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 FINAL CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

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CALL FOR CONVENTION

The 19th Annual Convention and Exhibition of the British North America Philatelic Society (BNAPEX) will be held from September 26th-29th, 1962, at the Alpine Inn, Ste. Marguerite Station, Quebec, for the consideration of such business as may come before it.

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Sales Department

Al Cook, Sales Manager, who earlier indicated his intention to resign, will keep on at his post after all. For very personal family reasons he was forced to change his business plans. Look for further enlightenment in a future issue of Topics.

From the Sales Manager . . .

AL. P. COOK, Coy Glen Road, Ithaca, New York

Three months ago a circuit went out. Results? The first recipient took nothing. The second took nothing—likewise the third. The fourth took nothing and wrote a note about the poor material and said he would resign if he did not get better circuits. (Obviously he did not read the many notices in TOPICS about SPECIAL CIRCUITS). Well to continue, No. 5 took \$11.50; six took \$54.20; seven took \$29.50; eight took nothing, and nine and ten brought the total to \$129.80. MORAL—if you want special material get SPECIAL CIRCUITS!

The last of the general circuits went out the first week in March, and it won't be home till the end of May. Special circuits will continue to go out until May 15th.

June starts the audit of 400 books and reports to all the owners, and by the end of the month all books will either be retired or in the bank vault till the Convention. July, August and until the Convention the department is CLOSED.

As to new material to be entered, we will accept until June 15th, and from September 1 to Convention. July and August will find the Manager "gone fishing."

Please try to submit material classified according to the exhibition classifications, when mounted in circuit books in this manner we can easily get your material to those who want specific interests. This SPECIAL CIRCUIT material far outsells those books with everything from pence to Q.E. II mounted in one book.

See you all at Ste. Marguerite! You'll like it there.

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Report From The Editor

JOHN H. M. YOUNG, 23 Donwoods Dr., Coach House, Toronto 12, Ontario

I am pleased to announce that Hedley J. Hollands has been appointed Circulation Editor for BNA TOPICS. Mr. Hollands is past secretary of the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain and is well known to our members. He will help to relieve the Editor of all matters pertaining to the circulation of the magazine. Anyone desiring extra copies of such should correspond with him. Changes of address should be continued to be sent to the Secretary, Jack Levine.

JOHN H. M. YOUNG, Editor

THE *Editor's* MAILBAG

Dear Sir:

On behalf of Canadian Council for Crippled Children I wish to thank you for the prominence given to the Canadian Easter Seals on the front page of the April issue, also appreciate your reference to this on page 93.

For your information Easter Seal service for collectors is carried on as a purely voluntary effort with the approval of the Council and is not motivated from a profit stand point.

There is ample evidence that many of your readers are interested in Easter Seals and the greater publicity the more support is generated for this worthy cause.

Thanking you again.

Yours sincerely,

BERT L. BAULCH

Dear Sir:

On looking over a number of the May 3rd, 1962 Stamp release for the Red River Settlement, I noticed a slight variety in some of these stamps and I wish to report as follows:

(a) On some copies there are four green

lines in the space above the highest point of Selkirk's head to the white border. The other copies have five lines in this space.

(b) On the "four line" variety, the lowest point of Selkirk's profile (the right shoulder) is even with the ground design.

On the "five line" copies this point is well below the lowest edge of the ground shading.

It would appear that the whole of the brown design is moved up one line on the "four line" type. I have not as yet determined how often this variety appears in a full pane of 50 stamps but I hope to pursue the matter further when time permits.

A further variety has been noticed in that one copy of the "four line" type in my possession has a broken line just under Selkirk's nose. The white area produced by this broken line extended from just under the nostril, horizontally to a point approximately in line with the corner of the left eye.

This broken line perhaps was caused in the printing—a dusty plate being used.

Can any other members report other variations in this issue. I would appreciate

learning of any found.

Yours truly,

A. D. KNIGHT
BNAPS 1556

My Dear Mr. Editor:

I have little realized how well read the BNA Topics are read let alone the Editorial comments until a number of members of COMPEX have been persistently pushing page 62 of Volume 19, Issue No. 3, Whole number No. 199 in front of me. As BNAPS member No. 1625 I read the editorial and thought little of it, but now, since so many of my members have pushed the subject, it behooves me to write to you, and technically, "slap your little pinkies".

Actually this editorial is that of a 'bull in a China Shop'. Right now, you have up and broken a number of saucers, cups and perhaps a few platters. I recall the first years I practised medicine, I would have perhaps ventured doing brain surgery, but after 22 years I have mellowed and found my place in the medical field. Right now I draw this analogy, because you are ready to blast, simply because of lack of experience, knowledge, and something else which I cannot just place my finger on at a time like this.

As an editor, you have stars in your eyes, ready to defend the weak and down trodden, just like some of the movies and TV programs we see each week. This is good except for the fact that you lack the true facts. Now, a fine editor will not blast off as you have unless all of the facts are before him. These facts about COMPEX were certainly not before you otherwise you would have not written what you have.

If you will bear with me, I shall attempt to put you straight, because I wish to clear up in your own mind the injustice that you have done.

To begin with COMPEX has staged or will have staged its fifth consecutive show with the 1962 exhibition. It is the largest and the finest of its kind in the Western Hemisphere since its inception. In 1958 our bourse table rental was \$60.00 for exactly the same space as to-day. In 1962 the rental is \$100.00 with a full page ad included in the directory. As an economist, you realize the increased cost of everything, we had to raise the price of the table in 1962 over 1961 from \$75.00 to \$100.00 simply because our overhead was higher, the hotel desired more rent for the same space, the printer wanted more money for his work, and advertising increased 22% as well.

The respective clubs of COMPEX 62

which we call the Board of Directors voted to raise the bourse fee, not at the request of an officer, but because they realized that to come out even, this was necessary. COMPEX would not run like the London International Exhibition at a loss and take it out on the guarantors.

It was therefore, decided to raise the rate per table but to give the dealer a free page ad in the directory which still sells for \$25.00. Since most all of the dealers take ads in the directory to announce their tables, it was deemed the best thing to do. Actually, the page ad costs COMPEX \$10.00 to print, so the net result is that the table rate is actually \$90.00 rather than \$100.00.

Now, if you wish to give the same service, the same show and everything as had been in the past four years done for the club, the dealer and the viewer of the exhibition, with the cost going up, what in God's name can be done except to raise the chief source of income, the bourse table stand?

COMPEX is, as you can see, May 25 to 27. I am president of the American Airmail Society, and running another show in Miami Beach, Florida, June 29-30-July 1, 1962. Here with a considerable lower cost outlay, a bourse table is \$25.00 for the three days.

But, let me tell you this. We had no trouble filling our 40 table bourse at COMPEX 62. Except for four tables, the bourse was filled within 10 days after the bourse prospectus was put out. 95% of the dealers are holders of tables from the past four shows of ours, and the other 5% was from the waiting list of some 50 other dealers who put in a petition for a table.

