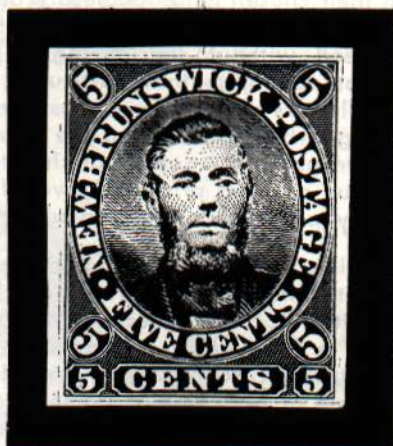


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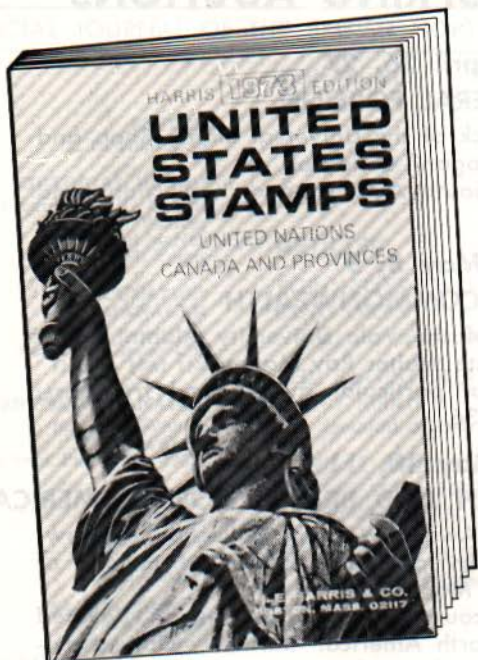
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# Toronto's Two- and Three-Ring Orbs

by DAVID HANDELMAN

This article is intended as a detailed analysis of the familiar two- and three-ring cancels of Toronto, 1891-1902 (not including those of the postal stations in Toronto). The general category of these cancels was the subject of an article by Max Rosenthal in the November 1970 issue of *Topics*.

## The Two-Ring Orb

(I omit discussion of the freak Toronto duplex of 1901 that was inserted into a large two-ring orb in 1902. For detailed information the interested reader may consult an article by Dr. C. W. Hollingsworth, in the October 1965 issue of *Maple Leaves*.)

As is well-known, there are two easily distinguishable varieties of the two-ring dater. Both have CANADA at the base, and almost invariably employed a three-letter month.

**Hammer D (dots):** (fig. 1) This is characterized by two large dots before and after CANADA, and its rings have diameters 27 and 23mm. Dates range from Aug 92 to Jul 01. While almost all the strikes have three letter months, I have noted the following uses of three-letter months:

Oc 1, 8, 14, 22, 28, 31	1896
Ap 2, 14, 25, 28	1897
Fe 5	1901

(Care must be exercised in searching for two-letter months, as partial and unclear strikes are common.)

**Hammer P (period):** (fig. 2) This hammer has no dots, but a small period after CANADA. It is noticeably larger than hammer D, with diameters 29 and 25mm. I note dates from Ap 91 to Sep 97, and a later usage in Ap 99 (two-letter month). From Oct 91, the C in CANADA shows a twist: by late 92, the twisted piece had been repaired or broken off, leaving a gap in the C. After late 94, the C is solid again, due to wear.

The usual indicial arrangement is date/

time/year. However, prior to Oct 6 91, the arrangement was reversed: time/date/year; and in the month of October (1891), the clerks could not make up their minds. Occasionally, this reversal occurred after that date:

11 AM/Oct 7/91	4 PM/Aug 31/95
11 AM/Oct 12/91	11 PM/Nov 1/95
? /Oct 20/91	11 PM/Jan 1/96
? /Apl ?/95	11 PM/May 18/96
2 PM/Mar 30/95	? /Aug 13/96
7 PM/Aug 21/95	7 PM/Ap 7/99
11 PM/Aug 28/95	(two-letter month)
1 PM/Aug 30/95	

Two of the three-ring hammers frequently had similar indicia reversals. Contemporaneous with the orb cancels, of course was the squared circle, whose *normal* system was the reverse of the normal system for orbs. The squared circle shows a striking pattern of usage of its reversals—no such pattern is evident here, although there is no overlap between squared circle and orb reversals.

## The Three-Ring Orb

As far as I am aware, no one has previously noted more than one variety of the three-ring hammer. I list four below.

**Hammer L (large):** (fig. 3) This hammer has ring diameters of 32½, 29, and 26½mm. (so that the middle ring is closer to the inner ring) and a small period after CANADA. Copies are dated between Feb 91 and Jan 97. Between Jan and Mar 93, a break occurred in the base of the N in TORONTO. As is the case with Hammer P, this orb employed the time/date indicial system prior to Oct 91 and occasionally afterwards:

? May 23/94  
7 PM/Oct 10/94  
? /Oct 12/94  
6 PM/Oct 15/94

? /Oct 22/94  
? /Oct 23/94  
3 PM/Oct 30/94

#### Two-Letter Months

Ap 12, 30—94  
Ap 6, 23—96

Ap 3—95

Oc, (My, Ju, De, Ja noted  
after 00.

Also: Mar 22/8 PM/10 (Year error: 10 for 01)

I also note the following: 4 Jan/8 PM/94  
(4 Jan for Jan 4).

**Hammer LS:** (fig. 4) This hammer is similar to L, with the same ring dimensions and small period after CANADA. It may be distinguished from Hammer L by attempting to fit an accurate tracing of L to the strike — if the strike is LS, the final A of CANADA and the final O of TORONTO cannot be simultaneously lined up. All strikes of this hammer that have been seen show breaks in many letters, especially in the final TO of TORONTO; in 94, the diagonal stroke of the R is usually missing. Unfortunately, poor strikes of Hammer L may also show damage to the letters. Usage ranges from Jun 93 to Ju 03, which roughly corresponds to the usage of the squared circle.

This hammer has both the time-date reversal and the two-letter month idiosyncrasies noted above. It appears the very late strikes were used to kill stamps missed by the machines, as traces of machine markings are usually visible. This usage probably accounts for the relative scarcity of two- and three-ring orbs after 1900.

#### Reversals

8 PM/Sep 11/95  
8 PM/Feb 5/96  
8 PM/Feb 10/96  
8 PM/Feb 12/96

7 PM/Jul 17/96  
7 PM/Oct 12/96  
5 PM/Oct 23/96  
11 AM/Dec 21/96  
6 PM/Aug 7/97

**Hammer S (small):** (fig. 5) The rings of this hammer are evenly spaced (in contrast to L and LS), of diameters 32, 29, and 26mm. The lettering is smaller than either of L or LS, hence this hammer is easily differentiated from the previous two. Dates range from Aug 96 to Mar 02. 7 Apl/7 PM/00 is the only indicial phenomenon noted.

