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Exhibition — A non-competitive exhibit this year only. See last month's **Topics** for suggested entries. We have available some 146 frames belonging to the Texas Philatelic Association. All exhibits under glass. There is no limit as to how many exhibits any member can show, but only one 8 page frame per exhibit. Let's cover the whole range of BNA Philately.

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Study Groups — These are under the direction of Ex Prexy Westhaver, and most likely there will be meetings on REVENUES, MILITARY COVERS, AIRMAILS, TERRITORIAL CANCELS, and others. A new innovation this year, in so far as possible, every member in attendance at these study group meetings will receive a monograph on that subject.

Direct Mailing — Watch For It! — Late June will see a direct mailing sent to every member of BNAPS. This will contain all manner of information, but most important, there will be two mailing cards,— one for reservations (to be used if you have not already made same), and one for Exhibit entry. Mail them as soon as possible.

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President's Message

The latter part of June will see the publication of the 1968 edition of the Holmes Specialized Catalogue of Canada and British North America. The foreword in this edition is of particular interest to the members of our Society and I am pleased to bring it to your attention.

"The British North America Philatelic Society is honoured by being entrusted with the revision of pricing and the addition of recent issues bringing this eleventh edition of the Holmes Specialized Catalogue up to date in 1968. We are pleased to be associated with this excellent guide originated by one of our former members, the late Dr. L. Seale Holmes, F.R.P.S.L. and acknowledge our gratitude to his son, Dr. R. Brian Holmes for his generosity to the Society and for his confidence in its members.

The publishers and the Society are indebted to the following members for generously donating of their time and knowledge in this revision.

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REPORT FROM THE EDITOR

Due to the heavy volume on the New York Stock Exchange, your editor being a stock-broker by profession has been unable to allot the required time to BNA TOPICS. The 3 week Canadian mail strike and holiday time have also hindered publication.

JOHN H. M. YOUNG, Editor

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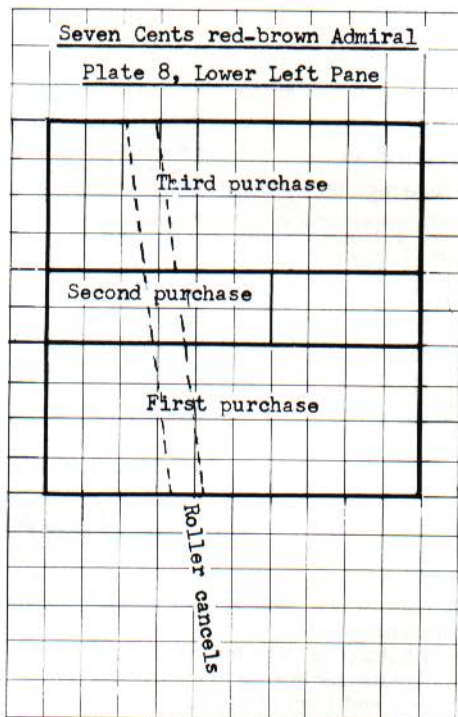
Dear sir:

I have recently experienced a quite unusual coincidence, which I think may be of interest to some of our members.

In the course of reconstructing the two plates of the Seven Cents red-brown "Admiral" of Canada, I acquired, some years ago, a block of forty stamps, being the lower four rows of the lower left pane of Plate 8. This block of forty had full gum, and was cancelled vertically with the roller cancel of Kingston, Ontario, dated March 1927. Some considerable time later I obtained, from an entirely different source, a block of twelve stamps, being part of the two central horizontal rows of the same pane, and also having full gum. Curiously enough, this block of twelve was from the same individual pane of stamps as the block of forty, the roller cancel being continuous across the two multiples.

Then, a couple of months ago, I received a letter from Mr. Jack Benningen, BNAPS 1881, of Calgary, offering me still another block of forty stamps. From Mr. Benningen's very careful description, I was able to recognize that this block consisted of the top four rows of the lower left pane of Plate 8. As I naturally needed this block very much, I asked Mr. Benningen to send it along, and I was amazed to find that it was actually from the same pane of stamps as the two previous blocks, with continuous roller cancels to prove the point. It seems well nigh incredible that this pane of 100 stamps was cancelled as a unit in Kingston forty years ago, and that 92 of the stamps have now been reunited, after having been through the hands of various owners in at least four Canadian cities. Perhaps someone has the missing eight stamps! If so, it is needless to say that I should be more than happy to hear from him, whether or not the stamps are for sale. (I attach a sketch

of my three blocks, to supplement my verbal description).



Incidentally I should like to comment on the occurrence of large blocks, such as the above, with full gum and roller cancels. These are found occasionally in the Admiral period and somewhat later, and it is my considered opinion that they were probably used in lieu of postage due stamps, in dealing with large firms who may have had quantities of incoming mail which required postage due payments. I am aware that some collectors hold a contrary view, to the effect that such stamps were unofficial

precancels, and it would be most interesting to have the views of some of our members on this question.

Yours sincerely,
F. W. L. Keane, BNAPS 565

Dear sir:

Recently our member, Frank S. Evans, wrote requesting complete series of 9 articles — PRISONER OF WAR MAIL — CANADA, authored by Col. L. W. Sharpe, E.D., Q.C. No. 395.

Undoubtedly other members may be interested in the above articles. They may be located as follows:

Part 1 Vol. 9 No. 3 March 1952 Whole No. 89 Pages 60-66 incl.

Part 2 Vol. 9 No. 4 April 1952 Whole No. 90 Pages 107-110.

Part 3 Vol. 9 No. 6 June 1952 Whole No. 92 Pages 149-154.

Part 4 Vol. 9 No. 9 Oct. 1952 Whole No. 95 Pages 261-266.

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Part 6 Vol. 10 No. 2 Feb. 1953 Whole No. 99 Pages 37-39.

Part 7 Vol. 10 No. 4 April 1953 Whole No. 101 Pages 101-104.

Part 8 Vol. 10 No. 5 May 1953 Whole No. 102 Pages 145-147.

Part 9 Vol. 10 No. 7 July/Aug. Whole No. 104 Pages 202-207.

Sincerely
C. Russell McNeil

Dear sir:

Many of our members collect Canadian Tagged stamps. If anyone has information on new unreported finds, may I suggest they write Kenneth G. Rose, writer and author of "Tagging Along" column in BNA Topics. Their correspondence should be addressed to him direct — 87 Wildwood Drive, Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

For those members who do not wish to break up their copies of Topics to secure Dr. Mercantini's 10 instalments and the following articles to date from pen of K. G. Rose, may secure xerox copies at \$2.50 per set (\$3.00 per set to non-members) prepaid from C. Russell McNeil, 187 Park St. South, Ste 3-C, Hamilton A-2, Ontario.

Sincerely,
C. R. McNeil,
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ACT OF LEGISLATURE MAKES SPELLING O.K.

Postal cancellation buffs might note that it required an Act of the Ontario Legislature to really change the spelling of a town post office.