I think that this last statement of mine is sufficient evidence for the raise in the table rate. Had we met any resistance to the raise in table rate, then we would have known Jolly well that we had erred in our judgment and would have had to cut down on the accustomed overhead in order to come out the same.

I might add just a bit about Doc. Boyd's CANPEX. I happen to be a member No. 6658 of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada. I think that there is no finer man in Canadian Philately than Doc Boyd and Doc Geldert. Yet you lambast him for a so called 230% increase in bourse table rates. Naturally, I am not on the inner circle of things in the Royal, being an American, however, from the face of it alone, you had no business taking a blow at Doc Boyd's show.

Has your memory failed you in recollecting the fact that the 1960 show was in a

rather rural community of Kitchener, Ontario, where the cost of things are not nearly as high as in Windsor, where, with Detroit right across the river the cost of living is a bit higher. Do you not remember the small, municipal building the show was in in 1960? The calibre of the show—small scale? Not that the Kitchener show was not good, but it cannot compare with what Dr. Boyd has in mind for the 1962 affair. Now look where the 1962 show is held. An auditorium, an auditorium geared for exhibition and conventions of all types and an auditorium that is made to make a profit on the shows therein, not like the one in Kitchener, which

housed the 1960 show out of respect to some philatelic member's persuasion.

I believe that you have something to think about here with the facts presented. If you don't see the light, then there is something amiss.

Sincerely,

JAMES J. MATEJKA JR., M.D.

Editor's Comment

Most pleasing to have a "sound trouncing on my pinkies" from an eminent philatelist. My editorial and the letters that it has provoked have helped to explain to our members the costs of running a large philatelic exhibition.

EDITORIAL

CANADA'S INTERNATIONAL PHILATELIC EXHIBITION 1967? or 1968?

It has been eleven years since Canada had an international philatelic exhibition, and at that time it was held as a celebration of the centennial of the first issue (in 1851) of Canadian postage stamps. Lately there has been a movement for another international show to be held at some point in Canada in either 1967 or 1968. Last fall the Canadian Association for Philatelic Exhibitions or CAPEX held a meeting to discuss this matter, and some of the points raised at this meeting should be brought to the attention of our readers.

Should the exhibition be held in 1967 or 1968? The arguments raised for a show in 1967 were 1) that it could be staged in conjunction with Canada's Confederation centennial celebrations; 2) that the committee might be able to receive a government grant towards such an effort; 3) that there would be more likelihood of having a greater attendance both from Canadian citizens as well as foreign visitors attending other celebrations. The arguments raised against 1967 and for 1968 were 1) that there would be a United States international philatelic exhibition in New York in 1966 which might overshadow one being held in Canada the following year; 2) that overseas philatelic visitors would not be as anxious to attend two shows within such a short period; 3) that 1968 would be the year of the centennial of the first Dominion issues, the Large Queens; 4) that facilities would be more readily available in 1968.

Both Montreal and Toronto have been mentioned as the two centres which could properly handle such an event. They have the hotel accommodation, tourist attractions, night life and facilities for an exhibition. Which city should be chosen is debateable. There has also been some mention of Windsor which was the city in which the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada held their exhibition this year. Windsor has Cleary Hall which is suitable for an exhibition, and the area with Detroit across the river provides the other facilities needed.

Where and in what year should Canada hold its international philatelic exhibition? Should it be called CENPEX, CENTennial Philatelic EXhibition or CAPEX II?

Sketches of BNAPSers

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

DR. JAMES J. MATEJKA JR. — No. 91

One of the most prominent philatelists in the United States is Dr. James J. Matejka Jr., of Chicago, who was born in the city on October 27, 1916 and graduated from Loyola University (School of Medicine) in 1939. He is now the resident physician of the La-Salle Hotel in Chicago.

'Jim', as he is known to his many stamp friends, married the former Marie A. Murphy in 1941 and they have two girls and a boy. The attractive Mrs. Matejka generally accompanies her husband to stamp conventions and is well known to many of our members.

The Doctor started collecting stamps in 1928 as a general collector but the large number of Silver Jubilee stamps issued in 1935 overpowered him and he decided to confine his collecting to a few favourite countries. He has a complete collection of Czechoslovakia and an outstanding collection of Austria. His collection of Alaska and Yukon postmarks was shown at the C.P.S. Convention in Sarnia in 1959 and won the Grand Award. It is in the field of Air mails, however, that Dr. Matejka has devoted most of his philatelic study and research. His collection of the regularly issued Air Mail stamps of the world is undoubtedly one of the best in existence and the Newfoundland section containing such pieces as a mint block of four of De Pinedos has been admired by many BNAPSers and won the Grand Award at the C.P.S. Convention held in Ottawa in 1957.

Dr. Matejka is president of the American Air Mail Society and a member of the Royal Philatelic Society, London; Royal Philatelic Society of Canada; Collectors' Club of



Chicago; Life Member of the American Philatelic Society and chairman of "Com-pex", the combined philatelic exhibition of Chicagoland. He is also on the advisory board to the United States Post Office.

Our members who will be attending the Convention at the Alpine Inn in September will be glad to know that the Doctor and his wife will also be there to enjoy the hospitality and renew friendships with their many BNAPSer friends.

SOME RARE FANCY CANCELS

by E. A. SMYTHIE'S, F.R.P.S.L.

A few years ago a distinguished philatelist, on discovering a new Tibetan stamp, remarked, "One of the great charms of our hobby is the element of surprise! Something new is always turning up." How true that is. And especially so for explorers in that remarkable field of philately, the fancy cancellations created by the ingenuity of Canadian postmasters between 1870 and 1900.

During the last few years, Dr. Day and I, with the cooperation of many enthusiasts and specialists, have been exploring two continents seeking new varieties and have been frankly astonished at the discoveries that have been made. These will soon be available to members of BNAPS, as our Society this summer will be publishing a handbook illustrating and describing 1,000 of them. Two chapters of the book deal with the rarer types of these cancellations, such as Bogey faces and Pumpkin heads, Masonic and Oddfellows signs, Crowns and Valentines, Birds and Insects, etc., and illustrate 100 of them. Thinking it might be of interest to readers of TOPICS, I have selected 20 of them, which are illustrated on the accompanying plate with a short description of each. None of them has been fully described before and all of them have been located, i.e. have been seen on covers or pieces showing the post office of origin. I may add that all are rare, and some unique at present, that is only one strike has been recorded to date.

We start first with a group of half a dozen Masonic signs. They all show the compass and set square and more than half are intaglio, (i.e. show up white on a black background).

No. 1—Intaglio square and compass in a circle 16 mm. diameter. The post office of origin was Eardley, U. C. and date 1870.

No. 2—A rather crude intaglio square and compass in an irregular pentagon from Glen Sutton, Province of Quebec, dated 1885. This post office used another type of intaglio

Masonic sign, in a circle, in 1888, usually forms struck in blue or purple, not black.

No. 3—A large square and compass, enclosing the letter "G". From Preston, Ontario, dated 1883, in blue.

No. 4—A small neat square and compass from Woodstock, Ontario, 1872.

