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ELECTIONS**

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

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

OFFICIAL NOTICE

The Board of Governors and the elected officers was solicited by mail and voted that the Exhibit rules be changed so that the limit of exhibits be judged by pages rather than by frames and it was decreed that in the future the maximum number of pages allowed be 64. Secondly a plurality of those voting decided that at all future shows the judges are to be fixed and picked by the host group.

THE Editor's MAILBAG

**FROM THE CANADIAN
NUMISMATIC JOURNAL**

From time to time, members write irate letters to the effect that their Journal is arriving too late for them to take advantage of offers of advertisers. Unfortunately, most of these seem to live in the United States, and neither the Association, the General Secretary, the Editor, nor the Printers, can do anything to speed up the operation of one of the finest, and most overburdened postal services in the World — that of the United States!

Dear Sir:

The Saskatoon Post Office is planning a cachet for use at the Saskatoon Exhibition during the week of July 20 to 25, 1964. The officials plan to continue their recent policy of not servicing souvenir covers for collectors. To assist our members who are interested in obtaining this cachet, I would be happy to mail covers for them at the Exhibition Post Office.

I suggest that requests be mailed to arrive before July 17, 1964. I cannot guarantee any special dates and a maximum of three covers per person will be serviced.

The terms will be:

1. Send stamped self-addressed envelopes for mailing by me. There will be no charge.
2. Send one dime for one cover or two dimes for three covers. I will use a commemorative stamp and typewrite the name and address on a plain white envelope, with a filler enclosed. Please send dimes, not stamps.

Later I may be able to obtain a proof impression of the cachet which you may wish to publish if it is available in time.

I have no intention of engaging in the cover business but, if these simple rules are followed, I am certain that this service will help some of our members.

Your sincerely
F. W. Catterall
1621 Louise Avenue
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Dear Sir:

I would like to "second the motion" made by member Ray Marshall in his letter of March 1964, re the suggestion of a new section for "Topics" namely "X-change Editor". This is truly a meritorious suggestion and I hope the executive of

BNAPS consider it seriously. I have read numerous such suggestions over the year in "Editor's Mailbag", but they all seemed to die of old age; one notable one which arose often but never was implemented was member Daggett's (I believe it was him) excellent suggestion for a column abstracting articles of interest from other philatelic periodicals for inclusion in "Topics". It never got off the ground! Now here is Mr. Marshall's idea of an "X-change" section which should be popular with the membership at large, and maybe even attract a few new ones. I notice in the March issue's Secretary's report that our total membership is again below 1000. I feel we need **more interesting features** for a large "audience" in order to get that membership figure over the 1000 mark (where it has been for a long time). I would like to hear your comment regarding this, and welcome other reader's opinions also.

Sincerely
Edward A. Mercantini, M.D.
BNAPS #1636

Dear Sir;

A survey has been conducted among members of the Canadian Revenue Study Group, attempting to determine the scarcity of Excise and War Tax stamps with pre-cancelled overprints.

The results of this survey is to be published by Ed Richardson in the CRSG Newsletter. These results, however, will only represent the holdings of 11% of the members of the Society.

I would appreciate hearing from any member who might have any of the following pre-cancelled overprints. This list is of

- items either unreported or very scarce. (Holmes numbers)
F E X 1—"X", in red. (normal or inverted)
Row of flags. (normal or inverted)
F E X 2—Row of flags. (inverted)
F E X 27—Railway ties.
FWT 7 — Railway ties.
FWT 9—"X", violet handstamp. (normal or inverted)
FWT 11—Railway ties.
FWT 12—"X", violet handstamp. (normal or inverted)
Row of flags. (inverted)
FWT 13—Black squares.
"Div 17", violet handstamp.
Railway ties.
FWT 17—"Div 17", violet handstamp.
Railway ties.
FWT 23—"Div 12", violet. (Please specify type of cancel, i.e. printed, handstamp or roller).

Tom Perkins #1350,
900 Kerr Street
Richmond, Calif., 94805

Dear Sir:

The Post Office Maritime Mail is a Royal Navy cancel.

The 'Received From H. M. Ships' in a circular cancel are rather common.

The "British Fleet Mail Office" with No. 1 to 37 inclusive are much more valuable.

The cachet "Post Office/Maritime Mail" is much more desirable than the B.F.M.O.

I have never seen any of these cancels and must rely on memory but trust that I am correct.

Sincerely yours
Leroy L. Ross

Per Editor's Mailbag, February, 1964

BNAPS REGIONAL GROUPS

Philadelphia—Meets the first Thursday of each month at 7934 Pickering Street, Philadelphia, Pa. *Temagami*—Meet every summer. Alfred P. Cook, Coy Glen Road, Ithaca New York.
Vancouver—Meets the fourth Monday of each month at Coronation Room Y.W.C.A. 997 Dunsmuir St. Vancouver, B.C.
Winnipeg—Meets on a Monday in each month to be decided upon at previous meeting. Harold Wilding 135 Trail Ave., Winnipeg 12, Man. *Edmonton*—Meets twice a year in May and October in a public place, time and date to be announced. Out of town visitors to communicate with Secretary, S. Weber—10615-130th Street.
Twin City—Meets at members' homes on second Thursday of each month. J. C. Cornelius, 2309 Irving Ave. S., Minneapolis, Minn.
Calgary—Meets second and fourth Tuesday at 8 p.m., Murray Devlin, 1030-12th Ave. S.W., Calgary, Alberta. *Pacific*—Meets twice a year at the call of the Secretary, Brian F. Milne, 14500 San Jose Street, San Fernando, California.

