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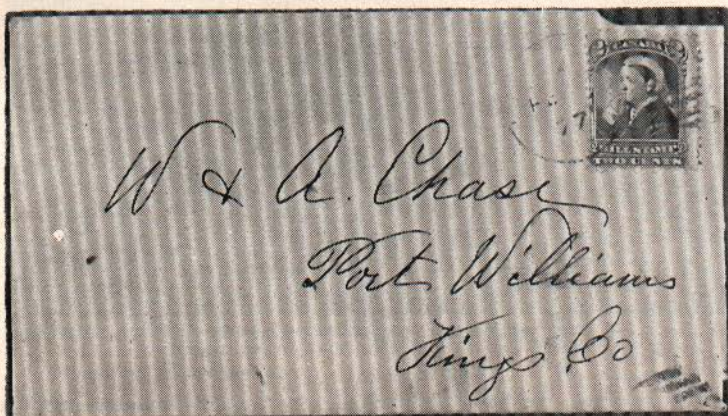


FIG. 1—2c Bill Stamp of 1868, prepaying full postage rate. Cover No. 13 in list. (Banfield collection).

ED RICHARDSON (BNAPS 168)

REVENUES USED FOR POSTAGE

PART TWO

(The first articles on this topic appeared in October 1960)

SINCE OUR FIRST ARTICLE under this title, which appeared in the October 1960 issue of BNA TOPICS, we have been very pleasantly surprised with the interest shown in these unusual covers. In that article we made the rather rash promise: "Should there be sufficient additional covers reported, a supplemental listing, as fully illustrated as possible, will be made." Even after so short a time has elapsed, we already have enough information to present Part Two.

Covers must, in order to qualify for listing, have Canadian revenue stamps really prepaying fully or in part the postage rate, and cannot bear evidence of postage due stamps or markings. Any collector owning additional covers which meet these qualifications is requested to report them to the writer. No cover will be so listed unless it has been personally inspected and verified.

We would also ask owners of covers showing this same usage of Newfoundland revenue stamps, to so report them. We rather suspect that these also exist.

In checking covers, do not overlook the possibility of a cover bearing postage stamps for the normal postage rate, but also bearing a revenue stamp prepaying, without postage due, the registration fee. This was true of both cover No. 4 owned by V. E. Howes (BNAPS 771) and cover No. 11, formerly owned by F. W. L. Keane (BNAPS 565), but now in the writer's collection.

Since the writing of the first article the writer has come into possession of cover No. 2. This will have to be deleted from the list. While a most interesting and attractive cover, it does bear a blue pencil "1c" postage due marking.



FIG. 2—3c Bill Stamp of 1868, in combination with 1c Small Queen. What four cent rate? Cover No. 14 in list. V. G. Greene collection.

As might be expected, we have been asked why we did not give an indication of values in our earlier list. This we are unable to do. We rather suspect that those dated after 1900 are of rather nominal value; however, we have no accurate information, and since they have changed hands rather infrequently, any attempt would be pure guesswork. As for those used prior to 1900 — the Bill Stamps — these are quite desirable and would command a good price, as witness the realization at auction of a price of \$57.50 for cover No. 1. Our rather limited knowledge does not, however, qualify us for placing a value on them.

SUPPLEMENTAL LISTINGS

COVER No. 13—1877, Feb. 27(?) 2c Bill stamp of 1868 (FB39), tied with somewhat indistinct postmark—town not decipherable. Addressed to Port Williams, Kings Co. (N.S.) Collection of Arnold Banfield (BNAPS 765). Fig. 1.

COVER No. 14—1887, Jan. 14. 3c green Bill stamp of 1868 (FB41) in combination with 1c Small Queen, tied with target cancel. Postmarked Charlottetown; addressed to Summerside, P.E.I. (4c rate?). Collection of V. G. Greene (BNAPS L40). Fig. 2.

COVER No. 15—1897, Au 13. 3c Bill stamp of 1868 (FB41) tied with "Prince Arthur Str.—Montreal" postmark. Local rate. Collection of Ray Peters (BNAPS 1202). Fig. 3.



FIG. 3—3c Bill Stamp of 1868 used for local rate. Peters collection. Cover No. 15 in list.

COVER No. 16—1926, Nov. 10. 2c Excise 2-leaf (FEX21), postmarked Olscamp, Que.; addressed to Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont. Collection of V. G. Greene.

COVER No. 17—1930, Mar. 11. 2c Excise 2-leaf (FEX21), postmarked Ottawa, tied with "Help Orphans" etc. slogan cancel; addressed to London, England, "via New York". Collection of R. S. B. Greenhill (BNAPS 749).

COVER No. 18—1940, July 12. 3c Excise 3-leaf (FEX64), postmarked Vancouver, B.C., tied with "Eat Apples For Health" slogan cancel; local rate. Collection of G. H. Tupper (BNAPS 757).

COVER No. 19—1947, May 1. 5c Postal Note of 1932 (FPN3), postmarked Britannia Beach, B.C., addressed to Vancouver. Collection of Dutton A. Copp (BNAPS 480).

COVER No. 20—1952, Sept. 4. 3c Excise 3-leaf (FEX64), in combination with 1c Revised postage issue, tied with postmark of Gull Lake, Sask., addressed to Regina. Writer's collection.

COVER No. 21—1955, May 3. 3c Excise 3-leaf (FEX64) in combination with 1c 1954 Elizabeth issue postage; Toronto slogan cancel "Beautify/Your Community/in May" ties stamps. Local rate, so addressed. J. M. Kitchen (BNAPS 773).

COVER No. 22—1955, May 17. 4c Postal Note of 1943 (FPN7), tied with Toronto roller cancel. Local rate, so addressed. J. M. Kitchen.

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We append here a summary of the various Canadian revenue stamps which have so far been recorded as having been **used and accepted** for postage.

| Issue and Denomination | No. of Examples | |
|--|-----------------|----|
| BILL STAMPS OF 1865 | | 1 |
| 3c | 1 | |
| BILL STAMPS OF 1868 | | 5 |
| 2c | 3 | |
| 3c | 2 | |
| POSTAL NOTE ISSUES | | 2 |
| 4c | 1 | |
| 5c | 1 | |
| WAR TAX REVENUE ISSUE | | 2 |
| 2c | 1 | |
| 5c | 1 | |
| "WAR TAX" OVERPRINTED ISSUE | | 3 |
| 5c | 1 | |
| 20c | 1 | |
| 50c | 1 | |
| COMBINATION OF "WAR TAX" Overprinted (50c) and War Tax Revenue Issue (1c) | 1 | 1 |
| EXCISE—2-LEAF (1915-25) | | 3 |
| 2c | 3 | |
| EXCISE—3-LEAF (1934-49) | | 4 |
| 3c | 4 | |
| TOTAL COVERS | 21 | 21 |

From the above it will be readily noted that the 3c Excise-3 Leaf issue is by far the most readily seen, with the 2c Excise-2 Leaf and the 2c Bill stamp of 1868 close behind.

