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## DECEASED

- 2034 Walter, Merrill M., 40 Oxford Avenue, Brockville, Ontario

## MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, March 1, 1966 .....	978	
NEW MEMBERS, April 1, 1966 .....	10	
REPLACED ON ROLLS, April 1, 1966 .....	1	
		989
RESIGNATIONS, April 1, 1966 .....	4	
DECEASED, April 1, 1966 .....	1	5
		984
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, April 1, 1966 .....		

## OFFICIAL NOTICE

### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

**Article IV, Section 3. ELECTIONS:** A President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary shall be 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. All elected officers shall assume and perform the duties of their office on the first day of January in the year immediately following their election. All retiring officers shall continue in office until their successor shall have qualified and assumed the duties of the office.

Nominations for the offices to be 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 and 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.

## ARTICLE VI

### MEETINGS

**Section 1. ANNUAL MEETING:** The Annual Meeting of the Society shall be held at such time and at such place as the preceding annual meeting shall determine, but in any event, at some time within the next calendar year. Notice thereof shall be published in BNA TOPICS no later than the issue preceding the date for such annual meeting, together with the Order of Business and Agenda for that annual meeting.

The Order of Business at each Annual Meeting shall proceed as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Reading and approval of the Minutes of the preceding Annual Meeting
3. Communications
4. President's Address
5. Reports of Officers
6. Reports of Appointed Officers and Permanent Committees
7. Unfinished Business
8. New Business
9. Report of Committee on Elections
10. Introduction of New Officers
11. Adjournment

The 18th Annual Meeting and Convention (BNAPEX '66) shall be held September 15-18, 1966 at the Calgary Inn, Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

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# Annual Report From the Treasurer . . .

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

## BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY Statement of Operations for the year 1965

### Income

<b>Dues</b>			
For 1965 paid in 1964 .....	178.50		
For 1964 & earlier .....	70.50		
For 1965 .....	4504.50		
From Life Membership Fund .....	145.00		
Fees .....	83.00		4981.50
<b>B.N.A. Topics</b>			
Advertising for 1965 .....	1323.60		
Classified Advertising for 1965 .....	36.36		
Subscriptions .....	13.90		
Misc. ....	8.08		1381.94
<b>Yearbook</b>			
Advertising .....			521.00
<b>Miscellaneous</b>			
Handbook Sales .....	1677.93		
Blank Sales Book Sales .....	50.95		
Sales Dept. Income in Excess of Expenses .....	81.28		
Library Donations & Rentals .....	58.68		
Misc. ....	40.95		1909.79
Total Income Applicable to 1965 .....			<u>8794.23</u>

## BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY Statement of Operations for the year 1965

### Expenses

<b>B.N.A. Topics</b>			
Print 10 issues .....	3596.22		
Cuts .....	369.53		
Postage .....	362.89		
Mailing Services .....	180.65		
Misc. ....	60.21		4569.50
<b>Yearbook</b>			
Prospectus & Printing .....			793.36
<b>Miscellaneous</b>			
Discount on Canadian Funds .....	111.76		
Canadian Bank Charges .....	18.73		
Postage .....	202.76		
Printing & Stationery .....	341.67		
Advertising .....	100.00		
C.P.A. Audit .....	50.00		
Grand Award — Bnapex '65 .....	50.00		
Library Expenses .....	199.29		
Cost of Handbooks Sold .....	1482.47		
Cost of Blank Sales Books Sold .....	50.95		
Misc. ....	27.18		2634.81
Total Expenses Applicable to 1965 .....			<u>7997.67</u>
Surplus for 1965 .....			<u>796.56</u>
			<u>8794.23</u>

**BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY**  
**Statement of Assets & Liabilities as of Dec. 31st, 1965**

Assets		Liabilities	
Funds on Deposit	2569.58	Dues in advance — 1966	164.20
Funds in custody of Sales Mgr.	81.28	Dues in advance—1967-1969	20.75
Funds in custody of handbook agent	111.83	Life Membership Fund	394.90
Squared Circle Handbook	713.38	Payable to Librarian	61.30
Duplex Handbook	2.67	Payable to Editor	7.58
Postal Stationery catalogue	119.56	Other payables	424.83
Accounts Receivable:—		Surplus 12/31/64	2501.14
Topics advertising	307.60	Surplus for 1965	796.56
Yearbook Advertising	429.00		
Funds in custody of circulation editor	36.36		
	<u>4371.26</u>		<u>4371.26</u>

Our books were audited by James H. Degnan C.P.A. who stated: "In my opinion, the accompanying Treasurer's Report present fairly the financial position of the British North America Philatelic Society at December 31, 1965 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

## THE *Editor's* MAILBAG

Dear Mr. Young:

I recently ran across a 50c, 10c and 8c stamp on a piece obviously from a parcel mailed from Vancouver, B.C. and since I had never seen a cancel such as was used on these stamps, I thought it may be of interest to other members, I have made a tracing which is enclosed.

I have no knowledge as to the origin of this type of marking but possibly other members in the Vancouver area will be



familiar with it. It certainly is an interesting postal item.

Yours very truly,

Stewart S. Kenyon

## Report from the Library

STEWART S. KENYON, 15205-74 Ave., Edmonton, Alberta

### B.N.A. Articles in Billig's Philatelic Handbooks

- Billig, Fritz — Canada & Newfoundland — World War 2 Army, Navy & Air Force Postmarks 5 pages, not illustrated, Vol. 7.  
 Bond, Nelson S. — Canada Postal Stationery (Postcards) 14 pages, illustrated, Vol. 5  
 Bond, Nelson S. — Canada Postal Stationery (Envelopes) 6 pages, illustrated, Vol. 7.  
 Bond, Nelson S. — Canada Postal Station-

- ery (Post Bands & Wrappers) 4 pages, illustrated, Vol. 11.  
 Meyerson, W. S. & D. C. — Newfoundland — The Travelling Post Offices. 10 pages, illustrated, Vol. 12.  
 Small, L. E. & Rankin, H. E. — Canada — A List of Current Railway Post Offices in Canada 1947. 5 pages, not illustrated, Vol. 11.  
 Tomlinson, Leslie G., F.R.P.S.L. — Prince Edward Island. 25 pages, illustrated, Vol. 17.



