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A LETTER . . .

## From the Chairman of the Board of Governors

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Members of BNAPS:

I believe that a word from the Chairman of the Board of Governors is required so that the membership can fully understand the reason for the change in editors. At the 1961 Convention the members were advised that the printing of TOPICS was to be done by a new printer and that the costs of the Jan. '62 issue would average some 10% to 15% more. This increase in cost would have necessitated either a reduction of two issues published each year or an increase in dues, both remedies highly unpalatable to the officers. The new printer and the old were contacted to see if something could be done about the matter and the old printer, Mission Press, worked most closely with the Chairman and advised that they would put out future issues of the magazine for the amount it had cost the Society previously whereas the new printers recommended by Gordon Lewis could not find it possible to do so. Up until this time we had every reason to believe, and had been so advised that Gordon Lewis would continue as Editor regardless of who printed TOPICS. No quarrel had ever been found with Gordon's ability as an Editor and speaking for the Society I can honestly and truthfully say that all members owe him an everlasting debt of gratitude for making TOPICS just about the finest looking Specialist magazine in existence and we are certain that it must have been done at a great expense of time and effort. After the new contract had been signed and Gordon Lewis so notified, he then advised the President that he would be unable to continue as Editor for the forthcoming issues.

Sorry to see you go Gordon, but you leave quite a monument behind you in TOPICS.

Sincerely,

DANIEL C. MEYERSON  
Chairman, Board of Governors

# Monthly Report from the Secretary . . .

JACK LEVINE, 209 PINE TREE ROAD, OXFORD, NORTH CAROLINA

March 1, 1962.

## NEW MEMBERS

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Buse, Raymond L. Jr., 2540 Handasyde Avenue, Cincinnati 8, Ohio.  
Doull, R. M., 1945 Dumfries Road, Mount Royal, Quebec.  
Hayne, Andrew, 31 Howard Avenue, Lindsay, Ontario.  
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Cubell, Elliot S., 241 Freeman St., Brookline 46, Mass. (C-CX) CAN—19th and 20th century mint and used postage and blocks. Pre-stamp and stampless covers. Plate Blocks. O.H.M.S.-G. Mint booklet panes. R.P.O., squared-circle and duplex cancellations. Proposed by J. Levine, No. LI.  
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Kuhlman, Fred, 320-3rd Avenue E. (P.O. Box 51), Melville, Sask. (C-CX) CAN, NFD, PROV—19th and 20th century mint and used postage and blocks. 1st Day covers. Plate Blocks. Coils. O.H.M.S.-G. Mint and used booklet panes. Precancels. Mint and used airmails. Literature. R.P.O., territorial, flag, slogan, 2 and 4-ring numeral, squared-circle, duplex and town cancellations. SPECIALTY—Canada, '59 Cents. Large and Small Queens. Proposed by H. E. Canham, No. 77. Seconded by A. D. Day, No. 1111.  
Petersen, Miss Jeanette M., 14725 S.W. 79 Avenue, Tigard, Ore. (C-CX) CAN—Mint and used postage. Proposed by R. V. C. Carr, No. 1427.  
Price, Thomas E., 6878 East Boulevard, Vancouver, B.C. (C)CAN, B.C. and V.I.—Proposed by B. C. Binks, No. 74. Seconded by E. C. Black, No. 1639.  
Saunders, Jack E., 130 Beech St., Collingwood, Ont. (DC-CX) CAN, NFD—Plate Blocks. O.H.M.S.-G. Mint booklet panes. Proposed by J. R. Cooke, No. 592. Seconded by G. B. Wright, No. 1495.  
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850 Cohoon, Gordon L., 4109 Cote des Neiges Road, Montreal 25, Quebec.  
113 Cole, Clifford C. Jr., 2835 Arden Road N.W., Atlanta 5, Georgia.  
144 DeLisle, Ivan J., 1891 University Avenue West, Windsor, Ontario.  
1731 Duncan, John J., P.O. Box 860, Revelstoke, B.C.  
1875 Dunnhaupt, P. B. Gerard, 484 Church St., Apt. 1511, Toronto 5, Ontario.  
1748 Furneaux, F/L Robert, 24391, 1 Air Divn. HQ, RCAF, CAPO 5052, Canadian Armed Forces Europe, c/o Postmaster, Montreal, Canada.  
579 Gaylord, S. B., 18889 Timber Lane, Fairview Park 26, Ohio.  
564 Gelinas, Lt. Col. Joseph A., M.C., U.S. Army Hospital, Camp Leroy Johnson, New Orleans 40, Louisiana.  
1300 Gutzman, W. L., 38 Vinet Ave., Dorval, Quebec.  
729 Harris, Edmund A., 5919-20th Street S.W., Calgary, Alberta.

- 1750 Jaco, Dr. N. T., 4 Ermeti Place, Englewood Cliffs, N.J. (from Sudbury, Ont.)  
 793 Johnson, John H., 4429 N. Winchester Ave., Chicago 40, Ill.  
 1829 MacKean, Harry R., Rothesay R.R. No. 2, Kings Co., N.B. (from St. John's, Nfld.)  
 1036 McLellan, Hubert M., 2206 East Crescent Drive, Seattle 2, Wash.  
 1372 Moyle, Dr. H. B., Canton Valley Circle, Canton, Conn.  
 1784 Nault, M. L., 1478 St. Zotique St. East, Montreal 35, Quebec.  
 1021 Newcomb, S. J., Takla Ldg, via Ft. St. James, B.C.  
 1101 Penny, D. G., Ste 4, Erickson Block, 249 Main St., Penticton, B.C.  
 877 Steiner Robert N., P.O. Box 219, Ancaster, Ont.  
 1280 Theeuwissen, Rene, 42 Rue du Moulin, Nossegem, BT, Belgium.  
 994 Wiesener, Herman E., 5523 Greene St., Philadelphia 44, Pa.  
 1837 Woods, Walter H., 10 Lamport Ave., Apt. 203, Toronto 5, Ontario.

#### DECEASED

- 45 Park, J. Alex., 253 Lewiston Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich.  
 254 Spooner, Syd T., 2017-2nd Avenue, Trail, B.C.

#### RESIGNATIONS RECEIVED

- 1578 Alder, Bradbury C., 747-16th Street N.E., Massillon, Ohio.  
 1669 Langabeer, J. S., 20 William Denny Ave., Westmere, Auckland W. 2, New Zealand.  
 1700 Martin, H. R., 120 Scenic Drive, Horseheads, N.Y.

#### RESIGNATIONS ACCEPTED

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
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NEW MEMBERS, March 1, 1962 .....	5	
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#### OFFICIAL NOTICES

The chairman of the Board of Governors is pleased to advise that acting under the authority granted by Article 4, Section 4, of the Constitution and By-laws of the British North America Philatelic Society, Clare Jephcott, Toronto, has been unanimously chosen to succeed the late Arnold Banfield as Vice-President of the Society.

The Chairman of the Board of Governors is pleased to advise that acting under the authority granted by Article 4, Section 4 of the Constitution and By-laws of the British North America Philatelic Society, Richard A. Compton, Ithaca, has been chosen to complete the unexpired term as a replacement for Clare Jephcott on the Board of Governors. Clare Jephcott has previously been chosen by the Board to complete the unexpired term of Vice-president previously held by the late E. A. Banfield.

DANIEL C. MEYERSON,  
 Chairman Board of Governors.