* * *

The additional listings also continue to indicate that contrary to Dr. French's earlier assumptions, most of these were mailed in the larger cities. As before, there is very little evidence that many of these had "philatelic origins or inspirations."

Collectors love nothing better than to discover a philatelic error, and while errors in covers are not common—and are not in the same category as the inverted Seaway stamp—they are nevertheless desirable, and add considerable interest to any stamp collection. Revenues used on cover for postage fall into this 'error' classification, and this explains why they have great appeal, not only for the revenue stamp fan, but for others as well.

As before—happy hunting, but report your bag! ★

ST. JOHN, N.B.

LITTLE has appeared in TOPICS on the squared circles of St. John. All three hammers have the lowest RF—2.5. Collectors should not ignore them, however, for as I hope to show, groups may be found which would adorn the choicest albums. At first I scorned the St. John strikes and gave away many hundreds. That stage is long past and I now carefully examine every specimen which comes along. A large proportion of the strikes, especially from Hammer One, are well centred and clearly struck. The three hammers, fully described in the handbook and easily separated, were exclusively used in their respective periods, and overlapping has never been reported.

The years concerned—1895-1898—saw a great vogue for illustrated and patriotic envelopes, so a fine collection of unusual St. John covers could be formed. There are one or two such collections already in existence.

Hammer One

Earliest: Mr 30, 95

Latest: No 3, 96

Sub-type: 3, very clear, in fact one of the finest examples known. The corners were slightly rounded from the first, and cannot be attributed to wear.

Above the date: AM (very scarce in '95, scarce in '96) and PM, generally.

"1" is known on Ju 27, 29 and Jy 4, 96. I believe this to have been used by a new clerk for "AM".

"2" or "PM" for these dates not reported.

"8" in the date inverted (rare).

It is generally thought that each hammer successively was discarded because of wear. This couldn't have been the case with Hammer One, as **Fig. 1** plainly shows.

Note the superb strike of No 2, 96, the last date but one; there is no wear apparent.

Sunday dates are quite uncommon for Hammer One; they are more frequent for Hammers Two and Three.

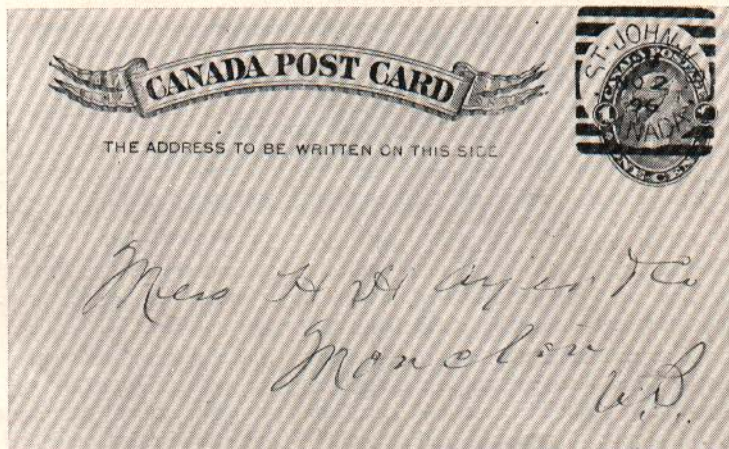


FIG. 1—Post card dated No 2, 96. The perfect strike shows no apparent wear. Why was the hammer abandoned next day?



FIG. 2.—Cover with 2/Sp 14, 97 and 1/Sp 15, 97. The finest piece I know with abnormal indicia as used at St. John. Possibly unique.

Hammer Two

Earliest: No 4, 96

Latest: Oc 22, 97

Above the date: AM (not so scarce now) and PM, in general use.

"1" (rare) in Sept 97: Sp 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20-25 (Sundays: Sp 12, 19, 26).

"2" in June 97: Ju 21-26, 28, 29, 30 (Sunday: 27).

"2" in July 97: 1, 3, 5-10, 12, 13 (Sundays were Jy 4, 11).

"2" in August 97: unknown.

"2" in Sept. 97: 3, 4, 6-11, 13-16, 18, 20-25 (Sundays: 5, 12, 19, 26).

"2" in Oct. 97: 13-16, 18-22 (Sunday: 17).

Blank: Jy 2, 97; the sole date reported. I have AM for this date, so "2" was used for PM.

MR: Aug. 13, 97; possibly an error for PM, with "R" used for "P", and misplaced. I haven't seen AM for this date.

An examination of this table of indicia shows a most interesting range of matched groups possible. I have the following: AM, PM, same day; AM, 2; 1, 2; AM, blank. This is the choice period for varied indicia groups, rivalled only by one or two other squared circle towns.

The cover shown in Fig. 2, probably unique, is one of my pet squared circle treasures. The clerk of Sp 14, 97 missed the stamp, but his next-day colleague noticed the omission and supplied the necessary cancellation, thereby giving us superb impressions of the rare "1" and the scarce "2" above the date on the same cover.

Many strikes of the last four months of this hammer are under-inked; not a few are rather smudged. This deterioration became more marked in the Hammer Three period.

Hammer Three

Earliest: De 23, 97

Latest: De 28, 98

Above the date: AM, PM, throughout.

Blank: Ja 22, 98, the sole date yet reported.

GUELPH

Latest Date: Feb. 25, 1899?

By D. A. Crawford (BNAPS 1646)

As a collector of squared circle cancellations on the 3c denomination of the Diamond Jubilee issue of 1897, I have been searching for a cancellation of Guelph, Ont., on this stamp for several years. The handbook reports the latest date as Feb. 25, 99, and under normal circumstances this cancellation should not be too difficult to find. In pursuing the matter further, I have come to the conclusion that the year 1899 reported as the latest date is actually 1896. This is based on the following information:

- (a) In searching through several hundred copies of Guelph squared circle cancellations, I found the following dated 1899: AM Feb 18, PM Feb 19, PM Feb 20, PM Feb 21, PM Feb 22, AM Feb 25; all on the 3c Small Queen. As most collectors are aware, a few Small Queens were in general use early in 1898, but to find six different dated cop-

ies during a period of eight days in 1899 is most unusual.

(b) When Guelph again began to use a circular canceller in 1897, the time markings were changed from two periods, AM and PM, to four periods, A, B, C and D. These four time periods were used for a number of years, and to find AM and PM suddenly appearing in February 1899 is most unusual and very unlikely.

(c) The several collectors with whom I have discussed this matter have yet to see a Guelph squared circle cancellation on any stamp later than the Small Queens.

It would appear that sometime during February 1896, the year date had fallen out and the postal employee in replacing it, inverted the number "6" making the year "99." I have copies of Guelph dated Feb 11, 96 and Feb 27, 96, but have been unable to ascertain exactly when this error occurred or when it was corrected. Information on Guelph cancellations dated 1899 and between Feb 11 and Feb 27, 1896, would be appreciated by the writer.

In searching further, the following Guelph cancellations were found:

PM March 17, 97—squared circle cancellation

D March 19, 97—circular cancellation

It appears that the changeover in time markings was either March 18 or 19, and the latest date for squared circle cancellations should be March 17 or 18, 1897.

