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CANADA'S SECOND HANDSTAMP MARKINGS CIRCULAR TYPE

(DOUBLE CIRCLES)

HIS IS the second circular type handstamp used generally in Canada. The usage started in 1830 (with the exception of York, U.C.—later Toronto—used as early as March 1829). The earliest I have seen is Portneuf, L.C., March 30, 1830; the latest Grondines, L.C., December 22, 1862. These dates are from pre-adhesive and nonadhesive covers only.

There are two major types—A and B. Type A has two variants: Type A1-letters are slanted or italic; Type A2-letters are straight; both of these likely hand typeset. Type B is a larger bold face, likely solid brass.

The earliest Type B I have seen is St. John's, U.C., October 17, 1833.

Frank Campbell lists this handstamp from 201 towns, exclusive of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, British Columbia, and others that I do not believe fall into this category although they are double circles. The small Bytowns, Kemptville, U.C., Niagara, U.C., and City of Toronto, U.C., are definitely 'specials.'

Only two have no provincial markings, Quebec and Queenston.

My opinion is the double circles were a second order, not intended for the post of-

fices that had received the first circular handstamps.1 I have seen only two examples of duplication, Quebec and William Henry. Quebec is certainly different than the first type. In fact, it was ordered separately in 1831. William Henry is not a standard second type. It was perhaps made locally.

Campbell lists Amherstburg, Darlington and Shefford as having used both-is this correct or poor reporting?

Some towns used type dated centres; I have nine in my collection. A number of towns used more than one of the types. I have only two in my collection, although Campbell lists others.

I have indicated with an asterisk (*) those I do not have in my collection and cannot confirm.

As with the article on the first circular town handstamps, I would like anyone interested to write and confirm or add to this listing. Checklists in duplicate will go to those requesting them. When they are returned I will compile them and attempt to establish a rarity factor to be published in a later edition of BNA TOPICS.

1 BNA TOPICS, July-August 1959, p. 178.

SECOND CIRCULAR TYPE

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VANCOUVER'S FIRST AIR MAIL FLIGHT



First Internal Air Mail Flight on Vancouver Island

THE ABOVE illustration of a flight cover was once in a famous British collection. During World War II the collection was bombed and later acquired by Robson Lowe for sale at auction. The envelope, autographed by both pilots, is back-stamped Nanaimo Aug 16 3 PM 1919 B.C., and now forms part of our Canadian collection.

Vancouver Island airmail history was made when, on August 16, 1919, the first inland flight with official mail became a fact. The inaugural flight, with pilot Captain James J. Gray and Lieutenant Gordon A. Cameron as navigator, began at Victoria and completed at Nanaimo, British Columbia, a distance of 74 miles. In our search for more flight information, BNAPS member John H. Eley of Nanaimo, and Victoria friends came to our rescue with newspaper clippings, as follows:

Aerodrome for Nanaimo

Nanaimo Free Press, Aug. 16, 1919: The first aerial mail in Western Canada reaches Nanaimo this afternoon, with letters being delivered at the ordinary postal rate of three cents. This is an event of some importance as the first commercial use of flying locally. A year hence we may expect

to see a regular service established on the Island or between Nanaimo and Vancouver, at least for special delivery letters, parcels and possibly a few passengers.

To-day's delivery is rather in the nature of a curiosity carried out as the day's program of sport but at the same time it is giving a practical use of flying. The novelty will be worn out inside of twelve months and by that time we may be sure that transportation companies will be vying with one another to establish air services on commercial lines. It is perhaps time that our local authorities should begin to consider what can be done to make it easier for aeroplanes to use Nanaimo as a base of operations. As the nearest point to the main-land, Nanaimo is the natural site for one of the chief aerodromes of Vancouver Island. Whether it is a half way port of call between Vancouver and Victoria or as being situated midway between the northern and southern settlements, the city occupies the strategical point for air routes to all parts of the Island. Some faith in aviation will be needed on the part of our citizens if they are to use the opportunity now opening up for Nanaimo, as an air base. The heavy timbered land on Vancouver Island is dangerous for airmen, and the ground for the most part rugged. For this reason there are natural difficulties in providing facilities for landing and rising, and for repairing and housing planes. These may be found in time if the aeroplanes of the future have to provide for them, but in the meantime there is the risk that Nanaimo will be passed over through the present lack of a good landing place in favour of Victoria which has the splendid area of the Willow Camp for this purpose. While new suitable grounds are likely to be opened for the convenience of airmen at such a distance from Nanaimo as to be of no benefit to our community. If the tidal flats reclaimation scheme had been taken up it would have provided an ideal site. But even short of carrying out the scheme in its entirety, it seems quite practicable to reclaim a sufficient area not far from the city to provide the airmen with a good landing place.

First Mail by Aeroplane

Nanaimo Free Press, Sat., Aug. 16, 1919: The aeroplane "Pathfinder" arrived in Nanaimo at 2:15 to-day having left Victoria at 1:20, thus making the trip of 74 miles in 55 minutes. Captain Gray piloted the machine, assisted by Lieutenant Cameron.

The plane carried one bag of mail which was in due course delivered at the post-office. Lieut. Cameron states that much smoke was encountered on the way up the Island, and that he saw several bush fires.

Dr. Unsworth in his letter to the Free Press said: The Pathfinder is the new carrier pigeon from Victoria to Nanaimo and this letter is sent in its care. Before long the world's correspondence will be flitting through cloudland on white winged birds, the globe will be girdled in a week and a flyer from Nanaimo will reach London in three days. We have only begun the harnessing of the forces of God for the service of man.

Nanaimo's Gala Day Proves Successful

The gala day held this afternoon under the auspices of the Western Pastime Athletic Club of this city was most successful, the attendance being large and the entertainment varied and most interesting. The feature of the events was an exhibition of trick flying by Captain Gray of the Victoria Aerial League, who thrilled several thousand spectators with a demonstration of the nose dive, spiral glide, loop-the-loop and volplaning. The exhibition lasted nearly an hour.

First Local Aerial Mail is a Success

Victoria Daily Colonist, Aug. 17, 1919: Pathfinder 2 delivers Victoria letters in Nanaimo within 55 minutes. Returned in the fast time of 50 minutes. Arriving at Nanaimo 55 minutes after leaving the Willows Aerodrome, the Pathfinder 2 piloted by Captain James Gray, yesterday completed the first official letter mail flight in Western Canada. Capt. Gray was accompanied by Lieut, Gordon Cameron, both being ex-air force officers and members of the Aerial League of Canada. 74 miles in 55 minutes, the time made on the outgoing journey was eclipsed by the period taken for the return in 50 minutes. The Pathfinder left Nanaimo at 7.55, arriving at the Willows at 8.45. The weather was not particularly favourable for the trip as there was a cloud of smoke all over the Island between the Malahat and Victoria. Postmaster Bishop of Victoria sent a letter of congratulations to post-master Horn of Nanaimo, but owing to a

misunderstanding no mail was brought on the return trip. Over 100 people availed themselves of the opportunity of sending letters "Via Aeroplane."

The Pathfinder 2 was actually a Curtis J.N.4 "Jennie," at the time owned by the Aerial League of Victoria, a non-profit society formed by returned members of the R.F.C. and R.N.A.S. to further aviation in the area. The mail flight, carrying 96 letters, of which very few were saved, was sponsored by the League and the post office. The "Jennie" left the old Willows Race Track in Oak Bay by Victoria and landed on the Colleries Farm, close to Nanaimo.

Captain James J. Gray had served with the Canadian Infantry during the First Great War, joined the Royal Flying Corps in 1917, and flew on operations with No. 27 Squadron in France from December 1917 to July 1918, winning promotion to Captain. In 1920 he was appointed to a commission as Flight Lieutenant in the "Militia Air Force." During World War II he served with the RCAF as a Link Trainer instructor.

Lieutenant Gordon A. Cameron was with the 62nd Battery, 15th Artillery Brigade, C.E.F. In 1917 he was commissioned to the Royal Flying Corps, and on June 15, 1918, he was severely wounded over Ypres and invalided back to Canada. In 1919 he became a director of the Aerial League of Canada, and studied law. He is at present Gordon A. Cameron, Q.C. He is also a philatelist. *

Souvenir Labels for London Show

The organizers of the London International Stamp Exhibition, July 9-16, 1960, have issued a series of souvenir labels to commemorate the tercentenary of the appointment in 1660 as postmaster general of the United Kingdom of Colonel Henry Bishop, who was responsible for the issue of the first postage stamp. Each stamp shows the portrait of Henry Bishop and the complete sheet illustrates 12 different types of stamps that were issued as a result of Bishop's work.

