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Postmarked Prince Edward Island

Prince Edward Island
SHIP LETTER

First in a series

By G. DOUGLAS MURRAY

A copy of the "Prince Edward Island/Ship Letter" cancellation has come to my attention recently. It has been reported by Robson Lowe (HS12) and by Tomlinson and Clougher in a paper published by the Postal History Society of Great Britain in 1959. The latter list 12 other similar cancels from Maritime ports as follows:

Annapolis, N.S.	Yarmouth, N.S.
Lunenburg, N.S.	Arichat, C.B.
Pictou, N.S.	Dalhousie, N.B.
Digby, N.S.	Saint John, N.B.
Shelburne, N.S.	Miramichi, N.B.
Liverpool, N.S.	Bathurst, N.B.

The Postal History of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick 1754-1867 lists six more:

Sydney, C.B.	Richibucto, N.B.
Windsor, N.S.	St. Andrews, N.B.
Newcastle, N.B.	St. Stephens, N.B.

and indicates that all were proofed in the General Post Office, London "Proof Book" in 1841.

Little is recorded on the use of these marks except that they were apparently incoming marks used on mail delivered by coastal vessels. The Island mark was used on mail delivered to Charlottetown until at least 1845, no later marks being known.

The dates of use coincide closely with those of the operation of the Prince Edward Island Steam Navigation Co. which secured the contract for delivery of mail to the Island in 1841 and ceased in 1846. The steamers "S.S. Pocohontas" and "S.S. St. George" plied the waters of the Northum-

berland Strait for the company during the open-water season.

I have seen many covers from this period, but only one bears this cancel. The letter is dated 2 April 1845 and sent from one James Ellis in Devon, England to his uncle Wm. Ellis in New Bideford, PEI. The only other markings are the postage (4½) written in the upper right corner of the face and the receiving cancel (Prince Edward Island) applied on the back in Charlottetown on May 19. There are no indications of the originating office or Halifax where I might have assumed the letter to have landed.

The postage rate appears to be in local currency rather than sterling, which was the practice for unpaid letters to North America. Clougher reports that Elizabeth Chappel, P.M. in Charlottetown, sent a notice to postmasters in 1840 which required postage of 4½ pence to England, Ireland and Scotland and an optional charge of 10 pence to Halifax. This fact could indicate a direct shipping link to England; however, I am speculating here.

After July 1840 Cunard Steamers dispatched packet mails from Liverpool, England; however, the rate should have been 1 shilling 2 pence sterling or 1s4d currency. Clarification would be appreciated on these rates and the mail route at this time.

The author would appreciate any comments or further information on the foregoing. His address is Box 693, Charlottetown, PEI, C1A 7L3.

Forgery Revealed

in handbook

By HORACE W. HARRISON



Substitute for Figure 49a

Some months ago, Dr. Fred Stulberg, editor of *The Canadian Philatelist*, told me that he believed that the registered post card shown as figure 49A on page 30 of my book, *Canada's Registry System: 1827-1911* was not a registry usage at all, but simply a post card which had had a registered letter stamp added to it at some later date.

When I purchased the post card many years ago, I was satisfied that the card was indeed a registered usage because number 638 appeared in the upper lefthand corner and the straight lined registered cancel on the 2c registered letter stamp was identical with one known to have been used at Toronto. Despite this evidence of registered usage, I should have been much more suspicious, since the registered letter stamp was not tied in any way to the post card.

Dr. Stulberg informed me that he had purchased a series of post cards all with the same printed address to Charles Askew, Clerk Division Court, St. Thomas, and cancelled in various places, all having a number in the upper left-hand corner. While all of the message sides contained printed information relative to court cases, the numbers on the cards in the upper left-hand corner on the face, referred to the case number. He had cards numbered 637 and 639 in the lot which he purchased, none of which were registered.

This firmly established that the number on the front of the card referred to the docket number and year date of the case, and had nothing to do with a registered letter number. Without any indication of a registered letter number on the post card,

it was very unlikely if not impossible that the card could have been registered and gone from Toronto to St. Thomas without having had some notation of registered letter numbers inscribed thereon.

I have been fortunate in being able to acquire, rather recently, the registered post card illustrated. This illustration can be cut out of the magazine and pasted over the post card as Figure 49A on page 30 of my book. Additionally, the paragraph headed Domestic Registered Letters found on page 32 should have the final sentence therein corrected to read as follows: "Figure 49A shows one from Toronto dated May 10, 1877."

Note that the registered letter stamp is tied at the left by the hand stamp *Registered* and at the right by the local carrier delivery stamp *3:30 May 10*. At the lower left there are two registered letter numbers which have been scratched out and the roman numeral "II" inscribed in indelible pencil thereon, undoubtedly because roman numerals were used for registered letters taken out for delivery by the carriers. The message side contains an inquiry which has to do with damaged freight.

Those members who already own the handbook should make the correction indicated, but those who are non-owners, but interested in Canadian postal history, could order one from the APS Central Office, P.O. Box 800, State College, PA 16801. Upon receiving the book, they should then make the correction outlined herein, as well as the addition found on pages 211 and 212 of the March, 1975, *American Philatelist*. Price to APS members is \$6.00 and to non-members \$7.50, postpaid.