# THE TAGGED STAMPS OF CANADA

## PART 9

by

Dr. Edward S. Mercantini

My disappointment at not seeing Canada's tagged stamps listed and priced in Scott's catalogue is shared by many collectors who have corresponded with me concerning this anomaly. The 1966 Scott catalogue laboriously listed and priced the U.S. luminescent stamps but apparently did not feel that Canada's tagged stamps deserved the same treatment. Personally I do not understand why a publication such as Scott's can ignore a series of regularly issued postage stamps printed in the millions and valid for postal use anywhere in the Dominion of Canada. What irks me even more is that about eighteen months ago after the 1965 Scott Catalogue appeared, I wrote to a senior editor of that publication asking why the Canadian tagged stamps were not listed, and whether they might be in the future, and I did not even get the courtesy of a reply. Other collectors have related similar experiences with unilateral correspondence with Scott Publications. Since Bileski's latest catalogues have appeared, listing completely all the tagged stamps of Canada to date, my only comment is, "Who needs Scott?" If you examine Bileski's listings closely you will find that there are many tagged stamps extant and if your Canadian collection does not contain them, it is incomplete by that much. Here's a word of advice — get them soon because it won't be long before they are no longer easily available, and already the first tagged issue of 1962 (the 1954 Queen type) is rather scarce and absent from many dealers' lists in mint form.

The Post Office Department has announced that all of the 1964 Christmas tagged stamps are sold out. A quantity of 10,400,000 of the 3c value was tagged with 1,200,000 taken into the philatelic agency for sale to collectors. The 5c value was tagged in the amount of 6,200,000 with 1,200,000 taken into the agency for collectors.

The scarce 1964 Christmas tagged varieties, Bileski No. E107Ta, red, edge 5mm, left and right; and No. E108Ta, blue, edge 5 mm, left and right, cataloguing \$1.00 and \$3.00 respectively, did not occur in the 1965 Christmas tagged stamps as the sheet format for the latter stamps was different from the 1964 sheet format and all tagged bars

were a uniform 9 mm width with no 5 mm inner bars. So don't look for a 5 mm edge variety in the 1965 Christmas tagged stamps! For the novices in tagged stamp collecting to whom the above words appear to be "mumbo-jumbo", I can only refer them to previous tagged stamp articles in TOPICS and to Bileski's Canada Basic Catalogue, 3rd edition, so that the entire tagged stamp story may become clear. No contemporary issues of stamps are potentially loaded with philatelic pleasure as are the tagged stamps of Canada, and for not too much cash outlay.

The 1965 Christmas tagged stamps are very sloppily overprinted with phosphor so that many of the tags are smeared, have jagged edges, and even are incomplete so that phosphor is absent in areas along the tagged lines. The 5c value received the worse treatment of the two, but the 3c value is often seen equally "desecrated". Naturally many of these were rejected for use in Winnipeg where the Sefacan machinery is located so that they were sold in post offices throughout Canada along with the untagged Christmas stamps.

In December, 1965 the Post Office Dep't. in a bulletin mailed to philatelists on their list, announced that the current 5c Queen cameo regular issue would now be available in tagged miniature sheets in \$1.00 cello paq. However BNAPS'er Ralph Purser of Ottawa informed me early in 1965 that he had seen tagged 5c miniature sheet stamps even though their existence was not confirmed by the Post Office Department. Collector Ken Rose of Calgary bought such a miniature tagged sheet in Winnipeg last August, and has a postmark on such a sheet as early as June 19, 1965. So as you can see by this incident, and others written about in earlier issues of Topics, many tagged varieties appear before they are officially announced. Thus the observant and sometimes eager collector may benefit by his knowledge and probing. Mr. Rose lists several varieties he has come across and these are:

- 1954 5c Queen with one 8mm band just off centre
- Cameo 5c Queen with one 8 mm band just off centre



—1965 Christmas 5c with one 8 mm band off centre

Now for a sideline to tagged stamp collecting brought to my attention by the same Ken Rose who incidentally is an avid tagged stamp fan. Perfins on tagged stamps make a nice addition to either a tagged stamp collection or to a perfin collection, whichever you prefer. The C.P.R. must distribute stamps from Winnipeg to all the prairie provinces as from time to time perfin tagged stamps show up from various places. The 1954 1c was very prevalent from Brandon some time ago. The 2c Cameo came by the dozen from Edmonton and just lately the 1965 5c Christmas has been showing up regularly from Regina and Yorkton. The following perfin tagged stamps are known to exist:

1954—1c, 2c, 4c and 5c all C.P.R. and a 2c C.N.R.

Cameo—1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, tagged left, 4c tagged right, 5c, all C.P.R. The 4c and 5c varieties found reading from both left and right.

The C.P.R. stamps all show the Winnipeg code dot below the C. Any collectors with other tagged perfin varieties are welcome to communicate same to me and I'll be happy to promulgate the information.

Flourescent stamps, as well as tagged stamps, are being collected by fans of ultra-violet philately. These fluorescent

stamps, in contrast to phosphorescent tagged stamps, are those which are not intentionally treated with phosphor but are printed inadvertently on paper manufactured with fluorescent whiteners. In the U.S.A. this sideline is having a big play with lists appearing regularly in "The Bureau Specialist", The "SPA Journal", and other philatelic journals, of stamps found to be printed on fluorescent papers. Many of our Canadian stamps of past years are so printed and all it takes to detect them is an ultra-violet bulb. I have found many and soon will have a list for anyone interested. The enthusiasm shown by U.S. collectors in ultra-violet philately led to the president of the Bureau Issues Association to name a "Committee on Luminescence" with William Bayless as chairman, in December 1965. To quote from his announcement which appeared in "The United States Specialist" of January 1966—"While the Post Office Department has yet to indicate what the final decision will be on its tagging program, the subject of luminescence is a field of some interest to our members quite beyond that. There is a distinct need consequently for the careful investigation of the phenomenon and for the compilation and dissemination of information as it pertains to philately. Therefore I am establishing a Committee on Luminescence, etc.", — end of quote. Don't those Americans do things in a big way!

