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The OPAL Booklets

*A commercial venture
in marketing stamps
is creating great
interest among BNA
collectors*

by P. J. Wiedemann

Over the past six months much information has come to light through various stamp papers at irregular intervals concerning the new Opal booklet. In its February issue, *Topics* gave some coverage of this "under the counter" Post Office issue. I shall attempt to shed more light on this subject.

My first contact with it occurred on January 7, 1971, when out of curiosity I forced (the days of dropping a coin in the slot are over) my quarter into the light tan-coloured Opal vending machine at the United Cigar Store in the Frederick Street Mall, Kitchener, Ontario. What came out is of course now history. A search for information revealed that the store featured the machine since about October 1970. Later it was learned that the first item to be thus privately vended by Opal consisted of a small sealed white envelope containing two blocks of stamps (four each, Scott Nos. 455 and 456). It would appear that Opal used ordinary sheet stamps for this purpose to test its market potential before venturing into a large scale contract with the post office. Since these stamps naturally cannot be distinguished from others currently available and it is assumed that the envelopes were not issued by the post office, we may expect that this item will not gain any significant value except that this item will not gain any significant value except, perhaps, as only a curiosity. It is hoped that the unwary have not already paid dearly for this lesson.

Once Opal was assured of reasonable success in selling stamps for postage at 25 per

cent over face value we were suddenly surprised by the Opal booklet. New plates had been prepared for its manufacture and because the engraving was shallower the resulting impressions were of a much lighter (thinner) color.

These books are sold exclusively to Opal at face value plus the added cost of about 2c per book for production on this specially ordered item. Contrary to belief these books have been selling quite well as they are satisfying a public need. Approximately 100,000 have been delivered to Opal but the date of first public sale is not known. The discovery of early-dated copies should give some indication of this.

Because of the specific commercial connotation and pricing of this item, the post office had not planned to alert the collector by way of an official announcement, nor does it plan to offer it to the collector through the philatelic service. It may however be obtained by writing the Opal Manufacturing Co., 20 Sheffield St., Toronto 15, Ont. Due to the number and nature of enquiries encountered, the PO however is planning to include an information circular in a forthcoming mailing to its mailing list subscribers.

Dealers declaring the Toronto area is



*Perf variety
and Opal ad*

the only place where these are available have been pushing the booklets at \$1 each. It is now an established fact that they are available in a number of locations in Toronto, London and Kitchener.

Aside from the inflated price, one particularly unpleasant feature of it was the oftentimes permanent nature in which the post office had stuck the pane and cover together. Even now few may be opened without some damage to the stamps. Some had in fact been glued down the center of the pane. I was forced to use a fair number of them for postage. One in particular survived without being used for several months—not even friends wanted it! While preparing our club's monthly newsletter for mailing I carelessly pulled it from the cover and just at the last moment, perforations caught my eye. It had an extra row of perfs across the center of the gutter margin between the two blocks. A thorough search among the rest failed to turn up any other copies!

Friends for whom I had acquired these booklets also did not have any! The extra perfs were neatly hidden by the fold in the pane.

Correspondence with the post office later revealed that the original Opal specification called for a rouette on the fold, probably to simplify the folding operation. After a very brief period of experimentation (quantity unknown) it was found that the paper of the booklet pane folded quite nicely and the perfs were eliminated. Having searched through over two hundred booklets, I was able to find only the one. How many I used for postage, if any, is also unknown; after all who really looks at new acquisitions and then even sees what he looks at? A small number of the experimental booklets have been reported but this item will prove to be increasingly scarce as surely most of the few made must have been used.

As is the case with public habit, the blank gutter-margin will invariably have been torn off and discarded; little likelihood of finding a used experimental perfed gutter-margin pair, as people go through the trouble of removing even the propaganda labels from booklet panes having one.

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the JUBILEE issue

*compiled from various
articles written in
the past by
Peter J. Hurst
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William S. Boggs*

This exquisitely beautiful set, cherished by collectors the world over, marks one of the most important milestones in Canadian philately. Superseding the Small Queens which had been in continuous use for almost three decades, it simultaneously celebrated Queen Victoria's 60 years on the throne, the 30th year of Confederation and the 400th anniversary of Cabot's momentous discovery.

The Jubilees indirectly mirrored the advent of profound political change, the replacement of the old Conservative regime by the Liberal party a year earlier. But there can be little doubt that the Columbian issue of the U.S.A. in 1893 was a strongly suggestive influence, particularly considering the fact that the progressive tabulations for the 16 values of either set are almost identical.

Early in the spring of 1897 it was rumored that a special 3c stamp would be issued to honor the occasion, but on May 20, 1897 Postmaster General William Mulock, announced in a Parliamentary debate that a long set was to be printed. (PH)

This series was not only the first Canadian commemorative set, but also the first to be supplied to the new contractors, the American Bank Note Co., of Ottawa, which had secured the contract by bidding lower than the British American Bank Note Co., and also by agreeing to build a plant at Ottawa.

In Parliament, Mulock gave the quantities to be issued and stated that, once printed, the plates "will be destroyed in the presence of the head and two officers of the department." The postage stamps would be issued to the principal post offices in Canada on June 10, and "through them the minor post offices will obtain their supply until the issue is exhausted." Distribution began on June 10, and the official date of issue was June 19, 1897, when they would be available to the public. The actual date of the Jubilee was June 20, a Sunday.) (WSB)

At the cost of 20 cents per thousand, the entire issue was superbly engraved on steel, printed on stout wove paper, and perforated 12 throughout.

