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1st ISSUE MANITOBA LAWS

It appears that perforation varieties abound in this issue, which is the "nine scallop" variety with the "L.S." and "C.F." overprint. Howard L. Martin has made quite a study of these and Ed. Richardson has reported in the Canadian Philatelist this information. With thanks to both we now pass this along to all.

At present the following have been reported (all Sissons numbers).

- R1—Perf. 12.
- R2—Perf. 12
- R3—Perf. 12.
- R4—Perf. 12.
- R5—Perf. 11¾, 12½.
- R6—Perf. 12.
- R7—12; 12¼.
- R8—Perf. 12; 12½; 12¼x12; 11¾; 11½.
- R9—Perf. 12; 12¼; 12x12¼; 11¾;
11¾x12; 11½.
- R10—Perf. 12; 12½; 11¾; 11¾x12;
11½.
- R11—Perf. 12; 12½; 11¾; 11¾x12.
- R12—Perf. 12; 11¾x12; 12¼.

So you can see there are a number of major and minor varieties in this issue. I'm sure Howard would appreciate anyone able to send him large quantities of this issue for study, particularly those with the "L.S." overprint.

NEW VALUES OF CAPE BRETON LAW STAMPS

Ed. Richardson also reports in the Canadian Philatelist a new \$1.00 value of the Cape Breton Law stamp. This has the same design as Sissons R40, the 25c Red.

Through the courtesy of Bill Rockett we can now add the following information. The use of the 25c Red and the 50c Green (Sissons R40 and 41) has been discontinued. New values of \$1.00 Red and \$3.00 Blue (same design as mentioned) have been issued. The \$1.00 is for use on writs under \$80.00 and the \$3.00 for use on writs in amounts in excess of \$80.00. These new stamps are issued in sheets of 25 with the outer edge of the sheet imperforate, and the part perf. and perforate stamps are 11¾.

MORE ALBERTA WILDLIFE ISSUES

Jack Folinsbee reports on some of the 1967 issues as follows:

Resident Bird Game, \$2.50—Pale Pink and Bright Mauve.

Resident Big Game \$5.00—Same as the 1965 issue although the print is not quite as dark a Red.

Resident Whitetail Deer \$3.00 — Light Green and Dark Green.

Non-Resident Canadian Game Bird — Light Brown and Dark Brown with Red Serial number.

With reference to the column of last Oct. regarding bisects, etc., of these Wildlife stamps, Jack supplies the following reply from the Government of Alberta (Fish and Wildlife Dept.) We quote—"It is not true that any of the stamps were being used as bisects. At least not as far as this office is concerned, as it is unlawful to in any way cut, change or mutilate any license stamp for any reason whatsoever. Nor do I believe that any Resident Game Bird stamps have been used for licenses in lieu of Non-Resident Bird Game stamps except perhaps in a very isolated case due to the ignorance of a license vendor." So you may all draw your own conclusions from the above information.

BRITISH COLUMBIA DUCK STAMPS

John T. Pratt sends along an interesting item concerning B.C. Duck stamps. He has a Resident Guide's License (Assistant Guide) for British Columbia issued in 1949 with a copy of a Duck stamp affixed to the license. The stamp is similar to Sissons RW 3 but with 1949 at the top.

Seems that this raises two questions—1) were these stamps necessary on Guides' Licenses? and 2) Since Sissons lists a Duck stamp for 1946, '47 and '48 we now apparently have one for 1949 and are there any subsequent issues? Any help along these lines will be appreciated.

As in the past we thank our contributors to this column and let's hope that 1968 keeps us well supplied with column material.

SUPPORT YOUR SOCIETY, PROPOSE A MEMBER

Early Post Offices of the Grimsby District

by Max Rosenthal

Early in 1816 the postmaster of Montreal, Daniel Sutherland, became Deputy Postmaster-General of Canada. On November 8 of that year the Spectator, which had just moved its newspaper office from St. Davids to St. Catharines, quoted the following news item from the Montreal Gazette:

"We are happy to inform the public that since the present Deputy Postmaster-General entered upon his functions, the following post offices have been established in Upper Canada. We subjoin the names of their postmasters as far as we are informed:

"Lancaster, Messrs. Jas. and John Dunlop; Matilda, Mr. Paul Glassford; Township of Bastard (between Brockville and Perth-upon-Tay), Mr. Schofield; Thurlow (Bay of Quinte), Mr. Simon McNabb; Dundas, Richard Hatt, Esq.; Grimsby, William Crooks, Esq.; Long Point (on Lake Erie), Mr. Ross.

"These establishments cannot fail of promoting the prosperity of the country and nothing is wanting but good roads to have them multiplied."

From this list the two post offices most immediately of concern to the Niagara Peninsula readers of the Spectator would be Dundas and Grimsby. Actually, Dundas had opened in 1814 and it only had a new postmaster, but Grimsby post office had just been opened in 1816 with William Crooks, miller and merchant, as postmaster.

The Crooks had come to Niagara from Scotland about 1790. Its future postmaster came to Grimsby in 1808 and purchased the Green Mill. John Green had come with others from New Jersey in 1787 and settled on the Forty Mile Creek. He built the first saw mill on it in 1788, the first grist mill in 1789.

Green, however, had been preceded by Hendrik or Henry Nelles. In the year of the peace treaty which ended the Revolutionary War, 1783, he wrote to General Haldimand asking that he be permitted to purchase a tract of land from the Missis-saugas along Lake Ontario. He came from the Mohawk Valley of New York to Forty Mile Creek where he made the first settlement in Grimsby Township. His sons Robert and William Nelles built a saw mill on the creek in 1793.

One of the Indian trails followed along the foot of the Niagara Escarpment from Queenston to the head of the lake. Later it was called the Queenston Stone Road, and now Highway 8. Surveyed in 1792, the Queenston-Grimsby Road was partially completed two years later. Before 1800 it was completed to Burlington Inlet.