In the 1930s the town of Smith's Falls agreed to drop use of the possessive mark in its name, at the official request of the Canadian post office.

Recently it ran into legal difficulties when the Ontario Municipal Board held up payment of Smiths Falls debentures because they lacked the apostrophe shown in the town's charter. The omission has now been approved by Act of Parliament.

A PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

Tomorrow's Trees: He was an elderly man, a bit gnarled but still sturdy and he plied the spade with vigour as he dug into the tough sod. A passing neighbour stopped, "Let me give you a lift on that. What are you doing anyway?" The older man refused the offer with firmness and dignity. "I guess I can still plant a small peach tree" he said. The neighbour laughed. "A peach tree, do you expect to eat peaches from it?" "No, I don't." There was the tolerance of eighty-odd years in the answering smile. "I don't even own this land. I rent it. All my life my work has caused me to move around quite a bit. I have been eating peaches all these years, but I can't recall ever eating peaches from a tree which I planted myself. If somebody hadn't planted peach trees, I wouldn't have had peaches. Even though I may not be around to enjoy the results of my labour today, someone else will." There is deep satisfaction in planting the seeds to nourish another generation. RAMESES TEMPLE Newsletter.

There's a moral in the above quote. Let us all work together, each in the field we are best equipped, to help those less knowledgeable, and to build for the future of PHILATELY.

The first paragraph may not be in your estimation worthy of repeating, but if we don't provide for the present and future, then why are we fiddling around with bits of coloured paper?

C. Russell McNeil 649

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The First Portion of the "E. Carey Fox" Collection Sold by H. R. Harmer, Inc.

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Buyers From Many Countries

In addition to a wide group of collectors and dealers from the United States, there were many visitors from outside including one from Italy, three from England, and three from Canada. Mail bidders were even more world-wide, the auctioneers reporting bids having been received from twenty-one countries.

Quality All Important

Once again it was quality rather than rarity that created the most excitement and throughout the sale, where stamps or multiples were in exceptionally fine condition, the prices invariably reflected the scarcity and popularity of such quality. A typical example of this was shown early in the auction when a New Brunswick three pence strip of two and one-half paying the $7\frac{1}{2}$ p. rate to England tied to a letter but not on the bisected side sold at \$700; whereas a 6p and 3p bisected, again paying the $7\frac{1}{2}$ p. rate to England attractively tied on the bisected side sold for \$3,800. A copy of the 6p in the mustard yellow shade brought \$525; another in a brownish orange shade, \$480. A superb copy on a cover tied by the scarce "Colonial Express Mail St. John, N.B." went appropriately at \$2,500. Of the scarce 1sh shades an unused bright red violet went overseas at \$3,400 and used copies of the two shades made \$1,150, \$1,050, \$825 and \$800. A copy of the dull violet used with the 3p on a small envelope to England went overseas at \$3,100. New Brunswick brought a total of \$24,431.

In Newfoundland an 1857 1p brown violet and 5p brown violet (both cut into

on a cover-front made \$400. In the scarlet vermilions a 2p used sold to Raymond H. Weill Co. at \$1,050. This had previously been sold in the Caspary sale at \$400. A second copy sold at \$850. A pair of covers to England, one bearing a 2p and a 4p and the other a pair and a single of the 2p, sold for \$5,750 and \$2,600 respectively, the first going to W. E. Lea Ltd. of London and the second to Stanley Gibbons Ltd. of London. A very attractive unused 4p exceeded catalogue at \$2,100 (Weill) and used copies, cataloguing \$750, sold at \$1,400, \$1,050 and \$1,650 (on letter). A nice 6p scarlet vermilion unused with good margins on three sides fetched close to catalogue at \$1,400. A very large margined unused $6\frac{1}{2}$ p brought \$950, a used copy \$900 and another copy on letter \$1,000. A mint sheet of 20 of the 8p almost made catalogue value at \$1,350. Bisected copies of the 8p on letters sold for \$1,300 and \$2,100, the second letter also bearing a 3p. The rare 1sh scarlet vermilion in unused condition went to England at \$2,300 and an o.g. copy with smaller margins cost a Canadian \$1,100. A used copy of this difficult stamp sold to Weill at \$1,050. In the 1860 issue the 3p green (cataloguing \$40) extremely fine on a neat envelope was bought at \$750 and in the same issue a 4p orange unused sold for \$725; a used copy on cover went to England at \$550. An unused 6p orange exceeded catalogue at \$1,000 and a used 1sh showing the paper maker's watermark passed catalogue at \$1,450 (Lea). The shilling orange bisected and used as 6p to London—an extremely rare item—returned to England at \$5,000. The popular 1861-62 1p reddish brown (cataloguing \$1,250) in o.g. condition went to Italy (Renato Mondolfo), at \$1,450. The rarity of the other values of this issue in used condition and on cover was reflected by a 5p reddish brown (cataloguing \$25) selling at \$450 when used on a cover. Used copies of the several rose values went at figures up to almost four times catalogue when accompanied by appropriate certificates. Newfoundland realized \$58,948.

In Nova Scotia considerable excitement was created by the offering of a huge mar-

gined 1p red brown showing portions of the adjoining stamps at left and right; cataloguing \$70 it realized \$475. A very attractive strip of three sold at \$700 and another strip on cover at \$800 (Ezra Cole). A superb 3p deep blue on a cover brought \$200 against the catalogue value of \$20 for the stamp, while a bisected 3p used with a 6p on mourning envelope cost Cole \$460. An unused 6p yellow green seemed reasonable at just under catalogue value when selling to Mondolfo at \$480. A copy of the 6p dark green unused and of rich color went overseas at \$1,100 against its catalogue price of \$700, while used copies, cataloguing \$175, sold at \$260 (two) and \$340. On cover copies sold at \$380 on two occasions, and a bisect used on cover as 3p to Port Hood brought \$950. A 1sh reddish violet, unused, just exceeded catalogue price at \$2,000 and was bought by a private collector overseas; used copies sold at \$975 and \$1,350. The dull violet 1sh unused brought \$2,400 going to the same overseas collector and two used copies realized \$1,550 (Mondolfo) and 1,050. The Nova Scotia group brought \$23,779 to make a total of \$107,158 for the afternoon session.

Canada Sold in Evening

At 8 p.m. the auction recommenced with almost 200 lots of Canada and once again it was top quality material, generally in the used category, that brought the surprising prices.

A very large margined 1851 laid paper 3p red described by the auctioneers as "super superb" confirmed their opinion when bringing \$600 against the catalogue value of \$125. A 6p grayish purple with some original gum reached almost double catalogue when it sold to Jim Sissons of Canada at \$3,400. Single used copies sold from \$360 downwards and a marginal horizontal pair went to Mondolfo at \$1,500 against catalogue value of \$300. A vertical strip of three cost the same buyer \$2,400 whilst a horizontal pair in the gray violet shade also went to him at \$775. A horizontal strip of three made \$1,600 and is destined for Australia. Two examples of the classic 12p on laid paper were offered both in used condition. Described as very fine, the former returned to Canada at \$6,250 and the latter with a blue target cancellation went to a southern collector at \$6,750.