Twelve labels show one stamp for each of the twelve months in calendar order. Sheets of these labels are obtainable from stamp dealers, price 25 cents.

HELP WANTED ON 1937 CORONATION FLAG CANCELS

Almost every BNAPSer has one or more copies of covers in his or her collection bearing the 1937 Coronation Flag Cancel. Many were used on first day covers.

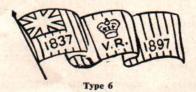
Data is needed for the forthcoming Third Edition of the Flag Cancellation Handbook, on ALL dates. Will ALL BNAPSers please take the time to list on a postcard those towns and dates in their collections? It will only take a few moments, and will make a very substantial contribution to the study of Flag Cancels. All assistance will be acknowledged in the new handbook. Send data to: ED RICHARDSON, 303 PIN OAK DR., LaMARQUE, TEXAS.

NEW NOTES ON

CANADIAN FLAG CANCELLATIONS

PART TWO (Part One appeared in the March issue)

EDITOR'S NOTE: We present the second instalment of Ed Richardson's revision of the McCready Flag Cancellation handbook. As this will eventually be issued in handbook form, the author would welcome assistance from any member of BNAPS who can add to the knowledge of these, by reporting hitherto unknown varieties, earlier or later dates than those reported here or in the handbook. For explanation of the various letters and symbols in the following list, please refer to the first instalment which appeared in the March issue of BNA TOPICS.



TYPE 6-MONTREAL

New Cancel

No. 35 (34)*

Earliest Date Nov. 8, 1897 (P)

Latest Date April 13, 1898\$20,00—\$30,00

Price Range

* Note: Old handbook numbers are shown in () after the new flag cancel number.

TYPE 6-ROCKLAND

36 (34a)

Feb. 17, 1898

---(NEED CONFIRMATION)-

Туре ба

As Type 6 but with "1897" appearing at left, and "1897" missing at right.

TYPE 6a-OTTAWA ONLY

37 (35)

Nov. 8, 1897

-(NEED CONFIRMATION)-



Type 7

TYPE 7—OTTAWA

38 (36) Nov. 13, 1897 38A "Unfinished Flag" Dec. 1, 1897

8.00- 20.00

Note: Variety 38A was reported and illustrated in the February 1960 Maple Leaves by BNAPSer W. M. C. Willcock. The right end of the flag is incomplete, having no vertical line

TYPE 7-MONTREAL

39 (36a)

April 1898

---(NEED CONFIRMATION)-



Type 8

This type is also known used at Toronto and Montreal without the dater hub, the flag portion only being used as a killer on cards and covers bearing the one cent circular rate. These are interesting varieties of use, but are not listed here separately. They can be identified best where a corner card return address is present.

TYPE 8-HAMILTON (all are Hub style X)

Cancel No.	Machine	Earliest Date	Latest Date P	rice Range
41 (37) 42 (38)	"A"	Mar. 3, 1898 Mar. 13, 1898	Jan. 29, 1902 (P)	.25—\$.65
43 (39)	"C"		—(NEED CONFIRMATION)—	
44	"G"	Mar. 14, 1898		25.00

Note: No. 44 was reported and illustrated in BNA TOPICS, December 1954. Reported by Col. L. W. Sharpe. Not listed in previous editions of the handbook. This raises the question as to whether No. 43 with "C" actually exists or whether it is in fact another "G."

TYPE 8-MONTREAL (all are Hub style X)

45 (40) "—" Nov. 16, 1897	Mar. 6, 1902 (P)
45A "Inverted Flag" April 29, 1898	Mar. 2, 1900 (P) 4.00—12.00

Note: The "Inverted Flag" variety (45A) shows the Hub in normal position, flag portion inverted. This does not refer to the entire cancel—Hub and Flag—being inverted, usually at the bottom of card or cover.

46 (42) 47 (43)	"A"	Feb. 8, 1900	Mar. 7, 1902 (P)	.15—	.35
48 (44)	"C"	Mar. 22, 1900 (P)	Mar. 7, 1902 (P)	.15-	.35
49 (45)	"D"	Mar. 31, 1898	Nov. 15, 1900 (P)	.35-	
50 (46)	"E"	May 17, 1900	Nov. 18, 1901 (R)	.20-	.40
TYPE 8	_OTTAW	A (Hub style X)			

Nov. 4, 1901 (P)

.50- 1.50

TYPE 8-TORONTO (all are Hub style X)

Jan. 16, 1898

"G"

51 (47)

52 (48)	"A"	Mar. 12, 1898	Sept. 18, 1901 (A)	.15—	.35
53 (49)	"B"	Mar. 4, 1898 (P)	Mar. 18, 1901 (P)		
54 (50)	"C"	Feb. 24, 1898	Oct. 21, 1901 (P)		
55 (51)	"D"	Feb. 24, 1898 (P)	April 1, 1901 (P)		
56 (52)	"E"	Feb. 28, 1898 (P)	Jan. 14, 1902 (P)		
57 (53)	"F"	Mar. 10, 1898	Mar. 14, 1901 (R)	.15-	.35
58	"G"	Feb. 23, 1898 (P)		3.00-	

Notes

Double strike combinations are known with A and C; C and B, C and E. Others probably exist.

No. 58 is a new discovery, not listed in previous editions of the handbook.



Type 9

TVPE	0_	TORO	NTO	ONLY

59 (54)	"D"	April 23, 1901	Sept. 5, 1901 (P)	75— 4.00
60 (55)	"E"	May 20, 1901 (R)	Sept. 3, 1901 (R)	75— 4.00
61 (56)	"F"	May 20, 1901 (P)	Aug. 31, 1901 (P)	75— 4.00

Note: Each of the above three flag cancels differ in detail from each other, in addition to the "letter."



Type 10

TYPE 10-TORONTO ONLY



Type 11

TYPE 11—TORONTO	ONL	ľ
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PERSONAL PROPERTY.	The second secon			
63 (58)	"A"	May 14, 1901 (B)	July 26, 1901	1.50- 5.00
64 (59)	"B"	May 1, 1901 (B)	Sept. 7, 1901 (P)	
65 (60)	"C"	May 8, 1901	Aug. 27, 1901 (P)	





Type 12 (Old Type 11a)

TYPE 12-VICTORIA ONLY

Note: We have had reported that strikes exist for the period August 8th through the 21st.

(To be continued)

Trail of the Caribou By DAN MEYERSON (BNAPS L3)

APPLICANT A. T. WOOD, Milwaukee, Wisc., has asked us a question that we can't answer and we are in hopes that one of our readers can. Mr. Wood has submitted a pen cancelled copy of the 10c Caribou, Scott No. 122. The interesting thing about it, though, is that the pen cancel is in two lines; the first reads "1st" and the second line "O.R." Mr. Wood writes that he thinks it has something to do with the Second World War, though we doubt this as the Caribou issue made its appearance in 1919, 20 years too early. We would appreciate word from anyone who can shed light on this cancel.

Roger W. Lamson (BNAPS 145), Stone-ham, Mass., is in with the latest date of the "235" cancel on cover. In the October 1958 issue we reported that Jim Culhane had one dated Mar. 8, 1887, and now Roger reports one dated Jan. 4, 1888, almost nine months later. The cover is franked with three copies of the 1c, Scott 42, with two clear strikes of the "235" cancel. The cover is post-marked at St. John's on the date previously mentioned and it is addressed to Harbor Grace. Still no indication as to the purpose of the "235" cancel.

Some interesting Newfoundland airmail items were offered for sale by the auction house of Billig & Rich, New York, during the early part of February. Die proofs of C-6-C8 in black were offered for sale as individual lots. The die proof of C6, die number 919, brought \$80, that of the 50c, C7, die number 920, realized \$77.50, and the \$1, C8, die number 913, sold for \$75. In addition the die proof of the 50c in issued color instead of black was knocked down for \$75. Finally, a set of the Labrador Airs, C13-C17, in imperforate pairs, changed hands at \$450.

The early February auction of John A. Fox, New York, offered an item that has not been seen on the New York market in

years. It was an ungummed imperforate block of six of the 4c, Scott 85. This block, the largest piece offered to our recollection, sold for \$66.

