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THE *Editor's* MAILBAG

Dear Sir,

Mr. Dodson's inquiry about dates on recent Canadian stamps sent me scurrying with glass in hand to the album. Like him I found no dates on the current regulars, and none on the Countrywomen stamp, BUT: the Highways and the 15c Goose are dated. See the lower wing of the goose far left for the date 1962, and the second shield from the left, bottom row, on the Highway stamp, for the date 1962. The goose date is particularly hard to decipher, possibly 1963 but it is there.

I might add that there appear to be no dates on the abominable new postal stationery either.

As for dates not matching dates of issue: the PO seems of late to have been a little confused about when a stamp will appear. First announcements and final issue dates for the \$1 stamp, for example, are amusing to say the least. Perhaps the Highway stamp was prepared for an expected opening of the road which did not occur on schedule. It seems to me I read of postponements due to failure to complete the highway.

Yours truly,

John P. Grace
BNAPS 1732

Dear Sir:

I would like to bring to your attention one instance of how philately is being used as an advertising medium. One of our large drug firms in Canada has been sending out to physicians periodic mailings of product information enclosed in, of all things, first day covers! I am sending you one with this note so you may see for yourself the "well-done" cover with first-day cancelled stamp and the company's name on the back flap. I do not know whether the company went to the trouble of finding out which of the physicians on their mailing list were philatelists or whether they send these to all M.D.'s but in any event it seems a good way to catch the eye of the one opening the mail, as quite a few

of these mailings from drug firms quickly find their way to the waste-basket. Now when I receive one of these I put it away, even though I do not collect F.D.C.'s as it seemed almost a sacrilege to me to throw out anything philatelic in nature.

Sincerely

Edward A. Mercantini M.D.
BNAPS #1636

Sir:

The other day I came across the following postage stamps that I cannot seem to find listed in Holmes. Could you help me?

Excise Stamps

FEX 9 40c light blue or slate blue in colour.

War Tax

FWT 11 .04c light blue or slate blue in colour.

Newfoundland

1938 Royal Family 246. .03c. The "A" in land is distinctly broken.

Sincerely Yours

J. J. SCHLOSSER
BNAPS 1902

Dear Mr. Young:

I thought that possibly the 2 enclosed covers might be of interest to the readers of BNA Topics, tho the Hawaii one only in a collateral way. I have quite a few Hawaii squared circle cancels and 2 covers which very possibly are the only ones so far known.





Very truly yours,
ALAN W. WOLFF
BNAPS 1763

Dear Mr. Young:

Recently a friend showed me a cover which I have been unable to identify, and I wonder whether any reader of *BNA Topics* can help me with its cancellation.



MARITIME
MAIL

I sent Dr. Whitehead the PEI cover with a request for information on it, but it was entirely new to him. I know nothing about the origin of the label, but still think of it enough interest, that further publicity might turn up the story behind it.

Hope you will find either or both of these of enough interest to illustrate.

Best wishes on your excellent work on the magazine.

In the area of the stamp and cancellation this cover carries the simple wording, in red, as follows:

There is no date or other postmark. The writer's name is on the back, and address gives at base S.S. Tantara.

Is this a Canadian cover, and what are the details concerning it?

With best regards,
Wally L. Gutzman

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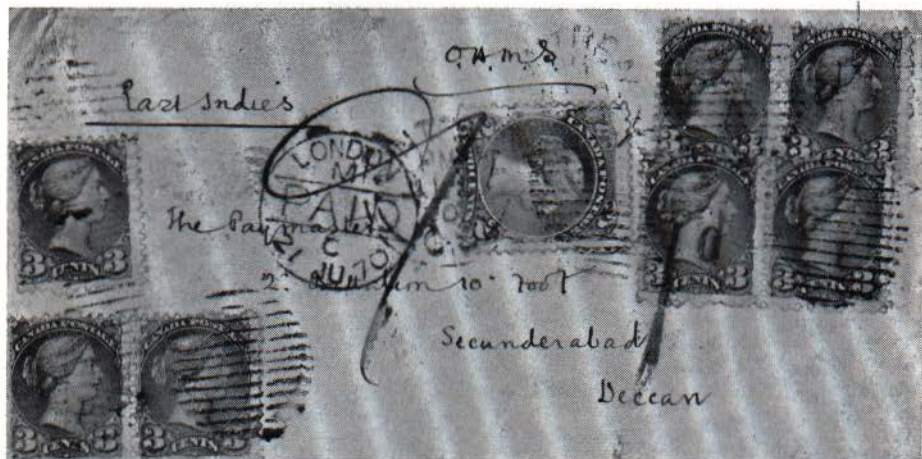
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The President's Page

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



A pair of 3c indian red small queens tied on an 1870 letter with a fancy leaf cancel.



Seven 3c indian red small queens and a 2c large queen paying the 23c postage rate to Deccan, East Indies.