#### 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 the society or by any five (5) members in good standing in time, at least, for publication in the issue of BNA TOPICS scheduled for release ninety (90) days before the opening of the Convention and Annual Meeting of such election year. At least 150 days before the opening date of such election year Convention and Annual Meeting, the President shall appoint five (5) members of the Society to serve and function as a Nominating Committee whose prime purpose shall be to prepare and present a slate of candidates for the elective offices to be voted, which slate shall be published in the issue of BNA TOPICS scheduled for release 120 days before the opening date of the Convention and Annual Meeting of such election year. 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 90 days prior to the election date.

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**THE Editor's MAILBAG**

Dear Sir:

I wonder if it would be possible to publish a new exchange list in TOPICS. This may help to put a little more interest in BNAPS. I would suggest only members who are willing to exchange and have material to exchange be placed on the list and not as in the previous one.

I believe one of the reasons for so many resignations in BNAPS is lack of interest and also many collectors are taking up coin collecting, which I believe is ahead of stamp collecting in popularity.

Let's have more articles on covers.

Sincerely,  
BERNARD SCOTT.

Dear Sir:

It was with no little pleasure that I read the first instalment of Lloyd W. Sharpe's article on "The Auxiliary Service Covers of Canadian Armed Forces," in the Feb. edition of TOPICS.

Canadian Forces Mail happens to be my particular field of philately and for some time the idea of forming a side collection of Auxiliary Service Covers has been in the back of my mind. As a matter of interest, there was also a thought of producing an article on the subject. Now that Lloyd Sharpe has beaten me to the punch I hope that you will find space in TOPICS for all information on these covers until the whole subject has been recorded. When we consider that millions of such covers were sent by Canadian soldiers, sailors and airmen to relatives and friends at home there must be

a fairly wide assortment of designs and varieties and most, if not all of these, should be recorded as the 'slogan', 'patriotic', 'flags', etc.

To start the ball rolling I would like to mention a couple of items in my own collection. The first is a "Siberian" similar to that depicted in fig. 6 of Lloyd Sharpe's article, however, there is a difference in that the 'K of C' shown in the Maple Leaf, is absent from my cover as is the space for the student's address in the lower left corner. The second concerns the date mentioned in the caption under fig. 8 of the same article. I have 3-YMCA covers with dates earlier than 3 Oct '15. Two of them, of a design not shown in Lloyd Sharpe's article, are dated November 22, 1914 and Feb. 2, 1915 (both from a Canadian soldier and cancelled with "Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force" hammer). The third is of still another design and is dated May 12, 1915.

Maybe TOPICS and Lloyd Sharpe have started something akin to the Squared Circle. May I suggest you invite readers to send in photos of designs not included in the article.

Your Sincerely,  
LT.COL. R. H. WEBB.

Dear Sir,

I am enclosing a couple of photographs which I think will prove of some interest to readers of BNA TOPICS.

The Airmail item is unique in that it is imperforate at the top below the Plate in-

scription. I suppose there should be other blocks from the rest of the sheet, and if any member has such, I would be glad to hear of it. This one was obtained from the post master at Sudbury, Mr. Harry Whitehead. I have mentioned it previously, but seemed to arouse a sense of skepticism, so I got Arnim Walters to take a photograph. He did much of the work for Dr. Holmes' last book.

I merely send the one of a laid paper 6d along to see if anyone can brag of better margins.

Sincerely,  
DR. FRED A. E. STARR.

P.S. I enjoy the magazine. I edit a magazine myself, not on stamps, and I know how copy is appreciated.



## EDITORIAL

### STAMP THEFTS

Lately, there has been an increase in the number of both stamp and coin robberies, many of them which have a professional aspect to them. Most have taken place in the major cities in Canada and the United States, where you usually find a greater number of collectors.

The theft of the Enoch Myatt collection in the month of February from his home in Toronto was extremely startling. The collection was composed mainly of Great Britain, British North America and British West Indies stamps, housed in approximately 60 volumes. Further



odd collections were in another 20-25 albums. The police and insurance company have placed a value of \$60,000 upon the volumes stolen, and have classed the robbery as the largest stamp theft in Canada. Mr. Myatt kept his complete collection at his home, so that he could continuously work upon it when he could spare the time. For this reason he held adequate insurance.

Members outside Toronto will think that the theft was similar to others, but this is not so. The Myatt collection was practically unknown, except to a very select few. To our knowledge none of the collection had been shown outside of Toronto, and in this city only occasionally. The newspapers have reported that only the best albums were taken, sixty volumes of BNA, British and West Indies material. These were taken from the shelves of his bookcase in his home early one Sunday morning while Mr. Myatt and his wife were holidaying in the south. His 15-year-old daughter and a housekeeper were asleep in the house at the time that the robbery took place. The thieves knew exactly where to go and knew exactly what material to take. Indications are that they took only the best and the most valuable stamps.

When the theft was reported, many of the other collectors in the area said that they did not know of the collection's existence. How many people knew that Mr. Myatt was in Florida? Not many. The theft was well planned and executed, indicating that the 'brains behind this job' knew what he was after and knew all the movements of the owner, as well as the interior of his home. To move sixty volumes out of a medium-sized home, which was occupied, would require rather intimate knowledge of the owner of the collection. These facts begin to point to someone within our own philatelic circle, who we must know just as well as he knew Mr. Myatt and his collection. This point appals us. Suspicion enters our minds about our own friends. We now must be on guard whether to mention our personal plans as to travel or allusions to our movements away from our homes. Many collectors will be less enthusiastic about exhibiting their collections, if they feel that someone in their midst might consider relieving them of them. It is unfortunate that we are forced to curtail some of our philatelic activities to the loss of other collectors.

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## A. P. S. Journal

### CELEBRATES 75th ANNIVERSARY — 1887-1962

by JOHN FOXWORTH

*The American Philatelist*, official journal of The American Philatelic Society, observes its 75th anniversary of publication with its January 1962 issue. It is the longest record of continuous publication in the field of philatelic journalism.

Down through seven and a half decades, *The American Philatelist* has continuously presented outstanding news items, articles and research manuscripts in the world's most popular hobby field.

The journal is mailed free monthly to the more than 13,000 members of the Society, who reside in every state of the union and most foreign countries.

*The American Philatelist* was inaugurated as an eight-page, coverless publication on January 10, 1887 from Altoona, Pa., the home city of its first editor, W. R. Fraser. The American Philatelic Association, the original name of the Society, was founded September 14, 1886 and was changed to its present name

at the July 1908 convention in Columbus, Ohio.

Volume One confined most of its eight pages to official reports and news issues data. There was one brief serialization, entitled, "Official Postage Stamps and Stamped Envelopes," by C. F. Rothfuchs, which occupied all of the eleven inches of space in the first two issues.

Advertising in the early volumes is of special interest, for in most cases, the stamps advertised were current and at the most, under a half-century old. The adhesive postage stamp had reached its 50th birthday seven years before the Journal made its appearance. Advertisers of this early period already included names still familiar in the world of stamps, including the Scott Stamp and Coin Co. of New York; the C. H. Mekeel Co. of St. Louis and Stanley Gibbons and Co. of London.