For the past few years we have had some Newfoundland PAQUEBOT covers that we always meant to write up. This seems to be as good a time as any. They are posted during the middle of 1930 and are all franked with the 3c. Scott 160. Three of the covers contain cachets and two manuscript notations as to the boat used. The first cover bears on it a two-line handstamp: S.S. NOVA SCOTIA / POSTED ON HIGH SEAS, in black, and the first line is 54 mm. long by 6 mm. high, the second line is 67 mm, long by 6 mm, high. In addition, the stamp itself is cancelled with a Liverpool Paquebot cancellation for some date in May 1930. The second cover bears the manuscript notation "S.S. Duchess of Atholl" as well as a violet handstamp directly across the face of the stamp. The hand-stamp DUCHESS OF ATHOL is 42 mm. long and 3 mm. high. In addition the cover bears a circular Southampton Paquebot cancellation dated Aug. 19, 1930. The third cover bears the manuscript notation "S.S. Duchess of Bedford" and also a four-line handstruck cachet POSTED ON BOARD THE BRITISH / SHIP 'DUCHESS OF BEDFORD' ON THE HIGH SEAS. Then there is a handstruck "Date X 29 AUG. 1930." The stamp itself is cancelled with a circular black Liverpool Paquebt cancellation dated Sept. 11, 1930. The last cover only bears the manuscript notation "S.S. Newfoundland / Posted at Sea." In addition the cover is cancelled with the Liverpool Paquebot strike dated Apr. 21, 1930. If any of our readers have any additional such covers we would be anxious to see them and list them.

I guess this is as good a time as any, as about once a year we question the exist-(Continued on page 96)

LETTER AND INITIALS' CANCELS OF CANADA

Y EARLIER ARTICLE on this subject, which was published in the January number of TOPICS, recorded and illustrated 30 of these intriguing and usually rare cancels, all located from dated covers, most of which had not been located before. It concluded with an appeal to any readers with unrecorded and located letter cancels in their collections to contribute the information and make the publication of a further article possible. Thanks to the generous co-operation of several specialists, and in particular Dr. K. M. Day, this has now become possible, and the two plates of tracings that illustrate this article, with the accompanying notes, record some most interesting cancels, nearly all of which have not been located before.

PLATE I

- (1) Daneville QUE. A thin large D inside a circle. Another item supplied by Mr. Allison from the unpublished records of his study group 10 years ago. It may be Danville.
- (2) East Farnham QUE. 1885. A small round cork, with white initials E.F. on a black background. This is also recorded by Mr. Allison.
- (3) Harrington. A large black H, in the Bowman collection, on piece. Whether this was Harrington Harbour QUE, or Harrington West ONT is not certain. It differs from Jarrett 1031 in being appreciably larger, but probably from the same post office.
- (4) Como QUE. Another tall picturesque H on a black background, inside a circle. (Hannah collection). Why H was selected for an office beginning with C is not clear, but H seems a very popular letter for this type of cancel, this being the fourth recorded in these articles, besides seven or eight in Jarrett.
- (5) Black Brook 1880. These letters OK were recorded by Jarrett as Black Rock, but (as briefly mentioned in the previous article) a cover in the Kemp collection proves this was Black Brook, a post office which has now disappeared from the list of Canadian P.O.s.
- (6) Newcastle N.B. 1898. A tall black N, on a cover in the Greene collection, cancelling a Q.V. 2 cents (Leaf) in 1898, a very late date for this type of cancel.
- (7) Newton Brook ONT. 1882. The white letters NB in a black circular cork between horizontal lines. Another item in the Allison list, not recorded by Jarrett.

- (8) Welland ONT. 1882, 1883. This appears to be a sort of monogram, LN on a black circle. It was apparently in use for an appreciable time, as acopy in the Day collection is dated 1882, and two copies on covers in my collection are dated 1883.
- (9) to (15) Shelburne ONT. 1876-78. I propose to describe these seven cancels together, as they form a connected series of quite exceptional interest, which is possibly unique, and none has been recorded before. Five cancels, Nos. 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, are on covers in the Day collection; three, Nos. 12, 14 and 15, on blue cards in the Lukow collection. All these cancels came from Shelburne ONT, six of them between November 1876 and August 1878, and were obviously made by the local postmaster—a hard-working gentleman evidently—from corks.
- Fig. 9. April 25 1872. The initials VR on a small black circular background. As these letters had no connection with the name of the town or of the postmaster, we may assume they indicate a patriotic gesture towards the reigning monarch. It resembles Jarrett 1083, but is eight years earlier. If it is the same, it must have been cut in metal not cork. Two other corks from Shelburne, with somewhat different initials VR, dated 1874 and 1875, are also known.
- Fig. 10. Nov 6 1876. A large handsome white S between vertical lines on a circular background. Not recorded by Jarrett.
- Fig. 11. May 14 1877. The postmaster evidently had a brainwave and contrived to make his own duplex hammer by fixing together a metal dater from stock and a cork (as illustrated). The thin white lines in the large oval cork are, unfortunately, not very clear in the only known copy—they may be PAID—Jarrett 571—but this in the only known duplex which incorporates initials! A most interesting and rare item, which must have been shortlived, as the thin lettering in the cork could not long have survived constant hammering on postal material.

The four remaining figures are also duplex, all with the same metal dater as in Fig. 11 (Type 1), which of course had a life of years, and a series of cork replacements, with a life of two or three months only. So although these are not "Letter and Initials" cancels, their inclusion in this article is justified, as they illustrate very beautifully how these 'corks' necessitated frequent scrapping and replacement, and also they make a unique series. It must be emphasized that each illustration 12-15 has a dater attached, identical with that illustrated in Fig. 11 (except for change of date). These are not illustrated for lack of room on the plate. Note the sequence of dates.

Fig. 12. Sept. 17 1877; October 1 1877. A similar oval cork to Fig. 11, but with a rectangle and cross lines, very thin and short-lived. Possibly there were some more changes between Nos. 11 and 12 still to be found.

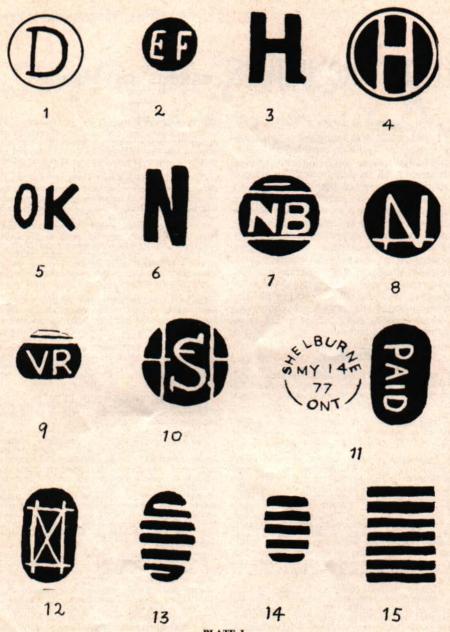


PLATE I

Fig. 13. December 12 1877. A smaller oval cork, cut in seven horizontal bars. I.B.7 in the duplex code.

Fig. 14. Feby 14 1878. A still smaller cork, cut in five horizontal bars. I.B.5.

Fig. 15. Aug. 8. 1878. A large rectangular cork, cut in seven horizontal bars. The comparatively long gap between Nos. 14 and 15 suggests there

may be yet another cork still to be discovered between these two, as the gaps between Nos. 12, 13 and 14 suggest a life of only two or three months. Truly a remarkable series of unofficial 'Postmasters' Cork duplex!

(Those readers who have studied the Duplex Handbook, will recall comparable examples of quick cork replacements in duplex, e.g. Port Hope in 1870 and Toronto in 1874, vide Chapter V of the handbook.)

All the illustrations on this plate are on covers in Dr. Day's marvellous collection, several of them believed to be unique.

Figs. 1, 2, 3. Ashdown Ont. 1877, 1878, 1888. Three different cancels from one office, but with the same motif, a large A surrounded by square

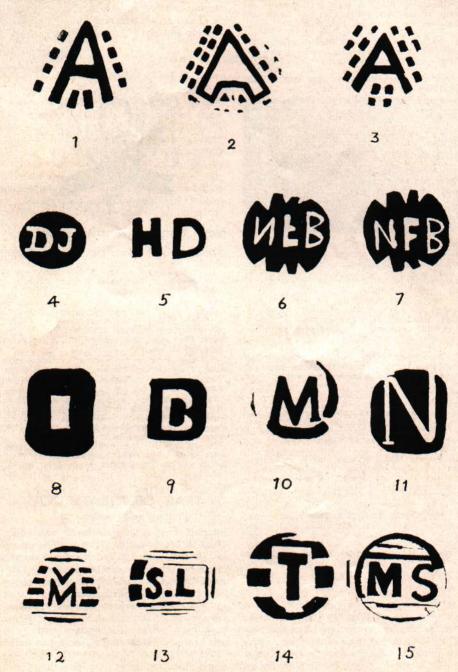


PLATE II

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dots. These also suggest replacements, but made of wood or metal or some more durable material than cork. No. 2 is Jarrett 1181, but not located by him.