No. 5—A thin intaglio square and compass in a black circle 22 mm. diameter. From Simcoe, Ontario, 1875.

No. 6—A small, rather primitive square and compass from St. Barnabé, Province of Quebec. A strike in the Jarrett collection on 3c rose-carmine fixes the date as 1888-89.

No. 7—A thick intaglio square and compass inside a thin outer circle. From Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. Date uncertain.

In all, the handbook shows 16 Masonic signs, but most of the others have not been located.

No. 8—A thin intaglio Cross and curved design in a black Maltese Cross, probably a watch-chain emblem. From Waterloo, Ontario, 1870-74.

No. 9—A beautiful silhouette of a Red Indian complete with scalp lock. A rare item from Passekeag, New Brunswick, 1892.

Nos. 10 and 11—Two curious hands, *No. 10* a "pointing hand" from Port Perry, Ontario, in 1873, and *No. 11* a "skelton hand" in blue from Preston, Ontario, 1880. The handbook illustrates about 16 Bogey faces, skull, and crossbones, Man-in-the-Moon, etc., but unfortunately none of them located, so they are not included here.

No. 12—Two hearts entwined. Very appropriate for a post office called Vallentyne! (1884).

No. 13—An intaglio Union Jack with thin white lines on a black shield. This is another Glen Sutton cancel, also in 1888.

No. 14—A sturdy anchor with enormous flukes. From Wellington, Ontario, in 1880.

Nos. 15 and 16—The only two birds discovered among Canadian fancy cancels. (In U.S.A. there were scores, an eagle being the



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U.S. emblem). The bird with the thick tail was used at Middlemarch, Ontario, in 1880, the flying bird from Picton, Ontario, in 1885.

No. 17—This curious and complicated design was illustrated by Jarrett (No. 1425) but not located. It appears to be an attempt to copy the "Coat-of-Arms" of the Republic of Nicaragua, (See Nicaraguan stamps of 1895), and is found struck in black or purple. The post office of origin was St. Genevieve-de-Batiscan, Province of Quebec, and the year, 1895. Why an obscure French-Canadian post office should have adopted this as a cancel remains a mystery! I conclude this selection with three Crowns, out of 20 recorded in the handbook.

No. 18—A Crown in outline of dots and wedges, used at Kilsyth, Ontario, in 1873.

No. 19—A neat little Crown with two intaglio lines at the base, from Acton, Ontario, 1885.

No. 20—A large handsome Crown with a cross on top and intaglio lines inside, from St. John, N.B., 1875.

The illustrations and other details of these twenty examples are taken from the handbook which will have 53 plates of illustrations in all, covering all types of fancy cancellations.

My earlier articles in TOPICS have invariably led to valued cooperation and correspondence with other collectors, and I hope this short note will prove no exception. If any of my readers have similar strange or interesting cancellations, especially if located and dated, I should be most grateful for details and, if possible, rough tracings.

POST OFFICE ANNOUNCES DETAILS OF JEAN TALON STAMP

Details of a new five-cent postage stamp commemorating Jean Talon, the great Intendant of New France, were released today by the Hon. William Hamilton, Postmaster General. The new stamp goes on sale June 13th.

In making the announcement, Mr. Hamilton pointed out the great contribution made by Talon to the advancement of Canada as a nation. During his tenure of office from 1665 to 1668, Talon accomplished a great deal in establishing the country on a sound economic foundation. He encouraged animal husbandry and established small industries and a ship building yard on the St-Charles River. To increase the resources of the country, he imported horses and sheep from France.

One of the greatest achievements of Talon was the first census which he undertook shortly after his arrival in New France. The census showed that there was a definite need for a large population and, as a result of a request made by Talon, some 1,000 carefully selected girls came to the new world to become the wives of the men already in the colony.

An excerpt from the writings of a young officer of Talon's time reads: ". . . the governor-general bestowed upon the married couple a bull, a cow, a hog, a sow, a cock, a

hen, two barrels of salt meat and eleven crowns". This gift is represented in the design of the stamp. In addition, the stamp shows a church in the background with farmland radiating from it. At the top, the word "Canada" appears in capital letters and along the bottom is the title "Jean Talon". The denomination is shown at the top right corner while the words "Postage" and "Postes" are printed along the left and right edges respectively. The stamp is the design of Philip Weiss of Ottawa and it will be printed in blue. Thirty-two million stamps have been ordered and first day cover service will be given by the postmaster at Ottawa.



Trail of the Caribou

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

N. W. Scales, BNAPS No. 1058, Evansville, Ind., is in with a nice perfin cover. We have seen the stamp before but don't ever recall a previous cover. It is a copy of the 3c, Scott No. 83, that was reissued in June 1918 to cover the shortage of 3c stamps brought on by the increase in postage. The cover on a G. Knowling corner card bears No. 83 with the GK perfin in reverse and inverted or that is how it seems to us, we never have been able to figure these out too exactly. The cover was posted at St. John's on Oct. 21, 1918 and addressed to Catalina. A real nice cover. —

The Mar. 9th issue of STAMP COLLECTING contains an advertisement by W. Appleyard, Southampton, England that offers a mint block of the 24c, Scott No. 210 at \$49.40, a mint block of the 3c, Scott No. 187, at the same price and a mint block of the 5c, Scott No. 190, at \$28. In rereading this paragraph I note that I fail to advise that all of these blocks are imperforate.

We have just been advised that at the Mar. 10th sale held by W. T. Pollitz, Boston, Mass., a copy of the 5c, Scott No. 25, cancelled in 1866 sold for \$37 in spite of two small tears in the stamp. In the same sale a copy of the 12c, Scott No. 28, tied on cover to England in 1872 realized \$32. The first cover is particularly scarce when used prior to the issue of the black stamp, Scott No. 26.

At an H. R. Harmer, London Sale of Airmails held on Feb. 27th, some interesting Newfoundland items were sold. A Hawker, Scott C1, on cover realized \$1,750, while a Handley-Page cover franked with Scott C2, and posted at St. John's on Jun. 9, 1919, brought \$89.60. A justice for Hungary cover franked with the \$1 airmail stamp sold for \$35 and a "Lief Eiriksson" cover of the New York to Norway flight with a Newfoundland stamp and received in Bergen on Apr. 16, 1935 changed hands at \$21.

Carl Anderson, BNAPS No. 361, Saskatoon, Sask., sent along a copy of the 1c card, Holmes No. 1672, from Main River to St. John's, cancelled with a magnificent Main River Crown as illustrated by Boggs on page 170 of his book. The card was used Sept. 27, 1903.

We are in receipt of a very interesting letter from A. J. Hubbard, BNAPS No. 1667, London, England, relative to our bit in the March issue of Topics concerning die numbers of the 1932 issue. John duplicates just about everything that we have in our collection, but in addition he has a die proof in black of the 2c, Scott No. 186 in the Die 2 with die number 1018 as compared to die No. 967 on the first die. In addition John has color trial die proofs of the 4c, Scott No. 188, in blue, vermilion and orange. Those are nice pieces John and thanks for the information so that our list of what exists can be expanded.