An advertisement dated August 23, 1816, in the Spectator announced a "Mail Stage." On the 20th September next a stage will commence running between York and Niagara. It will leave York every Monday and arrive at Niagara on Thursdays and leave Queenston every Friday."

It was no doubt in connection with the establishment of this mail stage that the Grimsby post office was opened. Its establishment changed the name of the village from The Forty to that of the township it was in, a common practice. Grimsby post office was located in or near Crooks' house, which stood on the rise of the hill on the west side of Forty Mile Creek then and for 20 years on known as Crooks' Hill.

The fact that there was a post office did not prevent most mail still being carried privately. A letter in the Ontario Archives from Henry Nelles, Grimsby, a grandson of his pioneer namesake, and a future postmaster of Grimsby, written to Thomas Ridout, York, on April 20, 1819, was sent by the most direct route—straight across the lake.

"Enclosed I have sent you a letter addressed to your son, which reached this place a day or two after he left it for Niagara, where he intended to take his passage on the first vessel that sailed for York and no doubt he has reached that by this time.

"When he left he requested me to send you a half a dozen hams by first opportunity which I now send by the Lord Nelson and which I trust will now reach you safe."

On the front of this letter is noted "with a small case per the Lord Nelson".

Letters sent by postmaster Crooks to Surveyor-General Ridout in the 1820's have "free" and his initials on the front. They do not bear the famous Grimsby horizontal oval postmark which he applied to letters on which postage had been prepaid.

Henry Nelles lived in the ancestral Nelles homestead. He also had a store just east of the house, and he and his father Robert ran

the mills. Henry Nelles replaced Crooks as postmaster of Grimsby in 1829. A letter from George Muir, Grimsby, to Samuel Street, Falls Mills, Chippawa (Street Papers, Ontario Archives), written October 31, 1835, is postmarked with a small double circle broken by GRIMSBY, with "1st Nov" written in.

In the early 1840's Henry's son, Robert Fanning Nelles, became postmaster of Grimsby. He moved to Woodstock in 1852 but continued postmaster in name, although deputy postmaster, Andrew Thomson, actually ran the general store and post office for him. In the early 1860's John Hamilton Nelles, the great-great-grandson of the first Henry Nelles, was postmaster at the store of W. H. Sumner & Co., Main and Depot Streets. His cousin, Henry Edward Nelles, son of the Henry Nelles who was second postmaster of Grimsby, took over later in that decade. In the early 1880's he was described as also being agent for the American Express Company and the Allan and White Star Lines of steamers. In the early 1890's, Mrs. Nelles took over as postmistress. The long reign of the Nelles clan in the Grimsby post office ended only after 1895.

The first settlement in the southern section of Grimsby Township was made by Richard Griffin, a Loyalist who came to Canada about 1790. He settled on the future site of Smithville, on the Twenty Mile Creek. At first it was called Grifintown. Mrs. Griffin's maiden name was Smith. It was renamed for her—Smithville—by her youngest son, Smith Griffin, later. He built the first mills in Smithville in 1816 on the Twenty Mile Creek and was the first merchant there. When Smithville post office was opened in 1831, Smith Griffin became postmaster. A letter from John Smith, Caistor, the next township south of Grimsby, to A. N. Morin, Comm. Crown Lands, Kingston, written February 17, 1847, is postmarked with a double circle enclosing Smithville, U.C., with Mar. 4, 43 written in, in blue.

Butler's Rangers had at the close of the 1700's extensive holdings in Clinton, the next township east of Grimsby, but many did not actually settle their lands. This made it easy for a Pennsylvania Dutch group to buy land along the Indian Trail, which is now Highway 8, cheaply in 1799. Next year a large number followed, among them the Moyers.

Another Pennsylvania Dutch Loyalist, Jacob Beam, had already come to Upper

Canada in 1788. In 1790 he founded a small community in Clinton Township near the mouth of Thirty Mile Creek where Beamsville was to be situated. He soon built saw mills on the creek. Beamsville post office was established in 1832 with Charles Gurney as postmaster, succeeded two years later by Nelson Boughner. A letter from Boughner to Peter Robinson, Commissioner of Crown Lands, Toronto, written September 7, 1835, has the manuscript postmark "Beamsville, 7th Sep 1835" written in two lines joined by a bracket in the upper left, and "Free, N. Boughner" in the upper right.

In 1837 James Osborne became postmaster of Beamsville, followed a few years later by John B. Osborne. A letter from the latter to the Provincial Registrar, Montreal, written November 25, 1844, is postmarked with a double circle enclosing BEAMSVILLE, with "26 Nov, 1844" written in.

The first post office in Louth, the township next east of Clinton, was Jordan, opened in 1840, where the Twenty Mile Creek crossed what is now Highway 8, with shipbuilder William Bradt as postmaster. He is said to have given the village its name.

Wellandport was the first post office in Gainsborough, the township south of Clinton, opening in 1841 as Welland Port with Luke Cavers as postmaster. It extended east from sideroad 14 along the road north of the Welland River. There the Big Beaver Creek bends in close to the north bank of the Welland River, and for nearly two miles meanders parallel to it before joining the larger stream. Owing to this fact, the older name of Wellandport had been The Narrows. In 1816 the creek was dammed, and a raceway cut through the dividing ridge, on which was built the first mill in that area.

St. Ann's the second post office in Gainsborough, was opened in 1851, with Jacob Upper as postmaster. It extended along sideroad 22 north from the concession 6 road. Its first settler was Adam Snider, who came from New Jersey in 1793. He took up a farm there in 1794, and built a grist mill. Mrs. Snider, by her interest in the Indians, made them so attached to her that they looked on her as a saint and called the village St. Ann's in her honor.

Caistor was the last of the five Lincoln County townships in this article to get a post office. One called Caistor was established in its very southeast corner in 1853.

It was renamed Attercliffe in 1865. Caistorville post office came into being in 1853, on the 20th sideroad south of the Welland River. The same year Fulton was opened in Grimsby Township at what is now Highway 20 and sideroad 33.

