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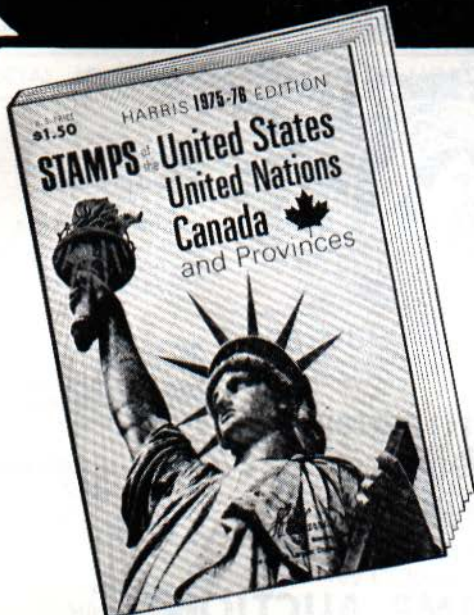
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Paper Shrinkage

by HANS REICHE

Years ago the printing of stamps had to be carried out on a paper which was moist rather than dry. Printing inks at that time did not have the same chemical properties as they have now and difficulties were encountered when printing with these inks on a dry paper. The paper which was used for the printing of stamps had a moisture content of about 15% to 20%, and was kept in a special room for this purpose before printing.

Later on, around 1925, Canadian printers found a solution to this problem and were able to print on so-called dry paper, a paper which had a moisture content of about 5% to 7%. This avoided the special storing and handling of the wet paper and the required drying after the printing. These printing methods are referred to as the wet and the dry printing method. The US printers continued the wet printing method until around 1940.

When paper is dried after it was wet a phenomenon called paper shrinkage takes place. The shrinkage of the paper takes place at right angles to the length of the fibres which make up the paper. This means they contract along their short dimension and not their long dimension. A vertically wove type paper, with the fibres oriented vertically, will shrink in the horizontal direction or at right angles to the vertical dimension. A horizontal wove paper will shrink in the vertical dimension.

This feature has been used to identify, for example, some of the various King George V stamps which were printed by both wet or the dry printing method as well as being printed on vertically or horizontally wove paper. The stamps which were printed on the vertically wove paper by the wet printing method have a slightly narrower design than the same stamps on the same paper but printed by the dry method. The difference in dimension may be of the order of 1mm.

A question has been raised; why does the dry printed stamp, after it has been soaked off paper for cleaning and mounting, not shrink to the same dimension as the stamp from the same paper but printed by the wet method? It has been suggested that since the wet paper has to be dried and then shrinks, the dry paper once made wet and then dried again also shrinks. Although this sounds reasonable it is not scientifically true.

Mr. R. Parama, a BNAPS member, suggests three possible reasons why this is

not true. The printing ink could conceivably, when dried, act as a bridge or tie and prevent shrinkage of the paper. The higher pressure required for dry printing may deform permanently the paper structure. Or thirdly, a different type of paper was used for the dry than for the wet printing which had different characteristics. However none of these suggestions are correct.

We know that paper is sensitive to temperature but in the case here this is a very minor factor. Stresses are set up when making the paper due to pulling of the fibres or the beating of the paper pulp. These stresses have some effect on the shrinkage but not a very appreciable one, although paper which is highly beaten for the better types of papers, is more sensitive to change in dimensions than other paper.

The key of course is moisture which has the major effect on the shrinkage process. But here we find an unusual feature. The fibres have a so-called memory or hysteresis. They remember what happened to them before. If they are made wet and they soak up water and expand, they will shrink when dried. Each time this is repeated they will not return to the same swollen or shrunken size as before. They remember that they have already been subjected to moisture before and have shrunk after drying. Therefore a wet printed paper once dried and then wetted again will not change its dimension much after drying a second time. The same is true for the dry printed stamps.

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Quebec Branch and Suburban Post Offices

1853 - 1910

by MAX ROSENTHAL

Canada's oldest city was large enough by 1857 to obtain its first suburban or branch post office, St. Saviour de Québec. The question of whether to call it a suburban or branch post office is a moot one, for even years after St. Saviour and several other municipalities had been annexed, the postal guides still listed them independently.

From 1908 on Candiac, Limoilou and Sans Bruit were listed as sub-post offices, but Faubourg St. Jean Baptiste (St. John Suburb), St. Roch de Québec and St. Saviour de Québec had long since amalgamated with the city. It was as if the P.O.D. were reluctant to offend the citizens of these wards by putting them officially in the list of Quebec branches. Cherrier's *Quebec City Directory* of 1888-89 stated that "drop letters for city delivery, St. Saviour, Villa Mastai, Spencer Cove, Sillery, Lévis and St. Joseph Lévis, 1 cent per ½ oz." indicating the local rate of postage between them.

Quebec city branches

These were post offices which by 1910 were branch or sub-post offices of Québec, either officially or in practice, since they were in annexed areas. Addresses are those of the 1890s or 1900s.

Hedleyville, 1893. The municipality of St. Roch Nord, incorporated in 1862, was divided in 1893 into Limoilou to the west and Saint Malo to the east. In Cherrier's 1871-72 *Directory* it is named St. Charles (Notre Dame des Anges), and described as "a village adjoining the north end of Dorchester Bridge on the St. Charles River, Parish of North St. Roch, distant from Quebec one mile."

The village of Limoilou was incorporated in 1894, but the post office established the previous year was called Hedleyville. Hedley Anderson, lumber merchant, had owned its site. However, when it was incorporated as a town in 1908 the postal designation was changed to Limoilou, the name of Jacques Cartier's manor at Saint Malo. It was annexed to Quebec City in 1910, the post office address then being 177 3rd Street.

Notre Dame de Québec, 1894. (fig. 1.) This was the name of the parish including Quebec City and surrounding territory founded in 1615. In 1906 the post office name was changed to Candiac, its address being 17 Chemin St. Foy.

St. John Suburb, 1874. (fig. 2) The original French version, St. Jean Baptiste de Québec, first appears as the parish which was organized in 1856. The post office name was changed in 1908 to Faubourg St. Jean Baptiste, at 270 st. Jean.

St. Roch de Québec, 64 St. Joseph. (fig. 3) This name was given to the first chapel built by the Recollets around 1695, on the edge of the St. Charles river. They named it after Faubourg St. Roch in Paris. The Parish was set up in 1835.

St. Saviour de Québec, 1857, 59 St. Valier. (fig. 4) The Abbé LeSueur came from a place with the same name in France in 1634. However the village had been called Boisseauville before the post office was opened, after the man who gave the land on which its church was built.

Sans Bruit, 1896, 1249 St. Valier. (fig. 5) Just past St. Saviour on the northwestern fringes of Quebec, its name translated has the delightful meaning "without noise or fuss."

Quebec County suburban post offices

These were post offices in Quebec County considered to be suburban to Quebec City circa 1910.

Beauport, 1854. Northeast of Quebec on the St. Lawrence river, the municipality of the Parish of Beauport had been incorporated nine years earlier.

Bergerville, 1865. (fig. 6) In 1847 just west of Quebec, Woodfield, the estate of legislative councillor William Sheppard was parcelled into small lots and named Sheppardville. In no time at all the French-speaking residents had translated it into Bergerville, for the occupation shepherd is *berger* in their language.

Charlesbourg 1854. The first chapel at this location, built by the Jesuits, was erected to St. Charles Borromée, hence the name. The municipality of the Parish of St. Charles de Charlesbourg was incorporated nine years before the post office opened, northwest of Quebec.

Villa Mastai, 1884. When a parish was founded in 1847 from portions of Notre Dame de Beauport and St. Roch Nord, just northeast of Limoilou, it was named after the new Pope, Pius IX, who had been Jean Marie Mastai Ferretti. The name of the post office was shortened to Mastai in 1890.

Spencer Cove, 1853. Noël Brûlant de Sillery was one of the Company of 100 Associates founded to evangelize the Indians. He became a priest and in 1677 obtained land near the St. Lawrence west of Quebec to establish a seminary. The Parish of St. Colomb de Sillery was incorporated in 1856, and changed to Sillery in 1898. By the 1900s it was connected by electric tramway to Quebec, 4½ miles away.

Stadacona, 1892. This was the Indian name for their village on the site of Quebec. The community and post office, however, was between Mastai and Beauport in Limoilou quarter of Quebec on the banks of the St. Charles and Lairt rivers.

Lévis county suburban post offices

On the south short opposite Quebec City were several communities considered suburban to it.

Bienville, 1864. Just north of Lauzon, this village had been incorporated the year before, named after Jean-Baptiste-Le Moyne de Bienville, companion in arms to D'Iberville.

Lauzon, 1854. Named for Jean de Lauzon, Governor of New France, first holder of the Seigneurie of Lauzon in 1670, it was incorporated as a village in 1867 and became a town in 1910.

