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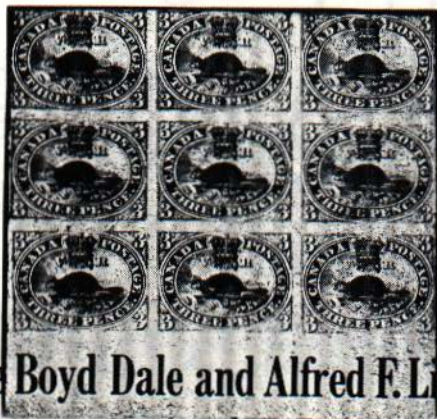
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Message from the President

DR. ROBERT V. C. CARR, 117 Robin Hood Way, Youngstown, Ohio 44511

It is with great regret that we must announce the death of our beloved Jim Culhane. Jim was our faithful Treasurer for 10 years and did a terrific job of it. He will be missed by all of us who knew him so well.

We are so fortunate that Leo LaFrance

was so gracious to begin the takeover of this task and we do thank him.

We are still awaiting word as to the prospects of a new editor and are most hopeful that we will know soon as Bob Woolley will soon be resigning.

THE Editor's MAILBAG

From The Newsletter

Published by The Stanley Stamp Co.

WHY . . . was there such a change in the appearance and format of Canadian stamp booklets in the past year?

In a letter dated 10th January, 1969, the Post Office Department tells us: "The main difference in the cutting of current and former booklet panes is that booklets are now made from rolls of stamps and covers, rather than from sheets. A machine has been specially designed to produce stamp booklets in the folded format. A roll of stamps is attached to a roll of cover material in a pre-determined position by moistening glue on the blank hinge strip at the top of the stamps. The cover paper is scored in the centre to facilitate folding. As the com-

bined web travels through to the delivery end of the machine, a cross-cutting knife cuts the cover with the stamps into individual booklets. Folding takes place after cutting.

"The action of the cross-cutter is controlled and registered by an electric eye which is continually scanning special marks on the hinge portion of the stamp web. This accounts for the well-centered cutting on the new booklets. (Referring to the various 25c perf'd 10 booklets—Ed.) With those larger booklets where the stamps are folded, the scanning marks are not required because the electric eye can follow the perforations from the gummed side of the web." (Referring to the 4c and 5c \$1.00 booklets, and the 6c \$1.50 booklet, all perf'd 10—Ed.)

BNAPS CONVENTION—EASTON, MD.
OCTOBER 8-11, 1970

Dear sir:

Current planning, subject to adjustment for these inflationary times, call for a Registration Fee of from \$12.00 to \$15.00 per person; and American Plan double occupancy rooms per person will be \$21.50 and single occupancy will be \$26.00 per day. Registration fee will include 2 cocktail parties, the Banquet, a bus tour of historic sites and admission to the Exhibit and Bourse room. American Plan Room rates include 3 complete meals, 2 coffee breaks, all gratuities to porters, maids, and waiters. There will be dancing on Saturday night, and light musical entertainment is available nightly in the Inn's cocktail lounge. There will be no fee for Bourse tables, but the table holders will be expected to register themselves and their wives, just as everyone else attending will be expected to do. I had previously thought that a bus trip to Annapolis might be in order, but I now believe that there is enough to see and do in Talbot County alone so that the Annapolis trip will not be required.

Golf is available at the Easton Country Club, greens fees \$7.00, Cart rental \$7.00; and tennis courts are nearby at no charge; Swimming pool at the Inn. That should be enough for the nonce. Will answer further questions as required.

Sincerely,
HORACE W. HARRISON.

Dear sir:

* * *

In reply to "War Issues—1943—Date of Issue" by Mr. Keane in your September issue: I have 2 covers with cachets, one that also has rubber stamped "First Day Cover" with 4c red, post-marked Toronto April 10. I also have a cover "First Day—New Rate" with the 1c and 3c combined to make the 4c rate, postmarked 4-1-43 Kingston. This would show that new stamp was not ready on that date, at least in Kingston.

As far as the Holmes catalogue prices go, I apparently am missing all four covers of the new rates. If April 9 is the first day on the 4c, my April 10 date must be for Toronto only, unless earlier release was not authorized. Therefore I would like to hear from anybody that has them to sell or trade for pre-1946 FDC. Even though I have quite a few FDC, Holmes prices as well as dates are not realistic. I feel that they definitely are not common.

MARC EISENBERG, No. 2179



GOVERNMENT OF THE NORTHWEST
TERRITORIES—CANADA
Yellowknife, N.W.T.,
21 October, 1969.

Dear sirs:

Canada's Northwest Territories is marking 100 years of progress in a year long Centennial Celebration throughout 1970.

To mark the occasion, the Postal Department is producing a Centennial Stamp. We intend to stage two dogsled mailruns of interest to stamp collectors in March and April 1970. One will be in the Eastern Arctic from Pond Inlet or Igloolik to Churchill and the other in the Western Arctic from Fort Smith to Inuvik. Some of the surviving mail carriers will be involved in the celebration of these events. Letters from interested parties will be carried on the runs at a charge of several dollars to help defray costs.

Any help you can give, or advice, would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,
R. O. BAETZ, Program Manager
Territorial Events

Dear sir:

I would like to report that the recent regular 6 cents stamp can be found on various types of paper. Under the UV light these papers show up as either bluish white, white or fluorescent. The stamps show up as either red brown or orange. Of the fluorescent type only a few have recently appeared. These are all untagged stamps.

The Charlottetown stamp comes in a white paper and in a greyish paper. The Massey stamp has been found with the brown colour doubled.

Yours sincerely,
HANS REICHE.

JAMES T. CULHANE

It is with the deepest regret that we announce the passing on November 1st of a long time friend of all BNAPSers and one of our earlier members (No. 280).

