO and Railway Station duplex, and the book concludes with an alphabetical index of post offices using duplex.

All in all, it is a very creditable production, and one that will do much to spread knowledge and interest in these cancellations.

By a special exchange arrangement, BNAPS will sell CPS of G.B. handbooks, and vice versa. Therefore, if you live on this side of the Atlantic, you may order your duplex handbook from Gordon P. Lewis, 37 Eldomar Ave., Brampton, Ont., or Robt. J. Woolley, 2345 Yonge St., Apt. 11, Toronto 12, Ont. If you live in the United Kingdom, Eire, or Europe, you may order from James E. Woods, 2 Hengrave Rd., Honor Oak Park, London S.E.23. Price is \$1.10—a bargain at that figure! ★

SISSONS TO SELL JARRETT COLLECTION

The world-famous collection of British North America formed by Fred Jarrett, well-known collector and philatelic writer of Toronto, Ont., will be sold by J. N. Sissons Ltd., 59 Wellington St. W., Toronto, in seven sales commencing on October 14, 1959, and continuing through to November 1960.

The illustrated catalogues of this series of sales will be of permanent reference value, and subscriptions will be accepted by the firm at \$5 for first class mail, and \$10 for overseas air mail. ★

THE MAILBAG

CANADIAN MILITIA POST OFFICE

I was very pleased to see, in the June edition, an article on "Canadian Militia—Field Post Office No. 1" submitted by Lloyd Sharpe.

Although Niagara Camp may have had FPO No. 1, I wonder if it was the first true military post office to operate in Canada. Of course, there were two or three POs in military camps prior to 1909 but I believe they were operated by members of the civilian post office. For instance, there is a date stamp entitled "Brigade Camp Mil Dist No. 4" of 1886, and the special date stamp used for the Royal Revue at Toronto in 1901.

When doing a little research in the postal history of the North-West Rebellion of 1885, I came across the following extract:

EXTRACT FROM REPORT

OF
MAJOR GENERAL LAURIE
Commanding Base and Lines of
Communication upon matters in connection with
the suppression of the Rebellion
in the
NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES
in
1885

"As there was only one passenger train weekly at Swift Current, I arranged with Post Office Inspector McLeod, of Winnipeg, and with authorities of Canadian Pacific Railway, that daily mails should be forwarded from Winnipeg, and that all freight teams, Canadian Pacific Railway, should carry bags to and from Swift Current; and I at once established a **Military Post Office**, where letters for all portions of the Field Force were received and sorted, and mails made up and forwarded by every opportunity, and a line of couriers, with relays of ponies, was established on the Battleford Trail, as Colonel Otter advanced, and letters and despatches were sent by these mounted couriers, whilst the heavy mails with the newspapers and parcels were sent by team waggons; and I was glad, as a small return for the courtesy the Militia received from the Post Office authorities, to carry the Civil Mail to Battleford with our Military Mail."

I have never seen nor heard of any date stamp used by this MPO at Swift Current but I would be grateful if any readers can throw further light on this interesting tidbit of information. My own opinion is that the MPO operated as part of the civilian post office at Swift Current, using the date stamps of the latter. A few soldiers may have been assigned to the job of collecting and sorting all the military mail but certainly they were not members of a postal corps.

Lt.-Col. R. H. Webb.

25 Melgund Ave., Ottawa.



OFFICIAL SECTION

BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

MONTHLY REPORT . . .

From the Secretary

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

July 15, 1959.

