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ARTICLE IV, Section 3. ELECTIONS: Three (3) members to the Board of Governors shall be so elected each year for a term of three (3) years. Nominations for the offices to be elected may be filed with the Secretary by any Regional Group of the Society or by any five (5) members in good standing in time, at least, for publication in the issue of BNA TOPICS scheduled for release ninety (90) days before the opening of the Convention and Annual Meeting of such election year. At least one hundred and fifty (150) days before the opening of such election year Convention and Annual Meeting, the President shall appoint five (5) members of the Society to serve and function as a Nominating Committee whose prime purpose shall be to prepare and present a slate of candidates for the elective offices to be voted, which slate shall be published in the issue of BNA TOPICS scheduled for release one hundred and twenty (120) days before the opening date of the Convention and Annual Meeting of such election year. No member shall be nominated unless he shall have first assented to his nomination to his proponent, and his proponent, in nominating him, shall state such assent has already been received. Each nomination made shall be published in BNA TOPICS at least ninety (90) days prior to the election date.

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NOTICE to Alberta BNAPS members that a meeting will be held on May 24th, 63 in the Financial Building 106th St. and 100th Ave. at 8 p.m. We will have a speaker and an exhibit. Visitors welcome.

The President's Page

C. M. JEPHCOTT, 323 ROSEMARY RD., TORONTO, ONTARIO



A strip of three of the 10c value and a single 5c of the 1859 issue paying the 35c rate to China via London England Jan. 15, 1866



Combination cover paying the 23c rate to Australia — London C.W. Oct. 19, 1867 to Melbourne

Report of the Publicity Director

A. W. McINTYRE 10918-84 Ave., EDMONTON, ALTA.

Once again members of the British North America Philatelic Society swept most of the top prizes — six of the seven medals and the grand award in a show, and provided most of the Court of Honor exhibits. This was at the Third Annual Edmonton Stamp Exhibition — ESCPEX '63, staged in the Macdonald Hotel, Edmonton, March 15 and 16.

The Edmonton Stamp Club, as Chapter Six of the RPSC, staged the show, moving from smaller quarters to the ballroom of the Canadian National Hotel, for this event, complete with Court of Honor, bourse and a successful auction. It comprised 42 exhibits from nine states and six provinces with a total of 918 album pages. There were 160 in the notable Court of Honour. A postal slogan cancellation was in use at Edmonton and 1,200 cachetted covers were sold by the club.

A brilliant showing of Canada pence on cover by Charles de Volpi of Montreal, was winner of the grand award. It also captured the Saxton memorial gold medal for the best showing of Canada in the exhibition.

Two silver medals went to E. E. Poole, Edmonton, for pence issues of Newfoundland, and to W. Rorke, Edmonton, for small queens, 1870-93, mostly, one and three-cent.

Bronze medals were won by F. S. Evans, Sedro Woolley, Wash., Canadian stamps of Queen Victoria's reign; R. C. Tipper, Toronto, Egyptian campaign, 1932-35, British Forces; S. S. Kenyon, Edmonton, selected pages of 1859 one-cent Canada; and W. Rorke, Edmonton, Canadian stamps of Edward VII.

The Edmonton BNAPS study group shield was awarded in the junior section to Dredre McKay for an exhibit of the Admiral issue of George V. A cup offered by North Toronto Stamp Club for the best

European exhibit was won by R. P. Noritis, Toronto, with an exhibit of Latvian airmail.

There was a very fine Court of Honor, presenting items not before seen in Edmonton — stimulating to a club which will be host in 1964 to CANPEX. Included were a showing of proofs and essays of early Canada by Dr. C. M. Jephcott; Canadian booklets by A. P. Cook, Ithaca, N.Y.; the famous collection of stamps of the Ukraine assembled by Dr. R. Seichter, Hanover, West Germany; and the military collection of Capt. V. G. Greene, Toronto.

The Jury: J. Stuart Johnstone, Vancouver; C. C. Sonne, Moose Jaw; Dutton Copp, Edmonton; and John Patterson, Edmonton.

There were nine bourse tables, including stamp dealers from Calgary and Wetaskiwin. All reported brisk trade from the more than 1,000 visitors in the two days.

The club mail and floor, auction, ran three sessions with a turnover of \$4,750, appreciably higher than last year. S. S. Kenyon and S. Webber reported about half of the buyers were mail bidders. In the popular lines many items sold well above catalogue.

President G. C. Bolton described the event a marked success.

The post office department provided a special display, illustrating steps in production and approval of a stamp. Included were the essay prepared in the brief reign of Edward VIII, and the last but unused issue for George VI.

Edmonton Postmaster R. W. Callum, was banquet speaker. He said that use of 'tagged' stamps indicated that certain colors performed better and this factor might well influence future stamp production. Speaking of mechanized facer-sorting equipment, such as was going into use shortly in Winnipeg, he said that with mechanization, the post office was entering a new era.

BNAPEX '63

If you misplaced your reservation form or didn't receive one, write

Jack Levine, 211 Pine Tree Road, Oxford, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Editor:

I am enclosing a photo of a re-entry not previously reported. It is on the Victoria booklet pane stamp top right stamp. Al Cook has seen it and in fact had this photo made of it. Since then I have discovered that I have it on cover Gainsborough Assa Mar 16th 1903.

As well as the massive re-entry up the left side both the top and bottom frame line appear almost fused from a re-entry, the photo shows how much lighter the centre line of the side frame lines appear compared to the top and bottom.

Sincerely, Bill Rorke



ON THE COVER

One of the most attractive of the new designs which have been reported since the publication of the BNAPS handbook "Fancy Cancellations of the Ninetenth Century" by our members, Messrs. Day and Smythies, is illustrated on this month's cover.

Ray Peters of Phoenix, Arizona came up with this one a tracing of which is reproduced to better illustrate the cancellation. The cover carries the c.d.s of Scotburn Station N.S. dated October 23rd 1893 and is

Dear Sir,

Reference your comments for the delayed delivery of "Topics" it might interest you to know that the March edition posted Toronto 8th March reached me yesterday, 9th April.

