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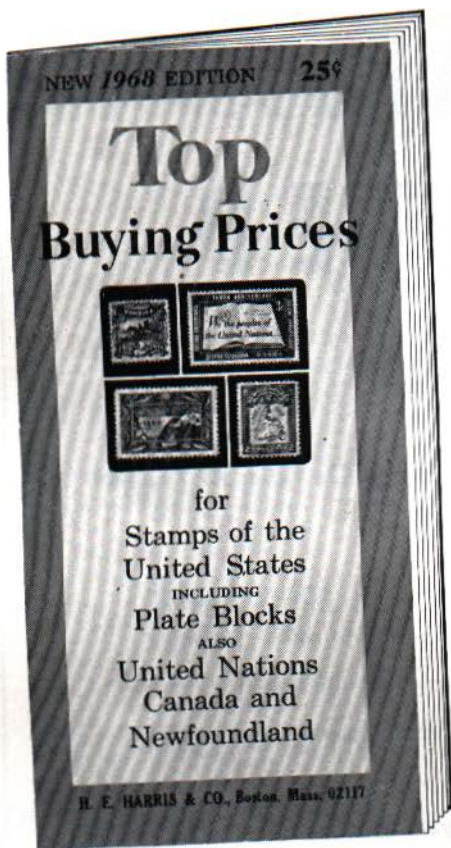
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## NEW PUBLICATION

Dear Sir,

I have recently received from member Frank W. Campbell, 1132 Pinehurst, Royal Oak, Michigan 48073, 61 pages made to fit a binder showing at least 8,000 word endings of Canadian Post offices to 1895. Mr. Campbell spent many of the hot summer days in his basement completing what is a major piece work. There are many members collecting Canadian town cancels. Many a puzzling cancel will now be solved with the above publication. His charge will be \$6.00, and a fine addition to his "Canada Post Offices 1755-1895".

N. Pelletier

Dear Sir,

I should like to refer to my letter which lists the stamps that were stolen from my home — BNA Topics 226, September 1964. I can now report that on October 13 (Friday) 1967, the Aetna Insurance Company returned some of the stamps to me.

The first clue of the whereabouts of this collection came to light at the 1966 RCPS Convention at Hamilton. It was learned that there was a chap selling an identical selection of stamps in the Ottawa area. He was a part-time dealer and a member of the armed forces. The resulting RCMP investigation brought out the startling fact that this collector had purchased the stamps from another serviceman—a man whom the RCMP suspected and interrogated in Vancouver.

At the military trial, the suspect was found guilty of being in possession of some stamps that could be mine. I was, of course, required to reimburse the Company before the stamps were returned to me.

Yours truly,

Stan Lum

Dear Sir,

Having recently acquired an accumulation of post cards dating from the late 19th century, I was very interested to check over the various postmarks that they carried. Several hundred bore marks that fell into the category described by Mr. Jacques Houser in his article in April 1965 Topics

on Carrier Marks. I am happy to say that they all fitted in very well with the conclusions reached, so must thank the author and Topics for such a valuable article.

In my collection I have, however, a few examples of a somewhat similar marking, used much later, but which might have a similar significance. From Vancouver, it is 21 mm. diameter, and bears the town across the centre, with the month and date below, or a blank. I have also seen this marking on cover from Edmonton.

Would any member of BNAPS be able to elaborate on this mark?

Yours sincerely,

Ken Barlow

Dear Sir,

Canadian Flag Cancellations booklet (1956) gives March 14th, 1898 as first date for Toronto—Type 8 No. 51. It has been my good fortune to come across an envelope addressed from Toronto to Barrie, cancelled Type 8 and the date March 2, 1898 cover backstamped Barrie Mch. 3rd/98 also with "carriers" mark of same date. This information may be of interest to our members interested in "Flags".

Best Personal Regards,

Sincerely,

Louis Armson, No. 1781

P.S.—Omitted saying that I have not seen this reported previously.—L.A.

Dear Sir,

Can you or any readers of BNA TOPICS shed any light\* on a particular railroad cancel I possess? It is not listed in Shaw's 1963 compilation. The details: In a circle of 22 mm. diameter are inscribed these words, starting at the 7 o'clock position: Calgary & Stet & Vegreville R.P.O. At the bottom is "No. 2", while the center indicia read: 6 (over) No. 27 (over) 13. The "13" could be an "18", but it is only the date. This cancel, two strikes, ties a 1c and a 2c Admiral to a nice cover, and is clear in all respects.

Any information would be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Warren L. Bosch, 2143

\*Period of usage, RF, run numbers, etc.



Dear Sir,

For some years I have been attempting to write as complete as possible postal history of British Columbia covering names of all offices with opening and closing dates. Coupled with this the names and terms of offices.

This is quite a job, but I have met and made some very fine friends. I think the most encouraging man was the late Dr. E. C. Black who always urged me on further. I have published a list of all the offices there have been with opening and closing dates.

A recent survey of the numbers of different offices collectors have cancels brings to light that a collection of over 1,500 different is indeed an excellent collection. There have been over 2,500 offices of which about 1,200 are still open. On checking with many of these collectors it reveals that no one has a cancel of the attached list of offices. I would like anyone having a cancel of any office on this list to contact me or better still send a photo copy of same.

I trust I shall be hearing from some of you collectors and I will say thank you on behalf of the collectors of B.C. Cancels.

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## A

Albert Head, Alice Siding, Alliford Bay, Alluvia, Alvaston, Amsbury, Anaham Lake, Annacis Island, Antler Creek, Ashby Point, Atnarko, Attachie, Auldgrith.

## B

Baker, Bankhead, Bayard, Beard Creek, Beaver-ton, Belford, Bellerose, Bennalack, Benton Siding, Bickle, Big Eddy, Birchlands, Bishop Landing, Bon Accord, Bonanza Siding, Boulder, Boulder Mill, Boundary Bay, Branham Island, Breckenridge Landing, Briar Ridge, Brookwood, Burnaby, Burnt Flat, Burrard, Burville.

## C

Cadwallader, Cahilty, Caithness, Calvert Island, Canoe Creek, Captain Cove, Carbonate, Castledale, Cedar Cove, Central Park Station, Centre Island, Chamdaska, Chamins, Chickens Lake, Chimney Creek, Chopaka, Christina, Club Landing, Coburn, Codville Landing, Coltern, Contimco, Coolwater, Crescent Lodge.

## D

Dease Lake, Deep Bay, Dennison Station, Denor, Dewdney District, Dolcy, Dominion Mills, Dorr, Douglas, Dragon Lake, Dunbar Heights, Dunkeld, Duthie.

## E

East Bella Bella, East Chilliwack, Elkmouth, Ellison, Emory, English Cove, Evans Creek, Evan-thomas.

## F

False Bay, Farwell, Ferney Coombe, Firvale,

Fisherman Bay, Frasertown, Freshwater Bay, Freysville.