Report from the Library

EDGAR C. BLACK, 1726 WESTERN PKWY., VANCOUVER 8, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Response to call for material for the B.N.A.P.S. Library has been gratifying. Your continued support is solicited. Your attention is called to page 57 of the March, 1964 issue of TOPICS for material required. As many as four sets of certain journals are needed (TOPICS, MAPLE LEAVES, CANADIAN PHILATELIST).

Due to cost of building the library, activation of the rule governing rental charges for certain books will be made. During 1964, at any rate, a moderate charge of 50c per book costing \$10 or more will be imposed on the borrower, in addition to all mailing costs.

V. G. Greene
Chairman, Library Board

Following donations acknowledged:

Warren F. Haley — Various B.N.A. magazines, 13 issues.

Harris Publications Ltd. — 'International Stamp Dealers' Directory' 6th Edition 1964.

John T. Pratt — 20 B.N.A. auction catalogues including the Burrus and Jarrett sales; 7 issues of TOPICS, etc.

Ed. Richardson — Author's articles in "Philatelic Literature Review".

Roy Wrigley — Author's Checklist and Catalog Canadian Postage Stamps, Perforated and Overprinted OHMS and 'G' 1964."

OBITUARIES

Louis S. Crosby, Banff, Alta., one of the early members of the society, died suddenly in his home February 28. A native of Charlottetown, he went west in 1907, joining Brewster Transport as a bookkeeper, rising to be its president more than 10 years ago. He specialized in P.E.I. stamps and covers, winning a gold medal. Of late he built an extensive collection of dated copies of the small queens. He was 76 years of age.

Mr. Crosby is survived by his wife, three sons and two daughters.

There died at Edmonton on March 12, Ernest Edward Poole, 80, collector of stamps, oriental vases, paintings and ancient firearms. For some years this pioneer building contractor of Western Canada, was member 630 of BNAPS. For some months past he had been in ill health. Mr. Poole specialized in stamps of Newfoundland, accumulating

a collection that catalogued \$25,000 of which one-fifth was its airmail stamps and covers. At ESCPEX '63 he won a silver on this. Through purchases in Canada and England he had been building a Canadian collection. A sideline was a collection of Manchukuo, complete with subvarieties.

He is survived by his wife, two sons and two daughters.

Dr. Francis John Folinsbee, 78, White Rock, B.C., a former president of the Alberta Medical Association, and longtime physician in Edmonton until ill health forced retirement, died suddenly January 16. He collected used Canada in pages of 25, George VI, Canada Revenues and Australia. A member of the society, he attended the Banff meeting.

He is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter, and two sisters.

The President's Page

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



A 6d. New Brunswick and a bisected 3d. prepaying the 7½d. postage from St. John to London, England



Two 3d. New Brunswick and a bisected 3d. also prepaying the 7½d. postage.

The President is sorry to report that the Circulation Editor, Hedley J. Hollands has had to resign. A new member, Barry Haywood has been appointed the Circulation Editor. His address is given below.

PLEASE SEND CHANGES OF ADDRESS

to the Secretary

JACK LEVINE

211 Pine Tree Road, Oxford, North Carolina

PLEASE SEND REQUESTS FOR BACK ISSUES OF THE MAGAZINE

to the Circulation Editor

BARRY HAYWOOD

66 Hillholme Road, Toronto 7, Ontario

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From the Treasurer . . .

JAMES T. CULHANE, 119 Montgomery Ave., Coleston, Norristown, Pennsylvania

BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Balance as of Dec. 31, 1962

Dues in advance for 1963	150.25	
Dues in advance beyond 1963	16.00	
Topics advertising in advance	30.80	
Library Fund	7.70	
Life membership fund	627.00	
General funds on deposit	1146.48	1978.23
Funds in custody of sales manager		730.79
Funds in custody of handbook agent		28.53
Funds in custody of editor		4.44
Funds in custody of circulation editor		21.77
Total		2763.76

Receipts & Disbursements Account

Jan. 1st, 1963 thru Dec. 31, 1963

Receipts

Dues		
For 1964	145.00	
For 1962 paid in 1963	59.00	
For 1963	3726.75	
Fees	72.00	4002.75
B.N.A. Topics		
Advertising in 1962	121.50	
Advertising in 1963	724.46	
Subscriptions	70.16	916.12
Yearbook		
Advertising in 1961	7.50	
Advertising in 1962	165.60	
Advertising in 1963	513.25	686.35
Miscellaneous		
Handbook sales		1354.16
Life membership fees		150.00
Sales Dept. Income in excess of expenses		65.12
Donation to library		10.00
Donations for 3rd edition — Squared Circles		137.02
Miscellaneous		25.42
Total Receipts		7346.94
		10110.70

Disbursements

B.N.A. Topics			
Printing		3542.68	
Cuts		804.43	
Postage		299.03	
Mailing service		154.72	
Mailing envelopes		147.31	
Miscellaneous		13.05	4961.22
Year Books			
Printing		1984.34	
Postage & mailing service		65.79	
Prospectus		38.05	2088.18
Purchase R.P.O. Handbook			150.00
Purchase Map Stamp Handbook			113.87
Purchase Duplex Handbook			63.84
Purchase Postal Stationery Catalogue			163.50
Library expenses			51.97
General Expenses			
Postage		191.77	
Printing & stationery		304.22	
C.P.A. audit of books		50.00	
Grand award BNAPEX '63		50.40	
Discount on Canadian Funds		77.56	
Canadian Bank Charges		13.42	
Life Membership Refund		67.00	
Handbook Miscellaneous Expenses		76.78	
1964 Dues Refund		4.00	
Returned Items from Bank		19.23	
Miscellaneous		46.88	901.28
Total			8493.86
Funds on Deposit			680.08
Funds in Custody of Editor			11.43
Funds in Custody of Circulation Editor			61.52
Funds in Custody of Handbook Agent			47.90
Funds in Custody of Sales Manager			795.91
Funds in Custody of Librarian			20.00
			10110.70

