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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.

Report from the Publicity Director . . .

ARTHUR W. McINTYRE, 10918-84th Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta

A gold, silver and two bronze medals were won by BNAPSers in the second annual Edmonton Stamp Show—which was a highly diversified show of international calibre staged March 17 in the Corona Hotel, Edmonton, by the Edmonton Stamp Club. ESCPEX '62 was well exhibited, drew more than 500 paid admissions, and had 54 entries. Opened by the Hon. J. Percy Page, Lieut-Gov. of Alberta, trophies were presented at a banquet attended by 100 persons, and an auction had \$3,250 sales.

More than 1,500 cacheted envelopes picturing the Alberta capital with inset picture of the HBC Fort, an early trading post which was Edmonton's first post office 1878-92, were mailed from the show to carry the special ESCPEX '62 postal slogan.

A display of the stamps of the early BNA provinces by F. S. Evans, Sedro Woolley, Wash., won the gold award. A silver medal was won by Willard Rorke, Edmonton, on a showing of coil stamps of Canada, Ed. VII and Geo. V. Mr. Rorke also won the Saxton Memorial gold medal for the best showing of

Canada stamps. B. H. Bartlett of Louisville, Ky., was another society member who won, with a bronze in Canada on duplex cancellations. A fine showing of the stamps of Tristan da Cunha by Mrs. Goodall, wife of BNAPS member Jack D. Goodall of Edmonton, won the bronze medal for the British Commonwealth classes. L. M. Lamouroux, Toronto, won a bronze on St. Pierre and Miquelon.

In the junior division a showing of the Admirals won the shield given by the Edmonton BNAPS group for 14-year-old Gordon S. Kenyon, son of a member.

The grand award of the show, a silver tray, went to a California exhibitor, C. W. Christian for an exhibit of the U.S. one-cent stamp of 1861.

E. A. Harris, an active member of the Edmonton group, recently transferred to Calgary, was presented with a copy of Nassau Street by the Edmonton BNAPS group.

The Court of Honor included stamp displays by Walter Carter, Willowdale, and Mr. Lamouroux, also Mail of the Centuries by Dr. Ludwig von Bertalanaff, Edmonton,

which included Napoleonic and early European covers. The Post Office displayed a block of Seaway inverts in its exhibit, the United Nations, current stamps, while both postal departments sent movies that were shown.

Among the non-competitive exhibits were a display of the stamps of Egypt and the United Arab Republic by Ernest A. Kehr,

New York City; some historical letters, one of which was written by Admiral Hood from the HMSM Victory off Toulon in 1797, shown by Edmonton group member F. N. Harris; and a humorous display "Philatelic Fun and Freaks" by Dr. Robert Breakey and Dr. Barry Breakey, Lansing, Mich.

The house had seven dealer tables and a thriving trade was done.

BNAPS REGIONAL GROUPS

Philadelphia—Meets the first Thursday of each month at 7934 Pickering Street, Philadelphia, Pa. *Niagara*—Meets the second Wednesday of each month at 651 Kenmore Ave., Kenmore 23, New York. *Vancouver*—Meets the fourth Monday of each month at Kerrisdale Community Centre, 5851 West Boulevard, Vancouver, B.C. *Winnipeg*—Meets on a Monday in each month to be decided upon at previous meeting, Harold Wilding 135 Traill Ave., Winnipeg 12, Man. *Edmonton*—Meets on the fourth Monday of each month at members homes. S. Kenyon, Pres., 15205-74th Ave.; Sec. S. Webber, 10615-130th St., Edmonton, Alberta. *Twin City*—Meets at members' homes on second Thursday of each month. J. C. Cornelius, 2309 Irving Ave. S., Minneapolis, Minn. *Calgary*—Meets second and fourth Tuesdays at 8 p.m., in "The Board Room," Anglo American Building, 3309th Ave. S.W. Mrs. Russel H. Lane, Secretary, R.R. No. 3, Anderson Road, Calgary, Alberta. *Pacific*—Meets twice a year at the call of the Secretary, Brian F. Milne, 14500 San Jose Street, San Fernando, California.

THE Editor's MAILBAG

Dear Mr. Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity of congratulating you on your appointment as Editor of BNAPS Topics. Although your task will not be easy, I hope that it will be nevertheless pleasurable, and I feel sure that I am correct in saying that you have the confidence of the members. I also wish to congratulate you on your first editorial. These congratulations are with respect to the nature of the Editorial, not necessarily its contents, and I want to make it clear that I am writing personally, and not in any official capacity. I feel that an Editorial should promote thought with a view to doing good, without necessarily being controversial. Your Editorial achieved just that.

As you know I am closely connected with the Royal and particularly with Canpex which was referred to in your Editorial. I would not attempt to discuss the merits or faults of the decision to increase the rates for bourse tables. That is not the point of this letter, and

I doubt if correspondence on the matter would give rise to any firm conclusions, but would be a mere expression of the opinions of those who cared to write to you. Suffice it to say that those responsible are very well aware of all that you said, and also too well aware that a good bourse is so essential to an exhibition that they would not knowingly "kill the golden goose". I would point out, however, that increased rates have nevertheless resulted in increased dealer participation, although there are other influencing factors. It is also important to realise that although rates have increased by 230%, there is very little increase in the net return per dealer to the organisers.

This, however, is not the main point. The essential point brought out from your Editorial is that there is little if any liason between the dealer body and organised philately. Any liason on an organised basis would be of considerable advantage to both, and cer-

tainly the larger philatelic societies would welcome the advice of the dealers. This form of cooperation would also enable the Societies to assist the dealers in their efforts to maintain high standards within the trade, which is of importance, especially since cases have arisen where unknowingly Societies have actually assisted those whose standards were not the highest.

If your first editorial has caused any form of closer cooperation to become a reality, you will have made a considerable contribution to philately.

ALAN G. McKANNA
Treasurer,
The Royal Philatelic Society
of Canada

Dear Mr. Editor:

Having apparently failed in other ways to make my find of Hamilton Squared Circle with time mark No. 1 known to collectors of these cancels, I now write to you hoping that you will kindly publish these few lines in Topics.

My strike, a very clear one, found last July, is on a one cent Canada Post Card as a receiving mark, and dated Dec. 25, 94. As collectors of S.C.'s will know this is only eight days after the earliest known Hamilton date according to the handbook by Dr. Whitehead.

Your Truly,
B. A. Foster,
BNAPS 1324.

