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THE Editor's MAILBAG

Dear Sir:

I cannot allow the retirement of Dr. Alfred Whitehead, as announced in Topics to pass without a personal comment.

I have to thank this fine gentleman for much of the joy life has brought me in the last ten years. In the midst of a busy life as musician, artist & philatelist he has never failed to give of his time and knowledge whenever I wrote him for information.

As a philatelist his collecting has covered many specialties aside from squared circles, some which I have seen in Amherst.

I know many fellow collectors will join me in wishing him many happy years with his charming wife.

Yours sincerely

C. A. Kemp

Dear Sir:

In the April Topics once again the question of rollers used as precancels has been mentioned. I followed with interest the various articles on this subject but have to add some questions to make myself and may be others fully aware of what is the actual fact.

Some eleven years ago I came across large number of sheets, with full gum, all showing the rollers cancels. The sheets were held by some dealers in Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto. I purchased some sheets, some multiples and singles from these lots and at the same time recorded all the cancels which occurred on the sheets (city names only). The sheets consisted of various denominations of the Admiral issue and the War Tax stamps from the 1 cent green to the one Dollar and all War Tax values. It also included some of the Postage Dues mentioned in the last article. I took some of these sheets to the Post Office to determine why these had been cancelled with full gum and what the status of these sheets were. The explanation given was that for hand-

ling of bulk material, newspapers, periodicals etc. prepayment was made by the customer to the Post Office and the Postmaster cancelled full sheets to cover same. The sheets were kept by the Post Office and for many years large accumulations existed. How the sheets got out of the Post Office could not be explained but these stamps were never intended to be used on mail and never be intended to present a pre-cancelled stamp. I would therefore suggest if the above information is correct, not to classify these rollers used on fully gummed stamps as precancels.

I have recorded the following city names with rollers used on gummed sheets:

Halifax, Montreal, Brantford, Peterborough, Windsor, Edmonton, Yarmouth, Quebec, Hamilton, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Fredericton, Belleville, London, Kingston Calgary.

Yours sincerely

H. Reiche

Dear Mr. Young:

Mr. Smythies article in April "Topics" mentions roller precancels on postage due stamps and asks for further information.

I doubt that these are precancels in the true sense. If Canadian post office practice is the same as in the U.S. the explanation is quite simple.

When large companies send out mailings which include postage-will-be-paid reply envelopes, many of them came back at the same time. The receiving post office counts them and cancels the proper number of postage due stamps for delivery and collection with the mail.

It is possible to get cancelled sheets of any of the U.S. postage due stamps, including the \$1.00, \$2.00 and \$5.00 values.

Yours truly,

Keith Forfar

Mr. David Nystrom
Box 235
Gibson, B.C.

Dear Mr. Nystrom;

Answering your's to the Editor's Mailbag — BNA Topics — March 1966 issue, regarding narrow spacing on the No. 015A is correct — and so is the description in Roy Wrigley's Catalogue.

If you will re-read Mr. Wrigley's catalogue in the 3rd paragraph on "Notes on the Minor Varieties" — just one word in the descriptive line, would clear up in your mind, what you believe an error in description. I shall quote the line and insert in capitalized letters the one word to clarify.

This applies only in the Upper and Lower Right PLATED panes.

As you are aware, the plated sheets have the wide selvage at the top or bottom as the case may be and the right side, while the opposite side has the narrow selvage. Therefore, your block and pair with the narrow selvage could originate in either Upper or Lower Right PLATED sheets.

I have a mint block of nine — narrow spacing from the Upper left corner of an Upper Right PLATED sheet, which includes besides, the Missing Period after "H" on No. 01 — 23rd stamp.

Continue to write your letters to the Editor's Mailbag — you'll eventually receive

your answer through that column or from someone else, as I have done in this instance.

Best of luck in your collecting

Sincerely

C. Russell McNeil No. 649

OBITUARY

Louis M. Lamouroux of Toronto died at his home on July 17th, at the age of 73 after a short illness. At the time of his death he was Editor of the "Canadian Philatelist", the official journal of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, and a Fellow and past President of the Society.

As a collector he had wide interests. But his first love was France, especially the middle issues, and his collection of the Sower issues was one of the finest in Canada. Philatelic circles will miss the help and time that he gave of so freely. BNAPS will mourn the loss of our member who was so valued by the Royal.

He is survived by his wife, son and daughter to whom we tend our deepest sympathy. HJH

Report from the Library

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

We have available for disposal a fair number of issues of B.N.A. "Topics". Not much in the real early issues but odd copies starting September 1954 (Volume 11) and complete sets of volumes 15 (1958), 16 (1959), 17 (1960), 19 (1962) 20 (1963) and 21 (1964).

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available other than on a loan from the Librarian. We have one set bound in hard cover and a set in loose issues. If you have not read the back numbers of "Topics" we would like to suggest that you let us send some to you on loan. They make very interesting reading. No charge for the loan but you pay postage both ways.

Back around the end of 1930 and early 1931, our good friend Fred Jarrett published a mimeographed journal for his customers entitled "Jarrett's B.N.A. Record". Apparently this was suspended after a half-dozen issues. These are written in the inimitable style of Mr. Jarrett and contain a great deal of interesting reading. If you haven't seen them, we have five different

copies available and would like to send them to you on loan. We think you will enjoy them. It would be nice to be able to purchase stamps and covers to-day at the prices offered by Fred in 1930!

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Philatelia — 4 issues

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Stamp Herald — 50 issues

Stamp Lore — 1 issue

Stamp Reporter — 7 issues

It would appear that this fine donation is the result of the effort of our former Librarian, Dr. E. C. Black. The B.N.A.P.S. owes Dr. Black and the U. of B.C. a vote of thanks for these rare philatelic journals.

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One of the four existing 25c adhesives prepared for the proposed flight from London (Canada) to London (England) by aviators Tully and Medcalf. The ill-fated attempt, in quest of a \$25,000 prize, ended in the Atlantic with the loss of the flyers, the plane and the mail. This rare item will be offered at auction by H. R. Harmer, Inc. of New York when the "Dr. Shrady" Collection of Air Post Pioneers and Semi-Officials is offered in November.

Simultaneously with the change of name comes also a change of address. By the time the new season starts Stanley Gibbons' Auctions will be occupying fine commodious premises at Drury House, Russell Street, Drury Lane, London W.C. 2 which will include the largest & best equipped Auction Room in the Country, conveniently situated on the Ground Floor and within a stone's throw of the Strand.

July & August will also see the transfer of Editorial, Publications, and Accounts Departments of Gibbons to Drury House which will leave more room at "391" for the stamp side and general convenience of customers as well as bringing the whole organisation under two roofs instead of four as at present.



OTTAWA AND B.C. CROWN CANCELLATIONS

by E. A. Smythies, FCPS

This article explains a new plate illustrating three Crowns and some of their forgeries, intended for inclusion in a 2nd edition of the "Fancy Cancellations" Handbook, if or when required.

Many years ago Jarrett had some sketches made of three Crown cancellations to illustrate his classic 1929 catalog. When the "Fancy Cancellations" Handbook was being prepared, it was known that a variety of forgeries of these Crown cancellations were in existence, but as the exact details of the genuine crowns were not known, it was difficult to distinguish genuine from false, and Jarrett's original sketches were reproduced in the Handbook.

