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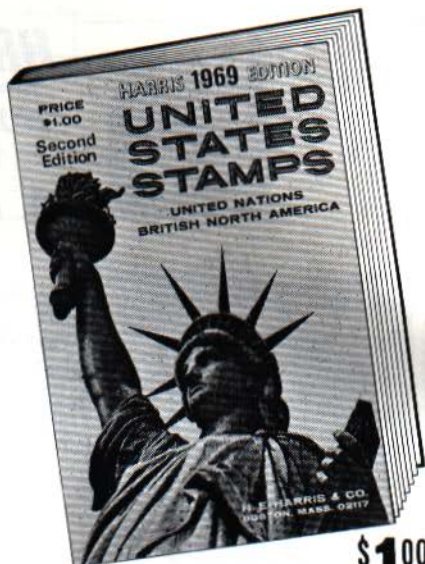
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# THE *Editor's* MAILBAG

Dear Sir: January 11, 1969

There has now been time enough for those interested to report on my list of C.P.R. View Cards which appeared in the June-July and August 1968 issues on pages 158, 159, 183 and 184. To date, only one card, previously recorded and not present in the 5 largest collections, has been reported. A member in the U.K. sent me No. 9, KG V 2 cents Red, Vert. and Horiz. lines, Die B or II, Place Vigar Hotel. The existence of this card leads me to believe that others previously reported may also exist and I would like to appeal to the membership to get out the June-July and the August 1968 issues and review their holdings to make sure that they hold none on the lists. If they discover that they have one or more, please send to me by Registered Mail to Box 5780, Baltimore, Md. 21208, U.S.A. and I will return the same way, reimbursing for the postage expenditure.

Horace W. Harrison

Dear sir: Richmond, 1-19-69

You will find enclosed more information to be recorded in TOPICS.

There's been a discovery, concerning the 5c John McCrae stamp, of two very interesting "o" varieties which are called: 1—"The Thick Floating 'o'" and 2—"The Thin Floating 'o'" which appear on some sheets (not on all); only a small quantity of sheets were discovered with these, so, you collectors, look through your stamps to see if you have any (these varieties appear only in the green portion in white).

A "stab" at the cause of the variety is that a piece of dried paint or lint adhered to the printing plate, and eventually got pulled or rubbed off. Another suggestion is that a "blister" or droplet of liquid caused the "o".

The first mentioned trouble of a foreign object adhering to the plate is known in the printing trades as a "lickie". Sheets containing this variety are finding a ready market.

Sincerely,  
DONALD JEAN,  
BNAPS 2156

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## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PAST PRESIDENT

Many of you will be wondering why your copy of TOPICS has been so late in reaching you these past few months and I feel that the membership is entitled to an explanation along with my request that you bear with us, your officers, with consideration.

I think we are all familiar by now with the poor service given second class mail by both the United States and Canadian P.O. departments but this is only one of our present problems.

TOPICS was not issued in October. For some reason there was insufficient articles and columns on hand for an issue so our editor had to combine the October and November issues which because of our many problems was eventually put in the mail on December 6th.

If these reasons are not enough we might have been able to have done better but early in October our editor asked to be relieved of his duties due to extreme pressure of business and it is only because of his devotion to the Society that he has been able to carry his job as editor during the period in which we are trying to find a replacement.

John has now held this appointment for seven years and has earned the congratulations and thanks of us all for his contribution to B.N.A.P.S.

The second class mailing privilege which we enjoy from the Canadian P.O. Department has been cancelled as of March 31st.

This message as well as being an explanation is an appeal for a volunteer to undertake the job of editor and a further appeal for writers to send in articles and columns. Don't wait for someone to make a personal request of you. This is your Society and you should feel that you can be a part of it by contributing something to it. Mail can be sent to the Editor, c/o Mr. V. G. Greene, 77 Victoria Street, Toronto 1, the chairman of the editorial board.

In closing may I express my thanks and appreciation to all the elected and appointed officers for their support and devoted service for the past two years.

To the members, please remember that all your officers serve on a purely voluntary basis contributing of their time and talents for love of the Society. Give them

your support at all times and your sympathy in times of tribulation.

To the new Board and appointed officers, may your next two years be as pleasant as mine have been and may you enjoy a successful term of office.

Faithfully yours,  
R. J. WOOLLEY

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## *President's Message*

Things are looking better all of the time for BNAPS. First, there was such a good response for the articles needed for the Linns Weekly Stamps News BNAPS Edition for the end of March. I feel that the comments will be most favorable and that the publicity will do our organization much good.

Next, a wonderful response to pleas for more articles for TOPICS. It has been most heartwarming to see so many come through for the "good of the cause".

Jim Lehr had an exceedingly good year with the Sales Circuit and the society treasury was fattened a wee bit.

Stewart Kenyon reports nothing but good news concerning our library and if one will notice the fine listing of books and articles in our library, they might take advantage of our lending service and enhance their philatelic knowledge.

At the present, the Board of Governors are being polled concerning an increase in dues of \$1.00 for next year. Printing costs are up, as are the cost of mailing under the new postal laws. The rules of second and third class mails are so restrictive PLUS the great delay in delivery, that this increase will permit us to send TOPICS first class and eliminate the postal law headaches and complaints (many, I might add) of late delivery. We might have a few dollars left over so that we might be able to use more illustrations with our articles and upgrade the lifeblood of our Society—TOPICS. We will keep you informed as we go along this year.

We have suffered some severe losses in our membership—noticeably Clare Jephcott, Ken Day, Ben Jacobson, and Colin Makepeace. All of them will be missed.

ROBERT V. C. CARR,  
President

# Plate Varieties of the Two Cent Stamps 1912-1922

By Edward J. McGrath

The Original Die. 1912-1913. Plates used.

Date of Approval	Plate Number
1911	
Dec. 4 .....	1- 4
1912	
Feb. 12 .....	5- 6
March 21 .....	7- 8
May 4 .....	9-12
July 12 .....	13-14
August 16 .....	15-16
Sept. 18 .....	17-18
Oct. 17 .....	19-20
Oct. 30 .....	21-22
Nov. 28 .....	23-24
Dec. 17 .....	25-26

On the stamps from plates 1 to 4, used in Jan., Feb. and March, the frame lines enclosing the four spandrels are very light and thin. The color is a dark carmine rose. A large position dot can often be seen in the inner white oval at left center while a mere speck of a position dot can sometimes be seen in the outer white oval, opposite the larger one.

