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- 455 Are in 41 of the United States. Sections with 10 not being represented (ie) Alaska, Arkansas, Hawaii, Louisiana, Mississippi, Nevada, South Carolina, South Dakota, Utah, West Virginia, Eight sections have only one member, five have two, five have three, four have four, three have five.
- 47 Are in England.
- 18 Are scattered throughout twelve other countries.
- 214 Live in Ontario.
- 94 Live in B.C.
- 69 Live in Quebec
- 343 Live in ten of the U.S. sections
- 112 Live in the other 41 U.S. sections
- 219 Live in Mass., N.J., N.Y., P.A., Conn.
- 66 Live in Ohio, Mich., Ill.
- 58 Live in Calif., Wash.

My point being that we are truly a widely scattered fraternity. Bro. #1942 of Pittsburgh Penna. writes in Dec. issue of having difficulty in receiving sales material. My supposedly enclosed circuit card was not enclosed. It must be really hard to operate a circuit when we stretch around the world. That is, for those in the widely scattered corners of the realm.

I would like to suggest a new section for

Topics — "X-change Editor", I was such an editor for another fraternal group and we built up quite a kinship amongst other chapters. The members could write to the editor — enclosing a self addressed envelope with appropriate stamps thereon or equivalent of same enclosed — listing specifically what they would like to dispose of and/or specifically what they are serving. The editor could glean a rather interesting column from the specifics. Also he could notify "X" that "Y" had the type of material he was seeking. They could pen pal their own exchanges. To just grab one item that might appear interesting in the column. (How many members possess one or more copies of a used block of 130a? If you have one to dispose of let me know and I'll notify member "X") this way we could get a pretty good inventory of a specific item and possibly transfer one copy from a dead file to help complete a collection.

Roy Marshall, #1589

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Dear Sir,

Many thanks for prompt publication of BNA Topics for 1963. Keep up the good work. Also it now only takes 2 weeks to receive Topics instead of the former 3 weeks to a month.

Sincerely

Wm. Seifet Jr. #1594

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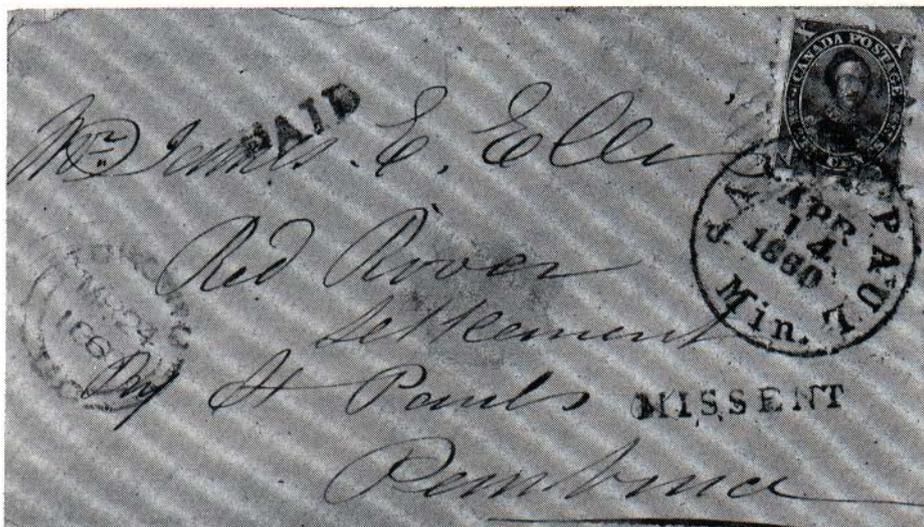
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20c Niagara Falls 1935
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The President's Page

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



A 10c Consort paying the postage rate from Toronto to the Red River Settlement, Manitoba via Saint Paul, Minnesota and Pembina. Dated March 24, 1860.



Two 10c Consorts paying the postage rate from Montreal to St. John's, Newfoundland via steamer "America from Boston"

Notes On The Tagged Stamps Of Canada

by Dr. Edward S. Mercantini,
BNAPS #1636, Ottawa, Ontario

In 1957 we were informed that Canada was going to get stamps impregnated with a phosphorescent material as part of its new process of sorting material electronically. The information made public at that time was that the new stamps would enable machines to present letters the right way up to go through the vast and expensive new sorting system. It was stated that the first machine was expected in use at Ottawa early in 1958 with Toronto and Montreal following.

We heard nothing new regarding this system until the Post Office in Great Britain issued the denominations of graphite-lined stamps with the addition of phosphor lines on the front. The post office there stated that the lines were almost invisible in ordinary light but glowed in ultra-violet light of certain wavelengths, and that the phosphor used in the lines was quite harmless to the stamp user . . . These were first issued on Wednesday, November 18, 1959. Then during the last months of 1961 we learned that a pilot installation in the Winnipeg post office of an automatic segregator, facer, and canceller required the introduction of special "Tagged Stamps" to activate the machine. The stamps to be introduced thusly would be of the same design as those currently in use, that is the 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c and 5c denominations of the Queen Elizabeth portrait regular issue of 1954 design. However the 4c stamps had one vertical line down the center of the stamp, and all the other stamp denominations mentioned above had two vertical lines, one along each border. The December 1961 issue of BNA Topics on page 303 gave a well-written resumé of the manner in which the "SEFA-CAN" machine would segregate, face and cancel postal material automatically. It was stated that before the machine could be used it was necessary to thoroughly saturate the Winnipeg district with the tagged stamps and that these were being sold for the first time on Saturday, January 13, 1962, with the Winnipeg chamber of commerce producing the official First Day Covers. A special cacheted envelope

was prepared bearing a line drawing of the machine, and the legend "First Sale of Tagged Stamps in North America". In 1963 the new Queen design of 1962 were tagged and appeared in post office stocks. So much for history!

