

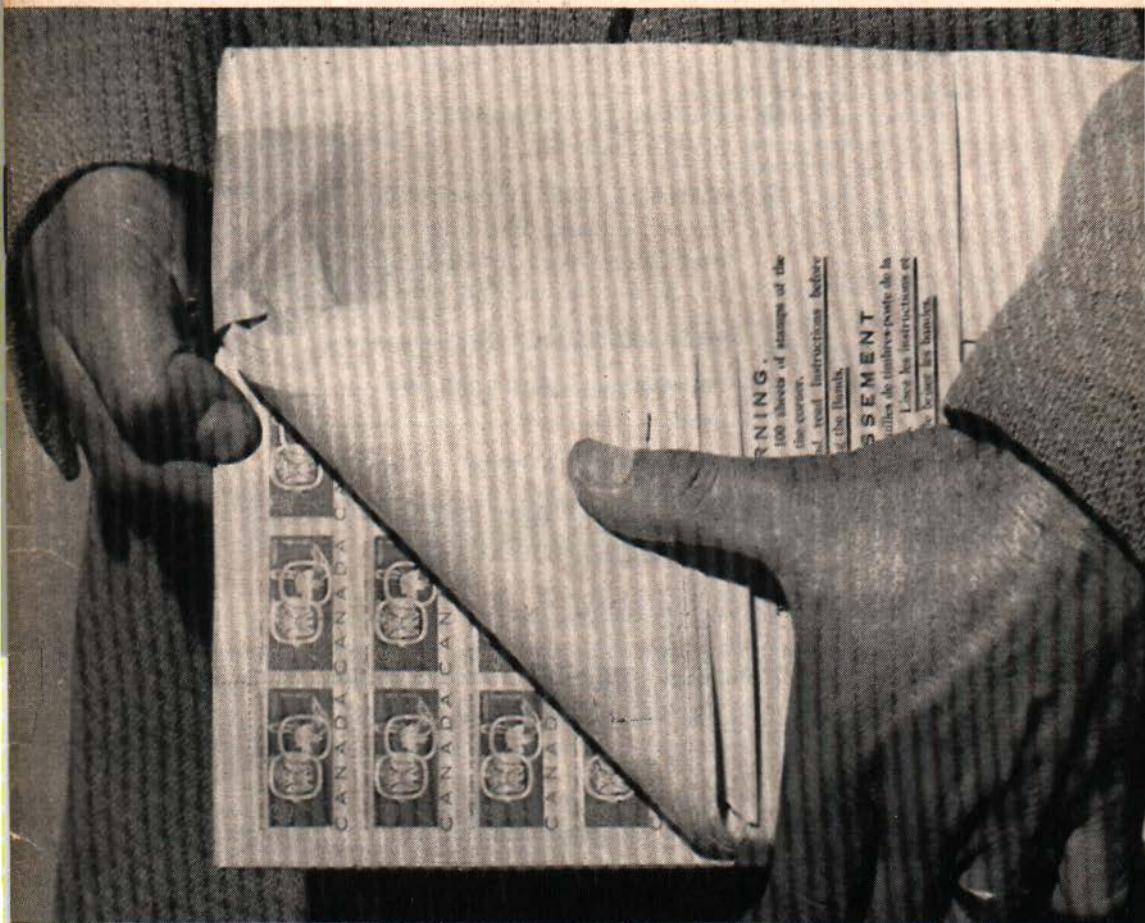
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A complete pane of 50 errors located in a bundle of 100 panes by postal official Edward Sirtouski in the Winnipeg G.P.O., Sept. 11, 1959. Entire lot of 99 ordinary plus the error pane was sent to Ottawa

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Red Faces in Ottawa:

The 'Inverted Seaway'



THE FIRST Canadian St. Lawrence Seaway stamps were placed on sale June 26, 1959.

Almost two months later, on the morning of August 20, a Winnipeg office boy was sent to the post office to buy 30 5 cent stamps to put on out-of-town mail. He went to the nearest post office available, which happened to be just around the corner from his office—right inside the well-known T. Eaton Co. department store. There the postal clerk took the top sheet of 50 Seaway stamps, tore off 30, and gave them to the boy.

Ottawa, Oct. 8.—Postmaster General William Hamilton estimated today that of the 40 million stamps printed only 300 misprinted copies of the St. Lawrence Seaway stamp have reached the public. To date, imperfect stamps have been discovered in Winnipeg, Peterborough, Picton and Ottawa. Numerous other reports have been discounted after investigation by post office authorities, and the post office is now convinced that few, if any, additional imperfections will turn up.

"It is obvious," Mr. Hamilton stated, "that an error such as this can occur only where two or more plates are used to print a stamp, as must be done to produce two-colored stamps. . . . However, I do not expect it to occur again in Canada since the printer has adopted an ingenious printing technique to guard against errors in the future."

Of the misprinted stamps recovered from the post office's own stock, the department is retaining one pane of 50 stamps for exhibition purposes in its own philatelic collection.

Back he went to the office, and the girl in charge of the mail took the stamps, removed three, pasted them on three sealed envelopes, and the boy promptly went out and dropped them in a letter box.

Upside Down

By dinner-time, more letters were ready for the postage. A girl began breaking up the 27 remaining stamps into various smaller units, took a single copy, placed it on the envelope, and noticed that the lettering of the stamp was upside down, so she tidily turned the stamp right way up . . . and noticed that the centre was upside down!

In that instant Canada's proudest postal record, backed by decades of rigorous, vigilant inspection, was shattered. The very first inverted centre postage stamp error stepped into the limelight—it and its 26 companions.

It did not take long to appreciate the newcomers. Most offices either have a stamp collector or someone who was a stamp collector. This office had someone who was. He promptly advised the young lady not to use any more of the stamps and quickly organized an expedition to take another look at that T. Eaton postal station. Nothing more. All the rest of the Seaway sheets were the right way up, no matter how one looked at them. The 20 remaining stamps of the error sheet probably went to as many buyers to be used up on mail.

Another Pane in Ontario

It was later reported that another pane had been sold by the Picton, Ontario, post office. Twenty-eight mint and used copies had been found at time of writing. It is not known what portion were mint and what portion used.

On Sept. 11, H. R. Yorke, District Director of Postal Services in Winnipeg, announced the discovery of a complete pane of 50 error stamps in their post office stocks. This pane was immediately sent to Ottawa. It will never get into collectors' hands, as it will either be destroyed, or more likely put away in the Canadian postal museum. It has been suggested that a portion be presented to Queen Elizabeth for inclusion in the famous Royal collection first formed by King George V.

In the meantime, continuing daily developments were being constantly featured in Canada-wide newspaper and radio stories.

On Sept. 12, the Canadian Press news service advised its member newspapers that postal clerk Melvin Deschamp at Peterborough, Ontario, had located a pane of 50 errors in checking through their stock. He handed this over to postmaster E. Roy Knighthley, who immediately sent the pane back to Ottawa.

With previous panes appearing in Winnipeg (T. Eaton Co. post office), Picton, Ont., and Winnipeg main post office, this news indicated the full sheet of 200 presumed to have got out was now all accounted for.

More in Ottawa

On Sept. 15, this writer, in order to check a rumor, had a long distance conversation with J. R. Carpenter, head of the Canadian Philatelic Department in Ottawa. Mr. Carpenter informed me he had seen a block of six brought to him by an Ottawa collector. This immediately pointed to the existence of another sheet, as the block of six could

Sissons Sells Picton Find of Seaway Errors to Bileski

J. N. Sissons Limited of Toronto, have announced that they sold the Picton find of St. Lawrence Seaway inverted centre errors to K. Bileski, Winnipeg stamp dealer, for \$21,250. The parcel consisted of a mint block of 12, a mint block of 4, a pair and 2 singles, a copy used on a card and a damaged copy used on cover. Both of these were dated August 10. This parcel of 22 copies represents the entire Picton find with the exception of a mint single and a dated used single being held by the collector who originally secured them, and a mint single he gave away. The other 25 copies are believed to have been used on Picton Bank of Nova Scotia mail on August 10. A thorough search has been made for them and the change of any of these turning up is remote.

J. N. Sissons Limited were acting on instruction of the original syndicate who owned 15 copies, a local collector who owned five copies and the damaged cover, and the original finder who owned the copy on card. Harry Martin Jr., of Empire Stamp Co., Toronto, closed the deal for Bileski. ★

not possibly have any connection with the four panes of the first lot of 200!

Another postal official gave his opinion that probably as many as 10 error sheets got out. This would make 40 panes of 50, or a total of 2,000 stamps.

Offers to buy at around the \$1,000 mark for each stamp have been made; this assuming 100 or less existed.

With this new development and the possibility of as many as 1,000 mint likely to be located, offers will drop to about \$100-a-stamp level; still a handsome profit for a 5 cent recent issue.

Most interesting is the fact that many got used postally and are still to be located on covers and in mixtures. Collectors will have a field day on a happy treasure hunt for many a day, as a used copy would certainly be worth a minimum of \$100. ★

New Harmer Season Starts Strongly

Reporting very heavy mail bidding, at generally higher levels than in the past, Mr. Bernard Harmer, president of H. R. Harmer, Inc., of 6 West 48th Street, New York 36, showed marked optimism for the 1959-60 auction season.

The first Harmer auction, held September 15-16 and covering United States, British Commonwealth and air post issues, was valued on a lot-by-lot basis at a total of \$35,284. The final realization of the auction was \$39,298.50 or more than 11 per cent over expectations. ★



Rounding Up SQUARED CIRCLES

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

THE NEW REVISED HANDBOOK

Yes, it's out, and BNAPSers will be proud of the excellent job done by Editor Lewis, who piloted it through the press with his accustomed skill. It costs \$2 this time, little enough in view of its greatly increased size. Don't write to me for a copy—send your orders to Gordon P. Lewis, 37 Eldomar Ave., Brampton, Ont., or obtain it from your favorite dealer.

It is wholly rewritten, and the information, dates, RF (Rarity Factors) and inclusion of recently discovered towns, all up to the minute.