- (4) Brackenrig 1878. A plain HD, possibly the initials of the local postmaster. This small post office is no longer on the list of POs.
- (5) Combermere ONT. 1876. The white letters DJ on a small circular black cork. Again possibly the initials of the postmaster.
- (6) and (7) Brockville ONT. 1882. No. 6 illustrates what appears on the stamp; No. 7 shows the same tracing reversed and inverted, i.e. shows what the cork looked like. The local postmaster must have been rather ignorant not to realize that the design on the cork must be cut in reverse! How long did he continue to use this freak?
- (8) Napanee ONT. 1879. This curious design may be taken as a large D (if viewed vertically) or a hollow rectangle (if viewed horizontally). The two clear strikes on a registered cover are both horizontal. Not recorded by Jarrett.
- Napanee ONT. 1878. A curious shaped B on black background; very similar to Jarrett 1001, which, however, Jarrett records as Barrie.
- Normanton 1874. The letter M in what is possibly a complete circle (the strike on the Day cover is as shown and appears incomplete). Another small post office which has disappeared off the current list.
- (11) Orillia ONT. 1875. A large white N on a rounded (but not circular) cork. Not recorded by Jarrett. The letter N is another popular "Letter" design, with seven or eight recorded in Jarrett and many more not yet located.
- (12) Fort Garry. MAN. 1872. A picturesque and rare design with a hollow M between bars and dashes. Not recorded by Jarrett. Any sort of Mani-toba cancels as early as 1872 must be rare. The M probably stands for MANITOBA.
- (13) Sharbot Lake ONT. 1887. Another rare and asymetrical design showing the initials S.L., with two thick bars on the left and two thin lines on the right. Not recorded by Jarrett.
- (14) Toronto 1880. Two clear strikes on a registered cover show the letter 'T' inside a circle of large dots. It is very unusual to find one of the major towns using a "Letter" cancel. Or is it Jarrett 185?
- (15) Port Carling ONT. 1874. This cancel was recorded by Jarrett (1052) but differs slightly, due probably to irregularity of strikes. Such minor variations are possible with all these illustrations, due to this cause; or possibly due to replacements of worn out corks by new corks of somewhat similar designs.

In my earlier article, I mentioned that a high proportion of these letter cancels come from the smaller post offices (thus accounting for their rarity). This observation is further confirmed by the above lists, as at least 18 of the 21 post offices included were small.

All cancel specialists will be grateful to Messrs. Allison, Greene, Kemp, Lukow, and others, and especially to Dr. Day, for adding so much to our knowledge of these intriguing cancels. Are there any other readers of this article who will follow their good example and report new located strikes? *



New Commemorative Stamp Honors Girl Guides Association

A commemorative stamp will be issued April 20 in celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the Girl Guide movement in Canada.

The design of the new two-color stamp will include a "trefoil" on a blue background flanked by the words "Girl Guides Association" in English and French and the dates "1910-1960" in gold lettering. The trefoil, a three-lobed leaf, is the badge of the association.

The new stamp is the work of Canadian artist Helen Fitzgerald, of Toronto, who designed the "Associated Country Women of the World" stamp issued last year.

The Girl Guides Association was organized in 1909 in Great Britain by Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of the Boy Scouts. Within a year the movement was established in Canada, the first company being formed in St. Catharines, Ont.

Canada now has the third largest Guide population in the world, being exceeded only by Great Britain and the United States. *

TRAIL OF THE CARIBOU

(Continued from page 92)

ence of one of the inverted surcharges listed in Scott and in Gibbons. The stamp in question is the 1920 surcharge 3c on 35c Cabot in inverted condition, Scott 130b and Gibbons 147a. We have written about this stamp on and off for the past 16 years and yet know of no one who has ever seen a copy, as 25 are reputed to exist. None have been offered for auction, nor have any been exhibited at the Internationals of 1947, 1951 and 1956. We say that the stamp does not exist. Do you doubt us? Well—show us a copy! ★



REVENUE GROUP

News

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Supreme Court—"IN PRIZE." It has been some time since we mentioned these interesting issues. In an effort to establish once and for all that they were actually officially issued and used we ran several items on them last year. Thanks to the cooperation of several BNAPSers this was accomplished. Most of these in the hands of collectors are unfortunately MINT copies. We did illustrate a used item on document.

BNAPSer Neil "Tex" Utberg comes through again, reporting some additional USED copies:

- A USED pair, Holmes FSCA 1A, the 10c 1897 with handstamp once in RED. This is cancelled with embossed British Columbia Admiralty Court Seal.
- USED on a document, FSCA 2A and 4A
 —the 25c 1915 issue, and the \$1.00 1897 issue, both handstamped once in RED.

But the most interesting item he reports is a copy of FSCA 4B (the \$1.00 1897 handstamped in both RED and PURPLE) used on a document along with a value which had long since been believed NOT TO EXIST! . . . the 25c 1876 issue, bearing the handstamp in both RED and PURPLE! This was FSC 16 in the old edition of Holmes, but dropped in the new edition, as no copies had been previously reported! We hope that we can illustrate this item some time in the future.

Visa Fee. The ninth edition of Holmes lists the 1949 issue of Consular Fee stamps, a set of five denominations, 25c through \$5. This issue has been mentioned frequently in this column in an attempt to determine its rarity. And apparently they are quite scarce. However, we have been able to complete our set, just recently adding the \$5 green to our collection.

However this month we illustrate what may well be the 'forerunner' of these Consular Fee stamps—a VISA FEE stamp. We illustrate this with the co-operation of



Grant Kalbfleisch, a new BNAPSer. All we have is this \$2 denomination. It is black on pink wove with a horizontal mesh. The printed portion measures 48 x 29 mm. and it is perforated 12½.

Can anyone report any other values similar to this, or add to our knowledge of these 'stamps'?

Quebec \$1.00 Bankruptcy. The new ninth edition of Holmes lists this value in both the scarlet and orange shades for the first time. However, in the orange shade, only the variety with the first line reading "Bankruptcy Act" had been reported. We can now report that the "Loie de Faillite" variety also exists on orange. So far only perf. 11 has been reported for these.

Cigarette Papers Tax Impressions. Back in May 1957 we reported the existence of a 50 cent "Excise Tax Paid" tax impression—similar to those found as Match Tax Impressions, Holmes Type I. At long last another copy has been reported to confirm these—this one by BNAPSer Earle Piggott. With this confirmation, this will probably appear in any new edition of Holmes.

1959 Unemployments — General Issue. Supplementing our report on this new series, made in the December issue of BNA TOPICS, we can now definitely report and illustrate the new series.

The new issue contains a number of sur-









Type of 1957

New Designs

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prises. First: the 60c and \$1.20 values were not re-issued (note also that they were not included in the new 1959 Fishing Industry series noted below); second: while the \$1.56 value was continued in use it appears in the new design; third: while the 40c is a new value it appears in the old design for the corresponding 32c value; and fourth: while the \$1.32 and \$1.44 are new values, they appear in the design of the weekly series of 1957!

Herewith is the detailed listing-all are perf. 1134 and are printed on a horizontal mesh white wove paper with a vertical rib-

40c Red-Brown—Type A (1957 design) 76c Sage-Green—Type C (new design) 92c Brown-Type C (new design) \$1.08 Yellow-Type C (new design) \$1.32 Mustard-Type B (1957 design) \$1.44 Rose-Type B (1957 design) \$1.56 Bright Blue-Type C (new design) \$1.72 Violet-Type C (new design) \$1.88 Blue-Gray—Type C (new design) \$3.12 Black-Brown—Type D (new design) \$3.38 Blue-Type D (new design) \$3.72 Olive-Gray—Type D (new design) \$4.08 Tan—Type D (new design)

In all cases the figures of value are printed separately, in black. Only one die was probably prepared for all Type C, and similarly for Type D. Perhaps only one plate was prepared, since the background is the same for all of the same type.

