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THE GENERAL ROBERT GILL "CANADA"

Splendid Realisations at the Robson Lowe Auction

This superlative collection formed by General Robert Gill of Baltimore — and recently displayed to hundreds of Canadian philatelists during Mr. Robson Lowe's personal tour — touched a new and exciting peak in its history when sold in the Princes Elizabeth suite, Piccadilly Hotel, London, on 27th October, 1965.

The final realisation of the one-day sale was £50,171.

A brief review of the highlights must include among the 1851 on laid paper the unique block of four 3d. orange-vermilion £1,350, 6d. slate-violet single £700 and the wonderful single 12d. that realised £3,700. It was a great disappointment to all that the brilliant corner pair of this classic did not find a worthy bidder.

The 1852-54 3d. red on medium hard wove paper (lot 15) made £500, the 3d. red-brown (lot 22) £850, the 6d. greenish-grey unique mint block of four (lot 23) £5,000, lot 25 £450, and the 6d. reddish-purple (lot 29) £625.

Lot 33 — the brilliant mint marginal block of four 1857 10d. went for £8,500, the single (lot 35) £1,150, the 7½d. pale yellow-green mint block of four (lot 41) £6,000, the marginal single (lot 43) £600.

The 1858-59 perforated began with lot 55, the ½d. mint block of four £900, the 3d. red similar block (lot 59) £1,500, and the single 6d. (lots 64 and 66) made £525 and £550. The marvelous marginal block of 17c. deep blue (lot 71) realised £850 and the 1c. block of twenty (lot 79) reached £400.

Outstanding items in the 1868-88 issue included lot 134, the block of twenty 1c. red-brown £900, lot 135 the block of eight £280, lot 140 2c. green block of eight £300, lot 149 3c. dull red block of nine £375, lot 157 6c. pale brown superb corner block of twenty-five £950, lot 158 block of ten £400, lot 163 12½c blue corner block of fifteen £900 and lot 170 the exceptional strip of three 15c. clear deep violet £625.

Canada's Semi-Official Airmails

by DANIEL G. ROSENBLAT (BNAPS 1445) 210 Monte Diablo Avenue, San Mateo, Calif.

Ever since I first began to write this column I have rather dreaded the inevitable day when I would have to begin to tell the story of the Patricia Airways & Exploration Co. It is not that I have any prejudice against this company, which added so much variety to the field of Canada's Semi-officials, but rather that it is bound to be a difficult field to cover, and perhaps even a controversial one.

For there are many conflicting opinions about the stamps of this company, whether many of them of the overprinted types were legitimately issued with proper authority for legitimate purposes or whether, as I heard one opinion expressed, underpaid employees would make up a batch of new overprintings for sale to collectors and dealers whenever hard pressed for lunch money. Certainly those many stamps overprinted "RED LAKE" with a simple rubber stamp, in a vast variety of colors and positions, could well be suspect and one cannot quarrel with the Holmes Catalogue notation, "Now began a barrage of many and varied overprints . . . how many deliberate attempts to make as many varieties as possible will perhaps never be known."

On the other hand, Sanabria has given all these varieties unqualified listing and as long ago as 1936 O.W.R. Smith wrote in *The American Philatelist*, "These issues have previously encountered some disfavor in some quarters, largely owing to lack of complete knowledge of the circumstances governing their issue, but research having shown that practically all of them received the Canadian Postal Authorities' sanction before making their appearance, has resulted in their increasing popularity."

It is interesting to note the qualification that "practically all" had received sanction — there is an implication that some had not, and I would certainly like to know a little more about the research referred to above. For myself, I collect all that come my way but I am particularly cautious about the price that I pay for any of the rubber stamp overprints.

I have a photostat of a contemporary advertisement of the Company, issued in July of 1926, which lists passenger and freight rates from Sioux Lookout to various points — the nearest being Pine Ridge, 76 miles, and the furthest Cat Lake, 155 miles. The

rates average about 75c per mile for passengers and 25c per mile per 100 lbs of freight — pretty stiff by modern standards. They also advertise a service from Minaki (on the C.N.R. about 20 miles east of the Manitoba border) "to any point in Manitoba", but I have never seen a listing of PA & E mail originating from this point.

The ad includes instructions for mail that read in part as follows: "The Post Office Department has granted Patricia Airways & Exploration Limited permission to carry mail into the various gold fields in the district of Patricia. Special Airmail Stamps have been issued by Patricia Airways and these can be purchased at all post offices and at the Company's offices." The statement that the stamps could be purchased at all post offices is of course incorrect, but I have heard that they were, at least initially, available at Toronto, Ottawa, Hamilton, Winnipeg, Sudbury, Sioux Lookout, Oshawa, North Bay, Cobalt, Temiskaming, Montreal, Haileybury, Red Lake and Rolling Portage.

