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# The Uncommon Market

Philately knows no frontiers and many philatelic auctions have become international. Our hobby is visual and so many collectors prefer to see a rarity before they bid for it, however well it is described and however beautiful it may be illustrated.

★ In the near future a new service will be available for collectors and in various famous cities, rare stamps will be on view that will subsequently be sold by auction.

Further announcements will be made shortly by the Uncommon Marketeers:

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La Philatélie n'a pas de frontières et de nombreuses ventes aux enchères ont un caractère international. Notre "hobby" est avant tout visuel, aussi la plupart des collectionneurs préfèrent-ils "voir" un timbre rare avant d'envoyer leur ordre, aussi bien décrit et photographié soit-il.

★ Très prochainement un nouveau service sera à la disposition des collectionneurs. On pourra examiner des timbres rares dans diverses villes importantes d'Europe, avant qu'ils ne soient vendus aux enchères.

De plus amples renseignements seront donnés dans un proche avenir par les promoteurs de l'UNCOMMON MARKET:

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& Robson Lowe Ltd. de Londres.*

Die Philatelic kennt keine Grenzen und viele Auktionen haben einen internationalen Charakter gewonnen. Unser Hobby spricht hauptsächlich das Auge an, und deshalb ziehen es viele Sammler vor, sich eine seltene Briefmarke erst anzuschauen bevor sie dafür ein Angebot unterbreiten, mag sie auch noch so gut beschriebenen und illustriert sein.

★ Demnächst wird den Sammlern ein neuer Dienst in verschiedenen bedeutenden Städten Europas zur Verfügung stehen. Es werden seltene Briefmarken ausgestellt werden bevor sie in Auktionen zum Verkauf kommen.

Weitere Einzelheiten werden demnächst von den Veranstaltern des "Uncommon Markets" zu erhalten sein:

*Jacques Robineau und Pierre Yvert aus Paris  
& Robson Lowe Ltd. aus London.*

La filatelia non conosce frontiere e molte aste filateliche hanno ora un carattere internazionale. Il nostro è un hobby che richiede principalmente l'uso degli occhi e molti collezionisti, nonostante le descrizioni particolareggiate e le belle illustrazioni, preferiscono vedere il materiale prima di fare un'offerta.

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November 1, 1963

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Vooyo, Daniel W., P.O. Box 237, Jamestown, New York 14701.

### APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

- Brown, Bruce, 56 Allard Ave., Dorval, Que. (C-X) CAN, NFD—19th & 20th century mint & used postage. Plate Blocks. Coils. O.H.M.S.-G. Mint booklet panes & complete booklets. Precancels. Mint & used Airmails. Postal stationery entires. Proposed by W. L. Gutzman, No. 1300.  
Cygan, Joseph A., 616 Brown Ave., Manchester, N. H. (C-CX) CAN, NFD, PROV—Mint & used postage and mint blocks. Coils. O.H.M.S.-G. Mint booklet panes. Mint & used Airmails. Proposed by J. H. M. Young, No. 1523.  
Eatock, Alan J., 43 Normandy Ave., Hamilton, Ont. (C-CX) CAN—20th century used postage and blocks. Squared Circle & 19th century town cancellations. SPECIALTY—Squared Circles. Proposed by A. Whitehead, No. 192.  
Godfrey, Eldon Charles, 412 Simons Rd., Calgary, Alta. (C-CX) CAN—Mint & used postage. O.H.M.S.-G. Precancels. R.P.O., territorial, squared circle, town & dated cancellations on 2c carmine numeral 1899-1903. SPECIALTY—cancels of Hardieville, Alberta, 1923-1935. Proposed by J. Benning, No. 1881. Seconded by M. Devlin, No. 1869.  
Mack, Millard H., 3930 Red Bud Ave., Cincinnati 29, Ohio (C) P.E.I.—Mint & used postage. Pre-stamp & stampless covers. Proposed by G. D. Vaughn, No. 1985.  
Moziar, Gregory, 505-5th Avenue, New York 17, N.Y. (D) Proposed by D. C. Meyerson, No. L3.  
Ramsay, Robert, P.O. Box 138, Pelham, N.Y. (D) Proposed by E. A. Richardson, No. 168.  
Reynolds, Arthur S., 7 Burnham Rd., Ottawa 1, Ont. (C-CX) CAN, NFD, P.E.I.—Mint & used postage. Plate Blocks. O.H.M.S.-G. Federal Revenues. Mint & used Airmails. Proposed by G. D. Vaughn, No. 1985.

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313 Paine, Harold L., Ste. 304, Richmond Towers, Traymore Drive, Richmond Hill, Ont.  
1824 Smith, J. Floyd Jr., 1113 State, Erie, Penna.  
995 Willcock, W. M. C., 5020 MacDonal Ave., Apt. 411, Montreal 29, Quebec.

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1377 McConnell, Mrs. G. H., 314 Kingswood Road, Toronto 13, Ontario  
1142 Newsam, Guy V., 16 Rosedale Road, Apt. 816, Toronto, Ontario  
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### DECEASED

- 1283 Gardner, James W., 87 Arnold Street, Hamilton, Ontario

### MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, October 1, 1963 .....	1032	
NEW MEMBERS, November 1, 1963 .....	6	
DECEASED, November 1, 1963 .....	1	1038
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, November 1, 1963 .....		1037

Dear Mr. Young:

You published a letter in the September issue of BNAPS of a member expressing disappointment from sales from some circuit books. Member Neff stated that only two collectors saw one book & four saw the other.

It is interesting to read this as I have written to the Sales Dept. in November 1962 for circuit material & have written many times since — never received any acknowledgement of these letters until I wrote president Jephcott. I then later received a three page letter from the sales dept. which basically stated that the sales dept. was a volunteer effort. Still no material.

It was for this reason I cancelled my reservation at the Sept. annual meeting.

How many other members feel as member Neff and I feel about the sad state of the sales dept.

Paul A. Thompson

Dear Mr. Editor:

I was most interested in the article and cover illustration in May "Topics" concerning the Scotsburn Station Bogey Face.

I am enclosing a photo of a cancellation on piece that I have which is similar but has enough difference to indicate that this is a later version of the one illustrated.

I have had my copy for several years and it will be found illustrated in April 1959 "Maple Leaves". At that time I stated that there was sufficient letters of the C.D.S. showing to suggest that this cancel was originated in Scotsburn Station, N.S. This cancel was also sent to Dr. Day in 1960 but was never included in the "Fancy Cancellation" handbook.