Jim really loved the Society and nothing was too much for him to do in our service. From 1952 to 1954 he was sales circuit manager, a member of the governing council from 1952 to 1958 and from 1958 to the date of his untimely passing he has been our treasurer.

He was unable to attend the Vancouver convention by reason of ill health and this was his first absence. He will be sorely missed by his many friends.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Peg and to other members of his family in their bereavement.

Perfin Study Group

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



At the 1969 Vancouver convention I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. J. G. Wright, a perfin enthusiast of Delta, B.C. who was good enough to loan me the stamp illustrated.



This is the 1c 1859 and is unusual in that it appears to be overprinted "C. E. West". The overprinting type is rather rough so I am inclined to think it was done by rubber stamp rather than by type.

The thought occurs that this might have been done as a protection of the stamp supplies of some merchant in the same manner that the Oxford Union Society overprinted the 1d. red of Great Britain (Sc. No. 20) in 1868-, see the introduction to the Perfin Handbook, page 3. As the first decimal issue was in use until 1868, Mr. West could have received his inspiration from this source.

For some time I have had a note on the 1c yellow, 2c green and 3c vermilion small Queen issue and this seems to be an appropriate time to mention it. Both Bob Doull and Ed Richardson have reported these stamps with an applied overprint "C.F." in caps but slightly smaller than standard typewriter capitals. All three values are postally cancelled, two of them with the Paris, Ontario squared circle cancellation. As this cancellor was proofed on June 29th, 1903 these "C.F." overprints must have been done after that date and can be viewed with suspicion.

If both of these examples result from a desire to protect stocks of postage stamps there was no Post Office Department authority for such overprinting. Of course there was no authority in England in 1868 but it was tried and then discontinued by order of the postal authorities.

Jim Sissons' auction on March 5th included one lot being the late Dr. C. M. Jephcott's collection of Perfins. Dr. Jephcott had long been interested in Canadian Stamps with Perforated Initials and his article in the 1951 Collector's Club Philatelist listed and illustrated 150 of these designs and at the time was the best available reference.

The collection included six designs which I needed for my reference collection, all 100 R.F., and for this reason I was an interested bidder. Other items of interest were about half a dozen covers, the 15c large Queen perforated SL/ACo., a few 5 hole O.H.M.S. and many other perfin designs with high rarity factors in the 80 to 100 range.

In spite of the low estimate of value of \$100 the bidding was spirited and the lot was eventually knocked down to dealer Dick Lamb acting as agent for \$260.00.

Perfins seem to be attaining some degree of popularity.

An interesting note from Mike Dicketts, Montreal reports finding C12f on Sc. MR5,

the carmine war tax stamp perforated 12 x 8. This was perforated by the International Harvester Company at their Calgary office. The stamp itself must have been quite a limited issue and presumably an emergency printing using sheets previously prepared for coil stock. Not too common in used condition and as a perfin I only remember handling one other copy.

Jack Brandt of Calgary reports having C11 (CH) on the 1898 \$1 green Newfoundland Inland Revenue, Sissons R6 and also having on the same revenue stamp, C38, the small size design having the same letters, CH. We are still waiting for some proof that either or both of these designs were used at the St. John's Customs House.

Canadian Revenue Study Group News

LEO J. LA FRANCE, Box 229, Ossining, N.Y. 10562

BRITISH COLUMBIA LAW STAMPS

We have confirmation from two members regarding the \$1.00 Blue in the Fourth Issue 1905, that it has been found with Pin perforations. Can others turn up copies of this stamp with pin perf since it is not listed by either Holmes or Sissons in their catalogs? Your editor has also seen two other copies in the past month. So look close, I'm sure that there are many more perf varieties floating around and in other denominations also.

BNAPEX - 69 — VANCOUVER, B.C.

The Revenue Study Group held its annual meeting in conjunction with the regular BNAPS Meeting and Exhibition. About 14 members were present at the Study Group meeting. The same slate of officers, namely Ed Richardson, Bill Rockett and yours truly were elected to serve another term. The treasury is in good shape and no extra dues are scheduled for this year.

The subject of the Specialized Catalogue was discussed and at this time it looks like some time after July in '71. At that time Ed and Jim will be able to devote some uninterrupted time to this effort. Meanwhile sections still requiring more work and research will be worked on and all information collated and checked for inclusion. So even if you don't see the new catalogue soon it's no sign that it isn't being worked on diligently by many of our Group.

Jim Sissons is also planning another edition of his catalogue for the Fall of '72.

In the interim any new issues or varieties should be forwarded to your editor so that the necessary information may be obtained to include them in Jim's new listing. It is only through the cooperation of all the members that we can come up with a catalogue that properly covers the field.

New items seen and reported at the meeting were as follows: British Columbia—Law stamps 2nd issue—Sissons R7, this definitely exists in a Buff color.

Law stamps—9th issue, 1949. There is also a \$5.00 value.

In the Yellow Shade only the 50c and \$1.00 have been seen or reported and these were perf. 12 x 12.

So you can see that there is still some more work to be done with this issue in order to clarify shades, perfs, date of use and so forth. We are still ready to receive any and all info pertaining to these issues.

BILL STAMPS

We have received confirmation just recently of another copy of the BILD on the 9c 1st issue Bill Stamps. There are probably more around so how's about taking a second look at the 1st issue Bills. You might also look for initials in the design since this was reported as being found in the \$3.00 value.

TOBACCO STAMPS

We are receiving much more information on these lovely issues and hope in the near future to add to the listings currently available. It seems that people need a little

prodding to go back and look at their collections and see what they really have. Have recently heard of items that I didn't know existed or for that matter have never seen. The old familiar refrain goes out again. If you have something that is not listed in your catalogue holdings or you think might be a new or unnoticed discovery, please let us hear from you.