In the 1851-55 Wove paper issue an unused block of four of the 3p deep brown

red showing stich wmk sold to Australia at \$2,100. Vertical pairs of the thin wove 3p in used condition ranged from \$360 down to \$115, a strip of four made \$675 and a strip of 5, \$370. A pair on cover to New York brought \$420 and a horizontal strip of 6 off cover of the scarlet vermilion shade \$575. A used block of four somewhat faulty but rare went to George Wegg of Canada at \$625. A marginal horizontal pair of the 6p slate gray with portion of imprint brought \$1,200 (cataloguing \$300), and a 6p gray with a 3p red on a letter went to England at \$600. The mint block of the 6p greenish gray with several creases one ending in a tear seemed reasonable at \$9,000 and sold to the Mercury Stamp Co. Used copies cataloguing \$250 sold from \$400 downwards with a single on cover bringing \$900 and a vertical strip on cover \$1,800. A cut into but rare used block of four of the 6p gray violet made \$1,400 despite some tiny faults.

In the 1855 thin wove 10p blue stamp, numerous copies were offered and prices ranged from \$450 for used copies down to \$110, the stamp cataloguing \$175. A used vertical strip of three with a pre-printing paper crease went to Colby at \$700, the major re-entry on a cover cost Cole \$1,300, an example of the wide stamp with a minor re-entry \$800 (Colby) and two copies on what was described as a "somewhat tired envelope" was knocked down to Wegg at \$1,050. An o.g. copy of the thick wove 10p blue sold at \$1,150, an unused copy brought \$500, the major re-entry unused but with a tiny tear \$260. A lovely o.g. horizontal marginal pair went to Italy at \$3,100 and the marginal block of four, considered to be one of the most outstanding items, sold to Mercury at \$21,000. A used single brought \$420 and a used pair \$1,000.

The attractive ½p rose stamp of 1857 was well represented. A huge margined vertical pair (cataloguing \$180) sold for \$1,050, and a used block of six from bottom left corner of sheet made \$3,800. Unused examples of the 7½p green sold for \$1,100, \$1,050, \$950 (twice); a horizontal pair with sheet margin at left went to Gibbons at \$2,900 and a block of four to a private collector at \$9,500. Cole paid \$1,250 for a lovely copy on a cover to England. George Wegg went to \$1,500 for an almost severed horizontal pair on a large part of cover.

The 1855 6p reddish purple on very thick

(Continued on page 160)

From the Treasurer . . .

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

BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, 1967

| INCOME | | EXPENSES | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Dues | | B.N.A. Topics | |
| For 1967 paid in | | Print 10 issues | \$4,165.65 |
| 1966 | \$ 157.50 | Cuts | 930.31 |
| For 1966 and earlier | 40.00 | Postage | 347.74 |
| For 1967 | 4,775.75 | Mailing Services | 279.94 |
| From Life Membership | | Mailing Envelopes | 188.41 |
| Fund | 160.00 | Misc. | 150.64 |
| Fees | 76.00 | | <u>\$ 6,062.69</u> |
| | <u>\$ 5,209.25</u> | Yearbook | |
| B.N.A. Topics | | Printing | \$1,194.51 |
| Advertising for 1967 | \$1,590.68 | Postage, Cuts, Mailing | 82.14 |
| Classified Advertising | 38.18 | Advertising Manager's | |
| Subscriptions and | | Expenses | 85.02 |
| Back Issues | 98.72 | | <u>\$ 1,361.67</u> |
| Misc. | 9.64 | Miscellaneous | |
| | <u>\$ 1,737.22</u> | Discount on Canadian | |
| Yearbook | | Funds | \$ 143.73 |
| Advertising | 923.75 | Cdn. Bank Charges.... | 14.94 |
| | <u>\$ 923.75</u> | Postage | 306.22 |
| Miscellaneous | | Printing & Stationery | 189.31 |
| Handbook Sales | \$1,713.01 | C.P.A. Audit | 50.00 |
| Sales Dept.—Income in | | Grand Award | |
| excess of expenses.. | 705.39 | BNAPEX '67 | 57.97 |
| Library—Income | 307.88 | Cost of Handbooks | |
| Misc. | 45.60 | Sold | 1,295.93 |
| | <u>\$ 2,771.88</u> | Library Expenses | 305.26 |
| | | Misc. | 18.46 |
| | | | <u>\$ 2,381.82</u> |
| | | Total Expenses | \$ 9,806.18 |
| | | 1967 Surplus | 835.92 |
| Total Income | <u>\$10,642.10</u> | Expenses plus Surplus | <u>\$10,642.10</u> |

JAMES T. CULHANE, Treasurer

Our Books were audited by James H. Degnan, C.P.A., who stated: "In my opinion, the accompanying Treasurer's Report presents fairly the financial position of the British North America Philatelic Society at December 31, 1967 and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year."

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OCTOBER 9-13, 1968

BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
 As of Dec. 31st, 1967

| ASSETS | | LIABILITIES | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|------------|
| Cash in custody of: | | Dues in advance—1968 | \$ 190.00 |
| Treasurer—On deposit | \$3,438.43 | Dues in advance—1969 | 5.00 |
| Sales Manager | 1,490.94 | Life Membership Fund | 398.00 |
| Handbook Agent | 171.73 | Accounts Payable | 1,685.59 |
| Editor | 22.99 | Surplus 12-31-66 | 3,779.78 |
| Librarian | 77.67 | Surplus for 1967 | 835.92 |
| Other Assets: | | | |
| Perfin Handbook | 363.92 | | |
| Squared Circle Handbook | 509.38 | | |
| Postal Stationery Catalogue | 52.73 | | |
| Accounts Receivable | | | |
| Topics advertising | 244.50 | | |
| Yearbook advertising | 522.00 | | |
| | —————\$ 766.50 | | |
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Tagging Along

KENNETH G. ROSE, 87 Wildwood Dr., Calgary 12, Alta.

TAGGING ALONG — No. 6

It has been several months since the last tagged article appeared in Topics — for two reasons. Firstly, another month spent in the Orient this year made my free time a little scarce, and secondly, the items of interest worth reporting have not been nearly as frequent. The first five articles were an accumulation of two or three years research, and more or less brought things up to date. Now, we are relying on new reportings only.

Mr. George Picard reports finding in current mail 3 used copies of the 4c Cameo with a single wide bar to the right of the stamp. As a single, this could be either the old wide centre bar shifted to the right, or the current type of split tagging shifted to the left, and being all on one stamp, instead of directly over the perfs. I am inclined to think that it is the latter, but of course a horizontal pair—one with bar and one without—is necessary to prove. Needless to say such a pair would be well worth finding, and we urge you to check any multiples of the 4c Cameo you may own — either mint or used. This could conceivably happen on the current 4c also.