Statement of Assets & Liabilities as of 12-31-63

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Funds on Deposit	680.08	Dues in Advance—1964	161.00
Funds in Custody of Hand- book Agent	47.90	Life Membership Fund	598.00
Funds in Custody of Sales Manager	795.91	Squared Circle 3rd Edition— Donations	137.02
Funds in Custody of Editor ..	11.43	Library — Donation	10.00
Funds in Custody of Circula- tion Editor	61.52	Surplus 12, 31, 62	2333.45
Funds in Custody of Librarian	20.00	Deficit for 1963	(567.52)
Other Assets in Custody of Sales Manager	17.28		
Prepaid Expenses	182.58		
Flag Cancellation Handbook —Rights	38.09		
Small Queen Handbook	29.52		
Fancy Cancellation Handbook	172.30		
Map Stamp Handbook	23.96		
Postal Stationery Catalogue	198.28		
Accounts Receivable:—			
Topics Advertising ..	126.10		
Yearbook Advertising	267.00		
	393.10		
	2671.95		2671.95

Statement of Operations for the year 1963

Income

Dues		
For 1962 paid in 1963	59.00	
For 1963 paid in prior years	150.25	
For 1963	3726.75	
For 1963 from Life Membership Fund	112.00	
Fees	72.00	4120.00
B.N.A. Topics		
Advertising for 1963	624.70	
Classified Advertising for 1963	101.76	
Subscriptions	70.16	
Advertising Receivable	126.10	922.72
Yearbook		
Advertising	513.25	
Advertising Receivable	267.00	780.25
Handbook Sales		1354.16
Blank Circuit Book Sales		23.00
Sales Dept. Income in Excess of Expenditures		65.12
Miscellaneous Income		25.42
Total Income Applicable to 1963		7290.67
Expenses in Excess of Income (Deficit)		567.52
		7858.19

Statement of Operations for the year 1963

Expenses

B.N.A. Topics		
Print 10 issues	3225.69	
Cuts	804.43	
Postage	299.03	
Mailing Service	154.72	
Mailing Envelopes	149.73	
Miscellaneous	13.05	4646.65
Yearbook		
Per Disbursement Account		1056.44
Library Expense		51.97
Cost of Handbooks Sold		1193.36
Cost of Blank Circuit Books Sold		23.00
Sales Dept. Depreciation on Office Equipment		30.00
Discount on Canadian Funds		77.56
Canadian Bank Charges		13.42
Postage		191.77
Printing & Stationery		426.74
C.P.A. Audit		50.00
Grand Award BNAPEX 63'		50.40
Miscellaneous		46.88
Total		7858.19

Our books were audited by James H. Degnan, C.P.A. who stated: "In my opinion, the accompanying Treasurer's Report presents fairly the financial position of the British North America Philatelic Society at December 31, 1963 and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year."

James T. Culhane, Treasurer

HISTORICAL MEMORANDUM OF THE CANADIAN POSTAL SERVICE WITH THE ARMIES IN FRANCE, BELGIUM AND GERMANY 1914-1919

P R E F A C E

Mr. Vincent G. Greene,
Chairman of the Library and Editorial Board,

Dear Mr. Greene :

When a collector friend, some four years ago, showed to me a signed copy of the official report of the Assistant Director of Postal Services of the Canadian Forces, B.E.F. in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany for the years 1914 to 1919 which he said he had rescued from the wastepaper basket so to speak, I recognized at once its value not only as a military document but its importance to philately.

I earnestly requested that it be given to me as I was very interested in it. He replied he too was interested in military philately. After considerable coaxing and dickering a price was arrived at and I became the owner.

I soon realized more deeply its philatelic value. Its voluminous nature I felt sure would preclude its publication as a whole and I determined to make a synopsis of it, especially dealing with what was of interest to philately.

Some three years later and a rather serious and lengthy illness I felt the task was just more than I desired to undertake. I pondered on the situation as to what should be done with the document. No doubt it contains the most comprehensive and accurate history of the organization and operation of the corps in the European area in existence, with lists of military and other army post offices.

Finally I arrived at the decision that the place for it was in the library of the British North America Philatelic Society rather than my own. There it would be available for the members and posterity. It is a valuable document.

I have great pleasure in donating it to the Society. You have very kindly expressed your appreciation of it and are enthusiastic enough about it to suggest it should be published in total over a period of time in Topics. You even suggest it might later be published in pamphlet.

Having turned over the document to the Society I now leave it with them to use in the best interests of the members and philately in general.

Yours sincerely,

LLOYD W. SHARPE

PART I

Summary of Headings

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 - (b) Cross Channel Services
 - (c) Treatment at Base Ports in France
 - (d) Supply Train Services
 - (e) Express Services to Headquarters
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 - (g) Cross Post Services for Inter-Army Mails

- (h) Services in the Field, i.e. beyond Railheads
 - (j) Post Orderlies
 - (k) Homeward Mails
 - (l) Aeroplane Postal Services
 - (m) Postal Services for Civilian Population
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 4. Mails for Troops in Schools and Training Camps
 5. Mails for Casualties
 6. Mails for Canadian Troops serving with other formations or detached from the B.E.F.
 7. Postal Traffic Organisation
 8. Accounts and Currency
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 10. Accommodation and Equipment
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Administrative Organisation

The Postal Services of the whole of the Imperial Forces in the British Expeditionary Force were controlled by a Director of Army Postal Services who was responsible to the Quartermaster General and through him to the Field Marshal Commanding in Chief. The Director of Postal Services is empowered to communicate direct with the Civil Postal Authorities and to observe their directions in matters of a technical Postal nature.