Report from the Chairman, Editorial Committee

DR. C. M. JEPHCOTT, 323 Rosemary Rd., Toronto, Ontario

The editorial staff of BNA TOPICS is pleased to announce that our editor, Mr. John H. M. Young, was married to Miss Maureen June Hillary of Toronto, on April 21, 1962, in Armour Heights Presbyterian Church, Toronto. The editorial offices will be closed for a period of fifteen days while our new editor is honeymooning in the south. All copy should be continued to be sent as it will be received and held until his return on May 7.

There shall be no change of address.

C. M. JEPHCOTT,
Chairman, Editorial Committee.

Sketches of BNAPSers

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

A. L. McCREADY — No. 90

Mr. Arthur L. McCready of Cobden, Ontario, for seventeen years the Editor and sole owner of "Popular Stamps", was born in Chatham, Ont., in August, 1892 and raised on a picturesque farm on the St. Clair river near Sarnia. His first ambition was to be a doctor but after a few years in high school he settled for the printing trade and took on a job in his home city of Chatham in 1910. In 1928 he became editor and publisher of a country weekly newspaper and retired in 1958.

A collector of "something or other" all his life, Mr. McCready took a keen interest in Canadian philately, and when E. C. Werner of Alton, Ont., a stamp dealer, organized the Rural Canadian Stamp Club he became associated with Werner as a member, and published his first brochure in 1939. In 1941 Mr. McCready purchased this periodical and made it an independent stamp publication, available to all interested in Canadian philately. Since the first stamp paper published in Canada in 1864 to the present day, "Popular Stamps" has outlasted all the other independent publications by a wide margin and has run to 204 monthly issues, being discontinued only on account of illness in 1958. Very few complete sets of "Popular Stamps" exist and if one were to come on the market it would bring a high figure on account of the wealth of Canadian material contained in seventeen years of publication. Other items published by Mr. McCready were "Canadian Philatelic Literature", "Canadian Flag Cancellations" and "Canadian Paper Money", all out of print.

At one time Mr. McCready had a choice collection of the bank-notes issued by the chartered banks of Canada which he sold several years ago. He is now interested in



Canadian pottery, cast iron toys and Penny banks made in the 19th century.

Mr. McCready was married in New Liskeard, Ont., in 1916. A widower since 1960 he has two sons and a daughter and nine grandchildren aged four to nineteen.

Since retiring in 1958 Mr. McCready has given up all his philatelic societies excepting our own BNAPS and those of us who know him personally will wish him many more years of happiness and good health in his attractive house and farm on the outskirts of Cobden, Ontario.

Picture taken in the late 1940's when Mr. McCready was the Editor of "Popular Stamps". The low building over his left shoulder is where "Popular Stamps" was printed for 17 years.

Newfoundland T.P.O. Markings

by DAN MEYERSON (BNAPS No. 3)

This will be the first attempt in more than 10 years to bring all of the information on this subject up to date. When we first started work on this subject back in 1947 only 42 markings were known whereas this present article contains a listing of 132 markings. The listing may not be entirely accurate as very little is known on this score and the markings have all been copied from covers and very often these were not too clear. As an example markings No. 1 and No. 2 may be the same only that the canceller was not as heavily applied and the outer ring does not appear on No. 1 whereas it does on No. 2. Then, some markings that differ by only 1/2 mm. or so from the original have been included as the one marking. For example, we are certain that marking No. 87, for Placentia Bay which we record as in use from 1899 to 1938 is certainly not the self same canceller, but they are so close that for all practical purposes they are one and the same.

These Travelling Post Offices in Newfoundland played a very vital part in the transmission of the mails. Intercommunication and mail delivery has always been a problem in Newfoundland, particularly so in the

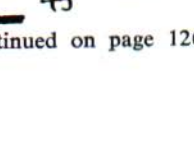
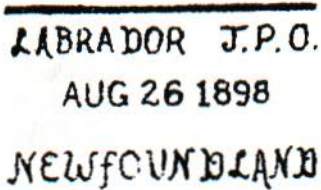
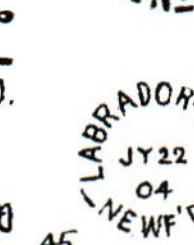
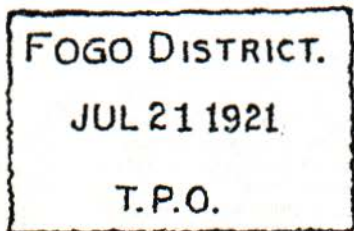
early years, and it was only through the medium of the T.P.O.'s and the R.P.O.'s that anything was accomplished at all. Prior to Confederation very little was done to improve the situation as a check of a 1947 road map of Newfoundland still showed no automobile road crossing the country from East to West. Thus the transmission of mail was almost entirely in the hands of the railroads and the Coastal Steamers. There is a Government owned railroad that originates in St. John's and follows a devious route westward across the country to Port aux Basques at the extreme southeastern part of the country. The rest of Newfoundland, particularly the Coasts are served by the various steamers that operate during the good weather and by courier the rest of the time.

A small effort has been made to put a price on these cancels and the prices listed are for clear strikes on the face of the envelope, strikes on the back are worth no more than 50% and those on just the stamp possibly 25-33%. We may well find that some of the recent cancels to which we have ascribed high prices will prove common. This list is merely a beginning.

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20. COASTAL WEST T.P.O.—NEWFD	Oct. 26, 1909	2.00



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59.	Newfoundland Railway T.P.O.	Nov. 23, 1924	10.00
60.	N'F'L'D RAILWAY T.P.O.—NEWF'D	Oct. 3, 1907—Nov. 3, 1908	2.50
61.	NFLD. RY T.P.O.	May 25, 1911—Jun. 18, 1916	1.25
62.	N'F'L'D. RY. T.P.O. A	Jun. 18, 1912—Aug. 21, 1912	3.50
63.	N'F'L'D. RY. T.P.O. B	Jul. 18, 1911—Mar. 2, 1915	1.50
64.	N'F'L'D. RY. T.P.O. D	Jul. 2, 1911—Oct. 7, 1912	2.00
65.	NFLD-N SYDNEY T.P.O.	Dec. 21, 1911	10.00
66.	N.N & W. RAILWAY T.P.O. A—NEWF'D	Jun. 22, 1898—Sep. 28, 1902	.60
67.	N.N. & W. RAILWAY T.P.O. C—NEWF'D	Dec. 15, 1899—Oct. 25, 1902	.75
68.	N.N. & W. RAILWAY T.P.O. D—NEWF'D	Nov. 10, 1898—Feb. 25, 1903	.60
69.	N. & W. RAILWAY T.P.O. E—NEWF'D	Jul. 19, 1900—Oct. 20, 1902	1.00
70.	N. & W. RAILWAY T.P.O.—NEWF'D.	Feb. 26, 1906—Aug. 22, 1918	.50
71.	N. & W. RAILWAY T.P.O. A—NEWF'D.	Aug. 27, 1905—Aug. 2, 1918	.50
72.	N. & W. RAILWAY T.P.O. B—NEWF'D	Nov. 18, 1903—Sep. 9, 1907	.75
73.	N. & W. RAILWAY T.P.O. C—NEWF'D	Jul. 3, 1903—Nov. 5, 1909	.65
74.	N. & W. RAILWAY T.P.O. E—NEWF'D.	Aug. 5, 1906—Oct. 14, 1906	2.00
75.	S.S. NORTHERN RANGER—NEWF'D	May 22, 1938—Oct. 26, 1941	3.00