## G

Ganges Harbour, Garsvold, Gatcombe, Giscome Portage, Gitwanga, Gitwangak, Gladstone, Glenan-nan, Goat Harbour, Gold Hill, Gordon Head, Gower Point, Gowland Harbour, Grace Harbour, Grand Haven, Granite Siding, Green Point Rapids, Grohman, Grouse Creek, Gutelis.

## H

Harvey Creek, Hecate, Hendon, Hilliam, Hill Siding, Hilton, Hockin Siding, Holmwood, Hoping-ton, Hubert.

## I

Independent, Irish Creek, Iriving.

## J

Jackman, Jura.

## K

Kamloops Postal Agency No. 1, Kenfalls, Ken-nington Prairie, Kettle River, Kilkerran, Kimsquit, Kingsville, Kinsol, Kissinger, Koch Siding, Kuhrville.

## L

Lajoie Falls, Lake Buntzen, Lake Kathlyn, Lake La Hache, Lakelse, Lakemere, Latilla, Legrand, Lennandale, Loch Erook, Lorne Creek, Lucerne, Lucerne Station, Lumen.

## M

McCuddy, McGillivray, McPherson, Magoffin Spur, Manistee, Mineola, Moberly, Molly Gibson, Moresby, Mosquito Harbour, Munro, Murdale, Musgraves Landing, Myers Flat.

## N

Naden Harbour, Nadu River, Nelson S.O. 1, 2, New Michel, Newtonia, New Westminster Pos. Stn. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, S.O. Fraser Arm Jubilee Station sub offices 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 38, 39, 50, 51, 55, 56, 58, 64, Nicholl, No. 1 Extension, North Fort St. John, North Gabriola, North Star, North Vancouver S.O. 1.

## O

O'Donnell River, Okanagan, Olsen Lake, Om-neca, Orford Bay, Ottertail.

## P

Penticton S.O. No. 4, Pikes Landing, Pingston Creek, Pitt River, Point Cowan, Popcum, Port Gil-lam, Port Hughes, Port Nelson, Port Progress, Port Tahsis, Powder Point, Priest Valley, Prince George Pos. Agcy. 2, Sub Offices 1, 6, Prince Rup-ert S.O. 2, Princeton Crossing, Punchaw.

## Q

Quadra, Queensborough, Queens Cove, Ques-nellmouth.

## R

Raush Valley, Redcliffe Mine, Reid Centre, Reis-wig, Rendezvous Island, Rethel, Retreat Cove, Rileys Cove, Roosville, Royal Mills, Ryan.

## S

St. Leon Hot Springs, Salt Air, San Mateo, Scarf, Sea Otter Cove, Secret Cove, Seven Lakes, Shields Station, Shingle Creek, Six Mile Creek, Skeena River, South Port Mann, South Saanich, Sparwood, Sproat, Stableby, Strandy, Stuart River, Sullivan Hill, Summit, Sunnyside, Suquash, Sutton Green, Swift Creek.

## T

Takush Harbour, Tarrys, Tete Jeune, The Tun-nel, Thurston Harbour, Tillicum, Tonkin, Tramville, Tunnel Creek.

## U

Upper Naas, Upper Squamish.

## V

Vandarsol, Vancouver Heights, Vancouver — Britcola, Cedar Cove, Exhibition, Hastings, Hill-crest, Janes Road, Maplewood, Shaughnessy Hts., Vargas, Vaucroft Beach, Vesuvius, Victoria—Mari-gold, Willow Park, Voights Camp.

## W

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## Y

Yoder, Yoho, Yreka.

## Z

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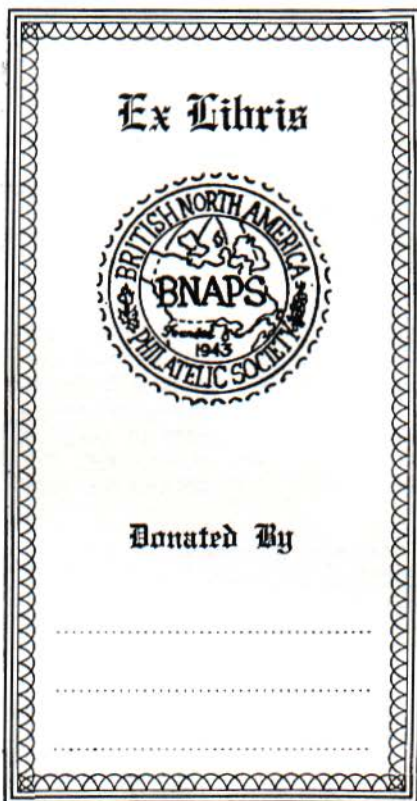
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The guests of honour were His Excellency, the Right Honourable Roland Michener, C.C., Governor-General of Canada, and Her Excellency, Mrs. Michener. Prior to the Banquet about thirty-five prominent philatelists attending the Convention were presented to Their Excellencies. The Governor-General also spoke at the dinner on his long-standing and personal interest in philately.

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Other items of special interest to readers were the Canadian rarities—the breathtaking 12d black used, on laid paper (ex. Lees-Jones)—the 1857 7½d imperf. pale yellow-green, full marginal pair with imprint—the unused corner marginal copy of the 1855 10d bright blue on medium wove paper (possibly unique)—and many, many more too numerous to mention individually, but all epitomizing perfection.

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Vancouver Island 1865 5c rose .....	£ 3,000
Nova Scotia 1851-57 1/- purple on cover .....	£ 2,200

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## Monthly Report from the Secretary

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November 1, 1967

### NEW MEMBERS

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2315 Kulikoski, Mike M., 627 Alberta Avenue S.E., Calgary, Alberta  
2316 Rice, George E., 3 Van Ness Road, Beacon, New York 12508  
2317 Smyrloglou, Eli, Box 431, Brandon, Manitoba



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### REPLACED ON ROLLS

1874 Collins, S. Graham, Pentland, Birkenhead Road, Hoylake, Cheshire, England

### APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

(Objections must be filed with the Sec. within 15 days after month of publication)

ABRAMS, Mrs. Betty, 6149 N. Wolcott, Chicago, Ill. 60626 (C-C) CAN, NFD—19th and 20th century mint and used postage and mint blocks. 1st Day and 1st Flight covers. Plate Blocks. Coils. O.H.M.S.-G. Mint booklet panes and complete booklets. Mint, used and semi-official airmails and on cover. Postal Stationery entires. Proposed by P. J. Hurst, No. 583.

BROOKS, Robert, 204 Winter St., Hyannis, Mass. 02601 (C-X) CAN—19th and 20th century mint and used postage. 1st Flight covers. O.H.M.S.-G. SPECIALTY—Large and Small Queens. Proposed by P. J. Hurst, No. 583.

CUNNINGHAM, Ralph L., 141 Quincy Ave., Winthrop, Mass. 01952 (C) CAN—Proposed by L. N. Littlefield, No. 561. Seconded by N. Pelletier, No. 1268.

FLEMMING, William B., 111 Hillcrest Ave., Willowdale, Ont. (C) CAN, NFD—Mint and used postage and blocks. Proposed by R. H. Jamieson, No. 2118. Seconded by M. Rosenthal, No. 1104.