Slower than 1854.

Yours sincerely,

Sir George Williamson

Dear Mr. Young,

With reference to your "Editorial" on page 61 of BNA Topics for March 1963, my copy arrived to-day April 6th. From the cancellation this was dispatched from Toronto on the 8th March 1963, so that this copy of BNA Topics took some 29 days to reach me. This seems too long to me, I have sent the Cover to our Head Postmaster and have asked him to make enquiries about the delay.

At the moment I am writing a Handbook on Canada Precancels, which subject, by the way, seems to get little mention in BNA Topics, although it would appear that quite a large number of members of BNAPS take some interest in this subject.

If anyone can help me I should be most grateful, at the moment I am working on the Precancelled Revenues, Precancelled Postal Stationery, and "Permit Stamps" and information on these three subjects would be of the greatest help. I would very much like to obtain examples of the last two items for my own collection.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

R. B. Hetherington

a registered cover with an 8c slate grey small Queen issue and is addressed to Truro, N.S.

The backstamps are a c.d.s. Oxford & Pictou M.C. with W-OC23-93 and a c.d.s. receiving stamp Truro, N.S. OC23-93.



ERRATUM

Notes on the YUKON AIRWAYS AND EXPLORATION CO. LTD.

Page 17, paragraph 2: It should be further explained that a die was actually engraved, its design transferred to the litho plate, and the plate processed, rather than the now more usual technique of photographically reproducing the artist's sketch a number of times on the litho plate before processing.

Page 18, Plate V: Caption should read: "Die proof on wove paper".

ADDITIONAL NOTES

When I sent a copy of these notes to Mr. Ed Richardson (Texas), he was kind enough to point out to me that there were two more constant varieties, namely positions #4 and #9. In the left "2" there is a colour line running across the neck of the figure making a break in it. In the "C" of cents there is a figure in colour looking like a very small "v" on its side in the base. Positions #1 and #6 are the only ones without the "extended corner line" at the lower right (not the frame line however). Since he pointed these out to me, I have checked my own stamps and do find them, as Ed says, constant varieties.

He also pointed out to me that the A.A.M.S. 1950 Edition Catalogue mentions

the possibility of a flight from Keno Hill in February 1928, but the catalogue stated that no covers had been heard of when it was printed. As Ed pointed out, he has a cover cancelled Jan. 24/28 at Keno Hill and backstamped White Horse Feb. 7/28. Furthermore, there are several covers in existence that I know about. I thought about this flight quite a lot before deciding to not include it in Yukon Airways flights (page 23). My reason for doing so was that the Yukon Airways plane was not flying at that date (page 11) and I could only surmise that the mail had been flown out of Keno Hill by one of the planes that a gold mining company (Yukon Treadwell) had in the Yukon during that period. But I am grateful to Ed for bringing up these points.

H. L. BANNER

Oct. 6, 1962

FAKED CANCELLATIONS

(April 1963 p.93)



Above illustration should have been Fig. 1



HER MAJESTY, QUEEN ELIZABETH II

Date of Issue—2nd May, 1963
Designed by—Ernst Roch—Montreal
Colour—2c—Green; 3c—Purple
Size—7/8" x 1" (approximately)
Plate Numbers—1 and 2
Panels of—100 Stamps

Queen Elizabeth II Regular Issue

These two stamps complete the low den-

omination regular issue series started in October 1962.

The tree on the 2-cent stamp is symbolic of forest products and forestry.

The symbol of the fish on the 3-cent stamp is a recognition of the important part played by the fishing industry in Canada's economy.

Sketches of BNAPSers

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

NO. 98 — JAMES LAW

The subject of this sketch, James Law, was born in October 1896 in Scotland within a mile of Linlithgow Palace where Mary Queen of Scots was born. He was educated at the Royal High School of Edinburgh and came to Canada in 1914. Shortly after arriving in this country, he joined the Canadian Expeditionary Force and was gassed in front of Arras in 1918. After returning to Canada, Jim entered the photographic supply business with which he was associated for twenty-five years until retiring four years ago.

Jim started collecting stamps when he joined the Scottish Philatelic Society as a junior member in 1913 and received a first award of a 10 shilling gold piece for a collection of Malta. He dropped active collecting until 1935 when he joined the North Toronto Stamp Club. In the same year he joined the Toronto Stamp Collectors Club, and became Secretary on the retirement of Charlie Foster. Jim joined our Society before the first convention in Buffalo (Dick Hedley was President) and has attended most of our Conventions since and "they were all good" as Jim states.

Over the years Jim has collected and disposed of collections of early Canada, Cayman Islands and Gambia, but he has never parted with his truly magnificent lot of the Large Queens issues, which has won several silver and bronze awards in BNAPS shows as well as many other awards.

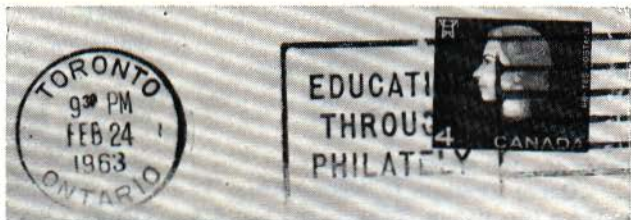
Jim is a member of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, the Collectors Club of New York and of the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain. He is at present a director of the Royal Philatelic Society of



Canada and has written several articles which have appeared in the Canadian Philatelist. He was also a director of CAPEX in 1951.

Now retired and living in London, Ontario, Jim is able to devote his spare time to stamp collecting and his other interests, which are golf, history, and geography. In his words he says "the grandest thing in all my philatelic experience is the friends I have made in so many different places."

A 1963
MACHINE
CANCELLATION



The 10c Small Queen

A Re-Entry Discovered

by PETER J. HURST

A number of decades of study has had to elapse until finally a proven re-entry could be found on the 10c Small Queen, a stamp with a production total of 41,000 impressions from the single plate used. Coupled with the comparative scarcity of the 10c in itself, it was the relatively small printing which made the existence of any such variety highly improbable, despite the fact that position No. 5 of the 50c blue of 1893, with only a fraction the total printed, has long been known with a fairly similar type of re-entry.