Mr. Picard also reports, and has shown, a 3c Cameo with both vertical perfs cut off

to make it look like a coil. Luckily the small perfs show it for what it is.

Mr. E. A. Ranger reports the following mint copies of the red-violet 3c coil with one bar. UL blank block, UL narrow block, two blocks of 3, and a single. Mr. Ranger did not say, but it is assumed that these were sent from the Philatelic Section in Ottawa, and presumably were from the original strip of 20 necessary to obtain the blank block. Mr. Bileski has also "confirmed" this error, according to Mr. Ranger.

In sorting through what accumulated during my absence, I also struck it lucky on one occasion. Three more current 5c and a 1967 3c Christmas all with one bar. The latter is a new reporting, and was used, on cover, postmarked Winnipeg, Jan. 29th, 1968.

On correspondence from John M. Kitchen, two unusual items were used as postage, a current 5c, and a 1966 5c Christmas. Both were tagged, and both bore a rubber stamped "overprint" with one word — TAGGED, diagonally across each stamp. The size of the "overprint" is 15¼ x 3¾ mm. Mr. Kitchen states "You know it is not an official issue — I would liken it to Private Perfins". Without professing to know much about the law, my first thoughts about these

would be that they are illegal, and of course my second thought was one of revulsion. I cannot think how any true philatelist could deliberately deface any stamp—let alone a tagged issue—and thus render it valueless. However, as somebody once said, that is why they make chocolate and vanilla.

As a matter of interest, we now have reports of the following with one bar, where they should have two:

1954—QE: 1c, 2c, 3c, 5c; Cameo: 1c, 2c, 3c, 5c; Current: 1c, 5c.

1965—Xmas: 3c, 5c; 1966 Xmas: 3c; 1967 Xmas 3c.

This leaves only four Christmas stamps, the Centennial, and the current 2c and 3c without errors, excluding the 4c values naturally. On behalf of the BNAPS, we urge

you to report any of these stamps to the writer. We could yet end up with a complete set with one bar.

As a casual observation, isn't it nice to have an easily visible phosphor application on the 1967 Christmas issue? We hope Ottawa will see fit to continue with it.

This article ended up by being a little longer than intended, but there is no point in holding information longer than necessary. I have had requests for articles on the actual application of phosphor, as done by the Canadian Bank Note Co., and also on the mounting of tagged issues. If anyone has anything to contribute in these fields, all information would be greatly appreciated, since these articles will be forthcoming by late summer.

More Sketches of BNAPSers

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

No. 119 RICHARD M. LAMB No. 1255

This is another biography that I looked forward to doing; that of Dick Lamb, our ever-present dealer at our conventions. Quiet, courteous, and a most reputable one with whom to do business. Incidentally, your sketch editor is not "scraping the bottom of the barrel" as Dick wrote—it is quite the contrary.

He is a native of Banbury, England, being a descendant of a long line of Quakers. Like so many of us, he started collecting as a child. In 1950, Dick came to Canada and found that he enjoyed being a dealer a little bit better than collecting. Through the years he has formed and disposed of collections of classic Great Britain, Ceylon, and Barbados. He finds time to put out a most extensive listing twice a year, too.

For the last ten years, he has been at the main office of the Mutual Life Assurance Co. of Canada in Waterloo. Somewhere in between his two jobs, he finds some time for his great favorite, cricket. Then, in his "spare time", there is a half an acre of gardening at his home in Kitchener, although I feel that his wife Kathryn and two children do pitch in. Then, too, he found time to take his family to Australia in 1965 to spend Christmas with his parents. On their way home, to complete the round-the-world trip, they stopped in London and Dick loaded up with stock for his shelves.



Besides our society, he belongs to the APS, the SPS, the Royal of Canada, and the CPS of Great Britain. Just recently, Dick was elected Secretary of the Canadian Stamp Dealers Association.

We are looking forward to seeing Dick and Kay in Texas next October and hope he has some goodies for everyone.

A
Cross Roads, Country Harbour
Provisional

by Dr. Henry D. Hicks, Q.C., F.R.P.S.L.

Jarrett (page 79) refers to "unauthorized bisects" of the Victoria numeral issue which "were sometimes accepted in full payment of the rates they represented when put in the mails by collectors and dealers". However, this cover from Cross Roads Country Harbour, date stamped JA 9/99, together with Postmaster Sweet's letter written on April 17, 1900, would indicate that at least at Cross Roads Country Harbour, there was a valid reason for the use of the provisional.

The proclamation changing rates from 3c to 2c was made on December 29, 1898, to become effective January 1, 1899. As a result of this short notice, a number of post offices ran out of 2c stamps. This resulted in the famous Port Hood provisionals of Jan. 5/99, and we see here how the postmaster at Cross Roads Country Harbour, dealt with this emergency.

The 1901 census shows the population of

Port Hood at that time to have been 1891 while Country Harbour only numbered 705.

Cross Roads

Country Harbr.

April 17th, 1900.

H A McDonald Esq

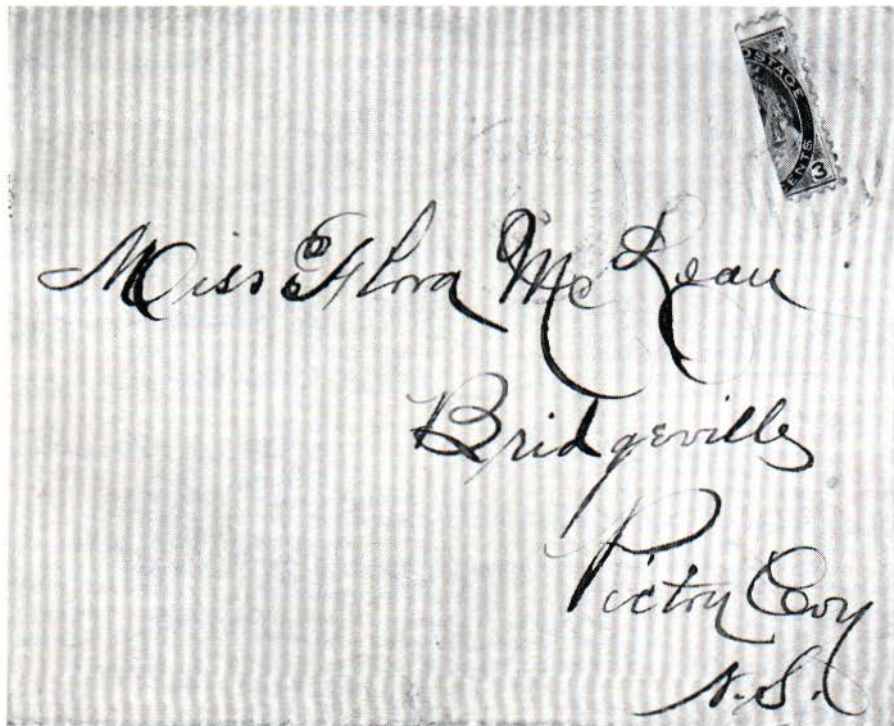
Bridgville

Dear Sir

Your enquiry re stamps to hand. At the time you mention the 2c postage was given us so suddenly that I was about out and all my neighbouring P.M.'s was also out and as I could only charge the public 2c I could not afford to put on a 3c stamp so cut 3c and 5c to about even the things up and sent them along, 3 or 4 days letters was mailed in this way but I do not know where the went to.