No retouches or re-entries have been noticed on stamps dated in Jan., Feb. or March.

The main plate varieties that can clearly be distinguished from one another are the relief breaks in the outer frame line of the right numeral box. These breaks are due to this line being weaker than the same line of the left box, a condition that must have been on the die itself. These two features, a strong outer frame line on the left numeral box and a weaker one on that of the right box, are also very evident on many stamps from the retouched die, from 1913 to 1922.

On a stamp dated Jan. 15, '12 and another of Jan. 24, '12 I have noticed a very small break in the outer frame line of the right numeral box. It is a fifth of a mm. from the top.

Here is a list of the common to scarce relief breaks in the outer frame line of the right numeral box. They are described and classified into types in the order of their appearance, with dates given for their period of normal use. Since I have not seen any of them with a plate number I cannot indicate what plates they are from.

Type 1. Small break or potential break one third of a mm. from the top and opposite the top of the figure "2". Earliest date: March 18. Second earliest: April 6. It can frequently be seen during April, May, June and July and to a lesser extent during August. By September it has become scarce to rare.

Type 2. Small but clear break at the top only, one fifth of a mm. wide. My earliest date for this is July 22. The next is July 30. It occurs in August, September, October and November. By December it has become scarce to rare. It is much less common than Type 1.

A minor variety of Type 2 is one with the break about half as wide. Another variety only shows a potential break of the same width as the second.

Type 3. Three small breaks at the top, the frame line like two dots between them. Earliest date: July 11. I have only five other July dates and just three in August. Rarely seen after August. I consider this type as very scarce.

Type 4. Small break one fifth of a mm. at the top and another one half of a mm. from the top. Earliest date: August 13. Continuous thereafter until the end of October. A common variety.

Type 4A. Same as Type 4, but with a nick in the UR corner of the outer frame line. Earliest date: Dec. 25. Common in Jan. and Feb. 1913. Scarce in March and April. A scarce variety.

Type 4B. This is also like type 4 except that the break at the top is about twice as wide. Earliest date: Jan. 17, 1913. Common in February and March. Scarce to rare thereafter. A scarce variety.

Type 5. Faint frame line at the top, followed by a very short line like a dot and then a very short break. Earliest date: Sept. 17. The next is Oct. 2. It saw constant use in October; less constant in November, and becomes rare thereafter. Another scarce variety.

Type 6. Very short line at the top like a dot, followed by a break and then a line and then another break three quarters of a mm. from the top. Earliest date: Oct. 18. It



saw only infrequent use from that date until the end of November, after which it becomes rare. A very scarce variety.

Type 7. Wide break or potential break at the top, followed by a line and then a break three quarters of a mm. from the top. Earliest date: Oct. 26. Appears very infrequently during Nov., Dec. and early Jan. 1913. A very scarce variety.

Type 8. Long faint line followed by a short line and then a very small break or potential break, followed by a very short line like a dot and then a short break. The final break comes lower than any of the others. Earliest date: Dec. 3. Can be seen frequently in December but less so in January, 1913. Scarce to rare thereafter. A scarce variety.

These eight types of relief breaks in the right numeral box line produced a third to one half of the stamps used from July, 1912, to March, 1913. Regarding their appearance on a plate, I have a horizontal strip of three and each stamp is Type 4B. A horizontal pair shows a copy of Type 8 while a vertical pair consists of two of Type 8.

Compared with these relief breaks, retouches are far less numerous. They occur mostly in the outer or bottom frame lines of the numeral boxes and at the top of the upper right spandrel line.

Re-entries are far less numerous than retouches. The most striking are those that appear in the "CA" of "Canada" and in the "E" of "Postage" and in the white

space of the inner oval opposite "CA" at the left and "E" at the right. I have several of them. One is dated May 18, '12. All are about the same color, a light carmine rose. Another outstanding re-entry is one that covers the entire right side and shows well in the crown and the horizontal lines of shading of the upper right spandrel and in the maple leaves and to a lesser extent in the horizontal lines of shading of the lower right spandrel. The color of this stamp is a rose red.

Hair Lines: My earliest date for a stamp with strong hair lines is March 28, 12. They occur infrequently on stamps dated in April, May, June and July. After the second week of July they are rarely seen according to the dated copies in my collection.

To return to the colors of the stamps, for the first three months it is a dark carmine rose. From April to July the color varies from pale to deep. After July the carmine rose shade becomes scarce and a rose red and a rose scarlet become common. My earliest date for the rose red is July 9th; for the rose scarlet, July 10th. The Stanley Gibbons Colour Guide has been my color reference.

This article will be continued with the plate varieties on stamps of the retouched die in 1913. While writing this a very fine article on the plates of the original die appeared in the December issue of *Maple Leaves*.

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## *Editorial News*

February 14, 1969

Mr. G. B. Llewellyn,  
Chairman, Board of Governors  
Dear Mr. Llewellyn:

Further to my letter of October, 1968, I hereby make my resignation as Editor of *BNA Topics* final. I have recently been made a partner of Bache & Co. Incorporated, and the added responsibilities require more of my time.

This matter has been discussed with the

Chairman of the Editorial Board, Mr. V. G. Greene, Immediate Past President, Mr. R. J. Woolley, Mr. Fred Jarrett, member of the Editorial Board and after discussions with Mr. McNeil, I have stated that the February issue is type set and corrected, waiting for my time to do make up. I will complete this immediately and then turn over all my files to Mr. Woolley here in Toronto, so that a contact can be maintained between the Society and Mission Press. The March issue is presently in the process of being type set at Mission Press.

Yours sincerely,

JOHN H. M. YOUNG

# Canadian Revenue Study Group News

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

## MORE ON ALBERTA HUNTING STAMPS

Thanks to Jack Folinsee we add more info on the listing of Alberta hunting stamps. The following lists the 1967-68 issues and where possible the colors:

### Resident Issues:

\$2.50 Bird Game—pale pink with bright pink letters—red serial No.

\$5.00 Big Game—Same color as 1965 issue except red letters a different shade.

\$3.00 Whitetail Deer—turquoise green with yellow green letters and red serial Nos.

\$3.00 Mule Deer—Orange with bright orange letters and red serial No.