In 1854 Caistor Township got Warner post office, located south of the Welland River at the 2nd concession road and the county road slanting through the eastern section of the township. M. Warner was postmaster. Two years later Caistor got another post office. Abingdon was established at the 5th concession road and 15th sideroad in 1856.

There were already houses near the site of Campden, the corner of the 7th concession road and 8th sideroad of Clinton Township, during the War of 1812. When the first settlers took possession of the land, the farm at the northeast corner was owned by James Moyer. In the 1850's Abraham Swartz, a tailor, became the first businessman in the village. With the growth of the village a post office was found a necessity. Until this time the village went by the name Moyers' Corners and Noah Allbright carried the mail twice a week from Beamsville, being paid by voluntary subscription of the people.

When the post office was applied for by J. C. Rykert, M.P., he said that as there were too many "Villes" and "Corners" in the country, the name should be changed. He suggested that the village be named after an earl's son called Campden, who lived in Lincolnshire, England. With the approval of the citizens, this name was adopted, and H. W. Moyer was appointed the first postmaster, in 1862. He had kept a general store in Swartz's building but now erected a new one.

In 1862 was opened Rosedene post office on the road in the middle of concession 5, west of the 5th sideroad of Gainsborough. From 1863 to 1868 Solomon Hill kept Aridne post office on the west half of lot 3, on the lake shore road in Clinton Township. Clarence Short, of Waterloo, Ont., has a cover bearing the postmark of this short-lived post office, possibly a unique item.

Candasville post office was opened in 1871 on sideroad 24 north of the Welland River, in Gainsborough. Also in that township, Bismark was established in 1872 at the 4th concession road and the present Highway 20. The same year appeared Tintern at the 10th concession road and 6th sideroad of Clinton. In 1874 Elcho came into

being in Gainsborough at the 2nd concession road and 5th sideroad.

The first commercial peach orchards in the Grimsby district were planted in 1856 and soon extended east and west from there. About 1870 the farmers at Jordan Station began to cultivate them, then a few years later, farmers in Louth. The railway station became an important shipping point. In 1876 the village of Bridgeport which had sprung up around the station got a post office called Jordan Station.

In 1859 the Methodists established the Niagara District, and selected as the site of their yearly gatherings the land where the 2nd sideroad of Grimsby Township begins at the lake, to be called Grimsby Camp. In 1874 they renamed it Grimsby Park. Noah Phelps was elected President of the new company; however, when a summer post office was opened there in 1878 it was called Grimsby Camp, not to be renamed Grimsby Park until 1886. Many interests claimed Phelps' attention, but he always managed to retain for Grimsby Park the summer months, and he was its postmaster.

At Beamsville Quarries, on the 13th sideroad of Clinton, over a mile south of the present Highway 8, Stoneton post office existed from 1880 to 1885. The location of extensive stone quarries, it had for its postmaster David Scott.

Gainsborough Township got Winslow, in 1881, at the 4th concession road and western boundary road, and Boyle (in 1887), west of the corner of the 2nd concession road and the 23rd sideroad. Caistor Township obtained Basingstoke, in 1883, at the 25th sideroad and southern boundary road, and Wilcox, in 1891, on the 7th concession road, near the eastern boundary.

Grassy's Corners was opened in 1883 in Grimsby Township at the railway crossing of the 7th concession road. John Grassie was a blacksmith there and the name of the post office was changed to Grassie in 1904.

Two more post offices were established in Grimsby Township—Grimsby Centre, opened in 1889 on the county road south from Grimsby village at the 7th concession road; Kimbo, opened in 1892 on the present Highway 20 where Twenty Mile Creek crossed and recrossed it.

The rise of grape growing was reflected in the opening of Vineland post office in 1893 on the present Highway 8 at the eastern boundary of Clinton Township. Franklin W. Moyer kept the post office in his

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The Canadian Stamp Collector

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Machines for cancelling mail were introduced in Canada in 1896. The first city to use machines was Montreal on March 21st of that year. A firm in that city, the Imperial Mail Marking Company, supplied the machinery. At first flag designs were used, a bit over 2 inches long, in conjunction with a circular town date canceller so that these machine cancels were actually duplexes.

Flag cancels were very appropriate to the times as Canada, and the entire empire, was getting ready to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria. From 1896 until 1901 twelve main types and two sub-types of Flag Cancels were produced and used in the larger centres such as Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Hamilton, etc.

In 1901 a Toronto Flag cancel was used advertising Canada's Exposition, Toronto, Aug. 26th to Sept. 7 in two versions and these appear to be Canada's first slogan cancels.

At the same time as the Flag cancels bar cancels were introduced and variations of these are in use today. Advertising slogans of various types came into use after 1901 and these are also in use today. Slogan, Flag and Bar cancels can be collected in either of two ways; on entire covers or as cut rectangles showing the entire cancel

including the town date cancel. Some of the slogans used are of historic interest while others introduce an element of humor.

The Slogan Study Circle of the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain, in a lengthy series in "Maple Leaves", produced a listing of all known Slogan cancels used in Canada by years. Some of the gems included are "Support Aid to Russia Tag Day January 30" (1943) "V . . . —" (1942) "Spare Our Wild Flowers" (1938) "Your Postmaster Sells Mailing Lists" (1933) and "Sign Petition for Disarmament and Peace" (1931).

These cancellations, of interest in themselves, have created problems to stamp collectors. Perhaps the most serious of these problems is the scarcity of stamps cancelled cleanly and neatly with a town date canceller that clearly shows that the stamp has been used within its normal period of use. A study of slogan, bar and flag cancels is almost mandatory to pinpoint the period of use of a stamp cancelled in this manner. In order to secure a town date cancel on your mail today it is best to place the stamp about 2½" to the left of the upper right hand corner, such a cancel is quite rare and much sought after even on relatively common stamps.

