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Dates of issues during the Admiral period

BY MICHAEL DICKETTS

One of the many unresolved problems for Admiral collectors concerns itself with establishing the first date of sale of the various issues. Officially recorded 'first days,' as listed in Reiche's handbook, number less than half the stamps in the series. Much of the information on dates is therefore derived through a combination of intelligent conjecture and reports received from collectors with dated material.

One of my interests for a number of years has been the examination of dated copies in an attempt to determine the earliest date of use for individual issues. In particular I have been saving early dates for issues which involve either a change in dies, methods of printing or other subtypes of certain values. I have prepared the following table, based on my own collection, to show the possibilities which exist to expanding our knowledge of early usage of these neglected stamps.

I call attention to two values in this table which the handbook suggests are in need of confirming information. These are the 2c

green from the retouched die and printed by the dry method, and the 3c brown also printed in the dry method. Plates 170 and 194 have been found in the dry printing method for the 2c stamp. The respective approval dates for these plates being April 17, 1922 and November 14, 1924, it would be of considerable interest to learn of an example dated mid-1922.

Plate 112 of the 3c brown is reported to have been found printed in the dry method. With an approval date of October 18, 1922, the find of a dated copy in late 1922 would add support to the information reported in the handbook.

In briefly touching on dated usage of the sheet stamps I have purposely avoided the more difficult and fascinating field of coils. This I leave to another writer who our editor might persuade to contribute to all us Admiral fans. Meanwhile I invite readers to check their collections and report their findings to this magazine or the author at 1490 Huron Street, London, Ontario.

Issue	Plate Approval Date	Author's Collection	Issue	Plate Approval Date	Author's Collection
1c yellow Die I dry prtg	Plates 186-187	Feb. 19, 1926	4c bistre dry prtg	Plate 5	July 22, 1926
1c yellow Die II	December 16, 1924		5c violet re-touched die dry prtg	May 12, 1925	
2c green re-touched die dry prtg	Plates 183-185	July 3, 1925	7c red-brown dry prtg	Plates 23-25	Dec. 31, 1925
2c green re-engraved die dry prtg	November 28, 1924		10c blue dry prtg	April 14, 1925	
3c carmine Die II	Plate 170	July 13, 1923	20c green dry prtg	Plates 7-8	June 10, 1926
	April 17, 1922		50c black-brown dry prtg	October 14, 1924	
			\$1 orange dry prtg	Plates 21-22	July 15, 1925
				August 11, 1924	
				Plate 9	Dec. 5, 1925
				June 2, 1925	
				Plate 4	October 28, 1927
				March 10, 1925	
				Plate 1	Sept. 14, 1926
				July 22, 1923	

A few notes on the 2c Edwards

BY HANS REICHE

Having recently sorted over 120,000 of these stamps a few notes may be of interest.

The horizontal wove paper is much more difficult to find than the vertical wove; only a few were on vertical. The booklet pane stamps come only in horizontal wove; the paper on the regular stamps ranges from a heavy, thick type to a very soft, flexible one. A blotting-type paper can be found amongst the heavy papers — this appears to be very similar to the Small Queen 3c.

The shades found ranged from a very deep almost-carmine shade to a light rose-red. The deeper shades appear to all come from earlier printings and are often heavily inked and not as clear as the later plates. The booklet pane stamps appear all very shallow and the shade is usually a light rose-red, not a deep shade.

There appears to be a large number of offsets on the back but bleeding of the die through the paper sometimes gives the impression of an offset. The offsets are usually not in registration with the actual picture on the front of the stamp. These are, of course, not constant but of some interest.

The number of retouches are endless. The majority found are in the left or right vertical numeral box lines similar to the early Admiral stamps. Other retouches are in the junction lines of the spandrels, mainly on the left side and in the top or bottom shading lines. These can be noted without difficulties because the lines are much heavier than on other subjects. The main outside frame line can be found retouched and usually shows up as a thickening of the line. In a number of cases there is a fine hori-

zontal line extending from the top left frame line into the margin. This appears to be the result of a retouch to the frame line and an engraving slip.

Of course, similar to the Admirals, a number of guide lines and dots were found, some showing the peculiar curved layout line next to the centre of the design which can also be found in the Admirals. Although the Admirals are full of hairlines, not many were found in the 2c. Most of these are fine lines and not strong.

