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## Condition

*One fairly obvious result of continued investment buying of very fine quality stamps has been the sharp increase in prices in top quality material. This should surprise no one as the percentage of VERY FINE Canadian stamps issued prior to 1932 is very small in the first place. This is all very fine for the person whose main concern is the monetary value of his collection or accumulation. But what of the collector whose main concern is the building of as complete a collection as possible in the best condition possible?*

*These soaring prices of the VERY FINE can impose real problems for the collector. In a recent interview in Linn's Weekly Stamp News, Bernard Harmer of H. R. Harmer, Inc., New York, noted a substantial increase in their auction realizations for good-looking scarced stamps with minor faults. The writer has noted a similar trend in other auctions. It may be that collectors are adapting to the situation caused by the investors and accepting more readily a presentable second quality item instead of holding out for perfection which is becoming almost impossible to obtain.*

*Heavy stamp investment on the scale being practised today makes many people unhappy on account of the possible damage it may do to the hobby of stamp collecting. However, investment may not be all bad if collectors are going to be obliged to take a second look at average quality and good looking space fillers instead of insisting on "very fine, never hinged" for everything in their collections. This new demand will increase the value of average quality stamps and help close the gap between these and the premium copies. There is some good in everything, even stamp investment!*

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## Selecting gears

Like the motorist who's taken delivery of a new car, we, your new editorial team (*see page 22*) begin with an apology. We're not yet accustomed to the controls. Until we get used to the feel of this publication there may be a few jerky starts, some driving in wrong gears.

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## Say it

This column is not planned as a regular feature in the magazine. It will appear only if there's a point to be made, a view to be aired. We don't believe in contrived journalism: chit-chatting for the sake of filling a space. We do believe in making a point when the issue is relevant. Let's go over to Ottawa for one such issue.

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## Decision overdue

Some months ago Dr. Fred Stulberg in an editorial in the *Canadian Philatelist* asked a pertinent question *vis a vis* the status of Canadian proofs and essays. His question arose after the seizure of some copies of proofs of the 1969 Christmas issue at a prominent auction house in Toronto. The basic question was: What proofs and essays are we, as collectors, allowed to own, to buy, to sell, to exhibit? We have heard unofficial rumours as to a possible cut off date, but nothing *official* has been said.

The issue is a matter of serious import to collectors, dealers and auctioneers of BNA philately. We must know where we stand. Are we to become "fences" (receivers of stolen merchandise), criminals for buying and selling these items? Ottawa must make up its mind. Non-policy affects exhibits, because a potential exhibitor never knows whether his proofs will be seized. It affects auctioneers and dealers, because they don't know what they can trade in.

Please Ottawa, may we have an *official* statement of policy. Choose your date, so that we as collectors, dealers and auctioneers may have an established guideline.

## A letter from the chairman of the Editorial Board

Confirmation has been received from Robert H. Pratt, chairman of the Board of Governors, to the appointment by the editorial board of Derek Hayter as editor of *Topics*, and of Allan Steinhart as associate editor.

The Society greatly appreciates the onerous job which Michael Dicketts has done as editor for the past months, and regretfully accepts his resignation. It will be appreciated that whereas the magazine is printed and published in Toronto, the former editor is located in Kingston, and this situation tended to cause production problems, and in part led to publishing delays.

An introduction to the new editorial team is written up on page 22 of this issue.

The Society appreciates the fact that Messrs. Hayter and Steinhart have come in on such short notice and wish them success in their endeavour to maintain the high standards of *Topics*.

— V. G. Greene

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## Stampex '76

Our distinguished member Vincent G. Greene will officially open Stampex '76 at the Four Seasons Sheraton, Toronto, June 18-20. Harry Sutherland, Q.C., president of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, will be chairman of the jury, consisting of Charles de Volpe, Bernard Harmer, B. Hennig and William H. P. Maresch. The Postal History Society of Ontario will hold their annual meeting at Stampex '76. A prize will be given, in addition to the normal Stampex awards, for the best postal history of BNA. Bernard Harmer has agreed to present the PHSO donated award.

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# Further Report on the date of introduction of the Two Ring Numeral Obliterators

by H. W. AND H. E. DUCKWORTH

In May 1975 we published in *BNA Topics* an article listing the earliest dates known to us for the use of each of the two-ring numerals (*BNA Topics*, volume 32, page 120). Except for one anomaly, which almost certainly was due to an error in the date stamp, none of these early dates was before late March, 1869. This fact led us to propose that this well-known series of obliterated numerals came into use in March of 1869, and not in April 1868 as has hitherto been believed. We also asked readers to communicate to us any earlier dates than the ones we had listed, so as to get a more complete picture.

The response to this request has been gratifying, for we have had lists of earlier dates from six collectors. In the interval, we were also able to add three more early dates to our list, from our own examination of material in auction lots and exhibitions. The new list contains many changes, and is given as Table I. No doubt there are many earlier dates still to be reported, but the list clearly confirms the pattern we suggested last May. The earliest date seen is a number 9 (Kingston) cover of March 24, 1869, followed closely by number 2 (Toronto) of March 27 and number 6 (London) of March 31. Low numbers were certainly not systematically issued before high ones, for the month of April contains examples of 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 32, 35, 41, 58, and 60.