Canada Post's discounting to foreign agents could disrupt Canadian marketplace, is claim

We reproduce below a three-column story by Jonathan Manthorpe, reporter for the Toronto *Globe and Mail*, which appeared on August 16, 1975:

"Cut-price postage stamps may well turn up on the Canadian market because the Post Office has been so eager to sell its stamps abroad.

"This is the view held by Ernest Kerr, U.S. stamp collector and writer, and a view shared by Samuel Nickle of Calgary, a prominent Canadian collector.

"They both are suspicious of the Post Office's arrangements to pay stamp dealers in the United States and Europe to sell Canadian stamps, particularly the special issues produced to mark the 1976 Olympic Games. Although they have no hard evidence that it is happening, they feel that the arrangements make it possible for foreign stamp dealers to sell stamps to Canadian businesses at lower than face value.

"Mr. Kerr said that by paying foreign dealers to sell Canadian stamps, the Post Office is in fact selling them at a discount, thus enabling other dealers to resell them in Canada at lower than their face value.

"Kehr said he was sure there would be at least 15 companies in Canada that would be interested in buying large numbers of cut-price stamps. He shied away from using the term black market but he said that if stamp dealers took advantage of the potential offered by the Post Office, 'that's just good smart business acumen—it's just stupidity in a government that makes that possible.'

"Mr. Nickle said he also had no direct evidence that cut-price stamps are being imported into Canada, but he had heard of one case of a Canadian buying large numbers of Canadian stamps cheaply in Switzerland. Nickle said that while he was in Switzerland recently he heard of a Canadian buying Canadian stamps there from a dealer and then reselling them to an American.

"My understanding was that there was \$15,000 involved, but whether that was the cut-rate price or the face value of the stamps I don't know.

"Norman Levesque, manager of the philatelic and retail sales and promotion division of the Post Office, said foreign dealers selected by the department are not sold stamps at a discount and that the

agreements with these people are very toughly worded to prevent any reimporting of the stamps.

"'We have some severe clauses in the agreements about the stamps coming back. I am not going to disclose them, but the police and customs are on the lookout,' he said.

"Levesque said that when the department planned its campaign to sell the special issues produced to mark the Olympic Games, it decided it would be better to enter into contracts with reputable dealers abroad rather than following its previous practice of selling to dealers and collectors direct from Canada. Four dealers were selected on the basis of the countries they already represented, their reputations in the trade and their management abilities. One is in New York, one in Britain, one in Belgium and one in Switzerland. The agreements were made around the end of December, 1974.

"He said the dealers are required to buy the stamps from the Post Office at face value and to sell them at face value. However, the Post Office gives the money to cover their expenses, the costs of promotion and their profit. These payments are computed on the basis of their potential sales, but did not say exactly how much is paid out.

"Kehr said he didn't see much difference between the dealers being given a discount

and being paid to sell Canadian stamps. 'That's just semantics. It's a discount. That's what it means.'

"Levesque said he had heard of no instances of cut-price stamps being brought back into Canada and that if it were happening it would result in cancellation of the contracts.

"Although Levesque would not say how much the foreign distributors are being paid, Kehr said he expected it would be about 25 per cent of the face value of the stamps sold. 'I wouldn't want to be quoted as saying it was 23 per cent, 25 per cent or 28 per cent, but 25 per cent is the going rate in the business and two or three countries are paying 30 per cent.'

"Kehr said the mass production of postage stamps for commercial purposes 'has nothing to do with the postal service.' He said the multitude of stamps being issued by the Post Office in recent years has lowered their value in the eyes of serious collectors and in the long run was a counter-productive move by the Post Office.

"Nickle said he felt very strongly that cut-price stamps should not be on the Canadian market 'and the Department agrees that it should not happen.' He said he had only hearsay evidence that cheap stamps are coming back into Canada, but he felt it is quite possible because of the arrangements made by the Post Office and the quantities of stamps involved."

The "Stub-Tailed Saint"

(Last of two parts — by RALPH G. HAY)

The *Freeman* went on, ". . . some accuse us of misrepresentation, because we stated that the face was the unmistakable, ugly face of the PMG, as they say that he never in all his life looked so respectable as in this picture. Others, that it is the first time anyone ever saw his eyes open.

"Others vow they will never pollute their fingers by using one of these stamps. And yet, it has been said that Mr. Connell's face is most appropriate as he has 'more cheek' than any other man in the province."

All through April, public emotions increased. The postage stamps to be issued on May 1 were delayed.

On May 3, rumors circulated that the five cent stamp would be suppressed and that Connell would resign both as postmaster-general and as a member of the executive council.

On May 22, the *Morning Freeman* said it believed that Connell had resigned. Connell did resign on May 19. With the exception of the Connell stamp and the 17-cent stamp, the decimal set was placed on sale June 1. A new five-cent stamp bearing the likeness of Queen Victoria was ordered from the American Banknote Company and released on August 1. The 17-cent Prince of Wales stamp was issued later.

The Connell sheets numbering 500,000 stamps, it is believed, were all destroyed except a number of stamps that Connell retained for himself. Those that invariably turn up at auction from time to time are stamps that Connell gave to friends and acquaintances over the years.

Robson Lowe's book, *The Encyclopaedia of British Empire Stamps*, volume V, reports that probably 50 Connell stamps are in existence today. I am inclined to think the number of stamps may be greater. Connell stamps turn up at auction frequently enough to suggest that perhaps a larger number exist.

