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# CHARLES CONNELL REVISITED

by Douglas Patrick

The story began in New Brunswick before Confederation when the colony first issued postage stamps in 1851. They were printed by Perkins, Bacon & Co. in London, England and were used until New Brunswick changed its currency to the decimal system.

One year before the change, a man named Charles Connell held the position of Postmaster-General of New Brunswick. Among his duties was the selection of designs for a new issue. He sought a printer who would produce stamps for less money than the first issue had cost and finally awarded the printing contract to the American Bank Note Co. in New York City. Connell ordered six new stamp designs from 1c to 17c, including a 5c denomination bearing his own likeness. The stamps arrived during April, 1860, in Fredericton, the capital.

Then fury broke loose. Much to the astonishment of other postal officials, the 5c stamp carried the portrait of Connell, a rugged individualist, who showed himself in a place reserved for royalty on the postage stamps of New Brunswick. Connell, away at his home in Woodstock, N.B., when the stamps arrived, received a telegram from the provincial secretary telling him that the stamps could not go on sale.

Mr. Connell worked on the idea of converting others to his way of thinking, but he failed. After a meeting of the Provincial Council, all the values except the 5c stamp with Connell's portrait went on sale. New 5c stamps portraying Queen Victoria's portrait were finally delivered for use in the colony. Under adverse criticism, Connell was forced to resign. He purchased the stamps himself and destroyed most of them.

The status of these Connell stamps may be described as prepared postage stamps not officially issued. Some of them did pay postage, but these may have been like the cancelled-to-order stamps of our present generation. Some irony exists; 5c New Brunswick postage stamps ordered to replace the Connell may be purchased for as little as \$1.00 to \$1.50, depending on condition, while the Connell stamp has realized \$1,000 in auctions.

The name Dr. George Frederick Clarke and the man himself have become a virtual legend in the picturesque town of Woodstock, N.B. Philatelists interested in New Brunswick stamps hold him in respect. In his search for historical materials, he found some Connell stamps in an old shed in town. During an interview at his home in Woodstock, Dr. Clarke discussed his lucky purchase this way:

"It must be 35 years ago that Col. Dibblee of Woodstock passed away. I knew that in a little outbuilding connected to his residence, he had a beautiful birch bark canoe that I wanted to preserve. I went to the executor of the estate and told him I would like to purchase the canoe. He said, 'There's a canvas canoe also, you can have the two of them for \$50.00. As a matter of fact, you can have the contents of the building, but you have to clean out the whole building.'

"And I can assure you that it was just filled with all sorts of things. There was a wood lathe, an iron lathe; and brass kettles that had come up the river with the United Empire

Loyalists. There was a beautiful drop-leaf maple table that I gave to Fred Jarrett of Toronto. All sorts of things.

"At one time the Colonel had done some silver and nickel plating. I found butter knives, dozens of them, and I handed them out to the kids. There were round turbans which the 12th Field Battery at that date wore on top of their heads just like pillboxes. Redcoats, greatcoats, everything else that you could imagine. Even postage stamps. Well, there I was; the bargain, I was to give \$50.00 for the contents of the building, which included the canoes and anything else that I desired.

"I went into a little room off the main room; it was boarded up. Rummaging around, I found a perfect duck of a silver teapot about 1825 vintage. The handle was missing and I went over the floor, covered with about three inches of dust, chewed-up paper and old volumes of the Legislative Assembly. I went over the room from one side to the other searching for the handle of the teapot. I got to the west wall; I went back to the east wall and went over it a second time, combing it over with my fingers as one would use a comb, but no handle. It's always my policy when digging out a campsite to do the job thoroughly and perhaps go over it a third time so I went over the floor for the third time. Within two inches of the west wall I picked up, of all things, a pair of Connell heads, Connell stamps.

"The Hon. Charles Connell went to New York to get new stamps for New Brunswick in 1860, I think it was. On the 1c the printers put a picture of a little locomotive; on the 2c and 10c the portrait of Queen Victoria. The 12½c showed an ocean-going tramp steamer, and on the 17c one of the Prince of Wales. On the 5c, in place of Queen Victoria's portrait when it appeared in New Brunswick at the Department, it contained the picture of Hon. Charles Connell, who was Postmaster-General.

"I should have said at the start he had the right to select the stamps, and have put on them whatever he thought wise. There was a great furor in the Cabinet. The Governor and Council refused to order their disposal to the different post-offices, but some did get out. It is said that the Hon. Mr. Connell gave a dinner to some political friends in Woodstock, N.B. as distinguished from Woodstock, Ont. and that he gave each of the guests a stamp.

"I know that his daughter, his two daughters each had a sheet, I think they came in hundreds. After I had found the stamps, my pair of Connells, I was in the library one day here in Woodstock and a Miss Sterrett, a lifelong friend of Col. Dibblee's wife, said that she had been talking to the other sister, Alice Garden. Alice had written to her sister, Mrs. Dibblee, and said, 'Dear Ella, I have been asked several times if I had any of the stamps. As you know, I have a sheet and you have a sheet. I have already burned mine. I entreat you to burn your sheet because I do not think that we should make money out of something that has caused our dear father so much mental anguish.'



*Dr. George F. Clarke*



*Connell's home at Woodstock, N.B. as it appears today.*

To the questions: Are any more sheets of Connell stamps known? Did you find any more, that is to any extent?

"Yes, I was lucky. Charles Connell's son George had a stamp that he carried in the back of his watch, I later purchased that. Two of the perforations were missing, but I restored those from another stamp of the same period, not trying to hide the incomplete stamp but because I wanted to see it completed. I later sold it with the understanding that I had restored a couple of the perforations. On that occasion when I found the stamps, the Connell heads, I found several others. As a matter of fact, enough to net me \$2,300. The people in those days never destroyed anything. I found stamps in barrels and boxes; I brought home three barrels of stamps."

This discussion had lasted more than an hour when Dr. Clarke rose from his comfortable chair, walked toward one of his grandfather clocks. The topics changed from stamps to clocks, to antique furniture and finally to the colorful display of flowers bordering his front lawn.

— this article originally appeared in the *Toronto Globe and Mail*

## TAGGED STAMPS

# How Permanent is Winnipeg?

BY CHARLES BERG

Mr. Alden's letter in the May, 1973, *Topics* is but another of the many warnings appearing in the philatelic press these days which suggest that the tagging on the varieties many of us are collecting may some day vanish without a trace.

Personally, I think it is high time that these prophecies be terminated and some serious research be undertaken on the matter. Certainly among us there must be some with the technical sophistication to ascertain what effect such forces as light and humidity will have on the tagging over a simulated long period of time.