Yours very truly,

E. S. Sweet, P.M.



Clovelly Road
County Down
Kilpie 17th / 1930

H. C. McDonald Esq
Belfast
Dear Sir

Your enquiry re Stamps
to hand at the time you mention
the 2nd picture was given us so
suddenly that I was about
out & all my neighbouring P.M.
was also out & as I could only
change the public & I could
not afford to put on a 3rd Stamp
So cut - 3rd & 5th to show
Even the thing up ~~with~~ sent
them along, 3 or 4 days
letters were mailed with
may cut - to do not know
where the went to

Yours very truly
E. J. Sherrin

Canadian Revenue Study Group News

LEO J. LA FRANCE, 27 Underhill Rd., Ossining, N.Y. 10562

YUKON-DAWSON OVERPRINTS

In Holmes' 9th ed. 1960 a \$2.00 Black overprint on the 50c Blue Territorial Court was listed as YL 13. This was subsequently dropped from later catalogs since no one had seen a copy of the stamp. It can now be said that it does exist along with two other provisionals, namely a \$1.00 and a \$5.00, both on the 50c blue Territorial Court. The \$1 and \$5 overprints are in purple rather than the black on the \$2. The 50c is cancelled out by two horizontal bars and the new denomination is approximately in the center of the stamp with the numbers about 9 mm tall. There is only one line through the S of the dollar sign. So far all that have been seen are used and are punched with an L for cancellation.

We would appreciate hearing from anyone who can supply information as to the why and when of these stamps since at this time the above is not available.

BILL STAMPS

As mentioned in an earlier column Jim Lehr had started to collect information on

the perforation varieties, papers, etc., that existed in the various Bill Stamp issues. As many of you know the listings that have appeared over the years, such as Oughtred's in 1921, the various Marks catalogs and Holmes along with Sissons of 1964 have all listed many varieties. The purpose of the Lehr listing was to screen out the non-existent numbers and compile as nearly as possible a complete list of everything that can be proven. Jim and Ed Richardson either collectively or singly had the opportunity to examine the collections of 12 members of the Group and Jim has supplied a report on these findings to the Study Group. For a starter we'll treat only the 1st Issue Blue, Province of Canada items. Both Holmes and Sissons numbers are used since not all items are included in both of these catalogs. Where there are no marks in the columns it indicates that most of the members polled have a copy of the item. An asterisk indicates that 1-3 copies have been seen and a zero in the column indicates that to this date no copies of the item have been seen.

| Holmes No. | Sissons No. | Descrip. & Val. | Perforation Varieties | | | |
|------------|-------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------|---------|-----|
| | | | 12½ | 12½x13½ | 13½x12½ | 13½ |
| FB 1 | R 1 | 1c Blue | | | | |
| A | Not listed | Broken E in ONE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| B | Not listed | Pair Imp. Horiz. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| C | Not listed | Period after Cent | 0 | * | 0 | 0 |
| FB 2 | R 2 | 2c Blue | | | 0 | 0 |
| FB 3 | R 3 | 3c Blue | | | | |
| FB 4 | R 4 | 4c Blue | | | | * |
| FB 5 | R 5 | 5c Blue | | | * | 0 |
| A | Not listed | G for C in Canada | * | * | 0 | 0 |
| B | Not listed | Vert. Pr. Imp. Horiz. | 0 | 0 | 0 | * |
| FB 6 | R 6 | 6c Blue | | | | |
| A | Not listed | Imp. Vert. Pair | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| B | Not listed | B for P in Stamp | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| FB 7 | R 7 | 7c Blue | | | | |
| A | a | F for E in Seven | | * | | * |
| FB 8 | R 8 | 8c Blue | | | | |
| FB 9 | R 9 | 9c Blue | | | | |
| A | Not listed | B for E in Nine | 0 | 0 | * | 0 |
| B | a | Vert. Pr. Imp. Horiz. | * | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| FB 10 | R 10 | 10c Blue | | | * | |
| A | Not listed | 1st A in Canada not joined | 0 | * | 0 | 0 |
| FB 11 | R 11 | 20c Blue | | | * | 0 |
| FB 12 | R 12 | 30c Blue | | | * | 0 |
| FB 13 | R 13 | 40c Blue | | | 0 | 0 |
| FB 14 | R 14 | 50c Blue | | 0 | * | 0 |
| FB 15 | R 15 | \$1.00 Blue | | | | |
| FB 16 | R 16 | \$2.00 Blue | | | 0 | 0 |

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|------------|------|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| FB 17 | R 17 | \$3.00 Blue | O | * |
| A | a | R for P in Stamp | * | O |
| B | b | Vert. Pr. Imp. Horiz. | O | O |
| Not listed | | Imp. Single—1 copy reported | | O |

At this point we would ask all you BNAPS members who have Revenues to check your collections and see if you perchance have copies of these apparently scarce or non-existent items. If you do we would appreciate your sending copies to either Jim Lehr or myself for verification. Our thanks again for helping to write this column.

Perfin Study Group

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



PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

The interest in Perfins seems to be gaining steadily, possibly because they do pose a challenge and most of them can still be bought within a range of the average collector's reach—moneywise—as they might say on Wall Street.

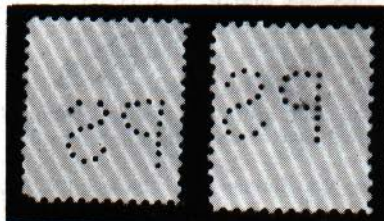
After the two types of O.H.M.S., the most popular would seem to be MD, Militia Department and ND, Department of National Defence, both of which can be included in a collection of Canadian Government issues.

Following these in popularity are LA—Legislative Assembly (Province of Ontario), PS—Province of Saskatchewan and PEI—Prince Edward Island. The departments of Government, Q/CLQ/C — the Quebec Liquor Commission, W/CB — Workmen's Compensation Board of the Province of British Columbia, CBC—Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (Crown Corporation) and the TN/OR—Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway, now the Ontario Northland Railway owned by the Province of Ontario are the next most sought after designs.

The inspiration for this introduction is the interest shown for some time in the Provincial perfin for the Province of Saskatchewan. Our column for February 1967 indicates that much mail from the Legislature post office is now paid by meter but that late mailing and mail from district offices throughout the Province still use the PS perforated stamps.