B.C. TELEPHONE FRANKS

In the next column we hope to have as much as is known at present about these items in which some questions were raised in an earlier column. This will deal primarily with watermarks and believe me there is more than one along with some variations of those already seen. This

Precancel Notes

By Merv Quarles, No. 393 — 17344 Mahoney Parkway, Hazel Crest, Ill.

Ten years ago in BNA TOPICS the question was raised "Were any Canada commemoratives issued in precancelled form?"

The Editor of the Official Catalog of Canada Precancels then as now—BNAPS'er H. G. Walburn—answered in July-August 1959 issue of BNA TOPICS.

The list of questions—Any answers? in the May (1959) issue of TOPICS includes one (No. 6) on precancels which may be answered by anyone who cares to take the trouble to search through the precancel catalogue.

"Taking them in reverse order, they are the 1c and 2c values of the 1935 Jubilee issue precancelled with the numerals "1142" (Rock Island, P.Q.) Noble catalogues Nos. 1-185 and 1-186. There is an interesting philatelic story concerning the issue of these precancels, but full details are not known by the writer, though it is generally believed that these were precancelled on a specific order by an official of a large commercial user of precancels in Rock Island, who was also a stamp collector. After a short period of use they were stopped by government order. They were certainly a limited issue and the 2c is much scarcer than the 1c.

Another commemorative precancel, more common because used in large quantities, is the 1c value of the Confederation issue of 1927. This may be found with four different precancels—Toronto Ont. (12-125) Montreal Quebec (6-125) Montreal, Qua. (7-125) and the general bar Type V three pairs of double lines (V-125). A much scarcer precancel is the 1898 Map stamp

info will probably appear in the March column from what is known of current printing dates.

RAMBLINGS

It is felt that from personal contact with a number of members and their interests and so forth that it might be pointed out that Revenue collectors do not just collect revenues, but may have many other interests also. Consequently this is a plea along with your TOPICS editor to feel free to write on any subject or specialized field in which you may have info that is heretofore unknown. Even if it has been written about before with the new collectors and members with a thirst for information it can be really worthwhile.

(both colors) precancelled with bars.

At the time this article was published Type T (Montreal Type U) were known but now we are aware also of Type I from Beamsville (narrow bars 10 to 1 inch.)

The most extensive series of commemorative precancels is found on 1897 Jubilee and it is probable that most, if not all, values of this series were precancelled, in either Type T (Toronto) or Type U (Montreal). The 1c and 3c are usually not too difficult to obtain but the other values are mostly scarce. Type T is usually found in a horizontal position, while Type U comes mostly vertical.

Canada has issued some sixteen stamps having a face value of \$1 or more. Three of these have been precancelled. The \$2 Jubilee with Type T and the \$1 Jubilee with Type U are both very rarely found—Walburn mentioning only a half a dozen copies of the \$2.

The \$1 Admiral is known with City Types and range from fairly common to very scarce. The most common is Ottawa 3-114. There is a scarce double of this stamp 3-114b a variety discovered by a Montreal collector, who was able to locate some seven copies.

Hamilton Ontario has two types 1-114 and 4-114. Montreal Quebec has three types 4-114; 6-114; and 7-114. North Battleford Sask. 1-114 is very scarce. St. Thomas Ont. 1-114 very scarce. Toronto Ont. also had three types 10-114; 11-114 and 12-114.

Vancouver B.C. 3-114 is scarce and perhaps the story behind this stamp explains why we have so few dollar precancels.

More Sketches of BNA'ers

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No. L1727

Again it is time to sketch one of our ladies of the Society and this time we have the wife of our future president, Sam Nickle, our petite blond Rosemary Nickle.

I was not able to obtain any history of her childhood, but it has been known that she was once a dancer, and thus the reason Rosemary's name appears amongst the names of the governing bodies of local theater groups, especially those which further the studies of local artists.

Apparently Rosemary has an exceptionally green thumb, as she is the chief gardener of the Nickle domain. She claims that four months of the year can find her putting in the garden much of the time.

Her latest hobby, with Sam's half interest, is quite new, and I was unable to find out much detail, but I do know that Calgary now has a showroom of early Canadiana, the finest in the West. Only choice items of art, glass, silver, china, etc. (maybe even some of Sam's surplus pence issues!) will appear, and this will be something to see when we hold our convention in Calgary in 1973—immediately following the Stampede—with Sam and Rosemary again serving as a most congenial host and hostess. The dancing past in Rosemary remains in her collection of porcelain dancing figurines.

As for philatelic interests, her collecting began fifteen years ago, either as a self-defense mechanism, or because of Sam's ardent collecting habits which might have rubbed off. Anyway, she too, collects earlier Canada, and early became interested in the Quebec Tercentenary Issue followed by the McDonald Cartier Issue of 1914—the historical interest was of great importance here.



Last spring, she attended her first large auction in New York and this really got her enthusiasm going. Rosemary is a life-member of our Society and the Royal of Canada in addition to the local Calgary society. Other organizations are the Progressive Conservatives, the Calgary Women's Club, and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Calgary Highlanders (Sam's old regiment). I have a feeling that Rosemary has few dull moments with all of this and keeping a home in order besides. But, she did take time to put in a fine exhibit at Vancouver and we feel sure we will see bigger and better ones in the future.

AFTER VANCOUVER - EASTON, MD.

Rounding Up Squared Circles

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Another squared circle hammer, previously known only through the Proof Book strike, has come to light! The accompanying illustration, shown through courtesy of Roger Greer of Kentville, N.S., documents the first reported find of SHERBROOKE, Second Hammer. It is on 2c brown Medallion, and carries the indicia 19/ AU 3/ 4. Since the stamp was not issued until the end of 1932, the year is undoubtedly 1934; indeed, I suspect that the 19 is probably not a time mark, but that the intent was to show 1934 by placing the 19 above the month and day, and the 34 below. It seems curious that there is no trace whatever of a 3 in the year date, but a 3 does occur in the day. Perhaps if AU 2 and AU 4 show up, we will find the year split as 19 above and 34 below.