NEW MEMBERS

- 1672 Cross, Ivor F., 1086 Dorchester Avenue, Winnipeg 9, Manitoba.
1673 Daignault, Aime C., P.O. Box 288, Woonsocket, Rhode Island.
1674 Haley, Warren F., Box 205, Fryeburg, Maine.
1675 Hoyer, Paul H., 122 Clinton Street, Penn Yan, New York.
1676 Kenyon, Stewart S., 10943-118 Street, Edmonton, Alberta.
1677 Marshall, W. Lorne, R.R. 1, Campbell River, British Columbia.
1678 McGorman, James W., 11 Elizabeth Street, Stratford, Ontario.
1679 Puccini, Adam, 3 Church Street, Huntsville, Ontario.
1680 Slate, Rev. William, 1316-2nd West, Seattle 99, Washington.
1681 Ross, George A., 590 Highbury Avenue, London, Ontario.
1682 Webb, Clarence V., 55 Harmon Avenue, Painesville, Ohio.
1683 White, Elizabeth B., M.D., 415 Old National Bank, Spokane 1, Washington.
1684 Whitworth, Geoffrey, Westfield, Greetland, Halifax, Yorkshire, England.
1685 Wigham, Alan C., 1524 Salinas Highway, Monterey, California.
1686 Wills, Martin L., 107 Park Road, Toronto 5, Ontario.
1687 Cole, Calvin, 51 Pleasant Place, Ventura, California.
1688 MacInnes, Malcolm T., 33 Pleasant Street, Truro, Nova Scotia.
1689 Mathes, J. O., 4215 Brown's Lane, Louisville 5, Kentucky.
1690 Parker, Dr. Robert R., Box 1207, Auke Bay, Alaska.
1691 Pollard, Stanley, P.O. Box 625, Campbell River, British Columbia.
1692 Remick, Fenton M., 157 Ridge Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan.
1693 Rezanowich, A., 5665-16th Avenue, Montreal 36, Quebec.
1694 Samuel, Norman M., 11 Glen Edyth Drive, Toronto 7, Ontario.
1695 Simmons, Al. R., 300 Brock Street, Winnipeg 9, Manitoba.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

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

- Hess, Edwin M., 3404 Gillham Rd., Kansas City 11, Mo. (C) CAN—19th and 20th century used and major varieties. Proposed by R. J. Duncan, No. 37.
Matthews, Thomas A., 2500 Signal Hill Road, Springfield, Ohio (C) CAN, NFD—Mint and semi-official airmails, and on cover. Aerogrammes. Airmail stationery entires. Airmail proofs and essays. Specialty: Airmails of the world. Proposed by N. A. Pelletier, No. 1369.
Park, Halsey Alexander, 727 Renfrew St., Winnipeg 9, Man. (C-CX) CAN—Mint and used postage and used blocks. 1st flight covers. OHMS-G. Precancels. RPO cancellations. Proposed by M. Campbell, M.D., No. 577.
Ramsey, W. J. II, P.O. Box 876, Bristol, Conn. (C) CAN—Plate blocks. Proposed by G. L. Lee, No. 1035; seconded by J. Levine, No. LI.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

- 427 Betts, Fred E. M., Perham House, The Triangle, Ludgershall, Andover, Hampshire, England.
74 Binks, Bury C., 1574 Angus Drive, Vancouver 9, British Columbia.
1357 Brandom, Lee W., 1200 North 17th, McAllen, Texas.
515 Christiansen, Allen H., P.O. Box 250, North Hatley, Quebec.
10 Hoffmann, Walter R., 7718-95th Avenue, Ozone Park 16, New York.
516 Law, James, 70 Frank Street, Tillsonburg, Ontario.
46 Menendian, Raymond A., 1990 Elmwood Ave., Apt. D, Columbus 12, Ohio.
1360 Perkins, Thomas J., 900 Kern Avenue, Richmond, California.
398 Speirs, R. M. c/o Miss M. E. Speirs, 1435 W. 14th Ave., Vancouver, B.C. (from Toronto, Ont.)
1306 Tanner, Leonard W., 1474 East 51st Street, Vancouver 15, British Columbia.

RESIGNATIONS RECEIVED

- 450 Bryan, R. M., P.O. Box 88, Crescent Beach, British Columbia.
316 Cryderman, M. W., Miami, Manitoba.

RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

Dote, Anthony J.

DECEASED

- 440 Saxton, H. G., 139-12th Ave. N.E., Calgary, Alberta.
952 Warner, William A. C., 8 Keewatin Street, Winnipeg 3, Manitoba.
966 Wheeler, Mrs. Nella B., 410 East "A," Ogallala, Nebraska.