As it happens this column is never written all at once but rather added to as the month gets along which accounts for the fact that a bit put into the column above about two weeks ago can now be amplified before the column goes to press. Through the kind offices of Carl Anderson, BNAPS No. 361, I am now the proud owner of the hollow crown MAIN RIVER cancel on the 1c card, Holmes No. 1672. Interesting cancels from Newfoundland are rather scarce as compared to those from Canada but this will be the second such crown in our collection. The first was purchased on full cover at Capex in 1951. I really shouldn't say purchased because Jim Sissons, BNAPS No. 17, Toronto, Can. really gave it to us for \$2. At that time Jim knew that it was worth more but felt that he would really like to help in building up our collection at the reasonable figure or rather ridiculous figure of \$2. The stamps on cover are three copies of the 1c, Scott No. 81, and they are used in April of 1906, this present new purchase is used in 1903. Just for the records the most recent acquisition also bears a TPO cancel of N. & W. RAILWAY T.P.O. for Sept. 27, 1903 in an unframed circle.

George H. Davis, BNAPS No. 1414, Ridgefield, Conn, has done it again. From his evidently inexhaustible supply of covers he has pushed back the issue date of the second St. John's duplex from Oct. 13, 1902, to Dec. 5, 1901, better than 10 month. This certainly beats the early date reported by E. H. Hiscock, BNAPS No. 234, St. John's, Newfoundland, in the Jan. issue of TRAIL.

ASSINIBOIA POST OFFICES

by H. W. S. Wilding, BNAPS 1040

The District of Assiniboia originated in a grant from the Crown to Canada in 1811 and consisted of 116,000 acres of land in the valleys of the Red and Assiniboia Rivers. It was administered by a Governor-in-Council appointed by Lord Selkirk.

In 1834 this land was acquired by The Governor and Company of Adventurers of England Trading into Hudson's Bay and from then until 1870 was governed by a Governor-in-Council appointed by the Company.

The Government of Canada bought the area back from the Hudson's Bay Company in 1870 and on May 8th, 1882, the Provisional Districts of Assiniboia, Saskatchewan, Alberta and Athabasca were created for the convenience of the Post Office Department. The name "District of Assiniboia" was officially used to designate the district to the West of Manitoba. During the Hudson's Bay Company regime the name of the area had

been discontinued officially although popular usage had retained it.

In 1905, the Government, under Sir Wilfred Laurier carried a bill through Parliament providing for the formation of a portion of the four Northwest Territories into the Provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta. This change became effective on October 1st, 1905 for postal purposes.

From this condensed history it will be seen that Assiniboia cancellations were officially in use from May of 1882 until October of 1905 although for a variety of reasons many cancellations will be found with later dates.

The following lists the date of the establishment of each of the Assiniboia Post Offices with the name of the first postmaster taken from old records of the Post Office Department. The writer would appreciate hearing from readers who may be able to add anything to the listing.

DATE POST OFFICE

ESTABLISHED	NAME OF POST OFFICE	POSTMASTER
Sept. 1884	ABERNETHY	J. Morrison
April 1894	ADAIR	Alex Fleming
Dec. 1883	ALAMEDA	Jas. Walsh
March 1897	ALMA	F. Z. DeGagne
	(closed 31 Dec. 1904)	
April 1884	ANTLER	Geo. Anderson
	(name changed to Gainsborough 1st Sept. 1895)	
Sept. 1900	ANTLER	E. Haight
May 1901	ARAT	Jno. Agopowicz
Feb. 1889	ARCOLA	P. McLellan
1 March 1905	ARLINGTON BEACH	Wm. Downey
July 1884	ARMSTRONGS LAKE	Jas. Sharp
	(name changed to Rokeby Station 1st Dec. 1903)	
Sept. 1886	ARROCHAR	R. McDonald
	(name changed to Red Jacket 1 Mar. 1900)	
Jun. 1905	AUBURNTON	A. J. Watson
Jan. 1901	AUDREY	T. J. Puffin
Dec. 1900	AVONHURST	E. S. Kent
April 1884	BALCARRES	C. E. Johnston
Nov. 1883	BALGONIE	J. B. Hawkes
March 1903	BATTLE CREEK	Isaac Sterling
Nov. 1904	BAVELAW	M. O. Barke
March 1900	BEAVER DALE	W. Wilson
Oct. 1904	BEESTON	W. A. Gabb
Jan. 1904	BEKEVAR	Jos. Szakais
Aug. 1893	BELLEGARDE	C. Sylvester
May 1903	BELLE PLAINE	J. R. H. Dixon
Aug. 1895	BELL PRAIRIE	F. A. Davis
	(closed 30 June 1904)	
April 1886	BENBECULA	Samuel Shaw
Nov. 1899	BERESINA	A. Becker
5 June 1905	BETHUNE	E. J. Clough
April 1893	BIENFAIT	R. S. Grogan
	(closed 7 June 1895)	