HELLNER, Haakon, Berger, Vestfold, Norway (C-CX) CAN—19th and 20th century used postage. 19th century covers. Literature. R.P.O., Squared Circle, Duplex and fancy cancellations. SPECIALTY—Small Queens, Admirals. Proposed by J. Levine, No. 11.

MACKAY, Claire L., 606 Denton St., Coquitlam, New Westminster, B.C. (C-CX) CAN, NFD—19th and 20th century used postage. 1st Day covers. Precancels. R.P.O., Squared Circle, Perfin cancellations. Proposed by R. J. Woolley, No. 359.

MALOTT, S/L Richard K., 16 Harwick Crescent, Ottawa 6, Ont. (C-CX) CAN, NFD—1st Flight covers. Mint, used, semi-official Airmails and on cover. SPECIALTY—Airmail flight covers, all aspects. Proposed by R. J. Woolley, No. 359. Seconded by H. Reiche, No. 783.

RAFFAELE, Norm, 89 Lakeside Drive, Grimsby, Ont. (C-CX) CAN—19th and 20th century mint and used postage and blocks. 1st Flight covers. Plate Blocks. Coils. O.H.M.S.-G. Mint, used and semi-official Airmails. Literature. SPECIALTY—Map Stamps. 1st Flight covers. Proposed by A. W. McIntyre, No. 762.

SOUGHTON, Edward Charles, 127 Victoria Ave. S., Hamilton, Ont. (C-CX) CAN, B.C.—19th and 20th century used postage. Squared-Circle and Town covers. 2 and 4-ring, Squared-Circle and Town covers. 2 and 4-ring, Squared-Circle, Duplex, Fancy cancellations. SPECIALTY—Squared Circles. Proposed by S. S. Kenyon, No. 1676.

WARMSKI, Leon, 66 Charleswood Drive, Beaconsfield, Que. (C-C) CAN, N.B., N.S.—19th and 20th century used postage. Pre-stamp, stampless, 1st Day covers. Literature. Proofs and Essays. 2 and 4-ring, Duplex, Fancy, Too Late, Registered, Free and Steamboat cancellations. SPECIALTY—pre-stamp covers. Shades 10c Consort. Proposed by C. R. Guile, No. 2124. Seconded by W. R. Curtis, No. 2100.

### CHANGES OF ADDRESS

(Notice of change MUST be sent to the Secretary)

1274 Hadley, Fred R., 13768 Marine Drive, White Rock, B.C.  
 1430 Sattinger, Richard H., 54 Boerum St., Apt. 15F, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11206  
 257 Trace, Elmer C., 3514—214th S.W., Mountlake Terrace, Wash. 98043  
 1643 Weill, Robert K., The Stuyvesant, 245 Elmwood Ave., Buffalo, N.Y. 14222

### DECEASED

1558 Avery, Raymond E., 3 Old Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains, N.Y.  
 1395 McCready, A. L., Gould St., Cobden, Ont.

### RESIGNATION RECEIVED

120 Armstrong, Charles, 218 Bayview Ave. S., Richmond Hill, Ont.

### MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, October 1, 1967 .....	1029
NEW MEMBERS, November 1, 1967 .....	5
REPLACED ON ROLLS, November 1, 1967 .....	1
	1035
DECEASED, November 1, 1967 .....	2
	2
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, November 1, 1967 .....	1033

## SUPPORT "TOPICS" WITH ARTICLES



# More Sketches of BNAPSers

DR. ROBERT V. C. CARR, 117 Robin Hood Way, Sherwood Forest, Youngstown, Ohio

No. 115 — HANS REICHE — No. 783

By his number, you can see that Hans Reiche has been a long and faithful member of BNAPS. We know him for his writings on the constant plate varieties of Canada and on the War Tax stamps.

Hans has had a most intriguing life. He was born in Berlin, Germany where he graduated as an electrical engineer. There, he was a radio engineer until 1939 when he escaped from the Nazi regime and went to England to help develop radio parts for the war effort. He arrived in Canada in 1942 and served in the Canadian Army as a development engineer. He has been with the Canadian Forces Communication Systems Engineering since then. This job has him travelling a lot and this certainly helps the stamp collecting.

Hans' father—incidentally, a pupil of Einstein and Bohr—started the collection bug in this young boy and he has been at it ever since. He started a stamp club in England and joined the Ottawa Civil Service Stamp Club when he came over. Right now, he is their president. Hans also belongs to BNAPS, the Royal of Canada, the C.P.S. of Great Britain, the Philatelic Specialist Society, the German Philatelic Society, and the Ottawa Philatelic Society. He especially loves the Admirals (he has actually looked at close to 20,000,000 of these—an incredible feat!) but still collects some highly specialized German and Swiss. On top of all this, he averages three letters, EVERY day, to the many correspondents that he has on both sides of the Atlantic.



Hans is married and has a stamp collecting wife—her specialty is Israel. He also enjoys a bit of golf and devotes much time to both classical music and the better books. They were at both the Royal meeting at Ottawa and the Alpine Inn. We hope Hans keeps writing—John Young take note to get some more material on the Admirals from him and let us see his byline in TOPICS.

## "SECRET DATES"

or

### DATED DIES OF CANADA

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R. H. Larkin



☆ A CENTENNIAL ARTICLE ☆

# THE CASSIAR GOLD RUSH IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

by Gerald Wellburn

A Centennial Story by Dr. Carr seeks further information about the Cassiar Gold Rush.

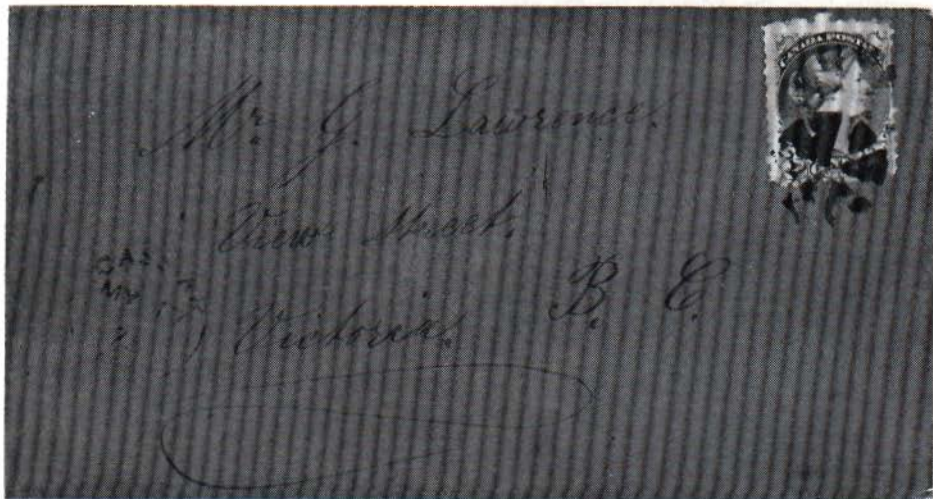
Several gold rushes helped develop British Columbia during the Colonial Period, 1858 to 1871. But the Cassiar Gold Rush took place after British Columbia had become a province of Canada, and the problems of communication were even more difficult than had been the case of the earlier gold rushes to the Fraser River, to the Cariboo, to the Big Bend and to Ominica.

