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This is being written on the eve of the RPSC show, QUEPEX. A number of BNAPS members were at Compex in Chicago last weekend, and we expect to see more members at Quebec. Those who made it to Chicago were rewarded by seeing one of the best BNA exhibits in years. At Quebec we look forward to one of the better RPSC Conventions.

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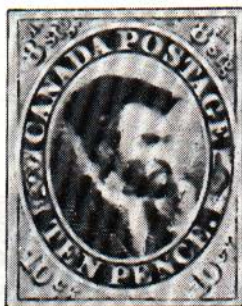
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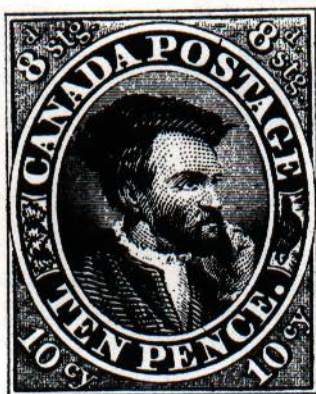
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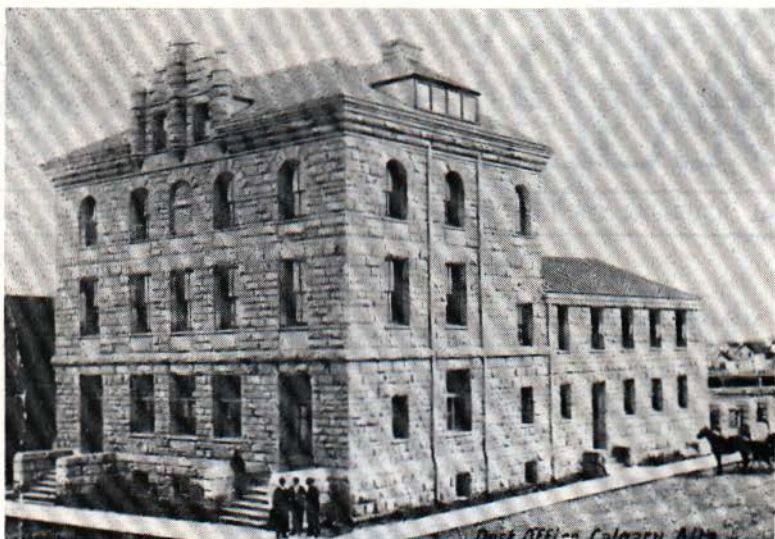
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King's store and post office, Stephen Avenue at Centre

The Calgary Post Office

A century of progress

BY JOHN PAYNE

On July 3, 1975, Canada will issue a commemorative stamp to help celebrate Calgary's 100th birthday. In 1875 the native Indians and a few white whiskey traders were joined by the advance party of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police, sent out to the territories to preserve law and order.

Commanded by an Inspector Brisbois, this detachment was the first white settlers to enter from the north across the Bow River to establish Fort Calgary at the junction of the Bow and Elbow Rivers.

From this beginning until 1883 mail was transported back and forth from Fort Benton, Montana, by oxen team. Letters bore U.S. stamps and postal markings. In October 1883 Williams Bannerman, a former Member of Parliament for Renfrew, Ontario, was sent west as postmaster, and created his own firm, Bannerman Feed Store, on 8th Avenue and 9th Street East, with post office facilities in the rear of the store.

Bannerman, an independently wealthy individual, stayed until early 1885 when, without warning, he pulled up stakes and disappeared into the United States. Calgary

was without a post office until April of that year, when G. C. King was appointed to the position. King had been a member of the first RCNMP party that established Fort Calgary.

King promptly moved the post office—building and all—to a place about nine blocks west on Stephen Avenue (also called 8th Avenue) within sight of the CPR station and formed the G. C. King General Store. It was soon moved again to what was known as the Post Office Block on the north-east corner of 8th Avenue and First Avenue West, where it remained until 1893.

Upon construction of a more modern building across the street, it occupied this site until 1912.

During these years Alberta had become a province incorporating the territories of Alberta, the western half of Athabaska, and the south-west corner of Assiniboia. Calgary's population had grown from 4,300 in 1901 to 15,000 by 1912, and the pressure of this increase necessitated enlarged premises for the postal services. The building was therefore torn down with the expectation of a new larger structure being erected almost immediately, but the wheels of bureaucracy ground to a halt and Calgary's new post office remained but a hole in the ground until 1929.

Meanwhile letter-carrier service had begun in June 1907, and the post office, while waiting patiently for new quarters, went from place to place. First a move across from City Hall ended in destruction by fire in 1919; quarters in the Lancaster building were used for a time, followed by a move to a store called Parker's — the present site of the *Calgary Herald* building.

Postmaster King had reached retirement in April 1921, but he continued on in the postal service by operating a sub-post office in the McLean Block until his death in 1937.

Harold Hargreaves succeeded to the job and remained until August 1933, long



G. C. King, postmaster 1885 to 1921

enough to see the move back to permanent quarters on 8th Avenue and First Street East, in the Calgary Public Building.

The post office remained here until 1961 when larger offices were completed on 9th Avenue West. What may be its last move for many years was made on August 7, 1974, to the expanded and mechanized airport complex.

The sandstone post office — at 8th Avenue at First East



A forgery of the 1c Admiral imperf

BY JACK C. ST. LAURENT



Now that imperforate blocks of the one cent yellow of 1924 are increasing in value, they have also caught the eye of some enterprising forger. There was a time when they would not have been worth bothering with, but with the market value of a used block of eight now somewhere in the neighborhood of \$75, look what has been brought forth!

The forgery is readily spotted by the knowledgeable collector, but woe unto the inexperienced bargain hunter.

	Original	Forgery
Paper	Cream white	Bright snow white
Thickness	Medium thick (.0045-.005)	Thinnish (.0035-.004)
Printed Colour	Engraved Chrome yellow or orange yellow	Surface printed Pale yellow or light orange yellow

We don't know in how large a sheet these were printed, but we are certain from the existence of the block illustrated, that they were printed at least in multiples of eight. We suspect that additional blocks were so printed, and probably cancelled.

The direction of the mesh is of no help; both the original and forgery are the same. There are other minor differences, but those enumerated above will suffice for identification purposes.

The writer would be interested in hearing from other BNAPSers who can shed any additional light on these 20th century forgeries. They are not mentioned in Smythies handbook on forgeries, nor by either Reiche or Marler in their handbooks on Admirals.



PERFINS

on the 1898 Map Stamp

BY A. D. HANES

The Map stamp of Canada was issued over 76 years ago. Shortly after issuance, stamp collectors of that era began finding varieties; a considerable number of re-touches and re-entries, extra islands where no islands were intended, British possessions where none actually existed. Recently a new variety was reported, the "Perfin Map".

In tracing the study already done on the stamp, the paramount publication is *The Canadian Map Stamp of 1898*.

In the handbook, Frederick Tomlinson made a detailed study of the Map stamp in which tens of thousands of copies were examined. Hundreds of fellow members of the two Canadian specialist societies, the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain and the British North America Philatelic Society, along with two or three well-known dealers, loaned him material. Comprehensive research was undertaken by Tomlinson, and just about every aspect of the Map stamp is covered in the handbook; however no mention is made of perfins.