The craftsmanship applied by engravers and printers alike made this set second to none. So meticulously was the work done

that the number of true plate varieties, including a minimum of re-entries, is negligible. Imperforates have never been found, and can safely be declared non-existent. Minor differences in shade occur for several values. The issue was further enhanced by an exceedingly well balanced color scheme, the seeming repetition of purple in the \$2 and \$4 values — with a marked difference in intensity — forming the only complaint ever brought forward by zealous critics concerning the design.

It will be noted that the so-called Tudor Crown appears at the top center of the stamps, in contrast to the Imperial State Crown of Great Britain as used on both the 3d and 5c Beavers. Centrally arranged below the crown are the letters abbreviating the title "Victoria Regina Imperatrix."

No numerals of value appeared and the denomination of each stamp was expressed in words, a practice persisting in the succeeding Maple Leaf set, and discontinued with the Numeral issue of 1898. It is interesting to note that the Jubilees mark the commencement of the appearance of plate numbers for Canadian stamps. (PH)

THE PLATES AND IMPRINTS

Altogether 31 plates were constructed and were numbered in order of their manufacture — the U.S. system — rather than by denomination.

The ½c to 5c and the 8c were printed in sheets of 100 (10 x 10) and the 6c, and 10c to \$5 in sheets of 50 (5 x 10). The imprint (type IX) "OTTAWA No. —" appears on the top margin only above the fifth and sixth stamps on the sheets of 100, and above the second, third and fourth stamps of the sheets of 50. It is interesting to observe the omission of the printer's name.

Not including the post card, 16 dies and transfer rolls were made, of which at least nine were used to lay down the plates. The transfer rolls contained from five to seven reliefs, although one relief at a time was resorted to when rolling a plate. Most of the rolls contained reliefs of several stamps; one indeed contained five, each of a different stamp! (WSB)

Apparently the plates were constructed after the same method this company had used for years in manufacturing United States stamps. On the roller reliefs a dot was marked at top or bottom, depending on which side of the plate was to be the starting point. As an impression was rocked in from the roller, this "guide" or "position dot" would show where the succeeding impression should go.

Usually these dots are obscured by details of the design, but when alignment was not as meticulous as it should have been, these little dots may be visible. With most of the stamps of this issue, these guide dots are hard, often impossible, to locate but, by some strange happenstance, in the top row of the 8c they are not only clearly visible, but vary so in position that this row of 10 stamps can be readily "plated." Jarrett gives excellent illustrations of all 10 varieties. (BWHP)

DISTRIBUTION: BUYING BY SETS

Despite considerable criticism based upon the inclusion of the high top values, the popularity of the new set was as great as it was immediate. Advance publication of the numbers to be issued resulted in an abnormal demand for the ½c and 6c values. In con-

sequence, compound sales were made obligatory by the Post Office Department on June 26, necessitating the purchase of full sets in order to obtain these two low values. A few days later, similar restrictions were placed on the 8c and all dollar values. (PH)

The critics in 1897 called it "discreditable" and "a miserable fraud" — Canada's first issue with stamps running as high as \$5 on their face value. Ever since, \$1 has been the top.





The Artists

Victoria, Queen and Empress, Defender of the Faith, ascended the British throne on June 20, 1837, and 60 years later celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of her reign. The event was marked by festivities of all kinds.

Alexandrina Victoria was said by historians to be "born to be a Queen." George III, who was an aged lunatic, was still living at Windsor when Victoria was born — completely impervious to the impressions of the outer world where the succession of the throne had become a matter of urgent doubt. Of George's seven sons, the youngest being more than middle age, none had legitimate offspring and it was most urgent that one of these should marry and produce an heir to the throne of England.

The stalemate was broken by the marriage of Edward, Duke of Kent, fourth son of George III to Victoria Mary Louisa, daughter of Francis, Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Saalfeld, May 29, 1818. Alexandrina Victoria was born the following year on May 24. She became Queen the year she became eighteen when Alfred Edward Chalon, R.A., was commissioned to paint her portrait as a gift for her mother on the prorogation of Parliament July 17, 1837.

The painting of Queen Victoria, by Chalon, used as the basis for the left side of this series of stamps is referred to as the Chalon Head.

Chalon was born in Geneva, February 15, 1781. He became an Associate of the Royal Academy in 1812 and a Royal Academician in 1816. He was a fashionable portrait painter in water colors, was the first to paint a portrait of Queen Victoria and was appointed portrait painter in water colors to the Queen. He also painted fine subject pieces in oil, illustrations for the *Galerie des Graces*, published in London 1832-1834, and illustrations for the works of Walter Scott. He died in Kensington, London, Oct. 3, 1860. (JBS)

The second portrait was done in 1862 by Royal Command on the occasion of Victoria's assumption to the title "Empress of India". The artist was Prof. Von Angeli of Vienna.

The design of the Jubilee stamps was by Lyndwoode Pereira of the Department of the Interior, assisted by F. Brownell.