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Annual Report of the Treasurer

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS ACCOUNT

JANUARY 1, 1958 TO DECEMBER 31, 1958

BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1957

Dues in Advance — 1958	\$ 139.65	
Dues in Advance — 1959	9.40	
Dues in Advance — 1960	3.00	
Dues in Advance — 1961	3.00	
Topics Advertising in Advance	80.90	
Reserve for Topics Bills	584.00	
General Funds on Deposit	456.40	
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Total Funds on Deposit	\$1313.57	
Topics Petty Cash Fund	35.49	
Funds in Custody of Sales Manager	222.74	
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Total Funds	\$1571.80	\$1571.80

RECEIPTS

Membership Dues — 1959	\$ 171.35	
Membership Dues — 1960	9.15	
Membership Dues — 1961	7.00	\$ 187.50
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Membership Dues — 1957 (Paid in 1958)	13.75	
Membership Dues — 1958 (Renewal)	2528.13	
Membership Dues — 1958 (New Members)	184.90	
Membership Fees — 1958 (New Members)	104.00	2830.78
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Topics:		
Advertising — 1956	10.00	10.00
Advertising — 1957	161.14	161.14
Advertising — 1959 (In Advance)	102.00	102.00
Advertising — 1958	696.15	
Sales of Back Issues and Gift	11.80	707.95
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Perfin Handbook — Sales of Books	25.76	25.76
Yearbook:		
Advertising — 1955	3.50	3.50
Advertising — 1957	54.75	54.75
Advertising — 1958	504.64	504.64
Sales Circuits — Operating Surplus	23.71	23.71
Life Membership Fee	50.00	50.00
Miscellaneous50	.50
Interest on Income Tax Refunded	1.97	1.97
1957 Income Tax Refund	119.48	119.48
Cuts for Advertisers	61.93	61.93
BNAPEX-58 Medals	64.74	64.74
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1957 Balance plus 1958 Receipts		\$6482.15

DISBURSEMENTS

Topics:		
Mailing 1957 Issues	\$ 37.22	\$ 37.22
Printing — Ten Issues of 1958	2450.27	
Cuts and Photographs	380.40	
Addressing and Mailing	151.15	
Postage	252.38	
Mailing Envelopes	39.54	
Repair of Typewriter	15.60	
Bank Charges, etc.	12.59	3301.93
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Yearbook:		
Printing	506.63	
Addressing and Mailing	18.72	
Cuts	28.04	
Postage	22.00	575.39
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General Expenses:		
Postage	131.48	
Stationery	83.39	
Premium on Fidelity Bond	45.00	
BNAPEX-58 Grand Award	51.62	
Statements, Membership Cards and Ballots	46.62	
Customs Duty	17.31	
Typewriter Repair	17.31	
Miscellaneous	5.25	395.17
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Library 1958 Fund	43.25	43.25
Refund of Dues, Fee and Advertising Payment	8.50	8.50
Prepayment of 1959 Expenses	131.44	131.44
Cuts for Advertisers (Treasury Reimbursed)	52.58	52.58
BNAPEX-58 Medals (Treasury Reimbursed)	64.74	64.74
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Total Disbursements	\$4610.22	
Funds on Deposit	1597.67	
Topics Petty Cash Fund	27.81	
Funds in Custody of Sales Manager	246.45	
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Disbursements plus Balance on Hand		\$6482.15

BALANCE SHEET

(As of 12/31/58)

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
Dues in Advance—1959	\$ 180.75	Funds on Deposit	\$1597.67
Dues in Advance—1960	12.15	Funds, custody Sales Mgr.	246.45
Dues in Advance—1961	10.00	Topics Petty Cash Fund	27.81
Topics: Advt. Paid in Adv.	106.50	Prepaid Expenses for 1959	131.44
Life Membership Fund	568.00	Accounts Receivable:	
Surplus:		Topics Advt. for 1957	6.50
As of 12/31/57....	\$1183.67	Topics Advt. for 1958	132.52
Income Tax Re-		Yearbook Advt. for 1958	18.00
fund added to			
Surplus	119.48		
Less 1958 Deficit	20.16		
	<u>\$1282.99</u>		
	1282.99		
	<u>\$2160.39</u>		<u>\$2160.39</u>