When dealing with perfins on Canadian stamps, we refer to the publication *Canada Stamps with Perforated Initials*, prepared by the BNAPS Perfin Study Group. In the handbook, considerable study has been done, listing all known designs on Canadian stamps, giving the name of the user company and the period of years that the punched pattern was employed; but it does not give a detailed list of the stamps on which these designs may appear. True, these are not known in many cases, and new finds are frequently being reported.

In November 1973 and again in November 1974, R. J. Woolley reported in *Topics* the first two Map perfins, both S10 — SUN/

LIFE. In April 1974, Woolley was queried on how many companies actually perforated the Map stamp. At that time only one copy had been reported, but he surmised that five companies may have perforated the stamp, including W. J. Gage of Toronto. Several dealers and numerous collectors were contacted, but none acknowledged ever having seen a perforated Map stamp.

Then, in October 1974, J. N. Sissons auctioned Christopher Moore's collection of Map stamps. H. G. Walburn purchased one of the lots and has provided me with the following group of perforated Map stamps.

(1) S10 — SUN/LIFE — This punched design is found on the deep lavender shade of the Map. This perfin is readable from the front of the stamp, with one well-centered complete punched design and partial designs at the left and right. The stamp is on a small piece of envelope, cancelled by wavy lines, but not dated. For the Map specialist, I suggest this stamp to come from Plate III, position unknown.

Each plate has a certain number of stamps which cannot be plated due to no variation in the red printing on the stamp. This is the third copy of this perfin design to be reported, all showing the late usage of the Map stamp. S10 — SUN/LIFE is also known on stamps used in the period 1912/42.

(2) W8 — W.J.G. — This punched design is found on the very pale lavender shade of the stamp. The perfin is located on the far right of the stamp reading from top to bottom, but reversed. This indicates that the sheet of stamps was folded, or the operator was careless when perforating the stamps. The stamp is cancelled with a Type

8 Flag cancel, presumably from Toronto, but not dated. For the Map specialist, I suggest the stamp be allotted to Plate I, position 36.

(3) W8 — W.J.G. — This punched design is found on the lavender shade of the Map. The perfin is located to the lower right of the stamp and readable from the front. The stamp is cancelled with a Type 8 Flag, presumably from Toronto, but not dated. I suggest this stamp is from Plate I but no position is allotted. This is the second copy of this perfin on the Map stamp, and both punched designs are located in different areas. This suggests that two sheets of stamps were perforated by different operators, or possibly two types of machines.

(4) S8 — S.L./ACo — This design is found on the very pale lavender shade of the stamp. As the stamp is double-sized it

shows the punched design twice, and is readable from the front. The stamp is cancelled Montreal — 99, Canada, but the full date is illegible. The suggested allotment of this stamp is Plate I, position 41.

(5) S8 — S.L./ACo — This punched design is found on the very deep blue-green shade of the Map. Again, the perfin appears twice and is readable from the front of the stamp. The cancel is a Type 8 Flag, presumably from Montreal. As this stamp has a major re-entry on the bottom cable, I suggest it be allotted to Plate II, position 95. This is the second copy of this perfin on different shades of the Map, which suggests two sheets were perforated.

How many more of these elusive perfins lie unreported? I'm sure, in time, more will be found. Hopefully we will one day know how many companies actually perforated the 1898 Map stamp.



The RPO Cowcatcher

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M-38 HALIFAX & CAMP. R.P.O./.

Hammer I

Proofed: December 3, 1908

1st Period	2nd Period
Earliest: June 24, 1909	January 17, 1938
Latest: October 10, 1921	July 16, 1954
India: IV for W—1909/10	4—1938/45
W—1910/21	60—1942; 1953/54

Usage: Heavy in 1st period, sporadic in 2nd period
R.F.: 10 (11.0%)

Comments: Of all the M-38 hammers, this one was not only first but appears to have been in use for the longest period of time — 45 years. Hammer I is also singular in that it is the only one of 24 that can be immediately identified at sight; it has no base period after the "P" of CAMP while all other hammers have something after the "P", either a base period, a mid-point dash, or both.

From the earliest strikes, the tops of the "R" and "P" of R.P.O. are broken; however, in later 2nd Period strikes, as the hammer became worn, these breaks have a tendency to ink over. The two periods seem distinct; we have considerable material in the other hammers covering the intervening 16 year lapse.

Hammer II

Proofed: March 2, 1912
Earliest: March 8, 1917
Latest: September 30, 1957
India: 4—1917/19; 1—1932/35;
2—1937; 3—1957; 60—1957.
Usage: Very spotty, with no discernible pattern.
R.F.: 10 (2.4%)

Comments: Like several others, this hammer appears to have had very limited use, perhaps with a substitute clerk; there seems to be no doubt that during the life of M-38 more hammers were available for use than could reasonably be put to good application. This hammer wore poorly; by the 1930s it shows significant deterioration and in the 1950s

We can now present, with some sense of satisfaction, the hammer analysis of M-38. This has taken a bit longer than the usual run because there are at least 24 hammers; however, we are pleased to advise that many distinguishing characteristics make separation relatively easy for full, clear strikes. At the same time, we acknowledge that the deterioration in the later strikes of some hammers makes them difficult to categorize.

For sake of simplification, we have divided M-38 into two sections. Group A, Hammers I-XIII inclusive, are those strikes that have sharp, angular ampersands; Group B, Hammers XIV-XXIV inclusive, are those strikes that have round, curved ampersands. Group A hammers were all initiated, chronologically, before any of the Group B hammers, without exception.

Twenty-four Hammers, Type 17
Group A — Angular Ampersand
Thirteen Hammers

strikes are only partially recognizable and very difficult to measure. This characteristic in part points to identification as possibly Hammer II.

Hammer III

Proofed: Unknown
Earliest: June 23, 1913
Latest: June 21, 1935
Indicia: 199, 200—1913; W—1917;
3—1924; 4—1928/35
Usage: Quite sporadic; no particular pattern
R.F.: 10 (2.1%)

Comments: Hammers III-VII inclusive are similar in design and lettering and were probably made around the same time, although a proof strike is only known for one of these, Hammer VI; therefore, no significance is to be attached to the order in which we present these five hammers. In contrast to Hammer II, this hammer wore well, and we see no reason that it did not have more use. Although not constant, frequently the "A" and "X" of HALIFAX appear joined due to overinking; also, later strikes show a distinct break in the bottom of the "C" of CAMP.

Hammer IV

Proofed: Unknown
Earliest: August 16, 1913
Latest: July 6, 1957
Indicia: 200—1913; E, W—1917/22; W—1932;
1—1923/50; 2—1933/35; 3, 4—1933; 35; 47; 57
Usage: Fully throughout the period, though not necessarily continuous
R.F.: 10 (12.5%)

Comments: This hammer is the most well known, followed in order by Hammers I, VI and XVII; these four hammers alone account for over 40% of the M-38 strikes. For all of the use received, this hammer stood up very well and only on its strikes of the 1950s does any degree of deterioration show up.