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DIES OF KING EDWARD VII ISSUE

by Eldon A. Behr

The use of more than one die for the production of the same design of a stamp series, making allowance for denomination differences, is of common occurrence with the stamps of Canada. This situation is found, for example, in the case of the first King George V issue (see Boggs) of 1912-

26 where different dies were used to produce the 1c, 2c, and 3c. There are quite minor in difference and not listed in Scott, Holmes, or Gibbons. Die differences are again encountered in the 1930-31 "Maple Leaf" issue on the 1c and 2c values. Then with the last King George V issue we note



Fig. 1—All values of series, left column top to bottom: 10c, 20c, 50c; right column top to bottom: 1c, 2c, 5c, 7c.

die differences on the 3c.

In the instance of the King Edward VII issue the die variations occur in a different pattern. Two different dies were not used to produce the same values as in the cases just described. The same die was not used to produce all the values of the set. This may sound involved, but we hope the explanation that follows will make this clearer.

At first glance all values of this series appear to have exactly the same design except for the numerals and lettering of value. All of the stamps of the series can be compared as far as the upper half is concerned by referring to figure 1. There are, however, distinct differences in the design of the 20c and 50c compared to the other denominations of the series.

If all parts of the design of the 1c, 2c, 5, 7c, and 10c are compared, the only differences, with one minor exception, that can be found will be in the numerals of value and the lettered denominations. Not so with the 20c and 50c. The most obvious differences are found in the lettering of CANADA POSTAGE on the 20c. Please refer to figure 2. It will be seen that the letters ST on the 20c are directly under the right crown while on the other values STA are under the center of the crown with T being directly under the center of the crown. Also note the letter G. On the 20c the bar protrudes well beyond the curved part. On the other values it is flush with the outer curve. The O of Postage on the 20c is much flattened while it is almost circular on the 10c and other values. Finally, the letters on the 20c



Fig. 2—Comparison of lettering of CANADA POSTAGE on 20c and other values representative of the 1c-10c group.

are all extended so that the C of CANADA is on a horizontal line with the King's nose, but is on a line with his eyes on the other values. There are many other differences, but instead of describing all of them in this text a table is used to facilitate comparison.

Now what about the 50c. The most ob-

vious difference between the design of this stamp and the others of the set is in the upper left crown. It is wider and has a "flatter" more horizontal appearance. This can be seen on figure 3. There are other differences in the crowns such as 5 jewels on each side of the cross along the top of the arch. On other values there are 4



Fig. 3—Width and details of crown on 50c and other values.

jewels on the right side of the cross but they are indistinct on the left side.

Other differences are shown in table 1 and the accompanying enlarged photographs of portions of the stamps.

Table 1. Comparison of differences in design of King Edward VII issue stamps
Detail and Location

Lettering CANADA POSTAGE			
1c-10c	20c	50c	Refer to Figure
STA under right crown G has flush bar	ST under right crown G with cross bar	Like 1-10c except let- ters are thinner	2&4
Four jewels on right arch. Jewels indistinct on left arch. Narrower overall.	Crown, upper left Four jewels on right and left arches. Width as on 1-10c	Five jewels on right and left arches. Wider overall	3
Narrower	Value boxes Wider	As on 1-10c	5
Three distinct veins. Barely project beyond inner frameline or cut off by it (5c, 7c).	Maple leaves, lower right One vein. Does not touch right verti- cal inner frame.	Three veins Nearly touches outer frame line.	5 6
Cut off by vertical line (5c) or protrudes beyond vertical frame line (1, 2, 7, 10c). No horizontal lines to left of leaf above box. Three veins.	Maple leaves, lower right Well clear of vertical inner frame. Horiz. lines to left. One vein	Nearly touches heavy outer frame line. No lines to left Three Heavy veins	7&8



Fig. 4—Thickness and form of letters on 50c and other values. Note especially the “thin” appearance of G on the 50c.



Fig. 5—Location of leaves on top of right value box with respect to inner and outer vertical frame lines. Veins in leaves. Width of value boxes.

If one considers all these details listed in table 1, what can be concluded as to the dies used for printing these stamps?

First, it should be mentioned that no differences can be seen in the engraving of the portrait on any of the series. It is the same on all the stamps, 1c through 50c. Since there are three distinct borders, as shown by similarities and differences in table 1, there must have been four dies used to print these stamps. One for the vignette, common to all. A second, master frame die for the 1c, 2c, 5c, 7c, and 10c which had the value boxes and lower oval left blank so it could be lettered for the individual denominations. From this master die were made five individual frame dies, numbered and lettered appropriately. Third and fourth frame dies were made for the 20c and 50c stamps. These were not made from the master. It may appear that the 5c might also have had a separate frame die because the maple leaves at the sides are somewhat different than on the other values below 20c. This difference, though, appears to be due to plate wear, as the leaf outline is a very thin line. On the 7c the leaf appears to stop at the inner vertical frame, but close examination reveals that

the leaf point actually extends beyond the frame line with the vertical line cutting through the leaf. There is also a scratch just inside the frame line on the 5 and 7c. These details could also be due to retouching. No die proofs were available to check this.