Lévis, 1862. (fig. 7) The hero of the battle of Sainte-Foy had his name given to this community in 1860. Notre Dame de la Victoire Parish was detached from the Parish of St. Joseph de Lévis, part of the Seigneurie of Lauzon in 1852, and incorporated as a town in 1861. Cherrier's *Quebec Directory* for 1871-72 noted:

"It is divided into the Wards of St. Laurent, Notre Dame de Lévis and Lauzon.

The head post office is in St. Laurent Ward and a branch in Lauzon Ward. Two steamboats ply every quarter of an hour between Lévis and Quebec."

Notre Dame de Lévis, 1889. (fig. 8) Southeast of Lévis, it bore the name of the Parish.

St. David de Lévis, 1876. Named after David Déziel, curé of the Parish of Notre Dame de la Victoire de Lévis, the municipality of the Parish of St. David de L'Aube Riviere was incorporated in 1876 and had the above name given to the post office which opened in the same year.

St. Joseph de Lévis, 1876. The Recollets in 1624 had chosen St. Joseph as the patron saint of New France. The municipality of the Parish of St. Joseph de la Pointe Levy (sic) was incorporated in 1845, just northeast of Lauzon, but the post office established 31 years later had a shorter designation.

South Quebec, 1858. (fig. 9) This post office was on the St. Lawrence west of Notre Dame de Lévis and a bit south of Villemay.

Villemay, 1892. It was at the southern edge of Lévis, on the banks of the St. Lawrence.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Regretfully, due to the poor quality of photo-copies submitted, it is not possible to illustrate the various cancellations mentioned in the article.

SHRINKAGE — continued

Although the change in dimension when wetting and drying is not linear with each cycle but is random, the chance that a dry printed stamp after some or maybe only one single soaking results in exactly the same dimension as the wet printed stamp, which has once been dried, is a very small probability. This chance may be a fraction of one percent, unless a controlled type of experiment is carried out with many trials and samples. Therefore there is little chance that someone will be able to offer a dry printed stamp as a wet printed one.

Some of this information was obtained from a telephone conversation with the Pulp and Paper Research Institute in Montreal.

The Beaver Byline

by CLAYTON HUFF AND ARTHUR GROTEN

This is the first of a new series of articles on Old Canada. For the next year or so we will concentrate on the 5c Beaver. Later, we may expand and cover the entire Decimal issue of 1859.

Many of us have spent delightful hours searching for the flaws and re-entries of the 5c Beaver contained in Geoffrey Whitworth's book on the 1859 issue. In our search for these published varieties, we have come on many unrecorded flaws. We have now proven over 100 of them, and will bring them to you over the coming months.

Active participation by the membership is sought to make this endeavour successful. The sort of things we are looking for are previously undescribed flaws and re-entries proven by presentation of at least two copies; plate position location of previously described but unlocated varieties based on evaluation of multiples; dated copies of varieties to permit establishment of earliest and latest appearance; unusual covers and cancellation material; and anything that might interest others.

We would appreciate receiving material (which will be promptly returned after the necessary illustrations for an article have been made) or a good, preferably enlarged photograph (if a stamp) or photocopy (if a cover). We have at our disposal a large file of unproven (only one copy) varieties and will be happy to record and correlate any that are submitted in an attempt to 'prove' them.

Correspondence may be addressed to Art Groten, P.O. Box 30, Fishkill, N.Y. 12524. Acknowledgment of sources of information will be made unless requested otherwise.

The numbers given the flaws in this series of articles can be considered temporary until Whitworth wishes to meld them into the information given in his 1966 book. The first digit of the numbers has meaning. In general, those beginning with "1" are flaws located above the top frame line; those beginning with "2" are outside the right frame line; "3" below the bottom frame; "4" outside the left frame; "5" in the top left quadrant where the word "Canada" is; "6" top right side where the word "Postage" is located; "7" bottom right where

the word "Cents" is; "8" bottom left where "Five" is; and "9" in the middle oval area.

You may notice that the numbers do not run consecutively. This is because the original series of numbers contained flaws that were subsequently identified as already appearing in Whitworth's book, were parts of re-entries, or were deemed too insignificant to publish in this series.

We have used a new term for measuring the minute distances in locating the flaws on the stamps. Millimeters are fine and well known but require that a rule be picked up, laid on the stamp and put down. In this series the basic unit of measurement is a flg—frame line gap—the distance from the inner to the outer frames of the stamp. It is readily gauged by the eye up to about 3 flg so is much easier to handle than a mm. rule. Incidentally, 1 flg is about .4mm.

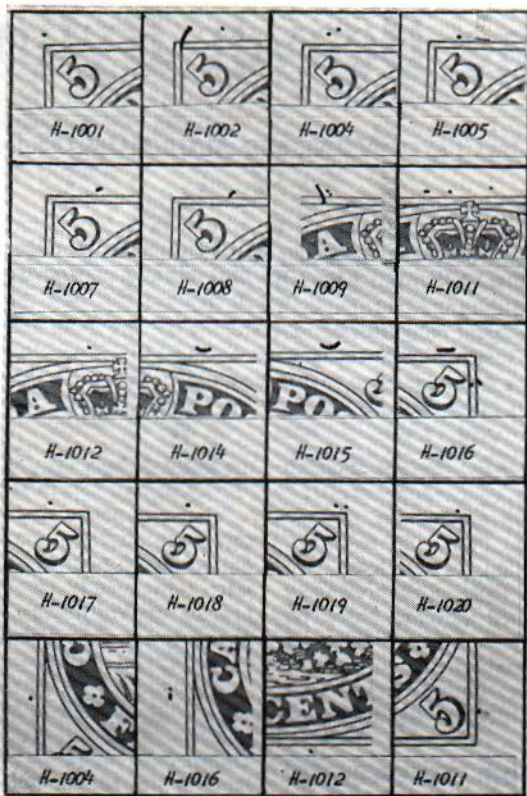
To simplify the information on each flaw, many abbreviations have been used. Here follows a list of the abbreviations and references involved, which will be used throughout the series:

Abbreviations and References

Descr.—Description
T.P.—Thirkell Position
P.P.—Plate Position
St.—State
Perf.—Perforated. 1—1½; 2—1½x12; 3—12.
T—Top; R—Right; B—Bottom; L—Left.
cc—copies
flg.—Frame line gap—a distance of about .4mm.
fr.—Frame
diam.—Diameter
V.—Vertical

The height of the C-dot has been coded with reference to the prongs of C and the gap between:

1. just under top prong.
2. between the two prongs.
3. just on the bottom prong.



4. just under the bottom prong.

Now for a few comments on this month's flaws. While several of the flaws consist of a dot or dots, there are some most interesting lines as well. H1002 is a most distinct curving line and ends in a dot larger than the C-dot. It ends just 2 flg below the stamp above. The lines in H 1014, H 1015 and H 1016 are all 2 flg or longer and are quite distinct. H 1016 is even more interesting by reason of the marks outside both the R and L frames.

5c BEAVER—NEW FLAWS

Ident—H1001

Descr.: Dot (really 2 dots very close together) 1½ flg. above T. fr. lying on extended outer L fr.
 Other: Short entry all down L side.
 T.P.: On vert. 0 line, less than 1mm above horiz. 0 line.
 P.P.: ? ST.: ?
 Perf.: 3-(2cc).
 C-dot: Small, 1 diam. from R. Height 3

Ident—H1002

Descr.: Curving line (to R) rising from L inner fr. to dot 2 flg above T outer fr.
 Other: Dot two flg. above T fr. above TL5—5 flg to R of L inner fr.
 T.P.: Above A1
 P.P.: ? St.: ?
 Perf.: 3 -(3cc).
 C-dot: Avg. size—touching at R. Height 2

Ident—H1004

Descr.: Dot—2 flg above TL 5, 3 flg to R of inner L fr.
 Other: Another faint dot 1½ flg above TL 5, 2 flg to R of inner L fr.; another strong dot 1 flg outside L fr. 4mm above B fr.
 T.P.: Above A1 (TC).
 P.P.: ? St. ?
 Perf.: 3 -(3cc).
 C-dot: Small, touching at R. Height 1

Ident—H1005

Descr.: Small dot—½ flg above tip of TL 5.
 Other: Extra fr. 1mm long outside L fr. at T.
 T.P.: Above A1.
 P.P.: ?—not T; St.: ?
 Perf.: 1 -(2cc).
 C-dot: Avg. size—just clear at R. Height 3.