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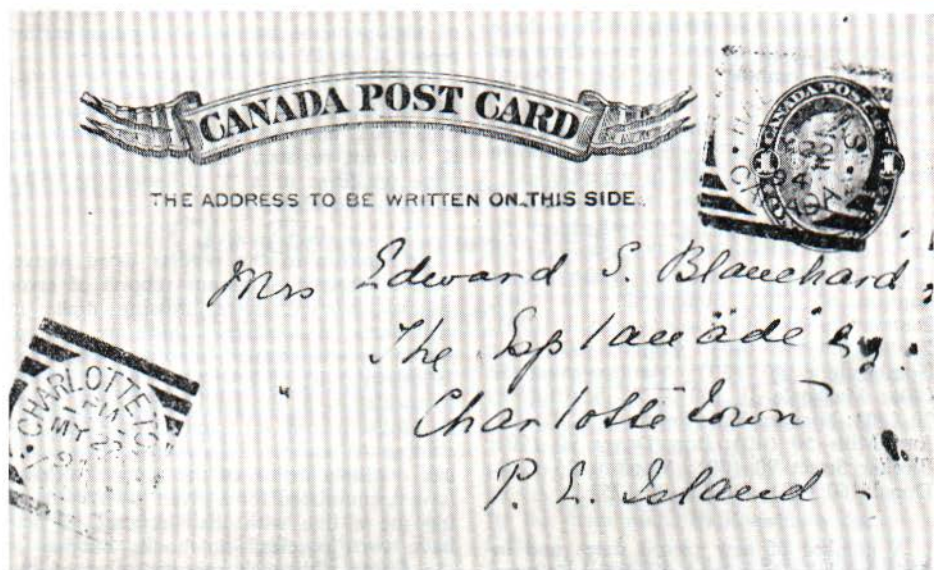
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Rounding Up Squared Circles

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



R. M. Doull, BNAPS No. 1899, has written to me about a unique squared circle combination, as follows:

"The card, illustrated above, shows a rare and probably unique combination of the HALIFAX and CHARLOTTETOWN squared circle cancellation both on the face of a one cent post card.

Normal procedure called for the receiving mark to be placed on the back. In this case the back was completely covered with very fine closely spaced handwriting. Perhaps the clerk thoughtfully cancelled on the face in order not to obliterate any of the message.

The card was written on the 21st of May and must have been mailed late in the day. As a result it was processed after midnight and was cancelled with time mark '4' and dated May 22nd. The receiving mark shows it arrived in Charlottetown 'PM MY 22'—the same date as the Halifax cancel.

Any card or cover bearing Halifax time mark '4' is a most desirable item. In recording over two thousand covers it has been found that less than 7% carry this time mark. This is surprising since the general incidence of mark '4' is over 12%. Add to this the Charlottetown squared circle of

the same date on the face, and the result must be considered as a great rarity.

If further evidence were needed, this card substantiates Dr. Whitehead's conclusions as to the time of use of time mark '4' in the Halifax Post Office (TOPICS, Feb. 1967)."

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Because of the pressure of other things, I was unable to attend the Convention at Alpine Inn and missed meeting again with friends I met at Calgary the year before. I missed particularly meeting with our good friend Clarence Kemp who was feeling well enough to attend. But he has written to me about some of the discussions held on the subject of squared circles, and especially about suggested revisions in Rarity Factor of certain towns. These suggestions are the result of new information, and I am in agreement with them in their entirety (I might add that there are several other towns not included in the list of suggested changes which in my opinion, are far scarcer than indicated by present RF).

The list contains only three downward revisions of RF. The most obvious of this group is COLEMAN which is now known in two examples; in keeping with the already established assignment of values for

towns of which only two or three examples are known, the RF of COLEMAN should be reduced from 250 to 225. The other two reductions are WHYCOCOMAGH (down from 35 to 30) and DANVILLE (down from 40 to 30). Regarding DANVILLE, Clarence writes that although it is perhaps a rarity on small queens it now turns out to be quite common on the King Edward issue.

The remainder of the list contains upward revisions in RF; revised RF is shown first, followed by old RF in parentheses.

Cumberland 50 (40); Mansonville 60 (50); St. Hilarion 125 (100); Baddeck 50 (40); Great Village 90 (75); Newport 60 (50); Butternut Ridge 80 (70); River Louison 60 (50); Summerside 50 (30); Lennoxville 90 (80); Bobcaygeon 40 (30); Cheltenham 50 (40); Comber 60 (50); Humberstone 40 (30); Manitowaning 50 (40); Markdale II 100 (80); Martintown 70 (60); Niagara Falls South 45 (30); Oxford Mills 50 (40); Port Dover 90 (80); Bleeker Street 90 (70); Manitou 35 (25); Donald 60 (50); Golden 90 (75).

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A number of new record dates and indicia varieties have turned up, as follows:

Alex Price reports KAMLOOPS—latest—AU 27/00; receiving mark.

Dr. Edna Walck (Mrs. John Sedgewick) reports a new late date for SCHREIBER, First State: DE 15/96.

Stew Kenyon's most recent disposal listing contained PRINCE ALBERT, OC 1/17 (on 2c red Admiral); a March, 1916 use has been previously reported, but this is the first report I know of for 1917.

Alex McMillan reports several new items:

MONTREAL (Type II, Hammer I)—new time mark—2/MR 31/99; time mark '2' has not been previously reported for this town.

SHERBROOKE—latest—1/JY 7/00

SUTTON—latest—DE 24/02

SOURIS—latest—MY 1/00

CALGARY—indicia—7/JY 7/99; this is the second report of time mark '7' for Calgary, the first being that reported by Alex Price (August 1967 TOPICS).

Budd Soughton reports PARIS, (blank)/NO 27/97; this is the first report of a missing time mark at Paris which I am aware of.

Clarence Kemp sent for examination, the following:

TORONTO, YORK STREET—indicia—(blank)/FE 21/96; this is only the second blank which I know of, the other being (blank)/FE 22/96.

LONDON (Type II) — indicia — 18/JY 11/96; see Handbook—this is an early use of high-numeral indicia. A similar earlier report is 18/JY 18/96.