If you can give me additional information, write to me at 52 Havelock St., Amherst, N.S., and your new record dates, etc., will be duly published in this column. I have a few new dates from Clarence Kemp, Dr. Kenneth Day and others, which will appear next month.

—A. Whitehead.

Those Puzzling Early Dates!

Careful readers of the new handbook will rub their eyes when they observe cer-recorded early dates. Here are the outstanding:

Type One

	Proofed	Earliest
LONDON, Ont.	Ap 28, 93	Ap 28, 93 (3 copies known)

OTTAWA, Ont.	My 5, 93	*My 4, 93
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* This date is in at least two collections. My 4, 93 is also known.

Type Two

	Proofed	Earliest
BELLEVILLE, Ont.	Ju 15, 93	Ju 15, 93

One copy reported; it has long been in my own collection. The date is very clear.

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An error of reading caused WINNIPEG,

Man. to be reported for Jy 11, 93. The earliest known date is Au 27, 93 (Ludlow collection).

Winnipeg Squared Circles

Daniel G. Rosenblat (BNAPS 1445), 3247 Washington St., San Francisco 15, Calif., is pooling information regarding WINNIPEG squared circles. If you have 10 copies or more report to him at once, giving hammer and date, with number above date. Be careful not to misread your figures. Incomplete dates, information, will be useless. Thanks!

A Note on Petrolea Squared Circles

"We have in this town a gentleman named Walter McDonald who went to work in the post office here in 1890, and continued to do so until 1953. He consequently was there when the squared circle was in use. He was 17 years old when he started and 85 now but still active in body and mind.

"He states definitely that the corners of the hammer were NOT filed. Their instructions were to make a clear full impression 'on the nose,' hitting with the hammer flat on the envelope. This was a busy office at that time, the oil fields here being the only or main source of supply for crude, with a population of about 8,000 (Today's population: 3,500.) Extra help was often employed; these extras were not so careful and particularly the lower corner of the hammer would hit the paper first and harder.

"They were supplied with black-ink pads for use with the steel hammer—a soft pad; and a violet-ink hard pad for use with a rubber stamp. Some employees would use the wrong pad and would switch from one pad to the other without wiping off the hammer. Some violet strikes would be darker than others. The hard pad would not ink the hammer sufficiently with the result that most of the violet strikes are weak."—C. Arthur Ayre (BNAPS 712). ★

Canada Post Card

THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.



POSTAL STATIONERY PANORAMA

EDITOR: MARK L. ARONS, 204 Muriel Street, Ithaca, New York

OUR PURPOSE in conducting this column is to try to bring the field of B.N.A. Postal Stationery collecting out of its Dark Ages. We know that there are a large number of collectors interested in the field, as a large percentage of BNAPSers list stationery as one of their collecting interests. However, there has been little rapport between these collectors and therefore, little done toward expanding the scope of knowledge in our hobby.

We intend to stimulate, encourage (and bully if necessary) our readers into studying their stationery and passing on to other collectors, through this column, the information gleaned. We shall endeavor to get into print all pertinent information which reaches us. In the past, a few men have carried the burden of this task. Their excellent catalogues and articles have laid the foundation—it's time we all pitched in and helped build.

We shall try to cover every possible phase of postal stationery collecting. Our own

interests are so widespread that we draw the line only at flyspeck varieties, as our astigmatic eyes won't stand the strain of microscopic work. If it is B.N.A. postal stationery, and we can see it—we collect it.

We hope you will consider this column your clearing house for ideas, information, questions and answers. The greater the participation, the more we shall all learn.

OFFICIAL ENVELOPES

Dr. Holmes lists in his catalogue as No. 1008b, the 3c red Victorian envelope with ON HER MAJESTY'S SERVICE at the top (Fig. 1). Nelson Bond's catalogue does not list this variety, but the imprint appears on his No. EA9, bâtonné lines approximately 24 mm. apart, 1891 issue.

A companion piece to the above, which we have in our collection, is shown in Fig. 2. The imprint, in this case, being ON SERVICE. The department issuing both en-

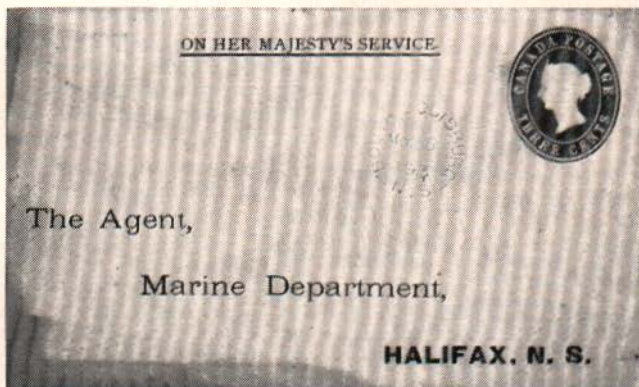


FIGURE 1

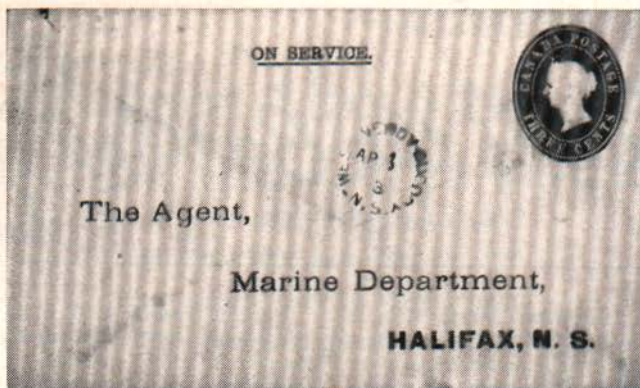


FIGURE 2

velopes is the same, The Marine Department, Halifax, N.S. The two envelopes shown are both postmarked 1893. Which came first? For the answer, we will have to depend on Bond. The OS envelope has bâtonné lines approximately 27 mm. apart, thus being EA6, the 1888 issue. Therefore, we assume that the OS imprint came first and was later changed to OHMS.

Perhaps one of our readers has information which confirms or contradicts this assumption. Also we wonder if there were similar imprints on 1c envelopes of this period. Has anyone any other stationery with an official imprint that we might list?

INSCRIPTION VARIETIES

Very little work has been done on inscription varieties on postal cards, wrappers, letter cards, or air letter sheets. Holmes and Bond list a few variations, but this field is practically virgin territory. In checking through large lots of stationery, made up of what, offhand, appear to be identical pieces, upon closer study one may find differences in (a) the distance between lines of the inscription, (b) the distance between the inscription and the stamp, (c) the sizes of letters, and (d) the alignment of words in the several lines of the inscription.

We cite examples of the last two to show what can be discovered by close observation.

Holmes No. 1365, the 1951 15c Air Letter Sheet with added "52" printed at the upper right corner of the back. We have found two printing varieties. The difference is in the height of the letters. In checking the lettering on the back of these sheets we found some copies with letters approximately 1½ mm. high and others with lettering approximately 1 mm.. This difference is easily discernible to the naked eye.

Our other example occurs in the first Canadian letter card (H. No. 1300, B. No. LA1). We find that there are two settings of this inscription. In the first, the letter 'A' of CARD lines up almost directly under the right leg of the 'A' of CANADA. In the second setting it lines up under the centre of the 'A' of CANADA. The reader can easily check for this variation if he has either a Holmes or a Bond catalogue, as unwittingly both types are shown in each catalogue. In Holmes, the illustration of No. 1300 is the second setting and the one over No. 1300a is the first setting. If you will notice, the next issue, the Maple Leaf Victoria, is the second setting. We have not found any of the rare perforations in the second setting, nor have we found the 1c black or the 2c green of the earlier issue in the second setting.

To dispell the idea that the second setting came out just before the change to the Maple Leaf issue, we have a cancelled copy of this setting dated April 12, 1893 which was less than two months after the first day of issue of the first letter card.

As one can see from the above, there is much work that can be done in this area. We hope that some of you will be stimulated to search your collections for these and other interesting varieties.

CATALOGUES

As our readers will note, we have used both Bond and Holmes numbers wherever possible. This may be cumbersome but it seems to be the only way to be understood by all. We are awaiting with a great deal of interest, Holmes' revised catalogue which should be available some time during the fall season. ★

Trail of the Caribou

By DAN MEYERSON (BNAPS L3)



DON'T ASK US where stamps hide, as the manner in which varieties of issues printed in the 20th century sometimes show up is really baffling. This time we are referring to the unwatermarked \$1 air mail, Scott No. C8, issued in 1931, 28 years ago. In the February 1959 issue of TOPICS we reported this stamp imperforate between stamp and right margin had been seen at the ASDA show in New York in November 1958. At that time we thought the asking price for the block with two such stamps was too high but we decided to check further. It wasn't listed in the book on air mails published by Cyril Harmer, nor had it been offered for sale at any of the auctions in the past 28 years. Then the May 15 sale at Harmer, Rooke in New York offered two such blocks in separate lots and to cap it all, at a meeting of my local stamp society early in May one of the members offered me such a block and as near as I can make out it was not the same block offered me at the ASDA show. That's how it goes—we have a variety that seemingly has never been offered in the 28 years since its issue, and suddenly in the space of six months four blocks turn up and these probably comprise four of the five blocks that exist, as I doubt that there is more than one sheet in existence. So never be surprised at what may turn up!

George H. Davis (BNAPS 1414), Ridgefield, Conn., reports an earlier use of Slogan No. 18 than had been recorded in the January 1958 issue of TOPICS. George has a cover showing use on April 21, 1947, rather than the May 1, 1947 date previously recorded. The interesting thing about the date is that it is the same date as Slogan No. 17, used on the occasion of the first day of issue of the 4c Princess Elizabeth. George's copy of No. 17 was used at 11 a.m., while No. 18 was used at 7:30 p.m., evidently after the post office got rid of the first day covers that they had on hand.