Thus we really have three different designs in this series, not one design as might be gathered from the catalogues. However, as near as can be told, only one set of dies was used to print each stamp. In this respect the die differences observed for the King Edward VII issue are found in comparing denominations. With other series mentioned at the beginning of this article two different dies (or sets) were used to print the same value. This article is based on the examination of only a nominal number of stamps and photographs. It is conceivable that two different dies (or sets of dies) might also have been used on the 20c and 50c, but only access to a large number of stamps of these denominations would reveal this.

Why was it necessary to have so many dies for such a short series? We can only speculate. The 20c and 50c were issued one to five years after the other stamps of the group. The original master frame die

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Fig. 6—Comparison of right leaves above value boxes on 7c and 20c.

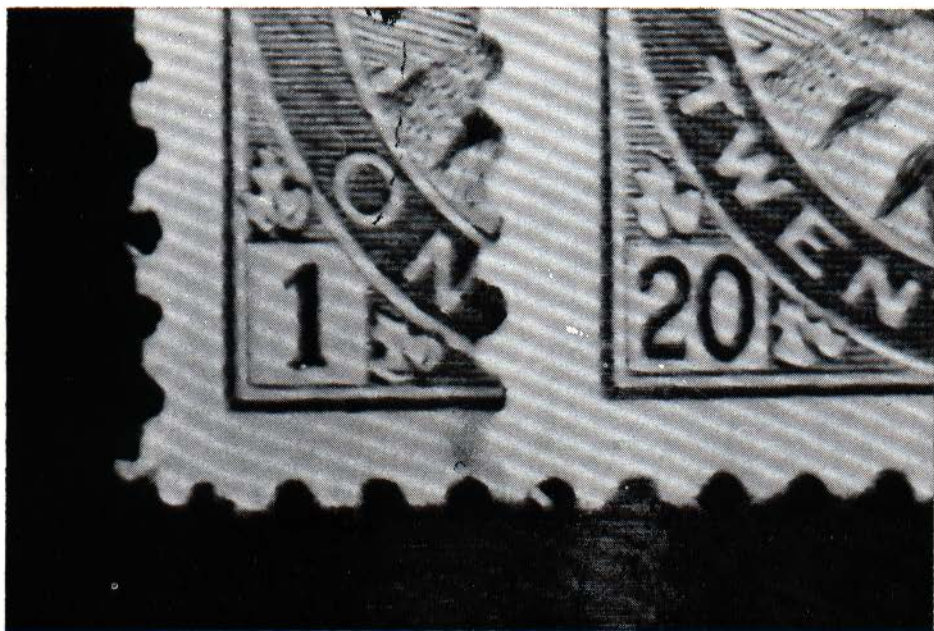


Fig. 7—Left value boxes and leaves on 1c and 20c

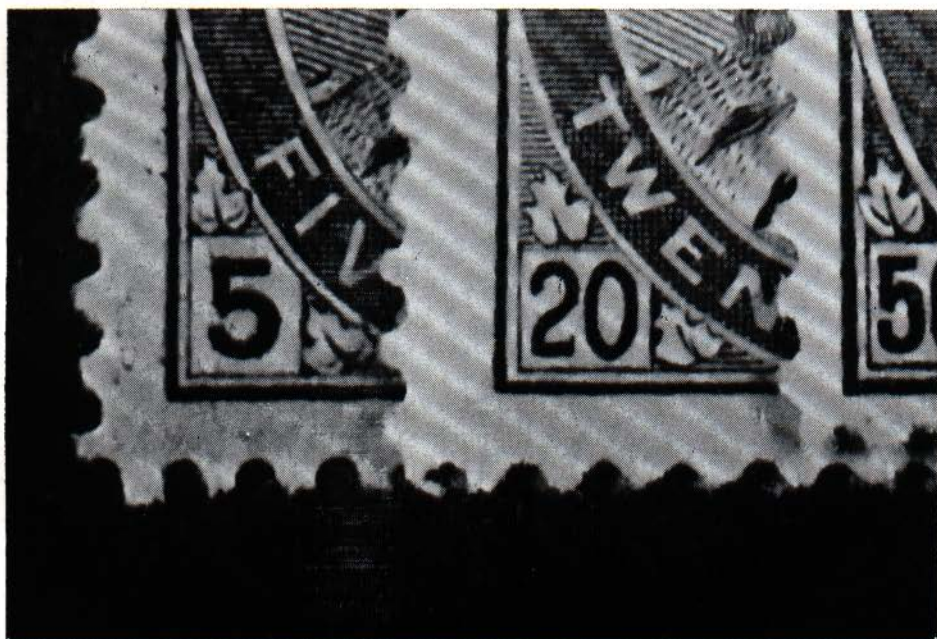


Fig. 8—Left value boxes showing clipped appearance of leaf on 5c, lines to left of 20c leaf, and protrusion of leaf on 50c almost touching vertical outer line.