Cassiar is in a remote part of the north-west corner of British Columbia. You would take a ship from Victoria and sail approximately six hundred miles to Wrangel, Alaska. Then you would travel some fifty miles up the Stikine River through Alaskan or United States territory crossing the border back into British Columbia. A river steamer would take you one hundred and thirty miles up the Stikine River, then you would disembark, and if you were lucky to get a pack horse you would travel another one hundred and twenty miles to Dease Lake. There you would take a canoe, and now it is your choice, in a three hundred square mile piece of territory just which creek you think you might find gold.

In 1874, sixteen hundred miners recovered a million dollars worth of gold, but due to the very severe winter, nearly all of them returned to Victoria when winter set in. In 1875, thirteen hundred men went back and took out eight hundred thousand dollars worth of gold. After that the returns began to drop and in 1876 nearly two thousand men went there but they only made about a half a million dollars. And from then on the gold production fell seriously until by 1896 there were only twenty men left whose combined incomes totalled only twenty-two thousand dollars.

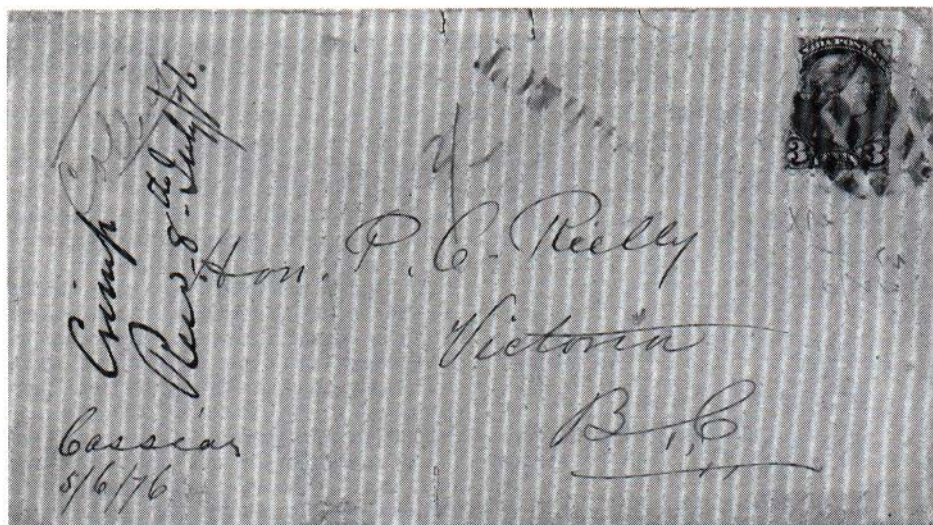
A post office was opened at Cassiar in 1874 or 1875 using an unframed circular "Cassiar, B.C." postmark. The postmark made a neat, small, segmented cork canceller. The cover illustrated here, dated "Cassiar May 17, 1875, arrived in Victoria June 24, 1875.

A second cover dated manuscript "Cassiar, June 1876" bears also a pencil "collect" and a blue straight line "collect" of a type used by Wells Fargo's Express. It also bears a pencil rating 2/- which one would naturally read as two shillings. The cover is stamped with a 3 cents small Queen cancelled at Victoria with a circular cork cut



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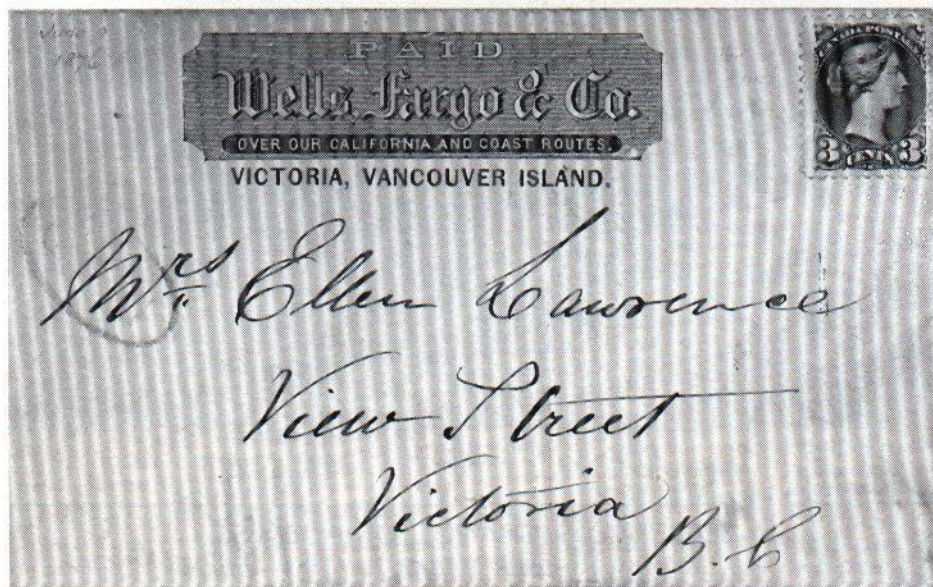


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into small diamonds which was used in Victoria between July and September 1876. The envelope bears on its back Victoria postmark July 7, 1876.

A third envelope shown from Cassiar, is a Wells Fargo and Co., with imprint "Victoria, Vancouver Island". It bears a 3 cents small Queen stamp which is uncanceled but on the left of the cover is struck a

small oval "paid" in blue by Wells Fargo. This is a most unusual Wells Fargo cover, emanating from northern British Columbia and passing through part of Alaska to be delivered again in British Columbia. The envelope is complete with letter which is worth quoting, "I arrived on the 7th (June 1876) after a trip of thirty-nine days so you can judge what a time I have had with the



No. 3



horses. I had to leave Polly behind at Wrangle, they could not get her on board the boat . . . Thackeray and George have nine Mules left. They have started out with their second load, Thackeray and another man is out with the Mules. I start out this morning with mine. The animals are in poor order so that I can only load them light for the first load. George Lawrence."

A fourth envelope contained a letter from Telegraph Creek (on the Stikine River half way between Wrangel and Cassiar). It bears two 2 cent U.S. Black Jacks cancelled with concentric rings. On the face of the cover is framed "Fort Wrangle, Alas., Mar. 6", and on the back receiving postmark "Victoria, Brit Col., Mr 10, 77". This letter was obviously given to some traveller who posted it when he reached Wrangel.

Another type of Barnard's Express cover exists with "Barnard's Express Wrangel" printed on the left of a Wells Fargo & Co.—Victoria, Vancouver Island cover. I have seen one of these unused, and a second one also unused with the word "Wrangel" crayoned out.

