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This 256-page hardcover Quarterman edition also includes *Postage Stamps of Newfoundland* by Bertram W. H. Poole and Harry E. Huber, one major work on the subject (published c. 1922) to precede Boggs. It consists of two articles: "The Stamps of Newfoundland" by Bertram W. H. Poole and "Notes on Newfoundland, 1897-1921" by Harry E. Huber. A new foreword by A. B. Perlin has also been added to this reprint edition. *The Postage Stamps and Postal History of Newfoundland* contains the two major classic works on the subject—a necessity for all collectors of Canada and British North America postage stamps and postal history.

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# Postmarked Prince Edward Island

*Second in a series*

by G. DOUGLAS MURRAY

Prince Edward Island has an extra complication for the postal historian in her geographical divisions. In 1767 the Island was surveyed into 67 divisions which became known as "lots" because they were drawn for in London and granted by the crown to loyal subjects. These persons became absentee landlords for the most part and neglected from the very beginning any obligations they had to the land or to the tenants who subsequently settled there. A detailed account of this early history is available in a book edited by F. W. P. Bolger titled *Canada's Smallest Province*.

Land problems eventually grew to be a deciding factor in enticing Prince Edward Island to become the seventh province of Canada in 1873 and of course had their effect on every aspect of life on the island, including the postal system. Lot boundaries were and are still a part of life here, more so than counties, of which there are three. These same boundaries have been of great hindrance to postal historians although they may not have been aware of the reason for their problems.

To understand why, it is necessary to explain something of settlement and community patterns. Rural communities exist over a distance of several miles along each of the multitudinous roads and in fact, one is never out of a community, which quite likely appeared on an official post office list before rural routes began. The extent of a community is not identifiable by a group of buildings, as these were scattered farm populations and the boundaries developed from social patterns involving the school districts and church congregations.

The problems arise because the communities do not respect either lots, boundaries or county boundaries. A community located at the intersection of two or three lots can be in two or three lots at the same time. The lot and county boundaries often occur along the middle of a road as the existence of County Line Roads will attest.

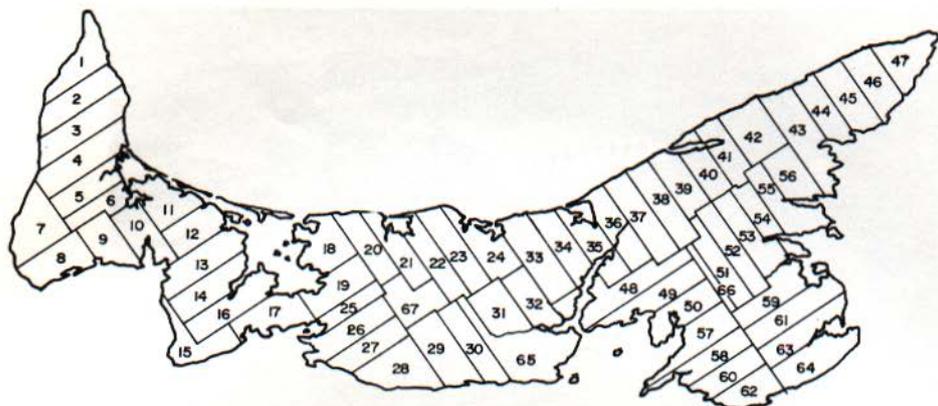
The result for the postal historian is a variety of interesting complications. Most rural post offices were in farm homes, and with a change in postmaster the post office moved to the home of the new appointee. In doing this the post office often changed lots and infrequently changed counties or even communities. Several results were possible:

1. The official name of the office could change.
2. The office could retain its former name while in a new community.
3. Alternate unofficial names for offices were very common, often being called after the postmaster or the lot number.
4. In the case where the official name of the office was the lot number, the alternate name would be the name of the community or the school district or later the railroad stop. In one case a lot number post office existed in a different number lot.
5. New offices were opened in communities where an early office had moved a short distance placing it in the adjacent community.

Add all this to the usual problems of shifting populations, instances of similar names, used either at the same time or different times, misspellings in cancellations, official changes in spellings, disparity between school, railroad and post office names in one community, use of alternate names on cancelling instruments, and especially the lack of comprehensive records. One of my source documents has been *Canada Post Offices 1755-1895* by Frank Campbell and I marvel at the accuracy this reference has achieved in the face of these obstacles, without the benefit of a first hand knowledge of the Island.

Lot number post offices will be the subject of other articles in the future.

Correspondence concerning the foregoing will gladly be entered into with the author at Box 693, Charlottetown, PEI, C1A 7L3.



Map of the Island  
showing Lot numbers

## Little Norway - *Some further comments*

by J. COLIN CAMPBELL

It was most gratifying to receive so much correspondence following the first article on Little Norway in the June-July 1974 issue of *Topics*. Two additional cancel dates for each of Toronto-Little Norway and Little Norway—Muskoka were subsequently reported but no other examples of the Registration or parcel and Money Order stamps made their appearance.

An important correction must be made to the first article concerning the location of the Little Norway post office in the Muskoka area. Incorrect reference material located the office at Norway Point, Ontario. The correct location has now been established on the Little Norway airfield in a cottage-type building across the road from the Norwegians' only hangar. The main entrance gate to the field was just to the left of the post office with the Link trainer building to the right. The official post office number, 4566, was the same, both in the Toronto and Muskoka locations.

It will be of interest to note the following gross postal revenue taken from various reports of the Postmaster General:

*Toronto—Little Norway*

Office opening to March 31, 1942 \$740.45

April 1, 1942 to March 31, 1943 \$1,715.50

*Little Norway—Muskoka*

Office opening to Mar. 31, 1944 \$2,065.99

April 1, 1944 to office closing 1945 \$1,989.60

The official closing ceremonies of the camp in Muskoka took place on February 16, 1945 and were attended by A. S. Deaville, supervisor, Postage Stamp Division, Post Office Department, Canada; Colonel E. J. Underwood and A. M. Gibson, District Director, Toronto. All training ceased a few weeks later.

The writer acknowledges the assistance of Mrs. Maggie Toms (and friends), David M. Verity, and the staff, National Postal Museum, Ottawa. Also the *Canadian Geographical Journal* for the picture of Little Norway-Muskoka.

Postscript: A most interesting non-philatelic account titled *Finnsen of the R.N.A.F.* appeared in the *Canadian Geographical Journal* of March, 1945. It is an illustrated account by A. Stanley Deaville of the events leading up to the Norwegians' stay in Canada and their life while here.



*Little Norway, Muskoka, home of the Royal Norwegian Air Force 1942-1945.*



*Map showing location of Little Norway, Muskoka, Ontario during the Second World War.*



# CANADIAN AIRPORT MAIL FACILITIES

by W. G. ROBINSON



Windsor-Walker Airport



Windsor A.M.F.



Moncton Airport



Goose Airport



Over the past 30 to 40 years since aircraft came into general use for the transportation of mail, most major airports (and some minor ones) in Canada have at some time operated postal installations known as Airport Mail Facilities—usually abbreviated "A.M.F."

The degree of facilities provided has ranged from a simple "Way-Mail" receptacle with the mail cleared and postmarked by a clerk just before a flight departed, to a full-service postal station such as exists at Montreal, Toronto or Vancouver International Airports.

Study of the interesting variety of cancels used in these offices has been very limited, and to the best of my knowledge the only previous philatelic articles on the subject were written by J. F. Wilsdon in 1956<sup>1</sup>, and J. L. Purcell in 1973<sup>2</sup>. These were both of a general and exploratory nature. Examples of cancel types used up to 1956, and illustrated in Mr. Wilsdon's article are shown above.

Mr. Purcell's article excited considerable interest, and since then an unofficial study group of BNAPS members under his leadership has been busily collecting and collating information—with the objective of preparing as complete a listing and description of these cancels as possible.

Most of the data assembled to date has come from Colin Campbell, Mike Dicketts, Mrs. E. M. Drury, Ken Allison, Lorne Fisher, Thurlow Fraser, Jim Hagen, Jim Kraemer, Miss E. M. MacDonald, George Melvin, Mike Millar, Ian Morgan, Dr. Perham C. Nahl, Mike Squirell, H. N. Wiggins, John Wilsdon, and the present writer.

Some of the cancels exist on mail posted at the AMF, but the majority of the various types located to date have been used to back-stamp registered mail in transit through the various airports. To date, markings have been recorded from the following locations:

NEWFOUNDLAND — Gander, Goose Airport, Millertown Jct., Newfoundland Airport, St. John's.

MARITIMES — Halifax, Moncton, St. John.

QUEBEC — Montreal, St. Hubert.

ONTARIO — Brantford, Burlington, Toronto, Windsor.

WESTERN — Calgary, Edmonton, Lethbridge, Regina, Saskatoon, Vancouver, Whitehorse, Winnipeg.