Trail of the Caribou

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

We know that Bob Pratt, BNAPS #1982, Milwaukee, Wis., won't like us for saying it but nevertheless it is true and if we can't buy stamps we will buy proofs. Our latest acquisition has set us to thinking however that there may be more of a certain variety than we had thought existed. We are referring to the perforated gummed proofs with quadrille lines across the face of the stamp, Scott #32. I daresay that we have about a dozen trial color proofs of this stamp in the imperforate condition on India paper and knew of the existence of the above mentioned gummed perforated proof in 2 shades of violet, a red orange, green and blue but always in color approximating those of the trial color proofs. Well the other day we bought three gummed perforated proofs in violet (a duplicate), red orange and wonder of wonders, in brown. So we have now come to the conclusion that most likely all of the trial color imperforate plate proofs also exist in the gummed perforate condition with quadrille lines. Do you agree Bob?

On Oct. 5, 1963 at a Robson Lowe sale in London a mint copy of the 3c, Scott #246, in the very scarce line perforate condition sold for \$61.60, a most handsome realization as our bid was quite a distance below that so that we know we weren't even a close second. In the same sale a mint copy of the 7c Coronation, Scott #235, in the comb perforation realized \$32.20.

We should have known better as Dr. Willan, BNAPS #568, Lancashire, England, gave us the first inkling in June 1959, through the medium of his article on early Newfoundland postmarks in "MAPLE LEAVES", but we evidently ignored though it was evidently stored back in a corner of our brain as we knew right where to go when we wanted to check the information. We had always believed that the quartered corks and the various leaf types were individual cork or wood cancels, but we now know better. At BNAPEX '63 held at Williamsburgh, Va, Jim Culhane, BNAPS #280, Norristown, Pa., showed a cover of the 5c black seal that clearly showed evi-

dence of a metal ring with the inscription "ST. JOHNS NEWFOUNDLAND" around a quartered or barred cork or wood cancel. This type of cancel is illustrated by Dr. Willan as his type 14, 15 or 16 on page 261 of the June 1959 issue of *Maple Leaves*. Then on Oct. 19th Bill Pollitz, BNAPS #763, Boston, Mass., had a sale that contained a used example of the 2c postcard of 1879. This used card is scarce enough but when you add to it the fact that it was cancelled with a very nice leaf cancel, you enhance it's value. Evidently Harry Lussey, BNAPS #167, New Milford, N.J., thought so too because he had the advantage of being present at the auction and took the lot away from me. What was most interesting about this cancel is that about the outside of the leaf were rather definite impressions of the word "ST. JOHNS NEWFOUNDLAND" which proved quite conclusively that like the previously mentioned cancel this one too had been set in a metal ring. Sure enough reference to Dr. Willan's article showed that it might be anyone of his types 17 to 23. It was all there for me all these years but I had to see it to believe it.

I think it is time that I said something against the growing practise of auction houses to put reserves on the material that they are selling without letting the bidder know beforehand. I can remember the day not so long ago when all auctions were unreserved and went to the highest bidder and I can make a promise that I'm through bidding at auctions that do not state that all items will be **sold** to the highest bidder. If there is to be a reserve I want to know it and I would much rather buy it directly from the seller at what he considers his reserved price if I think it worth it rather than get mixed up in a fictitious auction that is truly not an auction. No sir, I've had my fill at this type of dealing and from now on I'll bid at what I call legitimate auctions or not at all. This is one boy that is going to start reading the fine print under the conditions under which it is being conducted.

Canada's Semi-Official Airmails

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

I have recently purchased a copy of the new 10th Edition of the Holmes Catalogue and naturally turned first to the Semi-Official Airmail Section to see what changes and additions had been incorporated — being of the opinion that quite a few were needed. I find that there are a total of 334 pricings in the section covering Pioneer Air Stamps and Semi-Official Airmails (pages 192-216) and of these only 12 (approximately one third of one percent) have been changed.

I find it rather difficult to believe that the S.O.A. field has remained so very static over the four year period since the 9th Edition was published, nor can I accept the few changes that were made without some argument. For example the London to London issue, PA5, has been increased from \$2500 to \$3500 yet it is well known that an example of this issue realized \$5250 at the Matthews sale in October of 1960.

However, my greatest disappointment lies in the fact that the 9th Edition contained several completely ridiculous errors in the pricing of multiples (complete sheets, etc.) which I assumed to be typographical errors that would be among the first items adjusted in any subsequent printing. These involved pricing complete sheets at less than their value as singles, yet not one of these obvious errors has been corrected and indeed a few more have been added as the result of increasing the price of the single without any adjustment for the multiple (for example, S-028).

For a catalogue that describes itself as "Long recognized and quoted as *the authority* on Canadian stamps . . ." the result is somewhat shabby. It should be pointed out however for the benefit of those who, like myself, hold the Sissons name in great respect that Mr. Sissons has informed me that he had no responsibility whatsoever for the pricing of the Semi-Official Airmail section of this Edition. It is also noteworthy that the names of the distinguished Airmail Co-editors which appeared in the 9th Edition are missing from the 10th.

Northern Air Service Ltd.