Hammer V

Proofed: Unknown
Earliest: June 17, 1913
Latest: November 1, 1935
Indicia: 199—1913; W—1913/21; 199—1918;
1—1923/26; 4—1932/35
Usage: Intermittent throughout the period, with greatest strength in the Admirals
R.F.: 10 (6.9%)

Comments: This hammer also showed good wear until 1933/34 when it went rapidly down hill; it may have been removed because of wear. Earlier strikes, for the most part, are cleanly struck and easily measured for identification.

Hammer VI

Proofed: May 29, 1913
Earliest: July 12, 1915
Latest: April 26, 1955
Indicia: E, W—1915/16; 199, 200—1916/18;
1—1923/41; 2—1931/35, 45; 3—1917, 1933,
1944, 1955; 4—1916, 1928/39; 59—1942/43,
1950/54
Usage: Apparently continuous, with no major breaks
R.F.: 10 (9.4%)

Comments: Early strikes above show some wear and accordingly we expect the gap between the proof date and earliest to be narrowed in the future. Further, the destruction order for this hammer was given on December 3, 1969; the accompanying strike shows September 13 but no year. Even so, it is to be expected that this hammer was used well into the 1960s. Strikes of the 1950s are partial and quite worn.

Hammer VII

Proofed: Unknown
Earliest: July 12, 1913
Latest: December 21, 1956
Indicia: 200—1913/14; 199—1918; W—1914; 1918,
4—1919/39; 3—1933/39; 1944/56; 59—1941/43
Usage: Apparently mostly continuous with only minor breaks
R.F.: 10 (5.1%)

Comments: Hammer VII shows much less wear than Hammers II, IV or VI although used across about the same time span. However, in strikes of the 1950s, a missing left foot on the "H" of HALIFAX, while the balance of the cancel is quite identifiable, is indicative of Hammer VII. In our subsection section on identification, these five hammers, III-VII inc., are shown to be separable with the application of proper diligence and care; the remaining Group A hammers, by comparison, almost separate themselves.

Hammer VIII

Proofed: July 9, 1915
Earliest: January 24, 1916
Latest: June 4, 1949
Indicia: 199—1916/19; 4—1917; 1935/39;
2—1921/22; 1935; 3—1927/28; 1937;
60—1942/49
Usage: Intermittent throughout period
R.F.: 10 (4.5%)

Comments: Hammers VIII and IX are the only two of the 24 hammers which have double stops after the "P" of CAMP; both have a base period following the "P" and then Hammer VIII has a following mid-point dash while Hammer IX has a following mid-point dot. For Hammer VIII, this dash has the tendency to appear as a square on later strikes.

Hammer IX

Proofed: July 9, 1915
Earliest: September 20, 1915
Latest: May 17, 1955
Indicia: 199, 200—1915/17; 1920; 3, 4—1917/24;
2—1928/32; 1—1932/53; 3—1955
Usage: Intermittent throughout period
R.F.: 10 (7.9%)

Comments: Hammer IX shows quite parallel usage with Hammer VIII with about double the frequency of Hammer VIII. Both hammers wore very well and late strikes, although heavy, show clear and distinguishable letters and characteristics.

Hammer X

Proofed: August 29, 1916
Earliest: July 25, 1917
Latest: April 17, 1937
Indicia: 200—1917/18; W—1918; 3—1924/37
Usage: Infrequent and scarce
R.F.: 10 (2.9%)

Comments: With rather widespread lettering, somewhat similar to Hammer II, this hammer is easily recognized by simple measurement. However, where the stop after the "P" of Hammer II is a mid-vertical dash, that of Hammer X is a mid-vertical dot. Strikes of Hammer X, while clear and sharp, are usually light, perhaps reflecting a delicate and gentle nature of the using clerk. He must have been a philatelist.

Hammer XI

Proofed: Unknown
Earliest: March 7, 1916
Latest: December 2, 1927 (possibly October 13, 1957)
Indicia: 199—1916/17; W—1918; 3—1918/21;
1—1923/24; 4—1927; (60—1940; 1957; ??)
Usage: Continuous through 1927
R.F.: 10 (4.3%)

Comments: On clear strikes, all in 1916-1927, this hammer is easily identifiable; however, we have two cover strikes—one in 1940, the other in 1957—which border on the illegible. There is sufficient to be able to confirm that they are not the other hammers in Group A, and they could possibly be Hammer XI. They could also be a new hammer, but we believe this is remote. We have tentatively identified them here pending additional information from other collectors, perhaps to fill in the gap, perhaps to confirm late usage of Hammer XI in a 2nd Period. We'll advise at a later date.

Hammer XII

Proofed: June 6, 1919

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Another trip to Winnipeg

I would like to pass along a word of warning. A few tagged collectors will remember the unfinished story of the fluorescent 5959 numbers which appeared on certain of the 1967 definitives. I am not at liberty to divulge the full story but perhaps you might have noticed lately a TV commercial advertising the Brinks' Security Marking Pencil. I bought one for the purpose for which it is intended, but it can also be used for making very creditable forgeries of the 5959 previously mentioned. Therefore, I would recommend against paying more than a nominal price for one of these stamps — and remember, any number can be applied by someone so inclined.

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A recent trip to Toronto which incidentally took 37 hours (by air) resulted in an unexpected stopover in Winnipeg. It being my home town, plus the birthplace of North American tagging, I have always said if I had to be stranded some place, I would prefer it to be Winnipeg. A few notes were made concerning one or two items. First, five mint copies of the 1967 5c with Type 4a have come to light until now, only two used have been reported to me. This raises the RF on this error to B (courtesy Frank Whitebread of Winnipeg).

Also in Winnipeg, a second block of four of the 1954 1c with type 2a has come to light. Although one stamp is damaged, the total now recorded is seven — raising its

RF to B. Also seen from two different correspondents are several copies of the same stamp with sloppy, much wider bars than normal — however still with two bars, and not one, which would make it an error.

I finally had success in securing the 1c, 3c, and 5c current precancels. Not particularly earth-shaking, and no errors involved, but it has taken me over six months to secure these panes, and even then I had to buy two from the wicket, and one from the Philatelic counter in Winnipeg. Until now, I have come up blank on many occasions in Ottawa, Winnipeg, and Calgary. I had the feeling that these were going to be like the 1967 2c precancel.

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A second copy of the Nellie McClung with Type 02a has been recorded, and I was unsuccessful in securing a type 02a copy of the Prairie Settlers. I do not know how many of these were offered, but it could not have been too many. If any of my correspondents can lead me to an example for my reference collection it would be greatly appreciated.

Another copy of the red Fitness has been reported — for a total of two. I made a note as to which design it was, but seem to have mislaid it. I will include it with my next column.

For those using UV lamps for sorting tagged material I would like to point out an unusual fact: finding a General tagged error with one bar is easy — it stands out

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TAGGED PERFIN

Value	Tag Type	Perfin	Perfin Type	Paper	Gum
4c Cameo	7	CPR	C26a	1	unknown
4c 1967	6	CNR	C21a	1	"
5c 1967	3	CPR	C26	1	"
3c 1965 Christmas	8	CNR	C21a	1	"
5c 1966 Christmas	2	CNR	C21a	1	"
2c Cameo	3	GN	G16	1	"
5c 1967	3	GN	G16	1	"



Rounding Up Squared Circles

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Column No. 135 — The listings of earliest and latest recorded dates continues; normal time marks are indicated in parentheses, following dates; then I list years during the earliest-latest period for which I have no strikes recorded (NSR). Please review the listings and let me know of changes which need be made.