Final proof of the above would be for a collector to find a Guelph cover dated February 1899, which I am sure will be backstamped 1896.

SQUARED CIRCLE MAILBAG

Dear Dr. Whitehead:

I am not a collector of squared circles, but I take an interest in various types of Canadian cancellations, and your Round-Up is always one of the first items to which I turn in each new issue of TOPICS.

I was very much intrigued by your problem of the "Halifax 4" (TOPICS, Jan. 1960). I rather fear that I am in the position of the fool who rushes in where angels fear to tread, but nevertheless I should like to pass on for your consideration an idea which has occurred to me.

Is it possible that the problem arises from a difference between the calendar date and the post

office working day? Suppose that the night shift at the Halifax post office in the '90s worked until, say, 1 a.m. or 2 a.m. each night and then went home to bed. They might have cleared all the mail slots in the office for the last time at 1 a.m. The date on the cancellation would be altered to the new day, but from the point of view of the staff the clearance would have been the last clearance of their working day, i.e., clearance No. 4 of the old day. The mail thus cancelled might have been despatched by a train in the wee hours of the morning, or might have been held in a bag ready for a train leaving, say, at 6 or 7 a.m. In either case the letters would have had the entire day in which to travel to destination and receive the destination date stamp of the same day.

Following this hypothesis a little further, suppose clearance No. 1 were made about 10 a.m., No. 2 about 1 or 2 p.m., and No. 3 at 6 or 7 p.m., in time to catch a night mail train. Such a supposition would tie in with your findings on comparative scarcity of the numbers, since few letters would have been mailed before 10 a.m., and heavy mailings would have occurred about lunch time and about supper time. And of course one must suppose that the midnight (actually 1 a.m.) clearance would have been the smallest of all.

You will understand that all this is pure guesswork, as I have no facts on which to support my ideas, but many years ago in England I used to know a chap who worked in the post office at York, and I know that he worked night shift to prepare the mails for the night expresses to and from London. Actually I think he would have been working in the 'new' calendar day, although finishing the last shift of the 'old' working day.

No doubt you have access, in the archives, to old railway timetables which might shed light on the problem. If you have already considered and discarded the suggestion which I am making, please forgive my taking up so much of your time.

F. W. L. Keane (BNAPS 565)

ERATTA: The note on the Four Ring Numerals '6' and '9' in our March issue was contributed by R. T. Thomson (BNAPS 1270) and not "R. T. Thomas" as printed in error. Our apologies to Mr. Thomson! ★

Harmers Pass Half-Million Mark

On March 1, Bernard Harmer, president of H. R. Harmer Inc., philatelic auctioneers, New York, announced that a total of half-a-million dollars had been realized at auction in the season 1960-61 which commenced last September.

Eleven auctions, covering 34 sessions and comprising 15,430 lots were held in the first half of the season; a further 12 auctions of some 35 sessions are scheduled for the second half of the season which ends in July. Expectations are for a final season's total of about \$950,000, which will be a record for H. R. Harmer Inc.—excluding necessarily the years when the Caspary collection resulted in approximately an extra million dollars sales per annum.

Mr. Harmer pointed out that recent bidding received shows none of the recession trends reported on so extensively in the lay press. "The old time premise that 'Stamps are better than money' is apparently truer than ever," he added, "for collectors seem most ready to exchange the latter for the former at the drop of a gavel!" ★

Trail of the Caribou

By DAN MEYERSON (BNAPS L3)



JOHN SIVERTS (BNAPS 59), Wilmington, Delaware, has made a very interesting discovery in the field of Newfoundland revenues. John has submitted a copy of the 25c King Edward issue, Holmes No. NIR 10, with a double lined watermark. As near as we can judge, the letters are 15 mm. high and are 'OL.' John has also submitted a copy of the 50c King George, No. NIR 19A, with the same sized double lined watermark, and the only letter that we can definitely decipher is 'O.' Mr. Siverts is of the opinion that the watermark may be COLUMBIA, and Mr. Makepeace (BNAPS 107), Providence, R.I., shares that opinion. Let's see if we can find additional copies of the Edward or of the perf. 12 George with watermarked letters.

While on the subject of revenues, has anyone ever seen the \$20 King George V in the perf. 12, or the 25c and 50c Caribou revenue in the perf. 14.1? In this latter series Holmes only lists the 5c, \$1 and \$2.50 in the perf. 14.1, but my collection contains the 10c and \$5 as well, so I wonder if the missing values are also in existence.

Is my face red! In the January issue of TRAIL I reported the discovery of a new Newfoundland perfin, "C.H.", as shown to me by N. W. Scales (BNAPS 1058), Evansville, Ind. What Mr. Scales evidently was showing me was that this perfin was struck on the 5c Caribou, Scott 91, whereas to his knowledge it had previously been recorded only on the 10c, Scott 193. Bob Woolley (BNAPS 359), the secretary of the Perfin Group of BNAPS, has written to advise that this perfin is No. C11 in their excellent handbook and that furthermore it was written up in the November 1957 TOPICS. The

company issuing or using this perfin is still a matter of conjecture and all information would be greatly appreciated. My apologies!

In the November 15, 1960 sale held by H. R. Harmer Ltd., London, an o.g. block of four of the 5c Caribou in the Die 2 and line perf. 14.1, brought £10 or \$28.

It happens every so often—this time it was a cover franked with the 2c, Scott 82, but cancelled with the very lovely and scarce Newf'd T.P.O. roller marking. It is only the second one that we have seen on cover; the first was recorded back in February 1947 as our No. 31, and its date of use was April 8, 1896. We had no late date until this one came along some 14 years later and we can now report a date as late as 5/11/05.

We told you last month that Willie Hirsch (BNAPS 1452), Prescott, Ont., had four forerunners of the squared circle struck on the face of the cover. Well, we were wrong, because he sent them along and there were five. Two of them were of particular interest—one because it was used Dec. 18, 1894, a very early date, and the second because it was struck on a card. This card, the 2c, Holmes 1671, was addressed to Leipzig, Germany, and it is cancelled with the St. John's forerunner on Apr. 19, 1895. However, this is the first example of the strike on a non-registered letter, and furthermore it is the first example of this card that we have seen used, if our memory is not playing us false. True, it is a late use, but very interesting nevertheless. Thank you, Mr. Hirsch, for your co-operation.

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Constant Plate Varieties of the CANADA SMALL QUEENS

PART SIX
(Part Five appeared in the March issue)

THE 6 CENTS

NOT MANY CANADIAN STAMPS have undergone such extensive research as this denomination. The 6 cents Small Queen offers many challenging problems, and its popularity among students can be attributed to the great number of major varieties which have been found. The distinct color which makes it an easy target for the eye, and the well balanced design are additional features to enhance the interest. Although this stamp does not belong to the lower priced Small Queen denominations, it can still be found in larger blocks, multiples and singles, both in used and mint condition. Over 40 different references refer to various varieties in an effort either to list them, record or discuss the particular problem.