It would appear that the Company was authorized to provide airmail service in the Red Lake area, previously serviced by the various Elliott and Fairchild companies, commencing June 27th, 1926. However, mail was carried by the company's plane, *The Lark*, on its flight from New York to Red Lake in March-April of that year, although of course without the Company's own stamps. Nor was the first authorized mail carried by the Company on the Sioux Lookout-Red Lake schedule franked with their stamps — the AAMS Catalogue states, "As this company did not have its semi-official stamps ready, mail was carried franked with stamps of other companies. For carrying this mail between June 27th and July 6th, 1926 the Company was paid 25c per letter by the Government, believed to be the only occasion this has ever been done in Canada."

The Company's first stamp, probably issued in late June of 1926, saw first day usage on July 7th. The catalogues indicate flights on this date from Sioux Lookout to Pine Ridge (125 covers) and return (140 covers) and from Sioux Lookout to Red Lake (415 covers) and return (770 covers). Since Pine Ridge is on the direct route

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More Sketches of BNAPSers

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To all members of BNAPS:

You have, no doubt, missed the fine SKETCHES of individual members of our society which Topics carried for so long. With the completion of 100 of these features, the author deemed it time for a rest and passed the job onto this relative new-

comer. It is hoped that this writer will do half as well as our former columnist.

It is, then, most appropriate that my first Sketch should be of the author of the original series. This will be followed by others who are considered outstanding philatelists in our society. Your comments are solicited.
R. V. C. Carr

No. 101 Vincent G. Greene—L 40

Vincent G. Greene — "Vinnie" to all who know him was born in Toronto in 1893 and was educated at Upper Canada College. During World War I, he served with distinction as an officer in the 4th Canadian Infantry Battalion. During World War II, he was a District Recruiting Officer. After 40 years in the insurance business, he is now retired and is spending much time visiting philatelic events.

His BNA collection is so outstanding that he is occasionally surprised to rediscover an item that he forgot — this was noted at the Alpine Inn (per John Young). He has exhibited and won high honors in the major international shows. He judged at FIPEX (1956) and London (1960), and was President of CAPEX (1951).

He is a member of the roll of distinguished philatelists and a Fellow in the Royal Philatelic Society of London and of Canada. Also he is past-president of both BNAPS and the Toronto Stamp Collectors' Club. His many articles have graced the leading philatelic magazines. He was a major collaborator with the late Nicholas Argenti in the monumental work on the stamps of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. The follow-up to this book was on the postal history — here again Vinnie along with Dr. Jephcott and Editor John Young did the work. It was recently released and has been widely acclaimed.

An exhibiting member of the Collector's Club of New York, he recently received the Alfred Lichtenstein Memorial Award.



His second hobby is coin collecting and he is a Fellow of the Royal Numismatic Society and past-president of the Canadian Numismatic Association.

Vinnie is a loyal BNAPSer and has been one of the strongest forces in it's growth and success. We who know him feel that it is entirely our pleasure.

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THE CALGARY INN, ALBERTA

EARLY POST OFFICES OF STORMONT COUNTY

by Max Rosenthal

During the winter of 1784-5 Jacques Morriseau carried the mails on his back twice between Montreal and Kingston. Houses were so few between Lachine and Cornwall that he had to sleep in the open for two nights. This was not surprising as the townships along the St. Lawrence River had received their first settlers in 1784, the year after the Treaty of Paris concluded the American Revolution. The first immigrants who landed where Cornwall now stands were United Empire Loyalists who had served under General Cornwallis in the war, and it may have been from this fact that the name Cornwall was bestowed on the village and the township around it, although the more likely explanation is that it got its name from Cornwall, England and the fact that some members of the royal family have been known as Duke of Cornwall. These pioneers located under the supervision of Sir John Johnston, and Cornwall's first name was New Johnston.

When the soldiers were disbanded in the spring of 1784 they were directed to take their families to New Johnston. At the government store located there they were to draw for lands. They came up the St. Lawrence in batteaux, there were no roads. Included among the first post offices in Upper Canada opened in 1789 was Cornwall. The postal arrangements in the newly settled areas did not afford much facility for correspondence. The mail between Montreal and Niagara was carried by couriers who travelled most of the way on foot, and took six months to make the round trip. From 1800 to 1810 mail was carried on foot up and down once a month in winter, and, with the aid-of-boats, once a fortnight in summer.

In 1810 a fortnightly service the year round was arranged between Montreal and Kingston. After 15 mails were dispatched once a week. The next improvements were the sending of mails two and three times a week. This was carried on until about 1830, when the Post Office Department decided on sending a mail each way daily to the post offices on the St. Lawrence River and Lake Ontario. No further changes were made until the completion of the Grand Trunk

Railway from Montreal to Toronto, in the autumn of 1856, when two daily mails each way were inaugurated.