Until these stamps were issued, 50c had been the highest denomination available for postal purposes. So, as the sale of complete sets of these Jubilee stamps gradually fizzled out, the post office was left with a lot of the dollar values. The lower values offered no problem as they could be used up in the normal course of business. With the dollar values it was a different matter. Many were used on parcels and these can generally be recognized by the heavy "repeat" or smudge cancellations. Some were used for the prepayment of heavy bulk mailings of newspaper

ers and printed matter and many of these show a neat violet cancellation. (BWHP)

But sales were disappointingly low. A check in 1902 showed that 1,835 of the \$3; 2,013 of the \$4; 1,240 of the \$5 and a few each of the \$1 and \$2 still on hand in post offices — four years after the issue went on sale. The speculators the post office expected lamentably failed in their duty and, like the U.S. Columbians, the issue was considered rather a flop. So it was decided to recall them from sale and send them to the incinerator. (BWHP)

THE PLATES DESTROYED

All plates and dies had been destroyed in September, and I take the liberty of quoting the eye witness report as printed in *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*, and reproduced in C. A. Howes' immortal book, *Canada: Its Stamps and Postal History* (1911).

"On Friday afternoon, September 10th, . . . I presented myself at the Post Office Department and joined a party who were just leaving the building to go over to the American Bank Note Company's building, a couple of blocks away. . . . Arriving, we were conducted to the top floor by the manager. The plates, dies, etc., were brought out by those in charge, and the 17 original dies, after inspection

by those present, were placed one by one under a press and an obliterating roller passed over them several times; proofs were then pulled which faintly showed the outline of the ovals, etc., but the words showing the value could not even be made out. Next the rolls for transferring the impression from the dies to the plates came in for their share of attention. There were 19 of them, and a few burns from an emery wheel quickly put each one "out of sight." The plates, 31 in number, were subjected to the same treatment as the dies and the total time occupied in the destruction of the various parts occupied almost two hours."

Thus was officially terminated the issue of one of the world's most popular sets. (PH)

The Critics



The Canadian Jubilee issue is *today* generally conceded to be one of Canada's most beautiful and popular postal issues. This popularity however is in sharp contrast to the reception given by the philatelic press of 74 years ago:

The London Philatelist, August 1897: "The Dominion of Canada — has indeed presented a sorry spectacle. The appearance of the series with the dual portrait of Her Majesty — beautiful as are the stamps — presents all the worst features of speculative issues. . . . with the numbers issued, apparently carefully calculated to invite official speculations at the expense of collectors, the whole *scheme* is one that reflects the gravest discredit upon the Canadian Postal authorities."

Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal, June 30, 1897: ". . . we strongly recommend — be satisfied with copies of one or two of the lower values. . . . we trust that this discreditable issue will fall as flat as it deserves."

The Post Office, July 1897: "This whole Jubilee stamp business is a miserable fraud upon the collecting public. . . . collectors who pay face for the high values do an exceedingly foolish thing."

All agreed that the design was appropriate and beautiful. Criticism was directed against, (1) the limited quantities printed, particularly of the ½c and 6c values, (the entire printing of the ½c, 150,000 copies, could have been purchased for \$750.00); (2) the unnecessary \$1, \$2, \$3, \$4 and \$5 values, (the highest previous value was the 50c Widow's Weeds, and the highest postal rate at the time would have been overpaid with either the \$4, or \$5 values); (3) the apparent speculation among the *official* personnel in the most limited values, particularly the ½c and 6c; and (4) the fact that almost no values other than the most common could be purchased except in full sets, with a face value of \$16.20½.

Although the intentions were to print 25,000 each of the dollar values, less than 10,000 each of the \$3 and \$4 stamps were issued. Thus, less than 10,000 sets of this issue exist today, or less than 40% of the supply of the U.S. Columbians. (ER)

VARIETIES: ONLY A FEW

Boggs lists two re-entries on the 10c (strong on No. 6 and faint on No. 16) and a faint horizontal guide line just below the fifth row of the sheet.

The top row of the 8c may be plated by variations in the position dots between EIGHT and CENTS. (See *Plates*, above).

On the 10c is a vertical line between CE of CENTS on Nos. 1 and 7.

On the 15c, a vertical line through N of FIFTEEN on No. 4.

The W-E variety on the 20c value; position unknown



TWENTY

On the 20c a constant dot above the jewel of the crown, and the WE of TWENTY is joined by a line (see illustration); positions unknown. (WSB)

In this two-part reprint we've collected data from several articles, covering many obscure facts about the Jubilee issue and combining it with more common material into what we hope will be a fairly definitive article.

Most of the material was placed at our disposal by the BNAPS librarian, and edited together to form a more or less coherent story with a minimum of duplication.

Next month we'll cover flag cancellations, overprints, proofs and essays, and will offer a new portion on counterfeits by E. A. Smythies — the editor.

The sources, indicated by initials in brackets following each portion, are as follows: (PH): Peter J. Hurst, in *Weekly Philatelic Gossip* and reprinted in *The Barclay (Canada) Wholesaler*, May 1950; (JBS) J. Burton Slough, in *The American Philatelist*, Sept. 1968; (BWHP) Bertram W. H. Poole, in *Scott's Monthly Journal*, May 1952; (ER): Ed Richardson, in *The Stamp Specialist maroon book*, 1944; (WSB): William S. Boggs' *Canada* (2 vols., 1946).

Some Philatelic Posers . . . by E. A. Smythies, FRPSL

2 - RING NUMERALS: 17 and 20

April 1868 (at the same time as the issue of the new Dominion of Canada Large Queen stamps) to the 60 principal towns in Canada; and allotted in order of importance, i.e. numbers 1 and 2 to Montreal and Toronto, down to 50 and 60 for Clinton and Newmarket.