Again, those illustrated are all overprinted SPECIMEN in red, in sans-serif type. The entire set appears in this form.

1959 Unemployment — Fishing Industry Series. A few months ago we reported the 1958 series of Fishing Industry Unemployment stamps, and illustrated one of the series. It would appear that perhaps this 1958 series was never put into use, and therefore the entire series could be considered "essays." In September 1959 a new series, using the same design as the 1958 "essay" series, made its appearance. As be-



fore the entire series was printapparently from one plate, in different colors with the denomination printed in the centre in black. Both are perforated 1134.

and are on a horizontal mesh wove paper with a distinct vertical ribbing.

The stamp illustrated here is overprinted SPECIMEN in red, in sans-serif type. Both sets are available in this form. The details of the new 1959 issue are given below, and a comparison made with the 1958 series.

1958 Series

32c Red-Brown 48c Sage-Green

60c Orange 72c Brown

84c Yellow 96c Turquoise

\$1.04 Violet \$1.12 Blue-Gray \$1.20 Yellow-Green 1959 Series

40c Red-Brown 76c Sage-Green

92c Brown \$1.08 Yellow

\$1.32 Mustard \$1.44 Rose \$1.56 Bright Blue \$1.72 Violet \$1.88 Blue Gray

Can any BNAPSer shed more light on whether or not the 1958 series was ever put into use, or whether it definitely has the status of "essays"?

So there you have it for another monthand counting the confirmation of one variety reported earlier, you Canadian revenue fans now have 26 new varieties to add to your collection! *

Edmonton Group Elects Officers

"R.P.O. Cancellations" was the subject of a talk given at a recent meeting of the Edmonton BNAPS Group, by F/L Bob Burton. A discussion followed.

Officers for 1960 were elected as follows: President, F. N. Harris; secretary-treasurer, Murray J. Ward; program director, F/L Bob Burton. *





THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.

POSTAL STATIONERY PANORAMA

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SPECIAL ORDER ENVELOPES

THERE seems to be a bit of confusion in the catalogues as to what is a side seam and what a tab envelope. Both have similar seams and perhaps this is the reason for the confusion. The side seam envelopes have the seams on the left and right; the tab envelopes have the seams on top and bottom. The flap of the side seam envelope is at the top, and of the tab envelope either at the left or right side. In most cases, these designations have been correctly applied; however, there is one group of tab envelopes which is listed incorrectly in both catalogues as side seams. These are Holmes, Size R, numbers 1034d, 1035e, 1075i, 1082n and 10820; Bond numbers SRI1, SRN1, SRO1, SRO1G, SRR1G (this last not being listed by Holmes). Incidentally, all of these which we have actually seen were used by Henry K. Walpole & Co. Ltd. of Perth, Ontario.

Now that we have done our dastardly deed and properly fouled up the listings, we might as well continue. The next item is a new size in special order envelopes—6½" x 4½". We do not know what letter Holmes would assign this size, but in Bond's listing it would have to be called Size FF. We have three tab envelopes of this size in our collection: the 1 cent yellow and 1 cent green Admiral issue, and the 1 cent green Medallion issue, all sent from Toronto, no indication of user. These would be Bond numbers TFFI1, TFFI6 and TFFQ1.

ADPOSTS

Recently we made two new acquisitions to our collection which should be of interest to collectors of fair and Boer War material, as well as to those who make a specialty of collecting 'adposts.' The first piece advertises the Aylmer Great Fair for 1899 (Fig. 1). On the reverse is a printed

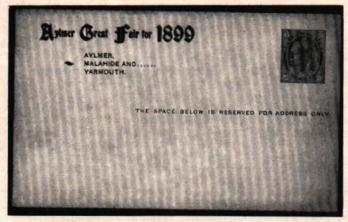


FIGURE 1



FIGURE 2

message from A. A. Leslie, president of the East Elgin Fair Association, advising that the receiver of the card has been made a member of the association and is entitled to all privileges and advantages to be derived therefrom.

The second advertises a "Patriotic Concert at Massey's Music Hall, Tuesday Ev'g, January 23rd, 1900, In aid of Canadian Sick and Wounded in South Africa, Under the Auspices of the Canadian Club." The artists are listed at the left (Fig. 2). The reverse has spaces provided for name and address and number of tickets desired. Both are on the 1 cent red Victoria card.

Unfortunately, neither of these cards was sent through the mails. We have always preferred this type of material in used condition, but we take it as it comes and are glad to get it.

DOUBLE OVERPRINT

Reginald Nairne (BNAPS 1316), of Victoria, B.C., sent us a copy of the large size 3 cent mauve George VI envelope with 5c overprint, Holmes No. 1107. This envelope, however, had a clear doubling of the overprint. Quoting Mr. Nairne's letter, "Mr. Leonard Theon, a local collector, was handed a packet of 25 at the Victoria stamp wicket when they were current, and every one seemed to be doubled. However, the majority of them had been struck so exactly on top of the original surcharge that the result merely looked like extra heavy inking. Half a dozen, however, showed clear doubling as you can see from the example enclosed."

Errors of any type by the Canadian Post Office Department have been rare indeedexcept for the St. Lawrence Seaway stamp, of course. We'd be interested in hearing from anyone who has copies of this envelope which do not come from Mr. Theon's finding.

INFORMATION AND MISINFORMATION

A while ago we came across a copy of the 2 cent violet Queen Victoria envelope (Holmes No. 1015, Bond ED1) with a newspaper clipping dated January 1, 1899, pasted on the front. The clipping stated that "... the first few hundred were printed in purple but in deference to a general agreement among nations belonging to the Postal Union, the issue is now being struck off in red."

This article brought to mind Will Roger's tongue-in-cheek remark, "I only know what I read in the newspapers." If the above clipping was correct, we must have seen just about every copy of this violet envelope in existence, as certainly a few hundred have passed through our hands. Unfortunately, this kind of misinformation far too often is held in awe as The Printed Word, and is cited as proof - the printed word somehow being confused with the Gospel Truth by many otherwise sensible people. We will always welcome constructive criticism on any point we make in this column. There's nothing we enjoy better than a lively discussion. *

BilipEX'50 First Western Convention

WESTERN BARBECUE - A CONVENTION HIGHLIGHT

This month's cover advertises the outdoor Western Barbecue planned for your Convention pleasure, Friday, Sept. 16, 1960. Sorry, no buffalo available, but you will enjoy prime western beef. Plan now to join us at the "Pit."

Our tentative program looks like this:

THURSDAY, SEPT. 15

8:00 a.m.—Get Acquainted Breakfast.

10:00 a.m.-Registration, main administration building.

-Bourse tables open.

-Ladies' coffee party with program following.

1:00 p.m.-Official opening, convention and exhibition.

3:00 p.m.-Meeting Revenue Group.

6:00 p.m.-Dinner.

7:30 p.m.—"Round-up" party.



FRIDAY, SEPT. 16

9:00 a.m.—Exhibition and Bourse opens.

10:00 a.m.-Meeting Squared Circle Group.

-Ladies' coffee party with program following.

11:00 a.m.-Meeting Small Queen Group.

2.00 p.m.—Trip for all delegates and wives—Lake Louise and Valley of the Ten Peaks.

6:00 p.m.-Western Barbecue.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 17

9:00 a.m.—Exhibition and Bourse opens.

10:00 a.m.-Annual Meeting.

-Ladies' coffee party with program following.

1:30 p.m.—Results of judging posted in exhibition hall.

2:00 p.m.—Sightseeing with Alberta hosts.

5:30 p.m.-Cocktails.

7:00 p.m.—Annual Banquet and presentation of awards.

We know you will enjoy this program (and we will be adding more), so help your committee by sending in your Reservation Form early. Rates are reasonable for the attractive rooms, and are American Plan-plus . . . Room, all meals, and three coffee breaks are included in the one figure. Rooms with scenic views will be assigned on a first-come-first-served basis ... another reason for early reservations.

FOR A HIGH TIME . . . BNAPEX '60

September 15, 16, 17, 1960

Banff, Alberta

THE Editor's MAILBAG

Nominates 5c Royal Visit

I would also nominate the 5c Royal Visit as the best design among Canadian stamps of 1959, I agree that the "skillful engraving plus the rich dark carmine color combine to produce a handsome and attractive stamp." Truly, the design of the 1959 Royal Visit is among the very best the engravers of Canadian stamps have made.