## P. D. Q.

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The press of business — (converting our company's billing from manual to a computer system) and denoting other portions of time to Boy Scouts of America as a Scouter have little time for philatelic activities.

Many thanks to my correspondents who are ever so patient:

J. Harvery Westren, many thanks

Jim Kraemer: send your list of Jubilees

R. B. Hetherington: ditto as for Mr. Kraemer "Heffie" advises two new finds.

Toronto 5/77a backed up by BPA certificate 50059.

St. John, N.B. 3/86 BPA Cert. 50060.

E. A. Smythies for information on Roller Precancels. thanks.

C. L. Cole BNAPS No. 1687 wrote of some interesting tertiary varieties of precancels in his collection — broken letters on Brockville Type 2 reading Brockville and also a Moncton reading MSNCTON. He also reports an interesting dowling of Quebec, Que. on the 2c Edward.

B. A. Foster of Port Arthur Ont. and David Crane of Kelowna, B.C. report new items of roller precancels. Would you gentlemen kindly assist BNAPSer Smythies in his study by letting me know the names of the firms using the roller precancels.

Mr. George E. F. Manley of London England wrote to advise me of his holdings of Jubilee precancels.

19 of Type "T"



6 of Type "U"

of this Jubilee issue "Heffie" wrote "all Jubilees genuinely precancelled are very scarce, specially Type "U", some fakes of Type "U" are known as also on the "Map" stamp".

Mr. Manley is listed as Canada' No. 1 precancel Jan. by BNAPSer Walburn.

In Precancels Dec. Jan. 1965/6 Manley is credited with 2423 Jan. 16 he wrote it is 2543.

Hetherington 2210. Aug. 19 "Heffie" wrote over 3,000.

BNAPSer Allan F. Judd advises his holdings are as follows:

Type T. 1c (3 one a vertical)  
3c (1) \$2 (1)

Now for noting a loss. Messr's Walburn the Rev. John Bain and two other BNAPSers residing in the U.S.A. wrote of their Jubilee holdings. Along with my Sep. 65 Topics they have disappeared. Would you gentlemen be so kind as to drop me another note:

Future columns will treat the subject of precancel type identification; a study by issues. Early Admirals, Late Admirals and Edwards. With the kind assistance of Mr. Walburn. I hope to continue the study of city usage as started in June 1965.

Hans Reiche who is to be congratulated on his scholarly revision of Marler's "Admirals" has pledged his support for a study of official records in Ottawa.

Thanks again for your interest.

Merv Quarles

## MY "PET" SIDELINE

N. W. Scales No. 1058

As a collector of Newfoundland material, I am sidetracking a little this time, as I am very interested in Canadian "Squared Circles" on all kinds of "cards".

The patriotic card, showing the flags in color, red, white and blue and the lady in fancy frills. "The Millinery Opening" (a fashion show in Halifax) and the stamp a one cent leaf Queen Victoria in carmine. The Grand Trunk Railway in a blue shade. Very fine strike of Dundas A.M. JU-6-00. Strike shows up finer on original card than on photo. The Canadian Souvenir Post Card in blue, a picture post card of Toronto National Exhibition Grounds. The Deloraine P.M. MR-21-06 MAN., being one of the finest to be found.

With these bright colored cards and a few more colored private cards, The Canadian Pacific Railway Card, and colored advertising corner cards, makes a good showing for an exhibit. My card collection has now reached the two hundred and fifty mark.

Many ways to mount, two cards to the



page and some can be mounted three to the page. Can be mounted with different markings, as A.M. P.M. and no time; some in bars: one bar, two bars or no bars. In our local show, we have six page frames. To give the mounting some color, I use the top and bottom for the 1c black postal stationery cards and in between I use the red and green 1c post cards along with the patriotic, railway, and fancy colored cards. Would be glad to hear from others on their mounting and displaying.





# DIES OF THE EDWARD ISSUE

by Dr. C. W. Hollingsworth

In the February 1964 issue of 'Topics', Mr. E. H. Behr attempts to show that excluding the letters and figures of value there are three different designs in the stamps of this issue, namely one for the five lower values, 1, 2, 5, 7, 10 cents and two others for the two higher values, the 20 and 50 cents. He sets out to show that all features of the design of the five lower values, excluding the letters and figures of value are identical, a state which of course must obtain if one master die were used to produce five secondary dies. He also shows that two separate additional dies were used for the two higher values. That this is so, he does admirably demonstrate with the 20 and 50 cents, both of which have numerous differences from each other and the other values, except for the portrait, which is common to all values. I am therefore in full agreement with Mr. Behr in that a separate frame die was used for the 20 and 50 cents, and that a master die was used for the vignette for all values. I must take issue with him however on his arguments to show that one master die was used for the five lower values.

Close examination of the details of the design of the lower five values shows that each stamp has individual differences in the design, which could only occur if a separate frame die was used for each value, and I would like to suggest therefore, as a result of these differences in design that a master die of the vignette having been used for all the stamps, all other details were added separately for each value, thus seven dies were used in all. I propose to take

various areas of the stamp design of the lower five values and note various differences as they occur.

**Left Spandrel.** There is a vertical line immediately inside the vertical line bounding the spandrel in the 5 and 10 cents, but not in the other three.

There are differences in the lines of shading both below and above the crown, and there are minor differences between the crowns of each value.

**Right spandrel and crown.** Similar minor differences.

**Junction of oval with frame at centre right.** There are two lines in the 1, 2, 5 cents and one in the 7 and 10 cents.

**Canada Postage.** Differences can be seen in most of the letters and the shading around them between the various values. Particularly noticeable are the A's in Canada where the triangle in the centre is quite small in 10 cents and large in the 1 cent. Perhaps even more differences occur in 'G' of postage, which is quite different in all values — note particularly the incurving tail.

**Bottom spandrels.** The shape of both Maple Leaves, their relation to the frame, oval, and numeral box is distinctly different in each value.