\$7.50 Sheep—light grey with black letters and red serial Nos.

\$7.50 Goat—light blue with dark blue letters and red serial Nos., this is the same as the 1965 issue.

\$7.50 Caribou—no information.

\$7.50 Grizzly—no information.

### Non-Resident Issues:

N.R. Big Game—\$75.00—no information.

N.R. Alien Big Game — \$150.00 — pale orange pink with turquoise blue letters and red serial Nos.

N.R. Whitetail Deer—no information.

N.R. Alien Game Bird — \$25.00 — light purple with dark purple letters and red serial Nos.

N.R. Canadian Game Bird—\$5.00—light brown with dark brown letters and red serial Nos.

N.R. Special — \$25.00 — canary yellow with black letters and red serial Nos.

Any info that can be supplied for the missing colors, etc., will be greatly appreciated. Jack has been one of our stalwarts in supplying information on the Alberta Hunting issues and we could sure use more like him.

## 5c Imperforated — 3 leaf excise Sissons R-340

Although code precancellations are found on this stamp both in normal and inverted positions, Earl Pigott has sent one along that has a precancel "246" and 6-10-D, doubled, one in normal and one in the inverted position.

Such stamps were used on cigarette papers and tubes and may be found either

with letter cancel such as "AKB" or with numerals. You might look through your collection and maybe come up with a number of varieties that would make a pretty page in your album.

## CANCELLATIONS ON REVENUE STAMPS

While the following may be old hat to some of our died in the wool revenue collectors it may be of interest to some of our newer devotees.

Cancellations play an important part in the endeavors of the fiscal authorities to prevent the re-use of revenue stamps. As stated in Holmes', that as part of the statutes of June 30, 1864 when taxes were imposed to cover bills of exchange, etc., that stamps were to be affixed and cancelled by signature, part of signature or initials. This accounts for the fact that most of the Bill issues are at least pen cancelled. Some banks also used rubber stamps as cancelling devices. Law stamps of either the Dominion or the Provinces are normally cancelled with a punch. Some other issues may also be punch cancelled. So it is well to bear in mind that all three types of cancellation may be found and that on some issues it may even be a combination, also some stamps will not be found with other than a punch cancel.

As an example of steps taken by Canada's National Revenue department to see that there had been no misuse of excise stamps previously used on document, Earle Piggott, No. 629, reports an experience he had. Some few years ago, following the visit of an excise inspector, he was called upon to produce a few revenue stamps that had been detached from stock sales contracts some seven years earlier. Fortunately for Earle these stamps were still in his collection and as the punched cancels consisting of three rows of two perforations matched the perforated holes in the contract vouchers, the inspector was satisfied with the evidence produced and returned the stamps to him.

Well enough for now and let's keep the info coming so we can pass your finding along. Thanks to all again.



## LOOKING BACK

By Fred Jarrett

I was born in 1888. Who cares? I do, that's who! Because I have just found an 1888 Scott's catalogue among my souvenirs, and the thought comes to me that my old man might have collected stamps instead of lottery tickets, and left a note in his will that the stamps were for Freddie. The whole caboodle wouldn't have cost him the price of a case of whiskey.

Here's the list, omitting items that cost less than ten cents, like the 10c Consort:

	1888	1969
3d laid .....	\$ .60	\$135.00
3d wove .....	.15	37.50
3d perf. ....	1.50	50.00
6d laid .....	2.50	165.00
6d wove .....	2.00	165.00
7½d green .....	5.00	350.00
10d blue .....	2.50	185.00
½d pink .....	.75	100.00
½d perf. ....	2.50	150.00
17c 1859 .....	.25	20.00
1c 1868 laid .....	10.00	500.00
3c 1868 laid .....	1.50	75.00
8c Regis. ....	.40	50.00

\$29.65    \$1982.50

No value was given for the 12d but I have an early letter in which a customer balked at paying \$125.00. The 6d perf. was recognized as a rare item, and was not priced. The 1c 1868 laid paper must have been scarce. Who could have foreseen that its value would increase 50 times, even though it carried the highest valuation on the list.

The catalogue itself compares with the stamps—heavy board covers with leather corners and back—price 25c. Oh, well, I missed the boat too, but I did get started soon enough to buy Quebecs from the post office for 61c that now catalogue \$65.00.

—Fred Jarrett

## PRE-STAMP AND STAMPLESS COVERS OF CANADA

By V. G. Greene, L40

Reprinted from Popular Stamps, May, 1942

For a proper study of the pre-stamp and stampless covers of Canada it is necessary to have a copy of Jarrett's BNA catalogue (1929) and "Handstruck Stamps of the British Empire", published by Robson Lowe Ltd., London (7/6).

Pre-stamp covers are those post-marked

before April 23, 1851 when the first postage stamps were introduced in Canada and stampless covers from that date until October 1, 1875 when the prepayment of letter by postage stamps was made mandatory.

In the pre-stamp period covers from 1840 to 1851 are comparatively common but previous to 1840 are scarce and before 1800 and containing postal markings, are rarities.

Stampless covers from 1851 on are common and can be picked up for 10c each and less. If you intend to collect this class of material the things to look for are, clear impressions of the postmarks, fine clean appearance of cover and scarcity of postal markings. In this latter category are "Ship letter, Quebec" (1825), "Steamboat letter, Montreal" (1849), "Steamboat Kingston (1843), "Steamboat Letter Hamilton" (1846-54) (very rare), and many others. An interesting and scarce post-mark is "Paid at Quebec, L.C." with Crown, commonly called "Crown-in-circle" postmark, used at Quebec from 1842-1849. Many postmarks of the "Crown-in-circle" type were used in other British Colonies and Ports that were served with the British mail boats at the same period and all are rare and in keen demand by specialists. Also interesting are "Across-the-border" covers showing the rates payable in Canada and the United States, generally written in manuscript, and the postal markings of the two countries.

The collector of the stampless cover period has practically an unlimited field regarding postmarks: "Paid 5", "Paid 3" (many varieties of each; paid "7"; 3d in circle; "6d"; "Paid 10"; "Registered" (many types) are some of the common postmarks but an "Unpaid 7" cancelled by "Free" or four-ring numeral cancellation is scarce, indicating the letter had been addressed to one of the Government offices and therefore travelled free but the Postmaster had marked it "Unpaid 7" and noticed his error later.