**Hammer VS ('very small'):** (fig. 6) This is a very small and scarce hammer occurring in 1900 and 1901, with diameters 31, 28, and 26mm, and small letters 2½mm in height.

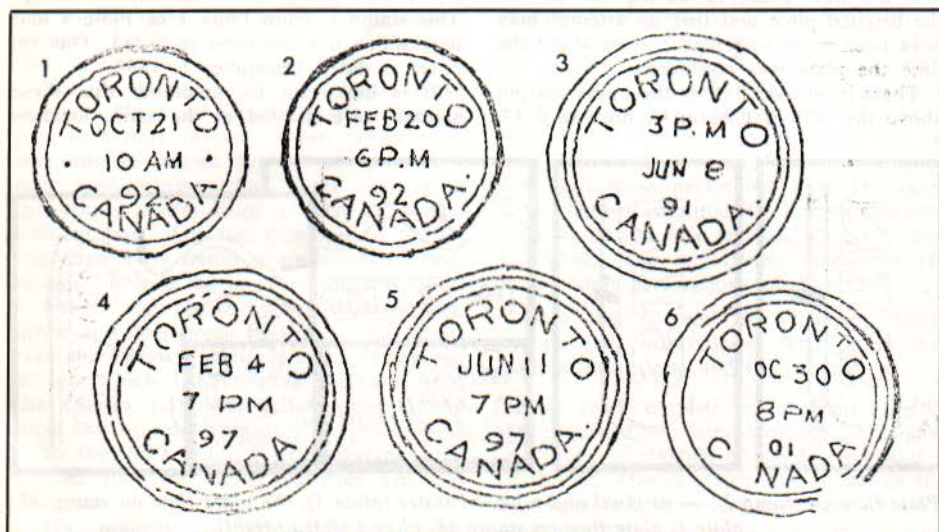
#### Sunday Dates

In 1897, the percentage of Sunday dates amongst the two-ring orbs was an incredible 9% in my sample of 371 strikes; all other years, 1.6%; and overall, 3.3%. Amongst the three-ring, the percentage of Sunday dates was 1.6%, with no excess in 1897.

A chart showing approximate periods of usage of the various hammers, and tables showing distribution of time markings follow.

I would like to thank Dr. F. Stulberg, Mr. Ken Willington and Dr. William Mofatt for the data they contributed.

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# The Registered Letter Stamps

By ROBERT A. CHAPLIN, M.D.

## SECOND OF TWO PARTS

In 1889 the Postmaster General issued 514,700 5c registered letter stamps. This increased to 1,466,950 in 1890 and to 2,154,350 in 1891. The earliest stamps from Plate 2 are found dated 1892. The *Dominion Philatelist* noted the new sheet arrangement in 1892. Probably this old plate, which had never been properly finished, was taken out of storage and put to use to supply the great increase in demand for the 5c stamps. There were many guide lines, position dots and blemishes which are normally burnished off before printing. There are no marginal marks. Stamps from this plate vary considerably in width because of the difficulty in perforating.

On Plate 1 of the 2c there are three major plate flaws. A flaw manifest on stamp 22 extends laterally from the "T" of CENTS across the right frame lines. It is found in two states. The larger one is less common. The one example which I have examined is from the original plate. The smaller or repaired flaw is more common. The examples which I have examined are from the re-entered plate. This suggests that the flaw occurred during the use of the original plate and that an attempt may have been made to repair it at or about the time the plate was re-entered.

There is an oval flaw in the upper margin above the "C" of CANADA on stamp 37.

This flaw is common and present on stamps from both the original and re-entered plates.

A flaw is located in the right upper corner near the base of the "T" of TWO in stamp 38; it consists of a vertical mark. The examples which I have examined are all from the original plate. Three on covers are dated February 11, 1882, November 10, 1882 and September 30, 1885. This suggests that the flaw may have been caused when the plate was made, or early during its use, and was repaired just before or at the time it was re-entered.

On the 2c stamps the left frame line is single and the right frame is composed of two lines. Evidence of re-entering may be manifest on these frame lines where they appear fuzzy and sometimes doubled on the left or triple or quadruple on the right. This is very distinct on stamps 6, 15, 25, 35, 44 and 45. The 5c stamps have a single frame line on each side. On stamps from the re-entered plate the left frame line is doubled on stamps 11, 38, and 41, and the right frame line doubled on stamp 44. A short transfer has resulted in the right frame line being absent in one 5c stamp. This stamp is from Plate 1 or Plate 3 and its position has not been recorded. One on cover is dated December 1, 1890.

It is important to remember that these stamps were printed at the same location

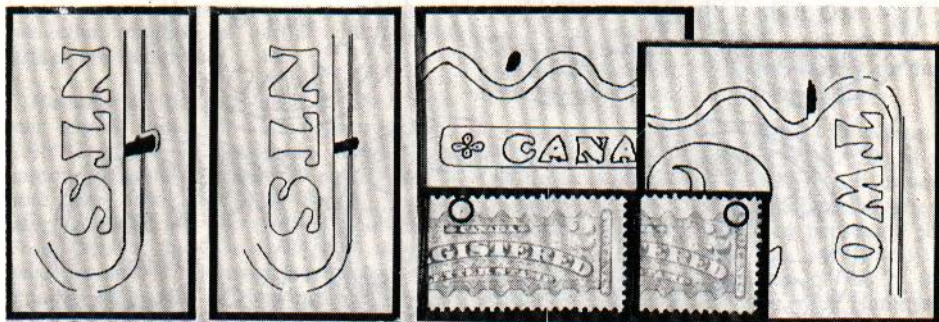


Plate flaw on stamp 22 — original and repaired states (plate 1); the plate flaw on stamp 37, plate 1; plate flaw on stamp 38, plate 1 (left to right).





Four 2c Registered, with stamps to prepay the three cents postage and five cent registration charge



8c Registered with stamps prepaying registration charge to England: Nov. 9, 1876

and at the same time as the Small Queen stamps, that is, Montreal until 1888 and then in Ottawa.

The 2c stamps printed in Montreal are orange. There are many shades from a pale to a deep orange. When the printing was done in Ottawa the first stamps were a deep rose-carmine. This color also exists in various shades from a deep to a pale rose-carmine. The last printings of the 2c registered letter stamps are a distinctive red-orange. This is the most uncommon color.

The 5c stamps are green. Yellow-green, green and deep-green occur in both Montreal and Ottawa printings. The blue-green stamps which I have examined are from the Ottawa printings; yellow-green is the most uncommon shade.

So few 8c registered letter stamps were printed that the shade varieties are less obvious.