I thought that readers may be interested in this later version of the Scotsburn Bogey Face. I wonder if the postmaster made any others between the year 1893 of Ray Peters cover and the year 1898 or so of my copy. I hope both types will be included in the next handbook.

Yours very truly,  
S. KENYON



Dear Sir:

For 30-odd years, I have systematically covered every corner of the globe, searching for that "Pot of Gold", that accumulation of decent BNA material that will be the find of the century. I have contacts in practically all inhabited countries on earth ferreting around, and keeping their eyes open for me, and for you.

It is my contention that to be happy one has to have a 'Fantasy', a thought, possibly only in the sub-conscious of some and in others a spur to life — something that keeps them searching and hoping, like 311 Squared Circles on cover, Slogans complete, or even a hoard of Admirals on cover! Then in one fell swoop I discovered, on opening Topics, that Fred Jarrett, a person who we all respect and honor, tells us that we are wasting our time, that in fact we are searching for something that is not there. Last month I heard from a correspondent, a new one, and a handyman, that he recently had to clear an attic in N.S., and that he destroyed thousands of envelopes from 1842 to 1870, he said "They had no stamps on them". That time I was three weeks late, so fellow collectors, do not give up hope, but continue your search, remembering the boy in Paris in 1903 who found the 2d Blue Mauritius on cover that brought £28,000 today.

Getting back to Fred, I have a pal from Indonesia staying with me, and he, seeing my consternation, and asking the cause, said "Mr. Jallet, he clacked." I think he meant that he had a touch of the sun, however, again I say, with all respect to Fred, "Ban the Bomb" "Keep Britain Tidy", "Post

Early for Christmas", and all that, all fantasies; don't give up, keep trying, and something, someday will come your way.

Best regards, and happy hunting,  
DOUG. CHASMER

Dear Mr. Editor;

It would be interesting to know if anyone has noticed the following in the phantom plate blocks this is on stamp # 327, first of all plate 1 and 2 both have the same number 1303, but plate 1 has wide spaces and plate 2 narrow, but the phantom numbers are reversed, plate 1 narrow, plate 2 wide. Now let me go to the perforated O.H.M.S. # 0286 I have a strip of five all F. position, the three first O.H.M.S. is lower than the two last ones like this — and I also have a pair of the same stamps also F position but the first O.H.M.S. is higher than the other like this — this occurs also on other stamps I have as # 0979-0252. The device used to perforate stamps would perforate ten small size stamps at one time, now did it perforate in a straight row or uneven row. Whatever it did I believe this is another variety and last the narrow spacing O.H.M.S. we are told that the narrow spacing only occurs in the first vertical row in the UR and LR of plate one, but here is something. I have a vertical pair of # 02 the 0 on the top stamp is far away from the frame and on the bottom stamp it is close, there must be an explanation somewhere, however, this should be another variety.

Yours truly  
DAVID NYSTROM  
# 1182

Dear Sir;

As a newcomer to the B.N.A.P.S. I recently purchased a large number of back issues of B.N.A. Topics. What a wonderful world of information has come into my hands.

Being particularly interested in the 3 cent small Queen, I noticed an article by C. F. Waite (B.N.A.P.S. 602) in the June 1957 issue regarding a plate scratch found on the 3 cent small Queen around the 1887 period.

On searching through my own material, I found this plate scratch on a pair. Mr. Waite suggests there should be a companion stamp with a scratch from the left-hand margin. I doubt that such exists. My own copy is extremely badly centered, the perfs cutting into the right-hand design enough to touch the white of the right-hand three. The plate scratch enters the left-hand

margin of the accompanying left-hand stamp by only 1 mm. The end of the plate scratch in Mr. Waite's first example is precisely the end of this scratch, even though it appears to run into the companion stamp.

Had my own pair been as well centered as the two stamps shown in Mr. Waite's article, the scratch would not have entered the 2nd stamp. Thus, only on extremely poorly centered copies can this scratch be found to continue into the left companion stamp.

GEORGE E. POND

#### GODERICH CAMP FPO

Dear Sir;

Having done some research on the "Canada Militia" FPO cancellations I was very pleased to read Mr. Rorke's article in the September issue of Topics. At the same time I am more than a little envious as I suspect Mr. Rorke probably has the only known copy of a cancellation from Goderich Camp FPO.

During the period of my research on these FPOs I had access to Pritchards and Andrews proof book. While thumbing my way through the thousands of strikes or impressions I discovered several FPOs of which I had been unaware; viz—Goderich Camp, Beamsville and Long Branch. The latter two were established to serve the Royal Flying Corps camps which had been formed towards the end of the First World War. The three new FPOs were added to the check list which I was preparing and which was later published in the Nov./Dec. 1959 issue of The Canadian Philatelist.

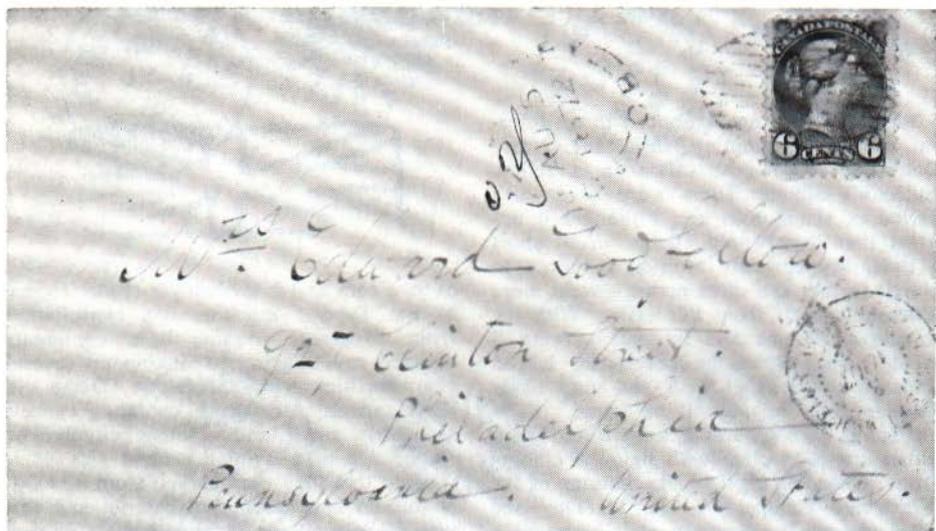
Until Mr. Rorke informed me of his find I had neither seen nor heard of any proof that Goderich Camp FPO had actually been in operation. Now that this has been confirmed possibly some other collector will come forth with similar evidence for Beamsville and Long Branch FPOs.

