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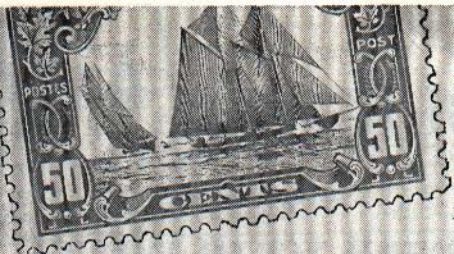
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Jack Levine

1908-1974

BNAPS' founder
and secretary
since 1943

Jack Levine, the founder of BNAPS, died in Raleigh, North Carolina, on Friday, October 4, from complications following an operation. The funeral was held in Long Island, New York.

Only three weeks before he had the satisfaction of seeing yet another of his contributions to the Society culminate in success; it was he who had organized the annual BNAPS convention for 1974 at Williamsburg, Virginia.

The British North America Philatelic Society was an important part of his life from 1943 until he died. Fittingly, the first *Sketches of BNAPSers*, in the February, 1949 issue of *Topics*, was devoted to Jack, member number one; here are excerpts:

Mr. Jack Levine was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. on March 19, 1908. He was married in 1930 and has a daughter of 17 who is equally as attractive and charming as her mother. A manufacturer of ladies' wearing apparel, he still lives in the town in which he was born.

One of his ambitions is to see the BNAPS with a membership of 1,000, and if we all possessed the energy our secretary has, the goal would soon be reached!
— V. G. Greene, 1949

The Society continued to grow and to gain strength; by 1968, BNAPS had reached its 25th year and Jack was suitably honored at the 20th annual convention, held in Austin, Texas. The president that year was Bob Woolley, who in his report stated,

"This is a very special convention, celebrating the silver jubilee of BNAPS which held its organizations meeting on 28th October, 1943, at which time Jack Levine gathered together in New York a small group interested in the study and collection of the stamps of British North America.

"Jack was appointed secretary and since that time has had no competition whatsoever for this distinguished office which he has filled with such high competence guiding a succession of other officers and giving them the benefit of his own wisdom and enthusiasm. His efforts over the years are reflected in the last report which indicated a present membership of 1,041 and still growing. I am sure all members would wish to join me in extending to Jack our most sincere thanks for his inspiration and for his devotion to our interests. . . ."
— R. J. Woolley, 1969

Seventy-five members were registered at that Texas convention; Jack had not been able to attend the previous two conventions, but made up for it here:

"Jack and his wife Buddy were there from Raleigh, North Carolina, as guests of the membership for the all-expense trip. Jack is life member number one and founder of the Society."

"J. N. Sissons presented an engraved tray on behalf of the Society: 'We are all so proud to honor the founder of our Society which would not be here but for him. It has always been a friendly one. Jack Levine has also worked from the founding to serve the Society as secretary.'"

"Jack spoke briefly in reply, saying the idea of having a friendly group came to him after having been completely ignored at the convention of another society that he had served in many capacities. A bouquet of roses was presented to Buddy who has attended many conventions and assisted Jack."

— convention report by W. A. McIntyre, 1968

Jack was delighted and surprised with the tray; the inscription read, "Presented to Jack Levine, BNAPS No. 1, Founder of the British North America Philatelic Society by a grateful membership during the past 25 years. Texas, 1968."

Appropriately, the 1968 December issue of *Topics* carried an updated Sketch on Jack, and a new photo.

"... He and Buddy have been married close to 40 years and have a married daughter who has presented them with three fine grandchildren. Some years ago the Levines headed south where Jack is now a merchant in Raleigh."

"Realizing back in the 1940s that there was not an organization in the U.S. devoted to BNA as a specialty, he ran an ad for interested collectors. The first reply came from our late Dan Myerson. Jack, Dan and Bill Myerson enticed others to form our Society in 1943. . . . Jack was also the editor of Topics for many years and dreamed of the day when there would be 100 active members. Now that his dream has been more than realized, he still remains as secretary with a watchful eye to assure a healthy and growing organization."

"Jack hopes, some day, to find time to really enjoy the stamps which he has collected over the years. His prime interest is, of course, BNA stamps with interest in the used plate blocks. He was an early lover of the Canadian revenues and has written of them."

"What can we say about Jack's endeavors of these past 25 years? Certainly his energy has been the driving force in the building up of BNAPS. He is the first member to give credit to the great number of members who, over these years, have carried on his dreams." — Dr. R. V. C. Carr, 1968

For the past year Jack had worked even harder than usual for BNAPS, handling the intricacies of an annual convention; he had seen the Society grow, not only to 100, or 1,000 members, but to 1,500 members during its 31 years, a society recognized the world over. It was fortunate that Jack was able to be there at his 1974 convention, meet old friends, attend meetings and even play a few rounds of golf.

At his funeral less than a month later, BNAPS was represented by two of Levine's long-standing friends: Bert and Betty Lewellyn and Leo and Sue LaFrance.

President Al Cook expresses the feelings of everyone:

"Our prayers and sympathy to Buddy and their daughter. Jack's was a labor of love and we all loved him for it."



Summer militia camp; tent lines, 1905

Canadian Military Camp Cancels 1901 - 1908

BY J. COLIN CAMPBELL

Reports of previously unrecorded military cancellations used in Canada between 1901 and 1908 have been non-existent for a number of years. The primary purpose of this article then, is to bring to light a cancel used in Nova Scotia in 1905 and 1906 (see figure 1). Military activity began in that province early in the 17th century.

There are two cancels from the early 1900s which have been well documented, one of these being the Royal Review, Exhibition Park Camp—Toronto cancel of

1901 shown as figure 2. Then there is the Central Camp—Petawawa cancel with earliest date reported of 1906 (figure 3). This was accompanied by a barred-circle



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ROYAL REVIEW,
EXHIBITION PARK CAMP

OCT 11 1901

TORONTO
ARMY POST OFFICE.



killer. Land for this camp was acquired in the previous year.

