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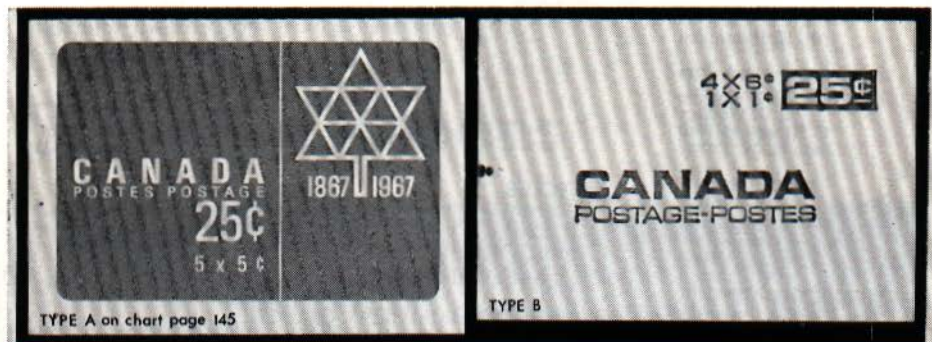
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The Booklets

MICHAEL DICKETTS



In expanding on the pioneering study done by members Cottenden, Hughes and Keane (*Topics* March, 1972, pp. 60-67) on the 1967 Definitive Issue, my intent is to list and describe the complete booklets issued during the past five years.. Minimum reference has been made to the panes themselves as these will be dealt with in full detail in a handbook soon to be issued. Aware as I am of the high standards set by my fellow-researchers, I have endeavoured to emulate their work by following their plan of presentation, which, I believe, will best serve the interests of readers of this article.

Introduction

In an issue of such variety and complexity, it is not surprising to find that a plethora of booklets have been produced. At first it was to seem that the usual two booklets (5 x 1c; 5 x 4c and 5 x 5c), each selling for 25c, would be all that collectors could expect if previous definitive issues were to serve as guidelines. But with the abandonment of the local postal rate of 4c in November, 1968; three subsequent raises in first class rates; and the appearance of a second security printer, who quite clearly had different ideas about booklet production — collectors have been kept scrambling to obtain samples of each new booklet as it arrived on the philatelic scene.

Some idea of what we can only guess went on behind the scenes can be determined by recalling the slogan, found on the 25c booklet issued in May, 1970, which read: "Due to printing and service costs, this booklet now contains four 6c stamps." This statement, in defiance of the practice of selling stamps at their face value, highlights the compound production problems faced by a new printer during a period of continuous experiment and change.

In attempting to create some sort of order out of a diffuse period of booklet production the listing that follows these notes has been arranged in chronological order rather than the more usual ascending order of value. This decision is necessitated by the abandonment of single value panes for those containing two or more values per pane — a feature of printings by the British-American Bank Note Co.

Production methods

Ideally it would be useful to briefly describe how booklet covers and panes are printed and assembled as finished items. At an early stage of my investigation I unfortunately encountered official reluctance on the part of Canada Post to reveal such information, and what follows is based on limited departures from this policy plus gleanings from innumerable philatelic sources. Any further light that can therefore be shed by readers in this regard will be gratefully appreciated.

Contracts between Canada Post and the two security printers, Canadian Bank Note Co. (CBNC) and British-American Bank Note Co., (BABNC) call for the production of booklet panes, interleaving where necessary, and covers. Maintaining their existing arrangements, CBNC, in 1967, produced the first two booklets of the issue in similar fashion to those we had become used to for many years. These involved an offset press to print covers, a second rotary press to produce engraved sheets of panes, a line-perforating machine, sheets of treated interleaving, a guillotine machine to cut covers, interleaving and panes to booklet size once the various parts had been gathered together, and a stapling machine to secure the pieces into the finished product.

Despite the many stages required, the experience of the printer was such that millions of satisfactory booklets were produced. Occasionally minor errors have been found by collectors. These include missing interleaving, misplaced or missing staples, but I have heard of none on this issue. Despite this enviable record CBNC, with one exception, were destined to produce only two booklets for the Post Office, and their departure from the booklet scene marks a turning point in philatelic history.

Non-pictorial designs — BABNC

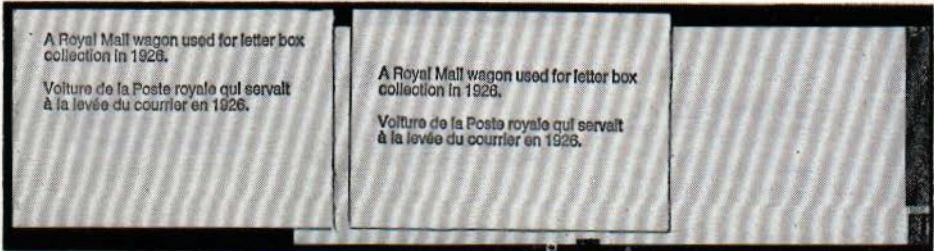
Sometime in 1968 arrangements were made with BABNC to supply postal items for this issue, including booklets. To comply with this contract, BABNC installed a Goebel press, manufactured in Germany, which has the capacity to print, perforate and cut in a single operation. This machine can print from either photogravure or steel engraved plates, the latter being exclusively used in the production of booklet panes. Printing of covers is by a form of letterpress process, but I have been unable to discover particulars of the press used or methods of production.

One peculiarity of cover printing has been noted which suggests production methods. Distinct differences, ranging up to $\frac{3}{8}$ " in the placement of printed matter on the backs of covers exist and occur for every booklet printed by BABNC. This implies that separate type fonts are prepared for front and back cover printing. In figure 1 it will be seen that the printing on the left hand cover is higher than that seen on the right hand cover..

At first it was believed that separate passes were made through the press to print fronts and backs, thus creating the misalignment. It has since been suggested to the writer that differences in alignment indicate separate printing orders, in which no attempt at uniformity is made. Whichever answer is correct, visual evidence confirms that printing is not done by a single 'master' but by two banks of type font, bolted together in the press, to produce the finished cover.

Cover printing by BABNC varies in quality, and a wide range of color intensity can be observed, ranging from pale to intense shades of ink color employed. Differences in

Examples of different settings of printing fonts, and (right) cover showing break in black edging



A Royal Mail wagon used for letter box collection in 1926.

Voiture de la Poste royale qui servait à la levée du courrier en 1926.

A Royal Mail wagon used for letter box collection in 1926.

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lettering thickness occur which add to the range of color intensity. Various 'flaws' have been noted, including portions of a whole line of type being missing, missing ends of lines and extra marks and lines in the color of ink used. While some of the more spectacular flaws are constant, unlike similar errors sometimes found on stamps, I do not consider these to have any philatelic or monetary significance. Should a cover be found which bears *no* printing I am prepared to revise my remarks!