The strike is unquestionably an example of the long-sought Second Hammer. The vertical of K points to the lower left corner of the second right bar and the KE are both very wide letters. Comparison of other features of the lettering with the well-known First Hammer quickly discloses many points of difference. In parallel with the assignment of an RF upon the finding of the first example of ACTON, First Hammer, it seems appropriate to assign RF 250 to SHERBROOKE, Second Hammer at this point in time. Perhaps a search through quantities of Medallion issues will turn up other examples of this strike.

John Siverts reports a number of interesting items, as follows:

TORONTO — STRACHAN AVENUE: AM/ OC 4/ 93 new early date.

PARIS: blank/ JY 22/ 93

WATERLOO, ONT.: completely nude on 1c War Tax.

WINNIPEG, Hammer IV: four strikes(!), including two previously unrecorded time marks for this hammer —

13/ NO 21/ 04

13/ NO 22/ 04

20/ NO 23/ 04

21/ NO 24/ 04

Regarding Winnipeg IV, my lone example of late use is 14/ NO 25/ 04. With John's four copies, this presents a run of five consecutive days. Will owners of other examples of this hammer please report dates and time marks? I do not know of a later date than my NO 25/ 04, but would be interested in attempting to establish the beginning and end of the revival use of this hammer.

John also reported two other strikes: ST. HILARION in which the year date is represented by a sideways 4, point down, followed by 9; presumably this is 1894; also, ROSENEATH, AM/ DE 30/ 08, an addition to the few examples of the use of AM, PM in 1908-1910.

John Gordon reported several examples of error indicia:

MOUNT BRYDGES: OC 2/ 95 with 2 inverted.

VICTORIAVILLE: SP 6/ 95 with month and day inverted.

ANGUS: OC 20/ 89 on 3c Numeral—an obvious error for 98.

Seymour Blomfield reported a new early date for WINGHAM: SP 21/ 93. This report helps close the gap between the last known use of the First State of this hammer, and the appearance of the modified Second State. Seymour also reported BRANTFORD, AM/ MY 20/ 98 with inverted AM; CHESTERVILLE, AU 8/ 96 with month and day inverted; and GODERICH, JA 23/ 9; JA 28/ 9; and FE 11/ 9, the first two on 1c QV Numeral and the last on 1c postcard—these are likely 1899 dates. He also reports that THORNBURY changed from time mark "I" to "blank be-

fore the end of October, 1894 since he has blank/ OC 29/ 94, and that the AM time mark appeared, at WATERLOO, ONT., considerably before 1915 since he has AM/ MY 9/ 05.

Dr. Warren Bosch reports finding an example of SIMCOE; aside from congratulating him on this find, I mention it to call attention to the fact that occasional examples of scarce towns continue to turn up. I know of others which turned up in the past several years, and I venture that there are perhaps as many as 15 examples of this town now known in contrast to the six or seven examples known at the time of publication of the Third Edition Handbook. He also reports acquiring a cover carrying the 3c Leaf, and cancelled with the CLIFTON, N.B. squared circle. The strike is high so that only the initial "C", the full date, and N.B. show; however, there are no other N.B. towns starting with "C", or, for that

matter, with "G" or "O" which might in a poor strike appear to be a "C". This cover presents a new late date for CLIFTON: AP 11/ 98. The remark, above, about new finds of SIMCOE, also applies to CLIFTON; I know of several finds in the past few years, so that there are perhaps as many as ten examples now known.

Warren also reports two examples of QUEEN STREET EAST with dates preceding the previously known early date. The earliest of these two is MY 2-/ 94.

Much additional information is at hand but must be deferred to the next column; these include pinpointing the day on which the WINNIPEG "bent R" appeared, information on the WINGHAM "10" error for "01", an interesting report on the ARNPRIOR "JU" above the date, and a collection of error indicia from Clarence Kemp from which I hope to have some photos made in time for the next column.

SPECIAL ROBBERY BULLETIN

I have been advised of a serious robbery in Calgary on Saturday, October 25. The following property was stolen from the residence of Sam and Rosemary Nickle:

- Collection of Canadian essays and proofs on 289 album pages. Specialized collection of Quebecs in Gibbons' Plymouth album, including imperforate plate blocks.
- Three or four Philasafe clearview stockbooks containing Canadian pence 1859, 1868, 1870, 1897.
- White Austrian clearview stockbook containing large blocks of proofs, some die proofs and imperforates, including tete-beche panes of 2c Victoria, 2c Edward, 1c, 2c and 5c Scroll. Two-cent Victoria booklet pane, progress die proofs Edward VII, experimental coils Edward VII.
- Beige colored folder containing 1897 Jubilees mint to \$5 in blocks of four; used blocks of four; used blocks of \$3, \$4 and \$5; two or three mint sets and set to \$5 on individual covers.
- Accumulation of stampless covers.
- Accumulation of several hundred map stamp covers and several thousand map stamps.
- Reference collection of 1868-70 covers.
- Registration collection, including 2c (2) and 5c sheets, ex Jarrett sale and block of four of 8c.

A detailed listing is not available at the present time, but if any member is offered anything of value in B.N.A. from a suspicious source, he should immediately contact the secretary or the editor. Many of the items, particularly large blocks of 25 of the pence proofs, are ex Lichtenstein sales and it is most important that the stolen property be recovered and that those responsible be apprehended and convicted.

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Tagging Along

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This is No. 13 in the series, and is being written October 26th at the request of the Editor, for possible inclusion in the December issue of Topics, therefore the information contained herein should be as up to date as we can possibly make it. Much of this information has already appeared, but never in complete form, and should be useful for reference purposes.