NOTRE DAME ST. WEST—indicia—8/SP 18/95; this is a previously unreported time mark, and may be an '18' in which the '1' did not register. However, there is no trace whatever of a '1' although the strike is sharp and clear.

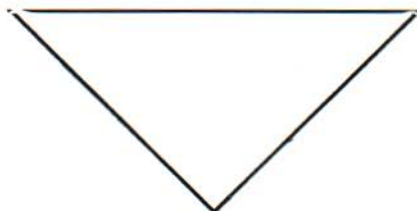
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In addition to the reports listed above, I have received numerous reports of error indicia—inverted dates, missing digits in year dates, etc.—which I think are perhaps not of general enough interest to list. Such information is, of course, of great interest to specialists in the individual towns and I faithfully record all such information, including the source of the report. Any reader can obtain a listing of the reports which I have accumulated for a given town by dropping me a line with their request. I now have two looseleaf notebooks bulging at the seams with such reports; most of this information is gathered against the day when a new edition of the Handbook may be needed.

From time to time, enough of a pattern may begin to emerge to warrant discussion in the column. A case in point is WINGHAM, Second State, for which the Handbook latest date is MY 20/10. A number of MR/10 dates are known, all on 2c red QV numeral, suggestive of the possibility that '10' is a year date error for '01'. If all of these '10' dates on Numerals really are 1901 dates then the Handbook latest date must bow out since I know of two dates later in the year showing '01' correctly. Will readers please report all '01' and '10' dates for this town, including the stamp on which the strike appears. Of particular value would be covers carrying the '10' date if they also carry other strikes which help to establish whether '10' is correct or not. As in the case of the KENTVILLE '10' strikes (TOPICS, May 1967), I find it hard to believe that '10' can be correct if all strikes appear on 2c Numerals and not a single one on Edwards.

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It is now five years since the last squared circle roster was begun. In the meantime
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New Brunswick

The Three Letters 1847 - 1849

by John H. M. Young, F.R.P.S.L.

PART II

The second letter (see Figure 2) dated February 21, 1849 was written at Honolulu, Oahu, Sandwich Islands. It was forwarded by the favour of a Mr. E. H. Boardman, a watchmaker of the Sandwich Islands, who was on his way to the United States. The route that he took is unknown, but it is evident by the postal markings on the outside of the letter that it was placed in the Post Office at Boston on August 27, 1849, six months later. The letter is stamped "PAID" and "10 cts" to indicate the United States postage was paid to the New Brunswick frontier exchange office. This particular letter was stamped "STEAMBOAT" and thus it was carried by this conveyance to St. John, New Brunswick, the exchange office where it was frontstamped "ST JOHN N.B. SHIP LETTER" and backstamped on

the 29th of August, 1849. The letter was further rated "11½", the New Brunswick inland postage and backstamped at Fredericton on AUGUST 30. It read as follows: To Colin Allan Esq M.D., Fredericton, New Brunswick British North America By the favor of E. H. Boardman Esq C.I.A.

Honolulu, Oahu, Sandwich Islands
February 21st 1849

My dear brother,

(I write as usual to you, Peter),

I have never lost any favourable opportunity of writing to you but how many of my letters may have miscarried it is of course impossible for me to know. The one I am most anxious about, was forwarded by me some time in the month of June last

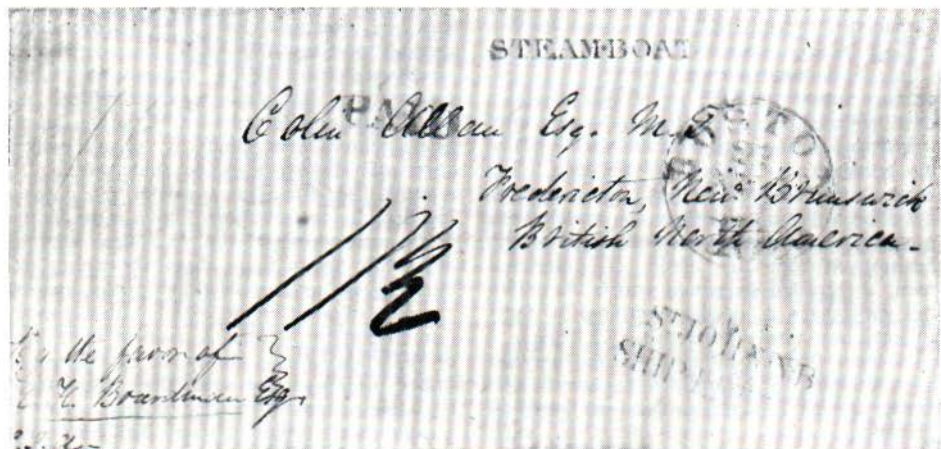


FIG. 2

across the land, by the way of Mazatlan, at the expense of two dollars to myself. I could not bear the thoughts of transmitting it by the tedious & uncertain channel of a Whaler going around Cape Horn, knowing that you would all be glad to learn that I was safely landed on these Islands & in tolerable health. I left the "Champion" on her touching at Lahaiua in the Island of Maui, having procured a regular discharge "pro forma" from the Skipper. Without saying more at present on the subject, it is enough for me to assure you that a six month's cruise in the Northwest (whither the Champion was bound) would have been absolutely intolerable in company with such men as I soon discovered the Capt'n & his officers to be. But all this must be reserved for conversation among ourselves, if it be the will of Providence that I am to set eyes on you again. Lead to believe that a home-ward bound whaler's touching at the Islands was an almost weekly occurrence, I took from the Captain only such a small sum as I supposed would suffice for my stay on shore. But no Whaler made its appearance for months; & I soon found my funds running short. I could not get any employment though I spared no exertions to obtain it. My diplomas my Attorney's & Barrister's certificate were left behind me. In my ignorance of mercantile business transactions, I had not taken the precaution to obtain from General Thompson owner of the Champion a letter of credit to a limited amount on any merchant in the Islands; and to make matters worse, I fell sick. You must not suppose that I have found no friends here, but they are men who had the will, rather than the power to assist me. I spent the months of May & June in Wai-mea a healthy upland district in Owyhee, where I soon got over my illness. It is surprising notwithstanding my rather straight-ened circumstances how much I have contrived to see of the Sandwich Islands. Since my return from Owyhee, I have been living here at the seat of Government, where I have been bravely **battling the watch** with poverty. I have lived in Sailor's boarding houses, & kept the books of **unlettered** men, & pleaded in police courts & drawn out mortgages & deeds; anything in short to keep my head above water. I believe I shall now find no difficulty in the way of my obtaining a License to appear in the higher courts. I have suffered no **physical** privations which I cannot afford to laugh at, & on the whole, I am satisfied that my little troubles will do me good in the long