In the detailed listings which will follow in succeeding articles, the general catalog style used by Lewis Ludlow in his recent revision of Shaw's *Railway and Transportation Postmarks* has been used with his approval. The listings have been made alphabetically by region, and by type of cancel.

Many of the cancels listed are known only as proofs or in very small quantities —

hence periods of use and rarity factors tentatively assigned may require extensive revision as more information is acquired.

We hope that all interested readers will report holdings, and especially unlisted varieties with photo copies or tracings to either Joe Purcell at 6 Richardson Drive, Kingston, Ont. K7M-2S6, or myself at 5830 Cartier St., Vancouver, B.C. V6M 3A7.

In the next article the Newfoundland

cancel will be listed. Succeeding sections will cover the Maritimes, Quebec, Ontario and Western types.

1 "Airport Post Offices" by John F. Wilsdon, *BNA Topics*, Vol. 13, p. 170, 1956.

2 "Airport Cancellations of Canada" by J. L. Purcell, *Canadian Philatelist*, Vol. 24, p. 251, 1973.

# The Beaver Byline

by CLAYTON HUFF AND ARTHUR GROTEN

More new, confirmed flaws of the 5c Beaver follow. The abbreviations used are repeated for your convenience.

## ABBREVIATIONS AND REFERENCES

Descr.—Description  
T.P.—Thirkell Position  
P.P.—Plate Position St.—State  
Perf.—Perforated. 1—11¾; 2—11¾; 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

### IDENT # — H2001

Descr.: Dot 1 flg outside R fr., 2 flg below T inner frame.

Other: Vert. dash in outer curved fr. over left end of D in Canada. L fr. doubled at T; R fr. doubled at B.

T.P.: A8—(TR)

P.P.: ?—not T or L. ST.: ?

Perf.: 2—(1 copy); 3—(1 copy)

C-dot: Small—1 diam from R. Height 1

### IDENT # — H2002

Descr.: Dot ½ flg outside R fr., 2 flg below T inner fr.—outside tip of TR5

Other: Reentry BR5 and R fr. at B

T.P.: A8—(CR)

P.P.: ?—not R. ST.: ?

Perf.: 3—(2cc)

C-dot: Small—imbedded at R (half visible). Height 3.

### IDENT # — H2004

Descr.: Large dot 1 to 2 flg outside R fr. 4mm below T inner fr. (Opposite T of Postage)

T.P.: B8 (CR)

P.P.: In R margin. St.: ?

Perf.: 3—(3cc)

C-dot: Small, just touches at R. Height 3

### IDENT # — H2005

Descr.: Strong dot, 2/3 flg off R fr. at T of Postage, 5½mm below T outer fr.

Other: A weaker dot, 1 flg off R frame at open end of E in Postage, 11½mm below T outer fr.

T.P.: B8 (BC)

P.P.: G.W. feels it could be 86; not T or R.

St.: ? Dated copies Mar. 10/66 and Nov. 10/66

Perf.: 3—(8cc)

C-dot: Small, ½ diam from R. Height 4

### IDENT # — H2007

Descr.: Thick blurred line horizontally from

R fr. 6¾mm below T outer fr.

Other: Dot in ball of BL5, dot in outer curved space above O of Postage, triple R fr. at B. Short entry at left.

T.P.: C8 (RC)

P.P.: ? ST.: ?

Perf.: 3—(2cc)

C-dot: None

### IDENT # — H2008

Descr.: Strong dot 2 flg off R fr. at G of Postage, 7½mm below T outer fr.

Other: Faint dot 1 flg SW from H2008; pair of faint dots 1½ and 2 flg off R fr., 1/2 flg above B inner fr.

T.P.: C8 (RC)

P.P.: ?—not T or R. St.: ? Dated copy—11/15/67

Perf.: 3—(3cc)

C-dot: Small, 1 diam. from R. Height 3

### IDENT # — H2009

Descr.: Dot 1½ flg off R fr. at G of Postage, 7¾mm below T outer fr.

Other: Dot 1¼ flg at R of end of B outer fr.; dot in top ¼ of R ornament, R fr. doubled, heavy at B.

T.P.: C8 (RC)

P.P.: ?—Not B. St.: ?

Perf.: 1, 2, and 3—1 copy each

C-dot: Small, just touching at R. Height 3

### IDENT # — H2011

Descr.: Dot 1 flg off R fr. opp. top of BR5, 3mm above B outer fr.

T.P.: F8 (TR)

P.P.: ?—Not T. St.: G.W. has copy dated 9-20-62

Perf.: 1—(2cc)

C-dot: Avg.-strong, ½ diam from R. Height 3

### IDENT # — H2013

Descr.: Curving line moving up and to R from R fr. line, beginning 2½ flg above inner B fr.

Other: Small dot 1¼ flg at R of end of B outer fr.; doubled L fr. at T; doubled curved fr. over CANA; doubled R fr. at B

T.P.: F8 (BR)

P.P.: ?—Probably R col. St.: ?

Perf.: 3—(2cc); 2—(1c)

C-dot: Very small, touching at R. Height 4

### IDENT # — H2015

Descr.: Scratch on both side of stamp. Begins outside L fr., goes through all 3 flg at L just under C of CANADA, then shows as horizontal line in E of Postage and ends outside R fr. at level of upper end of E

T.P.: D1, D7 and D8

P.P.: ?—Not B or R. St.: ?

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# THE BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

## 27th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TORONTO, ONTARIO, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1975

The meeting was officially opened and called to order at 9:10 a.m. by president Jim Pike. He then asked members to rise in silent prayer to the memory of our deceased members, in particular to our founder, Jack Levine.

On motion and second the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

A communication from Ed Richardson was then presented expressing his regret at not being able to attend and a brief explanation of his ailment.

President Pike then gave his report. He was followed by other reports in order as follows, each of which was duly moved, seconded and passed to be accepted as read.

### President's Report

Due to many changes in the Officers of the Society, operations did not run as smoothly as they usually do. I will list the changes:

Ed Whiting replacing Jack Levine secretary  
Ed Harris replacing Leo LaFrance treasurer  
John Payne replacing Jim Lehr sales circuits

Dr. A. H. Groten replacing Ed Whiting advertising manager

Dr. Ian Taylor replacing Al Kessler publicity, U.S.A.

Clarence Stillions replacing Al Kessler membership chairman

Michael Dickets editor

Doris Hollingshead replacing Dave Verity book department manager

George Wegg replacing Bob Woolley publications committee

All of these are now, or soon will be familiar with their duties and undoubtedly will give good accounts of themselves. We are indeed fortunate to be able to find such members who willingly take on time consuming duties in order to keep BNAPS functioning smoothly.

I would like to thank the nominating committee, Ed Richardson, chairman, Lee Bandom, and Dr. Robert Carr, for its work in nominating five members to fill the three vacancies on the Board of Governors.

I trust they will continue as a committee for another year.

I have asked Ed Richardson to chair another committee to re-examine the constitution and by-laws of the Society. This was last revised in 1957 and last amended in 1964. The report of the committee is expected to be available for voting on at the Annual Meeting 1976.

The Board of Governors decided not to participate officially in COMPEX, Chicago, May 23, 24, 25. Since this exhibition honored Canadian philately, Dr. Carr unofficially arranged for BNA exhibits from a number of our members. These were well received. My thanks go to Dr. Carr for his work in this regard.

You have recently received a new Membership Roster. Its preparation was started by Jack Levine and finished by Al Cook. Great credit is due Al Cook for clearing many roadblocks and finally making delivery arrangements.

I would like to thank all our officers for their efforts on behalf of BNAPS and the Board of Governors for its guidance in many matters.

—James A. Pike

### Report of the chairman, Board of Governors

Barely three weeks after our convention in Williamsburg last September our founder, Jack Levine, who hosted that convention passed away from complications following surgery. Another of the original 10 men who formed our society, Bill Peterman, life member no. 8, passed away last March.

Jack's death occurred at a time when there were many changes in office taking place and left a gap in the important post of secretary, which he filled since our founding. I take this opportunity to thank all who cooperated during this trying period and in particular Leo LaFrance who picked up Jack's records and filled this gap in addition to his duties as treasurer until a replacement could be found.

We were very fortunate to obtain the services of Edward J. Whiting an early member as acting secretary pending election of officers and he has done a very commendable job. He too did double duty as advertising manager and this office has now been taken over by Dr. Arthur Groten.

Since our meeting in Williamsburg four complaints have been received against members for improper conduct. One was resolved without board action other than my letter. One is currently pending due to negotiations resulting from my letter to the offender, and two were resolved by board action at their meeting yesterday.

The treasurer's report was received by me on June 10, and was published in the August issue of *Topics*.