A new feature to be found on booklets printed by BABNC is the appearance of a 'counter' on every 50th cover printed. (This has been erroneously reported elsewhere as occurring on every 25th cover). It takes the form of an oblong mark in the color of printing and overlaps across the centrefold of the cover. Counter locations vary vertically and have been seen at the top, middle and bottom of the centre fold.. Another feature is the three-dot guide mark, intended as an aid for centring the fold, which appears on certain issues but has been dropped for the recent pictorial covers.

BABNC have from the beginning prepared booklets with a one-piece cover, rouletted down the centre to aid in folding. Printing is performed on the outside only and generally consists of a bilingual slogan on the back and a contents list and selling price on the front. Postal rates have never been printed on covers. In dropping the use of interleaving, they have coated the entire inside of the cover with a substance known as 'polycoating,' designed to prevent stamps from sticking to it. With the changeover of types of gum used on the panes, from dextrine to polyvinyl alcohol during 1971, the use of this plastic coating has been dropped.

It was soon discovered that, unlike CBNC's stapled cover, the folded cover had a tendency to spring open sufficient to create jamming in vending machines. Various attempts at sealing the open side of covers began in late 1971. This was first achieved by the application of a solution and variously named by collectors as black bar, black edging or carbonizing. Again, details of this solution have not been forthcoming from official sources. The solution has been noted in shades ranging from almost intense black to slate color. Although covers generally show this edging as a continuous strip, many have been found which show a break in the line (fig. 2).

In December 1972, booklets appeared without this black edging and in its stead a colorless gum was used to firmly secure the edges of the cover. These covers come in a stock which is fractionally thinner than had previously been used.

One final peculiarity of BABNC booklets should be mentioned. Panes of stamps are attached to the cover, not by a staple, but simply by gluing the selvedge at the top of the pane to the inside of the cover. In the case of \$1 and \$1.50 booklets this necessitates two folds across the pane to permit its enclosure within the cover, but this is done in such a way as to match the folds with horizontal rows of perforations. A few booklets have been found with the pane not attached and folded loose within its cover.



Pictorial designs — BABNC

April, 1972, marked the appearance of the first pictorial designs on the covers of Canadian booklets. Ten designs, with an accompanying inscription, illustrate various methods of mail movement during Canada's postal history. For the first time the bilingual slogan, normally found on the back cover of BABNC booklets, was moved to the inside, allowing the pictorial inscription to be printed on the outside. Previously slogans had been printed in the color used for the front cover design, but with pictorial booklets, instead of employing brown ink, grey was used. These remarks apply only to the 25c series, as slogans were not used in the preparation of 50c pictorial design booklets.

Cover stock

Although the card used for covers by BABNC can be said to be beige in shade this, at best, is only a generalization. Slight variations in shade exist within any given issue (indicating various printing orders?) but a wide range of shades exists from pale beige to yellowish-umber from one issue to another.

Covers prepared by CBNC measure 2 23/32" x 1 31/32", two of which are required to form a front and back. Those created by BABNC vary according to issue and value; 25c booklet covers measure approximately 5 7/16" x 1 7/8"; early \$1 booklets about 6 1/2" x 1 3/4"; later \$1 booklets 6 17/32" x 1 7/8" (7c+3c+1c) or 6" x 1 7/8" (8c+6c+1c); \$1.50 booklet covers measure about 6" x 2 27/32".

Opal booklets

A unique venture on the part of postal issues are Opal booklets. Although the story is well known, it has a place in this article and thus bears repeating.

On October 26, 1970, booklets especially prepared by CBNC for Opal Manufacturing Co. Ltd., 20 Sheffield St., Toronto were made available to the public at certain locations in the Metropolitan Toronto area. Opal stamp vending machines, holding 100 booklets, had for some years been established at various commercial locations including hotels, subway stations and office buildings. Following approval from the Post Office department, CBNC prepared plates from the original engraved dies and produced panes each containing 4 x 2c and 4 x 3c stamps, divided by a vertical gutter, which were perforated 12. Roulletted covers were used to enclose the pane in similar manner to the current practice of BABNC. The pane was affixed to the inside cover by gumming the selvedge edge and the booklet closed by spot gumming. Booklets were sold at a 5c premium over face value. Quantity printed has been continuous and no figures are yet available as to the number produced.

(article continued on page 146)



CHECK LIST OF 1967-72 BOOKLETS

photo No.	pane layout	perfs	tagging type	printer	slogan wording	cover color	guide dots	black edging	quantity issued	date issued
A	5 x 4c 5 x 1c	12	—	CBNC	Canadian postage	red on white	—	—	24,093,000	Feb. 67
B	5 x 5c	12	—	CBNC	Canadian postage	blue on white	—	—	14,002,000	Mar. 67
1	20 x 5c	10	—	BABNC	An apt number	blue on beige	—	—	1,724,000	Apr. 68
2	25 x 4c	10	—	BABNC	An apt number	red on beige	—	—	648,000	June 68
3	4 x 4c 5 x 1c	10	—	BABNC	An apt number	brown on beige	yes	—	1,464,000	Sept. 68
4	4 x 6c orange 1 x 1c	10	—	BABNC	An apt number	orange on beige	yes	—	21,604,000	Oct. 68
5	25 x 6c orange	10	—	BABNC	An apt number	orange on beige	—	—	2,660,000	Jan. 69
6	25 x 6c black	10	—	BABNC	An apt number	black on beige	—	—	4,070,000	Jan. 70
	25 x 6c black	12½ x 12	—	BABNC	An apt number	black on beige	—	—		
7	4 x 6c black	10	dex gum	BABNC	Due to printing	black on beige	yes	—	15,840,000	May 70
	4 x 6c black	12½ x 12	dex gum	BABNC	Due to printing	black on beige	yes	—		
	4 x 6c black	12½ x 12	PVA gum	BABNC	Due to printing	black on beige	yes	—		
8	3 x 7c 1 x 3c 1 x 1c	12½ x 12	—	BABNC	Free dispenser (or) prestamped envelopes	green on beige	yes	with and without black edge	8,660,000	June 30 1967
9	4 x 2c 4 x 3c	12	—	CBNC	Opal Manufacturing	blue on beige	—	—	—	Oct. 26 1970