Regarding the type chart, I have adhered to my original 10 types, and there are the 5 "a" numbers which refer to complete misplacements. As with the original 10 types, they do not include the 1, 2 and 3 mm. variations within each type, or the narrow selvedge bars which appear on some of the earlier issues. Lastly, the type illustrations are not likely to appear full size, but in case they do, my hand-made bars are not to scale.

All tagged stamps issued thus far are included, except for booklets and miniature sheets, since the latter follow the same tagging varieties as the full panes anyway. Bileski and Scotts numbers are included for easy reference, and all listed varieties are in my reference collection except for E35T, and this variety (2A) has been confirmed by two different people.

I have also included a column which will give you some idea of the rarity of some of these varieties. Bear in mind that that this list is only the estimated numbers of each variety that have come to my attention, and for reference, here is an explanation of the rarity column:

Where exact numbers are known, they are included.

A — Less than 5 singles or multiples.

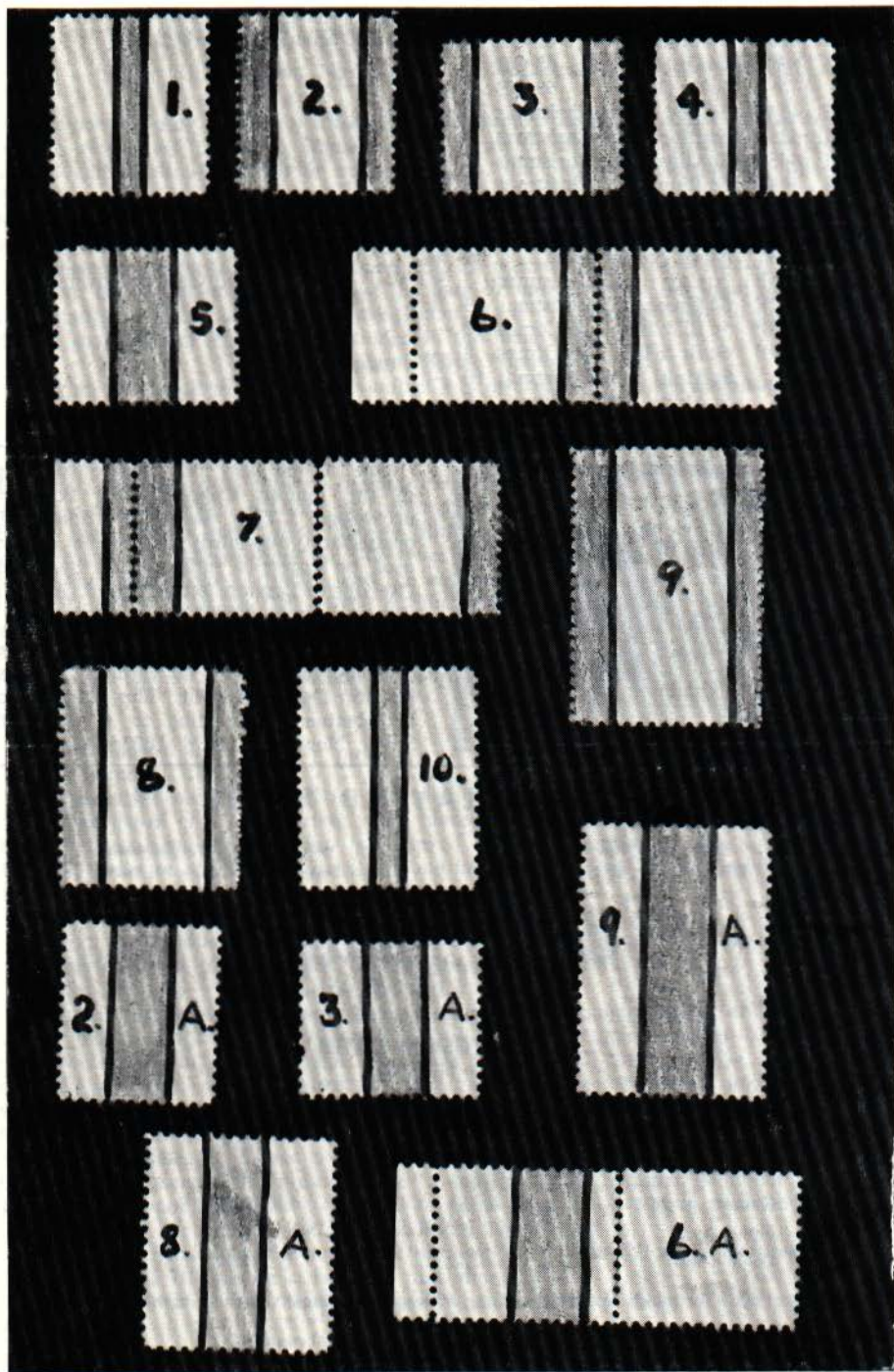
B — Between 6 and 25 singles or multiples.

C — Between 26 and 100 singles or multiples.

D — Over 100 singles or multiples.

I firmly expect, and even dare to hope, that I will receive a lot of indignant letters from members advising me that they have in their possession more than my estimation of the existing quantities of the rarities. We might even hear of some new varieties. If such is the case, I can only state that if everybody would report findings at once, our information would be far more accurate, and then this article will have more than served its purpose.