The well-known Toronto auctioneer, J. N. Sissons, has advised me that he "has sold somewhere between 15 and 20 Connells in the period that he has been in business. Probably some of them were the same copy being resold." He also reports that the only pair of five-cent Connells he knows of he bought in the Reford sale some 25 years ago. He sold the pair of Connells to Alec Galt who, he believes, sold the pair in New York. The pair was bought by Nicholas Argenti of London, England. This pair was sold in the Argenti sale some years later.

One story suggests that each of Connell's
(continued on page 224)

The National Postal Museum ... one year old

by MICHAEL B. DICKETTS



*Replica of 1900-era post office forms
part of museum*

On September 27, 1974, collectors from across the country, from the U.S., and from many other parts of the world joined with postal officials in Ottawa to attend the official opening of the National Postal Museum on Confederation Heights, Ottawa. The event caught and held the attention of the press, both philatelic and lay, and for one warm, sunny fall afternoon we were able to set aside cares and worries and toast (albeit in the fruits of Niagara) this notable event.

What has happened since? While I assume many have made the journey to view the displays, publicity after opening day has been almost non-existent. Have any of the displays been changed since last September? I expected to see details of some of the more important acquisitions which the Museum has been avidly seeking. I'm sure there have been notable additions but nary a word has been forthcoming. Perhaps Jim Kraemer will have something to say during our annual convention this month, but if so that's far too long to have waited.

Again, the Museum has been represented at a number of international exhibitions in the past year but has studiously avoided

releasing any details. Surely an ongoing publicity campaign is a responsible aspect of the Museum's operation. Must we wait forever to learn what's going on?

One positive note in all of this is the recent announcement that the first book under the Museum's publishing policy has gone on sale. This is excellent news, although until the vast holdings of papers, etc., are properly organized within a yet to be created library, our writers and students will labour under a disadvantage.

On the darker side is the fact that a permanent building to house and display what must be a growing collection appears to be some years away from reality.

Here's hoping the Museum will face its responsibilities, now that we have a national home for philatelic treasures, and keep us up to date on what's happening. Happy birthday anyway.

Long after the official opening *Topics* received photographs of the Museum and we've been holding them for a suitable occasion. We still recommend a personal visit, but for those who haven't made it yet we shall be publishing a selection from time to time.



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Laurentide Air Service Schedule

Readers of Richard K. Malott's article on Laurentide Air Services will be interested in seeing the schedule of that service

which was effective December 25, 1924. It is reproduced below. Later we hope to publish the schedule and rates charged by Patricia Airways & Exploration Ltd.

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Arrive Lake Fortune	-	11.15 a.m.
Leave Lake Fortune	-	11.45 a.m.
Arrive Rouyn	-	12.00 noon

WESTBOUND

Leave Rouyn	-	12.30 p.m.
Arrive Lake Fortune	-	12.45 p.m.
Leave Lake Fortune	-	1.00 p.m.
Arrive Larder Lake	-	1.30 p.m.

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Tagging Along

Kenneth G. Rose, Box 7086, Station 'E', Calgary T3C-3L8, Alberta

I would like to enlist the opinions of the few loyal readers of this column with regard to the Type Chart of General Tagging. In conversation and correspondence with several of you there seems to be an almost equal division of opinion as to whether 14 types with the corresponding 14 error types are necessary. As you know, both General and Ottawa tagging consists of two bar tagging applied over each vertical row of perfs, as opposed to several different applications of Winnipeg tagging made necessary by different rates in 1962 when Sefacan commenced operation.

My current chart was made up of virtually the same types of tagging with different type numbers assigned to different shapes of stamps. In doing further work on a complete compilation of my findings, I am now of the opinion that one type for all postage stamps and one error type would be sufficient, with possibly two or three additional types for Postal Stationery. A subdivision of various 3, 3½, 4, 4½mm bar widths might be necessary, but I feel that for example Type G-1 3½mm would be sufficient as an explanation, and would save me a little work, and save readers and publishers some confusion.

The Winnipeg chart will remain the same, with the same type numbers, but please let me have your suggestions as to which you would prefer for the General tagged types.

There are one or two new reportings — one of which I consider a major find. On Sunday, May 25, a single untagged 25c booklet was turned up by a local BNAPS member from a small downtown vending machine. There were subsequently a few more collected from the same machine but, several hours and many quarters later, no more were turned up after a search of most of the downtown machines.

I had had a report of a 1c and 6c tenant used, and this would seem to confirm the fact that they are around. All 10 "aircraft" covers were secured, and the cover is of very low reflective cardboard, while the paper is the lowest reflective paper I have seen, and corresponds to Grade 1 on the Keane-Hughes scale. No major

varieties were noticed on the few panes I was able to examine.

The 1974 8c Christmas has been reported with no tag, and while I have had a copy for some time, the current 15c with no tag was somehow left off my major listing.

Many used copies of the current 8c have turned up with no tagging, so I again repeat my warning not to pay exorbitant prices for this item.

Today, July 3, 1975, was the "stamp launch" of the Calgary Centennial stamp, and thanks to Sam Nickle I received an invitation to the launch at the Stampede grounds, and the official luncheon later on.

The actual launch was at Fort Calgary House, which is not a large building, and of necessity guests were limited to about 100 and therefore I consider myself fortunate to have been one of the chosen few. In addition, many of those present were in the official party, and included such notables as the Postmaster General, Mayor Rod Sykes, Federal MPs, local MLAs, the president of the Stampede Board, and last but not least, Walter Petriego, whose prize-winning photograph was used in the final design of the stamp.