ACTON, Hammer I: OC 9/94 to DE 15/94 (Blank) (MR 15/98 on 3c Maple Leaf, which appears to be Hammer I, will be re-examined).

ACTON, Hammer II: DE 25/94 to DE 19/02 (Blank) NSR: 95, 96, 99-01.

ALMA, State 1: OC 11/93 to JA 27/94 (Blank).

ALMA, State 2: MY 4/94 to MR 20/09 (Blank) NSR: 96, 00-04, 06. (Difficult to separate the two states; late strikes which have been rocked give appearance of being First State; a strike of FE 15/94 is confusing enough that I cannot determine it is late First State, or early Second State.)

ALMONTE: AU 21/93 to ? 30/00 (Blank) NSR: 94, 95, 96. Year-date errors: SP 22/36 (for '93?); '69 error for '99, AU and SP through SP 7/69.

ANGUS: OC 17/94 to DE 19/98 (Blank). NSR: 97 (No strikes reported on Jubilees). Year-date errors: '89 for '98, OC 4 and OC 20.

ARNPRIOR: JA 6/94 to JA 18/09 (Normally Blank). NSR: 96, 98, 01-03, 05.

Abnormal indicia: during most of 1900, the year date, '00, appears in the upper slot, with the lower slot empty; I believe this practice started by mistake — MR 2/00 and MR 3/00 are reported with '00 in upper slot, and day and month inverted. Please report indicia for 1900 dates prior to MR 2/00.

Three-line dates (MY/9/06 and MY/30/06) known in 1906 and are probably precursors of the peculiar indicia 'JU' above the date in JUN, JY, AU, SP (?), and OC, '06. Earliest reported date for 'JU' above date is JUN 15/06 and latest date is OC 1/06. Please report all '06 strikes, AP through OC, showing exact indicia.

ATHENS: JY 18/94 to JA 6/99 (AM and Blank). NSR: 96 and 98.

AURORA: OC 15/94 to JU 21/00 (Blank). NSR: 95, 96, 98, 99.

AYLMER WEST: NO 30/93 to JA 23/01 (AM, PM, Blank). NSR: 94-96, 98-00.

BEAMSVILLE: DE 18/94 to FE 16/98 (AM, PM, Blank).

BELLEVILLE, I: JU 15/93 to JA 31/95 (2, 3, 4).

BELLEVILLE, II: OC 4/93 to JY 27/98 (2, 3, 4, Blank).

BELLEVILLE, III: JU 14/93 to MR 25/99 (2, 3, 4; abnormal 5, 40).

The above earliest date precedes proof date of Hammer I by one day; I have seen the strike and the report is correct.

Abnormal indicia: 40/NO 15/96; 5/MY 1/95.

BERLIN: SP 7/93 to JY 22/95 (Blank).

BLUE VALE: AU 6/93 to AU 9/95 (Blank).

BLYTH: NO 5/93 to DE 26/95 (Blank).

BOBCAYGEON, State 1: DE 13/93 to JA 20/09 (Blank). NSR: 94-96, 98, 99, 01-03, 05-06.

BOBCAYGEON, State 2: DE 8/60 to DE 13/60 (PM). Favor cancels: AM/13 II/61.

BOWMANVILLE: DE 6/93 to MR 25/97 (Blank in '93, then AM, PM). NSR: 95, 96.

BRACEBRIDGE: MR 23/94 to OC 4/99 (Blank). NSR: 95, 96, 98.

Time mark AM listed in Handbook 3, but I have no record of strikes carrying this mark; please report dates if you have AM (or PM).

BRAMPTON: SP 20/93 to MR 9/97 (Blank). NSR: 96.

BRANTFORD: JY 29/93 to MY 9/10 (Time marks — see below). NSR: 94, 96, 99, 01-02, 04-07, 09.

Time marks: 1, 2; AM, PM, Blank; in 1908 and 1910: 10, 12, 13, 15-20 inclusive, 22 and 81 (inverted 18).

Year-date errors: from AU 13 to SP 21, 1908, the year reads '80 instead of '08 with several exceptions. My records show the error on AU 13, 14, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26,

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Semi-Official Airmails

Haughton E. Sanguinetti, 591 Mediterranean Manor, Dunedin, Fla., USA 33528

While the Semi-Official Airmail Study Group had made plans to present a special award at BNAPEX '75 for the best exhibit of Canadian semi-officials, these arrangements have since been vetoed by officers of BNAPS. Chairman Trelle Morrow writes that it was felt by those in office that a national exhibition was not the place for exhibits below the international level.

I feel that a study group owes a duty to encourage exhibits of its specialty and that there is room for such a special award to encourage novice collectors. Notwithstanding the ban, the question will probably be discussed further at the convention in Toronto.

The remainder of this month's column is handed over to Ed Richardson, who seems to be an inexhaustible source of information on so much of what we collect:

Plate Varieties of Cherry Red Airlines Ltd.

During its two-year existence, this company issued but one airmail stamp. However, most catalogers recognize two printings:

First printing: On yellowish paper, rough irregular perforations, vertical gutters approx. 4-4½ mm between stamps.

Second printing: On white paper, clean, clear perforations, vertical gutters approx. 3-3½ mm between stamps.

Single copies are difficult to classify, one having to reply principally on type of perforation, as the color difference is not too pronounced.

Supposedly one sheet consisting of four panes of 50 stamps were issued for the first printing. 120 sheets were issued for the second or regular printing, each consisting of four panes of 50, for a total of 24,000

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CLICHE — type 1

- A — break in frame line below R in AIRLINE.
- B — small white spot or indentation in background below A in AIRLINE.

C — small break in bottom frameline below first leaf at the left.

D — at left frame centre is small break, with a dash above and to the left.

E — faint trace of stem on middle-left leaf and a short dash as in D.

CLICHE — type II

a — small white spot above fourth leaf in left row of leaves.

b — A in AIR of VIA AIR has pointed crossbar.

c — small section of left frameline is twisted opposite centre leaf.

d — in top outer frame above RED AIR are two small breaks and black dot.

e — in right circle around 10c is a break below the 1.

PLATE LAYOUTS

"A" top, "B" lower

a	A	a	A	a
b	B	b	B	b
c	C	c	C	c
d	D	d	D	d
e	E	e	E	e
a	A	a	A	a
b	B	b	B	b
c	C	c	C	c
d	D	d	D	d
e	E	e	E	e

A	A	a	A	a
B	B	b	B	b
C	C	c	C	c
D	D	d	D	d
E	E	e	E	e
A	A	a	A	a
B	B	b	B	b
C	C	c	C	c
D	D	d	D	d
E	E	e	E	e

TOPICS: THE NEWSFRONT

News from Quebec City, Spain and all over . . .

London. During the recent annual convention of the RPSC held in Quebec City, an item of particular interest was announced: the National Postal Museum has acquired the specialized collection of Middlesex County (Ontario) postmarks gathered together over many years by the late Stan Shantz of London. Shantz, a former member and for many years *London Free Press* stamp columnist, donated this unique collection to the museum, who plan to put it on display later in the year.