As illustrated, the criteria of the 10c re-entry affect the top of the stamp very noticeably, presenting strong and distinctive doubling of the outer oval circle at top center between the corner ornaments, whose top outlines, in turn, are also clearly doubled. In addition, the oval above "STAG" has been affected by the action of the transfer roll, making it solid. Needless to say, these characteristics stand out most strongly when compared with a normal copy.

At the present time, six copies of the re-entry are known to the writer, one being in a horizontal pair with a normal. The pair and one of the singles are dated 1897, but another copy bears the date of 1892, and is undoubtedly of the correct shade for that year.

The usefulness of that latter copy as a key to the minimum number of copies of the re-entry, is evident. A glance at the tabulation in Boggs (Vol. II, Section 7-J) reveals that approximately one million copies of the 10c were printed from 1892 to the end of the issue. This means 10,000 plate impressions, each bearing the re-entry, and taking a tentative survival of 10% for this denomination, we arrive at



the assumption that one thousand copies of the variety are in existence today. No doubt some dozens will be found by collectors inspecting their holdings of this value, and the writer should be pleased to learn of additional dated copies.

The plate position is not known at the time of writing, but will be easy to ascertain since the re-entry persisted up to the last printings, at which state several full sheets are still in existence today.

As a vivid example, the foregoing serves to emphasize the wide range of research needed in the Small Queens series, and the wealth of potential discoveries possible within a group of stamps that have received devoted attention from students for half a century.

Canada's Semi-Official Airmails

by DANIEL G. ROSENBLAT (BNAPS 1445) 660 W. Hillsdale Blvd., San Mateo, Calif.

Readers of last month's installment will recall that I hope eventually to divide this column into two parts, the first dealing with answers to the questions previously posed and the second presenting new material and new questions.

Because of the exigencies of deadlines this installment is being written before the first column even appears in print. Accordingly there are as yet no replies to last month's questions and perhaps even next month's installment will have to be written before the first replies pour in.

Nevertheless, let me urge those of you who may have thought to write in response to last month's column, and have not yet done so, to delay no longer. The entire value and the entire success of the column will depend on the co-operation of the readers in supplying to us all the information that reposes in their individual collections and personal knowledge.

The Aero Club of Canada Issue of August 15th, 1919

This is the second of the Pioneer Air Stamps of Canada, issued in 1919 by the same organization which had sponsored the Toronto-Ottawa flights of 1918.

The total quantity issued is generally stated to be 3000 in sheets of 10, 5 x 2 with margins on all four sides, but Morgan gives the figure to 3000-4000 copies and Holmes gives the opinion that there was a large "over-run" in the printing. Certainly the relative availability of this stamp in comparison to the issue of 1918 would seem to indicate a larger production.

One major variety arises from improper registration during the two-color printing process and results in a white space between the blue sky and the upper red background. A second variety is frequently referred to as "Printed both sides" but Holmes lists this as merely a printing on very thin paper which looks as though printed on both sides. Several catalogues specifically note sharply increased values for O.G. and it is certainly true that a great many of the unused copies available are without gum or with only the most vestigial traces.

The flight was made from Toronto to New York and was publicized on the stamp

itself as the 'First International Aerial Mail Service', Morgan refers to it as the "Toronto-New York (and return) International Air Races" and the "Catalogue Historique et Descriptif des Timbres de la Poste Aérienne" states "Only one flight was affected by the various aeroplanes engaged in the race". but all other references imply the flight of a single plane to New York and make no mention of a return flight. The only pilot mentioned is the famous "Billy" Bishop, V.C., then a renowned ace of W.W. I and later Air Marshal of the R.C.A.F. in W.W. II.

Recent auction realizations for the stamp run from \$7.00-10.00 with a block of four going for \$34.00 at Sissons in October of 1961. The variety with white space showing brought \$14.00 in 1960 and proofs in both black and red brought \$36.00 each at the same time. Covers range from \$30.00 to \$35.00.

Questions pertaining to this issue are as follows:

(Note: Seven questions were posed in last month's column and it is proposed to number questions in continuing numerical sequence to permit easy reference to specific questions in previous columns.)

8. Is any information available as to the true number of copies produced?

9. Is there any information concerning the proportionate number of the listed varieties?

10. Can anyone state definitely whether the stamp was ever printed on both sides or merely issued on thin paper with the design showing through on the reverse or is this variety perhaps only a case of offset printing on the reverse resulting from stacking sheets with the ink still damp?

11. Is there any explanation for the high proportion of unused copies without proper gum?

12. Was this flight in fact the "First International Aerial Mail Service"?

13. Is there any estimate of the number of covers carried?

14. Was the flight made by a single plane (and if so what type) or was there in fact a "race" involving more than one plane as implied by Morgan?

15. It may be presumed that the plane (or planes) eventually returned to Canada. Is anything known of the time or circumstance of such a return and was any mail carried on the return?

16. Is the actual date of issue known, presuming that it must have been made available for sale prior to the day of the flight?

The Grand Army of Canada Issue of May 28th, 1920

The third of the Pioneer Air Stamps of Canada, issued by a Veterans organization for use during an Athletic Carnival in Toronto.

I have been unable to find any reference to the total quantity of these stamps issued (although it was undoubtedly very small). Holmes states that they were printed in horizontal strips of five—this is the only reference to their format that I have seen.

Holmes also refers to a variety in which the \$1.00 figure of value was blocked out.

There would appear to be a number of facsimiles of this stamp in circulation but these can be easily identified by their size, being only about half as large as the original which is the same size as the Aero Club of Canada issue from which the design was copied.