The recent article is accompanied by an

illustration of a Barnard's British Columbia Express with imprint "Cassiar". The Barnard's Express Scroll envelopes were brought out in 1868, and vary as to office names—Victoria, New Westminster, Yale, Quesnelle, Way, etc. Although there was a premature gold strike in the Cassiar in 1860, no philatelic items exist today. Certainly the Barnard's Scroll type was not used that early. It is most likely Barnard prepared envelopes for Cassiar, but did not use them.

1. The Cassiar gold rush was on the decline by 1878. A few hundred men (many of them Chinese) in a huge, remote, cold country could not have offered much in the way of profits to any Express Company.

2. Barnard's Express held the contract for mail to the Cariboo and interior of B.C., but Cassiar was not contiguous to their main express routes.

3. Express Mail declined seriously after B.C. became a province, due to the very low postage rate of 3 cents.

4. Wells Fargo with their American ownership organized a service between Victoria and Wrangel, Alaska, but Barnard most likely co-operated with them.



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# Rounding Up Squared Circles

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## A CENTENNIAL ARTICLE THE ST. HYACINTHE SQUARED CIRCLE

By Alex McMillan, BNAPS 1738

ST. HYACINTHE is probably unique among single-hammer towns in the variety of interesting things which can be found in quantity. I rank it among the top towns for specialist interest; indeed, it has been my specialty for some time. Although the following study is based largely upon my own collection, I have had substantial aid from a number of collectors—31 of them, in fact—who sent me strikes for examination. A public thanks to all of them and particularly to Jack Benningen of Calgary who sent me no less than 100 covers carrying the ST. HYACINTHE backstamp. Although a number of unusual things have been reported from time to time for ST. HYACINTHE, I record only those items which I have actually seen and can vouch for.

### Earliest Date

I have PM/No. 9/93, a new early date coinciding with the Proof Date for this town. ST. HYACINTHE now joins LONDON, Type One and BELLEVILLE, Hammer One in having done postal duty on its proofing date. This strike is shown in the accompanying plate; it is somewhat lighter than the others shown in the plate and may suffer some in reproduction, but it is a perfectly clear and readable strike.

### Latest Date

It is my opinion that the Handbook latest date, MY 5/00, is either an error in reporting ('99' misread as '00') or represents an isolated revival of the squared circle hammer after the successor duplex hammer had come into general use (see paragraph on Contemporary and Successor Devices). My own late date is (Saturday) PM/AP 15/99, and I have a strike for every day of this week, beginning on AP 10/99.

### Characteristic Use of the Hammer

I have at least one strike for every month from NO/93 through AP/99 and believe that the squared circle hammer was in continuous use during this period. I know of

no use of the hammer as a precancelling device (as at PETERBOROUGH and OTTAWA) nor in the nude, as a killer, with adjacent circular date stamp (as at PETIT-CODIAC). I have seen no example of free strikes; on the face of covers, the dated squared circle hammer is invariably used as the cancelling device if it appears at all on mail originating in ST. HYACINTHE.

The hammer was also used as a receiving mark on the back of covers. I have examined a large number of these covering the period JU/94 through DE/97 and believe that this was normal practice.

### Time Marks

AM and PM were the only normal time marks used in the squared circle hammer (this was also true of contemporary and successor hammers). Squared circle strikes on off-cover stamp, or on the face of covers, are more likely to be PM than AM by a ratio of four to one. This ratio is reversed in the case of strikes on the back of covers (receiving marks): AM is about four times as common as PM.

### Sunday Dates

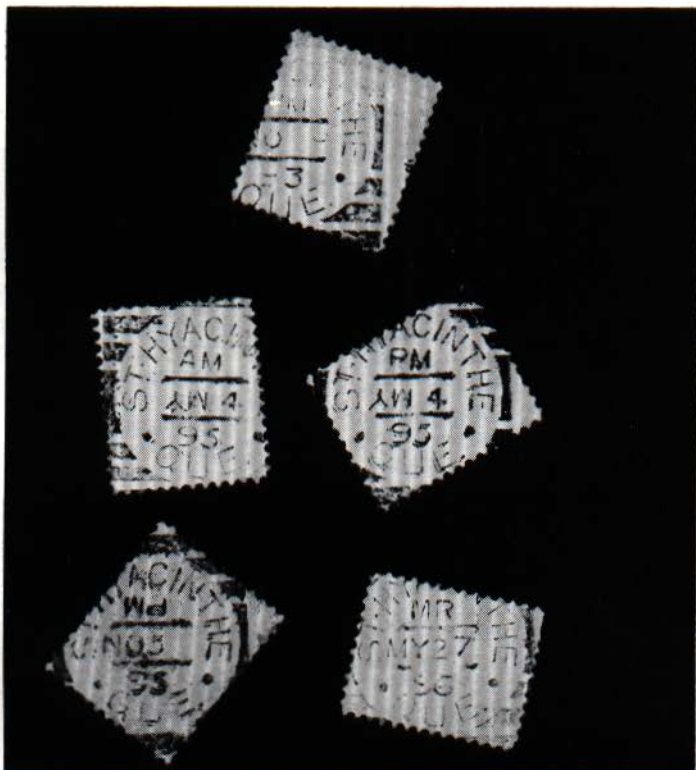
Sunday dates are scarce and week day dates are quite uniformly distributed. My analysis shows the following percentages (totals include backstamps):

Monday .....	17%
Tuesday .....	19%
Wednesday .....	15%
Thursday .....	17%
Friday .....	13%
Saturday .....	17%
Sunday .....	2%

Sunday dates on stamps are actually even scarcer than indicated above because the 2% figure is based upon a total which includes backstamps. When backstamps are eliminated from the total, it is found that Sunday dates are represented on only 0.5% of strikes on stamp. Sunday dates are found on only 6% of backstamps; naturally, AM predominates. I have just one Sunday PM backstamp and one Sunday PM strike on stamp.

Perhaps there was only one clerk on duty on Sundays to receive mail and dispatch the single pickup (if, indeed, there was a pickup on Sundays in those days);





if so, he would also backstamp incoming mail.

#### Matched Pairs

Following is a listing of indicia errors in my own collection, or which I have seen:

AM/MR 21/95	AM inverted
AM/MY 4/95	MY inverted (illustrated)
PM/MY 4/95	MY inverted (illustrated)
?/OC 24/95	OC 24 inverted
AM/OC 30/95	AM inverted
PM/NO 5/95	PM inverted (illustrated)
AM/DE 4/95	4 inverted
AM/DE 28/95	DE inverted
PM/DE 28/95	DE inverted
PM/DE 31/95	DE inverted
AM/FE 4/96	4 inverted
MR/MY 27/96	MR (error for PM?) (illus.)
AM/JU/96	day missing
AM/OC 5/96	OC inverted
AM/OC 6/96	OC inverted
PM/OC 6/96	OC inverted
AM/OC 7/96	OC inverted
PM/OC 7/96	OC inverted
PM/OC 24/96	4 inverted
PM/NO 4/96	4 inverted
/FE 18/97	time mark missing

Inverted '8' is very common and specific dates are not listed here.