The Director (Brig.-General W. Price, C.B., C.M.G., etc.) was assisted by two Deputy Directors (Colonel T. Kelly, C.M.G., and Colonel D. J. Lidbury, D.S.O.) at Headquarters and by an Assistant Director at the Headquarters of each Army and at the Bases, and by a Deputy Assistant Director at the Headquarters of each Army Corps.

The various Colonial Forces were normally grouped together into formations corresponding to their numerical strength. Thus the Canadian and Australian Forces were each of sufficient strength to form Army Corps in themselves; while the New Zealand Force formed a Division and the South Africans a Brigade. In the case of the Canadian and Australian Forces the administration appointments attached to their Corps were accordingly filled by Officers of the Canadian and Australian Postal Corps.

When the size of the Canadian Force in France had increased, by the formation of a Canadian Cavalry Brigade and by a very large number of Canadian units — Railway Engineers, Forestry Companies, Hospitals, etc. — distributed in all parts of France, it was decided to appoint an Assistant Director to supervise the whole of the Postal Services of the Canadian Forces, to regulate the supply and movements of all Canadian Postal personnel in France, to correspond with the Officer Administering Canadian Army Postal Services in Canada on technical matters and to co-ordinate the Postal work generally. This Officer (Lieut-Colonel K. A. Murray) was nominally attached to the Headquarters of the Postal Directorate but he was normally stationed at the most convenient point at the time being to administer the services with a view to economy in time and transport in moving from place to place.

The organisation controlled by the A.D.P.S. Canadian Forces comprised 31 Canadian Post Offices, viz.

Canadian Corps Hqrs. Post Office	1
Canadian Divisional Hqrs. Post Offices	4
Canadian Infantry Brigade Post Office	12
Canadian Cavalry Brigade	1
Canadian Div'l Railhead Post Offices	4
Canadian Div'l Train Post Offices	5
Canadian Corps Troops Post Office	1

Canadian Schools & Reinforcement Camp Post Offices (S.84)	1
Canadian Base Depot Post Office (S.22)	1
Canadian Postal Record Office	1
Postal Staff was also employed with each Divisional Supply Column	

Total 31

These Post Offices were staffed in accordance with the standard establishment laid down for similar post offices with Imperial formations in accordance with the schedule given hereunder and formally approved in War Office letter of 28 April 1918 No. 121/overseas/5408 (SD.2).

Formation	Schedule Number	Establishment for each Formation
Office of A.D.P.S.		1 Major
Canadian Forces	1	(Acting Lt. Col)
Office of D.A.D.P.S.		1 Lieut.
Canadian Corps	1	(Acting Major)
Canadian Base Depot		1 Lieut.
Post Office	1	1 Sergt. 9 Men
Postal Branch, Canadian Section, GHQ 3rd Echelon ...	1	1 Lieut. 1 Sgt. 2 Corpls. 23 Men
A Canadian Cavalry Brigade Field P.O.		1 Corpl. 2 Men
Canadian Cav. Brigade Supply Column	1	1 Corpl. 2 Men
Canadian Corps Hqrs. Field Post Office	1	1 S/Sgt. 3 Men
Canadian Division H.Q. Field Post Office	4	1 S/Sgt. 1 Cpl. 2 Men or C.S.M.
Canadian Divisional Train Field P.O.	5	1 Sgt. 2 Men
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Canadian Divisional Supply Column	4	1 Cpl. 2 Men
Canadian Infantry Bde. Field Post Office	12	1 Cpl. 2 Men
Canadian Field Aux. Postal Detachment	2	1 Cpl. 3 Men

* To supervise the postal service of the whole Division.

The total authorised force was therefore 4 Officers,
44 Non Commissioned Officers and 108 Men — Total 156

END OF PART I

BOYD'S LOCAL POSTS IN NEW YORK CITY 1844-1882

Published at 35/- (\$5) by the Regent Stamp Co. Ltd., 50 Pall Mall, London, S.W.1.

Author: Dr. Donald S. Patton.

This monograph covers the history of the famous Boyd's City Express Post founded in 1844 through its change of names in 1863 to "City Post", 1869 "City Dispatch" and 1873 "Dispatch" until its closure in

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Trail of the Caribou

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

We know that Ed Richardson, BNAPS #168, LaMarque, Tex., won't like us for this column as it concerns revenues for the most part, but so much has accumulated on our desk of late that we think Ed will excuse us if we put it into Trail instead of sending it down for his Revenue column. Some years ago John Siverts, BNAPS #59, Wilmington, Del., advised me that some copies of the Edward VII and the early George V revenues were watermarked. I went through everything I had in the way of singles and duplicates but could find no watermarked copies, even though I looked rather carefully. As it happens my taste does not run to watermarked copies but from the fact that I couldn't find any I assumed that they were not too easy to come by. So John, who had a duplicate of his Edward VII copy sent one up to me with his compliments. With one stuck somewhere in my stockbook, I was satisfied and no one would have heard anymore about it from me if Ed Richardson hadn't bugged me about it recently. It seems as though Ray Avery, BNAPS #1558, Toronto, had just reported in with a watermarked copy of an Edward VII revenue and Ed wanted to know if I knew anything about it. It seems as though in the process of judging BNAPEX '63, Ed had passed over 1 page of Colin Makepeace's collection, BNAPS #107, Providence, R.I., as there was an entire page of watermarked copies and if memory does not play me false I believe Colin had deducted that the word in question was "COLUMBIA". So check your Edward VII's and George V revenues and see if you have a watermarked copy because it seems as though only part of the sheet is watermarked and watermarked copies do not seem easy to come by.