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1958

INCOME

Membership Dues — 1957 (Paid in 1958)	\$ 13.75	
Membership Dues — 1958 (Renewal)	2661.78	
Membership Dues — 1958 (New Members)	184.90	
Membership Dues — From Life Membership Fund	66.00	
Membership Fees — 1958 (New Members)	103.00	\$3029.43
Topics:		
Advertising	771.55	
Sales of Back Issues	11.80	783.35
Yearbook — Advertising	504.64	504.64
Perfin Handbook — Sales of Books	25.76	25.76
Interest on Income Tax Refund	1.97	1.97
Sales Circuit — Operating Surplus	23.71	23.71
Accounts Receivable:		
Topics Advertising	132.52	
Yearbook Advertising	18.00	150.52
Total Income		\$4519.38
Deficit in 1958		20.16
		<u>\$4539.54</u>

EXPENSES

Topics — As per Receipts and Disbursements Account	\$3301.93	
Envelopes Prepaid in 1957	126.30	\$3428.23
Yearbook — As per Receipts and Disbursements Account	575.39	575.39
General Expenses — As per R. and D. Account	395.17	
Prepaid in 1957	77.75	472.92
Library Fund — As per R. and D. Account	43.25	
Prepaid in 1957	16.75	60.00
Advertising Account Adjustment	3.00	3.00
		<u>\$4539.54</u>

W. C. PETERMAN, Treasurer.

The Society's books were audited by Melvin A. Hollander, Certified Public Accountant, who certified that "In my opinion the accompanying Treasurer's report [as above] presents fairly the financial position of the British North America Philatelic Society at December 31, 1958, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year."

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BUY NEW ISSUES AT FACEI 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

CANADA O7. Plate block #1 L.L., O.H.M.S. with missing period, v.f., \$25. Jarrett's 1929, good condition, \$35. Satisfaction guaranteed. W. C. Beckman, 305 College Ave., Regina, Sask. 171-2t

SQUARED CIRCLES

WANTED—HALIFAX used in August 1893; also October 19, '98; also Nov. 3, '97, No. 1 above date; also Feb. 9, '99, No. 3 above date—the last must be on Map stamp. Halifax, Ottawa, Peterborough, any date "blank above". London, used April 1893. Acton, used before December 15, 1894. Peterborough, any with "8" above date. Morden on Jubilees. Purchase or generous exchange for any of above. Dr. Alfred Whitehead, Amherst, N.S. (1f)

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. 164-1f

WANTED: Hamilton squared circles with full date and number above date. Will buy or exchange. If you do not wish to part with these, please sent list of dates and time marks for my records. Thank you. L. M. Ludlow, 22595 W. River Rd., Grosse Ile, Mich. 169-3t

SQUARED CIRCLES

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. 142-1f

WANTED on 3c Small Queen: Belleville, "4" above the line, April 26, '97. Dr. C. S. McKee, McKee Rd., R.R. No. 3, Abbotsford, B.C. 170-1f

EXCHANGE

CANADA OFFICIALS AND REVENUES wanted in exchange for Canada Postage or Plate Blocks. Roy Wrigley, 2288 Bellevue Ave., West Vancouver, B.C. 1f

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WANTED

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REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY

(Continued from page 213)

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, June 1, 1959	1015	
NEW MEMBERS, July 15, 1959	24	
		1039
RESIGNATIONS, July 15, 1959	1	
DECEASED, July 15, 1959	3	4
		1035
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, July 15, 1959		1035

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The 11th Annual Meeting and Convention of the British North America Philatelic Society will be held on September 24-27, 1959, at Atlantic City, New Jersey. The Annual Meeting shall be held on September 26, 1959, and the Order of Business shall be:

Call to Order
Reading of Minutes of preceding Annual Meeting
Communications
President's Address
Reports of Officers
Reports of Appointed Officers and Permanent Committees
Unfinished Business
New Business
Report of Committee on Elections
Introduction of New Officers
Adjournment.

JACK LEVINE, Secretary.

NOTICE—Due to dislocation of publication schedules through printing plant holidays, this issue of BNA TOPICS had to be printed ahead of regular deadline. This caused the Secretary's Report and other material to be dated July 15th, rather than August 1st.

Introducing a new monthly feature . . .

'SECRET DATES' OR DATED DIES OF CANADA

(No. 1 of a Series)

• There has always been a great deal of interest in the location of the so-called "Secret Dates" of Canada. Actually these dates which are hidden in the design of most Canadian stamps issued since 1935, are the dates or years in which the dies were prepared.