Government and official correspondence was not liable for postage and many Franks exist such as "Legislative Assembly", "House of Commons", "Senate", "Indian Department", "Marine and Fisheries", etc., all of which are interesting and if found on early covers are quite good.

This is only an outline of a very interesting sideline of philately and is gradually receiving more attention from the serious student of Canadian postage stamps.



# Report from the Library

STEWART S. KENYON, 15205-74th Ave., Edmonton, Alta.

## WANTED FOR THE LIBRARY

We require copies of the Auction Catalogues and Prices Realized for the Harmer, Rooke & Co. Inc. sale of the Dr. Lewis L. Reford collection during 1950 and 1951. Would any members having spare copies of any of these items please contact the Librarian? A record of the sale of a collection of this magnitude should certainly be a part of our Library. Photostats of the prices realized would be a help to us if no spare copies can be located.

## LYMAN'S BRITISH NORTH AMERICA POSTAGE STAMP RETAIL CATALOGUE; 1969 Edition.

The 1969 edition of this invaluable guide to the retail prices of the stamps of British North America, has been issued and will be available from your dealer by the time this appears in print. Over the years this catalogue has become the main price reference for dealers and collectors alike.

This edition is reported to be the largest single printing ever, which speaks well for its popularity. There are a total of 1,693 price revisions. Of these, 1,197 are in the issues of Canada, 22 in British Columbia, 415 in the stamps of Newfoundland, 26 in New Brunswick, 23 in Nova Scotia and 10 in Prince Edward Island.

You are recommended to pick this catalogue up from your dealer at the low price of 60c or it may be obtained by writing to Robert W. Lyman (Canada) Company, Box 23, Station D, Toronto 9, Ontario.

## WHAT'S IN A NAME

For those who are interested in place names, this 128 page book travels through the Province of Saskatchewan and tells the story behind 679 different names. One example: "The story goes that Ardill was so named because of a Cockney Englishman who claimed that the road up from the river to the settlement was a "damned 'ard 'ill for his team to climb". Fact and legend combine to make this book extremely interesting and a welcome addition to Canadian literature.

Many of the references are to early Post Offices and Postmasters and should prove

useful to the student of early Western Postal History.

Published by Western Producers, Saskatoon, copies may be obtained from the BNAPS Library for the price of \$2.00 each.

## PRICED CATALOGUE OF POSTAL STATIONERY OF THE WORLD, by Edward G. Fladung

Section 10 of this catalogue has now been issued. This section covers the postal stationery of countries in the alphabetical grouping from Jamaica to Kuwait.

The previous high quality is maintained and collectors of postal stationery will find it most useful and informative. There is the usual abundance of illustrations. It will be noticed that there are no countries in the B.N.A. group covered by this section.

Included with Section 10 are 13 pages of additions and amendments to previous sections. There is one change in the post cards of Canada which calls for the deletion of three items originally listed.

Copies of this section of the Catalogue may be obtained from Higgins & Gage, Incorporated, 23 North Santa Anita, Pasadena, California. Price for Section 10 is \$3.00.

## CHECK LIST OF CANADIAN OFFICIAL STAMPLESS COVERS SINCE 1963, by William Pekonen

This is the first book of its kind and the first attempt to classify the official stampless covers into an understandable, identifiable abbreviated system.

The 66 page booklet covers all the Government Branches and lists the various postal markings used by each branch. It was, of course, in 1963 that the use of adhesive stamps overprinted "G" was discontinued and official correspondence no longer required postage stamps.

Included in this book is a valuation guide for pricing. This would appear to be most useful to those collectors of present day official postal markings.

Interested collectors should contact Mr. R. J. Woolley, Apt. 206, 1520 Bathurst Street, Toronto 10, Ontario as these are being handled through the BNAPS Handbooks Committee. Price is \$2.00 per copy postpaid.



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## The 1968 Christmas Stamps

The assembly of the 1968 Christmas collection was one long involved adventure, full of quick decisions, and split timing.

Due to an unusual political situation in 1968 and projected postal rate changes, the usual 3c and 5c Christmas values that were to appear in October never did come out. The 3c in fact wasn't even printed. The day of issue was postponed to November 1 and all that appeared on this date was the 5c value and a \$1.00 booklet which contained 2 panes of 10 stamps each. No tagged stamps for Winnipeg use came out. Nothing else, and we thought that was all there was to be for 1968!

My first intimation that there was going to be rather a strenuous period ahead was when I started to arrange to have some of the 5c booklets get first day cancellations. The discovery that there was 2 kinds of 5c booklets and that for the first time in Canadian postal history, Canada has left handed booklet panes and right handed booklet panes.

In fact until they read about it in some stamp magazine or other publications, most Canadian stamp collectors are still not aware that we now have 2 different varieties of 1968 booklet panes. They are doled

out to post offices in packages that contain only one type; in fact an entire city or even huge postal districts covering thousands of post offices may have only one variety. So how is one to know what does exist? There has been no official advice from any source at least up to the time this is being written.

Even with this discovery I and most everyone else in Canada thought that was it as far as 1968 Christmas stamps were concerned. After all there was not much time left in which to use them for 1968 Christmas. But within a week rumors began to seep around and then there was a further announcement from the Post Office; the deluge was for November 15. On that day there would appear the 5c Tagged, the 6c plain, the 6c Tagged, and the 5c Tagged \$1.00 booklets. (Still not a word about left handed and right handed booklets but we knew what to expect). All this information reached collectors about 3 days before issue so there must have been some frantic scrambling to arrange for first day cancellations.

For the first day cancellations, no one else in the world could duplicate it from any other source, certainly not with Winni-

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# More Sketches of BNAPSers

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No. 126 DR. SOICHI ICHIDA No. 2126

When we think of BNAPSers, we usually conjure up an Englishman, Canadian, or an American—but we forget, sometimes, that collectors in other countries might be interested in BNA material. So it is with the subject of this SKETCH. Here is an eminent collector of Japan, Dr. Soichi Ichida, who was introduced to BNAPS by our own Lewis Ludlow.

A life long resident of Tokyo, the doctor received his metallurgical engineering training and his doctorate at the Kyushu Imperial University. Immediately after the war years, he was the Vice President of the Amagasaki Iron and Steel Co. He has held other positions in the Japanese steel industries during which time he also lectured at Tokyo University. At the present, he runs his own consulting company.