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Rounding up Squared Circles

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Reports of new record dates, early and late, still occasionally reach me, generally in ones or twos, but sometimes in larger numbers. I welcome these and should like to hear of others unreported, so that they may appear in the third edition of the handbook, now in the planning stage.

Recently I have received two excellent lists: (1) from Vincent Greene, affectionately known to all of us as a keen and enlightened student of BNA philately of all sorts and (2) from a newcomer to my large group of Squared Circle correspondents, H. Wilding, BNAPS 1040, who tells me he has more than 260 different towns, and is determined to reach the rarified air of the 300 plateau. As his list is concerned with the very important earliest dates and is altogether exceptional, I give it here in full, with the hope that readers will make appropriate changes in their handbooks. I have seen his specimens (I require this from new correspondents) and can vouch for their accuracy.

ANTIGONISHE, Ju 29, 93; BADDECK, De 28, 93 (this could be a doubtful De 26, but have played safe); WINDSOR MILLS; Fe 21, 94; COBOURG, Sp 6, 93; MITCHELL; Sp 14, 93; NIAGARA, Mr 13, 94; PICTON, Au 3, 94; RODNEY, DE 12, 93; THORNHILL, FE 5, 95; WINDSOR, ONT., Sp 28, 93; WINONA, Mr 2, 95; BIRTLE, De 26, 93; NEEPAWA, Mr. 26, 94.

Two record dates in my own collection, MITCHELL and RODNEY, are here displaced by just one day!

Mr. Wilding reported eight other dates better than the handbook, but earlier dates have already been sent in by other collectors.

BRAVO; Mr. Wilding.

EARLY VERSUS LATE RECORD DATES

Certain collectors have assured me that they consider earliest dates by far the more important. I fully agree.

Late dates seem to fall into three groups:

- (a) Towns where the use of squared circles come to an abrupt stop, such as Truro, Cornwall and many more. Such late dates are quite interesting.
- (b) Towns which saw a spasmodic petering out of squared circles, such as Belleville and Winnipeg. These late dates, I feel, are of little account; I record them but

have no great wish to add them to my specialised collections of these fascinating towns.

- (c) Revival of use, generally after a longish period of disuse. These are of such interest that a separate chapter will be devoted to them in the third edition. Halifax is one of the best examples, for both squared circle hammers were suddenly brought back for a few days' use, the first hammer in 1898, and the second in January, 1908. (This is only one of the facets of the extraordinary Halifax story, which is unrivalled in squared circle history. A whole volume could be spent on Halifax alone; it is replete with surprises and variety). Other towns, and there are several belonging in this group, are Laurentides and Port Arthur. Towns where the use of circles was more or less frequently interrupted belong, I suppose in this group—Wolfville, Danville, Levis, Sherbrooke, etc.
- TRURO IS INTERESTING!

For some years I have regarded Truro amongst the dull squared circle towns, such as Three Rivers, Cornwall, Goderich, Brandon, and some others. Recently I have had occasion to change this opinion, for the examination of a sizeable lot of new material has uncovered features of some interest in the Truro story:

- (a) The earliest date seen is Au 2, 93—in J. Sivert's collection.
- (b) Au 18, 93, shows a clear, bold inverted '8'. I have it with AM and PM—a nice matched pair. The inverted '8' is the commonest of all inverted digits, and sometimes is difficult to detect as both loops are often nearly of the same size. This example is exceptionally bold.
- (c) Contemporary circular date stamps (with no time mark) may occasionally be found. Cherish them; they are very rare.
- (d) Most strikes of October, '93, show the month ('OC') missing. I have Oc 5 and Oc 6 with the month very partial, but from Oc 9 to Oc 30 the 'Oc' has only the faintest vestige of the 'O' showing at left. There must have been trouble in 'Locking' the head of the hammer so that 'Oc' receded and didn't impress.

- (e) There are many examples of bad alignment of the day figures in Truro dates. The best are '20', '23', '26' and '29'; '2' evidently gave trouble. Some of these are striking. It would seem that the butt to which '2' was affixed must have had some irregularity and made for difficulty in "locking".
- (f) The best indicia variety I have found is AM/Oc 13, 96, with '3' clearly inverted—or is it 'Oc 31' with *both* figures inverted and reversed? The 'Oc' is only partially impressed, so although the year is '96, this month was still giving trouble; see (d) above.

The Truro Philatelic Club has decided to make a special study of Truro postal history. Bravo, Truro! We wish you success.

RECENT SUGGESTIONS

- (1) That the 3rd edition of the handbook should add two new R.F.'s in the rarity class—175, 125, thus narrowing two wide gaps in the upper brackets. We should then have, reading from the top of the scale: 250, 200, 175, 150, 125, 100, 90, and so on. I agree. What are your views?
- (2) A somewhat similar suggestion, but this time concerning the different levels of the Roster: In view of the extreme difficulty of progressing from the already high plateau of 250 towns to the almost impossible 300 different, an intermediate stage of 275 should be adopted in announcing the results of the next Roster. A good suggestion, I think.

Postal Stationery Panorama

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There has been a great furor in the philatelic press during the past year or so, about the dirty dealings in stamps by many countries. As long as there are enough suckers to plunk down millions of dollars for these next-to-worthless labels, the printing presses will keep turning them out. The more we read about this subject, the happier we become about collecting Canada, and especially Canadian Postal Stationery. Canadian stamps have a clean, but not lily-white record. The Jubilees did not sit too well with the collectors of that day, and certainly all the imperforates emanated a piscatorial odor.

