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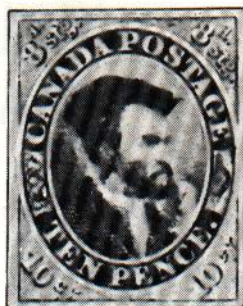
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# OPAL BOOKLETS

BY COLIN H. BAYLEY

The Opal booklet which appeared early in 1971 (*Topics*, Vol. 28, p. 74, Feb. 1971) exists in a variety in which there is a horizontal row of perforations across the blank area between the two panes. This has been discussed by Wiedemann (*Topics*, vol. 28, no. 7, p. 202, Aug. 1971) and more recently by he and Hausmann (*Topics*, vol. 30, no. 10, p. 257, (Nov. 1973)).

The example showing this variety, as first discussed by Wiedemann was, presumably, one which he himself purchased from an Opal machine and must, therefore, be regarded as genuine.

In January 1971, or thereabouts, one of the first Opal machines to be seen in Ottawa appeared in a tobacconist shop on Elgin Street. Having heard of the centre-perfing which, it was understood, had been used in the manufacture of these booklets, but had been discontinued, it seemed that initial supplies in newly-installed machines may contain some centre-perfed booklets. A collector friend, Dr. C. Y. Hopkins and myself tried our luck on the above machine. Approximately 125 quarters yielded three to my friend and four to me, all in the early stages of our operation. Using the criterion already adopted above we must regard these booklets as genuine.

The purpose of this note is to record some of the characteristics which our centre-perfed booklets show and to draw what conclusions seem reasonable. But since we may assume the number of centre-perfed booklets on which this article is based (seven only) is a small fraction of the total made with the centre-perf, it would be most desirable for collectors having this variety to contribute their observations to this discussion.

Wiedemann and Hausmann attach importance to the horizontal level at which the line of centre-perfs occurs with respect to the centre line which may be defined as a line drawn across the space between the two blocks of four of the pane and equidistant from them. They suggest that genuine centre-perfed booklets have the line of

perfs exactly at dead centre. This is not valid since, in all seven of our Ottawa booklets, the rows of perforations are well above both the line of fold and the dead centre line.

While on the subject of lines of fold and centre lines it should be noted that the position of the line of fold with respect to the centre line depends on the depth of the selvedge along the top of the pane, by which the latter is stuck to the cover. This depth is not constant and I have booklets with top selvedge depths of 17, 15 and 12mm giving, respectively, lines of fold (1) well above, (2) above but close to and (3) just about at the centre line. These values for selvedge depths were measured from the top edge of the selvedge to the upper frameline of the two top stamps of the upper block.

As would be expected in a machine-folded job, the distance of the fold from the top edge of the selvedge is uniform in all cases, this distance being  $67 \pm 1.5$ mm.

So to sum up, since we have genuine examples of centre-perfs occurring at different levels, including dead centre, it is obvious that the particular level concerned is of no particular significance as a criterion of genuineness.

In their article Wiedemann and Hausmann ask whether anyone has seen an Opal booklet with dead-centre folding. In most cases of those I have seen the fold is well above the centre line and I have only seen the one booklet, referred to above, in which the fold coincided approximately with the centre-line and of course, in the one illustrated in the articles mentioned above.

Next we come to the size of the holes in the centre perfs. Here again Wiedemann and Hausmann seem to be wrong in concluding that the presence of slightly smaller holes in the centre perfs indicates that a booklet is not genuine. All six of our booklets have centre perfs which seem to be smaller than those in the other rows in the booklets. So in the absence of precise measurements of hole diameters we may

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# 1918 Experimental Coils?

BY L. D. CARN

For over 30 years I have had, in my collection of Admirals, a pair of the 2c carmine with the experimental Toronto coil perforation. These have been examined by both Dr. Carstairs and Sandie Machie, who state that they appear to be genuine. I have been unable to trace any information about the issue of this value and I would be glad to hear if any members have a similar item or any knowledge of it which they could pass on.



# 1971 Experimental Booklet

BY WILLIAM GRIEG



In September 1971 the first 50c experimental booklet appeared for a short period of time and then disappeared as the rates changed in 1972. Apparently the experiment with the 50c booklet didn't stop; when the new rates came into effect on January 1, 1972, the experiment was still being carried on using the new rate of eight cents and making use of the 25c booklet.

Around the first part of 1972 I purchased several booklets from a 50c vending ma-

chine in west Toronto. These booklets were on sale for only a short time and within several weeks the machine was changed back to one dispensing 25c booklets.

These experimental booklets were made by gluing two of the then-current 25c booklets (2 x 8c, 1 x 6c, 3 x 1c) together (type 12 in Dickett's article, vol. 30, no. 6 of *Topics*) and stamping the cover "2 Booklets of" with a rubber stamp.

Following Dickett's chart the information would be as follows (see chart below).

Confirmation of the above booklets' existence has been obtained from Canada Post through the following letter:

"This refers to your letter of January 2 concerning postage stamp booklets that were dispensed in 1972 through stamp vending machines. At that time research was being conducted on the new 50c machines and the manufacturer made up 500 or 600 sets of 25c booklets in the manner you describe. The double booklet was dispensed through three stamp vending machines for a short period. They have no philatelic value whatsoever because anyone could obtain a rubber stamp such as was used to indicate '2 booklets of'."