view. Like a true **Scotsman**. My pride has always kept pace with my poverty, & I can say with truth that I have descended to no mean act in all my difficulties. My greatest source of anxiety all along has been that I have not seen a line from home, since I left New Bedford. I know, I am certain that some of you must have written to me & that more than once; but not a single letter has come to hand. I have now a most favourable opportunity of sending you a letter, which, I trust, **cannot** fail to reach you. Mr. Boardman a respectable watch-maker, in short the "Justin Spahnu" of Honolulu is going to the States on some private & he will have the goodness to take charge of my letter as far as Boston. Once there its safe arrival at Fredericton is certain. For God's sake let one or all of you on receipt of this prepare me a few lines & forward them to Mr. Boardman at Boston. He will be there at least some weeks before he starts on his return to these Islands. I wish you would enclose my Diploma & my two commissions as Attorney & Barrister. They will be useful to me here and still more so on the Coast (California), if I should be able to get there in a few months. I suppose you have already seen the newspaper accounts of the "gold diggings" in California. They are not a whit exaggerated. Men who left here without a penny only five months ago, have returned with thousands of dollars. In San Francisco any one who is willing to work either with head or hand may make a great deal of money in a surprisingly short time; as for the success of the actual "gold diggers" 2 or 3 ounces (worth a doubloon an ounce) per day, is thought rather poor work. Lawyers, doctors, clerks, are in great demand. In short if I could receive a small remittance from home, enough to enable me to pay my passage to California & get a few needful articles, I might be at home with a few hundreds in my pocket clear of all expenses & that within 10 months. But for Heaven's sake, my dearest brother, do not let those I love most in the world misunderstand me, at a time when I am so far away from them, & cannot explain myself otherwise than in the narrow compass of a letter. Remember that I mention this affair in total & painful ignorance of the state of my family, & that I would rather lose my right arm, than draw from my dear, dear father one penny which is wanted in any other quarter. Tell him especially that I am in good health, able for any kind of work, that I am in the way of

making (one thing with another) enough to pay my very trifling debts here, that I am working myself into notice, that I can **now** wear old clothes with a good grace & above all that I have learnt by wholesome experience the value of money. With all this I shall surily find or **make** for myself the means of getting back to you sooner or later. And I entreat you all to believe (indeed I know you all will believe it) that I had rather get 10 lines from you by Mr. Boardman's hands, than £10,000 without them.

Put up my diploma etc. in a separate parcel from the letter, because if Mr. Boardman finds, on enquiry that the postage to these Islands is very high, he can forward the letter alone & bring the papers himself afterwards. If there is any enclosure in the letter do not forget the precaution of marking it accordingly; but I repeat what I have said above, a letter alone would ease my mind inexpressibly, & I have only hinted **conditionally** about the other & far-less important matter.

I must tell you that I have no doubt that had I on first coming to the Islands gone to Dr. Judd **now** prime minister of these Islands & formerly an **apothecary** to the American Mission, & taken the oath of allegiance to this government, an oath which includes a clause by which I am formally to abjure **all my allegiance to my own Sovereign**, I might now have had a lucrative post in the government employ. But I am a British subject & a sworn solicitor of a British Court of Justice & I mean to continue so while I live. The more I see of this missionary government, (for **it is** a Missionary Government being supported by the whole influence of the Mission), the less I think of it. But my notes, my journal (very voluminous it is) & my own memory will furnish themes for many an evening's conversation, if I live to see you again, on this & other points connected with this strange, half civilised & more than half demoralized country. Manily apart, I even think they might one day give the world a readable book in 2 vols octavo.

Do not let the members of the New Brunswick Bar forget me, such of them as

you know. If I should not get home within the 2 years (which I fear is now impossible), I do not anticipate any difficulty in getting the Supreme Court to dispense with the Rule of Court, in my particular case.

And now enough of myself. God bless you all & may there be a happy reunion yet in reserve for us. My father whom (even when most stubborn & wayward, I always loved & respected in my heart) occupies my thoughts more than any other human being. I cherish the little notes from my dear mother & Margaret which I received at New Bedford; & often open them when I wish to revisit New Brunswick in imagination. James & Arthur where are they & what are they doing. Write write all of you to

Your ever affectionate brother
Colin I. Allan

First Postscript: Give my respects to Mrs. Taylor & Mrs. Munro. Tell Mrs. Munro that I have not exchanged words, no not even bows with a white lady for 7 months. Such an awful privation was not certainly necessary to recall to my mind the memory of the delightful evenings I have spent at her house, but they **do** undoubtedly enhance the bitterness of the recollection. My warmest remembrances to kind Mr. Houseall if he is still in Fredericton as I hope for your sakes & for the credit of my Alma Mater, he is. Remember me to all my friends.

C. I. Allan

Second Postscript: I send you some odd numbers of our opposition paper here. As my "cacoethes scribendi" is incurable, I have occasionally aided to fill a column. I have marked with my initials the several offices to which I plead guilty. I need not say that my hand in the matter is known to only a "select few" in Honolulu. This Dr. Judd of whom you will see so much said in the "News" is a rare scoundrel. He has deliberately insulted the 3 representatives of England France & America, & though these gentlemen have united in a formal complaint against him, the poor ignorant **brown** king still keeps him in office.