One recent experience of mine bears directly on this question. I exhibited examples of Canada's paper and tagging varieties in a UV display in a three-day show, using the 1c definitive as an example. Further copies were displayed in ordinary light. The bright light of the room seems to have had no effect on the tagging when these stamps were compared to other copies. The Ottawa tagging subjected to more than 24 hours of long-wave UV showed no significant diminution of the intensity of its fluorescent response; the same was true of the fluorescent (Hibrite) papers.

The phosphorescent Winnipeg tagging, however, *did* appear to have lost some of its response after this prolonged exposure to

UV. In general, the initial response was weaker, and the afterglow was much shorter in duration. Most interestingly, the Winnipeg tagging on the Hibrite paper seems to have lost its response almost entirely: no afterglow was visible. Why the tagging should weaken so much more on the Hibrite paper is a mystery.

However, the loss of its reactance did not destroy the evidence that this was a tagged stamp. Held at an angle to a normal light, the tagging bars were still quite evident. This brings me to my note of scepticism regarding the warnings.

The tagging substances were applied in a solvent, and while the tagging may lose its reactance it seems likely the evidence of the solvent in which it was applied will long remain—not unlike a scotch-tape stain. This is already quite apparent on some of the first British tagged issues. We are, after all, dealing with chemical substances, few of which vanish into thin air—especially if applied to porous paper.

So I would conclude, till proven differently, that our tagged stamps will continue to glow for some time, given the basic care we hopefully give the rest of our collection, and that the glow will vanish, if it does, not like Aurora, without a trace, but like Prometheus, who left us something to remember him by.



further words  
on the  
**REGISTERED  
LETTER  
STAMPS**

by E. A. Smythies

Dr. Chaplin in his interesting article on the above subject, dealing with Plate II of the 5c value, records all the remarkable features of that remarkable plate, its unique size and shape, its unfinished state, with many blemishes and no imprints, the difficulty of perforating the sheets, and the consequent six years delay in using it.

Three years ago — in September 1970 — my long article on the same subject was published in *Maple Leaves*, in which I recorded the same remarkable features as noted by Dr. Chaplin, and put forward the novel theory that the six-year delay in using the plate for printing stamps was due to the difficulty of perforating them.

Dr. Chaplin will of course be well aware of the universal rule and etiquette applicable to all philatelic, medical and scientific works, i.e. that if an article quotes or uses results of earlier research, due acknowledgment will be made of the author and of the source of such earlier work. Dr. Chaplin makes no acknowledgment or mention of the *Maple Leaves* article, we can conclude that he has never seen it, and if so it follows that he has now reached the same conclusion on fresh evidence I never saw. It would be most interesting if he would publish this evidence, which would tend to confirm my three-year old theory.

As it happens, I have recently obtained some evidence which I have been seeking for years. It is a vertical strip of five (illustrated) in which the horizontal lines of perforation are spaced (in mms) 20-16-20-16-20.

Since the perforating machines could not perforate as close as 16mm and anyway could not go skipping from 20 to 16 and back to 20, this interesting strip is, I think, *proof* that the perforating was done in two operations, spaced 36mm, the second series

being incorrectly aligned, i.e. out of correct position by two millimetres.

There is one more point in Dr. Chaplin's article I should like to mention. He writes that the 5c stamps are deep green, yellow green and blue green, but does not give the shade of the plate II stamps, which were first printed in August or September 1892. He does however stress that "these stamps were printed at the same location and at the same time as the Small Queens" (1892). I have in my collection 60 unused 5c plate II stamps in blocks of 4 to 15 and 30 used (including a possibly unique used pair) — and not one of these 90 stamps can be described as deep green or yellow green or blue green, but are matched exactly by a set of Small Queen 2c dated every month from August 1892 to March 1893, and which are correctly described as "dull sea green" by Gibbons. And Gibbons has called these plate II stamps sea green accordingly. I have also corresponded with the editor of Scott's catalogue who wrote me he was thinking of having the color sea green in a future edition.



# Toronto Stamp Dealers of another generation

BY MAX ROSENTHAL

"L. B. Greenslade, foreign stamp dealer, residence 110 Terauley." Thus appears, in the 1879 *Toronto Directory*, a listing for the man who was probably that city's first stamp dealer—at least the earliest full-time one.

In 1876 Greenslade ran a stationery store at 454 Yonge Street, a bit north of College Street. One can surmise that he already sold stamps for collectors on the side even then. He went full time into the stamp business in 1878.

Later, in 1880, Greenslade became editor of the *Dominion Pet Stock Bazaar*, at 207 Markham Street, his last appearance on the Toronto scene.

Speculation on his departure was provided by "Sullexas," writing on the Connell stamp in the *Canadian Philatelist* (September 1886):

"These stamps were considered very rare, and have been sold as high as \$50 each. But the Connell stamp no longer brings such fancy prices; the market is overstocked with them, and they can now be bought at a very low figure.

"The latter are evidently not of the original plates. Where they came from has been a mystery to everyone; they are probably some of the 'Greenslade manufacture'. Being personally acquainted with an engraving firm, they executed an engraving of the Connell stamp for him. So well was this executed that it could not be told from the original. The Post Office authorities, however, got an inkling of the matter, and poor Greenslade had to skip 'by the light of the moon' to the United States. He is now in California. His plates and whatever stamps to be found were destroyed, but it is supposed that when Greenslade left Toronto he

carried a quantity of the Connell stamps with him."

## The McCaul Street Pioneers

In October 1887, volume 2 number 4 of the *Toronto Philatelic Journal* was issued by the Toronto Philatelic Company, the commercial name under which Edward Y. Parker dealt in stamps, at 106 Huron Street. He boasted:

"The Toronto Philatelic Journal proved to be the greatest success of any stamp magazine ever published in Canada. It was organized March, 1885, and suspended in June, 1886, owing to the publisher not having sufficient time to devote to it."

In 1884, Parker, a clerk with a wholesale dry goods firm, had been living at 169 McCaul Street, an address which will recur later. A year later, when he brought out Toronto's pioneer stamp periodical, he was at 12 Orde Street, which ends at McCaul Street, in downtown Toronto. At 18 Orde Street lived George A. Lowe, a barrister's clerk. In September 1886 Lowe brought out volume 1 number 1 of *The Canadian Philatelist*, from 42 Trinity Square, introducing it:

"We beg to hand you the initial number of *The Canadian Philatelist*, and trust that it will meet with your approval. Our intention was to make our debut under the name of the *British American Philatelist*," but thinking it rather lengthy we decided upon *The Canadian Philatelist*, the name of which will probably sound familiar to many philatelists, as it will be remembered this was the name of Mr. Parker's paper which was published in Whitby about a year ago."