CHECK LIST OF 1967-72 BOOKLETS

photo No.	pane layout	perfs	tagging type	printer	slogan wording	cover color	guide dots	black edging	quantity issued	date issued
10	12 x7c 4 x 3c 4 x 1c	12½ x 12	—	BABNC	An apt number	green on beige	—	—	468,000	June 30 1971
11	two panes each with 3 x 7c 1 x 3c 1 x 1c	12½ x 12	—	BABNC	Free dispenser (or) prestamped envelopes	green on beige	yes	—	28,400	Sept. 71
12	2 x 8c 1 x 6c 3 x 1c	12½ x 12	—	BABNC	Free dispenser (or) prestamped envelopes	grey on beige	yes	yes	6,664,000	Nov. 30 1971
12	2 x 8c 1 x 6c 3 x 1c	12½ x 12	General	BABNC	Free dispenser (or) prestamped envelopes	grey on beige	yes	yes	536,000	Nov. 30 1971
13	11 x 8c 1 x 6c 6 x 1c	12½ x 12	—	BABNC	An apt number	grey on beige	yes	—	—	Nov. 30 1971
13	11 x 8c 1 x 6c 6 x 1c	12½ x 12	General	BABNC	An apt number	grey on beige	yes	—	—	Nov. 30 1971
14	2 x 8c 1 x 6c 3 x 1c	12½ x 12	—	BABNC	10 pictorial designs	brown on beige	—	yes	—	Apr. 15 1972
14	2 x 8c 1 x 6c 3 x 1c	12½ x 12	General	BABNC	10 pictorial designs	brown on beige	—	yes	—	Apr. 15 1972
14	5 x 8c 1 x 6c 4 x 1c	12½ x 12	—	BABNC	10 pictorial designs	blue on beige	—	yes	—	Nov. 30 1971
14	5 x 8c 1 x 6c 4 x 1c	12½ x 12	General	BABNC	10 pictorial designs	blue on beige	—	yes	—	Nov. 30 1971
14	2 x 8c 1 x 6c 3 x 1c	12½ x 12	—	BABNC	10 pictorial designs	brown on beige	—	—	—	Dec. 72

Revalued booklets

Experimental booklets with a face value of 50c were prepared in 1971 by BABNC, to determine the popularity of a higher value booklet thought needed with the advent of increased postal rates due to go into effect in January, 1972. These experiments entailed the addition of a further pane of 3 x 7c, 1 x 3c and 1 x 1c stamps to the then current 25c booklet. A suitable gummed label was printed listing the increased contents and its new face value, which was pasted on the front cover. Two sizes of labels have been found, one measuring 1 5/16 x 3/4" and the other 1 3/32" x 17/32". These trial booklets were prepared in September, 1971, and are reported to have been on sale for seven weeks, starting in mid-November, at six locations in Toronto and one in Ottawa. In addition some stock was available from the Philatelic Agency. As befitting its experimental nature, a glance at the accompanying checklist indicates this booklet to be the least common of the 1967 Definitive issue. All booklets examined show both shades of green to be found in the 7c value.

Quantities

Quantities shown are taken from Post Office department records and refer to *complete* booklets. As records are not available for all types listed, division or multiplication is required when estimating the number of panes and/or particular types of booklets involved.

Dates of issue

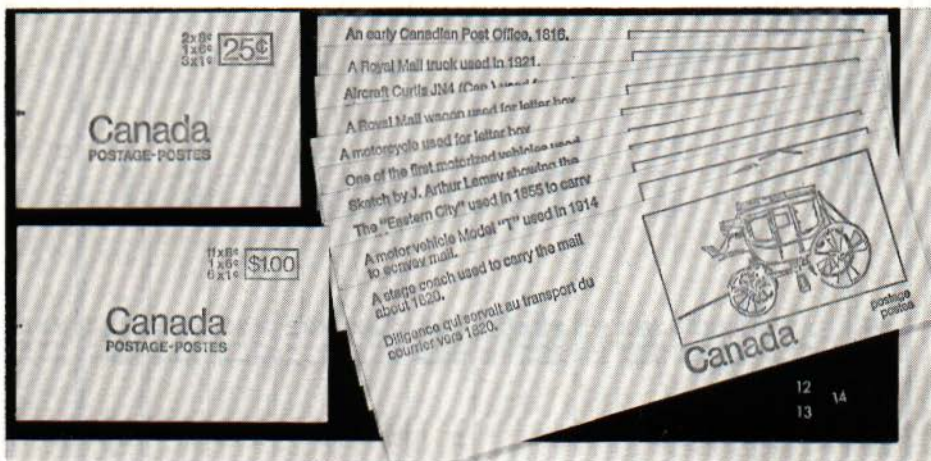
Again based on Canada Post records, these generally refer to delivery dates to postal depots. Where complete dates are given these indicate the first date of sale to the public. Complete details on certain types of booklets have not been recorded by Ottawa so that this information has been lost unless collectors have made a note of the purchase of a new design of booklet.

Perforations

Perforations listed are in conformity with the Scott catalogue. Precise measurements, using the Instanta gauge, are as listed in the first of these articles (*Topics*, vol. 29, no. 3, March, 1972, p. 61).

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Particular thanks is given to Canada Post for supplying statistical data contained in the checklist. Acknowledgment is also due to Ken Rose for the use of his classification in referring to tagged panes. That errors or omissions will possibly appear indicates the fallibility of the author, but this in no way excuses him and he takes sole responsibility for misleading his readers.





shades and papers of the **FIRST SPECIAL DELIVERY**

by *Trelle A. Morrow*

Very little attention has been given to Canada's Special Delivery stamps through the medium of the philatelic press or by publication of private studies. This paper will outline some of the shade groupings and different papers found in the 1898 Special Delivery issue, commonly known by Scott's cataloguing as E1.

The collector will discover a fair amount of ambiguity and conflict among catalogues when trying to establish chronological printing order of the various shades. Further, when examining many similar looking stamps, it will become a matter of opinion in deciding on the name of a particular shade of ink or paper. One can easily become carried away in trying to establish a large number of shades, and conversely, become lethargic and throw the whole issue into just a couple of groups. Therefore, the shade groupings given herein are fairly broad but still should give the collector a fair assessment of the scope of the identity problem. Additional shades have been added to those found in catalogues hence some unfamiliar names will appear in the schedule following.

Shades

The earliest shade printed was likely the dark blue-green. Dated copies on hand are in the 1899-1900 period. A light blue-green, which may qualify as simply light-green, is fairly common and has appeared on correspondence in 1902.

Catalogue references indicate that printings in the 1905-1908 era were in the blue green or bluish tones. Material presently on hand has not been able to substantiate this time period as many of the blue-greens including light shades show very early dates.

The bulk of E1 stamps appear to fall into the yellow-green and dark-green category with a goodly portion of these being the worn-plate variety. Copies as early as 1900

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SHADE AND PAPER SCHEDULE

	color	papers (wove)
Plate No. 1 1898	dark blue-green	buff
	light green or light blue-green	buff, white; also found in a thin, soft, white wove. (slightly worn plate).
	yellow-green dark-green	white white, buff
Worn Plate No. 1	mixed shades, light-green, yellow green, dark green	buff, white also found in a thin white wove and fairly crisp paper
Re-entered Plate No. 1 1913	black-green	buff
Plate No. 2 1920	bright-green	white

Note: It appears that all Plate No. 1 material could eventually be found in buff and white papers. Due to the time lag to the 1920 printing possibly no buff was used for Plate No. 2.