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The National Postal Museum ... a rebuttal

by MICHAEL B. DICKETTS

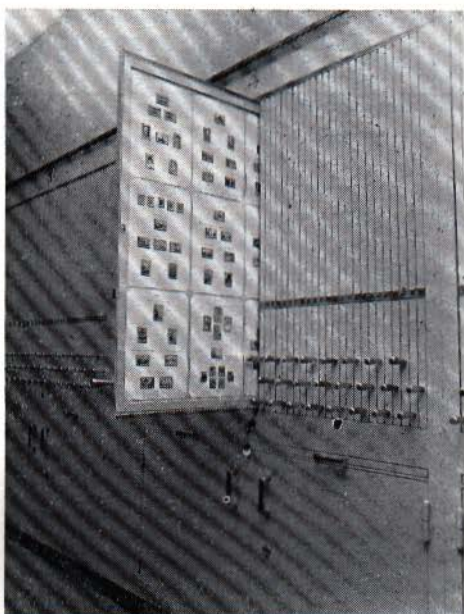
One of the panels which slide out of the special cabinets housing the National Collection. Each panel is wired to the alarm system, and the mounting sheets are specially manufactured.

Last month I wrote of the National Postal Museum in terms of both praise and puzzlement. As your average collector I found the lack of news on what was going on disheartening, for no institution can or should operate in a vacuum, and I was led to believe that following its opening, the Museum would bring to our attention some of its activities.

During BNAPEX 75 I was invited to make a return visit to the Museum and see for myself the current displays and to learn something of its future plans. I think that what follows goes some way to answering the points previously raised and rebuts some of the questions I had asked.

Much of the opening day displays remain, and rightly so, although there are plans to remount such sections as the history of postal communications. The general store-post office, displays of signs, mail-bags and letter boxes, hammers, explanations of philatelic terms and examples of trial colour proofs are as attractive as ever.

New to me was the display dealing with the creation of the Royal William stamp of 1933, which was shown by the Museum at Madrid earlier this year. Gone were the magnificent showing of Beavers which occupied the centre of the room, to be replaced by material related to Sir Sanford



Fleming and his design of our first stamp, complete with a diorama featuring beavers in their natural habitat.

There was also a large portrait of Queen Victoria in coronation robes by William Wyon recently acquired by the Museum. As is well known this portrait is the basis for several stamp designs including the Jubilee issue.

Jim Kraemer was kind enough to show me around and we went across the lobby to the section housing the National Collection. Here he pointed out an important acquisition — a mint horizontal corner pair of the 12 penny Black, one of only three in existence. This is mounted near the beginning of the collection, but a great deal of later material awaits mounting, to be done when time and personnel are available.

Also added to the mounted collection is the recently acquired Frank Staff material featuring rare stampless covers and related postal history items. These alone merit a return visit by collectors (see elsewhere in this issue for more details).

Mr. Kraemer explained in some detail how the Government budget freeze had affected his plans. Storage facilities to house the thousands of documents, records and related material cannot be relieved until

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1975 Convention Highlights

by C. RUSSELL MCNEIL

One member's observation of BNAPEX 75

The 27th Annual Convention was held at The Guild Inn, Toronto, September 18-20, 1975.

At 10:00 a.m., President James Pike spoke briefly and introduced James E. Kraemer, Manager of the Postal Museum at Ottawa, who after a short speech, snipped the ribbon across the entrance of the "Inn" and declared the convention officially opened.

A "Tip of the Hat" to George Wegg, General Chairman and his able committee for a job well done in arranging this interesting event, which attracted over 200 registrants, coming as far away as Australia and New Zealand. Mrs. Susie Wegg and her committee are to be congratulated on their organized schedule for the wives, which kept them busy while their husbands attended stamp seminars or looking and buying stamps. Each lady on arrival was handed a beautiful bunch of carnations — a charming touch to make our stay enjoyable.

The tour of the City of Toronto, from one woman's point of view was a thrill just knowing that one of the wives who, on a 15 minute stop for shopping bought a dress at a \$100 saving! On the other hand while waiting for the women to return from their short shopping spree, I overheard two members discussing the price of the 1897 Jubilee complete, mint condition, in the good old days between 1914-1918 (depression years) — it could be had for \$13.95 — one knows its worth today! I might add the members discussing this issue were Les Davenport and Gerry Wellburn.

For the ladies: an enjoyable occasion was the luncheon given by Mrs. Arthur Leggett, whose graciousness not only enhanced the party but her beautiful home, filled with objects d'arts of her own making, plus a green thumb for growing orchids and violets which made, for many, topics of conversation well into the next day. A fashion show was an added attraction with

four lucky draws. Mrs. Davenport was invited to make the first drawing and wouldn't you know, as luck would have it, she drew her own ticket which lent a little levity to the occasion.

The men enjoyed the five seminars. Ed Richardson was greatly missed — not only for his congeniality but as Chairman of the Flag Cancellations Study Group. (Hope, by now, you are feeling much better, Ed). This session was ably conducted by Larry Paige.

The Programme included a barbecue, which was enjoyed despite the rain, necessitating it being held inside at the Studio, about 100 yards from the "Inn". The President's cocktail party on Friday night at the Studio and the cocktail party held on the terrace, Saturday evening before the banquet, were also highlights.

Last but not least was the banquet which, as per usual, was superb and doubly so this year in having Robson Lowe of London, England, as the guest speaker.

At each plate was a souvenir folder, donated by the Canada Post Office, containing a block of four commemorative stamps depicting the Centennial of the Supreme Court of Canada. Each lady, as she entered the banquet room, was presented with a perfume package.

The exhibits: *Court of Honour*: Many prominent, former Gold Medallists and well-known authorities showed their gems — to name a few: Harry W. Lussey, Sam C. Nickle, Robert H. Pratt and Gerald E. Wellburn.

Most Valuable Exhibit — from Canada's Postal Museum, insured for 7 millions, consisted of four frames holding 13 sheets of the 2c King Edward VII stamp of 1903. They are unique in original colour proofs, signed by the Postmaster General, designer and printer.

Competitive: There were six Gold
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Kenneth G. Rose, Box 7086, Station 'E', Calgary T3C-3L8, Alberta

This column deals mainly with the untagged current 25c booklets mentioned briefly in my last column. First, the quantity. According to Linns, 27 were found in Eastern Canada, and a further 90 showed up in Calgary for a total of 117 known to your writer. Your first question is going to be "What are they worth?" Bear in mind what I have said many times in the past (a) I am not a dealer and my opinions are not based on my making money and (b) what the traffic will bear.

The likelihood of no more showing up is very remote since this issue is current and very likely has several more years to remain so. On the basis of the 117 reported to date there is nothing to stop the value reaching the \$500 mark. To date there has been much wheeling and dealing between collectors and dealers with the 90 in Western Canada, and I know some of those in the east have been advertised for \$50 per booklet.

I know for a fact that in Calgary booklets have changed hands for \$25, \$30, \$45, \$60

and \$75, and some of those have since changed hands in other centres for \$95 and \$130. Deals have been made in all three Western provinces. Whether or not any more show up, I am very happy to have a full set of 10 for my reference collection, and even if more do show up, I would be very surprised if the price comes down very much. The longer you wait, the more you will pay.

I have one more word of warning. I recently mentioned the Brinks Security Marking Pen as a possible method of forging the fluorescent 5959 of a few years ago. I have since done a little experimenting with this pen on the Wpg. Tagged 6c orange perf 12, and came up with a very creditable *mint* forgery. With a little more care, I am sure I could fool almost any expert, since the liquid applied to the entire stamp gives all the appearance of "hibrite". Don't say I didn't warn you, and don't offer me any fancy prices. Remember also the "hibrite look" can also be applied to stamps which at present are unknown on this paper.

BEAVER — *continued*

Ident—H1007

Descr.: 2 dots— $1\frac{1}{4}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ flg above R edge of TL 5.
Other: No shading below BL5.
T.P.: Above A1-A2 line
P.P.: ?—not T; St.: ?
Perf.: 3—(2cc).
C-dot: Avg. size—1 diam. from 3. Height 3.

Ident—H1008

Descr.: Curved line rising 1 flg from T fr.—just to R of R edge of TL 5.
Other: Also constant dot 2 fr. gaps above R side of top of crown; also dot in shading above P of Postage touching outer curved fr. Have 2 more cc with dot over crown but no flaw above A2. One of these cc shows what appears to be top of PF 17 below B frame. (Outer).
T.P.: Above A2.
P.P.: ? Could be PP 64 if PF lies below; not T or L. St.: ?
Perf.: 2—3cc).
C-dot: Small—1 diam. from R. Height 4.

Ident—H1009

Descr.: Fuzzy line through gap of top frames extending up and lightly left about 2 flg above top fr.
Other: Similar to PF22a but PF22a is 1 flg to

left, slants more sharply to left and begins in cross hatching. H1009 also has a dot lying 1 flg to right and 1 flg above outside frame.
T.P.: A3 (TL) and above.
P.P.: ? St.: ?
Perf.: 3—(3cc).
C-dot: Average size—1 diam. from R. Height 3.