Back in March 1959 in our column we discussed a Newfoundland duplex from St. John's. In going through a lot of covers that were lying about the house, we came upon the CORNER BROOK duplex that is illustrated. Subsequent checks and cor-



respondence revealed that there were other towns that had exactly the same 13-bar duplex, all used in the early 1900s. Just the other day, N. W. Scales (BNAPS 1058, Evansville, Indiana, showed us a very nice example of exactly the same type of duplex used from HODGES COVE on Nov. 16, 1900. In addition, Frank Campbell (BNAPS 143), Royal Oak, Mich., reports one from AVONDALE used Aug. 26, 1902. Last but not least, Dr. Willan (BNAPS 568), Lancashire, England, reports that he has a portion of the same type of duplex that ends in 'BAY', so that we know that at least one other exists. Do any of our readers know of any other towns that had the same type of duplex?

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gates (BNAPS 114) were over to spend a day with us during July and Henry, knowing our interest in all matters pertaining to Newfoundland, brought along two nice items. They were both examples of the TRADE SAMPLE SHEET put out by the American Bank Note Co., back in 1870, for the use of their agents who travelled around the world to secure contracts. For the most part, these sheets are printed on yellow soft wove paper in very dull colors, though there are

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New Findings About Nova Scotia Pence and Cents Issues

PART THREE

(Part Two appeared in the July-August issue)

THE NOVA SCOTIA CENTS ISSUE

Correct Date of Issue

DONALD KING, in his writings, placed the date of issue of the Cents issue as October 1, 1860, because of the following notice published in the Halifax newspaper The British Colonist, August 23, 1860:

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC
AND
INSTRUCTIONS TO POSTMASTERS
"Compulsory Pre-payment of Letters
by Postage Stamps"

Commencing on Monday, the 1st day of October next, the Postage on all letters posted in Nova Scotia, and addressed to any place in this Province, the other British North American Provinces, and the United States, as well as to the United Kingdom must be prepaid by Stamp.

The design, color, and value of each class of perforated Stamps are as follows, viz:

The 1 cent stamp the Queen's Head, in profile,

'Black'			
5	ditto	ditto	ditto
'Blue'			
10	ditto	ditto	ditto
'Red'			
12½	ditto	ditto	ditto
'Black'			

Any letter which may be posted prepaid by the Nova Scotia Stamp, now in circulation, will be allowed to pass through the Post Office in this Province for **One Month**, after the system comes into operation.

Letters sent unpaid, addressed to any part of the above-named places, will be charged with a double rate of postage.

The Postmaster General would respectfully suggest to the Merchants, and others, the expediency of their keeping themselves constantly supplied with Postage Stamps, to prevent disappointment and annoyance in the event of a Postmaster or W.O. (Way Office) Keeper being out of Stamps when applied to.

It should be distinctly understood that no other Stamp than those issued by the Department are to be taken in this Province, in prepayment of Letters posted within the same.

These Stamps can be had at the General Post Office, Halifax, and of all the Postmasters and Way Office Keepers.

General Post Office,
Halifax, August 22nd, 1860.

The following "Instructions to Postmasters" was amongst the Post Office papers at the Archives:

Circular No. 9

General Post Office,
Halifax, 22nd Aug, 1860.

Sir, — The system of **Compulsory Prepayment of Letters by Stamp** having been adopted by the House of Assembly in the last session, and the necessary stamps, effectually to carry out the system, being now ready for circulation, — I have to acquaint you that the Compulsory Prepayment of Postage will commence on the first day of October, next under the following conditions, viz: — [same as newspaper account above] —

Any Stamps now in use, remaining unsold, in the hands of Postmasters, are to be returned to the Head Office at Halifax and the Amount to be taken credit for in Account Current for Quarter ended 30th September.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
A. Woodgate,
P.M. Genl.

From these two official accounts of the new cents issue of stamps and the compulsory prepayment by stamps, King, unfortunately, stated that the cents stamps were issued October 1, 1860. This supposed date of issue is incorrect. In fact the stamps were issued before this date.

Looking at **Figures 10A and 10B**, a typical balance sheet for the Post Office Department, Halifax, this example being for the Quarter Ended **30 September 1860**, it can be noted that there is a debit for:

Amount of New Postage Stamps received from Receiver General. on the **20th September** \$33,500.00

and there is a credit for:

Postage stamps on hand unsold, viz:
Halifax Office — \$26,067.50
County Offices — \$ 3,619.98

\$29,687.48

Since there is also a credit for:

Amount of Postage Stamps — Old issue, — herewith returned from General Post Office, Halifax and County Post Offices \$8,735.70

then all the old issue, the Pence stamps,



POST OFFICE DEPART

Dr.

Post-Master General in Account Current with the P^r

CHARGE.

CHARGE.	Voucher	Amount Currency.		
		£	s.	d.
To Balance from previous Quarter		3,202	50	
" Amount of Postage Stamps on hand		2,933	75	4
" Amount of Postage of Towns in the Province of Nova Scotia, including Halifax, (per Abstract)	1	5,227	08	
" Amount of UNPAID Postage upon British Letters collected at Halifax, (per Abstract)	2	189	64	
" Amount of PAID Postage upon Letters for England collected at Halifax, (per Abstract)	3	766	85	
" Amount of Postage upon Colonial and Foreign Letters	4	452	52	
" Amount of Way Letter Postage	5	157	06	
" Amount of Ship Letter Postage	6	20	06	
" Amount of Letters returned to the Dead Letter Office from Offices in the Interior, and delivered at Halifax, (per Voucher)	7	5	66	
" Amount of Fees collected upon Letters addressed to Towns in Nova Scotia, but delivered at Halifax	8	4	50	
" Amount of Fees collected for Merchants' Private Boxes	9	97	50	
" Amount of Local Postage, (per Voucher)	10	13	93	
" Amount of "Postage Stamps" received from Receiver General, on the 20 th September	11	83,500	00	
" Amount received from The Honble. the Receiver General, on the 29 th September, in aid of Post Communication in Nova Scotia, and towards defraying the other necessary expenses of the Department		8,000	00	
" Amount drawn from the Provincial Chest, on the 24 th October . . . being "Packet Postage," due the British Post Office, on The Correspondence between Great Britain and Nova Scotia, and Nova Scotia and the United States, Newfoundland, Bermuda and the West Indies		3,821	25	

" Errors on the Quarter ended		18		

To Balance				

		62,602	24	

* \$1000.00 of the same was paid by the Receiver General on the 1st of August for the purpose of utilizing the same in the purchase of the Provincial Chest.

I, Arthur Woodgate . . . Post-Master General of Nova Scotia, do solemnly and sincerely declare that the above is a just and true Account of all matters and things contained therein, and I make this solemn Declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true.

Declaration made before me this 18th day of January . . . 1861.

The Magistrate
to sign here

Arthur Woodgate

Arthur Woodgate
Post-Master General.

FIGURE 10B

had been returned by September 30, 1860. This return took place because of the order in Circular No. 9 that stated that a credit should be taken for the quarter ended 30 30th September, 1860.

from the amount that were received from the Receiver General, it is found that \$3,812.52 of the new issue were sold from September 20, 1860 to September 30, 1860. It would appear that the FIRST DAY OF ISSUE is actually September 20, 1860 in-

Deducting the number of stamps on hand



NT, HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA.

of Nova Scotia, Quarter Ended 30th September 1860. —

Cr.

DISCHARGE.		Voucher	Amount Currency.	
			\$	Cts.
By Salaries of Post-Master General, Assistants, &c., and Postmasters	\$4,785. 71. 00cts.	A	5,583.	23.
" Ditto. of Way Office Keepers	\$2,797. 52. . . .	B		
" Conveyance of Mails		C	9,537.	78.
" Ship Letter Gratuities		D	52.	77.
" Trailemen's Bills		E	58.	92.
" Rent		F	200.	00.
" Law Expenses		G	"	"
" Stationery, Printing and Advertising		H	333.	70.
" Coals, Gas, &c.		I	173.	85.
" Buildings and Repairs		J	"	"
" Miscellanies		K	62.	99.
" 5 per cent. Discount allowed to Post-Masters, Merchants, &c., on Postage Stamps		L	213.	95.
" Postage Stamps on hand unsold, viz.:—Halifax Office, \$26. 067. 50. 00cts. . . .		M	29,677.	45.
" Ditto. Ditto. Ditto. Country Offices, \$3,619. 95. 00cts. . . .				
" Amount of Dead, Missent, and Re-directed Letters, (per Statement)		N	354.	21.
" Premium on "Exchange," on ^{New York} London ^{for \$25. @ .32 (1000s) (Stamps)}			28.	62.
" Amount paid into the Commissariat Chest, at Halifax, being "Packet Postage" due the British Post Office, on the Correspondence between Great Britain and Nova Scotia, and Nova Scotia and Bermuda, the West Indies, Newfoundland, and the United States		O	3,821.	05.
* Amount of Postage Stamps, — Old issues, — receipt returned from ^{General Post Office, Halifax, and Country Post Offices.}		P	8,735.	70.
* Amount of Expenses incurred by the Postmaster General, whilst travelling in Cape Breton, inspecting the Main Post Roads, & visiting remote offices, — in accordance with a command of H. R. Co.		Q	110.	00.
" Errors on the Quarter ended 18		R	975.	00.
" Amt. paid American Bank Note Company, for New Postage Stamps		S	16.	50.
" Amt. paid C. S. Sellers, expenses incurred in forwarding to Halifax			8571.	00.
By Balance				
Note—Letters remaining on hand	Halifax Office \$62. 17. } Country Offices \$137. 01. } \$200. 28. 00cts.			
			\$	68,602. 24.

Had
deduct.
Should
954;
add:

I, Frederick W. Sapsow, . . . Examiner, Account Branch of the Post Office Department, Halifax, do solemnly and sincerely declare that the above is a just and true Account of all matters and things contained therein, and I make this solemn Declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true.

Declaration made before me this 18th day of January, . . . 1861. —

The Magistrate
to sign here

[Signature]

[Signature]
Examiner, Account Branch.