As to the history of the Camp, I can add only a few words which I recall from having read a rather scanty file some 5 or 6 years ago. Up to 1910 or so Militia training camps were organized on a local basis but for 1911, -12, & -13 the Militia in Western Ontario (Military District No. 1) was to be concentrated. A much larger tract of land was necessary so arrangements were made to rent the Attrill farm just outside the town of Goderich on Lake Huron. Whether or not this site was the same as that used by the local Militia unit for training in previous years I cannot say.

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# The President's Page

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



A 6c small queen paying the postage on a letter from St. Pierre-Miquelon to Philadelphia. Postmarked at St. Pierre on August 3, 1872 and at Sydney, Nova Scotia on August 5.



A 6c small queen and a pair of 2c paying the postage on a letter from Canada to France.

# FANCY CANCELS FROM NOTRE DAME ST. WEST, MONTREAL

by D. A. CRAWFORD, BNAPS 1646

A few months ago I noticed three different cancels originating from the Notre Dame St. West post office in a fellow collector's album. These were used in a period of six months and I thought it unusual that they would change in so short a time. My curiosity aroused I started to search further and came across several more different cancels from this office. With the numerous designs and intricate carving it would appear that the postmaster had a flare for this type of work and most likely more of his designs will be found.

Figures 1, 2, 3, and 5 were traced from either cover or piece with figure 4 coming from "Canadian Fancy Cancellations of the Nineteenth Century" by K. M. Day and E. A. Smythies. Figure 6 and 7 present a very interesting change in a cork or fancy cancel. In the original state the two diamonds obliterate the portraits of Queen Victoria so badly that the centres were removed to form a second state of a fancy cancel. This cancellation was used during the Diamond Jubilee issue of 1897 and the reason for removing the centres can be easily seen from the photographs of these cancels. (See cover) The one stamp showing a partial town strike from the Notre Dame St. West post office enabled identification of this cancellation.

With the many different cancels from this post office I began to wonder if the "Mystery Flag" cancellation (see figure 8) might have originated here. Different opinions to date are that the cancel is too large



Fig. 8

to be a cork and is probably a crude forgery of the Type 2 machine flag cancellation from Montreal. Again these comments directed my thinking to linking up several characteristics with the Notre Dame St. West cancels. Most cork or fancy cancels are fairly small and whether circular or square are of a similar general size. It is thought that they were carved from a wooden broom handle or like material and this would explain their general likeness in size. Some exceptions come from Notre Dame St. West as in figures 5 and 6. These are definitely carved from a larger piece of material than most and the flag cancel is of similar size to these. A further point is that the postmaster at this Montreal sub office would see the Montreal machine flag cancellation and with his flare for carving would copy the cancel to add to his stock of different obliterators. No doubt a cover will be found identifying the "Mystery Flag" cancel and I have a feeling that it will be postmarked Notre Dame St. West, Montreal.

The writer invites correspondence on the Notre Dame St. West cancels and would appreciate collectors reported any further varieties from this interesting post office.

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## POSTAL SLATE IS CHOSEN

Mrs. H. F. Stamp has been re-elected president of the Edmonton Postal Ladies Association.

Also re-elected were Mrs. E. C. Talbot, vice-president, and Mrs. J. A. Hudson,

secretary. Mrs. John Cherwoniak is treasurer.

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at the main post office.



FIG. 1



FIG. 2



FIG. 3



FIG. 4



FIG. 5



FIG. 6



FIG. 7

# Trail of the Caribou

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

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In order to make printing deadlines this column is being written in early Sept. before the season has really started and as a result there isn't too much to say or too much that has happened. We do see that Jim Sissons, BNAPS #17, of Toronto, Canada sold some nice pieces at auction on July 31st. Amongst those bits that changed hands were a very fine copy of the 2d rose, Scott #17 at \$19, a superb vertical mint pair of the 6½d. rose, Scott #21, with sheet margin at the bottom at \$24, near full catalogue and a mint corner block with sheet margins of the 1/. rose Scott #23, at \$26. An imperforate horizontal pair of the 15c, Scott #114, realized \$23 and a copy of the "THREE CENTS" Provisional, Scott #130, with most of the "THREE" missing went at the very nice price of \$50. This is a variety not often seen and exists in various stages with the "THREE" entirely missing to the "THREE" partially missing. This is not to be compared with the same stamp which is known with the lower bar of the surcharge entirely missing or partially missing because in the latter case those that show any part of the bar, even the slightest trace have little extra value whereas the variety without the "THREE" is a difficult item to come by whether it is completely missing or only partially missing. Then a pane of eight of the 2c rose, Scott #132, complete with selvage and taken from the first Newfoundland booklet is now part of someones collection because he was willing to pay \$40 for it. Two mint copies of the DO-X, Scott #C12, brought \$42 and \$40 respectively while mint imperforate vertical pairs of the 5c and 10c Labrador Air Scott #'s C13 and C14 each brought \$65. A mint Balbo, Scott #C18 went under the hammer at \$45 and a mint example of the Officially Sealed stamp now has a new home at \$21. This is some few dollars less than the more recent auction realizations but still a very nice price for the stamp. The last item in the sale was a used copy of the \$20 Inland Revenue in used condition and in the perf 11.9 that realized \$38.

H. R. Harmer, London, also had a sale that contained a few interesting Newfoundland items not the least of which was a set of the proof blocks of the Guy issue in perforated condition affixed to sunk cards. The issue was complete with the exception of the 15c value and the 6c value with the "Z" corrected. At any rate this lot which has never before been seen by me in more than 30 years of looking at auction catalogues and collections and exhibits brought \$175. Then the 1918 essay "TWO 2 CENTS" in three lines in red on the 60c Cabot which was considered at the time Newfoundland resorted to the "POSTAGE PAID" hand-stamp realized \$36.40. Incidentally this stamp had the surcharge double but in this instance it means very little as in our life it seems to us that we have seen more with the surcharge double than with the surcharge normal. In the Air Mails a mint DO-X, Scott #C12, was knocked down at \$43.40 and a mint Balbo, Scott #C18, went well we thought at \$56.