As in the earlier article, we have placed in brackets the entries in Table I which were taken from auction catalogue descriptions, and have not been verified by our correspondents or ourselves.

We will be pleased to receive any further communications regarding this subject, which should be addressed to Harry W. Duckworth, Department of Chemistry, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, R3T 2N2. The six correspondents referred to above are N. Brassler, J. W.

Catterick, S. Cohen, H. W. Lussey, R. J. Lackner, and K. Salonen, and we express our appreciation to them for the very useful information which they have provided.

Table I — Earliest known use of the Two-Ring Numeral Obliterators (Revised to January 15 1976).

1 Montreal	Apr 16 1869
2 Toronto	Mar 27 1869
3 Quebec	Apr 26 1869
4 Halifax	Apr 9 1869
5 Hamilton	Apr 10 1869
6 London	Mar 31 1869
*7 St. John N.B.	May 13, 1869
8 Ottawa	Apr 30 1870
9 Kingston	Mar 24 1869
10 Sydney	Apr 2 1869
11 Fredericton	(Apr 5 1869)
12 St. Catharines	Aug 14 1869
13 Belleville	May 22 1869
14 Guelph	Jun 29 1869
15 Brantford	Oct. 28 1869
16 Brockville	Jul 10 1869
17 unidentified	no dated example
18 Yarmouth	Dec 15 1869
19 Peterboro	Mar 8 1870
20 unidentified	no dated example
21 Goderich	Nov 22 1869
22 Galt	no dated example
23 Woodstock Ont.	Jun 14 1869
24 Stratford	Jun 3 1869
25 New Glasgow	May 21 1869
26 Windsor Ont.	May 29 1869
27 Ingersoll	May 14 1869
28 Sarnia	Aug 2 1869
29 Cobourg	Oct 9 1869
30 Pictou	Jun 9 1869
31 Oshawa	Jun 17 1869
32 Barrie	(Apr 16 1869)
33 Sherbrooke	(May 22 1869)
34 Chatham N.B.	(Dec 12 1872)
35 Lindsay	Apr 3 1869
36 St. Johns P.Q.	Jun 26 1874
37 Amherst	Oct 12 1869
38 Bowmanville	Jun 22 1869



39 Whitby .....	Oct 1 1869	51 Picton .....	Oct 7 1869
40 Cornwall .....	Jun 18 1869	52 St Hyacinthe .....	Jun 10 1869
41 St. Mary's .....	Apr 23 1869	53 Three Rivers .....	no dated example
42 Acton Vale (?) .....	no dated example	54 Truro .....	May 15 1869
43 Windsor N.S. ....	May 10 1868*	55 Berlin .....	May 8 1869
44 Owen Sound .....	Jan 11 1870	56 Brampton .....	Sep 24 1869
45 Perth .....	May 17 1869	57 Paris .....	Apr 16 1870
46 Dundas .....	May 7 1869	58 St. Thomas .....	Apr 16 1869
47 Napanee .....	Jul 24 1869	59 Clinton .....	Aug 12 1869
48 Simcoe .....	(Sep 9 1869)	60 Newmarket .....	Apr 5 1869
49 Prescott .....	Jun 9 1869	*Probably actually May 10 1869—see the previous article in May 1975 <i>Topics</i> .	
50 St. Andrews .....	(May 22 1872)		

# The Beaver Byline

by CLAYTON HUFF AND ARTHUR H. GROTEN, M.D.

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 No.—H3001

Descr.: Small dot 1½ flg below B fr. and ½ flg to L of R inner fr.  
 Other:  
 T.P.: G8 (CC)  
 P.P.: G.W. says 79. St.: ?  
 Perf.: 1—(2cc)  
 C-dot: Avg. size, ½ diam. from R. Height 3

### Ident No.—H3002

Descr.: Curving line below BR5; runs from point 2½ flg below B fr. (up to B fr.) 3 flg L of R inner fr.  
 Other: Flaw is strongest at both ends  
 T.P.: G7 and G8  
 P.P.: ?—not B. St.: 1 cc dated Jy 11, '66  
 Perf.: 1—1 copy; 2—1 copy  
 C-dot: Avg. size, 1 diam from R. Height 3

### Ident No.—H3004

Descr.: Dot 2 flg below B fr., 7mm left of R inner fr.  
 Other: R frames doubled to B; faint dot 1 flg below R end of E of FIVE  
 T.P.: G6 (LC)  
 P.P.: ? St.: ?  
 Perf.: 2—1 copy; 3—1 copy  
 C-dot: Small, 1 diam from R. Height 3

### Ident No.—H3006

Descr.: Dot 1½ flg below B fr., at left edge of C of CENTS  
 Other: Another dot 2 flg directly below end of L outer fr.  
 T.P.: G4 (CC)  
 P.P.: ?—Not B. St.: ?  
 Perf.: 1—1 copy; 2—1 copy  
 C-dot: Small, touching at R. Height 2