I would therefore suggest that the above facts support the suggestion that one master die of the portrait was used, from which were made seven secondary dies, one for each value, and to which all the remaining details of the design were individually added.

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## '98 POSTAGE CUT BUCKED BY USING OLD RATE

There was some sharp criticism of Empire Penny Postage when Canada introduced the reduction in the letter rate of three cents to two along with the introduction of the map stamp in 1898, recalled an old-timer. Here and there a Maritimer even bucked the change by persisting in paying the old rate.

When Sir William Mulock, postmaster general in the Laurier government, announced the cut in the postal rate, some of the public opposition voiced the opinion

that the country could not afford the loss of revenue incurred.

Joseph Monteith who helped bring fame to Nova Scotia shipbuilding yards by creating the fast Clipper ships of that era, was named as one who had descried the postal rate reduction.

"For long after, he persisted in putting three-cent stamps on all his letters," recalled a member of the family, "lest the country go broke."

A. W. McIntyre

# More Sketches of BNA PSers

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No. 103 E. A. Smythies No. 1440

One of our more interesting and senior members from across the sea is E. A. Smythies of Castle Morris, Tralee, Ireland. Born in 1885, he took his degree in geology and a diploma in forestry at Oxford in 1908, then off to India for 39 years, returning to Ireland in 1947.

While in India and Nepal, he served as a Forestry Officer and found much time to hunt the elusive tiger (a far cry from stamps!) and when he and Mrs. Smythies had bagged 20 (he claims that they were mostly his wives), they retired to photographing them but usually atop an elephant.

Mrs. Smythies passed away five years ago shortly after they had celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. There are two sons: one is a noted ornithologist and the author of "Birds of Burma" and "Birds of Borneo" — the other son is a consultant at Edinburgh University, an author of many publications on neurology.

Stamp collecting was started at the early age of nine so here we have a steady collector for 72 years — quite a record. In 1923, he started his outstanding study of India's 1854 half anna and four anna lithographs (in collaboration with Capt. D. R. Martin). Monographs of these were published in 1930 — the four anna publication winning them the Royal's "Crawford Medal". Gibbons still illustrates the head and frame from the originals. At this time, Mr. Smythies became the Editor of the Philatelic Journal of India — in 1947, he became the permanent vice president.

Besides India, he also collected and wrote on the stamps of Kashmir, Nepal, Tibet, the Japanese Occupation of Burma, etc. It was in 1956 that he became interested in the stamps of Canada and this has been his main liking since that time. He is well



known for his collaborating with our dear "Doc" Day on their notable work on the fancy cancellations of Canada — also with A. F. Smith on the Registered Letter stamps of Canada.

Among many honors he has received are: Fellow of both the Royal Philatelic Society of London and the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain, and Companion of Indian Empire.

Mr. Smythies has led a very active life and now, in his retirement years, finds our hobby to be a continued pleasure. Few of us have had, or will have, such an enjoyable time on this earth as he has had.

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# EARLY POST OFFICES OF GLENGARRY COUNTY

by Max Rosenthal

Glengarry County is the easternmost one in Ontario, going downstream on the St. Lawrence. On the river, Lancaster Township borders on Quebec, with Charlottenburgh (originally Charlottenburgh) Township to its west, while, behind them, are Lochiel Township and Kenyon Township.

At the close of the American Revolution the King's Royal Highland Regiment was disbanded, and Sir John Johnston, its colonel, originated a trek for these Loyalist from the Mohawk Valley of New York State to Upper Canada, where he had arranged for free land along the north shore of the St. Lawrence just west of the Lower Canada border. Military batteaux carried them and their goods up the river to land in the vicinity of that widening of the St. Lawrence called Lake St. Francis.

The government land office was located at Cornwall, then called Johnstown. A township was assigned to each corps. Lots were then apportioned by drawing numbers from a hat. An exchange of lots enabled relatives and friends to draw still closer together. So it came about that the Glengarry Scots found a settlement more homogenous and more military in character than any of the Loyalist communities which took root along the St. Lawrence shore. Prominent among them were the McDonells.

At the entrance to the village of South Lancaster, facing Lake St. Francis, is a long, low house. The centre of this building was part of the original store, which contained Lancaster post office. The village at the mouth of the Raisin River was a stopping place on the way to land allotments in Upper Canada, the first Scottish settlement going up river. James and John Dunlop were storekeepers even earlier than when it was called Kirktown, after its log church.

A through road from Montreal to Kingston was not completed until 1816. The first mail stage service began that year. Lancaster received its mail by steamship in the summer, and over the old shore road in the winter. Lancaster post office was opened in 1817 and John Dunlop was the postmaster.

In the Ontario Archives is a letter sent by Farquhar Ben McLellan, Charlottenburgh, April 10, 1829 to Peter Robinson, Commissioner of Crown Lands, York, postmarked on the front by a straight line LANCASTER, with 14 April 29 written below, in red. On a letter sent by surveyor Roderick McLennan, November 9, 1846 to Andrew Russell, Crown Lands Department, Montreal, LANCASTER breaks a small double circle, in red, with 10th Nov. 46 written in black.

In the early 1850's North Lancaster post office was opened, on the 23rd sideroad north of the 6th concession road. When in 1854 the Grand Trunk Railway went through about a mile north of the old Lancaster, the settlement which grew up around the railway also became known as Lancaster, but its post office was established in 1865 under the name of Riviere Raisin. In 1880 Riviere Raisin took the name Lancaster, while the original Lancaster became South Lancaster.

The second post office in Glengarry County was Lochiel, opened in 1821 in the township of the same name, at the corner of the 5th concession road and the 25th sideroad. John Cameron was postmaster. The village was later also called Quigley's Corners, after Owen Quigley, who bought the corner in 1842, but the post office was always Lochiel. The Ontario Archives has a letter from D. Cattanach, Kenyon, sent May 20, 1842, mailed at Lochiel, and another are sent from there the next day by Angus McCuaig, Lochiel, both to Thomas Parke, Surveyor-General, Kingston. Lochiel breaks a small double circle, and 23 May 1842 is written in, is red on McCuaig's letter.