From 1804 to about 1854 Guy Carleton Wood, a man prominent in public affairs, was postmaster of Cornwall, a 50 year regime. Until the first circular postmarks were introduced in Upper Canada in 1829, one looks in vain on covers sent from Cornwall for either manuscript or straight line postmarks. If the sender prepaid the postage, Wood would write on the front in red ink the amount, to show that it had been paid, nothing more. The new postmark of the 1830's, a small double circle broken by Cornwall, in red, appears on a letter sent by James Pringle, the Crown Land Agent for the Eastern District, to Peter Robinson, York on April 11, 1832. In this and other examples of this postmark in the Ontario Archives from that decade Wood only wrote in the day and month, not the year.

On a letter sent by Pringle to R. B. Sullivan Commissioner of Crown Lands, Toronto on October 2, 1839, the same postmark appears in black. A letter sent by Pringle to Sullivan on March 28, 1840 is already cancelled with a large double broken by Cornwall, U.C., the date, including the year, set in type, all in red. A letter sent by postmaster Wood himself to the Surveyor-General, Toronto on April 9, 1841 has a straight line Free stamped in red. It has his initials G.C.W., P.M. at the bottom. A straight line Paid, in red medium-sized lettering, appears on a letter sent by Angus McDonell, Cornwall to A. N. Morin, Commissioner of Crown Lands, Kingston, August 26, 1843.

The greater number of Loyalists who settled in the next township upstream from Cornwall Township were of German origin. Its name, Osnabruck, is that of a town and province in Hannover, Germany. Among those in the first settlement were the Aults and Poapts. In 1804 was opened Osnaburg post office, on the St. Lawrence River about two miles east of the Dundas County boundary. The 1812-14 War closed it. When it reopened in 1829 its name was correctly spelled as Osnabruck. Joseph Bockus was postmaster. A letter sent by

surveyor John L. Bruce to Crown Lands Commissioner Sullivan, Toronto has "Osnabruck, 17 Novm 37" written in a two line manuscript postmark.

In 1854 Isaiah R. Ault became postmaster of Osnabruck and its name was changed to Aultsville. Jacob Poaps, of the other pioneer family, was the postmaster of Osnabruck Centre, which opened in the early 1850's at the corner of the 4th concession road and the 18th sideroad.

In 1786 a considerable number of Highland Scotch emigrants located along the banks of the Raisin River, in Cornwall Township. They found the settlement of St. Andrews, about seven miles north of Cornwall. The Roman Catholics around St. Andrews built in 1789 the first church in the Lunenburg District, perhaps in Upper Canada. In 1830 St. Andrews (West) post office was opened, where the 12th sideroad crosses the road parallel to the south banks of the river. A letter from Donald Ae. MacDonell, successor to James Pringle as land agent for the Eastern District, St. Andrews, Township of Cornwall, to O. B. Papineau, Commissioner of Crown Lands, Montreal, sent November 22, 1845, is postmarked with a large double circle broken by St. Andrews, U.C. The date is written in. Duncan McDonell, perhaps related, was postmaster at that time.

Where the 32nd sideroad of Cornwall Township began at the St. Lawrence, at Moulinette, which means in French "Small Mill", post office was established in 1835. The old village of Mille Roches was about five miles above Cornwall, on the river bank between that stream and the Cornwall Canal. It received its name, French for "Thousand Rocks", from the French voyageurs who used to navigate the St. Lawrence, which was here both swift and rocky. On the building of the Grand Trunk Railway a new Mille Roches sprang up around the railway station, some distance west of the old depot. It got a post office in 1858, being only a mile east of Moulinette, the latter post office was closed. Moulinette post office did not reopen until the 1900's. Both are now under the water of the St. Lawrence Seaway, as well as Aultsville and Dickenson's Landing.

Located on the St. Lawrence two miles west of the eastern boundary of Osnabruck Township, in the stagecoach days Dickenson's Landing was, after Cornwall, the most prosperous village in Stormont County. It was named after Barnabas Dickinson, who came to Montreal about 1812, got the con-

tract for carrying the mails westward, and afterwards established a stagecoach line from Cornwall to Prescott.

In the Ontario Archives are the two bonds which William Colquhoun had to furnish the Post Office Department when he became the first postmaster of Dickenson's Landing in 1842. Until about 1860 it was incorrectly spelled Dickenson's Landing in postal lists, and thus did the Secretary's office in Montreal address a letter on August 26, 1847 to the chairman of the Board of Health, Dickenson's Landing, which post Colquhoun also held. However Colquhoun himself knew better, and postmarked the letter on arrival with a large double circle broken by Dickenson's Landing, in red, with 26 Aug. 1847 written in. An earlier example appears on a letter sent by surveyor John J. Bruce, Osnabruck to Thomas Park, Surveyor-General, Kingston, with 4 Jan'y 1843 written in. A straight line PAID is stamped in large red lettering. A letter from Bruce on May 3 of the same year has the postmark and PAID in black. On December 4, 1846 they reappear in red.