This company would appear to be the

successor to Laurentide Air Service since it operated over essentially the same route (Haileybury, Ont. to Rouyn, Que.) beginning in the spring of 1925 shortly after the last known Laurentide flights. It does not appear to have remained in business for more than a few months and neither its unused remainders nor its flown covers (other than first day flights) are easy to come by.

All catalogues agree in listing an issue of 4000 stamps printed in sheets of 20 (5 x 4) with the upper two rows of five stamps *tete-beche* to the lower two rows. Thus a sheet of 20 can contain a maximum of five pairs *tete-beche* vertically. The latest Holmes has raised the value of a single stamp from \$7.50 to \$10.00 but has neglected to make a proportionate increase in the price of a *tete-beche* pair which certainly is entitled to a premium over the price of two singles.

A minor variety of the stamp is created by the appearance of a small blue dot about 1mm. to the left center of the monogram NAS in the white winged circle in the center of the stamp. I have heard it said that this variety appears five times in each sheet of 20 but I have not been able to determine their position in the sheet. I have one copy of this variety with a straight edge at the top, indicating that it came from one of the outside rows. The variety does not appear on any of the four stamps of my *tete-beche* block.

Although not listed in any catalogue today, Jarrett's B.N.A. Edition of 1929 lists the stamp as also having been issued in booklets of two leaves of four stamps each. I have never seen an example of these offered for sale and the only other confirmation I have of their existence is in a statement made by John Cornelius in the fourth issue of his late and much lamented Newsletter as follows, "Your editor has seen one pane of four of the Northern Air Service which was obviously from a booklet. The pane appeared to be definitely a complete pane but as to how many there were in the booklets, or how many booklets were printed, I have no idea."

The date of issue of the stamp would

appear to have been shortly prior to the commencement of regular service on June 27th, 1925. However, the company was in the area prior to that date and made an experimental flight over the route Haileybury Rouyn and return on May 18th, 1925. Eight covers were carried in each direction, without of course the as yet unissued stamp but with a special cachet identifying the flight. These are certainly among the scarcer flown covers in the Semi-Official field and the only copies that I have seen offered for sale were a pair (one from each direction) in the Marques of Bute auction in 1959. They realized \$150.00 the pair.

Regular service began with a round trip, Haileybury-Rouyn and return on June 27th, 1925. The pilot of this flight was B. W. Broatch and the number of covers carried is generally estimated at from 450-500 each way of which 400 each were signed by the pilot in connection with a three like cachet indicating the direction of the flight. The remaining 50-100 covers carried in each direction were unsigned and carry a one

line cachet reading simply "FIRST FLIGHT".

Although the company was authorized five flights per week, the number of covers available other than first day are very few and the company could not have remained in operation for any great length of time. The latest flight that I have seen was Haileybury-Rouyn on September 2nd, 1925.

Questions pertaining to this issue are as follows:

35. Can the number of the "variety with dot" per sheet be determined and are their positions in the sheet known?
36. Can any further information be given as to whether the booklets actually exist and if so in what form and what quantity were they issued and what was the date of issue.
37. Can the actual date of issue of the stamp be determined?
38. Can the length of time that the company operated be determined? What is the latest known date of a flown cover?

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Postal Service In Simcoe County In The Early Days

by MAX ROSENTHAL

When Francis Hawson, who had settled in Innisfil Township, south of Barrie, in the preceding decade, sent a letter to Peter Robinson, Commissioner of Crown Lands, York (Toronto) in 1833, there were as yet no post offices in Simcoe County, (except a way north at Penetanguishene) the nearest one being at Holland Landing, just across the Holland River boundary in York County (see Early York County Post Offices, BNA Topics, February 1963). In the Ontario Archives, the front of this letter bears a red manuscript postmark. Written in three lines joined by a bracket are "Hd Landing, 21 March 1833". Holland Landing post office had opened only two years previously and it was to be another two years before Barrie, Coldwater, Oro, and Orillia appeared.

In "Early Post Offices of the Lake Simcoe Region" (BNA Topics, January 1963) is mentioned the opening in the early 1860's of Steele post office in Oro Township. A member of the family after whom it was named, John Steele, wrote of earlier days than that in the Orillia Packet, April 9, 1897.

"I hardly remember in 1832 if there was a duly appointed postmaster at Coldwater, but I know we received our letters by some arrangement through Captain Anderson, the Indian Agent. A post office established in Medonte and Mr. Edmund Moon was appointed postmaster. It was called the Medonte post office, and it is at present the Moonstone post office. A man of the name of Thomas McCausland and his brother, David McCausland, were the carriers.

"One of them left Barrie on Monday morning and met the stage carrying the mail from Toronto, returning the night through Innisfil, serving the post office of which Benjamin Ross was the postmaster, arriving in Barrie about 9 a.m. starting from Barrie an hour later, he followed the Ridge Road, serving the post office kept by Mr. Ryall on the line leading from Hawkestone to East Oro, and arriving at Orillia on Tuesday evening. He started from

Orillia on Wednesday, and passed by our old homestead, where the carrier got his dinner for bringing our mail from Orillia. After dinner he proceeded to the Medonte post office.