Dec.	1903	BIENFAIT	A. J. Mulligan
April	1884	BLACKWOOD	J. A. C. Blackwood
Nov.	1904	BLADWORTH	E. G. Northcott
July	1890	BOHARM	Ben Smith
Oct.	1904	BONNINGTON	T. C. Haygarth
		(name changed to Kenaston 1 Jan. 1906)	
July	1885	BOSCURVIS	W. Galloway
July	1890	BRENDENBURY	J. J. Buchanan
15 June	1903	BRIERCREST	C. A. Jaques
Nov.	1882	BROADVIEW	J. Clementson
Sept.	1893	BROOKSIDE	Jno. Burke
Aug.	1904	BUFFALO PLAINS	J. A. Cook
Dec.	1900	BULYEA	Jacob Young
		(closed 31 Aug. 1904)	
Nov.	1888	BURNSVILLE	W. McDonald
		(name changed to Kamsack 1 Nov. 1904)	
Sept.	1895	CAILMOUNT	Richard Cail
March	1888	CANNINGTON MANOR	E. N. Maltby
April	1904	CANTAL	J. Donais
Feb.	1891	CARIEVALE	Stephen Bishop
Dec.	1883	CARLYLE	Jno. W. Wilcox
Sept.	1884	CARNDUFF	J. P. Carnduff
Aug.	1895	CARNOUSTIE	D. W. Hogg
Nov.	1884	CARON	A. H. Pawett
Jan.	1884	CARSDALE	W. C. Hamilton
		(closed 13 April 1891)	
May	1904	CATEVILLE	C. C. Cate
April	1905	CEDOUX	Jos. Choewanire
Oct.	1904	CHAMBERLAIN	W. H. Elkerton
Dec.	1904	CHARING	R. Mortimer
May	1887	CHICKNEY	S. Chipperfield
April	1889	CHURCHBRIDGE	B. D. Westman
April	1884	CLARE	A. T. Bennett
		(closed 31 March 1901)	
Oct.	1887	CLUMBER	Robt. Bird
Aug.	1890	COALFIELDS	Hilliard E. Price
		(name changed to Roche Percee 1 April 1896)	
Feb.	1897	COALFIELDS	Isaac Cockburn
		(name changed to Taylorton 1 Dec. 1906)	
Jan.	1905	COLERIDGE	A. S. McEwen
Oct.	1899	CONDIE	C. H. Brown
April	1897	COULEE	Donald Murray
March	1891	COTE	Fred Fischer
		(name changed to St. Philips 1 Nov. 1907)	
April	1894	COTEAU	D. McDougal
		(closed 30 April 1905)	
Aug.	1891	COTHAM	E. J. Bissicks
Sept.	1895	COTTONWOOD	R. W. Hind
May	1900	CRANE LAKE	W. Lemoine
Feb.	1884	CRAVEN	L. W. Hoskins
Aug.	1903	CRAIK	J. L. A. Desilets
April	1904	CRIELMAN	S. R. Carrothers
Nov.	1884	CRESCENT LAKE	W. H. Anderson
Oct.	1900	CROOKED LAKE	W. Janzen
		(name changed to Menofield 1 May 1901)	
Dec.	1898	CROWSAND	Rev. Neil Gilmour
		(closed 31 Dec. 1904)	
April	1904	CRYSTAL SPRING	S. Cummins
		(name changed to St. Philips 1 Nov. 1907)	
July	1903	CURZON	Hy. Rodwell
June	1902	CURT HILL	Curt Messer
May	1904	CYPRESS	S. Fretz
Sept.	1884	DALEBORO	H. C. Disney
July	1903	DALRYMPLE	J. Harming
		(name changed to Cupar 1 Nov. 1905)	
April	1890	DAVIN	Robt. W. Elliott
		(closed 30 April 1903)	
May	1903	DAVIDSON	A. B. McGregor
Dec.	1903	DAVIN	Mrs. Dora Brandt
24 April	1905	DELISLE	Jno. A. Delisle
Oct.	1886	DENNINGTON	R. C. Kisbey
Feb.	1900	DEVILS LAKE	Hy. W. Peel
Dec.	1899	DISLEY	David McArthur
		(name changed to Glen Valley 1 April 1904)	

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Rounding up Squared Circles

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At this date (late April) the Roster forms—see APRIL TOPICS—with much useful information, are coming in nicely. Several are from collectors new to me, a fact which gave me much pleasure. Each form received is being acknowledged.

There are 311 different squared circle towns in all, counting Bleeker St. and Bleeker St., as TWO. Readers are reminded that different hammers for the same town (Winnipeg, St. John, etc., etc.) count only as one. And the same procedure must be followed with regard to different 'states' (Alona, Schreiber, Nanaimo, Que. & Camp, No. 20, etc.)—such offices count only as one. Different indicia are not to be counted. Please observe these simple instructions or the considerable task of analysing will be made an impossible one.

It is suggested that you show your own count in the following manner:

Type One, (say) 16; Type Two (say) 200; Total 216.

Do not list rarities (R.F. 70 and higher) unless you have MORE THAN ONE, and list simply as: RICHMOND, QUE., R.F. 70: (two, three) copies.

The chief benefit accruing from a successful Roster will be the knowing something more about the incidence of rarities. See Topics, Jan., 1960, for the excellent reporting by the late Braden Elliott on the second Roster. Quite a few discoveries have been made during the past three years and this will be reflected in the information we hope to receive and later report. Undoubtedly there will be necessity for revision of R.F.s, and there will be many changes in record dates, early and late. Too, we hope to uncover useful knowledge on covers, the use of squared circles on Jubilees, Map stamps, and other special issues.

Readers are reminded that a collection of 200 different squared circle towns is excellent; one of 250 different is superb, whilst the final aim now is the 300 mark, already reached by at least three collectors known to me. The final announcement, unless collectors notify me of their desire to remain anonymous, will be made under the following classification:

Class One: 300 or more towns.

—Two A: 275 Type Two, plus additional Type One towns.

—Two B: 275 towns, both types.

—Three A: 250 Type Two, plus additional Type One towns.

—Three B: 250 towns, both types.

—Four A: 200 Type Two, plus additional Type One towns.

—Four B: 200 towns, both types.

ST. HYACINTHE VARIETIES

Recently I wrote about certain varieties of Truro squared circles. There are some rather similar things to look for in St. Hyacinthe markings. Like Truro, there must have been the same sort of trouble in locking the head of the hammer when changing the indicia, noticeable chiefly in the letters for the months of Jan. and Feb. The handbook, 2nd edition, reports to this saying: "Copies of 1895 are known lacking the month." At one time I believed this to be January, but now, with the help of correspondents, am convinced that it was February. On Fe 1st, "FE" was missing, on Fe 2nd, it was extremely vestigial (only the top of 'FE' being visible) and by Fe 4th it was entirely missing. Other dates in my collection are Fe 8, 19 and 26. Home dates have partial month letters in both Ja and Fe, in 1894, 6 and 7, and interesting papers can be made showing these varieties when sufficient material is available.

Inverted indicia may be found too, both in the date and the time mark above the date. I suppose the inverted '8' is most frequent; but there are other cases. I have PM/De-, 95, with 'DE' inverted, and 'PM' is inverted on both Jy 24, and Au 4, 96. The best such variety known to me is PM/Oc 24, 95, with everything inverted but the year.

Another St. Hyacinthe possible variety may be mentioned here. It was brought to my attention some time ago by Ed. Richardson in his interesting page "The Hollow Tree", in the Canadian Philatelist. He says that by 1897 the hammer here seems to have been cut down on both sides, R. and L., leaving very thin side panels. I am inclined to agree with him, although my numerous

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Philatelic Potpourri

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

CANADIAN REPLY POSTCARDS

(And the good old days, when one cent really did something)

In the '70s and '80s nearly all the early stamp collectors collected postal stationery, which up to 1900 was then included in the general stamp catalogues. By 1900 stamp dealers thought that there were too many stamps issued and that the catalogue was getting too bulky, thus they decided not to list stationery. The last British stamp catalogue (That I know of) to include stationery was Bright & Son of London in 1908. New collectors of stamps after perhaps 1910 did not collect stationery as they did not know what there was to collect. Other collectors complained that envelopes were too bulky.

Now that we have the popular feature of first day covers with only one or two to a page, stationery is much more popular than it was ten years ago. The first day cover bug has brought it back to stay. It is increasing in value every year partly due to the great strides being made in this line by Air Mail specialists most of whom include Aerograms or letter sheets, etc.

The present generation of stamp collectors perhaps are not aware of what ONE CENT would do as early as 1871, so let's chat this over. At that date there were rather few railroads in Canada but all along the line there were numerous villages five to fifty miles away. Mail from the railway station to the village was delivered by pack horse or wagons. A lot of work was done for ONE CENT, as one could write a one cent post card and send it from any village to any other village in Canada.

