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**THE Editor's MAILBAG**

Dear Sir:

The following BNAPS members won awards at WestPex Stamp Exhibition, San Francisco, April 27-29, 1962.

Canada Cup, given by the Pacific Chapter of BNAPS, to Rev. John S. Bain of Santa Rosa, Calif.—1898 Imperial Penny Postage—Pages from a highly specialized collection. Entered in Championship Class. Award given for best exhibit of Canada.

First Award—Silver Bowl—to Ben Jacobson of Santa Barbara, Calif.—Selected pages from a Canadian Collection. Entered in Great Britain—Dominions—Class. Kindest regards.

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# AUXILIARY SERVICE COVERS

by LLOYD W. SHARPE, E.D., Q.C.

Since the first part of my article on this subject appeared in the February issue of Topics I have been astounded and very gratified at the number of letters received and covers sent to me for examination. In fact they have been so numerous that I have felt it incumbent that I write a further section to the article. I now take pleasure in passing on the information I have gathered from the many members who have written me.

As I said previously the Y.M.C.A. covers are the most prolific and it would be a tremendous almost impossible task to make a complete listing of them as of size, colour, paper, printings and shades. Many of the

designs such as shown in Fig. 7, 12, 13 and 14 occur in various sizes and shades of colour and on envelopes on different papers. Several other designs such as shown in Fig. 10 appear in more than one size.

With regard to the earliest First War Cover, Col. R. H. Webb in his letter to the Editor in April Topics has come up with the earliest date.

In the first paragraph of Part Two of my Article I refer to the large triangle with certain wording under it. I now find that it comes in two wordings. The one described and another reading "And/Canadian War Contingent/Association/with the Canadian Forces". The triangle with this wording is

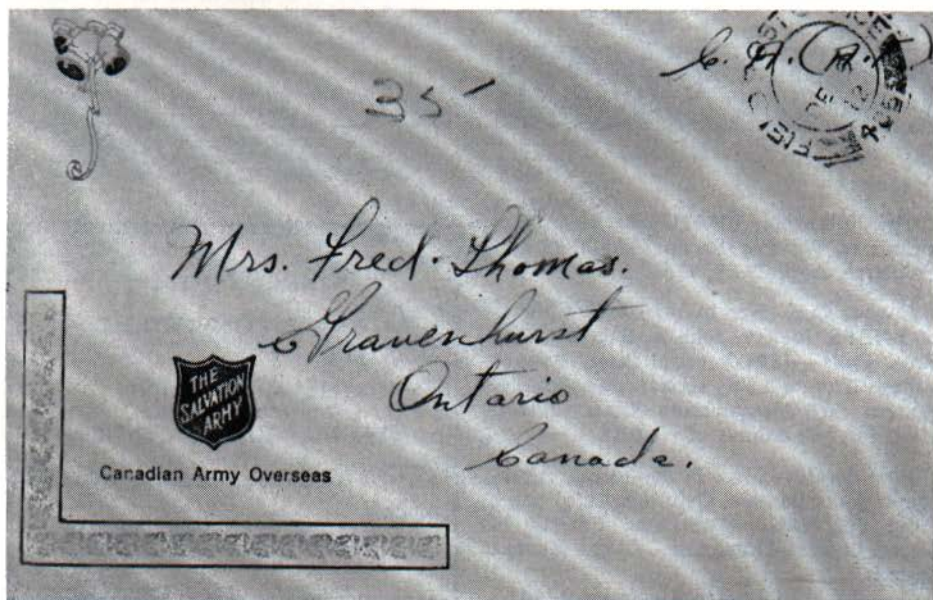


Fig. 1—A nice Xmas Cover produced by the Salvation Army.



Fig. 2—A Xmas Cover in Green produced by Canadian Legion

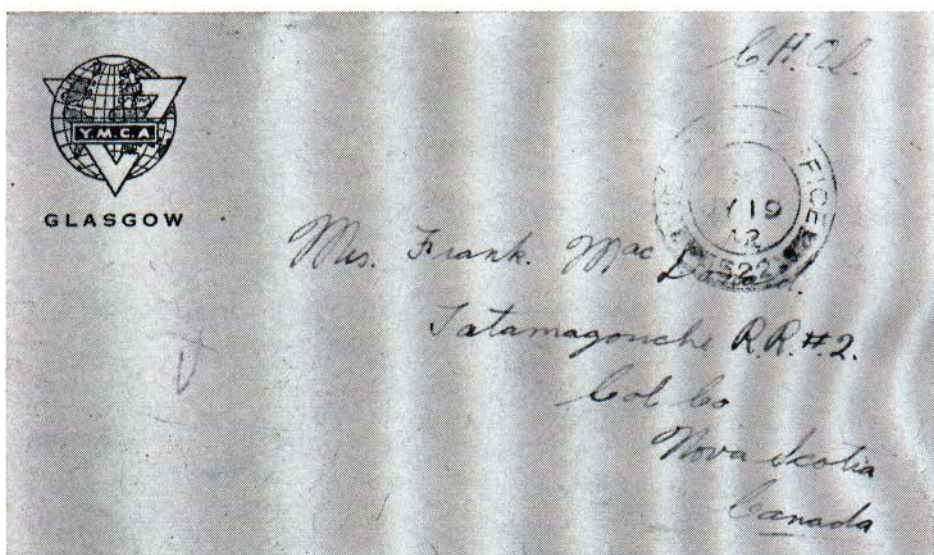


Fig. 3—An interesting Cover. Really Australian. In Black



*Mrs. F.W. Perkins,  
Chief Clerk to Asst. Gen. Mgr.,  
Room 327,  
C.P.R. Depot,  
Vancouver, B.C.*

Fig. 4—A special YMCA Cover in Red & Black for Camp Shilo, Manitoba

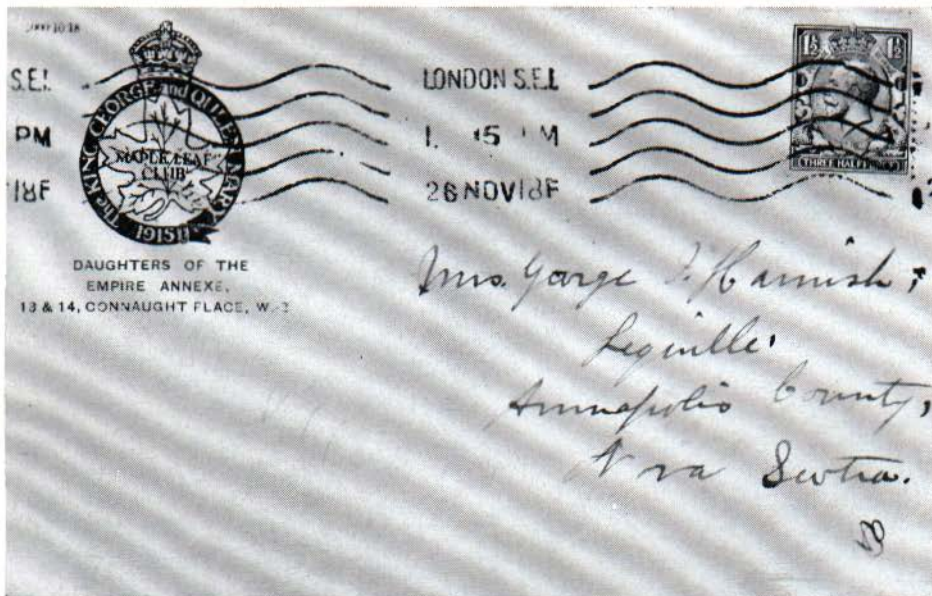


Fig. 5—A nice Cover from the Maple Leaf Club. All printing in Blue



somewhat smaller. A correction should be made with regard to the first one. The word ASSOCn is thus abbreviated.

In the same part I refer to the fact that I had only seen one cover that has a Christmas motif on it. Since I have had shown to me by member Dirk van Oudenol, who sent me his interesting and entire collection to look over, two more as shown in Figures 1 and 2. Fig. 1 is in green and red and Fig. 2 is in green only. Both are on white envelopes. He also pointed out to me that many of the cards for acknowledgment sent by Tobacco firms have Christmas motifs on them and I have found this to be correct.

Another cover from his collection that I had not seen before was a Y.M.C.A. on manila envelope. At the upper left-hand corner in black it reads in three lines "Canadian National Council Y.M.C.A./Military Field Service Department/A. W. Forgie, Secretary."

He also sent a cover the same as my Fig. 8 but the Secretary on his cover is T. F. Best. His is an earlier cover being dated 19th of November, 1915.