Re-entries are common especially in the early plates. The last few plates have some but mostly minor as far as this lot was concerned. Of the re-entries found the majority were in the bottom part of the design. Both numeral boxes and the adjacent shading lines show doubling.

A few show a re-entry in the top shading lines and the crown. There are many which show a thick top on the bottom frame line and these can often be identified with re-entries.

The booklet pane stamps all have numeral box re-entries. One particular re-entry on a regular stamp shows doubling of the right numeral 2, a double line in the margin next to the left frame line from almost top to bottom, a double line to the right of the upper right spandrel from A to E of Postage, a similar line next to the lower right spandrel from the junction to the top of the right box, below the bottom frame some doubling of the right box line and also some doubling of the oval below CE of Cents. This was the best re-entry found.

One copy is dated 1905, the other 1904, and is therefore from an early plate. Some

have doubling of the oval above and below the word CENTS. Because of heavy inking some stamps look as if they have a re-entry but the fuzziness and rather thick undefined "doubling" should indicate that this is not a re-entry. The re-entries are clear and sharp double lines of portions of the subject and are not fuzzy.

Again, like in the Admirals, one can find pairs where one stamp is not in line with the other one, like a jump coil. A clear explanation of this has never been found but it may either be a misregistration when the plate was laid out or a removal of an unsatisfactory subject and a replacement of

another one not properly entered. The last theory may certainly be one explanation of the sometimes "skewed" picture. As a matter of fact, a few of them show small dots and fine lines in the design which appear to come from another entry and which may have been erased before entering a second time.

One plate flaw which appears to repeat itself often is a large dot above the right frame corner. It is not a guide dot. One very pronounced plate scratch was found from the left upper margin corner to about the N in Canada. Many other minor flaws exist.



Coding and arranging your 1967 Definitives

BY GARY J. LYONS

The seemingly endless stream of varieties which has emerged since the Centennial Series was first issued in 1967 has created a problem for the collector who wishes to arrange his stamps in a manner which is attractive but which also permits easy identification. Most handbooks on this issue group the varieties by value, and many collections and dealers' stockbooks I have seen are set out in this way.

This article attempts to develop a system of coding which will be simple to use and understand, and suggests a few ways it might be employed. Next, with the code as a base, the problem of arranging the issue in a logical pattern will be reviewed. The main idea here will be to group like varieties of different values rather than differing varieties of the same value as the handbooks have done.

Coding

The method will somewhat resemble a postal code. It begins with the value, followed by a hyphen, and then four letters representing perforation, gum, paper and tagging. The five parts of the code will now be dealt with in order.

Value — The value of the stamp opens the code; thus 10- at the beginning of a code will indicate some variety of the "Jack Pine". Two further points are necessary —

the 6c orange and 6c black will be distinguished O6- and B6-; the 8c brown (Alaskan Highway) and 8c slate will be distinguished B8- and S8-. When identification of the dies of the 6c black is necessary, this may be done by IB6- and IIB 6-. If precancels are a part of your collection, these may be denoted by a P preceding the value.

Perforation — Keeping the code short meant employing letters to stand for the different gauges of perforation. They are:

A—12 x 12

B—10 x 10

C—12½ x 12

D—9½ x imperf

E—10 x imperf

Introducing the code into your collection

If your collection is housed in a stockbook (as mine currently is), you can pencil in the code of the stamp as the side of each strip, or write the code on small rectangles of paper and insert these in the strips beside the stamps. A few strips left empty will provide for possible future varieties.

Some collections will be mounted. If you use ordinary hinges, pencil the code beneath the stamp. If clasp mounts are employed you can place pieces of paper behind the stamps. If either of these methods is found to be awkward, a good alternative is to place the codes on the left-hand (facing) page of the album in the same pattern as you have laid out the stamps. This means the stamps need never be touched.

The above, of course, are merely suggestions, but I thought a few ideas might be helpful in getting you started.

Arranging your collection

Whether or not you decide to use the code, you may find some of the following ideas helpful in displaying your stamps:

As stated previously, I prefer arranging this issue in groups of like varieties of different values. This means a collection would open with the original set of 12 released on February 8, 1967. Only one code would really be necessary for this page (-ADON) and it could be displayed prominently at the foot of the page. The following pages would contain other groups of like varieties such as the coils and perf 10 booklet stamps. The collector should arrange the groups in the manner he finds most convenient.