Aldershot Camp in Nova Scotia has known two geographical locations, the first after 1867 on a sandy plain at Aylesford near the Annapolis County line. The second, which exists to this day, was established in 1904 when the Dominion Government purchased land in the Pine Woods' Cornwallis, just north of Kentville. The slopes were named Strawberry and Blueberry Hills!

During 1904 through 1906 the militia in Canada was very active and important changes took place. These included the appointment of a Militia Council which was responsible directly to the Minister of the Militia. This was the Hon. Sir Frederick Borden who held that post from 1896 to 1907. Revision of regimental establishments, raises in pay and increased training both at local and district camps also took place. The year 1905 witnessed the formation of the Maritime Provincial Command under Lieut. Col. C. W. Drury, C.B., R.C.A. These duties were additional to his command of Number 9 Military District.

The year 1906 was highly satisfactory for the militia regarding the large numbers of militia personnel trained at district camps, some 3000 at Aldershot alone receiving up to 12 days training. Other camps reporting comparative training figures were, London, Niagara and Cobourg in Ontario and Levis, P.Q. Expenditures for the militia,

1905-06 was \$5,594,009.

A considerable amount of microfilm has been viewed in Ottawa in an effort to find a proof strike of the Aldershot cancel. None was found. It was learned that part of the 1905 period is missing from these records. Many other leads were explored at various centres in Canada, England and the U.S.A. with very little information forthcoming. Figure 4 illustrates a cancel, not unlike the Nova Scotia cancel, which was used in England in the 1855 to 1858 period.

Despite the absence of reports of cancels from all of these camps it is possible that musty trunks in dusty attics still hide examples after some 70 years have passed. Camp post offices operated at Aldershot and Petawawa prior to 1908. Surely some evidence can be found proving that post offices were set up in Niagara and Cobourg camps? A further search of your early cancels may turn up an example or two of these elusive military camp cancels. Your reports, through this Journal or to the writer, would be appreciated.

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Lt. Edgar A. Alton and his Curtiss JN-4

The Estevan - Winnipeg Flight

OCTOBER 1, 1924

BY RICHARD K. MALOTT

The year 1924 witnessed the creation of the Royal Canadian Air Force, the Ontario Provincial Air Service, the inauguration of a scheduled air mail service by Laurentide Air Service between Haileybury, Ontario and Rouyn, Quebec (on September 21) and an attempt to fly the first air mail in the Province of Saskatchewan on October 1, 1924.

The story on the last event is not complicated. A group of people decided to promote their Estevan District by incorporating the use of a famous Canadian barnstorming pilot, Lt. Edgar A. Alton and his Curtiss JN-4 biplane to fly authorized mail from Estevan, Saskatchewan to Winnipeg, Manitoba. A great deal of planning was necessary by various interested individuals: Colin A. Manlove, a chartered accountant and in 1925 the proprietor of the Mid-Canada Stamp Company of Estevan; C. D. Griffith, postmaster at Estevan; Donald Dunbar, editor of the *Estevan Mercury*; Corp. E. D. Fryett of North Portal, Saskatchewan; and pilot Lt. Edgar A. Alton.

A special envelope with publicity for the region was prepared along with a post-office-approved vignette that sold for \$1, printed in black on red gummed paper depicting a coal mining scene from the Estevan area. Varieties of inverted inscription, no inscription, and wide spacing between the letters of "e" and "w" in Saskatchewan exist on these vignettes.

There were 1,926 envelopes flown with about 500 bearing the special vignette. A special double-oval cachet in violet in three lines was used: "Via Aeroplane/October 1, 1924/Estevan, Saskatchewan". One envelope for each of the following type of vignette was flown on the flight: a normal pair, pair with inverted inscription, and a stamp with no inscription; also three envelopes flown with U.S. postage, postmarked at Wahpeton, North Dakota, dated September 26, 1924.

Despite all precautions Alton's aircraft developed engine trouble; he was forced to land near Bienfait, Saskatchewan, and hit a concealed rock pile, smashing the air-

craft's wings. The special mail was taken to the local Post Office by Alton and it went on to Winnipeg by train. Despite the quantity of envelopes flown they are not too easily located today.

Alton stated that he bought his JN-4 for \$2,600 from the famous Canadian pilots Col. Billy Bishop and Col. Barker, in 1922. He paid for the aircraft in eight days by charging \$15, \$10, \$5 or \$3 for flights in his barnstorming activities.

Frank Ellis, Canada's best-known air historian wrote of E. A. Alton and his mechanic "Slim" in his Canadian aviation history *Canada's Flying Heritage*.

"Of the itinerant post-war barnstormers Lt. E. A. Alton, owning and flying his own "Jenny", made his home in Manitoba, foraying into adjacent states and provinces. Others came and went, but Alton and his faithful Curtiss carried on in fair weather and foul, until the first and final crack-up at the end of 1924 on a mail-carrying flight from Estevan to Winnipeg.

"Alton's mechanic 'Slim' was not only an expert mechanic but a wing walker par excellence. His most daring stunt was to sit atop the centre section of the upper wing, a couple of thousand feet in the air, hook his long legs around the two front

centre struts at the same time grasping two loops of rope attached to the two rear centre struts. Then Alton would stick the nose of the machine down to earth and after sufficient speed was attained over they would go in a tight loop.

"They would do this several times on the way down, before they considered they had given the watchers below their full money's worth. Slim would then disentangle himself and scramble back into the rear cockpit, and they would land to receive their well deserved applause.

"After the flight from Estevan, Alton joined the Ford company to get into their aviation department but they sent him to India. While there he helped pioneer the Bombay Flying Club and was its first secretary. He then became a pilot for the Native State of Jonagadh until World War II. He trained and was a friend of Tata who flew various first flights in India around 1932."