The pedigree of odd and interesting stamps has always been most interesting to me and I am always most pleased when I can trace an item back some 20 years or so. Such an item is lot #345 in the Sept. 17th sale of Robson Lowe to be held in London. The lot in question is a block of four of the 5c black seal, Scott #26, and described as centered a bit low. Going through our library of old auction catalogues we find that this very block readily identifiable with lot #345 because the photos match exactly was sold by the firm of Harmer Rooke in New York on Jan. 13, 1944, when they auctioned off the collection of the late John Kay of Detroit. Then we lost sight of it for some 17 years as we never saw it offered again at auction until Harmer Rooke again put it up for sale when they dispersed the collection of John Morton of New York on Jan. 27, 1961. Now the pendulum has swung all the way back again and it is again coming up for sale, and this time we hope to take it out

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# NEWS RELEASES

**CANADA  
POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT  
REGULAR ISSUE  
POSTAGE STAMP  
CANADA GEESE**

Date of Issue—30th October, 1963  
Designed By—Angus H. Short—Winnipeg  
and Paul Arthur—Ottawa

Colour—Blue  
Size—1½" x 1" (approximately)  
Plate Nos.—1 and 2  
Panels of—50 Stamps.

### CANADA GEESE

A scene depicting four Canada Geese in flight has been chosen for the new 15c regular stamp to be issued by the Canada Post Office on October 30th. The new design replaces a stamp bearing a likeness of a gannet, which has been in use since 1954. One other Canadian stamp features the Canada Goose, however this 7c regular issue is slated for early retirement.

In the air, on water, or on land Canada Geese are a beautiful sight. Their appearance is one of the first signs that winter is almost over, and spring not far behind. The average weight of these birds is nine pounds, while their wing spread has been known to exceed six feet. The Canada Goose is easily identified by its black neck and head, white cheek patches, white "v" at the base of the tail, and greyish-brown body, darker above than below.

The number of Canada Geese in North America is estimated to be between one-and-one-half and two million. The majority fly south to the United States for the cold weather. In Montreal and vicinity the geese first appear during the third week in March, and usually a week later in the Quebec City area and the southern prairies.

Summer is the breeding season for the Canada Goose. The birds build their nests, using any available material, throughout the country, from Newfoundland to British Columbia. The sites vary widely, but are always near open water.

With the approach of cooler air in the fall, the Canada Goose leaves the country for which it was named, and begins a

leisurely flight south to warmer temperatures for the winter, to return again in the spring.

The stamp which depicts this typically Canadian bird will be used primarily on airmail letters destined for the United Kingdom and Europe. Other uses for it include parcel post and special delivery mail.

### NEWS RELEASE

Ten new postage stamps will be issued by the Canada Post Office in 1964, it was announced today by the Honourable Azelus Denis, Postmaster General.

The first new stamp to go on sale to the public will be a regular stamp of the 7c denomination, intended basically for air mail postage. Wednesday, February 5th has been tentatively set as the date of issue. The 7c stamp will replace the present "blue goose" air mail stamp which has been in use since November 1952.

"Unity in Canada" is the subject of the second stamp of the year, which is scheduled to go on sale in March. This issue will be followed by four stamps bearing provincial floral emblems. The Postmaster General said that present plans call for the flower stamps to be produced in several colours, probably by lithography. Within the next few years it is planned to issue a stamp carrying the floral emblem of each of the ten provinces, Mr. Denis stated.



A special stamp on the theme of World Peace is included in the 1964 programme. Designed to give prominence to man's desire for peace, this stamp is to be released in June.

Two stamps of special historical interest are scheduled for release in September. The stamps will commemorate the Charlottetown and Quebec conferences which were held in 1864 and which led to Confederation three years later.

For the first time in Canada a Christmas stamp will be issued in 1964. Final date of release for this stamp has not been decided, but it will be in time for use on Christmas mail. Mr. Denis said that the decision to issue a Christmas stamp was made after a lengthy study and after taking into consideration the requests and suggestions of many individuals and organizations across the

country.

Designs for the 1964 stamp series will be announced as they are completed.

#### NEW CANADIAN OHMS CATALOG

We have received a copy of the new Canadian OHMS Officials Catalog, the first since 1956. This lists the 234 major, and 498 minor varieties. Seven pages of editorial covers all phases of the OHMS., and outlines the method of recognizing the difficult, from the common positions, in the perforating of the 4 and 5-Hole Perforated OHMS. These can readily vary in value from 3c to \$10.00. In addition prices are listed of both major and minor varieties, which can be of great value to dealers, and collectors. Price \$2.00. Published by Roy Wrigley, 2288 Bellevue Ave., West Vancouver, B.C., Canada.

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# How Schomberg Got A Post Office

by MAX ROSENTHAL

Only a few weeks after it began publication, *The Examiner*, of Lloydtown and Brownsville, had this advertisement in its August 2, 1861 issue:

"A public meeting will be held in the Temperance Hall, Brownsville on Saturday, 3rd inst., at 7 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of considering the best means to be employed to secure the establishment of a post office in this place, at the earliest possible date. All who feel interested in the accomplishment of said object are particularly requested to attend." It was signed by Manning and Hughes, William Moore, and H. Edwards, prominent Brownsville merchants.

As mentioned in *Early York County Post Offices* (BNA Topics, February, 1963) Brownsville's neighbor, Lloydtown, had had a post office since 1831, but by 1861 Brownsville had outstripped it in importance. From copies of the *Examiner*, which called itself the North York and South Simcoe Journal, in the Ontario Archives, one gets an idea of the effort it took to get a post office for Brownsville.

Another meeting on this subject coming up was reported by the *Examiner* on August 9: "We hope the good people of Brownsville will not forget the public meeting tomorrow (Saturday) evening, as a full attendance is wanted in order that the necessary steps may be taken to get a post office in this place." Next week, on August 16 it reported:

"On Saturday last a public meeting was held in the Temperance Hall, Brownsville, for the purpose of taking into consideration the most effectual means to draft a petition, etc. The meeting was organized by appointing George Hughes chairman and Mr. H. Edwards of the *Examiner* secretary, when after some little friendly discussion the petition as given below (which had been previously drafted by the committee appointed for that purpose) was carried unanimously.

"That your petitioners now are, and for

many years past, have been laboring under great inconvenience, in consequence of not having a post office in this place, being under the necessity of travelling to Lloydtown (a distance of a mile or more) for all mail matter. One great inconvenience might be mentioned is that we cannot get our letters in time to answer them by return of post, owing to the lateness of the hour at which the mail arrives at Lloydtown.

"Brownsville is the chief place of business for a portion of Tecumseh, West Gwillimbury, and King. Even at a private office kept in the village by and at the expenses of sane merchants here, the amount of postage has averaged \$200 per annum, as the private office has only accommodated a portion of the people of this village and vicinity, and the addition now to the mail matter by the newspaper just started, we think it will be safe to calculate upon trebling the sum above mentioned, if a post office were established here — the additional expense to the Department would be but trifling, as the mail carrier between Aurora and Lloydtown usually passes through this place calling here for passengers.