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We note that among top awards winners at *Espana '75*, the international exhibition held earlier this year in Madrid, were several of our members. Dr. Robert V. C. Carr won a gold medal for his exhibit of British Columbia, Ralph A. Hart a vermeil for his Newfoundland, and Winfield Clatterbuck a silver for Canada. Congratulations to all three BNAPSers.

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The long-awaited publication by the National Postal Museum of George Marler's study of the Edward issue appears imminent. We now hear that it is due in August. Containing 225 pages, with 98 color illustrations plus some in black and white, it will be a limited printing of about 2,500 copies. The regular edition is set to sell for \$30 with a deluxe edition at \$50. We'll keep you advised once we know more definite information.

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Those interested in cancellations of airport mail facilities (AMF) should know that one of our members, J. L. Purcell, has recently produced a third listing of these markings. Purcell has been specializing in this field for some years but there still remains much research before a final listing can be made. Anyone interested or who can supply additional information should write to the author at 6 Richardson Drive, Kingston, Ontario. An SAE would probably be appreciated.

Air Canada inaugurated two new routes in Canada on April 27-28, 1975, and a limited number of flight envelopes were flown on each route. Appropriate cachets were applied to each envelope giving details of the inaugural. On April 27, 1975 a new direct route was commenced between Ottawa, Sudbury and Thunder Bay (flight 245) and Thunder Bay — Sudbury — Ottawa (flight 296). On April 28, 1975 a new direct route was inaugurated between Toronto, Ottawa and Charlottetown (flight 654) and Charlottetown — Ottawa — Toronto (flight 655). Data and a copy of news releases concerning these flights are available from R. K. Malott, 16 Harwick Crescent, Ottawa, Ontario, K2H 6R1.

In reference to the special United Nations free cancellations used in the Middle East by the UNEF-2 Force from June 26 to July 5-6, 1975, a quantity of 20 complete sets of the 16 cancellations have been located with the applicable cachet and the steel cancellation of CFPO 5002. A few extra of numbers 1, 2 and 16 have also been located of these very scarce cancellations. Anyone wishing the full story on these items may contact Malott at the above address.

Post Office Department **NEW ISSUES**

The latest issue of Olympic commemorative stamps were issued on June 11. In denominations of 20c, 25c and 50c, the designs feature a pole vaulter, a marathon runner and a hurdler, respectively, and were all designed by Peter Swan.

Quantities to be printed total 14 million 20c, 12 million 25c and 12 million 50c, with each stamp measuring 30 mm by 48 mm. Production is by Ashton-Potter Limited, Toronto, in five-color lithography.

Marginal inscriptions appear on the four corners of each pane of 50 stamps, and total production will bear general tagging.

TOPICS: THE BUSINESS SIDE

BNAPS: ELECTED OFFICERS

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BOARD OF GOVERNORS	Nine sitting; three elected each year for a three-year term: 1973-1975: Ed Richardson, Wilmer C. Rockett, S. S. Kenyon 1974-1976: James C. Lehr, E. H. Hausmann, Robert H. Pratt 1975-1977: G. B. Llewellyn (chairman), C. R. McNeil, D. G. Rosenblat

(FOR OTHER OFFICERS, SEE MASTHEAD ON INDEX PAGE)

Publicity and Promotion

This is directed to U.S. members: In an attempt to build up a mailing list I would like to be advised as quickly as possible the names and addresses of various philatelic magazines and papers to which U.S.-based members subscribe. Also, the names and addresses of philatelic columnists in major local newspapers.

A further request is to learn, on a regular

basis, about members' success in winning major awards at important U.S. shows. If there is enough interest and response, it would be my intention to pass the results on to readers by way of a column in *Topics*, which I volunteer to write. This feature appeared in the early days of *Topics*, and it would seem to me to be worth reviving. Write to me, Ian W. Taylor, 796 South Milwaukee Avenue, Wheeling, Illinois.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Report of the Nominating Committee: Nominations for the three places open on the Board of Governors for the 1976-1978 terms are as follows: *Michael B. Dicketts*, Odessa, Ontario; *Ralph Hart*, Cleveland, Ohio; *Ed Richardson*, Houston, Texas; *Wilmer C. Rockett*, Philadelphia, Pa.; and *David M. Verity*, Burlington, Ontario.

VOTE!

A ballot is included with this issue of TOPICS, together with an envelope addressed to the chairman of the Committee on Ballots.

Please make your selection and mail your vote as soon as possible.

New Members

- 3299 Labiuk, Eugene M., 8 Cobourg Ave., Toronto, Ont. M6H 1H8
3300 MacDonald, Kenneth C., 138A Coronation Ave., Halifax, N.S.

(Due to many problems the Membership Committee has been unable to complete processing most of the applications now pending, therefore the Acting Secretary is unable to list any more names as NEW MEMBERS. In the interest of space conservation a name which has been in the "A" Pending group twice will not be listed a third time. Such person will be listed as a new member when authorized by the Membership Committee as usual.)

Applications Pending — "A" Group

(Applications shall be pending in two successive issues of the magazine)

- Arthurs, Lawrence D., 2140 Palisprior Rd. S.W., Calgary, Alta.
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Bustin, Robin, Box 18, Hebron, N.S. B0W 1X0
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Dixon, David C., 2036 Duncan Rd., Oakville, Ont.
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McGee, James P., 727 Lasnier Ave., St. Jean, Que. J3B 4W4
Miller, James E., Box 860, Cariboo College, Kamloops, B.C. V2C 5N3
Miller, W. Barry, 300 Maple St., Fredericton, N.B. E3A 3R2
Moore, J. Sherrold, 40 St. Georges Cr., Edmonton, Alta. T5N 3M7
Moreau, Pierre G., 371 Britannia Rd., Ottawa, Ont. K2B 5X9
Morris, Charles, P.O. Box 35040, Jamaica, NY 11435
Parker, Mrs. Margaret T., R.R. 2, Utterson, Ont. P0B 1M0
Roling, Paul V., 1889 Willow, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
Troop, Andrew J., 67 Toynbee Tr., Scarborough, Ont. M1E 1G1
Vanden Boom, Vi, P.O. Box 27538, Houston, TX 77027
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Yow, Lee R., 1332 Sherbrooke Ave., Kamloops, B.C.

