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

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# Dietz & Nelson's British Columbia and Victoria Express

A BNAPS REPRINT

*from Popular Stamps,  
November, 1945*

BY GERALD E. WELLBURN

Dietz & Nelson's British Columbia and Victoria Express was the connecting link between Wells Fargo's Express which operated between Victoria and California and the outside world, and Barnard's Cariboo Express which operated to the gold mines in the interior of British Columbia.

In October 1862 George Dietz and Hugh Nelson bought out "Billy" Ballou, who had established the first mail-express company in British Columbia in June 1858 (Ballou's Pioneer Fraser River Express). Ballou was forced to withdraw when the Colonial government awarded the official mail contract to his chief competitor, F. J. Barnard.

Dietz and Nelson entered the express business with the full co-operation of Barnard, who undertook to share the mail contract with them. An arrangement was made whereby they were to operate in the lower mainland territory which was served by steamers running from Victoria on Vancouver Island, across the sound to British Columbia and up the Fraser River to Yale; and also on the Harrison Lake and Douglas portage route to Lillooet.

Barnard was to connect with them at Yale and Lillooet, and to operate wagons and stages on the Cariboo Road to the northern mines.

Dietz & Nelson also undertook to act as agents and forwarders for Wells Fargo & Co. and shared their offices with them on Lower Yates Street, Victoria.

In early 1863 ribbon-type franked envelopes, with wording "Dietz & Nelson's British Columbia & Victoria Express" were introduced by the company. A Colonial postal tax of 2½d was required to be paid on all such envelopes, and those originating in Victoria were usually handstamped in blue with the Victoria Post Office "Royal Arms" frank; those originating in New West-

minster (the mainland capital) were usually handstamped with the oval New Westminster Post Office frank in red or black.

Wells Fargo & Co. covers were also printed in addition with the Dietz & Nelson's ribbon frank, and were used for express letters from British Columbia to the United States.

In May 1864 the mainland Colony changed its postage rates and required that postage stamps be placed on all letters carried by Dietz & Nelson and other expresses. For a time one 2½d postage stamp paid the three pence postage between New Westminster and Victoria, and two 2½d stamps paid the six pence postage to the interior of British Columbia. In November 1865 a British Columbia 3d stamp replaced the 2½d stamp which had been used as a provisional 3d for nearly two years.

The Colony of Vancouver Island continued to use handstruck franks on Dietz & Nelson's letters until early in 1866 when the Vancouver Island stamp issue came into use.

In addition to the Colonial postage stamps, a number of Dietz & Nelson's covers bear Barnard's Cariboo Express "paid" or "collect" adhesives, as all Dietz & Nelson's letters destined to the upper country beyond Yale and Lillooet were delivered by Barnard's Express.

A large circular handstamp was used by Dietz & Nelson, and is usually found struck in blue on letters carried by them. It was also used to cancel Colonial postage stamps and Barnard's adhesives. In addition small oval "paid," "collect" and "free" handstamps were used, the first two occasionally being found as cancellations on British Columbia stamps.

Dietz & Nelson's Express also had its own adhesives, printed in black on red coated paper in small sheets of four different types. These were not used in quite the

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*Modelling and design rooms*

## Harper's pays a visit to the American Bank Note Company

*(another portion of the February, 1862 article in Harper's New Monthly Magazine; the same premises were earlier occupied by Rawdon, Wright, Hatch and Edson, the printers who made the first Canadian stamps in 1851.)*

We propose to describe the various processes employed by this Company, and incidentally to give information which will aid in distinguishing a genuine from a spurious note. The operations of the Company are conducted in the noble "Merchants' Exchange" building on Wall Street, New York.

Passing through the fine portico, with its three ranges of pillars, each shaft, composed on a single piece of granite, 50 feet in height, and so large that three men clasping hands can hardly embrace it, we turn to the right, and enter the business office of the company. By a very necessary regulation no person can go through the establishment unless accompanied by some officer of the Company. On this visit we are, by appointment, to be guided by the President of the Company (*George W. Hatch — Ed.*)

We find him at the moment engaged in conversation with a couple of gentlemen. One of these we recognize, from published portraits, as Mr. Chase, the Secretary of the Treasury; the other is Mr. Cisco, the Assistant

Treasurer in New York, whom we have met before in this series of papers.