"Your petitioners therefore humbly request that a post office may be established in this place, a name for which they propose Browntown, and for postmaster, John W. Hughes."

The *Examiner* commented: "We need not say that we heartily wish petitioners every success. As businessmen we suffer in common with others, and even to a greater degree the inconvenience of not having a post office. We venture to say that we may search Canada through, and we shall not find any village doing the extensive business that is done here, minus a post office, but as we shall at an early date return to this subject, we will in this issue urge all who are interested in the prayer of the petitioners to sign at once. The petition can be seen at every store in the village and also at this office."

September 13 the *Examiner* reported:

"The post office committee has received a communication from the Post Office Department, stating that the Postmaster General will take the petition which has been forwarded praying that a post office be established in this place under his consideration, but adds that in the event of the establishment of an office, another name than Browntown must be selected."

In the September 20 issue a letter from a person from Newmarket who signed only with an "M" suggested: "It may be considered presumptuous on the part of a non-resident to advise or interfere in so important a matter as the christening of your village; and the only excuse I can offer for intruding my opinion is that I have been a resident, and still feel a great interest in everything pertaining to the village. It appears that in the event of obtaining the post office some other name than Brownsville or Browntown must be selected, and the question is what can be hit upon, while perpetuating the name of your oldest settler, will not clash with any other post office in Canada West.

"Some 18 months since the question of a post office was canvassed, and the same difficulty arose, a name. I then suggested Brownsley, and now when the subject has again arisen, with more likelihood of being practically carried out, I do not see that a designation more beautiful and appropriate can be found, for whilst the name of Brown is retained, there is connected with lea, or ley, a pasture or meadow, suggestive, quietude, beauty, and everything calculated to render it particularly applicable to Brownsville."

However, no more was mentioned about the proposed post office until February 14, 1862, when this appeared in the Examiner: "We would remind all who are interested in having a post office in Brownsville that the present contract expires on the 1st of April next, and therefore we ought to be doing. We know from his own lips the defeated post office candidate has used his influence against the village getting a post office and will continue to do so, but one person's spitefulness should not prevent us from getting it, and we must at once see to it, and we can get it if we go the right way about it. Let us act at once."

Apparently rival merchant James Ross had tried to get the appointment, instead of Hughes, for in the February 21 issue he wrote, in a letter to the editor. "I notice in your issue of the 14th inst. a short article

which I apprehend that I am alluded to. If any of my retorts have been construed into a declaration to thwart the efforts put forth to get a post office in this village, I will simply affirm the construction to be erroneous."

Right below appeared a letter from S. E. Horne: "In reply to Mr. Ross's communication I would state that I was present at an interview you had with that gentleman, and I positively assert that he did say "he had an influence, had used that influence, and would use it so that we should not get the post office."

On March 7 the Examiner gave another reason for not yet getting a post office. "It is to be feared," it said, "that the absence of the post office is to be accounted for on no other grounds than the selfishness and misrepresentations of postmasters in neighboring villages, where not a tithe of the business is done, as is done in Brownsville."

Finally, on May 23, the Examiner proudly announced:

"We feel very great pleasure in announcing to the inhabitants of this village that at length we have got a post office established, it is a regular daily office. For years many have been striving to get one. About nine months since we strove by petition to awaken the authorities to a sense of the inconvenience under which the merchants and others labored in having to go to Lloydtown for the letters, although we must say that a better postmaster than A. Eastwood this province does not contain, still with the amount of business done here, we feel that it is a thing put right that we should have what we got.

"Forgetting the post office our sincere thanks are due to the esteemed member for South Simcoe T. R. Ferguson, M.P.P., for it is to him that we are indebted for this great boon. We are largely indebted to W. H. Manning of Bond Head for urging our claims on the above named M.P.P. as to the postmaster selected, we will only say that it is William Moore, one of our most extensive merchants and councilman for the ward, who will not fail of making a first class postmaster. The name of the post office is Schomberg, a name renowned in history as the hero who fell fighting so bravely at the Battle of the Boyne."

Schomberg post office did not open right away. The July 11 issue of the Examiner reprinted this note from J. Dewe, Post Office Inspector, Toronto, to Wm. Moore: "In

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# Rounding Up Squared Circles

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## OTTAWA SQUARED CIRCLE INDICIA

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January, 1963

The data which follows was compiled from a study of between three and four thousand different strikes in my own collection, from my examination of other collections and from information sent to me by many other collectors. This report covers the period from May 1893 until December 1897. After 1900 many new numbers appear above the date.

The Squared Circle "Device" was in continuous use at Ottawa from 1893 to 1897, during which period it would seem that no other cancelling device was used on regular mail, though certain mail from the House of Commons and from The Senate had special markings. The hammer was kept in remarkably fine condition throughout the unusually large number of strikes that are available, it is interesting to note how few signs of wear and damage appear on the hammer. It must be kept in mind that this was a Type I Hammer with thin lines, so that it could be very easily damaged if dropped or struck by any hard object. I know of no town where the strikes were as generally clear, well-inked and also well-centred as is the case with Ottawa.

The quantity of Ottawa squared circles available for study has made it possible to examine this town in considerable detail and to compare the results of my findings with those of other collectors.

Blank above the date was apparently used only on Sundays and the only exception I know is a copy in my own collection dated DE 26 94,—Boxing Day. It is quite possible that Boxing Day was a Post Office Holiday and that the usual Sunday staff handled the mail on that day. All the Blanks in my own collection and all that I have seen elsewhere are dated in 1893 (with the one exception mentioned above). An examination of over 150 Sunday dates shows the following distribution of numbers above the date:-

Blank	2%
1	0%
2	6%
3	8%
4	3%
5	20%
6	27%
7	32%
8	2%

The numbers used above the date run from # 1 to # 8 and I believe these cover three hour periods starting midnight to 3 a.m. and continuing through the 24 hour period. The frequency of use of the different numbers as shown in the following table would seem to confirm this belief.

The record by years is as follows:-

Year	PERCENTAGES							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1893	1	8	21	20	20	28	2	0
1894	1	9	17	17	17	35	4	0
1895	1	10	12	9	25	23	18	2
1896	1	7	11	12	23	10	31	5
1897	1	6	9	9	26	17	28	4
Total								
Percent.	1	8	14	13	22	23	17	2

#1 and Blank combined would show an average occurrence of just under 1% but for even figures in this table I have shown the figure as 1% for #1.