In 1871 Canada had no postcards but needed them. The first two post cards of Canada are really very fine specimens, beautifully engraved. Here is a very rough summary of what the government had to do to get the postcards to all the post offices. Only two years previously they had finished issuing the Large Queen issue of stamps. Perhaps to cut down the cost of post card production they used a discarded easse of

the Large Queen set as the die was already made. The government now had to find a contractor to produce the finished post card. The British American Bank Note Co. took the job. They had to do two important things first. They had to contract with some paper mill to supply large sheets of card that was later to be cut down to postcard size. The bank note company had to make a number of working dies and also a plate to print the stamps. It was their job to print the stamps, cut the postcard to size, count and pack them and deliver them to the Government. All this was cost to the Government but at this point all they had was a stack of postcards in the cupboard. They now had real work ahead of them, with a new set of men taking small parts. The bookkeeper must have had some idea of how many cards each village would need. Clerks counted them out, packed and addressed them. A wagon would take them to the railway station and on arrival at the destination a wagon would take them to the village. So at last they arrived at the village post office. The government were now ready to start business.

"Look, look," the postmaster cried, "here comes a customer. I know by his stride, let's welcome him and get him inside."

"Good morning Mr. Brown and what can I do?" the customer said, "I want to write, so sell me a card you told me about". "Oh, dear no", the postmaster said, "I will give you the card, on condition that you write and address, return it to me and I will do the rest. For the sum of one cent we will deliver it to the address". (I don't know what Topics is offering for this \$164 dollar question). This is, from the original start to issue a postcard, to the time it is delivered to an address. How many men had at least a small part to the delivery? Today we pay big salaries to men to split the atom. Why not try an old time postmaster with experience of how to split a cent to show a profit. But even at that date smart alects cheated the post office. How we'll size this up. If you sent

a bill in an envelope locally it cost 2c, out of town 3c. So bankers bought a cent postcard, paid 2c to register it and it went anywhere. Total 3c. In the envelope it cost 3c and it did not get registered.

These registered postcards are rather rare and a fine item for any collection well worth \$5. Postcard No. 1 differs from No. 2 only by the printers name along the bottom. No. 1 reads British American Bank Note Co., Montreal & Ottawa. Card 2 dropped the Ottawa. For those who enjoy seeking out re-entries, retouches, scratches, shades, thick and thin card, etc., it is well to make a specialized collection. The shades are grand, the green-blue being the rare one. I have about 100 different re-entries, a lot being in

the stamp, and another very fine item is to get all or part of the plate number. This is very rare being only found on the top right corner of the complete sheet AND ALSO has to be placed in the cutting, a half inch too low and one quarter inch to the left. I have two or three, the highest number I have seen is 23, though I think it may be 28, the 8 cut in half. This was put on after the plate was made, so it prints in reverse. Card No. 2 has also some of the most prominent retouches I have seen on any stamp. Though these cards are nearly 100 years old they are so numerous that they still catalogue at 5c. There were no reply cards in these two issues. *To be continued.*

Newfoundland T.P.O. Markings

by DAN MEYERSON (BNAPS No. 3)

PART 2

76. S.S. NORTHERN RANGER.—NEWFOUNDLAND	Jun. 9, 1938	10.00
77. S.S. NORTHERN RANGER—NEWF'D	Aug. 20, 1944—Sep. 4, 1947	2.00
78. NOTRE DAME BAY T.P.O.—NEWF'D	Sep. 5, 1899—Dec. 8, 1914	.60
79. NOTRE DAME BAY T.P.O.—NEWF'D	May 5, 1913—Dec. 26, 1914	1.50
80. NOTRE DAME BAY T.P.O.—NEWFOUNDLAND	Nov. 27, 1920—Dec. 5, 1920	7.50
81. N.D. BAY, NORTH. POST OFFICE—NFLD.	Oct. 17, 1929	8.00
82. N.D.B. North T.P.O.—Nfld.	Jun. 11, 1946—Aug. 2, 1948	2.00
84. N.D. BAY SOUTH. POST OFFICE—NFLD.	Oct. 24, 1931—May 9, 1936	1.00
83. NOTRE DAME BAY SOUTH T.P.O.—NEWF'D	Jun. 26, 1918	9.00
85. N.D. BAY SOUTH POST OFFICE—NFLD	May 15, 1940	5.00
86. N.D.B. South T.P.O.—Nfld.	Oct. 18, 1946—Aug. 29, 1947	2.00
87. PLACENTIA BAY T.P.O.—NEWF'D	Nov. 5, 1899—May 11, 1938	.60
88. PLACENTIA BAY T.P.O.—NEWF'D	Jul. 27, 1908—Apr. 7, 1917	.70
89. PLACENTIA RY. T.P.O.—NEWF'D	Aug. 21, 1911—Sep. 8, 1929	.65
90. PLACENTIA R.P.O.—NEWF'D	Jan. 1, 1913—Jan. 16, 1945	.60
91. PLACENTIA RY. T.P.O.—NEWF'D	Feb. 25, 1913—Jul. 27, 1923	.75
92. PLACENTIA T.P.O.—NEWFD	Feb. 23, 1927—Jan. 16, 1945	.60
93. PLACENTIA BAY T.P.O.	Nov. 3, 1938—Sep. 13, 1943	.75
94. PLACENTIA BAY T.P.O.—Nfld	May 15, 1947—Aug. 26, 1947	2.50
95. PORT AUX BASQUES & NORTH SYDNEY T.P.O.	Jul. 7, 1922—Nov. 20, 1940	.60
96. Port aux Basques & North Sydney T.P.O.	Nov. 21, 1926	4.50
97. PORT AUX BASQUES & NORTH SYDNEY T.P.O.	Apr. 15, 1927—Jul. 27, 1929	1.50
98. PORT AU BASQUES & N. SYDNEY T.P.O., NF.	Mar. 22, 1940—Jan. 9, 1942	1.75
99. PORT AUX BASQUES—NORTH SYDNEY T.P.O.—NFLD	Mar. 4, 1943—Nov. 1, 1945	1.50
100. Port aux Basques—North Sydney R.P.O.—NFLD.	*Jun. 3, 1947—May 28, 1948	1.75
101. RAILWAY T.P.O.—NEWF'D	Nov. 23, 1886—May 20, 1899	.35
102. St. J. & P.A.B.R.P.O. EX 1—NEWF'D.	Sep. 15, 1930—May 24, 1937	.50
103. St. J. & P.A.B.R.P.O. EX 2—NEWF'D.	Feb. 19, 1931—Sep. 3, 1942	.45
104. St. J. & P.A.B.R.P.O. 2—NEWF'D	Apr. 9, 1932—Jul. 29, 1947	.40
105. ST. J. & P.A.B.R.P.O.—NEWF'D.	Apr. 15, 1932—Sep. 6, 1944	.45
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WAR COVERS

Mail Service Suspended

For a long time I have been interested in Wartime mail and the many markings you find on such covers.

One group of these covers which has interested me is the marking "Mail Service Suspended". It is a nice little group to collect as a side-line. Illustration figure 1, is one such cover addressed to Norway and dated the 8th of March 1940. However the letter got started too late and the German got there first or had closed the mail routes so it could not reach its destination.