The only attempt we know of to manipulate a Canadian postal stationery item was the Burnett issue of 1894, which we mentioned in our column of January, 1960. This of course, cannot be blamed on the Canadian P.O. Department, as it was a printed to order issue. The Burnett envelopes are quite scarce today and command a good price, but Mr. Burnett never saw any gain, as after many years of holding these envelopes, he finally disposed of them, probably at a loss.

The fact that the Canadian post offices and Philatelic Agency do not sell Special Order Envelopes and Postal Cards nor Election Return Envelopes makes it difficult for the collector to obtain these items, but the fact that

they are difficult to get, makes the acquisition of each one so much more exciting. After all, isn't the hunt the important thing? Can you imagine someone pointing to a mounted moose head and saying with pride, "I bought that from a taxidermist in Kamalooops for only \$200." No, the hunt is the thing; seeing the mounted head or stamp gives us a chance to relive some of the excitement we felt at acquiring it.

THE SPECIAL ORDER FORM CARD BONANZA

In our column of October 1961, we mentioned the bonanza of Special Order Form Cards we were expecting to find in the future. In that issue, we illustrated the Ontario Hydro Meter Reading Card, and in previous columns, other cards of this type, including the Canadian National Express booklet forms in our December, 1959 column. The Canadian Pacific Express soon followed the lead of the Canadian National Express and issued a number of different form cards in similar booklets. Whereas the CNE issued theirs in only the 4 cent denomination, the CPE issued both 2 cent and 4 cent cards. To date, all we have seen are of the Queen Elizabeth 1953 Die.

These CPE booklets are more attractive

COPY 1—MAIL TO CONSIGNEE

PRESS FIRMLY

COPY 2—FILE

FORM 161-REV.-P.59 M.R.F.

OFFICE	PROV.
ON HAND NO.	DATE



WHEN TRAVELLING—CARRY
CANADIAN PACIFIC
EXPRESS
 TRAVELLERS CHEQUES
 GOOD THE WORLD OVER
 PLEASE SEE OTHER SIDE



Fig. 1

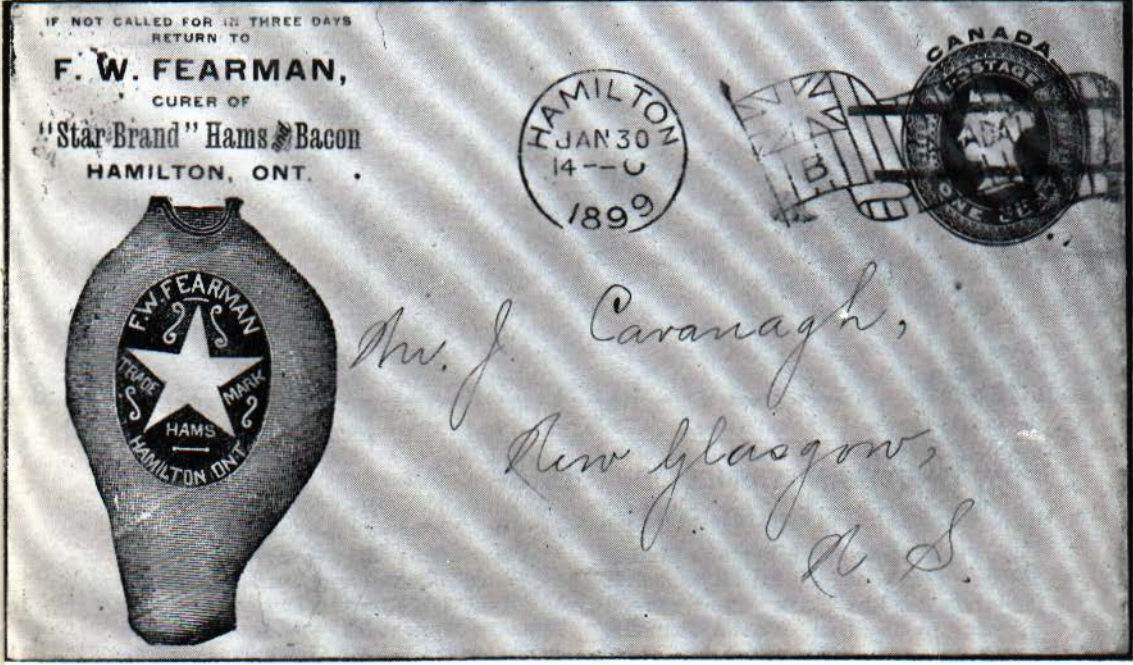


Fig. 2

than the CNE's as they are on a light card, similar to the regular issue, but thinner, and many of the forms show the CPE's beaver-on-shield insignia, shown in *Figure 1*.

We have seen only two types of these booklets. The first, consisting of three pages, and similar to our type 2 CNE booklet, we have found only with the 2 cent stamped impression. The second type has five pages, as did our type 3 CNE card; however it differs in that the last page, as well as the middle page, is on thin paper. This booklet also differs in its purpose, which is to inform the shipper of an undelivered package, remaining at the Express office. All of this type that we have seen had a 4 cent stamped impression.

"HAMMED UP" PADPOSTS

By this time, our regular readers must have come to the conclusion that we have a real yen for Padposts. These may not add much

in the way of philatelic value, but they certainly do add eye appeal.

Our one regret is that pictorial advertising, which was quite common on plain envelopes during the Victorian and Edwardian periods, was, for some unknown reason, uncommon on postal stationery envelopes. We do have a few, however, and some of these are really attractive. *Figures 2 and 3* illustrate two of these. The envelopes are Holmes No. 1013, Bond ED3, and the printing and illustrations are in the same green as the stamp. The flag cancellations certainly do not detract from the appeal of these Padposts. The back flaps of both envelopes have a picture of a package of Fearman's Pure Lard printed in the same green as the fronts.

We know we hammed up this section—but it was only to show some of the meat of our collection.