However, much of the credit must be given to the painter of the original portrait, Pietro Annigoni. The Queen has an imperial look, in keeping with the mantle of the Order of the Garter.

Edward J. McGrath (BNAPS 857)

Can You Help?

Can any member of BNAPS give me a lead as to the identity of the actual author (or authors) of "The Georgian Postage Stamps of Canada"? This pamphlet was published by The Capital Stamp & Stationery Company of Ottawa in 1936. I have written to several members of the Society as well as to the Ottawa Public Library, without success.

H. M. Daggett Jr. (BNAPS 50)

Covers of Interest to BNA Collectors

The other day I made a small find and among the covers I found two which I feel would be of general interest to BNAPS members.

The covers are interesting from two points of view: one the covers and second, the contents, which are of historical interest.

The first letter is from Kingston and franked with a 3 cent Small Queen, cancelled with the Kingston duplex, KINGSTON, ONT. in bars. It is marked "Private" and addressed to Duncan McMillan Esq., London, Ont. The contents is a letter from Sir John A. MacDonald to McMillan regarding the election coming up shortly. The letter is reproduced below.

The election was won by the Conservatives and then Sir John A. died a few months later. The Reciprocity question was a very important point and the election issue apparently hung on this. Cartwright was a member of parliament for the Grits who later became a cabinet minister.

The other letter is to McMillan and a private note from MacDonald regarding a personal matter. The cover is of particular interest. It is from MacDonald's private residence, "Earnscliffe," and stamped with Ottawa, Canada Free 2/May 28/87 to D. MacMillan Esq., London. McMillan was apparently in Chicago, Ill., and the letter was franked with a 3 cent Small Queen and cancelled with a London duplex (number of bars not distinguishable). The letter is marked "Private" and "H.M.S."

Grant Showers (BNAPS 1331).

The letter follows:

OFFICE OF THE
MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS
Kingston, Feb. 26, 1891.

Private.

My Dear Duncan,

I see that Marshall has got the nomination and I now wish to express before you, as a good con-

servative, the importance of working day and night for his election.

This country is in great danger—If the Americans are spending largely in Canada and using every influence possible to carry the Grit clique into power we shall be run very close and cannot afford to lose a single vote.

The great point of Canada is this—If unrestricted Reciprocity is carried it would not be sanctioned I presume as long as Lord Salisbury is in office, but if the general election which will come on within the next two years returns Gladstone to power he is certain to sacrifice the colony as he has always done and assent to any measures which the disloyalty of Cartwright may carry in the Canadian Parliament.

I cannot exaggerate the great danger we are in so put your shoulder to the wheel. Needs oblige.

Yours very sincerely, John A. MacDonald,

Duncan McMillan, Esq.

REVIEWS

SWITZERLAND 1850-1958. The Society of Philatelic Americans has just released Handbook No. 11, "Switzerland 1850-1959" by Marian Carne Zinsmeister, which fills a long-felt need, containing as it does, all the essential information necessary for working with or mounting a collection of the stamps of Switzerland, including Scott catalogue number, process, paper, perforation, first day, name of designer, engraver and printer, description of the design and history of the reason for the stamp and/or the person pictured.

The handbook is profusely illustrated, printed on a good grade of paper with heavy cover, and contains 80 pages. Available from the Society of Philatelic Americans, Henry O. Nouss, Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 2775, Hamilton Station, Pompano Beach, Florida, price \$1.50 postpaid.

1960 CATALOGUE OF BRITISH COMMON-WEALTH, NETHERLANDS AND COLONIES. As well as many other items, this catalogue contains a selection of B.N.A., including a number of squared circle postmarks both on and off cover. This list contains over 9,000 offers, and there should be something of interest to many of our readers. Write to Charles M. Mann, Box 3442, Charlottesville, Virginia, U.S.A.

WEBB'S CANADA AND B.N.A. CATALOGUE 1960. The latest edition of this complete and popular listing of British North American stamps follows the same format as other years, items being priced for plate blocks, mint blocks and singles, and used blocks and singles. The list is very complete, containing regular postal issues, overprinted and perforated officials, plate number positions, booklet panes of Canada, and all issues of Newfoundland, British Columbia, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Price 50 cents from Jim F. Webb, 22 Mackay Drive, Richvale, Ontario.



OFFICIAL SECTION

BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

MONTHLY REPORT . . .

From the Secretary

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

March 1, 1960.

NEW MEMBERS

- 1744 Benjamin, Philip E., 214 Windermere Avenue, Wayne, Pennsylvania Corless, Robert D., 1826 West Indianola Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona Cormier, Robert E., 400 Finkbine Park, Iowa City, Iowa 1745
- 1746
- 1747
- Eddy, Emerson Wick, 75 East 45th Street, New York 17, New York Furneaux, F/L Robert, RCAF Station, Mont Apica, Quebec Genberg, Gösta P., Eriksbergsgatan 7, Stockholm, Sweden Jaco, Dr. N. T., 142 McNaughton Street, Sudbury, Ontario 1748 1749
- 1750
- 1751
- Lumley, W., 234 Pine Street, Delhi, Ontario MacDonald, Burtchell F., 158 Main Street, Bible Hill, Col. Co., Nova Scotia Randall, Hugh A., Rt. 2, Box 378, Oklahoma City 14, Oklahoma 1752
- 1753

REPLACED ON ROLLS

466 Sparrow, W. H., 125 Lytton Blvd., Toronto 12, Ontario

APPLICATIONS PENDING

Baker, Edward M., P.O. Box 34, Woodstock, Ontario Bird, Mrs. W. J., 176 Queen Street, Truro, Nova Scotia Day, W. H., 640 Burrard Street, Vancouver 1, British Columbia Drew, Thomas D., Staff Hotel, 426, Deep River, Ontario Gourley, George, c/o Colgate-Palmolive Ltd., Colgate Avenue, Toronto 8, Ontario Kalbfleisch, Grant L., 1342 Laperriere Avenue, Ottawa 3, Ontario Lackner, Robert J., 567 Hemlock Drive, Euclid 32, Ohio Pharo, G. F., 12 Oak Street, Kenogami, Quebec Shrady, R. H., M.D., 142 Lyman Place, Englewood, New Jersey Wolff, Alan W., 2252 Ralston Road, Sacramento 21, California Wood, Albert T., 3620 Ventura Circle, Brookfield, Wisconsin

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

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

- Egner, Robert J., 119 Elmwood Ave., Hohokus, N.J. (C-CX) CAN, NFD-Mint and used postage. Covers. Precancels. Federal revenues. Mint and used airmails and on cover. Proofs. Proposed by E. A. Richardson, No. 168.
- Fraser, Maj. Hugh N., 1002 Forest Brook Dr., Penticton, B.C. (C) Proposed by F. W. L. Keane, No. 565; seconded by R. J. Duncan, No. 37.
- Foulds, Arthur, 117 Cave Ave., Banff, Alta. (C) CAN—Mint and used postage. Proposed by L. S. Crosby, No. 79; seconded by L. F. Wilson, No. 1338.
- Goodall, Jack D., 13068-124 Ave., Edmonton, Alta. (C) CAN, NFD, PROV—19th and 20th century mint and used postage. Coils. OHMS-G. Mint and used booklet panes and complete booklets. Precancels. Federal, provincial and tax-paid revenues. Postal stationery entires. RPO, territorial, 2- and 4-ring numeral and squared circle cancellations. Proposed by J. Levine, No. L1.
- Ireland, E. G., 8 Rosetree Cres., Calgary, Alta. (C-C) CAN, NFD, ALTA—Mint and used postage and mint blocks. Coils. OHMS-G. Provincial revenues. Mint and used airmails. Proposed by E. A. Richardson, No. 168.
- MacAulay, Jack, 340 Otter St., Banff, Alta. (C) CAN—Mint postage. Plate blocks. Proposed by L. S. Crosby, No. 79; seconded by L. F. Wilson, No. 1338.
- McKinnon, Donald E., 325 Bighorn St., Banff, Alta. (C) CAN-Mint blocks. Plate blocks. Proposed by L. S. Crosby, No. 79; seconded by R. F. Wilson, No. 1338.

Noble, Mrs. Margaret, Box 1083, Banff, Alta. (C) CAN, NFD, PROV—Mint and used postage. Proposed by L. S. Crosby, No. 79; seconded by L. F. Wilson, No. 1338.
 Stonier, Peter F., M.D., Garden Bay, B.C. (C-CX) CAN, BC—19th and 20th century mint and used post-

age and blocks. Stampless and 1st day covers. Plate blocks. Coils. OHMS-G. Precancels. Mint and

used airmails. Flag, 2- and 4-ring numeral cancellations. Proposed by G. H. Potts, No. 1607.