<b>pane layout:</b>	two panes each, with 2x8c, 1x6c, 3x1c
<b>perfs:</b>	12½x12
<b>tagging type:</b>	.....
<b>printer:</b>	BABNC
<b>slogan wording:</b>	free dispenser . . . (or) prestamped envelopes . . . plus rubber stamp, "2 booklets of"
<b>cover color:</b>	grey on beige
<b>guide dots:</b>	yes
<b>black edging:</b>	yes
<b>quantity issued:</b>	500 to 600
<b>date issued:</b>	1972

## The \$1 Vancouver



As announced previously this stamp was released in October 1973, unannounced by Canada Post. The fact is that it was not considered a "new" issue by the department; it was shipped out in mid-October. In Ottawa the first stamps appeared as plate blocks in the Philatelic Bureau during the afternoon of October 24. In Toronto, as announced previously, things were a little different. An unofficial inquiry confirmed that although the counter stock arrived in Toronto prior to October 24 they were not available for sale until the 24th. There were no plate blocks for sale in Toronto. I have not heard of, or seen, any covers of this stamp cancelled earlier than October 24. Enclosed is a copy for illustrative purposes.

Perhaps Canada Post will mend its ways in the future — or will it? Further, why is this stamp tagged? Tagging is used for triggering cancelling machines and is invisible. What item of mail in Canada requires a minimum of \$1 postage and is cancelled by machine and not by hand?

## Revised Floral Stationery

On October 17, along with the new definitives, the Canada Post released 24 items which were announced previously. The error *Poste* instead of *Postes* has also been announced previously. The Postmaster General announced that this would be corrected in due course since the items were in "continuous printing" by Ashton Potter. In short, it was a watch and wait situation. On March 4, in Ottawa and Toronto and probably in other major centres across Canada, the twelve 15c Aerograms appeared.

At the time of writing the 8c Domestograms have not appeared with the revised *Postes*. The items will naturally be very scarce, dated March 4, 1974, in Ottawa, Toronto or elsewhere — since certainly in Toronto only limited quantities were available for sale on that date. The "North West Territory" (three words) Aerogram has been corrected in the revised 15c set and will be, presumably, in the 8c as well when it appears.

## Inflation and the IRC

On March 11, the Canada Post advised its offices to charge 25 cents for each of its International Reply Coupons which formerly cost 22 cents each. Presumably the Post Office will withdraw the 22c coupons and issue 25c coupons. Of course there may be a temptation to surcharge the remaining quantities plus three, but this would be like putting a carrot in front of a donkey.

## CFPO in Israel

On Nov. 16, 1973 Canadian Forces Post Office 5002, (CFPO 5002) opened for business in Cairo, Egypt, to serve the Canadian Contingent serving with the United Nations Force (CCUNEF). CFPO 111, 112, 113 and 114 were assigned on paper for satellite postal duties. CFPO 112 opened in February 1974 (confirmation to follow) in Rabah, Israel, to serve a Canadian Signals Detachment with the CCUNEF. Contingents from Peru, Panama and Ireland are also serving in Rabah. I may be wrong but I think that this is the first time in Canadian postal history that Canadian adhesive stamps have had a valid postal use in Israel.

For the last six months I have been gathering information on these items. Now after a recent trip to Montreal I think everything is in order to publish an article and will be submitting it shortly. This special order Postal Stationery is listed in Webb's second edition as: P91d, P93a, P97a, P98, P101, P103, P103a, P104, P104a, P105, P106, P106a.

I would appreciate receiving photostats and information on these items prior to publication of the article.



# Standards of Description for Fluorescent Papers

BY PETER HARRIS

Having sold many thousands of Canadian stamps with fluorescent paper variations over the past few years, I have been slowly working towards what I feel to be workable standards and terms of description.

First, we should realize that we are dealing with a hobby and *not* a precise scientific discipline! Although we may suppose that many collectors will now be using ultraviolet lamps, we should not

(a) expect them to use more complex equipment such as spectrometers or photometers;

(b) expect all the different models of UV lamps in use to produce identical responses; and

(c) expect all the users of these lamps to produce identical judgment of what they see.

Secondly, we should aim at using descriptions which are readily intelligible. Criticism has been levelled against such terms as "hibright" but these do describe very neatly subjective impressions of degrees of fluorescence.

I have found that for the *non*-user of UV lamps, the term "ordinary," "white fluorescent" (or "hibright") and "white (non-fluorescent)" work very well and, generally, particularly with mint stamps where the type of gum helps, any collector can distinguish them with a little practice—helped, of course, with some accurate guidance from his dealer or other philatelic expert.

For the UV lamp user, I have devised a five-point scale: DULL, LO, MED, HI, HIB. This has met with a good response from collectors covering a wide range of specialization. By relating the descriptions to actual stamps on my Standards Card, a wide variety of Canadian stamps have been readily described.

The more specialized collector, by use of a minus or plus symbol, can convert the

scale to a more accurate one if he (or she!) wishes, and *still be understood by the rest*. Terms such as "flecked" can also be used for additional description.

I am convinced, through my considerable contact with collectors and dealers throughout the world, that the "Harris Standard" is both necessary and sufficient. My "Canada Papers Fluorescent Papers Standard Chart" has been produced and marketed to define this standard; it is available at \$1.10 each plus postage, with dealer discounts for 10 or more copies.

*Editor's note:* Peter Harris is a dealer located at 10 Whitton Close, Lowestoft, Suffolk, England—and a BNAPS member. While the foregoing could be construed as a free plug for his "standards chart," his whole case has a validity and an importance which should be given thorough examination by the proposed 1967 Definitive issue Standards study group which is expected to meet at the 1975 BNAPS conference at Williamsburg this fall.