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# Sketches of BNAPSers

by V. G. GREENE, 77 VICTORIA ST., TORONTO, ONTARIO

BNAPS No. L40

## No. 89 — CLARENCE A. WESTHAVER

A member of our Board of Governors and a keen stamp collector, Clarence A. Westhaver was born in Dorchester, Mass., on July 2, 1906 and graduated from Wentworth Institute in the depression year of 1932 with an engineering degree. He secured a job as a sales engineer for the Paul B. Hugette Company selling combustion equipment and in 1936 formed the Clarence A. Westhaver Corporation which does boiler setting and heat treating work and builds industrial incinerators.

Some years ago, Clarence was on the verge of a nervous breakdown on account of overwork and his doctor advised him to take up a hobby. As his father came from Nova Scotia and his mother from New Brunswick, he decided to collect the stamps of Canada. He once told the writer "if I never realized a dollar for my collection it is still one of the best investments I ever made in my life". His collection of Canada "Official" plate blocks is practically complete and he has a marvelous lot of covers from the "1868" to the "Edward" issue, including illustrated corner-cards, 'Patriotics' and 'Hotel' covers. At the upcoming "CANPEX" Exhibition to be held in Windsor, Clarence will exhibit 16 pages in the Court of Honour from his fine collection of Canada 1897 Jubilees.

Mr. Westhaver is chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Boston Baptist Social Union, a trustee of the Baptist Home, a director of the Milton Co-Operative Bank and a member of the Milton Rotary Club.

A member of the Boston Camera Club and the Photographic Society of America, Clarence is one of the foremost amateur photographers of Massachusetts and has received many awards and ribbons for his work. Those of us who saw his colored slides of some of his covers at the R.P.S.C. Conven-



tion in North Hatley, Quebec last year were amazed at the high quality of his reproductions.

In addition to being a member of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, Clarence is a member of the Collectors Club, New York; Society of Philatelic Americans; and the C.P.S. of Great Britain. Married to the former Myrtle Cushman, the Westhavers have five children and Clarence and his wife plan to attend our Convention at the Alpine Inn in September where they will renew acquaintance with their many friends.

# The Edward VII Precancelled Stamps of Canada

by R. B. HETHERINGTON

The Edward VII stamps of Canada are known precancelled with the following Types, as listed in the "Noble Official Catalog of Canada Precancels". Edited by Mr. H. G. Walburn, these can be divided into three Sections: "The Bar Types", "The City Types" and "The Type 'For Third Class Matter Only'".

Firstly, the "General Bar Types". The Edward's are known precancelled with "Noble's Type "T" and "U", of which the Type "T" are the commonest; the "U" types are generally scarce, except for the 1 cent green. (Scott's No. 89, Noble's No. U 74v.) These "Bar Types" were used for a short period on the Edward issues and were superseded by the "City Type" during the latter part of 1903.

A number of varieties are known of these "Bar Types", including doubles and more rarely triple precancels. These are listed in Noble's Catalog. For some reason, not explained, Type "T" are more common "Normal", and Type "U" are generally found "Vertical" except on the 10 and 20 cents of Type "T", which have only, so far, been recorded as "Normals". The 10 cents precancelled with Type "U" are only listed in the "Vertical" state. Varieties of shade and perforation are not listed in the Noble Catalog, nor for that matter on the basic stamps as listed in Scott, but considerable variation of shade are known to the specialists. Another variety, not listed in any Catalogue, as far as I know, is that on the 1 cent green, which occurs with "Hair-lines", caused by cracks in the printing plate; as listed in Gibbons' on the 1 and 2 cents of the 1912, George V, "Admirals".

Now we come to the "City Types". These are known with various types of precancel showing the City or Town names, together with a pair of bars, with or without scrolls, with the province name below. The various types are listed by Noble under his Universal Style Chart, and there are also special Types for several Cities, such as, HALIFAX, Nova Scotia, NIAGARA FALLS, ONT., PETERBORO' ONTARIO, and REGINA SASK.

Two different methods of printing were

used to precancel the Edward's. Here I shall quote from a letter received from Mr. Frank W. Campbell, of 1132 Pinehurst, Royal Oak, Michigan, U.S.A., who in his younger days was a Master Printer:

"With the Edward stamps, began the town name (City Types) printed on a press. The first group used was likely the Montreal and Toronto 50 cent blue, (Queen V. Scott's No. 47) which was extensively used on bundles of magazines. This and the first Halifax style were probably printed from loose type, the Halifax one being the same type face, in a smaller size. The rule (or bar) across the stamp was missing in one Halifax printing, which indicates to me that the type was kept standing, and as brass rule used for the bars was always scarce then it was lifted to use elsewhere, which indicates no electro was made of this form at least.

The next extensive list of Town Types were definitely made of an electrotype form, ten rows being repeated from one line of type. These ten electrotype rows were nailed to a wooden base, the Calgary one having a row mounted upside down, which was corrected soon". (These tete-beche pairs are now very rare.)

"To prove this group consisted of ten identical rows, the ends of the electrotypes in vertical rows show identical characteristics and better still, the BRIDGEBURG error at the right end was repeated in each vertical row, this error continued without correction during the whole life of the plate, some 21 years, and is known on the George V, issues as well as on the Edward's.

The foundry type used to prepare these electros was old, worn, and dirt between the letters often made uneven length words, in the same row. The type face names were of the 1840-60 era. These electros were reported destroyed at Ottawa in about 1943."

Owing to the method of printing used and the damage caused to the electros by careless storage there are a number of constant varieties, besides numerous others which are non-constant, caused by dirt and over inking. The constant varieties seem to occur generally on the first and last vertical rows: a list

of such varieties has already been published in "Maple Leaves" (the Journal of the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain) for February 1957 (Page 225) with some further notes in the June issue of the same year. (Page 284). Most of the Edward "City Types" are known both "Normal" and "inverted"; doubles are known, but these are scarce to rare. A very rare variety is that for WINDSOR—ONT, with double precancel, one for Windsor and the other for LONDON—ONT; this is known on the 1 cent green.

Dr. Alfred Whitehead, of 52 Havelock Street, Amherst, N.S., Canada, who has a large collection of the Edward's reported about five years ago that he had discovered that a few of the larger Cities used two different but similar plates. Some other authorities consider that there were two settings of the plates used for certain Cities; these include, Bridgeburg, Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa, Quebec, Hamilton, London and possibly Winnipeg and Windsor. Several towns in the province of ONTARIO are known with two different "O's" used for the first "O" in ONTARIO. One is a narrow, oval "O" and the other, which is much the commonest, has a larger, rounder "O". This latter is referred to as the normal setting. An early trial printing using blue ink was used for three cities, Bridgeburg, Montreal and Toronto, and in the case of Bridgeburg and Toronto the precancel in blue is known with the NARROW first "O" in ONTARIO. This appears to show that the two different settings were in use from the start as the blue printings are known to have been used on the stamps issued in 1903. No one I know has a complete pane

of these stamps showing the blue printing, nor have I ever seen or heard of complete panes with the black precancel, so it is very difficult to prove the question of the different plates and settings.

Very little research was undertaken by early collectors of Canadian Precancels, and now it is nearly impossible to find the Edward's in large blocks, even to this day very few collectors of these stamps appear to take a great deal of interest. However, a great deal more research must be done before the question of the different plates and settings can be settled.