Recently I became interested in learning more about tagged stamps when one evening as I was mounting the 1963 issues in an album, I noticed that the overprinting of the phosphor material was more apparent to the naked eye in ordinary light than the first tagged issues of January 1962. So I went to my office where I have both an ultra-violet lamp and a Wood's Lamp, and examined all my tagged stamps of Canada, which included all issues mint and used right from the first day of issue, under these artificial lights. Incidentally the Wood's lamp which is an ultra-violet lamp with a nickel-oxide glass filter and emits light of roughly 3200 Angstrom units was found by me to be the best suited for the study of these tagged stamps. This is the same "black light" which is used in many industries where substances such as certain minerals show characteristic fluorescent properties. Spurious currency, forged cheques, and false covers over paintings may be revealed under the filtered rays when the true nature would not be readily detected in daylight. I use this lamp in my dermatological practice to detect ringworm of the scalp in children where the fungous organism glows with a green fluorescence.

After studying the tagged stamps in my collection, I had personal communications with several persons knowledgeable about these stamps, and I have noted this in the bibliography following this article. The most striking feature that I noted was that the fluorescence (light greenish-blue in colour) of the first tagged issue was not as bright, nor lasted as long as that of the second tagged issue. (Note here that whenever "first tagged issue" is mentioned, I refer to the 1954 Queens, and the "second tagged" to the 1962 Queens, issued in 1962 and 1963 respectively with phosphor overprint). There appear to be two reasons for

this. Firstly a different solution was used for the first tagged stamps which did not produce the greater intensity of the second tagged issue, and secondly there is a falling-off in intensity of fluorescence with ageing. This second point bothered me because the question arose in my mind whether with time, say ten to twenty years, would the tagging be completely non-fluorescent, and perhaps a collector would not be able to differentiate a tagged from an untagged issue. Apparently no one knows the life-span of the fluorescent properties of the phosphor tag, but I was assured by a Post Office official that the deposit of the phosphorous material would always be detectable on the stamp as it is a physically applied substance, traces of which will always remain even if its fluorescent properties disappear. It may be necessary to examine these stamps with a high-powered magnifier, microscope, or spectroscopic methods, but the tag will be detectable!

The next point of note is that the falling-off in intensity of fluorescence is hastened when the stamps are in an area of humid atmosphere. I wondered whether the phosphor material was soluble in water (and saliva, of course) and learned that humidity causes a deterioration of the phosphorescent properties by water absorption, but that this is not really a solubility as such. Used stamps after being soaked off the cover do not show any fluorescence, or very little, but the backs of the wet stamps show opaque bands due to some chemical action on the paper. The faces of the dried stamps, held at a flat angle against ordinary light, occasionally show dull bands where the tagged material was deposited as compared to the normal shiny coloured surface of the stamp. With the naked eye, one can almost always detect the phosphor markings on the first tagged issue if held at various angles without special lamps, and on the new issue the tags always have that darker band easily visible. On tagged stamps which have been postally used, the intensity of fluorescence would be lessened by the application of the cancellation ink to the faces of the postage stamps. I was assured that the lessening of the intensity is in no way due to the moistening of the gummed side of the stamps.

Under the Wood's light the phosphor bands show up in the dark very well (especially on the white unprinted paper of the margins), and when the lamp is removed, they appear with a light greenish-

blue fluorescence which lasts for varying amounts of time depending on the age of the stamp (as explained) and with the colour of the stamp. The mint stamps of the first tagged issue fluoresce as follows: The 3c carmine rose fades first, the fluorescence lasting 10 to 11 seconds, with next in line being the 2c green, then the 1c violet brown, then the 5c bright blue, and the longest to fluoresce being the 4c violet lasting 20 seconds. All those "times of fluorescence" are following fixed times of exposure to the filtered ultra violet Wood's lamp rays. The mint second tagged issue fluoresces as follows after the same fixed exposure time 30 seconds: The 4c carmine fades first lasting 15 seconds, next fades the 1c deep brown, next the 5c violet blue, next the 3c purple, and fluorescing longest is the 2c green lasting 24 to 25 seconds. Because of the factors mentioned earlier in this article, the used stamps of both issues fade sooner by five to ten seconds varying with the colour and age (if not soaked but still on cover).

Edmonton Postmaster R. W. Callum has stated that the use of the tagged stamps indicated that certain colours performed better, and this factor might well influence future stamp production. Actually his statement, read by me in BNA Topics of May 1963, page 117, stimulated my research into the longevity of fluorescence of the different colours as listed above. From these studies it appears that the most reliable colour to take the tagging is the green of the 2c stamp of the second issue (which is darker than the green colour used for the 2c stamp of the first issue), and the poorest is the carmine rose of the first issue. Fluorescence lasts two or three seconds longer on the white unprinted paper of the stamps, such as on the margins, perforations, etc., so on corner blocks and pane margin copies, it is easier to detect the tagging by Wood's lamp, and even under natural light, by concentrating on the white paper rather than on the coloured portion of the stamp itself.

The special overprinting of the phosphor material has been applied only to the 1c, 2c, 3, 4c and 5c denominations of the Queen Elizabeth regular issue stamps, 1954 and 1962 designs. This overprint has not been applied to any other postage stamp issues of the Canada Post Office. The 1954 design Queen Elizabeth stamps which were tagged in 1962 for use in the Winnipeg area have been completely sold out from the stock of the Philatelic section of the

(Continued on page 76)

Trail of the Caribou

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

The other day I had occasion to make a business trip to Boston and having a few hours to kill before my plane flew back to New York I started to visit the stamp dealers. Back in May, 1962 TOPICS published a revised list of TPO markings and now more than a year and a half later I find it necessary to report an earlier date on one of the more difficult markings. Will you please refer to illustration #75 and change the earliest date of use from May 22, 1938 to Sp. 25, 1937, almost 8 months earlier. That is quite a correction as the mark is rather uncommon.