The trick, of course, lies in the chart itself, which Harris sent us. It's simply five sample stamps of recent vintage stuck to a card. But if everyone uses the same chart, with its uniform five grades of fluorescence, then any collector, regardless of his own particular UV light source, can converse intelligently with other collectors on the subject (things being equal to the same things being equal to each other).

Harris, in the notes accompanying his chart, states that the differences of paper may be visible to the naked eye though the chart is intended to be used with a UV light, preferably the longwave type. Semi-specialist catalogues such as the Gibbons *Elizabethan* or the Urch Harris *Commonwealth* use the term "ordinary paper" which, Harris says, corresponds roughly to his DULL and LO; "white fluorescent" corresponds to the HI and HIB. Harris' MED comes somewhere between.



# Semi-Official Airmails

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See also Front Cover

## United Empire Loyalists

Lithographed in 1918 by British American Bank Note Company Ltd., is a label with the burning Zeppelin design similar to the 1918-19 Aero Club of Canada. The inscription above the central design reads UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS — DONATION STAMP. Below the panel appears LICK THE STAMP TO LICK THE HUN and below that in smaller letters is CANADIAN AVIATION FUND. No value is stated. The label is printed in blue and rouletted. The *Specialized Catalogue of Canadian Airmail Stamps* by Ian C. Morgan, 1934-1935 edition, depicts the label but does not accord it official recognition. In the Sissons auction of the Cornelius collection it was placed under the heading of 1918-19 Aero Club of Canada. Was this an essay or another means of raising revenue for the Canadian Aviation Fund? Are any known on covers?

## Burning Zeppelins

The Burning Zeppelin design used in the 1918-1919 Aero Club of Canada issue is generally believed to honor the destruction of a zeppelin by Lieut. Warnsford but perhaps it really represented the mastery of airplanes and the end of the zeppelin bombing raids on London in World War I.

Flight sub Lieut. R. A. J. Warnsford, V.C., RNAS was flying a single seat Parasol fighter that carried bombs when he sighted a zeppelin in the Ghent sector of Belgium on June 7, 1915. Despite heavy machine gun fire he pressed home an attack on the Zeppelin L.Z. 37. He dived his plane, released his bomb load and sent the zeppelin down in flames. This was the first British airman to destroy a zeppelin in an aerial fight.

Major Malott reports that on September 2, 1916, Capt. W. Leafe-Robinson, RFC, shot down Zeppelin Z.L. 11 in view of the people of London. The first zeppelin to be destroyed over English soil. The feat was duplicated on October 1, 1916 when 2nd Lieut. W. J. Tempest shot down Zeppelin L-31 in spite of heavy damage to his Bleriot B-12 fighter plane. Zeppelin bombing raids on London ceased soon after.

## Yukon Airways and Exploration Co. Ltd.

Counterfeits or forgeries of some Semi-Official Airmail stamps are being offered as color trials or essays. Yukon Airways and Exploration Co. Ltd. had a first printing of 100 stamps in a lighter blue than the second printing. The so-called color proofs or essays in an ultramarine were made after the company failed and apparently printed from a plate made from a photograph of the genuine stamp.

## Cherry Red Air Line Limited

It is unfortunate that recent catalogues do not accord the difference between the two printings of the stamp of this airline. While both printings are in red and black, the first issue was on a yellowish paper with rough perforations issued July 3, 1929, of which only one sheet of 220 stamps was printed. On August 15, 1929 the stamps were reprinted on a white paper and gum with clear perforations; 24,000 in all were printed. Both issues are known on flown covers autographed by the pilot.



# The RPO Cowcatcher

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## M-14 CHARLOTTETOWN & MURRAY HARBOUR R.P.O./.

### One Hammer, Type 17

Proofed: Unknown  
Earliest: April 26, 1907  
Latest: January 26, 1911  
Indicia: Blank—Normal  
N—1907/08—scarce  
S—1909—scarce

Usage: Apparently continuous over the four year period

R.F.: 75

Comments: M-14 seems to have a little bit of something for everybody. We cannot think of a run that has as many letters and units in the designation of the run—over 30! Of the strikes in our collection over 20% have the indicia completely inverted. Sometimes there is a train direction—N or S—and sometimes there is nothing. The single hammer is easily characterized by a significant break in the upper back of the C and another in the vertical of the second T just below the top, both in CHARLOTTETOWN; these two breaks are present on all strikes of M-14, indicating strongly only one hammer.

## M-15 CH'TOWN & M. HARBOUR R.P.O./.

### One Hammer, Type 17

Proofed: November 2, 1918  
Earliest: June 27, 1919  
Indicia: Blank above  
Usage: Apparently scarce

R.F.: 150

Comments: The picture above is only the beginning of the story, not the end. We have only one strike of the elusive M-15, but feel sure that—despite its high rarity factor—a number of others exist. We await additional input from our readers before making any further conclusions.