The month 'FE' is missing or very partial throughout 1895, 1896, and 1897; it is complete and clear throughout 1894, 1898, and into 1899. One wonders why it took three years to correct the faulty registering of 'FE'. Undoubtedly this was a case of progressive deterioration through wear of a slug which may have been slightly shorter than normal to start with.

Note the interesting matched pairs containing indicia errors for dates of MY 4/95, DE 28/95, and for OC 6 and OC 7/96.

As stated in the Handbook, discipline was lax at this office, but only in the years 1895 and 1896 (with the single exception of FE 18/97 listed above, and that may be a case of failure of the time mark to register, rather than of its omission).

#### Corrected Indicia

I have not been lucky enough to find an error corrected on the same day—but I'm still hoping!

The AM and PM for MY 4/95, with inverted MY, is interesting. I have AM/MY

3/95—a Friday—in which MY is normal; then the matched pair for MY 4/95 (Saturday) with inverted MY. I have no strike for Sunday, MY 5/95, but do have one for Monday, PM/MY 6/95 in which MY is normal again.

I have PM/DE 23/95 with DE normal; then AM and PM, DE 28/95 both having DE inverted. My next strike is PM/DE 31/95, with inverted DE. This error appears to have gone uncorrected until the end of the month when it would have been removed for insertion of the JA slug.

The month, OC, was inverted on AM/OC 5/96 and this error was carried through AM and PM, OC 6/96 and AM and PM, OC 7/96. My next strike is AM/OC 19/96 in which OC is normal. Filling in the remaining gap should prove interesting.

#### Indicia Numerals

The indicia slugs—month characters, and numerals—provided with the squared circle hammer were apparently all hand-cut and because of this, each character differed in some small detail from all others.

Two easily separable 3's were in use, the first showing a short neck (or oblique stroke) and the second showing a long neck. Both of these numerals were used through 1897, but starting in JA/98 only the second, or long-necked, 3 appears. This suggests loss of or damage to one of the 3's and its removal from service.

Three different 8's were used during the life of the squared circle hammer; the first 8 consists of two round rings, one smaller than the other. The second 8 consists of two nearly equal-sized ovals, the character being slightly larger than the first 8. The third 8 is similar to the first one in shape, and to the second one in size. The first two 8's were in use through the end of 1897. Starting in 1898, the second 8 is no longer seen and the first and third 8's were then used through the end of the squared circle period.

Four different characters for 6 or 9 (which I hereafter refer to as 9) were in use at various times. The first 9 exhibits a round ring and a short tail; the second 9 has an oval ring and a long tail, and the character is larger than the first 9. The third 9 is similar to the first, but is a slightly smaller and neater appearing character; the fourth 9 is similar in size to the first 9, and similar in shape to the second 9. Only the first two types appear through June, 1896; then only the second type appears

through March 1898. The remaining two 9's appear to have been late additions to the indicia box, showing up in late 1898 and early 1899.

#### Damage to the Hammer

Some time between DE/96 and MR/97—I have not been able to pinpoint the time any closer—the top right corner of the hammer was damaged. The damage is quite noticeable on full strikes and remained a permanent feature of the hammer. My earliest and latest clear strikes showing the damage are MR 16/97 and DE 29/98. The damage appears to have been a broken-out piece of the upper right corner of the top bar rather than a dent or a nick.

#### Change in Hammer Face

A change in the hammer face occurred around MY 1/97. I have a full strike on cover for AP 5/97 in which the hammer face is normal. I have two partial strikes on stamp which suggest a change to the left side of the hammer but they are not sufficiently complete to be sure; the dates are AP 20/97 and AP 22/97. However, I have a strike, PM/MY 6/97, showing a minor change along the left side of the hammer.

The change consists of a wavy appearance along the left edge, resulting from a slight turning of the ends of the horizontal bars. There is also a marked ridge running parallel to and very near the edge of the hammer, and an adjacent and parallel depression running from the bottom bar to the top of the left side-piece. This depression does not show on some well-inked and over-inked strikes. These features are repeated, but to a lesser degree, along the right-hand edge of the hammer; they are permanent, and remain a feature of the hammer (along with the broken upper right corner, throughout the remainder of its life.

The reason for the change is difficult to perceive. It is my theory that the hammer face was placed in a vise with the jaws gripping the edge of the hammer so that some minor repair could be made; perhaps the threaded portion of the handle had developed a nick from having been dropped, making the handle difficult to screw in. Whatever the reason for placing the hammer in the vise, I think it quite likely that the vise handle was turned a little too far and that the vise jaws buckled the edges of the hammer and caused a pressure ridge to develop. The ridge might have been noticed and filed off at that time,



or the hammer might have been put back into service and the damage noticed through failure of the left side of the hammer to register anything but the ridge. It might then have been filed to remove the ridge, possibly resulting in the creation of the slight depression parallel to the remains of the ridge.

It would be most interesting to find a strike showing a pronounced ridge along the left side. I think the date would be about MY 1/97. I have, or have seen, strikes with dates of AP 6, 10, 12, 13, 16, 20, 22, and 29 and MY 3, 4, and 5 which convince me that the change occurred some time in the interval between AP 29 and MY 3. The hammer could not have been out of service for very long, if at all.

#### Strikes on Special Stamps

The continued use of the ST. HYACINTHE squared circle through the Jubilee period and the low RF of the town (implying a busy post office) combine to make this marking readily available to Jubilee collectors. However, the laxness of earlier years had disappeared by this time and indicia errors are not likely to be found on Jubilees. Matched pairs can be found for weekdays, but keeping in mind remarks made earlier, a matched pair of Sunday dates on Jubilee would have to rank as a first-class rarity.

It is my impression that normal use of the ST. HYACINTHE hammer ended in early 1899, allowing for about four months of use during the period following issue of the Map stamp. This was a busy post office, and even such a short period of use should have provided sufficient strikes on Map stamps to satisfy those specialists who collect squared circles on this stamp. ST. HYACINTHE on Map stamp seems, however, to be strangely elusive. Perhaps the Map stamp was politically unpopular in the Province of Quebec, but I think it more likely that the apparent dearth is more the result of the topical nature of the stamp. Perhaps, too, this situation results because of the number of collectors who have amassed considerable holdings of the stamp (without regard to type of cancellation) for calendar collections and for varieties.

There are other special stamps which some few collectors of squared circles hunt;

these are the 15c Large Queen and the 5c green Registry stamp. With regard to the latter, a recent survey of the holdings of known collectors of this specialty uncovered the existence of forty-some examples of squared circles on Registry, representing 25 different towns. ST. HYACINTHE is not included among the towns known on Registry, and I have not seen or heard of an example. (I think, though, that those towns which are known represent abnormal use—one has little right to expect to find any town on this stamp).

I have heard of only one example of ST. HYACINTHE on the 15c Large Queen, but others may exist—most likely in collections of Registered covers.

#### Contemporary and Successor Devices

A circular date stamp was in contemporary use. I have 1893, 1894, and 1896 dates for the circular date stamp, as follows: DE 2/93; JA 8, JU 4, and SP 10/94; MR 11, MR 16, MY 6, MY 19, and MY 23/96.