The majority of the registered letter

stamps are perforated 12 x 12. Some Montreal printings were perforated 12 x 11½ and a few 12 x 11¼. To the end of 1887, 23,550,000 2c stamps had been received from the printer compared to only 3,147,000 of the 5c. This accounts for the 5c stamp perforated 12 x 11¼ being uncommon and these perforated 12 x 11½ rare. In the Ottawa printings it is common to find both the 2c and 5c perforated 12¼ x 12 and 12 x 12¼. The 8c stamps have been reported with perforations of 12 x 12¾.

Both the 2c and 5c registered letter stamps exist imperforate. The 5c in this state is uncommon and the 2c rare.

The total number of registered letter stamps issued was approximately 29,500,000 of the 2c, 12,500,000 of the 5c, and 90,000 of the 8c. Howes states that 40,000 of the 8c registered letter stamps were recalled and destroyed.



# The Alaska Highway 8c

by GEORGE A. VANDERBURGH

My first contact with these envelopes came in the October 1972 issue of *Topics* when I read J. F. Webb's article on page 225. Although the information was thought-provoking, it gave no clues towards how these envelopes could be acquired.

My next encounter with them came when a long-time stamp-collecting crony of mine asked me to inquire after a particular variety of postal stationery. Since the return address on the envelope was in Barrie, Ontario — and since I lived only 14 miles away in the town of Borden — I paid a visit in person to the source the next day. Success — the first one was in the bag.

There are six buyers of the special order envelopes listed here, whose names were imprinted on the stationery. Each had a previous postal-stationery history as well as the current one; it is clear that none were printed for a philatelic purpose. The majority of some issues and almost all of the others were commercially used as a vehicle for the purpose originally designed. All six varieties, as these notes indicate, were printed in limited quantities.

To set the stage for these issues, some background is appropriate: During the summer of 1971 postmaster-general Jean-Pierre Cote introduced legislation in the House of Commons to increase first-class letter rates from seven to eight cents (the year before it rose from six to seven). He received Parliament's approval near the end of November.

Not long after this, five previous users of prestamped stationery ordered their normal requirement for 1972 — requesting, of course, that the new rates be used. At least four of the orders were placed by the Post Office with International Envelope Co. Ltd. in Montreal.

Since no small-format design was yet available to cover the new rate (the 8c slate, showing the library, was only released at the end of the year) the large *Alaska Highway between Watson Lake and Nelson* design was used, based on the painting by A. Y. Jackson.

An inquiry to the philatelic section of Canada Post last fall resulted in confirmation that the 8c Alaska design was never taken into philatelic stock as postal stationery. The printers' proofs in all cases were defaced by tearing away the upper right corner of the envelope and removing

part of the stamp design. Four of the five known customers of the stationery are located in southern Ontario, with the fifth in Winnipeg.

## Earl Richardson

**Purpose:** the mailing of realty-tax accounts; **Quantity:** 4,000 according to printer's records; **Delivery:** September 16, 1971. The envelopes measure 9x4" and are inscribed "EARL RICHARDSON / CLERK-TREASURER / OF VESPREA TOWNSHIP/17 OWEN ST., BARRIE, ONT."

## 48 Dalton Street

**Purpose:** for use by the secretary of a fraternal group for mailing its semi-annual bulletins; **Quantity:** 3,407 according to Canada Post; **Delivery:** September 16, 1971. The secretary had the word "personal" imprinted at the lower-left corner after the envelopes were received from the post office. The envelopes measure 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ x4 $\frac{3}{4}$ " and are inscribed "48 DALTON STREET/BARRIE, ONTARIO." The majority of the envelopes were all used in two mailings, on March 17 and March 31, 1972.

## Town of Orangeville

**Purpose:** mailing water and sanitation service accounts; **Quantity:** 3,000 according to the printer; **Delivery:** September 16, 1971.

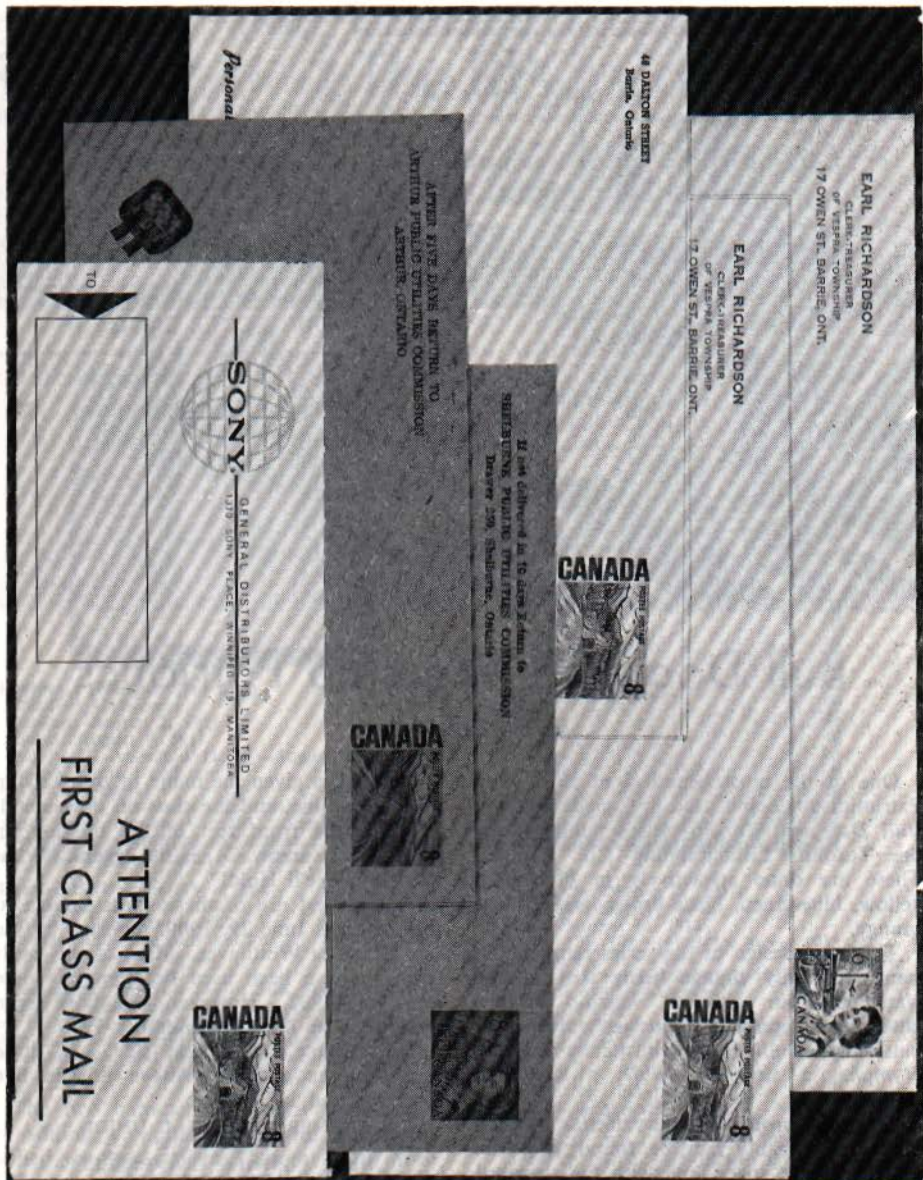
Only one copy of the envelope is known to have survived, which is now in the National Postal Museum collection in Ottawa. To obtain it, museum director James E. Kraemer placed an advertisement in the *Orangeville Banner*, a weekly newspaper. Only one materialized, which of course is used.