In all, it was a memorable day in the life of your humble scribe, and even without the souvenir folders with which we were presented, and the "Day of Issue" and Stampede covers which were autographed by many of the dignitaries present, it was still a day well spent.

The luncheon held on the outskirts of Calgary was minus many of the dignitaries (other than those from the Post Office) and virtually all the guests were in some way connected with philately. After the luncheon and a few speeches the floor was thrown open for questions. The officials on hand fielded them very well.

While we may all wonder from time to time just what goes on in our Post Office, I came away with the impression that at least the people involved with these ceremonies are aware of some of the problems, and are very sincere in their efforts to correct them.



Rounding Up Squared Circles

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Column No. 136—The listings of earliest and latest recorded dates continues; normal time marks are indicated in parentheses following the dates, except in complex cases where they are discussed following the listings. Then I list years during the earliest-latest period for which I have no strikes recorded (NSR); if no NSR notation appears, I have record of use for each year of the earliest-latest period. Please review the listings and let me know of changes which need to be made.

* * *

HAMILTON: Period I—DE 15, 94 to AP 13, 96. Period II—AP 15, 96 to OC 9, 96. Period III—MR 11, 13 to AU 20, 14. Period IV—NO 18, 15 (see note below).

Time marks 1 and 7-24 are normal; marks 2 through 6 are found on contemporary CDS strikes, but two strikes with these marks are known in squared circle cancels: 4/JA 1/? and 6/AP 4/95. It is possible that these are 14 and 16 in which the '1' did not ink and print, or that the '6' is an inverted '9'.

The last day of continuous use of the squared circle in Period I is AP 13/96, after which a successor device came into use. But two later dates of revival are known, immediately following Period I: 19/AP 15/96 and 18/OC 9/96.

Only two strikes are reported for Period IV: 17/NO 18/15 and 15/NO 18/91. The latter is clearly an error and may have been intended as 15/NO 18/16 or, as I believe more likely, 16/NO 18/15, the same day as the first strike. All time marks, 1 and 7-24 are known in Period I, and all marks except 1, 7, 8, and 21 are reported for Period III.

HARRISTON: SP 6, 93 to NO 1, 04 (Blank). NSR: 94, 99, 02, 03.

HAWKESBURY: JA 27, 94 to MR 18, 98 (Blank). NSR: 96.

HUMBERSTONE: JA 2, 94 to MR 28, 98 (Blank). NSR: 95.

HUNTSVILLE: OC 29, 94 to MY 20, 99 (Blank in '94 and early '95, through MR 16/95; then AM, PM with occasional Blanks).

INGERSOLL: AU 25, 93 to MY 13, 98 (AM, PM).

INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE: AU 31, 93 to NO 23, 95 (Blank).

IROQUOIS: DE 22, 94 to OC 11, 00 (Blank).

KINCARDINE: NO 1, 94 to AP 6, 99 (Blank). NSR: 96, 97, 98 (Hammer may not have been in use; no strikes reported on Jubilee or Map).

KINGSTON I: OC 10, 93 to DE 31, 93 (1, 2, 3, 4). Abnormal: 4/DE 0/93.

KINGSTON II: JA 2, 94 to JY 30, 02 (Normal: 1, 2, 3, 4; abnormal). NSR: 00, 01.

Abnormals: 04/JU 6/94—several reported, 14/JU 16/98, NT/JU 13/?, Blank/JA 8/94; Blank/SP 2/97, Quaker date: ?/17/98, Time mark '4' often inverted. On some dates in SP/94, day precedes month. Previously reported 8/FE 15/96 is in error; time mark is a blurred '3'.

KINGSVILLE: FE 4, 95 (Blank) only two copies known; parts of a pair.

LAKEFIELD: MR 3, 94 to MR 28, 05 (1, 2 and occasional Blank). NSR: 96, 00. Three-line dates known: DE/23/94; FE/25/95; MR/1/95.

LAMBTON MILLS: NO 13, 94 to MR 25, 96 (Blank).

LANARK: DE 30, 93 to DE 8, 99 (Blank). NSR: 95.

LEAMINGTON: AU 9, 94 to AU 16, 99 (Blank). NSR: 95. Year date inverted on OC 16/95 and NO 27/95.

LINDSAY: SP 28, 93 to FE ?, 06 (Blank; AM, PM; 1, 2, 3, 4). NSR: 04. Time mark use was complex; indications are that the general pattern was somewhat as detailed below: Early strikes, to OC 3/93—Blank. OC 4/94 to JY 17/94—AM, PM. JY 18/94 to MY 21/96—Blank. MY 22/96 to SP 29/97—1, 2; abnormal 3, 4. SP 30/97 to end—AM, PM.

During period when 1, 2 were normal, abnormal 3 and 4 are known occasionally, always with one exception, on an 11th or 22nd of a month, when presumably

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The RPO Cowcatcher

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M38 HALIFAX & CAMP. R.P.O./.