FIGURE 10A

instead of October 1, 1860. It is quite possible that the stamps were not sold to the public until the day after the Postmaster General received them, but the author's feelings on this matter are that the stamps were

put into use as soon as they were received, especially when, as already pointed out, \$3,812.52 of the cents issue were sold before the end of the month. ★

(To be continued)

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1897 Maple Leaf Issue

Scott		Plate #	Blk. of 6	Strip of 4
66	1/2c black	1	\$8.00(20)	\$4.00
67	1c green	1	—	5.00
67	1c green	2	10.75(8)	5.00
67	1c green	3 & 4	—	5.00
68	2c purple	1 to 4	—	9.75
69	3c carmine	1 to 6	—	7.95
70	5c blue	1	25.00	14.50
71	6c brown	1	30.00	22.00
72	8c orange	1	30.00	22.00
73*	10c brown violet	1	150.00	105.00

1898 Numeral Issue

74	1/2c gray black	1	—	1.50
75	1c blue green	1-2 & 4	—	5.00
75	1c blue green	5	—	9.00
75	1c blue green	6	—	5.00
75	1c blue green	7 to 10	—	5.00
75	1c blue green	11 & 12	—	11.00
76	2c purple	1 to 4	—	6.75
76	2c purple	2	9.00(8)	6.75
76c	2c reddish purple	2	RARE!	30.00
77	2c red, die I	1 & 2	—	11.75
77	2c red, die I	3 & 4	—	8.00
77	2c red, die I	5 to 10	—	7.00

Scott	
77a	2c red, die II
77a	2c red, die II
77a	2c red, die II
78	3c carmine

78 3c light shade
VARIETY: i.e., two horizontal

79	5c blue, blue paper
79	5c blue, white paper
79	5c blue, Reversed "2" RARE!
79	5c blue, Corrected "3" RARE!
80	6c brown
81	7c olive yellow
82	8c orange
82	8c orange
83	10c deep brown
83	10c light brown
84*	20c olive green, ELUSIVE!

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89	1c green

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Plate #	Blk. of 6	Strip of 4	Scott	Plate #	Blk. of 6	Strip of 4
11 & 12	—	10.00	89 1c green	12	16.00 (8)	—
15 to 18	—	10.00	89 1c green	19	—	9.50
20	—	15.00	89 1c green	4	13.50	—
1 to 4	—	6.50	89 1c green	26	13.50	—
			89 1c green	42	13.50	—
			89 1c green	49	13.50	—
			89 1c green	51	13.50	—
			90 2c rose carmine	1 to 8	—	11.00
			90 2c rose carmine	10	—	11.00
			90 2c rose carmine	18	—	11.00
			90 2c rose carmine	39 & 40	—	11.00
			90 2c rose carmine	54	—	11.00
			90 2c rose carmine	58 & 60	—	14.00
			90 2c rose carmine	76	—	14.00
			90 2c rose carmine	78 & 79	—	14.00
			90 2c rose carmine	81	—	14.00
3 & 4	—	10.00				
by perforated lines on top selvage						
1	—	28.00				
1	—	28.00				
2 white paper	—	40.00				
3 white paper	—	40.00				
1	—	28.00				
1	—	20.00				
1 dark shade	—	42.50				
1 light shade	—	42.50				
1	—	45.00				
1	—	45.00				
1	—	185.00				
Edward VII Issue						
1 to 4	—	9.50				
13 & 14	—	9.50				
			91* 5c blue, UNHINGED	2 block 14	150.00	—
			92* 7c yellow ochre	1 block 12	150.00	—
			92* 7c yellow ochre	1 block 16	200.00	—
			UNHINGED			
			93* 10c dull purple	2 strip of 5 unhinged	100.00	—
			Several engraving corrections on selvage. Rather unique!			
			94* 20c pale olive green	1	400.00	—
			94* 20c deep olive green	1 strip of 3 unhinged	200.00	—

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News

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

Another C.P.R. Frank — No Control Numbers. BNAPSer Wilmer C. Rockett reports that he has a copy of the 1920 C.P.R. frank without any control number. The 1892 was previously reported in this form—are there others?

Excise—Dollar Values. Have noted several recent offerings of some of the high value Excise stamps which apparently indicates that new supplies have come onto the market. These seem to be mostly the \$10 and \$100 values, with a scattering of others. However, I note that none of these offers include the \$3, \$4 and \$25 green, which still remain very scarce.

Newfoundland War Savings — Coat of Arms Issue. One of the greatest 'steals' in the Sissons' auction of July 24, was lot No. 640 described "War Savings 10c blue Coat of Arms, sheet of 50, very fine . . . (WS1) H \$100." This was of course the very rare first issue, of which, previous to this sheet showing up, very few copies were known to exist. The true retail value of that sheet as singles, was approximately \$500 or more. It was knocked down at \$105.

The sheet has since been broken into two blocks of 25—the one going into the writer's collection—the other into the famous Harris-Woods collection. They will not be broken up.

"N.S." — Overprinted 3rd Issue Bill Stamps. Back in the June issue of BNA TOPICS we called attention to the \$3 value on thin paper, perf. 12½. Since then two more singles, both mint, have passed through my hands, and two other copies have been reported. I would advise revenue collectors checking very carefully the perforations on ANY \$3 "N.S." overprints on THIN paper, and report their findings.

Regarding the question of pin perfs. on the \$1 value of this same series, BNAPSer Phil Little reports that he has what at first appears to be a 'pin perf' but under closer

examination it turns out to be a roughly perforated 12½. This, along with the evidence reported in the September instalment of R.G.N., based on the copies owned by BNAPSer Neil Utberg, all leads me to conclude that the PIN PERF VARIETY DOES NOT EXIST. This would call for a correction in the listings of Marks and Holmes, and would substantiate Bond leaving them out of his listing.

So unless new evidence is brought to light we would delete the \$1 'pin perf' and add \$1 and \$3 values with perf. 12½, with the note that these are usually found with "rough, not fully cut-through perforations."

External Affairs — Consular Fee Stamps. At least twice before we have called attention to these little known stamps, and



have suggested that anyone owning even one copy of ANY value, drop me a line. These are now listed in the new edition of Holmes and it is hoped that more will come to light.

There are only five values to the set: 25c blue, 50c bright carmine, \$1 orange, \$2 brown and \$5 green. All are of the same design. Only six collectors have so far reported owning any copies at all. How about the rest of you?

New Alberta Holiday Pay Stamps. In the July-August issue we reported that certain values of the new Alberta Holiday Pay stamps had made their appearance. Since then we can report seeing the 5c value in the new design. This leaves only the 25c and 50c yet to be reported.

Manitoba 2nd Issue \$2 Essays. This is Marks type #R58, and Holmes' "Second Type" Manitoba Law stamps, with six scallops instead of nine. The \$2 value of course



never was issued for this series. However a plate was prepared, as plate proofs exist. These are not listed by Marks and Holmes makes no special mention of them. They are therefore really plate proofs of an ESSAY.

We can report the following:

\$2.00 Essay Plate Proof, india paper mounted on card—orange.

\$2.00—as above—green.

\$2.00—as above but not mounted on card—blue.

We would appreciate hearing of any others.

Ontario Beer Seals. Can anyone in Ontario explain the meaning of the initials, in

red, on the two types, round and square, Beer Seals? These are the Black on Brown Kraft seals of the Ontario Liquor Control Board.

I have the square type with the Red initials "C.K. — C.M. — C.R. — C.S. and C.T."

Also have the round type with similar initials "C.B. — C.D. — C.E. — C.G. and C.M."

Who will tell us what these initials mean?

Catalogue of Federal Revenue Stamps of Canada. So far 23 BNAPSers have taken advantage of the opportunity to purchase one of these catalogues, in brand new condition, at the originally published price: \$2.25 postpaid. It's the biggest bargain in Canadian revenues today. All funds, less shipping costs, go to provide illustrations for this column, or other Canadian revenue articles in BNA TOPICS.

You may still order this encyclopedia of Canadian Federal revenues from the writer or Wilmer Rockett, chairman of the Revenue Study Group. I would advise early orders as this is probably the last time these fine handbooks will be offered at this price.

TRAIL OF THE CARIBOU . . . Continued from page 268

examples known on bond paper. The interesting thing about the two sheets that Henry showed us were that they were printed on India and appeared in very nice shades, the one dark brown and the other green. These sheets when cut up—and they consist of 19 stamps from several different countries; five from Newfoundland and three from Canada, two from Nova Scotia and one from New Brunswick—are offered for sale quite often as "Mandel" die proofs. The two sheets that Henry had with him are the first two ever recorded on India paper.

At a recent auction held in London by H. R. Harmer, two interesting Newfoundland airmail items were offered for sale. The first was the Columbia stamp, Scott C5, from position 1, and it realized £180. The second was a copy of the Do-X with inverted overprint, Scott C12a, a real toughie that was knocked down at £320, just about what the stamp realized when it was sold in the Cromwell sale not too long ago.

In the June issue of 'Trail' we discussed the plate numbers to be found on the New-

foundland revenues and we can now report that we have a used pair of the \$1 value showing Plate '2'. We are still interested in the full range to be found on the \$2.50, the \$5.00 and the \$20.00, and any higher values.

The May 22 sale held by Irwin Heiman of New York contained two Newfoundland items that hadn't been seen on the New York auction market in ten years. The sale contained o.g. copies of the 1c and 2c Caribou issue with the machine overprinted MARTINSYDE. It has been proved quite conclusively by Cyril Harmer in his excellent book on Newfoundland Air Mails that these stamps were unofficial and had no connection with the flight, but that they were the work of a newspaperman who had at least five values of the Caribous overprinted, as well as some of the postal stationery. At any rate, whenever these stamps are offered for sale, and there aren't too many in existence, they always command nice prices, and this sale was no exception, as the 1c value with a slight crease sold for \$140 and the 2c value was knocked down at \$205.*

Al Kessler's CONVENTION ROUND-UP

Well, the 11th Annual is now history, and as usual it was BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER! The New York Group, with Dan Meyer-son as chairman, promised that "You'll like it fine in '59" . . . and those that attended did just that!