Bil. #	Sc. #	Description	Norm.		Rarity
			Type	Varieties	
E34T	337P	1c Brown	54 QE	2 2a	One used block of 4
E35T	338P	2c Green	54 QE	2 2a	A
E36T	339P	3c Rose	54 QE	2 2a	One single used
E37T	340P	4c Violet	54 QE	1 1 (Dbl Opt)	D
E38T	341P	5c Blue	54 QE	2 2a	Two used singles
E83T	401P	1c Brown	Cameo	3 3a	A
E83T	401P	1c Brown	Cameo	3 6	3 mint blks., 1 used single
E84T	402P	2c Green	Cameo	3 3a	C
E85T	403P	3c Purple	Cameo	3 —	—
E85T	403P	3c R-Vio	Cameo	3 3a	B
E86TA	404P	4c Car	Cameo	4 —	—
E86TB	404P	4c Car	Cameo	6 —	—
E86TC	404P	4c Car	Cameo	5 —	—
E86TD	404P	4c Car	Cameo	7 —	—
E87T	405P	5c Blue	Cameo	3 3a	D
E136T	454P	1c Brown	67 QE	3 3a	B
E136T	454P	1c Brown	67 QE	4 —	—
E137T	455P	2c Green	67 QE	3 3a	B
E137T	455P	2c Green	67 QE	4 —	—
E138T	456P	3c Purple	67 QE	3 —	—
E139T	457P	4c Car	67 QE	6 6a	A
E139T	457P	4c Car	67 QE	4 —	—



E140T	458P	5c Blue	67 QE	3	3 & 3a (combined)	one used on cover
E140T	458P	5c Blue	67 QE	4	—	—
E176T	?	6c Or (10)	68 QE	3	—	—
?	?	6c Or (12)	69 QE	3	—	—
E107T	434P	3c Red	64 Christmas	3	—	—
E108T	435P	5c Blue	64 Christmas	3	—	—
E120T	443P	3c Olive	65 Christmas	8	8a	C
E121T	444P	5c Blue	65 Christmas	8	8a	C
E134T	451P	3c Car	66 Christmas	2	2a	one used
E135T	452P	5c Or	66 Christmas	2	—	—
E151T	454	5c Bl. & Red Cent.	9	9a	—	A
E159T	476P	3c Car	67 Christmas	3	3a	two used on covers
E160T	477P	5c Green	67 Christmas	3	3a	B
E171T	488P	5c Bl & Blk	68 Xmas	10	—	—
E172T	489P	6c Br & Blk	68 Xmas	8	—	—
?	?	5c Multi	69 Christmas	10	—	—
?	?	6c Multi	69 Christmas	8	—	—
E140T	458P	5c Blue	67 QE	3	3a	D



One of the very few double surcharges of the famous Canada 1899 Port-Hood provisional. The violet "2" doubly impressed on two-thirds of the 3c carmine, used on cover; a rarity, listed by Stanley Gibbons of London, but unpriced. A realization of around \$5,000 is expected.

This cover is part of an important General auction that H. R. Harmer, Inc., will hold on December 9-11. The catalogue can be obtained by writing to 6 West 48th Street, New York, N.Y. 10036.

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Some Toronto Duplex Varieties

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About the only modern work on Toronto duplex postmarks, and duplexes in general is E. A. Smythies' "Canadian Duplex Cancellations of the Victorian Era, 1860-1902" (the second edition of which will be referred to as "the handbook" throughout this article). A serious study of Toronto duplexes requires the use of this handbook. The terms used herein are from the handbook, and its numbering system forms the skeleton for the system given below.

Varieties of duplexes are differentiated by differences in the constant lettering (i.e. the town name and province, but **not** the date or indicia above the date) in the circular date stamp (= dater), and/or the barred killer. It is my intention here to describe eleven duplex varieties and states not mentioned in the handbook.

Handbook Serial Number 4

From the handbook, Toronto Number 4 is distinguished by the following:

dater—Type II, Ont. at base, 24 mm. diameter.

killer—Type A, 11 bars, medium.

There are two varieties of type 4; number 4 being the original, and 4a the new variety. However, the differences between the two are only apparent on clear strikes (of the dater), with the use of a ruler accurate to half a millimeter. Type 4 (illustration 1) has a letter height just under 3 mm., while type 4a (illustration 2) has a letter just over 3 mm.! A better means of distinguishing the two types is measurement of the distance between the top of the right stroke of the N, and the extreme left of the horizontal stroke of the T; in ONT. (illustrations 3a, 3b). Type 4 (illustration 3a) measures 1 mm. in this respect, while 4a has a corresponding measurement of 0.5 mm. on clear strikes. The T of the latter marking appears somewhat at an angle. When the ONT. is too blurred (around 85% of the strikes), two measurements connecting the T's will distinguish them (illustrations 4a, 4b;)

	Type 4	Type 4a
Measurement in ill. 4a	16.5 mm.	18 mm.
Measurement in ill. 4b	13 mm.	14 mm.

Perhaps the easiest method of differentiating the two, is to take an accurate tracing on tracing paper of a clear strike; when placed over the same type duplex, there should be complete alignment (allowing for blurred strikes). Number 4 has a period of use 1878-81, while 4a (the scarcer) has early and late dates of June 20, 1878 and February 12, 1880, respectively.

Handbook Serial Number 10

From the handbook, Toronto Number 10 has the following characteristics:

dater—type II, Ont. at base, 25 mm. diameter

killer—type H, 9 bars, thick, enclosing 1.

There are two varieties of type 10; number 10 being the original, and 10a, the new variety of which there are two states. 10a (ill. 6) is distinguished from 10 (ill. 7) by its much wider lettering, in particular, the shape of the R (ill. 8a, 8b). The R of 10 has a small loop, and a straight stroke not quite reaching the horizontal limit of the loop, whereas 10a has an R with a large, wide loop, and a larger diagonal stroke extending to the horizontal limit of the loop. They are easily separable.

The first state (ill. 6) has a dater with a complete circle while state II of 10a (ill. 9) has a circle broken in two positions due to damage to the hammer. Number 10 is dated 1880-90 (handbook); 10a, July 11, 1882 to September, 1882; 10a II, February, 1883.

Handbook Serial Number 11

From the handbook, Toronto serial number 11 has the following features:

dater—type II, Canada at base, 23 mm. diameter.

killer—type H, 9 bars, thick, enclosing 1. This number includes three varieties, and seven states!

To distinguish 11 state I from 11a-I and 11b-I, the following must be noted:

11-I (ill. 10) has letter height, 2.5 mm., dater-killer distance of 1 mm., dater diameter 23 mm.