## Arthur Public Utilities

**Purpose:** for mailing public utility accounts; **Quantity:** 5,000 according to the printer; **Delivery:** November 1971. The envelopes measure 7 $\frac{1}{8}$ x3 $\frac{3}{4}$ " and are on manilla paper inscribed "AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO/ARTHUR PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION/ARTHUR, ONTARIO." On the lower-left appears the provincial electric utilities' logotype.

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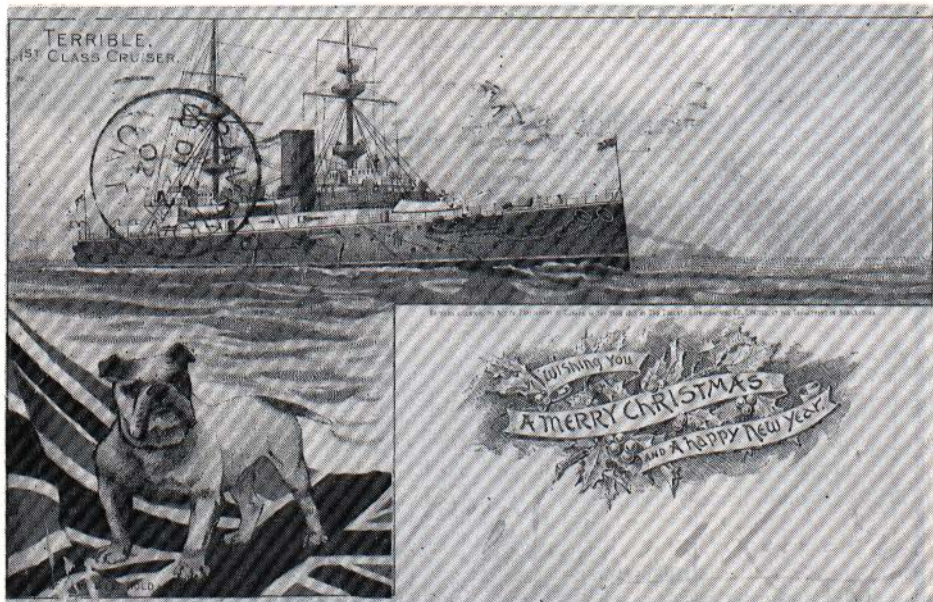




### Five of the six Alaska-type covers

From top to bottom: two types of the Earl Richardson covers, the first on the earlier 6c black, the second on the 8c Alaska; 48 Dalton Street, the small cover with "Personal" imprinted by the secretary after the franked envelopes were produced; Shelburne Public Utilities Commission, showing the more recent 8c slate; the Arthur Public Utilities Commission with the 8c Alaska; and the General Distributors Limited invoice form. The extremely scarce Orangeville cover isn't shown, but likely will be on display when the postal museum in Ottawa opens to the public.





## Bull Dog and Warship Patriotics

by ED RICHARDSON

One of the most beautiful of Boer War Patriotics made and used in Canada was the *Bull Dog and Warship* series published by the Toronto Lithographing Co. Limited. These are done attractively in blue, red, yellow, blue-green, black-brown and brown-orange.

The basic design of the series remains the same, the only change being that of the warship. Four different warship designs have been reported: *Benbow*, a first-class battleship; *Calliope*, a third-class cruiser; *Nymphe*, a sloop; *Terrible*, a first-class cruiser.

There are probably eight varieties, as each of these probably can be found with the blank message space, and with the standard printed "Holiday Greetings".

At the top of the message space, (arrow A), and below the warship picture there is a legend reading "Entered According to Act of Parliament of Canada, in the year 1899, by The Toronto Lithographing Co., Limited, at the Department of Agriculture" (large caps where indicated, the balance in small caps).

In the upper left corner of the card

(arrow B) is given the name of the warship on the first line, and the class on the second.

Below the front feet of the bulldog, in small caps, (arrow C), is the legend "What We Have We'll Hold!"

The earliest use of these cards known to this writer is June 29, 1900, reported by the late Clarence Westhaver. Most of the cards seem to have been used between this date and late 1902. However, we have seen them used as late as September 1909.

The reverse, or address side, has three lines for the address. Above this in five lines, printed in blue is:

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POST CARD  
UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE  
CARTE POSTALE

The address only to be written on this side  
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This series of Patriotics is a very scarce one. All designs are much more scarce than those of the J. C. Wilson series. Unused cards bring about one-half the price of used.

For those who have access to the Westhaver listings, (this one was never published), this series is Westhaver no. 31.





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# The RPO Cowcatcher

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Two Hammers, Type 21B



**Hammer I** (Hammer I of M-8)

Proofed: Unknown  
Earliest: August 2, 1911  
Latest: August 8, 1911  
Indicia: E—August, 1911; W—August, 1911  
Usage: Limited and rare  
R.F.: 200 (80%)

Comments: Obviously rare, this use appears in a gap of M-8, Hammer I in 1911 where there are no other strikes from April to October. Perhaps H.G. was a relief clerk filling in as a substitute.

**Hammer II** (Hammer IV of M-8)

Proofed: August 26, 1908  
Earliest: February 8, 1912  
Indicia: 150—one only known  
Usage: Currently unique  
R.F.: 200 (20%)

Comments: This sole use of M-8, Hammer IV, with H.G. initials attached, also appears right in the middle of a significant gap in Hammer IV of M-8; there are no other known strikes between December 1911 and June 1912. This again might corroborate the position of H.G. as a relief clerk.

The two hammers of M-8A were made by adding a circular ring, with initials attached, to two existing hammers of M-8. Although such adaptation was not authorized, apparently a half dozen or more postal clerks wished to show their individuality by leaving their initials or name on cancellations which they originated. We meet H.G. again on such runs as Q45, Q49, Q196, and Q279B which would indicate a certain degree of mobility. An apparent associate, J. A. Dionne was even more active; we will see him soon M12D and M12F, as well as later on Q45, Q50A, Q50B and Q205A. The

initials H.G. being attached to a movable ring, they do not always occur in exactly the same place every time. Also, although the initials are not always visible, any strike of M-8 with a clear double ring instead of a single ring is thereby confirmed and identified as M8A.

M-9  
CAMP'TON & LEVIS LOCAL : R.P.O./.