"From Medonte post office the carrier proceeded on his way to Barrie, arriving on Thursday. On Friday he left Barrie on his way to Holland Landing, travelling the same route as on the Monday previous, and arriving at Barrie on Saturday evening. He then proceeded up the Penetanguishene Road and crossing from thence through Medonte to the Medonte post office he arrived at night again at our old homestead, bringing our letters from the Medonte office, the carrier getting his supper and breakfast and stabling for his horse. He started again on Sunday morning for Orillia, and from thence passed through Oro, calling at Mr. Ryall's post office, and so by the Ridge Road to Barrie, arriving on Sunday night.

"The round route from Barrie to Orillia and back on Tuesday and Wednesday the postman carried mail on his back and walked — but on the Saturday and Sunday from Barrie to Orillia and from Orillia to Barrie it was carried on horseback. The number of letters at that time must have been few."

At the Ontario Archives can be found a letter sent by Reverend Jonathan Scott, "Mission House, Narrows of Orillia" in 1837 to R. B. Sullivan, Commissioner of Crown Lands, Toronto. The name of the post office Orillia was not stamped or written on the front but it is stamped PAID, with 7 written right after this. A money letter from Thomas Dallas, Orillia to the Irish Relief Fund, Toronto, January 15, 1847, is already postmarked with a large double circle enclosing Orillia, U.C. in large letters, with the date written in. Referring to the potato famine which devastated Ireland then, Dallas wrote: "I beg to enclose £3 10 sh. in notes, and an order on Mr. Cameron for one pound, being balance of

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Rounding Up Squared Circles

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The **Third Edition of the Handbook** is finished at last and the MS is in the hands of the Committee. It was a big job, for it is entirely re-written and re-writing is a far more difficult task than preparing a first edition. This may prove to be the final, definitive edition.

There is much new information and the greatest care has been taken to see that it is correct. Not only the old guard has been alert and able in research, but many newcomers have sent in new, and in some cases surprising, information, all of which, when thoroughly checked, has been incorporated in the revised book. The chapter on indicia is greatly expanded. Not all indicia varieties reported have been listed. In order to avoid a cumbersome book many minor trivial varieties from the smaller offices are not chronicled, even when rarities are concerned. It's a different story with the big offices, for where discipline is more rigorous, such things, even minutiae, have real importance. A section of this chapter deals with **Corrected** indicia — the most important of all — and readers will look in vain for these in the 2nd edition, for they were unknown then.

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There are five new chapters and I hope that these may be found of some interest. They deal with: (1) Matched Groups; (2) Contemporary Markings in use at certain Squ. C. Towns; (3) The Top Rarities (based on the recent Roster); (4) Covers; (5) Squ. C's on Special Stamps (Jubilees, Maps, Registration Stamps)

A large number of new record dates, early and late, will be found; these have been most carefully checked. This feature, with the necessary checking, has made for a great deal of correspondence. No further changes will be made in the MS. But this doesn't mean that new information will not be welcome. Far from it! It will be a pleasure to record all new information in **Rounding Up Squared Circles** at any time.

Brevities

All squared circle collectors should carefully note what Ian Paterson has to say about **Formosa** on p. 246 Topics, October,

1963. It is not only informative but should spur us all to closer study, more accurate observing.

Bill Rorke has a fine **Lindsay Squ. C.** on the 10c special delivery. This rarity is shown in Fig. 1.



Another copy of **St. John's, Que.** has been reported, but alas, the finder was in error. It proved to be St. John, N.B.

Congratulations to Clarence Kemp. For long years he has endeavoured to achieve a complete group of time-marks (1 to 8, inclusive) of the same day for **Ottawa** and he has done it. The date: **Jy 2, 97**; and all are on the 3c. Jubilee stamp with the exception of #1 and #8, which are on small queens. I know that collectors who can help him to complete the set on 3c Jubilees will do so.

Congratulations to J. Siverts who obtained **Mission City** at Williamsburg, the 3rd copy known. Lucky fellow!

Several collectors who reported in the recent Roster have reached new levels: Dr. Moffatt (251), Dr. James (250 plus); Mr. E. A. Harris (250 plus); Mr. R. M. Doull (266); Mr. H. Wilding (277) — and probably several more. And Mr. J. J. Bonar of Edinburgh, who purchased the collection of the late Col. D. McLellan of Glasgow, is now very comfortably beyond the first plateau of zoo, being in the 220's. Congratulations to all the above.

Harold Wilding of Winnipeg has sent in
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Honour Envelopes

Some Additional Notes

by L. W. Sharpe, E.D., Q.C.

My short article on these envelopes in the October 1962 issue of Topics brought a response entirely unexpected but very gratifying. In fact it was with some hesitation I sent the original article to the Editor for publication. They really do not have much "eye" appeal. However not only did I get letters thanking me for the effort to make a listing of them, several sent me covers to check and others sent me additional data on them. I shall try and summarize the new information in these notes.

The first letter to arrive was from Mark L. Arons enclosing a copy of figure #4 (numbers refer to illustrations in original article unless otherwise stated) that had a slightly different setting of the type. This in my opinion was the result of a different printing.