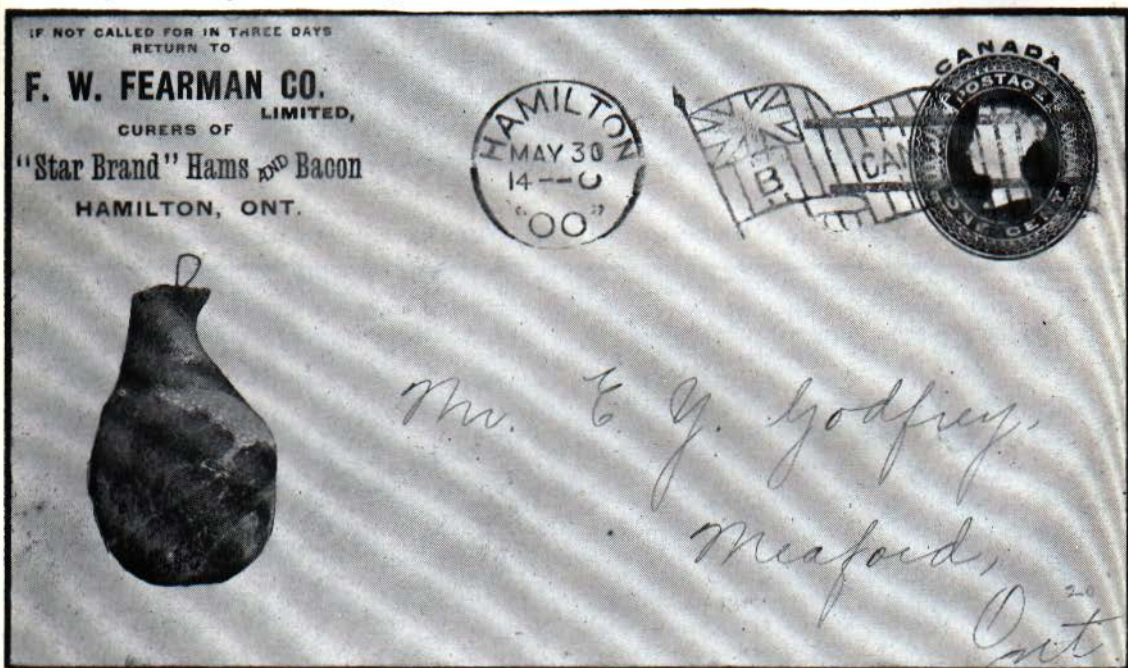


Fig. 3

POST OFFICE ANNOUNCES DETAILS OF RED RIVER SETTLEMENT STAMP

Details of a new commemorative five cent postage stamp honouring the 150th anniversary of the Red River Settlement were revealed today by the Hon. William Hamilton, Postmaster General. The new stamp is to be released on May 3rd.

In making the announcement, Mr. Hamilton pointed out the importance of the founding of the Red River Settlement in bringing about the development of the area which now comprises the Prairie Provinces. From the

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Trail of the Caribou

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Okay all of you fellow Newfoundland collectors, run for the hills. Fred Jarrett, BNAPS No. 283, Toronto, Canada, the dean of BNA Collecting has just decided to take a serious interest in the emissions of Newfoundland. All of us who know what Fred has contributed to BNA collecting are happy to welcome Fred aboard the Newfoundland train and we know that his trained mind will open up many new avenues for us that were previously unexplored. As a starter Fred sends along a mint copy of the 3c, Cabot, Scott No. 63, with a dot in the clouds about 40% down from the top and about 40% from the right margin in the issued color of the stamp. Now Fred wants to know if it could be a flaw caused by the dropping of a tool on the plate or what? It has never been brought to our attention before and since we do not have a complete sheet on hand we can't give him a definite answer. To our unpractised eye it looks like a fly speck, but we are ready for all and sundry corrections.

The results of the Robson Lowe auction held in London on Jan. 10, 1962, offer a number of interesting items to the Newfoundland specialist. A mint triangular block of the 3d., Scott No. 11a, sold for \$42, while a miniature sheet of 20, the issued size, of the 4d., Scott No. 18 realized \$26.60. A complete mint sheet of 40 of the 5d., Gibbons No. 20, was knocked down at \$350 and a complete mint sheet of the sub variety, Gibbons No. 20a, with partial papermakers watermark changed hands at \$203. A complete mint sheet of 20 of the 6d., Scott No. 20, brought \$22.40, while one of the 6½d., Scott No. 21, with part of the papermakers watermark went to its new owner for \$420. To complete the rose issue complete mint sheets of 20 of the 8d. and the 1/. Scott No. 22 and 23, found new homes at \$280 and \$117.60. Then a mint horizontal pair of the 2c Guy, Scott No. 88, imperforate between sold for \$106.40 and a block of four of the 3c on 6c invert, Scott No. 160, sold for \$308. A block of four of the Balbo, Scott No. C18, brought \$117.60 and a comb perf block of four of the 1c long Coronation, Scott No. 233, found a new home at \$16.80 while the much scarcer block of the 7c, Scott No. 235, in the same condition changed hands for \$112. Finally the Newfoundland section came to a close with

a marginal pair of the 3c, Scott No. 246, one with watermark and one without selling for \$41.60. A real nice sale.

Back in the Sept. '61 issue of TOPICS we published a list of Newfoundland elliptical Postal Telegraph cancels used to cancel stamps on cover. At that time we listed 8 towns in our collection plus the two additional ones from Dr. Wilkinson making 10 in all. This present list after material help from Dr. A. A. Wilkinson, BNAPS No. 935, N. W. Scales, BNAPS No. 1058, Evansville, Ind., W. H. Russell, BNAPS No. 587, Melrose, Mass., Ray Peters, BNAPS No 1202, Phoenix, Ariz., and George Davis, BNAPS No. 1414, Ridgefield, Conn., now consists of some 27 different cancels and we can see from our records that we did not make an accurate list of the two mentioned by Dr. Wilkinson in the Sept. issue and the half dozen or so sent along by N. W. Scales and discussed in the Dec. issue. We are in hope that when the interested parties read this bit they will check back on their collection and advise me of those that I have omitted. The cancels in alphabetic order are: ARGENTIA, NFLD., BADGER, NFLD.(W), BRIGUS JUNCTION, NFLD.(W), BURGEO, NFLD.(W), COME-BY-CHANCE, NFLD. and also in larger letters(W), COME-BY-CHANCE, N.F., GANDER BAY, NFLD. (W), GRAND LAKE, N.F.(R), HAMPDEN, NFLD., HR. DEEP & W. ARM, Nfld.(R), HARBOUR BUFFETT, NFLD., HUMBERMOUTH, NFLD., JERSEY HARBOUR, Nfld., LEWISPORTE, NFLD. (D), LITTLE BAY, N.D.B.(P), MILLERTON, NFLD., Millertown Junction, ?(W), NIPPERS HARBOR, ?(W), ODERIN, NFLD., PORT DE GRAVE, NFLD.(W), RENCONTRE EAST, NFLD.(W), ROBERTS ARM, NFLD.(W), ROBINSONS, NFLD.(R), ST. JACQUES, NFLD., SANDY POINT, NFLD., Sandy Point, St. Georges., Seal Cove, White Bay, Nfld.(W), Stephenville Crossing, N.F. and also in larger letter(W). This is particularly addressed to Dr. Wilkinson and Mr. Scales, both of whom have further additions that were not properly recorded previously. These are all Postal Telegraph cancels and not Post Office which also exist in the oval form.