When Kenyon post office was opened in 1851 Cattanach became its first postmaster. In 1832 Donald Cattanach had moved from Alexandria to land he had bought at Kenyon, on the Lochiel border. There, on the 8th concession road he opened a store and post office. In the middle 1860's it was renamed Laggan.

St. Raphael post office was opened in 1823 in Charlottenburgh Township, in a



building on the south side of the present county road in concession 7 east of the 7th sideroad which served the community for well over a century, first as a coach stop and hotel, and then as a general store. St. Raphael had the beginnings of the Roman Catholic Church in Upper Canada — when this parish was established King-ton was only a fort and Toronto unknown. R. McDonell was the postmaster, but this first St. Raphael post office closed in 1825. In 1854 it reopened under the name of St. Raphael, West.

On its closing in 1825 another post office opened in the same township, Martintown, It had first been known as McMartin's Mills. Malcolm McMartin came about 1800. It was his son Alexander McMartin who became the first postmaster. A letter in the Ontario Archives sent by Duncan McDonell, Glengarry, September 4, 1830 to Peter Robinson, York is cancelled with a small double circle broken by Martintown, with 23 Sept. 30 written in brown. He wrote:

"I have some time since written you two letters, one directed as Commissioner of Crown Lands and the other as Surveyor General of Woods and Forests. I was in hopes of receiving an answer to both. In the former I enclosed £94s.15. I now beg that favour, otherwise I shall feel uneasy about their coming safe to hand, as it frequently happens that money forwarded by mail will be taken out of the mail bag, particularly between Kingston and York."

October 13, 1838 McDonell sent another letter through the Martintown post office to Robert B. Sullivan, Surveyor-General of Woods and Forests, Toronto. The same kind of postmark appears, but the date, 17 Oct. 38 is in brown, while the rest is black.

Now the largest place in Glengarry County, Alexandria began when the Right Reverend Alexander McDonell, of St. Raphael, built a grist mill beside "The Pond", and called the settlement Priest's Mills. He later became the first Roman Catholic Bishop of Upper Canada. Several acres around the mill were subdivided into building lots, and there sprang up a group of houses, followed by a Tavern and store. His nephew A. McDonell ran it, and became the first postmaster in 1827.

Another letter from Duncan McDonell, in the Ontario Archives, was sent June 18, 1838 to James Stevenson, collector of dues for Crown Timber, Bytown (Ottawa) through the Alexandria post office. In the

manuscript postmark Alexandria, 20th June 1838, is written in two lines, joined by a bracket.

In 1833 Williamstown post office was established in Charlottenburg Township, with D. McNicolas postmaster. It was named for Sir William Johnston of John-stown, in the Mohawk Valley, whose son Sir John built mills and a manor house at Williamstown. The latter was put up in 1784 and is the oldest standing house in Ontario. Sir John never lived in Glengarry himself.

Alex McDonell, of Kenyon, sent a letter on February 10, 1835 to Samuel Proudfoot, surveyor-general, Toronto, which is in the Ontario Archives. Wmstown, 13 Feb. 35 is written in two lines in the manuscript post-mark. On the other hand in a letter sent by surveyor A. Cattanach, Dalhousie Mills, Lancaster on August 25, 1850 to Andrew Russell, Toronto, WILLIAMSTOWN, U.C. breaks a large double circle, in red, with 27 Aug. written in in black.

The proposal to make what is now Highway 34 a post road brought on this letter from Duncan McDonell to A. N. Morin Survey-General, Kingston on March 28, 1843.

"Having learned that it is the intention of the Warden of the Eastern District and Mr. John S. McDonald, the member for this county, to make an application to change the route of the mail for the post road leading from Cornwall to the Ottawa by bringing it on from St. Raphael's to meet the new road lately opened between Lancaster and the Ottawa, I consider it a duty to mention facts to prevent the government from being led into error by these gentlemen from motives of personal interest, they owning the two corners at the intersection of Dundas Street and the new road, by the line they propose the distance is not in the slightest shortened, and the country through which this line passes is not so well settled."

Timber surveyor McDonell got around, his letters being mailed from various post offices, but, after his signature, he always gave the name of his farm "Greenfield". When a post office was opened about 1870 in Kenyon Township, at the corner of the 5th concession road and the 24th sideroad it was called by the same name.

About 1850 was opened Athol post office, where the South River crosses the road in the 22nd concession, (Indian Lands) of Kenyon. Lumbering was then at its height on this stream, and George McDonell had



a sawmill, as well as the general store, with its post office. In the early 1850's came Summerstown, on the St. Lawrence shore road, now Highway 2, in lot II of Charlottenburg, and Dalhousie Mills, on the 8th sideroad of Lancaster, just west of the Quebec border, and north of the River Delisle.

A strip two miles wide extending along the entire western edge of Charlottenburg and Kenyon Townships was given Sir John Johnston, and presented by him to the Indians. After it was settled by the white man it was known as the Indian Lands. The Indian Lands road was the old route from the St. Lawrence to the Ottawa River. With the Scotch River to provide power, about 1851 a sawmill was built on the 7th concession of Kenyon. At the intersection north of the River Delisle crossing Notfield post office was established in 1857 at the southeast corner with the road in concession 16, in the house of postmaster Peter McNaughton. The people 1½ miles north decided that their corner should be called Macksville, since everyone's name began with Mac. In 1879 Notfield post office was closed, replaced by Maxville soon after, at the 18th Indian line.

James Fraser had clerked in Martintown, but also travelled into Kenyon, on the way to Alexandria, buying and collecting, as he visited the farms there. A teamsters' hotel at the west end of Loch Garry was a convenient stopping place. There was no store there, so in 1846 he acquired a quarter acre on the Loch Garry Road half a mile south of the road in concession 2, taking in the west end of the lake. He built an addition to a log house there, to make space for a store, on the east side of the road, which became the centre of the village.

Loch Garry post office was established in 1860. Behind the counter was the mail desk, used by postmaster Fraser, now in the log cabin museum of Hugh Donald Munro, of Apple Hill. No doubt Fraser's association in business and municipal affairs with D. A. McDonald, Alexandria merchant, and Postmaster-General in 1873, under Prime Minister Alexander McKenzie, had much to do with having a post office opened.