Each month we will prepare a drawing of a sufficient portion of a stamp to show the location of the date. These will always be printed on a page backed up by advertisements or non-technical material so that those who wish to cut them out of their BNA TOPICS may do so without destroying any reference article.

Perhaps, if there is sufficient interest, the cuts might be used later to print these same drawings on heavy coated card, suitable for mounting in one's album. Should anyone like to assist with this project, please contact the writer.



6c Airmail—June 15, 1938



"1938" appears in the lower left corner of the vignette, above C of CENTS and below the feet of the second and third men, counting from the left.

Ed. Richards

The Last Word

... *From The Editor*

ANOTHER 'ROYAL' . . .

MAY WE OFFER our congratulations to the Canadian Philatelic Society, which Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has honored with the prefix "Royal." Thus the name will now be the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, and the society will be the fourth in the Commonwealth to bear this honor.

However, we were disturbed on reading an article on the subject in the June issue of the Windsor "Y" Stamp Club Bulletin, by W. Victor Crouse, in which he states that the new "Royal" will likely divide its membership into two classes—"philatelists" and "stamp collectors." We have been told that "philatelists" study their stamps to a greater extent than do "collectors," who presumably just collect haphazardly without thought. But in actual fact, there is a very slim borderline between so-called philatelists (or "students") and those who just collect. We believe that there are very few collectors today (other than the rankest beginner, and those who confine their efforts to Ghana, Ryukyu, and the like) who do not study their stamps to some extent, and in most cases, to a very great extent. Where, then, does a collector magically cross the line into the rarified realm of the philatelist? Perhaps when he can afford the higher membership fee suggested for philatelists by Mr. Crouse (\$25 as against \$5 for ordinary mortals)?

Surely the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada is big enough collectively not to suffer from a "swelled head" at the thought of its new prestige, and to hesitate before considering making second class citizens out of a large proportion of its membership. There is too much class snobbery in many areas of society today . . . let's keep it out of philatelic societies.

NOTE—According to our dictionary: **Phila'telist**: n., a stamp collector.

FALL OF THE HOUSE OF SHANAHAN . . .

No one who reads the philatelic press can fail to have noticed the many stories and rumors circulating over the past few months concerning the Shanahan auction firm, of Dublin, Eire. The arrest of four directors of the firm on May 30 brought to a close many weeks of mystery and intrigue during which a million dollar collection was "stolen," part of it recovered from a dust can, more found in a filing cabinet, Scotland Yard was called in, and finally the four directors were charged in Dublin District Court with conspiring to cheat and defraud persons who invested money in the company for the purchase and sale of stamps. Bail was fixed at the equivalent of \$616,000.

And that is the last we have heard of the sorry debacle at time of writing. The sad part of the whole affair is the bad name it has given stamp collecting because of the sensational stories appearing in the lay press throughout the world. Thousands of dollars will be lost by investors in the Shanahan company, and many of them were not stamp collectors and knew nothing of the hobby. Now they will wish they had never heard of it!

We have been advised that if any of our readers happen to have been investors in this firm, they should make claims to Mr. Gerard W. O'Brien, Messrs. Craig Gardner & Co., Dame Street, Dublin, Eire.

THANKS TO . . .

CWO Ben Jacobson (BNAPS 1543) for an interesting article on squared circle postmarks of Canada in the July 11 issue of Weekly Philatelic Gossip. It provided a good boost for the Society by mentioning advantages of membership, as well as providing some good information on the S.C. cancellations. . . . **Doug Patrick** (BNAPS 517) for a nice first day cover of the Seaway stamp mailed from the Port of Toronto with special cachet. . . . **J. J. Charron** (BNAPS 1525) for a handsome cacheted cover from the Seaway opening at St. Lambert, Que. . . . **Bert Yapp** (BNAPS 259) for 2c and 4c postcards, bearing specially printed cachet welcoming Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip to Canada. ★

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Important! Attach to this completed form a full list (in duplicate) of missing towns, arranged in the above order. This must be signed and dated.

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Type Two—Spa Springs, N.S.; Longueuil, Que.

If so, give dates of same.

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Plate Nos: 1

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