Data concerning Alton's World War II activities in the RCAF is not known. In the 1960s he was a real estate dealer in Toronto. It is hoped that he was still living to observe the 50th anniversary of his abrupt but significant air mail flight on October 1, 1924.

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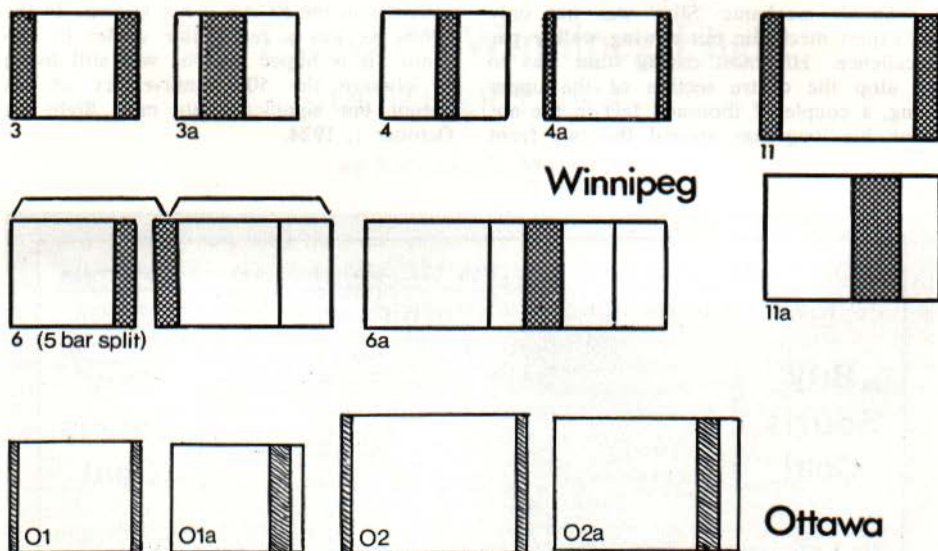
In the hopes of adding a little something to the various studies on the 1967 Definitive Issue, I was asked to tabulate the tagging errors known on this issue. Included are the necessary types of both Winnipeg and General tagging, and the listing which follows will refer to these types only, as they are the only ones which apply to the 1967 Definitives.

The tabulation that follows will stick to the simplified list of papers I have devised for tagged stamps. Also, since most tagged errors are found used, it becomes difficult to tabulate gums, and these have been largely overlooked in this listing.

Paper types referred to are as follows: 1. Non reflective — dull. 2. Non reflective — bright. 3. Reflective — dull. 4. Reflective — bright. 5. Hibright.

Where identifiable, gums will be referred to as Dex. and PVA only.

WINNIPEG AND OTTAWA TYPES: 1967 definitive issues



TAGGING ERRORS ON PERFINs: 1967 definitive issue

Value	Tag Type	Perfin	Perfin Type	Paper	Gum
1c brown	4	CNR	C21a	2	Dex
1c brown	4	CNR	C21a	5	PVA
1c brown	3	GN	G16	1	Dex
1c brown	01	MLI Co.	M11	1	PVA
1c brown	4	MLC	M9	1	PVA
1c brown	4	MLC	M9	5	PVA
1c brown	01	MLC	M9	1	PVA

2c green	3	CNR	C21a	1	Dex
2c green	4	CNR	C21a	2	Dex
2c green	3 + 1	MLC	M9	1	PVA
2c green	4	MLC	M9	2	Dex
2c green	01	MLC	M9	2	PVA
2c green	3	CPR	C26a	1	Dex
3c purple	3	CNR	C21a	1	Dex
3c purple	3	MLC	M9	1	Dex
4c carmine	6	CNR	C21a	1	Dex
4c carmine	6	GN	G16	1	Dex
4c carmine	4	CNR	C21a	2	Dex
4c carmine	4	MLC	M9	2	PVA
5c blue	3	CPR	C26a	1	Dex
5c blue	3	CNR	C21a	1	Dex
5c blue	4	CNR	C21a	2	Dex
5c blue	4	MLC	M9	5	Dex
6c orange perf 10	3	MLC	M9	1	Dex
6c orange perf 12	3	CNR	C21a	1	Dex
6c orange perf 12	3	MLC	M9	1	Dex
6c orange	3	GN	G16	1	Dex
6c black die 1	3	MLC	M9	1	Dex
6c black die 1	3	CNR	C21a	1	Dex
6c black die 2	4	MLC	M9	1	Dex
6c black die 3	4	MLC	M9	1	PVA
6c black die 3	01	MLC	M9	1	PVA
6c black	4	PS	P10	2	Dex
7c green	3	MLC	M9	1	Dex
8c slate	01	CNR	C19	3	PVA
8c slate	3	CNR	C21a	1	PVA
8c slate	01	CNR	C20	1	PVA
8c slate	3	MLC	M9	1	Dex
8c slate	01	MLC	M9	3	PVA
8c slate	01	MLC	M9	1	Dex
8c slate	3	MLC	M9	3	PVA
10c olive	11	CNR	C21a	5	PVA
10c olive	11	PS	P10	1	Dex
10c olive	11	PS	P10	5	PVA
20c blue	11	CNR	C21a	1	Dex
20c blue	11	CNR	C21a	3	PVA