The flight was made from Toronto to Hamilton (about 33 miles) leaving Toronto at 4 p.m. on May 28th and arriving at

Hamilton about three quarters of an hour later. The return flight was made the same afternoon, probably between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. The A.A.M.S. catalogue states that the plane was a Curtis biplane piloted by Arthur K. Colley, accompanied by W. C. Landrigan, who were the operators of the Colley Air Service. Narcisse Pelletier has written in the January, 1958 issue of "Topics" a very interesting article on the background of these pilots.

I have no record of this stamp having been offered at recent auctions and its present day value is difficult to determine, other than that it must be second only to the London to London issue.

Questions pertaining to this stamp are as follows:

17. Is there any estimate of the actual number printed?

18. Does anyone know of a recent auction realization for this stamp, either unused or on cover?

19. Can the actual number of flown covers each way be confirmed?

20. Is there any estimate of the proportion of the issue on which the numeral of value is blocked out?

21. Do the flown covers carry the original stamp, the variety or both?

22. What is the actual date of the issue, presuming that it must have been made available for sale prior to the day of the flight?

Canadian Fancy Cancellations

DAY AND SMYTHIES

Supplement No. 2, Plate B

In this supplement we show five new "straight-line" cancels that have turned up since the publication of the handbook and an interesting series of eight circular date stamps with cork insertions. An incomplete strike of one of these — Yarmouth, N.S., No. 351a — was recorded in the handbook as No. 807 (which should now be cancelled). These cork insertion cancels seem nearly always to be incomplete, and it requires about three strikes to get the whole picture, probably because the cork stuck up too high, and kept the C.D.S. from registering. The plate is completed with three unusual and rare cancels — VARNA in a circle, obviously copying the better known SPENCE, the letter A in a double hexagon frame from Almonte and the letter B in a small oval plate with two screws (not located).

In spite of the very large number of Letters and Initials recorded in the handbook in Chapter VI, this category still dominates new discoveries, which will be recorded in TOPICS in later supplements.

Serial No.	Description	P.O. of Origin	Date	Remarks
	Five new straight-line names			
338a	P.O. Brown's Nurseries	Ontario	1897	In black and purple
338b	Greenwood, Ont.	Ontario	About 1892	In purple
338c	Merrickville	Ontario	?	
338d	. . .CALF . . . in tall letters (Incomplete strike)	Probably Metcalfe Ontario	?	
338e	St. Moi (Incomplete strike)	Probably St. Moise, Quebec	?	
	A series of eight names of P.O.'s in circles (C.D.S. with cork insertions)			
351a	Cork cut in 4 segments by thin lines, with DOMN OF CANADA	Yarmouth, N.S.	1888	Cancel #807
351b	Cork cut in 4 segments by thick lines, with PAID in addition. (Very small letters.)	Yarmouth, N.S.	?	
351c	Cork with several horizontal and one vertical crack	Bothwell, Ontario	About 1875	
351d	Cork with 4 segments (Incomplete strike)	Smith's Falls, Ontario	?	Or may be Smith's Corner, Smith's Cove
351e	Cork with 4 asymmetrical horizontal bars (May be a 2nd independent cancel)	Perth, Ont.	About 1875	
351f	Cork of 6 vertical bars	Perth, Ont.	About 1875	
351g	Cork in 2 segments	Dartmouth, N.S.	1890	
351h	Cork in 4 segments	Victoria, B.C.	1890	
349a	VARNA Circle in block letters	Varna, Ont.	1890	Compare 349
378a	Small A in double outlined hexagon frame	Almonte, Ontario	1875	
424a	Letter B in an oval plate with screws	?	?	Compare 424

338A

338B

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338C

338D

338E



35IA



35IB



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35ID



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349A



378A



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01	1c	30	4.50	4.50	—	—
01	1c	31	—	—	—	8.75
03	3c	32	4.50	4.50	5.25	73.00
03	3c	34	—	5.50	6.75	4.50
04	4c	49	4.50	—	—	12.00
04	4c	50	—	5.00	—	8.00

On 1946 Peace Issue

06	10c	1	9.00	4.50	—	4.50
06	10c	2	9.50	3.50	12.00	3.50
07	14c	1	4.00	4.00	11.00	7.00
08	20c	1	10.00	10.00	17.00	—
08	20c	2	12.00	25.00	25.00	12.50
010	\$1	1	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

On 1950 50c Oil Well

011	50c	1	35.00	35.00	40.00	40.00
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On 1949 George VI Revised Issue

012	1c	1	6.00	—	1.50	1.50
012	1c	2	10.00	—	1.50	1.50
013	2c	1	3.00	2.50	3.00	2.50
013	2c	2	3.00	2.50	3.00	2.50
014	3c	1	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50
014	3c	2	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50
015	4c	2	3.50	3.00	—	300.00
015	4c	3	3.50	3.00	—	300.00
015	4c	4	4.00	4.00	—	—
015	4c	6	3.25	5.00	3.75	10.00
015a	5c	1	8.00	8.00	35.00	20.00
015a	5c	2	8.00	7.00	—	11.00

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O.H.M.S. Overprinted on 1946 Air Mail

C01	7c	1	7.50	7.50	8.00	12.00
C01	7c	2	7.50	7.50	8.00	12.00

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E01	10c	1	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
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C01	7c	2	—	—	60.00	—

1950-1951 C

Scott	Value	Plate
016	1c	1
016	1c	2
016	1c	4
016	1c	5
016	1c	6
016	1c	7
016	1c	8
017	2c	1
017	2c	2
018	3c	3
018	3c	4
018	3c	6
018	3c	7
018	3c	8
018	3c	10
019	4c	4
019	4c	6
019	4c	8
019	4c	9
019	4c	11
020	5c	1
020	5c	2
020	5c	3
021	10c	1
021	10c	2
022	14c	1
023	20c	1
023	20c	2
024	50c	1
025	\$1	1

026	10c	1
026	10c	2
027	\$1	1
028	2c	3
028	2c	4
028	2c	7
029	4c	17
029	4c	18
030	20c	1
030	20c	2
031	7c	1
031	7c	2
032	\$1	1
032	\$1	2