The township north of Osnabruck, Finch, was opened for settlement in 1802. (There was a Finch family related to Viscount Stormont). The first settlers to be attracted were the MacMillans and the Camerons, who came from Scotland in a boat chartered by Allan Glen-Payne MacMillan. In 1803 he employed surveyor Bower to run concession lines. The first road joining the south with the north of the townships was what is now the county road from Crysler to Finch village, passing through the land taken up by Adam and Peter Cockburn. They built a store and hotel in the north half of lot 14 concession 6, on the Payne River. Cockburn Corners was the first name chosen, but when a post office was opened in 1842 with Adam as postmaster, it was named after the township Finch.

The mail was delivered twice a week from Dickenson's Landing on horseback, later by stagecoach. A letter sent by Samuel Cameron, Township of Finch, to Mr. Price, Commissioner of Crown Lands, Toronto, April 1, 1850 is postmarked with a large double circle broken by FINCH, U.C., in red, with April 13, 50 written in. A straight line PAID in slanted letters in stamped in red. A transit marking is a medium-sized double circle broken by Dickinsons-Landing, Apr 6, 1850 set in type, in the thin plain lettering of the postmark of the new decade. It is in red. In 1857 Finch was renamed

after the Cockburn's home village in Scotland, Berwick.

1854 marked the beginning of South Finch, then called Gray's Corners, after Nelson Gray, who opened a store there. The next year he became the first postmaster, but the post office was called South Finch. It was at the northwest corner of the present Highway 43 and the 12th sideroad. After the Canadian Pacific Railway went through in 1885 the name was shortened to Finch.

The township north of Cornwall Township, Roxborough, was named after a border county in Scotland. Its first post office, also called Roxborough, was established in 1854 on the road south of the North Branch of the Black River, in concession 1. In 1862 its name was changed to Monckland. In the 1890's it was closed, replaced by Monckland Station, where the Canadian Pacific Railway crosses sideroad 12.

Roxborough West post office came into being in 1856, on the road in the middle of concession 5, in lot 29. It was closed in 1862. A new post office serving western Roxborough, Avonmore, was opened in 1864, on the east side of sideroad 30, in concession 3.

John Crysler was a leading landowner, including the land on which the village of Crysler stands, in Finch Township. About 1860 the first post office was opened by John Cockburn, where sideroad 12 crosses the South Nation River. At the same time were opened in Osnabruck Farran's Point, four miles east of its western boundary on the St. Lawrence, and Lunenburg, called after the original name of the district, 4th concession road and 6th sideroad. Before 1865 in the same township appeared Newington, 8th concession road and 6th sideroad, and Woodlands, 18th sideroad and St. Lawrence river road. In Roxborough was opened Moose Creek, where the road in concession 7 curves across the stream of the name.

Where the Canadian National Railway crosses sideroad 6 in Osnabruck was established in the second half of the 1860's Wales post office so named because the Prince of Wales went through there in 1860. The mail went each morning from Crysler to Wales, stopping and changing at each post office between them, and returning in the evening.

In 1870 in Cornwall Township was opened Northfield, on the slanted road in concession 9 at the 30th sideroad, and, in 1872, Harrison's Corners, where the curving road

in concession 6 crosses the same sideroad. Grand Hill post office was established in Roxborough at the southeast corner of the 12th sideroad and the 4th concession road.

Among the first settlers in Osnabruck Township were the Gallingers. Gallingertown post office was established on the south side of the road in concession 4, opposite side road 35 in 1873. On October 23 Samuel Ault, Aultsville had written to Conservative Postmaster-General Sir Alexander Campbell.

"Your favor of the 19th inst. requesting my recommendation for the postmastership of a new office which it is proposed to establish at Gallingertown, was duly received and considered, and for various reasons could not recommend the establishment of an office at that place just now. First the distance does not seem very good either way from four post offices, viz, the Hosaic office in Newburgh, is about four miles in the same concession, the Grantly office just at the boundary line between Osnabruck and Newburgh in the 8th concession, about four miles north and east in the 9th concession about three and a half miles Osnabruck Centre office with a first rate grand road — and south directly on the leading road is Aultsville office a little more than four miles. So you can perceive Mr. Gallinger is surrounded by post offices and not satisfied unless at his doors. Again the whole community are farmers with the exception of one Episcopal Methodist minister and one small grocery a little east at McConnell's Corners. But few of them take a weekly newspaper, and the other correspondence is but trifling and it is well known that the whole community have to come to the Front for milling, marketing. Scarcely a day in the year but some of them visit the village.

"Another important fact Mr. John J. Gallinger the applicant and his friends are staunch Grits (Liberals), no friends to the present Administration. Should you think differently with me and feel determined to establish the office it should be at McConnell's Corners, between lot 33 and 34, in same concession — Wm. A. Hutchins, the grocer, a far more suitable person for postmaster." As it was picked, and Edward Marshall was appointed postmaster.