The exhibition, which merits a separate write-up, will be reported in the next issue of TOPICS. Watch for it, for never—I repeat, NEVER—at least in this area of the country—has there been such a display of material. To attempt to merely mention the names of the award winners, and give the title of their exhibits, would be an injustice to philately!

Not only did the 2,100 pages of material establish a record for BNAPEX, but the attendance as well surpassed all previous records. The Ambassador Hotel in Atlantic City was the scene of the activities and BNAPSers poured in from all directions, some arriving on Monday the 21st, and each day an increasing number turned up.

And speaking of records, digest this one. Little Miss Kathy Cook, a real charmer, daughter of BNAPSer Al Cook and Mrs. Cook, attended her third BNAPS convention. Her age: 2½ years. Beat that one if you can.

A check of the membership list of the first 40 members, as listed in Vol. 1, No. 1 BNA TOPICS (March 1944) reveals that 10 of that listing were present at the 11th Annual. There is a real challenge for any society of 1,000 members.

Had the cry "Is there a doctor in the house?" arisen in the hotel during the week, BNAPS could have supplied one for each floor. If you will look over the membership list, you will find that the medical profession represented there is in excess of members of the bar. (Happy to report that it was not necessary to call upon either profession for assistance.) Do not misconstrue the word "bar" for there were plenty who called upon the services of the members of another bar.

Twenty-three of the ladies had an enjoyable trip by bus to the Lennox China Works and the Renault Winery on Friday afternoon. By the way, how come so many of the ladies returned from the trip and decided to take a nap—they didn't do so the other afternoons.

BNAPSer Earl Apfelbaum conducted an auction at the hotel on Thursday afternoon. In speaking to Earl about the auction later that evening, a question arose in the minds of some BNAPSers: "Are we, in our search for 19th century material, paying enough attention to the 20th century material?" After all, over half of this century is now history, and the prices on 20th century material are not lagging!

There was one important thing not taken up at the annual meeting on Saturday, and that was the thanking of the Weather Bureau for one of the nicest weeks of sunshine this section of the country had seen in many months. Therefore, should a member of the Weather Bureau read this, thank you, it could not have been better! The indoor swimming pool received very little patronage due to the ideal bathing conditions in the ocean. There were several hundred persons on the beach, and many BNAPSers and their families were spotted among those enjoying a dip.

The arrival of BNAPSers Rorke and Ward from Edmonton as representatives of the Edmonton and Calgary Groups, to extend a welcome to Banff for next year, was a signal for a question and answer period lasting the duration of the gathering. We hope that both Bill and Murray were able to cool their ears in the days that followed. Watch your copy of TOPICS in the next 10 months for information regarding the first Western caravan of BNAPS in September 1960.

It was great to see the return of some members who have not been able to attend the past couple of conventions for various reasons, and to those who missed this one, we sincerely hope that you will be with us at the 1960 show. Mark the dates now—September 15-16-17, 1960. While you are making notes, the Ithaca (Appleknockers) Group will be hosts in 1961 and (loosen your belts for this one, calory counters) 1962 will find BNAPS at the Alpine Inn. Need I say this is located at Ste. Marguerite, stamping grounds of C. P. deVolpi. Any bids for '63?

Well, this could go on for hours, but there is a deadline to meet for copy in TOPICS, or you would not read this until the following month. So, "Come and get high in the Mountains" . . . September 15-16-17, 1960! ★

THE MAILBAG

The Squared Circle Handbook

My sincere congratulations to Dr. Whitehead and his cohorts for the wonderful job in providing a greatly improved second edition of "The Squared Circle Postmarks of Canada."

The new edition contains a wealth of very useful information and data for the many squared circle collectors. It is hoped that all BNAPS members will do all they can to see that this handbook is given the widest publicity and distribution.

I am enclosing a cheque for \$10 for which please send me five copies of the handbook. I will take the handbooks to the TMPS convention at Minneapolis on Oct. 2, 3 and 4. Am sure I can dispose of five copies quickly.

I would like to offer two items of constructive criticism about the handbook.

(1) Personal items have no place in a handbook; for instance on page 21 we find: "Higher living standards, trade unionism and other 'benefits' have made us flabby." (I object to this and I belong to no union.)

(2) With apologies to my friends, Mr. Elliott and Mr. Richardson on the Rarity Factor Committee, I disagree with the factors assigned. The information received from the Rarity Factor Committee should have been turned over to a mathematician for analysis. It is ridiculous to assign a RF250 to an item that is yet unknown. An item like "Noel" should have been assigned an RF of about 240. Try to visualize plotting the rarity factors on a curve and I am sure that at least 30 towns should be rated between 100 and 250. With the present RF assignments you would have a straight line graph from 2.5 to 100 and then an almost vertical line from 100 to 250. This is not correct and does not give proper values.

I am not a mathematician but I would like to see further comment in TOPICS on this subject from a math. student as well as a philatelist.

CWO Ben Jacobson, USNR/Ret.
(BNAPS 1543)



OFFICIAL SECTION

BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

MONTHLY REPORT . . .

From the Secretary

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

October 1, 1959.

NEW MEMBERS

- 1696 Hess, Edwin M., 3404 Gillham Road, Kansas City 11, Missouri.
1697 Matthews, Thomas A., 2500 Signal Hill Road, Springfield, Ohio.
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1699 Ramsey, W. J. II, P.O. Box 876, Bristol, Connecticut.

APPLICATIONS PENDING

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APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

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

- Argue, Miss Edith A., 7 Edmund Ave., Apt. 311, Toronto 7, Ont. (C) CAN—20th century mint and used postage and mint blocks. Plate blocks. Proposed by V. G. Greene, No. L40; seconded by C. F. Foster, No. 184.
- Betts, Elmer C. Jr., 4209 73rd Ave., Bellemead, Hyattsville, Maryland (C) CAN. Proposed by G. P. Lewis, No. L-506.
- Chaplin, Robert A. M.D., 65 Pepler Ave., Toronto 6, Ont. (C) CAN—19th and 20th century mint and used postage and mint blocks. Coils. OHMS-G. Mint booklet panes. Mint and used airmails. Proofs and essays. Proposed by W. P. Carter, No. 591; seconded by S. Hodgson, No. 985.
- Delange, Victor A., 345-2 Ave., Kamloops, B.C. (C) CAN—19th and 20th century used postage. Used airmails. Proposed by R. J. Duncan, No. 37.
- Devaux, Robert J., 3 Rexgate Rd., Rexdale, Ont. (DC-C) CAN—19th and 20th century used postage. Coils. OHMS-G. Federal revenues. Used airmails. Literature. Proposed by G. P. Lewis, No. L506.
- Ebbers, Tod A., 1824 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago 14, Ill. (DC) CAN—19th and 20th century mint and used postage and blocks. Plate blocks. Coils. OHMS-G. Federal and provincial revenues. Specialty: Matched plate blocks and revenues. Proposed by N. S. Utberg, No. 1551.
- Eddington, George A., 6537 E. 27th Place, Tulsa 14, Okla. (C-CX) CAN, NFD—20th century mint and used postage and mint Canada blocks. 1st day covers. Mint and used airmails and on cover. Proposed by A. H. Kessler, No. 334.
- Gollings, Frank J., 1668 W. Riverview Ave., Decatur, Ill. (C-CX) CAN, PEI—19th and 20th century mint and used postage. Coils. Mint and used booklet panes and complete booklets. Constant plate varieties of Admiral issue. Specialty: Mint coils and on commercial covers. Booklets and on cover. Proposed by A. H. Kessler, No. 334.
- Kaufman, Carl P., Tribes Hill, N.Y. (C-C) CAN, NFD—19th and 20th century mint postage. Plate blocks. Coils. OHMS-G. Mint airmails. Flag cancellations. Souvenir post cards 19th and 20th century. Proposed by E. A. Richardson, No. 168.
- Montague, Charlotte A., 1334-100 N.E., Bellevue, Wash. (C-CX) CAN, NFD, BC, PEI, NS—19th and 20th century mint and used postage and mint blocks. Pre-stamp, stampless, 1st day and 1st flight covers. Plate blocks. Coils. OHMS-G. Mint booklet panes. Precancels. Provincial revenues. Mint, used and semi-official airmails, and on cover. Literature, Locals, RPO, Territorial and Flag cancellations. Specialty: Covers. B.C. postage. Proposed by E. A. Richardson, No. 168.
- Reid, William Henry, 1221-4th Ave. W., Owen Sound, Ont. (C-CX) CAN, NFD, PROV—19th and 20th century used postage and blocks. Pre-stamp, 1st day and 1st flight covers. Coils. OHMS-G. Used booklet panes. Used and semi-official airmails. Flag cancellations. Proposed by E. A. Richardson.
- Seidel, Raymond E., M.D., 1801 Porter St., Philadelphia 45, Pa. (C-X) CAN, NFD—19th and 20th century mint and used postage and blocks. Pre-stamp and stampless covers. Coils. OHMS-G. Mint and used booklet panes and complete booklets. Provincial and tax-paid revenues. Mint and used airmails. Proposed by J. Siverts, No. 59.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS
(Notice of change must be sent to the Secretary)

- 1687 Cole, Calvin L., 327 West Harrison Street, Ventura, Calif.
 1083 Lloy, J. M., 90 Heath Street W., Apt. 205, Toronto 7, Ont. (from Montreal).
 642 Sadler, A., 371 St. Joseph Blvd. West, Montreal, Quebec.
 648 vanOudenol, Pieter D., 1612 - 23rd Avenue S.W., Ste. 5, Calgary, Alta. (from N. Vancouver, B.C.)
 1380 Walker, Harold W., Box 461, Barrie, Ont.

RESIGNATIONS ACCEPTED

Chase, Abbott

Williams, Norman D.

RESIGNATIONS RECEIVED

- 1070 Person, Elvin W., Esther, Alberta.
 1549 Taylor, William J., Rudyard, Michigan.
 710 Trethewey, R. B., 10 Leswyn Road, Toronto 10, Ontario.