"Collectors will find that the approval sheets of stamps sent out by Frank H. Best, of this city, are well worth seeing, as they contain mainly rare and scarce specimens." Best, a clerk for a publisher and bookseller, lived at 27 Caer-Howell Street, now a section of Elm Street, which also ends at McCaul, so in 1884 and 1885 three of Toronto's pioneer stamp dealers lived around that street.

Later in 1886 George Lowe moved to 39 King Street West, where he was described in next year's *Directory* as being a "printer and dealer in foreign postage stamps, and publisher *The Canadian Philatelist*." His stamp dealing was not to be mentioned again in the directories until the 1895 edition.

In 1886, Edward Parker, still listed only as a clerk, located at 47 Huron Street, a few blocks west of McCaul, and near Spadina Avenue. The next year Lowe moved to 106 Huron Street. In 1888 the latter became a teacher, and a year later opened a shorthand and bookkeeping school at 305 Spadina Avenue, north of the present Dundas Street. By 1890 he had a "Book-keeping and Shorthand Academy" at 278 Spadina, and an eastern branch on Parliament Street, but he gave up the branch a year later. He lived at 47 Major Street then.

Parker, meanwhile, remained a clerk until 1893, when he moved to 57 Huron Street, when he went fulltime into philately. Next year's *Directory* for the first time lists

him as a stamp dealer. That 1894 edition was the first to have a classification for stamp dealers in the section arranged by occupations.

## Elly Marks

Back in 1873, Mark Marks had come from Swansea, Wales, to take a position as a commercial salesman with the wholesale hardware firm of M. & L. Samuel, Benjamin & Co. His younger son, Elly, after travelling through various countries, on his return in 1891, although still a student, began to deal in stamps. In 1893 he became a clerk for the same firm his father had worked for. He resided at 169 McCaul Street, Edward Parker's old address.

In 1894 George E. Lowe, apparently a cousin of George A., opened a stamp shop at 49 Adelaide Street East, handily opposite the Toronto post office. He lived at 1123 College Street, west of Dufferin Street, then the city's western outskirts, and this was also the residence of his assistant, Walter McMahan.

The next year George A. Lowe took over the stamp business on Adelaide Street, although he still ran a school at 349 Spadina Avenue; McMahan established his own stamp store at 6 Toronto Arcade. In 1896 Lowe gave up the school altogether, to concentrate on philately. Two years later he moved to 80 Yonge Street, then in 1899 to

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| 100 | Toye Charles, tailor                    |
| 102 | Colwell Wm, shoemaker                   |
| 104 | Toye Mrs E, wid Joseph                  |
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| 110 | Hamilton Wm, blacksmith                 |
|     | Hare Wm, cabman, r                      |
|     | Greenslade L B, foreign stamp dealer, r |
| 112 | Land J J, bookkeeper                    |
| 114 | Woodhouse —, policeman                  |
| 116 | Courtney John, shoemaker                |
|     | McKenzie Mrs C, side ent                |
|     | <i>Here Ames St. intersects.</i>        |

*Toronto's first stamp dealer appears in the 1879 Directory, residing at 110 Teraulay (now Bay) Street. Note Marks next door, father of Elly Marks, a future stamp dealer.*

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*The listing of stamp dealers in the 1895 Might Publishing Co.'s Toronto Directory. (There was no such stamp issued by the Australian State of Victoria.)*

King Street West. There he also kept the Continental Watch and Jewellery Company.

Edward Y. Parker had moved in 1895 to 457 Euclid Avenue, where he dealt in stamps until 1900. He then located at 155 Dowling Avenue, in the Parkdale area. Another Parkdale dealer, George E. Davenport, had begun business in 1897, at 70 Melbourne Avenue. Leslie Davenport, no relation, remembers him well; Les went to work for the Marks Stamp Company in 1914.

In 1896 George Hughes opened a stamp shop at 106½ Queen Street West, west of Elizabeth Street, in premises shared with Toronto's only shooting gallery. After beginning business in 1896, at 9½ Adelaide Street East, William R. Adams advertised in the 1897 *Directory* that he sold: "Postage stamps of Canada and Provinces, United States and good Foreign, bill, law and revenue stamps, etc. Collections bought, good prices paid." That year he moved to a printing establishment at 401 Yonge Street, continuing as a stamp dealer as well.

Elly Marks became a fulltime stamp dealer in 1896. The Weston Stamp Company came into existence, at 31 King Street East. Its owner, Wilby Wilson, lived in the northwestern suburb of Weston, obviously an early commuter to downtown Toronto. (There is a Wilby Crescent in Weston).

## The Toronto Industrial Fair

*The Philatelic Advocate* of October 1897 announced that "the Philatelic Exhibition in connection with the Toronto Industrial Fair, (the forerunner of the Canadian National Exhibition) August 30th to September 12, was a great success. George Lowe had a fine display of stamps both rare and common. The exhibit was in charge of Mr. Lowe and C. Bailey. The Weston Stamp Co. also had a grand display. This

exhibit was in charge of Messrs Wilby and Nichols."

In 1901 the Weston Stamp Company moved to an upstairs office at 1 Adelaide Street, two years later to 43 Victoria Street. In the same area, Thomas Mitchell, a manufacturer's agent at 4 Adelaide Street East, also carried on a stamp business there from 1896 on. In 1904 he moved to 19 Queen Street East. 1896 also saw a couple of dealers established on Queen Street West, W. S. Brown at 473, and at 209, George Hughes. In 1900 C. L. Wrigley opened at 147 Queen Street West.

From 1898 to 1899 only, John H. Lowe, probably a brother of the better known George A., took over the latter's old location at 49 Adelaide Street East. George had just moved to Yonge Street.

In 1901 Elly Marks moved the Marks Stamp Company from McCaul Street to 526 Euclid Avenue. *The Commemorative Biographical Record of the County of York*, published in Toronto by J. H. Beers & Co., in 1907 had only one stamp dealer's biography, that of Elly Marks. It concluded:

"Though he began in quite a small way his interests have increased until now he is carrying on the largest concern of the kind in Canada. The stock comprises some 25 or 30 million stamps, including full lines of the stamps of all nations, and his orders come from all parts of both Canada and the United States. The firm is especially known for its ability to fill any order on short notice."

Today's stamp collectors can find the imprints on the corners of covers and postcards from other dealers in Toronto, men for whom the stamp business was a part time occupation. It adds up to a busy picture of those early days of professional Toronto philately.