You get this marking from quite a lot of places including Hong Kong, China, Japan, Denmark and many other places. I suppose I have seen or have between twenty and thirty. They, of course, come in all the sizes and colours and types of covers but I have only seen the marking itself in the straight line type. Usually in black.



Fig. 1

The other cover, Figure 2, is as you will see a Swiss cover and while it does not bear the suspended marking, the marking on it really means the same thing. Remember Switzerland was neutral so actually had no ENEMY countries. I also was of the opinion that mail from or to any country would be delivered if it was address to or from Switzerland. I wonder what the answer is to this particular item.



by L. W. SHARPE, Q.C.

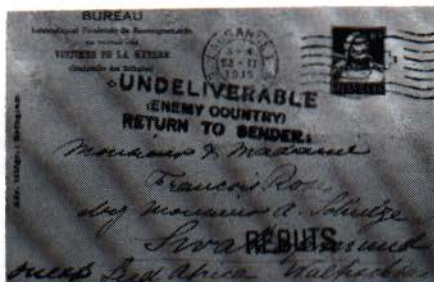


Fig. 2

RUSSIA

The other night I couldn't help but think about our present attitude towards Russia and I saw the two covers illustrated and I thought they of interest enough to warrant a little note on them.

The first one is a Toronto cover of 1943 asking us to help support the Russian Tag Day. I wonder if it would get any support today.

The second one is a cancellation which brings to mind the Air Lift in 1949. This cover you will see apparently travelled on the Air Lift out of Berlin.

They are two very interesting items I think and I take great delight in picking up such items as these and keeping them in what I call my Visitors Collection. For some years I have kept such items that as well as being philatelic are general public interest. You have friends who know you collect stamps and they ask to see your collection. Really they have no interest but they think it is the right thing to do and unless I know they are Stamp Collectors or are extremely interested I always show them my Visitors Collection first. When they start to look at your Visitors you can soon catch on whether they are really interested in Stamps or not.



IDENTIFYING A CANCELLATION

by K. M. Day, BNAPS L12

A group of Small Queen enthusiasts has been studying the fancy cancellations of that period for several years and has collected some 500 photographs of various cancels. A photograph of a cover in the Brassler collection showed a strip of six of the one cent yellow cancelled with a series of strikes of grid numeral 236 (Jarrett 118) from Petrolea to Ottawa, April 1881, apparently iden-

opposite end of the province of Ontario from Petrolea. Examination of 15 stamps with this cancel off cover revealed light, secondary cancels in eight instances, two of which were pen cancels and one of a light town cancel of Vandreuil. A close examination of the Brassler cover from Petrolea reveals a light secondary grid cancel of wedges in a grayish color similar to the Petrolea town



tifying this cancel as originating in Petrolea. This seemed rather strange as the cancel is a fairly common one, in fact too common to be used from such a small town. In the West-haver collection this same cancellation appears on a card sent from New Edinburgh to Montreal, November 1881. The 236 cancel is superimposed on a light grid killer cancel as shown in the accompanying illustration. But New Edinburgh is at the extreme

cancel on four of the six stamps, whereas the 236 cancels were in a full black. When the writer learned that New Edinburgh is a suburb of Ottawa the answer to the puzzle suddenly appeared clearly. The grid 236 is an Ottawa transit or receiving cancel and will be so listed in the forthcoming handbook of fancy cancels. Apparently the Ottawa postal clerks in 1881 were assiduous in seeing that all incoming or rerouted mail was well cancelled.

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copies of late '96 and throughout '97 do not show this clearly; they only hint at it. All my St. H. covers are of earlier date. I wrote concerning these to one of the most discerning of squared circle students, Mr. J. Millar Allen, of Northern Ireland, and he could see no evidence of cutting down; so I am still awaiting a piece which will furnish definite, incontrovertible proof.

CANPEX

The Canadian National Philatelic Exhibition "CANPEX" held in Windsor, Ont., from May 3 to 5 on the occasion of the 34th annual convention of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada was an outstanding success from every point of view.

With over 1,000 frames of competitive material and a large Court of Honour and housed in the new Cleary Exhibition Hall under ideal conditions, it drew a large attendance of philatelists not only from the surrounding area but from as far away as Scotland and Southern California.

All three of the twelve Gold Awards won by Canadians went to Montreal collectors, one went to England and the remaining eight to the United States. Canadians took nine of the 33 Silver Awards and 30 of the 56 Bronze Awards.

Gold Award winners were as follows:

Dr. and Mrs. Robert S. Breakey, Lansing, Mich., U.S.A.; R. Canman, Chicago, Ill., Hong Kong; P. M. Davidson, Glencoe, Ill., Russia; H. A. Feist, Glenside, Pa., Brazil; H. D. S. Haverback, Summit, N.J., Tibet; W. W. Knox, Oakland, Cal., Great Britain; Carl Mangold, Montreal, Switzerland; Dr. J. J. Matejka Jr., Chicago, Newfoundland Airmails; R. S. Solomon, Dayton, Ohio, Canada 3d Beavers; C. P. deVolpi, Montreal, Canada 18th and 19th Cent. Covers; G. Whitworth, Halifax, England, Canada 12½c and 17c 1859; J. Watson Yuile, Montreal, Nevis.

Winners of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada's Trophies were:

The Grand Award, the Brisley Trophy, J. Watson Yuile, Montreal, Nevis. Seagram Trophy for 19th Cent. BNA, G. Whitworth, Halifax, England, Canada; Woodhead Trophy for 20th Cent. BNA, Dr. J. J. Matejka Jr., Chicago, Newfoundland Airmails; Hanselman Trophy for Cdn. 20th C. Cokers, Dr. H. Fenigstein, Toronto. Cdn. Military cancellations; Christensen Trophy for Great Britain, E. D. Berry, Ottawa. Line-engraved; Harris Trophy for Br. Commonwealth, J. Watson Yuile, Montreal, Nevis; Lamouroux Trophy for France, A. H. Ward, Ottawa, France, Classics; Green Trophy for Europe, Carl Mangold, Montreal, Switzerland; Goodrich Trophy for U.S.A., Robson Lowe, London, England, Blood's Despatch; Montreal Trophy for Topicals, C. H. Magee, Clinton, Ont., Scouts.

Other Special Awards were:

Metha Trophy for Asia, R. Canman, Chicago, Hong Kong; Philatelic Specialist Society of Canada's award for research, H. D. S. Haverbeck, Summit, N.J., Tibet; Germany Philatelic Society Gold Medal, W. W. Ruthenburg, Broomall, Pa., Meklenberg-Schwerin; Silver Medal, A. Dulin, Liverpool, N.Y., Germany, Russian Zone; Bronze Medal, M. C. Dillingham, Menlo Park, Cal., Prussia; American Topical Association Certificate, Barbara R. Mueller, Jefferson, Wis.