Awaiting the disengagement of our escort, we pass up to the "Modelling and Design Rooms," a handsome suite of apartments with a lofty groined roof. The walls are covered with original drawings by Darley, Casilear, Edmonds, Herrick and others. Portfolios filled with such drawings are opened for our inspection. A connoisseur in art could nowhere spend a more pleasant day than here.

Some of the most curious of these drawings are those sent from Russia, which are to be reproduced on the Russian notes. These drawings have been used as designs for vignettes. They are made much larger than the engravings from them. A favorite size for the drawings for elaborate vignettes is about twice that of a page of this Magazine (about 5½ x 9 inches). When an engraving is to be made after one of these drawings, it is photographed in the exact size desired upon a plate of steel; the outlines are faintly cut upon the plate, which is then given to the engraver to fill up. (*to be continued*)

# Early Post Post Offices of the Collingwood District

By MAX ROSENTHAL

In 1833 Charles Rankin, surveyor of Collingwood Township, landed at a bay west of the future town of Thornbury. At that spot, thereafter known as Rankin's Landing, he built a log house, the prelude to the first permanent settlements on the southeast shores of Georgian Bay. He and others were to survey four townships: Sunnidale and Nottawasaga, which were to be in Simcoe County and Collingwood and St. Vincent Townships, eventually to be in Grey County.

In the late 1830s the old Government Road was laid out from Barrie, through Sunnidale, Duntroon, and Singhampton, and on through Ravenna, Heathcote to Meaford, (or rather where those villages would arise). In 1834 the highland Scotch settlement at Duntroon had begun, with a village laid out at the corner of the 9th concession road and 24th sideroad of Nottawasaga Township.

Where the county road crosses what is now Highway 26 four miles east of Stayner, Alexander Gillespie and other settlers arrived in Sunnidale in 1838 and after, as the newly opened section of the Government Road, locally called the Sunnidale Road.

## Alexander Gillespie

Two hundred acres had been left in the survey of St. Vincent Township for a town plot at the mouth of the Big Head River. At the beginning of the 1840s William Stephenson bought a lot near the shore of the bay, erecting the first tavern in the district, and nearby a small wharf was built.

1841 saw each of these communities obtain a post office, the first one in each township, and each one named after its township.

Alexander Gillespie was the first postmaster of Sunnidale. In the late 1870s it closed, but reappeared in 1882 as Sunnidale Corners. That year a new Sunnidale was

opened, at the eastern boundary road and the 9th concession road. Because of confusion with Sunnidale Corners, in 1904 its name was changed to Strongville. Mrs. Melinda Strong was postmistress.

Nottawasaga post office was opened by Angus Campbell, a highland Scotsman who spoke Gaelic, but not much English. It is said that any mail not addressed in his native tongue was left in a small box to be hunted out by the recipients when called for, his only directives being: "Noo, just help yorsel', and dinna tak' mair nor ye can read."

## Name changes

The first settler in Innisfil Township, Francis Hewson, arrived in Duntroon in 1842. He became township treasurer in 1850, and postmaster of Nottawasaga in 1853. His post office was renamed Bownmore in 1856. Upon the arrival of the Reverend John Campbell the name underwent another change, to Duntroon, his village in Argyleshire. The post office took this name in 1864.

William Stephenson opened St. Vincent post office in his tavern. In 1845 the village of Meaford was laid out there; it did not spring at once into importance, for in 1848 it only contained four houses. Ten years later the post office was renamed Meaford.

Stephenson, at times, acted as mail carrier to and from Barrie, making the journey on foot, although John Hunter was the regular carrier, as George Sneath mentioned when he wrote in 1897 about his arrival in Sunnidale 50 years earlier.

"At the post office, kept by Mr. Gillespie in his dwelling house, I learned that the township was served with a weekly mail. John Hunter had the contract of carrying the mail from Barrie to Owen Sound, making one trip a week calling at all the post offices on the route between the two places. The postmaster informed me that once a



week was quite often enough to get the mail; even then the mailbag often came empty."