Another excellent study of this stamp has recently been carried out by the West Riding Group in England, and this information has been published in *Maple Leaves* (Ref. 4). Another exhaustive study of the "most remarkable plate variety in Canadian stamps"—the entry of the 5 cents on the 6 cent plate—has recently been made by Winthrop S. Boggs (Ref. 63).

The words "major re-entry" have been used by a number of writers for an extensive doubling in the 6 cent denomination. The illustrations will show that there are a few re-entries on this stamp which might be called major; as a matter of fact, one or even two other re-entries show much more extensive entering than the actual major re-entry. We will now describe the various varieties in the hope of clearing up some of these problems.



Fig. 59 illustrates the so-called major re-entry. The interesting part of this stamp is that there are apparently two types of this re-entry in existence. One shows a guide dot in the left margin just outside the circle. This copy has slightly heavier additional lines in

the lettering than show on the other stamp without the guide dot. Jarrett mentions that a copy has been noted on cover with a date of February 1873. The West Riding Study Group refers to this re-entry as a "latent re-entry" from the first plate, and a cover is known dated March 28, 1872 (Ref. 4). The finding of a block of 18 in the C. M. Jephcott collection added to the meager information on this stamp, but as P. J. Hurst says in his article (Ref. 39), the position of the stamp in the sheet cannot be determined so far. This re-entry exists in mint and used condition.

The most outstanding variety is without doubt the entry of the 5 cents on the 6 cents. Almost every serious student of the Small Queens issue has at one time or another attempted to explain this amazing error. Boggs in his latest article (Ref. 28) has done a great and expert study of this stamp, but his assumptions and conclusions have so far



not been proven and it is felt that some of the statements made are not correct. The position of this entry has so far not been established. The belief is that this entry is on the 'B' pane among positions 31 to 39. The copy in Dr. Day's collection has no guide dots and is cancelled April 25, 1897 with a Toronto squared circle. The assumption has been made by Boggs that no reputable bank note company would have erased old plates for re-use. Evidence exists that this has been done due to shortage of suitable steel. Investigation along this line is being carried out in the Admiral stamps. Another statement leads to the belief that only the top, bottom and centre locations of a subject are engraved on the side of a transfer roller. This is not so. Examinations prove that other lines do exist and that the use of the wrong line for the purpose of setting down the roller to the proper position could well have been the case in this instance. (Fig. 60).



Fig. 61 illustrates a re-entry in the letters CANADA and POSTAGE and the upper left and lower left side. The stamp has two slightly elongated guide dots in the bottom left corner. No dated copies have been noted but the stamp comes from an early Montreal printing; the shade is a light brown.

Another re-entry of similar nature but with a little heavier entry at the bottom left has three guide dots in the bottom left corner (**Fig. 62**). Again the dots are elongated due to the re-entry. No dated copy has been seen. The shade, a slightly deeper yellow brown than the previous one, indicates that the printing was a Montreal one.

Fig. 63 shows a re-entry in the letter 'E' of POSTAGE and 'CE' of CENTS, and below the bottom left frame line. No guide dots can be detected. A copy is known dated in Montreal in 1873.



Three guide dots identify the re-entry in **Fig. 64**. A slight doubling exists in the letters 'PO' and 'G' of POSTAGE. The light brown shade comes from a Montreal printing.

In **Fig. 65** the re-entry consists of doubling in the two numerals, the letters in CENTS, and below the right frame line. Two guide dots appear in the left corner. The shade of the stamp is deep yellow brown.

A minor re-entry occurs on this stamp (**Fig. 66**). The 'S' of CENTS, the right numeral and the bottom frame line show doubling. There are two guide dots but one of these dots is located in the left margin, the other in the bottom margin. The shade is the same as the one above. One copy found is dated October 24 but the year is indecipherable.



One noted collection contains a nice pair and three singles of the variety shown in **Fig. 67**. The pair shows the re-entry in the left stamp; the position is given as No. 51 in the Montreal plate. One dated copy reads 7 Jan 1884. A dot appears about 2 mm. below

the left corner but it is not certain if this is constant. The other copies do not show this dot because only poorly centered copies would leave enough margin to include this area.

The deep yellow brown shaded copy in **Fig. 68** shows a re-entry in the left frame line and two guide dots can be seen at the bottom. A minor entry appears in the top right corner. Two re-entries of very similar appearance are shown in **Figs. 69** and **70**. Both have doubling in the left side and bottom frame line. The guide dots are located in slightly different positions. The second re-entry exists on a dated copy—8 June 1878. Jarrett describes a similar re-entry in his book. The first re-entry is on a deeper yellow brown shade than the second one.



Jarrett mentions a re-entry similar to our **Fig. 71**. The stamp comes from the Montreal plates; no dated copies have been seen. According to Ref. 4, a cover is in existence with the re-entry shown in **Fig. 72**; the cover is dated 23 May 1872. A pair of stamps has also been seen with the right stamp showing the re-entry, the stamp being from the Montreal and Ottawa plate.

A number of references have been made to the re-entry in **Fig. 73**. The dot in the 'P' of POSTAGE identifies this stamp with ease. The only problem here is that this stamp with the dot in 'P' exists first with a re-entry as in **Fig. 73**, from the Montreal-Ottawa plate, then from the same plate without the re-entry (**Fig. 74**) and also from the Ottawa printing. The majority of articles written around this stamp do not identify one or the other. In Jarrett, the stamp with the dot in 'P' is said to come from position No. 2, and both Ottawa and Montreal show this. Ref. 4 indicates that stamp No. 2 has two dots in the lower left corner, and this comes from the Montreal-Ottawa printing. Another reference is given by the same group of a similar stamp with one dot in the lower left and the dot in the 'P' lower than the previous one. The year is given as 1872 or 1873 and the perforations as



11.85 x 11.85. This stamp No. 2 is believed to come from a left pane. There are a number of interesting points. Copies with the dot in 'P' and the re-entry at the left side show two guide dots at the bottom. The outside guide dot is small, the inside heavy. Another dot appears above the letter 'O' of POSTAGE and cannot always be seen; but it is constant. The shade is yellow brown. The position of the dot in 'P' gives the impression of changing slightly but it is believed that due to the re-entry the dot appears sometimes elongated and the area taken by the dot changes. The centre of the dot seems to remain constant. The stamp without the re-entry from the Montreal-Ottawa printing is normally in a lighter shade and wear of the plate can be noted. This stamp with only a dot in the 'P' has two guide dots but one of the guide dots is not in line with the other as in the previous stamp. Again the outside guide dot is small but no other dot appears above the letter 'O' of POSTAGE. The Ottawa printing is exactly the same as the one just described. Both mint and used copies have been noted.

It is very hard to name the actual major re-entry but the two following stamps can both fall into this classification. A block of eight contains this re-entry and the stamp position can be identified as No. 24 on the "A" Montreal and Ottawa plate (Fig. 75). The stamp comes in the red brown shade. Two dated copies have been found. One of them is cancelled March 1893, the other December 4, 1893. The re-entry is in all the top letters and in the left numeral, 'CEN' of CENTS and below the left frame line. Three guide dots are located in the bottom left corner.