Tagged stamps are one of my chief interests and accordingly the three main sections of my collection are divided on this basis. However, if one preferred, he could integrate the tagged with the untagged stamps. Also, a collection can easily be divided on the basis of the two printing companies.

If you would like a copy of a wall chart I have prepared to aid in coding, send 25c to cover the xerox and postage and I'll mail you one promptly. I would be interested to hear of how you decide to arrange your collection, together with any suggestions or questions you may have concerning the code. Please write me at P.O. Box 220, Bathurst, N.B., Canada.

If separation of comb and line perforations is necessary, use capital letters for comb and lower case for line. This first letter of the code provides additional information. It will signify a coil stamp by D or E and will also separate the two printing companies. A, D and E denote the Canadian Bank Note Company while B and C indicate the British American Bank Note Company.

Gum—The second letter following the hyphen will differentiate gum types as follows:

D—dextrine

P—PVA

S—special (used on certain 10c varieties).

Paper—Four types of paper will be abbreviated by:

O—ordinary

F—fluorescent

W—white

G—glazed

For some, the amount of fluorescence of the paper is necessary. This is probably best done by using relative percentages which would appear as F40 or F75. Perhaps someone could compile a list of the fluorescent papers and which stamps they were used for. Percentages should be developed and terms of reference given.

Tagging—The final letter of the code will designate tagging.

N—no tagging

W—Winnipeg

G—General

The W or G will normally indicate two side bars. If only a single bar is the case, it may be indicated and positioned by Wr, Wl or Wc (right, left and centre single bars).

It is important to remember the sequence of the four letters, and this can be learned in a word—"perfgumpapertag". Naturally, the code may appear a little clumsy at first, but if you are careful it becomes second nature after a short period of use. And once you have classified and coded a stamp there will never be any need to examine it again as the code provides all the information.

One fast example to make sure you have the format of the code. IIB6-CPFN identifies die II of the 6c black perforated 12½ x 12 with PVA gum on fluorescent paper with no tagging.

Rounding Up Squared Circles

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Column No. 128—The late-use NANAIMO second state strikes which illustrate this month's column were loaned by several correspondents. John Siverts sent me the 2/MY 11/01 strike as indication that both '1' and '2' were apparently in use in the period 1901-1903. This is the first documentation of time mark '2' known to me.

Robin Denman loaned me the AM/JA 24/03 as an example of return to time mark AM after use of '1', '2' for several years; PM has never been reported for dates later than 1900. John Siverts also sent me an example, not illustrated, of use of this hammer in 1905 (AM/NO 22/05), a year for which I had no previous record of use. Strikes are now recorded for every year from 1897 through 1910 except for the year 1904. John also provided the illustrated AM/NO 4/30, another year of use previously unrecorded.

Harold Dilworth provided the 8/MY 14/47 strike on 10c Special Delivery, the sole example of '8' known to me; all other examples of late NANAIMO strikes carry '7', and only '7'. Harold suggested a possible reason for the '8' time mark during a period when '7' apparently was used almost exclusively; his suggestion is that this special delivery letter was posted after the sailing of the regular mail boat, and the '8' was used as an explanation of that fact in event a question was raised about late delivery. This makes sense to me, and may also help to explain why only '7' is usually found on late strikes: perhaps there was

only a single daily mail boat dispatch at this time.

Harold also reports having NANAIMO, AM/MR 9/37 probably close to the last use of AM prior to the change to '7'.

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John Siverts also sent for examination a year-date error: VICTORIAVILLE, JA 8/76—probably an error for '97—and the illustrated PETERBOROUGH strike, evidently for 4/MR 1/97, in which inverted '7' followed by normal '3' appears in the upper slot and inverted '4' in the lower slot.

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Rev. H. Max Preisler sent me a lot of about 30 squared circle strikes on 2c Admiral, to look over for possible period-of-use or indicia interest. Included in this lot was a new early date for LONDON, Type II, in the Admiral period: 24/JAN 6/15 (three-letter month, evidently from some other type of hammer; similar three-letter months—JAN, JUN, JUL—are known on late strikes of other towns, such as DANVILLE, and are thought to have been issued with the Duplex successor to the squared circle hammer.) Included in a lot of eight PORT ARTHUR strikes were: blank/MR 5/15; blank/AU 4/15; and 16/OC 7/17, another example of the numeral time marks now known to have been briefly used at this town during the Admiral period. The most surprising strikes in the lot, however, were three examples of RIVER LOUISON, all three typical of the under-inked and poorly struck markings

found after about 1896. According to the Handbook, the latest known date for this town is MR 23/13, in which the year is split between upper and lower indicia slots (19/MR 23/13). All three of Rev. Preisler's strikes show '19' in the upper slot. Only one of the three shows a reasonably complete date, which appears to me to be 19/MR 21/13; the other two are: 19/? 11/? and 19/??/?.