Other matters which were the subject of much correspondence during the year were on the agenda at yesterday's board meeting. A summary of the board's decisions taken at yesterday's meeting here follows:

—the new Treasurer, Ed Harris, presented his projection for our fiscal future and stressed the full accountability being required of all departments.

—publishing of an update of the Squared Circle Handbook was approved to be a fourth edition in hardback form.

—a list of possible subjects for consideration by the handbook chairman for future publication was made as follows: Tax-Paid Catalog; Perfins; Forgeries; RPO Cancellations; Tagged Stamps.

—publishing of the Tax-Paid Catalog handbook was approved.

—after much discussion it was decided to approach the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada through Jim Pike on cooperating with them on their lounge at INTERPHIL '76; and

—that it is to be the policy of the society that we will support through participation international stamp shows on the North American continent and Great Britain excepting Mexico; and further the president is authorized to participate in national stamp shows at his discretion, and is directed to appoint a chairman to a small committee which is to come back to the Board with a well thought-out policy on this problem.

—the Society is to support INTERPHIL '76 by running a quarter-page display ad four times in *Topics* so spaced as to bring INTERPHIL '76 before the members and

let them know of our participation.

—the Board decided to have the books of the society audited annually by a CA or CPA firm.

—the treasurer was given authority to invest surplus cash funds, at his discretion, in federally guaranteed securities with a term of up to one year where the principal is obtainable on demand without penalty.

—the treasurer was also authorized to change the society's fiscal year, should he find it desirable, to July 1-June 30, after proper investigation with the USIRS.

—the board unanimously voted to raise the dues to \$10 per year effective January 1, 1976.

—the board reaffirmed their decision of last year that the handbook committee sell only BNAPS publications.

—the board voted to grant a vote on the board to the current president of the society.

—the board approved the mailing of *Topics* to all members by first-class mail.

—Mr. Llewellyn's resignation as president of the board was accepted and Robert Pratt was elected president of the board of governors.

— G. B. Llewellyn

## Treasurer's Report

The annual report of the treasurer for the year ending December 31, 1974 was published in *Topics* for August 1975.

Ed Harris presented his financial forecast indicating that the dues increase would adequately offset the increased expenses generated by inflation and increased benefits to the members. Without the dues increase he projected for 1975 income of about \$12,700 and expense of about \$15,874 which would create a \$3,174 deficit.

## Report of the Acting Secretary

Status of the membership as of September 15, 1975:

There were 1,502 members on October 1, 1974. Since then we accepted 115 new members and 46 resignations. There were 23 deaths; 102 delinquent dues-payers were dropped, of whom 24 have been reinstated. This leaves us with a net loss of 32 members for a present total membership of 1,470.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have had to bear with me while I fumbled around getting my bearings in this job. During the next year I propose to make a detailed write-up of the secretary's duties so that the next secretary

may avoid the agonies I experienced in taking over the job.

A special bouquet goes to all those recent new members who were so patient as they waited while order was restored to the chaos created by our beloved founder's passing.

At the present time there is no backlog of correspondence of any nature and all matters are being handled within two or three days of receipt.

I respectfully submit this report and move its acceptance.

— E. J. Whiting

## Report of the Chairman of the Editorial Board

During the past year we only received one complaint to the Editorial board but as the writer signed it "anonymous" no action was taken.

The magazine continues to thrive under the able editorship of Ed Hausmann, ably assisted by Michael Dicketts and the society owes a debt of gratitude to these two members who receive no remuneration for the onerous job of editing *Topics*.

— V. G. Greene

## Report of the Circulation Manager

It would appear that the North American recession finally struck the circulation department in 1974. For, it turned out, we sold only 72 back issues of *Topics* that year.

In the operation of the circulation department, it has often been felt that we were in reality only a surplus depot for back issues of *Topics*. The department should receive only 40 copies monthly, however some months we receive upwards to 200 more or less.

It is estimated that there are in our possession at present some 20,000 to 25,000 back issues of *Topics*. Most of them in the 1960s and 1970s, though we do have many copies back into the 1950s and a few in the late 1940s.

Our "better half" has felt at times that these take up vital space but she rejoices in the thought that their weight may again hold our house in place should we have another windstorm. We have suffered through two in the last few years.

The storage and/or disposal of this surplus of *Topics* requires serious consideration. Direction is being sought as to the best and most profitable method of disposing of the greater part of this accumulation.

We feel that the retention of a maximum of 40 copies per issue is sufficient to meet all anticipated future requirements.

As in past years we are still receiving the odd complaint from members regarding the delay in receiving their copy of *Topics*. It is felt that these are now local problems, for generally speaking major mailing problems have certainly declined.

It might be stressed here again for all to note, that any change of address must be directed to the secretary, since the circulation manager when he receives them must pass them on to the secretary for action.

At present we look after all undeliverable issues of *Topics* returned by the post office, and which if we can we readdress correctly and return to the mails.

As a final note we should like to present the briefest financial report we have ever had to table:

	SALES	
Topics .....		\$ 72.00
EXPENDITURES		
Postage .....		\$ 30.36
P.O. Box .....		5.00
Miscellaneous .....		31.00
		\$66.36
Net profit—1974 operations .....		\$ 5.64
Balance forward from 1973 .....		129.27

Balance on hand .....

The above report is respectfully submitted for acceptance.

— R. F. Boudignon

## Report of the Advertising Manager

Again this year I refer you to *Topics* itself regarding our advertisers and the amount of ads vs. text. We have had some new advertisers this year but the bulk of them have been with us many years.

Since I was appointed acting secretary last November I have done nothing with the ads except to collect them and forward them to the editor for publishing. A new manager was installed in the job day before yesterday.

I wish to thank all our advertisers for the great help they have been to *Topics* and for their fine cooperation with me over the years.

Respectfully submitted, I move the acceptance of this report.

— E. J. Whiting

## Report of the Librarian

The library has continued to make progress during the past year, with many additions of books, tear sheets, and the bulletins

of the many study groups.

No journals were bound this year, but additional special binders were obtained for the *Philatelic Tribune*, the *Philatelic Advocate* and the *Stamp Herald* journals in the library.

I had hoped that I would be able to present the cumulative index for the sets of journals in our library. Although many hours have been spent on this project I expect it will take me another year to finish it for publication. The original indexing of our first librarian, R. J. Duncan, has been of great help.

1975 has been a slow year thus far for requests of literature from the library, perhaps this situation is due to the availability of new literature and reprints of the major BNA handbooks to philatelists.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those members, who in the past year generously donated monies for binding and purchasing new books and many pieces of philatelic literature for the library.

—Michael J. Squirell

### **Report of the Chairman of the Library Board**

Once again it is a pleasure to thank Mike Squirell for the excellent job he has done on maintaining and improving the high standard of the BNAPS library.

Mike is here in person and will bring you up-to-date on the progress he has made during the past year.

—V. G. Greene

### **Report of the Sales Manager**

Having taken over the circuits from Jim Lehr on January 1, this report covers the period from then until August 31, this year. Jim paid off all books deemed to be retireable and turned over the remainder to me which left an active total of 70. Each owner was notified of the amount unsold in his or her books on the turnover date, said amounts were confirmed by myself. I would like to express my sincere thanks to Jim for his unstinting help in making the difficult job of transferring books, papers and accounts with such smooth continuity that we did not lose either time or income.

As of August 31 we have 130 books on circuit with sales of \$7,006 which projected to year end should well surpass the \$10,000 mark. The demand is exceptionally heavy for fine mint material followed closely by early used, revenues, and covers. We would be pleased to have books from those mem-

bers who would like to sell off any amount of this type material as the circuits could absorb another 70 books quite readily. Many thanks to the regulars who have contributed and a special nod to a number of new contributors this summer, your interest helps the club grow.

Respectfully submitted for your approval.

—John Payne

### **Report of the Convention Committee**

The committee has registered at least 190 for this convention which may be a record.

Convention sites for the future are:

1976 — San Francisco with Lew Ludlow and Dan Rosenblatt as hosts. It will be held at the Holiday Inn Union Square on September 16, 17, 18. It is the first Holiday Inn luxury hotel and has 420 rooms.

1977 — Edmonton, Alberta.

1978 — Fort Lauderdale, Florida possibly in October, hosted by Harry Lussey.

1979 — Ottawa, Canada (tentatively) to be hosted by Jim Kraemer.

1980 — (very tentatively) New York state, possibly Hotel Thayer, West Point.

1981 — Chatham, Ontario is a tentative possibility.

—Dr. R. V. C. Carr

### **Report of the Publicity Chairman — U.S.**

Since being appointed to fill the position made vacant by the death of Al Kessler, I have been busy trying to make up a mailing list of the names and addresses of philatelic editors, columnists, etc., to which releases on behalf of BNAPS can be sent. Fortunately, I have had good cooperation from the editor of *Topics*, the president, secretary, chairman of the board, and a couple of the past presidents, who all sent me information to fill out the list.