TAGGING ERRORS: 1967 definitive issue

Value	Error Type	Paper	Gum	Rarity Factor
1c brown	3a	1	Dex	C
1c brown	4a	1	?	A
1c brown	01a	1	PVA	C
2c green	3a	1	Dex	C
2c green	01a	1	PVA	C
2c green	01a	3	PVA	D
3c purple	3a	1	Dex	D
3c purple pres	01a	4	PVA	A
4c carmine	6a	1	Dex	B
4c carmine	01a	3	PVA	C
5c blue	3a	1	Dex	E
5c blue	3 + 3a**	1	Dex	A
5c blue	4a	1	?	A
5c blue	4 + 4a**	1	?	A
5c blue	4+ untagged se tenant	1	Dex	A
6c black	01a (4mm)	1	PVA	E
6c black	01a (3mm)	1	PVA	D
6c black	01 + 01a (4mm)**	1	PVA	A
6c black prec.	01a	1	PVA	A

7c green	3a	1	Dex	B
8c slate	3a	1	PVA	E
8c slate	3a	3	PVA	E
8c slate	3a	4	PVA	E
8c slate coil	01a	1	PVA	B
8c slate coil	01a	4	PVA	B
8c slate	01a	1	PVA	E
8c slate	01a	3	PVA	E
8c slate	01a	4	PVA	E
10c olive	11a	2	PVA	C
15c purple	11a	2	PVA	C
20c blue	11a	2	Dex	A
20c blue	11a	3	PVA	C
25c green	11a	5	PVA	C
25c booklets	01a	1	PVA	D
25c booklets	01a	3	PVA	D



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In December's *Topics* I mentioned partial strikes showing two or three letters such as "PA" of "PAID" and others. The question I posed was whether a stamp I had seen with the initials "RED" was part of a strike of "REGISTERED". I now have a letter from E. S. J. van Dam who confirms having seen full strikes of this on legal documents possibly from a Court House or a Land Registry office.

This could also be the answer to the design reported in June-July issue of 1972 when I illustrated a 1c green Admiral with the initials "ER" beautifully struck on a stamp with a nice Red Deer, Alberta cancellation.

Will the joker with access to a "REGISTERED" cancellor please stand up?

Sun Life Assurance Company

I have always been curious about the three different designs used by this company. If you will refer to the November 1973 issue of *Topics*, I noted their S10 design reported on the Map stamp. Bob Doull now reports a second copy. From previous information, Sun Life used S8, SL/ACo on their stamps until the Admiral-issue period.

No S10 designs have been reported on the Queen Victoria, Maple Leaf, numeral or the King Edward VII issues when the SL/ACo perforator seems to have been in general use. I just have to conclude that Sun Life had a small stock of Map stamps held over until S10 came into use; quite a long time.

Another thought: because of the amount

of foreign mail handled by insurance companies they sometimes have company stamp club. Is there someone in the office with philatelic interests?

* * *

Thornbury, Ontario has come up again as a possible district office of the New York Life Insurance Company with a perforating machine with the code hole type A3. This has been discussed previously some years ago and as the present owner was good enough to tell me the source from which he acquired the stamp I am reasonably sure it is the same stamp that I have previously seen.

The Perfin Club in their listing allocate the code hole type to Buffalo, N.Y. and Thornbury, Ontario. In my opinion Thornbury should not be mentioned. Thornbury is a small village with no New York Life office. There was probably, and maybe still is, an active agent there and the Buffalo office no doubt did business with him and in the course of corresponding with him they did perforate a few Canadian stamps.

Our handbook shows code hole type A3 as unidentified but when revised it will be shown as the Buffalo office.

* * *

Some of our perfin collectors (and I too) are interested in knowing how many perfin machines are still being used. I do know of the following:

* * *

C19 — CNR	C27 — CPR
C20 — CNR	L1 — LA

C22 — CNR
C26 — CPR
C26a — CPR

P10 — PS
S2a — S
W14 — WW/Jr

I think that there are a few more and I would appreciate hearing from other collectors with perfin on the 1967 issue or later.



The RPO Cowcatcher

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M35 Hammer Separation

Hammers V and VI are easily recognizable and we will dispose of them first; however, Hammers I-IV are extremely difficult to separate and it is suggested that greatest care be taken in adhering to the following steps:

1. Compared to Hammers I through IV, the letters of Hammer V are larger and wider, while those of Hammer VI are smaller and more openly spaced. In a broad array of M35 strikes, first glance would appear to give three hammers — Hammers I-IV with normal letters, Hammer V with bigger letters and Hammer VI with smaller letters.
2. Measure the chordal distance from the period after the "R" to the period after "O", both of RPO; since these periods vary in size, measurements should be taken from the approximate center of each. A distance of over 10 mm is Hammer V, while a distance of over 8½ mm is Hammer VI. Hammers I and III are 8 mm or over, while Hammers II and IV are 7½ or less.
3. Measure the chordal distance from the bottom of the "Y" to the bottom of the right leg of the "R" AND the following period, all of YAR. Hammer I measures almost 6 mm and 6¾ mm, while Hammer III measures only 5¼ mm and 6½ mm. Hammer II measures 5 mm and 6 mm, while Hammer IV measures 5½ mm and 6½ mm. (Hammers V and VI both measure 6 mm and 7¼ mm).
4. The following, with Step 5, will accomplish a complete separation of the six hammers. Measure the chordal distance from the intersection of the horizontal bar with the left leg of the "H" with the point of intersection of the two legs of the "X", both of HX. If this distance is 3½ mm, or closer to such than it is

to 4 mm, you have Group A, Hammers I, II, and VI. If this distance is 4 mm or over, or closer to 4 mm than to 3½ mm, you have Group B, Hammers III, IV, and V.

5. From Step 4 above, measure the chordal distance from the bottom of the left leg of the "H" of HX to the lower left corner of the "B" of BR. For Group A, this distance is 5½ mm, 6 mm and 6½ mm for Hammers I, II and VI respectively; for Group B, this distance is 5½ mm (or a fraction over), 6 mm and 6¼ mm for Hammers III, IV and V respectively.