A re-entry of major proportion is shown in Fig. 76. This stamp is in the deep red brown shade, sometimes referred to as chocolate brown. The entire left side, top right and part of the right circle, as well as almost all the top lettering, are doubled. One copy has been noticed cancelled with the Toronto roller cancel. ★

(To be continued)

TRAIL OF THE CARIBOU

(Continued from page 93)

Dr. Allan A. Wilkinson (BNAPS 935), Old Perlican, Nfld., has written in about a very interesting horizontal strip of 20 (10 x 2) of the 2c, Scott 186, that was submitted to him. Unfortunately the good doctor neglects to advise as to the die number of the stamp, but it is unquestionably very scarce. The strip, or rather block, of 20, has the following layout:

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|--|--|--|---|---|---|--|--|
| | | | 3 | 1 | 5 | | |
| | | | 4 | 2 | 6 | | |

Stamps 1 and 2 are completely imperforate, top and bottom as well; stamps 3 and 4 are imperforate at the right, and stamps 5 and 6 at the left. The rest of the block is normally comb perforated. ★



REVENUE GROUP

News

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

British Columbia Laws—Two Interesting Varieties. Have just recently added two interesting varieties to my collection which may have been mentioned somewhere before, but feel they are worthwhile calling attention to again, as many revenue fans may have missed them.

The first is found on the 50c value of the 1913-26 issue. This is Holmes No. BCL 21. On one stamp in the sheet there is a shaded line extending horizontally to the left from the scale bar—an “extended scales” variety. According to my source, this occurred in two late printings in 1928 and 1929, after which it was spotted and corrected. This is most easily seen, even without a glass. Happy hunting!

The second is also in the same issue, but on the \$5 denomination. This is Holmes No. BCL 23. The variety occurs on stamp No. 11 in the sheet of 25, and is constant. It is in the form of a large spot of color in the upper left corner of the lower right figure “5”.

While on this issue, can anyone tell us just how the following comes to exist? It is the 50c value again, and is a wide straight-edged left margin copy. But the stamp has a roulette running vertically in the left margin. Does anyone know why this occurs, and whether officially or privately applied?

Another Halifax Law Library Variety? We have the 25c value, Holmes NSLL No. 1 or No. 2, which appears to be a legitimate used single IMPERFORATE. The shade seems to be slightly more of a yellowish-green than the regular perforated stamps I have examined. As collectors know, the first issue leaves very little room for trimming the perforations, most of these hav-

ing the perfs cut in on one or two sides. This ‘imperfurate’ has a good margin on all four sides.

The date of the cancel is 1891, which should mean it is an imperfurate NSLL No. 1. Can others report anything in this line?

While on the subject, I also wish to call your attention to the fact that while the 50c value may not have appeared until 1903—the date given in Holmes—most assuredly the 25c perf. 14 variety was issued before that date. I have several used copies dated in the 1896-98 period. Will collectors take a good look at their copies of NSL 2 and 3, and report cancellation dates prior to 1903?

Horizontal Coil Perf. 11—2c Excise? I don't have it, and can't seem to locate who reported it, but my notes tell me that someone has reported a 2c Excise (Holmes FEX 62) perforated 11 vertically. Additional information desired.

Two Handbooks Available to Revenue Fans. The Revenue Group of BNAPS has two handbooks available to Canadian revenue collectors. The first has been mentioned in these columns before. This is the 78-page “Catalogue of the Federal Revenue Stamps of Canada” compiled by Nelson Bond, and published by the Canadian Revenue Society, which became the Revenue Group of BNAPS. Nearly 40 copies of this have been sold recently, but a few are still on hand. Available either from the writer or from Wilmer C. Rockett, 2030 Overlook Ave., Willow Grove, Penna. Price is \$2.25 postpaid.

The other book is the 77-page “Catalogue of the Cigar, Cigarette and Tobacco Tax Paid Stamps of Canada.” At this writing

only a small number are available at \$2.75 per set—also from either source.

All funds received from the sale of these two booklets go to benefit the Revenue Group and BNAPS, since they are used to pay for all revenue illustrations used in BNA TOPICS. By purchasing these you not only help yourself to one or two real bargains (since these are selling for a great deal more by philatelic literature dealers), but you are also helping BNAPS and revenue collecting!

Corrections and Additions to Holmes Catalogue. At the suggestion of several BNAPSers, we are beginning a listing of suggested price changes, additions, etc., to the revenue section of this basic reference handbook. The prices are in no way official. They are, however, a reflection of the thinking of this writer and others, and are made for the sole purpose of assisting collectors in keeping abreast of changes since the last edition.

Price Changes

| | | Old Price | New Price |
|--------|--|-----------|-----------|
| FSCA 1 | Type A handstamp | \$15.00 | \$25.00 |
| | Type B " | 20.00 | 40.00 |
| FSCA 2 | Type A " | 25.00 | 50.00 |
| FSCA 3 | Type A " | 20.00 | 35.00 |
| FSCA 4 | Type A " | 10.00 | 20.00 |
| | Type B " | 20.00 | 40.00 |
| FWS 3 | 25c French. Delete price, value unknown! | | |
| AP 1 A | Certificate | 4.00 | 6.00 |
| BCL 23 | \$5 1926 issue | 8.00 | 5.00 |
| BCL 47 | 25c '58 | .75 | 5.00 |
| BCL 48 | 50c '58 | 1.25 | 2.50 |
| NS 3 | 10c '51 | .50 | .85 |
| NSLL 4 | Re-engraved | 10.00 | 7.50 |

Old Price New Price

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|----------|----------------------|-------|-------|
| QLa 98 | 10c Bankruptcy | .40 | 1.25 |
| QLa 98 | 10c Loi de Faillite | .90 | 1.50 |
| QLa 99 | 20c Bankruptcy | .50 | 1.50 |
| QLa 99 | 20c Loi de Faillite | 1.00 | 1.50 |
| QLa 100 | 40c Bank (perf. 11) | .50 | 1.50 |
| QLa 100 | 40c Bank (perf. 12) | .50 | 3.00 |
| QLa 100 | 40c Loi (perf. 11) | 1.00 | 1.50 |
| QLa 100 | 40c Loi (perf. 12) | .45 | 1.25 |
| QLa 101 | 50c Bankruptcy | .65 | 2.00 |
| QLa 101 | 50c Loi de Faillite | 1.40 | 2.00 |
| QLa 102 | \$1 Bankruptcy | .80 | 2.50 |
| QLa 102A | \$1 Bankruptcy | 1.00 | 3.00 |
| QLa 103 | \$2 Bankruptcy | 3.00 | 4.00 |
| QLa 104 | \$3 Bank (perf. 11) | 3.50 | 5.00 |
| QLa 104 | \$3 Bank (perf. 12) | 3.50 | 7.50 |
| QLa 105 | \$4 Bank (perf. 11) | 4.00 | 6.00 |
| STE 1 | 1911 Saskatoon | 20.00 | 25.00 |
| STE 1A | 1911 " var. | 25.00 | 27.50 |
| STE 2 | 1913 " " | 25.00 | 27.50 |
| STE 3 | 1927 " 25c | 25.00 | 27.50 |
| STE 4 | 1927 " 50c | 12.00 | 15.00 |
| YL 8A | 25c overprint (used) | 10.00 | 15.00 |