Soldiers on Cavalry, Artillery and Mounted Rifles



SEP 20 1902

Canadian Infantry with Banner

patriotics of the
Anglo-Boer War period

Canadian Uniforms and Equipment

printed by
Toronto Lithographing

by Ed Richardson

When we closed the short article on the Toronto Lithographing "Bull Dog and Warship" patriotics of the Anglo-Boer War period in a recent issue of *Topics*, we stated, "The Toronto Lithographing Co. were also the producers of at least one other attractive series of Boer War Patriotics." These are the attractive cards illustrated and discussed in this issue: the "Canadian Uniforms and Equipment" series.

As far as we know there are only two basic designs in this series, shown above. Printed on white cards, the scenes are done in attractive combinations of red, brown, gray, black, yellow, pale green and pale blue.

Again, like the Bull Dog and Warship series, these come with a small blank white space on the picture side, or with holiday greetings printed therein. Also it is possible that both designs will be found with and without the standard imprint "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, very similar to the imprint on the Bull Dog and Warship series. Another similarity is the inscription on the reverse.

Type I is the same as Westhavers' No. 30, for those who have access to his listings.

Type 2 is the same as Westhavers' 29. Neither of these Westhaver listings were ever published, except for some privately circulated sheets among members of the BNAPS Patriotic Card Study Group, of which he was Chairman.

While these cards may have been published earlier, the earliest date I have seen is that on the Type 2 card with a Georgetown, Ont. Squared Circle marking of SP 20/02. The latest date recorded is for a type 2 card dated DE 2/03. It is quite possible that Toronto Lithographing dropped the Bull Dog and Warship series, replacing it with this one sometime in 1902.

Again this is a very scarce series of Patriotics, and are worth about half as much when unused. They certainly are as scarce as, and are worth every bit as much as, the scarce rJ. C. Wilson Patriotics of the same period. They are so scarce, you'd better be happy with one of each design, and not have to go after all the minor varieties!

When I first saw some Anglo-Boer War Patriotics, it was 1941, and the war was only 40 years in the past. It is hard to realize that within a few years it will be the 75th anniversary of that conflict, and of Canada's participation. During the next 25 years the hunting will be very difficult indeed.



Rounding Up Squared Circles

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Column No. 123 — We have an interesting letter from Harold M. Dilworth with a listing of dates of use of the NANAIMO, B.C. squared circle hammer in its cut-down state, including a new late date for this town: 7/JUN 10/54. He also sent for examination a block of four of the 3c Royal Visit issue with two strikes of this hammer, 7/JUL 7/39. With these dates, I now have record of use of the NANAIMO cut-down hammer for the following years after 1900: 1906, 1908-09, 1913-15, 1918, 1922, 1928, 1937-39, "war-time" (1940-45?), 1947-48, and 1950-54.

With regard to the last period, Harold wrote: "I was informed that the hammer was used to cancel the odd piece of mail that came in to the post office late at night when there was insufficient mail to make use of the automatic equipment. The hammer was retired shortly after this (the JUN 10/54 date), about the time of construction of the new Nanaimo Post Office. I don't know of its present whereabouts, but in the early 50s the postmaster was very obliging in giving out impressions of the hammer." I should judge from the above listing of known dates that the hammer was probably used more or less continuously, at least in the periods 1906-28 and 1937-54. No dates have been reported in the period after OC 23/00 and before MR 2/06.

* * *

Jerry Carr has sent a most surprising item for examination: ACTON, Hammer I, MR 15/98 on 3c Maple Leaf. There is no question about his identification of the strike as being from Hammer I; he is quite correct. This becomes a new late date for this hammer and indicates the possibility that both hammers were used concurrently. This strike shows a sharp, square upper left corner with absolutely no hint of rounding such as is seen in the DE 15/94 strike of Hammer I illustrated in the column in Dec. 1971 *Topics*. The reason for the pronounced rounding of the corners in the latter strike is a mystery.

* * *

Jerry also reports a new late date for

SARNIA: PM/MY 12/03 (this strike on E1); a year-at-top, two-line date for ST. GREGOIRE: 96/FE 7/(blank), some three months earlier than the Handbook date for the transition to this style; and TORONTO: 7 PM/MR 31/00 in which the year date is represented by inverted "OC" (two other examples of use of the month slug, OC, to represent the year date, 00, are known; see the Dec. 1972 column).

* * *

Claire Mackay reports finding the second example known to me of THORNHILL on Map stamp. And collectors of Squared Circles on 3c Jubilee should now add ROSSLAND, B.C. to their checklist of known towns: Doug Crawford reports having acquired this town on Jubilee with date of SP 28/97 — a new late date for this town.

* * *

Jack Gordon reports a new late date for ALMA, State 1: JA 27/94; and a new early date for RIVIERE DU LOUP STATION, JY 12/94 is reported by Anon. Two unusual date arrangements for the towns involved have come to my attention: Nels Pelletier reports a two-line date for ST. HILARION: MR 15/94, and from one of Dick Lamb's lists of a while ago, I made note of a three-line date for ST. GREGOIRE: FE 6/97. From reports by Jerry Carr, G. B. Wright, and an example in my own collection, I note a three-day run of the same error for VICTORIA II: NT/ON 3/ 95, NT/ON 4/95, and NT/ON 5/95, all bearing inverted "NO".

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Nels Pelletier has finally established the period of correction of the GUELPH '99 for '96 error by finding PM/FE 25/99 and PM/FE 25/96.

I made mention in the column of May 1971 *Topics*, in reporting Sibley Higginbotham's find of a cover carrying both NOEL and MAITLAND squared circles, that there was something unusual about the NOEL strike. I think that in the absence of a photo, I should mention what this feature is, because I have had two reports of

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The RPO Cowcatcher

Lewis M. Ludlow, 6 - 17, Shibaura 4-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo 108, Japan

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

One Hammer, Type 17H

Proofed: February 18, 1948
Earliest: March 29, 1948
Latest: September 24, 1959
Indicia: 31—March, 1948; 1—June 1948/1952;
3—1957/59; 17—?

Usage: Apparently continuous, but sporadic.
R.F.: 50

Comments: This hammer was ordered destroyed on May 27, 1970; the indicia set in the hammer at that time showed Train 17 without date. Undoubtedly the latest date above will be superceded as strikes in the 1960s show up. We are admittedly lacking in material for this period which has been spent in Japan where RPOs are conspicuous by their absence.