From his collection comes Fig. 3 all in black on a manila envelope. Along with this is another Y.M.C.A. cover with usual

Y.M.C.A. insignia and above it a design in black of a crown and above the crown rays in a half circle and below the crown in scrolls "Australian Commonwealth Military Forces." It is really not a Canadian cover but is used by a Canadian. Also from his collection comes Fig. 4 in black and red on a white envelope.

In part two of my article I refer to a Y.M.C.A. cover having a bird on it. In Mr. van Oudenol's collection is a cover also in blue and red and a much lighter shade, used from Debert, Nova Scotia. The bird is also different in size and shape.

Still again from his collection in Fig. 5 in blue on a white envelope. I have not seen this before. Many members of the Canadian Forces still remember with pleasure the Maple Leaf Club in London. Drawing again from his collection a cover I have not seen before is Salvation Army cover on light manila, reading in black on the upper left corner in four lines "Salvation Army/Recreation and Reading Room/. . . for . . ./His Majesty's Forces."

In addition to the mention of Salvation Army in Part 1 and Part 2 of my previous articles I now find there are in fact several types of these covers always in red, mainly

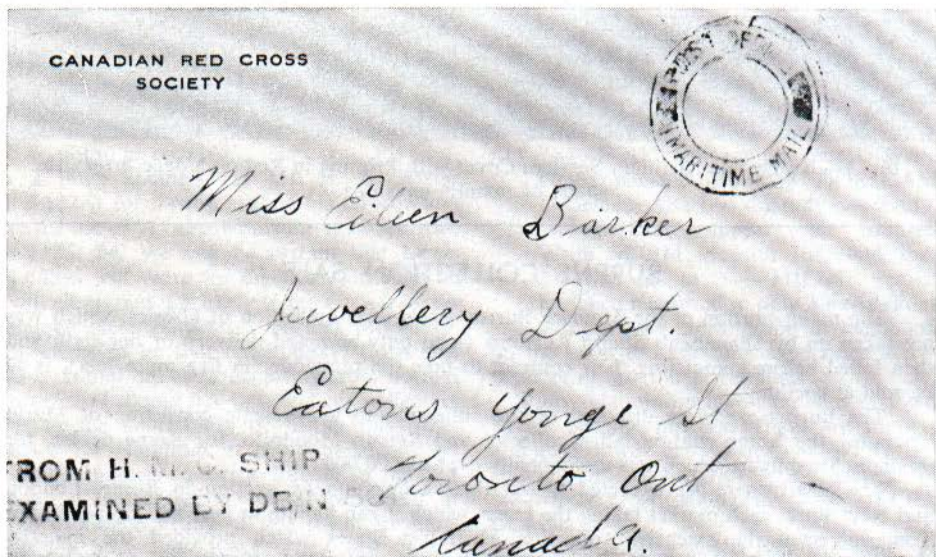


Fig. 6—A Red Cross Cover with Printing in Red. Another variety has the Printing all in one line.

different in wording. They are quite plain in design and I do not think it of importance to go into a detailed description of them.

In Part 2 I said I had not seen a Red Cross cover. Since then Col. Webb has kindly sent me one and from others submitted I find two set ups of wording in red on white envelopes. See Fig. 6. The other wording is all on one line. I notice a difference in the inks and printing which leads to the conclusion there were more than one printing. Illustration 6 is from the van Oudenol collection.

Fig. 7 is a beautiful cover given to me by member Harry A. Pascole. It is in red on a deep shade of manila envelope. It is a First War item as is Fig. 5. The rest are Second War items unless specifically mentioned.

I realize even with this additional information the subject is far from fully covered. I sincerely hope members will take heed of Col. Webb's suggestion and help to make a complete listing of this interesting material. I shall indeed welcome further information.

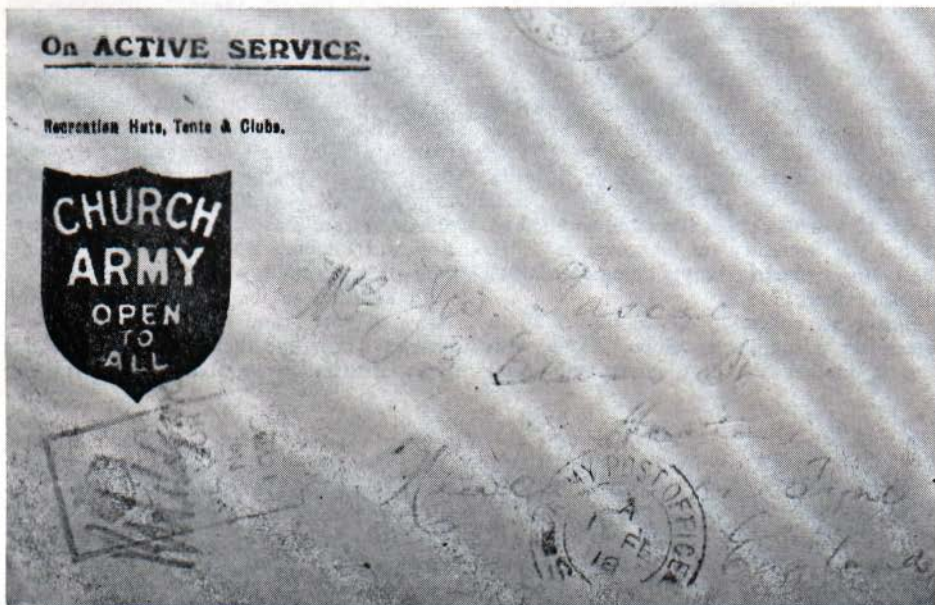


Fig. 7—A very fine Auxiliary Services Cover with Printing in Red on a deep brownish shade of manila envelope.

## BURRUS COLLECTION SALE

The major portion of the Maurice Burrus world-wide collection of classics, which was not taken up by Shanahan's Stamp Auctions (who only accepted delivery of one-sixth and then failed before completing their contract to take the remainder in five more lots), is to be sold at auction.

The Burrus executors disposed of the collection to a syndicate consisting of Mario Tomasini, the Rome gold-medallist collector and Renato Mondolfo, the Rome dealer, for an undisclosed figure which was undoubtedly over £1,000,000.

The new owners are expected to sell their acquisition by auction in Rome, London and New York, each market taking the issues which it can handle to best advantage. Signor Tomasini owns the extensive collection of Italian States which provided the material displayed at the Festival Hall in London 1960 in the "Exactly 100 Year Ago" exhibit (a series of covers dated from July 9th-16th, 1860). He has many other fine classic collections and may augment these from the Burrus collection before it goes to auction.

—Stamp Collecting

# Rounding up Squared Circles

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

## THE ROSTER: FURTHER NOTES

I am rather disappointed at the slow rate at which Roster forms and information reach me. There are many fine collections of squared circles known to me still unreported by their owners. Please, collectors, don't delay! We need your information, especially regarding missing towns and record dates; such information will be of the greatest usefulness in preparing the 3rd edition of the handbook.

A few hints:

- (1) Don't report any varieties you may have previously held but have sold or exchanged. Their present owners will report them. So *your* reporting them will lead to confusion.
- (2) When reporting the towns of R.F. 70 and higher, of which you have more than one copy, please state clearly as below: (for example)

Great Village: 3 copies

Lennoxville: 2 copies, and so on.

Some of my correspondents have been anything but clear here.

Multiples should count as *one* example.

- (3) Don't send a detailed list of all the squared circles you have.
- (4) The listing of *all* covers and postcards has proved to be burdensome. I can easily believe this, and such listing may be ignored if desired.
- (5) HONOLULU, not a Canadian marking, is not to be counted.

I must apologise to Mr. B. A. Foster (#1324) for having mislaid his information re the use of "1" above the date at HAMILTON, De 25, 94. We can be certain that Lewis Ludlow will yearn for this item, although he will admit that it is likely to remain a freakish unique piece outside of normal procedure. It seems to be that the holiday, Christmas Day, found the clerk departing from normal practice; I should like to hear from collectors as to the advisability of listing this time-mark for Hamilton. It could be mentioned in the chapter on Error Indicia in the 3rd Edition, but I feel it should not appear in the catalogue listing of this town. Readers, let me have your news. They will be reported in this page at an early date.

Thank you, Mr. Foster!