Ursell, Ernest J., 493 Dominion St., Winnipeg 10, Man. (C-CX) CAN, NFD, PROV—Mint and used postage. 1st day and 1st flight covers. OHMS-G. Mint booklet panes. Mint and semi-official airmails. Proposed by E. A. Richardson, No. 168.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

(Notice of Change must be sent to the Secretary)

1391 Bartlett, Bart H., 711 Braeview Road, Louisville 6, Kentucky

Cornell, Mrs. Edna M., 308 Park Street, Syracuse 8, New York Davies, Donald H., 53 Gordon Street, Ottawa 1, Ontario Gratz, J. Roger, 11 Fischer Avenue, Pittsburgh 23, Pa. (from Caribou, Maine) 1581

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1614 Hanselman, Mae M., Box 573, Brantford, Ontario 791

1237 Hornby, Fred, 1055 Seyburn Avenue, Detroit 14, Michigan

1721 Fritsche, Wolfgang, P.O. Box 8, Canandaigua, New York

1543 Jacobson, CWO Ben S., USNR/Ret., Box 4194, Santa Barbara, Cal. (from Minnesota)

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Linton, Cpl. H. C., 211 Edmund Heights, Saskatoon, Sask. Ludlow, Lewis M., Jr., 300 West Orange Grove Ave., Arcadia, California (from Michigan) 1465

1142 Newsam, Guy V., 41 Margaret Ann Avenue, Beaconsfield, Quebec

Pike, James A., c/o Dawn Mining Co., Ford, Washington (from Vancouver, B.C.) 1361 Williams, Ronald M., c/o North West Stamp Co. Ltd., Clarke Bldg., 10160 - 102 Street, 1671 Edmonton, Alberta

1495 Wright, G. B., E-2 Norris Crescent, Toronto 14, Ontario

RESIGNATIONS RECEIVED

Berger, S. V., 289 Joseph St., Chatham, Ont. 766

1485 Carter, Fred, 2055 East 34th Ave., Vancouver 16, B.C.

819 Galt, Alex T., 54 Admiral Rd., Toronto, Ont.

- 173 Kelson, Aubrey, 144 Elliott Row, St. John, N.B. 1306
- Tanner, Leonard W., 1474 East 51st St., Vancouver 15, B.C. Vernon, Stanley M., 7936 Bonfield Ave., No. Hollywood, Calif. 1552

RESIGNATIONS ACCEPTED

Blanchard, Dick E. Blunt, Leland D. Feit, Herbert H. Good, N. F. Jarnick, Jerome C.

Lipkind, Max Mallet, Frank McL. Patterson, J. L. Rue, Thorbiorn Samuel, Norman M. Todd, John Bernard Tomlinson, F. Tyler, Laurence L. Wallinger, Noel J. Williams, John L.

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, February 1, 1960	1033 10 1	
RESIGNATIONS, March 1, 1960	15	1044 15
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP March 1 1960		1029

OFFICIAL NOTICE

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

ARTICLE IV, Section 3. ELECTIONS.

A President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary shall be so elected by ballot biennially in the even-numbered years. Three (3) members to the Board of Governors shall be so elected each year for a

term of three (3) years.

Nominations for the offices to be elected may be filed with the Secretary by any Regional Group of of BNA TOPICS scheduled for release ninety (90) days before the opening of the Convention and Annual Meeting of such election year. At least one hundred and fifty (150) days before the opening date of such election year Convention and Annual Meeting, the President shall appoint five (5) members of the Society to serve and function as a Nominating Committee whose prime purpose shall be to prepare and present a slate of candidates for the elective offices to be voted, which slate shall be published in the issue of BNA TOPICS scheduled for release one hundred and twenty (120) days before the opening date of the Convention and Annual Meeting of such election year. No member shall be nominated unless he shall have first assented to his nomination to his proponent, and his proponent, in nominating him, shall state such assent has already been received. Each nomination made shall be published in BNA TOPICS at least ninety (90) days prior to the election date.

ANNUAL MEETING

ARTICLE VI, Section 1. ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Society shall be held at such time and at such place as the preceding Annual Meeting shall determine, but in any event, at some time within the next calendar year. Notice thereof shall be published in BNA TOPICS no later than the issue preceding the date for such Annual Meeting, together with the Order of Business and Agenda for that Annual Meeting.

The Order of Business at each Annual Meeting shall proceed as follows:

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Reading and approval of the Minutes of the preceding Annual Meeting
- 3. Communications
- 4. President's Address
- 5. Reports of Officers
- 6. Reports of Appointed Officers and Permanent Committees
- 7. Unfinished Business
- 8. New Business
- 9. Report of Committee on Elections
- 10. Introduction of New Officers
- 11. Adjournment.

The 12th Annual Meeting and Convention (BNAPEX '60) shall be held on September 15, 16 and 17, 1960, at Banff, Alberta, Canada.

REPORT OF THE BNAPS LIBRARY FOR 1959

CREDIT		DEBIT	
Credit Balance Treasurer Rentals	\$16.57 60.00 1.25	Books, magazines, etc. Supplies, etc. Postage, express	\$44.47 7.10 7.78
		Credit Balance	\$59.35 18.47
	\$77.82		\$77.82

Donations to the Library during 1959 were received from D. C. Meyerson, E. A. Richardson, F. W. Campbell, H. Reiche, D. A. Young, Robson Lowe, J. C. Adamson, J. Levine, L. G. Tomlinson, H. D. Hicks, C. G. Kemp, C. A. Kemp, G. L. Lee, and others.

A total of 252 loans of books, magazines, etc., were made from the Library during 1959.

R. J. DUNCAN, Librarian.

ADDRESS COMMUNICATIONS TO NEW SALES MANAGER

ALL CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO THE SALES DEPARTMENT SHOULD NOW BE ADDRESSED TO:

ALFRED P. COOK, SALES MANAGER, COY GLEN ROAD, ITHACA, NEW YORK

Due to changes in position of Sales Manager, there may be some delay in answering letters, fully, most answers being limited to acknowledgement of receipt only. The Sales Department will be operating normally as soon as possible.

EASTER SEALS

The sustained interest in these seals is probably due to the unique and attractive designs and colors. They are designed and printed in both English and French, and distributed by the Crippled Children Societies in all 10 Canadian provinces.

The 1960 seal is a departure from previous issues in that it assumes the size of our commemorative stamps and portrays a small boy with crutch under one arm, and baseball and bat under the other. They are attractively printed in blue and pink.

Earlier issues of Easter Seals, issued in the provinces of Alberta, British Columbia and Ontario, have been replaced by the National Issue, but are still available.

Detailed price list of all Canadian Easter Seals for collectors may be had on request to Bert L.



Baulch, Port Credit, Ont., Canada. This service was originated by Mr. Baulch (BNAPS 1213) at the inception of Canada's Easter Seal program in 1949. ★

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COPY for Classified Topics should be sent to Gordon P. Lewis, 37 Eldomar Ave., Brampton, Ont., to arrive before the 1st of the month previous to publication date.