Ident—H1011

Descr.: Short horiz. line— $\frac{1}{2}$ flg above top fr. above left side of crown.
Other: There are four more constant marks: 1) Dot $\frac{1}{2}$ flg above top fr. 2 flg to L of cross; 2) Dot 1-2 flg above top fr. 2-1-2 flg to R of cross; 3) Short dash in body of TR5; 4) Dot tangent to R fr. outside BR5 some 3 flg above inner B fr.
T.P.: Above A4 (TL).
P.P.: ?; Not R. St.: ?
Perf.: 3—(2cc).
C-dot: Small, almost touching at R. Height 1.

Ident—H1012

Descr.: Dot 1 flg above T fr. at 2nd and 3rd pearl to left of cross.
Other: Also faint dot in middle of top curved frame directly below TR 5; also dots 1 flg below B fr. under E of Cents; also doubled B fr. at L and R fr. at B. H1012 is 1 pearl to L of dot outside T fr. on PF31a; C-dot and fr. doubling also similar.
T.P.: Above A4 (on line between L and C).

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Rounding Up Squared Circles

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Column No. 137 — The listings of earliest and latest recorded dates continues; normal time marks are shown in parentheses following 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 do have record of use for each year of the period. Please review the listings and let me know of changes which need to be made.

Before proceeding with the Ontario listings, several readers have called my attention to omission of MILLTOWN from the New Brunswick listings; my best information for this town follows:

MILLTOWN, N.B.: NO 16/93 to JY 20/04 (AM, PM) NSR: 96, 98, 99, 00.

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LONDON: Period I—FE 2/95 to OC 17/98. Period II—FE 3/00 to FE 16/00. Period III—DE 31/12 to FE 19/24. NSR: 16, 19, 21-23. Period IV—NO 4/46 to NO 17/54, NSR: 51, 52.

(Note: I had originally carried Period I, above, as two separate periods, FE 2/95 to JA 2/97 and OC 2/98 to OC 17/98; no strikes were recorded on Jubilees in the 1970 Roster; however, since then JY 26/97 on 1c Jubilee, JY 27/97 on 2c Jubilee, and JA 11/98—not on Jubilee—have been reported, indicating perhaps sporadic use in 97 and 98).

Time marks: 1895 and 1896, to June: AM, PM, occasional blank July 96 to Oct 98: AM, PM, 1 through 5, 18 1900: 9, 15, 16, 17 (probably 9 through 24). 1912 to 1924: 3, 11 through 20, 24. 1946 to 1964: 11 and 17.

L'ORIGINAL: FE 1/94 to DE 20/01 (Blank) NSR: 96, 98.

LUCKNOW: JY 30/95 to SP 5/00 (Blank).

MANITOWANING: OC 31/94 to SP 25/00 (AM, Blank). Three-line dates in 1900, with year split between upper and lower slots, thus: 19/FE 17/00. In 1899 (year known from other strikes on covers), year shows only as 9 on OC 29 and NO 26

(and, presumably, other NO dates involving 6 or 9). Error indicia: FE/1 AM/98.

MARKDALE I: SP 4/93 to MY 28/94 (Blank). Inverted 4 in year date on FE 17 and FE 22/94.

MARKDALE II: JU 9/94 to JY 23/94 (Blank).

MARKDALE III: AU 10/94 to JA 30/99 (Blank). NSR: 98.

MARMORA: JU 16/94 to JA 13/03 (Generally Blank; sporadic AM, PM). NSR: 99, 01.

MARTINTOWN: NO 16/93 to SP 5/99 (Blank). On 1 AP and 18 AP/98 year shows only as 9 (known from other marks on covers to be 98). Blank/29 JA/ Blank is known but year date not known.

MATTAWA: AP 16/94 to SP 2/01 (Blank). NSR: 99.

MERRICKVILLE: SP 19/94 to OC 2/02 (Early strikes Blank; AM, PM from NO/94) AM, PM carried through at least to AP 2/00; starting with OC 3/01—possibly earlier—style of dating changed to three-line: OC/3/01; AP/21/02; AP/4/02; OC/2/02. Please report style of date between AM/AP 2/00 and OC/3/01. Indicia errors: JY AM 23/95; ??/PM 25/96; PM (inv./) NO 1/99. In 95 and 96, single-digit day of the month was preceded by zero, thus: PM/JU 06/95; PM/DE 01/95; etc.

MERRITTON: DE 9/94 to NO 13/02 (Blank generally; PM known) NSR: 99, 00, 01.

MILL-BROOK: JU 11/95 to AP 24/96 (Blank).

MILTON WEST: JA 31/95 to SP 27/99 (Blank to early 96; then PM). Year date error: PM/MR 2/89.

MITCHELL: SP 14/93 to AU 12/99 (Blank). NSR: 98.

MOUNT BRYDGES: Period I: SP 23/93 to 1915 (see note following). Period II: MR 26/25 to JY 12/27.

Note: According to article by Paul Brown, MR/60 Topics, the squared circle hammer was used continuously for every year, 1893 to 1915 inclusive. However, the latest date

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ST. LAWRENCE & ATLANTIC RAILWAY
 AU20
 1855
 - QVQD

The RPO Cowcatcher

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M-38, on which we previously reported, with 24 hammers has thus become the most populous run — in terms of number of hammers — that we have studied to date, surpassing the 23 hammers of M-12. It is interesting to note that the determination and separation of the M-38 hammers was accomplished in about one-fourth the time that was taken on M-12; this was a function of not only more easily identifiable characteristics but also the experience gained in the interim between the two pieces of work. We expect future hammers to be separated with even greater ease.

Our next few runs are much less complicated, so we can move right along, starting with M-39:

HALIFAX & CAMP/R.P.O.

M-39

Four Hammers, Type 17H

Hammer I

Proofed: Unknown
 Earliest: July 17, 1923
 Indicia: Only 3 known
 Usage: Rare
 R.F.: 30 (2.8%)

Comments: This early usage is previously unreported and we know of only the single strike reported above which we have on a 3c Brown Admiral. It will be interesting to see if others can report strikes of this hammer. All four hammers are self-identifying at a glance; Hammer I is characterized by a sharp, angular ampersand, while the other three hammers have round, curved ampersands.

Hammer II

Proofed: December 17, 1936
 Earliest: December 12, 1939
 Latest: May 21, 1949
 Indicia: Only 1 known; occasionally blank.
 Usage: Continuous throughout period
 R.F.: 30 (74.3%)

Comments: This is the most common hammer of the four. Undoubtedly earlier dates than above will be reported. We feel that M-39 is undervalued at R.F. -30. The indicia "1" may have been permanent and slightly recessed so that on some light hits there is only a dot for the "1" or even blank. In late 1943 or early 1944 there arises a distinct break in the third leg of the "M" of CAMP. In 1949, we have a major rim break under the "O" of R.P.O. The deterioration of this hammer may have given rise to Hammer III; to date, we have found no overlap of usage. This hammer is identified by the round curved ampersand, medium width, tall letters, and the presence of dots, mid-vertical position, on each side, midway between the run and R.P.O.

Hammer III

Proofed: February 24, 1950
 Earliest: February 28, 1955
 Latest: June 20, 1955
 Indicia: Only 59 known
 Usage: To be advised
 R.F.: 30 (8.6%)

Comments: We are sure that the narrow time spread above merely reflects our lack of material

and that additional reporters will widely expand these dates, particularly in the earlier direction. This hammer is easily identified by its round, fat ampersand, large fat letters and the absence of any side dots such as are present on Hammer II.

Hammer IV

Proofed: Unknown
 Earliest: October 23, 1955
 Latest: November 13, 1970
 Indicia: 3—1955/57; 60—1958/59; XII—1970
 Usage: To be advised; probably continuous
 R.F.: 30 (14.3%)

Comments: This hammer, with a round ampersand and without side dots, has significantly smaller letters (2½mm), typical of many late 1950s cancellations; these are almost 20% smaller than those of Hammer III (3mm). Our lack of material for the 1960s leaves a large gap in the chronology above which we hope our readers can fill in. Most unusual is the train number in roman numerals on the latest above; we cannot recall seeing such on any other strike or run.

M-40 is a run which we do not have and have never seen. This type would be atypical for the Maritimes and we doubt its existence. If confirmed, it would be the only Type 19 in all of the Maritimes. We would appreciate comments, pro or con, from our readers which would allow us to confirm or refute the existence of M-40.

M-41

HAL. & CAMPBELLTON/R.P.O.

One Hammer, Type 17H

Proofed: November 20, 1935
 Earliest: March 29, 1936
 Latest: October 31, 1943
 Indicia: 2—1936/38; 4—1943
 Usage: Limited and brief
 R.F.: 110

Comments: This run was obviously used for only a short period and is rather difficult to find. Perhaps this hammer was not in regular use. Train Number 60 has been reported but we cannot confirm; if 60 is correct, then 59 might also be a possibility for this run.