Later we heard that Pritchard and Andrews who made these Crown cancellers in 1880, had kept impressions of them in their Proof Book, which was now in the archives of the Philatelic Foundation, New York, and by the kind cooperation of Miss Harper and the Philatelic Foundation we received accurate photographs of them. These enabled us to distinguish genuine from false, and also to see that Jarrett's 1929 sketches, although adequate to recognise these Crowns, differed in details from them.

These facts, together with illustrations of the genuine crowns and some of the fakes, were published in a series of articles in "Maple Leaves", from which the illustration in the accompanying plate are taken.

Let us consider these three Crowns separately. **Illustration No. 1.** Photograph from Miss Harper of the Proof impression of the **Ottawa Solid Crown**, dated Feby. 1880. Note the following features: (1) A fairly thick outer circle which nowhere touches the Crown. (2) The two blank spaces in the top of the Crown are more or less rectangular or flag-shaped.

This cancel is extremely rare, in fact I have never seen an undoubtedly genuine strike of it, and the production of a second Crown hammer within two months, also for the Ottawa Senate P.O., suggests it may have been considered unsatisfactory and its use abandoned. Thus would explain its rarity.

I have seen several forgeries of this cancel, and two are illustrated on the plate.

Illustration No. 8. A treble strike on piece (sold at the Bowman sale as genuine). Note the outer circle meets the Crown on the left, and the two Blanks in the Crown are triangular.

Illustration No. 9. The outer circle is too thin, the top horizontal line too long and too thin, and the central blank too broad. This fake Crown was applied to a loose stamp, i.e. off cover, and the stamp had a previous C.D.S. dated 1885. I have other fakes on Jubilee 1c yellow and Q.V. 1c green. Such late strikes are ipso facto suspicious.

Illustration No. 2. Photograph from Miss Harper of the Proof impression of the **Ottawa Senate P.O. Crown**, dated April 1880. A detailed description of this Crown was given in *Maple Leaves* (April 1963) from which I quote:—

The Ottawa Crown consists of four main sections:—

- (a) The diadem on top.
- (b) The frame or upper Crown.
- (c) The base or lower Crown.
- (d) The outer circle.

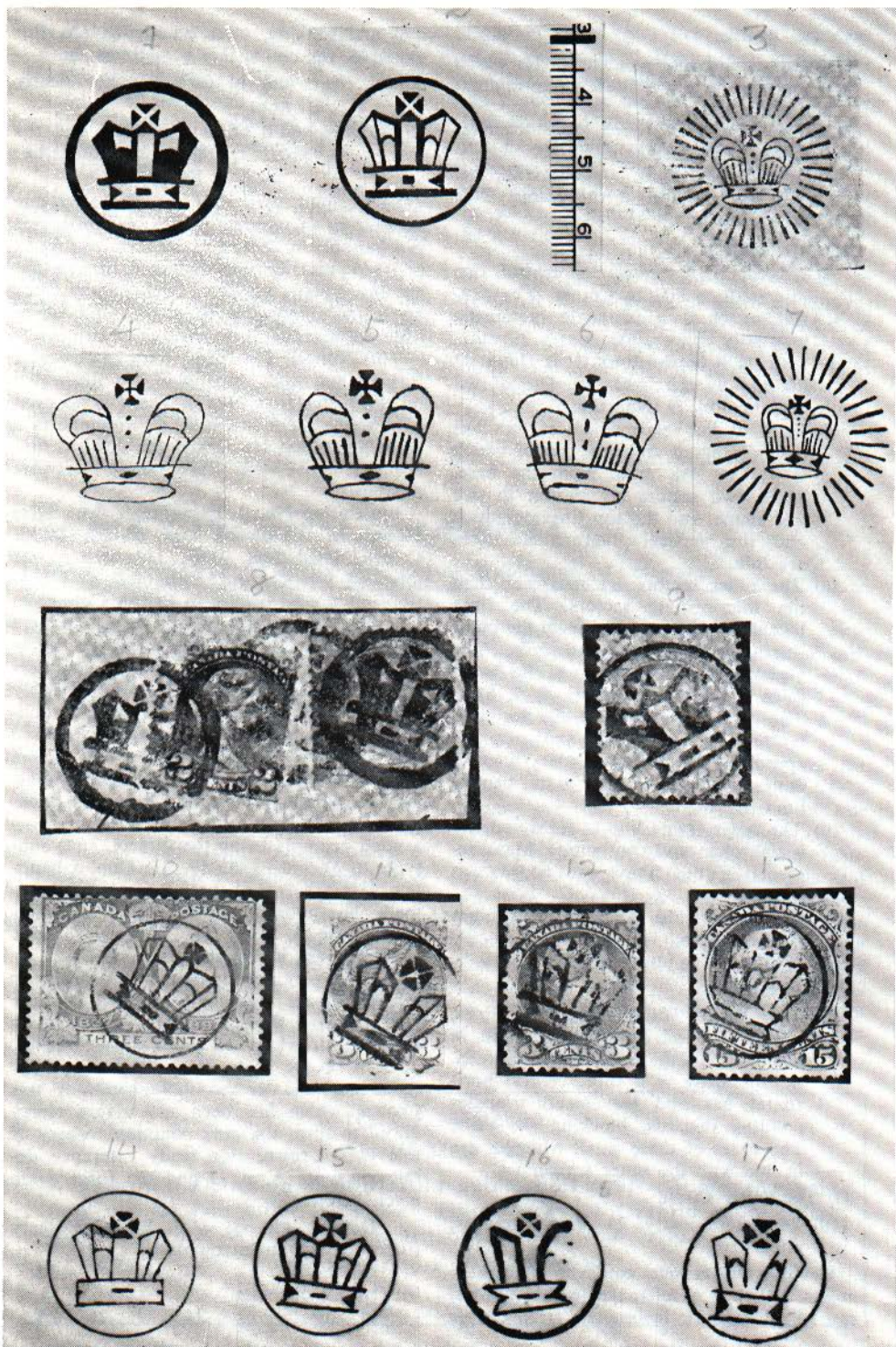
These will be considered separately.

PLATE . . . THE OTTAWA AND B.C. CROWN CANCELS

Description

Illustration No.

1. The Ottawa "Solid Crown", Feby. 1880. Photograph of the Proof impression from the Philatelic Foundation, New York.
2. The Ottawa Senate P.O. Crown. April 1880. Photograph of Proof impression from the Philatelic Foundation, New York.
3. The B.C. Crown, Sept. 1880. Photograph of Proof impression from the Philatelic Foundation, New York.
- 4, 5, 6. Enlargements of the three types of B.C. Crown.
7. Jarrett's 1929 sketch of the B.C. Crown. Used extensively as the common forgery.
- 8, 9. Forgeries of the Ottawa "Solid Crown".
- 10.-17. Forgeries of the Ottawa Senate P.O. Crown.