Additions

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|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Match Tax—Type I—50c | \$2.50 |
| FSCA 5 "IN PRIZE" on FSC 3 | 100.00 |
| NSLL 5 2 bar var. | 4.00 2.00 |
| 5A 3 bar var. | 4.00 2.00 |
| NS11 6A \$1 double handstamp | 30.00 |
| QLa 102A \$1 orange (perf. 11) | |
| Loi de Faillite | 4.00 |

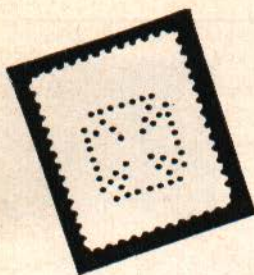
There's our first list, and we know we stick our necks out when we invite comments! However, do so! Also we'd welcome suggestion as to others which should appear in either category.

If this is to continue as a feature of this column, we must hear from members. If we hear nothing or very little, it will be dropped! ★

CANADA
AIR LETTER
PAR AVION



"MISSING QUEEN"—The air letter, the upper portion of which is illustrated here, was sent in by our Librarian, R. J. Duncan. In the space where the Queen's head should appear there is just a suggestion of this on the original. This would appear to be just a case of heavy over-inking during the printing process



PERFIN *Study Group*

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Revised Perfin Handbook

AS STATED in the annual report of the Handbook Committee, the perfin handbook, *Canadian Stamps With Perforated Initials* (1955), has been sold out for almost a year and the Perfin Study Group is presently working on a revised edition. The revision will include all new designs reported since publication of the first handbook and some new features which will be of interest to perfin collectors.

The first handbook included a checklist of both types of the OH/MS perforated stamps, and it is now proposed to add lists of all issues known to have been punched by Canadian government departments, the Provincial governments and Provincial departments. These are our designs M6 (MD) Militia Department, N3 (ND) National Defence, L1 (LA) Legislative Assembly, Province of Ontario, P4 (PEI) Province of Prince Edward Island, P10 (PS) Province of Saskatchewan, Q1 (Q/CLQ/C) Quebec Liquor Commission, and W4 (W/CB) the Workmen's Compensation Board of the Province of British Columbia.

The major improvement we hope to introduce will be a rarity factor rating. The study group is working on this at the present time and has a questionnaire in circulation with many perfin collectors. The final rating will be based on (a) the average of the opinion of some 50 collectors as to the scarcity or abundance of the commoner varieties and (b) on the scarcer designs, a factor determined by the committee and based on the number of stamps reported of the design known to be in the collections reported. Those in group (a) will probably be allocated an RF of from 5 to 100; those in group (b) an RF as high as 500, which we propose to allocate to a design of which only one copy is known to exist.

There are still a number of unidentified designs and it would be appreciated if any reader could supply a positive identification for any of the following list. Preferred identity would be use on a commercial cover or confirmation with a company that had used the perforating device. We list the initials with the location of the user, if known, and the date of issue on which the design is reported:

AHI (1912), BM/C (USA Customs Duty), CB (2 holes in cross-bar—1903), CH (Newfoundland 1931), CPMC (1903), EC/&E (1912), JEP/SON (1930), JH/S (Montreal 1893), JMD (Toronto 1903), MW/C (1903) NAT (1912), NRB (1903), NTC (1898), MTM (1922), PW (1916), PH over Crown (1912), RT&/SCo (1903), SIW (1928), TP&P (1903), TSC (1912), US/L (USA Customs Duty), USL (USA 1918).

Code Hole Types

In the revised handbook we propose to drop three previously listed code hole types, having come to the conclusion that they were originally listed in error and that the extra holes were due to partial additional strikes punching one extra hole in such a position as to appear as a code hole location.

The types proposed to be dropped from the revised listing are:

- M8a MH type 2 holes above
- P3a PD/Co extra hole between P and D
- S3a S two holes below terminal of S

All these companies are of good size and had they had a sub-type as described it is most likely that there would be many copies of the sub-type in circulation. Each of the three has been reported only once, and unless reported in other collections it seems reasonable to drop them from the handbook. Let the secretary hear from you if you have a copy of any of the above. ★



THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.



POSTAL STATIONERY PANORAMA

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WE WOULD LIKE to thank all of our correspondents for the pains they have taken in answering questions we ask, sending in new listings, giving us words of encouragement, and pinning our ears back when we say something foolish. If it were not for your letters, we would have run out of material long ago.

Dan Meyerson (BNAPS L13) takes us to task for having listed the Newfoundland Type C Registration envelope as a new item, pointing out that in the March 1949 issue of BNA TOPICS, in his Newfoundland column, he listed the Type A, B, C, and also a Type D as well, which is 11½ x 6 inches and costs four cents. Unfortunately, in 1949, we were too busy trying to fill in the blank spaces of a printed album with stamps of the world. We had not yet learned the joys of B.N.A. collecting, much less those of B.N.A. stationery collecting. We know now that we shall have to start the hunt for back issues of TOPICS to fill in our education.

In the February issue of TOPICS, in his column, Trail of the Caribou, Dan advises us that he has used copies of both the overprinted postal card and the "piggy back" reply letter card of Newfoundland, and that these are the only two legitimately used copies he has ever seen in all his years of collecting. This certainly proves their rarity.

On page 39 of that same issue, N. W. Scales (BNAPS 1058) illustrates and describes two of the prettiest used copies of the Newfoundland Victoria envelope (Holmes Size A) we have ever seen.

Kenneth Vizzard (BNAPS 274), in a letter to us, reports another Padpost Special Order card for the Hospital for Sick Children—this one on the 1c red Victoria card. So you can definitely add a 1c red Victoria card to your list of Special Order postal cards.

Lloyd Sharpe (BNAPS 395) tells us of still another of these cards, this one on the same Edward card as the one we illustrated in the February issue of TOPICS, but with a different picture, and in reddish brown, whereas ours was in black.

George Hicks (BNAPS 1033) has a still later Hospital for Sick Children padpost, this one on a 1c George V issue. He does not mention, however, which card, or whether it is the regular issue or one with inscription deleted or changed.

Roy Peters (BNAPS 1202) writes that he has two Niagara Falls souvenir postal cards similar to the ones we illustrated in the October issue of TOPICS: "The earlier one is printed on the blank side of Holmes No. 1414. The picture seems to be identical with that shown in Figure 2 of your article. There is, however, no other printing on this side of the card. The other card is also on the blank side of Holmes No. 1414. The picture is the same scene but the top and the right frame line have been removed and the lower right part of the picture is missing, giving more room for the correspondence."