Group B — Curved Ampersand Eleven Hammers

Hammer XIV

Proofed: March 26, 1920
Earliest: June 11, 1932
Latest: August 30, 1953
Indicia: 1—1932/44; 3—1953
Usage: Well represented in 1930s, after which limited and infrequent
R.F.: -0 (3.6%)

Comments: Of all M-38 hammers, only five have the stop after "P" of CAMP as a base period rather than a mid-vertical dot or dash; all five are Group B, namely XIV, XV, XXII and XXIII. The last two were proofed in 1950 and the type face is completely different from the first three. Thus, our identification and separation difficulties are materially reduced. Early strikes of XIV are clear, but middle and later strikes are frequently smudged, the product of a dirty hammer; however, not much wear.

Hammer XV

Proofed: March 26, 1920
Earliest: ———, 1932
Latest: January 18, 1960
Indicia: 1—1932; 59—1952/60
Usage: Limited and rare
R.F.: -0 (0.7%)

Comments: With Hammers XIV and XVI well known, it is a mystery why this hammer is so seldom found. Twenty years separate the earliest above from the first of three strikes we have in the 1952/1960 period.

Hammer XVI

Proofed: Unknown
Earliest: September 9, 1932
Latest: October 6, 1956
Indicia: 1—1932/48; 2—1948/49; 3—1956
Usage: Intermittent throughout period
R.F.: 10 (3.1%)

Comments: Although no proof strike is known for this hammer: it is obvious that it was made at the same time as Hammers XIV and XV from the characteristic style and position of the letters involved. This hammer had a medium level of wear, not nearly as good as Hammer XIII but much better than Hammer II.

Hammer XVII

Proofed: Unknown
Earliest: February 13, 1930
Latest: April 26, 1949
Indicia: 3, 4—1930/41; 1944/46; 59—1941/43; 1946/49.

Usage: Plentiful and constant throughout period
R.F.: 10 (8.6%)

Comments: This hammer and the next three: XVII-XX inc., have very similar characteristics and are somewhat difficult to separate. All four are categorized by having a mid-vertical dot after the "P" of CAMP; however, Hammer XVII has an atypical ampersand that is quite rounded on the top loop but almost angular on the bottom loop. Details follow in the section on identification. We have an interesting cover, registered, from Queensland, Australia to Nova Scotia that has backstamps of both

Hammer IX and Hammer XVII for November 23rd and November 25, 1946, respectively.

Hammer XVIII

Proofed: January 20, 1923
Earliest: May 22, 1925
Latest: February 22, 1944
Indicia: 3—1925/33; 4—1932/44
Usage: Sporadic and scarce
R.F.: 10 (2.4%)

Comments: Unlike Hammer XVII which wore well, this hammer was scruffy from the start and got worse with time. We do not believe it saw daily use nor does it appear to have been well cared for. Again, perhaps used by a substitute clerk.

Hammer XIX

Proofed: January 20, 1923
Earliest: January 7, 1928
Latest: February 16, 1944
Indicia: 4—1928; 1936; 3—1932/37; 1944; 59—1943

Usage: Sporadic and very scarce
R.F.: 10 (1.7%)

Comments: Early strikes are light and ill-defined; however, later strikes are more legible as there occurs more adherence of the ink to the hammer.

Hammer XX

Proofed: Unknown
Earliest: September 28, 1931
Latest: February 19, 1940
Indicia: 2—1931/40; 3—1932
Usage: Infrequent and rare
R.F.: 10 (1.0%)

Comments: When found, these strikes are clear and identifiable. Although the earliest date known so far is 1931, the characteristic nature of the ampersands of Hammers XVII-XX would indicate that all four hammers were laid down about the same time.

Hammer XXI

Proofed: October 14, 1948
Earliest: June 8, 1949
Latest: October 27, 1960
Indicia: 59 only
Usage: Continuous in this limited late period
R.F.: 10 (2.2%)

Comments: We suspect that this and the three remaining hammers were introduced late in the life of his run as replacements for previously used hammers. Hammer XXI and Hammer XXIV are characterized by fat, round ampersands which along with wide lettering are easily recognizable. Once the nature is established, only separation of the two is required for identification.

Hammer XXII

Proofed: November 15, 1950
Earliest: Not yet known
Indicia: PM in proof strike
Usage: To be advised
R.F.: 10 (—)

Comments: This and Hammer XXIII were proofed on the same date and are characterized by small widely spaced letters that are singular for these two hammers. Lack of any strikes is believed to be probably due to lack of material, although assuredly neither of these two hammers is common.

Hammer XXIII

Proofed: November 15, 1950
Earliest: May 29, 1951
Latest: To be advised
Indicia: Only 60 known so far
Usage: To be advised
R.F.: 10 (0.2%)

Comments: As with XXII, we believe much additional material will be reported after the fact of these two hammers being isolated. As previously advised, our post-1950 material is limited.

Hammer XXIV

Proofed: April 14, 1951

Earliest: July 23, 1953

Latest: December 2, 1958

Indicia: Only 60 known

Usage: Intermittent in late limited period

R.F.: 10 (0.8%)

Comments: The last of the M-38 hammers apparently was not a regular in the system of use; at least a half dozen other hammers are more well known during this period. Latest above is a back stamp on cover from Minnesota to Nova Scotia along with a U.S. R.P.O., VANCE & BANG/R.P.O.

SEPARATION OF M-38 HAMMERS

In the analysis set forth as follows, we make one basic assumption—namely, that a full, clear strike is available for evaluation. Partial strikes will have to be handled in a different manner. First, observe the ampersand. Sharp, angular ampersands are Group A strikes, Hammers I-XIII; curved, rounded ampersands are Group B strikes, Hammers XIV-XXIV.