(A) **The Diadem**

- (1) Consists of four small triangles which together form a Maltese Cross approx. 4 m.m. square.
- (2) The square between the triangles makes a neat intaglio Cross.
- (3) The diadem is in contact with, i.e. rests on, the top of the frame. **This is important.**

(B) **The Frame**

- (4) Consists of 5 sectors, one central, two intermediate and two outer. The central sector is a rectangle measuring internally approx. 6½ mm x 2½ mm., **with thick border lines.** It is closed at the top by the lower triangle of the diadem. **This is important.**
- (5) Each of the intermediate sectors has a small curved arch, the top of which is ¾ or ½ m.m. from the base. These two sectors are similar in size and shape, and the top lines are **thick** and the vertical intermediate lines are **thin.**
- (6) The outer sectors are narrower than the intermediate sectors. The lines that define them are thin and the outer lines curve slightly outwards. **The variations in the thickness of the frame lines is important (points 4, 5, 6).**
- (7) The vertical lines meet the top and bottom of the frame and measure approx. as follows:—Outer lines 6 m.m., intermediate, 7½ m.m., central lines 6½ m.m.
- (8) The outer frame line at sides and top is unbroken and continuous. Measurements of the frame are approx. as follows:—
Maximum width 15 m.m. Maximum height 8 m.m.
All the above points are important.

(C) **The Base**

- (9) Two rather thick horizontal lines, upper 14 m.m., lower 13½ m.m. in length, and 2½ m.m. space between. In this space is a short central horizontal bar and two small triangles pointing inwards, blocking the ends. The bases of these small triangles are in line with the outer framelines.

(D) **The Outer Circle...**

- (10) Diameter nearly 21 m.m., regular, unbroken.

Genuine strikes must conform to all these points, although a tolerance (within reason) can be allowed for incomplete strikes, over

and under-inking, wear, smudging, etc. For example, genuine strikes sometimes show:—

- (B) (4) the width of central sector nearly 3 m.m.
- (C) (9) the width of base 3 m.m. and the small triangles not altogether blocking the ends.

Such small variations are probably due to wear or incomplete strikes. Forgeries are recognisable by failure to conform to several of these points beyond tolerance. Strikes that are incomplete, smudgy, double, faint, etc., are often impossible to check, and so of little value either for research or trade.

This cancel has been very extensively forged, and eight examples are illustrated on the plate (Nos. 10-17). There is no need to describe them in detail, as a comparison with illustration No. 2 and the detailed description above will make these forgeries obvious.

Illustration No. 3. Photograph from Miss Harper of the Proof copy of the B. C. Crown, dated Sept. 1880. This design was intended for Victoria, Esquimalt, and possibly other post offices in British Columbia.

Boggs records that two of these hammers were sent to Victoria B.C. and we know from genuine covers that similar hammers were also used at Esquimalt and possibly other B.C. post offices. A careful examination of a number of strikes soon revealed that there were two hammers at least showing slightly different details of design. This is not surprising as we find the same phenomenon with this firm's duplex hammers — a good example being the three L.7 (1) subtypes of Toronto 1885-89 (See Duplex handbook). In the case of these B.C. Crown hammers, the noticeable differings are as follows: Type A being the Proof copy, Type B was in use in Esquimalt:—

A third very similar type C has also been recorded from Esquimalt, of very late use (1907). Those three types are illustrated by enlarged drawings of the Crown in Nos. 4, 5, 6 of the Plate. Illustrations No. 7 of the Plate is Jarrett's 1929 sketch of this Crown, which has been extensively reproduced to form the only common forgery of this B.C. Crown. For ready reference details of types A, B, C and the forgery are given below.

| Details | A | B | C | Forgery |
|---------------------------------------|----|----|----|---------|
| (i) No. of rays in surrounding Circle | 40 | 40 | 40 | 36 |
| (ii) Overall diameter in mm. | 24 | 24 | 26 | 26 |

- (iii) No. of dots below
diadem 3 2 2 4
- (iv) No. of strokes in
left-hand and right
hand arches 4&4 4&5 5&5 4&4
- (v) Maximum width of upper
Crown in mm. 12.5 11.75 12.0 11.5

Other differences worth noting are:—

(vi) The jewels in the lower Crown are distinctly larger and more conspicuous in the forgery than in types A, B, C.

(vii) In type C the base of the Crown is slightly flattened and does not project beyond the outer lines on either side. In types A and B, and the forgery, it distinctly projects beyond the outer lines.

I have been asked how we can be sure the so-called "forgery" was not yet another

variation made by Pritchard and Andrews and not a forgery. The answer is that this particular design, with 36 rays and a different Crown, was created by Jarrett in 1929 specifically to illustrate his catalog, it was not in existence before, and so could not have been used to cancel various 19th century stamps (L.Q., S.Q., Registered, etc.) on which it is found, and must ipso facto be a forgery.

To summarise the present position regarding these official Crown cancellations of 1880, all strikes which conform to illustrations 1-6 of the Plate may be regarded as genuine, all others as forgeries. Secret marks have been made on illustrations 1, 2, 3, to previous unscrupulous persons using them to make better forgeries.

Sales Circuit Comments

JAMES C. LEHR, 2818 Cheshire Rd., Devon, Wilmington 3, Delaware

In a recent ruling the U.S. Post Office Dept. has prohibited mailing sales circuits by 3rd or 4th class mail. This will increase our postage costs (and those of members receiving circuits in U.S.) considerably. First class rates in U.S.A. are much higher (including registration cost) than in Canada, where we have always had to send circuits 1st class registered. In view of this we will not send circuits on stationery or booklets, since their value is usually low & their weight (& postage) high. We will continue to circulate covers, but not in circuit books. Cover packets have been used successfully where all covers were priced the same, but we could send out packets where each cover is individually priced. To keep postage low, each cover should be priced at 75c or higher.

In another attempt to hold down costs, we will now require each circuit book submitted to the Sales Dept. to have a minimum value of \$25. Books on hand at lower values will be circulated on at least two circuits and then retired.

So far this looks like a banner year for circuit sales, with present sales at \$3275 already over last year's sales. However, our ability to keep up this pace depends on obtaining many more books from your members for the sales circuits. To date this year we have retired books and paid members for sales of \$2770, with many of these books being in the circuit less than a year. In fact, we have retired 19 books submitted this year! So — if you send us the material to sell, and price it properly, we can sell it in a minimum of time and pay you as soon as the book is retired.

TO ALL MEMBERS AN URGENT PLEA

At present the backlog of articles for publication in BNA Topics numbers only one or two 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

Rounding Up Squared Circles

Editor: DR. W. G. MOFFATT, Hickory Hollow, R.R. 3, Ballston Lake, N.Y.

Greetings to old friend and new ones I hope to make through this column.

Much new information has come to hand in the past several months and is now sufficient to warrant devoting a column to it.

First, however, let me report two unfortunate errors in the BELLEVILLE article appearing in the April issue of TOPICS. The first, and most serious, was omission of the author's name which, although written in at the top of the manuscript, was overlooked in typesetting. As at least one correspondent correctly guessed, the author is W. W. Laird who has also prepared a forthcoming similar article dealing with CHARLOTTETOWN. The second error appears in the introductory paragraph of the article which contains the statement: "The writer has just completed a study of about 500 copies....." The figure is a typographical error; the correct number is 5000 copies which, of course, lends a great deal more weight to the conclusions drawn from the study.

Through the courtesy of Dr. Matthew Carstairs, owner of the still-unique COLEMAN, and of Bob Woolley, who harbored butterflies in the stomach while the COLEMAN was in his keeping, we are able to present a photograph of that great rarity. The date is not sufficiently clear that one can be certain about it; however, "LEMAN" and the curved line between "COLEMAN" and "ONT" are both quite clear. Thank you, sirs, for giving us the opportunity to illustrate this gem for all the rest of us unfortunate enough not to have an example of this town.