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, Sept. 1, 1959	1033
New Members, October 1, 1959	4
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	1037
Resignations, October 1, 1959	2 2
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TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, October 1, 1959	1035

JACK LEVINE, Secretary.

MINUTES

OF THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY, HELD ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1959, AT THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL, ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY

President Vincent G. Greene took the chair at 10:30 a.m. and declared the meeting officially open for the discussion of any such business as should come before it. President Greene extended a hearty welcome to all members present at the convention and to all guests and praised the fine show being provided by the host group, and especially the excellent results of Dan Meyerson's efforts and labors. In conclusion, President Greene expressed his sincere appreciation of the co-operation of the members and officers during his first year in office.

The Chair recognized a motion by Mr. Moll, seconded by Dr. Gelbert, that the meeting dispense with the reading of the minutes of the preceding Tenth Annual Meeting as published in the November 1958 issue of BNA TOPICS and that these published minutes be accepted as having been read and approved. The motion was affirmed.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

The report of the Treasurer for the year 1958 has been published in the September issue of BNA TOPICS, so I will not discuss it here except to say that it showed a nominal deficit of \$20 as against an estimated deficit of \$100 at the time of the last Convention at Alpine Inn.

At that time we were aware that the cost of printing TOPICS would be increased and in anticipation of this the Board of Governors increased the annual dues from \$3 to \$4 a year. I am pleased to report that this increase did not have any apparent effect on the number of resignations, which were 25 last year and 24 this year in the same period.

This year's income shows the effect of the increase in dues and the increase in advertising rates in TOPICS which began during 1958. Thus, the income from dues and fees to date in 1959 has been \$3934 as compared to \$2905 in 1958 for the same period and the advertising income has also increased. I will not make a direct comparison of the advertising income in the two years as the present interim report covers the income from eight issues of TOPICS and that of last year covered only seven issues.

I will now give you a summary of the interim report which will be published in detail in TOPICS. This report does not include income or expenses

in connection with the 1959 Yearbook or the Squared Circle handbook, for which the records are incomplete.

The total 1959 income from all other sources was \$5082.62 and the total expenses for the same period were \$4046.80, leaving a balance of 1959 funds, to be used toward paying expenses from September 18th to December 31st, of \$1035.82.

It is estimated that the expenses for the balance of this year will be about \$1000 and that the income will be about \$244. This income plus the present balance of \$1035.82 should pay our bills and leave a surplus of about \$280 for the year 1959.

I wish to point out, however, that included in our income this year there was an unusually large surplus of \$338.10 from the operation of the Sales Circuit without which our Balance Sheet for 1959 would probably show a deficit of about \$60. Up to the present time the Treasury has not called upon the Sales Manager for any surplus funds from the operation of the Sales Circuit and we will not have to do so this year if we do have a small deficit otherwise, as the Treasury has a present surplus of about \$1283.

I also wish to call your attention to the fact that there will be another increase in the cost of printing TOPICS of \$13 per issue, beginning with the November 1959 number. Last year we reported that the increased cost of printing TOPICS might be \$75 per issue, starting some time in 1959. The actual increase was \$50 per issue, starting with the April number.

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

W. C. Peterman, Treasurer.

(NOTE: See Table I—Interim Report of the Treasurer).

The motion was seconded by Mr. Sissons and approved by vote.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

The first portion of this report deals with our membership development and, once again, the report is a favorable one. The following membership summary for the year and the comparative analysis show how our membership improved this year over the previous one.

TABLE I.

INTERIM REPORT OF THE TREASURER
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS (January 1 to September 18, 1959)

INCOME			
Membership Dues—Prior years paid in 1959	\$ 15.00		
Membership Dues—1959 renewal	3568.93		
Membership Dues—New members	216.75		
Membership Dues from Life Membership Fund	66.00		
Membership Fees—New members	67.00	\$3933.68	
Topics:			
Advertising paid in 1958	18.00		
Advertising paid in 1959	550.55		
Sale of back issues	18.47		
Reimbursement by Revenue Group for cuts used	38.57		
Miscellaneous75	626.34	
Gift	1.00	1.00	
Perfin Handbook—Sales	40.98	40.98	
Sales Circuit—Operating surplus	338.10	338.10	
Accounts Receivable:			
Topics Advertising—To September (incl.)	142.52	152.52	
TOTAL INCOME		\$5082.62	

EXPENSES			
Topics:			
Printing 8 issues of 1959	\$2312.14		
Cuts (used to September, incl.)	565.72		
Postage	186.99		
Addressing and mailing	139.57		
Stationery	19.22		
Mailing envelopes	103.44		
Miscellaneous	14.60	\$3341.68	
General Expenses:			
Postage	174.21		
Stationery	132.96		
Membership cards	33.48		
Application forms	52.99		
Ballots and envelopes	38.04		
Printing	17.32		
Premium on fidelity bond	45.00		
Bank charges	42.71		
Auditing 1958 books	50.00		
Miscellaneous	6.82	593.53	
BNAPEX-59 grand award tray	51.59	51.59	
Library	48.00	48.00	
Accounts Payable—Library fund balance	12.00	12.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$4046.80	
Balance of 1959 Funds as of September 18		1035.82	
		\$5082.62	

TABLE II.

MONTHLY ANALYSIS OF MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT 1958-1959
 (1958 figures in parantheses)

	New Mem.	Replaced	Dropped	Resigns	Decease
10-1-58	22(18)			2(1)	
11-1-58	9(4)				1
12-1-58	9(6)		26(22)		(1)
1-1-59	12(8)	1		3(2)	(2)
2-1-59	9(2)	1(1)	(1)	1(3)	(1)
3-1-59	5(3)		(1)	1(12)	1
4-1-59	9(3)	(1)		14(4)	(2)
5-1-59	9(13)	(1)		3	2
6-1-59	10(5)			2	
7-1-59	24(20)			1(3)	3
9-1-59				2	(3)
Totals	118(82)	2(3)	26(24)	29(25)	7(10)

TABLE III.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT

	BALANCE SHEET	
	10 Sept. 1958	10 Sept. 1959
Cash in Bank—Demand account	\$ 2056.68	\$ 3026.87
Cash in Bank—Time account	1060.89	1093.06
Circulating value	11593.67	10398.59
Reserve, insurance charges receivable	265.51	255.81
Prepaid insurance policy	24.29	190.95
Blank salesbooks	—	81.30
Owners payable	13222.18	12742.84
Insurance fund	1361.23	1548.01
Operating surplus	417.63	755.73

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES, Year Ended Sept. 10, 1959

INCOME:	
Commissions collected	\$ 372.30
Foreign exchange premium	6.69
Interest income	32.17
Postage and registry, reimbursed	23.75
Total Income	\$ 434.91
EXPENSES:	
Stationery, printing and supplies	\$ 3.49
Insurance policy expense	83.34
Uncollected "sales"	9.98
TOTAL EXPENSES	96.81
NET BALANCE TO OPERATING SURPLUS	\$ 338.10

Membership Summary

September 1, 1958 to September 1, 1959	
Total Membership, Sept. 1, 1958	975
New Members, 9-1-58 to 9-1-59	118
Replaced on Rolls, 9-1-58 to 9-1-59	2
1095	
Dropped from Rolls, 9-1-58 to 9-1-59	26
Resignations, 9-1-58 to 9-1-59	29
Deceased, 9-1-58 to 9-1-59	7
62	
Total Membership, Sept. 1, 1959	1033
Life Members, Sept. 1, 1959	22

Comparative Analysis 1958-1959

	1958	1959
New Members	82	118
Replaced	3	2
85		120
Increase	85	120
Dropped	24	26
Resigned	25	29
Deceased	10	7
59		62
Decrease	59	62
Net Increase	26	58

Monthly Analysis of Membership Enrollment 1958-1959

(NOTE—See Table II.)

Before offering some observations and comments on the preceding lists, it is important to bear in mind that a \$1 increase in annual dues went into effect on January 1, 1959, and that one would expect a smaller enrollment of new members and a greater loss of former members. However, I am very pleased to be able to report from the above lists that such certainly was not the case.

1. 118 new members were enrolled this year compared to only 82 last year, certainly disproving a possible smaller enrollment. It is also worthy of note that, with only one exception, more new members were enrolled each month rather than in any one particular month showing a steady interest and gain rather than one gained by any intensive campaign.
2. 26 members were dropped from the rolls this year compared to 24 last year, and 29 resigned against 25—both very small differences considering, as I said before, that more drastic losses could have been expected in view of the increase in dues.
3. Most gratifying is the net increase of the membership by 58 this year compared to the increase of 26 last year—a most satisfying report which shows, as in previous years, our membership continues to show a steady and regular growth; a very "healthy" condition which I'm sure we all hope will continue; a condition which I'm sure will receive all our efforts to be continued.

The President's Certificate

Each year the "President's Certificate" is awarded to the member who enrolled the most new members during the year. From January 1958 to December 1958, new members were recruited by the following members in such numbers as indicated: Richardson, A.E. (27); Duncan, R. J. (14); MacMaster, H. A. (4); Hill, G. M. (3); Meyerson, D. C. (3); Atkinson, F. G. (2); Binks, B. C. (2); Charron, J. J. (2); deVolpi, C. P. (2); Greene, V. G. (2); Russell, W. H. (2); one each—April, G.; Bainbridge, G. P.; Balassa, J. J.; Blois, E. M.; DeMase, V.; desRivieres, G.; Forney, E. B.; Harris, E. A.; Harrison, H. W.; Hedley, R. P.; Holmes, L. S.; Hurst, P. J.; Ingraham, W. S.; Johnson, A. C.; Jones, C. A.; Kay, M.; Kessler, A. H.; Kilton, J. B.; King, W. H.; Knox, S. I.; Meyerson, R. C.; Milne, B. F.; McNeil, C. R.; Pelletier, N.; Siverts, J.; Speirs, R. M.; Walker, H. W.