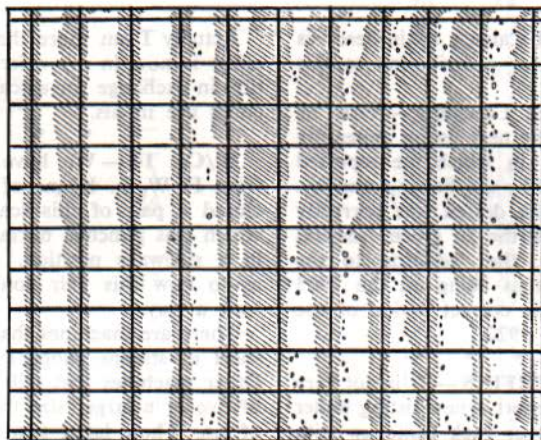
The allotment of all these numbers to specific towns has been determined by covers showing both the ring-number and the CDS of the town, *except two* — numbers 17 and 20. These numbers have never been found on covers in spite of many decades of research; on cover they would be valuable items! Why this should be so it is impossible to say. They must have been the 17th- and 20th-most-important towns in Canada at that time, so we might have expected an adequate number of strikes to have survived. But even off-cover both are very rare and evidently, for some unknown reasons, were little used.

Both postmarks *do* exist as off-cover specimens on both Large Queens and Small. This means they were used for at least two years, since the Small Queens were not issued until 1970.

Perhaps some reader of these notes might like to assess the possible towns in 1868 that had a population between that of Brockville (16) and Yarmouth (18) and again between Peterborough (19) and Goderich (21), the last one of the commonest of all 2-ring numerals.

(Eleventh in a series)

Kenneth G. Rose, Box 7086, Station E, Calgary 5, Alberta



Above is a rough diagram of the tagging bars as they appear on a pane of 1c Cameo. Under normal circumstances this would have been treated as either a very unusual freak, or an exceedingly sloppy phosphor application. Both of these it is, without a doubt, yet there are enough interesting facts as to how it came to be reported for it to be included in the Phosphor Story.

Bear in mind that we are talking about a stamp that was issued early in 1963, was replaced in January 1967, and has been off sale at the philatelic agency for well over a year (as of this writing on April 14, 1971). On January 26, 1971, Lorne James of Victoria sent in a diagram of what turned out to be stamp No. 85 from this pane. It came from a mixture purchased at the Bay Victoria, and had enough of a roller cancellation to pinpoint its usage in Toronto. I expressed the opinion that it was most likely a double or even triple phosphor application of the normal type 3, since this has been reported on other issues. I could not have been more wrong.

During a visit to Victoria in April, I visited Dr. W. C. Horning and since he was interested in tagged issues amongst other things, we visited a dealer in Victoria from whom he had made most of his tagged purchases. There, in a stock book, were two blocks of 8 which were easily positioned immediately to the right of the LL blank

block, although we did not know it at the time. Needless to say we purchased one each, amongst other things.

On my return to Calgary on April 10 there was a letter from Larry Davidson of Kitchener, complete with a diagram from which this one was drawn. He had purchased the full sheet from an Ontario dealer, who had a second one for sale.

I will not attempt to assume what happened, or how this error occurred. The only words I can think of are "semi-constant freak". This much we do know — the two sheets in Ontario came from the philatelic section in Ottawa, as did the two blocks in Victoria. The used single originated in Toronto. Therefore we know there are at least five panes in existence since stamp No. 85 exists in five examples. How these remained unreported for so long is almost as big a mystery as the freaks themselves, so it is a safe bet that there are more examples somewhere in the collections of those reading this article. Since it is the Cameo issue that is involved, and the phosphor is easily seen without a special light, there can be no excuses. Please report any findings which could have possibly come from this pane, or one like it. Even 90% of the positions can be determined.

P.S.—The second sheet referred to above has since been secured for my reference collection by Larry Davidson.

NO
PM

E6

Perfin Study Group

R. J. Woolley, secretary, 1520 Bathurst Street, Toronto

Jack Benningen of Calgary again deserves honorable mention for contributing to this column:

F4 — Faber Pencil Company — First he draws attention to the new listing appearing in February *Topics* in which we reported this new design used by the Faber company. In the description the design was correctly reported as being on the 2c green Admiral of 1922. However, the "addition to the catalogue" is shown as being on the 1903 issue (KE VII). The correct period of use should be shown as 1922.

PRECANCEL PERFINS — It is not very often that we can report a new listing under this heading. However Jack came up with an International Harvester, C12c, type 2½ from Estevan, Saskatchewan. This one on a precancel listed in the Canada Precancel Catalogue as 1-85, being on the 1c green Admiral stamp.

EC & E, E6 — This has been one of the few designs which for a long time we have had no identification. Again we are thankful to the same member for sending a cover confirming the user as:

Evans, Coleman & Evans Ltd.
Vancouver B.C.

Actually I am more than thankful as the cover is now in my reference cover collection in exchange for a scarce item that Jack could use in his.

10/Co, 14 — We have also had a note from F. W. L. Keane of Victoria. He enclosed a pair of this scarce perfin one of which was punched normally and the other in a sideways position. His question was as to how this pair could be punched in such a way.