The paucity of letters in the M35 run make identification very difficult. There just is not much to hang your hat on, and partial strikes are really murder. We believe that there may be another hammer lurking in all of this, specifically in Hammer VI, but we do not have sufficient material in this late period to take a definitive position. A very good indication of both odd and even indicia numbers for Hammer VI; so far, we have only found even numbers. This run has been reported as early as 1905; we consider this impossible and doubt that this run will ever be reported before the first hammer 1929 proof date.

M35A

HALIFAX BR. & YAR./R.P.O.

One Hammer, Type 17H

Proofed: April 25, 1952
Earliest: September 6, 1957
Latest: July 10, 1962
Indicia: 285, 286
Usage: To be advised
R.F.: 130

Comments: Another of the modern RPOs that is not too easy to find and is conspicuous by its brevity in our collection. We believe that both earlier and later dates are certainties and would welcome any information which would fit this run into the scheme of things along with M34A and M35.

Some Newfoundlanders give their views on stamps as advertising

BY ROBERT H. PRATT

In 1897, the Hon. Robert Bond was Colonial Secretary of Newfoundland. It was he who initiated the purchase of the Cabot issue of stamps which were presented to the public on June 24 of that year. On February 17 he wrote to Mr. J. O. Frazer, Postmaster General of the island:

"Sir, referring to your note of Date the 6th Ultimo addressed to Mr. Berteau of this department relative to the proposed "Cabot" issue of postage stamps. I think we should consider the matter not only from the historical standpoint, but also from the financial, and if I am correct in that view would it not be well to make our number of designs and value of stamps as large as possible?

"The United States made a very large sum of money out of the Columbian issue. I see no reason why this colony may not expect a handsome return from its Cabot issue.

"I have thought that the following values would be about right, viz: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30, 36 and 48, the complete 'Cabot' issue having the value of \$2.04. I shall be glad to receive your views anent the matter and also to learn how many stamps of each denomination you consider it would be desirable for the government to order?

"I have, etc. Hon. R. Bond, C.S."

On the 19th the stamps were ordered; however 35c and 60c values were substituted for the 36c and 48c requested. Time passed, governments changed and J. Alex Robinson became Colonial Secretary while J. O. Frazer continued on as Postmaster General. A year and a day after the above

letter, the Colonial Secretary wrote to the Postmaster General:

"Sir, an advertising card, apparently issued under your directions, has come to my notice. I beg to remind you that the sale of stamps for other than postal purposes is not the province of, but only incidental to, your department, and the Government of the Colony are not ambitious to place themselves in rivalry with stamp dealers. Already the reputation of the Colony is suffering from speculation in stamps and silver, and the inevitable results are being experienced. I have to request that you will immediately withdraw these cards from circulation, and for the credit of the Colony, I can only hope that they have not already received circulation abroad.

"Pardon me for reminding you that the post office was established for the convenience of the people, and not as a stamp speculating concern, nor as an emporium for the sale of pictures.

"I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant, Colonial Secretary."

Alas, alack, these postcards (the last of three different ones to be prepared) *did* make it to the outer world; examples are known delivered in the United States; they offered the 'Royal' Issue stamps for sale to collectors. Later on in the year, Newfoundland joined with many of the British colonies in effectuating Penny Postage. Canada issued its map stamp to commemorate the event and evidently the same idea was present in Newfoundland. Colonial Secretary Robinson wrote another of his epistles to Frazer on November 24:



"Sir, in reply to your letter of the 23rd, I can only repeat what was previously decided upon, that no new stamps are to be issued until the old issue is exhausted. When the old five cents are out, the new (Royal) five cents should come into circulation, but not before. Our postal speculations have become a byword already, and it will be a very serious thing if we attempt any more double issues. I shall be very pleased to hear of a recommendation from you to destroy all remainders at present in the office, so that we may place the whole stamp system on a sound basis.

"I note what you say relative to the issue of a new stamp in commemoration of Penny Postage, and will lay the matter before the Council. Personally I very much disapprove of the idea. I consider that the Colony has gone so far in this sort of thing as to be past losing its reputation amongst philatelists.

"I have the honor to be, Sir, Your obedient servant, Colonial Secretary."

Newfoundland did not commemorate Penny Postage with a stamp and remainders of some of the Cabot and older issues were destroyed January 4, 1900. Higher values of the Cabot stamps were retained for use on parcels. The above letter provoked some response from Frazer, and Robinson replied on November 29 with the following letter which completes our word-picture of two different Colonial Secretaries. Robert Bond would become Prime Minister in 1900 and Robinson the last Postmaster General, prior to the establishment of a Minister of Posts and Telegraphs, in 1917.

"Sir, Your letter of the 28th, it is hardly necessary for me to say, entirely misinterprets a remark made in a recent letter. I did not refer to the Cabot stamps, but I did emphatically refer to the number of remainders at present in the Post Office. Newfoundland is, I presume, the only country in the world which can boast of three sets of 3 cent stamps on sale at the same time.

"I observe what you remark as to the interests of the public being sacrificed, and am entirely in accord with you. At the same time I would remind you that there are 3,000,000 stamp collectors in the world from whom we can make a very legitimate revenue, so long as we do not permit the Colonial Post Office to be transformed into a picture shop.

"I have the honor to be, etc."

As a sidelight, the Hon. Robert Bond designed and approved the 2c red Map stamp prepared in 1908. This was another of his efforts to 'sell' Newfoundland.

The Caribou issue, (January 2, 1919) was issued to commemorate the activities of the Newfoundland Regiment in World War I and as early as April 1917 Postmaster-General J. Alex Robinson had expressed an opinion that he "was favorably impressed with the idea of issuing stamps to recognize the actions of the Newfoundland Regiment." The Caribou issue came out under his aegis.