Mr. Jack Brandt first drew my attention to the fact that there are two types or two different dies used on the PS stamps as there are on BT and CNR (C21). No doubt a new machine was put into use, either because the one was badly worn or to obtain faster perforating by replacing a

five unit perforator with a ten unit one. From Mr. Brandt's collection we gather that the change was made about 1928 as he has Sc. No. 150 punched by the earlier machine but also reports that he has Sc. No. 109 and Sc. No. 119 with the type II or second machine. This overlap due no doubt to older stock still on sale in the Regina post office.



Type I
P10

Type II
P10a

The major difference is in the top loop of the letter "P". In type I the top of the loop curves slightly downward whereas in type II the first four holes are in line with the top hole of the upright stroke of the letter. Type II also had a rounder appearance and there is a slight difference in height. Type I measures 8½ mm. minus and type II—8½ mm. plus.

The illustration on page 23 of the handbook is correct for P 10, the first machine, so the second machine can now be listed as P 10a.

Mr. Brandt and Mr. J. C. Thauberger, BNAPS No. 2177 have also added to the list of PS Perfins. Sc. numbers 200, 293, 321, 399, 415, 434 and 435.

BT. This seems to be a good time to correct an error in the handbook. Mention of B 10 above reminded me that someone goofed, the someone probably me.

The illustration of B 10 on page 13 and

B 10a on page 27 are the same die and both are B 10a. The different dies of B 10 were first reported in Topics of July/August 1957 and for convenience are again illustrated and differences noted.



B 10

B 10a

B 10—

- (1) The vertical stroke of the "T" is centered under the crossbar.
- (2) The top of the letter "B" curves downward after the first hole from the

vertical row.

- (3) The hole forming the crossbar of the "B" is horizontally placed opposite the fourth hole down of the vertical stroke.
- (4) The crossbar consists of one hole horizontally from the upright.

B 10a—

- (1) The vertical stroke of the "T" is centered slightly to the right of the center of the crossbar.
- (2) The top of the letter "B" curves down after the second hole from the vertical row.
- (3) The hole forming the crossbar of the "B" is slightly lower than the fourth hole down of the vertical stroke.
- (4) The crossbar has two holes horizontally from the upright.

B 10 will be found on the 1912 to 1926 issues and B 10a on subsequent issues.

Some Canadian Postage Stamps

by C. F. Black

There has been little, if any, reference in philatelic literature to a book bearing the above title, produced, in two editions, by the Queen's Printer. The pair make a unique contribution to government encouragement of stamp collecting.

The foreword in each edition reads as follows:

"The growing interest in Canadian stamps, both at home and abroad, has created a need for this Souvenir Stamp book. The stamps and brief description of each have been arranged to satisfy this demand and, in the process, perhaps stimulate new interest in Canadian issues."

Both editions are lavishly produced, with fully bilingual texts. The arrangement provides for the display of a block of four un-hinged mint stamps in superb condition on a page, protected by a plastic mount, with further protection provided by a full page-size plastic sheet. Opposite the stamps is a short article containing some information about the stamp itself and about the subject of the design, supplemented by an appropriate illustration.

The first edition was produced in 1964, and was described as a prestige souvenir book for collectors. There are 21 different stamps displayed, from the 1959 Powered Flight stamp to the 15c regular issue of 1963 showing four Canada geese in flight.

The total value of the stamps is \$4.60. The sale price of the book was \$12.50.

This edition was quickly sold out, partly because one dealer made a large purchase. This incident gave rise to a question in the House of Commons by Mr. Frank Howard. In the answer provided by the Secretary of State on November 4, 1964 it was revealed that 996 copies were produced, of which this firm had obtained 350.

At that time it was also stated that the Queen's Printer was negotiating with the Post Office Department for the stamps that would enable the preparation of a further edition. The second edition, which is similar in arrangement, appeared in 1965. The principal differences were in the colour of the cover and in the stamps. In the first edition the cover had been maroon, in the second, dark green. The first of the 21 stamps in the revised edition was the Arthur Meighen commemorative of 1961 and the last, chronologically, were two values of the 1964 Christmas issue. The total face value was \$4.12, and the price of the book, \$15. This edition is still available from the Queen's Printer. It has not been revealed how many were produced.

These largely unknown books should be of interest to collectors of Canadian stamps, as they are legitimate and attractive additions to any collection.

The Canadian Stamp Collector

GLENN F. HANSEN, No. 2203, 375 Jefferson Ave., Winnipeg 17, Manitoba

Prince Edward Island, which joined Confederation on July 1st, 1873, is Canada's smallest province. The island lies in the Gulf of St. Lawrence and is only 130 miles by 34 miles in size. Postal rates in effect in 1861, when the colony issued its first stamps, were 3d for local mail, 6d to any State in the United States except California and 9d to any other British Colony. A special rate for soldiers of 1d for each letter prepaid was also used.

Chas. Whiting, of London, England designed and produced the first series of stamps which were of 2d, 3d and 6d denominations. The electrotype process was used for these and all other Prince Edward Island stamps except the 4½d Brown which was engraved by the British American Bank Note Co., of Montreal and Ottawa and released in 1870. The first issue was perforated 9 and the paper used was of a very poor quality so that very few single copies of these rather ugly stamps exist without tears.

The second issue from the same printer exists in many perforations and an abundance of shades for each value. This set was issued in 1d, 2d, 3d, 6d and 9d values between 1862 and 1865 with a 4d stamp being added in 1868. The 4½d already mentioned was brought into use to take care of a reduced rate on mail to the United Kingdom.

In January, 1872 a new issue using decimal coinage, which had been adopted the previous year, was introduced. Values were 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 6c and 12c. As Canada was to absorb the colony the following year the life of this series of stamps was very short and a large stock of remainders were on hand at the time of federation. Total face value of these remainders is said to have exceeded \$90,000.00 but the stock was disposed of in 1874 for \$1,100.00. It is these stamps which are still finding their way onto the market that are keeping the value of mint Prince Edward Island stamps at a low level.

In total only sixteen major stamp varieties were issued. Specialists, however, recognize at least eighty-five varieties while the method of production of all but the 4½d of 1870 leads to each stamp on a sheet, and there were 120, being different. Basic design of the stamps varied little from stamp to stamp each using a profile of the Queen facing left. The 4½d of 1870 bears a striking resemblance to the 5c New Brunswick issue of 1860 and shows the Chalon portrait of the Queen which was also used on Canada's 12d Black and 7½p Green.

Prince Edward Island provides a very good field for the specialist with a fair source of funds who is interested in perforation and shade varieties and in plating varieties as well.

Forged Stamp Found in Canadian Mixture

by Arthur W. McIntyre

Some weeks ago Trapton Smith of Berkeley, Michigan, BNAPS 589, discovered an odd looking Canadian four-cent stamp and set it aside from the Canadian mixture he was sorting.

After reading the writer's story of the big Montreal forgery of Cameo 404, the Elizabethan issue, in April TOPICS, he sought out the oddity. Examination convinced him that it was a forgery or counterfeit.