Having examined many more covers since the first article I find differences in the set up of the type, mostly minor, also shades of ink and paper will vary due in my opinion to different printings and runs. This occurs in nearly every type of cover illustrated and perhaps will be found to exist in them all.

Mr. E. Lorensen of Victoria, B.C. kindly sent me four covers to look at all of interest.

The first item of interest was a cover like figure #7 dated 6 July 18 from France to Canada, postmarked Army Post Office S105 carried of course without stamps. The paper and ink are the same as previously noted but it is the product of a firm not previously listed. The legend at the top left read — A.F.W. 3078/W299/M 1950 4/17/F.A. & Co. Ltd. in three lines.

Two of the covers he sent me are like figure #9, same paper and colour of ink from R.A.F. personnel that I conclude from the censor markings originated in the middle East. One of the firms has not been previously noted for this type. The legend in the upper left reads "A.F.W. 3078/F. A. & Co. Ltd. London." The other is a printing by C. & Co. (B) Ltd.

The fourth cover is a real new find see figure #14 (I have continued the numbers

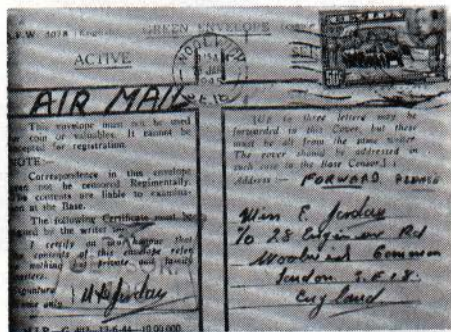


Fig. 14—A very interesting cover of a new type from Ceylon from the E. Lorensen collection.

the original article to avoid confusion). It is on light buff paper in black ink and appears to be a government production. The usual crown copyright is reserved at the upper right while at upper left is "A.F.W. 3078 (English)". In the centre appears the words GREEN ENVELOPE the first and only time I have seen them. At the bottom you will see the legend "M.I.P.-G 402-13-6-44-10,000,000". Otherwise the set up is as figure #7 but the size of the envelope being $5\frac{3}{8}$ " x 4" the set up of the type is somewhat different.

Since I wrote my first notes of these covers I have seen or acquired some interesting items of the Indian forces. One like figure #5 is printed in English but the address and signature is in a native language. Another like figure #7 has been used as an ordinary envelope.

Several I have seen or acquired have the same general set up as figure #1 but the wording in the left hand box of the envelope and the code at top left is in a native dialect or language, no doubt for the use of the various Indian troops. Some have no designated place for the signature of the sender. Some are addressed in English and some in a native language. The crown copyright etc. is of course always in English. Figures #'s. 15, 16 and 17 show some of the types. They are all on a greyish green

paper and printed in black and have Field Post Office cancellations on the back, of the First War.

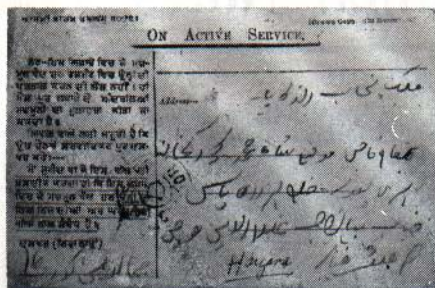


Fig. 15—Used from India First War 1917 all in native language.

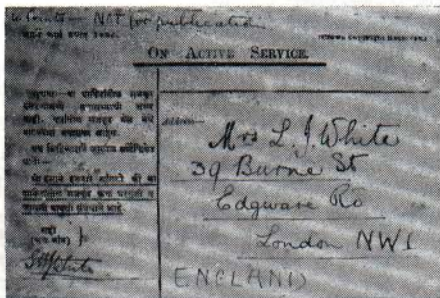


Fig. 16—A First War 1918 cover from India.

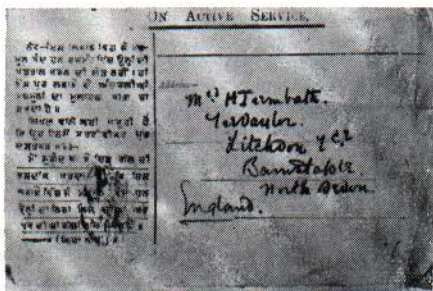


Fig. 17—A first war 1918 cover from India. No place for the sender's signature.

Ken. Barlow of West Vancouver, B.C. sent me quite a lengthy list of information and has since been kind enough to send me his collection to see. It contains some very

interesting items indeed which I am very happy to illustrate.

The first cover he mentioned was like figure #4 and is of interest for two reasons. It is a slightly different setting of the type from mine and the one Mark L. Arons sent me indicating to me a different printing. The second point of interest is that it is addressed to Fresno, California and dated July 1915 and bears 4c U.S.A. postage due. U.S.A. was of course not in the war at that time and apparently not prepared to honour soldiers' letters as free.