In the Oct. 18, 1963 issue of "Stamp Collecting" published in England, Ritchie Bodily offers for sale an 1847 letter sheet to Boston with the red Crown Circle to denote prepayment. This fine cover is offered for sale at \$78.40. In the same issue B. Kleinberg also of London advertises mint line perf copy of the 3c Scott #246 at \$84 and a used copy of the same stamp at \$33.60. In the same ad he also offers a mint comb perf 13.3 copy of the 7c long Coronation, Scott #235, at \$28. Evidently Mr. Kleinberg has quite a stock of the odd and interesting from Newfoundland as in the Nov. 16, 1963 issue of "Stamps" he advertises mint imperf pairs of the 1938 issue, Scott #'s 245-248 at \$37.50 a pair with the exception of the 4c, Scott #247, which he offers at \$45 the pair.

This time it was a rather uneventful business trip to Boston but it did result in an earlier date for my TPO Marking #75 as published in the May '62 issue of TOPICS. Previously the earliest recorded date was May 22, 1938, but we can now push it back to Sep. 25, 1937.

Again it is our old friend W. D. Van Ness, #1062, Chestnut Hill, Mass., in with an addition to our specialized listing originally published in the Jan. 1960 issue of TOPICS. This time he sends along a copy of the 10c, Scott #169, in the line perf 14.1 x 14.1. So please refer to my listing and add B2, line perforate 14.1 x 14.1. Change the

former B listing to B1.

Foresight is wonderful, but it doesn't begin to compare with hindsight. While we haven't much to complain about as most of our Newfoundland collection was built up at the old pre-war prices there were still some items that we missed at that time in our desire to build up certain other portions of our collection. As an example we did not pursue covers avidly but rather spent our funds on the miniature sheets. Well the miniature sheets have probably doubled in price but let us tell you about what happened to the covers, on June 28, 1944, Harmer Rooke sold a 4d. scarlet on cover addressed to a Mr. Brace in New Paltz, N.Y. at \$245. When H. R. Harmer sold the Moody collection on May 16, 1951, this same cover brought \$380. But wait, you haven't heard anything yet because Harmer Rooke sold this same cover again for the third time on Nov. 22, 1963 and it brought the princely sum of \$1600. Guess we weren't so smart that time. In that same sale a bisected 1/. scarlet on part cover brought \$1300 but at the earlier sale when the Pack material was sold on Dec. 6, 1944, this same cover changed hands at \$200. Tempus sure fugit and we missed the boat on that one. In this same sale at Harmer Rooke we bought a mint block of 6 of the 1d, Scott #1, with the major re-entry at \$50, a steal if there ever was one. We also broke one of our cardinal rules when we bought a block with a thin spot but we need a block of the 5d. Scott #5, and when we saw it going at \$80 we just couldn't keep our pencil down even if it was thin. A copy of the 6d. scarlet, Scott #6, with the "466" Liverpool arrival cancellation brought \$90, the stamp was cut into and we are certain that the price realized was for the cancel. Then a bisected 8d, Scott #8a, to pay the 4d. rate sold for \$925, a new high for this cover. A 1/. orange, Scott #15, with certificate and crease still changed hands at \$1500 and the 1d. error of color, Scott #16, has a new home at \$950. Last but not least a block of four of the 2d., Scott #17, on thick paper with full o.g. and described with

(Continued on page 76)

FANCY CANCELLATIONS

Day & Smythies

Plate D — Letters and Initials — Chapter VI

Serial No.	Description	P.O. of Origin	Date	Remarks
508a	Wide thin H with broken cross-bar	Harwich	1885	
513a	Large block H, thick uprights	?	?	
543a	JVG intaglio monogram in circle	?	?	Delete 769
546a	Small thin K, no circle	?	?	Like 546, without circle
549a	K in single circle	May be Kentville, Ont.	?	Like 549 but single circle
596a	Crooked intaglio M between bars in circle	Port Hope, Ont.	1876	
596b	Intaglio squat M in oval	Middlemarch, Ont.	1876	
598a	Intaglio tall M in a circle of horizontal lines	?	?	
610a	Small neat N in large thick circle	?	?	
612a	Peculiar shaped N	?	?	
613a	Irregular intaglio N in circle, 18 mm.	?	?	
615a	Intaglio N in irregular oval	Nixon, Ont.	1880	
616a	Intaglio reversed N in oval	?	?	
616b	Intaglio reversed N in notched circle	?	?	
622a	Reversed N, 4 horizontal bars and X, all intaglio in circle, 22mm.	Probably Ottawa	?	
643a	Neat shaded O	?	?	
643b	Thick round O	New Westminster, N.B.	1891	
660a	Large P in broken circle	Petrolia, Ont.	1882	
660b	Large P with trace of circle at 5 o'clock	?	?	
660c	Similar P but smaller with large full stop	?	?	



508A



513A



546A



549A



543A



596A



596B



598A



610A



612A



613A



615A



616A



616B



622A



643A



643B



660A



660B



660C

NEWS RELEASES

POST OFFICE ANNOUNCES NEW 7 CENT POSTAGE STAMP

(See last month's cover)

A new regular issue seven cent stamp, designed primarily for air mail letters to the United States, will be the first Canadian postal issue of 1964, it was announced today by the Post Office Department.

The new stamp will replace the famous blue "Canada Goose" design which has been in use since 1952. More than 163,000,000 of the blue goose issues have been produced over the past 12 years, an average of 13,000,000 stamps per year.

The design of the new seven cent issue will show a modern inter-city jet aircraft taking off from a Canadian airport. The stamp will be printed in blue, similar to the Canada Goose issue, and will be of the intermediate size. The aircraft pictured in the new stamp is a composite of many modern short and long range jets and is not intended to represent any specific make or model. The airport buildings pictured in the stamp are patterned after the structure at Ottawa's International Air Terminal at Uplands which was opened to the public in 1960.