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## SORRY!

Printer's holidays and 473 other things have combined to make this issue far later than usual.

But we're pushing the September issue in a hurry to get things back on schedule.

— the editor



The beautiful Red and Blue Patriotic Card, published by Sam. J. Richey, Saint John, N.B. bears a RR Cancel. Postcard was written at Grand Pre, N.S. July 18, 1900.

## The Sam J. Richey Patriotics of the Anglo-Boer War

BY ED RICHARDSON

We have long considered this patriotic design one of the most interesting of all those which appeared during the Anglo-Boer War period. Because of my own particular interest in the military covers of the Canadian Contingents in South Africa, this patriotic, with the words *Canadian Contingent — South African War*, has long been my favorite.

The card is bicolored. Parts of the flag, the dates '1899' and '1900' and the line "South African War" are in red. The remainder of the design and inscriptions are in blue.

In the lower left corner is a two-line inscription reading:

*Registered Canada, Jan. 17th, 1900,*

*Sam. J. Richey, St. John, N.B.*

—just a little over three months after the outbreak of the Anglo-Boer War. This was too late for any of the patriotic stationery to accompany the first Canadian Contingent to South Africa, as they sailed from Quebec on October 30, 1899. However, the next four sailings were all from Halifax, as follows: Jan. 21, 1900 by *Laurentian*; Jan. 27, 1900 by *Pomeranian*; Feb. 21, 1900 by *Milwaukee*; March 17, 1900 by *Monterey*. The final sailing was made from Montreal on May 1, 1900 by the *Vancouver*.

Richey wasted very little time between the registration date, and getting his patriotic into the market. His first type may have been the strictly black and white version on envelopes. This he was able to get printed in time to have on sale before the Jan. 27 sailing of the *Pomeranian*.

Pvt. W. G. Bishop of "A" Squadron, 2nd Battalion, Canadian Mounted Rifles, must have purchased this patriotic stationery before leaving Canada. He was among those who sailed on the *Pomeranian* on the 27th. He arrived in Cape Town on February 26.

This patriotic was mailed at the Base Field Post Office on March 22, 1900, and received the double-circle British•Army•S. Africa Field Post Office marking. The asterisk indicates that it was the base office. The following day it received the Canadian Contingent Cachet marking.

While I have never seen one, I suspect that it did and does exist; a black-and-white version of the postcard as well. Again, while I have never seen one, it may be that the bicolored version of the envelope could exist.

It is most interesting to note the inscription on the card below the fancy "Private Post Card". This reads: *This design appears on the Writing Material Ordered by the /*



*One of the few known examples of a Canadian Patriotic used by a member of the Canadian Contingent in South Africa. Note Contingent marking dated March 23, 1900. A very early date.*

Canadian Government for the use of the / soldiers in South Africa. — in three lines. Does this indicate that perhaps the black and white envelopes were furnished to Canadian soldiers in, or going to, South Africa? The inscription would so seem to imply. However, where are they all?

During the past 30 years, we have actively

collected Canadian Boer War material. In doing so, we have probably seen at least 200 covers mailed from South Africa to Canada by members of the Canadian Contingents. Yet the cover shown here is the only example this writer has seen of the Richey Patriotic, used from South Africa.

Who can report additional examples?



## Tagging Along

**Kenneth G. Rose, Box 7086, Station 'E', Calgary T3C-3L8, Alberta**

### The Winnipeg Scene

Another quick trip to Winnipeg early in May produced a few more items of interest. I met most of my "regulars" and as usual they supplied me with current information, and, in the odd case, examples for my reference collection. The new philatelic window in the main Post Office was apparently a success — so much so that Dennis Burke has been transferred to Vancouver to open one there.

As advised previously, there is a large supply of current 8c Winnipeg Tag type 3a in Winnipeg, and they are still selling at \$2 per stamp, which in my opinion is greatly inflated. Both that and the 8c Ottawa Tag type 01a are extremely common, and should

not bring more than 50c a piece mint, and much less used.

I recently secured two panes of the current 6c Ottawa Tag type 01a with the bar well onto the stamp, and I know of one other which was found here some time ago. I would appreciate reports of other findings, in order to establish its rarity factor.

Two panes of the last Indian series turned up in Winnipeg without any tag, making three which have now been reported to me. Any others would also be appreciated.

I have a storybook tale for you. At our local post office one of the regulars went on vacation this week, and was replaced by a temporary female clerk. She apparently had a roll of coils that was part imperf between horizontally, and was tearing apart

for sale over the counter. It was only when she asked for a pair of scissors that the other regulars realized what was happening. All that remained by this time was a strip of six—Ottawa Tag type 01—five of which were imperf between. I secured a strip of three, with only one row of horizontal perfs. I could have cried!

BNAPEX 73 is progressing well, and as of this writing there will be a study group on tagged stamps, which I have agreed to chair. I would appreciate knowing who expects to attend, since it should be a good source of new and confirming information for us.

There is much postal stationery appearing with the Ottawa Tag—envelopes, precancel cards, air letter sheets, etc. I hear also that

both the 4c and 5c definitives have appeared with Ottawa Tag. Reports would be most welcome, plus a full pane, and a set of blank corners. I have seen four different papers on the 2c with Ottawa tag, but have only secured three for my reference collection. I also have two of them with type 01a.

I have also noticed a marked difference in the width of the bars on the 6c. The first ones had a 4mm bar, whereas the ones now in circulation have only 3mm. The paper is also a slightly different shade. I have type 01a errors of both, mint.

Examples have been secured of the 8c coil Ottawa Tag type 01a on both the dull and the medium fluorescent papers—both used on cover.



## Rounding Up Squared Circles

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

Several known dates of use of NANAIMO second state were inadvertently omitted from the chronology given in last month's column. Use of this hammer is now recorded for every year from the earliest known use of this state, DE 30/96 through 1903, and for the years 1906, 1908-09, 1912-15, 1918, 1922, 1928, 1937-45, and 1947-54. The foregoing may be classified as "non-philatelic".

In addition, 1955 strikes are known which are described by the owners as "philatelic". To my knowledge, this hammer is not in the Postal Museum so I suspect it fell into private hands about the time of the move to the new Nanaimo post office. This prolonged use of the Squared Circle hammer may be unique, but there are several other hammers which may have seen very much more extensive use than present records seem to indicate. LONDON, Type II (thick bars) is an example. My records show dates of FE 2/95 through JA 2/97; then one JA/98 and two OC/98 dates; then four 1900 dates, all in the period FE 3 to FE 10; then dates in 1915, 17, 20 and 24; finally, dates in 1948, 1949, 1950, 1953, and 1954. No examples of this hammer have been verified on either the Jubilee stamp or Map stamp, suggesting that it was not in use at the time these stamps were current. Can readers report dates of use in the period 1900 to 1914 and 1925 to 1947?