Then Ed asked me about another variety, it is the latest of the Newfoundland Caribou Revenue set in which the 25c, Holmes #NIR 38 had the value blocked out and it was then surcharged "5". We were on the point of telling Ed that we couldn't be less interested as this was a Canadian surcharge and not a Newfoundland surcharge, our

interest in Newfoundland stops at Mar. 31, 1949, the date of Confederation. However within a day I had another letter on the same matter from Wilmer Rockett, BNAPS #249, Willow Grove, Pa., so I thought it might be best to ask for information in this column as it seems from this end as though Newfoundland may finally be running out of their last issue and they are surcharging values that they have in excess to take the place of those that they are short of. I want this understood that this is purely a guess and I would certainly appreciate information on this score.

So Ray Avery, who had first written to Ed about the watermarked Edward VII Newfoundland Revenue decided to write to me directly but along with that matter he also sent along his proof of the 50c Queen Victoria, NIR4. I just say proof because I'm not certain whether it is a die proof cut down or a plate proof. I'm inclined to go along with the former though because if it is a plate proof where are the other copies hiding. And then again for reasons I will subsequently reveal it may be a plate proof. Ray describes it as a proof in issued color on card but to our unpractised eye it looked as though it was probably printed on India GALLEY 4

and stuck to the card and if this is the case it is more apt to be a plate proof. The proof in question also has about a $\frac{3}{8}$ inch circular hole punched right through the value. Does anyone have any of the other values or does anyone know of their existence.

Ray also wrote to ask about the Cigarette Excise stamps that I reported on back in Dec. '51 when I revealed that the letters and years stamped on them revealed the year and date of use. The word in question was "QUESTIONABLY" one letter for each day of the month and we have them in various completeness from 1944 to 1949. Now both Ray and I have copies of these same stamps just surcharged with the letters with no following numbers. Is it possible that these were the first issued in 1943 or what. Who knows?

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MORE FANCY CANCELS FROM NOTRE DAME ST. WEST, MONTREAL

by D. A. CRAWFORD, BNAPS 1646

In the December 1963 issue of *Topics* the article on the Fancy Cancels from Notre Dame St. West, Montreal brought several most interesting letters and more cork cancels from this post office. First before discussing the new corks I would like to correct the thinking of some that these are duplex cancellers. They are most certainly not duplex cancellers as the spacing between the circular dater and the cork varies in nearly every strike which would indicate a separate cork canceller.

The new Fancy Cancels shown in Figures 1 to 4 are all traced from covers. In the first article on this post office a tracing was made from "Canadian Fancy Cancellations of the Nineteenth Century" by K. M. Day and E. A. Smythies and was shown as Figure 4. In the Day-Smythies book it is No. 793 and is also drawn in Fred Jarrett's "B.N.A. Catalogue" under No. 1146. These all show 18 cogs around a centre surrounded by an outer broken ring of 19 bars. Figure 1 shown here is the same except there are only 17 cogs and 17 bars in the outer broken ring. This tracing is from a cover dated October 17th, 1895 and a second cover dated November 6th, 1895 has been reported. It is my feeling that these are one and the same cancel and if anyone has a strike showing the 18 cogs and 19 bars in outer ring please correspond with me.

The cancel in Figures 2 and 3 are from the same cork only in Figure 3 it has become worn and the smallest cube has broken off. The tracings fit exactly one GALLEY 6

over the other which lead me to believe that they are both from the one cork. In Figure 4 the cancel was very faint but sufficient to make the tracing. The 1899 usage is quite late and the cork was well worn.

In summary there are eight different corks identified from the Notre Dame St. West post office and different states of some shown. These were used between the period of 1895 to 1899 and two different circular daters were used in conjunction with the Fancy Cancels. The writer will welcome the reporting of any additional finds.



Fig. 1



Fig. 2



Fig. 3

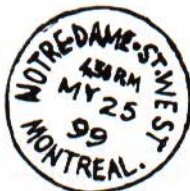


Fig. 4

Canada's Semi-Official Airmails

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

by Daniel G. Rosenblat (BNAPS 1445)

During the recent convention of the Society at Williamsburg a Semi-official Airmails Study Group was organized under the chairmanship of Ernest F. Schiewick Smith, P.O. Box 126, Hudson Heights, Que. Anyone interested in joining this group (which should include everyone interested enough in the subject to read this column) is invited to notify Mr. Smith. Incidentally, Mr. Smith is attempting to locate a collection of early "Flight" magazines of the period 1924-34 in the hope that they may contain some contemporary articles that will shed more light on the activities of the early mail carrying airlines — should any reader know the whereabouts of such a collection Mr. Smith would much appreciate a note.

Jack V. Elliot Air Service

This company produced a second issue of stamps on March 25th, 1926, the design and colors identical to the first issue (including the various constant varieties) but with the yellow background produced by rows of swastikas rather than the previous wavy lines. As was the case with the first issue, these were printed in sheets of 16 and subsequently divided into panes of 8 (4 x 2) by cutting through the horizontal gutter. All authorities seem satisfied that the printing consisted of 2000 stamps.