In announcing the new stamp, the Post Office noted that the "blue goose" was being retired primarily because of the introduction last autumn of a new 15 cent postage stamp which also shows Canada Geese in flight. It is not normal, the Department added, to maintain in use two regular issue stamps portraying similar subjects. In addition, the 12 year life of the blue goose issue is considered a normal term, and the design was due for replacement.

While the new stamp bears a flight motif, it will not be specifically an air mail stamp. It will bear the word "Postes Canada Postage", and the denomination, only. The stamp was designed and printed by the Canadian Bank Note Company, Ltd., and will be issue on the 11th March, 1964.

A detailed schedule of Canada's 1964 postage stamp issues was made public today by the Postmaster General, the Hon. John R. Nicholson.

As will be the case in the majority of

stamps planned for appearance between now and 1967, nearly all the 1964 issues will be related to the centennial year. The Charlottetown Conference will be the subject of a five cent stamp to be issued on 29th July, and on 9th September a stamp of the same denomination commemorating the Quebec Conference will go on sale.

A five cent stamp bearing a design of maple leaves will appear on 14th May. This will be the first of a series which will highlight the floral emblems of the provinces. Two five cent stamps will be issued on 30th June, and the focus of the designs will be the floral emblems of Quebec and Ontario respectively. Official flowers of the other eight provinces will be issued between now and 1966.

A five cent stamp stressing "Peace" among men and nations will be the second stamp of the year, and will be issued on 8th April. It will be one of the few issues not related to the centennial observations.

For the first time in our history, Canada will have stamps with a Christmas theme in 1964. The special Yuletide issues will be of the three and five cent denominations, and will be available to the public during the second week of October.

The visit of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth during early October, as part of the pre-centennial celebrations, will be commemorated by a special stamp to be issued during her visit. Due to necessary changes in the stamp programme for the year, it is not possible to proceed with the Unity stamp, as had been proposed.

Three colours will be used on a number of Canadian stamps for the first time this year. This will add individuality and brightness to the overall effect, and is being obtained by a combination of lithography and steel engraving processes.

Canada's well-known "G" stamps, specially overprinted postal issues designed for official mail of the Federal Government, will gradually disappear from use during the next few years, it was announced today by the Post Office Department.

The "G" stamps, regular postage stamps, perforated and overprinted with the letters "OHMS" and "G", have been in use in various forms since 1939. In addition to their

normal use for the carriage of official mail, they have become popular with many philatelists. The Philatelic Section of the Post Office Department will continue to stock these stamps for sale to collectors by mail order for some time after they cease to be used officially.

The use of "G" stamps is being discontinued as a result of a recommendation of the Glasco Royal Commission which suggested that Federal Government departments and agencies prepay their postage by means of a bulk payment to the Post Office based on the volume of their mail. This recommendation is being adopted and introduced early in 1964.

JOHN R. BOKER RESIGNS AS PRES. OF ASSOCIATION FOR STAMP EXHIBITIONS, INC.

Divergence of views called for action.

At a Board Meeting of the Association for Stamp Exhibitions held at the Collectors Club, 22 East 35th Street on Wednesday, December 4th, Mr. John R. Boker, Jr. resigned as President of the Association that is to be responsible for the International Exhibition scheduled for New York in 1966.

Mr. Boker, in explaining his resignation, pointed out that his ideas of the exhibition had been for one of limited size and of top prestige. He felt that the yearly exhibitions of the American Stamp Dealers' Association and Interpex catered to the "popular" collector; the International Exhibition should be believed to be aimed at obtaining top collections from all parts of the World, displaying them — on an invitation basis — under de-luxe circumstances. He had gathered in conversation with members of the Board that his ideas were not those of many members; rather than create a schism he felt it wiser to stand down. After Mr. Boker's resignation — for which regret was expressed by many members present — Mr. Peter Keller, Vice President took over the Chair.

Mr. Bernard Harmer, Secretary of the Association, also resigned, pointed out that his acceptance of the Secretaryship had been based on the expectation of an exhibition as outlined by Mr. Boker and not a "popular" large scale exhibition directed more to the public rather than the philatelist. Both Mr. Boker and Mr. Harmer promised their full support to the Association's present ideas.

CANADA 7½P OF 1857 SELLS FOR \$2,500 IN HARMER ROOKE AUCTION

The record price of \$2,500 was paid for a superlative mint copy of the 7½-pence green stamp that Canada issued in 1857 (Scott No. 9, cataloging \$850). It was sold in the Dec. 10-13 auction of part of the world-wide collection of Porfirio Gongora of Costa Rica held by Harmer, Rooke & Co., Inc., 560 Fifth Ave., New York.

This classic imperforate stamp has brilliant color and impression, full original gum and wide margins, with part of the sheet margin at left including most of the imprint of "Rawdon, Wright, Hatch & Edson, New York."

Gordon Harmer, head of the auction house, said: "It is the finest copy we have seen—probably the finest in existence."

When the Caspary collection of British North America was auctioned in 1959, Canada No. 9 catalogued \$450 and bidders paid from \$400 to \$950, for six unused copies.



CANPEX '64 Billed
For Edmonton, May 14-16

The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada will stage its annual convention, and this time add the Canadian National Philatelic Exhibition — CANPEX '64 — at Edmonton in the CNR Hotel Macdonald. An exhibition post office, postal exhibit, and special machine cancellations will be provided for the May 14 to 16 event. Court of Honor will feature early western Canadian material and Hudson's Bay Company will stage an exhibit of material from Fort Edmon-

ton's fur trading era of the 19th century. There will be other special features, societies meetings and a bourse. The Edmonton Stamp Club, organizers of the past three ESCPEX stamp shows will be host with past president, G. C. Bolton, general chairman. Seals at three sheets for 25s are available and cacheted covers at 20c or three for 50c are planned. The prospectus is available.