Another freak! I have the 1892 postmark

for Seaforth, clearly dated Jy, 32, 92.  
bhavovapcfill?3s

## An Ingenious Means of Identification

Louis McGowan, BNAPS 1562, has sent me particulars of a most ingenious method of identifying partial strikes of squared circles. It is based on a listing of endings of place-names, frequently all that a partial strike shows. Readers may obtain a copy of his lengthy (complete!) list for the cost of reproducing and mailing, 25 cents. Here are his instructions:

"I enclose a copy of a list which I made up for my own convenience. While it was a tedious job of preparation, it has since saved me an enormous amount of effort and has contributed to certainty of identification. You will note that each squared circle town listed in your handbook has been written *backwards*, and that these reversed spellings have been arranged in alphabetical order among themselves. If one has a partial strike which shows the *end* of the town name, he makes use of the list as follows:

1. Neglecting any provincial abbreviations, write down in reverse order the letter of the town name.
2. Find this "word" in its proper alphabetical order in the list.
3. All possibilities will be immediately recognizable; Specific town will often be indicated.

Examples:

- (1) "—EOD" appears on cancel. Write DOE; consult list; find DOELCAM (Maclead, Alta.) as the only possibility.
- (2) "—MILLS" appears on counsel. Write SLLIM; consult list; find that 3 towns end in "—MILLS". Search has been narrowed to only 3 possibilities without long consultation of handbook on the need to have long experience in remembering all the possibilities

Many relationship involving ends of town names become obvious. These are for example, 5 towns ending in "—WEST"; 3 ending in "—PORT", 4 ending in "—BAY"; 24 ending in "—VILLE"; etc., etc.

Possibly such a list will stimulate renewed perusal of that pile of difficult-to-identify strikes which each of us seems to have stored away for a rainy day."

# CANADA OHMS OFFICIAL

by ROY WRIGLEY

Collectors of Canadian material, who find it increasingly difficult to acquire additional items for their collections of postage, Montreal and Ottawa printings, small Queens, Essays, Proofs, Booklets, Coils, Meters, Squared Circle of 3-4 ring cancellations, Commercial Perfins, Plate Blocks, Stationery, Air Pioneer or Semi-Official Flights, or First Day Covers, to say nothing of the fine group of Canada Revenues—all these, and more, will find in the Canada Officials, issued by the Canada Post Office, a most interesting group.

## TYPE I. 5-HOLE PERFORATED OHMS

Stamps used on Government mail were perforated OHMS, 5-Holes high, commencing in July 1935, with the 1912 King George V "Admiral" series, and carried through the 1917 Confederation, 1928 "Scroll", 1930 "Maple Leaf", 1932 Ottawa Conference, 1932 "Medallion", 1933 Commemorative, 1935 Silver Jubilee, 1935 King George V, 1937 King George VI, 1939 Royal Visit, OAC 1-6 Air Mail, and OAE 1-9 Special Delivery.

## TYPE II. 4-HOLE PERFORATED OHMS

In July 1939 the Post Office Department installed a new machine to perforate the OHMS 4-Holes high, commencing with the 1935 King George V No. 0223 "Mountie", through the 1937 K.G. VI, Royal Visit, War, Peace, Revised, Air Special Delivery, and S.D. No. OE11. These are relatively cheap, ranging from 3c where the perforating is in the normal position, to several dollars where the sheet was fed into the machine in other than the normal face up position. The Scott No. 223-226, or Gibbons No. 347-350 perforated 4-Hole were a few of the 1935 KGV issue returned to the Post Office from various Government offices to be perforated 5-Hole, but were received after the new 4-Hole machine had been installed. Their limited number indicates their scarcity.

## TYPE III OVERPRINTED OHMS

In September, 1949, recognizing the cost of manually perforating the number of stamps required by the P.O. Department, all stamps were overprinted OHMS starting with the 1942 War issue, through the 1949 Revised, 1946 Air Mail, and 1950 Special Delivery. We find the "Missing Period" variety in the War 1c, 2c, 10c, 14c, 20c, 50c and \$1, the Revised 1c, 4c and 5c, and Air

Mail 7c after the 'S'. In addition in the 1c War after 'H', in the 14c after 'M', in the 1c Revised, after 'M', and in the 5c after 'O' and 'H', and after the 'H'. The Missing Period occurs in the U.L. and L.L. panes of the first printing. We find the "Narrow Spacing" variety in the 1c, 2c, 3c and 4c War issue, and in the 1c, 4c and 5c Revised issue. Spacing between the letters is 9 mm., while the Narrow Spacing of 8 mm. appears between the period after the 'S' on stamps of the first vertical row and the 'O' on the stamps of the second vertical row on the U.R. and L.R. panes, in the first printing.

## TYPE IV. OVERPRINTED 'G'

On September 6, 1950, the overprinting was changed from 'OHMS' to 'G'. These extended from the 1950 Resources issue, 1952 Change of Colour, 1952 Regular issue, 1953 Queen Elizabeth 1c to 5c. 1954 Q.E. 1c, 2c, 4c, and 5c. 50c Textile, 10c Eskimo, 20c Pulp & Paper, 7c Air Mail, and 10c Special Delivery. A major error occurs in the 10c Fur, where the 'G' is omitted from the seventh stamp, in the first row, of the Upper Left pane of Plate I. Many collectors report the 'G' in various positions, other than in its normal position, but this is explained by the fact that the odd sheet is a little off centre in feeding into the press for the overprint.

## NUMBER OF VARIETIES

Perforated 5-Hole Known varieties	4-Hole	Overprinted OHMS	'G'	Stationery	Total
330	326	38	34	4	732
248	307	32	34	2	623

## AUTHENTICITY OF THE OHMS

In reply to enquiries from collectors of BNA material, as to why certain catalog publishers list material issued mainly for sale to stamp collectors, and have not listed the Perforated OHMS issued by the Canada Post Office, for postal use within the Postal Union, I beg to comment as follows:

Supply was limited, as stamps on envelopes were not available as readily as from commercial offices. The stamps have holes in them—yes, so many of the early 5-Hole Perforated OHMS were thrown away for this reason. Several collectors have written that they regret having thrown these away. Today these are readily recognized as issues of the Canada Post Office. The perforating

can be counterfeited—this is positively not the case. The dies, with pins, were prepared by a well known Chicago die making company, on order of the Canadian Government, and there is absolutely no variation in the positions of the pins. An attempt was made by a forger in England, and another in the U.S. to counterfeit these dies. There was also an attempt by an Ontario collector to counterfeit the 'OHMS' overprint. I have samples of each of these in my reference collection, but in Canadian law counterfeits may not be sold, nor displayed, even in a Philatelic exhibition. Each of these three parties were immediately clamped on by the FBI, Scotland Yard and RCMP. They were not available for purchase from the Post Office—to this I quote a letter from Mr. L. J. Mills, Director of Financial Services, P.O. Dept., Ottawa: "It is not correct to state that the Philatelic Section of this Branch did not sell mint copies of postage stamps perforated "OHMS". These items were definitely sold, and were advertised. The P.O. Department decided to let these perforated stamps available to philatelists, but with certain restric-

tions. For the first few years of their use no more than ten copies of any one stamp could be supplied to any applicant. Furthermore a definite undertaking in writing was required to the effect that he would not use these stamps for postage purposes."

Canadian stamps rank among the most popular of those of any country, because of the restricted number of issues, and the policy of the P.O. Department in refusing to favor dealers. Back in 1956, a leading catalog publisher had prepared a BNA specialized catalog, embracing the perforated OHMS, but this has not been issued. Today, the new Bileski Canada Basic Catalog lists the OHMS complete. For several years the writer has published a Checklist listing the 732 varieties, at \$1.50, a Catalog pricing all major varieties, at \$1.50, and has just issued a combined Checklist of 60 pages illustrating and describing each item, lithographed on 7½ x 11 pages, for use as an album, at \$3.00. Readers may contact him at 2288 Bellevue Avenue, West Vancouver, B.C.

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## NEWS ITEM STAMP AND COIN THEFT FROM NOVA SCOTIA ARCHIVES

The Halifax Chronicle Herald of May 5, 1962 revealed the theft of \$12,000 worth of rare coins and postage stamps from the Nova Scotia Provincial Archives in Halifax on or about May 1.

Provincial Archivist Dr. Bruce Fergusson said the theft was discovered by staff members. The building is located on Dalhousie University campus.

He said the thieves apparently forced entry through a ground floor window in the stone building and rifled the contents of the main show room on the second floor. Missing was a considerable collection of rare Nova Scotia pre-confederation postage stamps and covers and about 1,000 coins of English, British, Colonial, Canadian and United States mint.

Dr. Fergusson placed the total value of coins and stamps at \$12,000. The most valuable piece was the largest recorded mint block of the Nova Scotia three pence stamp, a block of thirteen and two splits.