### Ident No.—H3007

Descr.: Dot 1 flg below B fr. at L end of E of FIVE  
 Other:  
 T.P.: G3 (TC)  
 P.P.: Appears to be 67—from yellow proof; not L. St.: 4 (yellow proof)  
 Perf.: 2—(3cc)  
 C-dot: Small, ½ diam from R. Height 3

### Ident No.—H3011

Descr.: Dot ½ flg below B fr., and ½ flg to R of L outer fr.  
 Other:  
 T.P.: G1 (very TL corner)  
 P.P.: ?—Not B. St.: ?—1 copy dated '67 (and is the stamp at B)  
 Perf.: '67 copy is 3; 1 copy is 2  
 C-dot: Very small, ½ diam from R. Height 1

### Ident No.—H4001

Descr.: Dot, 2 flg of L fr., 1 flg below T inner fr.  
 Other: Others dots:  
 1) 1½ flg above T fr., 2mm R of L outer fr.  
 2) 1½ flg L of L fr., 5½mm below T inner fr.  
 3) 1½ flg L of L fr. 7mm above B outer fr.  
 4) 1½ flg L of L fr. 5½mm above B outer fr.  
 5) 1 flg L of L fr. 2½ flg above B inner fr.  
 T.P.: At L of A1  
 P.P.: ?—Not L. St.: ?  
 Perf.: 1—1 copy; 2—1 copy  
 C-dot: Avg. size, 1 diam from R. Height 3.

### Ident No.—4002

Further research shows this to be a dot on PP10 St. 6 with PF 49aa—so no new PF

### Ident No.—H4003

Descr.: 4 small dots in a curve 1—2 flg L of L fr.; 3½mm below T outer fr.



Other: Doubled L fr. at B; doubled R fr. at T;  
 doubled B fr. at R  
 T.P.: L of B1  
 P.P.: ?—Not L or T. St.: ?  
 Perf.: 2—(3cc)  
 C-dot: Avg.—large, ½ diam from R. Height 3

**Ident No.—H4004**

Descr.: Dot 2 fig off L fr. opp. top of (top of)  
 1st A of CANADA  
 Other:  
 T.P.: L of C1  
 P.P.: ?—Not B. St.: ?  
 Perf.: 3—(2cc)  
 C-dot: Small, just touching at R. Height 2

**Ident No.—H4006**

Descr.: Small dot ½ fig L of L fr., just outside  
 1st A of CANADA  
 Other: Inner L fr. doubled at T  
 T.P.: L of C1  
 P.P.: ?—Not L or T. St.: ?  
 Perf.: 1—(4cc)  
 C-dot: Large, 1 diam from R. Height 3

**Ident No.—H4007**

Descr.: Dot almost touching L fr. opp. bottom  
 (of top) of 1st A in CANADA  
 Other:  
 T.P.: L of line between C1 and D1  
 P.P.: ? St.: ?  
 Perf.: 1—(3cc)  
 C-dot: Avg., 1 diam from R. Height 1

**Ident No.—H4008**

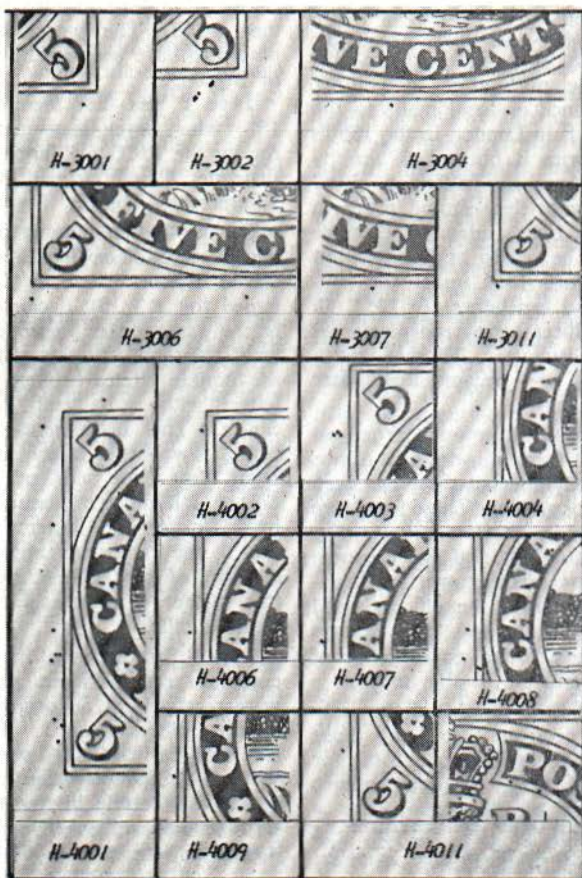
Descr.: Dot 1 fig L of L fr. between C and A of  
 CANADA  
 Other: Dot at L side of R foot of second A in  
 CANADA; dot between L frames just below  
 C of CANADA; dot 1½ fig L of L fr. opposite  
 C of CANADA  
 T.P.: L of D1  
 P.P.: Not T or L; stamp at T has PF 15. St.: 9  
 (from PF15)  
 Perf.: 3—(3cc)  
 C-dot: Very small, touching at R. Height 3