RPCS President, Dr. G. M. Geldert, Ottawa, is planning to go west via a special railway car of officials and members. Post-convention tours of Jasper Park, Columbia Icefields, Banff and Lake Louise, and Edmonton oilfields are in prospect.

Address all inquiries to CANPEX '64, Box 399, Edmonton.

"BUSH PILOTS DAY"

To Be Feature at CANPEX '64

The Edmonton Stamp Club, as host club of CANPEX '64, is planning a rally of bush pilots and airmail enthusiasts for the second day of the big event, May 15.

Edmonton, Gateway to the North, pioneered in commercial flights into the North West Territories and in semiofficial airmails, has become one of the Crossroads of International air traffic. It is the home of many famous airmen, and holds several firsts in aviation.

One of the first planes built in Canada was flown in Edmonton a few days after the 1909 McCurdy flight at Baddeck, N.S. It was the site of the first licensed airfield from which was flown the first commercial cargo. Names like 'Wop' May who downed Germany's Red Knight in World War I, 'Punch' Dickins and Cy Becker; Commercial Airways, Mackenzie Airlines and Western Canada Airways, some of whom issued semiofficial stamps.

Special exhibits of pioneer aviation and airmails, meeting of airmail collectors and probable banquet are items on the program being developed.

CANPEX '64



MAY 14 - 15 - 16, 1964
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CANADIAN EASTER SEALS, 1964

The 1964 design and format of Canada's Easter Seals continues the new approach inaugurated with the 1963 issue. The current sheet again consists of forty seals, each portraying a different activity of crippled children. Five designs have been replaced or altered, with a colour change to green and blue. Related colour variations and the lily symbol appear on each seal, together with the wording "Canada 1964", and "Help Crippled Children" in French and English.

The seals have been used in Canada since 1945 in connection with the annual direct-by-mail campaign which supports therapeutic, camping, educational, transportation and other work with crippled children administered by Easter Seal societies in the ten Provinces. Total Canadian distribution this year will exceed four million sheets.

The seals are printed in Canada by order of the Canadian Rehabilitation Council for the Disabled, and in the new format have aroused considerable interest among collectors and school children. Those interested in securing sheets, blocks or single stamps, both perforate and imperforate, for this or earlier years, are invited to obtain information on required contribution or cost from **Bert L. Baulch, P.O. Box 176, Cooksville, Ontario, Canada.**

(See front cover)

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Guests planning to extend their holiday in Northern Ontario should consider a stay at Killarney Mountain Lodge, Killarney, Ontario. This luxury fishing resort is located on the shore of Georgian Bay at the western-most end of the new Highway No. 637.

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Fortunes of Philately

by IAN PATERSON

I don't pretend to know the answer to this month's column — but the following is submitted with the hope that somewhere there is a fellow member who will be able to provide an answer.

This spring while browsing through a dealer's stock of Large Queens, and checking the perforations on each copy (looking for perf 11½ x 12's naturally), I was somewhat amazed to find a copy of the 15c which perfed a full 12½ x 12. As this item was priced at the going rate for a 15c large queen; and was not being offered as a perf variety, (plus my weakness for this issue) made it imperative that I purchase same. Many times since I have wondered what the facts are — is it a true perf variety, or a reperf (if the latter it must have had large horizontal margins originally). But nowhere I have been able to find reference to any large queens perfing 12½ x 12. So what's the answer?

We do know that there existed a machine which perfed 12½; as evidenced by the occurrence of the 3c Indian red (Ottawa printing). And that in 1888 the printing process was moved from Montreal back to Ottawa; and the generally accepted date of issue for the 15c family of 'lilies' is 1880-90. So bearing this in mind would it be too presumptuous to assume that this same machine may have been used to perforate some of the "bluish" 15c large queens which were printed during the 1888-90 period.

As mentioned this particular stamp belongs to the family of blue shades; the paper has a distinct horizontal mesh and is of .0037 thickness.

So please check the perforations on your bluish shade 15c Large Queens; and needless to say the author will be glad to hear from anyone who can shed some light on the "The Case of the Peculiar Perf."

HONOUR ENVELOPES SOME ADDITIONAL NOTES

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

(Conclusion)

CHECK LIST

Type

- Fig. #1—Gov. Ptg.—A. F. W. 3078—paper greyish green-ptg. in black.
Fig. #2—U.S.A. govt. ptg.—paper deep blue-ptg. in blue.
Fig. #3—U.S.A. govt. ptg. W.D., A.G.O. Form No. 911 Nov. 20, 1942—paper light blue-ptg. in black.
Fig. #4—Gov. Ptg.—A.F.W. 3078—paper dark green-ptg. in black.
Fig. #5—Gov. Ptg.—A.F.W. 3078—paper dark green-ptg. in black.
Fig. #6—Govt. Ptg.—A.F.W. 3078—paper dark green-ptg. in black.
Fig. #7—No govt. ptg. seen but all are A.F.W. 3078—paper is light buff—ptg. in green.

Private firms seen.

- a.—A. Form # W299/M1950 4/17
M. & S. Ltd.—in 3 lines.
b.—A. Form # W299/M1950 4/17
J. D. & Co.—in 3 lines.
c.—A. Form # W299/M1950 4/17
F. A. & Co. Ltd.—in 3 lines.
d.—A. Form # W299/M1950 .917
C. & Co., Grange Mills, S.W., in 3 lines.
e.—A. Form # W299/M1950 4/17
K & J in three lines.
Fig. #8—No govt. ptg. seen—paper is a light buff-ptg. in green overlay ptg. in purple.
a.—A. F. W. 3078 not decipherable
J. D. & Co.—in 3 lines.
Fig. #9a.—Govt. ptg. A.F.W. 3078—paper

buff-ptg. in green.

b.—Govt. ptg.—A.F.W. 3078 (M.E.) 1712/P.M.E.O. — 3000000-11/4—in two lines.—paper buff-ptg. in green.

c.—Gov. ptg. — A.F.W. 3078 (M.E.) 576/P.M.E.O. 5000000—3/41 in two lines—paper buff-ptg. in green.

d.—(under signature) 450/G2336-11-12-42-1,000,000, light green ptg. on buff-grey paper.