M-41A is a facing slip strike which is not within the scope of our study.

M-42

H'X & CAMPBELLTON R.P.O./.

One Hammer, Type 17

Proofed: July 23, 1910
 Earliest: July 29, 1910
 Latest: October 15, 1917
 Indicia: Only W known
 Usage: Continuous throughout period
 R.F.: 75

Comments: This single hammer is characterized by three significant breaks, one in the rim over the "B", one in the third leg of the "M" and one in the diagonal of the "N". The indicia "W" was apparently a permanent set. Through 1912 this was a small "W", slanting to the right; from mid-1913 it was a very wide "W" which yields a much thicker impression than the former. We believe that reports as late as 1955 are in error and are probably in confusion with M-43 which follows. We can report one rather interesting indicia set which reads W/AM 2/13.

M-43
HX. & CAMP. R.P.O./.

Seven Hammer, Type 17

(There is no apostrophe in HX; this corrects all previous reports.)

Hammer I

Proofed: March 9, 1916
Earliest: June 9, 1928
Latest: To be advised
Indicia: 3 known to date
Usage: To be advised
R.F.: 40

Comments: Hammers I and II obviously had very little use and are much more rare than the remaining five hammers; however, our representation may possibly be weak, so at this time we reserve judgment and will not now present percentage of use for each hammer.

Hammer II

Proofed: March 9, 1916
Earliest: Yet to be reported
Indicia: 199 in proof strike
Usage: To be advised
R.F.: 40

Comments: This hammer may have been used, but if so, only rarely. At one time we sorted and examined over 100,000 3c Brown Admirals which contained a wealth of R.P.O.s, but none of M-43.

Hammer III

Proofed: May 17, 1948
Earliest: October 13, 1948
Latest: January 11, 1960
Indicia: 59, 60
Usage: Apparently continuous
R.F.: 40

Comments: To date, this is the most common hammer of M-43; even so, later strikes may be reported than that above. Both Hammers III and IV were struck at the same time; however, their actual use heavily favors Hammer III.

Hammer IV

Proofed: May 17, 1948
Earliest: November 15, 1948
Latest: May 1, 1950
Indicia: 2—1948/50; 59—1949
Usage: Apparently limited
R.F.: 40

Comments: Although put into use at the same time as Hammer III, this hammer had much more limited application. Perhaps it was controlled by a substitute clerk.

Hammer V

Proofed: December 16, 1949
Earliest: Not yet reported
Indicia: PM in proof strike
Usage: To be advised
R.F.: 40

Comments: Although we have seen strikes of this hammer, the known presence of its companion, Hammer VI, would indicate that it may be found.

Hammer VI

Proofed: December 16, 1949
Earliest: October 1, 1955
Latest: July 18, 1956
Indicia: Only 4 known
Usage: To be advised
R.F.: 40

Comments: We expect both earlier and later dates than the above to be reported as those with greater depth in material of the 1950s/1960s advise of the strikes in their collections.

Hammer VII

Proofed: Unknown
Earliest: October 31, 1958
Latest: To be advised
Indicia: Only 4 reported to date
Usage: To be advised
R.F.: 40

Comments: No proof is known for this classic small letter hammer that is typical of this period. We believe it obviously was put out after the early 1950s after which we no longer have proof data.

Was this a replacement for Hammer VI? Based on the indicia "4", such would be possible. Is there another hammer like this one? The first six hammers were put out in three sets of two each.

SEPARATION OF M-43 HAMMERS

Although only two hammers had been previously reported, now we can advise that at least seven distinct and different hammers are known.

1. Hammer VII is self-identifying with its small letters, round ampersand, and a single base period after the "P" of CAMP. Hammers I-VI inclusive all have large lettering.
2. Hammers I and II have shape, angular ampersands and both have a base period and a mid-vertical dot after the "P" of CAMP. Hammers III, IV, V and VI all have large, round, curved ampersands; however, Hammers III and IV, like Hammers I and II, have both a base period and a mid-vertical dash (III) or dot (IV) after the "P" of CAMP, while Hammers V and VI have only a mid-vertical dot *without* the base period after this same "P".
3. After separating Hammers I-VI into three sets of two, one single measurement can separate all hammers. Measure the chordal distance from the bottom of the right leg of the "M" of CAMP to the bottom of the "P" of R.P.O.; the following distances provide the final separation:

Hammer I—8mm, Hammer II—7½mm,
Hammer III—8mm, Hammer IV—7¼mm,
Hammer V—8mm, Hammer VI—7½mm,
Hammer VII—9mm.

M-43A is a facing slip strike and not part of the area being covered by this column.

M-44

TRAIN No./HX. & CAMP. R.P.O.

Three Hammers, Type 18

(Previous reports to the contrary, there is no apostrophe in HX in this run.)

Hammer I

Proofed: June 5, 1915
Earliest: March 6, 1916
Latest: November 9, 1939
Indicia: 3—1916/18; 199—1917/18; 1—1919/39;
2—1934 (scarce)
Usage: Continuous and plentiful throughout period
R.F.: 100 (76.6%)

Comments: It would appear that only one hammer was needed for this run, and this was it. We have examples for almost every year in the time span indicated above. However, at the end of this period the hammer is badly worn with numerous rim breaks showing up, particularly in 1939.

Hammer II

Proofed: June 5, 1915
Earliest: September 23, 1916
Latest: October 15, 1918

Indicia: 199—1916/18; 200—1918

Usage: Limited and scarce

R.F.: 100 (8.5%)

Comments: This hammer was laid down at the same time as Hammer I, but saw only brief use. Since the 1918 strikes show little wear, we believe this hammer was retired because of a lack of need.

Hammer III

Proofed: December 21, 1939

Earliest: March 6, 1951

Latest: January 21, 1958

Indicia: 2—1951/53; 4—1955/56; 3—1957/58

Usage: Intermittent and spotty

R.F.: 100 (14.9%)

Comments: We believe that this hammer was ordered to replace Hammer I, and then was not used for that purpose. Hammer I was probably taken out of service and replaced by some other run while this hammer was put up on the shelf only to be brought out again after the war. Our material is particularly strong in the war years, 1940-1945, and if this hammer had seen use, we believe we would have strikes. We look to our readers for confirmation.

SEPARATION OF M-44 HAMMERS

1. Three distinct hammers are known. Hammer III has a round, curved ampersand, while the ampersands of Hammers I and II are sharp and angular.
2. To separate Hammers I and II, measure the chordal distance from the upper left corner of the "M" of CAMP to the upper left corner of the "R" in R.P.O.; for Hammer I, this distance is less than

5½mm, while for Hammer II it is a full 6mm.

3. As an additional check for Hammers I and II, measure the chordal distance from the bottom of the "T" in TRAIN to the bottom of the left leg of the "N" in No.; for Hammer I this distance is only 8½mm, while for Hammer II it is a full 9mm.

We have no strikes of M-44A and M-44B and have never seen either run. Proof strikes are not known either for M-44A, which was first reported by Allen or M-44B, which was first reported by Grey; however, this is not necessarily germane since both are reported after or near the end of the proof book data that has been available to us. At the same time, being a born sceptic, confirmatory reports on both of the runs from any of our readers would be greatly appreciated so that their existence may be more properly recorded in our records. We do ponder the question of whether there has been any confusion between M-44A and M-44C or F, which seems improbable, and between M-44B and M-43 or M-44C, which is more possible.

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TOPICS: THE NEWSFRONT

We were delighted to learn that two of our members have been made Fellows of our sister society, The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, during Quepex 75. Heartly congratulation go to Guy des Rivieres and Fred Stulberg, both distinguished students of Canadian philately, hard working supporters of our hobby and two of the nicest fellows you can meet.

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We were glad to be personally corrected at the Guild Inn by Ed "Moneybags" Harris, who made it perfectly clear that one of the oldest regional groups — Calgary — was not included in the short list mentioned in June's *Doodles by the Editor*. Harris, Brian Raymond and Gordon Hill are only three of more than two dozen regular attendees who get together regularly for an enjoyable evening. Area resident BNAPSers and visitors are always welcome. This reporter's challenge still stands so why not prove him wrong by forming a group in your city.

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Canada Post has advised us that a 24"x36" poster is now available in larger Post Offices or through the Philatelic Service for \$2. In full color it depicts a complete set of Olympic host-country stamp designs from 1896 to date. Also illustrative drawings of every Canadian single or team gold winner in summer Olympic Games competition complement the stamps.

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We have heard something of a recent discovery concerning the Subarctic Indians stamps issued in April of this year. A few of these have been found only part perforated and with the addition of misplaced vertical perforations creating an unusual double error. Be on the watch for these, especially torn singles on cover commercially used.