On April 5, 1849 the *Barrie Magnet and District of Simcoe General Advertiser* printed this letter from "A Farmer":

"Allow me, through the medium of your journal to call the attention of those who like myself, are suffering from want of post office accommodation, in our settlement, in order to induce them to write in an effort to obtain a change. By referring to the map it will be seen that the Nottawasaga post office is situated north of nearly all the settlement, in a private house, half a mile off the main road, and 16 miles from the flourishing settlement in the south part of the township. The north part of Mulmur suffers from the same cause, no roads being open through the township.

"From the town-line of Mulmur to the post-office, a distance of nine miles, more than 30 miles has to be travelled to reach it. Indeed it is considered 45 miles between the two post offices. A remedy for all this would be found with a post-office established on the 4th line, somewhere between Wilcox's school house and the Creemore Mills. If a mail was continued from the Mulmur post-office through north, a distance of 20 miles would be saved between Toronto and Campbell's post office. This would not in any way interfere with the Sunnidale route." This was remedied by the opening of Creemore Mills post office in 1851.

The Creemore Mills, on the Mad River in the 4th concession, had been built by Nulty and Webster about 1845. Edward Webster had a store, in which he opened Creemore Mills post office. "Mills" was dropped afterwards.

## The Northern Railway

The site of the town of Collingwood in Nottawasaga Township was called at this time Hen-and-Chickens, because of the small islands off the shore. Between 1848 and 1852 a little settlement had formed at the most exposed point on the shore, and taken the name of Hurontario, from Hurontario Street, which extends from Lake Ontario to Georgian Bay. The proposition to build a railway from Toronto to this site assumed definite form, and those interested in the construction of the Northern Railway came north to locate a terminus for the new line.

Upon reaching there in January 1852, they were met by D. E. Buist and other residents, and looked over the Hen-and-Chickens harbor. The discussion turned to the name of the new town to be. Buist offered the name Collingwood Harbor, which, in view of the township of that name being so close by, was selected. The word "Harbor" was included in the name more or less until the incorporation of the town in 1858.

The post office, always officially simply Collingwood, was established in 1853, but even before that there was an unofficial one kept in a store in the village of Hurontario, the mail being brought in from Nottawasaga post office at Duntroon. From 1856 to 1867 a large circular postmark inscribed COLLINGWOOD HARBOR was used.

On the western boundary road of Nottawasaga Township, just south of sideroad 18, Richard Richmond built the first sawmill on the Mad River in 1840. Andrew Yuill opened Mad River Mills post office there in 1853. Four years later its name was changed to Mortimer. In 1852 Cyrus and Josiah Sing had settled there, building saw and grist mills on the river, and laying out a village in 1856. Josiah became postmaster, and in 1860 the post office was renamed Singhampton.

## Cape Rich

Before 1850 William Fleming had come to the boundary between Collingwood and Euphrasia Townships, where the Beaver River crosses the line. The village of Williamstown, named after him, got Euphrasia post office in 1848. His son was one of the earliest mail carriers. When the post office moved across the line in 1859 into Collingwood Township, it could not be renamed Williamstown, as there already was one of that name in Glengarry County, and it was called Heathcote instead.

At the 7th concession road and 36th sideroad of St. Vincent Township, Cape Rich post office was opened in 1853. The nearby headland was named for a brother of the Captain Owen who first explored Owen's Sound, Commodore Sir Edward William Campbell Rich Owen. The wharf and first storehouse were built by Donald McLaren, who also kept the first post office there. The first mail carrier, Richard Cox, for 40 years carried it between Meaford and Cape Rich, during the winter, on Wednesday and Saturday. In summer the mail came daily, by steamship.

Soon after the mail line was established on the Government Road from Singhampton to Heathcote, and thence to Meaford, Thornbury came into being. When Collingwood Township was surveyed, a block of 900 acres was left at the mouth of the Beaver River, for a town plot. In 1852 it was surveyed, a saw mill already having been built the previous year, and in 1853 a flour mill was built. A post office was opened in 1854.

## **Nottawasaga and Stayner**

Griersonville post office was established in St. Vincent Township in 1854, at the 5th concession road and the 3rd sideroad, where the Government Road headed north to Meaford. Andrew Grier was postmaster.

At the crossing of what is now Highway 24 by the Pretty River, in Nottawasaga Township, Nottawa post office opened in 1854. The name, given the previous year, when the first grist mill was begun, was a contraction of the township designation, Nottawa Mills, with "Mills" dropped when the post office was opened.