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Philatelic Potpourri

By C. B. D. GARRETT (BNAPS 15)

A REVENUE TALK ON B.C. LAW STAMPS

In two issues of TOPICS (Jan., Feb. 1962) Dirk van Oudenol had some notes on B.C. Laws. Opinion of others are always useful to those interested in the discussion, so I wish to take issue first upon his suggestions as to the catalogue value of the part-perf. VERTICALLY of the Holmes listing of 1931 to 1949.

The first item to point out is, that the vertical imperfs. occur only between one row of stamps, the first of which were between the first two vertical columns, on THE LEFT SIDE of the sheet of stamps. The second printing occurred ONLY ON THE RIGHT side of the sheet between stamps 4 and 5. Thus it is clear that only two blocks of four and a pair could be had from a sheet of 25 stamps.

The horizontal imperf. occurred between every row of stamps in the sheet. So we can get FOUR blocks of four, and FOUR pairs? This readily shows that the vertically imperf. are twice as rare as the horizontal imperf. Collectors often see reference to an imperf. between but they do not realize that they are found on SIX different stamps and not merely an error of one stamp.

This is the correct place to state that ALL the part perf. stamps of the SLIM issues, were all from ONE set, meaning design, and "not" two designs as listed by Holmes. So cut out list No. 28a, 30a and 31a; no imperfs occurred before 1945. Please show me one! Perhaps most revenue collectors are not inclined to pay big prices for rare items as do postage stamp collectors. But I think that anyone has a safe bet that 25 blocks of four may not exist of any of the vertically imperf., thus they are UNDER catalogued, NOT over catalogued. Take a modern error, the inverted St. Lawrence, of which 60 to 100 may exist (double the number of any part perf.) the price of a block of four is \$1,000 to \$2,000. You can't buy them at \$80, not even for a single. There were 100 specimens of Canada bill stamp \$2 inverted-head printed—it lists

at \$450 FOR ONE not four. Holmes says there were 1,600 two cent 1898 Map stamps, that is 400 blocks of four, (imperf. all round) and they sell at \$90 to \$100, thought sixteen times more plentiful than part-perf. laws.

With these same published notes "Van" records some findings by Jack Follinsby. The first note on BCL 5 says it is on Type 2 of this 10 cent. There is no such thing as two types for this stamp, or if you wish to say there are TWENTY TYPES mostly due to poor rocking in or inking—then we have ONE TYPE with 20 varieties. (The so called extra white and black line is entirely due to it not inking most of the time. When inked it occurs as one line from $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{3}{4}$ or right up to the overhead arch—to where it is supposed to be.

Next on this same stamp, No. 5, "Van" refers to Follinsby obtaining two stamps perf. $5\frac{1}{2}$ finishing up with "this means the whereabouts of three of five of the known copies . . .". Many collectors have seen my collection of B.C. Laws—the reference to the five known copies probably is the SIX copies in my collection, besides which I know of two or three in Victoria; thus the above three are from Victoria or could be new. So the whereabouts of nine are now known. That total for ALL FOUR OF THE VARIATIONS. Of this same set, stamps 5, 6, and 7 all occur with the four forms of watermark—normal, invert, reversed, inv. reverse, perhaps excepting the 10 cent which is so rare I have not seen enough to remember, but this also occurs with stitch watermarks.

Next we come to the Holmes 5th issue, the 10c, 50c and \$1; all come rouletted either right or left. "Van" seems to have got mixed up with the CONSTANT variety of the \$5, because it does occur more than once upon one sheet, but not on all sheets. The top of the "5" has a large red spot in all values of this issue except the \$1, the plates were made up first by five dies horizontally fused together, then five of these cleats of five to make the sheet of 25 stamps, plus spare

cleats—on one cleat stamp No. 1 got damaged so it is found on No. 1, 6, 11, 16, or 21 of a sheet—twenty times as rare as the normal!

Previously "Van" referred to the 10 cent bisect used to make a 25c charge. I have seen several from Kamloops punched, which means the bisect was not tied, so it is possible to make a bisect of any strip of three of any issue and with an ordinary office dater stamp, any date, if on a piece. The only proof to me is that they have to be on the whole document which would show the correct date and the correct fee charged and the Agency official rubber stamp. I turned them all down.

I had the opportunity of seeing the files in the Vancouver cellar to hunt up the earliest date. They used the FIRST issue of the SLIM design; it was in 1932. Vancouver used the 1912 stamps up to 1933 and some up to 1945. In the slim issue, cut out B.C. L32; it did not occur until the old \$5 red was used up in 1947. A few were first used then they finished the \$5 red and reused the brown one in four or five shades; there are nine issues of the slim issues.

POSTSCRIPT

Having sent in the above on B.C. Law stamps, whilst looking up some past philatelic correspondence, I ran into the full original notes on the bisect 10c. I think it will interest others.

The retired stamp dealer, Mr. Bainbridge, who lives only about four miles from me, dropped in one day to ask me my opinion on three specimens of this bisect stamp, each being still joined. My reply was as the above notes. So he asked me to identify them to the owner. This I did and received the following answer, a really pitiful situation, but don't weep yet—just get your handkerchief ready!

The reply said: "Bainbridge returned the stamps. And thanks. To introduce myself (F. Cassar Terreggiani)—I was born in Malta, came to Canada in '48, but I never did collect Canadian revenues until the last two years, when by accident I came across several and the supply was UNLIMITED. Being a philatelist there was nothing left for me to do but take up the challenge, or should I say "get the bug" for revenues. You will understand the excitement when I got home with A BAG FULL OF THESE BISECTS. Get your hanky ready and a tub handy. But I really wanted to know why no catalogue mentioned it.

"There was well over a ton of paper when we BURNT ALL the documents from 1890 to 1931 and only three were saved on piece, but still joined. The 25c value seemed to be the commonest value."

Pass the tub please. What a collection of B.C. Laws.