Fraser was postmaster for 31 years, although, as he became fully occupied with municipal duties, and the working of the farm, his wife Isabelle looked after the handling of the mail. At first the mail for Loch Garry came from Martintown, after

the railway came through in 1881 from Greenfield. In later years it came from Apple Hill. No doubt Fraser's association closed, from Maxville. With the weather and road conditions, it was usually after dark when the mail arrived at Loch Garry. Grandchildren of the postmaster recalled "mailtime in the evenings" to Robert J. Fraser, and, in his book "As Others See Us, Scots Of The Seaway Valley" (published by the Beamsville Express) he writes:

"The mail sack would be dragged in and hoisted unto the counter. Impatiently she would dump the contents on the floor, then gather up letters and papers and quickly sort them. Then, with an unexplained but evident satisfaction, she gave each piece a resounding smack with the cancellation stamp, and the waiting customers were handed whatever bore their name. Then, as she looked over those present, she adroitly handed out such pieces as were for neighbours whose places they would pass on their way home.

"They would open and read the letters in the store tossing the discarded envelopes into a box always handy behind the counter. Some of these were retrieved and used for notes by the postmaster or for figuring his store accounts, but, altogether they accumulated for years long after the office had been closed, and the store discontinued. A grandson, who was a stamp-collecting hobbyist, came across the box and its contents, with considerable interest."

Not long before 1885 the store closed, but Fraser continued the post office. Mrs. Fraser was postmaster from 1891 to 1896, after which J. E. McDonald carried on for nearly two years, until Loch Garry was closed in 1898.

Around 1860 Skye post office was opened in Kenyon Township, where the 24th sideroad crosses the 9th concession road. In the middle 1860's the same corner was renamed Dunvegan. Skye post office moved to the corner of the 12th sideroad and the north boundary road. In Lancaster, Township came Glennevis, where the 16th sideroad crosses the Baudette River. During this decade, in Lochiel Township appeared Kirkhill, at the 7th concession road and 25th sideroad, and Dalkeith, at the 7th concession road and 7th sideroad. The latter was better known in the early days as Robertson's Mills. There the Robertson brothers ran a sawmill on the DeGraisse River, and had a general store. Sandfield, at the corner of the road in the 7th con-



cession and the 7th sideroad also opened, changing a decade later to Glen Sandfield.

In the middle 1870's more post offices came to Glengarry with Glen in their names, but one looks in vain for their counterparts in Scotland. In Charlottenburg appeared. Cashion's Glen, southeast corner of the present county road north of the south Branch River with the road on the eastern boundary of the Indian Lands. Glen Donald, south side of the slanted road in concession 3, lot 12, Indian Lands, Glen Gordon, on the present Highway 34 north of Lancaster, closed in 1877; Glenroy, northeast corner 9th concession road and 12th sideroad, Glen Walter, on the St. Lawrence shore road west of the east Indian Lands boundary road. In Lancaster Township was established Glen Norman, at the southwest corner of the 9th concession road and 23rd sideroad. Lochiel got Robertson, at the 2nd concession road and 7th sideroad.

Back around 1870 were opened in Charlottenburg Camerontown, on the 13th sideroad north of the present Canadian National Railways line, and Sierra. It was probably on the same road as St. Raphael, over a mile east of that place, near the boundary road, and was closed in 1874. In Lochiel were established Lochinvar, at the 9th concession road and 23rd sideroad, and South La Graise, on the 4th concession road a half mile west of the Quebec border. Lochinvar was closed in 1874, reopened in 1878, and closed for good less than a decade later. South La Graise closed about 10 years after its opening.

In the middle 1870's opened in Lancaster Township Munroe's Mills, on the 17th sideroad in concession 5, and Curry Hill, on the road in lot 9 a quarter mile north of the 2nd concession road. Breadalbane appeared on the east side of the 13th sideroad a half mile south of the north boundary road of Lochiel. It was settled by Scots from Breadalbane, Perthshire, in 1816. Kingsburgh post office opened in 1876 in the same township, but only lasted a year, and its location is unknown.

Two miles south of Maxville, in Kenyon, where the present county road crosses the River Delisle, a few crumbling buildings to the north mark the site of Dominionville, whose post office was opened in 1877. The same year appeared Bridge End in Lancaster, where the 6th concession road crosses the Beaudette River. In 1878 opened in Charlottenburg Green Valley, on the north

side of the 9th concession road a mile west of the east boundary road, and MacCrimmon, in Lochiel, where the present Highway 34 turns east to go to Vankleek Hill. It was founded by storekeeper Donald D. MacCrimmon. In the 1890's the post office was moved west across the road into Kenyon. John A. MacCrimmon still has the store there.

Apple Hill grew up on the east boundary road of the Indian Lands, where the 1st concession road of Kenyon intersects. It derived its name from Alexander Kennedy's apple orchard, northwest of the corner. In 1882 a post office was established, and "Sandy" Kennedy was the first postmaster. In the same township appeared in the early 1880's, Battie's Corners. 7th concession road and 24th sideroad, closed out 10 years later; St. Elmo, 14th concession road and 8th sideroad, Indian Lands, Fassifern, on the present Highway 34, three miles north of Alexandria. Opened in 1885 on the Kenyon side, Fassifern moved across the road in the 1890's to the Lochiel side. The mail proceeded from Lancaster to Fassifern, and on to Kirkhill. The stage driver was Angus Dewar, of Glen Sandfield, who accommodated passengers as well as mail.

In concession 1 of Lancaster, where the railway crosses the 16th sideroad, is Bainsville, known in 1862 as Bain's Fields. Bainsville post office was established in 1884, with James Sangster, descended from the McBains, as postmaster, but he resigned the same year, D. McCuaig taking over. The two men were partners in the small store. In Lochiel, Brodie, named after nearby farmers, was opened where the road in the middle of the 5th concession crosses the 7th sideroad. In 1887 were established Tyotown, at the 2nd front concession road of Charlottenburg and the 9th sideroad, named after its post-master James Tyo, and McCormick, at the 3rd concession road and 25th sideroad of Lochiel, also named for neighboring farmers.