Unfortunately, the response from the philatelic editors and columnists to which releases were sent was far from overwhelming.

I have had numerous inquiries concerning membership in the society, and have forwarded application forms to those collectors requesting same.

Canadian philately received quite a boost in the Chicago area at the end of May, when the Compex show had as its theme "Canada". Dr. Carr as the representative of the society, did an excellent job, along

with Dr. Stulberg, representing the RPS of Canada, in sponsoring an outstanding Court of Honor devoted entirely to Canadian philatelic material.

My special thanks to Russ McNeil, my counterpart in Canada, who has made my new position much easier by his frequent and comprehensive communications, which allow me to be kept up-to-date on the Society activities north of the border, as one of the newspaper columns called Canada. Yours respectfully.

—Dr. Ian W. Taylor

## Report of the Publicity Chairman — Canada

As Canadian publicist my correspondence has reached from coast to coast, including every province from British Columbia to Nova Scotia and would like to report I found all contacts more than willing to publicize BNAPEX '75, which included newspapers and stamp clubs.

Would particularly like to mention the request of Mr. G. H. Churley, president of the newly formed Royal City Stamp Club, New Westminster, B.C., who advised their membership, at the moment, was only 90 and they did not have a "news item paper" for distribution but would I send them all the particulars regarding BNAPEX '75 for posting on their bulletin board. This I was glad to do, more so because it was unsolicited by me.

Those whom I contacted were super-cooperative. What more can I say? Even my Australian correspondent, Mr. Athol Jasper-Batson is here for the exhibition and annual meeting.

I regret, that due to a prior commitment, my American counterpart cannot be present, namely, Dr. Ian Taylor. His report which he incorporated into a personal letter to me will be read in its entirety and after hearing it, I am sure you will agree with me that he has not been idle either. In working with Dr. Taylor this past year, I have come to the conclusion that he has proven himself to be a worthy successor to our late beloved Al Kessler.

I move that these two reports be accepted as read. Thank you.

—C. Russell McNeil

## Report of the Board of Elections

In the 1975 election for board of governors there were 446 ballots cast. Three ballots were disqualified for voting for four.

The result of the balloting is: Ed Richardson, Dave Verity and Michael Dicketts are elected to the board of governors for a term of three years beginning January 1, 1976.

—H. E. Reinhard

## Report of the Editor

During 1974 the usual 11 issues of *Topics* were published under varying degrees of frustration brought about by delays in receiving contributed materials, and mail slowdowns. It also became apparent that assistance was needed and president Al Cook was pleased to appoint me as co-editor, to take up duties in 1975.

I have attempted to maintain the high standards set in the past by *Topics* although only the future is capable of assessing the success of such a policy.

To all contributors, both active and those who have or intend to submit material, I express grateful thanks for their efforts—I've tried not to let them down. I'm especially thankful to our columnists who month after month provide the membership with the nuts and bolts of their given specialty. To all officers my thanks for their support and time, as the occasion demanded. Respectfully submitted.

—M. B. Dicketts

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Due to Ed Richardson's absence there was no report on study groups. Jim Lehr made the observation that there is a great interest in the study groups. Bill Simpson announced that there is a Small Queens study group in process of organizing.

## Report of the Membership Committee

During the year 1974-1975 this committee received from the secretary 126 applications requiring investigation. Of that number 89 have been accepted for membership, one application was withdrawn, and the 36 remaining have investigations in varying stages of completeness.

The untimely deaths of the past chairman of this committee and the secretary resulted in confusion and delays in the investigations of a number of applicants. The confusion has been clarified and the delays eliminated. The committee is now functioning smoothly.

—C. A. Stillions

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# Revenue Study Group

As usual the largest and most active study group meeting at the Toronto convention was on revenues. With Bill Rockett as chairman, about 40 people entered into a spirited discussion on how to speed up revenue catalogue publications, with the following recommendations:

a) Publication of Lee Brandon's *Catalogue of Tobacco Tax Paid Stamps of Canada*, originally scheduled for inclusion in the next edition of Glenn Hansen's book, has been delayed by indefinite timing for that book. The group agreed to offer Brandon's work to BNAPS for publication or, if necessary, to have it published privately by the Study Group. The Board of Governors authorized immediate publication by the Handbook Committee and this should occur early next year.

b) Because of Ed Richardson's illness, he was not at the convention to report on the status of his *Specialized Handbook of Canadian Revenues*. A committee of Bill Rockett, Leo LaFrance and Jim Lehr was

asked to obtain from Ed a commitment on publication dates for the book as a whole, or in several sections as finished. Ed was sorely missed and the meeting sent its greetings and best wishes for a speedy recovery.

c) Erling van Dam was authorized to approach Scott's Catalog publishers and offer our help for inclusion of a Canadian Revenue section in their forthcoming new specialized catalogue. It was noted that this would merely be an updating of Sisson's catalogue and would not conflict with the need for the comprehensive specialized handbook being prepared by Richardson.

Bill Walton discussed a study underway by Jim Lehr, John Siverts and himself on the 1870-1911 issue of Ontario Law Stamps. This issue parallels the Small Queen issue, with many of the same variations in perforation, paper and colour. Bill will prepare an outline for the newsletter so that all members can submit data from their collections.

— Jim Lehr

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## Notes from the RPO Study Group

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Twenty-three people were present for the third annual meeting of the RPO Study Group at the Toronto convention and entered into an enthusiastic discussion over activities planned for the next year. Several group projects were agreed upon, with the most important and ambitious being the revision of RF factors.

This will start with all members counting their total copies of all stamps and duplicates and sending the results to Joe Purcell, who agreed to head up this project. Once these results are in a decision will be made on whether to increase the breadth of the present 0-250 scale and whether we have sufficient data for a statistical analysis.

Chairman Lew Ludlow reported that sales of his handbook revision totaled 188, with 250 needed to break even on costs. At least 12 copies were sold during the convention. All sales after 250 will go to the Study Group treasury.

Between Shaw's handbook and this revision 500-600 new runs have been reported and about 40 more have been reported as a result of the revised handbook.

A tentative financial report was given and it was recommended and approved that dues again be waived for the coming year. Six new members joined at the convention, increasing total membership to 51.

— Jim Lehr



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# The RPO Cowcatcher

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M-45

HX. DIG. & YAR./R.P.O.

## Twelve Hammers, Type 17H

### Hammer I

Proofed: February 16, 1929  
Earliest: May 6, 1930  
Latest: June 23, 1934  
Indicia: 98—1930/33; 95—1934  
Usage: Limited and scarce  
R.F.: 10 (2.9%)

Comments: Hammer I is self-identifying in that it is the only one of 12 that has no base period after the "O" of R.P.O. This hammer wore poorly and all known strikes show numerous breaks in both rim and letters. Earlier dates than that above are probable.

### Hammer II

Proofed: Unknown  
Earliest: August 29, 1929  
Latest: September 1, 1939  
Indicia: 95—1929/34; 98—1934/39  
Usage: Continuous and common throughout  
R.R.: 10 (16.4%)

Comments: Although the proof strike is not known, we believe that this, and the next four hammers, were all laid down around the same time as Hammer I; general style and shape of the letters is similar. Early strikes are clear and sharp; however, by 1932 the cancellation normally appears heavily inked. Even thus, wear is minimal. This hammer has a base period after the "R" of YAR; however, this is faint to missing on light hits.

### Hammer III

Proofed: Unknown  
Earliest: July 16, 1930  
Latest: August 17, 1948  
Indicia: 95, 98 intermixed thru 1930/33; from 1934 on—98 only  
Usage: continuous  
R.F.: 10 (14.3%)

Comments: Year date omitted on April 5 in 1934; from cover strike. From 1932 on, there is a minor rim break over "X.D". Strikes are normally strong with little wear throughout period.

### Hammer IV

Proofed: Unknown  
Earliest: May 22, 1931  
Latest: September 13, 1950  
Indicia: 95, 98 intermixed  
Usage: Continuous thru 1938; then sporadic  
R.R.: 10 (16.4%)

Comments: Identification of this hammer requires patience. Recession of the letters due to protruding date slugs frequently causes partial strikes, particularly on the inside of the lettering, making measurements more difficult. Additionally, later strikes show excessive wear.

### Hammer V

Proofed: Unknown  
Earliest: August 3, 1933  
Latest: May 6, 1948  
Indicia: 98 only  
Usage: Even thru 1938; then sporadic  
R.F.: 10 (8.6%)

Comments: Up to 1940, strikes are clear and crisp; however, thereafter, wear is excessive and strikes are more difficult to identify.