All who know him will be distressed to know that our good friend Clarence Kemp has been laid up for some while and is, at this writing, still confined to the hospital. I trust that by the time this column appears in print, a turn for the better will have come about. Perhaps this would be a good

time to drop him the note you have been meaning to.

H. E. Canham of Regina reports a cover carrying a new early date for KENTVILLE, N.S.: OC 7 93.

Ian Paterson of Edmonton (Paterson's House of Stamps) reports the find of a correspondence including about fifty cards and covers carrying the WESTON, ONT., squared circle, as well as many of the successor broken circle postmarks. This lot includes a new late date for the WESTON squared circle: FE 9 03. The next latest date in the lot was the broken circle, MY 1 03. He also reports a new late date for CHELTENHAM, ONT.: MR 10 26.

New record dates reported by Dr. Whitehead are as follows:

Goderich, Ont. — earliest — JA 27 94
Paris Station, Ont. —

earliest — SP 26 93

Mission City, B.C. —

latest — OC 12 93

Clarence Kemp reports the following:

Laurentides, Que. — latest — SP 9 18;
the squared circle is a free
strike on a cover carrying a
1c and a 2c George V.

Gore Bay, Ont. — latest — JAN 30 28;
this is on a 2c green Confederation and
month is JAN, not JA.

E. C. (Budd) Soughton continues to find pay-dirt in the mines abandoned by others as containing nothing but rubble; he reports the following:

Orangeville, Ont. —

latest — NOV 13 96

Rosseau, Ont. — earliest — OC 4 94

Deloraine, Man. — earliest — JU 12 95

He also submitted for verification, WINNIPEG Hammer I carrying indicia 19/FE 22/1. The year date is the numeral "1", centered under FE 22; if this is intended to represent "01", it is a new late date. Other indicia varieties by Budd are:

London, Ont., Type II — 11/ JY 16/17
Antigonishe, N.S. — SP 2 with year
date entirely missing.

Toronto, Ont. — AU 3 93 with time-
mark space completely blank;
blank has not been previously
reported for this town.

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POSTAL SERVICE IN THE EARLY DAYS IN PEEL AND HALTON COUNTIES

by Max Rosenthal

Jacob Cook was a blacksmith in Markham, north of York (Toronto). Travelling to Ancaster along Dundas Street he met near Palermo an old man who owned 100 acres of land in Toronto Township, Peel County, at the southeast corner of that road and the Centre Road, and was pressed by him to buy it; thus it was in 1815 that Cook bought the land on which the village of Cooksville, named after him, was partly to stand.

In 1820 Cook received the government contract to carry the mails from York to Niagara. Sometimes he carried them on his back, but generally he travelled on horseback. In 1825 William Lyon MacKenzie's Colonial Advocate stated that the mail between these two places was carried by saddle horses twice a week at £2 a trip of 200 miles. It complained that the horses were being over worked, only one to a trip being employed. Later Cook had a well-established line of coaches extending to various points west of Toronto.

In December 1821 York's postmaster, William Allan, reported to a committee of the House of Assembly that there were only two couriers to the west of York, one of which was paid at Sandwich, the other at Niagara. The only post house between York and Dundas was Nelson, which had just been made possible by the recent establishment of Cook's route. Allan concluded, "I do not know of any place at present fit for the establishment of an office, beyond those already fixed, no doubt as the country improves other offices will be necessary."

The early post offices of Peel and Halton Counties have been listed in articles in BNA Topics April 1963, June 1963 and October 1963, and a letter in the July-August 1963 issue. Here will be told some stories of the postal service in the area in the early days.

The Canada Company map of 1825 indicates that the original Nelson village was at the later location of the village of Tansley, on Dundas Street just west of 12 Mile Creek. George Notman was postmaster, probably at this location. It moved in 1825 to the

present location, when William Chisholm became postmaster. In the Samuel Street Papers of the Ontario Archives is a letter from James Crooks, sent August 15, 1840, postmarked with a small double circle broken by NELSON, in red, with the date written in. Another letter from Crooks, sent on August 23 was sent from the Palermo post office, a few miles east, being cancelled by a large double circle broken by the post office name. "Aug. 27, 40" is written in.

In 1826 and 1827 Joseph Carter ran the first post office in Toronto Township, called Toronto, west of the Centre Road (Highway 10) and north of the Queen Elizabeth Way, then called the Middle Road. In 1829 Abijah Lewis reopened Toronto post office at Cooksville.

On September 19, 1833 Acting Deputy Postmaster-General J. H. Thomson wrote from Quebec to York postmaster J. S. Howard.

"After several instances of insubordination on the part of Mr. Lewis of Toronto, I this morning received from him a remonstrance against the attesting of his accounts current. Indeed he said in decorous style that I have been obliged to write him a reply propriety may induce him to resign the postmastership, or add to his misconduct. Wishing to be prepared for either contingency, I beg you to have the goodness to say if you know of anyone whom you can recommend to fill his situation in the event of his being removed from office."

Lewis stayed on as postmaster of Toronto until 1836, when a Mr. Savigny became postmaster and its name was changed to Cooksville. York had become Toronto in 1834.

Trafalgar post office, named like Nelson after the township in Halton County that it was located in, opened on Dundas Street in 1825, with Alexander Proudfoot as postmaster. In 1851, when Canada took over control of its Post Office Department, he still held that position. On March 3, 1834 he wrote to York postmaster Howard.

"Mr. Beattie is so urgent to have an investigation of the post office business, that

Pelham
Dec. 18th
1838

per

Andrew Willson Esq.
Count of Requests

Robert B. Shepley
P.M.

C. K. Wille

I have by his request written to Mr. Ranson (postmaster of Streetsville) and the other postmasters on the route to meet on Thursday next at 2 o'clock at the Credit, to examine into the business. I am aware that it must be very inconvenient for you to attend although I would be extremely glad to see you there. If not convenient to attend, please let me hear from you. If you know any measures to suggest for my guidance I will be glad you will point them out. I would like you to state in your letter your opinion of the state of the mail bags about the time the money was lost. I daresay you remember a certain person said they were in a bad state with large holes in them. Did you ever get a list of the way bills? To know who opened the mail on the days the packages were lost."

Thefts were not the only problem Proudfoot had to contend with. On April 13, 1835 he wrote to Howard.

"The mail reached this office early in the morning of the 9th. My nephew rose half duped to open the mail, and being still weakly since his long sickness desired the courier to bring in the extra mail bag into the office in order to examine it and note it on the way bill. He refused to do so, and insisted on remaining in the office while the mail was opening. He used exceedingly insolent and obscene language to the boy, alleging that he knew his duty as a courier and peremptorily refused to either bring in

the extra mail bag or leave the office. I went into the office and informed the courier that he was out of his place in refusing to do so as he had been requested and wished to know if he had been sworn in and if it was his object to insult and abuse the boy, under the supposition that there was no person within hearing at the time.

"He commenced a most unwarranted and insolent attack upon me, using the most provoking and insulting language. At this time, however, I believe he took me for Mr. Shepley. He persisted in refusing to bring in the mail bag or to leave the office while the mail was opening. I do not know B— and would not say positively whether he was in liquor or not but I do suppose he was from his behaviour to me. In my opinion he most justly deserves to be dismissed."