I have from Mr. Tonelli (Philaton Stamps and Coins, Toronto) a listing of Squared circle strikes in his collection, or which he has handled in the past, which yields the following new information:

New early dates: BEETON, MY 6/98;

MARKDALE III, AU 10/94; KASLO, MY 4/95.

New late dates: TRURO, PM/FE 13/01; MONTREAL-BELLE-RIVE, ??/U 11/96 (this would have to be either JU or AU, either being later than Handbook latest, MR 26/96); ALMONTE, ? 30/00; DUNNVILLE, JY 19/99; HAWKESBURY, MR 18/98; LISTOWEL, JA/19/04; L'ORIGINAL, DE 20/01.

Admiral period: GORE BAY, SP 10/17 — first recorded example of this hammer in the period 1914-17.

Indicia errors: ST. GREGOIRE, blank/97/FE 6; ST. HYACINTHE, ?/OC 12/66; PETROLEA, blank/JY ?/84.



Perfin Study Group

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Our member, Trelle A. Morrow of Prince George, B.C., is collecting the perfins on both Airmail and Special Delivery stamps. He prepared a paper on the Air Mail stamps for presentation at a local club and with his kind permission it is reprinted here for the information of other BNA collectors:

The collectors of Canadian Airmail who are looking for diversion and expansion in material will find both challenge and interest in the private perfins. This essay will not deal with the OHMS perforated issues as this subject has been covered thoroughly in Roy Wrigley's catalogue.

The publication of interest to us in studying the Airmail Perfins is the BNAPS Handbook, *Canadian Stamps With Perforated Initials*.

In the Handbook a quick count of the companies listed totals approximately 190. Of this the number employing perfins in the Airmail period 1928-1946 is approximately 95. At this point the collector must speculate on how many of these 95 companies actually perforated the Airmail issues. Most collectors would likely agree that it is highly unlikely that all 95 companies employed Airmail perfins. However, it is quite possible, and likely, that some 40-50 different Airmail perfins exist and would be spread through C1 to C9 issues.

The Handbook does, however, give a specific listing of Scott's numbers which were

perforated with initials of crown corporations and government offices. In this listing the following Airmail perfins are found:

C9 — LA perfin, Legislative Assembly (Ontario).
C8, C9, C9a — PS perfin, Province of Saskatchewan.

C8, C9 — CBC perfin, Canadian Broadcasting Corp.

One can only say that preparation of a comprehensive Airmail perfin list will call for a sharp eye. Material of this nature will crop up unexpectedly in dealer stock and general collections.

The C6 to C9 Airmails seem to contain most of the perfins. Commonly found initials include

	C		C		C
	P		N		M
	R		R		S
MLI		S		PS	
					CBC

Perfins in the C1 to C5 issues are not so common and will require diligent pursuit. A real prize would be a collection of private perfins on cover.

Note by Robert Woolley: In comment on this article I would say that any perfin on C1 to C5 would be quite scarce and, other than the two large railway companies, very few would have perforated air mail issues.

Many collectors building specialized issue collections include the perfin stamps of the issue. I know of several Admiral collectors who have quite good showings of the perforated stamps of the issue and even one collector of our Bluenose stamp looking for available perfins to add to it.



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The RPO Cowcatcher

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Following our completion of M-12, there is an amass of things on which we wish to play catch-up. First of all, we go to correction of items previously set to print. On Page 150, June-July issue of *Topics*, M-11 should read M-11A; further, the run following M-11H (J. G. Bernier) is:

M-11I (not J) Camp & Levis Local, R.P.O. (lower case, not capitals). M-11J on page 151 is correct. Also on page 151, for M11I, the Type is 5I, not 51 and for M-110B, the Type is 4I, not 41.