### Hammer VI

Proofed: Unknown  
Earliest: December 5, 1934  
Latest: February 21, 1945

Indicia: 95 only  
Usage: Intermittent  
R.F.: 10 (5.7%)

Comments: This hammer was the last to be recognized and its light—but clear—strikes are scarce and most desirable. Spacing between the ampersand and the letters is wider than the other hammers of this early period.

### Hammer VII

Proofed: October 20, 1934  
Earliest: December 17, 1934  
Latest: January 1, 1940  
Indicia: 98—1934/95; 95—1935/40  
Usage: Limited and infrequent  
R.F.: 10 (6.4%)

Comments: On the proof and early strikes, the base stop after the "R" of YAR is less a period than it is a small parallelogram, and on strong hits is well defined. Later, this blurs to a more or less large dot and is no longer definitive for Hammer VII, for which the parallelogram is specific. In later stages, this hammer did not stand up well to wear.

### Hammer VIII

Proofed: Unknown  
Earliest: July 7, 1932  
Latest: September 15, 1941  
Indicia: 95, 98 intermixed  
Usage: Limited and infrequent  
R.F.: 10 (7.9%)

Comments: This hammer might appear to be out of order, but both Hammers VIII and IX have no base period after the "R" of YAR and consequently we have grouped them together for better continuity. All strikes of Hammer VIII that we examined are clearly defined and strong, and the absence of this stop is well confirmed. Some wear is apparent in later strikes.

### Hammer IX

Proofed: Unknown  
Earliest: September 6, 1937  
Latest: September 29, 1952  
Indicia: Continuous throughout period  
R.F.: 10 (13.6%)

Comments: This hammer gives sharp, clear strikes from inception to terminus and absence of the stop after "R" of YAR is readily noted. Based on the lack of wear, we believe this hammer was introduced close to the earliest date above. There is a constant rim break below and to the left of the "O" of R.P.O. in all but the last strikes where it has a tendency to ink over.

### Hammer X

Proofed: December 19, 1941  
Earliest: September 5, 1949  
Latest: March 4, 1955  
Indicia: 98 only  
Usage: Limited time span  
R.F.: 10 (4.3%)

Comments: Although this hammer was struck during the war, we believe that it did not see service until well into the post-war period. We note other hammers of M-45, as well as strength of M-45A, during the war period, but nothing from Hammer X. With a dash after the "X" of HX and no base period after the "R" of YAR, this hammer is self identifying. Additionally, there is a major rim indentation over the "X" of HX and a rim break near the "R" of YAR, both from at least 1952 on.

### Hammer XI

Proofed: March 5, 1952  
Earliest: July 10, 1952  
Latest: March 7, 1955

Indicia: 98 only  
Usage: To be advised  
R.F.: 10 (2.1%)

Comments: This hammer, similar in style and lettering to Hammer X, is fully punctuated with base periods throughout; it becomes self-identifying by the absence of a dash after the "X" of HX. As previously, our late period material is limited and we may expect later dates than that above. Known on cover without year date on January 6 in 1953.

#### Hammer XII

Proofed: March 29, 1952  
Earliest: September 15, 1952  
Latest: December 15, 1954  
Indicia: 95 only  
Usage: To be advised  
R.F.: 10 (1.4%)

Comments: Having small, modern letters, this hammer with no stop after "G" of DIG and "R" of YAR is self identifying. Our brief representation is probably not indicative of the frequency of use of this hammer, and we hope our readers can supply more complete data and information.

Although three hammers of M-45 had been noted previously, in fact there are at least 12 hammers, of which five have proof strikes. On clear strikes, hammer separation is routine; unfortunately, we have encountered several worn blurred strikes that were difficult to identify. In examining over 150 strikes, about 5%—all partial strikes—defied identification. The following procedures will separate all 12 hammers, if cancellations are full and cleanly struck.

### SEPARATION OF M-45 HAMMERS

Step 1. Visual observation quickly separates all strikes into six groups, four of which are proof of identification; these are:

- A. Small, modern letters, characteristic of the 1950s; one only—Hammer XII—proven by absence of base periods after "G" of DIG and "R" of YAR.
- B. Large, fat letters and ampersand—two hammers, which are separated visually: a. Hammer X has a one mm dash after "X" of HX and no base period after "R" of YAR. b. Hammer XI has base period after both the "X" of HX and the "R" of YAR.
- C. Normal size letters and ampersand—nine hammers which are separated visually into three groups:
  - a. Hammer I—base period after "R" of YAR, but no base period after "O" of R.P.O.; this identifies Hammer I.
  - b. Hammers VIII and IX—base period after "O" of R.P.O., but no base period after the "R" of YAR.
  - c. Hammers II, III, IV, V, VI and VII—base periods after both "O" of R.P.O. and "R" of YAR.

Thus, from Step 1, we can visually prove and identify Hammers I, X, XI and XII.

Step 2. Measure a straight-line distance from the intersection of the upper arms of the "Y" to the intersection of the middle horizontal of the "R" with the vertical, both of YAR; Hammer VIII will measure 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ mm, while Hammer IX is only 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ mm.

With six hammers identified, the tough six—C, c above—follow.

Step 3. Repeat Step 2 above. If the strike measures 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ mm or over, the strike is either Hammer II or Hammer IV; if the strike is 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm or less, the strike is one of Hammers III, V, VI or VII.

Step 4. For Hammers II and IV, measure the

chordal distance from the bottom of the left leg of the "X" of HX to the bottom of the "I" of DIG; if this distance is less than 6mm, the strike is Hammer II, while Hammer IV is over 6mm.

Step 5. For Hammers III, V, VI and VII, repeat

Step 4 above. Hammers III and V are under 6mm, while Hammers VI and VII are over 6mm.

Step 6. For Hammers III and V, measure the chordal distance from the lower left corner of the "D" of DIG to the bottom of the leg of "Y" of YAR. Hammer III is over 10mm, while Hammer V is only 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm.

Step 7. For Hammers VI and VII, repeat Step 6 above. Hammer VI is just under 11mm, while Hammer VII is less than 10mm.

The above procedure is quite adequate for full, clear strikes; however, frequently the required portions will not be available on partial strikes, and a more detailed method of identification is required. In the accompanying chart, the distance in millimeters is given for eight specified chords for each of the 12 hammers. Chord (a) corresponds to Step 2 above, Chord (g) to Step 4 above and Chord (c) to Step 6 above. With this information, a system may be devised—similar to that already given—which will be suitable for most partial strikes. If any of our readers encounter difficulties, and will so advise, we will be pleased to identify any strikes of M-45 that are sent to us.

### M-45A

#### HX. DIG. & YAR. R.P.O./.

#### Two Hammers, Type 17

##### Hammer I

Proofed: November 26, 1941  
Earliest: December 26, 1941  
Latest: July 2, 1948  
Usage: Continuous throughout  
Indicia: 98 only  
R.F.: 100 (100%)

Comments: This hammer, with its large, fat letters and ampersand, is immediately distinguishable because of the colon which is used as a punctuation stop after the "R" of YAR; additionally, there is a break in the lower right curve of the "D" of DIG that is constant for all strikes, including the proof strike. Used continuously through at least mid-1948, this hammer overlaps the proof strike of Hammer II, which although issued may never have been used.

##### Hammer II

Proofed: July 11, 1946  
Earliest: No known strikes to date  
Indicia: PM in proof strike  
Usage: Unknown  
R.F.: 100 (0%)

Comments: If ever found, this hammer, with letters similar in style to Hammer I, will be immediately recognizable because it has a single base period after the "R" of YAR, rather than a colon as in Hammer I. We doubt that this was ever used, since the overlap of Hammer I extends at least two years after the proof strike above.

M-45B, HX. DIG. & YARMOUTH/R.P.O., Type 17H, was reported by C. M. Chandler, but we have never seen a strike of this run nor is any proof strike known. We would appreciate confirmation of its existence from our readers. M-45C would appear to be a clerk addition on to one of

the M-45 hammers. We are currently trying to obtain copies for checking and will report on this at a later date.

### M-46

#### HAL DIGBY & YAR/. R.P.O. .

##### One Hammer, Type 17H

Proofed: December 17, 1936  
Earliest: March 12, 1942  
Latest: June 2, 1955  
Indicia: 95 only  
Usage: Continuous throughout period  
R.F.: 100

Comments: We do not believe that this run saw much use between the proof and earliest dates above; M-45 with its first nine hammers is strongly covered for this intervening period, so that lack of a strike is not due to lack of material. We can theorize that this was ordered but not used until the heavier requirements of the war brought it into service. A bent "R" of YAR confirms one hammer.

### M-46A

#### HALIFAX DISTRICT/EMERGENCY No.

##### Two Hammers, Type 15E

###### Hammer I

Proofed: August 23, 1924  
Earliest: To be advised  
Latest: July 31, 1946  
Indicia: Blank  
Usage: Very scarce  
R.F.: 200

Comments: Not previously reported until found in the examination of the Proof Books in Ottawa, we subsequently discovered the single strike reported above. We believe other strikes exist and would appreciate receiving reports. Since this hammer is numbered EMERGENCY No. 1, recognition is automatic.