Private firms seen. (paper buff-ptg. in green.)

a.—A. Form # F. A. & Co. Ltd. London—in two lines.

b.—A. Form # C. & Co. (B) Ltd.—in two lines.

c.—A. Form # J. D. & Co. Apsley—in two lines.

d.—Buff paper ptg. light green in three lines A Form 3078/50-9-42 (6309)/H.Q. 1772-26-29.

Fig. #10—No govt. ptg. seen—paper a muddy buff.—ptg. in green.

Private firms seen.

a.—A. Form # J. D. & Co. Apsley—in two lines.

b.—A. Form # C. & Co. (Bal) Ltd.—in two lines.

Fig. #11 Gov. ptg.—S1324—paper buff-ptg. in purple.

Fig. #12 Gov. ptg.—S1324—paper buff-ptg. in black.

Fig. #13—Gov. ptg.—S1324 150,005-7-43 (940) N.S. 815-1-26 — in three lines — paper light buff-ptg. in black.

Private firm seen.

Navy Form S1324 C. & Co. (B) Ltd.—in two lines—paper light buff-ptg. in black.

Fig. #14—Gov. ptg. A. F. W. 3078 (English) and at lower right "M.I.P. G 402-13-6-44-10,000,000." paper light buff-

ptg. in black.

Fig. #15-16-7—These 3 figures show types of the several supplied to the army in India. The paper is a rough greyish green and ptg. is in black.

Fig. #18—This is an Australian production paper is light buff and ptg. is in green. At top right appears A.F.D. 3078 (Adapted) in two lines.

Fig. #19—This would be the work of a private firm. The ptg. is bright green and paper white. Legend at lower right reads D.P. & S.S.-5856-1/43-15,000 in one line.

Fig. #20—Private firm—R.A.F. FORM 1645 and C. & CO. (B) Ltd. in one line at bottom left. The paper deep buff-ptg. in bright blue.

Fig. #21—Back of fig. #20.

Fig. #22—Seems to be a govt. production at upper right appears M.F.F. (In) 2. The paper is white-ptg. in green.

Fig. #23—Navy form S 1324 and C. & Co. (B) Ltd. in two lines. paper is buff and ptg. in black.

ADDENDUM

As I am ready to send this to the Editor a new item came to me and it is worth describing. It is from India in bright blue on white paper, a new Air Force form. The envelope is 5¼ x 3½ inches divided on the front in half by a line of color. At the right at top is L & Co. 3466/8/G229C-22-12-44-1,500,000. Below is the word ADDRESS and four lines. At the left in a small box at top in two lines "ACTIVE SERVICE R.A.F. PRIVILEGE ENVELOPE". Below 5 para's of instructions and at bottom "Air Force (India) Form 1645.

The certificate for signature and other instructions is on the back.

BNA Revenues

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

"In Prize" Variety. In Nelson Bond's excellent handbook, "A Catalogue of the Federal Revenue Stamps of Canada", he mentions a number of "IN PRIZE" stamp varieties as having been reported but not seen by him. Among these are the hand-stamp overprint "twice in red" varieties. We have never seen any of these, and knew of none in existence until recently. We now have in our collection a pair of the 10c

widow, one stamp with the single overprint in red, the other with the overprint "twice in red"! In spite of reports from over thirty revenue collectors and dealers, listing all their holdings of "IN PRIZE" items — this is the only one known.

20c "N.S." Bill Stamp. In a recent purchase we were able to add an excellent copy of the 6c Bill Stamp overprinted "N.S." —

with the double overprint. This did not surprise us, — however, finding a copy of a 20c with a double overprint, did make us sit up and start checking revenue catalogues — as this is previously unlisted! The second overprint is somewhat higher than the first, and is lighter. Hence it probably should be listed as a "kiss print."

\$5 First Supreme Court with freak perf.

Nelson Bond, who must have had access to the N.F. Stokely revenue collection, mentions in the aforementioned handbook, a copy of No. DLA6 (Holmes' #FSC6) on thick paper, (serial control number 0197) is perforated 12 x 12 (Left) and 11½ (Right)." So far as is known, no other copy has ever been reported. The above mentioned copy is now in the writer's collection. However, there must be a number of additional copies. It would be well to check all \$5 thick paper copies which have control numbers "01-7" or "01-6". The "-" could represent any number. Those ending in 7 will have the perf. 12 on the left side. Those ending in 6 will have it on the right. In this particular stamp the perf. 12 is the unusual feature as stamps of this low serial number were of the first printing, and should have been Perf. 12 x 11½.

Please report your findings, they are rarities!

Unemployment Stamps. The unemployment stamps were dropped out of the new edition of Holmes' catalogue, much to the disappointment of many revenue collectors. We have had numerous inquiries. We understand that the reason, was the tightening of regulations regarding the use of illustrations of these stamps. However, since the CRSG edition will be published in the US, these stamps will be listed. They are a fascinating group, and they have many collectors who are specializing in them.

Alberta 1st Issue "ONE DOLLAR". We have an interesting variety of this stamp. The black overprint bearing the denomination and the words "Alberta/Law Stamp" is lightly doubled. The doubling appears to be more like a "kiss print" and is slightly above the original and normal overprint.

CUSTOMS DUTY Provisional. These are Holmes' Nos. FCU 5-6. In total there are five copies known, and of them four are in varying shades of a black to gray hand-stamped overprint, and the fifth is in the so-called "violet" — but really a black violet.

While we have the two shades of overprint in our collection, we feel they do not deserve two separate catalogue listings, but should be considered shade varieties.

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

PART V—by LLOYD W. SHARPE, E.D., Q.C.