On page 180, August Issue, ALL runs should be in capital letters except Q-129A, Q-171H, O-138F, O-283E, O-337E, and O-337H, where the words Courtenay, Fr. Pt. Huron & Chi Tr, Long & Wpg, Janssens, Port Colborne Ont./Marine Post Office, Ont./Pt. Huron & Chi, and News Via Tor./Pt. Huron & Chi are all in lower case letters.

Also on page 180, M-29B should be Type 17H, Q171F has a "/" after TOR, O-325C is a hammer error (START for STRAT) and O-369A should have a "/" after 10 and before the + (maltese cross) as in "10/+". On Page 214, September Issue, in all indicated runs, replace the written word, and, with an ampersand, "&"; further, all runs are in capital letters except O-385L, O-385M, W160AF, W160AJ, W160AM and D26B where the words News Via Toronto/Pt. Huron & Chi, Ont Via Toronto/Fr. Pt. Huron & Chi, Str. Prince George, and Montreal, as well as all of the W160AJ and W160AM runs, are in lower case letters.

Further on page 214, for W-0B, read T.H.L., not THL, W52A is Type 17, not Type 7, W131B is Type 17F, not 17P, for W160AI after VANCOUVER, use "-", not "/", for W160AJ, add "/" after TPO, for W160AM, the Str is Cheakamus, not Cheakms, for R12A replace ATLANTIC with ATL., R29J is Type 4F, not 9E, and R152A is Type 4G, not 4F.

We believe the above are all of the correction to major errors that may have occurred in the publishing of previous lists. We will make every effort to see that future data is reproduced accurately.

The following are some new changes that have been found since our listings in June-July:

Q120B Cancelled at the request of the original reported who advises that strike is not legitimate.

Q241A Change to Type 6G.

Q245 Cancel; this run is Q187B.

W107A Cancel; this run is Q184A.

W107B Cancel; this run is Q184B.

W112G Cancel; this run is W112F.

Our readers have contributed some additional information on those runs on which we have already reported, M-1 to M-12, and we can advise as follows:

M-2—Change the middle period to continuous; middle period was filled in by Ed McGrath.

M-5—Earliest date has been advanced to N/JU 20/25 by George Smalley; usage has been confirmed as continuous with usage reported by F. D. Seaman.

M-6, Hammer IV—Add E to indicia in 1915, reported by Hans Reiche.

M-8, Hammer IV—Add 33 to indicia in 1914, reported by Hans Reiche.

M-9, Hammer I—Add 31 to indicia in 1918, reported by Bill Robinson.

M-11—Using the B. & K. Gauge and the measurements and characteristics reported in the Cowcatcher, Bill Robinson rather easily separated and identified Hammers I-V from the strikes in his collection; we have since sent him a strike of Hammer VI to make his group complete. Nice going, Bill.

M-11K—The earliest date has been established by Lionel Gillam as February 9, 1967, while the latest date has been firmly fixed as April 24, 1971 by cacheted "last run" covers reported by Gillam, Gladstone Shaw and F. Belanger; we believe all of these covers were from Michael Millar, who we understand was on the run or knew some one who was. Trains 122 and 123 have been reported in 1971. Mr. Grey of England reports two hammers in his Maple Leaves article; however, we have no copies and accordingly must wait more definitive identification information before taking a position on this point.

Regarding the separation of hammers of any of the runs reported, if any of our readers have difficulty in identification, we will gladly offer to identify any strikes sent to us. This offer will stand until such time we cry "Halt! Enough!", in the case of an over-inundation of requests.

Finally in this section on new information, we are pleased to report the existence of Q-65F, which had previously only been reported from the proof books. F. Belanger has reported a full date strike—PM/JAN 8/49—as well as three partial strikes.

We now return to the listing of runs, specifically the balance for the section on Campbellton and Levis. Subject to contra proof provided by our readers, we are herewith proposing that M-12A be delisted. This run was originally reported from Dr. Whitehead's collection, which we now have, and we believe what was picked up as M-12A is actually M-12D, on which we will report subsequently in this issue. The description of M-12A appears inaccurate in itself in that neither LOCAL nor EXPRESS is present, and most certainly one of these should be in the run. If anyone has a strike believed to be M-12A, we would appreciate being able to see it.

Likewise, we are proposing that M-12B should also be delisted. The strike which was reported as M-12B, now in the writer's collection, is actually M-11I; the difference, of course, for this large diameter strike in blue is that the words at the top of the run are TRAIN NO., not J. A. DIONNE. Ostensibly there are other strikes of M-12B known, and we would appreciate hearing from anyone who feels that he has a strike of M-12B.