Business people claiming the privilege of sending mail free provided another problem for Proudfoot. He and his assistant E. B. Shepley on August 14, 1835 wrote to Howard: "The letter accompanying the enclosed way bill was directed to 'Messrs. E. and J. Ritchie and Co.' The 'bill' was returned for correction, was again sent, and returned to this office. Mr. Ritchie having stated in the way bill that letters addressed to the above firm were not liable to postage. I beg to refer to you for your decision." Being postmaster of Hamilton, Edmund Ritchie claimed the free postage privilege for all his mail. This letter is postmarked

with a small double circle broken by Trafalgar, with "Augt 10, 35" written in, all in red.

In 1831 Credit post office had opened where the river of the same name crosses Dundas Street. The village was also called Springfield, and in 1889 the post office name was to be changed to Springfield-on-the-Credit. Rev. James Magrath had an estate there which he called Erindale, and since 1900 the post office there has had this name. On April 27, 1835 its postmaster, James Magrath, Jr. wrote to York postmaster, heading his letter "Springfield (Credit)".

"As I mentioned to you when last in Toronto, that in settling with Mr. Spragge he charged commission on the letters in the office, which I refused to give, but on his proposition I gave him half. He now demands commission on the forward postage from the 6th of April to the 21st (the time I took possession) and also to be credited with it. I told him I would not give it, but I would apply to you to know was it right, and I would do whatever you said. The sum is paltry, but he has gone too close in everything. I do not like to give what I have no right, but I shall be guided by whatever you say. I shall send an account of how this thing stands." This letter is postmarked with a large double circle enclosing Credit, U.C., with the date written in.

(The preceding letters are from the Howard Papers, Ontario Archives. Next follow two from the Baldwin Papers, Toronto Reference Library.)

Postmaster Magrath was the subject of complaints from John Carey, of Credit. On November 21, 1843 he wrote to Robert Baldwin, Kingston. "There are several here who cannot send their letters through this office (Credit) as many of their letters were opened, and some put in were not received by the persons to whom they were addressed. Mr. Porteous (the Post Office Surveyor) had an inquiry. Letters were received broken open and fresh was put on — are for Colonel Adamson stamped with the seal of the Credit office, postage paid to the postmaster and not marked by him on the letters. There is no redress against the iniquitable acts of the postmaster." Carey mailed his letter from Cooksville, where it was cancelled with a medium sized double circle broken by Cooksville, and the date written in.

Carey still had no redress and still had to mail his letter from Cooksville when on

July 20, 1849 he wrote again to Baldwin. "I beg leave to call your attention to what I and many of my neighbors feel to be a monstrous grievance: the post office Credit almost at my door, is conducted in such a manner that there is no safety in the transmission of letters to and from it, letters which have been put into the office, and the postage paid on them, were not received by the persons to whom they were addressed. The whole of these particulars have been submitted to the Post Office Surveyor in Toronto, and also to Deputy Postmaster-General Stayner, but the evils continue.

"In fact, it would appear as Magrath, or his deputy had a carte-blanche from the head of the Department to act as he thinks proper for no later than Sunday the mail had to leave the Credit without the letter bags, which is not rare, but a very common occurrence at Magrath's office, which must be well known to Mr. Stayner and his Post Office Surveyor, as it is to the mail driver and the postmasters in the event."

Magrath was still postmaster of Credit in 1851, in spite of these complaints.

Twenty years earlier William Lyon MacKenzie had been pressing for new post offices in the townships back from the lakes. In 1831 Deputy Postmaster-General T. W. Stayner had written from Quebec to York postmaster Howard.

"I have just answered Mr. Mackenzie's letter on the subject of the dozen new offices recommended by him, and proceed to notice what you have said on the subject. With regards to the offices in Etobicoke, Albion, Chinguacousy, Caledon, Erin, and Esquesing — the doubt is whether it would be desirable to include the thinly settled townships of Caledon and Erin. I have as yet received no petition from Erin, from Caledon there is one. Mackenzie says that you have suggested an alteration in the plan proposed by him for serving Chinguacousy, that is, to start the mail from York, and so on. You have not spoken of this to me — indeed there is as yet no petition from Albion. Is Albion a well settled township and do you think an office is wanted there? With regard to the offices in the rear of Etobicoke I wish you to state whether (in case you do not know the courier through Albion) you would recommend that he should start from Etobicoke or from Lewis?"

(Lewis' post office was the one called Toronto, at Cooksville.) The next year post offices were opened in Etobicoke, Albion, Chinguacousy, and Esquesing, while Caledon

and Erin did not get them until 1839. Albion post office was established at Bolton's Mills. A letter in the Ontario Archives from Elizabeth Gowan, Albion, written to James R. Gowan, Toronto on March 30, 1841, has the manuscript postmark "Albion, 10 April, 1841", written by postmaster Samuel Sterne.

Before 1840 a hamlet called Humber after the west branch of that river flowing nearby was already in existence where the Albion Road from Weston to Bolton crossed the corner where Etobicoke, Vaughan and Toronto Gore Townships meet. The Ontario Archives has a letter from "A Farmer", Vaughan, written to the editor of the Palladium, Toronto, on September 3, 1838, which includes these comments.

"The Gore of Toronto contains a population of 1300. There is a post office in Stanleys Mills in the very corner of the township, but far more beneficial to the township of Chinguacousy than the Gore of Toronto, being on the Division between the two townships. Now that part of the Gore adjacent to Vaughan is better settled than in the neighborhood of Stanley Mills from which place it is distant about 10 miles, and there is less travel by its settlers from there to Stanley Mills than there is to Toronto and indeed I may say that that post office is not of the slightest utility to them.

"Etobicoke is situated in the same way, the post office in that township being in the southeast corner on Dundas Street. The village of Humber (on line of road I shall speak of hereafter) alone contains 290 souls and has no post office.

"There is a post office in the township of Albion very well situated at Bolton's Mills, but the present route is extremely circuitous, being by the Etobicoke post office and Stanleys Mills, from which last place it is distant 11 miles, making an entire distance of 53 miles.

"Now what I propose would be to estab-

lish a direct line from the city of Toronto to Bolton's Mills passing by the village of Humber, the Cold Springs Inn, Mr. Bowman's store and along the road between Vaughan and the Gore of Toronto. This would make a distance of 26 miles from Toronto to Bolton's Mills. A new post office some place in the neighborhood of the Cold Springs Inn or Bowman's store.

"I have been speaking to the postmasters at Bolton's Mills, who is an intelligent man well acquainted with the country, and elsewhere, and they seem to agree with me entirely."

Humber post office was established in 1841, with R. Bowman as postmaster. A letter from William McLeery, Toronto Gore to Robert Baldwin, Kingston, written November 16, 1843, is postmarked with a medium-sized double circle broken by Humber, U.C., with "18th Nov. 1843" written in.

Baldwin was in Montreal when the postmaster of Cooksville, F. B. Morley, wrote to him on March 10, 1849.

"I beg leave to say that I anticipate the period not distant when the Colonial Legislature will have the management of the Post Office Department in United Canada, and then I hope postmasters will be paid equivalent to their services, at present, it is not the case. I have the honor of being the postmaster of this place for nearly 10 years, and I have received but poor remuneration for the same. I now have more work than ever and get no pay for it as my office has been made the couriers funding office for the interior of Toronto and Chinguacousy, which causes so much extra work and I change six mails per day, instead of two as formerly."

As a supporter of Baldwin's Reform Party, Morley then suggested that he might get a better paying job. He was still postmaster of Cooksville when Canada in 1851 got the independent management of its Post Office.