Fig. 45 is really a dandy in black on a pink envelope. Fig. 46 with both stamp and illustration in olive green shows an overseas rate.

Fig. 46a shows the back of an envelope, in green, advertising the Grand Winter Carnival of 1887, on the front is a view of the business section of the City.

(See front cover of June 1963)

1897 Jubilees and Map Stamp

Jubilees are an interesting issue and are now really appreciated especially on cover. Fig. 47 shows the 1c value with the not too common roller cancellation of Hamil-

ton. Fig. 48 a nice illustrated cover in red on a yellow envelope shows a new type of cancellation that had been in use a short time. Fig. 49 in bronze and red shows the building, now torn down, where the Hamilton Times, a daily, was printed for many years until absorbed by the Hamilton Spectator.

The map stamp, for many years more or less neglected, has now come to the front and an exhaustive study is the subject of a handbook by Mr. Frederick Tomlinson. I show only one of my many covers, a nice one with a gold and grey corner card and superb flag cancellation, see Fig. 50.

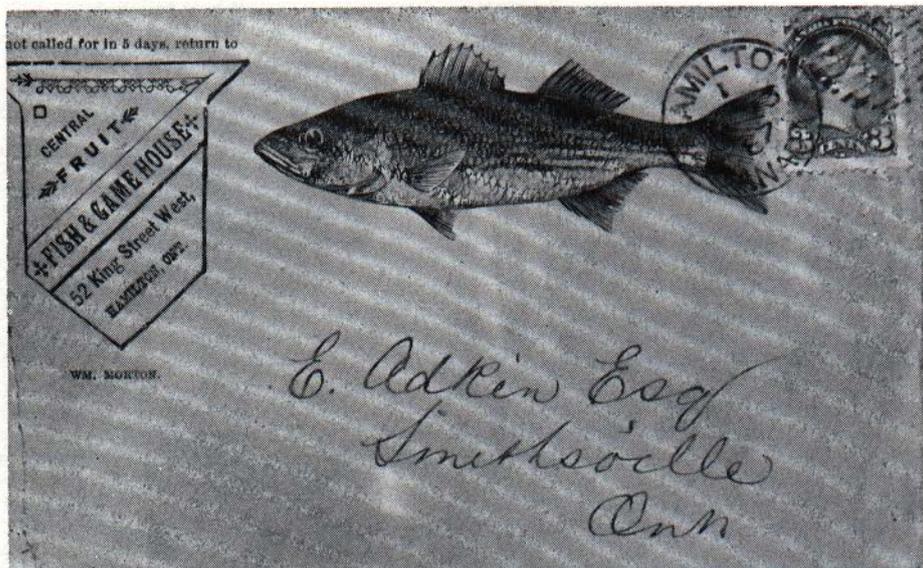


Fig. 45—A nice illustrated cover in black on a pink envelope.

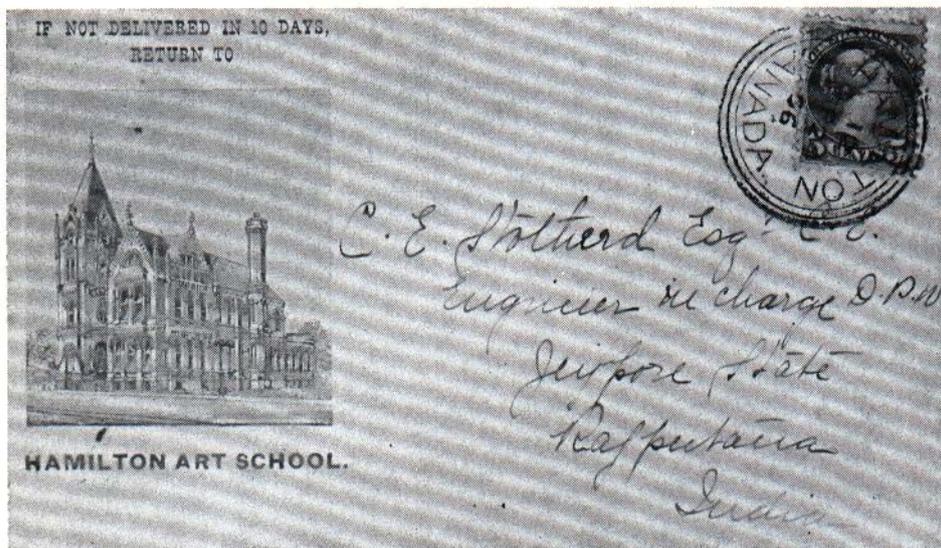


Fig. 46—Both stamp and the illustration are in olive green



Fig. 47—Shows the not too common roller cancellation

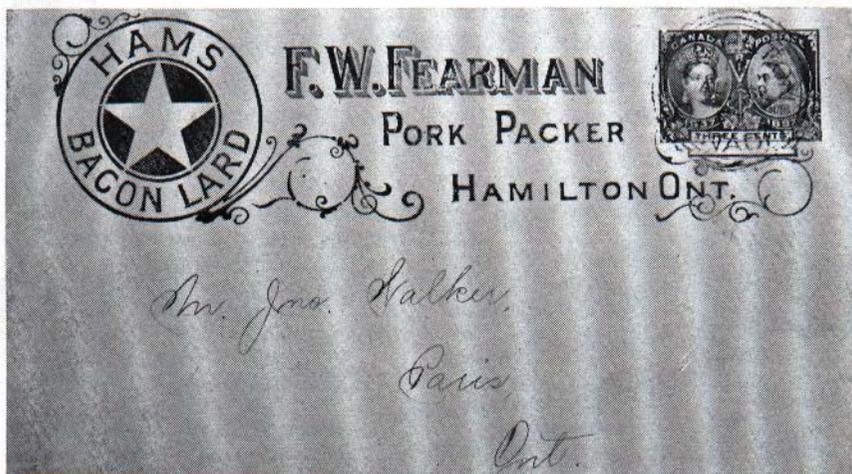


Fig. 48—Nicely illustrated envelope in red on yellow showing new type of cancellation dated Aug. 16th, 1897

Rounding Up Squared Circles

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

AN UNUSUAL TERRITORIAL COVER
MAPLE CREEK Assiniboia is a squared Circle type 2 which is not too common and it fills not only a squared circle niche but is also a Territorial cover.