Group A Hammers....

Step 1. Check the strike for punctuation after the "P" of CAMP; no punctuation after "P" proves Hammer I, a double stop after "P" proves Hammer VIII or IX and a mid-vertical dot or dash after "P" proves Hammer II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, X, XI, XII or XIII.

Step 2. For Hammer I, to insure that your strike is not just a light hit, measure the chordal distance from the bottom of the *right* leg of the *first* "A" of HALIFAX to the bottom of the *left* leg of the "M" of CAMP. Hammer I is a full 15 mm, while Hammer X is only 14½mm; all other Group A hammers are 14mm or less.

Step 3. To separate Hammers VIII and IX, measure the chordal distance from the bottom of the *right* leg of the "H" to the bottom of the *left* leg of the "X", both of HALIFAX; a measurement of 10½mm is Hammer VIII, while Hammer IX is only 10mm. The "P" of CAMP of both hammers is followed immediately by a base-line period which is then followed by a mid-vertical horizontal dash for Hammer VIII and by a mid-vertical dot for Hammer IX. In later strikes, this horizontal dash tends to a square and this dot to a vertical dash.

Step 4. To separate the remaining Group A hammers, measure the chordal distance

from the bottom of the *left* leg of the "A" of CAMP to the bottom of the *left* leg of the "R" of R.P.O. A distance of *over* 8mm proves Hammer X or XIII; all of the balance of the Group A hammers, excepting those already isolated, are *less* than 8mm.

Step 5. To separate Hammers X and XIII, measure the chordal distance from the bottom of the *right* leg of the *second* "A" of HALIFAX to the bottom of the *right* leg of the "A" of CAMP; Hammer X measures *over* 10mm while Hammer XIII is *less* than 9mm.

Step 6. We have now segregated Hammers I, VIII, IX, X and XIII; remaining are II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, XI and XII. Repeat Step 3, above, the H-X measurement. A distance of 10½mm is Hammer II, while 8½mm is Hammer III; the remaining six hammers all measure between 9-9¾mm.

Step 7. Measure the chordal distance from the bottom of the *left* leg of the "X" of HALIFAX to the bottom of the "P" of CAMP; Hammer IV measures only 10½mm, while Hammers V, VI, VII, XI and XII are all 11mm or over.

Step 8. Measure the chordal distance from the bottom of the *left* leg of the "M" of CAMP to the bottom of the "P" of R.P.O.; Hammer XII has a chordal distance of at least 8¾mm while V, VI, VII and XI are 8¼mm or less.

Step 9. Repeat Step 5 above, the A-A measurement. Hammers V and VII measure *less* than 9mm, while Hammers VI and XI measure *over* 9mm.

Step 10. Measure the chordal distance between the bottom of the *right* leg of the "H" and the bottom of the "F", both of HALIFAX; 6mm is Hammer V, while Hammer VII is only 5½mm.

Step 11. Repeat Step 10 above, the H-F measurement for Hammers VI and XI; a distance of 5½mm is Hammer VI while a distance of 6mm is Hammer XI.

Group B Hammers

Step 1. There are three basic classes of ampersands within the Group B hammers which jump out after some experience of identification of these strikes. These are (a.)

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TOPICS: THE NEWSFRONT

Thanks to the hard work of Bob Carr, as personal representative of President Jim Pike, and other noted members of BNAPS, there was a fine Court of Honour at *Complex 75*, with the best display of Canadian material I have seen in the 29 years I've been in the Chicago area.

Held at the Hotel LaSalle, Chicago, May 23-25, 1975, it was unfortunate that it clashed with the Memorial Day holiday. As I was currently attending a Lions convention, located 35 miles away across town, I was only able to spend a fast Sunday morning dashing around the exhibits and bourse. However I did stop long enough to greet fellow members George Wegg, Dick Lamb, Art Leggett, Doris Hollingshead, Fred Stulberg and Winfield Clatterbuck. Regrettably Carr was unavailable that morning so that I didn't get a chance to welcome him to the area or congratulate him on such a fine turnout.

Reproduced from the catalog are the list of exhibitors which will indicate something of the calibre of the material. Need I say more.

— Ian Taylor

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Did you know that the Postal Museum's series of postcards are also available without matching stamps printed on them? Both sets are on sale at 12c each from the National Postal Museum, Confederation Heights, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0B1.

It's now official. We have received a release from the Postal Museum indicating that George Marler's *The Edward VII Issue of Canada* is now available. Other details, including price, are as reported in this column in the June/July issue of *Topics* and orders can be sent to the Museum whose address appears above.

If you have any money left here's another invitation to spend it. Canada Post announces that a vinyl souvenir album containing every Olympic stamp issued from September 1973 to June 1975 will sell for \$7.50. Face value is \$5.73. Also newly on sale is a clear plastic case containing 12 Olympic stamps permanently mounted in it. Selling for \$6 the stamps have a face value of \$5.

SOME RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Canadian Postage Stamps 1953-1974, by K. Bileski. 1975. Soft cover, 9"x6", 100 pages. \$10. Obtainable from the author, Station B, Winnipeg, Manitoba, and from many dealers.

This long awaited priced catalogue replaces and continues the Elizabethan section of the author's 1968 *Canada Basic Catalogue*, 4th edition. Bileski continues to use his distinctive numbering system but as every stamp is fully illustrated this presents no problem to those following the Scott system. In fact, the illustrations are a high point in this comprehensive work which exhaustively covered a complex period of stamp issues, and clearly shows the reader which item is being listed.