Cook's Books

By AL P. COOK, COY GLEN
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Thought you might be interested in a preview of booklet listings to come—and this is far from final! There are about twenty to be added—but this list is what written up in the collection and mounted, and is therefore weak in the later issues. (In the Victoria and Edward booklets six are partial—I've never seen them as a complete booklet). As of January, 1962, here they are:

Victoria, including Essay	11
Edward	14
Admiral (including sheet stamp booklet)	81
Scroll	8
Farmer's	3
Leaf (Includes Plate & No., -E & F)	47
Medallion (Includes Plate & No., -E & F)	31
Bar	13

George VI	65
War	91
Gift, (includes Essay)	10
Revised	18
Q.E. II	8
Beaver	2

402

(1952 score,-235)

In addition there are: Postal Note (1); War Tax (7); Excise (3); War Savings (5); Semi-Official Air (3); Provincial Revenue (8); Duck (1); Telegraph (13); and not necessarily at the bottom of this list, (Dan Meyerson please note), -NEWFOUNDLAND, 10 complete booklets of the four issues, including major varieties.

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POST OFFICE
NEWFOUNDLAND
14 AUG 1927
LABRADOR, T.P.O.

48

LABRADOR T.P.O.
OC 11
34
NEWF'D 49

LABRADOR
JUL 2 1946
T.P.O. 51

LABRADOR N.T.P.O.
AU 6
39
NEWF'D 50

NEWF'D T.P.O.
NEWF'D T.P.O.
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NEWF'D T.P.O.
NEWF'D T.P.O.
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52

NEWF'D RAILWAY
DE 16
17
T.P.O. 53

NEWF'D RAILWAY T.P.O.
FE 7
17 54

NEWF'D RY. T.P.O.
MY 3
18
NEWF'D 55

NEWF'D RAILWAY T.P.O.
OC 29
29 56

NEWF'D RAILWAY T.P.O.
19
JY 30 57

NEWF'D RY. T.P.O.
DE 13
22
NEWF'D 58

Newfoundland Railway
T.P.O.
23 NOV 1924
59

NEWF'D RAILWAY T.P.O.
PM
OC 3
07
NEWF'D 60

N.F.L.D. RY. T.P.O.
MY 25
11 61

N.F.L.D. RY. T.P.O.
A
JY 21
12 62

N.F.L.D. RY. T.P.O.
B
MR 2
15 63

N.F.L.D. RY. T.P.O.
D
OC 7
12 64

N.F.L.D. SYDNEY T.P.O.
DE 21
11 65

N.F.L.D. RAILWAY T.P.O.
A
DE 5
98
NEWF'D 66

N.F.L.D. RAILWAY T.P.O.
C
DE 15
99
NEWF'D 67

N.F.L.D. RAILWAY T.P.O.
D
JU 8
02
NEWF'D 68

N.F.L.D. RAILWAY T.P.O.
E
OC 18
01
NEWF'D 69

N.F.L.D. RAILWAY T.P.O.
FE 26
06
NEWF'D 70

N.F.L.D. RAILWAY T.P.O.
A
SP 4
06
NEWF'D 71

N.F.L.D. RAILWAY T.P.O.
B
MY 25
04
NEWF'D 72

N.F.L.D. RAILWAY T.P.O.
C
OC 9
09
NEWF'D 73

N.F.L.D. RAILWAY T.P.O.
E
OC 14
06
NEWF'D 74

N.F.L.D. NORTHERN RANGER
AM
OC 26
41
NEWF'D 75

Revenue Group News

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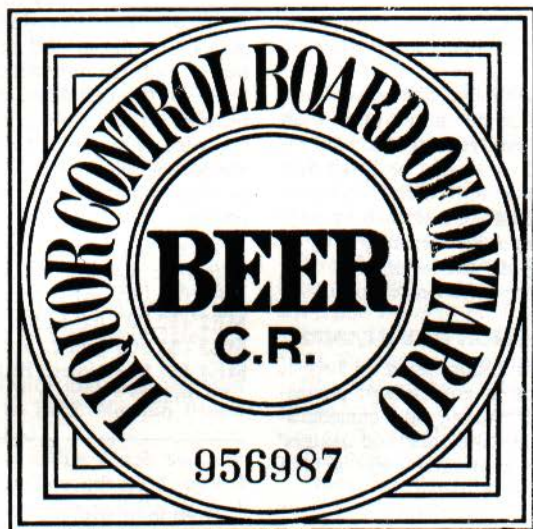


Fig. 1

Chas. Armstrong (BNAPS 120) has sent in the interesting label shown in *Figure 1*. It measures 69mm x 69 mm across the design, which is printed in black on what looks like common heavy brown wrapping paper. The letters C.R. and the control number are printed in red, and are 4¾ mm and 4¼ mm high respectively. Can any members supply information as to date of issue, meaning of the letters C.R., or the intended purpose of this label?

There are six values in the 12th Issue of B.C. Law Stamps, issued late in Dec., 1960. There is a 10c light gray, 50c light khaki brown, \$1.00 ultramarine, \$2.00 violet, \$3.00 yellow, \$5.00 red brown.

Many collectors of B.C. Law Stamps have difficulty in separating the 9th, 10th, 12th Issues from each other. There are distinct design and paper differences. A close look at the trefoils in the upper corners will show their cross hatching to be rather fuzzy on the 9th and 12th Issues, while these lines are sharp and clear on the 10th Issue.

In the 9th Issue there are three distinct paper types; thick hard slightly yellowish white paper, medium thickness white paper

with different weave pattern from first type, thin brilliant white paper with weave pattern of squares instead of the usual basket weave.

In the 10th Issue there are also three distinct paper types, but they are quite different from the previous issue; medium thick white paper with very strong horizontal weave, thin white paper with no weave pattern visible, thin white paper with faint vertical weave pattern.

In the 12th Issue there are two distinct paper types, both of the same horizontal weave pattern. On the 10c, \$1.00, \$2.00 the paper is white and of medium thickness. On the 50c, \$3.00, \$5.00 the paper is white and quite thick and hard.

Harold Walker (BNAPS 1380) sends in a number of interesting items.

HALIFAX LAW LIBRARY STAMPS

Holmes NSLL1 *imperf* has been known to exist for some time. It should be listed in the next edition as NSLL1A. This item is probably a proof used as a stamp during a temporary shortage of the regular stamps. That it is a genuine imperf. variety, although no unsevered pairs have been seen, is undisputed, for a copy exists tied to a docu-

ment, and the stamp paper is of a thicker and stiffer variety than that of NSLL1, almost like thin cardboard. The imperf. copies have large margins, making it virtually impossible to counterfeit these stamps, while the stamps of NSLL1 have close perfs. which often cut into the design. The earliest known imperf. copy is dated Dec. 23, 1891, and the latest Apr. 2, 1892. Does anyone have earlier or later dated copies?