In 1936, G. D. Fraser, secretary of the Department of Posts and Telegraphs, wrote in a report:

"The adoption of this suggestion would render obsolescent all the issues of "Industrial" stamps (as many stamps as possible should bear a simple portrait of the King). With my limited experience of Newfoundland I cannot say what would be the reaction upon the public. I have taken into consultation my heads of departments and I am assured by them that the reaction would be unfavorable, not from any sense of disloyalty to His Majesty, but because the "Industrial" stamps are regarded as an advertising medium of Newfoundland's natural resources, and evidence of the country's individuality in the matter of its stamp issues."

The Long Coronation issue of 1937 came out in the next year and retained the designs of the industrial issue, but now were enlarged to include an oval vignette of the King's head. Thus, the advertising philosophy and homage to the king were both satisfied.



TOPICS: THE NEWSFRONT

In 1975, Canada Post will issue a new stamp on an average of every 10.73 days, for a total of 34 stamps. This schedule is likely to have slight changes, as was the case last year:

January 22: Semi-official Olympics; swimming, rowing and sailing in denominations of 8 + 2, 10 + 5 and 15 + 5 (total of three).

March 21: Olympic commemoratives; photos of two sculptures by Dr. Robert Tait McKenzie, \$1 and \$2 values (two stamps).

April 4: Indians series: Indians of the Subarctic (four stamps).

May 15: Famous Canadians, in pairs setenant:

Lucy Maud Montgomery, author; and Robert Service, poet.

May 30: Marguerite Bourgeoys, founder of the Order of Notre Dame; and Alphonse Dejadins, leader of the credit union movement. John Cook and Samuel Dwight Chown, church leaders (six stamps, probably first in a long series).

June 11: Olympic commemoratives; track and field (shot put, pole vault and marathon running) in 20c, 25c and 50c values (three stamps).

July 14: International Women's Year (one stamp).

August 4: Semi-official Olympics: combat sports (fencing, boxing and judo) in 8 + 2, 10 + 5 and 15 + 5 (three stamps).

September 2: Supreme Court of Canada, centenary (one stamp).

September 24: Canadian ships (four stamps).

October 22: Christmas (six stamps).

November 10: Royal Canadian Legion, 50th anniversary (one stamp).

Note the number of Olympic stamps — 11 of them for a total of \$4.85 for single copies, with the high values making the average denomination 44 cents per Olympic stamp; collectors are paying a high price for the Olympic games.

Interesting too are the number of the-matics and near-thematics: four boats, four Indians and six Christmas stamps.

One member has formed an interesting series of varieties on the 8c value from the current booklet pane: from the straight edge at the bottom, the lettering "Canada 8" gradually seems to disappear, like frames from an animated cartoon, when the group of stamps are placed in a certain order. He has copies of several stamps poorly inked, from several separate booklets, and on one only the Queen's head appears, with no lettering at all; the others have ink on only the upper part of the lettering, to various depths.

From the same booklet and stamp, another member reports a semi-circular gouge at the top of the Queen's hair, about 2 mm across; he doesn't state if this is constant or not.

SOME RECENT PUBLICATIONS

1974-75 edtn., "Stamps of the United States, United Nations and Canada" published by H. E. Harris & Co., Inc. of Boston; size 8½" x 5½", 250 pages; price \$1.50 in the U.S.

As always, this neat mini-catalogue is concise, cleanly printed and reliable. While it provides a wealth of specialized data on U.S. issues, its coverage of U.N. and Canada issues is comparable to Scott. At this price, it's surely a best buy.

The Harris Stamp Collector's Guide and Companion — same price, size, and publisher as above; 160 pages.

A stamp identifier, glossary, collectors' dictionary, English equivalents for 21 foreign numerical systems, a 19-page map section, listing of some classic rarities, catalogue of accessories and two philatelic articles are all featured in this new volume, with plenty of illustrations. "For beginners and advanced collectors," it says on the cover, but it will be used far more by beginners.

Post Office Department **NEW ISSUES**



Four multicoloured stamps will feature reproductions of paintings by four famous Canadian artists on this year's Christmas stamps.

A total of 130 million 6c, 105 million 8c, 15 million 10c, and 19 million 15c stamps, printed by Ashton-Potter Limited of Toronto, will be issued November 1. Four and five color lithography is used.

The 6c stamp is a reproduction of Jean Paul Lemieux's painting, *Nativité*; the 8c, Henri Masson's *Skaters in Hull*; the 10c Robert C. Todd's *The Ice Cone, Montmorency Falls*; and the 15c, Clarence A. Gagnon's *Village in the Laurentian Mountains*.

The 6c, 10c and 15c stamps measure 36 mm by 30 mm in a horizontal format. The 8c stamp measures 33 mm by 30 mm in a horizontal format. Typography for all four stamps was done by Wallis and Matanovic of Toronto. The sizes above are perforation-to-perforation.

The second stamp in the new Multicultural series will go on sale November 15. It shows a portrait of Guglielmo Marconi with a view of Newfoundland's St. John's harbor in the background, as seen from Signal Hill.

The stamp was designed by John B.

Boyle (about whom nothing further is stated in the Canada Post press releases) and 28 million of the multi-colored four-color lithographed stamps have been printed by Toronto's Ashton Potter Ltd.

The stamp marks the centenary of Marconi's birth in Bologna, Italy, thus paying tribute to the many Italian immigrants now making their homes in Canada.



Backed by friends in England, Marconi attempted trans-Atlantic radio broadcasts with transmitters at Cornwall, England, and receivers at Cape Cod, Massachusetts. But the aerials at both sites collapsed, and he decided on a weaker signal across a shorter stretch of the Atlantic.

He landed at St. John's on December 6, 1901, and the authorities permitted him to use some abandoned military buildings at Signal Hill. A balloon kept the receiving aerials aloft, and just before the wind carried the balloon away, Marconi heard the morse letter "s" come through his ear-phones. That was on December 11.