The third and last group consists of stamps precancelled for 3rd class mail only. This group was precancelled in seven lines, as follows: Town Name, Pair of thin Bars, 'For Third Class Matter Only, in five lines. This type was not in general use and was only issued for the following: Brantford, Ont., (Not listed in the Noble Catalog) Bridgeburg, Ont., Brockville, Ont., Brown's Nurseries, Ont., Hamilton, Ont., London, Ont., (only listed inverted on the 1 cent green, but may have been issued as a "normal".) Montreal, Que., Niagara Falls, Ont., Ottawa, Ont., Quebec, Que., St. John, N.B., Toronto, Ont., and Winnipeg, Man. These are known normal and inverted, and with double precancel, but the latter are known for only a few cities and are very rare. No triples have ever been reported. This Type used for Brantford, Ont., was recorded in early Precancel Catalogs, but was dropped by the Noble as Mr. Walburn had never seen a copy, but I have listed it as I have a copy in my collection.

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## SOME PRICES REALIZED

Seventy-two lots of Canada Jubilee dollar values, comprising 81 stamps, fetched \$3,809 in the recent three-day auction of British West Indies, Canada and British Commonwealth stamps from the collections of Gordon C. Liersch of Montreal, Milton L. Stein of New York and others. The sale was held by Harmer, Rooke & Co., Inc., 560 Fifth Ave., New York on Feb. 7-9 and realized a total of \$44,000.

A group of seven imperforate blocks of four from Canada's 1898-1902 Victoria "Numerals" set brought \$565.

Three single stamps realized more than \$1,000 apiece: the rare £1 violet of Tobago,

unused, \$1,100 against a catalog value of \$900; Turks Islands No. 8B, a ½p on 1sh slate blue, unused, \$1,400 (cat. \$2,000), and Turks Islands No. 28, a 2½p on 1sh slate blue, unused, \$1,100 (cat. \$1,750).

Other interesting prices follow:

*Bahamas* No. 1a, the 1p dark lake of 1859, superb used, \$150 (cat. \$135). No. 3, a used 4p rose of 1861, full catalog of \$70. No. 8, the 1p brown lake, perf. 13, unused and ex-Casparly, \$62.50 (cat. \$60).

*Barbados* No. 7, 4p brownish red, unused, \$75 (cat. \$50). No. 23, 1p blue, perf. 11-13,

o.g., \$270 (cat. \$200). No. 57a, unsevered pair of the 1878 provisional 1p on half of 5sh, used, \$300 (cat. \$375).

*British Guiana* No. 8, superb used 1c vermilion of 1853-59, \$250 (cat. \$200). No. 9, superb used 4c blue, \$110 (cat. \$90). No. 14, 4c black on magenta of 1856, used and on piece, \$550 (cat. 800). No. 33, 24c green of 1862, unused, \$85 (cat. \$80). No. 124, 1889 \$1 green, unused, \$46 (cat. \$50).

*Cayman Islands* No. 20, 2½p on 4p of 1907-08, unused, \$130 (cat. \$175). No. MR3, 1½p on 2½p war tax, unused, \$57.50 (cat. \$50).

*Grenada* No. 19, 1½p ms. surcharge, used, \$180 (cat. \$125). *Jamaica* No. 5, 6p lilac of 1860-63, o.g. and well centered, \$85 (cat. \$37.50). *St. Christopher* No. 18a, 1p on 6p inverted surcharge, unused, \$125 (cat. \$150). *St. Vincent* No. 30, 1p on half of 6p of 1881, unused, \$110 (cat. \$125).

*Tobago* No. 7, 1880 ms. 1p on half of 6p, tied to piece, \$90 (cat. \$85). *Trinidad* No. 12, 1p blue of 1855-60, used, \$120 (cat. \$150). *Turks Islands* No. 22, 2½p on 1sh, unused, \$750 (cat. \$600).

*Canada* No. 7, 10p blue, used, \$90 (cat. \$100). No. 8, 1857 ½p rose, unused, \$95 (cat. \$110). The 2ct Edward VII in imperf. block of 12 comprising two tete beche panes of six, \$325. Royal Visit 1c, 2c and 3c of 1939 in imperf. horizontal pairs, \$240 (Holmes, \$225). The 1946 7c deep blue air-mail, imperf. horizontal pair, \$150 (Sanabria \$200).

*Australia* No. 14, £1 of 1931, unused, \$90 (cat. \$110). No. 102, the £2 of 1929-30, unused, \$130 (full catalog). *Basutoland* No. 02, 1934 1p official on piece, \$220. *Cape of Good Hope* No. 172, Mafeking 1sh on 4p, unused, \$75 (cat. \$90). *Egypt*, Port Fuad set used (No. 121-124), \$290 (cat. \$330).

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The secretary's report published in the first issue announced that the Association had 143 members in good standing—a gain of 27 over the previous report. One year later, at the 1888 convention in Boston, the secretary reported 544 members.

The *American Philatelist* had its times of difficulty and financial woes during the early years, which saw scores of philatelic papers and journals rise and fall, and twice forced the association to utilize sister publications for short periods of time. For three months in 1887, the *Western Philatelist* of Chicago carried the official Association news. But, the *American Philatelist*, bounded back with a 14 page cover-bound issue from Philadelphia in October.

Troubled times again faced the *American Philatelist* in 1890, when the *Metropolitan Philatelist* of Chicago served as the official journal for two months. The Journal survived this financial crisis and continued as a monthly publication until September, 1893, when it was supplemented by yearbooks containing convention proceedings, occasional articles and membership lists. A quarterly journal was voted in at the 1908 Columbia, Ohio convention and continued on this basis for several years before again reverting to its present monthly schedule.

Today's *American Philatelist* is the voice of the world's largest stamp society and features the best in philatelic reading, as well as recording the activities of the Society and its thousands of members. Copies of the diamond jubilee issue and information on the Society are available from the Executive Secretary in State College, Pa.

Editors of the *American Philatelist* include W. R. Fraser of Altoona, Pa., Vol. 1; R. C. H. Brooks of Philadelphia, Vols. 2-4; W. C. Stone of Springfield, Mass., Vols. 5-7; J. D. Rice of Trenton, N.J., Vol. 8; J. K. Tiffany of St. Louis, Vol. 9; Joe F. Beard of Muscatine, Iowa, Vol. 10-11; William N. Howe of Portland, Maine, Vol. 12; H. E. Deats of Flemington, N.J., Vols. 13-16; D. T. Eaton of Muscatine, Iowa, Vols. 18-19; A. F. Henkels of Philadelphia, Vol. 20; W. C. Stone of Springfield, Mass., Vols. 21-22, Henry S. Adair of Columbus, Ohio, Vol. 23; C. A. Howes of Boston, Vols. 24-25; William E. Ault of Jeffersonville, Ind., Vols. 26-32; Joseph B. Leavy of Washington (one issue) and Mr. Stone; Vol. 33-34; Adolph D. Fennel of Cincinnati, Vols. 35-49; Ralph A. Kimble of Chicago, Vols. 50-56; and Vols. 60-65; Lester G. Brookman of Minneapolis, Vols. 57-59; David Lidman of Park Ridge, N.J., Vols. 66-68; and Vols. 71-73; Charles Hahn of Winnetka, Ill., Vols. 69-70; and James M. Chemi of Phoenix, Arizona, Vols. 74-75.

# Revenue Group News

Editor: DIRK VAN OUDENOL, 112-8th Ave. N.E., Calgary, Alberta

Chas. Armstrong (BNAPS 120) has shown the writer a number of interesting revenue items, some of which compliment the article on The Tickets of Canada, by Ed Richardson, as it appeared in BNA Topics, Vol. 18, No. 6 & No. 7.