M-12C is believed to be a facing slip strike, not postally used, and as previously advised, we will not be reporting on facing slip cancellations. This run was reported by Millar and we would appreciate his advising if this strike was known in postal use.

M-12D
CAMPBELLTON & LEVIS LOCAL R.P.O.
./ J. A. DIONNE

Two Hammers, Type 21B
Hammer I (Hammer II of M-7)

Proofed: Unknown
Earliest: October 6, 1916
Indicia: 31 only
Usage: Rare
R.F.: 200 (66.7%)

Comments: Two strikes are known—the one above, and a second strike, OC ?/16, which may be a companion strike to the first one.

Subsequent to our new listings in the August and September issues of *Topics*, the following new runs have been discovered:

No.	Route	Type	Dirac'n	Period	R.F.	Rep. by
Q31B	J. M. HALL/KNOWLTON/P.Q. CANADA/ Railway Mail Clerk	1M	North	37	200	63A
Q52E	-ZZ P. LANGEVIN/LEVIS & SHERBROOKE R.P.O.	18	North	90	170	16, 63A
Q110A	-J. D. ANDERSON/ABERCORN/QUEBEC/ Montreal & Mansonville Ag't	3B	South	37	200	63A
R1501	-S. S. River Dennis/Cape Breton N.S.	3F (large)		77	200	104
R150J	-STEAMER ABERDEEN/B.C.	5C	North	77	200	32
D2A	-W. O. DUMBARTON R.R. STATION./N.B.	41 (large)		21	200	63A

(27 mm)

Hammer II (Hammer VII of M-7)

Proofed: March 3, 1915
Earliest: April 10, 1917
Indicia: 32 only
Usage: Rare
R.F.: 200 (33.3%)

Comments: One strike only is known. With the name J. A. DIONNE appearing on two different hammers (and not being present on most strikes of Hammers II and VII of M-7), we can presume that the name was added with a detachable ring.

None of the three strikes of M-12D is suitable for photography. M-12E was delisted in the June-July, 1973 issue of *Topics*.

M-12F
CAMP. & LEVIS EXPRESS R.P.O././
J. A. DIONNE

One Hammer, Type 21B
(Hammer VI, Group A, of M-12)

Proofed: Unknown
Earliest: January 15, 1917
Indicia: 31 only
Usage: Rare
R.F.: 200

Comments: One strike only on a 2c + 1c brown Tax. Hammer VI, Group A, M-12, was not previously known in 1917 and was not previously known with indicia 31; however, please note that this one strike of M-12F and the three strikes of M-12D all fall in the period October, 1916/ April, 1917 and all have Train Nos. 31 or 32. This may be part of a pattern.

In looking at the history of the CAMPBELLTON & LEVIS RPOs, we have charted period of use against the runs and can advise as follows:

1. M-12, EXPRESS, was the first issued—six Group A hammers in 1905.
2. Next came the four hammers of M-8, LOCAL, in 1907/1908, with M-8A falling within the period.
3. Apparently more EXPRESS hammers were needed, and seven Group B hammers of M-12 were issued in 1908/1910 plus ten Group C hammers in 1910/1913; we believe all twenty-three M-12 hammers were in service before the arrival of the M-6 hammers. (M-11H and M-11J appeared in 1909 and 1913, no relationship to the regular runs.)
4. M-9, two hammers, appeared in 1913, apparently replacing Hammers I and III of M-8.
5. We believe that all hammers of M-6 and M-7 were issued together in 1914. It would appear that the six hammers of M-6 replaced Hammers II, III, IV, V, X, XI, XIV, XV,

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SOME RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Webb's Canada and BNA Catalogue: January 1974 edition—by J. F. Webb, soft cover. 55 pages, published, printed and distributed by the author, 22 Mackay Drive, Thornhill, Ontario L4J 8R1.

Inclusion of stationery, revenues and semi-official airmails makes this the most complete of any of the BNA catalogues reviewed to date. This 55-page catalogue crowds a tremendous number of listings into the comparatively small space, but the type is quite clear and readable.

The thought occurs that the flimsy cover might tend to wear out or tear if subject to daily use. As with some other catalogues reviewed, an index would be a definite improvement. The stamps illustrated show considerable care in the choice of good centering.