It is interesting to note that # 3 & 4 totalled 41% of the total in 1893 and that this had dropped to 18% by 1897. Also note the frequency of use for # 7 in 1896 and 1897. Possibly this may indicate an increased mail clearance to go out on the late night train.

I assume that it is possible to get a complete set of all numbers from 1 to 8 for the same date. I have not seen or heard of such a set, but I have one set of seven for the same day, several sets of six and dozens of sets of five. Even on Sunday dates, sets of three or four are not unusual.

I have Ottawa #9 above the date in December 1897 but I believe this is actually #6 inverted as there is no record of #9 being used at such an early date.

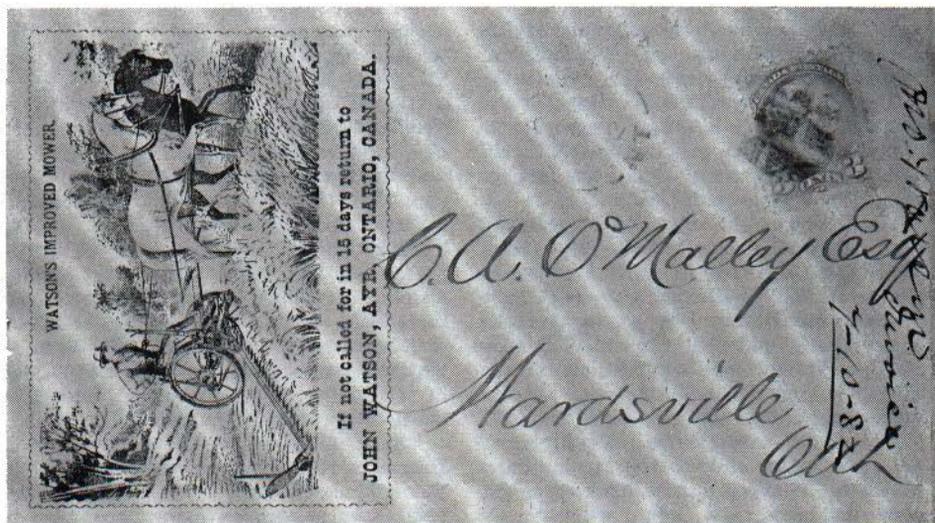
# Farm Implement Covers

By Kenneth C. Vizzard



John Watson of Ayr, Ontario produced many fine farm implement covers. I am showing a set of three from 1882 which shows the flair which John Watson

had for advertising his products. On the back of another envelope, it is entirely taken up with the wonderful "Hummingbird Mower"; Watson's Lion Reaper; Wat-



son's No. 40 Plow taking up more than half of a letter head, another letter head showing gold medals won in France 1878, Guelph 1879, Australia 1878, Toronto 1878, Buffalo 1879, more than half of the letter head taken up with these and printed in gold, also several envelopes with half of front printed in gold. His statements or bill heads were very elaborate including some printed in gold.

In 1880 the Lion Reaper sold for \$110.00, Hummingbird Mower was \$80.00,

Lion Hay Rake \$28.00. If John could see the combine that sells for \$8,000.00 today.

I believe these covers from Ayr, Ontario have a special appeal to me. I have been in this town only once when passing through, however, when John Watson was getting nicely under way with his farm implement manufacturing, on May 12th, 1868, a baby girl Louisa Corbett, was born there, some 28 years later she had a son Kenneth Corbett Vizzard.



## Postal Stationery Panorama

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Usually, at this time of year, we devote some space to our impressions of the recent convention. Unfortunately, this time we were forced to cancel our plans to attend at the very last moment. We apologize to those of you who expected to see us there, and thank those of you who took over our duties with the Postal Stationery Group. We find it a real bore when making a living interferes with the pursuit of our hobby.

### A Patriotic Padpost

Although our envelope padpost collection is mightily meager in comparison with our pictorial advertising on postal cards group, items like the envelope in Figure 1 make



Fig. 1

this small collection one of our favorite sidelines. The involute flag is in full color, an excellent example of the printer's art.

The envelope shown is Holmes #1013, but we know that the E. B. Eddy Company used this same, or a similar format on at least one other envelope. Unfortunately, when we saw it a number of years ago, we did not make a note of it and will have to depend on our readers to fill in this information.

### A Crooked Squared Circle

George Appgar, past president of the Ithaca Philatelic Society—but still an infidel who has not yet seen the light of B.N.A.—but yet not completely unenlightened as he does collect U.S. postal stationery, is the proud owner of the postal card pictured in Figure 2. When he told me he had a Canadian squared circle on a U.S. card, I was in great hopes that it would be a legitimate reply half of an international reply card. Unfortunately, as you can see, it is the ordinary domestic postal card of the 1890's, and therefore indicates that the stamp collector from Port Hope, Mr. Joseph Hooper, probably had a friend in the post office who allowed the card to go through as a favor. Mr. Bingham, the recipient of the card, was also a collector, as indicated by the message on the card.



Fig. 2

For those of you who are not familiar with international reply cards, perhaps an explanation is in order. To prepay a reply from a correspondent in a foreign country, one may send an international reply card—either a private one with stamps attached—or a postal card. The card must be inscribed 'Universal Postal Union—Postal Card' in both the language of the country of origin and in French, the official language of the U.P.U. The correspondent writes his message on the reply section and takes both halves, unsevered, to his post office where he shows the postmaster that a reply has been requested by the sender. Then the message half is torn off and the reply half can go through the mails. In this man-

ner, it would be possible to have cards from any one country cancelled in every other member country of the U.P.U.

### Official Envelopes

One of the big headaches facing future cataloguers of postal stationery will be the job of classifying and listing official postal stationery. In fact, I would hate to have to give a definition of what official stationery is. Is it stationery used only by the National Government agencies or could it be that used by Provincial or even city agencies?

I think that everyone would agree that if a piece of stationery has O.H.M.S. printed on its face (except in the case of Hechler's private works), it would have to be classified as official. Figure 3 shows such an envelope. It is a Holmes Size F, centerseam envelope of medium brown manilla paper. It is inscribed in the upper left corner as Form 2272, issued 5-46.

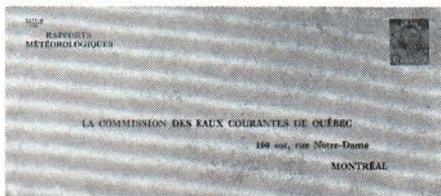


Fig. 3

However, can we say that the absence of O.H.M.S. would indicate that the item is not official, but must be relegated to the commercial or printed-to-private-order group? Figure 4 shows an envelope almost identical to the one in Figure 3. It is form 2271-4, issued 8-42.—The same stamp, the same manilla centerseam envelope, also a Meteorological report. Is the Commission of Water Currents of Quebec as official a group as is the Department of Transport, Air Services? Does the O.H.M.S. in this case make any difference?