As stated earlier, the squared circle hammer appears to have been in continuous use from NO/93 through MR and into AP/99. The c.d.s. was used in conjunction with, rather than as a replacement for the squared circle hammer. I believe its use was sporadic, perhaps being used for parcel mail or by a temporary clerk during rush periods.

The squared circle hammer was succeeded by a large duplex hammer. My last date for the squared circle hammer is (Saturday) PM/AP 15 99; my first, or earliest, duplex strike is dated PM/ JU 20/99 and I have some twenty such strikes ranging from that date through FE/ 03. The Handbook latest date for the squared circle hammer is MY 5/00, a date which falls in the range bracketed by my duplex strikes. I believe, then, that this date is either an error in reporting, or represents an isolated, short-lived revival of the squared circle hammer during the normal duplex period.

Duplex strikes have AM, PM above the date, carrying on the squared circle and c.d.s. practice.

Comments and additional information, addressed to the author at 1827 Regent Street South, Sudbury, Ontario, would be much appreciated.

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO GET NEW MEMBERS**



# A FINAL TRIBUTE TO CENTENNIAL YEAR OVER 100 YEARS OF POSTAL HISTORY AND CANADA'S CONFEDERATION CENTENNIAL

by Donald Jean, BNAPS 2156

This year Canada is celebrating her 100th year mark since Confederation in 1867. Centennial projects were planned by the country and provincial governments as well as towns and cities, for one year, from ocean to ocean. Until October, and running for six months, this is all crowned by the Montreal World's Fair, EXPO '67, which started on April 28th. It is heralded as the most outstanding World's Fair ever held, with more than 60 countries participating.

A self-governing Dominion, Canada is, despite opinions held by many, a key country in the British Empire. Erroneous ideas in many quarters, there seems to be, that Great Britain governs Canada, but such is not the case.

It is a self-governing unity as much as the United States. It is true, the Queen has her representative at Ottawa which is the Governor-General and also at the provincial capitals which are the Lieutenant-Governors, and have been for many years all Canadians.

In Canada in any governmental capacity, the only Britishers are the members of the diplomatic corps, which serve their country on the same basis in Ottawa as their counterparts in any other capitals around the world.

Before 1867, with no central authority, Canada was a group of different areas each with its own government. Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, the three Atlantic areas, were one group, with Newfoundland forming the second, located between the Atlantic and the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

Two central areas, though actually two divisions, Upper Canada (Ontario) and Lower Canada (Quebec) seemed to be another area. A third area, British Columbia and Vancouver Island, was located on the west coast.

Newfoundland Island the oldest colony in North America, in fact a completely separate colony of England, remained so in spite of the confederation of all the rest in the north, until, it joined as the tenth Canadian province, in 1949.

Sixteen years before the various areas joined in confederation, the first Canadian postage stamps appeared in 1851. Since sterling was the currency used at that time, the two central areas, Quebec and Ontario, under the name of "Canada", issued the stamps in the three-pence to twelve-pence denominations.

One peculiarity of this set, instead of "one shilling" the latter stamp was designated as "twelve-pence", the terminology generally in use.

A collector's dream is to own the "twelve pence black". It has become one of the greatest rarities of philately, and postal history records that only 850 were sold.

The three-pence, the other in this series, breaks tradition by showing the Canadian beaver, our national animal, as the centerpiece of the stamp at a time when the members of the Royal Family and the Queen were generally given philatelic preference.

Meanwhile, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick also manufactured their own stamps, all in the pence denominations. As the central design, much of the earlier items picture the coats of arms of their respective areas.

On the North American postal scene, some of these pence issues have joined the rarity lists.

The decimal system came into use and the stamps of both the maritime area and Canada were changed to "cents" instead of "pence", in 1859, still before Confederation.

Simply by changing the pence to cents, in many cases the earlier designs were used, while in other parts, new issues were



brought out with, as the central theme, the Queen's head, especially in the maritime areas.

Newfoundland also changed, using many of her scenes of natural beauty, fishing, sailing ships, and mining, instead of using only the Royal Family on her designs.

Just 100 years ago, Confederation of the various divisions of the Canadian scene (without Newfoundland) was brought to an end in 1867, after the usual political heart-breaks and retardments occurring in any significant and great undertaking.

The first stamps of Canada were issued the following year. The series came in denominations from one-half cent to fifteen cents and are known as the "large cents".

Queen Victoria's portrait was used entirely in this series and the "beaver" was abandoned. Still a colony of England, Newfoundland followed her previous plan of employing some of the Royal Family stamps and many local scenes.

These Canadian "large cents" from over a hundred years ago were used for only a brief time; so not too many of them are on hand for the collectors of today. The design was slightly changed, later, and the series known as the "small cents" came into use.

In 1897, when the Diamond Jubilee issue came out, commemorating 60 years of Victoria's rule, the small cents "reign" came to an end.

This was in Canada, the first time that high denominations stamps were issued, starting from one-half cent to five dollars.

From then until 1902, the death year of Victoria, the "older Queen" series was employed, but only in the lower denominations. The first of these started in 1897, and the values on this issue were only in words.

The next year this series was changed, however, because the French population in Canada could not read the English amounts. Removed from both lower corners, the maple leaf was replaced by the numerals so that each stamp was intelligible to both French and English citizens.

After 65 years of reign, Queen Victoria died in 1902, and her son Edward VII succeeded her, which brought in 1903 the first and only King's head issue of his reign.

The Quebec Tercentenary group commemorating the 300 years since the founding of Quebec was put on sale in Canada as the first commemorative set, during his time on the throne of Britain. French ex-

plorers were portrayed on the designs and important milestones in Quebec History.

This resume completes about the first half of Canadian postal history, during which only two reigning monarchs are pictured on Canadian stamps, Queen Victoria and Edward VII.

Following the death of Edward, King George V mounted the throne when the second half of this history began in 1912. Until about 1928, the first George V series remained in use, although some commemoratives were printed in the meantime.

In spite of a busy schedule, King George was a very enthusiastic stamp collector, and spent as many half-days as possible with this hobby.

This collection has been kept up in succeeding years by the Royal Family and as a result is now one of the most nearly complete in the world of British Commonwealth and Empire stamps.

Only three British monarchs are portrayed on Canadian stamps, during the last half century. Edward VIII, naturally would have been included, if he had stayed a king long enough, as the fourth ruling monarch. After a few months, he abdicated the throne to marry Mrs. Wallace Simpson, and is now known as the Duke of Windsor.

A great number of Canadian issues have been printed showing many Canadian scenes, in the past 50 years such as well-known native animals, sailing ships, sports, the Mounties and scores of other subjects.

This shows a true history of Canada on postage stamps leading up to the present Centennial year, and even pictures the progress of industry in many fields.

Once during this latter period, the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway in 1959, brought Canada and the United States to join forces in the manufacture of a common design for international use to commemorate this great event in the last 20 years.

One of Canada's rarities comes out of this printing. A few of the Canadian Seaway stamps were printed and released, with the centers inverted.