A few imperforate complete sheets of 16 must have existed for one such sheet was offered at the Matthews sale, realizing \$200.00, and imperf. pairs or blocks, some tete-beche with the horizontal gutter between, are known. The Matthews sale also offered a complete perforated sheet of 16 (which was "stolen" for a paltry \$87.50) and Ed Richardson has a vertical tete-beche block of 8 with the gutter between. Catalogues also note imperf. pairs with "AIR SERVICE" inverted on one stamp — such a pair sold at Sissons in 1957 for \$17.00.

The A.A.M.S. catalogue states that "The only first flight of this company was between Rolling Portage and Red Lake. However, as there was no Post Office at Red Lake at that time covers bear an oval blue

rubber stamp reading "Kenora-Received-Mar. 6, 1926-Red Lake." Some also have a cachet in red reading "Jack V. Elliot Air Service-First Flight-Red Lake to Hudson" in three lines. Later flights have a rubber stamp in purple reading "Red Lake Gold District" or "Red Lake Mining District". Very few of these exist and they are as valuable as first flights."

These covers were naturally franked with the Company's first issue in the case of the first flights and probably in the case of those cacheted "Red Lake Gold District" but those cacheted "Red Lake Mining District" appear to be known with either of the two issues and since the date on this cachet was March 25th it is probable that this was the first flight using the second issue.

It should be noted that at this time Rolling Portage was known as Hudson and the cachets use this name although the flights are usually described as "Rolling Portage to Red Lake and return". It might also be noted that although the special "First Flight-Red Lake to Hudson" cachet which appeared on some covers is described as being in red my own copies are in a reddish purple—more purple than red.

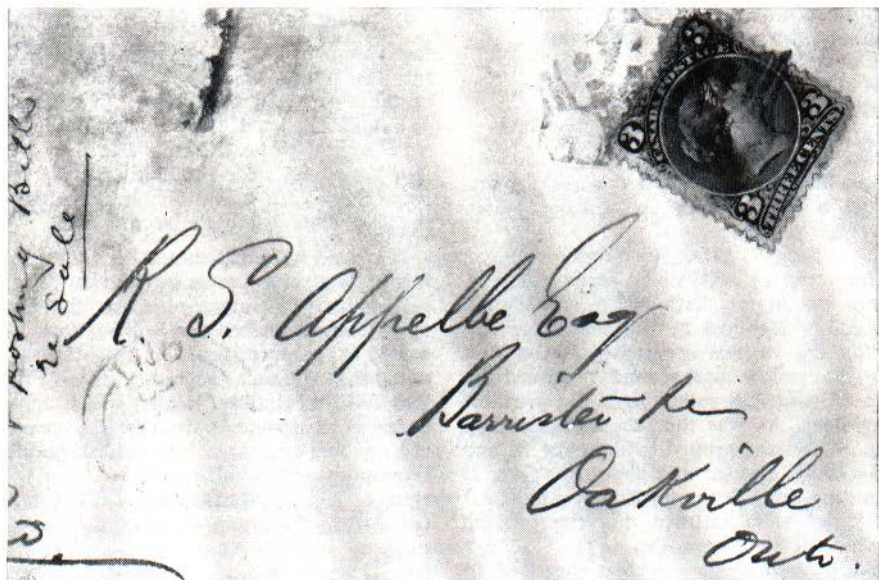
The only figures that I have seen as to the number of first flight covers carried are those of the A.A.M.S. catalogue which indicates 300 each way. I have no recent auction realization on any of these covers but about two years ago I was able to purchase a Red Lake to Rolling Portage cover with the special "First Flight" cachet from a New York dealer for \$11.50.

It would be of interest to know:

- #41. What percentage of the March 6th first flight covers carry the special cachet?
- #42. How many covers were carried with the "Red Lake Gold District" cachet?
- #43. How many covers were carried with the "Red Lake Mining District?" cachet and of these how many were franked with the first issue and how many with the second?

An Unrecorded Toronto Fancy Cancellation

by JOHN H. M. YOUNG



A 3c Large Queen tied by a Toronto fancy "PAID" cork cancellation on a letter to Oakville dated 1868

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Rounding Up Squared Circles

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

Stanley Cohen has Wolseley, Assa, dated Ap 30, 94. I have seen it. Can any of the experts account for this mysterious date? Wolseley was proofed May 29, 94!

Many BNAPOSTers are eagerly awaiting the 3rd edition of the Handbook. R.M. Doull writes: "Looking forward to the new handbook; mine is almost worn out." He has found: Bowmanville: Blank/De 6, 93; Orillia: AM/No 19, 00. He has also acquired a 'very nice copy' of Millbrook.

H. G. Walburn has three covers back-stamped Williamstown, with dates of My 1, 00; My 25, 00, and Jul 15, 00. All of these are later than the previous record.

John Siverts, who is always coming up with something very good, has found a cover with Clifton, Jy 8, 93, a new early date for this great rarity. He says that Kings Co., N.B., is proved by this cover — see the handbook. Congratulations! He also reports: Port Perry, De 19, 03; Mission City, B.C., Au 15, 93, (How easily these plums fall into his hands!)

Dr. G. F. Mills has the following squared circles, all dated Ju 19, 97, on Jubilees — the first day of the issue:

Halifax 1, 2, Ju 19, 97; Almonte; Clarenceville; Dundas; Ottawa, 5,7/Ju 19, 97; Toronto, 3 pm/Ju 19, 97; Paris, C/Ju 19, 97. This is indeed a very fine list. Can anyone beat it? I can't.

J. J. Bonar of Edinburgh, Scotland is the first to report finding an additional copy of Winnipeg, hammer IV, in the new date range announced by Dr. W. G. Moffat, Topics, Jan. '64. It is also dated Ju 12, 95, and, like the Moffat copies, is on the 2c Sm. Qu. He says: "All the known copies are on the 2c. Sm. Qu. I wonder if the hammer was reserved for special use."