Stayner, in Nottawasaga Township, had its origin with the coming of the Ontario, Simcoe and Huron Railway in 1854. Andrew Coleman built the first hotel that year, for the men employed on its construction. Nottawasaga Station post office existed there from 1855 to 1860, kept by Donald Baird, a lumber merchant and storekeeper. In 1862 it was reopened as Stayner, after Sutherland Stayner, son of T. A. Stayner, deputy Postmaster General before 1851. The younger Stayner owned much land in the vicinity.

## **New Lowell**

The vicinity of New Lowell, where the new railway crossed what is now a county road in Sunnidale Township, was not improved until 1853, when Peter Paton and others began to clear its forests. Paton became the first postmaster when Sunnidale Station post office was opened in 1856. In 1858 Jacques, Hay and Company sent men to Lowell, Massachusetts, to purchase machinery for a turning factory at Sunnidale Station. They decided to give its name to their new village, and so it became New Lowell that year. At the former location of Sunnidale Station, which was actually one mile northwest of New Lowell, Silver Shoe post office existed from 1862 to 1868.

On the road along Georgian Bay shore, at the 3rd concession road of Collingwood Township, Craileith post office came into being in 1857.

An attempt was made to have a town named Warrington on the new railway, about a mile southeast of Stayner, and it actually had a post office from 1859 to 1869.

From 1857 to 1872 Leavens post office existed in St. Vincent Township.

In summer, when mails between Owen Sound and Meaford were carried by steamship, Leavens was also supplied by a tri-weekly land mail, while in winter the mails came by land daily.

In 1856 W. J. Marsh took up 400 acres of land adjoining the southern boundary of the town plot of Thornbury, with the Beaver River flowing through his domain. In 1859 W. A. Clark bought from him a water privilege on the stream, and 95 acres. Next year John Tyson purchased the water privilege and land for a flour mill. Flour and woolen mills came in 1861.

## **More openings**

The inhabitants wished it called Clarksville, after the proprietor of the woolen works, but the Post Office authorities apparently were set against any more "villes", so they compromised by establishing a post office named Clarksburg in 1867. At first it was only a sub-post office in connection with Thornbury. In 1864 it became independent, receiving daily mails from Collingwood.

At the ninth concession road and 15th sideroad of Collingwood Township, Ravenna post office was opened in 1864.

In Sunnidale Township, Brentwood post office came on the scene in 1864. In the early days it was known as Wiggin's Crossing, after a farmer located at the crossing. More settlers coming in, an effort was made to have a post office, and Wilmott was selected by the railway, after a lumberman. The Post Office would not use it. F. W. Cumberland, managing director of the Northern Railway, was asked to give his name to the post office. He declined, and suggested Brentwood, after another man connected with the company.

In Nottawasaga Township, Avening opened in 1864. It was named around 1860 after the native town in England of P. Thorn-

bury, an early settler who built saw and flour mills there. His son, W. H. Thornbury, opened the post office. In 1868 Morley opened at the western boundary road of St. Vincent Township.

Maple Valley, on the boundary between Collingwood and Osprey Townships, had several locations, all within a small area. It was first established in 1851 in Osprey Township, as Osprey. At that time it was the only post office between Melancthon and Duntroon. After being moved among the farmers for some time, it became located in Nottawasaga Township in 1867, Joseph Dick being appointed postmaster. He had moved from Maple, York County, and, upon his request that the name of his old village be adopted, Valley was added to distinguish it from the former.

### The Blue Mountains

At the ninth concession road and sixth sideroad of Nottawasaga, Dunedin in the early days was known as Bowerman's Hollow, after the man who built the first grist mill in the township. The first postmaster, John J. Carruthers, when it was opened in 1869, suggested Dunedin, after a town in New Zealand he had visited. That year Glen Huron opened, named by postmaster Hugh M. Frame. Bayview opened in 1873 in St. Vincent Township.

Locations on the Blue Mountains of Collingwood Township provided the names for the next two post offices. Gibraltar opened in 1872 and Banks in 1876.

At the crossing of what are now two county roads 1½ miles northeast of Creemore, Cashtown opened in 1877.