Fig. 1 is printed in black on gummed brown paper tape of the type commonly bought in rolls, and is 1½" wide. It is used by the Liquor Board of Saskatchewan, probably as a means of sealing wrapped parcels.

Fig. 2 is printed in light blue on white



wove unwmk. paper, and is a type of liquor bottle seal used in Nova Scotia. The control number is printed in green.

Fig. 3 is printed in black on a background of light blue tracery on white wove unwmk. paper. It has been reported as appearing only in Series A. The printing of these Hospital Tax Tickets for the Province of Nova Scotia is rather coarse, and does not show a special user, although it is believed to be the same as the user of Fig. 4.

Fig. 4 is printed in the same manner as Fig. 3, except that the printing is finer, and a specified user is shown. Some of the larger letters of Fig. 4 are 1/2 mm. shorter than the same letter in Fig. 3. Series B, K, M have been seen.

Fig. 5 is printed in black on a background of pink tracery on white wove unwmk. paper, and is a bi-lingual Sales Tax Ticket of Quebec. It is reported in Series A only, so far.

George Apking (BNAPS 112) has sent in

an interesting item that proves an often quoted theory. It is a vertical block of six of the 3c Third Issue Bill Stamp. The perforations on the left and in the center are in reasonably normal position. The perforations on the right are slightly angled, being 5 mm. to 6 mm. away from the design. There is no design showing on the right side of the selva. A previous owner of this block has trimmed it to a true rectangle, so that no perforations actually appear on the right side of two of the stamps, despite a 6 mm. margin. George has a similar item on the 4c.

Jack C. St. Laurent (BNAPS 1006) has located a few more copies of Holmes No. BCL 13, the 10c B.C. Law Stamp in the slate sate, *bisected and on full document!* Nice work Jack. Unlike the bisect reported in Vol. 19, No. 2, these bisects are cut vertically up the center. Jack reports dates from April 1912 to Jan. 1913. These newly discovered bisects originated from the Agencies at Kamloops and Revelstoke, B.C.

## THE EASTER SEALS OF CANADA

Over the years the Easter Seals of Canada have been of special interest to collectors as evidenced by the many requests received each year.

Designed and printed in Canada they are distinctive from any others.

The National issue now used throughout Canada was preceded by several provincial issues, first of which was issued in Alberta in 1945 followed by an issue in British Columbia in 1946 and Ontario in 1947.

In 1949 the National issue was inaugurated and has since replaced all provincial issues.

Because of the many requests received for information concerning all issues a collectors service is maintained and complete information is available.

Seals may be had in English or French and English in sheets, blocks or singles, perf or imperf. Most popular is the complete set of



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National issue in blocks of four, perf, for \$1.00.

Complete information on all issues may be had on request to:

Bert L. Baulch,  
29 Indian Valley Trail,  
Port Credit, Ontario, Canada.

# Nova Scotia Covers to the Western United States

by JOHN T. PRATT (BNAPS 1055)

One of the more interesting rates of postage from Nova Scotia was the 9 pence, after 1860 15 cents, for letters mailed to the West Coast of the United States. Although these covers are scarce it has been the author's good fortune to locate the following five covers.

(1) A stampless cover rated '9' in manuscript mailed from Pictou, N.S. on October 27, 1854 and postmarked at St. John, New Brunswick on November 1, 1854. In manuscript on the back is a note, received 'December 1, 1854.' Also on the back in manuscript is a column of figures starting with 'Sept. 15 wrote home' then '21, 36, 34 and recd. answer in 70 days'. Since September has 30 days and he wrote on the 15th, the 15 remaining days plus '21' equal '36' days for the east bound trip and '34' for the west bound trip. The cover was sent to Alex McLean, San Francisco, California.

(2) The Argenti collection of London contained a cover franked with a 3d and 6d mailed in January 1860.

(3) From the Jarrett collection: A cover franked with a Nova Scotia 5c and 10c mailed from Parrsborough on October 11, 1864 and postmarked at St. John, New Brunswick, October 12, 1864. The addressee Mr. T. S. Hatfield, Sailer's Home Battery S. S. Monahaqua River, San Francisco, California had moved to Gardiner, Oregon, so the cover was franked with a U.S. 1861 issue and cancelled San Francisco, California, December 24, 1864—this was probably not a receiving cancel, but the forwarding cancel when the letter was sent on to Oregon.

(4) From the Jarrett collection: A cover franked with a Nova Scotia 5c and 10c

mailed from Windsor, N.S. May 4, 1867 to Mr. Hiram H. Scott, San Francisco, California. No other cancellations. On the front in the upper left corner is 'By Steamer from New York', however it is believed that this cover went by steam from Nova Scotia to New York and then overland to California.

(5) From the Robert Siegel New York sale: A cover franked with a 5c and 10c mailed from Pictou, N.S., November 23, 1867, sent via Amherst, N.S., November 25, 1867, to Mr. B. F. Richtinger, Drytown, California. This cover was mailed after Confederation, but before Canadian stamps were issued.

Although there is no definite evidence, all these covers probably went overland through the United States; the notes on the first cover indicate the minimum time for the trip was thirty-four days. The author would like to hear of any more of these interesting covers to the western United States.

Editors Note: It is also possible to find the ten cent Nova Scotia stamp or combinations of other values used on letters to the Western United States.

After July 1, 1863, letters mailed in the United States could be sent to any state or territory at the rate of 5c per ½ ounce instead of 10c for distances over 300 miles and accordingly the rate from the British North America Province became 10c per ½ oz. (Provincial postage 5c plus U.S. postage 5c) instead of 15c. Nova Scotia reduced the rate sometime after this date but as can be seen from the above listing of covers in existence, the 15c postage rate continued to be paid by some letter writers.

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Wallace Lewis, 39 Wrentham St., Dorchester 24, Mass., has sent in a selection of Canadian stamps which show apparent varieties which he feels would be of interest to our readers.

A copy of the current 2c Elizabeth shows a line around the Queen's right eye which gives the appearance of a monocle".

A L.L. plate block (No. 1) of the 5c Royal Visit stamp shows the result of the corner of the sheet being turned over during printing, leaving a colorless triangle marking. This

oddity was illustrated in Linn's Stamp News two years ago.

A copy of the 5c Nurse stamp shows the result of poor inking on the numeral of value; a \$1 of 1937 seems to be printed on thinner paper than is normal with this stamp; several copies of the 1875 Registration stamps show the results of inaccurate perforating; and a copy of the King George V 2c plus 1Tc brown is cancelled with the London Type Two squared circle dated Jul 19, 1917.