Applications Pending — "B" Group

- Adey, K. J., 138 Ferndale Ave., St. Boniface, Man. R2H 1V3
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Murphy, William J., 4119 Pecos, Wichita Falls, TX 76305
Poore, Rev. Elwood S. ("Woody"), 212 Live Oak St., Jacksboro, TX 76056
Roberts, Wilf, P.O. Box 856 (238A Foster Ave.), Belleville, Ont. K8N 5B5
Shively, Frank L., Jr., M.D., 415 Far Hills Ave., Dayton, OH 45409
Zage, George R., Jr. DDS, 112 S. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge, IL 60068

Applications for Membership

- 3336 LITTLE, Albert P. Jr., 704 Salisbury Cir. N., Arlington, TX 76014 (Cxc) CAN, NFLD, Postage, mint; plate blocks; coils; stationery entires; Literature. Postal History of Canada. Proposed by L. W. Martin Jr. 3092; seconded by J. A. Swift 2511
- 3337 POLLAK, Gustav, 1227 Patricia Ave., Box 343, Simi Valley, CA 93065 (Cx) CAN, All Provs., 19 and 20 Cent., Mint and used postage; pre-stamp, stampless, 1st day, 1st flight covers; Coils: OHMS-G; mint booklet panes; Federal, Provincial and Tax Paid Revenues; Airmail: mint and used, semi-official, on cover. Proposed by J. R. Whitrock 3011; seconded by W. C. Rockett 249.
- 3338 TAYLOR, Frances J. (Mrs. Sterling S.), 1701 N.E. 104th St., Seattle, WA 98125 (C). Proposed by G. W. Frampton 1358; seconded by J. Houser 2030.
- 3339 ANNETT, Bryan J. R., 64 Woodelm Dr., St. Catharines, Ont. L2M 4N3 (Cxc) CAN, postage used, 1st day covers, coils, OHMS-G, precancels, Airmails used and semi-official. Literature, Flag cancels. 1967-73 QE-II definitive. Specialty: Admirals 1911-25, 1931 George V. Proposed by E. J. Whiting L-61.
- 3340 CANGLEY, Patrick, 445—13th Ave. N., Apt. 5, Sherbrooke, Que. (DCxc) CAN, Postage, mint and used, plate blocks, precancels; Airmails mint and used. Proposed by E. J. Whiting L-61.
- 3341 CHURCH, Doris C., 13316—95A St., Edmonton, Alta. T5E 4A3 (Cxc) CAN, All Provinces. Postage mint and used. Specialty: all mail transportation covers (unusual, delayed, air crash, submarine, etc.). Proposed by G. F. Hansen 2203.
- 3342 CLARK, A. Ainslie, 2 Glen Park Dr., Ottawa, Ont. K1B 3Z2 (C) CAN, Postage mint and used, blocks mint and used, 20th Cent. 1st day covers, 1st flight covers, plate blocks, OHMS-G. Proposed by F. L. Billings 645.

- 3343 ECOBICHON, Donald J., 51 Hazelholme Dr., Halifax, N.S. B3M 1N6 (Cxc) CAN. Postage mint and used; mint blocks; 19 and 20 cent. 1st day covers; plate blocks; Airmails mint and used; flag and slogan cancels. Proposed by J. G. Aldous 2755; seconded by R. B. Mitchell 2414.
- 3344 FEDERER, Henry E. C., 390 Bay St., Suite 2320, Toronto, Ont. M5H 2Y2 (DCx) CAN. All Provinces. Postage 19 and 20 cent. mint and used, blocks mint; 1st day covers; plate blocks; mint airmails. Proposed by G. F. Hansen 2203.
- 3345 KARLSON, Eric P., 70 S. Clinton Ave., Apt. C8, Bay Shore, NY 11706 (Cxc) CAN, NFLD, NB, NS, PEI. 19 and 20 Cent. Postage mint and used. 1st day covers; coils; OHMS-G; mint booklet panes; precancels; Federal, Provincial and Tax Paid Revenues; mint airmails, stationery entires; literature. Proposed by E. J. Whiting L-61.
- 3346 LEFEBVRE, Gerald, 1420 Tower St., Apt. 718, Montreal, Que. H3H 2E1 (C) CAN., NFLD., NS. Mint 19 and 20 cent. postage and blocks; coils; OHMS-G; mint airmails. Proposed by G. F. Hansen 2203.
- 3347 MACPHERSON, Ian A., "Meander", Newport R.R. 3, Hants Co., NS. B0N 2A0 (C) CAN., NFLD., NS, NB, PEI. 19 and 20 Cent. postage mint and used. Blocks mint and used; 1st day covers; 1st flight covers; plate blocks; coils; complete booklets; mint, used and on cover airmails. Proposed by G. F. Hansen 2203; seconded by R. M. Fear 2767.
- 3348 MARCOTTE, Rene, c/o Bank of Canada, 901 Victoria Sq., Montreal, Que. H2Z 1R2 (Cc) CAN., mint and used. Specialty: 1967-73 E-II definitive. Proposed by J. J. Charron 1525.
- 3349 MCGEE, John R., Box 98, Greenbelt, MD 20770 (C). Proposed by E. A. Richardson 168; seconded by E. J. Whiting L-61.
- 3350 NICOL, James W., 412 15th Ave. S., Cranbrook, B.C. (Cx) CAN., NFLD., All Provinces. Mint and used 19 and 20 Cent. Postage and blocks; coils; OHMS-G; mint and used booklet panes; complete booklets; mint, used and semi-official airmails. Specialty: Maple Leaf—numeral issue. Proposed by G. F. Hansen 2203.
- 3351 TSAI, Dr. Chien Li, Brooklyn State Hospital, 681 Clarkson Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11203 (Cxc) Revenues. Proposed by W. C. Rockett 249.
- 3352 TURCOT, Marcel, 1400 rue Leclaire, Montreal, Que. H1V 2Z3 (C) CAN. Mint and used postage and blocks. Proposed by G. F. Hansen 2203.
- 3353 WEATHERWAX, N. J. (Jack), 23 Windham Dr., Willowdale, Ont. M2K 1X7 (Cxc) CAN. Postage mint and used; coils; OHMS-G; airmails mint and used. Varieties fluorescent papers and phosphor tags. Specialty: Small Queens, 1967 definitives. Proposed by R. H. Jamieson 2118; seconded by J. M. Shelton 3045.
- 3354 WILSON, J. Don, Avalon Constr. & Engineering Ltd., P.O. Box 8250, St. John's, Nfld. A1B 3N4 (Cx) CAN. NFLD. 19 and 20 Cent. postage and blocks mint and used. Proposed by C. A. Jones 533; seconded by R. F. Boudignon 2526.
- 3355 ZALUSKI, Edward, 85 Amiens St., Orleans, Ont. K1A 2V0 (Cx) Federal, Provincial and Tax Paid Revenues. Proposed by H. Reiche 783.

Resignations Received

- 3064 Gordon R. Alyea, R.R. 7, Belleville, Ont. K8N 4Z7
 3047 William J. Assad., Box 402, Ottawa, Ont. K1N 8V4
 2809 Lawson F. Ayrton, 4052 Grapehill Ave., Burlington, Ont. L7L 1R2
 2911 Susan Banner, Banner Lodge, Moodus, CT 06469
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 3077 Andre Proulx, 2973 Gaillard, Longueuil, Que. J4L 3K6
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- 2960 Erich F. Pieper, 149 Welland Ave., St. Catharines, Ont. L2R 2N7

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 1468 Boyd, Norman O., R.R. 1, Woodslee, Ont. N0R 1V0
 2941 Carmichael, Vance W., Box 267, Smithville, Ont. L0R 2A0