###### Hammer II

Proofed: August 23, 1924  
Earliest: Not yet reported  
Latest: (D.O. strike—October 11, 1959)  
Indicia: AM—in D.O. strike  
Usage: Not yet reported  
R.F.: 200

Comments: Struck at the same time as Hammer I, this hammer is self-identifying from EMERGENCY No. 2 at the bottom of the cancellation. Although this has not yet been reported, we have a copy of the Destruction Order strike which was registered on July 11, 1969 and the indicia and date set are those listed above. This strike shows average wear with some rim breaks, so it must have had some degree of use; if true, reporting

of additional strikes can be expected.

### M-46B

#### HALIFAX . N.S. R.P.O./EMERGENCY.

##### One Hammer: Type 15E

Proofed: March 29, 1952  
Earliest: To be advised  
Latest: To be advised  
Indicia: PM in proof strike  
Usage: To be advised  
R.F.: 150

Comments: A 1965 strike was first reported by Ed Maloney, and the run was subsequently confirmed by discovery of a strike in the Proof Books, as indicated above. No others have yet been reported and we hope that anyone having copies of M-46B will advise us so that we may up-date our records.

### M-46C

#### HAL & LIV. TRAIN —

##### Two Hammers: Type 211

###### Hammer I

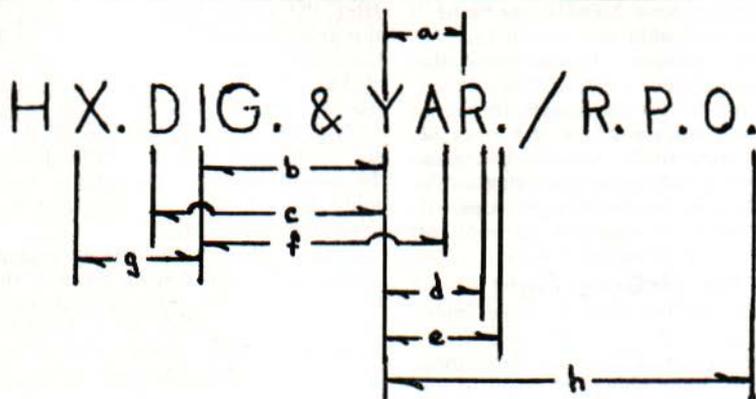
Proofed: Unknown  
Earliest: Not yet reported  
Latest: (D.O. strike—July 30, 1969)  
Indicia: PM in D.O. strike  
Usage: Unknown  
R.F.: 200

Comments: If found, this hammer would be immediately recognizable from the lower inscription of TRAIN 243. This run was completely unknown, unproofed and unreported until the discovery of the Destruction Order strikes which were made available to us by Jim Kraemer of the Postal Museum. Nestled among many were the two hammers of M-46C. This hammer was ordered destroyed on May 27, 1970, and shows considerably more wear than Hammer II. Collectors with quantities of late period material may well be rewarded by finding a cancellation of this run; they should be there.

###### Hammer II

Proofed: Unknown  
Earliest: Not yet reported  
Latest: (July 30, 1968—D.O. strike)  
Indicia: PM in D.O. strike  
Usage: Unknown  
R.F.: 200

Comments: Equally elusive as Hammer I, this hammer is self-identifying by TRAIN 244 at the bottom of the strike. Hammer II was ordered destroyed on November 7, 1969 and the date set, above, was exactly one year earlier than that of Hammer I. The discovery of this run created the need for a new type; this is the only example in all of our R.P.O.s with TRAIN and a number at the bottom of the strike.



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# Semi-Official Airmails

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*A pane of four and cover of a rare booklet*

## Northern Air Service Booklets

Although the specialized catalogues do not mention it, Northern Air Service stamps were sold in booklets comprising two pages or panes, each with four stamps. The booklet pane illustrated has straight edges on three sides with the fourth side perforated leaving a margin where the booklet pane was stapled.

This raises the question as to whether the stamps were printed in sheets of 40 (4x10) and cut into two panes. Since tête-bêche pairs are known there is a probability that the sheets consisted of two rows in which the stamps are in normal position and the remaining two rows in reverse position, thus making rows 2 and 3 tete-beche.

Determination could be established by examining the margins. If you place the straight edge of the sheet at the bottom then in the top of the left margin there are guide dots to indicate where the rows of perforations were to be placed. Examination of the panes would reveal the relationship of the guide dots to the straight edge. It could establish if the sheets of 40 were cut into two panes of 20 stamps (4x5).

## More on the McGoey flight

John Cornelius has sent in some interesting material on the 1912 McGoey flight. The following excerpts from his letter indicate that the flight should remain to be listed.

"It has always been my hope that a veritable account of this flight may turn up some day, explaining the handling of mail. When it comes to many of the true pioneer flights, the mail was a handful of cards and covers carried in the pilot's pocket.

The fact that the "cachet" for the McGoey flight was prepared beforehand in a fashion and motif of that then in use for barnstorming pioneer flights in the U.S., indicates there had been some definite plan to attempt to carry mail by air prior to the occasion at the Winnipeg race track.

Secondly, that McGoey was unable to perform the flight due to his illness did not deter the event from coming off, Tickell appearing instead. The details of the Tickell-Kenworthy Aviation Co. and their flights of May 1912 in Manitoba are wonderfully recorded by Frank Ellis in his book *Canada's Flying Heritage* and though the mail is not mentioned, it leaves little doubt as to the possibilities and probability that there could have been plans for, and probably some mail was carried.

The other coincidental evidence in regard to the only known cover is the May 14—Grand View, Ont. cancellation. The cover, a card, bearing the 1c Canadian rate of the period for postal cards would have taken exactly the right time in the mails to

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# Rounding Up Squared Circles

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*Column No. 138*—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 of the hammer for each year of the period. Please review the listings and let me know of changes which need to be made.

Many readers have written me, reporting strikes for years listed as NSR in previous columns so that a large percentage of the towns now are reported for every year of the earliest-latest period. In addition many new earliest and latest dates, as well as previously unknown indicia are now reported. When the initial listings are completed, I will go back and list the new record dates, giving appropriate credit for the reports; this can possibly be completed in a single column.

A small group of towns, GLAMMIS through HAGERSVILLE, has not yet been listed and I will report these before proceeding with the listings from PARIS onward.

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GLAMMIS—NO 1/94 to MR 20/03 (Blank; see note, 3-line dates) NSR: 01. Early strikes, up until about mid-1898, were two-line dates of type Blank/AU 4/96; from mid-1898 onward dates were in three lines of type FE/27/02. The latest two-line date recorded is Blank/SP 1/97, and earliest three-line date recorded is JY/1/98. JA/23/93 appears on a cover in my collection; this is prior to proof date. Other markings on the cover show the correct year to be '03 and not '93. Several other '93 year date errors are known for early January, 1903.

GLENCOE—Period I: AU 1/93 to FE 9/98 (Blank). Period II: Nudes. A total of six completely nude strikes are now reported, one each on 1c and 2c (purple) numerals and four on Map Stamp.

GODERICH—JA 27/94 to MR 28/06 (Blank except for abnormal PM). NSR: 01.

Graham Noble recently reported PM/MR 6/96, the only non-blank strike known to me for this town. MR 31/9 is known on cover, with other markings showing the year to be '99; SP 20/50 known on cover, with other markings showing the year to be '05.

GORE BAY—Period I: MY 6/95 to SP 12/13 (NSR: 06, 09, 11). Period II: SP 10/17 to FE 2/20. Period III: JA 20/24 to JAN 30/28 (NSR: 25). Time mark slot invariably blank, all periods. Indicia in hammer when found and turned in to Postal Museum: NO 9/31; thus dates later than above listed JAN 30/28 may yet turn up.

GRAFTON—NO 26/94 to NO 2/98 (Blank).

GRAVENHURST—SP 20/93 to MR 28/01 (AM, PM).

—NINETEEN—BNAPPS—3938

GUELPH—FE 27/94 to MR 18/97 (AM, PM). From February 13 to February 25, 1896 the year date shows '99 in error for '96; the correction was made on the afternoon of February 25 since PM/FE 25/99 and PM/FE 25/96 are both reported in Nels Pelletier's collection.

HAGERSVILLE—JA 28/95 to JU 6/98 (Blank).

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PARIS—JU 30/93 to SP 12/00. Time marks: JU 30/93 to JY 31/93—1, 2, 3, PM. From AU/93 to end—A, B, C, D. Time marks 4 and AM have never been reported. Blanks are reported for JY 3/93 and JY 27/93; other blanks have been reported, but appear to be time mark 2 which did not print properly and range from nearly complete to nearly absent. Perhaps difficulty with the 2 was the reason for change to A, B, C, D. In September, '93 the 3 in the year date is often found sideways. Inverted B and C time marks are known.