In the middle 1870's Cornwall Township got Cornwall Centre, 4th concession road and 18th sideroad, and Eamer's Corners, 4th concession road and 10th sideroad. Tayside was opened in Roxborough, at the southwest corner of the 9th concession road

and the 17th sideroad. In 1877, at the north-west corner of the 5th concession road and the 6th sideroad of Osnabruck, Dixon was opened. Its postmaster was R. S. Dixon, and in the 1890's the spelling of the post office name was corrected to Dixon. In the same township appeared North Valley, on the south side of the 6th concession road opposite sideroad 22.

The early 1880's saw opened in Osnabruck Bush Glen, 7th concession road and 28th sideroad, in Roxborough Warina. 5th concession road and 12th sideroad, in Finch Township Cannamore, 11th concession road and western boundary road, and Goldfield, at the corner of what is now Highway 43 and the 6th sideroad.

Goldfield derived its name from the fact that once shafts were sunk there for gold, although none was found. When the Canadian Pacific Railway came through the first post office was opened at S. M. Maclean's. The mail was first sorted on a bed, each one picking up their own. Later a table with an upper portion in pigeon holes made mail distribution easier.

In the earliest days of the settlement of Cannamore mail was brought to Berwick, and settlers took turns walking the long trek to the post office. When the Canadian Pacific Railway went through nearby Goldfield a post office was established in John Hughe's store. It was necessary to give it a name. Several men gathered in the store one evening. Maple Leaf was a favorite

name, but in the end they decided on Cannamore. It has been told that one man said "I can no more think of a name" and someone put the first words together to form Cannamore.

Morrisville, whose postmaster was Doderick Morrison, opened in 1885 on the south side of the 5th concession road of Roxborough, in lot 3, and did not last quite a decade. The same township got Strathmore, in 1887, at the corner of the road in concession 1 and the sideroad between lots A & 1.

In 1847 George Johnstone and his brothers settled in Finch Township, calling the settlement Cahore, after their home in Ireland. A post office was kept at his house from 1887 on, at the 6th concession road and the 4th sideroad.

The 1890's saw established in Cornwall Township. Bonville, 8th concession road and 12th sideroad, Dyer, on the road in concession 7 east of sideroad 12; McMillan's Corners, northern boundary road and 11th sideroad. In Roxborough appeared Sandringham, 9th concession road and 6th sideroad; in Finch Glenpayne, 8th concession road and 18th sideroad, recalling the middle name of the original settler.

Cornwall Island got a post office in the 1900's. Where the New York Central Railway crosses the sideroad in lot 37 concession 9 of Cornwall Township was opened Northfield Station, in Osnabruck, 5th concession road and 6th sideroad, appeared North Lunenburg.

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from Sioux Lookout to Red Lake one would assume that there was in reality only one flight — from Sioux Lookout to Red Lake and return with stops at Pine Ridge each way. However, if such were the case why are there no covers designated Pine Ridge to Red Lake and return.

I would also wonder what happened to that portion of the out-bound covers which were philatelic mail intended to be returned to the sender. Did they automatically come back to Sioux Lookout on the return flight and if so, how were they returned to their various senders around the country. Also, can we assume that the philatelic mail intended for the return portion of the flights was actually carried to Pine Ridge and Red Lake on the outbound flight, cancelled at those points and then returned to Sioux Lookout.

The AAMS Catalogue states that, "Those covers bearing cachet were forwarded through the Toronto offices of the Company, all others were posted directly at Sioux Lookout." However, this does not indicate what proportion of the covers were cacheted nor whether the cachet was applied to any of the covers intended for the return flights.

We are thus faced with quite a few interesting questions before we even begin to discuss the stamps, and I certainly hope that some of our readers will be able to offer suggestions in regard to these. In particular I would ask H. H. Parsons to discuss these with his friend, H. A. (Doc) Oaks who piloted The Lark that day — one of the great pioneers of Canadian aviation who survived many hazardous air miles and is still very much "with us." His memoirs would certainly make exciting reading for Canadian Semi-official collectors.

Rounding Up Squared Circles

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KINGSTON SQUARED CIRCLES

by William Laird

Kingston Squared Circles offer collectors an opportunity of having a good deal of fun at not too great an expense — at least insofar as the Second Hammer is concerned. While these are not as plentiful as say Toronto and Ottawa, nevertheless they are not difficult to acquire.

First Hammer

This hammer was in use for less than 90 days and I feel the R.F. of 30 as set out in the Handbook is too low. It should be at least 40. Further the Handbook states that "quite rare". Actually it is very rare and the time mark "1" on the first hammer is not seen even in many of the most advanced collections. For example, Clarence Kemp, who has probably the finest squared circle collection in existence, does not have a copy. Bill Laird, who acquired the late T. Braden Elliott's Kingston squared circle collection on small queens, has only one copy. Certainly a value of not less than \$20. is realistic for this elusive item. The difficulty in obtaining this strike makes it almost impossible to obtain a matching set of four on the same date.