Three new towns may now be added to the checklist of Squared Circle towns known on 5c Registration stamp. The first of these is a town I had overlooked in making out the original checklist some years ago, and is illustrated with a photograph on page 64 of March 1960 *Topics*: NEWCASTLE CREEK, N.B., SP 1/93. This strike is on cover, as are all other known examples of this town since the hammer was evidently not used to cancel the stamp at this office. The second new listing, also on cover, is MACLEOD, ALTA., reported by Ed Richardson. The third new listing is an off-cover strike on 5c RLS, GRAVENHURST, PM/SP 20/93 reported by Haakon Hellner, of Norway.

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Horace Harrison reports yet another example of numeral time-mark for PORT ARTHUR: 16/ NO 2/ 17 on 3c brown Confederation issue. Time marks now reported for PORT ARTHUR are 8, 10, 12, 16, and 18; all of these appeared in the period DE 20/ 16 to NO 2/ 17. The time-mark slot was evidently blank before and after this period.

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Bob Doull reports a new early date for WATERLOO, QUE.: OC 18/ 93; Joe Szeker reports a new late date for MAITLAND, N.S.: JA 22/ 94 and also reports an additional listing for Squared Circles on the

Admiral issue: MELBOURNE, JY 21/ 12 (with the "2" in the year date inverted), and a new early date for ACTON, Hammer II: DE 25/ 94.

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Did you know how the Squared Circle town of BEETON got its name? I didn't until I read in Max Rosenthal's article *Early Post Offices of the Alliston Area* (Topics, January 1968) "a post office in Essex County also received the name Tecumseth, and mail got confused. In 1875

Postmaster D. A. Jones, who had a large apiary there, had the name changed to Beeton, suggested by his bees. He was still postmaster in the 1890s when the extremely rare squared circle hammer was being used there." And in the same article, referring to the town of Angus: "The name was given in honor of Angus Morrison, M.P. It had been laid out by Jonas Tarbush in 1854. Another Tarbush, H. L., was postmaster in the 1890s when the scarce squared circle hammer was employed there."(Column 124)



## Revenue Study Group

Ed Richardson, Box 939, League City, Texas 77573

**5c Third Issue Bill Stamp.** Those who were in attendance at the St. John's convention last fall and viewed the exhibits may have been as greatly surprised as I when I saw Bill Rockett's exhibit. There was a nice vertical strip of three of the 5c third issue Bill Stamp, imperf horizontally. I had never seen this before, nor does Sisson's catalogue list it. Now we know that Nelson Bond was correct, as usual, when it was listed in his 1953 catalogue.

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**1918 Quebec Registration.** Thanks to Jack St. Laurent we have seen a proof of the \$2 brown. We had never seen, nor heard of, any proofs of this series before. An interesting feature of this one is that it bears *no imprint* below the stamp impression. We therefore conclude it is a small die proof—on thick (.005) wove paper. Can anyone report proofs of other values of this set?

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**First Issue Alberta Laws.** A number of interesting varieties exist in this issue, and I'm not referring to the "plating varieties". Here are a few:

- R1 — 10c Purple — background doubled
- R2 — 10c Yellow — trace of doubling of the overprint
- R4 — 10c Red (Black) — slight doubling of background
- R5 — 20c Red — background doubled
- R10 — 25c Green — slight doubling of background
- R9 — 25c Purple — background doubled
- R13 — 50c Red — background doubled
- R14 — 75c Red — background doubled
- R14 — 75c Red — trace of doubling of the overprint
- R16 — ONE DOLLAR — background doubled
- R16 — ONE DOLLAR — overprint doubled

**Loi de Faillite.** Will collectors of Quebec

Loi de Faillite stamps (Sissons 100-108) please check their collections against the list that follows and report any perforation varieties not indicated here:

Denomination	Perf 11	Perf 12
10c green	X	
20c blue	X	
40c brown	X	X
50c black	X	
\$1 red	X	
\$2 purple	X	X
\$3 green	X	
\$4 gray		X
\$5 blue	X	X

According to this, only four denominations come in the perf 12, and all but the \$4 denomination come in perf 11. Does this check out against your own collection?

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**Bankruptcy Act.** While you have that album down off the shelf, will you also check out your Bankruptcy Act stamps? What values, if any, can you report in the perf 12 variety? I'll be darned if I can find a one!

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**Nova Scotia "N.S."** The Nova Scotia "N.S." issues have always been listed in most catalogues in two perf varieties—perf 12 and perf 11½. This is not counting the special perf 12½ which is found on the \$1 and \$3 values only. But who has any of the perf 11½ stamps? I am about ready to conclude that they never existed. The perf 11½ was supposed to have come into use for the basic federal issue bill stamps in 1873 or later. I doubt if any "N.S." overprints were ever placed on the perf 11½ printings, as it would appear that the currency differences had been eliminated by then between Nova Scotia and the rest of the Dominion, and



the N.S. overprints were no longer necessary. I have yet to see a N.S. overprint on a perf 11½ that didn't turn out to be a counterfeit! Also the latest cancel date I have seen on these stamps is around May-June, 1872. So come on all you collectors who relish good philatelic argument—a hot controversy—prove me wrong! But don't go reporting those perf 11.7 varieties; I know about those and they are merely minor varieties of the perf 12 which run all the way from 11.7 to 12.2. What the 11½ should be is a perf 11½ *exactly*, such as is found in the third issue basic bill stamps.

*3c 3-Leaf Excise.* On page 7 of the old

CRS catalogue you will find listed as No. X46a "3c Blue., perf 11 vertically". Oh yes, Sissons, and most catalogues, list a variety as perf 11 horizontal, but this is something different. Also look on page 85 of the 1939 Holmes, and find listed as No. 2204A "3c blue, coil, perf 11 *vert.*" I find no other mention of this variety, and suspect that it was an error in listing, and Holmes corrected his listing in later editions.

But how many collectors **HAVE** this variety? I have two copies, and have had them in my collection for years. What's the scoop?