He has a copy like figure #7 printed by a firm not previously listed, the legend of which reads "A.W.F. 3078/W299-M1950.9 17/ C & Co., Grange Mills, S.W. in three lines.

Mr. Barlow reports a cover like figure #7 used in 1945 by C & Co. (B) Ltd, but the wording in the right box is like figure #9. Having now seen the cover I would class it as a figure #9 type by a private firm. Previously I had not seen a government printing of figure #9. There is one in his collection used in 1944. In his collection are two covers of figure #9 type from Egypt. One of the printings I have already listed but the other is a new one — A.F.W. 3078 (M.E.)/1712/P.M.E.O.—3,000,000 — 11/4 in two lines.

Figure #18 shows a new set up from Australia used in 1944. The legend in the upper left read A.F.W. 3078 (Adapted) in two lines. The paper is a light buff and the printing in green. I classify this as an Australian production. In many respects it is a good deal like figure #9. Another sentence has been added to the instructions in the right hand box — "The covers of enclosed letters should be left open by sender," and instead of BASE CENSOR it now reads DEPUTY BASE CENSOR.



Fig. 18—From the Ken Barlow collection an Australian production.

Figure #19 is also a new one used in 1944 from Uganda on the back is E. A. A.P.O. 87 cancellation. The printing is a bright green and the paper white. I take it to be the work of a private firm from the legend at the lower right which reads D.P. & S.S.-5856-1/43-15,000.



Fig. 19—A new set up from Uganda out of the Ken Barlow collection.

Another entirely new item from Mr. Barlow's collection is figure #20. It shows that the R.A.F. finally got an envelope of their own. It is printed in bright blue on a medium shade of buff paper. It has an Air-force number and is a printing by a private firm. The legend at the bottom reads R.A.F. FORM 1645—C & Co. (B) Ltd. Figure #21 shows the back of this envelope which is interesting also. Mr. Barlow has a used copy used in 1944 by R.A.F. personnel on board the Queen Mary en route to New York.



Fig. 20—A new item from Ken Barlow collection. The R.A.F. has at last got an envelope of its own.

Shown in figure #22 is another new one printed in bright green on white paper. As can be seen it is in two languages English

and I am told Africander. Used in 1943 to 1945 from copies I have seen it seems to be a government production from the legend upper right — M.F.F. (In) 2.



Fig. 21—Shows the back of figure #20.



Fig. 22—From the Ken Barlow collection a new one in two languages.



Fig. 23—A new set up for the Navy from the Ken Barlow collection. Second War.

A new set up for the Navy is shown in Figure #23 on buff paper and black ink, it is the work of C. & Co. (B) Ltd.

There follows a list of the various printings I have so far been able to get together. Please remember what I stated before about the minor differences in set up of the type, shades of ink and paper due to possible different printings or runs. The size of the envelope may also vary for example Mr. Lorensen sends me a type #4 that is 3¾" x 4¾" instead of 4" x 5". It is an early date June 12/15.

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may have been destroyed or damaged in this interval. Another possibility is that the two digit values, 20 and 50, could not be engraved satisfactorily in the box space provided on the master frame die. Whatever the reason, these many differences do exist and make an interesting study.

Thanks are due Mr. Ed Richardson for suggestions in the preparation of this article.

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the following list of unusual indicia:

Dutton: Ju 22, 93, all indicia inverted.

Victoria: Nt/Ap 28, 94, all indicia inverted.

Victoria: PM/Ap 28, 94, "4" of "94" inverted.

It will be seen that these two make a fine example of "corrected error indicia".

Kingston: 2/7 Sp, 94, (instead of "Sp 7")

A minor variety perhaps, but coming from one of the larger offices it is recorded here.

Bill Rorke, a fund of good ideas, had a bright notion recently, which worked extremely well. He wrote to those who participated in the recent Roster, suggesting a small donation towards the cost of new illustrations in the forthcoming Third Edition of the Handbook. The response was extremely good. Thanks, Bill!

Douglas Crawford on Peterborough Sunday dates: "From my experience there was only one despatch period on Sundays. I have some Sunday dates with "1" above and some with "4", so I think that the "4" was sometimes left in from the Saturday night before, or that "1" was used more correctly by a clerk with conscience. Some Sunday dates are known with blank above".

An interesting letter from Alan Eatock of Hamilton tells of finding Fort William West, Lennoxville and Matane in small cheap lots of Sm. Queens. Most of us have to pay through the nose ("Give till it hurts!") for such rarities.

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subscription money in this township on behalf of the poor Irish."

A letter from previously mentioned Hewson to Commissioner Sullivan, sent on September 23, 1839 is postmarked with a double circle similar to the Barrie area, but encloses a Barrie, U.C. in more medium sized lettering. 25 Sept. 39 is written in. On a letter from Benjamin Pearsall, Vespra (the township adjoining Barrie), sent November 18, 1842 to the Surveyor-General, Kingston there is already postmarked the double circle broken by the post office name and U.C. in large letters which was prevalent in that decade. No. 27, 1842 is set in type, and all is in red on this Barrie postmark.

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