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PERFORATED PRECANCELS

To consolidate previous listings of a few years ago and to add several new items which have been reported by Messrs. H. G. Walburn (#243), J. E. Kraemer (#774) and R. B. Hetherington (#1502) we now publish a listing of 133 varieties of these stamps. This is a surprisingly long list as no one collector seems to have any large collection of them.

A few companies seem to have consistently punched their precancelled stamps although there would hardly seem to be the same need to perforate for protection as the precancels could not be used for other than bulk mailings. Many of the International Harvester Company offices were users. The companies that appear to have regularly perforated precancels were the J. B. Ford Company of Windsor (JBF/Co.), Parke-Davis Company of Walkerville and Windsor, (PD/Co), Canadian Westinghouse Company of Hamilton (CW/C) and the Department of National Defence of Ottawa (ND). These are the ones more generally found but all of them are scarce in relation to the same precancelled stamp.

To me the most interesting one reported is the Militia Department of Ottawa (MD) on the 1912 type 3c brown, 1.87 in the precancel catalogue. This perfin design is fairly scarce and much in demand as it ties in with the collections of OH/MS perforateds as, of course, do the ND which were much more extensively used.

Perforated Precancels

| City | Issue | stamp | type | Cat # | Initials |
|------------|-------|-------|---------|------------|----------|
| Brandon | 1903 | 2c | carmine | 1.75 C12d | CHI(mon) |
| | 1928 | 1c | orange | 1.131 C6 | CCo(mon) |
| | 1931 | 1c | green | 1.151 C12d | CHI(mon) |
| | 1932 | 1c | green | 1.171 C6 | CCo(mon) |
| | 1932 | 1c | green | 3.171 C12d | CHI(mon) |
| | 1935 | 1c | green | 4.191 C12d | CHI(mon) |
| Brockville | 1912 | 1c | green | 3.85 C9 | CFF |
| Edmonton | 1912 | 1c | green | 3.85 C12h | CHI(mon) |
| | 1912 | 1c | green | 3.85a C12h | CHI(mon) |
| | 1922 | 1c | yellow | 3.106 C12h | CHI(mon) |

Hamilton

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|------|-----|-----------|------------|----------|
| 1903 | 2c | carmine | 1.75a C12j | CHI(mon) |
| 1912 | 20c | olive g. | 1.93 C33 | CW/C |
| 1922 | 1c | yellow | 1.106 C12j | CHI(mon) |
| 1922 | 1c | yellow | 1.106 C33 | CW/C |
| 1922 | 2c | green | 1.107 C33 | CW/C |
| 1922 | 3c | carmine | 1.109 C33 | CW/C |
| 1922 | 5c | violet | 1.111 C33 | CW/C |
| 1924 | 10c | 1 brown | 1.122 C33 | CW/C |
| 1924 | 50c | bl. brown | 1.123 C33 | CW/C |
| 1912 | 50c | gr. brown | 4.94 C33 | CW/C |
| 1922 | 1c | yellow | 4.106 C33 | CW/C |
| 1922 | 1c | yellow | 4.106 C12j | CHI(mon) |
| 1922 | 2c | green | 4.107 C33 | CW/C |
| 1922 | 3c | carmine | 4.109 C33 | CW/C |
| 1922 | 5c | violet | 4.111 C33 | CW/C |

London

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|------|-----|----------|------------|----------|
| 1912 | 1c | green | 1.85 C12l | CHI(mon) |
| 1912 | 1c | green | 1.85a C12l | CHI(mon) |
| 1912 | 2c | carmine | 1.86 C12l | CHI(mon) |
| 1912 | 2c | carmine | 1.86a C12l | CHI(mon) |
| 1912 | 3c | brown | 1.87 C12l | CHI(mon) |
| 1922 | 1c | yellow | 1.106 C12l | CHI(mon) |
| 1922 | 2c | green | 1.107 C12l | CHI(mon) |
| 1922 | 10c | blue | 1.113 C12l | CHI(mon) |
| 1924 | 10c | 1. brown | 3.122 C12l | CHI(mon) |

Montreal

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|------|----|---------|------------|----------|
| 1912 | 2c | carmine | 2.86a C12m | CHI(mon) |
| 1903 | 2c | carmine | 4.75a S12 | StC |
| 1912 | 1c | green | 4.85 C12m | CHI(mon) |
| 1912 | 1c | green | 4.85c C12m | CHI(mon) |
| 1912 | 2c | carmine | 4.86 C12m | CHI(mon) |
| 1935 | 1c | green | 9.191 M8 | MH |
| 1935 | 2c | brown | 10.192 M8 | MH |
| 1935 | 3c | carmine | 10.193 E2 | E |
| 1937 | 1c | green | 10.201 E2 | E |
| 1937 | 2c | brown | 10.202 B10 | BT |
| 1949 | 2c | olive | 10.223 B10 | BT |

Moose Jaw

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|------|----|--------|-----------|---|
| 1930 | 1c | orange | 1.143 S2a | S |
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Nth. Battleford

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| 1922 | 1c | yellow | 1.106 C12a | CHI(mon) |
| 1930 | 1c | green | 1.151 C12a | CHI(mon) |

Ottawa

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|------|--------|---------|------------|----------|
| 1912 | 2c | carmine | 1.86a C12n | CHI(mon) |
| 1912 | 3c | brown | 1.87 M6 | MD |
| 1912 | 20c | olive | 1.93a N3 | ND |
| 1912 | 20c | olive | 1.93 N3 | ND |
| 1915 | 2 & 1c | brown | 1.04a N3 | ND |
| 1912 | 2c | carmine | 3.86a C12n | CHI(mon) |
| 1912 | 10c | plum | 3.92 N3 | ND |
| 1912 | 20c | olive | 3.93 N3 | ND |