Lewis Ludlow has made the doctor better known in the English speaking countries by doing the English versions of the doctor's two books: "The Cherry Blossom Issue of Japan" which won the Crawford Medal of the Royal Philatelic Society, and "Sumi-roku" the 6 sen native paper published this year. Both of these books were arduous undertakings—two and one half years to do the first book alone! An earlier book "Dragon Stamps" has not, I believe, been translated into English.

Dr. Ichida has many other hobbies in which he has become deeply involved. A sport enthusiast since college days when he was team captain of the University football squad, he has been a member of the International Football Assoc., an advisor to the Japanese Football Assoc., and, more



recently, a member of the National Olympic Committee. With this and his business, the doctor figures he has travelled over 750,000 miles. Some years ago, he discovered sculpturing and is now an Executive Member of the International Modern Sculpture Federation, Paris.

Dr. Ichida was raised as a photographer's son should be, so we add that to the many facets of his life. He is married, his wife having an education degree, and there are two children. His married daughter lives in Vancouver and we are naturally urging him to attend our show next fall when he might visit both his daughter and we BNAPSers. If he comes, I feel that we will have the honor of meeting not only a brilliant philatelist, but also a gentleman of great culture.

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peg first day cancellations and Winnipeg in this instance is most appropriate, not only because the Tagged stamps are used only

in Winnipeg; the original of the Eskimo carving on the 5c stamp is in the Winnipeg Art Gallery.

Donald Jean, BNAPS 2156

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# The New Postal Rates

By Terrence Belford  
From The Globe and Mail

## SOME JOURNALS MAY DIE WHEN MAIL RATES RISE

**How many missed this two-page article relating to postal increases and as it affects many large distribution magazines and journals?**

Some publications produced by Canadian professional organizations face cutbacks and possible oblivion when the federal government's postal rate increase becomes effective April 1.

The new rates increase postage from 1.75 cents a pound to 5 cents for the first two ounces and 3 cents for each additional two ounces. Periodicals with a circulation greater than 10,000 are entitled to a reduction. They will cost only 4 cents for the first two ounces and 3 cents for each two additional ounces.

Where associations once paid 2 cents a copy for the return of address labels on undeliverable copies, they will have to pay 10 cents. In addition, association-produced literature will no longer be entitled to second-class mailing privileges that insured priority treatment.

Through these and other measures the post office expects to reduce its operating deficit in the year ending April 1, 1970, to \$40-million from a projected \$130-million deficit without the increase.

The Westerner, official publication of eight Prairie livestock groups, which has a twice-monthly circulation of 3,758, is one casualty.

William Bradley, publisher and editor, said postal charges for mailing each issue would increase from \$5 to \$187.50.

Financial support for the periodical has come from membership fees paid to the organizations it represents and from private subscriptions costing \$3 yearly and \$5 for two years.

The Cattle Breeders and Swine Breeders Associations of the Prairie Provinces, the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association and the Alberta Sheep Breeders Association now will be without a publication that provides information and education.

But not only small groups are feeling the

pressure of higher postal charges. The Canadian Medical Journal will be dealt a blow by the April 1 rate changes.

Dr. Arthur Kelly, managing editor, expects postage fees to increase to \$140,000 a year from the present \$18,000.

The Journal has been circulated under subsidized rates as second-class mail since its initial publication 57 years ago, and has a weekly circulation of 23,000. About 2,000 of its subscribers are from outside Canada.

Dr. Kelly says the Journal was prepared to accept a 100 to 200 per cent increase, and he is in favor of balancing budgets, but he feels an 800 per cent increase is more than can be borne without a disastrous effect on publication.

Postmaster-General Eric Kierans told doctor-MPs who pleaded for the Journal that the new rates would mean an extra charge of \$1 per CMA member a year. If the Journal is of extreme scientific importance to doctors, they are not going to let \$1 stand in their way.

By Dr. Kelly's arithmetic, the extra charge for postage would be \$6 a member a year.

To continue providing a service, the Journal may have to revert to monthly or semi-monthly publication. An alternative would be to increase association membership fees and then have the association increase publication grants. Doctors pay \$40 a year to the CMA, which includes the cost of a Journal subscription.

To Dr. Kelly, the increase is, in effect, a tax on education. The specific purpose of the CMA's Journal is to keep doctors informed of the latest medical developments and to generate an inter-specialty communication.

There is no other Canadian publication that would fill the gap if the Journal reduced or curtailed its publishing activities; the magazine is the only national forum for important medical papers.

Provincial publications and specialists' periodicals will suffer more than the wealthier national ones, and Dr. Kelly envisages the collapse of publications that cater to anaesthetists, psychiatrists and other specialists.

Arnold Raison, managing editor of the three official publications of the Canadian Pharmaceutical Association, is concerned about what he considers a cavalier attitude on the part of Mr. Kierans.

The association publishes the Canadian Pharmaceutical Journal, a monthly founded in 1867 and believed to be the oldest continuous Canadian professional magazine, the Canadian Journal of Pharmaceutical Science, and a catalogue.

Last year, about 10,000 pharmacists paid \$15 a year in fees to the association. Of this, \$34,274 was spent on production of the Canadian Pharmaceutical Journal. Postage charges for the year were \$1,860. The estimated 1969 production costs of the magazine are \$40,000, with postal costs about \$11,759, about 29 per cent of the production costs. It has a circulation of slightly more than 10,000, and the difference between bulk and regular rates may save the publication.

Fees for mailing the Canadian Journal of Pharmaceutical Science, Canada's only bilingual pharmaceutical sciences forum, will be \$113.16 for 275 copies, compared with \$35.37 a year ago.

Mr. Raison says the association cannot afford to further subsidize all three publications. An increase in membership fees was voted down recently and increased postal rates may result in suspending any publication that is not near self-sufficiency.

Who will fill the void if professional magazines collapse? Mr. Raison suggests U.S. periodicals would have no difficulty

running several thousand extra copies for consumption in Canada.

Renny Englebert, editor of the Canadian Chartered Accountant, with a circulation of 10,000 is reasonably sure his magazine will survive the rate rise. But he can see smaller ventures folding, leaving a gap in Canadian professional communications.

"It's a terribly grim picture. Our postage costs will increase by \$38,000."