To this point in our column, we have purposely, and with malice aforethought, omitted reporting on M7A and M7B, and we now intentionally pass over M11B, M11C, M11D, M11E and M11F. In our opinion, these rubber stamps were made for purposes other than cancellation of mail and so far to our knowledge have only evidenced themselves on facing slips, railroad bills or other but not on mail, stamps or cover, in legitimate (or otherwise) postal use. We will maintain this position in future columns; however, where such rubber stamps have been used as cancellation devices on stamp and cover, we will provide all pertinent data available.

In our opinion, such rubber stamps on facing slips or the like — and not normally available to average collector — are casual collateral material which obviously enhance an RPO presentation; however, when such rubber stamp strikes are found on stamp or non-favor cover, and thus become available to the more ardent searcher, they revert from the casual collateral to the philatelic and become legitimate collectors' items even though their use was not necessarily authorized. We will meet some of the latter immediately following in this column..

M11G has been delisted and should be struck from the Maritime RPOs; as such this number becomes available for some future listing. The original report from the Proof Books was incorrect as to size, type and letters; since the proper strike was subsequently reported from the field in postal

use as M11I, it was decided to strike M11G to correct the double report.

M11H J. A. DIONNE/CAMP — LEVIS

One Hammer, Type 6G

Proofed: Unknown
Earliest: Indecipherable
Indicia: Indecipherable
Usage: One only known — 2c Admiral.
R.F.: 170.

Comments: This single strike, in magenta, on a red 2c Admiral is obviously a rubber stamp cancellation, one of many we see from Mr. Dionne, obviously an individualist, who insured that his name would go down in history; well, history of a sort. If not for appearing on the wide white margins of a grossly over-centered stamp, this rare RPO would be unreadable and lost forever.

M11H J. G. BERNIER/CAMP-LEVIS

One Hammer, Type 6G

Proofed: Unknown
Earliest: April 10, 1913
Indicia: 150—1913
Usage: Unique single strike
R.F.: 170

Comments: A single strike in blue on a 2c Admiral with clear definition, this again is obviously a rubber stamp used — apparently without authority — as a cancelling device, and as such fits our criteria for inclusion as described previously. Mr. Bernier, apparently not to be outdone by Mr. Dionne, appears again in a similar strike on Q52A.

These two hammers of M11H, plus M11I and several other new RPOs, were discovered in a dealer's bundled stock of 750,000 common Admirals that was terminated around 1920 and not looked at again for forty-five years. It developed into being a veritable treasure of Admiral RPOs.

M11J TRAIN NO./ CAMP & LEVIS LOCAL, R.P.O.

One Hammer, Type 5I

Proofed: Unknown, probably January, 1919
Earliest: July 3, 1919
Latest: October 1, 1919
Indicia: 32 July/August; 199—October
Usage: Limited and rare
R.F.: 200

Comments: This large rubber stamp (approx. 32mm dia.) is one of over one hundred struck in the proof books, of a type used on mail bag tags or on facing slips for inclusion in mail bags; that it was not intended for use as a cancellation device is attested by

the fact that only one other, W27C, of all proofed, has ever been reported on stamp or cover. Five strikes are known, four in blue, one in black. A strike in the Proof Books on December 4, 1919 is believed to be the original hammer returned for repair, although the existence of a second hammer is not ruled out; however, because of the flexible nature of rubber stamps and their known characteristic of giving significant variations in their strikes, we will make no attempt to separate hammers of rubber stamps except where there is a major difference in lettering or punctuation.

M11J

D. E. SIMARD/CAMP. & LEVIS

One Hammer, Type 15D

Proofed: Unknown
 Earliest: November 27, 1909
 Indicia: 33—November, 1909
 Usage: Two strikes, dated earliest, above, only ones known.
 R.F.: 200

Comments: Two strikes known in light blue on 2c red Edward were originally discovered by Dr. Alfred Whitehead, along with M5A, M22A and many other unique RPOs, when he went through a stock of 5,000,000(!) Edwards in Montreal during the period when he was the organist at Christ Church Cathedral in that city. What an opportunity, one we are afraid may not be seen again. All the more thus that we thank our good friend for having brought these all to light.

None of the RPOs just previously reported, M11A, G, H, I and J, lend themselves to photographic presentation; with colored cancels—magenta on red, blue on green, etc.—strikes are often difficult to decipher. However, here is a tip that will make the job easier—use camera filters (colored). The two that have helped us the most are the red for red stamps, and the yellow for yellow, brown and sometimes green stamps. To the extent that the filter overrides the color of the stamp, the more so will the cancellation stand out.

M11K CAM & LEVIS/R.P.O.

One Hammer, Type 17H

Proofed: Unknown
 Earliest: To be advised
 Latest: To be advised
 Indicia: Probably 16, 17
 Usage: To be advised
 R.F.: 150

Comments: This run originally was reported by Gillam; period of use was indicated as approximately 1969, which would make it one of the last RPOs to be initiated. With the indicia set of 16/December 22, —, the hammer was ordered destroyed on May 27, 1970 which would account for its short life and scarcity. We have no copies of this RPO which should have been reasonably available, and we will welcome reports from our readers on any and all strikes so that we may bring our data on this RPO up-to-date.

Before proceeding on to M-12, which promises to be a most interesting study, it seems appropriate to pause and tidy up some bits and pieces of Shaw's listings of RPOs that have taken place in the last year or so.

Examination of the Proof Books developed that certain strikes had been reported that were rubber stamps of a type not apparently made for the purpose of postal cancellation devices; however, this only covered a few and the majority of this type were unreported. Subsequently it was decided not to list these rubber stamps unless they had seen postal use, i.e. — M11I. Accordingly, to make the listings consistent it became necessary to remove a limited few and collectors should note that the following runs have been delisted and struck from the roster:

M37B	O193E	W91L
M54A	O216B	W91M
Q6A	O234A	W97B
O36B	O317A	W102J
O54B	W1B	W112F
O71B	W26P	W115A
O75A	W57C	W191B
O154A	W61A	W198B
O167A	W62M	W206A
O178B	W70A	W211C
O192C	W77E	D31C
	W87T	

These numbers above of the delisted runs now become available for new listings and will be so used. (Of course, if any of the delisted runs appear in postal use, they will be immediately reinstated.)

Two additional runs, M85A and M87C, have also been delisted, but for other reasons; from notations in the Proof Books, we may conclude that these hammers were never issued.