**Ident No.—H4009**

Descr.: Dot ½ fig L of L fr. just below L edge  
 of C of CANADA  
 Other: Doubled B frame at L  
 T.P.: L of D1  
 P.P.: ?—Not L. St.: ?  
 Perf.: 2—(5cc); 3—(1 copy)  
 C-dot: Avg.—½ diam from R. Height 1

**Ident NNo.—H4011**

Descr.: Dot 1 fig to L of L fr., 4mm above B  
 outer fr.  
 Other: Dot in inner curved fr. below left edge of  
 O of Postage  
 T.P.: L of E1  
 P.P.: ?—Not L. St.: ?  
 Perf.: 2—(2cc)  
 C-dot: None



# Postmarked Prince Edward Island

*Third in a series*

by G. DOUGLAS MURRAY

Postmarks used in Charlottetown before Confederation may be quite familiar to anyone with an interest in Island stamps, but not necessarily those of the rural offices of the time. The annual gross of most were very small and strikes are very scarce.

Prince Edward Island achieved responsible government on 1 July 1851. Charlottetown was the only post office recognized by London before that time, the postmaster at Charlottetown having been made directly responsible to London in 1844. Other offices existed as early as July 1827 and at least four were issued postmarking instruments about 1848. I cannot explain this fact as when the postmaster in Halifax brought the existence of local mails to the attention of officials in London in the 1830's they chose to ignore it but asked him by return packet to keep his "attention alive" to them in the event they should return a profit. In the late 1840's inland mails were indeed ordered to be ceased by London, but were continued until 1851 under the support of the colonial legislature. In 1851, 38 inland or rural offices were recognized, reporting to the postmaster, Thomas Owen of Charlottetown, who became Postmaster General of the colony.

The total amount of revenue from all 38 inland offices the following year was £318/4/4 and only four of these achieved a volume of £15 or greater. These four were Bedeque (£18/8/6), Belfast (£15/9/7), Georgetown (£50/9/10) and St. Eleanors (£19/11/9). Belfast, Georgetown, St. Eleanors and Princetown were the offices issued both PAID instruments and date stamps about 1848. I have found no evidence of instruments for Bedeque at this time.

For simplicity I have numbered the early instruments by type from 1 to 4, all those issued about 1848 being number 1 (a) for PAID stamps and 1 (b) for date stamps. The characteristics of this type were a double circle broken by town names in a sans-serif letter with PAID in the perimeter. The instruments are reported by Frank

Campbell to have been made in Birmingham, probably of steel, but no manufacturer has been identified. I have not been able to put any significance on the letter A in each of the datestamps.

In chronological order, the first mention I have found in colonial records of instruments was 12 August 1852 when a date stamp was approved for Summerside. This was received on the 20 November 1852 from New York and a warrant issued for £3/15/0 currency (\$12.00 American) and is not of a type similar to any others of the period. The patent on this was reported to have been in the name of Ruggles of Boston.

Type 2 was first mentioned on 5 May 1853 when seven instruments were applied for by the PMG and approved, as follows: Bedeque, Cascumpeque, Port Hill, Souris, Summerside, Tignish, Tryon.

On the 2nd of August of the same year eleven post office PAID stamps were received from J. Francis, London (Warrant issued for £3/10). I can only assume this is the same order approved above, somewhat enlarged. Characteristics of this order are double circles broken by town names, letters with serifs and PAID across the centre. The instruments were made of brass. Two other strikes of a similar type from West Cape and Lot 32 have been reported and must be assumed to be a part of this order. The latter is a bit of a mystery to me as it never appeared in any official list of post offices, but I will discuss this further in a subsequent article on lot number offices.

Type 3 first appeared in 30 April 1855 in colonial records when seals and stamps were received for an unspecified number of country offices from J. Francis, London. (Warrant for £15/10/6 currency or £10/7 sterling). Characteristics of these instruments are double circles broken by sans-serif letters and PAID across the centre. Again they were made of brass, and based

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# Admiral Period Notes

by A. L. STEINHART

This group of articles will attempt to show interesting aspects of the postal history, rates, postal rules, and information on the Admiral stamps during the period 1912 to 1928 inclusive with the exception of the 1931 provisional issue.

The circular is courtesy of the National Postal Museum.

1. The following is the wording from a circular to postmasters, dated Dec. 12, 1911 from the Post Office Department at Ottawa, signed by Louis P. Pelletier, Postmaster General.

"Postmasters are hereby informed that arrangements for a new issue of postage stamps bearing the portrait of His Majesty King George V. have been authorized, and that they will be supplied with the same for sale in the usual way to the public on and after the 1st January, 1912."

"The colours and denominations of the forthcoming series will be the same, respectively, as those of the current series."