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R. K. Malott advises that a number of first-flight covers, bearing backstamps, were prepared during the summer in connection

with new runs established by various commercial airlines.

These include Toronto-Dallas-Fort Worth-Houston, via Air Canada on July 1. CP Air's new polar route from Winnipeg to Amsterdam on June 17. Sault Ste. Marie-Wawa-Thunder Bay-Pickle Lake by Air Dale Ltd. on July 17. Air Jamaica inaugurated a non-stop flight from Toronto-Montego Bay-Kingston on July 18.

Interested readers should contact Malott at 16 Harwick Crescent, Ottawa for more details on these and other flown covers.

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The National Postal Museum has announced that the Frank Staff collection of BNA stampless covers dating from the 18th century has been deposited with the Museum and is presently on display. This valuable collection consists of selected rare cross border covers, ferriage mail, various rates, etc. from the early days preceding the invention of postage stamps. Many of the covers in Mr. Staff's collection were acquired from the late Senator James Calder.

Mr. Staff who spent a number of the WW II years in Ottawa, as an officer with British Intelligence, has expressed the desire that his collection should be displayed for the enjoyment and study of Canadians and others visiting the Postal Museum.

James E. Kraemer, Manager of the Postal Museum has expressed his pleasure in being able, as a result of Mr. Staff's generosity, to put on permanent display such a historic collection of early BNA mail. Mr. Staff is well known as an author, historian and philatelist. He has formed several outstanding collections. His Trans-Atlantic Mail collection has been accepted by the National Maritime Museum in London, England for permanent display.

Of the books authored by Mr. Staff, *The Transatlantic Mail* is probably the best known. Out of print for some time this authoritative work commands high prices at auctions when it is occasionally offered. His other books, *The Penny Post*, *The Picture Postcard and Its Origins* and *The Valentine and Its Origins*, are well known.

From 1941 to 1945 Major and Mrs. Staff resided in Farnham, Quebec. Since returning to Britain Frank Staff was active in military intelligence and on his retirement from the Service, rejoined the firm of Thos. Cook and Son. The Staffs presently live in Dorset, England.

SOME RECENT PUBLICATIONS

1975-76 edition Stamps of the United States, United Nations, Canada and Provinces published by H. E. Harris & Co., Inc., Boston, Mass. 02117, size 8 1/4" x 5 1/4", paper, 218 pages, \$1.50 (U.S.).

Containing more than 7,100 price changes, the latest edition of this handy catalogue reflects the volatile state of today's market. Examples including the 1908 Quebec Tercentenary 15c \$40 (1974 \$29.85) and 1963 Export \$1 increasing from \$6.50 to \$9.75 in the same period. The catalogue continues to list much information, especially for early U.S. issues and is a bargain with today's high printing costs.

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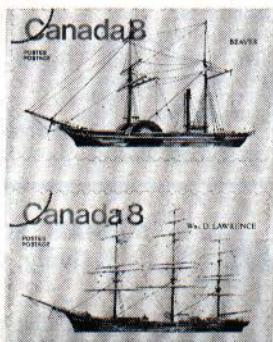
1976 Scott Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue, Vol. 1. Published by Scott Publishing Co., New York. 670 pages, flexible binding \$13 (U.S.), hard cover (limited edition of 5000) \$25 (U.S.). Available from most dealers as well as the publisher.

The 132nd edition of the "bible" of North American philately continues to dominate the market with a number of improvements. The "Information for Collectors" section has been rewritten and set in larger type and illustrated. Dealer advertising is conveniently grouped at the back on "yellow pages". And "For the Record", covering issues from such places as the Aden States which are not listed in the main catalogue, has been cumulatively listed since the time Scott first published them in 1968.

Over 28,000 changed prices are included with 1,481 increases from Canada alone. With BNA material "bullish" in recent years collectors are advised to carefully check their holdings against the latest Scott and discover for themselves the strong market for this material.

—M.B.D.

Post Office Department **NEW ISSUES**

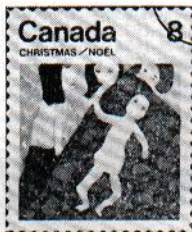


Canada Post announced the issue of four 8c stamps to commemorate Canada's coastal ships, which have contributed so much to the safety, prosperity and independence of Canadians.

The stamps were designed by Tom Bjarnason of Toronto and feature the Beaver, in dark green steel and gravure, the Neptune, in slate blue steel and gravure, the William D. Lawrence, in dark sepia, and the Quadra, in a lighter sepia, and measure 40mm by 24mm in horizontal format.

A total of 26 million stamps, printed se-tenant by the British American Bank Note Company, Ottawa, were issued on September 24. 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 general tagging.

Six Christmas stamps designed by school children from across Canada were chosen



from more than 80,000 entries in a project sponsored by the Canada Post and based on the theme "What Christmas Means To Me."

The six Christmas stamps designed by children are: Santa Claus (6c), by Gillian Kelly; Skater (6c), by Bill Cawsey; Child (8c), by Danielle Hébert; Family (8c), by Lorraine Caldwell; Gift (10c), by Debbie Lovely; and Trees (15c), by Robert Kowalski.

The 6c, 8c and 10c stamps measure 30mm by 36mm in a vertical format, and the 15-cent stamp measures 36mm by 30mm in a horizontal format.

A total of 134 million 6c stamps and 113 million 8c stamps will be printed se-tenant (checkerboard pattern) in four-color lithography by Ashton-Potter Limited, Toronto; and a total of 17 million 10c stamps and 19 million 15c stamps will also be printed in four-color lithography by Ashton-Potter Limited.

Marginal inscriptions, including the designers' names, appear on the four corners of each pane of 50 stamps. The total production of these stamps will bear general tagging.

TOPICS: THE BUSINESS SIDE

BNAPS: ELECTED OFFICERS

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(FOR OTHER OFFICERS, SEE MASTHEAD ON INDEX PAGE)

Notes from the Librarian

MICHAEL SQUIRELL
Lively, Ontario

In the past year we all have had a great opportunity to add BNA philatelic literature to our personal libraries, thanks to the reprints of Boggs, Howes and Jarrett by Quarterman Publications. In the near future Quarterman will be reprinting Boggs *Newfoundland*, and Campbell's *Postal History of Canada*. This last title will be completely re-edited. Quarterman Publications would like to know what else you would like to see reprinted, since you are the philatelists who will purchase their publications, so lets hear from you.

I was under the impression that when I heard the National Postal Museum was going to publish philatelic literature it would be a great boon to the hobby and at the same time reduce the problem for philatelic societies in finding funds to publish the studies of its members. By now you have received the advance flyer on the first publication, *The Edward VII Issue of Canada* by George C. Marler. The deluxe edition is priced at \$50 and the regular \$30 with a choice of French or English versions. I personally feel that these prices are a bit high for a limited issue; a lower price would insure more interest in this publication. Since Canada has a policy of bilingualism the cost of Government publications will remain higher than single language publications.

While on the subject of publishing, I would like to mention that once in a while a member of BNAPS privately publishes his own study on a particular philatelic subject, to ensure information is made available to interested readers in the shortest period

of time. You can be assured that this is a costly venture and very seldom is any profit made by the author. I urge you all to support these privately published books, etc., by our members and in this way encourage others to follow suit. Two recent examples are *The Catalogue Section of The Handbook of Canadian Transportation Postmarks* by T. P. G. Shaw as revised by Lewis M. Ludlow and *Patricia Airways and Exploration* by Trelle A. Morrow.

A short time ago I received a request from a member for a Sanabria Airmail Catalogue, of which the latest edition we have in the Library is dated 1945. On writing to dealers I found that the first part of the 1975 edition, which contains the BNA section, costs \$60. I would appreciate any issues of this catalogue after 1945.

Along with the last three parts of his study on Canada's Semi-Official Airmails, Donald C. Cox has sent the Library a copy of his booklet on the Squared Circle Cancellations of South Australia, on the first page of which he has written the following — "To the Squared Circle Cancellation Collectors of Canada, whose interest in these markings led me to study these of South Australia — Donald Cox".

Many thanks to Dr. Neil Callahan and James S. Karr who sent the Library \$10 and \$5 respectively for binding.

Andy Anderson has donated the 1952-53, 1955 and 1957 Canada Official *Postal Guides*; we can use more of these.