The following are corrections to existing listings as put forth in Mr. Shaw's handbook and subsequent addendums:

- N88B—extend period to 1969
- M11G—cancel (see M11I)
- M11I—change to Type 5I
- M12E—cancel and delist (see M11F)
- M85A—cancel—never issued
- M87C—cancel—never issued
- M110B—change to Type 4I
- M128A—change to Type 4G, remove "Ry"
- M128B—add "RY"
- Q9—change to "JNC"
- Q82A—cancel and delist—believed non-existent
- Q96—change to "TR'K R'WAY"
- Q141—change to Type 13E
- Q171—change to Type 13B, period 41, RF-200
- Q212—change to "St."
- Q220C—add "SEAPOST", change to Type 15C
- Q234—change to Type 4H
- Q258—add "RY.", change to Type 4D
- Q260A—change to "RIV.", Type 9E, period 41-77

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TOPICS: THE NEWSFRONT

Convention news — including a special luncheon to honor all 25-year BNAPS members

Convention news: Stanley Lum (218-F Stanley Greene Park, Downsview, Ontario) is handling arrangements for a charter flight from Toronto to Calgary. Members must depart on the same flight, but may make their own plans with Air Canada if they they don't want to return with the group. The return rate is \$166, with kids half price: September 19, departs Toronto at 1910, stopover at Winnipeg (1032 to 1050 hrs.), arriving at Calgary at 1146 hrs. On September 23 the return flight is at 0940 hrs., stopover at Winnipeg, and lands at Toronto at 1551 — all times local.

BNAPLEX publicist John Payne says he'll gladly arrange a trip to Banff and Lake Louise by bus for the Sunday if enough members and their wives are interested.

Ed Richardson has at least eight study groups planned, all to be held at the Calgary Inn, the site of the annual convention. Included will be the annual Revenue Study Group meeting in two sessions (one devoted to business); BC cancels; military forces mails; railway cancels; territorial cancels; interrupted mails (under Richardson); semi-official airmails; squared circles; prisoner of war labels; and bogus Canadian cancels.

Richardson is also planning a special luncheon of the Order of the Beaver on Thursday noon, to honor all 25-year BNAPS members — and he asks that all those with a membership number 548 or below get in touch with him for the "once-in-a-decade" affair.

Short takes: Members Gerald Carr and Charles Blair won top honors in the 4th Annual West Suburban Stamp Club Exhibition held April 28-29 in Plymouth, Michigan; Carr for the championship class award with an eight-frame display of Canadian RPOs, and Blair the open competition class with a showing of Canadian plate varieties. . . . Part of the Queen's stamp collection — those of Canadian airmails — will be shown at APEX '73, the International Airmail Exhibition being held in Manchester, England from July 4 to 7. . . . David Gronbeck-Jones, writing in *Linn's*,

says the low-value definitives will go on sale in October, and thus bring to an end the 1967 series; the new stamps will not bear the monarch's portrait.

Post Office Department **NEW ISSUES**

Canada Post is issuing a 15c stamp on June 8 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the birth of J. E. H. MacDonald, one of Canada's leading painters and a member of the Group of Seven.

The design for the stamp is a reproduction of one of MacDonald's finest canvasses, *Mist Fantasy*. The design is set in a horizontal format measuring 30mm by 32mm.

Ashton-Potter Limited of Toronto is printing 12,000,000 of the stamp by four-color lithography. Marginal inscriptions appear in the four corners of each pane of 50 stamps available from the Philatelic Service.

The entire production of this stamp will bear General Tagging. The stamp will not be available in any other form.



Canada Post issued an 8c stamp on June 22 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Prince Edward Island's entry into Confederation. Anthony Mann of Halifax created the design, honouring Prince Edward Island's centennial. The stamp measures 40 x 24mm in a horizontal format. A quantity of 24,000,000 is being printed by British

American Bank Note of Ottawa, in one-color gravure and one-color steel engraving. Marginal inscriptions including the designer's name appear on the four corners of each pane of 50 stamps available from the philatelic service; all bear General Tagging.

The revised stamp program for 1973 commemorative stamps has been revised as follows:

31 January	350th Anniversary, birth of Monseigneur de Laval.
21 February	Algonkian Indians (two stamps).
9 March	100th Anniversary, founding of the RCMP (three stamps).
18 April	300th Anniversary, death of Jeanne Mance.
16 May	100th Anniversary, death of Joseph Howe.
8 June	100th Anniversary, birth of J. E. H. MacDonald.
22 June	100th Anniversary, entry of Prince Edward Island into Confederation.
20 July	Bi-centennial of arrival of Scottish settlers at Pictou, N.S.
2 August	Visit of Her Majesty the Queen; Commonwealth heads of government meeting (two stamps).
20 September	100th Anniversary, birth of Nellie McClung.
1 November	Christmas issues (four stamps).
28 November	Algonkian Indians (two stamps).

SOME RECENT PUBLICATIONS

The Post Offices of British Columbia, 1958-1970, by George Melvin. 189 pages, hard cover, printed by Wayside Press, Vernon, B.C., \$20. Inquiries should be directed to the author at 3400-21 Ave., Vernon, B.C.

Here is a book that gives me great pleasure. Melvin and his associates have produced a work which will be the standard for those who bring out similar listings of

post offices in other provinces; not only are its contents as complete and accurate as possible, but the printing and illustrations, including photographs, are a professional job. I only collect British Columbia in a mild way, but I know I shall be constantly referring to its fact-filled pages.

—Max Rosenthal
Canadian Fancy Cancellations of the Nineteenth Century, by K. M. Day and E. A. Smythies. Second edition, published as a handbook of BNAPS, and available through most dealers, or from BNAPS' book division direct. 155 pages, \$5.

I had been looking forward with anticipation to a new version of this handbook, which I had heard was being prepared. But it's a letdown. I found it to be merely a reprint of the original book, plus the supplements with additional cancels which appeared later in *Topics*. It is quite a few years since even the latter appeared.

I am mildly a collector of fancy "corks," yet even in my collection there are items not listed in those two sources, and I am sure that a lot of information is now known to specialists which wasn't available when the book was first written. This book should not have been just a reprint, but a complete revision—with as much as possible of the latest known data given on these interesting markings.

For instance, I've been told by specialists that some of the fancy cancels listed originally in this "new" book are known to be fakes. Which ones? You won't find the answers in this book.

—Max Rosenthal

TOPICS: THE BUSINESS SIDE

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OFFICIAL NOTICE

FINAL NOMINATIONS	Edward H. Hausmann
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- MADGE, Victor A., 661 Dane Ave., North Bay, Ont. P1B 7G8 (C-cx) CAN, NFD, N.B., N.S., P.E.I.—19th and 20th century mint and used postage and blocks. Mint and used Airmails. Proposed by D. Hunka (1346). Seconded by H. Reiche (783).
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- RUTHERFORD, A. T., 3650 Walnut Grove Rd., R.R. No. 4, Mississauga, Ont. (D) Proposed by G. F. Hansen (2203).
- WHITROCK, Jon R., 509 S. St. John St., Bethany, Ill. 61914 (C-cx) Federal, Provincial and Tax Paid Revenues. SPECIALTY—Tobacco Tax-Paid. Proposed by W. C. Rockett (249).
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- WRIGHT, Dr. A. J. L., 20 Waubeek St., Parry Sound, Ont. P2A 1B9 (C) CAN, NFD—19th and 20th century mint and used postage. Plate Blocks. Coils. OHMS-G. Mint and used booklet panes. Federal and Provincial Revenues. Mint, used and semi-official Airmails. Proofs and Essays. 2 and 4-ring numerals and Squared Circle cancellations. Proposed by J. Levine (L1).
- WYLLIE, Alfred Kenneth, P.O. Box 728, Kingston, Ont. K7L 4X6 (C-x) CAN, P.E.I., N.S.—19th century mint and used postage and blocks. Pre-stamp and stampless covers. Proofs and Essays. Proposed by R. Boudignon (2526).