There are machines that will punch a full sheet of stamps (Soper) in one operation. Other machines that will take either a row of five or a larger size that will take a row of ten. These latter two will punch four or five thicknesses if the stamps are folded and from these folded sheets we sometimes get what we would describe as *tete-beche* pairs. From the position of the punches on this pair they could not have occurred from a folded sheet. There are a few single unit machines and I am of the opinion that the Imperial Optical Company had one of these. This is a scarce perfin and it is possible that because punching their stamps on a one unit machine would take up so much time that the company soon discontinued its use.



Rounding Up Squared Circles

Dr. W. G. Moffatt, Hickory Hollow, RR-3, Ballston Lake, N.Y. 12019

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TYPE II, ONTARIO								
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Acton, hammer II	13	3	—	—	129	60	205	30
Alma, 1st state (note c)	—	—	—	—	4	—	4	175
Alma, 2nd state	5	—	—	1	59	53	118	40
Almonte	73	12	12	1	975	59	1132	10
Angus	—	—	—	—	43	12	55	60
Arnprior	88	12	21	—	1371	67	1559	7.5
Athens	22	2	—	—	172	17	213	30
Aurora	11	—	1	—	202	14	228	30
Aylmer West	57	3	1	—	421	38	520	20

	3c Jub.		2c Map		Other		Grand Total	New RF
	OC	Cvr	OC	Cvr	OC	Cvr		
Beamsville	25	4	—	—	163	22	214	30
Belleville, hammer I ..	—	—	—	—	416	15	431	20
Belleville, hammer II ..	139	—	—	—	2511	73	2723	5
Belleville, hammer III	405	23	8	1	2505	80	3022	5
Berlin	—	—	—	—	70	14	84	45
Blue Vale	—	—	—	—	23	2	25	80
Blyth	—	—	—	—	9	2	11	125
Bobcaygeon, 1st state ..	6	—	4	1	190	58	259	30
Bobcaygeon, 2nd state	4	—	—	—	2	5	11	125
Bowmanville	—	—	—	—	100	8	108	45
Bracebridge	43	—	3	—	246	13	305	25
Brampton	—	1	—	—	197	35	233	30
Brantford	348	24	1	—	3249	257	3879	2.5
Burford	13	—	—	—	160	38	211	30
Cache Bay	—	—	—	—	32	13	45	70
Cardinal	51	13	—	—	345	20	429	30
Cheltenham	4	—	—	—	90	32	126	40
Chesley	—	—	—	—	147	9	156	35
Chesterville	24	—	—	—	187	13	224	30
Cobden	14	—	2	—	121	29	166	35
Cobourg	57	9	—	—	213	12	291	25
Comber	—	—	—	—	74	2	76	50
Cornwall	216	21	60	4	2347	66	2714	5
Dundas	90	17	15	1	1446	85	1654	7.5
Dunnville	73	5	15	1	676	66	836	15
Durham	—	—	—	—	86	9	95	45
Flesherton	24	7	5	—	247	83	366	25
Fonthill (note d)	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	250
Forest	1	—	—	—	15	1	17	100
Formosa, first state	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Formosa, second state	13	—	4	—	74	12	103	45
Fort William West	—	—	—	—	15	—	15	100
Galt	—	—	—	—	317	20	337	25
Georgetown	42	4	18	2	580	62	708	15
Glamis	12	—	5	—	81	19	117	40
Glencoe	20	5	1	—	265	26	317	25
Goderich	87	14	25	1	925	131	1183	10
Gore Bay	22	2	14	3	367	84	492	20
Grafton	8	—	—	—	76	7	91	45
Gravenhurst	13	—	4	—	279	22	318	25
Guelph	—	—	—	—	1836	87	1923	7.5
Hagersville	26	3	—	—	276	41	346	25
Hamilton	*	—	—	—	2663	148	2811	5
Harriston	28	2	—	—	175	24	229	30
Hawkesbury	—	—	—	—	128	12	140	40
Humberstone	16	—	—	—	103	16	135	40
Huntsville	73	4	12	2	474	62	627	15
Ingersoll	157	23	—	—	435	50	665	15
International Bridge	—	—	—	—	67	4	71	50
Iroquois	38	13	15	2	347	59	474	20
Kincardine	—	—	—	—	122	7	129	40
Kingston, hammer I	—	—	—	—	295	21	316	25
Kingston, hammer II ..	573	41	5	1	4261	208	5089	2.5
Kingsville	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	225