## M-16 CH'TOWN & M. HBR. R.P.O.

*Data on M-16 and M-16A will follow in the next issue.*

## M-17 CH'TOWN & M. HBR./R.P.O.

### One Hammer, Type 17H

Proofed: March 3, 1911  
Earliest: April 12, 1911  
Latest: April 18, 1918  
Indicia: N through 1911; 1918—one only  
Blank—1912/1916

S—one only—December 31, 1912—abnormal  
Usage: Probably continuous

R.F. 110

Comments: Initially a sharp, clear hammer in 1911/1912, the hammer quickly deteriorates thereafter and by 1916 appears grossly distorted from earlier strikes; however, measurement confirms a single hammer. It was probably withdrawn due to wear. This run has previously been reported as 1898; based on the proof strike and known existing copies, we doubt that this is possible, but welcome comments.

## M-17A W. A. ALLEN/ CH'TOWN & M'HBR R.P.O.

### One Hammer, Type 3B

Proofed: Unknown  
Earliest: November 12, 1920  
Indicia: North

Usage: Only one strike known

R.F.: 200

Comments: This single known strike appears as purple oval rubber backstamp on an obviously non-philatelic registered cover from Murray Harbour to the PEI Auxiliary Bible Society in Charlottetown; the cover is franked with 1c, 5c and 7c Admirals. We wonder if there are other strikes to be reported.

We now continue with the Maritime run, M-18, and in the first instance advise that while we have considerable information to present, we consider this to be confirmed from relatively limited material; accordingly, for this comparatively common run, we expect our readers can make considerable input on expanding earliest and latest dates, plus perhaps adding additional train numbers and indicia. It follows that the indicated percentages for each hammer, which have been reasonably accurate for previous runs, are subject to wide variation.

## M18 CH'TOWN & SACKVILLE R.P.O./.

### Ten Hammers, Type 17 Hammer I

Proofed: September 15, 1917  
Earliest: November 19, 1918  
Latest: October 6, 1928  
Indicia: W—1918  
41—1928

Usage: To be determined

R.F.: 20 (5%)

Comments: Three copies known, two in 1918 and one in 1928; we expect this ten year period to be bridged by other collectors.

**Hammer II**

Proofed: January 5, 1918  
 Earliest: June 1, 1918  
 Latest: July 9, 1937  
 Indicia: W—June, 1918  
 42—1937  
 Usage: To be determined  
 R.F.: 20 (7%)  
 Comments: Three strikes known during the first two weeks of June, 1918, plus above strike in 1937. We expect other collectors can more well define the above twenty year gap.

**Hammer III**

Proofed: Unknown  
 Earliest: May 7, 1918  
 Latest: June 21, 1949  
 Indicia: W—1918  
 39—balance  
 Usage: To be determined  
 R.F.: 20 (8%)  
 Comments: Five copies, one each in 1918, 1924, 1925, 1927 and 1949; here is another twenty year break needing help from other reporters.

**Hammer IV**

Proofed: July 12, 1918  
 Earliest: No copies yet reported  
 Indicia: W—set in proof strike  
 Usage: To be determined  
 R.F.: 20 (—)  
 Comments: When found, strikes of this hammer will be easily recognizable; the diameter is 24½mm, the largest of the ten hammers of M18.

**Hammer V**

Proofed: Unknown  
 Earliest: December 7, 1918  
 Latest: November 2, 1921  
 Indicia: W—1918  
 39—1921  
 Usage: To be determined  
 R.F.: 20 (3%)  
 Comments: Only two strikes above so far reported.

**Hammer VI**

Proofed: December 6, 1918  
 Earliest: July 3, 1934  
 Latest: June 10, 1935  
 Indicia: 39 only  
 Usage: to be determined  
 R.F.: 20 (5%)  
 Comments: Three strikes reported in above one year period.

**Hammer VII**

Proofed: June 20, 1919  
 Earliest: July 16, 1924  
 Latest: To be advised  
 Indicia: W only  
 Usage: To be determined  
 R.F.: 20 (1%)  
 Comments: Above only strike so far known, two cancels on strip of three 1c yellow Admirals.

**Hammer VIII**

Proofed: February 26, 1920  
 Earliest: July 9, 1920  
 Latest: April 1, 1948  
 Indicia: 1—1920  
 39—1932/48  
 41—1935/36  
 Usage: To be determined  
 R.F.: 20 (36%)  
 Comments: This is the most well known of the ten hammers. At first it was suspected that there were two hammers in this group; however, close examination did not confirm. We do believe that this hammer may have been recalled about 1937 to repair rim damage which was extensive by the mid-1930s.

**Hammer IX**

Proofed: December 3, 1923  
 Earliest: July 16, 1924  
 Latest: To be advised  
 Indicia: W only  
 Usage: To be determined  
 R.F.: 20 (1%)  
 Comments: The above single strike, on a strip of three of 3c red Admirals is on the same date as the only strike of Hammer VII, an interesting coincidence. This hammer is immediately identifiable by its rounded, curved ampersand; all other nine hammers have sharp, angular ampersands. We do not understand the apparent scarcity of this strike, only one example in over sixty strikes. This hammer was ordered destroyed on December 3, 1969; there was no indicia set in the destruction strike, and it may have been unused for years.