EXCHANGE

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

CANADA—Early singles. 1922 to date mint or used blocks, including booklets. Will exchange for U.S. mint or used, also FDC world. General first flight covers including fine Zeppelin mail. Almost anything of Austria, including rare postal stationery mint or FD cancelled. Stamps of the world mounted by country. Joseph Bush, 61 W. 74 St., New York 23. 146tf

FOR SALE

45 YEARS COLLECTION and duplicates Canada and Newfoundland. Both over 93% complete in Scott Specialty Album (Canada through 1953). Hundreds of duplicates starting with Beavers. Enough here to go in business. Write for complete list. Not interested in breaking up. Entire lot for 65% Scott or will ex at 90% Scott for Canada imperf pairs and blocks my choice. Also mint and used blocks, plate blocks, sheets, same deal. Will throw in covers, WW1 and WW2 censors, postal stationery, revenues, etc., no charge. Ship to your bank for examination. Dealers welcome. HURLBERT, Greeley Hill, Coulterville, California. 178-1t

WE WILL HELP YOU to find 20th century postal markings. Slogans, duplex, rings, flags, RPOs, meters, MOONS and MOTOs, registereds, machine cancels of all kinds, or just postmarks. We offer: Slogans, 16 different (S.1); Duplex, 12 different (D.1); MOONs and MOTOs, 5 different (M.1); Various, 10 different (V.1); Postmarks, 24 different (P.1)—on full covers, protected by transparent sleeves ready to file or mount—each lot \$1.00 postpaid (please add 15c to cheques). Queries, wants, correspondence invited. COVERMARK, 311 High Road, Ilford, Essex, England.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED in any of the following I will be pleased to send you approvals: 2-Ring Numerals on Large and Small Cents; 4-Ring Numerals on 5c Beavers and Large Cents; Squared Circles on postcards, mostly common ones; Duplex, Railroad and Flag cancellations on postcards. Choice selection of issues from 1859. Correspondence a pleasure. Walter P. Carter, 47 Risebrough Ave., Willowdale, Ont. 172-6t

FOR SALE

TO THOSE WHO HAVE a good number of spaces to fill, I have prepared booklets of F. to VF. used Canadian stamps (singles) from 1870 to date; virtually a complete collection in itself. Take what you need and return balance within 15 days, registered with remittance. First class reference is essential. S. Lukow, 472 McKenzie St., Winnipeg 4, Man. 172tf-56w

CANADA—Mint, used. Postage, Officials, Postal Stationery, etc. Price list on request. Bert L. Baulch, 29 Indian Valley, Port Credit, Ont., Canada. 177-3t

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-ff

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.

WANTED FOR RESEARCH: HALIFAX, any dates in August, 1893; Ja 4, '94; Ju 3, '95; De 19, 20, '96; Ja 21, '97; Mr 30, '97; Au 4, '97; Mr 4, '98; Oc 18, 19, 29, '98; Fe 11, '99, and Ja 29, 30, 1908. Will purchase or give generous exchange. Dr. Alfred Whitehead, 52 Havelock, Amherst, N.S.

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Addresses of Worldwide Philatelic Agencies
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WANTED

CANADA GEO. VI and current R.P.O., M.P.O. and ship cancellations. Offers to D. Tincknell, 242 Superior Ave., Calgary, Alta. 172-6t

CANADA WANTED—Early singles. From 1922 to date wanted blocks, coils, booklets, mint or used; will purchase or trade. Have European or U.S. collections, strong in Austria; also wanted, Austrian used blocks. Joseph Bush, 4601 N.E. 3rd Ave, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. 172-tf

CANADA SEAWAY inverts or double printing. Prefer used. Also plate blocks, used. Will exchange mint, basis P.B. cat. or purchase at half cat. Also Royal Imperforate Egypt. Also imperforate imprint plates United Arab Republic. Also any Presidential printing imperforate National Parks issue U.S.A., 1934. Regards to: Vinnie, Fred, Dan, Jim, Jack, Claire, Charlie, George, Ed., Harry, Wellington, Bill, Alfred, Gordon and Ludlow. Box 57, Bernardsville, N.J.

IMMEDIATE CASH for Canadian material. Can use large lots, coil rolls or wholesale material but not packet junk. What can you offer? Leo Scarlett, 80-20 208th Street, Queens Village, New York 177tf-30w

WANTED

BNA TOPICS issues as follows: Vol. 2, No. 12, Nov. 1945; Vol. 3, Nos. 1 to 11, 1946; Vol. 4, Nos. 9 and 12, 1947; Vol. 5, No. 6, June 1948. Will pay cash or trade from my many duplicates. Want copy of Canadian Philatelist for Nov. 1955, Vol. 6, No. 9. "First Days" is organ of Amer. 1st Day Cover Soc. Want issue of March-April 1957, Vol. 2, No. 4. Windsor "Y" Stamp Club Bulletin, Nos. 1 and 2, 1956. Popular Stamps, issues previous to Jan. 1953. Desire exchange of "Want" and "For Sale" Phila. Lif. lists. Mrs. E. A. Totten, 4600 Bruce Ave., Minneapolis 24, Minn. (100w

LITERATURE—Anything in philatelic literature of BNA or the British West Indies: books, pamphlets, periodicals. Single numbers or runs equally welcome. H. M. Daggett, 4078 West 37th Ave., Vancouver 13, B.C. 178-28w



WHETHER you live in the Arctic or on the Equator you can take part in our auctions (every five weeks at the Bonnington Hotel, London W.C.1). SEND NOW for illustrd. cat. 10c by airmail. (Subscription \$1.25 yearly).

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No. 5 of a Series













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First King George VI Issue, 1937

1c, 2c and 3c-April 1, 1937. 4c, 5c and 8c-May 10, 1937

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"1937" in the triangle formed above the left shoulder of the left value tablet. Figures are arranged vertically. The date is the same, and in the same position on all six values.

El Pulante as

The Last Word

... From The Editor

Do You Receive Your Topics on Time?...

WE ARE NOT LOOKING for complaints about our slowness in getting the magazine printed, as we have really been keeping on top of things for some months now, and each issue is ready for the printers by about the 15th of the month. This has been made possible by strict adherence to our copy deadlines, and by the exercising of a certain ruthlessness in leaving copy out if it is not received in time—as some of our contributors will tell you!

However, we would be interested in knowing how the post office goes about getting your magazine to you. Is there a more than normal time lapse between the date on the meter marking on your envelope and its arrival in your mail slot or post office box? If you think there is a delay in your mail delivery, get after your local postmaster, and if you find the blame does not lie there, keep working back from that point to the source of mailing-Toronto. We feel that after we have put a great deal of effort into getting each issue to the post office, you should get your copy as soon as is humanly possible, and they should not be left laving about until the sorters have a few moments to spare. With the hope of improving things along this line, at the suggestion of C. Russell McNeil (BNAPS 649), when we have a further supply of mailing envelopes printed we will add the words "Dated Material" or "Dated Contents" in the hope that the post office workers will take the hint!

Odds and Ends . . .

A member who does not want us to mention his name, has submitted two examples of the \$1 Totem Pole which indicate that this stamp has now been issued on a different texture of paper, somewhat more transparent and definitely a horizontal line structure of wove paper. The change is very easily disernible when the backs of the stamps are examined in a good light. (And many thanks to this 'shy' member who let us keep these two examples for our collection.) . . . Doug Patrick (BNAPS 517) has sent along a tear sheet of a two-page spread from the magazine section of the Globe and Mail (Toronto) dated February 13, which shows in color over 100 different modern Chinese 8 cent stamps which picture the growth of communism from the

days of Marx and Lenin to Mao Tse-tung and the Tenth Anniversary celebrations. Other examples show fairy tales told in pictures using modern Chinese stamps. These were prepared by Frederick Nossal, the Globe and Mail resident correspondent in Peking. . . . Word has been received from **Jim Woods** (BNAPS 1531), editor of Maple Leaves, that it is impossible for the CPS of G.B. to supply further copies of E. A. **Smythies' Duplex Handbook** in wholesale lots, so BNAPS will no longer have this book for sale. If you are still without this study, if you drop us a line the editor can give you the name of a supplier who still has some copies available. The CPS of G.B. apparently underestimated the great demand that developed for this handbook, and they are now thinking seriously about a second edition. The British society is also contemplating the publication in handbok form of Fred Tomlinson's study of the the 1898 Map Stamp which first appeared in Maple Leaves, but has been revised and brought up to date with new information. This handbook will be profusely il-lustrated and will likely sell at a slightly higher price than the Duplex Handbok-we would make a guess that it would be in the \$2-class, and it would certainly be as big a bargain at the price as is our own Squared Circle Handbook. We feel that the Duplex book was priced too low . . . but on the other hand, we only wish it were possible for us to produce a similar handbook to sell at such a price on this side of the Atlantic. . . . One of our members recently asked us why we used meter impressions in mailing BNA TOPICS each month, when most of our members are STAMP collectors. Actually the meter is used by the firm who does our mailing, and the cost of affixing a stamp to each envelope would likely be higher. In any case, what would our members do with a dozen two cent green precancels each year? If it were possible to use a variety of stamps in this way there might be merit in using adhesives, but such is not the case.

Sympathy to ...

Ed Richardson (BNAPS 168), whose mother passed away January 17. . . . Herbert Buckland, librarian of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, whose home in Port Perry, Ont., was destroyed by fire . . and to the society itself whose library was lost in the blaze. This was covered by insurance but many items are irreplaceable. . . Cyril Woodhead (BNAPS 621), who has had to resign as sales manager of the RPSC because of ill health . . and good luck to Charles Chandler (BNAPS 1374) who takes over the position. *

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