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Two new sets of official post cards were issued on September 24 by the National Postal Museum. Each contains five items; the first a large reproduction of five early penny issues of Canada, the second set five early mail-carrying methods illustrated by vintage photographs. The franking device on the back side shows a small reproduction of the larger picture, similar to other recent post cards. Now anyone can have a 12d black, officially issued (on heavy, almost cardboard, paper).

The Postal Museum had its own FDC cancellation for the event — a round stamp showing a beaver and the wording, "Musée-Postal-Museum-27-IX, 1974-Ottawa, Canada. Day of issue-Jour D'emission."



Winthrop S. Boggs and
the Crawford medal award
to him for his classic work



Second printing after 29 years Boggs' *Canada*: still the most important BNA reference book of all

SOME NEW PUBLICATIONS

The Postage Stamps and Postal History of Canada, by Winthrop S. Boggs. A new printing by Quarterman Publications, Inc. of 5 South Union Street, Lawrence, Mass. 01839; 870 pages, hardbound, size 6" x 9", retail price \$40. The entire first volume of the original is included, plus 77 pages from the original second volume of appendices. In addition 37 pages of notes are included from Boggs' own copy of the original edition. Available from the publisher, many dealers, and the BNAPS Book Department.

Few would deny that Boggs' *Canada* is the BNA philatelists' "bible" and that it comes as close as any reference could to being a supreme authority on its subject.

First published in 1945 and selling for \$15 as a two-volume set, it was available for several years from dealers. Once stocks had run out it began turning up at auction sales, selling at a slight premium. By the late 1960s the original was fetching around \$35 and was attaining the status of a collectors' item. Its price rose steadily until, this summer, a copy sold at \$170.

The most significant aspect of this reprint is that it is now possible for the average collector to own his own copy. To the hundreds of newer BNA collectors and students — and hundreds of BNAPS members — it must have been frustrating to find that this precious book was beyond their reach for so many years.

The economics of publishing made it necessary to reduce the number of pages from the second volume that could be included in this reprint; this second volume contained source material in the form of appendices, and was rarely used even by the most avid students. Those missing portions in this reprint should be of little concern.

The economics of publishing also made it necessary to reproduce each page, photographically, from the original. This has proven to be an advantage because the typography and layout of the original now remains intact; as a result the added notes from Boggs' own original copy have not been injected into the original pages but are included in a separate section. Those pages on which added notes apply are marked with an aster-

isk, however, for easy referral.

Obviously a great deal of care was exercised in making the new plates from the original pages; this shows particularly in the illustrations, which have barely lost anything in the transition — a difficult task since the original engravings were mediocre at best.

The new volume is handsomely bound with an attractive dust jacket, and a preface by the new publisher and a foreword by John Alden, keeper of rare books at the Boston Public Library, and a BNAPS member.

"The (original) work as published made no pretensions to typographic distinction, and its production reflected wartime conditions," says the new publisher in his preface. "To reproduce it, using the resources of modern technology, a single volume appeared to provide the best economic compromise and yet reach the collector. . . . We take great pleasure in being able to not only make available this established classic in reprint form but also to extend its scope."

Quarterman Publications also expects to bring out the early Howes book and is negotiating to reprint Jarrett's 1928 catalogue.

It has already printed Frank Campbell's *Canada Post Offices* and will also issue his *Canadian Postal History* very soon.

In John Alden's moving foreword, he states, "Canadian philately has been singularly fortunate in the quality of the collectors and the students it has attracted. Amongst the latter none ranks higher than the late W. S. Boggs, whose (book) remains, after almost three decades, unsurpassed. Others have since explored in greater detail certain facets of the field, yet Boggs, many will concur, retains his primacy — not least, one ventures to observe, because his work is far easier to use and to move around in. It is safe to say that collectors will continue to consult it first, and only then, if need be, go on to more recent publications. . . ."

" . . . As an author he displays the genuine humility of the true scholar . . . by diligently ferreting out relevant information, consulting authorities to whose aid he pays generous tribute, providing pertinent documentation, and organizing his materials clearly and meaningfully. . . . We can ourselves but feel humble at the debt we owe the man."

the minority view

Strangely enough, several earlier objections to this reprint have come to the editor's attention. These seem to stem from the distorted notion that owners of the original edition should somehow be "protected". These critics, it would appear, have placed the original edition in the same category as a fairly-rare stamp and have blithely ignored the fact that the Boggs work is a practical book that should be widely available to as many serious students and collectors as possible. Instead they regard this reprint as some kind of a forgery or counterfeit against which collectors should be guarded.

Such critics have offered the argument that collectors will be misled into believing that this is a complete reprint, rather than one containing only about one-fifth of the appendices from the original's second volume; that proper copyright clearance has not been obtained; that it is overpriced; that the book "is just a copy, page for page, of the original"; and they have even gone so far as to say it would be damaging for BNAPS' reputation to have any part in selling, let alone encouraging, this new edition.

In fact, copyright clearance *has* been obtained, the price is reasonable for a large tome of this type, the missing portions are of little importance, the fact that the original pages have not been tampered with is an advantage; and Quarterman's advertising has been most honest.

Fortunately such unfounded criticisms have mostly evaporated in recent weeks and the new edition is being sold by many dealers, including BNAPS' own Book Department.

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 PATTERSON, William, 1111c—34th St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 2007 (C) NFD—19th century mint and used postage and mint blocks. 1st Flight covers. Mint booklet panes and complete booklets. Mint, used, semi-official Airmails and on cover. Postal Stationery entires. Literature. Proofs and Essays. Forgeries. Proposed by John Siverts (59). Seconded by C. A. Stillions (2495).
 STOKL, Frank Paul, 22 Organ Crescent, Hamilton, Ont. L8T 1Y6 (DC-c). Proposed by C. R. McNeil (649).
 TURKIN, H., 681 Main St., Bldg. 1A, Belleville, N.J. 07109 (C-x) CAN, NFD—19th and 20th century mint postage. Stampless, 1st Day and 1st Flight covers. Mint booklet panes. Proofs and Essays. "Locals". Territorial cancellations. Error varieties. Proposed by J. Levine (L1).