**Hammer X**

Proofed: Unknown  
 Earliest: February 18, 1936  
 Latest: May 31, 1949  
 Indicia: 39—1936-49  
 40—1945/48

*(Continued on page 110)***New Information on runs already published:**

M5		Earliest	February 21, 1925
M6	Hammer I	Latest	June 7, 1914
M6	Hammer III	Indicia 33	1915
M6	Hammer III	Indicia 635	From 1953
M6	Hammer V	Earliest	December 16, 1914
M6	Hammer V	Latest	March 12, 1928
M6	Hammer VI	Latest — 1st Period	July 29, 1920
M6	Hammer VI	Earliest — 2nd Period	September 10, 1931
M7	Hammer III	Earliest — 2nd Period	August 20, 1921
M10	Hammer I	Latest	February 27, 1961
M10	Hammer V	Latest	April 19, 1959
M11	Hammer IV	Latest	February 4, 1962
M11	Hammer V	Latest	March 2, 1961
M11	Hammer VI	Latest	March 12, 1964
M11A		Indicia 2	Add to 1, same period
M11A		Indicia 4	Add to 3, same period
M11A		Indicia 635	1958
M11H		Clerk Bernier's Initials	Change "J.G." to "J.O.P."
M11H		Earliest	December 23, 1912
M12	Hammer I	Latest	December 5, 1956
M12	Hammer I	Indicia 631	1955

The above represent the new information that we have received to date; we will publish more as it arrives.

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# TOPICS: THE NEWSFRONT

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## Malott now with War Museum . . . Post Cards . . . and a 1973 "Souvenir Collection" for \$2.50

Major R. K. Malott of Ottawa is now retired from the Canadian Armed Forces and is busy at work at a new job: an archivist with the National War Museum. He's busy reorganizing his own work schedule, since he says he won't have as much spare time to devote to philately these days. But he doesn't expect to reduce his philatelic output of souvenir covers, press releases and studies on air mails, aerograms, FDCs, tagged items, post cards, military cancels and the like—he hopes to continue all these things by arranging his more limited time more effectively. Malott is the one responsible for obtaining the statement on page 118 on military post office policies.

Malott has a seemingly-endless supply of mimeographed data available on such things as commemorative covers, Viet Nam aerograms and varieties, domestogram varieties, recent stamp releases, and a 7-page listing of CFPOs, CAPOs and MPOs. Drop him a note if you're interested and he'll arrange to put you on his mailing list for data. His address: 16 Harwick Crescent, Ottawa K2H 6R1. He is also interested in obtain-

ing Canadian military artifacts—this request being made on behalf of the war museum.

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There are persistent rumors that the post office in Japan's largest city keeps getting mail intended for a postal district somewhere in Canada. It seems that letters bearing the postal code TOK 1Y0 are making a trans-Pacific trip before being returned to Canada for delivery.

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Frank W. Campbell, the expert (among many other things (on postmarks, tells us the current U.S. post card is too small for International Postal Union acceptance, being a quarter-inch below the 5 1/2 x 3 1/2 size.

Canada's current cards are O.K., but he says that in 1871 Canada cards were refused entry to the U.S., as the one-cent rate was not then considered first class mail in the U.S. An agreement was later reached; between July 1872 and January 1875 the cards were acceptable provided an extra 1c adhesive stamp was added. Campbell says that the extra-cent cards with the correct dates thus used are scarce.

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## CANADIAN MILITARY MAIL STUDY GROUP

During the BNAPS Convention in September 1973, a Canadian Military Mail Study Group was formed with 14 members enlisting on the spot; since then others have joined the ranks. This group is open to any BNAPS member whether a veteran or a beginner in this field.

It was agreed at the Calgary meeting to begin the study program by researching the World War II Canadian military cancellations and the group has started with those used in British Columbia and will work its way east during the months ahead. The approach is to list those known and to seek returns from all members, resulting in a summary which will be sent to each contributor. In this way a reference file will be built up.

There is now a large fund of knowledge on military cancellations but there is much yet to be learned. The study group approach is perhaps the best way of obtaining information.

BNAPS members wishing to join should write to K. V. Ellison, Oyama, B.C., enclosing a money order for \$3. Copies of the first three newsletters will be sent to bring newcomers up to date. Ken Ellison is the Study Group's treasurer and Colin Campbell is chairman. Ed Richardson is the committee chairman for the group, as he is for all BNAPS study groups.

Canada Post issued 22 commemorative and special-issue stamps last year, and now they are all available in the "1973 Souvenir Collection" it is making available through its philatelic outlets. The stamps are contained in a booklet with a description of each item; the face value is \$2.13 and, in the souvenir format, will cost \$2.50. Or you can get a cheaper rate by buying 10 at once, for \$22.

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Wondering about entry forms and hotel reservations for the bang-up BNAPS convention at Williamsburg in September? Clarence Stillions, the exhibitions chairman, has the material on its way to *Topics* now, and these will be included in the next issue (June-July) of *Topics*. If you plan an entry, do Stillions a big favor: fill out the form and mail it to him as soon as you get that next issue.

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When the National Postal Museum opens in Ottawa this September, there'll be special cancels available for covers purchased at the old-time post office that will be a permanent part of the exhibits (see below). Museum manager James Kraemer will also have museum FDCs available with a special cancel.