Batteau was established in Nottawasaga Township in 1880, its first postmaster was William Bouchier, an early settler. In the plural form, "Batteaux," French for "boats," it was in use upon the arrival of the earliest settlers. The creek which flows through there at its outlet at Nottawasaga Bay was a good anchorage for the Innadians' and sol-

diers' boats during the 1812 war. Red Wing opened in 1880, as did Colenso, in St. Vincent Township. A year later Oxmead was established also in St. Vincent Township.

### Pretty River Valley

Upon the construction of the Hamilton and North-Western Railway in 1878, Glen Huron Station, 1½ miles east of that village, was erected with a post office established four years later. In 1886, when Charles Smith was postmaster, the post office was renamed Smithdale.

On the 11th concession road of St. Vincent, Elm hedge opened in 1884. A half mile east of the western boundary road of Nottawasaga, Kirkville post office came into existence in 1886, named after Robert Kirk, who ran a flour and sawmill on Silver Creek. It closed in 1888, reopened in the next decade, and closed again. Reopening around 1900, its name this time was Mair's Mills, after Kirk's son-in-law, who had it reopened, in conjunction with his flour mill.

Near Collingwood, Pretty River Valley post office opened in 1888. Banda, which had originally opened on the Mulmur Township side of the boundary road with Nottawasaga in the mid-1890s, moved across this line into Nottawasaga. John Clemenger, the first postmaster, seeking for a name, looked at the maps in the school house. He noticed Banda, a small island in the East Indies, and remarked: "This is the name, Banda it shall be."

In 1884 Collingwood Township opened two post offices, Kolapove and Lovee. In the same township Camperdown opened in 1888, named after a naval battle of the Napoleonic Wars.

Jack's Lake post office was opened in 1893 two miles west of the eastern boundary of the township. The final post office established in the Collingwood district before the introduction of rural mail delivery was Minniehill, in 1904.

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# TOPICS: THE NEWSFRONT

## The mysterious tale of the re-issued \$1 Vancouver

Lorne Bentham, the Canada contributor to *The Western Collector* was outraged when he heard that Canada Post had issued the revised version of the \$1 Vancouver stamp (from plate 2) on October 23 last year in Toronto—and in all other post offices a day later.

"Thousands of FDC enthusiasts who usually service their own covers for every new issue will now have to patronize the few collectors and dealers in Toronto who managed to find out just when the new \$1 was to be released in Toronto. Here, in Ottawa, a small group of collectors acquired copies of the new \$1 late on the afternoon of October 24 from the Philatelic Agency. . . ." he wrote.

"Believing that this was the first day sale of the new stamp, they affixed copies to hundreds of first day covers. But their hopes were dashed when they learned that the stamp had been placed on sale a day earlier in Toronto," he added.

But Bentham boo-booed, as the most astute columnists will. A few days later he retracted his statement. "The individuals

who reported that the revised \$1 was released only in Toronto on October 23 have failed to substantiate this report by showing covers post-marked on the rumored first day of use in Toronto."

A November 20 letter from Frank Flatters, Canada's Posts's design-development chief, to Major R. K. Malott, the well-known Ottawa collector, stated that "it is impossible to say on what date the plate 2 was first sold in Canada"—because shipments were made in mid-October to post offices and, it seems, no specific date was given to post masters as to when they should place the stamps on sale (see *Doodles*, page 14).

A letter from Gleen C. Henley, 1080 Peck Road, Akron, Ohio (44313), asks members to send him used duplicates for study; he's recuperating from open-heart surgery, and we wish him a speedy and full recovery.

The Robson Lowe Encyclopedia, volume 5 (dealing with BNA) is expected to be mailed from England in mid-January. The BNAPS library doesn't yet have its copy, as stated here in a recent issue. The book is now off the presses, and in the bindery, dealer George Wegg advises.

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## SOME RECENT PUBLICATIONS

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*Three catalogues: Canada 1974 BNA Catalogue (95c); 1974 Canada First Day Cover Catalogue (95c); 1974 Canada Matched Plate-Block Catalogue (\$1.95). Published by Canadian Wholesale Supply Ltd., Box 841, Brantford, Ontario, and available from most dealers.*

All three booklets are attractively set up and easy to read.