He had soaked it off paper which bore no postmark. Lower part of the stamp shows four wavy lines of a machine cancel.

Mr. Smith supplies this description, "This stamp was a pinkish carmine color, truly

lithographed or offset printed, and poorly perfed, especially on the sides. Size of the design is 0.805 by 0.675. The field has a blotchy mottled appearance under a glass, not at all resembling the beautiful cross-hatching of the original.

"While you may have reports of other copies being discovered, the likelihood is slight as little attention is paid to the regular issue. My fondness for the Cameo issue and search for marginal corners probably led to my discovery."

Two of the criminal trials scheduled have resulted in the acquittals of an accused man and a woman arrested in connection with the seizure of the forged stamps.

Historical Survey of Canada's Century Seen in its Postage Stamps

by Donald Jean

PART I

Nine months after Confederation, the first stamps for the prepayment of postage were issued by the Canadian federal government in March 1868. On July 1, 1867, passed by the British parliament, the British North America Act, established the Dominion of Canada. It was approved and signed by Queen Victoria. This was the Empire's golden age—"Britannia ruled the waves", "the sun never sets on the British Empire", and the Noble Queen was more than the senior dignitary.

And so, the first adhesives bore her image and continued to do so for 33 dreary years. The only deviation was the Christmas issue of 1898. It was the three color, Mercator projection map of the world which also presented Canada's extension of penny postage to all the Empire.

Four "firsts" this stamp made: a change in postal rate, printing process, subject and multicolor. The entire was prepared by the American Bank Note Co., Ottawa, the blue of the ocean was done by electrotype, as was the red of the Empire, and the black by intaglio.

It took another 41 years before a bicolor design was released. It was just before the outbreak of World War II, the carmine and black for the Royal Visit of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth. The then Queen, is now the Queen Mother. Elizabeth II is her daughter.

A decade after the map stamp the monotony was broken by the Quebec Tercentenary series. It celebrated the birth of that city by Samuel de Champlain in 1608. His picture appears on the one cent value.

SAMUEL DE CHAMPLAIN

Following an abortive effort to commence a colony at Port Royale in Nova Scotia, he moved up the St. Lawrence River to be nearer to the potential fur trade. A stockaded fort and habitation which he built at Stadacona, the 5c demonstrates Champlain's drawing of "L'Abitation"; the 10c shows the town in 1700. It thrived about his original settlement near the Indian village.

He faced grand problems, Champlain was a vigorous and persistent leader. These included the difficulty in procuring settlers,

the dependency on France for most of the needed supplies, and the pre-occupation of others with fur trading to the exclusion of all else. But he was the Father of "New France" and quite an explorer.

The 15c denomination has Champlain starting out for the "West". Accompanied by a group of Indians, he set forth in birch-bark canoes, adventured up the Ottawa River, and traversed over to Georgian Bay. They then went down the Trent system to the Bay of Quinte and Lake Ontario. Here he was caught in the fall freeze-up and wintered with his party.

However, he made a grave mistake. He took the liberty to be talked into joining the Algonquins in traversing the lake and attacking an Iroquois village. They were frightened by the French gunfire, which they had never heard before and fled in sudden fright. It won him the implacable animosity of the Six Nations alliance which from then on were staunch allies to the south.

JACQUES CARTIER

The Mariner of St. Malo (1491-1557) discovered the St. Lawrence River and spent the winter season of 1535 at Quebec. His companions endured tremendously from that disease common to sailors in those days, scurvy, due to a diet of hardtack and salt meat. The friendly Indians managed to recover most of the men with a tea made from tree bark.

Cartier's picture is on the 1c Quebec Tercentenary with Champlain, and his three vessels are shown on the 20c stamp of that set. The "Hermione" was constructed in a smaller replica and put on exhibit at Expo 67.

Cartier's resemblance was employed on two values of the Province of Canada, the 10 pence and 17 cent. Canada released a 3c commemorative showing the captain with members of his crew aboard the "Hermione", in 1934, a 400th anniversary.

Cartier didn't attempt a lasting settlement in the new world. France left the country unexplored for some three-quarters of a century.

In recent years, four marked figures of

the French regime have been honored postally with 5c commemoratives. Was recognized in 1960, Jean Talon, Intendant of Quebec. He is shown speaking to a colonist and his wife, indicating that executive's interest in encouraging many wanted husbandry.

Dollard des Ormeaux was also honored the same year with a stamp. He was the hero of the battle of the Long Sault rapids on the Ottawa river. Against a background of Iroquois braves, Dollard is pictured with a raised sword. In 1660, his post staved off a surprise attack on Montreal, and gave the settlement time to get its defenses ready.

In 1958, a stamp on Pierre Gaultier de Variennes, sieur de la Vérendrye was issued. It shows the memorial of the explorer which is at St. Boniface, Manitoba. Musket in hand, Vérendrye is standing beside a tired companion who is seated, head in hands. In the background are shown the Rocky Mountains which he discovered.

He explored vast regions of the Great Plains of Canada and the United States. His birth was in 1685; he died in 1749.

In 1666, three centuries after his coming in New France, the post office department honored René Robert Cavelier, Sieur de La Salle who supervised the Building of Fort Frontenac on the present location of Kingston, Ontario, and later became its governor. (Count Frontenac, governor of New France and who commanded the construction of the fort, along with other outstanding French Canadians, has not so far been honored with a commemorative.)

La Salle engaged in the fur trade, explored the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers to their mouths, and claimed all the territory west in the name of the king of France. For this he was named Governor of Louisiana.

Returning from France he overshot the mouth of the Mississippi, and returning overland, he was assassinated by one of his company.

The remains of a wooden ship's hull was found offshore on Lake Huron, some years ago. It was believed to be La Salle's ship "Griffin" out of Green Bay, Wisconsin.

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Constant Plate Varieties of the Canada Small Queens

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THE TOP ROW OF THE FIRST

2c PLATE

Both panes of 100 subjects each of the Small Queens' earliest 2c plate underwent a number of metamorphoses until the practical end of that plate's lifespan, somewhere in the mid-eighties. Since imprint material is in extremely short supply, it might be of interest and possible research value to specialists if today we gather photographs of important multiple pieces of this first plate, and briefly trace its evolution.

A very early state is represented by the block of fourteen, perforated 11½ x 12 (Illustr. 1), from the left pane. Note the strong shading around the "TWO CENTS", as well as the central imprint sloping sharply downward to the right. This sloping imprint of the "M. & O." left pane top marking persists throughout the life of the plate. There are examples of re-entered imprints among the Small Queens, but somehow this

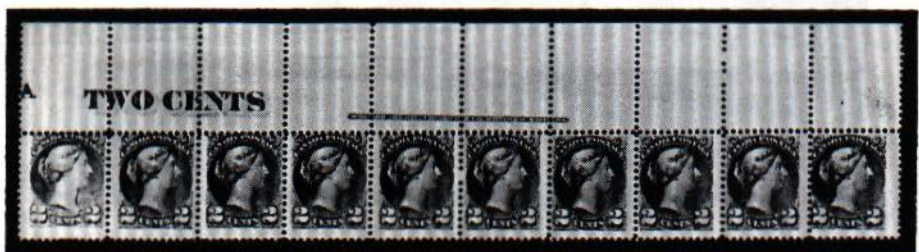
one was overlooked. I consider it one of the most carelessly placed—or registered—imprints of the entire issue.