## ARGENTI'S POSTAGE STAMPS OF NEW BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA PUBLISHED

The Royal Philatelic Society, London has announced the publication of the Postage Stamps of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia by the late Nicholas Argenti, F.R.P.S.L., with a Foreword by Sir John Wilson, Bart, K.C.V.O.,. The book is a Demy 4 to (11" x 8½") of over 200 pages, plus 2 colour plates, 8 collotype plates and 14 monochrome plates. It is bound in full buckram with gilt tops, stamped in gold on front board and spine, and the edition has been limited strictly to 350 numbered copies for sale at £12.0.0 plus postage of 4s 9d for the United Kingdom and 6s for foreign or overseas. Order should be placed with the Honourable Secretary, 41 Devonshire Place, London W.1. England.

# Trail of the Caribou

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

The other day while idly looking through an auction catalogue issued by V. Blauner of New York, one lot intrigued me, it was described as a bisect of the 2c, Scott #48. Inspection of the cover and I must say a cursory one as I was rather busy at that time revealed that it was exactly as described a bisect of the 2c, Scott #48 to pay the drop letter rate within St. John's. While we ordinarily have no truck with the bisects later than the 1865 issue with the exception of the one used Dec. 24, 1937, to mail Christmas cards, we put in a bid anyway and forgot about it as we were going out of town on business. Upon our return we learned that we had bought the lot and we now proceeded to take the time to examine it as it was now our property, though why we didn't know. Imagine our gratification to note that the bisect was used at St. John's on Oct. 2, 1897, during the period that St. John's was so low on 1c stamps that they authorized the overprinting of the 3c, Scott #60, to fill the void. According to Boggs the overprinted stamps made their appearance in Oct., 1897, so that this bisect may in effect be a fore-runner of the overprints. While the bisect as far as we can learn was unauthorized it certainly does have a slight coating of legitimacy and we are glad that we own it. Any others about?

We are in receipt of a letter from Cyril Harmer, BNAPS #452, London England, that amplifies our bit concerning the supplementary Martinsyde cover of July 12, 1919 as reported in the March issue of TRAIL. According to Cyril we were guilty of a mistake in that we stated that the backstamp is Jan. 20th, whereas it should certainly be Jan. 7th. We don't know how the original mistake crept in but we are certainly glad to make the correction as a check proves Cyril correct. Secondly Cyril Harmer agrees that the cover is certainly not unique as in addition to the four that we have recorded Cyril advises that the London auction house that he heads sold one on June 9, 1958 when they sold the "Rothschild" collection. There is also one present in a collection which is presently in the hands of the auctioneer and Cyril also is certain of a few additional

examples in collections in Europe and on this side of the pond. Thank you very much Cyril these bits are most appreciated as they tend to set up a genealogy on these covers.

We have the auction realizations for two of Robson Lowe's most recent auctions to hand and we will pass along the odd and interesting bits for the Newfoundland specialist. In the sale held on Mar. 21, 1962, a proof block of the 5c seal, Scott #25, on Indian with a small stain in the right hand margin realized \$14.00. A mint horizontal imperforate pair of the 10c, Scott #193, went for \$12.60 and the same thing in the 20c value, Scott #196, went higher at \$18.20. A mint vertical imperforate pair of the 25c, Scott #197, sold for \$14, while another mint vertical pair of this same stamp but variety imperforate between horizontally was knocked down at \$58.80. A mint imperforate horizontal pair of the 1c, Scott #184, brought \$12.95 and the same combination but this time in stamp #191, Die 1, was knocked down at \$12.60. The Newfoundland section of the sale closed with the sale of a mint horizontal imperforate pair of the 24c, Scott #210, at \$28. I can also report on two lots in the sales of May 9th. One lot of covers, and there were 9, included the bisect of 1902 that has been written up on two previous occasions in TOPICS, the first time, in Oct. 1944, and the last in Feb. 61. While we still consider the bisect philatelic because of the different stamps used at the same time from the same post office, we still considered it a good buy at \$36.40, particularly when I got 8 other covers in the lot, some of which were most interesting including a St. John's fore-runner of the Squared Circle, struck on the face. However one lot that I did not get was a cover franked with the 5c Scott #55, cancelled with the Labrador T.P.O. as illustrated in Boggs on page 168. The cover was designed as a bit grubby and tatty and was used on Aug. 14, 1896. However it brought the rather fancy price of \$70. We didn't reach for this cover because we have an example of this strike on a 3c, Scott #60, in our T.P.O. collection. While we undoubtedly would have liked to have it on a second cover with a different stamp, we weren't going to reach for it.

# ASSINIBOIA POST OFFICES

by H. W. S. Wilding, BNAPS 1040

## Part II

	Sept. 1888	DONGOLA .....	Thos. Douglas
	June 1902	DOUGLASON .....	W. Richert
20	May 1902	DRINKWATER .....	Mrs. Maggie Ashwin
	Aug. 1904	DUBUE .....	R. Drysdale
	Sept. 1894	DUNDURN .....	Jas. Leslie
	Sept. 1894	DUNLEATH .....	Donald MacDonald
	Feb. 1886	DUNMORE JUNCTION .....	W. A. Killian
		(name changed to Dunmore 1 Oct. 1898)	
	Oct. 1898	DUNMORE .....	Jas. Sallows
		(name changed to Coleridge 1 Jan. 1905)	
	May 1900	EAGLE BUTTE .....	Robt. Scott
	May 1902	EAKINDALE .....	Miss Maggie Eakin
	April 1887	EARLSWOOD .....	Mrs. Eliz. J. Dring
12	Oct. 1900	EAST END .....	A. M. Cross
	April 1902	EASTVIEW .....	Jas. Johnston
	July 1891	EBENEZER .....	A. F. Reusch
	Nov. 1890	EDGEWOLD .....	Harry Richardson
	Oct. 1884	EDGELEY FARM .....	W. C. Cameron
		(name changed to Edgeley 1 Oct. 1897)	
	April 1905	EDELANE .....	Paul Warmiko
		(closed 31 May 1907)	
	April 1901	ELKWATER .....	G. H. Lambert
	Dec. 1883	ELLISBORO .....	J. H. Ellis
	July 1887	ELMORE .....	Jacob Burke
	Aug. 1898	ELM SPRINGS .....	Miss A. Thompson
15	Aug. 1886	ESTERHAZ .....	J. Knowick
		(name changed to Kolin 1 Nov. 1903)	
	Nov. 1903	ESTERHAZY .....	Vernon Flook
	Sept. 1892	ESTEVAN .....	Dr. E. H. Scott
	June 1904	EYEBROW HILL .....	J. W. Hudson
	June 1893	FAIRLIGHT .....	Hy. Hyde
	Sept. 1884	FAIRMEDE .....	Jno. Kidd
	Feb. 1899	FAIRVILLE .....	Richard House
	May 1901	FAIRY HILL .....	Robt. Mollard
	Dec. 1904	FALLOWMEAD .....	Jno. Hill
	April 1892	FERNDALE .....	A. McBride Walker
		(closed 30 April 1906)	
	July 1900	FILE HILLS .....	T. G. Morrison
	Feb. 1904	FILLMORE .....	J. H. McDiarmid
	June 1894	FISHING LAKE .....	Edward Field
	April 1895	FITZMAURICE .....	Jno. Evans
	July 1884	FLEMING .....	B. B. Gilbert
	April 1895	FLELWODE .....	W. T. Warner
	Oct. 1900	FOAM LAKE .....	B. F. Bray
	Sept. 1904	FORGET .....	M. Agarent
	Dec. 1884	FOREST FARM .....	Robt. Munn
	June 1905	FORERS .....	Watson
	May 1905	FOOTE .....	Nathan Foote
	Aug. 1889	FORT PELLY .....	Angus McBeath
	April 1900	FOXLEIGH .....	Geo. Mollard
	Nov. 1904	FRIESEN .....	B. A. Friesen
	July 1904	FRANCIS .....	D. Mitchell
	Feb. 1902	FROBISHER .....	Jno. S. Riddell
8	Dec. 1900	FRY'S .....	J. H. Fry
	Sept. 1895	GAINSBOROUGH .....	Geo. Anderson
	April 1904	GAP VIEW .....	Jno. Baxter
1	April 1905	GIRVIN .....	H. R. Palmer
	Oct. 1882	GLEN ADELAIDE .....	F. Whitlock
	Nov. 1890	GLEN EWEN .....	Thos. Ewen
	April 1904	GLEN VALLEY .....	J. Rogan
	Oct. 1900	GOLDEN PLAIN .....	Jno. Dovell
	July 1896	GORDON .....	N. MacDonald
	May 1904	GORLITZ .....	J. Tetlock
	April 1904	GOSCHEN .....	W. Livingston