Shortly after the February issue of TOPICS was sent out, we received a package from Dr. Allan Wilkinson (BNAPS L935) containing 45 copies of the Newfoundland Air Letter Sheet we illustrated in that issue. Dr. Wilkinson does not collect this material and wanted it delivered into more appreciative hands. This attitude, we feel, is the mark of a true collector and a fine gentleman. Anyone wishing a copy of this sheet has only to drop us a line requesting one. They will be available at no cost as long as our supply lasts. As usual, we would appreciate your using postal stationery when writing to us.



WHAT IS IT?

A few summers ago, while on our annual fishing trip to Canada, we stopped at the Buckingham, P.Q., post office to buy one of each variety of stationery they had available. Back at the car, we hurriedly looked over our purchase and one piece caught our eye—the 5c Elizabeth large envelope with a diagonal line printed in the color of the stamp, running up from the lower right corner. Back we went, and asked to see their entire stock of this envelope. There were only eight copies with this marking; all the rest were the normal envelope. Hoping to find more copies, we stopped at neighboring post offices, but could not find another one.

It is strange that this marking appeared on only a few envelopes in the stock of just one post office. We would hate to venture a guess as to the purpose of this mark. Perhaps one of you can shed some light on the subject.

BNAPS CONVENTION 1961

For some of you, it is sufficient to say that this year's convention is sponsored by the "Apple Knockers." Those of you who do not know our reputation for the exotic and the bizarre are in for a pleasant surprise. The dates are September 28, 29 and 30; the

place is Elmira, New York, the home of Mark Twain, and the site of the infamous Civil War prison camp.

The bourse this year should be excellent, as dealers' tables will be available at no charge. We can attest to the fact that the food at the Mark Twain Hotel is delicious and best of all, you will meet your old friends and make many new ones in that fine fraternity of good fellowship called BNAPS.

CANADIAN STATIONERY

On the subject of post office issued stationery, which is not postal stationery, we would like to bring to your attention that Canada has issued, since the inception of the general issues of air letter sheets, blank sheets which required a stamp. At first these were supplied at most post offices and were free for the asking. However, due to abuse of this privilege, in recent years the policy has been changed and now they are sold—and only in lots of 1,000. This, of course, limits their use to the larger companies who use these in large quantities. This change in policy did not affect the "Forces Letter" however, which is still available to the military at no cost in most post offices. ★



OFFICIAL SECTION

BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

MONTHLY REPORT . . .

From the Secretary . . .

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

March 1, 1961.

NEW MEMBERS

- 1821 Anning, Edmund James, "McAdam," Beacroft Lane, Wimborne, Dorset, England
1822 Coffin, Fred W., 6137 Oak Street, Vancouver 13, British Columbia
1823 Dawson, Albert, 90 Park Row South, Hamilton, Ontario
1824 Smith, J. Floyd Jr., 913 French Street, Erie, Pennsylvania
1825 Wilson, Gavin Laurie, The Tower, Wormit, Newport-on-Tay, Fife, Scotland

LIFE MEMBERS

- L 100 Chadbourne, Walter W., 104 Hilltop Road, Hilltop Manor, Wilmington, Delaware
L1776 Johnson, John Finlay, 305 Sherwood Bldg., Spokane 1, Washington

APPLICATIONS PENDING

Brakefield-Moore, C/Supt. Edwin, R.C.M. Police, St. John's, Newfoundland
Gibson, Dr. David, Ontario Hospital, Smiths Falls, Ontario
Hale, Joan R. D., M.D., 1175 Castlevale Drive, Louisville 17, Kentucky
MacKean, Harry Raymond, c/o Bank of Nova Scotia, Water St., St. John's, Newfoundland
Treit, Rev. Elroy M., 3871 Hurst Street, South Burnaby, British Columbia

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

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

- Camilleri, Ivo, 1546 Pine Ave., Trail, B.C. (C-CX) CAN—19th and 20th century mint and used postage and blocks. Coils. OHMS-G. Mint, used booklet panes and complete booklets. Mint and used airmails. Proposed by R. T. Fraser, No. 1167; seconded by S. T. Spooner, No. 254.
Clement, Charles B., 12527 Stoney Plain Rd., Ste. A4, Edmonton, Alta. (C) CAN—Used postage. Federal, provincial and tax-paid revenues. Proposed by W. Rorke, No. 1511; seconded by D. McKay, No. 1819.
Cook, Constance E., Coy Glen Rd., Ithaca, N.Y. (C) CAN—19th century mint and used postage. Proposed by A. P. Cook, No. 320; seconded by W. J. Hassan, No. 911.
Mark, A. W. (Bill), 817 Burriss St., So. Burnaby, B.C. (C) CAN, BC—19th and 20th century used postage. OHMS-G. Flag, 2 and 4-ring cancellations. Specialty: 15c Large Queen. Proposed by R. Wulff, No. 1363.
Pherrill, E. T., 50 John St., Thornhill, Ont. (C) CAN—20th century mint and used postage. Coils. OHMS-G. Mint booklet panes. Mint airmails. Proposed by W. P. Carter, No. 591; seconded by S. Hodgson, No. 985.
Stonehouse, Lloyd Everett, 25 Clarence St., Amherst, N.S. (C-CX) CAN, NFD, PROV—Mint and used postage and mint blocks. Precancels. Literature. Squared circle cancellations. Specialty: Precancels (Canada). Proposed by A. Whitehead, No. 192.
Woods, Walter H., 18 Glengowan Rd., Toronto 12, Ont. (C) CAN—19th century mint and used postage. Territorial, 2 and 4-ring numeral, Small Queen cancels—leaves, crowns, Masonic, numeral, letter. Specialty: Small Queens and Registration 1870-98. Proposed by J. N. Sissons, No. L17; seconded by A. D. Day, No. 1111.

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- 1524 Beck, Allen C., 16 Grant St., Redlands, Calif. (from Louisville, Kentucky)
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327 Kreischel, Peter, 3311 North 32nd St., Phoenix 18, Arizona
959 Lyman, Robert W., 31 Front St., Marblehead, Mass. (from London, England)
1605 MacLeod, D. J., 202 Willow Ave., Nashwaaksis, N.B.
775 MacIver, R. G., Jr., Lloyd Manor, Apt. 27, 376 West End Ave., Long Branch, N.J.
962 McMurry, Jack W., 1552 Norview Ave., Norfolk 13, Virginia
832 Parker, Ralzemond B., Abington Hotel, 700 Seward Ave., Detroit 2, Mich. (from Berwyn, Pa.)
1690 Parker, Dr. Robert R., 2515 Hollyrood Dr., Nanaimo, B.C.
1533 Smith, Ernest F. Schiewick, P.O. Box 126, Hudson Heights, Que.
1135 Todd, Norman, 74 Linden Rd., Bognor Regis, Sussex, England

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The Last Word

... *From The Editor*

MOST READERS FEEL TOPICS IS NOT TOO SPECIALIZED

THE RESULTS of our survey as to whether or not the contents of BNA TOPICS were too specialized, initiated in the September 1960 issue, would indicate that a great majority of our readers want:

- **MORE** articles on **STAMPS**
- **FEWER** articles on **CANCELLATIONS**

In answering the questions on the questionnaire, no one indicated that there should be **less** material devoted to stamps, but 57 per cent of those answering the questions said they wanted **more** articles on Canadian Provinces, 45 per cent more Newfoundland, 72 per cent more Early Canada, 68 per cent more 20th Century Canada. In the same categories, 18 per cent are satisfied with Provincial material as now published, 30 per cent with Newfoundland, Early Canada 20 per cent, 20th Century Canada 21 per cent.