BNAPSer James A. Karr, P.O. Box 58, Fort Nelson, B.C. is looking for a copy of
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New Members

- 3233 Brahm, Harry C., 1468 Madison Ave., Memphis, TN 38104
3240 Cangle, Patrick, 445—13th Ave. N., Apt. 5, Sherbrooke, Que.
3296 Cherns, Larry J., Apt. 308, 500 Queen St., Dunnville, Ont. N1A 1J4
3341 Church, Doris C., 13316—95A St., Edmonton, Alta. T5E 4A3
3342 Clark, A. Ainslie, 2 Glen Park Dr., Ottawa, Ont. K1B 3Z2
3272 Comeau, Robert, R.R. 4, New Germany, Lunenburg County, N.S. B0R 1E0
3273 Crain, E. R., Box 8, Bragg Creek, Alta. T0L 0K0
3343 Ecobichon, Donald J., 51 Hazelholme Dr., Halifax, N.S. B3M 1N6
3275 Fevens, Gordon, P.O. Box 1510, Schefferville, Que. G0G 2T0
3276 Gagen, T. Gary, 2764 Minotti Dr., Prince George, B.C. V2K 1T2
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3304 Marriott, Richard, 7917 Nottingham Way, Ellicott City, MD 21043
3283 McDonald, Arthur S., 2 Richards Dr., Dartmouth, N.S.
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3349 McGee, John R., Box 98, Greenbelt, MD 20770
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3354 Wilson, J. Don, Avalon Constr. & Engr. Ltd., P.O. Box 8250, St. John's, Nfld. A1B 3N4
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- KIEFER, Dooley S., 629 Highland Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850—C CAN, NFLD; all Provinces; 19th Cent.; Literature; Proofs. Proposed by A. P. Cook, 320, seconded by C. E. Cook, 1833.
- SZYLKONIS, Joseph P. Jr., 28 Pond St., Medway, MA 02053—C CAN, NFLD; Mint and used postage; 1st day covers; coils; OHMS-G; mint and used airmails; postal stationery entires. Proposed by E. J. Whiting, L-61.
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- HOGG, C. Leigh, 170 Erb St. W., Waterloo, Ont. N2L 1V4—Cxc CAN, Specialty: Maple Leaf and Numeral issues. Scott No. 66-84 and 87-88. Proposed by W. L. Simpson, 1780, seconded by Stanley Lum, 1256.

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Applications pending	69	

Further Sketches of BNAPSers...



BILL MOFFATT

Nearly 10 years ago Bill Moffatt succeeded the late Dr. Alfred E. Whitehead as editor of "Rounding Up Squared Circles" column. Although born in the squared circle town of North Sydney, Nova Scotia in 1923, one year later he moved to the United States where he has been a resident ever since and a U.S. citizen. From 1942 to 1945, he served with the U.S. Army Combat Engineers in England, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany.

Starting with a degree of Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, the progression has been a Master of Science in Metallurgy, a Metallurgical Engineer and a Doctor of Science in Metallurgy all earned at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His son William is following in his footsteps at MIT and daughter Susan at Union College as both are taking engineering.

Adria is in high school but none of the children are stamp collectors yet, even though they attended the Halifax convention. Janet, his wife, is a registered nurse and attends our conventions where she has made many friends. Expect we will have seen her in Toronto.

Not only is Bill a metallurgist but he makes all his own hardware to duplicate that in the restored 1790 colonial house in which he lives.

Philatelically—in addition to being a member of BNAPS, he belongs to CPS of GB and the RPSC. A great deal of time is spent on his column "Rounding Up Squared Circles" and maintaining the records against the day a fourth edition of "Squared Circles Postmarks" handbook is needed. Although his collection may never be on exhibition at our conventions we are glad to have him conduct the study circles on squared circles and write his column. Thanks Bill!

—Wayne R. Curtis

...and some doodles by The Editor

This extra-large issue is the result of a number of conditions. Pre-convention and official publicity ate into our normal 32 page issues during the summer months so that we were running behind on material received from our writers. Our appeal for more articles has borne fruit and while we like a backlog we do not wish it to get out of hand. The more articles we get the more chances there are of occasional larger issues such as this so our appeal to all writers stands.

With Ed Hausmann taking a minor, but still important role in this journal's production I cannot let his remarks in last month's issue pass without expressing, on all readers' part, our thanks for a tremendous job done over the last five years. As editor, Ed put his stamp on *Topics* in a way that few of his predecessors achieved—its clean lines make it a pleasure to read and the hours of his personal time spent on putting it 'to bed' cannot be calculated. He leaves us much to emulate.

MAIL FROM OUR MEMBERS

The Macaulay correspondence

In the January *Topics*, information was requested on a 1903 cover addressed to J. A. Macaulay / S.S. River Dennis / Cape Breton and backstamped River Dennis Station. It would be easy to conclude that the ultimate destination of the letter was for Mr. Macaulay on the S.S. RIVER DENNIS.

Mr. Macaulay seems to have saved the envelopes of all mail addressed to him, eventually to be purchased by a stamp dealer, who, in turn, sold them to other dealers. Along the line someone took advantage of the quantity and misleading address with rubber stamps, straight line PAQUET POSTE over the postage and on the reverse of the envelope an oval PAQUEBOT. Two recent Canadian auctions have included this material.

On route to our Convention in Toronto, I did the rounds of Hamilton stamp dealers. One surprised me with his stock of almost 20 covers addressed to Mr. Macaulay during 1900 to 1902. Most were addressed to S.S. River Dennis and received the River Dennis Station backstamp. A few, the important ones, were addressed to South Side River Dennis and, in addition to the backstamp above, bore S. Side Basin of River Dennis N.S., proving S.S. in the address was not abbreviation for steamship.

Clair C. Conn of Lafayette, Ind. supplied much information from his collection of these covers. I'm sorry to disillusion him. Frank Campbell's book states that the postmark SOUTH SIDE OF BASIN OF RIVER DENNIS was first used in 1867. It's quite a mouthful.

— John Wildson

Canadian aviation events and covers

Collectors interested in Canadian airmail envelopes should note that these items are still being flown but only on a chance basis. If data re a pending flight are released in Canadian papers and if I chance to see the

announcement I attempt to obtain a limited amount of envelopes.

Air Canada has produced some envelopes for their main inaugural flights. They are now contemplating having a Montreal dealer handle the distribution of their special souvenir envelopes at a set value. They have also commenced the release of a commemorative medallion for inaugural flights.

Other Canadian aviation events commemorated or to be commemorated in 1975 are as follows:

Commemorative flight of Northern Air Service of 1925 between Rouyn, Quebec and Haileybury, Ontario on May 18 and June 27, 1975. These flights were made in 1925 by pilot Bill Broatch. There are four envelopes in this set, two in English from Haileybury, and two in French from Rouyn.

Souvenir envelopes from the 19th Annual Abbotsford International Air Show August 8-10, 1975. The envelopes flown in the Sopwith or Newport vintage aircraft of the National Aeronautical Collection, Ottawa, Ontario, are dated August 10.

Commemorative envelopes for the 50th anniversary of the recommencement of seaplane service between Victoria and Seattle on September 21, 1925 and the return route on November 11, 1925. The envelopes will be cancelled on the appropriate 1975 dates.

The largest airport in Canada and the world will be opened officially at Mirabel, Ste Scholastique, Quebec on October 4, 1975. The first scheduled international flights will occur on October 26. Attempts will be made to obtain airport dedication envelopes for the two dates. Cachets will be submitted in English and French. A special four day inaugural is planned October 2-5 with the dedication ceremony slated for October 4. Data on this event and other aviation activities are available upon request to Public Relations Department, TRANSPORT CANADA, Directorate of Public Affairs, Ottawa, Ontario.

— R. K. Malott

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BEAVER — continued

P.P.: ? St.: 1 dated copy used in 1867.
Perf.: 3—(5cc).
C-dot: Small, almost touching at R, opp. top of lower prong. Height 3.

Ident—H1014

Descr.: Dish shaped line— $1\frac{1}{2}$ flg long— $\frac{1}{4}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ flg above T fr. over P of Postage.
Other: Another dot (on 2cc) $1\frac{1}{2}$ flg outside L fr. opp. TL5.
T.P.: Above A6 (TL).
P.P.: ? Not T or R. St.: ?
Perf.: 3—(3cc).
C-dot: Small, nearly touching at R. Height 3.

Ident—H1015

Descr.: Dish shaped line—2 flg long— $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1 flg above T frame over O of Postage.
Other: Short entry in left shading at T.
T.P.: Above A6 and A7.
P.P.: ? St.: 1 dated copy—June 14, 1866
Perf.: 3—(2cc).
C-dot: Small to avg., touching at R. Height 1.

Ident—H1016

Descr.: Horiz. line—3 flg long— $\frac{1}{2}$ flg above T fr., over TR5.
Other: 2 dots outside R fr. at TR5; 1 dot between R frames at TR5 (just below 2 dots); dot and V dash just below it—2 flg outside L fr.

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Three Hammers, Type 17H

Hammer I

Proofed: June 14, 1946
Earliest: August 25, 1947
Latest: April 17, 1950
Indicia: Only 60 known
Usage: Continuous but limited
R.F.: 100 (42.9%)

Comments: It would appear that this hammer had a short life as it was first augmented and then apparently supplanted by Hammers II and III, probably on the basis of need rather than use. Hammer I shows little wear. Undoubtedly, earlier dates will be reported. The base period after HX is missing on all but the strongest strikes. This hammer has been previously reported as late as 1954; however, no specific date has yet been established.