# Trail of the Caribou

By D. C. MEYERSON, 69 FENIMORE DRIVE, HARRISON, NEW YORK

We always had an inward feeling that it was sure to happen and at last it did and it is certainly gratifying. The other day we received a letter from Dr. Allan A. Wilkinson, BNAPS No. 935, Old Pelican, Newfoundland containing four more of his Newfoundland gems and we were thrilled when we realized that we know of all four, three repose in the collection and the fourth we have a record of though we have never reported it previously. The first was a cover struck with the "POSTAGE PAID" marking, our No. 6 as described in the Mar. 1956 issue of TOPICS. This one like our cover, the only other one that we have seen was also hand-stamped "Salvaged Mail From M. V. Clarenville". But whereas ours was franked with four copies of the 1c Scott No. 253, and cancelled at Flowers Cove on Nov. 25, 26 or 28, the last figure is indistinct, the cover that Dr. Wilkinson sends down has no stamps on it nor any other cancel other than Corner Brook, Dec. 7, 1945, the same as ours. The second cover has the free frank "NONIA" in violet in a small ellipse and it is cancelled Sept. 30, 1933. The ellipse measures 300 mm. x 13 mm. Back more years ago than we care to remember we bought a collection of some 30-40 Newfoundland free franks and included in this lot were three "NONIA" free franks which incidentally mean Newfoundland Outport Nursing and Industrial Association. The earliest is dated Feb. 23, 1926, and bears the "NONIA" free frank in violet in a serrated ellipse 50 x 34 mm. The second used on Jul. 5, 1927 is exactly like the first except that it is struck in black. The third more nearly like the subject submitted by Dr. Wilkinson antedates all of the others and is used from St. John's East on Feb. 16, 1926 and is also in a violet ellipse 30 x 14 mm. This could possibly be the same size ellipse as that submitted by Dr. Wilkinson as it is a rubber handstamp and the degree of pressure also on occasion cause a slight variation in the size of the handstamp. However the "NONIA" in this latter case is considerably larger than the submitted sample. The interesting fact to be gleaned from these four covers is that the two large ones come from St. John's proper whereas the smaller ellipses come from St. John's East. The third cover submitted is one sent by the SERVICE LEAGUE OF NEWFOUNDLAND and bearing a rectangular free frank 26 x 32 mm. struck in blue and

reading POSTAGE/PAID/W.S.L. It was used on Mar. 24, 1934, from St. John's East and is addressed to Mrs. Ronald Vatcher, Harbour Grace. The copy in our records of which we have a tracing was posted on Dec. 15, 1933, and is addressed to Lady Anderson. The W.S.L. incidentally is an abbreviation for Women's Service League. The last item is a single of the 1c, Scott No. 184 and a pair of the 2c, Scott No. 186, used on piece and cancelled sometime in 1936 with the violet ellipse 44 x 33 mm. used from I.G.A. (Internation Grenfall Association). This last cancellation is rather like those used from St. Anthony on Dec. 1, 1941, for the first day issue of the Grenfell stamp. In addition to the two Grenfell cancellations herein discussed, in the Jun. '50 issue of TOPICS we discussed a circular I.G.A. cancellation used on Dec. 15, 1942, and our records also indicate a use of the large ellipse as late as Jul. 31, 1948. We know of no other instance where an Association of this sort was permitted its own cancelling device, but the I.G.A. certainly had one. That's it Allan, we were ready for you this time though it has never happened before and we are not inclined to believe that it will ever happen again. Keep sending those interesting bits on, we love them.

We were always certain that it existed, but we now have concrete proof as we have just added a plate 2 in the comb perf of the 1c, Scott No. 115. This means that we have now seen all of the plate numbers from 1 to 3 inclusive on the comb perforate stamps. However in the line perforate 14.1 stamps we have only seen Plate 2 on the 1c, Scott No. 115, and plate 1 on the 2c, Scott No. 116. To date we have never recorded any plate numbers on the 3c, Scott No. 117, in the line perf 14.1 though we are relatively certain that they must exist. And so it goes, slowly the voids are filled. As a necessary corollary, to our specialized listing of the Caribou issue published in the Mar. '61 issue of TOPICS must be added Scott No. 115, sub listing E2. In going over the listing I see that I have not previously recorded the existence of Plate 1 on the 1c, Scott No. 115, in the comb perf 13.9. While the block is not in my collection, I have definitely seen it so that we should add to this self same specialized listing under Scott No. 115, sub listing E1.

# Notes on Canadian Airmails

by N. A. PELLETIER, BNAPS 1268

Pelee Islanders tell a story about two promoters who landed on their island and interested local businessmen in financing a plane service from the mainland. It seems that an aircraft had been available but it required a new motor. After collecting about \$600 the promoters disappeared. Perhaps knowledge of the Island's loss encouraged the Canadian Government to establish the second air mail route during 1927 as a winter service between Leamington and Pelee Island. The contract called for four return flights each week during the winter months when the Lake Erie ice made navigation by water impossible or dangerous. The airline was successful in carrying tons of mail, parcels, and the occasional passengers without accidents.

The contract had been awarded to the London Air Transport Company with Lieut. Floyd Banghart the first pilot. We contacted Mr. Banghart who verified that the first airmail was carried by him on December 14th, 1927, from a stubbled field near Leamington to a snow covered pasture near Scudder on Pelee Island. There, he unloaded accumulated mail from his Waco 10 two passenger biplane, and returned the same day with letters

and parcels for Leamington. About 300 letters went to Pelee and a much smaller quantity was carried on the return flight. Lieut. Banghart made regular flights to the island during two winters.

The following appeared in the Toronto Globe and Mail dated March 30th, 1961:

## FLOYD BANGHART

Pioneer Flier Was Manager at 4 Airports  
London, Ont. (CP)—Floyd I. Banghart, 68, veteran of almost 45 years of flying died in hospital today.

Mr. Banghart was connected in administrative capacity with several Canadian airports. He retired in August, 1957 from the post of manager of the London Airport.

He received his first flying lessons with the Royal Flying Corps before the First World War, and was a flying instructor at Camp Borden in 1918.

In 1927 he obtained his commercial pilot's and engineer's licenses and flew with the old London Air Transport Ltd. He was born at Palmyra but was brought up in London.

He was the first pilot to operate a regular air service between Pelee Island and the

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# Postal Stationery Panorama

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

## MORE CACHETED POSTAL CARDS

We really appreciate getting rapid answers to our inquiries. It gives us a chance to write a follow-up item while the subject is still fresh in our readers' minds. In our January column, we asked if there were any cacheted postal cards known, aside from the ones we mentioned. Bert Yapp (BNAPS 259) sent us the answer in the form of a gift of the 2 cent and 4 cent Queen Elizabeth 1955 issue, postal cards, cacheted to celebrate the visit of Queen Elizabeth and Prince Phillip to Windsor, Ontario on July 3rd, 1959. The cachet on both cards is the same, and is a very attractive one executed in three colors. The heads of the Queen and Prince are in black, the Crown and E II R in yellow, and the wording the same shade of purple as the 4 cent stamped impression. Figure 1 shows the 4 cent cacheted card with the slogan cancellation reading, "Freedom Festival/Royal Visit/July 1959".

Thank you, Bert, for doubling our collection of cacheted Canadian postal cards and adding to our store of philatelic knowledge.

## THE IMPOSTERS

Do you remember this riddle from your childhood days? "When is a door not a door?" Answer: "When it is ajar". Eric Rushton (BNAPS 964) sent us a postal card which brought this to mind. When is Holmes No. 1477a not Holmes No. 1477a? Answer: When it is Holmes No. 1477. We illustrate the card in question in Figure 2. It certainly looks like No. 1477a, the one line English inscription is quite plain to see. There is one difficulty, however. This card is offset printed, and all cards of this first George VI issue with either the one line English or two line English and French inscription were typographed. Only the blank business cards were offset printed. We are afraid that if you use only the Holmes catalogue you will still be in the dark. Bond's catalogue makes this difference in printing methods quite clear; Holmes ignores it.

For some reason, not understandable to us, the printers, in setting up for this form card, added the "Canada Post Card" inscription. Further proof that this is not the regularly issued one line inscription card was found on examination of the inscription. The

type is slightly different, the letters are smaller, and as a result, the whole line is shorter.