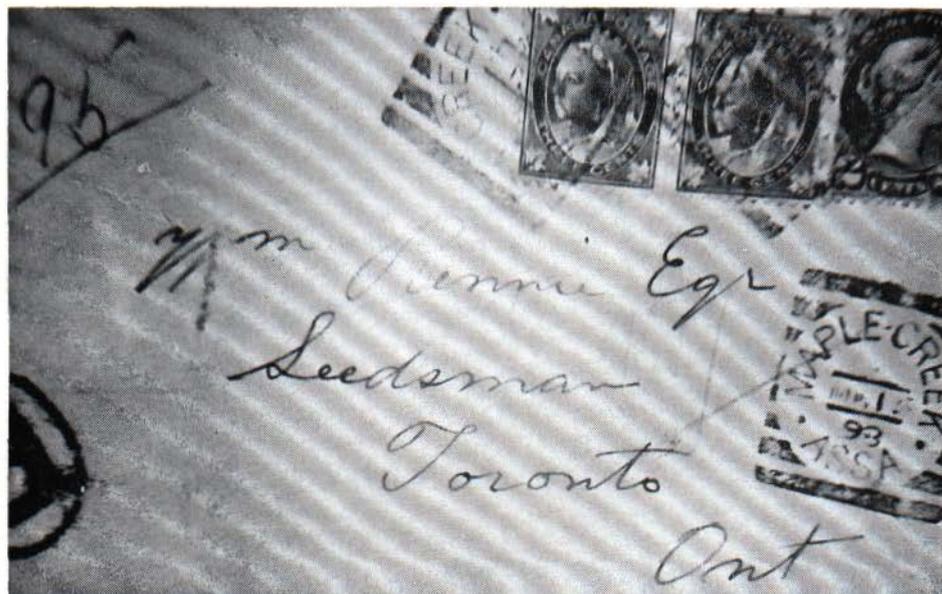
The postmaster was a Mr. Dixon and while little else is known about him there is no doubt that he had an accurate eye, paid close attention to his duties and rejoiced in good clean strikes of his Squared Circle Hammer.

The Cover is one of the many 'Rennie Seed' cover which have delighted at least two generations of collectors. And it was Registered. When I first acquired the cover I was amazed at the number of strikes. Three on the front and two on the back. Recently I examined the cover more closely and found that there are seven strikes in all! Here is the story.

The letter was posted on Mr 14, 1898

and the pair of 3c leaf and 2c small queen were cancelled with two strikes of the Hammer and the back of the letter was struck twice. The Circular 'R' was struck in the lower left corner. However this cover was TOO LATE to go out on the days train going east and so that careful postmaster, having retained the letter overnight, prepared to dispatch it the next day and it was included in his MR 15 way bill. He therefore struck the front of the cover bottom right with the hammer **changed** to MR 15 and again struck or rather re-struck on the back. See illustration of back cover.

I have enlarged the two backstrikes. That on the left at first looks like a bounced strike but the enclosed enlargement shows it to be a fairly close second strike over the first with Mr. 15 over MR 14. It is in the right back strike that this early annie oakley shows his genius as an examination of this





enlargement shows the second strike mainly in the 5 over the 4 and a doubling of the K and parts of ASSA.

I had suggested to Dr. Whitehead that these strikes were the result of a poor memory for dates but he thinks that a man who was so particular and so accurate would never forget the date. Obviously Postmaster Dixon regarded the two strikes of Mr 14 on the stamps as cancellers but the third strike on the front and the two Mr 15 on the back as informative. Perhaps we could

regard it as a special form of Squared Circle TOO LATE!

W. Rorke

FREDERICTON N.B.

One of the joys of collecting squared circle cancellations is to find a new early or late date. The 3c small queen cancelled P.M. JA 19'94 is a wonderful find for a new early date and it is not likely to be bettered for **this is the date that is in the Proof Book!**

Even today, 1963, Fredericton is not the

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Fig. 49—In red and bronze shows the once home of the HAMILTON TIMES now neither the paper or building exist



Fig. 50—A nice cover of the 1897 map issue showing a nice strike of flag cancellation.

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most accessible place in the Maritimes (I trust the Fredericton Chamber of Commerce will forgive me) and while we have pointed out that the proof date as found on stamps for Belleville and London are in order, as these cities were within easy distance of Ottawa, Fredericton is another matter. This date seems to represent jet travel in the steam age. The strike is clear and I have seen January dates for 1895 so it is not a case of forgetting to change the year date.

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"Insignificant natural gum crease" went at \$250. We feel badly about this as we think we should have bid it in at that price it was most reasonable and would go nicely with our block of eight of the same stamp on thin paper

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Post Office in Ottawa. They still have available the stamps of the second tagged issue. Apparently there is a philatelic shortage of the first issue as dealers' prices for these are rising all the time. Supposedly everyone figured there would be ample quantities for quite awhile as this was a regular issue. What was overlooked was the fact that a new regular issue was slated for 1962, with eventual tagging, and that the five stamps of the first set were restricted to but one city, Winnipeg. For plate block collectors it is noteworthy that there are 24 blocks for the first set, with the 1c, 2c, 4c, and 5c having blank corners (none exist with actual plate numbers) and the 3c value has eight different positions of plates 1 and 2. The 1963 tagged issue (second) exists only with blank corners.

Europe has experimented with tagged stamps long before our Post Office, and I have never seen an article on these issues in English or European publications, so by inference the philatelic problem of longevity of the tag doesn't exist there, nor should it here in this country.

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