	3c Jub.		2c Map		Other		Grand Total	New RF
	OC	Cvr	OC	Cvr	OC	Cvr		
Lakefield	16	—	8	1	281	35	341	25
Lambton Mills (note e)	—	—	—	—	4	—	4	175
Lanark	18	4	1	—	182	21	226	30
Leamington	51	3	22	2	519	40	637	15
Lindsay	143	8	39	2	2082	192	2466	5
Listowel	9	—	28	2	550	55	644	15
Little Current	19	3	3	—	221	40	286	25
London (note f)	—	—	—	—	966	84	1050	10
L'Original	17	2	3	—	251	21	294	25
Lucknow	30	3	10	1	199	47	290	25
Manitowaning	15	1	3	—	126	41	186	35
Markdale, hammer I	—	—	—	—	63	8	71	50
Markdale, hammer II	—	—	—	—	18	2	20	90
Markdale, hammer III	—	—	—	—	192	12	204	30
Marmora	20	2	—	1	219	45	287	25
Martintown	7	1	—	—	57	22	87	45
Mattawa	34	2	3	—	420	62	521	20
Merrickville	47	5	14	1	514	51	632	15
Merritton	19	2	—	—	263	22	306	25
Mill Brook	—	—	—	—	23	1	24	90
Milton West	42	4	10	—	352	43	451	20
Mitchell	30	5	—	—	364	34	433	20
Mount Brydges	13	6	3	—	223	384	629	15
Nassagaweya	—	—	—	—	14	2	16	100
Newmarket	1	—	—	—	152	25	178	35
Niagara	8	—	1	—	246	29	284	25
Niagara Falls South	16	—	2	—	117	27	162	35
North Bay	43	5	15	2	633	73	771	15
Orangeville	—	—	—	—	68	9	77	50
Orillia	8	—	1	—	273	34	316	25
Oshawa	—	—	—	—	164	22	186	35
Owen Sound	117	9	1	—	728	88	943	10
Oxford Mills	10	1	1	—	92	16	120	40
Paisley	14	—	—	2	280	30	326	25
Palmerston	—	—	—	—	2	1	3	200
Paris	145	14	22	2	2138	108	2429	5
Paris Station	—	—	—	—	102	56	158	35
Pembroke	3	—	—	—	213	11	227	30
Perth	47	5	9	—	552	35	648	15
Peterborough	167	12	—	—	1650	153	1982	7.5
Petrolea	89	12	2	2	1519	86	1710	7.5
Pictou	127	14	45	1	1486	135	1808	7.5
Pontypool	—	—	—	—	12	—	12	125
Port Arthur	38	8	18	—	1046	94	1204	10
Port Dover	—	—	—	—	31	3	34	70
Port Hope	134	22	38	2	1266	126	1588	7.5
Port Perry	5	—	—	—	147	12	164	35
Powassan	7	—	1	—	172	36	216	30
Prescott	114	15	29	4	1358	102	1622	7.5
Ripley	*	—	5	—	80	7	92	45
Rockton	3	—	2	—	61	29	95	45
Rodney	20	2	—	—	198	20	240	30
Roseneath	5	—	—	1	77	44	127	40
Rosseau	—	—	—	—	44	13	57	60

TOPICS: THE NEWSFRONT

On June 30, the Post Office Department issued a press release stating that the new 7c definitive postage issue was going on sale on that day, to cover Canada's new postal rates in effect on July 1. The POD stated that, in view of the short notice, first day cover service was being extended for collectors, through the Philatelic Service.

The new stamp is green with the "communications and transportation" design in the background, the same design used on the 6c value.

TOPICS: THE BUSINESS SIDE

BNAPS: ELECTED OFFICERS

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1969-1971 — G. B. Llewellyn (chairman), C. R. McNeil, D. G. Rosenblat.
1970-1972 — Dr. R. A. Chaplin, S. S. Kenyon, Wilmer C. Rockett.
1971-1973 — James C. Lehr, James A. Pike, Robert H. Pratt.

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BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Term 1972-1974. Three (3) to be elected:

GEORGE B. LLEWELLYN
C. RUSSELL McNEIL
DANIEL G. ROSENBLAT

Above candidates submitted by Nominating Committee, Alfred H. Kessler, Chairman
(Elected by acclamation — no voting necessary)