From the above recruiting report, I am very pleased to announce the winner of "The President's Certificate" for 1958 is:

EDWARD A. RICHARDSON.

"Vincent G. Greene Award"

Each year a winner is voted to receive the "Vincent G. Greene Award," a silver cup awarded to the author or authors of the best original article, articles, column or series of columns originally published in BNA TOPICS. To determine such a winner, the four elected officers and the nine members of the Board of Governors are canvassed by the Secretary for their three successive selections and points are allowed on a 3 for 1st, 2 for 2nd, and 1 for 3rd choice basis. The four elected officers and nine members of the Board have been so canvassed and from the eleven ballots received the following point score resulted:

E. A. Smythies 22; E. A. Richardson 10½; W. E. D. Halliday 8½; G. Showers 7; D. C. Meyerson 6; G. P. Bainbridge 5½; N. Pelletier 3½; Dr. A. Whitehead 2; M. Kay 1.

From the above reported results of the voting, the winner of the "Vincent G. Greene Award" for 1958 is: E. A. SMYTHIES for his articles on Duplex Cancellations.

Once again it is my pleasure to bring you a favorable report showing continued progress in membership growth. In only one year of 17 since the Society was founded did an annual report show a loss in membership. This is a very fine record for any society and one of which we can certainly be proud. It is especially gratifying and deserving of great pride in that, at no time, has there been any deliberate or special drives to enroll members, but on the contrary, our present roster of 1033 members has been achieved by the efforts of ALL members and the special efforts of some to interest and encourage their friends to realize and enjoy the many benefits, services and advantages of membership in our Society which was founded for the purpose of aiding the collecting and study of B.N.A. postage stamps and postal history and most certainly is fulfilling its purpose. I am sure I speak for all in wishing BNAPS success in the future such as it has had in the past.

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

Jack Levine, Secretary.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Moll and voted accepted.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

It is my pleasure to report that for the year 1959 there were no serious problems that faced the Society. The regular functions of having its Committee pass on membership applications and also that of having the books of the Society audited were ably discharged. In addition the Board provided and passed on the current budget.

Because of increased expenses the Board found it necessary to increase the dues on January 1, 1959, and I believe that the Treasurer's report will show that the Society is no longer operating in the "red." Early in the spring the Board voted to pay the Editor of TOPICS a monthly stipend in consideration of the great amount of time and effort devoted to the Society in the production of the magazine.

There were two other matters in which the Board operated for the benefit of the members. In the first case the pages of TOPICS were closed to a foreign auction house and later events vindicated the position taken by the Board. In the second case the pages of TOPICS as well as the facilities of the Society such as the bourse, etc., were closed to another advertising firm. While the Board regrets the financial loss involved in advertising fees, they are certain that they operated for the benefit of the members of the Society.

Last, but not least, the Board authorized the publication of a second edition of the Squared Circle handbook prepared by the members of the Society, and it may well be that the handbook will be offered for sale here at BNAPEX-59.

Respectfully submitted and moved accepted.

**Daniel C. Meyerson, Chairman,
Board of Governors.**

The motion was seconded by Mr. Yeaton and affirmed. After due consideration and discussion,

it was moved by Mr. George Lee, seconded by Mr. Moll, that the Board of Governors shall decide on a procedure whereby advertising by non-members in BNA TOPICS shall be reviewed. The motion was voted in order.

REPORT OF THE EDITOR

Our magazine, BNA TOPICS, can once again look back on a successful year, at least insofar as editorial content is concerned. The financial picture can be more adequately dealt with by the Advertising Manager and the Treasurer.

The supply of material for the magazine has been very constant throughout the past 12 months, largely through the efforts of our regular group of columnists whose monthly contributions fill a large number of pages with much interesting and informative news and comment in their particular fields. To this group has been added the names of C. B. D. Garrett with one column published in the July-August issue and more to come, and Mark L. Arons, whose column on postal stationery will commence in the November issue.

Lloyd W. Sharpe's five-part series on the "Origin, History and Postal History of the Canadian National Exhibition" aroused a great deal of interest, as did the articles on "New Findings About Nova Scotia Pence and Cents Issues" by John H. M. Young. These latter articles have presented new material unearthed in the Public Archives of Nova Scotia by Mr. Young, and are so highly regarded that a request to reprint the series has been received from a British philatelic publication. With the co-operation of the author and the Public Archives of Nova Scotia this permission has been granted. A further instalment in this series will appear in November.

Two instalments of D. C. Meyerson's article entitled "Newfoundland Specialized" have appeared with more on the way, and they have aroused very favorable comment among Newfoundland specialists. Again the most prolific contributor to BNA TOPICS (as to many other philatelic magazines) has been E. A. Richardson. As well as editing Revenue Group News, he has contributed a great number of feature articles on a wide variety of Canadian philatelic subjects, with even a greater variety to come.

As a by-product to editing BNA TOPICS, your Editor also assisted in preparing the copy of the second edition of Dr. Whitehead's "Squared Circle Postmarks of Canada," for the printer, and also planned the layout and format of the book—a time-consuming extra task. This book has been well received since it was published earlier this month, and indications are that sales will be very satisfactory. Dr. Whitehead should be extended a sincere vote of thanks for allowing the Society to publish this handbook without royalty payment of any kind, for publication of works of this type adds to the stature of the Society. It is hoped that satisfactory sales of this handbook will make it possible to publish another book on some other B.N.A. sideline at an early date.

The Treasurer has indicated that the cost of illustrations for BNA TOPICS this year far exceeds that of last year. This was caused partly by an increase in costs, but largely by a number of articles which required a great number of illustrations. It is this feature of well illustrated articles which perhaps makes our magazine outstanding in its field, so it would be a backward step if it were necessary to cut down on this feature. However, it might be pointed out that this was a particularly heavy year in this regard, and it is very likely that the next year will be more nearly normal. It might be also pointed out that the Revenue Study Group pays for the illustrations used in their column with funds derived from sales of a revenue handbook. Perhaps some thought could be given to the formation of a "picture fund" into which donations could be received in order that this important part of our magazine is not neglected.

The Editor has passed on to the Treasurer a letter received from the firm which prints BNA TOPICS, indicating that there would be an in-

crease in printing costs commencing with the October issue. This sort of thing is inevitable because of wage increases and increases in the cost of paper and other supplies. Perhaps this is a good time to once again mention a suggestion for a reduction in the number of issues per year. This has been suggested by the Editor in the past, purely in the interests of economy, and not because of a desire to "take things easy." It seems apparent that the Society would lose nothing in prestige by reducing the number of issues from ten to nine per year (not including the Yearbook), and such a reduction would mean quite a saving in cost.

The Advertising Manager will make a suggestion that the Yearbook be published in November of each year rather than October, which has been the publication date for some years. As well as giving the Advertising Manager more time to complete his increasingly difficult task of rounding up enough advertising to pay the costs of producing the Yearbook, it would also be possible to publish the minutes of the Annual Meeting and a report of each year's convention, which seems to be suitable material for a Yearbook.

May I take this opportunity of thanking all those who have helped in making the Editor's task easier during the past year, and also ask that our supply of material be kept at the same high level as in the past. In other words—we will always need articles.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Gordon P. Lewis Editor BNA Topics.

The Editor's report was read to the meeting by Mr. Levine, who moved for its approval and, on second by Mr. Hyde, the motion was so approved. It was the opinion of the meeting that the Editor shall continue with the same publication schedule of BNA TOPICS as is presently being followed, except that publication date of the Yearbook may be decided by himself and the Advertising Manager to a change to November release if such change is to the best interest of the Society, as suggested.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EDITORIAL BOARD

Dr. Jephcott reported to the meeting that the Board had received one article for review and that same, after such review, was returned to the Editor for publication. Dr. Jephcott moved the approval of his report and the motion was affirmed on second by Mr. Gates.

REPORT OF THE ADVERTISING MANAGER

Advertising revenue for the first six months of 1959 amounted to \$492.57, an increase of \$46.55 or 10.4 per cent over the comparable period last year. This increase would have been substantially greater had it not been for our voluntary action in refunding prepaid advertising of \$88.50 to a full page subscriber, whose business methods evoked concern for the welfare of our members. Termination of this relationship was entirely a matter of judgment, as no official complaint was ever received. However, subsequent events proved that our precaution in taking this action was entirely justified.

Display advertising in the 1959 Yearbook grossed \$461.50 versus \$515.00 in 1958, a decrease of \$53.50. Once again, I call attention to the fact that only 56 out of a membership of over 1,000 responded to our appeal in the June and July-August issues for Yearbook support.

At this point, I would like to submit a proposal on behalf of Editor Lewis and myself for your approval. It is to issue the Yearbook in November instead of October. This would serve a double purpose in that the Yearbook could then contain a report of our Convention and Annual Meeting, thus making it a more complete review of the Society's activities for the year. It should also help acquire more advertising as many of our members are on vacation when the June and July-August issues containing our appeal are delivered.

Solicitations during the month of September may prove to be more productive.

I respectfully submit this report and move its adoption.

**George B. Llewellyn,
Advertising Manager.**

The motion was seconded by Mr. Meyerson and voted approved. President Greene referred the Advertising Manager to the opinion of the meeting regarding change of publication date of the Yearbook as recorded in the Report of the Editor.

REPORT OF THE SALES MANAGER

This will be my fifth annual report to this body as Sales Manager, and my last. It is most gratifying that this final report is able again to reflect the continued vigor of the Sales Department.

The financial statements of the Department for this past period are appended.

During the past year, 203 salesbooks, valued at \$9,333.46, were received for entry. During the same period we retired 173 salesbooks with an original value of \$9,807.30. The 34 general circuits which were despatched, together with the customary special group sendings, resulted in a sales total of \$5,353.62—a new high figure for us, and one which exceeds our previous high of last year by almost 20 per cent. It is interesting to note that the average sale per recipient was about \$15, a very satisfactory figure for this type of operation, and one which undoubtedly reflects in part the high quality of the material which has been available.