Holmes NSLL6 with two distinct colours of overprint, is a scarce stamp, not more than 500 copies having been reported issued. To determine which colour should be listed first in the catalogues, it would be interesting to hear of the earliest date used of each variety. The earliest dates reported seen are: July 9, 1956 for the rose-pink shade of o/p, and Dec. 10, 1955, for the crimson-red o/p.

MANITOBA VACATION PAY STAMPS

These stamps were discontinued on July 1, 1960, and all stamps in government possession were destroyed. Taking into consideration the few copies in collectors' and dealers' hands, these should command quite a high price shortly.

MANITOBA TELEPHONE FRANK

The 1908 5c frank (Holmes TM1) exists watermarked. No catalogue mentions watermarked copies of the Manitoba Telephone Franks, and since this is the first copy reported, it is apparently quite scarce, much scarcer than the watermarked copies of Bell, British Columbia or Saskatchewan watermarked franks.

MANITOBA LAW STAMPS

There are two more scarce unlisted Manitoba Stamps. The JF handstamp o/p exists in *black*, while the catalogue mentions red and purple, on the 10c and 50c nine scallop variety. The 10c exists dated Apr. 8, 1889, in a double circle with the words "FILED. PROTHONOTARY'S OFFICE / WINNIPEG", while the 50c, with the same type of cancellation, is dated Apr. 10, 1889. Are there any other examples of the black o/p?

MANITOBA OPERATING AND FIREMEN'S ACT STAMPS

These stamps are of a design closely resembling the dollar values of the Manitoba Vacation Stamps, and are issued by the same government department, the Department of Labour. However, whereas the Vacation Stamps have control numbers in red or blue, the Engineers' Stamps have control numbers

in black, and in place of denomination is the year of use in black.

Approximately only 8000 of all four classes together are reported issued, to be used over a period of ten years, thus making these stamps very rare. Another reason for their rarity is that they pay the fees for the yearly renewal of the Operating Engineer's or Fireman's Certificate, and certificate holders are rather loath to part with them. As rates are listed on the certificate, although the stamps have no value stated on them, they should be regarded as bona fide revenues as are Holmes FWM23A and NSLL5, both of which have no denomination, and not as tax paid or labels.

These items should be listed, therefore, as follows in the next Holmes Edition:

- ME1 (\$3.00) red (1st class)
- ME2 (\$2.00) light blue (2nd class)
- ME3 (\$1.50) green (3rd and 4th class)
- ME4 (\$1.00) violet (Provisional and Fireman)

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How long will the Scott Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue in its obstinacy continue to perpetuate a mistake. In the Mar. 20th sale held by H. R. Harmer in New York, a copy of the 3c on 6c surcharge, Scott No. 160b sold for \$180, certainly a fancy price for a trial printing. Why does Scott continue to dignify a trial printing with a catalog number? If this stamp is to be listed then certainly the red TWO CENTS on the 30c Cabot, Scott No. 127, should be listed as well as the red surcharges and the red and black surcharges, Scott No.'s 75-77, should all be listed. Personally we believe that none of them belong in the catalogue.

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For nearly all of these there are examples of the covers and interleaves where necessary to illustrate the differences, all of which came from "exploded" or partial booklets, four volumes of them. Add to this six volumes of panes, mint and used, mint and used booklet and pane stamps, plus covers, and it all adds up to about 1970 before we get them all into print—IF YOU CAN STAND IT!

Charlie Arnold and Ed Richardson have agreed to help to get this and their material, too, into print, and a start of this listing is in TOPICS, April 1957, July-August 1960, January 1962, and February 1962.

Further Notes on the Early Post Offices of York Township

by MAX ROSENTHAL

(BNAPS L04)

Since writing the article on the early post offices of York Township which appeared in the May and June 1960 issues of B.N.A. Topics, further information has corrected some errors and filled some omissions. If anyone has anything further to add to the following let's hear from him.

In 1854 a new post office, Lippincott, was established. No readers came forth with its location, placed vaguely in the article as being west of the city. It was on Dundas Street, west of Lansdowne Avenue. The railway which crosses there had only been built the year before, and probably gave rise to the post office, absorbed a few years later by Brockton.

Both Leslie Post Office and Eglinton post offices were opened in 1858. Newton Brook was established in 1863.

There was one post office which was not mentioned in the article, Strangford. It served a few farmers in the area north of the present Eglinton Avenue East, between Bayview Avenue and Victoria Park Avenue. Strangford was open only a few years in the late

1860's and the beginning of the 1870's. It was probably on Don Mills Road. The opening of Don post office around the same time, less than two miles north on the same road probably caused the eventual closing of Strangford, although Donlands opened in the 1900's very close to Strangford's presumed location.

Coleman post office was originally opened in 1877. It was closed in the mid 1880's, to reopen at the end of the decade.

Don Mount became Riverside post office around 1880. A decade later this became Riverside Branch, of Toronto.

Deer Park post office was established in 1877. Bracondale was opened about 1883.

Elia was at the southwest corner of Keele Street and Finch Avenue West. Downsview was at the northeast corner of Keele Street and Wilson Avenue.

There are four independent post offices outside of Toronto in the area once included in York Township. They are Don Mills, Downsview, Humber Summit and Willowdale.

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116,000 square miles which were granted to Lord Selkirk, and the small plot of cultivated land outside Fort Douglas, grew an area which became known as the Granary of the World. From the first "bumper crop" of 1500 bushels of wheat, production has risen to an average of some 350 million bushels per year.

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The new stamp is a large-size horizontal. It will be printed in two colours, green and brown. A portrait of Thomas George, Fifth Earl of Selkirk and founder of the settlement, is shown on the right side in dark brown. A

RED RIVER SETTLEMENT · 1812



LA COLONIE DE LA RIVIERE ROUGE · 1812

killed farmer sowing grain outside Fort Douglas, printed in green, completes the background. The denomination is shown at the top left corner. Along the top of the stamp appear the words "Red River Settlement—1812" and along the bottom, "La colonie de la Rivière Rouge—1812". The words "Postes—Postage" are printed vertically under the denomination. Some 30,000,000 stamps have been printed and the usual first day cover service will be provided by the Postmaster at Ottawa.

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