Alan J. Eatock, of Hamilton, is another fortunate squared circle collector. Here are his finds during the past year: Lennoxville: Mr. 20, 94; Fort William West: No. 14, 93; Lindsay: Sp. 28, 93. Tara: Fe 28, 94; Glencoe Fe 9, 98; Toronto: 12 AM/AU 23, 00.

NOTICE

At the last meeting of the Truro Philatelic Society it was agreed that an effort should be made to revive the interest in the project of compiling a History of the Truro Post Office.

Upon the suggestion of several members it was decided to undertake a study of the various chronological postal periods separately, beginning with the era during which GALLEY 3

Squared Circle Postmarks occurred. A comprehensive study of that postal period will require the examination of as many stamps as possible and for this purpose each member is asked to bring to the next meeting any letters, postcards, or stamps in their possession, on which a Truro Squared Circle Postmark appears. The study will be conducted in "workshop" fashion so every one will have an opportunity to participate in it.

Please examine the material in your collection and try to locate as many Truro Squared Circle Postmarks as possible to bring to the next meeting which will be held on Tuesday, December 10th.

Ross H. Baker, Secretary,
Truro Philatelic Society.

I am sure that all squared circle collectors will help the Truro Society in this excellent project — a piece of work which could be emulated by societies in other Squared Circle Towns.

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FURTHER NOTES ON CANADA'S TAGGED STAMPS

by

Dr. Edward S. Mercantini,

BNAPS #1636

This paper is a follow-up to the article which appeared in BNA Topics of March, 1964. For a better understanding of what follows, it is suggested that the above-mentioned article be referred to. Firstly it should be stated that electronics engineers of the Post Office Department have developed special test equipment for certain mechanized postal installations such as the Sefacan equipment at Winnipeg. Work is now being done to develop a machine which would automatically recognize stamps both by colour and by special tags. New types of keyboards for parcel sorters are being developed and tested, as well as automatic parcel counters. By no means have the engineers perfected the Sefacan equipment, and even though it is in operation in Winnipeg, an intensive programme for further improving its performance is underway.

One reason for the same denomination of tagged stamps having varying degrees of fluorescence and varying times of afterglow is because the Canadian Bank Note Company has not as yet received specifications for tagging, so that it is done rather haphazardly at present. As a result more or less phosphor material may be overprinted on the stamp face at any one tagging session. More research is being done to arrive at specifications for the tagging process. Incidentally, a letter press printing process is employed in the tagging of stamps.

In my first article I mentioned that the intensity of fluorescence would be lessened by the application of the cancellation ink to the face of the stamp. The reason for this is that cancelling ink firstly hinders ultra violet radiation from reaching the phosphor coating of the stamp, and secondly hinders the afterglow from reaching the observer. However this is strictly a philatelic problem as the cancelling is done after the Sefacan scanners have read the tagged stamps, so the Post Office is not faced with the problem caused by the effect of can-

cellation ink on the phosphorescent qualities of the tagging material. No chemical interaction between phosphor tagging and cancelling ink occurs.

Mention was made in the previous article that the colours of stamps were an important factor in the workings of the Sefacan equipment. Besides the fact that certain colours take the phosphor tag better than others, stamp colours were changed on the third regular Queen issue (the 4c denomination for drop letter rate was changed from violet to carmine) for another reason as follows: The Sefacan equipment employs two distinct methods for detecting the stamp on a letter. The first method makes use of the afterglow which results when a tagged stamp is briefly irradiated with ultra-violet light. This is the desirable and more positive method of detection. In the absence of a tagged stamp, a second method is employed based upon the low reflectance of stamps in a narrow band of the visible spectrum. It is for the latter detection method that stamp colours were changed.

With the recent announcement by our Postmaster General that local city mail will soon require 5c postage as does mail leaving the city, the single band tagging of our 4c denomination will become obsolete since the purpose for the single tag was to differentiate it from the double bands of the other denominations and so segregate it as on a letter for local mail. Now the 4c stamps will be specifically useful only for mailings of postal cards.

In early February of this year it was stated in an American weekly philatelic newspaper that postally used tagged stamps of Canada were not collectible because they no longer fluoresced and therefore could not be differentiated from untagged issues. They do not fluoresce only if soaked off the cover, because as stated in my first article, humidity causes a deterioration of the phosphorescent properties of the tag by water absorption. The obvious answer to the

problem is to collect used tagged stamps on cover or "on piece". If used tagged stamps off cover are acquired, they should be examined with ultra-violet light to be sure they really are tagged, and that the soaking process has not entirely eliminated the phosphorescent properties.

As regards the lamps used to detect these tagged issues, there have been numerous advertisements in American philatelic newspapers and magazines offering these ultra-violet and black light for sale. However a word of warning should be given here. Many of these advertised lamps emit short wave ultra-violet radiation, down around 2500 Angstrom units. Any wave length shorter than 2900 Angstrom units is very dangerous for use by people not trained in the proper employment of ultra-violet light sources. Burns to the eyes are possible simply by just looking directly at the light momentarily. Blindness can and does result from exposure upwards of ten seconds. Also any reflecting surface such as a light-coloured album page, table top, or wall can cause reflection of the ultra-violet rays back into the eyes with the same disastrous results as directly looking into the lamp. Properly fitting filter goggles may be used as protection, as well as suitable covering for exposed skin surfaces, but again even the use of these protective agents must be properly taught to the user. Personally I have found that with the black Wood's lamp which emits rays of 3200 Angstrom units, I get excellent fluorescence and afterglow for studying Canada's tagged stamps. The Post Office Department has found that ultra violet light with a wavelength of 2537 Angstrom units gives best results and uses this for identification, but of course those people working the equipment are not neophytes, so the danger of using this short wavelength is nil for them. Of course the shorter the wavelength used in identification the better the intensity of fluorescence obtained.