Three other Societies held meetings at "CANPEX". The Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain held its second annual gathering in Canada. The well attended meeting was addressed by the President of the Society, Sir George A. Williamson, of Aberdeen, Scotland. The C.P.S. G.B. has over 400 members in Canada and the United States.

The Philatelic Specialist Society of Canada (President H. Sutherland of Toronto) and the Germany Philatelic Society (President Lt. Col. H. L. Halle) also held meetings at "CANPEX".

At the Annual General Meeting of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, Dr. G. M. Geldert of Ottawa was re-elected President and A. H. Christensen of Westmount, P.Q. and James Law of London, Ont., Vice-presidents.

Other directors were: Walter F. Anderson, Ottawa (Secretary); Dr. N. O. Boyd, Windsor, Ont.; W. J. Banks, Toronto; E. J. Christensen, Edmonton; A. H. Hinrichs, Toronto; James F. Kraemer, Kitchener, Ont. (Co-ordinator of Chapter); L. M. Lamouroux, Toronto (Editor, "The Canadian Philatelist"); Alan G. McKanna, Toronto, (Treasurer) and J. M. F. Poelmann, Burlington, Ont.

The appointment of three new Fellows of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada was announced by the Postmaster General at the "CANPEX" banquet. They are Dr. G. M. Geldert of Ottawa, A. H. Christensen of Westmount, P.Q., and V. G. Greene of Toronto.

Fred Jarrett was created the first Fellow of the Society at the 1960 Convention held in Kitchener.

General Chairman of "CANPEX" was Dr. N. O. Boyd of Windsor and the Host Club was Windsor "Y" Stamp Club.

LOUISE BOYD DALE RECIPIENT OF ALFRED F. LICHTENSTEIN MEMORIAL AWARD

The March issue of the Collectors Club Philatelist, official organ of the Collectors Club announces the 1962 recipient of the Alfred F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award to be Mrs. Louise Boyd Dale of New Jersey and New York.

Mrs. Dale is the first member of the feminine sex to receive this honor and the eleventh recipient of the award. In 1956 Mrs. Dale was the first woman ever appointed to the Board of Judges of an International stamp show. Later in 1956 she was elected to Great Britain's "Roll of Distinguished Philatelist", the first woman to receive the honor and the second lady to be elected to the Roll. In 1957 she was elected Chairman of the Expert Committee of the Philatelic Foundation and still serves in this capacity; in 1960 Mrs. Dale was appointed to the In-

ternational Board of Judges of the London International Stamp Show, and once again was the first woman to be so honored by an overseas international exhibition.

In the report Mrs. Dale is referred to as having a collection which few other private stamp collections outrank.

The presentation was made at a dinner held on May 9th. At the same time awards were given to Creighton C. Hart for the best presentation at a Collectors Club Meeting in 1961, to Winthrop S. Boggs for the best article in the Collectors Club Philatelist in the same year, to Irving I. Green (Certificate of Honorable Mention) for his article in the magazine, to A. Earl Weatherly and to Lauson H. Stone (Certificates of Merit) for programs presented in 1961.

C. W. MACKIE GOLD MEDAL B.N.A. PROVINCES REALIZE £24,091

The lavishly illustrated 72 page art catalogue did full justice to this auction on April 9, 10, the 587 lots bringing £24,091. The collection, the most important in its class to be sold in London for many years, proved that the international demand for rare British North America continues at strength. Awarded a Gold Medal at "Unipex" in 1960, there were strong sections of covers in each of the five groups, several dozen "splits" and rare Newfoundland airmails which attracted keen specialist attention. The top figures were Vancouver Island 1865 imperf. 5c used on envelope £525; New Brunswick 1851 6d yellow and bisected 3d bright red on letter sheet to Liverpool £420, New Brunswick 1851 1/—reddish mauve on letter sheet inscribed "Money Letter" £400. In Newfoundland a bisected 1/—scarlet vermilion on cover sold for £360, one and a half 1866 2c on cover made £420; a "Hawker" cover £525 and the companion MS "Martinsyde" a choice cover went to America at £1,200 with other "airs" also fetching good prices. Top figure in Nova

Scotia was £400 for a lovely 1/—cold violet.

The respective Provinces made: British Columbia and Vancouver Island £2,568; New Brunswick £5,657; Prince Edward Island £1,871; Newfoundland £8,072; Nova Scotia £5,923.

BRISK SALE OF RED RIVER SETTLEMENT STAMPS

Ross House, the first post office of the Red River Settlement, sold 38,400 Selkirk Settlement 150th anniversary stamps on the first day of issue.

"When I opened up at 8:15 a.m. there were people waiting for the 9 a.m. start," said Postmaster George Toal. "There were never less than 25 people present. We stayed on the job until 7:40 p.m."

Leonard A. Reid, Historical Society Ross House chairman, was there all day. "We're cleaned out of post cards and pamphlets. I'm sure over 3,000 people were there," he said.

The Winnipeg Philatelic Society's Hill Friesen had 9,000 envelopes printed with a Red River cart.

CALGARY STAMPEDE COVERS

The Canadian Post Office announced last year that they were, in 1962, discontinuing the practice of servicing covers forwarded by collectors from all over the world desiring the cachet of the Calgary Exhibition and Calgary Exhibition Post Office postmark.

To enable collectors to secure this popular cachet, the Calgary Philatelic Society is undertaking the task of servicing these covers during the 1962 Calgary Exhibition and Stampede which is to be held July 9th-14th.

To secure covers, each of which will receive the cachet and Exhibition postmark, collectors should adhere to these instructions:

1. Any number of addressed envelopes may be sent not later than 30th June 1962, for servicing to:
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2. Postal Note, Money Order or certified cheque in Canadian funds, payable to The Calgary Philatelic Society for the required postage and service charges.

—air mail society announces '62 conven....

The 1962 annual national convention of the American Air Mail Society will be held June 29, 30 and July 1, at Miami Beach, Florida. This has just been announced by Dr. James J. Matejka Jr., of Chicago, President of the national society.

In conjunction with the convention there will be a 300-frame competitive exhibition, open both to members and non-members of the A.A.M.S.

The convention will be held at the Hotel Seville, on the ocean at 29th to 30th Streets.

Would-be exhibitors are invited to write Dr. Matejka for a copy of the show prospectus. His address is: 216 Hotel LaSalle, Chicago 2, Illinois.

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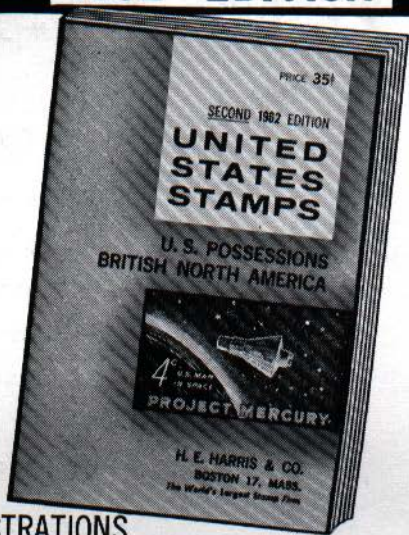
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