So on to this Centennial year when a complete Centennial set from one cent to one dollar has been issued, the higher values showed Canadian scenes painted by famous Canadian artists.

In addition, a special Canadian EXPO 67 stamp has been issued. Commemorating the great World's Fair, it is a fitting tie-up



with Canada's first 100 years of progress.

In review, 125 years of Canadian philately shows the ties between her and England, as well as much of the great panorama of Canadian scenery, industry and history.

It also discovers the two races containing the majority of Canada's population, the French and the British. Naturally, they have had their difficulties, for centuries living side by side, but have overcome them as they arose.

Both realize the vast wealth of Canada's natural resources, many of them still untapped. Generations to come must develop this plentifulness, not only for their own benefit, but also for the good of the world which needs what Canada can produce from her rock and soil.

## Tagging Along

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After a summer of many absences, I find myself with enough apologies, explanations, acknowledgements, and new discoveries to fill an article. Of necessity it may be a little disjointed, but I will be as brief as possible. First the apologies:

First, to all those who wrote, (and those who didn't), I fully admit to being in error about the two shades of the 3c Cameo tagged. Indeed, the first shade was the rose violet, and the second was the cold purple. However I hold fast to my belief that the cold violet will still end up the better of the two, since few if any were distributed from the Philatelic Section in Ottawa. Mint matched blank blocks should be particularly good.

Second, to all those who wrote and waited so long for a reply (there may be a few still waiting) my apologies. Trips to the east, the south, the west, and the Far East kept me out of circulation for some 14 weeks this summer.

Third, partly due to my absences, the previous articles had to be written in the early spring, and that, plus the normal delays of going to press makes some of the tagged information somewhat stale. However, it is to be hoped that the information will be of interest to some members—even if it is a little late.

Now, for a few acknowledgments—which will also contain some new discoveries.

This year, Centennial year, is the start of a new century for Canada. During the century just completed, the frontiers have been pushed back, first by old-fashioned customs, and now by modern technology.

It would seem that the future of this almost new country can be just as great as the combined efforts of twenty-two million Canadians will make it, with the aid of a host of other countries, in the name of progress.

The series after series of Canada's postage stamps, reaching every corner of the earth, will continue as a herald of the history of the "land to the north"—this God-blessed land extending, as it does, from her long unguarded southern border to the far reaches of the Arctic Ocean.

Reg. Kingdon, No. 2169—reports a block of 20 current 1c tagged with one vertical bar almost dead centre. (Received from Ottawa).

Mr. Geo. E. Picard (Winnipeg)—reports "many" copies of the 2c Cameo with one centrally located phosphor bar.

Many have written with descriptions of variations of phosphor application on the Centennial Issue. Various widths are reported, as well as apparent overlaps, and in general very sloppy application. However, I am of the opinion that it is just that—sloppy application, and I have seen nothing to convince me that either a double application, or a misplaced application has taken place to this date (17 Nov.)

Jack Benningen, No. 1881—Located and donated the following to the writer's reference collection—block of 4 used 1954 1c with one misplaced bar completely on each stamp, instead of two. Two used copies of the 1954 4c with an obvious double application—showing the overlap, and measuring 7½ mm. instead of the normal 4. Also one used copy of the 1966 3c Christmas with one single bar located well to the right of the stamp, but nevertheless one bar, instead of the normal two.

A rather unusual item showed up while sorting some commercial mail during June of this year. It was a current 5c, dated June 12th at Winnipeg, and with the normal



half bar on each side. They were a little fainter than usual, and it is my opinion that this was noticed at the time, for right down the middle is a very bright 8 mm. bar. This is the first stamp I have seen with three bars, indeed there is very little of the stamp which is not covered by phosphor.

For those interested in details, quite by accident, early in September of this year, I noticed in some commercial mail a copy of the 1c Cameo with a narrow bar (4 mm.) on the left hand side of the stamp, and nothing on the right. It puzzled me so, that to cut a long story short, much correspondence resulted in the receipt of a block of 10, a block of 6, and a block of 4 of the 1c Cameo with the alternate bars on every other vertical row of perfs, which is normal for the 4c only. The stamps were purchased about July 25th of this year, at the Village Pharmacy, 398 Spadina Road, Toronto 10,

Ontario. The return address was Saskatoon, so all in all, the odds were fairly well stacked against these stamps ending up as they did in my reference collection.

Lastly I would like to thank all the members who took the time to write to me about all the post offices from which they received mail with cameo tagged stamps. As I stated in my first article, I realized that my list was far from complete, and that indeed the Winnipeg Post Office (or possibly Ottawa) must have had a terrific stock of cameo tagged on hand, because at least in the west, there was almost complete saturation, with literally hundreds of post offices—large and small—distributing them. In fact, I still get half a dozen Calgary letters per week with tagged 4c Cameo, even though they have long since gone from the local post office.

☆ A CENTENNIAL ARTICLE ☆

**POST OFFICES OF WENTWORTH COUNTY, ONTARIO. IN OPERATION IN 1867,  
THE YEAR OF CONFEDERATION**

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Name	Township	Duration
Alberton	Ancaster	1857—still open
(formerly Albert Town)		1852-1854
Ancaster	Ancaster	1825—still open
Bakersville	Flamboro East	1865-1869
Bartonville	Barton	1857—still open
(now a sub office of Hamilton)		
Binbrook	Binbrook	1848—still open
Black Heath	Binbrook	1863—still open
Carlisle	Flamboro East	1851—still open
Carluké	Ancaster	1854-1914
Clyde	Beverly	1857-1913
Copetown	Beverly	1851—still open
Dundas	Flamboro West	1814—still open
Elfrida	Saltfleet	1865-1913
Freelton	Flamboro West	1854—still open
Glanford	Glanford	1847-1913
(name changed to Mount Hope)		1913—still open
Greensville	Flamboro West	1853—still open
Hamilton	Barton	1825—still open
Hannon	Barton	1854—still open
Jerseyville	Ancaster	1852—still open
Kirkwall	Beverly	1851-1914
Lynden	Beverly	1851—still open
Mill Grove	Flamboro West	1852—still open
Mount Albion	Saltfleet	1852-1921
Moundsberg	Flamboro East	1863-1927
North Glanford	Glanford	1854-1911
North Seneca	Glanford	1865-1913
Rockton	Beverly	1851—still open

Name	Township	Duration
Ryckman's Corners .....	Barton .....	1854—still open
Sheffield .....	Beverly .....	1837—still open
Stoney Creek .....	Saltfleet .....	1826—still open
Strabane .....	Flamboro West .....	1851-1914
Tapleystown .....	Saltfleet .....	1852-1914
Troy .....	Beverly .....	1852—still open
Tweedside .....	Saltfleet .....	1861-1915
Waterdown .....	Flamboro East .....	1840—still open
West Flamborough .....	Flamboro West .....	1840—still open
Westover .....	Beverly .....	1855-1913
Winona .....	Saltfleet .....	1867—still open
(formerly Ontario) .....		1851-1867
Woodburn .....	Binbrook .....	1852-1924
38 post offices .....		24 still operating

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