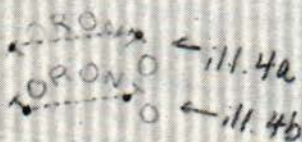
III.1.



III.2.

ONT - 113a (#4)

ONT - 113b (#4)



← 11.4a

← 11.4b

III.3a & 3b



III.4a & 4b



III.7.

*10a R 11.8a

#10 R 11.8b

III.6.



III.8a & 8b

III.9.



III.10



III.11



III.12



III.13



III.14



III.15



111.16



111.17



111.18



111.19



111.20

R

← ill 21a (# 13)

R

← ill 21b (# 13a)

111.21a & 21b

11a-I (ill. 11) has letter height 3 mm., dater-killer distance of 1 mm., dater diameter 23 mm., and wider letters than 11-I.

11b-I (ill. 12) has letter height 3 mm., dater diameter 24 mm.

11b-I (ill. 12) has letter height 3 mm., dater-killer distance of .5 mm., dater diameter 24 mm.

There are three states of 11:

Number	Description	Period of use
11-I	(ill. 10) unbroken circle on dater.	April to November 1881.
11-II	(ill. 13) circle broken, 3.5 mm.	November to December 1881
11-III	(ill. 14) circle broken, 7.5 mm.	August, 1882 to ??

On some strikes of 11-III, there appear to be small 'islets' in the interruption; this is undoubtedly due to holding the hammer at a slight angle, and is not a distinct state.

For seven months, the hammer (11) was sound. Then, in less than a month, damage occurred; presumably, it was not too much in use its very early days. A second break soon occurs prior to August, 1882. No further breaks occur, as would be expected since 11-III becomes quite scarce after 1883.

11a has two states:

Number	Description	Period of use
11a-I	(ill. 11) unbroken circle on dater	December, 1881 to Dec. 1883
11a-II	(ill. 15) circle broken	October 24, 1884 to 1887

11b has two states:

Number	Description	Period of use
11b-I	(ill. 12) unbroken circle on dater—January 7, 1886 (one copy)	
11b-II	(ill. 16) circle broken—January 29, 1886 to May, 1890	

It will be noted (from the dates so far known) that none of the first states of 11, 11a, 11b were in use contemporaneously.

Handbook Serial No. 12

From the handbook, Toronto serial number 12 is characterized by the following:
 dater—type II, Canada at base, 25.5 mm. diameter
 killer—type H, 9 thick bars, enclosing 1, third and seventh bars cut near circle.
 There are two states of 12:

Number	Description	Period of use
12-I	(ill. 17) unbroken circle on dater—January 3 to April 15, 1885	
12-II	(ill. 18) circle broken, 2 positions September, 1885 to April, 1886	

Handbook Serial Number 13

This appears to have a dater close to 26 mm. than the 25 mm. mentioned in the handbook. However, this may be accounted for by the generally extremely heavy strikes.
 dater—type II, Canada at base, 26 mm. diameter.

killer—type H, 9 thick bars, enclosing 1, third and seventh bars solid.

The two varieties of 13; 13 (ill. 19), and 13a (ill. 20), are quite similar, except in the shape of the R (ill. 21a, 21b). The R of 13 has a large loop with a straight diagonal stroke not quite reaching the horizontal extent of the loop. The R of 13a has a large loop and a decidedly curved stroke, whose horizontal limit equals that of its loop. They are easily distinguishable, and in use 1888 to 1897.

To make more rapid distinction amongst the numerous varieties and states, the following chart may be employed:

Serial No.

Serial No.	ill. 4a	ill. 4b	NT (ONT) distance	
4	4	16.5 mm.	13 mm.	1 mm.
	4a	18 mm.	14 mm.	.5 mm.
10		loop of R	width R at base	dater circle
	10	2.5 mm.	2.5 mm.	unbroken
	10a-I	3 mm.	3 mm.	unbroken
	10a-II	3 mm.	3 mm.	broken 2 positions
11		letter height	dater-killer	diameter
	11-I	2.5 mm.	1 mm.	23 mm.
	11-II	2.5 mm.	1 mm.	23 mm.
	11-III	2.5 mm.	1 mm.	23 mm.
	11a-I	3 mm.	1 mm.	23 mm.
	11a-II	3 mm.	1 mm.	23 mm.
	11b-I	3 mm.	.5 mm.	24 mm.
	11b-II	3 mm.	.5 mm.	24 mm.
12		dater circle		
	12-I	unbroken		
	12-II	two breaks		
13		stroke in R		
	13	straight not extending to horizontal limit of loop		
	13a	curved extending to horizontal limit of loop		

*See note concerning this in text.

It must be noted that this is merely an introductory treatment of these common (possibly the most common postmarks in Canadian philately) cancellations; hopefully, the periods of use will be extended, and my errors corrected. If these postmarks are to be researched fully, it is **imperative** that everyone report the dates and indicia of whatever you have in Toronto duplexes, whether one or one thousand. I will be glad to examine whatever anyone sends me in this field should there be difficulty in distinguishing the varieties, and will return it within a couple of days.

These postmarks appear to have been somewhat neglected; if the readers of this article respond, this may be remedied. I would be glad to receive any comments or queries on these markings.

New Brunswick 1864 - 65 Cancellations

By V. M. Ditmars, No. 769

It is a shame that the members of this society do not write more pieces about the many fascinating stories behind various facets of postal history. I have been as lax as the others, mainly because I am lazy.

About 18 years ago, I was at a stamp meeting in Moncton, N.B., and the late Mr. Sutton of Fairville was shown a copy of the 1860 5 cent stamp cancelled with a type 61 Holmes strike and dated 1865, if I remember correctly from McAlpines. He said that the cancel was a fake and gave the outline of the following story. (I had occasion to look into this story and will bring it up to date.)