July	1895	GRABURN .....	Mrs. M. E. Bethune
Feb.	1903	GRAND COULEE .....	A. D. Wright
April	1904	GRAYTOWN .....	Robt. Gray
Dec.	1904	GRAYSON .....	A. J. W. Lowes
May	1883	GRENFELL .....	E. Fitzgerald
Sept.	1899	GROVE PARK .....	Henry Daniel
April	1889	GULL LAKE .....	R. W. Caswell
April	1903	HALBRITE .....	Geo. Hansen
Sept.	1904	HAMONA .....	S. Sanderson
May	1903	HANLEY .....	R. W. Oxley
Aug.	1884	HAYWARD .....	H. H. Hayward
(closed 31 May 1905)			
Sept.	1892	HAZEL CLIFFE .....	W. Delmage
May	1900	HAZELWOOD .....	Thomas Harkness
Aug.	1904	HEADLANDS .....	R. Lockhead
June	1887	HEDNESFORD .....	Miss Bertha Barton
Oct.	1904	HERBERT .....	H. M. Klaasen
Aug.	1896	HERON .....	W. E. Hulme
April	1904	HEWARD .....	Richard Reilly
Aug.	1899	HICKSVALE .....	J. R. Hicks
Jan.	1895	HIGH VIEW .....	F. S. Barth
July	1902	HILDEBRAND .....	E. Hildebrand
Jan.	1884	HILLBURN .....	W. Moran
Oct.	1892	HILLEDEN .....	D. Ealy
Aug.	1887	HILL FARM .....	W. Starling
10 June	1905	HIRZEL .....	S. Good
Dec.	1893	HIRSCH .....	W. H. Baker
June	1904	HITCHCOCK .....	N. Dupuis
April	1904	HUDMORE .....	Hugh Hudson
March	1905	HUSTLERS .....	Hy. Dapper
March	1893	HYDE .....	G. A. E. Hyde
Nov.	1882	INDIAN HEAD .....	R. Crawford
Sept.	1898	INSINGER .....	Robt. Lawrie
(name changed to Lawrie 1 Sept. 1907)			
June	1905	INVERMAY .....	
Aug.	1900	IRVINE .....	W. J. Harris
June	1890	JOSEPHSBURG .....	Jno. H. Kern
Nov.	1904	KAMSACK .....	Jno. Moriarty
Aug.	1891	KAPOSVAR .....	Stephen Barath
April	1884	KATEPWE .....	A. MacLellan
May	1903	KATHRINTHAL .....	W. Reilander
June	1904	KEELERVILLE .....	W. F. Fowle
Aug.	1890	KENLIS .....	Geo. Anderson
Aug.	1904	KENNEDY .....	N. A. Reid
		KISSINA .....	
Feb.	1893	KENNEL .....	A. E. McCaul
Oct.	1884	KINBRAE .....	W. M. Minhinnick
1 Aug.	1905	KINCOATH (P.O. not opened) .....	E. J. Clayton
March	1905	KRISTNER .....	J. S. Thorlacius
24 April	1905	KILLALY .....	J. Fesser
May	1905	KISBEY .....	J. L. MacLeod
March	1896	KLECZKOWSKI .....	Chas. Earnot
(closed 30 Sept. 1898)			
Nov.	1903	KOLIN .....	Jos. Knowick
Nov.	1895	KRONAU .....	H. Enteneier
(closed 31 mar. 1897, opened 1 July 1898, Name changed to St. Mary's 1 April 1900)			
July	1900	KRONAU .....	H. Enteneier
April	1887	KUTAWA .....	A. V. Lindeburg
March	1896	LAC CHAPLEAU .....	L. E. Simonin
(closed 30 Sept. 1898)			
Feb.	1895	LAC MARGUERITE .....	A. Latreillo
(closed 7 April 1899)			
June	1904	LAKE VALLEY .....	Mrs. J. F. Laudrigan
March	1905	LAJVID .....	Iver O. Berg
Aug.	1892	LANDESTREW .....	Phillip Wagner
(closed 31 July 1893, Opened 1 Sept. 1901)			
15 May	1904	LANG .....	S. C. Wright
Feb.	1888	LANGENBURG .....	Paul Ulrich
Feb.	1904	LANGEVIN .....	???????
Jan.	1886	LEBRET .....	Rev. J. P. Magnan
15 July	1904	LEMBURG .....	Jas. Horne
24 April	1905	LIPTON .....	J. Atkinson
15 Oct.	1903	LITTLE PLUME .....	W. Gobbett
July	1903	LLEWELLYN .....	G. Lewis



24 April	1905	LOGANTON	Alex Currie
Aug.	1892	LOGBERG	Bodvar Olafson
Nov.	1904	LOG VALLEY	Geo. Shirtcliffe
Feb.	1884	LONGLAKETON	Jas. Russell
Sept.	1884	LOON CREEK	M. Holtby
(closed 31 Oct. 1893, opened 1 March 1894)			
May	1887	LORLIE	A. Cantelon
Oct.	1892	LUMSDEN	T. B. Hill
Sept.	1903	MACOUN	E. Rollins
April	1904	MALBY	C. R. Fitzsimmons
April	1901	MANOR	E. N. Holtby
11 June	1883	MAPLE CREEK	J. Dixon
May	1900	MARIAHILF	J. Holitzki
Nov.	1884	MARIETON	J. Tingey
Dec.	1884	MARLBOROUGH	J. G. Beesley
April	1896	MARYFIELD	W. I. Parlett
Nov.	1898	McDONALD HILLS	Allan McLay
Feb.	1893	McLEAN	Jno. Plant
June	1904	McTAGGART	L. Foisie
June	1883	MEDICINE HAT	F. F. Falt
May	1901	MENOFIELD	???
Aug.	1899	MERIDIAN	B. M. Jones
Aug.	1903	MIDALE	O. Wedin
May	1900	MILESTONE	Fred Carlson
Feb.	1884	MOFFAT	A. Kindred
		MOOSE MOUNTAIN	??
March	1905	MORTLACK	E. B. Tedford
Feb.	1884	MONTGOMERY	Jno. Dermody
Sept.	1894	MONTMARTE	V. R. Ogier
Oct.	1883	MOOSE JAW	C. A. Gass
Nov.	1882	MOOSOMIN	J. Daniel
Oct.	1897	MULOCK	A. F. Thomas
1 July	1905	MUTRIE	C. Caron
April	1904	NEELBY	T. Hjorth
Sept.	1904	NEW HOLSTEIN	R. Koch
July	1895	NEUDORF	Ludwig Wendal
Sept.	1904	NEWBURG	W. E. Martin
Aug.	1896	NEW FINLAND	Sam L. Kwela
July	1899	NEW HASTINGS	Geo. Potter
(closed 31st Jan. 1907)			
Dec.	1901	NEW HOPE	W. E. Carefoot
(name changed to Stoughton 1 July 1904)			
Aug.	1904	NEW WARREN	Mrs. L. Mitchell
Aug.	1894	NORTH PORTAL	W. N. Dorsey
May	1893	OAKLEY	Jas. Candy Harding
Nov.	1887	OHLEN	Nils Johanson
(closed 30 Nov. 1906, opened 1st June 1907)			
Feb.	1905	ORCADIA	F. R. Knight
Feb.	1903	OSAGE	J. H. Dyre
Aug.	1903	OSSA	J. A. Saunders
Sept.	1899	OTTHON	Lewis Levin
15 March	1892	OXBOW	R. A. Troyer
June	1896	PARKBEG	R. F. Manly
Sept.	1884	PARKIN	Robt. Reid
Aug.	1885	PARKLANDS	T. Murray
(closed 31 March 1898)			
April	1905	PEARL PARK	W. Harris
Nov.	1905	PASQUA	J. Hughes
July	1886	PENGARTH	W. McKillop
(closed 30 November 1902, opened 1 March 1905)			
Nov.	1883	PENSE	S. G. Marling
15 May	1902	PERCIVAL	David McKenzie
Jan.	1889	PERCY	P. A. Finn
Oct.	1892	PERLEY	T. A. Wiley
Dec.	1883	PHEASANT FORKS	Jas. Franks
Oct.	1903	PILOT BUTTE	B. Holden
Aug.	1895	PIONEER	E. N. Hopkins
(closed 31 March 1902)			
April	1904	PLAIN VIEW	Mrs. Julia A. Strevill
Sept.	1903	PLATEAU	G. F. Wright
Jan.	1891	POINT ELMA	David Taylor
Sept.	1895	POPULAR GROVE	D. B. Johnston
March	1895	PROSPERITY	Robt. Christian
July	1880	QUAPPELLE	F. S. Procter
Aug.	1882	QUAPPELLE STATION	S. H. Caswell
(name changed to South QuAppelle 1 March 1902)			