The Canadian Chartered Accountant averages eight ounces in weight. According to the new rates, postal charges for each copy would be 13 cents and the monthly bill would rise from \$175 a month to more than \$1,300.

Selling more advertising or increasing advertising rates are pie-in-the-sky hopes. There is a limited amount of advertising revenue available to professional magazines and any increase in rates would turn away some of the present advertisers. Additional advertising also could push up the total weight of the publication and place it in a higher postal charge category.

Mr. Englebert has been trying a number of tricks to reduce weight: trimming the paper, using less glue and printing on a lighter stock.

No concerted effort has been made by the publishers of association journals to influence the Government to rescind or revamp new postal rates, although approaches are being made by individual organizations. Mr. Englebert doubts these will be effective. He considers the increase a *fait accompli*.

## EDITORIAL BOARD

Until such time as we are able to appoint a new editor, the editorial duties are being carried by a committee of three.

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# The Canadian Stamp Collector

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## NEWFOUNDLAND

Besides the three varieties of type on the overprint of 1897 several other collectible items exist. A sans-serif "C" on one stamp in each sheet of 100 and a wider spacing between "one" and "cent" are known as constant plate varieties. One sheet was overprinted in red in error and another was overprinted in red and then overprinted again in black. It is also possible to collect blocks of four of this stamp consisting of two Type I's, one Type II and one Type III or two Type I's and two Type II's and finally, two Type I's and two Type III's. Of all of the foregoing the last would be the most valuable, something in the area of about \$150.00 to \$200.00 minimum at auction.

A Royal Family set was produced in 1897-1898 and consisted of the following; ½c, Edward VIII as a child; 1c, Queen Victoria; 2c, Edward VII as Prince of Wales; 3c, Queen Alexandra as Princess of Wales; 4c, Queen Mary as Duchess of York; 5c, King George V as Duke of York. This set was produced by the American Bank Note Co., New York and was perforated 12.

In 1908 a map stamp showing the main island appeared in a 2c value. The colony had begun penny postage with certain other parts of the Empire in 1898 and this stamp, issued ten years later, complemented Canada's map stamp.

In 1610 King James of England had granted John Guy a charter to colonize the island from Cape Mary to Cape Bonavista and to celebrate the 300th Anniversary of the event Newfoundland issued a new set of eleven values. The stamps were prepared by Whitehead, Morris & Co., of England. This firm had never printed stamps before and the result was a lithographed effort that was far from satisfactory. King James, John Guy, Francis Bacon, King Edward VII and the Duke of York (George V) all are shown on various values of the set as well as the Arms of the Colony, Guy's ship "Endeavour", views of Guy's two colonies (Cupids and Mosquito) and views of a logging camp and a paper mill operation. These last two scenes were probably intended to show the progress in the colony since Guy's colony was established.

Perforation varied on these lithographed stamps and many varieties exist due to the inexactitude of lithographic printing. In 1911 engraved versions of all values from the 6c upwards appeared, perforated 11. Both the Royal Family set of 1908 and the Guy sets, lithographed and engraved, exist in imperforated varieties. In some cases varieties are known entirely imperforate, imperforate vertically and imperforate horizontally. All of these versions should be collected at least as pairs.

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Effective January 1, 1964

## BNA TOPICS

Official Journal of the British North American Philatelic Society

### ADVERTISING RATES

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# The Early Post Offices of Norfolk County

By Max Rosenthal

The first white settlers came to Norfolk County in 1789. In 1795 Governor Simcoe made a visit to Turkey Point, and reserved it as a site for the town of Charlotteville and a military post. Laid out in 1798, it became a few years later the capital of the newly created District of London. In 1815 the District headquarters were moved from Turkey Point to Vittoria. There the first post office in the county was opened in 1816. It bore the name Long Point. There were only nine post offices in all of Upper Canada, and it was one of the links in the postal route from Niagara to the Detroit River. Its name was changed to Vittoria in 1819, after the scene of one of Wellington's victories in Spain.

In 1826 the capital of the London District was moved to the Forks of the Thames, around which the city of London was to grow up. So ended Vittoria's importance. The Ontario Archives has a letter sent by James Fraser, Jr., Vittoria to the Surveyor-General, Thomas Parke, Kingston, on April 14, 1842. In the postmark on the front VITTORIA appears in thick lettering at the top, breaking a small double circle at the bottom. The date is handwritten, in blue. Another letter sent from Vittoria two days later to the Surveyor-General, by Thomas W. Walsh, enclosing his bond to become a surveyor, has the signature of postmaster Simpson McCall as a guarantor. Walsh mentions that McCall is postmaster of the village "he being a gentleman in every respect responsible as a surety as he is the owner of a considerable real estate in this district."

The Talbot Road, now Highway 3 in much of its route, was laid out by Governor Simcoe's secretary, Colonel Thomas Talbot. It was surveyed by Colonel Mahlon Burwell in 1811.

Waterford began in 1797 with the arrival of settlers from the United States, including Job Slaght, who built the first log cabin where Nanticoke Creek can be forded. Soon afterward Paul Averill dammed the stream and built a mill. In 1800 the settlement was known as Averill's Mills. Before 1820 Job Loder came and purchased the mill and engaged in merchandising. In 1830 his nephew James Loder Green came to Waterford and took over his business. Water-

ford post office was opened in 1826. About 10 years later Green became postmaster. In 1840 the post office was closed, but reopened the next year.

The first building in Simcoe probably was the saw and grist mill built by Aaron Culver, who came about 1800. In 1815 William Bird built a store, and the name Birdtown was given to the hamlet. Duncan Campbell came from Montreal in 1820 and took over the Bird store. By the time that the neighborhood was deemed worthy of having a post office, in 1829, there were actually two villages. There was a small group of houses in the south section with the Culver mill as its center, while almost a mile north at Colborne Street another hamlet encircled a mill on the Lynn River, established by John L. Davis.

Campbell at the south voted for the name Simcoe, James Kirkpatrick of the large general store in the north for Wellington, but there was already a village of that name near Picton which was soon to get a post office. Simcoe won. The new post office was opened in 1829 on the northeast corner of Argyle and Norfolk Streets. Campbell was postmaster in the small white cottage which he had built until 1851. In the Ontario Archives is a letter sent by the Thomas Walsh mentioned before to Surveyor-General Parke from Simcoe on May 19, 1842. The postmark is typical of the decade, with SIMCOE, U.C. in large letters breaking a double circle, and manuscript date. A letter from Thomas Allchin to Parke, sent on July 5, 1842 still has a handwritten date in the postmark, but another sent by him on August 20 already has the date set in type.