"Postmasters will please bear in mind that **THEY ARE NOT TO RETURN TO THE DEPARTMENT ANY OF THE PRESENT STAMPS ON HAND**, but will sell them in the ordinary way, and that after the new stamps will have been in course of issue for, say, a month, the issue of the old stamps will be resumed, in order to exhaust the balance of them in the Department, after which the issue of the new stamps will be taken up again and go on without interruption. As it is possible that only the denominations in greatest and general demand (the 1c and the 2c) will be ready for issue on the date above mentioned, requisitions for a short interval may, at first, be filled partly in the new series and partly in the old."

"A change in the design of the stamp used in the current postal stationery (post cards, stamped envelopes, etc.) to correspond with the new series of postage stamps, will be made so soon as the present stock of postal stationery shall have been exhausted."

2. The following is a circular sent out by the Post Office Department at Ottawa to Postmasters, dated Dec. 30, 1915, announcing the issuing of the first 2c and 1c combined stamp for payment of the combined one ounce forward first class rate of 2c postage plus 1c war tax.

## POSTAGE AND WAR TAX STAMP HAVING VALUE OF THREE CENTS

"The Department is issuing a stamp for postage and War Tax purposes, having a value of three cents. This is an ordinary two cent postage stamp surcharged as follows: 1 T c. (one cent tax). This has been issued in response to the demand of the public for a stamp having the value of three cents so that postage and war tax might be paid by affixing one stamp."

"The Postmaster will estimate the quantity of these stamps that will be required by the patrons of his office and make requisition in the usual way for a supply.

"Ordinary postage stamps and one cent and two cent postage stamps having impressed on them the words "War Tax" may continue to be used either for the prepayment of postage or the War Tax."

When the War Tax Act first went into effect "When the War Tax Act first went into effect five-cent, twenty-cent and fifty-cent postage stamps bearing the words "War Tax" or "Inland Revenue War Tax" for Inland Revenue purposes only, and as previously advised neither these nor any other Inland Revenue War Tax Stamps can be accepted for the payment of the war tax on letters, postcards, postal notes or Post Office Money Orders, or for the payment of postage or any other postal charges."

3. The following is a circular from the Postage Stamp Branch of the Post Office Department to the postmasters, dated August 1, 1912, announcing the issuance of the perf. 8 vertical Admiral coil stamps.

"The question of stamps in rolls for use in stamp-affixing machines has been engaging the attention of the Department for

*(Continued on page 36)*



# POSTAL BEGINNINGS in NORFOLK COUNTY

by MAX ROSENTHAL

In 1758, Donald McCall, a private in the 42nd Highlanders, came to Canada with the British army to fight against the French. At one point he was in a detachment sent against the French and Indians near Turkey Point, on Lake Erie, in what is now Norfolk County. They encamped for the night in what was to be Charlotteville Township, a few hundred yards north of what would be the residence of his grandson, Simpson McCall, just west of the future Vittoria, of which the latter McCall was to be postmaster in the next century. In 1796 when Donald McCall returned to Upper Canada as a United Empire Loyalist emigrant from the United States, he settled on the identical spot.

Seven years earlier the settlement of Norfolk County had begun, as mentioned in *The Early Post Offices of Norfolk County, Topics*, March 1969. It took another 20 years after McCall's arrival for the first post office to be opened. In the autumn of 1816 the *Montreal Gazette* mentioned among new post offices just established: "Long Point (on Lake Erie), Mr. Ross". Daniel Ross had opened the first post office in that vast stretch from Dundas to Sandwich. According to Frank Campbell, Ross actually kept the post office on the point, and that "in 1820 the postmaster, Daniel Ross, moved eight miles north to a new site called Vittoria."

Campbell illustrates a straight line postmark from Vittoria, but, on a tax receipt letter in the Cartwright Papers, Ontario Archives, from John Harris, Treasurer of the London District, written December 14, 1825, there is a manuscript postmark in red. In one corner it appears, written "Vittoria, 15 Decr, 1825", in three lines, with lines above and below drawn in to enclose it.

The letter book of the postmaster of York, William Allan, in the Toronto Reference Library, has a copy of a letter he wrote to John Burwell, postmaster of Ancaster, on February 6, 1826:

"I am in receipt of your last letter of the 20th inst., some time ago, and pay due attention to its entirety. It is well you received the post bag I sent you. I now send you another in case it is refused anywhere along the route now or hereafter. I do not recollect if the courier between Vittoria and your place is engaged at the former place or where. What does he get. He goes from Ancaster to the Grand River, Brantford and return. That way I believe there are frequent complaints of delay in receiving letters from Vittoria. It is said the courier takes his own time between Brantford and that place, and much delay takes place at the latter. I have written long ago to Mr. Burton the Postmaster there but he has been ill a long time and as yet has given no explanation. Does this courier come on to Ancaster or does he meet the Western Mail before that?"

1826 saw Waterford post office opened, with J. W. Powell as postmaster, on this courier's route from Vittoria to Brantford. The Ontario Archives has a letter from surveyor Francis L. Walsh, Charlotteville, written September 30 of that year, to Surveyor-General Thomas Ridout, York, with the manuscript postmark in red "Waterford, 8th Oct. 1826" written in two lines joined by a bracket.