C. I. Allan.

(To be continued)

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MIRY CREEK DISTRICT

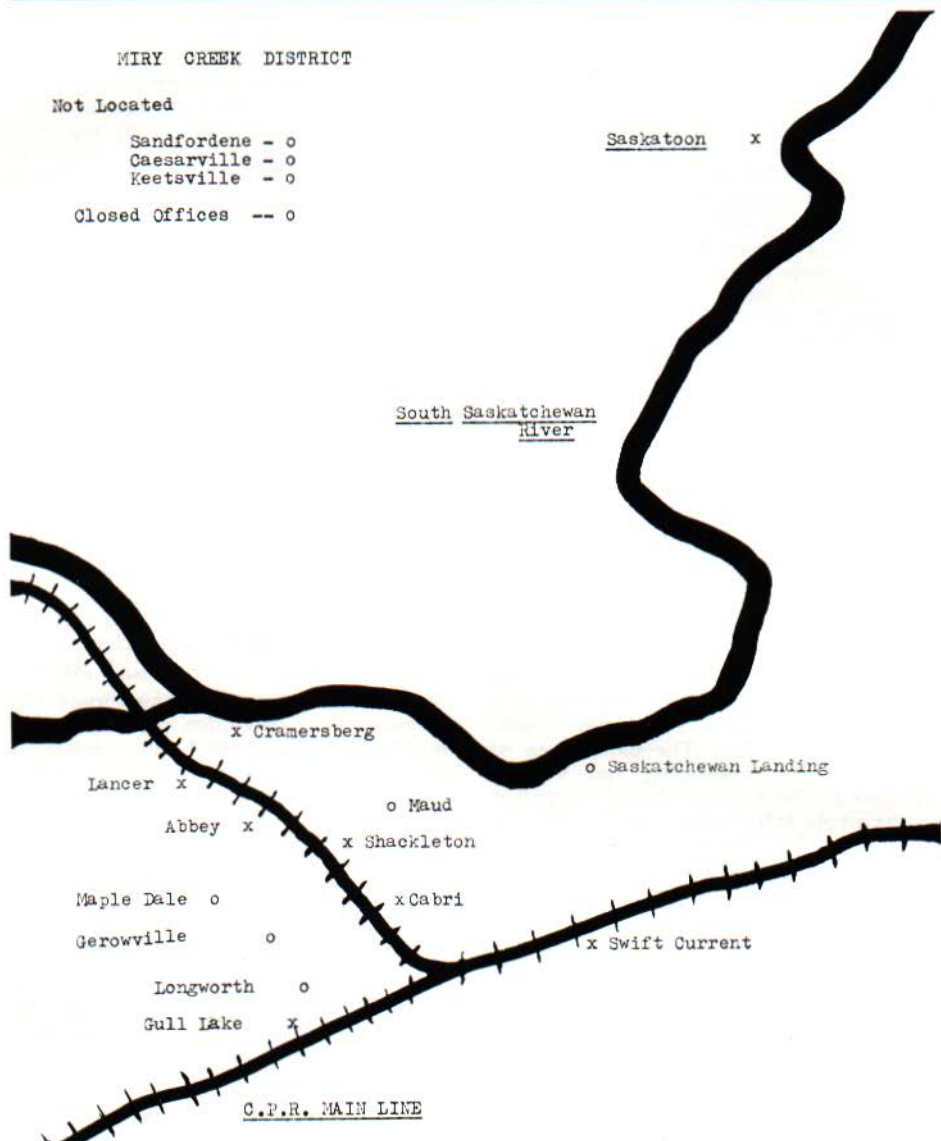
Not Located

Sandfordene - o
Caesarville - o
Keetsville - o

Closed Offices -- o

Saskatoon x

South Saskatchewan
River



Long after Palliser came through the Miry Creek District the C.P.R. laid track from Swift Current to Calgary in 1882. This opened the southern part of Saskatchewan to settlement and the post offices were usu-

ally located near the railroad. A number of post offices were also opened in the surrounding country, usually in settlers' homes. As the branch lines were added to the C.P.R., the pattern of mail delivery changed

and a large number of post offices disappeared between 1910 and 1925.

One small area in Southern Saskatchewan which followed this pattern was the Miry Creek District. After the C.P.R. main line went through in 1882 a number of post offices opened, including Gull Lake. This served as the main distributing centre for at least eight post offices in the surrounding northern country.

Post Office	Location	Open	Closed
Caesarville, not located	1910	1913
Keetsville, not located	?	?
Sandfordene, not located	1909	1911
Maud, NE¼ 34-19-20 W3	1911	?
Cramersburg, SE¼ 1-23-21 W3	1911	1949?
Maple Dale, 12-21-20 W3	1913	?
Gerowville, NW¼ 36-20-19W3	1910	1913?

(June)

Longworth, SE¼ 6-19-19 W3 1909 1912
(Fall)

After 1912 a branch line was built and the following offices opened:

	Opened
Abbey	1913 till present
Cabri	1912 till present
Shackleton	1913 till present
Lancer	1914 till present

After this, all of the country post offices gradually closed, with the exception of Cramersburg. The mail was delivered from one country post office to another once weekly by mule team and then twice weekly until the post offices opened on the branch C.P.R. line.

J. R. HILL

Canadian Official Stampless Mail

by Wm. Pekonen, No. 2091

Effective Dec. 31/63, the use of postage stamps by Government departments was discontinued. Prior to that date, many interesting "official" stamps were produced and a number of collectors started collections of these stamps.

With the beginning of 1964, this period came to a close, but a new era began. My office receives mail from various government departments. Because of my interest in "officials", it soon became clear that here was a brand new game and I started collecting "official envelopes".

It was my intention to classify these earlier. It soon became apparent that there was a state of confusion and that to rush into such an attempt would be frustrating indeed. Now, some four years later, there does seem to be some kind of pattern developing and hence, the time seems to be ripe to begin a preliminary classification.