This block is free of re-entries, and the guide dots at the lower left of all subjects save those in the first vertical row, are very small though distinct. This block, emanating from a famous collection, shows clearly defined dots of fair size in the margin directly above the centre top oval of plate positions 4 and 7. This variety has been known to specialists for decades, and in view of the evidence was probably present at first printing.

Illustration 2 shows the left pane again, but in a new state. The general impression is worn when compared with the earlier block, most noticeably in the "TWO CENTS" shading. A new set of very large position dots has been superimposed over the originally fine dots of positions two to ten, and the letter "A" struck in the top margin, left of the counters. The plate—



Illust. 1



Illust. 2



Illust. 3

or pane—has clearly been re-entered, and position No. 10 is rather prominent (Illustration 3). This strip is of the exceedingly rare intermediate state of the left pane: "A" has been added and No. 10 shows the re-entry, but the reversed "R" at right has not as yet been struck in the top margin. Illustration 4 shows a corner strip from what almost certainly was the last state of the plate. Position No. 10 shows the re-entry precisely as before, the position dots are the same, but the "R" has been added.

For those who understandably—due to the paucity of material—have always somehow doubted that the first 2c plate was larger than 100 subjects, illustration 5 should be both proof and pleasure. This top block of fourteen has the imprint properly rocked in, for some unknown reason has one "TWO" for a counter, and sports plate inscription "B" at the upper right corner, which letter, incidentally, is unlisted by Boggs for the "M. & O." plate.

Thanks and appreciation are due to the owners of certain of the pieces shown, who wish to remain unnamed and whose help made possible today's report.



Illust. 4



Illust. 5

C.P.R. View Cards - An Updating

by Horace W. Harrison

Horace W. Harrison, BNAPS No. 1501, is currently engaged in a project to update the listings of the Canadian Pacific Railway View Cards. He has already seen the collections of Bill Norman, Ray Peters, and Ed Richardson and finds that **none** of these, nor his own, contain any of the cards on the following list. If any member has one or more of these cards in his possession, please write to Mr. Harrison at Box 5780, Pikesville, Md., U.S.A., 21208, preferably enclosing the card or cards in question. He will return them by Registered Mail and reimburse you for the postage expended in sending them to him.

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| Card: View in Green, Queen Victoria 1c Red | Recorded by: |
|---|-------------------------|
| 1. Banff, with C.P.R. in Roman Type | Holmes & Higgins & Gage |
| 2. Banff, with no inscription near stamp | Bond |
| 3. Fraser Canon House, Gothic Type | Holmes & Higgins & Gage |
| Canadian 15 mm. long | |
| 4. Vancouver Hotel, Gothic Type | Holmes & Higgins & Gage |
| Canadian 7½ mm. long | |
| Card: Multi-colored Views | |
| KGV 1c Red, Bi-lingual inscription, Die B or II | |
| 5. Windsor Station Dining Room | Bond, Holmes, H & G |
| 6. Windsor Station Lunch Room | Bond, Holmes, H & G |
| KGV 1c Red, Vert. & Horiz. Lines, Die B or II | |
| 7. Mt. Stephen House | Bond, H & G |
| KGV 2c Red, Vert. & Horiz. Lines, Die B or II | |
| 8. Banff | Bond, Holmes, H & G |
| 9. Place Viger | Bond, Holmes, H & G |
| 10. Windsor Station Dining Room | Bond, Holmes, H & G |
| KGV 1c Green, Blank Card, Die A or I | |
| 11. Chalet Lake Louise | Higgins & Gage |
| 12. Mt. Stephen House | Higgins & Gage |
| 13. Windsor Station Lunch Room | Higgins & Gage |
| Card: Sepia Views | |
| KGV 2c Red, Vert. & Horiz. lines | |
| 14. Giant Steps, B.C. | Holmes, Higgins & Gage |
| KGV 2c Green, Horiz. line only, Die B or II | |
| 15. Chateau Lake Louise, B.C. | Bond, Holmes, H & G |
| KGV 2c Green, Blank Card, Die B or II | |
| 16. Chateau Lake Louise, B.C. | Bond, Holmes, H & G |
| 17. Windsor St. Station | Bond |

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HISTORICAL SURVEY — (Continued from page 156)

sin, which was lost with a precious cargo of furs, he had planned to use to pay his creditors in Montreal.

350 years after Quebec's founding, the profile of Champlain shows on a 5 cent design of 1958. From the Lévis side of the river, in the background, one can see the present day view of the Citadel. The 1935 \$1 stamp has his monument on the heights overlooking the St. Lawrence.

He didn't find his long sought passage to China, after which he named his estate "La Chine".

Two French explorers have been honored on United States stamps. Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac, founder of Detroit in 1701, and governor of Louisiana. After the defeat of Montcalm at Quebec in 1759, the fort became British and stayed so until the war of 1812-14 when General Brock secured its surrender by a wily bluff.

The defenders, thinking he had a much

greater force than the small group of Canadian militia, Indians and British regulars, capitulated without firing a single shot. Cadillac is shown landing at Detroit in the 1951-3c stamp. In the background appears as seen from the Windsor, Canada side, the skyline of the present city.

Jacques Marquette (1637-75) Jesuit explorer and missionary, is shown, leading a group, on the banks of the Mississippi, on the one cent of the Trans-Mississippi Exposition series of 1898. He demonstrated the practicality of voyaging by water from the St. Lawrence to the Gulf of Mexico, with Louis Jolliet.

The pictures of Generals Montcalm and Wolfe, the military commanders at the Battle for the Plains of Abraham, are on the seven cents value in the 1908 Canadian Tercentenary set. The defeat of its forces brought an end to the French regime in Canada.

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soft wove paper catalogues \$400 but a lovely copy with a green cancellation went up to \$1,800 before being claimed by Colby. A copy untied on a cover sold for \$1,000. In the perforated issues a mint block of the ½p went to Canada at \$2,100, a copy on a neat wrapper also crossed the border at \$340. The 3p red in a never hinged block off center but believed to be unique also went to Canada at \$3,200 (Sissons). A combination cover of the 3p perforated and 3p

imperforate cost Robert Lyman \$725.

Mercury paid \$4,200 for a horizontal marginal pair of the 6p brown violet formerly in the Burrus Collection; a vertical pair on cover with one stamp torn sold at \$1,150 (Wegg). The figure for the evening of \$263,363 compared with the auctioneer's estimate of \$247,500.

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