From the Secretary

JACK LEVINE
Raleigh, North Carolina

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- ALDRED, Wendell C., George School, Newton, Pa. 18940 (C-CX) CAN, NFD—Mint and use postage. Coils. OHMS-G. Town cancellations on stamps. Proposed by J. Levine (L1).
- ANTHES, Leonard J., 1521 LeMarchant St., Apt. 2A, Halifax, N.S. (C-X) CAN, NFD, PROV—19th and 20th century mint and used postage and blocks. Proposed by G. F. Hansen (2203). Seconded by E. P. Tizard (1911).
- BENJAMIN, Gerald, 422 Morrison Ave., Town of Mount Royal, Montreal, Que. (C-X) CAN—20th century mint and used postage and mint blocks. Plate Blocks. Coils. OHMS-G. Mint booklet panes. Mint Airmails. Proposed by G. F. Hansen (2203).
- BRITTON, Philip S., 31½ Dunlap Ave., Pennsville, N.J. 08070 (C-CX) CAN, NFD, PROV—Used postage, Arctic and Naval covers. Used Airmails. Territorial and Arctic cancellations. Proposed by W. W. Chadbourne (L100). Seconded by J. Siverts (59).
- BRONSTEIN, Leon, P.O. Box 94, Station B, Montreal, Que. (C-X) CAN, NFD, PROV—19th and 20th century mint and used postage and blocks. Pre-stamp and stampless covers. Plate Blocks. Coils. OHMS-G. Mint, used booklet panes and complete booklets. Mint, used, semi-official airmails and on cover. Proofs and Essays. All cancellations. Proposed by H. Lawrence (2575).
- BROOKS, Earle C., Sandy Point, Me. 04972 (C-C) CAN, NFD—Mint postage. Coils. OHMS-G. Complete booklets. Postal Stationery entires. Perforation and shade varieties. Proposed by V. R. Yeaton (1066). Seconded by V. Ditmars (769).
- BUGGELN, Robert W., 325 Camp Hill Road, Fort Washington, Pa. 19034 (C) CAN, NFD, PROV—19th and 20th century mint postage. Coils. OHMS-G. Mint booklet panes and complete booklets. Precancels. Mint and semi-official Airmails. Postal Stationery entires. Literature. R.P.O., Territorial and Flag cancellations. SPECIALTY—Precancels. Proposed by J. Levine (L1).
- CARNEY, F. Douglas, 100 Queen St. N., Apt. 1108, Kitchener, Ont. (C) CAN—19th and 20th century mint postage. Plate Blocks. Coils. Mint booklet panes and complete booklets. Mint Airmails. Proposed by J. Levine (L1).
- CHAPMAN, Antony U., Western Reserve Academy, Hudson, Ohio 44236 (C-CX) CAN, NFD, N.B., N.S., P.E.I.—Used postage. OHMS-G. Used Airmails. Literature. Proposed by G. F. Hansen (2203).
- CHATFIELD, R. J., 2415 Jane St., Apt. 803, Downsview, Ont. (C) CAN—19th century mint and used postage and blocks. Literature. R.P.O., Territorial, Flag, 2 ring numerals, Squared Circle and Duplex cancellations. SPECIALTY—Small Heads. Proposed by G. F. Hansen (2203).
- CHRISTIANI, Egbert S. G., 12 Lawndale Road, Scarborough, Ont. (C-CX) CAN—20th century mint and used postage and blocks. 1st Day covers. Plate Blocks. Coils. OHMS-G. Mint booklet panes and complete booklets. Mint Airmails. Literature. Major and minor varieties. SPECIALTY—Plate Blocks. Tagged stamps. Proposed by G. F. Hansen (2203).
- COVERT, Earle L., M.D., Box 1126, Hay River, N.W.T. (C) CAN, NFD—20th century mint and used postage and mint blocks. 1st Day and 1st Flight covers. Coils. OHMS-G. Complete booklets. Precancels. Mint, used, semi-official Airmails and on cover. Postal Stationery entires. Perf. initials. Proposed by G. F. Hansen (2203).
- DILLMAN, Franklin W., Bldg. E., Apt. 109, Great Neck Road, Amityville, L.I., N.Y. 11701 (C-CX) CAN, NFD—Mint postage and blocks. Coils. OHMS-G. Mint booklet panes and complete booklets. Mint and semi-official Airmails. Postal Stationery entires. Literature. SPECIALTY—Booklets and panes. Seconded by G. F. Hansen (2203).
- DOW, Leon F., Hillsdale Road, Livermore Falls, Me. 04254 (C) CAN, NFD, N.B., N.S., PEI—19th and 20th century mint and used postage and mint blocks. Pre-stamp and stampless covers. Mint booklet panes. Federal and Provincial Revenues. Mint Airmails. Postal Stationery entires. Essays. Proposed by V. R. Yeaton (1066). Seconded by D. C. Stanton (2626).
- FLEWWELLING, Bert, 5645 College St., Vancouver 16, B.C. (C-X) CAN, NFD, B.C.—19th and 20th century mint and used postage. Coils. OHMS-G. Mint and used Airmails. Proofs. Watermarks. Proposed by G. F. Hansen (2203).

- GELERT, Robert A., 811 Ferndale Ave., Orange, Calif. 92665 (C-CX) CAN, PROV—19th and 20th century mint and used postage. Paper, perforation and shade varieties. SPECIALTY—Large and Small Queens. Proposed by G. F. Hansen (2203).
- HILL, Mrs. Frances, 30 Lybny Ave., Dartmouth, N.S. (C-CX) Proposed by G. C. Baugild (759). Seconded by H. D. Hicks (247).
- MACHUM, L. A., Box 1187, Sackville, N.B. (C-X) CAN, NFD, PROV—Mint and used postage and mint blocks. Plate Blocks. Coils. OHMS-G. Mint booklet panes. Proposed by G. F. Hansen (2203).
- MARSTON, Charles L., 3615 Northwest Blvd., Spokane, Wash. 99205 (C) CAN—19th century mint and used postage. Postal Stationery entires. 2 and 4-ring numeral cancellations. SPECIALTY—Beavers. Large and Small Queens. Proposed by G. F. Hansen (2203).
- MOORE, Arthur, 2372 Lyric Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. 90027 (C) CAN, NFD, PROV—19th and 20th century mint and used postage. Coils. OHMS-G. Mint booklet panes. Federal, Provincial and Tax-Paid Revenues. Mint, used and Semi-Official Airmails. Proposed by G. F. Hansen (2203).
- SENDBUEHLER, J. M., M.D., 43 Bruyere W., Ottawa General Hospital, Ottawa, Ont. (C-X) CAN—19th and 20th century mint and used postage and blocks. 1st Day covers. Mint and used Airmails. Literature. Plate errors and re-entries. SPECIALTY—Large and Small Queens; Plate flaws. Proposed by R. J. Woolley (359).
- STONE, Robert J., 7250 Beaubien, Apt. 201, Ville d'Anjou, Que. (C-X) CAN, NFD, PROV—Mint and used postage. Plate blocks. OHMS-G. Federal Revenues. Mint and used Airmails. Proposed by G. F. Hansen (2203).
- vAN DAM, E. S. J., 1274 Royal Drive, Peterboro, Ont. (D) CAN, NFD, PROV—19th and 20th century mint and used postage. Coils. OHMS-G. Mint and used booklet panes. Precancels. Federal, Provincial and Tax-Paid Revenues. Mint, used and semi-official Airmails. Postal Stationery. Literature. Proposed by J. Levine (L1).
- WOOSTER, H. Kenneth, 26 Summit Ave., Thunder Bay, P., Ont. (C-X) CAN, NFD, PROV—Used postage. Proposed by R. B. Boudignon (2526).