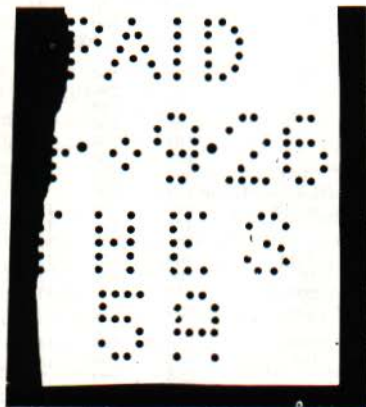
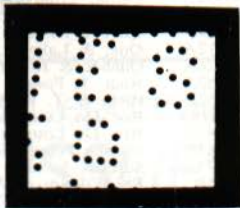
## Perfin Study Group

R. J. Woolley, secretary, 1520 Bathurst Street, Apt. 206, Toronto

### 1973 Supplement to the Perfin Handbook

The reasons for the issue of this supplement are that there are still 400 copies of the handbook in stock and that since the third edition of the book was published in 1967 there has been enough additions and correction to warrant bringing them together. All these changes have appeared in this column of *Topics*, but as many of the buyers of the catalogue do not have access to *Topics* a supplement seemed the best way to bring the handbook up to date.

The two single stamps illustrated above have long posed a puzzle for me. They are both on the two leaf excise coil of 1915-1928, 2c value, Sissons R286. "PAID" would indicate some form of receipt but



insufficient of the full strike to indicate the origin.

Recently, through the courtesy of Bill Maresch, I acquired a pink slip of paper, the larger illustration, which provides the answer: it is part of a receipt for the payment of an electricity account paid at the office of the Toronto Hydro Electric System.

The "9-26" would be the month and year preceded by a day dater. The "T" of T.H.E.S. is incomplete, the bottom line I can only presume to be an identification of the office, perhaps "5A".

As this is a receipt cancellor and not of a size to be used as identification on postage stock it will not be listed in the catalogue but might solve a similar puzzle which other Perfin collectors have encountered.



# The RPO Cowcatcher

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## NEW LISTING FROM SHAW

The existing listings having been corrected, we now present herewith the new listings that have been added since Mr. Shaw's last addendum.

No.	Route	Type	Direc'n	Period	R.F.	Rep. by
N-7A	Bell Island C.S./Newf'd	4J		1937	200	32
M-4A	Annapolis & Yarmouth Ry./M.C.	4H	East	37	200	16A
M-12E	Camp. & Levis Express R.P.O././ J. A. Dionne	21B	31	MR4	200	16
M-18C	Ch'town & Sackville/R.P.O.	17H		413	200	16B
M-29B	Edmundston & R. Dul./R.P.O.	17		277	200	16A
M-31B	Halifax & Amherst-P.O. Car	4D	East	37	200	16A
M-44E	H & C 60/R. Cooke	22G		400	200	116
M-44F	Hx. & C.-R.P.O./.	17	PM	275	200	16A
M-46C	Hal & Liv/Train 243 (and 244)	21I	PM	499	200	16B
M-64B	Halifax & Yar./R.P.O.	17H	58	356	150	16
M-107E	Saint John & Montreal/R.P.O.	17H	PM	241	200	16A
M-111A	West. Br. Railway St. John & Vanceboro	4D		37	200	16A
M-112B	St. John & Vance./R.P.O./.	17		109	200	16A
Q53A	Lyster Sta & Deschailions R.P.O./.	17	E	106	200	16A
Q65F	Montreal District/Emergency	15E	AM	130	200	16A
Q77A	Montreal & Dundee R.P.O./No. 81	17A		118	200	16A
Q128A	Mont. & Rich.	4E		37	200	16A
Q129A	Mont-Rig & Ottawa R.P.O./R. G. Courtenay	6E	505	122	200	32
Q133A	Mont. & St. Albans/R.P.O.	17H		307	141	200 16A
Q171F	Mtl & Tor A. W. J. Saunders	22H	50	412	200	116
Q171G	Mtl & Tor R.P.O. Tr.	22	27	no date	100	135
Q171H	Mont & Tor Tr/Fr. Pt. Huron & Chi Tr	22B	6, 16	437	100	135
Q184D	Father Point/Paquebot	12A	AM	107-248	150	16A, 38
Q184E	Pointe Au Pere. Father Point/P.Q.	4J		106	200	16A
Q184F	Pointe Au Pere. Father Point/.P.Q.	5C	AM	106	200	16A
Q184G	Father Point/Pointe Au Pere	24I		150	200	16A
Q184H	Father Point/Que	13B		98	200	16A
Q185C	Quebec & Blanc Sablon . S.P./.	12	E	106	200	16A
Q204F	Quebec Division/ A. Dorais	3B	East	41	200	135
Q212A	Que. & Lake-St. John. Ry/M.C.	9E		41	200	1, 16A
Q226A	Quebec & Richmond. M.C. No. 4/	4D		37	170	16
Q252A	Rich: I: Pond	4F		37	200	16A
Q252B	Rich. & T. Pond/M.C. (Hammer Error)	9E		41	200	16A, Boggs
Q260D	Riv. Du Loup & Camp./M.C.	4F		37	200	16A
Q263A	Riv. Du Loup & Levis R.P.O./J. A. Dionne	21B		41	200	135
Q264E	Rouses Point and/Montreal R.P.O.	3F		106	200	16A
Q297A	Sorel & Sutton	4F		37	200	16A
O75B	Ft. William & Wpeg	5H		316	200	135
O92B	Que & O.S. R.P.O.	17		353	200	24
O103D	Ham & Meaford/J. J. H. Johnston	3c		192	200	135
O123A	Harrisb'g & Southampton R.P.O./	17	T2S	106	200	16A
O138F	Long & Wpg R.P.O./A. Janssens	22J		486-560	150	116, 135
O156A	London & Sarnia/R.P.O.	17H		196	170	16
O187A	N. Bay & Cochrane/R.P.O.	17H	PM	210	200	16A
O193G	North Bay & Longlac/ (inscription at bottom of oval not visible)	3D		410	200	135
O220A	Ott. & Ft. Coulonge. R.P.O./.	17	20	109	200	16A
O255B	Ottawa & Pt. Arthur	4F		37	200	16A
O272A	Palm. & King R.P.O./ (Hammer Error)	17		106	200	16A
O283E	Port Colborne, Ont./Marine Post Office	24I		191	200	16A
O314D	Sault Ship Canal.Ont/1	25F		109	200	16A
O325C	Start & Sar. R.P.O./.	17		107	200	16A
O331D	Sud. & L.C./R.P.O.	17H	PM	267	200	16A
O-335C	Train No./Sub* & Soo. R.P.O.	18	(Hammer Error)	109	200	16A
O-337E	Tor & Cap/Ont./F Pt. Huron & Chi	22J	6, 109	450	100	135
O-337F	Tor & Capreol R.P.O.	22B		445	100	135
O-337G	Tor & Cap/Tor Dis. R.M.S.	7B		430	100	105
O-337H	Tor & Cap/News via Tor./Pt. Huron & Chi	22J	7, 54	469	100	135
O-355K	Toronto & London-G.T.R.-R.P.O.	18		106	200	16A
O-357J	T.L. & W./J. J. Miller	22H		200	450	150 116
O-357K	Tor. Lon. & Wind./ (bottom of strike blocked out)	3E		220	450	200 135
O-369A	Tor. & Mont. G.T. Ry.-10+(malt. cross)	13H	D.E.	90	200	116
O-385I	Toronto District/T. J. Smith	12C	106	485	100	135
O-385J	Tor-N. Bay/J. Murdoch	12A		268	200	16
O-385K	T. & N.B./C. Corbett	7Dsm		268	200	16