A mile above Lake Erie, close to a ford in the Lynn River, a grist mill was built in 1801. Dover was one of the first hamlets in Norfolk, on the high ground at the head of Main Street in the present Port Dover, where the road branches northeasterly. After the War of 1812 the inhabitants rebuilt nearer to the lake shore, at a good harbor at the mouth of the Lynn River. In 1828 Colin McNeilledge rebuilt the saw and grist mills at Dover, and their products were teamed to the river mouth to be loaded on ships. In 1830 came his brother Captain Alexander McNeilledge, who men-



tioned in his writings "the store by the dwelling at the mills." There in 1831 was established the Port Dover post office, with Colin McNeilledge as postmaster. That year he and a group petitioned for the incorporation of a company to develop Port Dover harbor. Apparently by 1835 the harbor had made progress, because in that year a new village was laid out, adjacent to the harbor. The Ontario Archives has a letter sent by McNeilledge to the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Peter Robinson, Toronto, on March 28, 1834. The postmark on the front is a large double circle enclosing PORT DOVER, U.C., and manuscript date. It is completely in red.

Sovereign's Corners was the original name of Delhi, on the upper waters of Big Creek, down which logs were rafted, after Frederick Sovereign, one of its leading pioneers. After he laid it out it was called Fredericksburgh. However, when it got a post office in 1831, there was already another one with that name elsewhere in Upper Canada, so it was named after its township, Middleton, a common practice then. In 1853 it was renamed Delhi.

Another post office appeared in 1831 which at first was called after its township was Walsingham, at the eastern boundary road and the 2nd concession road. The village had originally been called Cope's Landing, from the Copes, who were among its first settlers. About 1870 the post office was renamed St. Williams, perhaps from William Gillaspay. He owned land there as far back as 1810. In 1863 Stephen Brown bought portions of lot 13 in concessions 5 and 6, South Walsingham. He laid out a place called Brownstown. A post office was opened as Pleasant Hill. In 1876 its name was changed to Walsingham Centre. Later the Centre was dropped, and there was again a Walsingham post office.

In 1819 John Dutcher bought part of lot 16, concession A in South Walsingham Township. It was only a little while until the place where the road on the east side of the lot intersects the Front Road was called Dutcher's Corners, but the post office opened in the 1840's was called Port Rowan, from Captain Rowan, secretary to Sir John Colborne. Another post office opened in that decade, Normandale, was named for Joseph Van Norman. There were large deposits of bog iron around there. As far back as 1819 William Mason had built a furnace there, the first successful smelter in

Western Ontario, making ironware. Van Norman carried on these works later.

In 1851 appeared the first post office in Houghton Township, having the name Houghton, on the shore road at the 8th sideroad, and the first one in Windham Township, Windham Centre, at the corner of the 6th concession road and the 11th sideroad. Rowan Mills opened on the 2nd concession road in South Walsingham, west of Big Creek in the early 1850's. Known earlier as De Blaguier's Hollow, its mills were run by Farmer and De Blaguier, the latter becoming its postmaster. Around 1870 its post office was closed but soon reopened. At the same time in this township was established Port Royal, where the road along the lake shore crosses Big Creek.

In the early 1850's Clear Creek was opened in Houghton on the shore road east of the 7th concession road, Boston, in Townsend Township, 7th concession road and 12th sideroad; Hartford, east boundary road of Townsend and 4th concession road; Forestville, 1st concession road and 6th sideroad, Charlotteville Township; Villa Nova, 9th concession road and 18th sideroad, Townsend; Silver Hill, west boundary road of Charlotteville and 8th concession road. Bloomsburg, on the present Highway 24 in lot 4 north of the 12th concession road in Townsend, opened in 1853. The first store and post office were opened the same year in Lynedoch on the 12th concession road, Charlotteville, at Big Creek. Phillip Wilson built a mill there in 1812.

In 1795 Samuel Ryerse, while making his way up Lake Erie, came to a place where a stream flowed into Lake Erie, and landed there. His name came through an error by a clerk in spelling it that way instead of Ryerson in his military commission. The first store in Port Ryerse was opened by him in 1835. Where a post office was established in 1854 William H. Ryerse became postmaster. In that year was also opened North Walsingham, at the corner of the 12th concession and 12th sideroad. In 1862 it was renamed Langton. Rockford, named after a small falls on Nanticoke Creek, appeared on the north side of the 11th concession road of Townsend in lot 22, and Spring Arbour on the 5th concession road in lot 10 of South Walsingham. Guysboro' opened in Houghton in 1855 at the corner of the Talbot Road with



the road in lot 1. After 1870 its name was spelled Guysborough.

About 1860 were established in Townsend Township: Renton, on the west side of the 12th sideroad north of the south boundary road; Townsend Centre, at the corner of the 9th concession road and the 11th sideroad. During the 1860's came: South Middleton, where the 4th concession road meets the south boundary road of Middleton; Marston, in North Walsingham, on the 10th concession road in lot 5; Stisted, in South Walsingham, at the 2nd concession road and the 12th sideroad, closed in 1875; Glen Meyer, east boundary road of Houghton and 14th concession road, named after George Meyer. Kinglake was opened in Houghton at the corner of the Concession Broad and the 13th sideroad. It was closed in 1875 and reopened in the early 1880's.

In Townsend also appeared Round Plains, at the western boundary road and the 7th concession road, and Tyrrell, at the 13th concession road and the 12th sideroad. Windham Township got Atherton, on the present Highway 3, in lot 31; Bookton, on the slated road in lot 27, concession 4; Lynneville, corner 11th concession road and 6th sideroad; Ranelagh, north boundary road and 18th sideroad, moving into Burford Township, Brant County in the 1890's, Teeterville, where Big Creek crosses the county road in concession 5. In 1853 George Teeter bought the site of Teeterville and established saw and grist mills. He laid out a village in 1859 and opened the post office in 1862. Charlotteville Centre was the name of the place at the corner of the 6th concession road and 12th sideroad whose post office was named Walsh after the Walshes, of whom surveyor Thomas was mentioned earlier.