Second Hammer

The second hammer offers a splendid opportunity to collect matching sets of time marks 1, 2, 3 and 4 for same date. Time mark 1 is of course much the scarcest and

really controls the price of a matching set of four. This price is currently about \$20 per set whereas a matching set of three for the same date is about \$4 and a matching set of two for the same date is about \$1.50. However, this does not mean that time mark 1 of the second hammer is worth \$16 per copy. It simply means that the time mark 1 in combination with time marks 2, 3 and 4 for the same date increases the value of a complete set to about \$20. By itself a single copy with time mark 1 is realistically priced at about \$3.

The second hammer has interesting indicia features such as inverted 3's, etc. Also, in September of 1894 on the 6th, 7th, and 27th, and possibly one or two other dates, the month comes after the day. On August 18 and December 18, 1897, the "1" in 18 is only a small dot resembling an apostrophe. Collectors can easily confuse August 18 for August 8 and December 18 for December 8.

General Comments

It is quite possible, within a short time, to gather a nice calendar collection of Kingston Squared Circles. As both hammers were well cared for, clear strikes are normal until about the middle of 1898.

The time mark percentages given in the Handbook for the second hammer are very accurate although time mark 1 is closer to 1½%. This item, though scarce, is not rare.

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Canadian Revenue Study Group News

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NEW QUEBEC LAWS AND REGISTRATION STAMPS

The Law stamp illustrated here is the new 1965 design. The color is light green for all values seen so far. At this time a 10c, 20c, 30c, 40c, 50c, \$1 and \$2 denomination have been seen. It is probable that other values will appear as the old stock is used up and replaced with the new series.



The Registration stamps are somewhat smaller in size as can be seen here. The color is light brown for all values seen and these are 10c, 20c, 30c, 50c, \$1 and \$2. Other values will no doubt appear in this series also.



Bill Rockett, C.R.S.G. 4, also reports the finding of an interesting item in the 1924 Quebec Laws. This is a \$4.00 value perf. 11 x 11, no overprint on face, full gum unused with a beautiful offset on the gummed side of the stamp reading

HONORAIRES FEES (reversed)

17½ mm long. Can anyone else report similar items?

Manitoba Search Fee Stamp Discovery

John Siverts, C. R. S. G. 12 has come up with the discovery of a 25c Manitoba Search Fee stamp. It has long been known by most collectors that there were two Search Fee stamps, which are listed by Sissons as R112—the 1931 50c dark red, rouletted and R113—the 1950 50c bright red, rouletted. This new discovery is a 25c bright red, perforated 11¾, and bears the Provincial Secretary circular handstamp cancel dated Feb. 16, 1928, which predates the 50c issues. It is printed on white paper with a very distinct weave, somewhat similar to the paper of the 1930 issue. The design is the same as the 50c issues, although the letters "PROVINCIAL/SECRETARY" appear to be somewhat taller than in either of the 50c issues. Colin MacR Makepeace, C.R.S.G. 5, also has a copy of this stamp, thus confirming John's find. Congrats to both — can anyone else produce a copy of this stamp? If so, we'd appreciate hearing from you.

Alberta Wildlife License Stamps (1964)

Although this has already been published for CRSG members, it is reprinted here for the benefit of all.

Jack St. Laurent C.R.S.G. 10, has supplied news of the 1964 series of stamps issued by the Alberta Ministry of Lands and Forests which are supposed to be affixed to the 1964-65 Wildlife Certificate (Hunting License). A complete certificate shows spaces for the following:

Resident Licenses

- \$2.00—Whitetail Male Deer
- 2.00—Mule Deer, Male
- 2.50—Bird Game
- 5.00—Big Game (Moose, Caribou, Elk, Deer or Bear (fall))
- 5.00—Spring Bear
- 7.50—Goat, male or female
- 7.50—Sheep, ¾ Curl Male

Non-Resident Licenses

- \$50.00—Big Games (1 sheep, 1 goat, 1 antlered)

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FANCY CANCELLATIONS

Day & Smythies

Plate L — Chapter VII — Miscellaneous Fancy Cancellations — Samples

Serial No.	Description	P.O. of Origin	Date
796a	Large cogwheel, 8 cogs	Niagara, Ont.	1880
809a	Eight 2-barb arrowheads in a square	Port Hope, Ont.	1872
822a	Sunburst, 16 fat rays	Owen Sound, Ont.	1872
829a	Intaglio spider web	Toronto	1874
830a	Nine small intaglio circles in a black circle	Toronto	1874
831a	Intaglio Intersecting lines, numerous patterns	Ottawa	1874
831b	Intaglio intersecting lines, numerous patterns	Ottawa	1877
831c	Intaglio intersecting lines, numerous patterns	Ottawa	1877
831d	Intaglio intersecting lines, numerous patterns	Ottawa	1878
831e	Intaglio intersecting lines, numerous lines	Ottawa	1878
831f	Intaglio intersecting lines, numerous patterns (thin)	Belleville, Ont.	1877
831g	Intaglio intersecting lines, numerous patterns (thin)	Cobourg, Ont	1874
831h	Intaglio intersecting lines, numerous patterns (thick)	Kingston, Ont.	1871
835a	Zig-zag pattern of intaglio lines	Ottawa	1872
837a	Thick dashes and 6 small squares	Toronto	?
853a	Eight striped segments	Blyth, Ont.	1883
858a	Numerous squares and diamonds in a square	Toronto	1874
863a	Intaglio lines and wedges in a circle	Ravenswood, Ont.	1878
867a	Intaglio triangles in a small circle	Streetsville, Ont.	1896
868a	An intaglio dagger in a frame	Forest, Ont.	1877

PLATE L.