PARIS STATION—SP 26/93 to JU 11/96 (Blank).

PEMBROKE—MR 19/94 to NO 29/98 (Blank). Misoriented 4 is common, both

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# TOPICS: THE NEWSFRONT

The annual general meeting of the Postal History Society of Ontario will be held during STAMPEX '76, April 1976. Members plan to exhibit several frames of material for the exhibition. Further details and information can be obtained from Pete Wiedemann, Box 54, Cambridge-Galt, Ont.

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The long awaited book on the colour identification of Admirals got considerably delayed thanks to the postal strike. At the same time Hans Reiche informs us that he and others are working on a Large Queen Study Report, a book which will eventually be published.

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## SOME RECENT PUBLICATIONS

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*Stamps of British North America*, by Fred Jarrett. 1975, c 1929. A reprint by Quarterman Publications, Inc., 5 South Union St., Lawrence, Mass. 01843; 595 pages, hard-bound, size 6"x1¼"; retail price \$35. Available from the publishers or most dealers.

With the reprinting of Jarrett's famous 1929 work, Quarterman complete their "grand slam" in BNA literature, enabling us to own the once elusive editions of Boggs, Howes and now, Jarrett.

There is very little to be said by this reviewer on Jarrett's book — countless others have hailed it over the years as a 'key' work, essential to the study of almost every aspect of BNA collecting. For those unfamiliar with its content, the book opens with descriptions and details of the stamps of Canada, with much written and illustrative data on varieties, before turning to the issues of the Provinces. Postal stationery and very detailed accounts of semi-official air stamps follow. Revenue stamps, "believed to be the most comprehensive yet published", as Jarrett records, precedes what many collectors feel is the author's greater contribution to the hobby, namely cancellations.

One must yet marvel at the breadth of

knowledge Jarrett displayed in compiling more than 190 pages filled with drawings and descriptions of postal cancellations. His seminal listings formed the basis of studies which are still undergoing examination and many of us owe him a debt of gratitude for his pioneering efforts.

The wealth of information in the book includes many accounts and stories relating to the appearance of unusual or rare material and this alone should guarantee sales. There is no one reading this who should be without the book and its reprinting is greeted by this reviewer as an essential purchase.

— M.B.D.

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*History of Rural Mail in Canada*, by George Wilcox. 1975, c. 1919. A reprint by the Public Affairs Branch of Canada Post; 74 pages, paper bound, size 8½"x10", price \$1. Obtainable from the National Postal Museum.

Back in 1919, 11 years after the first rural mail route from Hamilton to Ancaster was established, George Wilcox set down an account of his involvement in the new postal service and how his dream came true. Wilcox, a farmer with strong views on rural life as the backbone of the nation, owned land in Michigan and quickly realized the benefits of rural mail delivery then being introduced in the U.S. Back home in Springford, Ontario he single-mindedly set about convincing the government to provide similar service in Canada. How he did it forms the major portion of this work.

More a social history than a basic text for the postal historian, the reprint is published on antique buff coloured paper which gives an air of authenticity as we read Wilcox's, at times, startling prose. Illustrations of personalities of the day have now been added, but their reproduction suffers from the coloured background.

A non-essential purchase, the book none-the-less is more than a passing curiosity to the philatelist and, for once, the price is right.

— M.B.D.

# TOPICS: THE BUSINESS SIDE

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(FOR OTHER OFFICERS, SEE MASTHEAD ON INDEX PAGE)

## Notes from the Librarian

MICHAEL SQUIRELL  
Lively, Ontario

In my annual report this year I mentioned I had not yet completed the cumulative index for the sets of journals in the Library. The purpose of this index is to make known the information contained in the journals that is not covered by the existing Library List published in 1972.

To date the following Journals have been indexed: *Philatelia*, *The North American Collector*, *Western Collector*, *Canadian Philatelist* (First series beginning 1928), *Stamp Collector Weekly*, *Montreal Philatelist*, *The Philatelic Advocate*, *Jarrett's BNA Record*, *Halifax Philatelist*, and some volumes of *Topics*, *Popular Stamps*, and *Canadian Philatelist* (Second series, 1950).

Some of the sets of journals, because of their limited BNA content, will not be included in this new index since they are already covered by the existing Library listing. They include *The London Philatelist*, *The American Philatelist*, *Collectors Club Philatelist*, *SPA Journal*, etc. I have not mentioned the journals I have not started to index but there are many.

The index is divided into 73 chapters. In the case of an article covering more than one subject, it will be included in all relevant chapters. Those of you who have the *Maple Leaves* cumulative index by O. H. Downing, will note that towards the end there is an index of authors and contributors, but I will give this information with the title of the article. If I followed the example of the *Maple Leaves* index it

would add 50 to 100 pages to my work and probably double the cost to members wishing to purchase the published index. I would like to hear from any members who have constructive ideas about this cumulative index of the journals in the BNAPS Library.

I would like to point out to our recent members that we have one of the most extensive BNA Libraries in the world, which has been established for your use. I have about 25 copies of the latest listing, which will be sent to members for \$1.

The subject of the transfer of the BNAPS library to the National Postal Museum will be up for discussion again by the Board of Governors in 1977. To date I have had no assurances that our members in the United States and other countries will have literature made available that is in the library at present. Remember the library is yours; make use of it. To give you some idea of how the index will look, the following sample entry, with explanatory code, is given:

### 38 — REVENUE Provincial — Alberta

- The Alberta Law Stamp Controversy, Jack Levine 2/8/52 T. (1).  
Errors in Second Issue of Alberta Law Stamps, F. S. McCall 1/5/182 CPL. (2).  
Alberta Holiday with Pay Stamps, HT 20/1/5 PS—355.(3).  
(1) *Topics*, Vol. 2 No. 8, page 52.  
(2) *Canadian Philatelist*, Vol. 1 No. 5, page 182—first series 1928.  
(3) *Hollow Tree*, *Popular Stamps*, Packet 355, Vol. 20 No. 1, page 5.

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LEMIEUX, Paul-Emile, 74 Dupont, St. Romuald, Que. G6W 3T9 (C) Canada mint and used 19th and 20th cent., blocks, plate blocks, coils, booklets complete and mint and used panes; specialty: Admiral issue lathework. Proposed by Mrs. Lola Caron 2765; seconded by Georges April 1118.  
ZIMMERMAN, Joseph, 615 Darien Way, San Francisco, CA 94127 (Cxc) CAN, NFLD, 19th and 20th cent., mint and used; coils; OHMS-G; mint and used airmails; literature. Proposed by Robert McGillivray 2993; seconded by Peter Singer 2772.  
CHAREST, Louis G., 34 Miller St., Blackstone, MA 01504 (Cxc) CAN mint postage, blocks, coils OHMS-G, booklet panes and complete booklets. Specialty: Europa, U.S., Canada. Proposed by Doris Hollingshead, L-2622.  
LEAHY, Dr. Jeremiah, 51 Rainbow Cr., Thompson, Man. R8N 1K2 (Cxc) Canada mint 19th and 20th cent., 1st day covers, plate blocks, OHMS-G, major varieties. Specialty: matched plate blocks. Proposed by G. F. Hansen, 2203.  
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ANDREWS, Thomas Carl, 12045 Butterfield Pl., Chino, CA 91710 (Cc) Canada, Newfoundland, mint, 1st day covers, plate blocks; revenues: federal, provincial, tax paid; mint airmails. Specialty: Canadian plate blocks and Canadian revenues. Proposed by W. C. Rockett, 249.  
SILVERMAN, Denis, 429 Thomas Ave., Apt. 12, Wallaceburg, Ont. N8A 2C2 (Cxc) Canada, Newfoundland, mint 19th cent. postage and blocks; federal and provincial revenues. Specialty: Small Queens. Proposed by W. L. Simpson, 1780, seconded by W. R. Greenwood, 2957.