Two Hammers, Type 17L



**Hammer I**

Proofed: September 23, 1913  
Earliest: December 15, 1913  
Latest: October 16, 1918  
Indicia: 150, 151 — 1913/14; 165 — 1913/14;  
33 — 1914; 32 — 1918

Usage: Not yet known 1915/17; other indicated periods well represented.

R.F.: 110 (43%)  
Comments: Break in left side of 'O' of LOCAL is constant from July, 1914.

**Hammer II**

Proofed: September 23, 1913  
Earliest: January 19, 1914  
Latest: April 6, 1918  
Indicia: E. W — 1914; 165 — 1914; 150, 151 — 1914/15; 31, 32 — 1915/16; 33 — 1915; 199 — 1918

Usage: Evenly distributed throughout the indicated period except no strikes known for 1917.  
R.F.: 110 (57%)

Hammers I and II are easily separated by the vertical diameter, approx 23mm, extended across the bottom dot of the run; in Hammer I, the 'V' of LEVIS falls to the right of this extended diameter, while for Hammer II, this 'V' falls to the left of such a line. Compared to Hammer I, Hammer II appears very lop-sided to the left.



M-10  
CAMP & LEVIS · OCEAN LIMITED./.

Five Hammers, Type 12



**Hammer I**

Proofed: Unknown

1st Period                      2nd Period

Earliest: September 1, 1919      September 14, 1942

Latest: August 13, 1928      December 2, 1959

Indicia: 199—1919 3—1922/28; 1943/47 59, 60—1942/43; 1947/59 1, 2 & 4—1926; 1947; 1944 one each only 69—1943 (error for 59? 60?)

Usage: Two distinct periods twelve years apart; because of number of strikes existent, this gap may be narrowed, but it is statistically improbable that it will be bridged.

R.F.: 20 (27%)

Comments: All strikes of 1923, 1928, 1942, 1947 and 1944 to October shows completely inverted indicia; however, no pattern is apparent. Hammer remained in good condition even into 1950s. Later date for 2nd Period is probable.

**Hammer II**

Proofed: July 29, 1919

Earliest: October 20, 1919

Latest: May 25, 1928

Indicia: Blank—1919 1—1920/21 3—1921/28

Usage: Limited and sporadic within period

R.F.: 20 (2%)

Comments: Of the five known hammers, only Hammer II was found in the proof books; where are the other four? Missing proofs such as this, as well as these of M-6 and M-7 indicate that the existing proof impression books do not contain proofs of all the hammers that were made during the periods they are supposed to cover. Hammer considerably worn by 1925. No inverted indicia known.



**Hammer III**

Proofed: Unknown

Earliest: December 23, 1919

Latest: June 27, 1928

Indicia: —199—1919 1—1920/21 3—1921/28

Usage: Evenly distributed throughout period.

R.F.: 20 (5%)

Comments: Moderately worn by 1928; no inverted indicia found to date.

**Hammer IV**

Proofed: Unknown

Earliest: April 20, 1920

Latest: November 4, 1920

Indicia: 199, 200—1920 1—1920

Usage: Extremely limited over a period of seven months.

R.F.: 20 (1%)

Comments: This hammer is rare; known copies are clear and not worn. Why was it withdrawn?



**Hammer V**

Proofed: Unknown

Earliest: November 16, 1921

Latest: August 21, 1958

Indicia: 3—1921/41; 1943/44 59—1941/43; 1948/58 4—1935 (one only) 60—1950; 1953 (two only)

Usage: Almost continuous for more than forty years! Excepting very brief lapses, strikes spanning this whole period are known. Later strikes are probable.

R.F.: 20 (65%)

Comments: Considering the extensive use, this remained in excellent condition with deterioration only showing up in the 1950s. The photo above shows this.

**M-10 Hammer Differentiation**

*Step 1* — Extend the diameter exactly vertically through the bottom dot. If the 'O' of OCEAN falls completely to the right of the vertical diameter, the strike must be Hammer II or Hammer IV. If this 'O' is approximately bisected by the diameter, the strike is Hammer I or III. If the 'O' falls completely to the left of the vertical diameter, the strike must be Hammer V.

*Step 2* — Hammer IV always has a period after the 'D' of LIMITED; Hammer II never has a period after this 'D'.

*Step 3* — In Hammer I, the upper bar of the 'E' of LEVIS has a distinct break that is present throughout the life of the hammer; this 'E' of Hammer III never has this break. The 'M' and 'P' of CAMP appear closer together in Hammer I than in Hammer III; further, this 'P' in Hammer I is often broken at the foot, giving a vertical considerably short of the base line.

*Step 4* — Up to 1933, for Hammer V, there is a period after the 'D' of LIMITED; after 1933, there may or not be a period after the 'D'. However, if there is a break in the top of the 'D', then it is Hammer V, with or without the period. (A slight, minor



corner break in the 'D', not the top, is Hammer II, which has already been segregated by diameter). We can not explain this "floating period" which is occasionally missing on the strongest strikes and for some time suspected two hammers even though all other characteristics — circular measurement, broken 'D', etc. — conformed. However, discovery of two strong strikes on one piece (see photo) one with and one without the period confirmed one hammer.

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**M-11**  
**CAMP & LEVIS R.P.O./.**

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**Six Hammers, Type 17**

**Hammer I**

Proofed: January 29, 1926  
Earliest: April 12, 1932  
Latest: September 16, 1957  
Indicia: 31, 32—1932/57  
1—1935 (one only)

Usage: Continuous until 1940, after which intermittent and spotty.

R.F.: 5 (11%)

Comments: First of the two hammers known proofed. Both earlier and later dates than above are almost certain. Major rim break over ampersand from November, 1941. Wide dash (1 mm) between LEVIS and R.P.O. is characteristic of Hammer I and VI.

**Hammer II**

Proofed: May 21, 1927  
Earliest: September 8, 1930  
Latest: June 24, 1956  
Indicia: 3—1930/41; 1943/47—normal  
59—1941/43; 1947/56—normal  
4—1935; 1937; 1939—one each only

Usage: Continuous throughout indicated period

R.F.: 5 (29%)

Comments: This hammer was ordered destroyed on May 27, 1970; the indicia set at that time was 17/December 29, 1969. Accordingly, we anticipate both earlier and later dates than those above; further, though not yet reported, we predict trains 16 and 17 will be discovered for this run for the 1960s. Train 59 inverted in 1947. '3' for June 6th is 1933. When present, after mid-1933, a broken rim over 'AM' identifies this hammer. If the period after 'O' or the dot after 'S', or both, are missing, it is indicative of Hammer II.



**Hammer III**

Proofed: Unknown  
Earliest: August 27, 1931  
Latest: July 26, 1957  
Indicia: 31, 32—1931/57

Usage: Continuous through 1939, then sporadic and infrequent.