	Dec.	1903	QUILL PLAIN .....	E. Powers
	March	1900	RED JACKET .....	B. Anderson
	Jan.	1884	REDPATH .....	J. Burnell
	June	1902	REDVERS .....	Edward Wheeler
	Jan.	1882	REGINA .....	J. A. Whitmore
	Sept.	1896	REYNOLDTON .....	J. W. Reynolds
			(closed 30 Nov. 1896)	
1	June	1905	RIDGEFORD .....	D. L. Mitton
	Oct.	1889	RIGA .....	A. H. Salmon
			(closed 28 Feb. 1901, opened 1 June 1901)	
	March	1890	RIVERSDALE .....	W. Rowland
			(name changed to Dovedale 1 March 1907)	
	Jan.	1884	ROCANVILLE .....	A. H. R. Bastien
	April	1896	ROCHE PERCEE .....	G. F. Gow
			(closed 6 Feb. 1897, opened 1 March 1905)	
	Dec.	1903	ROKEBY STATION .....	A. H. Walker
	Jan.	1905	ROMFORD .....	Jas. Jones
	June	1894	ROSCOE .....	Thos. Heaslip
			(closed 31 May 1898)	
	Dec.	1904	ROSEMOUNT .....	J. W. Matthews
	June	1904	ROSE PLAIN .....	Thos. Hartley
	March	1903	ROSEVIEW .....	J. W. Commadore
	July	1895	ROSSETTI .....	Geo. Faulkner
	Aug.	1892	ROTHBURY .....	W. H. Dooke
	April	1895	ROULEAU .....	H. Bergkrinsson
			(closed 30 Nov. 1897, opened 1 May 1898)	
1	March	1905	RUDY .....	N. A. Rudy
15	April	1903	RUSH LAKE .....	Fred C. Dorway
	June	1903	ST. ANTOINE .....	Michael Bertrand
	April	1900	ST. MARY'S .....	Dan Ehmann
			SALTCOATS .....	??
	May	1892	SALTOUN .....	W. Gillespie
			(closed 31 July 1898, opened 1 June 1899, closed 31 Oct. 1904, opened 1 Dec. 1904, closed 25 Oct., 1906)	
	Sept.	1887	SANCTE ANDREA .....	Rev. D. Gillien
	March	1888	SASKATCHEWAN LANDING .....	Jas. Smart
	July	1904	SEDLEY .....	R. W. Shayner
	March	1903	SEVEN PERSONS .....	G. H. Lush
	Nov.	1891	SHEHO .....	R. A. Conn
	Jan.	1888	SILTON .....	C. Benjafield
	Aug.	1885	SINTALUTA .....	Mrs. Eliz. Rowe
	Nov.	1900	SKIBBEREEN .....	Alex McCarthy
12	Oct.	1900	SKULL CREEK .....	Jas. Mann
	April	1905	SOUTHCOTE .....	Jas. Swail
	July	1904	SOUTH FORK .....	J. W. E. Axton
	March	1902	SOUTH QUAPPELLE .....	C. T. Bailey
	July	1904	SPRINGSIDE .....	F. H. Willis
	April	1888	SPY HILL .....	A. R. Miller
	Nov.	1904	STARLEIGH .....	C. A. Johnson
	July	1900	STEERFORD .....	F. Kennedy
	April	1904	STOCKHOLM .....	H. C. Young
	July	1893	STONY BEACH .....	G. M. Doan
	Feb.	1904	STONYBROOK .....	J. Hawkins
	June	1903	STORNOWAY .....	Murdo McIver
	July	1904	STOUGHTON .....	W. E. Carefoot
	July	1886	STRASSBURG .....	A. Christoph
			(closed 31 Oct. 1905)	
	Jan.	1890	STRATHCARROL .....	F. W. Carroll
	Nov.	1884	SUMMERBERRY .....	W. Limmell
	April	1885	SUMNER .....	Jas. Sumner
	Aug.	1884	SUNNYMEADE .....	J. Wallace Larry
	Nov.	1900	SURPRISE VALLEY .....	Hugh Townsend
			(closed 30 June 1902)	
	Aug.	1883	SWIFT CURRENT .....	W. G. Knight
	????	1892	TETLOCK .....	J. Tetlock
			(name changed to Gorlitz 1 May 1904)	
	????	1893	THEODORE .....	???
	????	1892	THINGVALLA .....	???
	????	1897	TANTALON .....	???
	????	1895	TIREE .....	???
	June	1904	TOMPKINS .....	H. E. Welham
8	Sept.	1879	TOUCHWOOD HILLS .....	B. F. Cooper
	Feb.	1885	TREGARVA .....	J. E. Petrie
	March	1904	TULLOCH .....	Walter Tulloch
			(name changed to Invermay 1 June 1905)	

Dec.	1904	TYVAN .....	Jno. D. Crawford
Jan.	1891	VALLEY .....	W. C. Clark
1 Aug.	1905	VIEWFIELD .....	Arch D.
April	1895	VALLEY VIEW .....	Jno. D. Crawford
		(closed 31 Dec. 1903)	
July	1900	VERNA .....	J. Barnes
Aug.	1884	WALLACE .....	W. Simpson
Aug.	1891	WALSH .....	O. F. H. Harvey
		(closed 31 Dec. 1892, opened 1 Oct. 1897)	
Nov.	1883	WAPPELLA .....	G. H. Morrison
Sept.	1884	WASCANA .....	J. H. Cockrane
April	1903	WAUCHOPE .....	???
Sept.	1884	WAWOTA .....	Matt. Taylor
March	1903	WEIRHILL .....	S. J. Weir
Jan.	1884	WELWYN .....	A. McArthur
Oct.	1903	WELWYN STATION .....	C. H. Dumville
		(name changed to Welwyn 1 Dec. 1906)	
April	1902	WESTVIEW .....	E. J. Cudmore
Nov.	1904	WHEATWYN .....	J. Lingner
Aug.	1895	WEYBURN .....	W. H. Hunt
April	1892	WHITE SAND .....	Mrs. Mary Ellen
Dec.	1883	WHITEWOOD STATION .....	D. Campbell
		(name changed to Whitewood 1 Jan. 1895)	
14 Oct.	1902	WILCOX .....	H. T. Scheibel
Nov.	1900	WILLOCK .....	D. S. Willock
Jun.	1901	WILLOWBROOK .....	Levi Beck
April	1895	WILLOW BUNCH .....	Rev. A. Leuret
Sept.	1884	WINLAW .....	R. H. Henderson
		(closed 31 Dec. 1897, opened 1 April 1898)	
Feb.	1884	WISHART .....	M. Hall
Oct.	1882	WOLSELEY .....	Nellie Dill
Aug.	1894	WOOD MOUNTAIN .....	J. H. Thomson
May	1900	WOOLCHESTER .....	Mrs. Helen Johnston
Aug.	1884	WORKMAN .....	S. Colquhoun
Jan.	1896	YELLOW GRASS .....	Jno. Scott
Jan.	1884	YORKTON .....	J. Redman

## Postal Stationery Panorama

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### ATOMIC AGE STATIONERY

A few months ago, we ran across a short item in *Linn's Weekly Stamp News*, mentioning that the Canadian P.O. Department had printed Emergency Change of Address and Safety Notification postal cards, to be used in case of atomic attack.

Wanting to know more about these cards, we leaned once again upon Ray DeMontigny (BNAPS 1582), who has been such a great help to us in the past, and Ray came through in short order with a copy of the Canadian P.O. Department's official publication, *The Postmark*, for January 1962, which tells the whole story of these cards, plus illustrating the fronts of each.

Both cards are to be used for Civil Defense purposes only, in time of war, and will be obtainable, free of charge, at Welfare Registration points and at post offices. The Safety Notification, understandably, is for notifying friends and family of your safety, and has spaces for listing the names of members of your family who are with you. The Emergency Change of Address card is for forwarding to the postmaster of the city of your pre-emergency address, and has space for your previous and present addresses.

As these cards will not be issued to the public except in case of attack, we hope we will never be able to add them to our collection.

Canadians who wish to read this article



Fig. 1

can probably find a copy of this issue of **The Postmark** at one of their nearby post offices. **STATIONERY PLUS**

Although we collect postal stationery both mint and used, we have always taken the greatest delight in fine used material with its interesting cancels and other postal markings. To further dress up our used collection, we are ever on the hunt for stationery with added stamps, meters, postal labels, censor

labels, — in fact, anything which will add color to our collection.