# TOPICS: THE NEWSFRONT

## BNAPEX: CALGARY — September 19-22

During BNAPEX Canada Post will issue the first two stamps in its Olympic series — and a special limited-edition maple-leaf cancel will be available to be used exclusively during the convention — at the special Canada Post Office booth at the Calgary Inn. The new stamps, an 8c and a 15c, will go on sale on September 20, and FDCs will be available at \$1 each. If you can't be there, order them for \$1 apiece at this address: BNAPEX '73, Sub Post Office 10, Calgary, Canada T2C 0E0.

And add these items to the entertainment planned: an afternoon at Heritage Park on the Thursday, with lunch or dinner . . . a golf session with clubs, carts and the rest supplied on the Friday morning . . . the annual meeting on Saturday morning, with the big gala annual dinner in the evening. And the committee will help members with cars to plan side trips in the Alberta area for before or after the convention.

By now you've already received word that that charter flight, being arranged by Stanley Lum (218-F Stanley Greene Park,, Downsview, Ontario) is not by Air Canada but by Canadian Pacific Air. It leaves Toronto at 0910 hours on September 19 and reaches Calgary at 1146 hours after a stopover at Winnipeg. Return flight is on September 23 at 0940 hours.

*Short takes:* On June 20, the National Postal Museum was officially presented with the stamp collection formed by the late Lester B. Pearson, former Prime Minister and Nobel Peace Award holder. . . . H. E. Harris & Co., the famed 57-year-old Boston stamp firm, was purchased by General Mills, Inc. and comes under the food processor's Parker Brothers games division. . . . Dr. Fred Stulberg has taken over as editor of *Topic's* sister magazine, *The Canadian Philatelist*, the Royal's publication; he succeeds Ken Rowe, who served as the glue-and-scissors man for several years. . . . London dealer Robson Lowe will visit Calgary and BNAPEX next month, spending much time promoting his latest volume of the Encyclopedia of British Empire Stamps (volume five: North America) now being printed. . . . BNAPSer Julian C. Smith of Ithaca, N.Y. was awarded a vermeil medal at the International Briefmarken Ausstellung in Munich for his exhibit of unused Canada issues from 1851-1931. . . . Another famed philatelic firm has been sold: Scott Publishing Co. to Bergins, Inc. . . . Max Giggenheim (Postfach 523, CH-4002, Basel, Switzerland) is anxious for U.S. and BNA

entries for the International Stamp Exhibition being held in Basel next year.

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## Post Office Department **NEW ISSUES**

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Canada Post issued an 8c stamp on July 20 to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the arrival of Scottish settlers at Pictou County, N.S. The hardy band sailed from Scotland on the ship *Hector* and arrived at Pictou on September 15, 1773, providing the impetus for a tide of Scottish immigrants which followed for more than 50 years thereafter, settling the whole of north-eastern Nova Scotia, large parts of Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick, and sections of eastern Ontario.

The stamp was designed by Peter Swan, a freelance artist now residing in Toronto. He is a former native of Greenock, Scotland, the port from which the *Hector* sailed 200 years ago.



Arrival of  
Scottish  
settlers  
Pictou, N.S.

Arrivée des  
colons  
écossais à  
Pictou, N.E.

Canada 8



*Réunion des chefs de gouvernement du  
Commonwealth  
Heads of Government Meeting*

Canada 15



Nellie McClung 1873-1951

The stamp measures 36x30mm and was printed by Toronto's Ashton-Potter Ltd. in four-color lithography. The entire issue bears general tagging.

On August 2, two commemorative stamps will be issued to recognize the meeting in Ottawa of the Commonwealth Heads of Government, which coincides with a second visit this year by Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh. One will be an 8c stamp with a silver background, the other a 15c stamp on a gold field, each measuring 40x48mm.

The portrait is based on a photo by Anthony Buckley, and the stamps are printed by British American Bank Note Co. in two-color steel and two-color gravure; layout and design is by Toronto artist Allan Fleming. 25 million copies of all three above stamps were ordered.

On August 29 a multicolored 24x40mm stamp will be issued commemorating Nellie McClung, social reformer and advocate of women's rights; she died in 1951 at 72.

The stamps are printed by Ashton Potter of Toronto, and all 24 million copies bear general tagging.

On September 20 the first two Olympic stamps will be issued (an 8c and 15c in a large size) and special FDCs will be available from the special post office being set up at BNAPEX in Calgary (see box page 181).

October 17 will see new low-value definitives issued to replace the 1967 issue now available. Six stamps (1c-6c) will bear portraits of John A. Macdonald, Wilfred Laurier, Robert Borden, William Lyon Mackenzie King, R. B. Bennett, and Lester B. Pearson. The 8c stamp will show The Queen.

November 7 a 6c, 8c, 10c and 15c set of Christmas stamps will be sold; and on November 28 two more Canadian Indians stamps will come out, two 8c stamps in checkerboard fashion on sheets of 50.

This list replaces former schedules issued by Ottawa.

## Winthrop S. Boggs

On May 30 this year, in his seventieth year, one of the truly great philatelists died. To many he had already become a legend as the author of the most authoritative book on British North America stamps—**The Postage Stamps and Postal History of Canada**, that two-volume work that was written during the last two years of World War II, largely under the auspices of Alfred F. Lichtenstein, and which remains the undisputed classic reference work on BNA issues.

Among the major philatelic awards he won during his life include the top honors the hobby can bestow: The John N. Luff Award of the American Philatelic Society, the Alfred F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award of the Collectors Club of New York, the Role of Distinguished Philatelists, the Crawford Medal of the Royal Philatelic Society of London, and scores of others.