- 1922 1c yellow 3.106 N3 ND
 1922 2c green 3.107 N3 ND
 1922 4c ol. bistre 3.110 N3 ND
 1922 5c violet 3.111 N3 ND
 1924 10c lt. brown 3.122 N3 ND
 1928 2c green 3.132 N3 ND
 1930 1c green 3.151 N3 ND
 1933 1c green 3.171 N3 ND
 1932 1c green 3.171b C12n CHI(mon)
 1933 1c green 4.171 N3 ND
- Quebec
 1912 1c green 1.85 C12i CHI(mon)
 1912 2c carmine 1.86 C12i CHI(mon)
- Toronto
 1903 1c green 3.74 G6 GM/Co
 1903 1c green 3.74a G6 GM/Co
 1903 2c carmine 3.75 G6 GM/Co
 1912 1c green 3.85a W11 WR/Co
 1922 4c olive 3.110 C10 C/GE
 1922 5c violet 3.111 W8 WJG
 1912 1c green 5.85 W11 WR/Co
 1912 1c green 5.85 W14 WW/Jr
 1912 1c green 5.85a W14 WW/Jr.
 1915 2&1c carmine 5.103 W11 WR/Co
 1915 2 & 1c carmine 5.103a W11 WR/Co
 1915 2 & 1c brown 5.104a W11 WR/Co
 1912 1c green 6.85 W11 WR/Co
 1912 1c green 7.85 N1 NA/LIFE
 1922 4c olive 7.110a G6 GM/Co
 1912 20c olive gr. 10.93 C10 C/GE
 1922 1c yellow 10.106 S2 S
 1922 5c violet 10.111 J3 JBM
 1912 20c olive gr. 11.93 W8 WJG
 1922 5c violet 11.111 W8 WJG
 1927 1c orange 12.125 C21 CNR
 1927 1c orange 12.125 C26 CPR
 1937 1c green 15.201 C20 CNR
 1942 1c green 15.211 C20 CNR
- Vancouver
 1912 1c green 1.85 W11a WR/Co
 1937 2c brown 6.202 C12t CHI(mon)
 1937 3c carmine 6.203 C12t CHI(mon)
- Walkerville
 1912 1c green 1.85 P3 PD/Co
 1912 1c green 1.85a P3 PD/Co
 1912 2c carmine 1.86 P3 PD/Co
 1912 10c plum 1.92 P3 PD/Co
 1912 10c plum 1.92a P3 PD/Co
 1916 2 & 1c brown 2.104 P3 PD/Co
 1916 2 & 1c brown 1.104 PD/Co
- Windsor
 1912 1c green 1.85 G9 GRAY
 1912 1c green 3.85 G9 GRAY
 1931 1c green 3.151 J2 JBF/Co
 1932 1c green 3.171 J2 JBF/Co
 1932 1c green 4.171 J2 JBF/Co
 1932 1c green 4.171 P3 PD/Co
 1935 1c green 4.191 J2 JBF/Co
 1935 1c green 4.191 P3 PD/Co
 1935 1c green 5.191 J2 JBF/Co
 1935 1c green 5.191 P3 PD/Co
 1937 1c green 5.201 B1 B(star)
 1937 1c green 5.201 J2 JBF/Co
 1937 1c green 5.201 P3 PD/Co (doubled)
 1937 1c green 5.201 P3 PD/Co
 1942 1c green 5.211 P3 PD/Co
- Winnipeg
 1933 1c green 6.171 C12s CHI(mon)
 1933 2c brown 6.172 C12s CHI(mon)
 1935 1c green 8.191 C12s CHI(mon)
 1935 2c brown 8.192 C12s CHI(mon)
 1937 1c green 8.201 C12s CHI(mon)
 1937 1c green 8.201 C12k CHI(mon)
 1937 1c green 8.201 C26 CPR
 1937 1c green 8.201 C26a CPR
 1942 1c green 8.211 C26 CPR
 1942 1c green 8.211 C26a CPR
- Bar types
 1922 5c violet V.111 C33 C/WC
 1942 3c violet X.214 W14 WW/Jr
 1949 1c green X.221 C6 CCo(mon)
 1953 2c green X.232 S2 S
 1954 3c car. rose X.243 C20 CNR
 1954 3c car. Rose X.243 C26 CPR

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Very shortly after the appearance of their first stamp the Patricia Airways & Exploration Co. brought out a second issue, that of July 7th, 1926.

This is similar in basic design to the first issue, and is also perforated rather than rouletted. It differs in being printed on a blue-green rather than a yellow paper, and its route tablet indicates that it was for use on a new service from Sioux Lookout to Woman and Birch Lakes rather than to Red Lake. All three lakes are located in the Patricia area of western Ontario, north of Sioux Lookout, but at various distances. The yellow stamp prepaid the airmail rate of 25c from Sioux Lookout to Red Lake (116 miles) while the green stamp prepaid the 50c rate to Woman Lake (125 miles) and Birch Lake (145 miles).

There seems to be general agreement that the second issue consists of 4,136 stamps in sheets of 8, similar to the first issue format, but again I am unable to determine if this total includes all the overprints and surcharges in addition to the regular stamp.

Sanabria lists 15 varieties of the stamp, mostly created by the various overprints — I do not know of any that they omit. They include an error, "OTT" for "OUT" in "LOOKOUT" which I imagine to be very scarce but I have never seen any indication of the quantity, the position in the sheet nor the number of sheets which include this error.

As was the case with the first issue, all of the rubber stamp overprints reading "RED LAKE" not only appear in various colors but are also known in four different positions, namely ascending, descending, ascending inverted and descending inverted. It can be questioned whether these differences of position constitute truly different varieties of the stamp — the general collector could probably be satisfied with any one of them as representation.

The stamps are reported to have been authorized on July 7th and made available at various post offices on July 19th. This seems reasonable since the first flights using

these stamps did not take place until August 2nd, 1926, on which date covers were carried as follows:

| | |
|--------------------------|-------|
| Sioux Lookout Woman Lake | (216) |
| Woman Lake-Sioux Lookout | (450) |
| Sioux Lookout-Birch Lake | (123) |
| Birch Lake-Sioux Lookout | (105) |

These covers were generally cacheted in green but a few are in red.

A clipping from the "Aero News" of November, 1926 states, "As post offices have not yet been opened at Woman Lake or Birch Lake, the Post Office Department authorized the Patricia Airways pilot to accept and deliver mail and special canceling stamps were made to be used by the pilot." These circular special cancels appear on all the first flights of this issue, and while they generally resemble the post office circular date stamps, they are nevertheless quite distinctive.

Unused multiples of either the regular second issue or any of the overprints are very scarce — the Matthews collection did contain two full sheets of overprints but the only full sheet of the regular stamp that I have ever seen offered was a stuck down sheet at Sissons in 1957. If the overprints are included in the total printing of 4,136 stamps, and with 894 of the regular stamps used on first day covers, the unused remainders of the regular must be somewhat scarcer than the Holmes catalogue value of \$7.50 would indicate.

The A.A.M.S. catalogue indicates the following dates of first usage of various overprints on this issue:

- June 8, 1927 — overprinted RED LAKE in violet, Red Lake to Sioux Lookout.
- June 25, 1927 — overprinted HAILEY-BURY AND ROUYN, Sioux Lookout to various points.
- July 1st, 1927 — overprinted RED LAKE in black, Sioux Lookout to Red Lake and return.
- September 24, 1927 — overprinted SPECIAL AIR SERVICE etc. in black, Red Lake to Lac du Bonnet.

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FANCY CANCELLATIONS

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Supplementary Plate "O"

Miscellaneous

| Serial No. | Description | P.O. of origin | Date | Remarks |
|------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|------|--------------------------------|
| 33a | Fern type—9 fronds | ? | ? | |
| 88a | Large solid star | Charlottetown P.E.I. | 1882 | |
| 101a | Star made of parallel lines | ? | ? | |
| 229a | Small crown in broken circle | ? | ? | Seen on large and small Queens |
| 275a | Small death mask | Macinquoec N.B. | 1896 | |
| 315a | Key hole in solid circle | St. John N.B. | 1874 | |
| 363b | Intaglio "A" in circle | Augsburg, Ont. | 1893 | |
| 398c | Large, irregular "B" | Bolsover, Ont. | 1891 | |
| 416a | "B" in oval grid | Briskley, Ont. | 1890 | |
| 335a | "Comins" in thin circle | Comins Mills, Que. | ? | |
| 458a | "D" in solid circle | Danville, Que. | 1878 | |
| 482b | Small "F" with serifs | ? | ? | Signet? |
| 333a | Kingston in divided circle | Kingston, Ont. | ? | On 15c large Queen |
| 569a | "L. C." in thin oval | Little Current, Ont. | ? | |
| 598a | Intaglio "M" in cracked circle | Charlottetown, P.E.I. | 1880 | |
| 596a | Intaglio "M" in 9-barred grid | Minasville, N.S. | 1893 | |
| 665a | Large, intaglio "P" in part circle | Prescott, Ont. | 1875 | |
| 687a | Large, squat "S" | Shelburne, Ont. | 1879 | May be another duplex |
| 776c | Intaglio "X" or cross in rough square | Oshawa, Ont. | 1879 | |
| 751b | Plain "W" | Little Rideau, Ont. | 1882 | Larger than #751 |

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Miscellaneous.