The price breakdown for the earlies is "average," "good" and "fine" for used, and "good" and "fine" for mint. This is quite logical but there might be room for discounting prices a bit in some of the lower-condition categories. This would, of course, depend entirely on the condition of the copies the individual dealer might supply. Prices generally, however, reflect current market values very well and the catalogue is good value for the asking price, which, incidentally, is refundable. — George Wegg.

(For more news, see *Doodles* on page 84.)

Post Office Department **NEW ISSUES**

Canada Post announced the release, on April 8, of a 7c stamp showing Louis St. Laurent, Canada's 12th prime minister — part of the new series of definitives. The drawing is by David Annesley, the designer for the series, and the new stamp is in brown ink. St. Laurent was not included in the original issue of these definitives because he was still alive when the series was

planned. (It is not post office policy to honor any living person on stamp issues, except members of the royal family.) The stamp is 20 x 24 mm, printed by BABNCo, and bears general tagging.

The second group of four Olympic stamps was issued March 22: children diving from a dock, youths hiking, a family cycling, and adults jogging. The original photos used were by Crombie McNeill for Information Canada, with the design work by Straker Templeton Ltd. of Toronto. 60 million will be issued of the set. When viewed normally, the above pictures are seen, but when viewed obliquely the Olympic symbol appears; a unique feature for stamps anywhere.

The stamps are 30 x 36 mm, and all are in a plum color with general tagging. Note that these are not among the "surcharged" or semi-postal releases of Olympic stamps; the first of these will appear later.



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One of our longtime members is Donald Amos of Winnipeg. Although born in England, he came to Winnipeg as a small child (the war started as they were crossing — their boat was later sunk) and has been there ever since. He was locally educated and works in the General Post Office.

Don is a sports enthusiast — played baseball for many years, his volleyball team won the Prairie Championship for 10 years, and now it's handball (takes on all comers and loves to whip the youngsters).

Another hobby has been photography — has won various awards and has had his

nature photos showed in some of the larger exhibitions.

Stamping began in the early 1930s with the interest being in Canadian Air Mail serving the north country. As Don approaches retirement, he has lessened his collecting but retains, and is working with the Air Mail Postal History. At the present he is researching the Klondike Airways, little being known or printed on the subject. Maybe some day soon we might get the story for *Topics*.

In addition to BNAPS, Don is a longtime member of the International Airmail Society, the Canada-West Philatelic, and the Canadian Air Mail Collectors group. He assisted in both the Holmes and the AAMS catalogues with the Canadian Air Mail section.

— Dr. R. V. C. Carr

...and some doodles by The Editor

Some further news items: BNAPS president Alfred Cook has announced that the society has been honored by being included in the International Stamp Exhibition Basle, in June of this year. This also will mark the centenary of the Universal Postal Union. Our member Max Guggenheim has made the arrangements, and will use *Topics* as the exhibit entry.

Don't forget the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada's 46th convention, at the Winnipeg Inn, Winnipeg, May 2 to 4. Seems just about everyone is planning to be there; for info, write the hosts, the Winnipeg Philatelic Society, Box 1425, Winnipeg R3C 2Z1.

The National Postal Museum's official opening, once scheduled for April, has been put off until September 26, with the public being admitted the next day. We'll have an extensive article on the museum well before that in *Topics*.

Short takes: new FDC cancels, individually designed to suit each stamp, went into effect on February 22 with the Pacific Coast Indian stamps sold through Ottawa. . . . Revised 15c domestograms were issued on March 4, with corrected spellings for "poste" and "North West Territories," and the revised 8c set should follow soon. . . . Dealer George Wegg is the Canadian Commissioner for the EXFILMEX '74 show in Mexico City, which runs from October 26 to November 3 this year. This is the 5th Inter-American Philatelic Exhibition; write Wegg (inside front cover) for details. . . . We're delighted to hear that Frank Campbell received a first prize in the Founders' Trophy class last September, at the CPS of GB convention held in Oxford.

MAIL FROM OUR MEMBERS

Let the editor beware the hack writer . . .

How can you reprint such trash?

This is the second time that *Topics* has degraded itself by printing material that is so erroneous, misleading and full of falsities as to make it a second-class magazine. I would think that before you include such things as *The Labrador Mails* by R. A. J. Miller, reprinted from *Linn's Stamp News*, you or the editorial board would check with somebody who has had experience in this field as to the authenticity and value of the article involved. This thing by Miller is a piece of poorly-done library research with very little basis in fact.