As Harrison D. S. Haverbeck, writing last month in *The Collectors Club Philatelist*, said, "(Boggs) had a phenomenal memory, he lived stamps, and his mind was trained by, and for, stamps."

# TOPICS: THE BUSINESS SIDE

## BNAPS: ELECTED OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	Alfred P. Cook, Coy Glen Road, Ithaca, N.Y. 14850
VICE-PRESIDENT	James A. Pike, 5805 Balsam St., Apt. 801, Vancouver, B.C.
SECRETARY	Jack Levine, 2121-G North Hills Drive, Raleigh, N.C. 27610
TREASURER	Leo J. LaFrance, Box 229, Ossining, New York 10562
BOARD OF GOVERNORS	Nine sitting; three elected each year for a three-year term: 1971-1973: James C. Lehr, E. H. Hausmann, Robert H. Pratt 1972-1974: G. B. Llewellyn (chairman), C. R. McNeil, D. G. Rosenblat 1973-1975: Ed Richardson, Wilmer C. Rockett, S. S. Kenyon

## BRITISH NORTH AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1972

### ASSETS

Cash — Brown Brothers-Harriman .....	\$ 4,275.01	
Cash — Custody of Sales Manager .....	1,954.60	
Cash — Custody of Hand Book Agent .....	1,697.52	
Cash — Treasurer .....	305.37	
Cash — Manhattan Savings Account .....	6,809.23	
		\$ 15,041.73
5% Growth Certificate .....	2,045.78	
C. M. Jephcott Memorial Fund, at cost .....	2,466.15	
		4,511.93
Accounts Receivable .....		498.51
Inventories .....		3,055.34
<b>Total Assets</b> .....		<b>\$ 23,107.51</b>

### LIABILITIES AND RETAINED EARNINGS

Prepaid Dues .....	\$ 305.00	
Capex Loan Fund .....	700.00	
Insurance Fund .....	4,149.82	
Due Owners on Sales Circuits .....	2,481.79	
Life Membership Fund .....	390.50	
<b>Total Liabilities</b> .....		<b>\$ 8,027.11</b>
Retained Earnings, December 31, 1971 .....	13,497.97	
	1,582.43	
		15,080.40
Total Liabilities and Retained Earnings .....		\$23,107.51

## INCOME AND EXPENSE AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1972

### INCOME

Dues, 1971 .....	\$ 75.85
Dues, 1972 .....	8,101.96
Fees .....	209.20
Dividends .....	126.35
Royalties .....	37.50
Miscellaneous .....	479.96
Handbook Sales — Net .....	2,776.64
Circuit Sales — Net .....	544.04
	\$ 12,351.49

### EXPENSE

Topics — Net .....	\$ 7,580.05
Library Expense .....	1,162.70

Miscellaneous .....	1,328.92
Insurance Expense .....	188.00
BNAPEX Exhibit .....	152.60
Printing, Postage, Stationery .....	356.79
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	10,769.06
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	\$ 1,582.43

#### New Members

- 2964 Adilman, Paul L., Box 1660, Wetaskiwin, Alberta T9A 1Y5  
 2965 Anderson, William F., 2043 Swanson Road, Clearwater, British Columbia  
 2966 Bobo, John S., 1668 Sycamore Street, Des Plaines, Illinois 60018  
 2967 Cambridge, John Donald, 55 Owen Blvd., Willowdale, Ontario M2P 1G2  
 2968 Copeland, Col. Royal S. (RET.), RFD 1, Box 2250, Englewood, Fla. 33533  
 2969 deBelle, John C., 187 Front Street, Box 753, Oakville, Ontario  
 2970 Emmett, Norman, 24 Depot, P.O. Box 37, Waterloo, Quebec  
 2971 Gallichen, Fred W., 2650 East 53rd Avenue, Vancouver 16, British Columbia  
 2972 Hennick, Martin Joseph, 2230 Tallman Avenue, Burlington, Ontario  
 2973 James, George F., 553 Carlisle Street, Cobourg, Ontario K9A 1X3  
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# MAIL FROM OUR MEMBERS

## Levity in Topics

I would like to voice my criticism of the supposedly-humorous, but, in my opinion, ill-advised articles on pages 94 and 95 of the April issue of *Topics*. In writing an article of this kind I feel that care should be taken to keep well away from possible misunderstanding by readers. This apparently was not done in the present instance as shown by the considerable number of people who, it seems, being misled by the article, wrote to the Post Office Department for items described in it. This may seem to be a wonderful April Fool joke, but really, Mr. Editor, it was not all that good!

The article occupied approximately 10% of the non-advertising content of the April issue. Surely the space in *Topics* is too valuable to waste in such dull, heavy-handed and philatelically-useless writing.

*Colin H. Bayley*

## News from PEI

Prince Edward Island is celebrating its centennial as the seventh province to enter Canadian Confederation, and the occasion has been marked by several events of interest to specialists in Island material.

A book entitled *Geographical Names of Prince Edward Island* has been published by the Canadian Government Printing Bureau in Ottawa and although principally a study in toponymy of the province, it also includes a list of post-offices from 1802 to the present day. The latter is my own contribution compiled from existing lists plus research into Canada Post Office records from 1873, and legislature and council records prior to 1873.

Two special slogan cancellations mark special events here this summer. One, reading "P.E.I./1873-1973/ I.P.E. was used from June 22 coinciding with the issue date of the Island commemorative, and a second used for one week (June 31) to mark the royal visit to the Island.

An item of interest: I understand that the PEI stamp was postally used in the Magdalen Islands from June 21!

For PEI collectors, I am the proud owner (to be a little sarcastic) of two used stamps with a forged cancel which I have not seen previously reported. This fact was kindly



corroborated for me by Dr. Robert Carr. Both stamps were purchased from the same mail auction last fall.

—*Douglas Murray*

## A Patricias checklist

I am a semi-official collector and have been doing quite a bit of work on the Patricias. I've a printed checklist six pages long, showing about 150 varieties, including some proofs. I hope to get some feed-back from collectors and in about a year put out another edition. If you know of any collectors who might like a copy I am asking \$1 to cover printing and mailing costs.

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## Old stamps are still good

Some years ago I became curious about the current legal status of postage stamps issued by the Canadian provinces. I knew that at least in the case of Newfoundland they had been in use after the 1949 Confederation, and in other parts of Canada as well.

In 1967 I wrote the Postmaster-General inquiring if the stamps of the other provinces were still valid for postage, citing the stamps of Newfoundland.

I was finally informed that no statute or regulation appeared to have been issued on the subject, and that as far as the post office was concerned, they were still valid for postage.

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