Around 1870 were opened in Middleton Acacia, at the corner of the present Highway 59 and the western boundary road, closed in the early 1880's, and reopened in the 1890's, and Ronson at the corner of the 20th sideroad and the Talbot Road. Bealton, at the 3rd concession road and the 18th sideroad of Townsend was named after the Beals, settlers there. It was closed in 1874 and reopened in 1887. Brandy Creek was established in Windham where the county road in lot 19 crosses the 9th concession road. Kelvin moved across the boundary road from Burford Township into

Windham Township, at the corner of the 12th sideroad.

John Nickerson owned land on the 12th sideroad of Windham in concession 13. When the Great Western Railway was built through there he laid out a village which he called Nixville. A post office was opened in 1875 spelled Nicksville, shortened in 1876 to Nixon. Also opened in 1875, in Charlotteville, was Glenshee, on the north side of the 9th concession road, in lot 2.

In 1877 opened in North Walsingham Wilson, on the 14th concession road slightly west of Venison Creek, and, in Houghton, Hemlock, in lot 4 on the lake shore road. Wilson was closed in the early 1880's. Ellaton, in Windham, at the corner of the 11th concession road and the 12th sideroad, was at Gibson Station, on the railway west of Lynnville, named for the Gibsons, who ran a sawmill nearby. It was named for William Gibson's daughter Ella. Also in Windham appeared La Salette, on the 8th concession road in lot 23, and Vanessa, where the present county road slants across the 4th concession road in lot 6. Woodhouse Township had Lynn Valley opened, at the 4th concession road and the 2nd sideroad.

The early 1880's saw Carholme opened in North Walsingham, at the 10th concession road, in lot 20; also Wycombe, at the corner of the 14th concession road and the 18th sideroad. In Houghton appeared Beech Lane, at the 2nd concession road and the 10th sideroad, and Cultus, and the 6th concession road and the 7th sideroad. John L. Buck, school teacher, and Rev. Thomas Chamberlain evolved the name Cultus to express the cultural standing of the Laycock settlement. In Townsend Township Wilsonville was opened at what is now the corner of Highway 24 and the 3rd concession road, named after James Wilson, who had settled in 1844 at the corner, and became a member of parliament. Woodhouse got Varency, at the 5th concession road and the 18th sideroad.

Only a year after the first permanent settlement of Norfolk the Mabees had come. John Mabee kept a store on lot 146 on the north side of the Talbot Road, where Mabee post office was opened in the late 1880's, in Middleton. In Houghton appeared Frogmore, at the 3rd concession road and the 13th sideroad; in Woodhouse Victor, at the

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# Perfin Study Group

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For many years this perfin has intrigued me partly I think because the same perfin design appears on United States postage stamps of the same period and is unidentified in the Perfins Club catalogue.

Our identification of Alberta Railway & Irrigation Company of Lethbridge, Alberta was confirmed from the Post Office Department list of permit holders. In an attempt to learn something of the company I appealed to Mr. L. F. Gillam, F.C.P.S., whose book "A History of the Canadian Railway Post Office" was published in October of 1967. As this company did not use a R.P.O. marking I understand it is not included in the book but Mr. Gillam was kind enough to supply the following information. A predecessor company did not have a perforating machine but I am sure that the history of the Alberta Railway and Coal Company should be interesting as part of the early development of the railways in the opening up of the Canadian West.

## ALBERTA RAILWAY & COAL CO.

Incorporated 1884 to build from Medicine Hat to coal mines on the Belly River and to Fort McLeod, BUT contingent on the failure of the NORTH WESTERN COAL & NAVIGATION CO. so to build. The latter did build from Dunmore near Medicine Hat to Lethbridge (109 miles) and the line was opened for traffic in 1885 (narrow gauge). It was purchased by the Alberta RAILWAY & COAL CO. in 1891. The latter was leased to the CPR in 1893 when plans were laid to build on from Lethbridge through the Crows Nest Pass to meet the CPR transcontinental at Hope or Odium, B.C.

During subsequent years the CPR leased a number of railways which had been incorporated to build in Alberta and British Columbia and using their charters on through the years but it was not until 1915 that the through line from Dunmore to

Hope, B.C. was finally completed. Sections of it were in operation long before this, of course. The original 1893 lease expired 1897 and the CPR then bought the line.

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## ALTA. RAILWAY & IRRIGATION CO.

Incorporated 1904 to amalgamate with the ALBERTA RAILWAY & COAL CO. and to assume the name of Alberta Railway and Irrigation Co., also to amalgamate with the St. Mary's River Railway and the CANADIAN NORTHWEST IRRIGATION CO. and to assume the rights, etc. of the three named companies. In 1912 the Alberta Railway and Irrigation Company was leased to the CPR for 99 years and by this time lines had been built or were being built from Lethbridge to Coutts, Stirling to Glenwood and from Raley to Whisky Gap all in Alberta.

These are extracts from the Statutory History which gives no dates of building in most instances — only dates of incorporation.

The CPR took over from 1st January 1912.

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From these notes it would seem that the ARI perfin could have been used between 1904 and 1912 which coincides with the period of any Canadian issues so perforated and recorded.

The question still remains as to why this company punched the USA stamps of the same period. As the period was the period of development and expansion of the railways both in Canada and the United States and Canadian companies were in dire need of finances it is possible that the ARI company either had an office in the United States or enclosed reply paid envelopes in their promotion literature to encourage replies.

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4th concession road and 17th sideroad. In the 1890's Victor became Marburg. In the 1890's were opened: Rhineland, in Middleton, at the 2nd concession road south of the Talbot Road and the 35th sideroad; Tain, in Charlotteville, on the 5th concession road, in lot 2, Erie View, in South Walsingham, concession B road and 6th sideroad; Fair Ground, in Houghton, 3rd concession road and 7th sideroad. The latter was so called because it was the place where the agricultural shows in Houghton were held.

In the 1900's was established Blayney, in Charlotteville, at the 9th concession road and the 9th sideroad, and Nober moved west from Walpole Township across the boundary road into Townsend, at the 9th concession road. At the 8th concession road and the 18th sideroad of North Walsingham Ambrose was opened in 1908. When a post office was asked for the name suggested was St. Cuthbert. However, one of the petitioners, J. W. Hutchinson, suggested to the Post Office Department that it be Ambrose, and this was accepted.

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