- 2953 Charles, Henry, Malakwa Art Centre, Malakwa, B.C. V0E 2J0
 3242 Currie, Robert, 65 Sellier St., Auteuil, Laval, Que. H7H 1G1
 3124 DesBrisay, Ian G., 524 Ballantree Pl., West Vancouver, B.C. V7S 1W5
 1869 Devlin, J. M., 727-3 Ave. N.W., No. 503, Calgary, Alta. T2N 0J1
 3068 Dinoff, John, 42 Jackman Dr., Bramalea, Ont. L6S 2L8
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 2854 Johnson, Peter K., 1394 Eaglet Cr., Prince George, B.C. V2M 4H7
 2221 Karr, James S., P.O. Box 58, Fort Nelson, B.C.
 1049 Kitchen, CWO Ronald, 1387 Pearl St., Ottawa, Ont. K1T 1C6
 1798 Kraemer, Fred, Box 504, 1605 Bernard Ave., Kelowna, B.C.
 2831 Laine, Edward W., P.O. Box 9268, Ottawa, Ont. K1G 3T9
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 2720 Machin, John A., Box 424, Yellowknife, NWT X0E 1H0
 3108 Maher, James J., 2117 Courtland Dr., Burlington, Ont. L7R 1R7
 2796 Mathis, Roy H., P.O. Box 406, Odessa, Ont. K0H 2H0
 2959 MacKay, F. A., 4821 School Draw Ave., Yellowknife, NWT X1A 2K6
 2891 Newman, Skeith J., 15 Vicora Linkway, Apt. 914, Don Mills, Ont.
 2800 Niepke, Barry B., P.O. Box 27343, San Antonio, TX 78227
 3227 Noble, Graham J., 35 Kingsgrove Blvd., Toronto, Ont. M8X 1N8
 2307 Peppar, David, 2408 Rondel, Ottawa, Ont. N1B 4M2
 2935 Plain, Dr. Brian Charles, Box 2190, Station R, Kelowna, B.C.
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 2838 Roan, John R., P.O. Box 277, Abbotsford, B.C. V2S 4N9
 1724 Ross, John A., 2 Chemin des Erables, Abercorn, Que. J0E 1B0
 2803 Salonen, Kimmo, Box 351, Milliken, Ont. L0H 1K0
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 2683 Sellers, Norval F., P.O. Box F, Kenmore, NY 14217
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 2951 H. G. van der Ben, Parkk Boswijk 253, Doorn 2770, Holland
 2709 E. S. J. van Dam, P.O. Box 1417, Peterborough, Ont. K9J 7H6
 2615 Walker, Dale C., Stapes Hill, Canton, ME 04221
 2183 Winter, Robert A., 2082 Eric Cr., Ottawa, Ont. K1B 4P4
 3012 Wirth, Edmund, 355 Touzin Ave., Dorval, Que. H9S 2N3
 2661 Wonnacott, Dr. J. B., P.O. Box 10, Summerside, PEI C1N 4P6
 2555 Goldsmith, Kennard F., RFD 1, Box 69c, Barnstead, NH 03218
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Changes in Members' Collecting Interests

- 2643 Peter J. Wiedemann — add Canada Dead Letter Office and stamps (Specialty); Squared Circle Cancellations on cover

Returned Mail

(Information to correct address will be appreciated)

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 3009 Cimon Morin, 572 rue Dufferin, No. 2, Sherbrooke, Que. J1H 4N1
 1351 Edgar E. C. Powell, 10340 Wadhurst Rd., Edmonton, Alta. T5N 3V1
 1348 Rene C. Babin, 1791 Avenue Bergemont, No. 4, Quebec, Que. G1J 3T1
 2746 Dr. Robert Philmus, 7925 Kingsley Road, No. 1403, Montreal, Que. H4W 1P5

Listed for the second time

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As you know from recent issues of *Topics* our Society has a new hand, John Payne, serving as the Circuit Manager. However, he is an old hand as he looked after the Calgary club's circuit for a few years. Even at that John thinks Jim Lehr's act is a tough one to follow but John is thoroughly enjoying the new job. Jim must have given him a prescription to fill and we know John is qualified as a pharmacist, from the University of Alberta.

A native of Alberta, John was born in Calgary in March 1920. After graduating from university he managed various retail stores in the province before returning to Calgary to open his own business in 1958. As the Postmaster of the sub post office in his store he gets his new issues at wholesale!

He served seven years in the Naval Reserve, including war service on convoys to Great Britain. He is married with two

children, Kenneth and Donna, who are both married, and has two grandchildren.

His wife's hobby is making ceramics which intrudes somewhat on his stamp room but it does prevent Daphne from looking over his shoulder constantly asking "How much is that one worth?". No one else in the family collects stamps which he thinks could be his fault as anything he acquires goes into his collection.

He accumulates literally everything BNA from 10c Alberts to Flags but specializing of late in the 1859 issue and the Quebec Tercentenary, which he has exhibited many times. At Williamsburg he displayed the 1859 issue. As a sideline he collects flowers on stamps and Elizabethan British Colonies.

Besides BNAPS, John is a member of the APS, ATA and a new member of the RPSC. Always finding it worth the effort to attend as many BNAPS conventions as business allows. Know he enjoys the fellowship and the knowledge gained from these good times.

If collecting and the circuit don't encroach completely on his spare time his other hobbies include bowling, skiing and gardening.

— Wayne Curtis

...and some doodles by The Editor

Mention in last month's *Topics* of the Cowboys and Gals regional group of BNAPSers meeting in Texas reminds us of the value of such groups in stimulating both collecting and social aspects of this society. Regional groups have flourished and died since 1945 and, to our knowledge, only Texas and Toronto are currently active. This seems a pity.

Perhaps the Texas folk will spur others into getting together. All it takes is two or more members, with the necessary incentive, to form a loosely conceived association and you're on your way. Surely there are enough members in, say, Vancouver, New York or Montreal who would like to get together for an occasional meeting. For our part, we'll do our best to promote any efforts in this direction through the pages of this magazine. The rest is up to you.

Although this time of year is associated with the summer doldrums, both of us have been extra busy, having changed jobs and one of us moving from London to Kingston. This is our way of apologizing for recent delays in getting *Topics* out on time.

MAIL FROM OUR MEMBERS

Fluorescent standards

On the subject of paper fluorescence of the Centennial and other recent issues, (*Topics*, January, 1975) I would like to comment as follows:

1. Re: D. Gronbeck-Jones (*Newsfront*). I would accept Dave's suggestions in using the five stamps mentioned, with two provisos. a) That an U-V lamp as well as sight be used for identification and b) that these stamps are not used when dealing with the Centennial issue.

2. Re: letter from A. Kinkajou. I agree with him insofar as general paper fluorescence is concerned that a lamp is needed and must be used. The study group which met at Williamsburg did not concern itself with setting standards for paper fluorescence, but only with the Centennial issue.

Two charts were distributed and found general acceptance, but no formal action was taken. It was felt best that the terms Dull, White and Hi-Brite would be best suited for cataloguing for the average collector, although a further division into the 17 papers identified by Marcott and Pielow could be used at the option of those who wanted to achieve advanced specialization.

3. Re: letter from P. Harris. I discussed the issue with him in a letter of considerable length. Mr. Harris is unable to accept something that I consider to be basic — his right to have a theory and my right to not accept it.

My lack of enthusiasm for the Harris' idea is solely involved with the Centennial issue. This is a unique specialized field and has many adherents, quite prepared to have their own standards wholly within that issue, not dictated to by someone who is unable to accept the rights of others to reject it.