The state of confusion which existed at that time is entirely understandable because of the suddenness of the announcement. The Press release was dated Jan. 4, 1964. From the mail which was received during the first few months, it would appear that "anything went". Most departments were caught unprepared, and in some cases, I assume that it was very unclear as to exactly what form of marking was required. It would appear from actual mail received in my office that the instructions ranged from "no markings are required" through "Postage Paid"; to the standard wording

found to-day—"CANADA"—"POSTAGE PAID"—"PORT PAYE".

Because of the large number of departments in the Federal Government, and the many branches and hundreds of offices, one can expect to find an endless number of varieties. Several hundred different varieties are in my files, and this selection is but a sampling of the many hundreds of others which must exist. Errors of postal usage also exist. It is a foregone conclusion that it is a virtual impossibility to form a "complete" collection because of the almost infinite number of varieties which must surely exist. My interest is a "labour of love" or a "love of labour"—I'm not sure which at present. (My wife calls it the labour of a pack-rat! and my secretary who has to store the envelopes, calls it "just labour"!)

These official envelopes would be properly classified as stampless covers. As such, they are not new to Canadian postal history. Included among the forerunners are envelopes from the House of Commons; the Senate; the Registrar of Voters (Returning Officers); the Post Office Department; and the Queen's Printer.

It is inconceivable to expect that many collections of these covers will be started. However, it will be of interest to most collectors of "officials" to find how their "baby" has grown. A few people seem to be interested in learning more about them. I hope to pass on the information which is

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Perfin Study Group

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"E" FOR EDMONTON

E1. Some months ago, in the December '65 issue of Topics, Ian Paterson, No. 1871 of Edmonton, questioned in a letter to Topics, the identification of the user of the design E1 which was listed in the handbook as the T. Eaton Company of Edmonton. He pointed out that during the period that the perforating device was in use the T. Eaton company was not operating in Edmonton. What had prompted his enquiry was a cover with an E1 perfin with the corner card of the Swift Canadian Company of Edmonton.

Pat asked for help in clearing this point and in the process of investigation he discovered a basic principle, that the most effective committee is a committee of one. He did it himself. Fortunately he was in Edmonton anyway.

He has now confirmed that Swift Canadian used the machine which is a 10 unit Cummins and further he was able to send me a proof strike from the machine. Many of the units have defective pins, unit No. 9 in particular showing most of the deterioration which was the cause of the "F" design which appeared in the first handbook but was deleted from the second as a damaged die of the letter "E" as first reported in the February 1956 column.

Many thanks for the correction of the user which was known in time to be in-

cluded in the third edition of the Perfin handbook.

I am still puzzled as to the reason that the Swift company departed from their normal use of a single "S" sometimes with additional code holes which was their general practise in both Canada and the United States.

S2a—All three editions of our handbook list S2 as being used by the Swift Canadian Company from the Toronto office and S2a with an extra hole on each side of the "S" as being in use from the branch in Moose Jaw. Both of these identifications were well supported by covers and by cancellations.

For some time now Mr. Joe Meyer, BNAPster No. 1454, has noted that S2a has been appearing on covers from the Yorkton office of the company and has recently confirmed this by sending me one of the covers. Comparison with earlier perforated Moose Jaw perfins indicates that these stamps are from the same machine and I think it safe to presume that the Saskatchewan office operations of the company have been transferred some time ago from Moose Jaw to Yorkton.

If you wish to keep your handbook up-to-date, the Name of User column should be amended to read Moose Jaw and Yorkton, Sask.



BNAPEX '68

THE LAKEWAY, LAKE TRAVIS, AUSTIN, TEXAS

OCTOBER 9-13, 1968

EARLY POST OFFICE — (Continued from page 65)

store, and H. Elmon, and Samuel Moyer were all fruit farmers around the village.

Silverdale post office was established in 1893 at the 6th concession road and 10th sideroad of Gainsborough Township. Silverdale Station got a post office just before 1900.

The Jordan Harbour Company was or-

ganized at the turn of the century by local growers interested in fast transportation for their fruit. Jordan Harbour at this time became the port of call for the Dominion Express Company. Jordan Harbour post office was opened in 1900. One of the key men of the company was the postmaster, S. H. Rittenhouse.

SQUARED CIRCLES — (Continued from page 68)

a number of collections reported on that roster have been broken up and dispersed, many new collectors have joined the ranks, and new finds have been made. I think that perhaps it is time we took stock again and would appreciate hearing from readers with their thoughts on the subject, for the project is doomed from the start unless we can be reasonably assured of adequate cooperation. It will not be necessary, as in the last roster, to limit participation to collections of 200 or more: a computer facility is available to handle the chore of sorting and tallying the reports and I have written and checked out a program which will do the job. The possibilities are intriguing: the reports can be sorted by number of

copies in decreasing order of present RF, or in order of decreasing number of copies (which would help in assessing RF), or in order of decreasing number of collections which contain the various towns. The latter two are, of course, not necessarily the same; there are some scarce towns which because of indicia interest are held in multiple copies in some collections. One of the original aims of the last roster was a check on the known cards and covers for the various towns, but that aim was abandoned because of the enormous tabulating time required. The computer could handle this chore just as readily as any of the other sortings and some surprises might be forthcoming from such a tabulation.

OFFICIAL MAIL — (Continued from page 73)

in my files. If enough people respond by sending me examples which they have, and any other related information, I would be pleased to co-relate the data. It is my intention to compile a check list of the types that exist to my knowledge and I would welcome your assistance in making sure that—at least—the check list would be a good cross-section of these covers.

For the purpose of preliminary classification, I have selected eight main groupings with approximately 45 sub-groupings. While the subject seems formidable, it is really not so if one accepts the fact that one cannot hope for completion unless one selects one

government department. However, it should be relatively simple for collectors to acquire several examples of each main group and of most of the sub-groups. Examples are easily obtainable if you search in the right places. The varieties will add a sideline interest to your collection. Once you have seen a few, you will quickly realize that there is always something new to explore in Canadian Postal history.

In the next article, I propose to list the various main groups and will select one or two of the groups for more detailed description.

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