In 1830 Daniel Ross was succeeded as postmaster at Vittoria by Walsh. The latter was no longer postmaster when he wrote a letter on April 22, 1837 to James G. Shewett, Surveyor General Office, Toronto, postmarked with a small double circle broken by VITTORIA, with "23 April, 1837" written in, which read, in part:

"You would oblige me much by sending to my address a plan or diagram of the Township of Houghton, which you was so kind as to say you would prepare for me. Should it be sketched on light paper it will answer as well, as it will be sent at a less expence of postage and can be transferred to paper of a stronger texture afterwards."



Simpson McCall was appointed postmaster of Vittoria in 1834, a position he continued to hold until 1868, when he was succeeded by his son D. McCall. Simpson McCall ran a general store, also buying wheat and other grain.

In the previous article in *Topics* on Norfolk County mention was made of the establishment of Port Dover post office in 1831, and a letter from its postmaster, Colin McNeillidge, sent in 1834, with a circular postmark. The Street Papers, Ontario Archives, have a letter he wrote to Samuel Street, Chippawa on April 10, 1832 with a manuscript postmark, "Port Dover, 11th April 1832" written in two lines joined by a bracket in the upper left. "C McN., P M" appears in the lower left, "Free" in the upper right. He had obviously not yet received the postmarking instrument.

In fact, next year postmaster Walsh at Vittoria was still writing out manuscript postmarks. A letter from the Treasurer of Woodhouse Township, John Harris, written March 14, 1833 to Messrs. Clark and Street, (Niagara) Falls, has "Vittoria, 16 Mar 33" written in two lines joined by a bracket.

The Waterford post office was an on and off again proposition during its first 15 years. It closed in 1831, and reappeared in 1832 with A. Murphy as postmaster. In 1835 it closed again, but Murphy reopened it in 1836. James Loder Green took it on next year. It closed in 1838, but Green reopened it in 1841.

When Duncan Campbell, who had established Simcoe post office in 1829, was ousted in 1848, it apparently was temporarily closed, because two letters in the Baldwin Papers, Toronto Reference Library written at the time were postmarked at nearby Waterford, with a large double circle broken by WATERFORD, U.C., with the date written in. John B. Crouse, Simcoe wrote to the Reform head of government, Robert Baldwin, at Montreal, on May 7:

"You will before this reaches you have seen an application from Mr. Mulkins for the Post Office now vacant in this town, and you will also see at the Office of the Provincial Secretary an application from Henry Groff signed by a good many inhabitants of the neighbourhood. Mr. Groff is a Clerk in the office of Duncan Campbell, the person just removed, and the Office might just as well remain in the hand of Duncan Campbell as be given to his Clerk;

the Office in a political point of view has been an incredible injury to us as a Party; and as an opportunity now presents itself to put it into hand, that will benefit rather than injure us, I feel confident our friends in Montreal will see the reason and justice in giving it to one of our people. You are personally acquainted with Mr. Mulkins and I trust you will favour us so much as to explain to the other Members of the Government the nature of the case, and I am sure that all will be right."

The next day William Hewitt, of Vittoria wrote: "Having been informed that the office of Post Master at Simcoe is vacant I take this opportunity of offering myself as a candidate for that office. I am so situated with my large family that I could remove to Simcoe should I be honoured with that office."

Thomas J. Mulkins, of Mulkins and Lawson, general merchants, became postmaster of Simcoe. He found the position to be no sinecure, for Simcoe became the distributing post office for post offices in Norfolk and nearby counties. Robert Decow had opened Middleton post office in 1831; B. M. Brown, Walsingham, the same year; John Tolmie had established Normandale in 1841; and A. McLellan had opened Port Rowan in 1843. McLellan had previously run Walsingham, from 1834 on. Houghton also opened in 1843.

A letter from G. A. Killmaster, Port Rowan, to Robert Baldwin, then in Kingston, written August 5, 1843, has the manuscript postmark "Port Rowan, 9 August 1843" written in two lines, joined by a bracket. Another letter from Killmaster, written December 19, 1848, has a small double circle broken by PORT ROWAN, U.C., in their lettering, as its postmark. This and the year are in red type, but "December 20" is written in.

As the time approached for Canada to take over the Post Office Department from British control and to expand its services tremendously, postmaster Mulkins of Simcoe wrote to Baldwin, then Toronto, on February 20, 1851:

"As the new Post Office regulations will no doubt soon come into operation it will not, I trust, be deemed improper for me to take the liberty of calling your attention to the duties which have to be discharged in this office with a view of furnishing some information in order to a more equitable

*(Continued on page 36)*



# Rambling through the Records

By A. L. STEINHART

The following group of notes are items of interest dealing with various subjects gleaned from various records of the Post Office and reproduced here for the information of members of BNAPS through the courtesy of the National Postal Museum at Ottawa.

## 1. The Mailomat:

"The 'Mailomat', a coin-operated slot-machine Post Office, went on trial for an extended experimental test for the first time in Canada in the lobby of the Station 'B', Ottawa on Thursday, February 3rd, 1944.