— Glenn Hansen

Proof sheets

Thanks for plugging the *Postal History* in January's *Topics*; a number of people have commented on the proof sheets (current) as a result of my column. I never knew they had been given up but several collectors say they were discontinued

around 1948, and must have just been resurrected recently.

The sheets I have date from early 1972, though I have seen some from 1967. Don't know just what the full story is but I imagine that Jim Kraemer could fill in some of the details.

— Graham J. Noble

That much-travelled cover . . .

Since writing my article *A Much-Travelled Cover* which appeared in April *Topics*, Lew Ludlow has brought to my attention a misprint which should be corrected.

Backstamps numbers 4 and 5 should read 'MONT & ISL POND' rather than 'MONT & I. POND'.

— W. G. Robinson

. . . and news about two more much-travelled covers

I am enclosing xerox copies of two covers that I purchased some years ago in western Canada.

The first, while not as travelled as Mr. Robinson's cover (*Topics*, April 1975), originated in Italy and passed through Alberta and B.C. for a considerable time. There are eight different RPO strikes but only five RPO listings. These include three different dates for W-131 and two for W-80. In all there are 25 town and RPO cancellations on the cover.

The second cover has been examined by Mr. Shaw, who has been unable to identify the clerk, due to part of the strike being omitted. On the front the name appears as A. B—RY. Shaw listed this as Q-216B; however, this does not correspond with Q-216B in Mr. Ludlow's listing.

On the back of this cover the same cancel is used with 'Dorais' written over the original name in ink. This clerk's name is listed as Q-204F.

— Ralph M. Jackson

Editor's note: Unfortunately the photographs were too poor to reproduce.

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27, 28, 31 and SP 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14 and 21 while the year date reads correctly as '08 on AU 17 and 18 and SP 20. It may prove that the date was correct on one shift and in error on another shift.

BURFORD: DE 27/93 to DE 10/98 (Blank). NSR: 95.

CACHE BAY: OC 29/94 to AP 15/05 (Blank). NSR: 97, 01, 03 (No strikes reported on Jubilees or Map).

CARDINAL: FE 9/94 to NO 23/98 (Blank). NSR: 95, 96. Year-Date errors: MR 20/42 and MR 26/42 (both strikes on Small Queens).

CHELTENHAM: AU 31/93 to MR 10/26 (Blank). NSR: 94, 96, 98, 99, 01-03, 05-13, 15-19, 22, 23.

CHESLEY: AP 13/94 to NO 23/98 (Blank). NSR: 97 (No strikes reported on Jubilees).

CHESTERVILLE: MY 2/94 to AP 9/98 (Blank). NSR: 95.

COBDEN: FE 5/94 to FE 5/03 (Blank). NSR: 95, 99, 01.

COBOURG: SP 6/93 to NO 1/97 (Blank). NSR: 94, 95, 96.

COMBER: SP 19/93 to JU 14/96 (Blank).

CORNWALL: OC 11/94 to MY 8/00 (Blank). NSR: 95, 98.

DUNDAS: AP 9/94 to DE 21/00 (AM, PM). NSR: 95, 98.

DUNNVILLE: FE 4/95 to JY 19/99 (Blank). NSR: 96.

DURHAM: JU 16/94 to MR 24/96 (Blank).

FLESHERTON: AP 30/94 to MY 4/00 (Blank). NSR: 96, 98.

FONTHILL: Single example, Blank/JY 3/93.

FOREST: MR 29/97 to AP 13/98 (Blank).

FORMOSA, Hammer I: No examples known.

FORMOSA: Hammer II, State 1: AP 10/95 to OC 8/96 (Blank).

FORMOSA, Hammer II, State 2: OC 15/96 to MR 6/08 (Blank). NSR: 00, 02, 03, 05, 06.

FORT WILLIAM WEST: NO 14/93 to FE 25/97 (Blank). NSR: 95, 96.

GALT: AU 24/93 to JY 5/95 (AM, PM).

GEORGETOWN: FE 1/94 to MY 2/03 (Blank). NSR: 95, 96, 98, 01.

TAGGING ALONG — continued

like a sore thumb. However, finding an untagged error with *no* bars is much more difficult. I have let several slip through my first inspection — only to have them show up on a recheck. Keep this in mind when you are sorting.

Some further additions to the tagged perfin listing (see *Topics*, November, 1974) — again from Jonathan Johnson of Cassiar, B.C.

(see chart on page 154)

Another note from the same source — "The CP Vancouver perforator was recalled to Winnipeg in 1964. It is assumed that this machine *and* the Winnipeg machine were lost or destroyed shortly afterward."

This was in 1964, so further research will be necessary to explain why 1967 definitives are showing up tagged. There may be a third explanation as to what happened to the CPR perforating machines. Can anyone tell me the answer?

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Earliest: No known strikes
Indicia: 200 in proof strike
Usage: Unknown in postal use
R.F.: 10 (—)

Comments: One of two hammers known that was apparently never used; the other is Hammer XXII, but lack of knowledge on Hammer XXII may be lack of material which certainly is not true for Hammer XII. From the proof strike, the characteristics of this hammer are well known, but in almost 600 strikes of M-38 Hammer XII was not found on one. This one was lost before it ever got out of the gate.

Hammer XIII

Proofed: June 6, 1919

1st Period
Earliest: June 13, 1922
Latest: April 14, 1923
Indicia: 3 only

2nd Period
July 20, 1937
April 2, 1949
3—1937/49; 59,
60—1941/43; 1947

Usage: Two distinct periods; first is rare, second is full and continuous
R.F. 10 (6.5%)

Comments: We suspect that this hammer was originally brought in as a replacement for one under repair and that repair being completed, this one was put on the shelf only to be brought back again in 1937. All strikes are clean and clear throughout the entire life of the hammer. In 1945, strikes on cover are known without year date on March 20 and April 7; the latter cover is further interesting because of not only this strike of Hammer XIII but also one of Hammer I on the same cover two days earlier on April 5.

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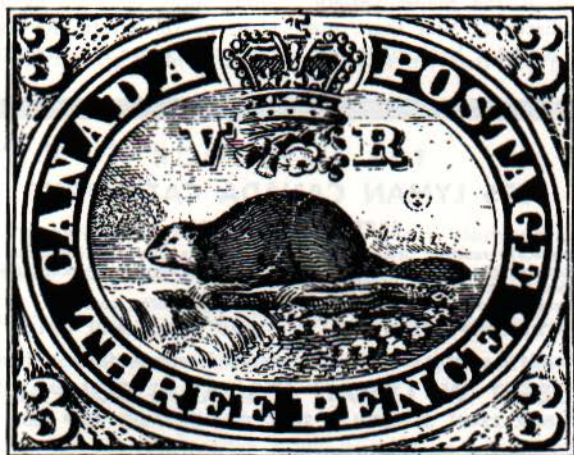
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stamps. I have owned a dozen full panes of these stamps and all were in panes of 50 (5 x 10).

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made up of a number of vertical cliches of five stamps each, and I have determined that there are 10 constant plate varieties with all stamps showing one of these types.

The cliches can be identified by the constant varieties as shown in the chart.

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