The Sefacan equipment was installed in

Winnipeg, Manitoba, at the end of May, 1963.

The following is a list of the quantities of the Queen Elizabeth issue, 1954 design, which were issued tagged by the P.O. Department:

- 1c— 8,200,000
- 2c—29,595,000
- 3c—11,695,000
- 4c—37,345,000
- 5c—32,095,000

Figures are not available for the quantities of postage stamps that have been tagged in the Queen Elizabeth issue, 1962 design, since these are current postage stamp issues and will be tagged from time to time as required. The following indicates the dates on which the first shipments of the tagged stamps of the Queen Elizabeth issue, 1962 design, were forwarded from the manufacturers to the Postage Stamp Depot, Winnipeg.

- 1c—January 31st, 1963
- 2c—April 30th, 1963
- 3c—April 30th, 1963
- 4c—January 31st, 1963
- 5c—December 10th, 1962

Unfortunately there is no definite record to indicate the exact date on which the 1962 design tagged stamps were actually first used, but presumably it was soon after the above dates. The first day of sale of the Queen 1954 design tagged issue was on Saturday, January 13, 1962 in Winnipeg.

The foregoing, along with the information contained in my first article is just about everything to be known about Canada's tagged stamps to date. I wish to acknowledge the wholehearted co-operation of the Post Office Department in answering my many queries to them both by letter and telephone, and their willingness to help philatelists obtain knowledge about these tagged issues. I would welcome any additional data or information, from readers of this article, pertaining to tagged stamps, now or in the future, as I shall keep up my interest in these and continue to compile notes for possible subsequent articles.

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THE 25c FRENCH ISSUE OF THE 1919 THRIFT STAMP DOES EXIST!

by Ed Richardson, #168

Is this defective copy of the 25c Thrift Stamp in French, a Unique time? Or do other copies exist?

Not too many months ago we commented that in spite of the fact that we owned the Die Proof of the 25c French Thrift stamp of 1919, we were ready to concede that the stamp must have been one of those "prepared, but never issued" varieties.

On the strength of the existence of the Die Proof, and since ONE copy was known of the \$5 War Savings stamp in French, we permitted the listing of the 25c version in the 9th edition of Holmes' Catalogue. We were about ready to admit that this was an error.

The single copy of the \$5.00 War Savings (French), has long been known. It was originally in the Goodwin Harris collection of Canadian Revenues, and currently is owned by Dr. Frank Morgan, BNAPS #1938. It was exhibited last fall at BNAPEX '63 at Williamsburg, Va.

Fortunately for me, a copy of the May 1963 issue of BNA TOPICS got into the

hands of a non-member who read our comments "which rang a bell!" He recalled that some time previous to this he had been sorting out some material, and came across this item, laying it aside since it was not listed.

As one would expect, this copy came from that Province of Quebec, — from Montreal.

Now that one copy has turned up, we wonder how many more are in existence. Can it be that the French speaking Canadians were all so thrifty that every blasted copy of the 25c and \$5.00 Thrift and War Savings stamps were turned in for redemption, with the exception of one copy each? We doubt it.

However, for the time being this "moth-eaten" copy of the 25c, along with Morgan's copy of the \$5.00 are two **unique** items. In a forthcoming revenue catalogue the \$5.00 copy, which has stood the test of time, having been listed in Holmes at \$500.00, — will be given a catalogue value of \$2,000. What will the 25c be listed at? Certainly no where near the \$5.00 value, — until it too has been given time to see additional copies brought to light. However even if two or three additional copies should turn up, it will easily bear a catalogue value of \$500 or better.

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Vincent Greene has served in an official capacity in many posts of philatelic societies. He is a past-president of the British North America Philatelic Society and the Toronto Stamp Collectors' Club and a governor of the Essay-Proof Society.

Mr. Greene has just completed co-authorship with Dr. C. M. Jephcott and John H. M. Young on the Postal History of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick 1754-1867 which is now at press.

Mr. Greene is a great believer in stamp collecting as a hobby and strives to advance the study of stamps particularly amongst the younger generation. He is constantly encouraging new collectors and attends as many philatelic events as possible.

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I have a Montreal cancel dated JU 27 82 with the letters N R H at the base instead of the word CANADA which was generally used at Montreal. The word MONTREAL is arranged in a semi circle, but there is no outer circle, nor is there any indication of a split circle between the letters N R H and the MONTREAL. This is on a 1 cent small queen and I am wondering if it was a special mark used on some drop letters for local delivery. Can anyone advise me as to what N R H stands for?

I have an OTTAWA squared circle cancel dated DE 15 97 with #9 above the date. As numbers higher than #8 were not in use at Ottawa until considerably later than the date on this stamp, I assume that clerk #6 put his number in the hammer upside-down and that this #9 is in reality an inverted #6. I have been unable to find an example of #6 on this particular date which would support my theory that it is #6 inverted. Has any collector got a #6 on this date?

MONTREAL used circular town cancels with numbers 1 to 24 above the date #1 to #7 show P.M. instead of the year date at the bottom. #8 to #11 are mixed, some showing PM and some showing the year. #12 to #24 show the year date under the month and day. The fact that the numbers run from 1 to 24 suggests that these are "round the Clock" time marks. If this is the case why is #1 not 1 A.M. instead of the day apparently starting with #13? I would like to have an explanation of what seems to be a very strange arrangement of time marks.

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