R.F.: 5 (8%)

Comments: This hammer was also ordered destroyed on May 27, 1970; the indicia set at that time was 17/—15, 1968. Earlier and later dates than above are obviously probable. A period after LEVIS on the base line identifies this hammer. All other hammers have this punctuation at the mid vertical. Further, a thin or broken vertical in the 'E' of LEVIS, just above the base connection, indicates Hammer III.



**Hammer IV**

Proofed: Unknown  
Earliest: December 10, 1930  
Latest: April 26, 1960  
Indicia: 3—1930/40; 1943/47—normal  
59—1940/43; 1947/60—normal  
4—1939; 1945—one each—abnormal

Usage: Continuous throughout period without interruption.

R.F.: 5 (33%)

Comments: This is the common hammer of this run. Based on hammer wear, expect earlier strikes; based on other hammers, expect later strikes. From late 1931 to mid 1938, indicia set is completely inverted, which is not found on any other hammer. From mid-1939 there is a major rim bend over 'MP' of CAMP that identifies this hammer after this date. The right leg of 'A' of CAMP is short from 1930 and on clear strikes identifies this hammer.

**Hammer V**

Proofed: Unknown  
Earliest: February 25, 1935  
Latest: August 16, 1960  
Indicia: 31—1935/36; 1940  
1, 2—1935/45; 1949 (1) one only  
3—1960

Usage: Intermittent — frequent in the 1930s, sporadic in the 1940s and one lone strike in 1960.

R.F.: 5 (13%)

Comments: Trains 1 and 2 found only on this hammer (One strike of 1 known for Hammer I in 1935) and are indicative of this difficult-to-identify hammer. We believe this hammer was probably used by a relief clerk. Earliest strikes are not worn; probably proofed somewhat after the first four hammers. Rim break just below 'O' after 1937 is indicative of Hammer V.

**Hammer VI**

Proofed: Unknown  
Earliest: May 11, 1944  
Latest: September 24, 1958  
Indicia: 3—1944/46; 1957/58  
59—1947/50  
Usage: Intermittent and sporadic

R.F.: 5 (6%)

Comments: Although the proof date is unknown, this hammer was obviously a "late blooming rose", perhaps brought in to augment increased war-time traffic. Based on hammer characteristics, we do not anticipate any earlier date than the 1940s. This hammer was also ordered destroyed on May 27, 1970 as were Hammers II and III; the indicia set at this time was 16/September —, 1968 (1969?), so obviously we can expect later dates. Hammer is easily identified by small diameter. In mid-1944 many indicia recessed and not clearly discernible. Major rim break over 'E' from 1946 is definitive for Hammer VI.



# TOPICS: THE NEWSFRONT

## A succession of news items significantly datelined April 1

The fifth volume of the long-awaited Encyclopedia of British Empire Stamps by Robson Lowe will be delayed just a little longer. This is the one covering BNA, but the manuscripts were misplaced in a London taxicab by a printer's employee. "We don't have any carbon copies," said Lowe cheerfully, "so I guess we'll just have to begin again. We were about to announce a new publication date when this happened. The loss represents 15 years of work and over \$60,000; the book was first scheduled for publication in 1964, and was held up on several occasions previously.

Ottawa's socialites are still talking about the posh party at which a Russian embassy member told a highly-placed postal official that experts in Moscow had succeeded in cracking Canada's postal code.

"That 8nt Funny," said the post office man, lunging out at the Russian with a hammer-like strike socked on the nose. Later he explained that such jokes make him see red. "I Plead 4giveness," he said, adding that the remark had been "2 Much 4 Me 2 Take."

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## Post Office Department **NEW ISSUES**

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Canada Post issued its 9c stamp last month, to cover the latest rise in ordinary mail rates. Advance notice of the issue was not possible, it said, since the increased rates had first to be approved by Parliament. The exact date of issue is uncertain; due to

continuing union negotiations, postal clerks have refused to tell officials just when they first began selling the new stamp.

The design follows that of the 1967 Definitive series. "The public isn't ready yet for multi-colored definitives; we tried them last fall and they didn't sell," an official said. The design depicts the latest method of delivering third class mail in a typical large Canadian city. When the union dispute is settled and the date of issue revealed by postal clerks, first day covers will be made available through the philatelic section.



On April 1 a new high-value \$4.90 definitive is to be issued "in response to a need shown in postal operations." The stamp also happens to cover the exact postage required to mail a 12- to 16-ounce package by air mail to the Fezzan Province, Libya.

"We feel that collectors will not be inconvenienced by this unusually high denomination," said an official, "since the stamp design symbolizes several subjects at once — the solar system, the population explosion, bureaucracy, and the Gross National Product — and thus will have wide appeal."

The stamp measures 48x30mm and is printed offset by Mission Press of Toronto, using several plates and one or two saucers. Note the new-style tagging, visible under normal light. The stamp is available only from the philatelic agency.

Collectors can order customized copies in a choice of Ottawa, Winnipeg 1- and 2-bar tagging with highbright, medium-bright, dull or speckled fluorescence, on kraft, rag or recycled paper. Wide range of colors available, printed on gummed side if desired. Perfs: 10x10, 12x12, 12½x12 (please specify). Complete sets, \$108.50, blocks pro-rata. Marginal inscriptions extra: for centering add 50%. Allow 8 weeks for delivery; dealer inquiries invited. For rag-tag copies (rag paper, tagged) prices on request. For full catalogue of all available types, send .50 (no stamps, please) to Philatelic Division, K1A 0B5, Canada.



On April 1, Canada Post announced its schedule of commemorative stamp issues for 1974. A total of 43 stamps are listed, which the press release claims is a new record and the largest printing to date. A pictorial issue of Canadian Weeds was abandoned on the grounds that collectors would not consider them genuine.

Canadian Computer Industry (IBM head office, East Post Road, White Plains, N.Y.)

Transportation Industry (daily train from Toronto delivering garbage to a landfill site near Port Hope, Ont.)

Indians of the Plains (Metis Indians performing ritual dance with placards before Parliament Buildings, Ottawa)

Postage Stamp-Issuing Industry — set of six stamps (views of Canada Post philatelic booths at various Asian and African country fairs)

Third Anniversary of Postal Coding (electronics technician repairing automated sorting equipment, Ottawa)

Olympic Games — set of 12 stamps (showing hopscotch, shiny, marbles, tiddlywinks, etc., in high denominations; sales are expected to help City of Montreal pay for 1976 Olympic Games)

Expo '67 — set of three stamps (various views in medium-high denominations; sales are expected to help ease Federal government deficit after paying City of Montreal's deficit for Expo '67)

Christmas, 1974 — set of 18 different designs suggested by Christmas wrapping paper. The Union of Postal Employees will be selling full sheets of the wrapping paper outside post offices from November 1 to December 21; profits will go to its strike fund.