This same phenomenon happened once before to our knowledge, and the light never dawned on us until we started to write this column. Holmes No. 1437h is listed as a commercial card with blue inscription. Actually, the same thing happened here as with the above mentioned card. This card is simply Holmes No. 1437a with the company address and an inscription similar to Holmes type P2 printed on the front in blue. In this case, the letters are much smaller, and the line a full half inch shorter than the genuine P2 inscription.

As Holmes never did make clear what he meant by "commercial", we suppose both of these cards might be called by that name, but neither, in our opinion, deserves its own catalogue number.

## NEW POST RULES HELP PRINTERS

Ray deMontigny (BNAPS 1582) sent us a reprint of an article which appeared in *The Montreal Star*, August 19, 1961, under the above heading. In essence, it referred to a Post Office ruling that from January 1, 1962, Canadian postage dies must be used on business reply cards and envelopes, and to the post office's decision to buy its stamped envelopes from commercial sources.

David Mclellan, general manager of the Graphic Arts Industries Association, which represents 569 printing, lithographing, engraving, type-setting, and book-binding firms, said that the regulation about postage dies ". . . will lead to a substantial increase in Canadian printing, in envelope manufacture, and in paper and ink consumption", and that the buying of stamped envelopes from commercial sources will mean "a saving of approximately 25 per cent to the tax payers, when the purchase price is compared with the previous cost of manufacturing and printing these envelopes in the government printing bureau . . ." This last statement was the only one which was understandable to us. The rest of the article was a hodge-podge of statements, making little sense without an explanation.

We can't see how the use of postage dies on return envelopes will increase printing, envelope manufacture, or paper and ink con-

# CANADA POST CARD



THE HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER COMMISSION  
OF ONTARIO

c/o MR. H. C. FORT

75 NORFOLK ST. SOUTH

SIMCOE, ONTARIO

Fig. 1

sumption. What is the difference whether an envelope has an impressed stamp or the usual multitude ring and chevrons return postage guarantee? It is still one envelope and it has to be printed in either case.

There must be more to this ruling than we can glean from this article. If this ruling was put into play, what we collectors can expect

is a profusion of minor varieties in different grades of paper, different shades of ink, different methods of printing, etc. It will probably also mean a new rash of special order material. If it is excitement we want, this ruling should give it to us.

If anyone can shed any light on this subject, we would appreciate hearing from you.



Fig. 2

# Cook's Books

By AL P. COOK, COY GLEN  
ROAD, ITHACA, NEW YORK

Thought I had enough material in for at least three months of TOPICS. What a surprise when I received the February issue! Next thing you know our Editor will be receiving complaints that too much space is devoted to Booklets and Panes. It is fitting to quote BNAPSer Nelson Bond, who once wrote in this regard, "Well, whaddya sittin on YOUR hands fer?" I will only add, "Write on your TOPIC in TOPICS." (I am as guilty as the rest of us—my Edward Booklet series has to be typed up).

My thanks to those who sent in Victoria booklets for inspection and recording. Amongst these was Herman Herst. As a result, I now have \$6.00 in the kitty to go to the TOPICS publishing fund. Keep 'em coming.

Can you beat these?

My earliest Victoria booklet stamp on cover is dated, Welland, Ont., June 6, 1901.

The earliest dated Victoria booklet stamp is -TOWN, Ont., JU 22, '00. This is eleven

days after the reported June 11 date of issue, or approval by the P.O.D.

Reposing amongst my used booklet stamps, however, is a Trenton & Bancroft T.R.P.O., S(outh), AM 6, '00. Could this be a transposed MA (MARCH)? (Better send this off to BNAPSer SHAW, of R.P.O. fame. Perhaps he can decipher it for me).

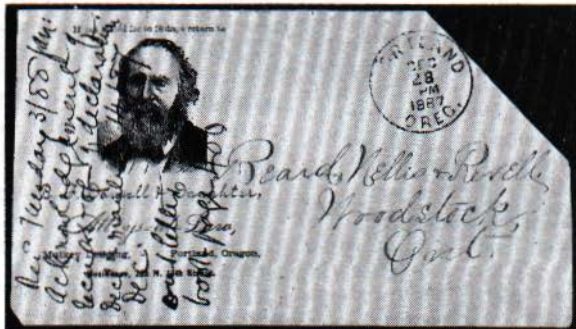
FLASH—I now have covers and inter-leaves of the Victoria Booklet No. 2, Text "e". These will be photographed and published in TOPICS.

One phase of this booklet study requires the assistance of a Postal Historian. Who can help us? Tried the Library of Congress when in Washington but they had nothing that would help materially. Just when did the various rate changes take place? The Postal Guide seems to show only the cumulative changes of the previous year, but the actual date of the authorized change is what we are looking for. Drop me a line and I will give you the questions in detail. Any suggestions?

## INTERESTING COVERS

The two covers illustrated are of interest to me, primarily of course, because I am a lawyer but I have always been interested in the unusual. The American cover addressed to a law firm in Woodstock from Portland, Oregon, in 1887 is indeed interesting. It shows

rather an imposing portrait of Mr. B. F. Dowell. Another interesting thing on this cover is that it shows he was in partnership with his daughter in the practice of law. Certainly there were no lady lawyers in Canada at that time and this is the earliest known date





that I have found of a woman practicing law.

The other is a Canadian cover that struck me as very interesting. If a lawyer nowadays tried to use this he would be remanded by our strict Law Society. The illustration shows a rather flamboyant design on the envelope which is in green and red. I am sure our Law

Society in the present day would have very serious objections to a lawyer using this kind of a corner card on his envelope. I am also sure they would not let a lawyer put his picture on the corner as Mr. Dowell has no matter how good looking he was!

LLOYD W. SHARPE, Q.C.

## Rounding up Squared Circles

Editor: DR. A. WHITEHEAD, 52 HAVELOCK ST., AMHERST, NOVA SCOTIA

A Roster Form will be found in this number. It is hoped that all collectors eligible, those with 200 or more different squared circle towns, will send in the required information, stating the number of towns of Type One, and of Type Two in their collections. These figures must be given separately, in order to grade properly. The grades are as follows:

Grade One: 200 towns, all told, of Types One and Two.

Grade Two: 200 towns Type Two, plus Type One.

Grade Three: 250 towns, all told, of Types One and Two.

Grade Four: 250 towns Type Two, plus Type One.

Grade Five: 300 towns all told.

The last is a new grade, made necessary by recent developments. At least three collectors have reached the previously undreamed-of plateau of 300 towns. I shall be delighted to find that there are even more who have done so.

Collectors are asked to take great care in providing the various kinds of information asked for, as much of this will be of the greatest usefulness in writing the 3rd edition of the handbook, now being planned.

The variety of the story of Winnipeg Squared Circles is in the opinion of many students, second to none, and I know that Figure Two will cause certain collectors to break the tenth commandment.

We have here a redirected postcard, and redirected mail frequently has unusual interest; this is no exception. The postcard was cancelled by the first Winnipeg hammer on Jy 24, 94 (with '6' above the date) denoting out-of-period use of this hammer. It is a lovely strike. The address: The Union Bank, City, proved to be faulty, and the card was readdressed to (The Union Bank) Boissevain, (Man.) and 'City' scored out also a One Cent, S.Q., was affixed. This time the clerk used the second hammer (in normal use at this period) for the equally fine strike, dated Jy 30, 94, also with '6' above the date. Undoubtedly the presence of strikes of two Winnipeg Squared Circle hammers on face is rare. This is the first such piece which I have seen. Congratulations to a keen student, Ben Jacobson.