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1.25	1.25	1.25	033
7.50	10.00	7.00	034
3.25	2.50	2.50	034
4.00	6.00	2.50	034
85.00	10.00	8.00	034
5.00	—	5.00	035
5.00	7.00	5.00	035
5.00	7.00	5.00	035
2.00	2.00	5.00	036
3.00	2.00	2.00	036
12.00	7.00	—	036
3.00	3.00	3.00	037
—	2.40	—	037
2.40	2.40	2.40	038
2.00	3.00	3.00	038
6.00	8.00	6.00	
2.00	2.00	3.00	
5.00	6.50	7.00	
7.00	8.00	8.00	
15.00	15.00	15.00	
13.00	13.00	13.00	
15.00	—	15.00	

Peace Issue

8.00	2.50	2.50	040
8.00	2.50	2.50	040
3.00	3.00	3.00	041
4.00	6.50	4.00	041
4.00	6.50	4.00	041
12.50	12.50	12.50	041
—	120.00	120.00	041

1953 Issues

2.75	2.75	2.75	043
2.75	2.75	2.75	044
200.00	200.00	—	044
1.20	1.35	1.35	044
1.20	1.35	1.35	044
1.20	1.20	1.20	044
1.50	1.50	1.50	044
1.50	1.50	1.50	
3.75	3.75	3.75	
3.75	3.75	3.75	
3.00	3.00	3.00	C02
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5.60	5.60	5.60	

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On 1953 Queen Elizabeth Issue

Value	Plate#	UL	UR	LL	LR
.35	1	.35	.35	.35	.35
.35	2	.35	.35	.35	.35
5.00	1	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
5.00	2	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
.45	3	.45	.45	.45	.45
.45	4	.45	.45	.45	.45
.60	1	.60	.60	.60	.60
5.00	2	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
.50	3	.50	.50	.50	.50
5.00	1	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
.50	2	.50	.50	.50	.50
.50	4	.50	.50	.50	.50
.85	1	.85	.85	.85	.85
.85	2	.85	.85	.85	.85
3.20	1	3.20	3.20	3.20	3.20
3.20	2	3.20	3.20	3.20	3.20

On 1955 Eskimo & Kayak

1.25	1	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25
1.00	2	1.00	1.00	2.50	2.75
2.00	3	2.00	2.00	2.25	2.00
1.75	4	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75

On 1954 Queen Elizabeth Issue

.55	4	.55	.55	.55	.55
.55	5	.55	.55	.55	.55
.60	1	.60	.60	.60	.60
.60	2	.60	.60	.60	.60
.75	5	.75	.75	.75	.75
.75	6	.75	.75	.75	.75
2.75	7	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75
2.75	8	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75
.90	1	.90	.90	.90	.90
.90	2	.90	.90	.90	.90
.90	1	.90	.90	.90	.90
.90	2	.90	.90	.90	.90
.80	5	.80	.80	.80	.80
.80	7	.80	.80	.80	.80
.45	10	.45	.45	.45	.45
.45	11	.45	.45	.45	.45

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10.00	17.00	—	25.00
10.00	17.00	—	25.00

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Trail of the Caribou

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

The Jan. 18th, issue of Stamp Collecting lists an interesting item in the advertisement of B. Kleinberg, London, England, it is an item very seldom seen, that 3c, Scott #246, in the line perf 14.1, in used condition. While it is catalogued at 40 Pounds in an unused state it is uncatalogued as a used stamp. Mr. Kleinberg's asking price is 22 Pounds and 10 Shillings and we hope he gets it because it will make our copy that much more valuable. Incidentally at the time we purchased our copy we have a feeling that it was catalogued some 2 pounds or so. A nice stamp seldom offered.

On the front cover of the Feb. 22nd, issue of Stamp Collecting, W. E. Lea, BNAPS #687, London, England, advertises for sale what is probably the most famous BNA cover of them all, it is the cover franked with the strip of 3 of the 2d. scarlet, Scott #2, to pay the 6d. rate to Devon. This is the very same cover that once graced the collection of the late Alfred H. Caspary and brought \$12,500 when it was sold in 1956. Bill Lea doesn't put a price on the cover now, he merely advises that it is available. I wonder what it will bring now?

In the same issue of Stamp Collecting the London firm of B. Kleinberg offers a mint copy of the 7c Coronation, Scott #237, in the very elusive comb perf at 9 Pounds and 10 Shillings. Rather a scarce 20th century variety and yet available from time to time in dealers stocks.

We revenue collectors had our eyes opened the other day when we saw the results of the recent Jim Sissons Sale up in Toronto. Jim offered for sale single used copies of the \$20 and \$50 Inland Caribou Revenue, Holmes #'s NIR 33 and NIR 34. They are catalogued at \$35 and \$50 respectively in Holmes but realized \$52.50 and \$77.50 at the sale. Little wonder that we didn't get the one we bid on, we didn't realize that they had become so popular and we were commanding such fancy prices. At the same sale Jim sold an imperforate mint horizontal pair of the 5c Labrador Airmail at \$92.50, a right handsome realization for this variety.

By the time you read this bit, the auction that motivated it will be a thing of the past, but we've just come back from a vacation (mid-March) and we were faced by this fantastic catalogue of the "Burrus" material put out by Robbie Lowe in England. Had we known what was coming up we would have saved our "coppers" in the hopes of getting a few of these items for our collection. We'll make a try anyway but it won't have anywhere near the power it would have had if we hadn't gone on our vacation first. Among the gems offered for sale are absolutely superb copies of the 2d. and 4d. scarlet, Scott #'s 2 and 4. The first is unused and the estimated valuation is 600 Pounds, far too little if the stamp measures up to the illustration in the auction catalogue. The 4d. is brilliant mint and also estimated at 600 Pounds. Then there is a magnificent mint copy of the 6½d, Scott #7, complete with left margin that should certainly bring a pretty penny. There are 2 mint copies of the 1/. scarlet but though they are valued at rather a high figure we are not too much impressed with them just from looking at the photos. Amongst the used scarlets the outstanding stamps seem to be a truly superb copy of the 4d., Scott #4, a very handsome copy of the 6d., Scott #6, and a superb copy of the 6½d., Scott #7, used on piece Nov. 3, 1858. Last but not least is a brilliant example of the 1/. scarlet, Scott #8, that must be truly magnificent if the stamp measures up to its photo. In the orange pence we find a very handsome copy of the 4d., Scott #12, with a tiny scissor cut in the lower left margin. This stamp is unused as is the very lovely 6d., Scott #13, that follows it. Then there is a piece that we have never seen before, a copy of the 1/. orange in mint condition with the letters "SPECI" overprinted across the face in black. It sure us a lovely bit and would be completely out of reach in its present condition were it not for the specimen overprint. Among the three used copies of the 1/. orange, Scott #15, is a very lovely one that I have singled out. It is truly a magnificent example of a very rare stamp.