33A



88A



101A



229A



275A



315A



363B



398C



416A



335A



458A



482B



333A



569A



598A



596A



665A



687A



776C



751B

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Unemployment Insurance Stamps

In the April issue we gave a listing of these stamps that were not included in the last Holme's. Inadvertantly under the Design FU40 part of the caption was left out. This should have read, the old design with engraved figure of value in the same color as the stamp. Our pardon please.

Saskatchewan Law Stamp Variety

Dudley Atwood, B.N.A.P.S. 998 has plated all denominations in the second printing of the First Issue. He has noted what appears to be a constant variety in the 75c value. This is stamp No. 23 at the bottom of the sheet in which the word Cents is spelled "Ccnts". Can anyone else report copies of this stamp? If so, we'd appreciate hearing from you.

Alberta Wildlife License Stamps

In the Jan. '66 issue we reported on these stamps with the information at hand. We also asked a few questions about them at the same time. Through the courtesy of Jim Lehr B.N.A.P.S. 1856, I have had the opportunity of looking at some of the stamps attached to certificates. We are now prepared to state that more than one issue exists.

It seems that the license year runs from April 1 of one year through Mar. 31 of the succeeding year. Therefore the 1964 issue was valid from Apr. 1, 1964-Mar. 31, 1965. This issue had stamps printed on white paper which were 22mm tall by 35 mm long and the control numbers on them were 4½-5 mm tall. All seen have a blank space at the bottom for write in of the certificate (license) number. They are perforated 12½ all around. We mentioned in the previous column that we had seen the Resident Game Bird which was blue in color. We can now add the following all of which are on the Resident License.

- \$2.00 Whitetail deer — Light green with bright green lettering and Red control numbers.
- \$2.00 Mule deer — Light gray with black lettering and Red control numbers.
- \$5.00 Big Game — Pink with red lettering and black control numbers.

We still lack information on the colors of the Spring Bear, Goat, Sheep, and non-resident as well as non-resident alien stamps. Can anyone supply this need?

Moving on to the 1965-66 issue we find a difference in the size of the stamps. They are now 28½ mm tall by 35 mm wide, printed on white paper and perf. 12½. The control numbers are thinner however and only 4 mm tall. The resident Game Bird stamp has one blank space at the bottom for write in of the license number. It also has below the blank space Province of Alberta in one line. The other stamps seen have two blank spaces at the bottom, one for license number and the other for tag number. The word Province is at the left side of the stamp in vertical position and Alberta on the left side similarly.

The Spring Bear stamp was evidently eliminated from the 65-66 series since no space appears for it on the certificate. The rates for Whitetail and Mule deer were also increased from \$2.00 to \$3.00.

The values we have seen so far, all with red control numbers areas follows:

- \$2.50 Game Bird—Light blue with dark blue lettering
- \$3.00 Whitetail deer — Light green with dark green lettering
- \$3.00 Mule deer—Light gray with black lettering
- \$5.00 Big Game — Pink with red lettering

We would be most appreciative if anyone could supply further information on these wildlife stamps.

Bill Stamp Varieties

As mentioned previously Jim Lehr had started working on what did and did not exist in the Bill Stamp listings as well as the Quebec Honoraires Fees, etc. We now have a preliminary survey and hope to add to this in the near future. We will report findings in this column as they become available. Meanwhile anyone who has separated perf. varieties etc. in the Bill issues please let us know what you have.

As you can guess this column is written with your help, so please give us a hand to keep our membership informed.

CONVENTION & EXHIBITION — NEXT MONTH

MONTREAL DUPLEX NUMERAL AND LETTER CANCELLATIONS

by W. M. C. Willcock (No. 995)

Some further notes on the above cancellations on Admiral issue stamps may be of interest to collectors.

While the numeral cancellations No. 1 to No. 13 were originally in use on mail received from Field Post Offices in France during the First World War 1915 to 1918 they are reported also to have been used on local Montreal mail during this period.

In view of the scarceness of numerals 5 and 12 it may be of interest to record the stamp denominations on which these cancellations are reported to have been found, viz;—

- No. 5 on No. 104—1c Green 1911
No. 106—2c Carmine 1911
No. 127—2 Carmine (Coil) 1912

- No. 12 on No. 105—1c Yellow 1922
No. 107—2c Green 1922
No. 109—3c Carmine 1922
No. 113—7c Yellow ochre 1911
No. 117—10c Blue 1922

From the above it will be noted that while the general use of the numeral cancellations was discontinued in 1918 number 12 was still in use in 1922.

As far as the writer is aware no collector has as yet been able to report having a full set of the numbers 1 to 13 on any one stamp denomination of the Admiral issue.

In collecting the letter cancellations use of the letter "I" appears to have been discontinued prior to 1922.

Other readers of "Topics" may have additional information regarding these cancellations that would be of interest to collectors.

(Continued from page 170)

Winnipeg, Man., Hammer 3 — FE —
14 95 with blank time mark.

W. L. Anthony of Oshawa submitted for verification the following record dates:

- Milltown, N.B. — earliest — NO 16 93
Guelph, Ont. — earliest — FE 28 94
Kincardine, Ont. —
earliest — NO 1 94
St. Thomas, Ont. —
earliest — JA 15 94
Hawkesbury, Ont. —
latest — MR 22 97
Peterborough, Ont. —
latest — MY 6 98
Thornbury, Ont. — latest — OC 1 96
Toronto, Queen St. East —
latest — AU 14 00

He also submitted the following three strikes, all carrying blanks in the time-mark space:

- Port Arthur, Ont. — FE 22 02
Port Arthur, Ont. — -U 4 02
Saulte St. Marie, Ont. — NO 18 94

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Niagara Falls South, Ont. —

earliest — SP 1 94

Teeswater, Ont. — AP 17 96 with AP
17 inverted.

Finally your scribe reports the following acquisitions, both new record dates:

Cache Bay, Ont. —

earliest — OC 29 94

Ashcroft Station, B.C. — latest — ?P
22 98; unfortunately, it can
not be determined whether
this is AP 22 or SP 22 but in
either case it is a new date.

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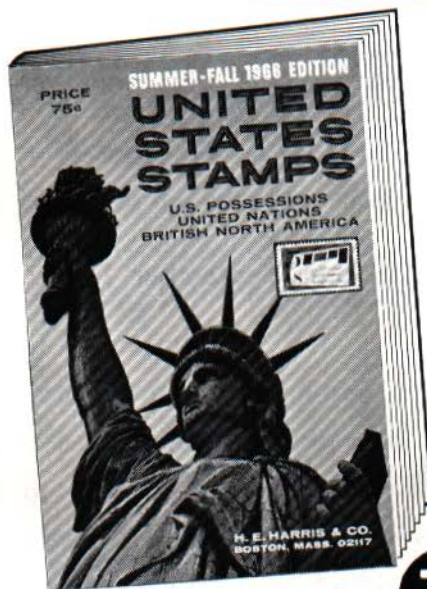
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