796A



809A



822A



829A



830A



831A



831B



831C



831D



831E



831F



831G



831H



835A



837A



853A



853A



863A



867A



868A

Rollers used as precancels Part II
(Issued after Coulters letter Sept. 16, 1904)

Check List

Roller Precancels Unauthorized

Brampton, Ont. — RP No. 233; RP No. 241
Cobden, Ont. — RP No. 241; RP No. 242
Kingston, Ont. — RP No. 120
Ottawa, Ont. — RP No. 74; RP No. 75
Ponqka, Alta. — RP No. 85
Toronto, Ont. 1 — RP No. 85
Toronto, Ont. 2 — RP No. 85
Toronto — RP No. 74 (Mr. E. A. Smythies)
Swift Current, Sask. 2 — RP No. 107

As noted in Part I of "Rollers Used as Precancels" The numbering system used is that employed in the official catalog of Canada precancels. Each stamp is given a fixed number. See pages 4-8 for a full explanation.

No. 74 is a 1c Edward

No. 75 is a 2c Edward

No. 85 is a 1c green Admiral

No. 107 is a 2c green Admiral

No. 120 is a 7c red brown Admiral

No. 233 is a 3c Elizabeth 1953

No. 241 is a 1c Elizabeth 1954

No. 242 is a 2c Elizabeth 1954

Brampton Ont. RP No. 233 was noted and described in *Maple Leaves* by Mr. G. E. L. Manley who is thought by BNAPS'er Hetherington to have the most complete precancel collection.

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Non-Resident Alien Licenses

\$25.00—Bird Game

100.00—Big Game (1 sheep, 1 goat, 1 antlered)

Non-Resident and Non-Resident Alien Licenses

\$15.00—White Tail Deer

25.00—Spring Bear

The only stamp seen at this time is the \$2.50 Resident Bird Game. It is of hori-

zontal format (and we believe they are all the same size). Printed in bright blue on white paper, with a RED control number. At the base of the stamp there is a space where the certificate (license) number is written in, thus canceling the stamp. Since there is no date on the stamps, it is not known whether a new series will be issued each year.

Mr. Manley described the above item as the wrapper that contained the June (1954) issue of *BNA Topics* and bore a current 3c stamp cancelled with a rubber roller postmark of Brampton, Ont.

Mr. Gordon Lewis (L-506) then Editor of *Topics* wrote Mr. Manley on July 16, 1954.

"Regarding your query about the stamps used to mail *BNA Topics* these are not precancels in the true sense of the word, although they were cancelled with a rubber roller postmark when I purchased them to save the post office the time and trouble of cancelling each piece separately. This was true because the 3c stamps were not available as precancels.

We have just started publishing *BNA Topics* in Canada, after having it done for several years in the U.S.A. Thereafter, the magazine will only take a 2c stamp. The 3c rate was necessary for the first two issues mailed in Canada because our application to the P.O. for second class mailing privileges had not been accepted. However this permit has now come through and the 2c rate will apply."

Mr. Manly wrote further "that the stamps were in fact precancelled by the local post office to meet an emergency. It seems probable that about 1,700 stamps were cancelled thus "Brampton is only authorized to use a bar precancel and this is now being used on the 2c stamp to frank the current sending of the magazine."

Since your new finds keep us going we are always ready to hear from you. May 1966 be a HAPPY PHILATELIC NEW YEAR for all.

Please send changes of address to the Secretary
JACK LEVINE, 203 Tranquil Dr., Oxford, N.C., U.S.A.

MORE ON THE NICARAGUAN ST. GENEVIEVE-DE-BATISCAN CANCELLATION

by Fred Jarrett

This unusual cancellation has been a puzzle ever since it first caught the attention of a stamp collector. For many years it was dismissed as a good example of "one of those things," but of late it has been taken seriously.

Mr. J. W. Stanley, of Willowdale, Ont., identified it with postal usage from St. Genevieve-de-Batiscan, Que., and E. A. Smythies, co-author of the handbook of Canadian cancellations, has a cover authenticated by the Royal Philatelic Society, prepaid with three 1c stamps (Oct. 1893) tied with four strikes of the coat-of-arms. This surely should settle the question.

Mr. W. Dennis Way, in Stamp Collecting of October 29, 1965, assumes that a party of Canadian surveyors who went to Nicaragua in 1891 may have taken Canadian stamps with them, to which this cancellation was applied, but of course Canadian stamps would not be accepted for prepayment of postage in Nicaragua. He further suggests that the canceller may have been brought back with them and applied to a few stamps of the period.