At the time of Confederation the stamps of New Brunswick were called in from the post offices and stored in the vault of the Custom House in Saint John, where they remained. In 1891 there was a fire in the building and the water soaked the stamps which were in the vault and removed the gum. During the cleaning up of the debris from the fire the stamps were uncovered and except for the loss of their gum were in pristine condition. The then postmaster obtained all, or a large number, of the stamps and with the assistance of two young men by the name of Coombes cancelled them, with various hammers, stored in the post office, after they had been recalled from offices opened by the Dominion government around 1870 and closed for various reasons during the next few years. These stamps were then sold to the dealers in New York as cancelled stamps, since they were all dated 1864 and 1865, when they would have been current.

This happening was well known to the older collectors of the area and was written up by Fred Jarrett in his book on Canadian stamps.

Now to give the present day sequel. This summer I saw advertised in the catalog of an English auction house, "New Brunswick stamps, 1860, perfectly cancelled (42) estimate £30". I put a bid in for these and in the course of time received them. They were very beautiful, so much so that I planned an exhibit in the B.N.A.P.S. convention in the fall, with a write-up giving the postmaster's name, salary, how long served and also a sketch of the village or settlement where the mail was dispatched,

with a write-up of that area. So I started to dig, in the Provincial Legislative Library, in the Archives, and finally in the Government section of the Harriet Irving Library at the University of New Brunswick. I could not come up with anything on these offices during the years the stamps were dated. Finally I found where they had been opened during 1870-1875 and most of them were closed a couple of years later due to lack of revenue.

At this time Dr. Robert Langstroth returned from his vacation and I took the stamps to show him, and he at once declared the cancels faked and told me the story and showed me the write-up in Jarrett's book.

I immediately wrote the English auction house and sent the stamps to Fred Jarrett for an expert opinion on the cancels. He returned them immediately with notation that they were all faked, and then wrote more fully a few days later, I will quote part of his letter. "When I received your stamps I was having lunch with Vincent G. Greene; we both agreed that they were all wrong so far as cancellation was concerned. The Coombes cancellations of an earlier period were more lightly cancelled, and neither of us had seen a full set up to the 17c. The fact that these embrace all denominations and appear in a more heavily inked cancellation, would indicate that someone has acquired these cancellors and is out to make a killing with collectors so long as his N.B. unused stamps last."

This is a list of the stamps which I bought and the places where they were purported to be cancelled: 4 Bald Hill; 2 Becketville; 5 Forest City; 3 Little Ridge; one 17c; 3 Lower Canterbury; 2 McAlpine; 1 Main River; 17c; 1 Paquetville; 4 St. John, 1-17c; 1 Upper Grand Anse.

Since several of these places are mentioned in Jarrett's book in the paragraph on these cancellations, does it not seem as though these stamps might be remainders of the same hoard of stamps being put out by someone who has obtained both the stamps and hammers which had been used before?

There is also another thing to be considered, it is nearly 70 years since the stamps were sold by the Coombes and some of

them could be coming back on the market as old collections are being broken up and dispersed in various manners. I have a stamp cancelled Paquetville in my collection, which I bought several years ago, I believe from an A.P.S. circuit, and which, being very lightly cancelled, could be from the Coombes sale.

Mr. E. Smythies has written several art-

icles in "Stamp Collecting" on Canadian stamp puzzles, mentions the fire and the fact that some boys got hold of a few of these stamps and cancelled them and sold them to New York dealers. After that article was published I wrote him and sent him the copy I had, when he returned it he said that he had never seen a copy before, and suggested that I write this article for publication.

Caistorville

By Edward J. McGrath

From the St. Catharines Standard of April 26th I clipped the following news item, under the heading: 125 Years Old. Fighting to Retain Post Office.

"CAISTORVILLE—Area residents of this small community are fighting federal city hall over their post office.

"The office — a 125 year old landmark — is slated for abandonment as part of a post office austerity program planned to reduce postal expenses.

"Eric Kierans, Canadian postmaster general, recently announced the closing of many smaller post offices in an effort to control rising costs in his department.

"The Caistorville building is scheduled to be closed May 30. Expressing hot indignation over the move, Caistorville residents are circulating a petition in hopes of keeping the office open.

"The nearest postal service to Caistorville is Canfield and Caistor Centre."

End of quotation.

The Caistorville post office is not quite 125 years old since it was opened in 1853. In that year the Attercliffe post office was also opened, though it was called Caistor at first, until 1865. The post office at Warner was opened in 1854 and another at Abingdon in 1856. The chief post office in Caistor township, Caistor Centre, was not opened until 1884. In 1891 Wilcox, which is about three miles northeast of Caistor Centre, got a post office. For the past five

decades Caistor Centre and Caistorville have been the only villages in Caistor township that could credit themselves with having a post office, the other four post offices having been closed between 1913 and 1916 (Wilcox 1913, Abingdon 1915, Warner 1915, Attercliffe 1916). Now it looks as though there soon may be only one.

Many years ago Caistorville had two churches — a Wesleyan Methodist and an Anglican — two taverns, two general stores, a harness maker, a cobbler, a wheelwright, a coffin maker, an undertaker, a weaver, a carpenter shop, a blacksmith shop, a school and the post office. In 1956 it had one church — United — one general store, a school, S.S. No. 7, and the post office.

It is situated near the Welland River, about four miles southwest of Caistor Centre, which is in the middle of the township. Warner is about four miles southeast of Caistorville. About four miles southeast of Warner is Attercliffe, at the extreme southeast corner of the township, where it meets the township of Gainsborough. Attercliffe and Warner are also near the Welland River. This shows that the early settlers came up the Welland River and took up land in the southern part of the township, the river being their means of communication with the outer world.

Caistor is the most thinly populated township in Lincoln county. A 1956 estimate was 1,800 people.

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