Who the hell ever heard of St. John's Colony? It was always Newfoundland. I never knew that the post office in St. John's in 1846 had any historic archive records. Frank Campbell's book and especially the items referred to with regard to St. John's were not tracings from old letters—they were tracings from records from the proof book in the General Post Office in London.

European whaling and cod-fishing fleets did not follow soon after 1846; they preceded this period by at least 200 years. The first fishermen came in the early 1500s. St. John's did not have a British post office in 1805. The post office in 1807 was responsible only to the governor and had no

connection, officially or unofficially, with the GPO in London.

Bags of letters were never made up at the GPO in London and sent to St. John's during the incumbency of Simon Solomon. Such letters as he did receive were forwarded on to him by an occasional vessel from Halifax. Simon Solomon's so-called "ARMS" postmark did not appear until 1827.

No one has yet figured out when or why the "superior seal" was sent to Newfoundland. Postmaster General W. S. Soloman had no funds to add a Labrador mail agent and while he was alive, never did so.

The first official record of mail transmission to Labrador was in 1863 after Solomon's death.

I don't think our friend has even looked at the early Newfoundland stamps; if so, while he would find "Newfound" at the top, he would have found "Land" running down the side and "St. John's" running up the other side.

I could go on and on but I think I have pointed out enough inconsistencies to rate this whole thing as nonsense. Before we perpetuate trash like like this, let's make sure that what we publish has merit and value and is not some hack writer's put-up.

— Robert H. Pratt

Standards for the 1967s

I am in agreement with Glen Hansen's suggestion that terms for the 1967 issue be standardized. I also think the lamps should be made standard.

In the Kingston area there are at least five styles of lamps. While these agree on both fluorescence and phosphorescence, there is considerable variation on the color obtained and, sometimes, on degrees of fluorescence.

— J. L. Purcell

Along with many others I have a feeling of frustration and dismay with the 1967 Definitives, however exciting a challenge this issue is.

As I see it the basic need is to establish a standard for the paper varieties using the UV light. After that the remaining problems,

such as tagging, booklets, shades, varieties, etc. will fall into line.

My suggestion is that, besides the excellent guides in your January issue, there should be a sample of each paper type in the proposed standards book, to serve as a comparison during the stamp study. I also wish to express my thanks to the many who are doing research on this issue.

— E. O'Callaghan

Under-the-counter deals?

Since the threat from the Canadian Post Office that there would be 45 or more stamps issued in 1974 there have been complaints from philatelists and others to the Postmaster General that such action was lowering the prestige of Canadian stamps.

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In particular one stamp dealer who conducts auction sales suggested in his "news letter" which he attaches to his sale catalogues, that we, as philatelists, should refuse to buy the "rubbish" that the Postmaster General proposed to offer for sale. At the same time this dealer still continues to offer in his sales such "rubbish" as recent imperforates as the Maple Leaf. I feel such stamps can only be stolen from the mint!

There may be the occasional "slip up" as the inverted Seaway, there may be the

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occasional broken plate which may have been responsible for the broken \$ in the Vancouver \$1 which can slip past but are we really to believe that printed on the wrong side, the imperforates and so on are really anything other than "under the counter" transactions?

Perhaps we should all attempt to follow the Purists and collect only used stamps. Philately the study of stamps appears to have taken over completely from the collection of the postal use of stamps.

—J. C. Bryce, M.D.

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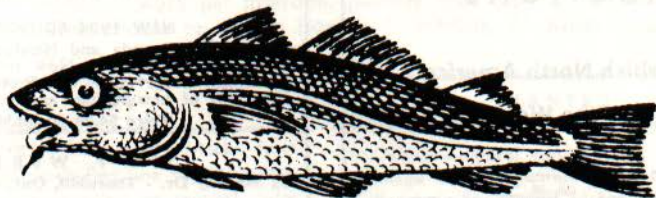
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We now defer at this time our reports on the next three runs, pending receipt of information from our readers. For M-13, CH'TOWN & GEORGETOWN/M. C. Type 9E, reported by Stokes, one hammer was struck off on August 26, 1893; however, we have no copies of this run and would appreciate hearing from anyone who does have such examples. M-13A

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