Figure 1 shows Holmes #1016 sent registered from Vancouver, B.C. to Singapore. This letter left Vancouver on July 14, 1899, received a Registered handstamp at Seattle, Washington, on July 16, was then missent to San Francisco and received a July 18th cancel on the back, and "Missent to San Francisco, Cal." straight line hand

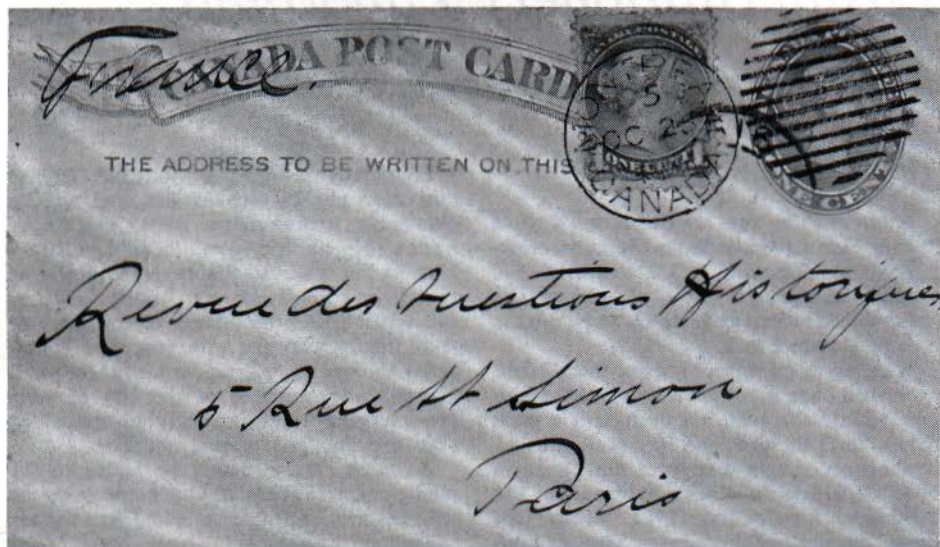


Fig. 2

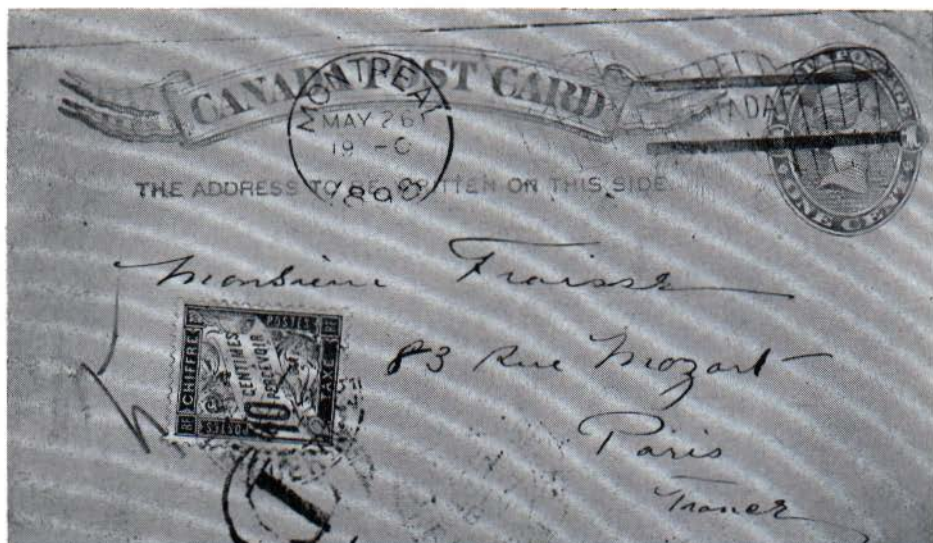


Fig. 3

stamp on the front, then on to New York where it arrived on July 24th, and a New York, N.Y. Registry label was added. It finally arrived in Singapore on August 23rd. This piece of stationery would certainly satisfy the stamp collector, the cover collector, the U.S. Registry collector, and, of course, the postal stationery collector, looking for something to dress up his collection.

Figure 2 shows Holmes #1409a sent to

Paris, France, with a 1 cent Small Queen added to make the rate. Figure 3 shows the same card, sent to Paris also, but this time the sender forgot to add the 1 cent stamp and 10 centimes postage due was collected in France. The stamp is Scott #J30 of France.

Holmes #1428f with 1 cent War Tax stamp added to comply with Bill #76 of the Special War Revenue Act (Feb. 1915) is



Fig. 4



Fig. 5

shown in Figure 4. This card was sent on June 10, 1915.

Figure 5 shows Holmes #1486b with a 4 cent meter added to make up the 7 cent airmail rate.

Scott's E9 on cover is rather uncommon, and is more so in combination with postal stationery. Figure 6 shows this stamp in combination with Holmes #1091a.

Whenever we exhibit our stationery, we make sure that we have a good sprinkling of this type of material to catch the judges' eyes. We have found that most judges are prejudiced in favor of stamps and covers, mostly because of their ignorance in the field of postal stationery. We find that these combination items help to bring across the idea that postal stationery is also a part of philately.



Fig. 6

# WAR COVERS

## CANCELLATIONS

I thought there being such an interest in cancellations the readers might be interested to see the cover above illustrated.

As a collector of war covers I bought it primarily because it is wartime mail. It started out from Vancouver on May 8th, 1942. When it got back there I have been unable to decipher. I have tried to plot

by L. W. SHARPE, Q.C.

the route but that I have not been able to do either. I can tell, however, that it was in the Dead Letter Office in Ottawa on May 18th, 1943, over a year after it started out. It was apparently on its way back to the sender at that time.

We are sometimes inclined to berate our Post Office authorities for trying to deliver mail but I certainly think they made a good try on this one.



## C. W. MACKIE NEWFOUNDLAND

by DAN MEYERSON

Any collectors of Newfoundland material who had the mistaken idea that they would be able to complete their collection of early Newfoundland material by the simple expenditure of money had best disillusion themselves of this idea, if the recent Mackie Sale held by H. R. Harmer, London, is any criterion. We were one of these bright eyed hopefuls that went in with sword gleaming and armor bright and we were quite a mess when we came out. As a recall we bid on 8

lots, and in all cases but one we were above estimate. Yet, as we look at the results we consider ourselves to be lucky to have come out with two lots to add to the collection. So back we go to our lair to repair our damaged sword and repolish our tarnished armor. Just to give you an idea as to what happened a vertical strip of four of the 1d, Scott No. 1, used on piece with the top stamp cut into at upper right sold for \$123.40, just under full

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# Revenue Group News

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## THE FACTS THIS TIME

In the May 1962 Issue of BNA Topics an article by C. B. D. Garrett (BNAPS 15) appeared, in which he took exception to a number of recently published statements on B.C. Law Stamps, given as the latest available information by this writer. Although this article contained a number of facts, it also contained several errors and misunderstandings. Controversial articles on B.C. Law Stamps are welcome, as this is the only way unknown information on this subject is likely to be brought to light.

This writer agrees with Garrett on the location of the imperf. rows in the sheets of the \$1.00 value of the 8th Issue, having seen such sheets in another collection. It is another matter however, regarding the *frequency of appearance* of horiz. imperf. pairs compared to vert. imperf. pairs. It is quite true the horiz. imperf. pairs are much more common on a *per sheet basis*. However, there are more known sheets and blocks of the vert. imperf. variety. In fact, the horiz. imperf. variety probably could be considered rare. This writer has seen five of the probably better known collections of B.C. Law Stamps, and every one is short of horiz. imperf. pairs. In one collection the vert. imperf. pairs outnumber the horiz. imperf. pairs by more than *thirty to one!*

It is also true Holmes Catalogue is in error in listing No. 28a, 30a, 31a. They don't exist. Garrett is in error in stating there were no imperf. between pairs issued before 1945. One such pair exists on BCL 18, and was reported in the Jan. 1962 Revenue Column. It is in every way genuine in appearances and a second copy exists showing one full stamp and only part of the other. Can others be reported?

This writer maintains the catalogue value of imperf. between pairs is not realistic. Although the quoted values of vert. imperf. pairs is reasonable, the quoted value of horiz. imperf. pairs should be substantially higher.

Garrett conveniently left out of his article mention of the major differences most collectors consider make a true Type 1 and

Type 2 of BCL 5, rather than a Die difference. Thus Holmes is correct in the use of terms, but not in what actually are the differences. Type 2 stamps of BCL 5 are the only stamps of the Second Issue to appear on *horizontally woven paper*. All other stamps of this issue appear on *vertically woven paper*. The other important difference is the fact that the wmk. for this issue, which is DONNACONA appearing in capital letters with serifs, exists on only Type 1 of the 10c value.