A good deal of new Winnipeg squared circle history will appear in the 3rd edition of the handbook, now being written. For these additions to the W'p'g story we are greatly indebted to D. K. Day and to Daniel Rosenblat, BNAPS 1445.

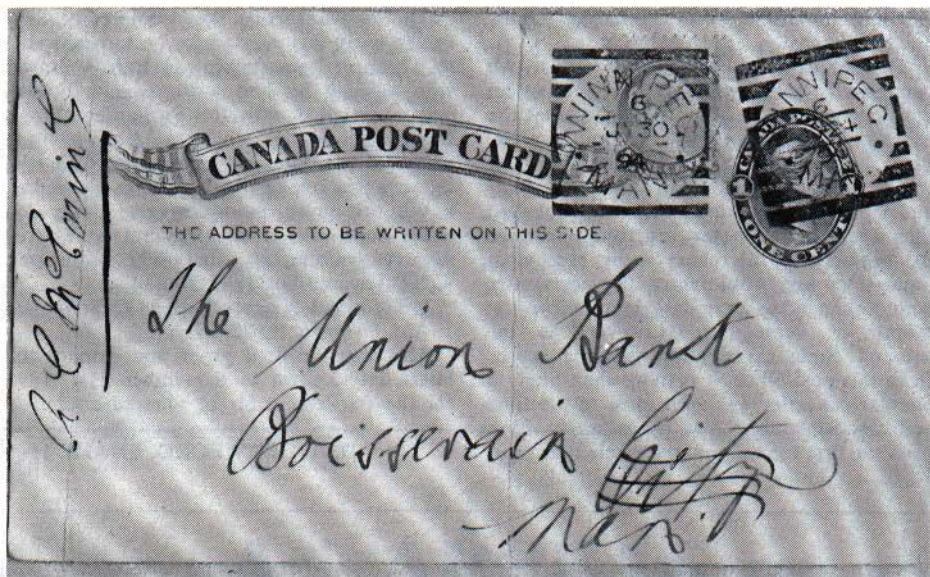


Fig. 2—A redirected postcard of great interest to Winnipeg Squared Circle specialists from the collection of Ben Jacobson, BNAPS 1543.

### IT CANNOT EXIST, BUT HERE IT IS

In my continued search for new squared circle towns on the Diamond Jubilee issue of 1897, I was very pleased when Dick Lamb of Kitchener sent me a Parliament Street, Toronto on a 1c Jubilee with the following comment—"It cannot exist, but here it is." Parliament Street is one of the scarcer towns

and the latest date reported in the handbook was a questionable 1894. Also, as many squared circle cancellers had gone out of use before the Jubilees were issued, it was presumed Parliament Street was in this class. To add to the unusualness of this find the cancellation was dated September 21st, 1896, a



full nine months prior to the issuing of the Jubilee stamps!

The one cent Jubilee together with a two cent Small Queen was tied to a piece of an envelope and we were quite satisfied that the cancellation was genuine but could not explain the year 1896. The September 21st date was a normal usage for the Jubilees in 1897 and I presumed it must have been cancelled then with the postmaster forgetting to change the year date. This theory seems somewhat unusual as you would think the postmaster would change the year date long before the month of September. However, as the squared circle cancellation is quite scarce from this post office, it is more than likely a circular canceller was used most of the time and the September 21st usage might have been the first for the squared circle that year.

The above theory was completely confirmed early this year when, on a recent visit to Toronto, I was talking to Bob Thomson who advised he had a three cent Jubilee cover cancelled with the Parliament Street squared circle. (See picture) Bob was not aware of the date, but on visiting with him that evening one of the first things we looked at was this cover. To my surprise it was also dated September 21st, 1896 but with three separate backstamps dated 1897 as follows:

NT Toronto Sp.21/97

E Toronto & Niagara Falls M.C. Sp. 22/97  
AM Grimsby Sp.22/97

This was the final proof and extends the latest date known to September 21st, 1897 for the Parliament Street squared circle.

D. A. CRAWFORD, BNAPS, 1646

## Canada Precancels

by H. G. WALBURN, No. 243

It is impossible to include all relevant information in a stamp catalog—even the specialized handbooks do not always cover the subject as fully as some collectors would wish, and in all fields of stamp collecting there is always something new turning up.

This generalism applies to the Canadian precancel catalog as well as other catalogs, and I am often taken to task by more or less irate collectors for not covering the subject more fully. I am also the target for criticism by that group which considers the catalog much too complicated, and who would like to see all except the main varieties eliminated.

I try to steer a course somewhere between these two extremes.

Every once in a while I receive requests for my opinion on the correct listing of certain doubtful items, and as these requests fall into two broad groups, it is entirely possible that other collectors, who do not write to me are also experiencing trouble with them.

Many enquiries concern the early Bar Types, some of which, where the precancel is only partial or indistinct, are admittedly difficult to classify. A favourite query is in the case of a copy of No. 5 (using the Noble numbers) where two vertical Bars show at either side of the stamp—Is this A-5v? These

Bars are usually about the same width as the upper Bar in the illustration of Type B, which states 'medium width Bars', while Type A is given as 'wide Bars', so obviously they could not be the wide bar Type A.

Most of these two vertical Bar precancels are probably Type U vertical, where the middle Bar is missing, or the precancel has been misplaced sideways so that the wavy Bar shows on both adjoining stamps, but not on the middle one.

Clear cancels of Types B-J are easily classified, but unfortunately the majority of these early Queens precancels are either overinked, underinked, misplaced, or incomplete, and this is where the trouble starts.

It should be born in mind that Types A-U were applied with rubber rollers, so that individual impressions can vary considerably, depending on the amount of ink and pressure used by the operator, and wear and tear of the roller also enters into the picture.

Types B-T should therefore be considered more as group Types, covering several minor variations in Bar width and spacing. For example, Types R, S, & T show great variations in the length of the 'wave' of the middle Bar, Type A is unmistakable, and while Type U can, in indistinct copies, sometimes look like Type T, the squared shoulder usually identifies it.



Multiples of Types K-N are a problem. For example, a double of Type K, properly spaced looks almost exactly like Type N, but usually a double shows some difference of inking or alignment, which sometimes helps. Indistinct triples and quadruples are very difficult to segregate, and should be considered more as space fillers, until a clear copy comes along—if you are lucky enough to find one!

For those BNAPS members who do not possess a precancel catalog, it may come as a surprise to learn that many of your fav-

ourite postage stamps may be found precancelled with these early Bar Types. One of the most sought after is the 15c Large Queens, also the higher values of the 1897 Jubilees. The 20c and 50c values of the 1893 Queen Victoria are also found precancelled in various Types, and the 1898 Map stamp has 15 different listings, and I am quite sure that no one collector has these complete.

In recent years, the demand for these precancelled 'classics' has far outstripped the supply, so that the 1959 catalog valuations are now completely out of line.

## AN APPEAL

The Editor has practically no back-log of articles for 'BNA TOPICS'. This is an appeal to members to write for publication in the magazine, the results of their research on BNA philately and postal history.

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mainland under a Government contract awarded in 1927.

He became London Flying Club instructor in 1930 and later in the year became manager of St. Hubert Airport near Montreal. He was appointed manager of Malton Airport in 1940, and in 1941 returned to St. Hubert to transfer operations from there to Dorval Airport.

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