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Resignation Received

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MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, April 1, 1973	1282	
NEW MEMBERS, May 1, 1973	12	1294
RESIGNATION, May 1, 1973	1	1
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, May 1, 1973		1293

Notes from the Librarian

MICHAEL SQUIRELL
Lively, Ontario

There seems to be a marked interest in military postal history of Canada. Could it be because we now have servicemen in Viet Nam; I wonder how many different cancellations will come out of there? Colin Campbell, librarian of the Okanagan Mainline Philatelic Association, has sent the library two new pieces of military postal history studies: *Identifying Canada Militia Type Cancels (WWI) and Sub Office X (Victoria, B.C.): A Postal-Military History*.

While on the subject of military postal history, information is required on any military camps in Nova Scotia during the period 1900-1918—copies of any cancellations and locations of the camps.

I have found that in some cases our members in countries other than Canada, U.S.A. and Great Britain have no access to any BNA literature. I will send copied art-

icles from the library at no charge within reason to these members.

Donations: from R. S. Thwaites: *Artic Patrol Ship's Covers* by E. A. Kehr; *Canada's Special Order Envelopes* by Nelson Bond; *Canadian Unemployment Insurance Stamps* by G. L. Kalbfleisch; *Canadian Semi-Official Airmails* by Ed Richardson; 3d Beaver taken from *Boggs Canada* and other sources, from *Chamber's Stamp Journal* April, 1951; *Canada's War Tax Stamps of 1915-16* by T. L. Chandler.

From Ed Richardson: vol. 1 no. 4 *The Pet Philatelist*, Dec. 1894; *The Halifax Philatelist*, vol. 1, no. 8, Aug. 1887; *The Canadian Philatelist*, vol. 1 no. 4 and 6 March and May 1885; *The Texas Philatelist*, Jan-Feb, 1973; *Dated Die Issues of Canada* by Ed Richardson, 1956.



DR. W. S. MacNUTT

**A top-ranking historian, an expert
on New Brunswick . . . and a PEI collector**

*Dr. W. S.
MacNutt
No. 886*

As a PEI collector, I find that I now have a contender for the finest collection: he is Dr. W. S. MacNutt of the history department of the University of New Brunswick. Furthermore, I find that his PEI interest stems from his being born in Charlottetown and that he knows so many of the sons and daughters of these early correspondents that we see on PEI covers. He promises to be at Williamsburg in 1974 and it is hopeful that he will show his magnificent collection.

Our historian received his B.A. at Dalhousie and his Masters at London, England. Recently he received his doctorate at Dalhousie. After college he taught until World War II in which he served in the Canadian

Army with service in Europe. After the war, he joined the faculty at Fredericton and has been there since — finally becoming Dean of Arts (just recently retired).

He has received many honors — one being membership of the Humanities Association of which he was president 1965-1967. He is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society of London and of the Royal Society of Canada.

Although Dr. MacNutt did not tell me about his other philatelic pursuits, I do know that besides being one of the earlier BNAPSers, he is also a member of the Royal of Canada.

He has written several dozen historical articles which have appeared in leading historical journals. Among these is the story of New Brunswick and its people, written for the New Brunswick Tourist Bureau. He recently presented a study of an earlier period of his native homeland — PEI.

— *Dr. R. V. C. Carr*

...and some doodles by The Editor

All you old-time members — plan now to attend the BNAPS annual convention (BNAPEX at Calgary) on September 19 to 22. You'll be invited to be the guests of the Order of the Beaver for a special luncheon. But first drop Ed Richardson a line, who's arranging it; he wants to know how many 25-year members will be on hand. If your membership number is 548 or below, and you're planning to attend, write him *now* at Box 939, League City, Texas 77573. (Ed gave me hell for not getting this item into *Topics* soon than this.)

David Handelman, of 237 Brighton Avenue, Downsview, Ontario, has obtained from Clarence Kemp all the correspondence, tracings and photos made by the old Fancy Cancel Study Group — for the purpose of continuing this study and making revisions in the handbook later on. He's particularly interested in what happened to K. M. Day's notes and later reports, much of which was later printed in *Topics*. If you have data on fancy cancels, he's the man to contact. (Handelman is also working on rollers and duplexes, having obtained much material from E. A. Smythies.)

It seems the philatelic branch of Canada Post has been getting orders for the 9c and \$4.90 "new issue" stamps which appeared in the April Fool's Newsfront spoof three issues ago; one New York dealer sent a certified cheque to Ottawa for several thousand dollars' worth of the fictitious issues.

MAIL FROM OUR MEMBERS

Our April 1 newsletter

After reading pages 94 and 95 of April's *Topics*, I have come to the conclusion that the editor has been into Vinnie Greene's sherry! But it was very humorous and well enjoyed — and a nice new view of philately. Cheers and bottoms up! I didn't know you had a humorous vein!

— *Dr. R. V. C. Carr*

Finally the millenium has arrived in the pages of *Topics* (April, pages 94 and 95) — congratulations! For years I have contended that humor has its place in an otherwise solemn journal.

I have tried to use humor in my entries of both BNAPS and CPS of GB shows, which were greeted with just painful silence on the part of so-called "purists". Perhaps I've finally found an ally in my battle against the stuffed-shirt individual who seems to think that solemnity is a must in our society. Philately has no reason to clothe itself in a mantle of dead seriousness. Congratulations!

— *Dr. Ian W. Taylor*

What good does it do to get material in early (to *Topics*) if it is not used when it should be? AND YET YOU RAN THOSE TWO PAGES OF CRAP, CRAP, CRAP, in the April issue.

— *Ed Richardson*

(Through an oversight, the news items sent by Richardson were not published until this issue; see page 152.)

Orangeville covers

I'm enclosing one of the very few copies of the Orangeville special order envelope which wasn't illustrated in the April article by Dr. Vanderburgh. I was able to purchase this one from a resident there, who was working for me for some time. He mentioned that the envelope became torn, and keeping this in mind with the lucky Alliston owner, it is likely that more were also badly torn and few, if any, will be found completely undamaged — particularly bearing in mind the average recipient's gleeful lust in opening a letter which he knows contains a bill.