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TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, September 1, 1974	1476	
NEW MEMBERS, October 1, 1974	28	1504
RESIGNATIONS, October 1, 1974	2	2
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TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, October 1, 1974		1502

NOTICE

The BNAPS Board of Governors is currently attempting to fill the position of Secretary, left vacant by the untimely death of Jack Levine. As a result there will undoubtedly be delays in compiling lists of new members, completing the minutes of the last general meeting at Williamsburg, and other items. The Directors ask the members' indulgence.



JAMES E. KRAEMER

**Canada's national Postal Museum
boasts an experienced manager**

*James E.
Kraemer
No. 774*

As manager of Canada's National Postal Museum, James E. Kraemer is responsible for organizing, planning and the administration of the museum. The interim museum opened in September on the ground floor of one of the larger buildings in the suburban Confederation Heights complex in Ottawa, the Sir Alexander Campbell building.

(A full report on the museum and its opening will appear in a forthcoming issue of *Topics*.)

The museum will move to new downtown quarters, to be specially designed and constructed, in about five years, according to present plans. It would be nice if the permanent building were ready in 1978, the year the international exhibition is being held in Canada.)

Jim's background in philately and business management serves him well in his position. Jim is a longtime member of BNAPS. He is honorary vice-president of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, a former director of the Germany Philatelic Society, an accredited judge of the American Philatelic Society and a member of many other philatelic organizations including the Royal Philatelic Society of London and the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain.

His organizing ability has been recognized and as a result he has served as president of local and regional clubs, including the Kitchener-Waterloo Philatelic So-

ciety, the Germany Philatelic Society of Kitchener, and the Grand River Valley Philatelic Association.

Among Jim's collecting interests are St. Helena Boer War covers, Brazil, Canada precancels, Germany City issues of 1945-56 and early Canada. Among the latter we know he has a collection of Squared Circle cancels on Jubilees, a specialized 8c Small Queen collection and is a member of the BNAPS Revenue Group.

Perhaps his chief interest at present is postal history of the Huron Tract and Indian lands. This area of southern Ontario takes in the counties of Bruce, Grey, Dufferin, Wellington, Waterloo, Perth and Huron. Jim has been working for years on a postal history book of this area; perhaps we shall see its publication in the near future.

As might be expected, Jim has been active in historical societies. He has been a director of the Ontario Pioneer Foundation and as an officer of the Waterloo Historical Society.

With a background in engineering his business career has been chiefly in the field of management and administration. He is a senior member of the Society of Plastics Engineers; prior to his appointment with the museum, he was marketing manager in the field of electronics equipment.

MAIL FROM OUR MEMBERS

Fancy cancels

I enclose herewith tracings of two fancy cancels which I have recently obtained, and which do not appear to be on record in the Day and Smythies handbook, or other literature which I have consulted.

The particulars of the covers on which these cancels occur are as follows:

The "B" Cancel: No record of sender. Addressee, "W. T. Clark, 495 Dundas St., London, Ont." Ordinary private envelope 6½ x 3¾ inches. No backstamp. Postage prepaid by single Scott 192.

The "I" cancel. Corner imprint, "Return in 6 days to Box R, Blenheim, Ontario." Addressee, "Messrs. Elliott and Marr, Wholesale Grocers, London, Ont." Ordinary private envelope, 6½ x 3¾ inches. No backstamp. Postage prepaid by single Scott 192.

I shall be interested to know whether other members possess specimens of these two Blenheim cancels, and whether they were used in other years than 1932.

— J. Paul Hughes

applied across tears that are now the worst eyesores imaginable.

Two years ago an estate property came in — 12 volumes of postwar Europe, all collected in never-hinged sets and all placed in Hawid mounts. Off hand I would say they were worth over \$50,000, all of them being in fresh, choice condition. But unfortunately the owner — just to make sure the stamps would not fall out — placed tiny bits of scotch tape on the top of every mount!

This collection was carefully put aside for many years. When it was brought in, almost every stamp had a grease spot on the top three or four perforations which ran well into the stamp.

To preserve and protect — that's the first job of every collector. Otherwise then these little pieces of paper we all love so much will be ruined, and be denied to someone else who otherwise might have enjoyed them.

— William H. P. Maresh

Canada Post

I would have hoped that Rosecraft Covers would have put out a last day cover, commemorating the monopoly of the Canada Post Office in the First Day Cover field. The Canada Post FDCs do not come close to the art work that Rosecraft had in its covers and they will be sorely missed.

I also wonder whether Canada Post will raise any funds through the sale of semi-postals for the Olympic Games — what with the cost of advertising today in national and international publications. Now not only can you have the stamps of paper, you can have your choice in bronze, silver, or gold. It makes one wonder who exactly is making the profit on all these Canada Post offerings.

Is it coincidental that the Deputy Postmaster General of Canada was once the president of International Telephone and Telegraph, Canada? Incidentally, ITT produce the automatic sorting machines for the post office through their subsidiary in Guelph. It seemed that Canadians did not have the expertise to produce these machines, and ITT was not the lowest bidder.

— Michael J. Squirell



Scotch tape

Will someone please tell your members to disregard Mr. Jacques Laroche's remarks in the August issue of *Topics*?

Keep scotch tape or self-stick mounts as far away as possible from stamps and covers! These products are manufactured from an oil-based substance that will eventually soak through anything, leaving an irremovable stain on stamp and covers.

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