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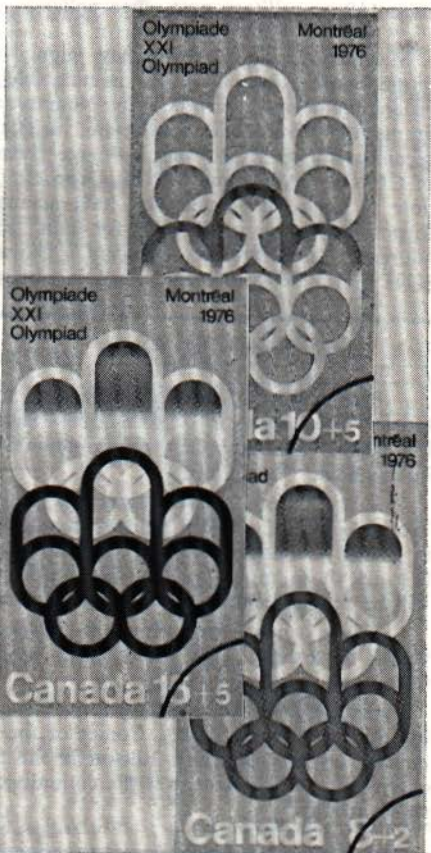
## Post Office Department **NEW ISSUES**

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On May 3 an 8c stamp will be issued commemorating the centennial of Winnipeg's incorporation as a city. Behind the signpost is a street scene of 100 years ago.

The Manitoba capital will be the site for the cancelling of official first day covers.

The stamp is designed by Jack R. MacDonald of Winnipeg and measures 36 x 30 mm; 27 million are being printed in four-color lithography by Ashton Potter of Toronto. All bear general tagging, and are perforated 12½ x 12 with PVA gum.



Canada Post issued three Olympic semi-postal stamps, the first surcharged stamps ever issued by the Canada Post Office, on April 17—the Olympic Action Stamps.” They are the third issue of a special Olympic series and were designed by Wallis and Matanovic of Toronto and printed by Ashton-Potter of Toronto on a continuous printing until the spring of 1975, to meet an anticipated heavy demand.

The denominations of the three stamps are 8c plus 2c surcharge; 10c plus 5c surcharge, and 15c plus 5c surcharge.

When the semi-postal stamp is sold across a regular post office counter, the net proceeds from the surcharge portion will be counted as Olympic support revenue. When it is sold through the Philatelic Service, the total value, including the surcharge, will be counted as philatelic revenue and the net proceeds, after deducting costs, will go to the Organizing Committee for the Olympic Games.

The graphic elements used in this issue are the same as those incorporated in the first issue of the Olympic series on September 20, 1973, although a stamp with a bronze background has been added to the original two stamps, which have gold and silver backgrounds. This third issue also has smaller dimensions than the first.

The stamps will measure 24 x 40 mm in a vertical format and will bear general tag-

ging. Marginal inscriptions, including the designer's name, will appear in the four corners of each pane of 50 stamps available from the Philatelic Service. The stamps are printed in five-color lithography.

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## SOME RECENT PUBLICATIONS

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*Stamps of the U.S., U.N. and Canada and the Provinces—1974 edition, by H. E. Harris & Co., Inc. of Boston, Mass. 216 pages, soft cover, 8¼ x 5¼ inches. From U.S. dealers, \$1 and higher in Canada.*

Issues to the end of last year are included in this semi-annual catalogue which is widely used in the U.S. While the listings for U.S. are particularly good, BNA also does well—though the complex and popular 1967 issue could be better covered. In all there are 5,300 price changes in this edition, and the BNA prices seem reasonable judging by other catalogues and it's obvious that the Harris organization keeps close tabs on the marketplace. A single mint \$1 Export, for example, runs at \$5 and the \$3 and \$4 Jubilees, mint, at \$320. The prices in Harris are for “good average copies acceptable to most collectors,” which means that top-quality will sell for considerably more. —E.H.H.

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# TOPICS: THE BUSINESS SIDE

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## WINFIELD CLATTERBUCK

**An industrial designer and teacher,  
and a neighbour to our columnist**

*Winfield A.  
Clatterbuck  
No. 2409*

Well, I finally got my compatriot and near neighbour to give me his history so that we can now get to know Winfield C. Clatterbuck better. Once a month we drive over to Akron for the Collectors Club meeting swapping stamp tidbits on the way. Occasionally we get to Cleveland for the Garfield Perry group, especially for their March exhibition.

Win is a native Ohioian ("Buckeyes" we are called) and we are of the same age (39?). From school he went into the Navy and spent all of World War II in the South Pacific as a Seebee. He then attended Kent State University graduating in 1950 as a teacher. He has been instructing Industrial Arts locally ever since.

Although his wife, Marge, is a non-collector, she often accompanies Win on his many stamp tours. Of his five children, his youngest daughter, a freshman in high school,

has shown a definite interest in stamps.

Another childhood collector at the age of 10, Win bought his first Canadian stamp at the age of 12 while visiting his uncle in Amherstburg, Ontario. His primary BNA collecting is anything pertaining to the Dominion from stampless and Scott 1 on. Lately he has been targeting on the registration stamps and their covers. He also has a very fine collection of Hawaii and Portugal and has exhibited them. Unfortunately, our conventions are during school time and he rarely can attend (hopes to take an early retirement in the not-too-distant future and then watch him go!). Win has been making the Royal shows quite regularly.

In addition to BNAPS, he belongs to the RPSC, APS, Hawaii P.S., and the Portugal P.S. Also he belongs to our local clubs, Garfield-Perry of Cleveland, and the Collectors Club of Akron (now president).

A philatelic sideline is philatelic writing, as he is the stamp editor of the Youngstown *Vindicator*, and has a weekly column. He does a little freelance writing which is limited because of time.

— Dr. R. V. C. Carr

## ...and some doodles by The Editor

As we write this (in late April), Canada's postal strike is in full force, to everyone's considerable dismay — particularly dealers depending on the mails for their auctions. There's very little in our stockpile of story material for the next (June-July) issue and only when the strike clears will copy for that issue arrive. So don't be surprised if the next issue is late, even by several weeks. After that we'll begin the slow process of trying to get caught up once again. Yecht!