The problem is where to draw the line and how to make it stick in the minds of most collectors. In a future column, we will discuss the same problem in regard to postal cards—which are even more complicated.

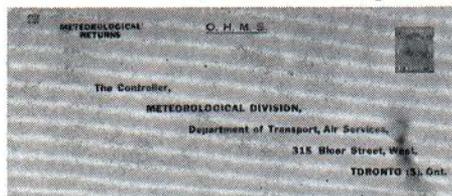


Fig. 4

# Perfin Study Group

CHAIRMAN: R. J. WOOLLEY, 1520 Bathurst St., Toronto

One of the many pleasures enjoyed by your scribe over the twelve years spent in researching Canadian Perfins has been a happy association with members of The Perfins Club who have been particularly helpful in identifying perforated Canadian stamps used by companies located in the U.S.A. The interests of The Perfins Club are world wide with particular emphasis of course in the perforated initials found on the stamps of the U.S.A. As an indication of their wider interests, their members have bought fifty copies of our revised handbook since publication two years ago. Should any of our group have an interest in perfins other than those of Canada, membership in this club is recommended and application should be made to their secretary, Mr. D. C. Stump of 170 Steeplechase Road, Devon, Penna.

With the kind assistance of their catalogue chairman, Mr. K. F. Lougee, we have been able to identify a few more company names, correct some others and in other cases have been able to add the City or origin.

Below is the corrected line under the "name of user" column for those who wish to bring their handbooks up-to-date.

- A 3 AHI—.....U.S.A. ....
- A 7 ATF/Co—American Type Founders  
Boston, Mass.
- B 1 B(star)—Burroughs Adding Machine  
Co. Detroit, Mich.
- B 2 BC/Co—J. T. Baker Chemical Co.  
Phillipsburg, N. J.
- B 7 BM/C—The Borden Co. New York,  
N.Y.
- B 9 BR—Babson's Report, Wellesley Hills,  
Mass.
- C30 CTC(o)—Caterpillar Tractor Co.,  
Peoria, Ill.
- C31 CUD/AHY—Cudahy Packing Co.,  
Chicago, Ill.
- C32 CWS/LTD—Cunard White Star Ltd.

- New York, N.Y.
- D 6 DU/PONT—E. I. Dupont de Nemours  
Co. Wilmington, Del.
- D 7 DXN—Jos. Dixon Crucible Steel Co.  
Jersey City, N.J.
- E 5 EHF—E. F. Houghton Co., Philadel-  
phia, Penna.
- F 2 FD(Sq)—Fidelity & Deposit Ins. Co.  
Baltimore, Maryland.
- G 9 GRAY—Gray Motor Co., Detroit,  
Mich.
- I 2 IHC—International Harvester Co.,  
Chicago, Ill.
- J 8 JR/C—Jewett Refrigerator Co., Buf-  
alo, N.Y.
- L 3 LM/MCo—Lanston Monotype Ma-  
chine Co. Philadelphia, Penna.
- L 5 LVC/Co—Lehigh Valley Coal Co.  
Wilkesbarre, Penna. & N.Y.C.
- M14 MP(shld)—M. Phillipsborn Co. Chi-  
cago, Ill.
- M22 MTM—Mary T. Goldman Co., St.  
Paul, Minn.
- N 7 NTC—National Tube Co. Pittsburg,  
Penna.
- N 8 NYC—New York Central Railroad,  
New York, N.Y.
- N 9 NLY—New York Life Ins. Co. New  
York, N.Y.
- P12 PW—..... San Francisco, Cal.
- R 3 R/McN—Rand McNally Co. Chicago,  
Ill.
- R 8 RT&/SCo—..... U.S.A.
- S 7 SD—Stevens Davis Co. Chicago, Ill.
- S15 SP—Southern Pacific R.R. Co. San  
Francisco, Cal.
- T 7 TSC—..... U.S.A.
- U 2 USL—U.S.L. Battery Corp., Niagara  
Falls, N.Y.
- V 1 V—Vitaphone Corp., Brooklyn, N.Y.
- W 1 WAB—W. Attlee Burpee Seed Co.,  
Philadelphia, Penna & Clinton, Iowa.
- W10 WP/&/YR—White Pass & Yukon  
Route, White Horse Y.T. & Skagway,  
Alaska.

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# Canada's Semi-Official Airmails

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

You will recall that an earlier column posed Question No. 6 pertaining to the 1918 Aero Club of Canada issue as follows: "The stamps are normally referred to as the issue of August 26, 1918, but since this appears to be the actual date of the first flight it seems that they may have been issued somewhat earlier to permit their sale prior to the day of the flight".

I have now received a letter from Ernest F. Schiewick Smith of Hudson Heights, Quebec in which he quotes from an original enclosure found in his flown cover of this flight, the envelope being postmarked Ottawa, August 25, 1918 and addressed to Guelph, Ontario.

August 24, 1918

Dear Father;

"I was fortunate in being able to secure one of the first 'Aerial Mail' stamps sold here, and as I thought you would like to have one for your collection, I am writing to you and placing the stamp on the back of the envelope as instructed by the Post Office Authorities. The stamp will be cancelled by the Post Office and the date of cancellation will make the stamp more valuable. This letter will go as far as Toronto by the Air Route and will be sent on to you from there by rail. This will be the first regular mail from Ottawa carried by airplane."

This certainly indicates that the stamps were available for sale at least as early as August 24 and probably a day or two earlier. Any further information would be most welcome.

I have also had the pleasure of a letter from H. L. Banner of Vancouver whose recent scholarly articles on the Yukon Airways have been of such great value to students of the Semi-Official Airmails. Mr. Banner enclosed a copy of what would appear to be a contemporary letter from an official of the Laurentide Air Service regarding the dates of issue and quantities of their stamps.

From the information contained in this letter we can answer Question No. 23 pertaining to the quantity of the first issue — 25 booklets of 8 were issued for a total of 200 stamps. The quantities of the other

issues are also given officially and coincide in all respects with those shown by Holmes.

The letter also confirms the fact that there were two separate issues of the green stamp tabbed at the top, 165 books of 8 on September 5 with the back cover blank and 300 books on September 9 with the back cover imprinted, both described as "green". This would tend to confirm my theory that these two issues cannot really be told apart by color alone once removed from the booklets, but I would certainly appreciate further comment in this regard.