Despite our particularly happy picture with respect to sales, we have been quite chagrined to find that this year relatively few new books have been received for entry since April—a situation in marked contrast with that of last year. Indeed, it might almost seem to lend cause for concern that we may sell ourselves out of operation. On the basis of our past experience, however, we are confident that our members, knowing our well-proved performance, and aware that there is no more economical way for the collector to dispose of duplicate or surplus B.N.A. material of fine quality in the low and medium-priced classes, will continue their use of our facilities, and that the books required for replacement of material sold will soon be received.

Respectfully submitted, and formally moved for adoption.

Alexander Hyde, Sales Manager.

(NOTE: See Table II, Financial Statements of the Sales Department.)

The motion was seconded by Dr. Jephcott and approved by the meeting.

President Greene expressed his appreciation and presumably that of the membership to Mr. Hyde for the very fine performance of his office and the sincere regret that Mr. Hyde must relinquish his office. The President also advised the meeting that Mr. John Siverts had been selected to replace Mr. Hyde and that Mr. Siverts would assume the duties of the office on January 1, 1960.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS

Mr. Lussey advised the meeting that the Board of Examiners had not been required to consider any items during the past year.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

During the past year the name "British North America Philatelic Society" or "BNAPS" has appeared in the philatelic press in increasing lineages, as it should.

This office wishes to publicly thank all those who have aided in this endeavor, with special thanks to BNAPSers Edward A. Richardson and Orin B. Maxim, and to all those too numerous to name who, in writing articles for publication, have used their BNAPS membership number as part of their by-line.

The response to our ever-increasing lineage continues to grow in the form of enquiries, all of which received by this office are promptly answered. Inasmuch as we do not conduct membership drives and whereas we do not use paid advertising except in such cases where a member contributes from his own pocket, or pays for same by his philatelic writings, the new members obtained through this medium are evidenced by those applications for same as recorded in our monthly issue of TOPICS.

The co-operation of each and every member of BNAPS is needed and respectfully requested by your Director of Publicity.

Alfred H. Kessler, Director.

It was moved by Mr. Kessler, seconded by Mr. Meyerson that the report be accepted. The motion was affirmed.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Mr. Kessler advised the meeting that excellent progress was being made on plans for the 1960 convention in Banff, Alberta, under the joint sponsorship of the Calgary and Edmonton Groups. He expressed the certainty that once again BNAPS would enjoy and be favored with a wonderful convention.

It was moved by Mr. Kessler, seconded by Mr. Hedley that the report be approved by the meeting. The motion was so approved.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

President Greene explained to the meeting that Handbook Committee Chairman Woolley was hospitalized for surgery and could not submit a formal report. However, he could report that the committee played an important part in the publication of the second edition of the Squared Circle Handbook recently released.

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The President called for any unfinished business for consideration of the meeting but no such unfinished business was to be so considered.

In consideration of the call for new business, Mr. Sharpe questioned the meeting whether entries to exhibit at a convention must be submitted for competition only, even when the entrant is willing to pay the required per frame fee to enter on a non-competitive basis. President Green explained that such a decision to allow non-competitive entries was entirely the decision of the host group of a convention which could so decide depending on the competitive entries received. Further to the consideration of entries to a convention exhibition, President Greene called on Mr. Richardson to advise the meeting of the discussion by the Board of Governors at a meeting during this convention whereby the present sections of the rules would be expanded to include a third section which would allow separate groups of competition for so-called "side-line" collections. Mr. Richardson was to head a committee to prepare and present such a third section of groups to the Board of Governors for their consideration to final acceptance. On request, Mr. Richardson also advised the meeting that he had purchased all rights and stock of McCready's "Flag Cancellation Handbook" and that his offer of sale of such rights and stock to the Society had been very happily accepted by the Board at the original purchase price of \$100. In conclusion, Mr. Richardson advised the meeting that much new information on these flag cancellations had come to light and it was entirely possible and practical that a new edition be published by the Society.

The meeting rose to thank Mr. Richardson for his fine service to the Society and unanimously endorsed President Greene's recommendation that Mr. Richardson serve as editor of a revised handbook. Mr. Richardson thanked the meeting for this appointment.

The Secretary read the report from the chairman of the Ballot Committee, Mr. C. A. Moore.

REPORT OF THE BALLOT COMMITTEE

Under instructions the Ballot Committee has received and counted the ballots for the current voting for the Board of Governors of the British North America Philatelic Society.

The candidates are: B. M. Binks, R. A. Compton, L. S. Crosby, C. P. deVolpi, C. M. Jephcott and A. H. Kessler.

Two hundred and fifty-nine ballots were received with the following results: The three successful candidates are B. C. Binks, C. P. deVolpi and C. M. Jephcott. There was very little difference between these three and Messrs. Compton, Crosby and Kessler. May I congratulate the successful candidates.

C. A. Moore,
For the Ballot Committee.

President Greene congratulated the successful candidates and wished them success in their office during their term.

Before calling for bids for convention sites for 1961 and 1962, President Greene introduced Mr. Rorke of Edmonton as chairman of the 1960 convention in Banff, Alberta. Mr. Rorke extended a cordial invitation to all members present at the meeting and to those unable to be present to visit the 1960 convention and enjoy all the wonderful facilities available for a most pleasant convention. In reply to several queries, Mr. Rorke advised that travel costs to the convention site were much less than expected and that complete information covering this and other phases related to the convention would be published in future issues of BNA TOPICS.

Mr. Compton of Ithaca, New York, was recognized by the Chair and rose to enter a bid for the 1961 convention on behalf of the "Appelknockers" Group to likely be held at Elmyra, New York. It was moved by Mr. George Lee, seconded by Dr. Jephcott that the meeting honor and accept Mr. Compton's bid. The meeting unanimously approved the motion.

Mr. deVolpi of Montreal, Quebec, was recognized by the Chair and rose to enter a bid for the 1962 convention to be held at the Alpine Inn, St. Marguerite, Quebec. It was moved by Mr. Meyerson, seconded by Mr. Peterman that the meeting honor and accept Mr. deVolpi's bid. The meeting unanimously approved the motion.

President Greene introduced Dr. Gelbert, president of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, who extended greetings from the "Royal" to BNAPS. Dr. Gelbert expressed the wish and belief that both societies would continue their friendly relations to their mutual benefit and to the benefit of philately.

The meeting rose to applaud and give a vote of thanks to Dan and Roz Meyerson for the wonderful show and convention provided the members, their guests and the visitors. Mr. Meyerson thanked the meeting for himself and on behalf of his wife, and expressed his public appreciation to the many members from many different areas who had helped considerably, and especially to Messrs. Richardson, Siverts, Greene, deVolpi, Llewellyn, Kessler, Culhane and Peterman.

There being no further business for the consideration of the meeting, it was voted adjourned on motion by Mr. Yeaton, seconded by Mr. Hyde.

Respectfully submitted.

Jack Levine, Secretary.



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The Last Word

... *From The Editor*

MORE ON THE ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CANADA . . .

IN OUR SEPTEMBER ISSUE, we wrote an item about the new Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, about which remarks there appears to have been some misunderstanding on the part of members of that society. Dr. G. M. Geldert, president of the RPSC (and BNAPS 1235), has remarked (but not directly to the editor) that he has had "unsavory comments" about the editorial note in BNA TOPICS. We have had no direct communication on the subject from any member of the RPSC except for a letter from Colin H. Bayley of Ottawa (who also happens to be a member of BNAPS), which appears on this page.

At the outset, please let us reiterate that we meant no criticism of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, for which we have always had the greatest respect as a group. What we criticized, and we thing validly, were the suggestions of Mr. Victor Crouse regarding the future of that society. And may we add that we do not deny Mr. Crouse the right to make these suggestions about a society of which he a member. Likewise, if a person breaks into print, then he is fair game for other writers who may disagree with the comments or suggestions made.

In his letter, Mr. Bayley says we "put words in Mr. Crouse's mouth" by reporting that he suggested that the membership of the "Royal" be divided into two classes—"philatelists" and "stamp collectors." This is what Mr. Crouse said in the June 1959 issue of the Windsor "Y" Stamp Club Bulletin:

"Let's have two divisions, stamp collectors, and philatelists. The stamp collectors' division at a nominal membership fee (i.e., \$5). The philatelists as befitting their prestige (\$25) with a limit as to the number of membership — 100 or 250."

Of course, there was a lot more, but that appears to be the paragraph which caused all the trouble. Perhaps we have misinterpreted it—but to us it still seems to mean the same as it did when we first read it. We know that it is perhaps not fair to take a statement out of context and comment on it to persons who have not had an opportunity to read the whole article. But nowhere in Mr. Crouse's remarks can we find anything to qualify the statement quoted above.

Taking this paragraph, re-reading our remarks in the September issue, and then reading Mr. Bayley's letter, we fail to see where we have deliberately SLANDERED the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada in any way whatsoever.

However, if in any way we CONVEYED a meaning detrimental to the RPSC, or its members, we are truly sorry; and as we said in September: "May we offer our congratulations to the Canadian Philatelic Society, which Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has honored with the prefix 'Royal' . . ." ★

On the R.P.S.C. . . .

I was rather surprised to read your comments on the new Royal Philatelic Society of Canada on p. 218 of the September issue of BNA TOPICS.

You refer to an article in the Windsor "Y" Stamp Club Bulletin in which the writer, a Mr. Victor Crouse, expresses certain personal views and makes suggestions as to how he would like to see the new "Royal" develop. You say that Mr. Crouse states that "the new 'Royal' will likely divide its membership into two classes—philatelists and stamp collectors.

Actually, in his article, Mr. Crouse says nothing of the kind and I find it rather strange that you should thus "put words in his mouth."

Few RPSC members would, I am sure, agree with the separation of our colleagues in the hobby into "philatelists" and "stamp collectors." It may be that the RPSC will set up two categories of members, viz., ordinary members and fellows, but that is quite another matter.

I think that you owe your RPSC readers an apology for having so worded your editorial as to give them a completely misleading picture of the situation.

Colin H. Bayley (BNAPS 704)

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