A member in British Columbia complained that the last two issues of this little magazine took four weeks to get from Toronto to Vancouver by the third class mail we use and it likely takes longer to reach the west coast of the U.S. A postal official, ever helpful, phoned us on this, and agreed that such slow delivery is normal. He suggested that we use first class mail instead — which would raise our cost from six to 14 cents an issue, or nearly a dollar a year per member. He could offer no speedup in third class mail for over a year. The BNAPS board is considering the idea, though it would mean a raise in annual dues.

# MAIL FROM OUR MEMBERS

## "Specimen" specialists?

I have just reviewed the stated interests of the last 238 persons to become members of our society and note I am the only one who seems to be interested in "Specimen" copies. This, of course, cannot be so, because I bid on every "Specimen" stamp I see for sale and I do not get them all.

I would appreciate anything you might do to put me in touch with other "Specimen" collectors. Many thanks.

— Andrew Mills, suite 6  
14205 96th Avenue, Edmonton

## Flag Cancels Handbook

I understand that Ed Richardson has written his long-awaited handbook on Flag Cancellations. Is this true? Is it being published Does anyone have details?

— A. Kinkajou

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*Yes, the book is written, with illustrations by Ted Killish, and has been set in type, and proofread. It's being published as a BNAPS Handbook and will be printed and bound this month, and be sold through BNAPS' Book Department and local dealers. Retail cost for the 104-page book will be about \$5. — the editor.*

## Mounting stamps

Someone may have an answer: I still like to place single stamps in an album. It was neat and tidy when I used hinges. All was well. But when it became the thing not to hinge new stamps, I got into trouble. Has anyone yet invented a plan to hold (and keep!) stamps in an album without hinging? I have tried all the mounts I have heard of both open and tube type and they either come off or the stamps fall out and are loose all over the page.

— Lloyd A. Machum

## 1967 Definitives

I have been studying the Centennial Definitives of Canada for the past three years. I have, in fact, a study group of collectors from across Canada and the U.S. who correspond with me regularly on the subject. I would, in the future, like to write an article for BNA Topics.

In February's issue of *Topics*, I came across the column *some doodles by the editor*. I was interested in this so-called problem of standardization. I believe the technique of percentages used by LaRoche in his manual is about the best technique to date. Thus true hibrite could be called 100% fluorescent.

I would like to hear of some results of the study group of Centennial Definitives at the BNAPS conference at Williamsburg. Thank you.

— Greg Walen

*We welcome articles, subject to having statements of fact verified whenever we can by other experts. Any reports by the proposed standardization study group will be carried in Topics.*

## Postage Dues

Re *Topics'* March issue, *Notes On Recent Issues* second-last paragraph, Dave Gronbeck-Jones mentions the recent (December 1973) issue, the new PVA Postage Dues:

In the March 9 issue of *The Western Collector* Lorne Bentham advised that the Post Office had issued all values which he listed from 1c to 16c (including the 5c) in PVA gum in December 1973.

In Winnipeg we heard that the 5c had been printed but was being withheld because it served no purpose. We wrote Bentham and gave him this information and asked him if he would check and find out *why* Canada Post was holding back on the 5c; he replied that it was withdrawn at the last minute, but couldn't explain why.

A check with the local brains re Postage Dues reveals the following: large (20 x 17 mm.) on gum arabic: 1c-2c-3c-4c-5c-6c-10c; small (19 x 16 mm.) on gum arabic: 1c-4c-5c-8c-10c-12c; small gum arabic on high-bright: 8c-12c; small on PVA gum: 1c-2c-3c-4c-6c-8c-10c-12c-16c.

The 5c small is not generally available from dealers here but when found sells for over \$1 apiece. Someone here is buying up all the 3c Postage Dues on PVA as soon as the philatelic counter brings down new stock; this could be a good item in time.

— Stuart A. Clark

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## RPOs — continued

Usage: Continuous during period  
R.F.: 20 (34%)

Comments: This is the second most common hammer of M18. Although it bears some characteristics similar to Hammer VII, the two are clearly different; see Hammer Separation that follows:

## M18 HAMMER SEPARATION

Having copies of proof strikes of seven of the ten hammers of M18 greatly facilitated the work of establishing identification criteria. There are numerous differences in the circular measurements of the hammers and their strikes are more or less off-set from center. Unfortunately, the chordal measurements are generally too close to be definitive and these are used only secondarily for differentiation. The following procedure is quite accurate for identification of any full strike.:

1. Using the left scale of the Bridger & Kay Cancellation Gauge (see Topics, February, 1973, p. 39), center the strike with the base dot of the cancel exactly on the lower vertical axis; when centered, the rim just below the base dot will cut the vertical axis at a radius distance from 1½mm to 12¼mm. (The diameters of all ten hammers fall between 23mm and 24½mm.) With the strike now thus centered, read and record the circular measurement distance from the vertical axis, first to the right to a vertical extension of the nearest side of the "O" of R.P.O. (this measurement called C.M. "O"), and then to the left

to a vertical extension of the back of the "C" of CH'TOWN (this measurement called C.M. "C").