In the 1890's was opened in the Indian Lands of Charlottenburg Clark Avenue, on the farm of James Clark, in lot 11, on the road south of the South Branch of the Raisin River. In the 1900's it was closed. Where the road from Lancaster to Williamstown, following the Raisin River, turns right and heads north, in Charlottenburg Township, it skirts an iron bridge which gave its name to MacGillvray Bridge post office, opened in the 1900's. On the south

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# Rounding Up Squared Circles

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## BELLEVILLE

(Continued)

William W. Laird

### Comments on First Hammer

There is not a great deal of interest in the First Hammer due to the difficulty in obtaining copies in sufficient number for study. I feel that R.F. of 30 is low because the Second and Third Hammers each have a realistic R.F. of 7.5, and certainly the First Hammer is scarcer than a ratio of 1 to 4. Perhaps a ratio of 1 to 6 is a better estimate, giving a R.F. of 45.

As it is impossible to acquire more than a matching pair of 3 and 4 and then only in 1893, a price of \$15.00 for such a pair seems realistic.

### Comments on Second Hammer

Interesting indicia show up as early as November of 1893. I have a copy with time-mark 3 reading 2 No. 2. The first 2 is inverted and because I have not seen any other copies of November 2 or 22, either date could be correct. It is more likely the latter, possibly due to a clerk's oversight or casualness. For December 28 of 1893 I have seen both time-marks 3 and 4. On that date 3 is always normal and the 4 always inverted.

For November 16, 1894, I have seen a beautiful strike with no time-mark as well as a copy with time-mark 3. Some fortunate collector probably has time-mark 4 on that date in his collection. How valuable

this stamp is to complete a set of three—same Hammer—same date. Probably unique!

In December of 1894 the E of DE is always badly struck. Usually the top bar of the E is missing and very often part or all of the centre bar. In February of 1895 the FE almost always appears as FF.

On August 7, 1895, time-mark 3 is inverted. Perhaps a later discovery will reveal that this indicia error was corrected.

It is interesting to note that on the Jubilees the Second Hammer with time-mark 2 appears while the Third Hammer with time-mark 3 or 4 appears. I have seen no exceptions to this.

As to values of different time-marks on the same date, a matching set of two is realistically priced at \$1.50. On the other hand a set of three for the same date is worth upwards of \$12.00, and this value holds true whether or not all strikes are from the Second Hammer or the Third Hammer, or a combination thereof.

### Comments on Third Hammer

There are some interesting indicia features of this Hammer although not as many as the Second Hammer has: I have time-mark 3 for Oc 227 of 1896. This is probably Oc 27 as I have time-mark 4 for Oc 22.

Strikes for Fe 1897 always read FF. I have seen no exception.

On August 3 of 1897 time-mark 4 is inverted. (I have two copies). Perhaps it was corrected but I have not seen it.

## TO ALL MEMBERS

## AN URGENT PLEA

At present the backlog of articles for publication in BNA Topics numbers only three or four other than the postal history of Ontario counties by Max Rosenthal. We herewith solicit once again your help.

Please send us your research.

The Editor

# AIR MAILES WERE FOUNDED IN BUSH PILOT HEY DAY

by A. W. McIntyre

All across Canada's great northland there are aviation firms that will fly prospectors into remote mining areas with their gear and season's supplies, returning at a later date to bring them out. They have been doing just that for four decades.

It was this extra service provided remote areas and the creation and use of semi-official airmail stamps that really laid the foundation of airmail service.

Many small aviation firms and independent bush fliers continue to give this remote areas service but perhaps peak mileage was set in 1929 and 1930 when two large mining exploration companies operated on the grand scale.

Northern Aerial Mineral Exploration, and Dominion Explorers, were two of the earlyies. They flew millions of miles in search of gold, one which netted few economic finds. Organization of NAME by dynamic mining promoter Jack Hammell in 1928 had been suggested by his chief pilot, Capt. H. A. Oakes and soon it operated from 34 air bases. His aircraft rolled up a total of almost 3,000,000 miles without a serious accident before depression doldrums wrote finish to that venture.

Dominion Explorers doubtless set a similar record but is best remembered by its McAlpine party becoming lost in the days before planes were equipped with radios. It had ran out of fuel and waited for weeks in comfort at Coppermine until found after the great aerial search had marked off thousands of miles.

Prior to this, Capt. C. H. 'Punch' Dickins of Edmonton had flown thousands of miles across the Baron Lands, and carried prospectors far afield from old-established river routes of trade and traffic, being awarded the McKee trophy in aviation, 1928, when

he had topped 74,000 miles with a small plane into remote mining fields.

Even earlier, Hammell had in October 1925 electrified the international mining world when he adopted the plane to service an otherwise inaccessible mine, initially the Howey Gold Mine at Red Lake, Ontario. Air bases at Sioux Lookout and Hudson surged with activity that winter when as many as 30 flights daily took off for Red Lake. One of the mining reports of the times is said to have dubbed Jack Hammell, "Father of the Bush Pilot."

Many of the bush pilots were reputed 'to fly by the seat of their pants' finding their way unerringly over poorly mapped terrain with few accidents in the face of bad weather and without benefit of many aviation aids that are now routine.

Safe was NAME aerial operations proved to be, the company faced at the start a natural prejudice against risking their necks on the part of the old sour doughs. The prospectors were not rushing to sign up for jobs on a salary, plus grubsteak basis.

One story is that shrewd Jack Hammell knew how to remedy that. The first flight by a NAME plane carried only four persons, the promotor, the senior pilot and their wives. Upon landing, he had the press interview the ladies, who told what fun it was and how safe. No man objected after that!

Twelve of the early airline operators who issued their own semi-official airmail stamps included: B. C. Airways Ltd., Klondike Airways Ltd., Yukon Airways Exploration Co. Ltd., Commercial Airways Ltd., Western Canadian Airways, Cherry Red Airline Ltd., Patricia Airways Ltd., Fairchild Air Transport Ltd., Elliot-Fairchild Air Service, Elliot-Fairchild Air Transport Ltd., Northern Air Service Ltd., and Laurantide Air Service.