During the 90's and at the turn of the century it was common practice for national advertisers to offer prizes for certain

sales quotas of their product, usually some household article easily peddled by young lads. In 1898 I sold enough pictures of Queen Victoria at 25c each to win a camera (a cheap thing that never took a picture) and on another occasion I collected from helpful housewives enough wrappers off Comfort Soap bars to win a Printing Press. I expected it to arrive by Express, and was disappointed when it came in the mail, no bigger than a cigarette package. Enclosed was a small stamp pad, letters in upper and lower case, figures, and a rubber stamp that produced a coat-of-arms. I am inclined to think that the St. Genevieve postmaster's son was another embryo salesman who won a printing outfit, and his father, like many another postmaster of the period, provided his own canceller and put this rubber stamp to use. I say rubber, because any strikes I have seen are blurred in a manner not consistent with strikes from metal.

I can't let this opportunity pass without suggesting that the postmaster's son in Port Hood also won a printing outfit, which made provisionals for which there was no need, the post office being as close as the telephone to a fresh supply of stamps from Halifax, that could arrive on the afternoon train.



"Secret Date"

or

Dated Dies

of

Canada

No. 24

1942

8c Farm Scene

—R. H. Larkin No. 958

The Proof Corner

ROBERT H. PRATT, 3097 W. Mill Road, Milwaukee, Wis. 53209

A friend of mine, Warren W. Scholl of Batavia, Ohio who conducts a bulletin type stamp sales organization wrote in his October issue.

"Market Comment: When will stamp collectors develop the same high regard for for proof sets that coin collectors have for coin proof sets. It just does not make sense that a complete set of Columbian Card proofs should carry a Scott catalog of slightly over \$100 when the same set of stamps will list at several times this figure. The proofs are scarcer and more attractive than the stamps and less burdensome to take care of. Just because stamp collectors have ignored proofs in the past, it does not follow that this will always be the case. Compare the prices that proof sets of coins bring against their regular counter-part and you will get some idea what potentially can happen to the few proofs of stamps that are still around."

To this I can only say Amen!

To bear this though out, the recent BNAPEX at Chatham contained many delightful and beautiful exhibits. They were well conceived and fully studied. The Blue ribbons went to those collections with proofs. Perhaps this may sound like braggadocio but still it's true. I was amazed too at the proofs other collectors had in their possession that they did not show — bring

them out fellas they do add to your collection. They make it complete.

I must pause for a moment to pay tribute to Sidney Harris who passed away on September 4th. His fine and detailed collection contained many proofs. It's a shame he will no longer be able to write to us about Newfoundland.

Regards to Narl Scales who is beginning to become interested in Proofs. A fine letter from G. Whitworth of Yorkshire, England asks me questions on Canada Proofs. I am weak here but I'll do my best.

He raised the question of the yellow plate proofs — They exist for Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Newfoundland. In my opinion they were printed after 1870 and before 1880. I should guess they were made about 1878 or 1879. I am now working on this but have no definite conclusions at the moment. I remember seeing a notice in some trade publication in the early 1900 era announcing their appearance. Next time I'm in New York I'll try and find the volume in the Collectors Club. To me they are post contemporary and probably relate to one of the amalgamations.

It was wonderful to meet the many fine people at BNAPEX, to see their admirable collections and to delight in their fine presentations of new and scarce material. I do hope that next year I can be at Calgary. I shall try.

More around the corner

STAMP DESIGNS SUGGESTED TO RAISE CANADIAN QUALITY

by A. W. McIntyre

Many persons complain about the poor designs and dull colors of Canadian postage stamps but few do anything about it. However the faculty of architecture, University of Manitoba has offered several potential designs.

From a stamp designing project for senior students in architecture that produced 400 examples of which it was declared "that at least a dozen were as good as anything in

Canada yet," the faculty has forwarded several drawings to the Ottawa postal officials.

The professors expressed the hope that some of these will be put into circulation. The two shown here were used by The Winnipeg Tribune to illustrate its story of the project and the upcoming open house of the faculty of architecture.

One design marks nearly 100 years of



operation by the Dominion Land Survey, using the name in both English and French, with dates 1869-1969. It pictures a surveyor's transit against a typical plot of 36 sections of land comprising a township. The other example depicts the buildings and architecture of an urban centre.

ural environment human. This has to be done as an art with careful consideration."

"What architecture expresses is what's important to society," said Prof. Nelson.

Professor Jacques Collin was quite pointed in his remarks about stamps, saying "Quality of Canadian stamps has not been high; and there have been many real blunders."

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by N. W. Scales #1058



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stamped Boston, Mass. JUL 18, 1897 in double line purple oval and Registry Division and receiving post office, Malden, Mass. JUL 19 1897. Registry Division in rectangular purple box cancel.

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The Editor

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