In addition, Canada Post hopes to offer 148 new picture post cards by early spring. The face of each card will show an enlarged copy of the imprinted postage stamp which will appear on the reverse.

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## SOME RECENT PUBLICATIONS

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*In Six Weeks Anyone Can Remember His Postal Code — a step by step guide by Lloyd P. Jackson with a foreword by Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau. Published by Canada Post in co-operation with Viking Press, New York: hard cover \$12.75 (U.S. \$8.50); soft cover \$3.50 (U.S. \$2.25).*

A wide-ranging guide for the great majority of Canadians who can't seem to remember their postal codes. Using the letter-number-letter number-letter-number association method, the author claims the elusive codes can be remembered by the public if only it devotes 20 minutes a day to serious study, following the step-by-step instructions closely. Personal progress charts are provided.

A separate section is devoted to federal

civil servants, who under proposed legislation cannot be promoted to higher-paying jobs if they cannot at least "show some proficiency in attempting to understand postal code methodology."

The author, a prominent numerologist at Boston's MIT, is currently engaged teaching Ottawa's postal workers the new postal code system. A survey has shown that, after being in force there over a year, only one in 137 employees have even the vaguest notion how it functions.

*Inverted Zeros on Canada Squared Circles, by A. Kinkajou. A BNAPS handbook, printed in purple ink on a gelatin duplicator, and handwritten by seventh-grade students in a Toronto public school. 32 pages, no illustrations*

A delightful handbook, filling a much-needed gap in the literature of BNA. The children's script is consistently legible, and the reproduction is brilliant. BNAPS seems to have at last found a way of overcoming prohibitively-high printing costs, and sales will undoubtedly be brisk. Everyone connected with this enterprise is to be commended.

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## TRADE TALK

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Max Hausmann, 4½ and a newcomer to the field, traded a mission mixture of over 400 stamps, many of them Canadian, during fierce bidding in Toronto last week. He received in return three Corgi trucks (two wheels missing) and a lollipop. His mother took it casually. "One stamp collector in the family is enough," she said.



A. Kinkajou of Ottawa sends this strike from a Square Circle hammer he found recently while excavating in downtown Ottawa. The unusual breaks in the horizontal bars appear to be nail-head indentations. Said Kinkajou, "After I get through building some kitchen cupboards for my wife I'll sell the thing to the postal museum."



# TOPICS: THE BUSINESS SIDE

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## *Memo from the President*

ALFRED P. COOK  
Ithaca, New York

January saw the completion of at least one of my New Year's resolutions. I did finish my 30-odd personal letters, each different, to the elected and appointed official family. I thanked them for their dedication, past services, and requested them to carry on. The replies were most gratifying, and emphasized to me the unique brotherhood of BNAPS.

February, whilst on the road, I attended a meeting of the Toronto Stamp Collectors Club. President Fred Stulberg (BNAPS) gave a fascinating slide presentation, backed them up with all the material, of the Hechler Story — his life, emissions, and problems with the items erroneously attributed to him. Many of our members were there. At the traditional pre-meeting dinner at Murray's Restaurant, Les Davenport showed up en route to the Sissons Auction.

The most exciting event in Philatelic February for me was the grand reception and dinner honoring Vinnie Greene, on the

occasion of his birthday. It was a pleasure to see so many of our members at this event; from east (our Senator Henry Hicks), west, north, and south they came, along with some cross-borderers.

On February 21, the Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada met at the King Edward Hotel. President Stulberg introduced our Dr. B. G. Chaplin who talked on the Large Queens with slides, and then showed a gorgeous display of these beauties along with some spectacular covers. Again, in attendance were many of our members including Harry Sutherland, president of the Royal, whose convention I shall attend in June. Our good friend Jim Sisson complemented the exhibit. That famous team of Green and Jarrett could not upstage this exhibit!

Had lunch in Hamilton with Dave Verity, our handbook salesman par excellence, and Russ MacNeil, our favorite correspondent. The view from their Chamber of Commerce dining room is magnificent!

## *From the Secretary*

JACK LEVINE  
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Well it took Ed Richardson to pry the information from one of our very early members—Kenneth Minuse. As most of you know, he and Bob Pratt are the authors of that marvelous handbook, *The Essays and Proofs of BNA*. This monumental work which came out in 1970 and is regarded the bible of this field. Ken is also the secretary of the Essay Proof Society and states that the job takes most of his time.

He is a native of New York and worked in Wall Street for about 19 years with a well known investment firm. This job was interrupted for 2½ years spent in northern France with the 27th Division attached to

the British 4th Army. He retired in 1965 having spent the balance of his working years in a supervisory position in two of the large Park Avenue hotels.

Like so many, he became interested in stamps because of an inexpensive hobby during the depression. He early joined the newly formed BNAPS where he met many wonderful collectors amongst whom were the Meyerson brothers. Bill and he had planned to be partners in the stamp business upon retirement. After Bill's death, the stock was sold and Ken rapidly limited his collecting to the essays and proofs of BNA.

Besides membership in BNAPS, he also belongs to the APS Research Library, the APC, and the Collectors' Club of New York. In addition to the essay-proof catalogue, Ken has written many articles for the *Essay Proof Journal*.

—Dr. R. V. C. Carr

## ...and some doodles by The Editor

With the news pages devoted to other matters this month, this is the place to say that the Milton Ritter stock was sold by H. R. Harmer, Inc., of New York for \$204,819. Ritter, a recluse and former stamp dealer, was found murdered in his Toronto house in March 1972. His stock, shipped in over 60 cartons, was broken into 1,500 lots and sold early in March this year.

The two full sheets of imperf Map stamps, which Ritter was supposed to have found outside former postmaster Sir William Mulock's house in 1945, sold for \$8,800 against a catalogue value of \$11,000.

Top price for an individual stamp was \$450 for an attractive used Canada 6d grayish-purple on laid paper with sheet margin. An attractive vertical strip of the 1857 ½d rose with partial imprint reached 50 per cent over catalogue at \$900.

The "collections and various groups" fetched good prices; a British Commonwealth group and another of Britain each sold at \$6,000, while two foreign stock books hit \$7,000 after fierce bidding.

Most of the wholesale material from the Ritter stock ended up in Canada, says Harmer, "having been readily absorbed by a contingent of Canadian dealers which included Leslie Davenport, Fred Eaton, J. Hennock, Arthur Leggett, Harry Martin (Empire Stamp Co.), Donald Nicoll, J. Normandin, and J. N. Sissons."



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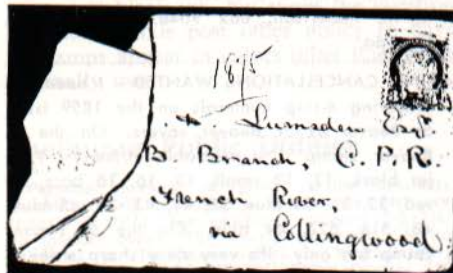
## Information wanted

Can someone come up with further information on the following cover which came into my possession a short while ago?