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## EARLY POST OFFICES OF THE GLENGARRY COUNTY

side of the river is a large white house, built by John MacGillvray, who came to Canada in 1798 as a partner in the North-

west Company. Where the road north of the South Branch of this river crosses the west boundary road of this township, Grant's Corners post office was established, as well as Summerstown Station, north of where the Canadian National Railway crosses the 13th sideroad.

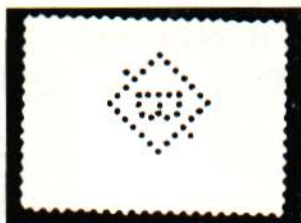


# Perfin Study Group

R. J. WOOLLEY, Secretary, 1520 Bathurst St., Toronto, Ontario

You never can tell where a new design is going to turn up. Harry Lussey (No. 167) showing his collection of Leafs, Numerals, Maps and E1 to members of the Toronto Stamp Collectors Club in February had a perforated E1 mounted with his used copies. This one is the design shown with letter "B" in a diamond with two code holes.

Reference to the America Perfin Club catalogue identifies this as being used by The Barrett Company who have a head office in New York and several outside offices. Code holes either a single or a combination of two in locations outside the centre of the sides of the diamond indicate the office location of the Company. This one has code holes 1 and 3 and has been identified as being used from the Chicago, Illinois branch.



A couple of years ago your writer was on his way to the Sunny South and made a call on Dave Stump at Devon, Pennsylvania. Dave has done a terrific amount of work for the Perfin Club and for many other philatelic organisations, collects USA perfins of course and has probably a couple of thousand of them on cover. He has a small sideline collection of Canadian perfins and, believe it or not, had an uncatalogued item which he did not realise as he hadn't used the handbook when mount-

ing them. This is the Case item which we had no difficulty in locating in his Perfin Club catalogue as C No. 28, the J. I. Case Company of Racine, Wisconsin known widely as manufacturers of agricultural implements. The Case stamp is on the 1c green of the Admiral series, thanks, Dave.

The third stamp illustrated came to the writer in an unpicked accumulation in exchange for other material of more interest to the other party. The immediate reaction to seeing these initials was to think of Johnson & Johnson, manufacturers of surgical dressings etc., and again referring to the Perfin Club catalogue we find their J No. 178 to be this latest new perfin design on Canadian stamps and to be Johnson & Johnson of New York City. This is on the 5c blue medallion issue of 1932.

New catalogue listing for the handbook follows.

B11 (B) Dia En13-5 The Barrett Co.,  
Chicago, Ill., E1 100

C37 Case Ex10½-4 J. I. Case Co.,  
Racine, Wisc. 1912/22 100

J11 J & J H5½-4-5½ Johnson & Johnson,  
New York, N.Y. 1932 100

In addition to these three we have reports of a few new designs on the Revenue stamps of Newfoundland which we will cover in a later issue.

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Supplementary Plate N — Miscellaneous

Serial No.	Description	P.O. of Origin	Date	Remarks
410b	Crude intaglio B in circle	Brussels, Ont.	75	
527a	H. K. in thick circle	?	?	
597a	Intaglio large black M in circle	?	?	Larger than 597
695a	Intaglio S with serifs in circle, indented border	St. Stephen N.B.	78	
722a	Intaglio T E in large signet	?	?	Maybe Thomas Elliot, P.M. Lambton Mills
105a	Roman 2 in thin circle	Sand Point, Ont.	78	Or is it 11 or just two bars?
105b	Intaglio 110 in solid circle	Stayner, Ont.	72	
105c	Roman 3 in rectangle in circle	H—, Ont.	13	Or it is 111?
74a	Intaglio spray in oval	? ? ?, Quebec	95	
86a	Small intaglio 5 point star in solid rectangle	?	?	
89a	5 point solid star	Souris East, P.E.I.	94	Earlier state of #89
98b	Thick outlined 5 point star	St. Catherines, Ont.	74	
91a	Intaglio star in pentagon	Parry Sound, Ont.	74	
124a	Intaglio six point star in rounded rectangle	Montreal	78	
135a	Intaglio 9 point star in circle	?	?	Nearly reverse of 135
135b	7 point star or starfish with bent rays	?	?	
215b	Intaglio cross roads in intaglio square in broken circle	?	?	
216a	Cross roads of divided highways	?	?	Even a safety island!
58a	Flower of 4 heart-shaped petals	?	?	Bid 4 hearts!
276b	Large iregular bogey head	?	?	





410B



527A



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105C



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91A



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# BNAPS at SIPEX MAY 21-30, 1966

Several BNAPS'ers; expressed their opinion, to the Officers of the Society; that we should have a Lounge at this forthcoming event; as we did at CAPEX in '51 and FIPEX in '56.

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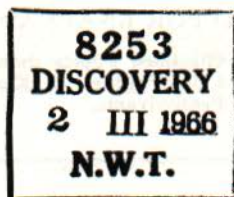
Members of the B.N.A.P.S. and particularly those whose interest lies in the collection of Town Cancellations may be interested in a little information about one of the smaller Post Offices in the North.

Discovery lies about 60 air miles north and a little east of Yellowknife in the Northwest Territories. The location is that of a prosperous gold mine and the Post Office was established in 1960 to service the Mine employees and their families. Discovery is accessible only by air in the summer but during the winter it is possible to travel by roads over the ice on the lakes and rivers and trails bulldozed over the portages. It is

during the winter that all heavy equipment and supplies are taken in.







The building which now houses the Post Office was originally the Engineering and General Office for Rayrock Mines and later became the School. When the Rayrock mine closed, the building was carted by truck a distance of 200 miles to become the Commissary and Post Office at Discovery. The first Postmistress was Mrs. S. MacDonald who was succeeded by the present Postmaster Mr. M.U. (Speed) Taylor. Up to a year ago, the Post Office was open for only one-half hour twice a day three days a week, but at present the hours are one hour each afternoon and one hour three mornings a week.

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