(Continued on page 134)

PETERBOROUGH, ONTARIO

SQUARED CIRCLE POSTMARKS

by D. A. CRAWFORD, BNAPS 1646

Having collected squared circle postmarks for several years and building my collection to a point where only the really tough ones remained, I wondered what else I could do to continue with these fascinating postmarks. As have several other enthusiasts I turned to collecting all the cancellations of one post office. My decision to collect Peterborough, Ontario is a natural one as I was born and grew up there. Many interesting things can be learned from these specialized town collections and some of these have been covered in previous articles on Halifax, Hamilton, Ottawa and others.

The Squared Circle hammer was proofed on October 9th, 1893 and the earliest date recorded is October 17th, 1893. The normal usage of this canceller went through to early May 1898 with the exception of a six month gap in 1895. It was again used in October and November 1903 with blank above the date and as a precancel without time or date markings. The latest known date is January 20th, 1906 when it was used on a large oversized envelope which could not be cancelled by the machine then in use at the Peterborough post office. This

late date also had an 18 time marking which was unrecorded until this cover was discovered.

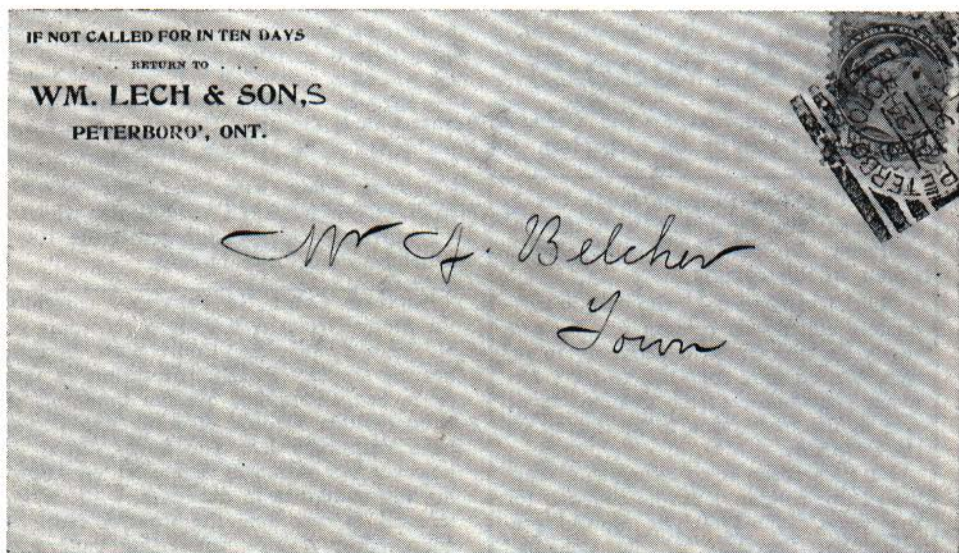
Peterborough used four different normal time markings, numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4. Blank above the date is known and numbers 5, 6 and 8 have also been found. A percentage ratio on the present collection shows very little change since figures were made up in January 1959 for the Squared Circle Handbook —

Time	January 1959		January 1963	
No.	No.	Ratio	No.	Ratio
1	44	15.5%	191	17.2%
2	23	8.0%	115	10.4%
3	86	30.2%	299	26.9%
4	124	43.5%	483	43.5%

Blank and others

8 2.8% 23 2.0%

The number 4 time period is still the most common and oddly had the same percentage ratio. All blanks above the date with the exception of a few in 1903 were Sundays. However, not all Sundays are blank as I have several with time numbers. The number 8 above the date has been known for some time but the finding of numbers 5 and 6 recently helps confirm a



theory on these unusual time markings. When 8 was used as a time marking there were usually two fours in the date i.e. FE 14/94, JY 24/94, SP 24/94, OC 4/94, DE 4/94 (all these dates have 8 as a time marking) and it was assumed that a number 4 was not available for the time indicia. This also applies to number 5 with two copies reported — JU 11/94 and SP 11 — and to number 6 with three copies reported — DE 22/93, SP 22/94 and FE 22/96. Note in these dates that there are two ones used with number 5 and double twos with number 6. It would appear that numbers 5, 6 and 8 represent the normal periods of 1, 2 and 4 when the latter indicia was not available for time markings. Does a number 7 exist? This would be for the normal period 3.

One of the thrilling experiences in collecting one town is to complete a set of four different time numbers for the same day. You are continually building up pairs and the odd set of three but the sets of four seem to take ages to complete. It was only a few months ago that I completed my first set of four and at that time there were over 1,000 different time and date markings. The collection presently includes 226 sets of two, 32 sets of three but only 2 sets of four.

The missing period of the squared circle cancellation in 1895 had me stumped for several years. It extended from January 23rd to July 21st and try as I might I

couldn't find a squared circle or circular cancel during this period. Last summer the solution to the question was found when I located several post cards dated in this period cancelled by a duplex hammer. This was the reason I couldn't find a dated copy as the bars of the duplex canceller hit the stamp while the date appeared on the envelope. This duplex was the same one that was in use prior to the squared circle hammer and was used again in 1898 after the normal use of the squared circle.