Addressed to *D. Lumsden, Esq.* (The first initial is missing.) B. Branch, C.P.R. (again the first letter is missing) *French River, via Collingwood.*

The 3c Squared Circle is cancelled with a smudged 6-point star — the CDS is all but gone with only 'ON' as the last letters of the name and 'T' as the last letter of the province. It is of the broken circle type.

The manuscript date of 1875 was on the letter before I came upon it; however, we can assume it to be correct for two reasons:



there was a post office at French River in 1875 and there was a survey party working up-river on the Georgian Bay branch of the CPR that year.

The Day & Smythies *Canadian Fancy Cancellations* handbook does illustrate a similar star but not coming from a post office with a name ending in 'ON' — which I believe to be Hamilton, having eliminated all other possible names after looking over Campbell's volume on Canadian post office names — in particular, word endings.

Unfortunately there is no back-stamp on the cover, to help establish the exact date of mailing. But it had to be during the navigation period, which could be at best April to October.

—Robert F. Boudignon

## Buy Books from BNAPS!

I cannot let the occasion go by without trying to "tidy up" the record a little. February's *Topics* contains a host of references which makes our Handbook Committee (a

misnomer if I ever heard one!) seem to be sitting on our hands. Editor Hausmann first takes a stand against typewritten vs. typeset publications, citing *BNA Fakes and Forgeries*, a BNAPS Handbook, as an example, then reverses himself by praising David Gronbeck-Jones' fine contemporary booklet, *The Centennial Definitives of Canada.*

On the next page, author Gronbeck-Jones defends his form of publication, then lambastes BNAPS for not publishing it. To top off what may seem for a moment to be an unrelated matter, two pages later, our illustrious BNAPS Librarian, Mike Squirell states that "*Railways of Canada—A Pictorial History* by Nick and Helma Mika... is a must for RPO collectors,... and is available in the Coles Book Stores."

Now, I have nothing against Ed Hausmann, David Gronbeck-Jones, Mike Squirell, or even Coles Book Stores, but for the luvamike I'd like all you folk to know that the BNA Handbook Committee has for sale (right now!) just lots and lots of copies of *The Centennial Definitives of Canada* and of *Railways of Canada—A Pictorial History*, (and we had 'em before the February *Topics* was mailed).

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—David Verity

*Handbook chairman Bob Woolley reports that the Smythies' book is now in its second printing, and that "Fancy Cancels of the 19th Century" by May and Smythies, out of print for many years, is now being reprinted with added plates and new material. An announcement will be made in Topics when it's available.*

## Re-entries on Numerals

For some time now, I have been setting aside re-entries and other printing varieties on the Numeral issue of 1898, especially those on the low values. I now have over 150 different types of re-entries on the 2c carmine alone, with various other frame line retouches, retouches to the spandrel lines, and guide lines.

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**INFORMATION** — on existence of PEI stamps postmarked before June 1861. Postmark tracings appreciated. Also one copy of Topics No. 88, and PEI Postmarked Covers 1895-1915. Douglas Murray, R.R. 1, Charlotte-

**WANTED** — Labrador postal history material, pre-stamp to 1949, for cash or exchange for Newfoundland similar. Details to Captain Campbell, Fort Halstead, Sevenoaks, Kent, England.



### General Distributors Limited

The item is the black sheep and comes from Winnipeg. The user is a distributor of Sony electronic products, at 1370 Sony Place, Winnipeg 19, Manitoba. The stamp appears on a multiple invoice form to facilitate the mailing of order forms to the company's retail outlets.

I was told printing was in the area of 30,000 copies and that all were used commercially. I obtained some mint cut squares of the originals directly from Winnipeg, and Xerox copies of the entire form.

In the long run this item might prove to be quite common, if the quantity printed is so high. But at this time this item seems to be the hardest to acquire, next to the elusive Orangeville type.

It is interesting to note that the stamp is printed in black ink, but raises the question of whether it is post office policy to have its stamps appear in colors other than those originally used.

### Shelburne Public Utilities

**Purpose:** mailing of public utility accounts; **Quantity:** 5,000 according to the printer; **Delivery:** January 5, 1972. The envelopes measure  $7\frac{1}{4} \times 3\frac{3}{4}$ " on manilla paper. The inscription reads: "If not delivered in 10 days Return to/SHELburne PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION/Drawer 250, Shelburne, Ontario."

I think I've covered all the varieties of the 8c Alaska on postal stationery, but one never knows for sure. I invite specific inquiries about the issues, and of course welcome new information. In my opinion these six special order envelopes form the scarcest in the postal stationery issues of the 1967 Definitive issue, and certainly enhance any collection of this issue.

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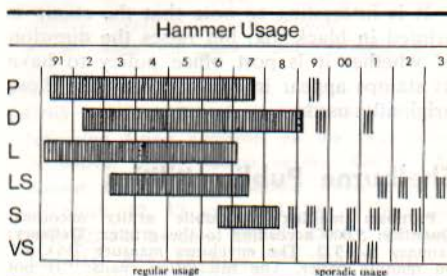
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I've picked up only a few articles, and I don't know anyone doing work now on the issue. So this letter is a plea for other collectors who are working on this issue, or have done so in the past, or know of anyone who has, to come forth.

I'll gladly trade information on what I've managed to find out with any collector who is interested. There's plenty to be done in classifying re-entries and retouches, paper varieties, and the like, as well as attempting the mighty task of finding out where on the plates the printing varieties come from. How about it—is anyone out there?

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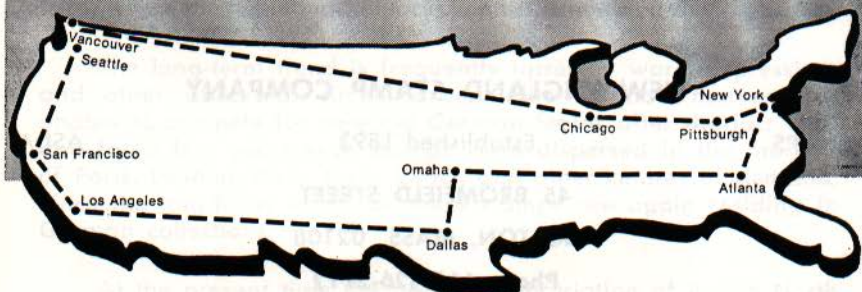
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At the present time the trend of repatriation of British North American stamps is somewhat interrupted. It is rather complacent to blame this situation on currency differentials. As a Canadian I feel entitled to assign much of the reason for it to lack of appreciation and courage on the part of Canadian buyers. Competitive foreign buyers of old Canadian stamps often win out by discarding arbitrary yardsticks of price when purchasing.

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