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MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, May 1, 1971	1107	
NEW MEMBERS, July 1, 1971	18	1125
DECEASED, July 1, 1971	3	3
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, July 1, 1971		1122

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Another long-time member of BNAPS is a gentleman of New Hampshire and a most prominent industrialist—in addition to being an outstanding philatelist, James Frank Drake, who is now 91 years old and still very active in stamping, has been collecting for 79 years.

His education consists of the Kimball Union Academy and Dartmouth College (A.B., LL.D., and M.C.S. in Administration and Finance). He has been married for over 60 years which is quite a record in itself considering today's high divorce rates.

After World War I, Colonel Drake went with Gulf Oil Co.; in 1923 he was elected president of Standard Steel Car which merged with the Pullman Co., and he became its president. In 1931, he became president of Gulf Oil and its board chairman in 1948. He retired from active duty

in 1955. During World War II he served with the Petroleum Industry War Council, and afterward, was on the National Petroleum Council for many years receiving the industry's Gold Medal for Distinguished Achievements in 1956.

For 50 years Col. Drake has been a specialist of BNA, U.S., Cape of Good Hope, and Bermuda. A few years ago, he donated his BNA and Good Hope collection to the Carnegie Foundation in Pittsburgh. He was primarily a cover collector and I prize one rare PEI cover from his collection. He says that he now finally has time to devote to his collecting with which "I have had a lot of fun collecting my covers". He also made a point of the help that he had obtained in collecting these covers and wished to give special thanks to Fred Jarrett, Jim Sissons, and Gordon Harmer.

Wouldn't it be grand to see Col. Drake at Halifax—it's but a short distance from Pittsfield—what philatelic stories he no doubt could tell. We wish him good health and happy collecting.

Dr. R. V. C. Carr

...and some doodles by The Editor

Some quick news items, since the *Newsfront* section is limited in this issue: Horace Harrison erred; in chapter three, paragraph six, line 10 of his *CPR Postal Stationery* series (March issue) should read "A or 1 was used . . ." not "B or 2". . . . And speaking of Harrison, his book on the Registry stamps published by the APS costs \$7.50, not \$7 as stated in the May issue. . . . Canadian collectors will have to pay capital gains tax on collections worth over \$1,000, under the proposed federal tax reforms announced last month. Tax would amount to half the profit, at the time of sale. . . . According to *Linn's Stamp News*, all 1971 Canadian issues to date have been printed on Hi-Brite phospher paper. . . . The POD is now sold out of First Day Covers on the Spring Maple Leaf stamp, and all 1968 issues; a total of 50,000 copies of the leaf cover were made.

MAIL FROM OUR MEMBERS

Scott's is willing

The following is a copy of a letter sent to E. A. Smythies in Ireland, replying to his *Philatelic Posers* column two months ago.

Dear Mr. Smythies:

The Catalogue editor's name is not Rip Van Winkle, nor even Graham. It is Hatcher.

I read with interest your Bothwell Paper article in the May issue of *Topics*. It is good to learn that although "E. & G. BOTHWELL CLUTHA MILLS" is a papermaker's watermark, it is not the papermaker's name.

Naturally we will be glad to correct this error in our catalogue, but unfortunately it is too late to do so for the 1972 edition. We regret that you did not tell us of this inaccuracy three or four months ago, when the note could easily have been adjusted.

Sometimes it is hard not to take offense when we find ourselves ridiculed in print. But that is not the point. We can survive the aspersions. The important need is to get the message to you, and to every other serious philatelist who has a worthwhile criticism of the catalogue, or a suggestion to improve it, that he can easily reach us by mail, phone or personal visit at 604 Fifth Avenue, New York.

The British North America Philatelic Society is one of the specialist organizations that we have long considered a dependable aid and source of information on catalogue listings (it is acknowledged in the front of the catalogue). I hope our good relationship with that society is not deteriorating.

*James B. Hatcher, Editor
Scott Publishing Co.*

Freak perfs

Some time ago I picked up a part-sheet of the Group of Seven issue in which the sheet had apparently slipped up about a quarter inch when being perforated; as a result the perfs appear on the sheet below the word "Canada" rather than above.

This means that the top row bears the word "Canada" above and below the body of the stamp, while on the lower row there is no printing. I do not know how

many more are in existence other than the 30 copies I have but I thought this might interest some of the members.

C. E. Burnyeat



Postal stationery

At our last CPS of GB auction in October 1970, I purchased two postal stationery post cards, one 1953 and the other 1960 (Holmes design 1490a), both used at Orillia, Ontario, by "The Superintendent," Trent Canal, Washago, Ontario, in November and December 1962. These cards are printed:

O.H.M.S.

measuring 37½mm by 6mm with square stops after the letters and round round "O" in OHMS. These OHMS cards are mentioned in the Higgins & Gage catalogue, in a footnote, but no other information is listed. Could you inform me if you have ever heard of these cards or have any further information? I have had some considerable correspondence with Mr. Flatters and Mr. Mullen of the Canadian Post Office; it would appear that these cards were not authorised by the Post Office.

The responsible department appears to be the Ministry of Transport and on the advice of your Post Office I have written to the minister at Room 738, Hunter Building, Ottawa. I first wrote on March 18 and then again on April 28, but have had no reply. Your government departments are

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