The complexities of the Centennial definitives are well dealt with and some of the prices will raise a few eyebrows. For this reviewer, the surprises came in the earlier issues, where hi-brite and fluorescent papers are known as far back as 1959.

The arrangement is by issued form, i.e. sheet stamps, coils, etc., and within each section the stamps are further separated by type of paper. Well worth reading are the author's account of how certain varieties and errors occurred, which intersperse the chapters and sections. This descriptive catalogue will serve well the beginning and intermediate collector of this important modern period of Canada's postal issues.

— M.B.D.

Post Office Department **NEW ISSUES**

An 8c stamp commemorating International Women's Year, and features a graphic variation of the female symbol, was issued on July 14.



The stamp was designed by Susan McPhee of Montreal, and measures 24mm by 30mm in a vertical format.

A total of 29 million stamps will be printed in two-color gravure and one-color steel by the British American Bank Note Company of Ottawa. Marginal inscriptions, including the designer's name, appear on the four corners of each pane of 100 stamps. The total production of these stamps will bear the general tagging and will not be available in any other form.

The third issue of Olympic Action stamps featuring the combat sports of boxing, fencing and judo, were issued on August 6. The denominations of the three stamps are 8c + 2c surcharge, 10c + 5c surcharge, and 15c + 5c surcharge.

The stamps were designed by James Hill of Toronto, and measure 30mm by 36mm in a vertical format. A total of 24 million 8c + 2c stamps, 14 million 10c + 5c stamps, and 14 million 15c + 5c stamps will be printed in three-color lithography by the Canadian Bank Note Company of Ottawa.

Marginal inscriptions, including the designer's name, appear on the top and bottom margins of each pane of 50 stamps (one denomination per pane). The total production of these stamps will bear the general tagging and will not be available in any other form.

On September 2 an 8c stamp commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Supreme Court of Canada, featuring a statue called Justice was issued. The stamp was designed by Allan Fleming and measures 24mm by 40mm in a vertical format.

A total of 25 million stamps will be printed in five-color lithography by Ashton-Potter Limited, Toronto. Marginal inscriptions, including the designer's name, appear on the four corners of each pane of 50 stamps. The total production of these stamps will bear the general tagging and will not be available in any other form.



Canada Post announced a new 8c stamp to commemorate Calgary's Centennial. The stamp was designed by Bernard Reilander from Walt Petrigo's photograph "Untamed", featuring a wild horse being roped and saddled by wranglers, and measures 40mm by 24mm in a horizontal format.

A total of 25 million stamps will be printed in four-color lithography by the Canadian Bank Note Company of Ottawa. Marginal inscriptions, including the designer's name, appear on the four corners of each pane of 50 stamps. Date of issue was July 3. The total production of these stamps will bear the general tagging and will not be available in any other form.

First Day of Issue cancellation for the Calgary Centennial stamp took place in Calgary. The Calgary Official First Day Covers carry a Calgary, Alberta cancellation only.



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In 1930 he joined the staff of the National Research Council in Ottawa where he became director of the Textile Research Section. Over 90 of his scientific papers have been published and he has received many scientific and technical honours. For his research work during World War II he was awarded the MBE (Member of the Order of the British Empire).

His collecting of British West Indies began at the age of eight and continued in Canada where he was a member of the Toronto Stamp Collector's Club in the

1920s. That was when Jarrett was writing his books, George Lowe was still around, mint 1897 Jubilee sets were \$22.00 and the Philatelic Agency in Ottawa was just starting up.

He has collected the 1859s, Large and Small Queens and later issues, but has disposed of most of these. Current interests include the postal history of the Ottawa Valley towns, and Squared Circles and Flag cancellations. Ed Richardson in his *The Canadian Flag Cancellation Handbook* thanked Colin for his valuable assistance over many years. Naturally he still collects his beloved British West Indies.

Through the years he has received many awards and has done considerable philatelic writing, having published in *Topics*, *The Canadian Philatelist* and in the *Journal of the British Caribbean Study Group*. He is a charter member of this Group, member and Fellow of "The Royal", London and "The Royal" of Canada, being a director of the RPSC, a member of the CPS of GB and of other philatelic societies. Having attended many conventions, we hope to see him again in Toronto in September.

—Wayne Curtis

...and some doodles by The Editor

This is the last Doodles column I will write — a final gesture ending my stint as editor of this little magazine. From here on Mike Dicketts has the task of grappling with the articles, letters, drawings, photos and criticisms, and trying to fit them into 11 issues of *Topics* that should find their way into her majesty's mails at more or less regular intervals. In many ways it can be a satisfying chore, as I have found, but over the past 12 to 15 months it has also become a burden that conflicted with my other interests and I am pleased to step down. For a few weeks I will liaise between Dicketts (in Odessa, Ontario) and the printer (in Toronto) until someone else can be found to do this.

My deepest thanks to the many members who have helped me over the past five years — particularly Mike Dicketts, who so kindly offered to take over. I know that *Topics* is in good hands.