## The Estevan-Winnipeg Flight

An attempt was made on October 1, 1924 to fly mail from Estevan, Saskatchewan to Winnipeg, Manitoba but the plane was forced down at Bienfait, Saskatchewan, some 14 miles from Estevan, and the mail was carried on to Winnipeg by rail.

A special stamp selling for \$1.00 was authorized for this flight, but its use was not required and many covers were carried without it. A special large-sized envelope was also prepared — I have seen the figure 2,000 as the number printed — the reverse devoted to advertising. All covers from this flight that I have ever seen are the special envelope but it would be interesting to know if there exists any exceptions to this.

The special stamp was issued imperforate in vertical pairs, the upper stamp showing a constant variety, a slightly greater than normal spacing between the letters "e" and "w" in the word "Saskatchewan". There seems to be general agreement that the total number issued was 1028 stamps.

Major varieties seem limited to 24 stamps with the inscription upside down and 4 stamps with the inscription omitted entirely. However, there was a mention in the November, 1958 issue of John Cornelius' unhappily defunct Newsletter to the effect that H. L. Banner believed that there might be two distinct shades of the stamp indicating two different printings. Further information in this regard would be appreciated.

Holmes does not venture an opinion in regard to the number of covers carried, but Morgan indicates "over 1,000", and further indicates 400 with the special stamp and 850 without. However, the Champion

Air Mail Catalog of 1925, almost a contemporary account, states that 1926 covers were carried of which 900 showed a special stamp. Since this latter figure would indicate only 128 unused copies remaining I am inclined to doubt it, but the figure for the total number of covers carried seems in line with available supplies.

There are a number of covers signed by the pilot, Flt. Lt. E. A. Alton and several catalogs also mention covers franked with U.S. stamps postmarked Wahepton, North Dakota, September 26, 1924.

Current realizations for this stamp include about \$8.00 for the single stamp unused and about the same on cover. An

unsevered pair, of which only 38 pairs are supposed to exist, brought \$32.00 in 1960, a pair with inscription upside down brought \$60.00 at the same time — both prices seem rather low.

Questions pertaining to this stamp are as follows:

32. How many covers were carried on this flight and how many of these were franked with the special stamp?
33. Are any covers known that are not the special envelope?
34. Is there any further information regard to the possibility of two identifiable printings of this stamp?

## Fortunes of Philately

by IAN PATERSON

It all started in the city of Saskatoon in October of 1961 when I was doing some research on a subject which had absolutely nothing to do with stamps (as a matter of fact, it was concerning archeology). In the process I approached an individual who might possibly have the information which was being sought; as it happened his records and files were "not up to snuff" because he was in the midst of moving. He felt the information was available but wasn't quite sure where to put his finger on it — however, he'd look in a couple of boxes. The first box was sterile (archeologically) but it did contain a bundle of envelopes. Any stamp collector would naturally express an interest and when asked if I'd like to look at them I accepted. The next question (as usual) was "did he want to part with them?" "No", he couldn't, because as yet he didn't have the clearance to dispose of them. Oh well, it was a good try.

Then in September of 1962 I was back in the same place, and much to my surprise he said, "Aren't you the chap who was interested in that bundle of envelopes" — "Why, yes," — whereupon he dug into a desk drawer and handed me the bundle. When asked the price, he parried with "What are they worth to you?" In all honesty I had to admit I didn't know, and truthfully said that the stamps (1c and 3c

small queens) were very common and certainly not expensive. He suggested 10c each; there were 65 covers — total cost \$6.50, which sounded reasonable so I accepted. (At this time I was completely ignorant regarding the value of Territorial covers, and \$6.50 was expendable if I happened to be purchasing a "pig in a poke".)

All covers were postmarked Moosomin; and included 1c drop letter rates; 3c rates; single rate plus 5c registration and double rate plus 5c registration. And for the information of those interested in Territorial cancels the types were as follows (1) broken circle Moosomin N.W.T. (2) as before in blue (3) Moosomin, Assa, C.D.S.

I was not aware of my good fortune until I showed the lot to Carl Anderson (a long-time member of BNAPS) whose offer for five covers was more than my original outlay. After the collectors in Edmonton were finished the stock was depleted; and although some of these covers have since realized nice prices at auction, I don't feel "done out", for after all the thrill of the find was mine. Such are the fortunes of Philately — and again proves that "stamps is where you find them", even in boxes which are sterile (archeologically).

There is only one regret — why couldn't these have been Edmonton rather than Moosomin covers.

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of circulation and buy it for the collection to go with the block of the 5c brown seal, Scott #25, that we bought at BNAPEX '62 at the Alpine in the Laurentians. Only time will tell whether or not we are successful.

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The FPO presumably was operated by members of No. 1 Detachment, Canadian Postal Corps which had just been officially formed.

Yours very truly,  
R. H. WEBB

Dear Sir;

The cuts of the Goderich camp post card turned out very well indeed. However in the write up which I must admit was done in a hurry I gave the impression that this cancellation was not known.

It is of course listed in Col. Webb's listings which appeared in The Canadian Philatelist Vol. 10, No. 6. However I sent the Card to Col. Webb and apparently he had not previously seen other than a proof of the strike. So its use is a new find.

A few days ago I had a Post Card from Frank Campbell of Royal Oak, that wonderful man who has done so much for early Canadian Post Offices and it reads in part, 'Goderich Militia Camp article brings back memories. I was there with the 21 Essex Regiment in 1903 (or 1904) Camped on Fairgrounds, and we threw watermelon rinds in weed and had to pick 'em all up before the next meal. Fine rifle range on lake beach where I learned to shoot .303 Enfield which later was my specialty as a sharpshooter in Europe'.

Frank Campbell may not have the cancellation but he has given me more information about the Camp than anyone else. With the 21st Essex Regiment lead maybe some of the Windsor members could look

further into this and see if more can be added.

BILL RORKE

Dear Mr. Young,

Unfortunately the name of Dr. Alfred Whitehead was omitted from the list of Canadian Fellows of the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain in the account of that Society's meeting at the recent R.P.-S.C. Convention at Niagara Falls which I sent you and which you kindly published in B.N.A. Topics.

Could you make a suitable correction in your next issue. I have of course written to Dr. Whitehead apologizing for this unfortunate omission.

Kindest Regards,  
Yours very sincerely,  
A. H. CHRISTENSEN

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answer to yours of the 8th inst. I beg to say that the post office at Schomberg will be opened on the 1st next."

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