"Postmaster General W. P. Mulock coined the first letter to the Prime Minister, Rt. Honourable W. L. Mackenzie King.

"The 'Mailomat' enables the public to send letters without the use of adhesive postage stamps, to deposit coins up to \$1.00 at a time, dial from this prepaid credit any postage values or denominations, insert letters or postcards and thus simultaneously prepay postage and deposit letters in a single automatic operation.

"Postal officials consider the public service possibilities of the new machine both wide and important. By combining a multi-denomination postage meter, operative by coins, with a Royal Mail depository having the function of a street letter box for mail collections, the 'Mailomat' automatically makes one operation of purchasing postage and mailing letters. It seres, unattended, as a miniature post office, selling postage of all rates, and mechanically meter-stamping, postmarking and then depositing letters for scheduled collection by postal workers.

"At a twist of a dial, the exact postage denomination is available for any letter—in a single imprinted metered mail stamp, whether 3c for a post card, 4c for a regular out-of-town letter, 5c for a foreign letter, 7c for a domestic air mail letter, 14c for out-of-town special delivery, 17c for air mail and special delivery — or even 22c for

a heavier letter to go air mail and special delivery.

"The machine is operating under Postage Meter Licence No. 115."

The above information is taken from the March Supplement, 1944, to the Official Postal Guide courtesy of the National Postal Museum.

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## 2. Acknowledgment of Receipt

From the Canada Post Weekly Bulletin, Vol. 54, No. 48, December 8, 1975:

"The new AR Card 33-086-230 (8-75) should be available from Postal Stores Depots about December 15, 1975 but is not to be used until January 1, 1976."

Collectors of A-R material; watch for this new A-R card.

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## 3. The 16c Air Mail Special Delivery Stamp and its use.

"Reports reach the Department that the recently issued 16c Air Mail and Special Delivery stamp is being used on registered air mail letters and parcel post.

"In this connection the attention of Postmasters is directed to Section 233 of the Postal Guide. As a 10c Special Delivery Fee is included in the above, this stamp must not be used for the payment of ordinary postage."

From the December, 1942 Official Postal Guide Supplement.

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4. The following circular was sent out by the Postage Stamp Branch of the P.O.D. in July, 1908 in regard to use and misuse of the ½c Quebec Tercentenary series.

As for the ½c stamp of the Tercentenary series, I am to say that whilst you can sell it more freely than you have of late been permitted to sell the ordinary ½c stamp, the Department nevertheless expects that



no Postmaster will sell it to the exclusion of the other stamps; because if no limit were put upon its sale an abuse of the stamp might result. Persons with stamp fancies might be tempted to indulge them in pre-paying the greater part of their correspondence with it, using two *halves* for one 1c; four*halves* for one 2c, ten *halves* for one 5c stamp and so on; the effect of which on, say, an office pushed for time in making up a mail and suddenly called upon to deal with considerable quantities of matter prepaid in this way, would be one of serious inconvenience.

The extra trouble in checking the rating of such and cancelling the stamps thereon would heavily handicap postal employees in their work; and would, if the practice were extensively followed seriously retard the handling of mail matter.

Therefore in disposing of the supply of  $\frac{1}{2}$ c stamps being furnished your office you should keep their sale within reasonable limits; not selling an inordinate quantity to any one person.

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5. The following was the contents of a circular sent out in December, 1855 by Rowland Hill, Secretary of the G.P.O. in London in regard to the sailing arrangements of the North American Mail Packets for 1856.

THE WEEKLY MAIL Service to and from North America by the British Contract Packets will be resumed on the 1st January next. Commencing with the Packet to be dispatched from Liverpool to Boston on Saturday, the 5th January, these Packets will sail from Liverpool, as formerly, every Saturday throughout the Year, proceeding alternately to New York and Boston, and calling, on the Voyage to the latter place, at the Port of Halifax, Nova Scotia.

The United States' Mail Packets will sail every Wednesday, alternately from Liverpool and from Southampton, proceeding, on each occasion, to New York.

In exception to the above Rule, and to enable the Contractors to re-arrange the Service, the Mails of Wednesday, the 9th January, will be conveyed from Liverpool by a British Packet, and the Mails of Saturday, the 12th January, will be conveyed from Liverpool by a United States' Packet.

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6. The following circular was sent out by the P.O.D. on May 17, 1900, announcing the

issuance of Canada's first Booklet Stamps.

On or about the 11th June, 1900, the Department will be prepared to issue small books of 2c stamps, each containing 12 stamps of that denomination. Each book will consist of two pages of six stamps each, interleaved with waxed paper to prevent their sticking together, and will be of a size convenient to carry in the pocket or pocket-book.

The price at which these stamp books are to be issued to Postmasters and sold by them to the public is 25c. each, one cent in excess of the face value of the stamps contained therein being charged for each book to cover the cost of binding, etc. The cover will contain postal information which it is thought will be of interest to the public.

For the purpose of convenient reference these stamp books will, in the stamp list, be designated "2c.-Stamp Books."