Likewise, Garrett's article suggests he is not aware of all the facts on the perf. 5½ variety of BCL 5. All reported copies are on Type 2. Keeping in mind these facts on BCL 5 and the types of punch cancels appearing on each type, it would appear Type 2 was a later printing, and not just a printing variety. Garrett states he is aware of *NINE* copies of the perf. 5½ variety. This writer is currently aware of *SIX* other copies. This means there are at least *FIFTEEN* known copies of BCL 5 with some variation of the perf. 5½ variety.

A number of *rouletted on the left or right side* copies of the 10c, 50c and \$1.00 of the 5th Issue have been seen recently. Until someone can produce a properly date cancelled copy, this writer prefers to hold the opinion these stamps are in the same category as the bisected 10c of the 4th Issue with round punch cancel only. Do other collectors have any comments on this?

Garrett is not entirely clear regarding the large dot of colour in the right "5" variety, appearing in position number one in horizontal rows of BCL 23. He appears to believe this variety *always appears* in positions 1, 6, 11, 16, 21 on sheets in which it *exists at all*. According to a few collectors who have seen this variety in a full sheet, it does not always exist in every stamp of the left vertical row. This is the point this writer was trying to put across when stating in a previous column the variety was non-constant. Some copies of position No. 21 have the dot of colour not in the right "5", but on the left margin opposite the low middle scroll ornament.

One has to agree with the logic in Garrett's opinion on the bisected 10c of the 4th Issue.



However, there is overwhelming proof he is way off base in his statements on BCL 32, the \$5.00 value of the 7th Issue. The value positively did come into use at the same time as did the other values of this issue. Many dated copies are known prior to 1947, the earliest reported being Feb. 2, 1935 along with other early dates, all from the Vancouver Registry. The \$5.00 "hairy legs", BCL

23, was *not* used up in 1947 as he stated. It is known date cancelled from the Vancouver Registry April 6, 1949. Can anyone report later dates?

Oh, the fate of that bagful of bisects! This bring to mind the collector, who many years ago soaked a large number of 3p beaver postage stamps off cover "because the covers took up too much room"!

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## TOWNS AND TIME MARKS A LOT FOR A LITTLE

by C. A. KEMP

Quite a number of collectors reach a stage at which they are adding very few new items to their collections, and any new stamps which they do manage to acquire cost them a considerable sum of money. In many cases they do not want to spend this money but they also have a feeling that if they do not keep their collecting activities alive in this way that they will start to lose much of their interest in a most fascinating hobby. For a lot of action on a small outlay I would suggest that they consider the possibilities of collecting town cancellations with particular emphasis on some of the larger towns which used many different types of hammers and a variety of time markings on some or all of these hammers.

The small cents issue (1870-1897) is ideal for this purpose as there were close to ten thousand post offices in Canada during that period. Also many of the larger centres like Montreal and Toronto opened up several branch offices and "Streets" (offices named after the streets on which they were located). These branch offices and "streets" in many cases used time markings which make for a great variety of indicia.

By far the most common stamp during this period was the 3 cent, but the 1 cent is also plentiful and the color of this latter stamp lends itself to unusually clear strikes. The writer prefers to limit himself to town cancels on the 3 cent but has many of the 1 cent mounted in his collection until such time as he can find a clear strike of the town on the 3 cent denomination.

Getting one or two thousand different town cancels is not difficult. Then the going

gets tougher with every hundred new towns that are added to your albums. I suggest that you do not discard the very common cancels such as Toronto, London, Hamilton, etc., but rather put these in separate envelopes to be checked over at some future date for time markings, dates, types of hammers and other varieties.

Take one town, like Toronto, and separate the cancels first into types of hammers such as split circle, single circle, double circle, triple circle, forerunners, squared circles, branch offices and streets. Then split each of these division up into time markings, indicia varieties, etc. Try to make up a few sets of different time markings used on the same day. See if you can find cases of different hammers being used at the same office on any one day. Anyone who follows this up in detail as suggested above will, I feel sure, be astounded at the varieties that can be assembled for just one of these large centres. Toronto alone can give you a hundred different markings of the common types.

If you want to take one town, take Toronto again as an example—and get together (at somewhat more expense) a collection of the various fancy cancels that were used here, such as numerals, fancy corks, flags, letters and others of many types—you can get a remarkably fine and interesting collection town by town. This also applies to Montreal, Hamilton, Winnipeg, London, Ottawa, Halifax, Kingston, etc.

To show the identification of many of these fancy cancels it is necessary to have them on cover showing not only the cancel on the stamp but also the circular date

stamp showing the town. Personally I have kept away from this as covers with numerals, flags, initials and some of the fancier corks add considerably to the cost of getting together a collection of this type.

Some of the markings that will come to light will cause you to wonder what system was used (if any) in some of the smaller towns. For example on stamps dated between October 1893 and November 1894 I found the following numbers above the date for the little village of Castletown, Ontario—No. 1, 4, 8, 9, 10 & 12. Why would six different time markings be used in a place of that size? Did the postmaster just put in some number before he stamped the mail as a means of filling in some time? This is just one of the many puzzlers you will come across and they all help to make the study that much more interesting.

A nice album page can be made up showing the different towns that used an asterisk

above the date in place of a time mark. These include Canning, N.S., Marmora, Stouffville, Eganville & Welland.

For any collector looking for "a change of pace," I would suggest that he try Towns and their Time Marks and see just how much can be accomplished in a short time and at a very modest cost.

My ad in TOPICS Year Book brought me into touch with many new friends. Wanting to exchange circular town cancels were two collectors in B.C., one in the Northwestern States, one in Toronto, two in Northern Ontario and two more in Southern Ontario. I had material in my duplicates for all eight of them, and each had something for me in exchange.

Whether you go after all town cancels, or limit yourself to one province or even to one city with its sub-stations you can get a lot of activity from this fascinating sideline.

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Scott's. A superb used copy of the 3d, Scott No. 3, realized \$123.20, or better than twice catalogue. Don't feel badly though because a superb used 4d, Scott No. 4, did the same thing when it brought \$728 against a catalog valuation of \$375. A used 8d, Scott No. 8, with vertical crease never stopped until it was knocked down at \$168 against a valuation of \$70. Another copy, the one cancelled with the A92 Mailboat cancellation sold for \$197.40 in spite of a small tear at the bottom, or maybe the present day collector pays a premium for small tears. When we got to the oranges it was different, a superb used copy of the 2nd, Scott No. 11, changed hands at \$128.80, well over full catalogue and two magnificent copies of the 4d, Scott No. 12, brought \$280 and \$225.40 respectively. A very lovely used 6d, Scott No. 13, realized \$112. We have purposely refrained from giving the prices realized for the 1/ scarlet and 1/ orange because in our estimation the condition wasn't up to the standard of these previous items that we have discussed. Not that they didn't realize fancy figures though. The cover section of this same sale, however, made all previous prices realized seem absolutely insignificant. Among the highlights, three copies of the 3d, Scott No. 11a, used on three separate covers in 1863, 1865 and 1868 realized \$84, \$392 and \$140 respectively. A right diagonal bisect of the 8d, Scott No. 8a, went at \$560 while a top hori-

zontal bisect of the 1/, Scott No. 9a, sold for \$1,008. Then of course, the cover that we wanted most went into other hands when our bid of 1½ times catalogue and about 33% more than estimate was not sufficient to bring in the cover franked with 1½ copies of the 2c, Scott No. 24, to pay the 3c rate in mid 1870. The cover realized \$1,176 and Heaven only knows how much further it might have gone if there was more competition. A very nice cover franked with the 5c, brown seal, Scott No. 25, from St. John's to Conception Bay and not tied realized \$72.80. Then my heart was irreparably broken when a copy of the 3c Provisional, Scott No. 75, but with the red and the black surcharge went elsewhere at \$616. This cover I should add was used during Oct. '97, the period of the shortage of 1c stamps. In the Airmails, a Hawker, Scott No. C1, on cover realized \$1,470 whilst a copy of the manuscript Martinsyde overprint also on cover fetched the top price for a Newfoundland item, \$3,360. A De Pinedo on cover, Scott No. C4, went all the way to \$924 while a Columbia, Scott No. C5, seemed to go more reasonably at \$532. Finally to close out the highlights as merely recounting the results of the sale makes my mouth water, a used horizontal pair of the 50c, Scott No. C7, realized \$189. That is the bad news, but I guess it could have been worse, we could have missed everything.

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