- If the C.M. "O" is 9mm or slightly over, the strike is Hammer V; the corresponding C.M. "C" for this hammer is 7mm. Hammer V has the most obviously off-set appearance.
- If the C.M. "O" is 8mm, or almost 8mm, the strike is Hammer VI, IX or X. If the C.M. "C" then is 5mm or less, the strike is Hammer VI. Hammers IX and X both have a C.M. "C" of 7mm; however, separation of these two is immediate and easy since Hammer IX has a rounded curved ampersand while that of Hammer X is sharp and angular.
- If the C.M. "O" is 7mm, or a fraction over, the strike is Hammer IV or VII. These two hammers are separated by the C.M. "C" which for Hammer IV is 5½mm and for Hammer VII is almost 7mm.
- If the C.M. "O" is 6mm, the strike must be Hammer II or III. The C.M. "C" for these two hammers is rather close, 5+mm for II and 6-mm for III; however, for Hammer II the tip of the ampersand has a circular measurement of 24+mm while that of Hammer III is 25¼mm.
- If the C.M. "O" is 5mm to 5½mm, then the strike must be Hammer I or VIII. To make a separation between these two hammers, the C.M. "C" for Hammer I is 5½mm while that for Hammer VIII is less than 5mm. As a further aid in identification of these two hammers, measure the chordal distance from the bottom of the left leg of "H" and the bottom of the "T", both of CH'TOWN; a reading of exactly 3mm is Hammer I, while Hammer VIII will have a measurement of 3¼mm to 3½mm, depending upon the inking, particularly on later strikes.

For any reader who encounters difficulty in identification, we will be glad to supply the complete circular measurements on all ten hammers, plus fourteen different chordal measurements, also for all ten hammers.

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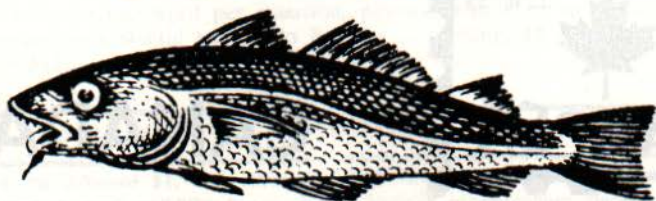
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**M18A**  
**CHARLOTTETOWN & SACKVILLE ·**  
**/R.P.O.**

**One Hammer, Type 17H**

Proofed: January 30, 1953  
Earliest: April 19, 1954  
Latest: (November 30, 1959) See Comments  
Indicia: 39—1954  
(116—1959) See Comments  
Usage: To be determined  
R.F.: 100

Comments: This hammer was ordered destroyed on December 3, 1968; the indicia set in the hammer at that time is the date given above as latest. Train No. 116 also came from this strike; although we have no copies we presume that other collectors can advise us, since Train No. 40, 115 and 116 have been previously reported. Our strikes, all 1954, are only Train No. 39. We believe that M18A was superseded by M18C.

**M18B**  
**CH'TOWN & SACKVILLE R.P.O./**  
**W. E. BEAIRSTO**

**One Hammer, Type 3D**

Proofed: Unknown  
Earliest: June 21, 1948  
Latest: August 16, 1948  
Indicia: None  
Usage: Limited to two months  
R.F.: 200

Comments: The above two strikes are rubber back-stamps on covers in greenish blue, undoubtedly an inappropriate use of a postal clerk's rubber stamp normally used on postal bag facing slips. We are not sure that these are not favors, but since they do appear on cover and saw regular passage through the mails, we have reported them herewith.

**M18C**  
**CH'TOWN & SACKVILLE/R.P.O.**

**One Hammer, Type 17H**

Proofed: Unknown  
Earliest: To be advised  
Latest: (December 20, 1963) See Comments  
Indicia: To be advised  
Usage: To be determined  
R.F.: 200

Comments: No strikes of this run have yet been discovered or reported. No proof strike is known. However, a strike of this hammer was discovered in the destruction records. The hammer was ordered destroyed on December 3, 1969, and the strike taken at that time has an indicia set of the latest date shown above; an illegible train number is present. The strike is bad, either from poor inking or a well-worn hammer, take your pick. In any case, it appears to have seen considerable use, and it seems strange that our avid searchers have not turned up any strikes.

conclude that pins of different sizes were used in centre punching the different sheets from which the booklet panes were subsequently cut.

I have compared the illustrations on Wiedemann's centre-punched booklet as shown, in his first article in *Topics* (1971) and in his article (1973, with Hausmann). In the former the centre perfs *do* seem somewhat smaller than the other perfs in the illustration (just as mine seem to be). But in the later article the holes seem to be all the same size!

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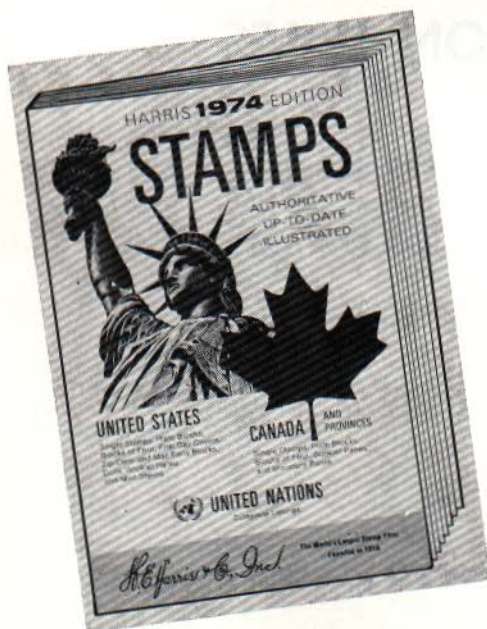
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