- SIMONETTI, Frank, P.O. Box 706, Brooklyn, NY 11237 (C) Canada postage and airmails mint. Proposed by E. J. Whiting, L-61.
- TETTMAN, Barton, P.O. Box 387, Shakespeare, Ont. N0B 2P0 (C) Canada postage mint and used, 1st flight covers, federal and provincial revenues, airmails on cover, RPO cancellations. Proposed by P. Wiedemann 2643, seconded by G. Ross, 1681.
- BRICE, Harry William, 34 Blawyre Ave., Scarborough, Ont. M1N 2R4 (C) Canada postage, blocks, plate blocks, booklet panes and airmails all mint. Proposed by J. M. Wallace, L-950, seconded by J. A. Pike, 1361.
- HOEBANCK, Alphonse E., 507 Riverdale Dr., Apt. 314, Ottawa, Ont. K1S 1S4 (C) Canada, Newfoundland, all provinces 19th and 20th cent., blocks, mint and used, 1st day and 1st flight covers, plate blocks, OHMS-G; mint, used, and on cover airmails and semi-official airmails. Proposed by G. F. Hansen, 2203, seconded by K. R. Coe, 2732.
- JARVILLE, Gordon H., 669 Roslyn Blvd., North Vancouver, B.C. V7G 1P4 (D) Better Canada covers; territorial, flag and squared circle cancellations. Proposed by Lee R. Yow, 3328, seconded by J. I. Jamieson, 2395.
- PRICE, Robert G., 244 Leslie St., Moncton, N.B. E1C 6M9 (DC) Canada, Newfoundland, B.C. and Vancouver Island, N.B., N.S., PEI 19th and 20th cent., mint and used postage, blocks and plate blocks; mint and used airmails and semi-official airmails; "locals"; RPO cancellations. Specialty: All Canada and Provinces with an "N.B." cancellation (preferably S.O.N.). Proposed by E. J. Whiting, L61.
- STOBERNACK, Dr. J., 608 Lake Bonavista Dr. S.E., Calgary, Alta. T2J 0M5 (Cx) Canada, Newfoundland, used; 1st flight covers; plate blocks. Specialty: Germany, Hungary, Austria, Australia. Proposed by B. W. Raymond, 3131, seconded by J. M. Devlin, 1869.
- PARKIN, John Michael Hugh, 37a Green Lane, Hollingsworth, Hyde, Cheshire, SK14 8JG, England (Cx) Canada, mint and used postage, 19th and 20th cent.; pre-stamp, stampless, 1st day, 1st flight covers; coils; OHMS-G; mint booklet panes and complete booklets; precancels; seals; federal, provincial and tax paid revenues; mint and used and on cover airmails and semi-official airmails; postal stationery entire; RPO cancellations; varieties on George V pictorial issues 1928-30, etc. Specialty: Covers of all reigns. Proposed by G. Whitworth, 1684, seconded by J. P. Macaskie, 2794.
- FOLSTER, H. Michael, 7 Fifth Ave., Aylmer, Que. J9H 5C5 (Cc) Canada, Newfoundland, all provinces, 19th and 20th cent., mint and used postage and blocks; pre-stamp, 1st day and 1st flight covers; plate blocks; OHMS-G; precancels; mint and used airmails. Proposed by P. L. Fournier, 2296, seconded by J. E. Kraemer, 774.
- KIDD, Ralph, 422 Lakeshore Dr., Apt. 202, Penticton, B.C. V2A 1B8 (DCxc) Canada, Newfoundland, all provinces, mint and used, 19th cent., postage and blocks; pre-stamp, stampless and 1st flight covers; coils; OHMS-G; mint and used booklet panes and complete booklets; mint, used and on cover airmails and semi-official airmails; squared circle cancellations. Proposed by R. Milne, 2400.
- NANSON, Richard D., 541-22 St., Rock Island, IL 61201 (Cxc) Postage Due all countries, and War Tax of British Colonies only. Proposed by E. J. Whiting, L61.
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- MALENFANT, Maurice G., P.O. Box 15, St. Leonard, N.B. E0L 1M0 (C) CAN; mint and used, 19th and 20th cent. postage; mint blocks; 1st day covers; plate blocks; coils; mint booklet panes and complete booklets; precancels; airmails mint and on cover; stationery entire and cut squares; literature. Proposed by G. F. Hansen, 2203.
- YOUNG, David E., 6153 Commodore Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46219 (C) CAN, NFLD, NS, PEI; mint and used 19th and 20th cent. postage; mint airmails. Proposed by G. F. Hansen, 2203.

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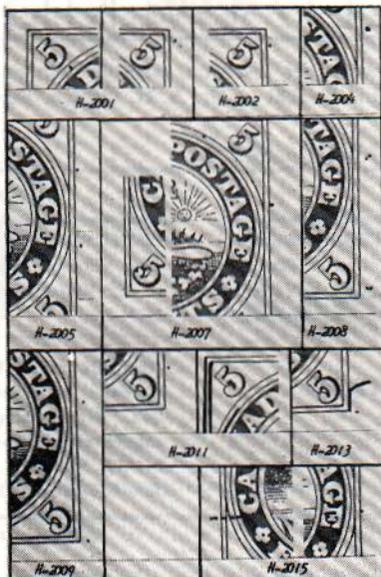
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## ...and some doodles by The Editor

This issue has been put together with something more than the normal last-minute hassles and deadlines. The recent six-week postal interruption has caused irreparable harm to many aspects of our society, from business and industry to the postal employees themselves — everyone has suffered and there are no winners. Our sympathies lie with the small businessman, including stamp dealers, who rely heavily on postal communication. Meanwhile overseas rates have risen and there is talk of increasing the 8c domestic rate. Courier service did record business during the strike and they are bound to retain many customers due to their speed and efficiency, thus making our once-vaunted postal service pale by comparison.

Our backlog of contributions enabled us to bring you a varied mixture of articles and columns in this special combined issue, but a number of familiar items will be found missing due to the postal strike. Look for their return in the next issue.



## ANNUAL MEETING — continued

### Report on the winner of the President's Certificate for 1974

Each year the President's Certificate is awarded to the member who proposed the most new members during the year. The tabulation of the new members enrolled during 1974 by their proposers determines that once again the winner is Glenn F. Hansen.

— E. J. Whiting

### Report on the winner of the Vincent G. Greene Award for 1974

Each year the elected officers, members of the board of governors and the donor vote to decide a winner of the V. G. Greene Award for the best article, series of articles, column or series of columns authored by a member or members of BNAPS and which was originally published in *BNA Topics*.

A canvas of the 14 persons above mentioned resulted in 11 responses. The tabulation of these responses determined that the winner this year is Lewis M. Ludlow.

— E. J. Whiting

Following the reading of the reports president Pike introduced all the new officers who stood to be recognized. Past president Cook congratulated president Pike on the manner in which he had piloted the society during a very troubled year. Jim Pike told Bert Llewellyn how well he had done shouldering the responsibilities of president of the board of governors for many years and that he would be greatly missed by all. Bert, in response, said that he was not going to miss the headaches and felt that the board was acquiring a good and competent leader in Bob Pratt to the effect that it had never been in better hands.

A correction of a report on regional groups was offered to the effect that the Calgary Group is very active.

Ed Harris suggested that the regional groups be again listed in *Topics*.

A resolution was moved and passed that the president take with him the best wishes of BNAPS to the CPS of GB at their forthcoming convention.

A standing vote of thanks was given the host committee of this year's convention for a job superbly well done.

The meeting was then adjourned.

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X	5	8	10 1/2	6	X	11	7 1/2	13 1/4
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*Illustrations appear on page 285*

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## SEMI-OFFICIALS — *continued*

reach Grand View, by way of CNR or CPR rail service from Winnipeg. It doesn't prove usage from exactly the proper time, so the only real thing that remains to be proven is evidence that it was actually carried in the plane that flew that day. I have always

believed that it was.

I asked W. R. Patton many times what exactly he could recall about his finding of the card, for it was Bill who discovered it. There wasn't much he could recall about the people who had it, but he told me that he found it in 1932 in Winnipeg (despite it having been mailed to an Ontario address in 1912) and that he believed he paid \$20.00 for it (which I would bet anything is correct as Bill was as honest as the day was long and a very accurate person with a great memory.) He was 83 when he told me this, and he always believed it was flown. Bill and O. W. R. Smith did the original work on the early AAMS catalogues.

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PETERBOROUGH — Period I: OC 13/93 to JA 22/95. Period II: JY 22/95 to MY 6/98. Period III: OC 26/03 to NO 4/03. Period IV: Nudes on KE VII. Period V: JA 20/06 (reads 81/JA 20/6). Duplex cancels only are found between periods I and II. Normal time marks were 1, 2, 3, 4; abnormal 5, 6, and 8 are known — see Handbook. The abnormal 81 was evidently intended as 18, but is inverted. Blanks are also known; all blanks appear to be Sunday dates, although not all Sunday dates are blank. Misplaced indicia common.

PETROLEA — FE 22/94 to MY 16/99 (Blank). Year date error: JY ?/84, probably for '94.

PICTON — AU 3/94 to JU 8/01 (Handbook listing JY 8/01 is in error). Time marks: 1, 2 through DE/99; AM, PM from JA 2/00. Abnormal time marks: 3 on several dates using two 2's, for example 3/SP 22/97 and 3/OC 22/94. Inverted 5 and 7

known, possibly errors for 2 and 1 respectively. Inverted 2 known. Blanks also known sporadically, SP to DE/98.

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