In studying the Peterborough squared circle usage I found that the postmaster and his staff must have been exceedingly careful in changing indicia. So far only two errors have come to light in the five year period. One being the 2/03AU/95, a photograph of which appeared on page 22 of the Squared Circle Handbook, which should have been 2/AU30/95 and the other 4/JY/97. This I believe should have been Blank /JY 4/97 which was a Sunday and the clerk in inserting the indicia dropped it in the wrong slot.

Reconstructing the usage of the Peterborough squared circle hammer has been most informative and the solution to problems which have arisen very rewarding. I can recommend the study of one town to all collectors and hope more will write on their findings. It would be appreciated if collectors with copies of the unusual time markings i.e. numbers 5, 6 and 8 would report them to me for recording purposes.

BNA Revenues

(A Column Conducted by the Canadian Revenue Study Group, a Unit of B.N.A.P.S.)
Edited by Ed Richardson 303 Pin Oak Drive, La Marque, Texas

The Canadian Revenue Study Group announces that beginning with this installment, Ed Richardson will again be Editor of this column.

"Dirk" vanOudenol, who has so adequately edited this column for the past two years, has found it necessary to resign. We do look for Dirk to be a frequent contributor to the column, as he was in the past, prior to his taking on the editorship.

Ed Richardson is no stranger to readers of this column, since he edited it for five years, 1956-1960. He is also presently the Secretary of the Canadian

Revenue Study Group, and Editor of its BNA REVENUE NEWSLETTER, which is currently being distributed to its 100 members every two months.

Supreme Court "In Prize" — currently the Study Group is making a recording of all known Supreme Court Law Stamps bearing the "IN PRIZE" overprints in red, or in red and violet. At the time this is being written records of some 125 copies have been recorded. The Study Group is however not primarily interested in knowing the quantities in existence, — it is interested in recording the **Control Nos.** of every copy. A most interesting pattern is

developing, which we feel will add materially to our knowledge of these stamps. Such a study may also be helpful in weeding out forgeries of these stamps should they exist. Any collector, or dealer owning even one of these items would be making a substantial contribution to this phase of BNA philately, if he would mail a post card to the editor of this column, giving the Control number data requested.

Do They Exist? — Frankly we doubt the existence of the following revenue stamps, currently listed in most catalogues. (1.) The First Issue, \$5.00 Ontario Stock Transfer — Holmes' #OST14, — Marks' #0131. (2.) The 1876 Supreme Court Laws, 20c and 25c values, perf. 12, on thick paper. These two stamps were noted in Holmes' last edition "There is considerable question as to whether these two varieties actually exist." (3.) The 25c Thrift stamp with the French inscription. We have the large Die Proof of this so we know the die was prepared, — but were stamps actually prepared and used?

Anyone having knowledge of the existence of any of these stamps, please drop a card to the writer.

N.B. Tobacco Tax Essays:— Ray Avery (BNAPS 1558) reports in the April issue of the BNA REVENUE NEWSLETTER on some hitherto unknown essays for the non-adhesive 2nd Issue, Lorraine Cross, Tobacco Tax stamps. The essays were apparently printed from a single stone, three impressions to a "pane", and are somewhat larger than the issued stamps. Ray has them, — all of the 1c denomination, and all printed in red, but on three different paper, white (used later for the 1c value), yellow (used for the 2c) and on blue paper (used for the

3c). Ray tells me these all came out of the late George Cabot revenue collection.

Upper Canada 70c "F.F.":— Frankly we cannot remember seeing before a copy of this elusive stamp — Holmes' #OL 8B. Oh yes, we'd seen a few examples with the serrate roulette (perce en Scie), but no others. So we were much interested in Sissons' lot #695 in his February sale which contained "1864 70c F.F. rouletted top and right, perf. other sides, etc." However we were even happier when we found we were the successful bidder. But what do we call it? Is it perforated, or is it rouletted. Guess it is a hybrid!

A New Revenue Catalogue? — Speaking of Sissons, we understand that there is a good possibility that Jim will have a new BNA Revenue Catalogue ready for distribution sometime this summer. We think it would be a tremendous boost to this branch of philately if such were available. It definitely would not be specialized, and would not contain some items dear to the hearts of some specialists, — but even this may be an asset as far as interesting new collectors in the field of BNA Revenues.

Anyway, with Jim's knowledge of the market values of these issues, and his knowledge of what exists, or does not exist, we could anticipate a wonderful contribution to philately if this catalogue comes off as expected.

Quebec 15c Rouletted Unemployment Tax:— For years we have had a copy of this scarce stamp in our collection but it took John Siverts (BNAPS #59) to call to our attention that this rouletted stamp was not engraved like the perforated issue, but instead was lithographed! Rocket's copy also confirms this.

HAMILTON, ONTARIO, CANADA Its Postal History and Some Events in its History

PART I — by LLOYD W. SHARPE, E.D., Q.C.

As I endeavour to write postal history I find it ever more difficult not to include what may be called some straight history. I make no apology for this because as I have said on previous occasions the line between them is often very thin.

Hamilton where I was born and raised to manhood (except when absent on service in two wars), is now a thriving city

of over a quarter of a million population. It is basically a manufacturing city with large steel mills and other industries and is sometimes referred to as the Birmingham of Canada. A very pleasant and beautiful city in which to live.

There is little doubt that the first white man to set eyes on what is the present location of Hamilton was the adventurous

On Screen

Mr. Tompkins

Camp Roads

Fig. 1—Dated 1813 an early Hamilton letter when it was known as Burlington Heights

Brule in 1615 with his twelve Indian guides. Then came D'Aillon in 1626 followed by Father Hennepin and LaSalle in 1669. Richard Beasley in 1777 became the

first white settler building a log cabin near the present site of Dundurn Castle.