— *Peter Wiedemann*

My friend Frank Gartner and I have made an in-depth, personal search and have a ton of correspondence on this particular postal stationery. It will be printed in an upcoming book by us. We were able to acquire the only known mint (or uncancelled) copy of the Orangeville variety envelope after an intensive search.

— *William E. Smith*

Newfoundland

I am presently studying the censorship of civilian mails in Newfoundland during World War II. Any information which any reader can supply would be greatly appreciated, especially with regard to the provi-

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RPOs *continued*

Q307—change to "C.P. Ry. M.C."
O62—change to "CLIFTON", Type 4F
O63—change to Type 4F
O76D—add "A. J. JANSSENS"
O138F—change to Type 22J
O151—change to Type 22A, period 41, RF200
O193G—add "N. THOMAS" change RF-170
O197A—change period to 150
O212—change to "C.P. Ry."
O274—change to Type 13E, add NORTH
O320—add "E", Type 9E, period 41, RF200
O355A—change to Type 18, period 109
W25—change to Type 17
W26R—CANCEL (See W25)
W57D—change HOPE & VAN R.P.O./MEAD to W57C, cancelled number
W66D—change to "Lasqueti-Irvin's Landing"
W95B—change to Type 17L
W97A—change to "BRIT. COL." period 97-106
W104A—change to "L'DG"
W113A—change to "ISLDS"
W160T—change to "COWICHAN", Type 3D
W160V—change to Vancouver, Kingcombe Inlet/R.P.O.
W160W—change to "Vancouver-Kingcombe Inlet"
W160X—change to "STEAMER"

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W165A—add "(with ornaments)"
W184—change to Type 13A
R10A—change to "RY. M.C."
R28—change to "C.C. RY." and Type 9J
R31A—change to Type 9E
R33—change to Type 16
R35—change to "Nascopie"
R35B—add S.S. "UNGAVA"
R44B—change to "G.T.R."
R51—change to Type 13A
R60—change to Type 16
R78—change to Type 9E
R87—change to "RY"
R90—change to "Ry"
R94—change to Type 10C
R98—add Type 4F
R107—change to Type 4G, add "SOUTH"
R111—change to "RWY"
R175A—change to Type 4G
D22—extend period to 492
D23—change to "STA'N"
D26—change to MONTREAL-P.Q./PLACE VIGER STA'N.
D27—change to "STA'N"
D28—change to "STA."
D45—change to "ROOM" & "RY"
D45A—change period to 106
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show stamps with considerable plate wear. There are many variations falling into this rather broad category and it appears impractical to try and isolate the shades beyond this rather general grouping.

A new name, black-green, has been given to the re-entered shade on the schedule. This is by far the darkest shade of any of the E1 issue and can frequently be found on 1914-15 correspondence.

Another new name, bright-green, has been assigned to Plate 2. This shade is actually very close to the yellow-greens in Plate 1. As a matter of fact when looking at individual stamps without a master copy for comparison, it is practically impossible to distinguish the plates. However, when examining a Plate 2 block, the fresh, rather bright green becomes apparent.

On the whole the early blue-green shades tend to measure smaller than later shades. By comparison the re-entered plate 1 and plate 2 tend to be larger. Variations in size of up to 1½mm can be found among the stamps and further research is required in this area before anything conclusive can be presented. These differences may be due mainly to vertical or horizontal mesh of the paper.

Papers

There are two papers commonly found in the E1 printings. A buff and a white is found in most of the plate 1 material. Some references refer to a "toned" paper rather than "buff" and some collectors may prefer the term "yellowish". Both buff and white papers are fairly thick wove types. An interesting paper variety has been found in a light blue-green worn plate stamp. The paper is a thin, soft, wove white.

Thin paper varieties have also been found in the yellow-green worn-plate stamps.

There could prove to be some exceptions to the above generalization on the two papers. The dark blue-green shade on white paper has not been found to date by the author. So far the black-greens appear on buff paper only. Before a firm conclusion can be made many more copies would have to be examined.

As far as plate 2 is concerned, certainly the white paper is the common type. Whether a buff exists in this issue or not remains a question.

In conclusion, it should be pointed out

that shades of buff paper will be observed. Whether the light buffs and darker tones are different papers or simply a result of varying conditions in aging is difficult to judge. It appears quite likely that the buff papers used did vary slightly due to differences in manufacture.

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LETTERS *continued*

sional labels and handstamps which were used prior to the issuance of the P.C. 90 forms. I will be happy to correspond with any member interested in this and related areas.

Thank you for assisting me in this matter.
— Gayle Mayo (Mrs. Leon Mayo)

Typewritten books

I was delighted to see the letter from David Gronbeck-Jones taking you to task and pointing out that first of all the most important thing is the information. I will be very happy to receive the information in his book handwritten and reproduced by hektograph if this is the only way it is available.

It is nice to have in addition a beautifully printed and well bound book, but it certainly must be admitted that this is secondary.

When you refer to "typewritten", I am sure that you are really referring to the type face more than you are to the reproduction method. I am the past executive secretary for nearly ten years of a 1500 member organization and one of my best friends is a newspaper publisher who has a number of newspapers and who uses both hot type and cold type processes but who does all of his reproduction by offset. I, thus, have a little acquaintance with printing processes. With some of the new typewriters and typefaces that have been developed, I would challenge you to differentiate between a well printed offset page and one printed (well) on letter press.

Having defended Mr. Gronbeck-Jones I now must hasten to add that while I belong to over half a dozen philatelic societies I find your journal to be the most readable, informative and to me the most useful. Keep up the good work!

— H. L. Huffington, M.D.

SQUARED CIRCLES *continued*

"blurred 4" as a time mark at NOEL: My own copy of this town is the typical poor strike, but it seemed to me that there was a triangle in the time-mark slot. The Higginbotham cover carries a clear, crisp strike of NOEL which leaves no doubt whatever that the indicia is, in fact, a solid triangle and not a 4, blurred or otherwise.

Roger Greer sent a completely nude strike for examination of FARNHAM, QUE on 1c 1928 KGV Dominion issue, evidently representing the same type of use as the completely nude strike on 1935 KGV issue, owned by H. M. Dilworth.

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Some most interesting finds have recently been reported to me. I have hopes of obtaining photographs of some of these with which to illustrate the column. Several are

most unusual indicia, and others are new finds of some extremely rare towns. There are perhaps a half-dozen towns which, on the basis of recent finds, must suffer reductions in R.F., but I see little point in making such changes until the present lot of Roster forms are all returned and collated with the original Roster listings. Roster forms are still available, and new readers are invited to drop me a note requesting a form.

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