The first—the BNA catalogue, carries three columns for three classifications of condition, from the beginning up to quite recent issues. The idea is good, but the writer disagrees with the use of the word

"superb" as the top classification. According to auction standards as I understand them, the word "superb" should be used very sparingly and only for the very occasional outstanding copy that could be classified as "perfection beyond any possible criticism".

Assuming that this "superb" column is for stamps which are classified as "very fine" by most dealers and auctioneers, I think that there should be a greater spread between the values for the three columns, particularly between the "fine" and "very fine". I note that in many cases the spread is as little as 15% between these two condition-groups. In actual auction or retail sales, this spread is more likely to be in the range of from 50 to 100%. However, the basic prices for "fine" copies in this



catalogue do seem to approximate current retail market values in the great majority of cases and it could prove a useful reference for collectors.

The first day cover catalogue is an attempt to fill a long-standing need for Canadian collectors. The setup is interesting and it gives four different classifications:

- Prices for single stamps with an official cancel and no address — cachet.
- Plate blocks with an official cancel and no address — cachet.
- Single stamp, local cancel, no address — cachet.
- Permanent address (ink or typed) or no cachet (lowest price category).

The other source of price information on FDCs is, of course, George Rogers' *Canadian Stamp News*. It would be interesting to make a detailed comparison of these two listings.

The catalogue covers a subject on which no two people seem to agree when it comes to evaluating on values. But this catalogue can certainly prove useful in showing the relative scarcity of various blocks and positions.

— *George Wegg*

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## Post Office Department **NEW ISSUES**

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Canada Post will issue two 8c stamps focusing on the way of life and artifacts of Canada's Pacific Coast Indians.

The stamps, being issued January 16 as the first of the 1974 stamp program, are part of the continuing series on Canadian Indian culture begun in 1972. The first stamp, depicting the print "The Inside of a House in Nootka Sound," was engraved by William Sharp. The second stamp shows Pacific Coast Indian artifacts.

A small date will be inscribed in the design area of each stamp indicating the day of issue together with a small "c" indicating that the design is copyrighted. The practice will be continued to all ensuing issues.

The stamps measure 36 x 30 mm. in a horizontal format; a total of 26,000,000 is being printed 'se-tenant' in five-color lithography by Ashton-Potter Ltd., Toronto.

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Lee is a native Missourian where he was educated and that includes business school in Kansas City. He deserted his homeland for Texas, where for the last 20 odd years he has been in oil and natural gas production with the Pennzoil Company.

During World War II, Lee was a Navy man with the Marines in the Pacific theater as a radio operator. At home was his wife

Dorothy plus two children (he's a grandpa now).

Just prior to the war, the stamp collecting began. He has a U.S. and an Australian collection but his main interest has been Canada — and then it was the revenues and tax paid that got his main interest.

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Lee is not only a BNAPSer and a Revenue Group member, but is also a member of the RPSC.

— Dr. R. V. C. Carr

## ...and some doodles by The Editor

What gives? First General Electric issues a press release about its fluorescent powder being used for tagging on Canadian stamps. Then *Linn's* runs a story on GE's chemical, and so does Doug Patrick in his Toronto *Globe and Mail* column. And other stories cropped up as well in the philatelic press.

But none of this is news at all — since it's been known for nearly two years that GE is making the stuff that makes the General Tagged stamps glow — first in two types, OP-2 and OP-4, later the OP-4 having been abandoned because it "bled" onto other papers it came in contact with.

*Linn's* columnist, David Gronbeck-Jones, wondered about this, as did we. In his December 24 column he suggests that a third type of OP compound is about to be used — but Canada Post is remarkably silent about such a development. If nothing new is in the wind, then it appears that the GE public-relations people simply waited this long to ballyhoo their OP concoction until the problem of bleeding was overcome. But if something new *is* in the offing, when will Canada Post make it official?

In fact, Canada Post is remarkably slow to get out news. A full page back-cover *Linn's Stamp News* ad on December 31 offers a \$3000 reward for recovery of stamps (color progress-proofs and press sheet-proofs of the Howe and 8c Christmas 1972 issues) stolen from the Canada Post display at IBRA '73 show in Munich; the show had been over for months during which time nothing was said.

And, for that matter, when is Canada Post going to issue full data and release dates on such "minor" items as postal stationery and things like the \$1 plate 2 (see *Newsfront*)? It would have saved a lot of frustration had a definite release date been established in advance.





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