Hamilton has been known by other names, most widely used perhaps were

Sir,

Burlington Heights 27th Dec 1813

I am desired to inform you from Co^l Cominsory Deputy Barrack Master General that your Plans and other buildings subsquid by the troops as Barracks, will not be required after the 24th Inst. to which period Government will pay you

Yours L^y

Wm. L. Galt
Barrack Master General

Fig. 2—The contents of figure #1 says payment for buildings occupied by troops will be made

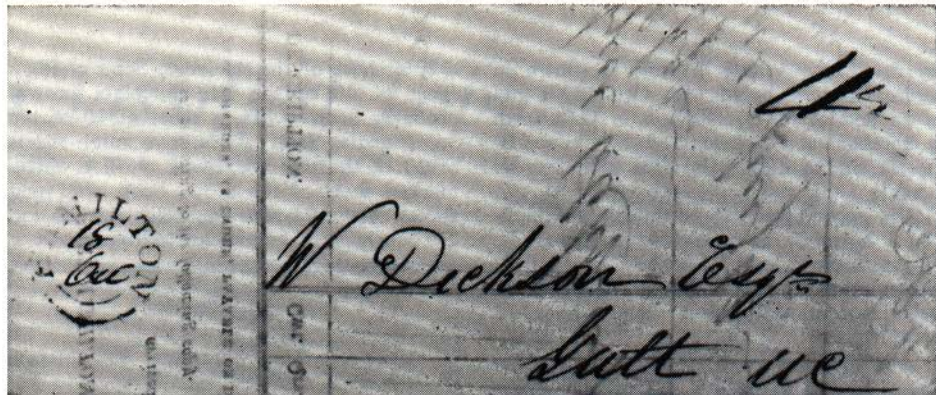


Fig. 2a—Shows earliest type of postmark used in Hamilton

Burlington Heights and Head-of-the-Lakes. The first recorded post-office was established in 1825 and earliest known postmark as recorded by Frank W. Campbell is 1829. The type is shown in Holmes (1960) on page 7, the upper part of the page, Illustration #40, with center in manuscript.

The earliest cover I have of Hamilton is shown fig. 1. It is an "ON SERVICE" letter addressed to Mr. Terryberry at the CROSS ROADE. Fig. 2 shows the contents of the letter. As you will see it tells him payment for his buildings occupied by troops will be made to him. Dated 27th Dec. 1813 it was no doubt delivered by hand, likely by an orderly.

This cover of course recalls the war of 1812-14. Here, at Burlington Heights, Gen-

eral Vincent in 1813 after his retreat from Niagara took his stand with Col. John Harvey at Beasley's farm. Beasley was the original owner by Crown Patent in 1799 of the present location of Dundurn Castle. Here was to be the last ditch stand against the American advance. The expected battle however did not take place. The Americans halting at Stoney Creek, some few miles east, on the night of June 5th, 1813; Col. Harvey learned of their presence from Scout Billy Green and sent a small force to discover their position. When the two forces met the following morning, the Canadians by surprise attack, dealt the enemy a crushing defeat, forcing them to retreat to Fort Niagara.

The earliest postmark I have, given me

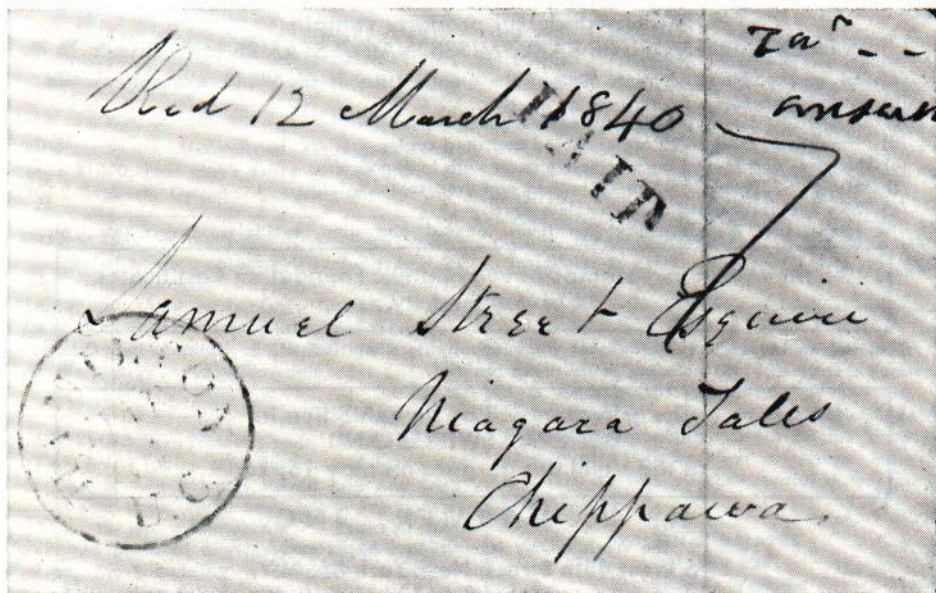


Fig. 3—Shows the second type of postmark used in Hamilton

by my friend Vinnie Greene, is shown in figure 2a. It is dated 16th Oct. 1837, and is an account to W. Dickson in Galt from a merchant at Port-Hamilton. The cancellation is in red and the mms and rate in black.

The second earliest postmark of Hamilton I have so far been able to acquire is shown in fig. 3, dated March 11th, 1840. It shows a paid 7 rate to Chippawa. The cancellation and paid are in black, white 7 is in red ink.

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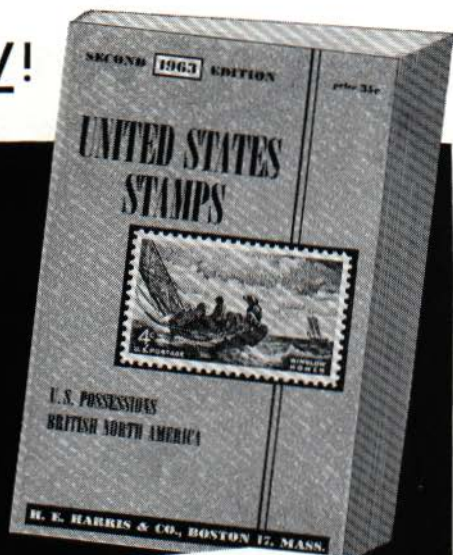
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