Hammer II

Proofed: June 3, 1947
Earliest: November 8, 1948
Latest: September 12, 1949
Indicia: Only 2 known to date
Usage: Apparently limited
R.F.: 100 (14.2%)

Comments: Although additional reports will undoubtedly extend the time span of the period above, this hammer also saw only brief use. Because of the excellent condition of this hammer, like Hammer I we postulate that this was probably withdrawn for lack of need rather than wear.

CANADIAN POSTAL STRIKE

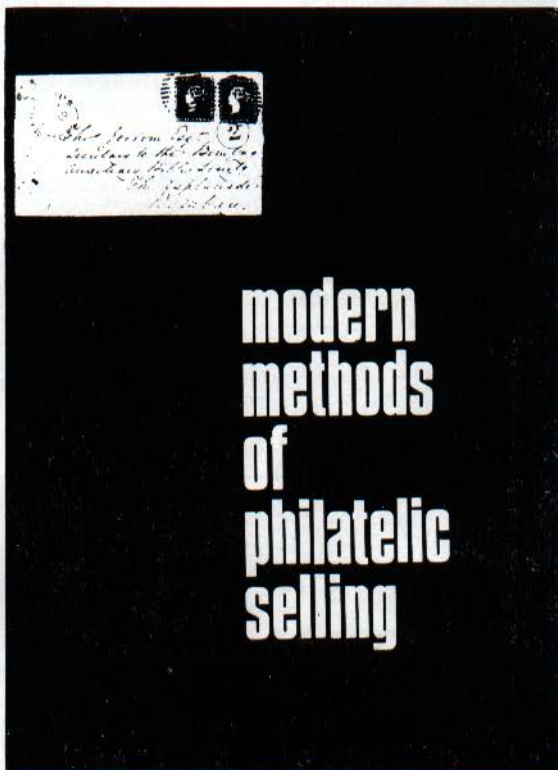
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Hammer III

Proofed: June 3, 1947
Earliest: August 29, 1947
Latest: September 26, 1958
Indicia: 2—1947, 1953/54; 60—1949; 4—1956/58
Usage: Intermittent over 10-year period
R.F.: 100 (42.9%)

Comments: This hammer apparently had the longest life of the three, and its period may be further extended by additional reports. Based on indicia, it would also appear to have seen the most versatile use.

SEPARATION OF M-44C HAMMERS

Although two hammers were previously reported, we now know that at least three exist. Separation of these three hammers is relatively easy. Hammer I has letters of medium thickness with comparatively large spacing fore and aft of the ampersand, while Hammers II and III have thicker, fatter letters and practically no spacing on either side of the ampersand.

1. For a gross separation, disregard the centering of the ring and lay a straight edge exactly on the vertical leg of the "P" of R.P.O. For Hammer I, this straight line will approximately bisect the ampersand. For Hammer II, the bulk of the ampersand will be to the left of the vertical, while for Hammer III, all of the ampersand will be to the right

of the vertical.

2. For a more precise separation, measure the chordal distance from the bottom of the left leg of the "R" to the bottom of the "P", both of R.P.O. These distances are, for Hammer I—5mm, for Hammer II—just under 5½mm and for Hammer III, just over 6mm.
3. As a further check, between Hammer II and III, measure the distance from the bottom of the left leg of the "H" to the base period after "X", both of HX.; Hammer II measures less than 6mm, while Hammer III is over 6mm. A missing base period after "X" is most indicative of Hammer I.

M144D and M-44E are both facing slip strikes and as such are outside the scope of the study.

M-44F

HX. & C. - R.P.O./.

One Hammer, Type 17

Proofed: September 26, 1947
Earliest: Not yet known in use
Indicia: PM in proof strike
Usage: Currently unknown
R.F.: 200

Comments: This run is only known from the proof book strike and may never have seen actual use. With all of the other Halifax & Campbellton runs and hammers in use at this time, the need for this run seems superfluous.

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for which I have specific record, in period I, is JA 10/14. Please report later dates. In period II, the only dates recorded are the two shown as earliest and latest; latest date is a Registry Receipt cancel. Time mark slot invariably blank.

NASSAGAWEYA: FE 13/94 to MR ?/96 (Blank). Filing down of the hammer appears to have occurred some time between AP 3/95 and MY 2/95.

NEWMARKET: MR 30/94 to NO 16/97 (Blank).

NIAGARA: MR 13/94 to MR 16/99 (Blank). NSR: 96,98.

NIAGARA FALLS SOUTH: SP 1/94 to SP 10/01 (Blank). NSR: 95, 98, 00.

NORTH BAY: OC 21/93 to JU 28/00. Time marks: OC 21/93 to JU/96 — Blank only. JU and JY /96 — AM, PM, 8, and 18. AP 16/97 — 7. After AP/97 — Blank and PM. Please report all strikes JA/96 through JU/97, stating time mark.

From late JY/96 through at least NO

23/96, the year date is expressed only as 6; on DE 9/96 the year date is completely missing (Blank/DE 9/ Blank; known to be 96 from other markings on cover).

ORANGEVILLE: AU 4/93 to NO 13/96 (Blank). NSR: 94.

ORILLIA: DE 23/93 to NO 19/00 (Blank; 1; AM, PM). NSR: 98.

Time mark slot normally Blank in 93, 94, 95, but time mark 1 known in JY and AU/94; from 1896 to end of use, AM and PM. Year date error: Blank/FE 22/84.

OSHAWA: DE 30/93 to SP 13/94 (Blank).

OWEN SOUND: MR 3/94 to DE 28/98 (Blank until FE/97; then A, B, C, D). NSR: 95. Handbook reference to time mark 6 is in error; this mark is a blurred C.

OXFORD MILLS: AU 29/94 to DE 1/03 (Blank). NSR: 95, 96, 98, 99.

PAISLEY: MR 16/94 to SP 17/00 (Blank). NSR: 95, 99. Strikes are known with dates of MR 29 to AP 4, but showing no year date.

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Novice — Bronze Awards: Gerald C. Carr, Rev. T. W. Murray.

Regarding the Bronzes — two frames were filled by Wilmer C. Rockett substituting in the absence of Ed Richardson.

Also available at all times was the hospitality room where members could meet and have coffee and cookies. Bridge parties were arranged for those interested in the game.

While I make no apologies for E. and O.E., I hope I haven't omitted any phase worthy of praise. — *C. Russell McNeil*

DICKETTS — *continued*

such time as money exists to create a library. Additional staff to research and mount philatelic material cannot be hired. No provision currently exists for a publicist to provide news releases on Museum activities. Jim and his staff are thus labouring under difficulties.

The Museum, it can be reported, is flourishing as it goes about its task of gathering together rare and priceless material, and showing something of its holdings to the public. There's a lot to be done and some day soon better times will make this material more available to all of us.

I would like to thank Jim Kraemer for his courtesies, and I wish him and his staff well in the work they are undertaking. Meanwhile if one of our Ottawa members cares to act as an unpaid Museum reporter and tells us of further changes at Confederation Heights, I, for one, will be grateful.

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BEAVER — *continued*

opp. bottom of C. of Canada.
T.P.: Above A7 and A8 (mostly).
P.P.: G.W. says 30 (he has one copy) definitely in 10th column. St.: G.W. says 5.
Perf.: 2—(3cc).
C-dot: Avg. to large, 1 diam from R. Height 1.

Ident—H1017

Descr.: Dot 1¼ flg above TR5 (2.4mm left of R outside fr.)
Other: None.
T.P.: Above A7 (TL).
P.P.: ? St.: ?

Perf.: 3—(2cc).
C-dot: Avg., just touching at R. Height 2.

Ident—H1018

Descr.: Dot 1¼ flg above TR5, 2½ flg to left of inner R Fr.
Other: Short entry above TL5.
T.P.: Above A8 (TL).
P.P.: ?; not T. St.: ?
Perf.: 3—(2cc).
C-dot: Small to avg.; just clear at R. Height 2.

Ident—H1019

Descr.: Dot 1 flg above TR5, ½ flg to left of inner R fr.
Other: Another faint dot 1 flg directly above R outer fr.
T.P.: A8 (TC).
P.P.: ? St.: ?
Perf.: 3—(2cc).
C-dot: None.

Ident—H1020

Descr.: Dot ½ flg above TR5, ½ flg to left of inner R fr.
Other: Very small dot in S of Cents, no shading below BL5. H1020 is very similar to H1019 except for C-dot and shading below BL5.
T.P.: A8 (TC).
P.P.: ? G.W. says PP13. ST.: G.W. says St. 4 (he has one copy).
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