—E. H. Hausmann

MAIL FROM OUR MEMBERS

The mystery of Woodstock in '98 — an unsolved case

Something funny seems to have been going on at the Woodstock, Ontario post office in May and June, 1898. During these two months the regular town dated postmark exhibits a desire on the part of those using it to fill in the top space. This is the slot normally reserved for AM, PM or other indications of time or mailing. Until then, surprisingly for a place of its size, this space had remained blank and it was to remain so until 1900 — except for the late spring of 1898.

A and P can be found, as illustrated, perhaps standing for AM and PM. The year is seen split into two lines, with the month and day in between. But what does 07 at the top, found on other strikes, indicate since the entire date appears below it? And what does N at the top mean — noon? The latter seems to have a 1 after the N, so perhaps number 1 (clerk?) may be the indication, although the 1 may only be an ink smear.

By July 1898 everything is back to normal. Was the postmaster away, and his assistants having some fun, or was the postmaster himself experimenting? We'll probably never know.

Postmasters elsewhere seem to have found it natural to put the year in the upper space and to leave the lower slot blank. At Longueuil, Que., the year appears at the top, with the month and day below at least from 1897 to 1904. Fordwich, Ontario placed the last two numerals of the year at the top, the first two at the bottom with the month and day in between. It carried on this practice from the middle of 1898 to 1900.

— Max Rosenthal



Suspicious straightedges

I recently purchased a lot of Admiral precancels. A number of them had perforated straight edges. In order to warn others, I thought I should illustrate this to avoid purchase of repaired stamps.

— Hans Reiche

Perfins columns

As a keen collector of perfins for a number of years, I'm disappointed that no one has stepped into the breach, so ably filled for many years by Bob Woolley, and offered to continue his column. With the handbook long out of print and much additional material to report it seems a shame to let this aspect of our hobby die from lack of a columnist.

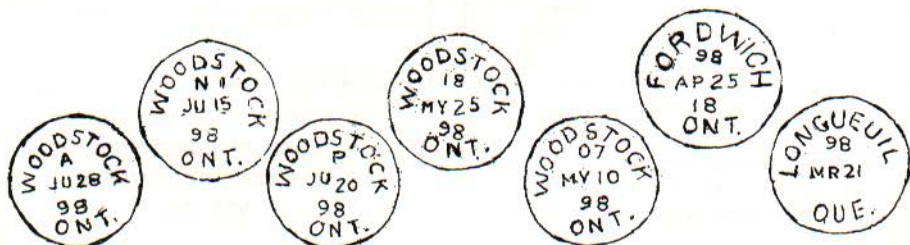
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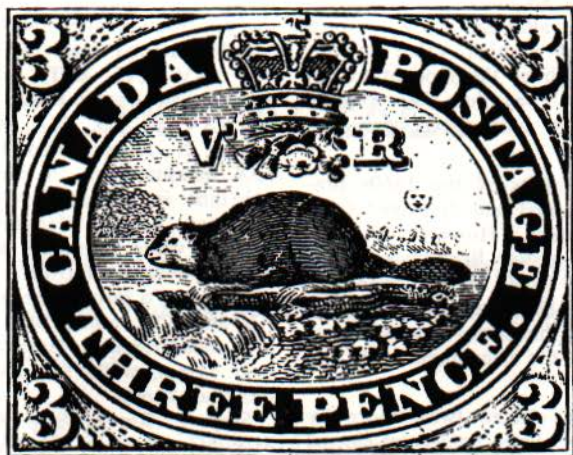
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two daughters were given a sheet of the stamps by their father. As the story goes, one daughter, residing at the Connell home-stead in the 1930s, suggested to her sister, then living in British Columbia, that they should not profit from something that had caused their father so much grief. She reportedly wrote that although she was aware collectors attached a high value to the stamp, she felt both of them ought to destroy their sheets. The other sister reportedly agreed and so both sheets were destroyed.

The political pundits of the 1860s predicted that the scandal had destroyed Connell's political future. However, true to form quite typical of New Brunswick, public memory was short lived. When Confederation took place in 1867, Connell was elected by acclamation to the newly-created parliament representing the constituency of Victoria Carleton.

He was then re-elected twice more by acclamation, then was finally re-elected against opposition in 1878. Altogether, Connell served as a member of the Canadian parliament for 14 years until his death in 1881. The residents of Woodstock, Connell's hometown, liked the ugly face and politician well enough to name a street after him.

Two questions remain: first, will a used Connell turn up? Second, does, indeed, a cover exist, maybe even a first-day cover, with stamps bearing portraits of the Queen and the great "stub-tailed saint" side by side?

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big and fat for Hammers XXI and XXIV, (b.) small and delicate for Hammers XXII and XXIII, and (c.) normal for Hammers XIV, XV, XVI, XVII, XVIII, XIX and XX; such is a qualitative judgment, however, and often for beginners can only be recognized by comparison. Therefore, check first the punctuation after the "P" of CAMP; a base-line period after "P" proves Hammer XIV, XV, XVI, XXII or XXIII, while a mid-vertical dot or dash proves Hammer VII, XVIII, XIX, XX, XXI or XXIV.

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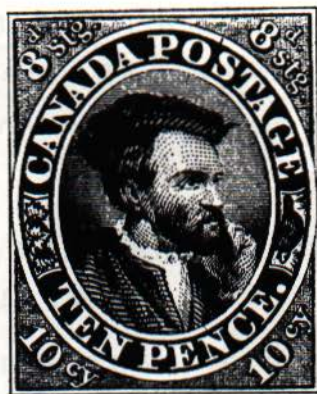
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