When it came to postal markings, Early Canadian cancellations and 20th Century cancellations should both be presented **more frequently** in TOPICS (53 and 52 per cent respectively). The magazine should feature **less** of other types of cancellations according to readers. (40 per cent wanted less Squared Circle material, 45 per cent less Duplex, and 37 per cent less Flags and Slogans). Squared Circles came in for the most criticism in comments added by members, several claiming that they had been "overdone" or had "had their day."

In other categories, 45 per cent wanted **less** Revenue material, while 46 per cent wanted **more** Postal Stationery articles, and 60 per cent wanted **more** information on Booklets.

Readers are definitely not interested in news items taking up too much space in our magazine (62 per cent wanting **less**), but 44 per cent wanted **more** auction reports as against 19 per cent wanting the same, and 37 per cent wanting less.

Varieties should be featured **more often** according to 89 per cent of our readers, which was the most overwhelming percentage in any category, for or against.

It was hard to know how to classify the interest indicated in our monthly columns, so we took the number indicated as showing interest as a percentage of the total number of replies received. This may not be an absolutely accurate assessment, but it does give some indication. Surprisingly enough, one of our newest columns, BNA Literature Topics, captured top honors, 41 per cent indicating that they were interested in this feature, several adding the comment that it was a "good idea" and should be expanded and made more detailed.

Other items which some readers thought should be given increased coverage in BNA TOPICS are: Airmails (especially pioneer flights), military cancels, RPOs, Corks, Express Routes, Precancels, Coils, Registered cancels; and a few indicated that auction reports should be kept out of monthly columns.

As to the main question, "Are you satisfied with the contents of BNA TOPICS as at present?", 62 per cent said they liked the magazine as it is, 26 per cent liked it with a few noted reservations, while 12 per cent answered an unequivocal "No" to this question. These figures are all based on 149 copies of the questionnaire returned (including a half-dozen who sent letters or postcards saying things were "O.K. as at present," and who didn't bother to send in the complete questionnaire. We are taking it for granted that the

Results of Questionnaire

(Percentage of those answering respective questions)

| | Percent. wanting | | |
|--|------------------|------|------|
| | Less | Same | More |
| Postal History | 22 | 19 | 59 |
| Squared Circles | 40 | 36 | 24 |
| Duplex Cancellations | 45 | 33 | 22 |
| Early Cancellations | 20 | 27 | 53 |
| Modern Cancellations | | | |
| (20th Century) | 31 | 17 | 52 |
| Flag and Slogan Cancellations | 37 | 34 | 29 |
| Stamps of the Provinces | 25 | 18 | 57 |
| Stamps of Newfoundland | 25 | 30 | 45 |
| Early Stamps of Canada | 11 | 17 | 72 |
| 20th Century Canada | 11 | 21 | 68 |
| Revenue Stamps of Canada and Newfoundland | 45 | 24 | 31 |
| Postal Stationery of Canada and Newfoundland | 29 | 25 | 46 |
| Booklet Panes of Canada and Newfoundland | 18 | 22 | 60 |
| Varieties (19th-20th Century) | 11 | — | 89 |
| News Items, etc. | 62 | 7 | 31 |
| Auction Reports | 37 | 19 | 44 |

Interest in Monthly Columns

(Figures are percentage interested in respective columns)

| | |
|-----------------------------------|----|
| Rounding Up Squared Circles | 36 |
| Trail of the Caribou | 35 |
| Perfin Group News | 23 |
| Revenue Group News | 23 |
| Cook's Books | 29 |
| BNA Literature Topics | 41 |
| Postal Stationery Panorama | 32 |

majority of those members who did not fill in and return the questionnaire are satisfied with BNA TOPICS as it is at present.

Most members hastened to add that these answers indicated their own preferences, and most were willing for the other fellow to have his favorite topics covered too. They indicated that we couldn't hope to please everybody all the time, and we are the first to agree with this—and at times we even get the impression that we aren't pleasing anybody! Many comments were very kind in complimenting us on the excellence of the magazine, and to these members we say thank you.

This survey has been very informative, and we hope we will be able to go along with the wishes of members and give them as much of the kind of material in which they are interested as possible. The greatest problem at all times is, of course, the fact that we can only publish the material that is submitted to us. While we try to make the monthly fare as varied as possible, if we have no articles on stamps available, we cannot publish them, and the same applies to other material. There have been complaints that we publish too much on postal markings, and this is perhaps true, but if we have interested members who are will-

ing to devote much time and effort in the preparation of these articles, and no one takes the trouble to do anything in any other line, the material on cancellations will appear in the magazine, and those who are interested in stamps only are displeased as a result.

Reviewing the results of this survey, we consider that we are in need of material on the following:

- **Postal History**
- **Modern Cancellations**
- **Stamps of the Provinces**
- **Stamps of Newfoundland**
- **Early Stamps of Canada**
- **20th Century Canadian Stamps**
- **Varieties (19th and 20th Century)**

It is up to the membership whether we publish the more varied articles some of you wish, or continue more or less as at present. If you feel that something should be written up, and you have the information, please get busy on it. Short items are just as welcome as the longer articles, and if you feel that your writing ability is limited, the editorial staff of BNA TOPICS will give your material the necessary polish. And if you have illustrative material that will add to the interest of your articles, send it along. Many readers have asked for even more pictures than we publish at present—we will continue to publish all we can afford. So let's hear from you, and make even more BNAPS members happy—and by the way, the editor's address is: Gordon P. Lewis, 37 Eldomar Avenue, Brampton, Ontario, Canada. ★

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MORE CLASSIFIED TOPICS

WANTED

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In the B.N.A. section, Canadian issues continue to show great strength, as they have for some time. This is especially true during the period from 1851 to 1930, where the most significant changes occur.

Among the earlier issues, both the unused and used 1868-79 5c Large Cent issue (No. 26) have shown advances, the former from \$21.75 to \$24.75 and the latter from \$6.50 to \$7.50.

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Activity in the Provinces continues to be light. Newfoundland issues show comparatively few changes. Those that are reported are slight. Some upward revisions are noted among stamps from British Columbia and Vancouver Island, but percentage-wise these are small. ★

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

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RESIGNATIONS RECEIVED

- 1648 Hastie, Walter, 4339 Maywood St., Burnaby 1, B.C.
1678 McGorman, James W., 11 Elizabeth St., Stratford, Ont.

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| Denny, Robert F. | | |

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| TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, February 1, 1961 | 1039 | |
| NEW MEMBERS, March 1, 1961 | 5 | |
| | | 1044 |
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