Postmasters of *Accounting Offices* may obtain the "2c.-Stamp Books" from the Postage Stamp Branch on their requisition in the same manner as they procure the ordinary postage stamps, using, until the present form of requisition is exhausted, the blank line in that form immediately under the "2c Stamped Envelope" for the necessary entries. In applying, care should be taken to designate these books as "2c-Stamp Books" and to express the demand according to the number of books desired (and not according to the number of stamps contained in the books). The smallest quantity of these books that can be issued is four. (For the guidance of Postmasters in Cities it may be said that the Stamp Books will be received by the Department from the Manufacturer banded together in sections of 50 books each, and in sealed packages of 1,000 books each, and that it would, therefore, be desirable for this class of Postmasters to observe those divisions, so as to avoid fractions of either quantity, when making out their requisitions on the Postage Stamp Branch.)

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Postmasters of *Non-Accounting Offices* can obtain their supplies of the "2c.-Stamp Books" in the usual manner from the authorized City Post Offices to which they are respectively accustomed to send their requisitions for postage stamps.

# CANADIAN AIRPORT MAIL FACILITIES

by W. G. ROBINSON

## Part 2 — Newfoundland Listing

The first part of this series outlined the main story of Airport Mail Facilities (A.M.F.s). This part gives a detailed listing of the types recorded to date from Newfoundland. Future parts will continue this listing for other regions.

Please note that most "Gander" cancels as well as those of "Harmon Field" have not been included in this listing because these are regular post offices.

As mentioned in Part 1, comments, additional listings, extended periods of usage, or surveys of your holdings will be welcomed by Joe Purcell at 6 Richardson Drive, Kingston, Ont. K7M 2S6, or by the writer at 5830 Cartier St., Vancouver, B.C. V6M 3A7.

### AIR MAIL FACILITIES CANCELLATIONS — NEWFOUNDLAND

No.	Inscription	Type	R.F.	Period	Remarks
N- 1	GANDER/NFLD.	32b	120	1966-67	
2	001783/GANDER/NF	34	250	1973-	Proof only
3	GOOSE AIRPORT LABRADOR/ NFLD	11c	170	1949	
4	GOOSE AIRPORT /LABRADOR	11d	120	1971	
5	Goose Airport/Labrador	11e	200	1946	
6	GOOSE AIRPORT/LABRADOR, NFLD.	23a	200	1960-66	
7	GOOSE AIRPORT SUB OFFICE · A/ · LABRADOR ·	26c	150	1965	
8	GOOSE AIRPORT SUB "A"/NFLD.	11c	200	1965	
9	GOOSE AIRPORT STN "A"/NFLD.	26d	170	1974	
10	GOOSE AIRPORT/LABRADOR, NFLD.	28b	120	1958-61	Machine Cancel
11	Goose Airport/Labrador-Nfld.	32a	120	1961	
12	001937/GOOSE AIRPORT/NF	34	250	1973-	Proof only
13	001945/STN. SUCC. "A"/ GOOSE AIRPORT/NF	34	250	1973-	Proof only
14	GOOSE AIRPORT LABRADOR	36a	170	1965	Roller Cancel
15	MILLERTOWN JCT. NFLD./ A.M.F.	10m	250	1950	Proof only
16	NEWFOUNDLAND/AIRPORT	4	200	1940	
17	NEWFOUNDLAND AIRPORT/ NEWFD	5	200	1940	Duplex Cancel
18	St. JOHN'S, NFLD/AIR MAIL	14d	200	1949	

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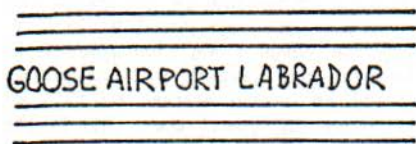
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# Tagging Along

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

Last night I had the opportunity to participate in a guided tour through the new Calgary Mail Processing Plant. Gordon Hill of the local BNAPS group had arranged this tour last fall, but the postal strike forced a postponement. It was rescheduled for last night and some 15 local BNAPS members took advantage of the opportunity of seeing first hand what happens to our mail, or at least what happens when everything goes according to plan.

Our tour guides were Bob Kirkpatrick and John Hallam, both of whom were very knowledgeable on the plant and its workings. It brought back fond memories of my several tours through the Winnipeg Post Office when dear old Sefacan was the pride and joy of the Post Office. I do not propose to go into great detail on the operation of the plant, but I was struck by the similarities between Sefacan and the more up to date machinery. There was the same "jiggling" type of machine which sorted out the thick, bent, and otherwise unsuitable items which would not go through the Facer Cancelling machine. There was the same endless line of rubber belts through which the envelopes travelled at incredible speed, although now, of course as the name suggests the mail is only faced and cancelled, whereas old Sefacan used to segregate local from out of town mail in addition. There was the same debris, such as ballpoint pens, coins, and other items which people put into envelopes which naturally will not go through the endless rollers on the facer canceller.

I was surprised by the fact that despite the lack of cooperation by the public and the resistance by some postal workers regarding the Postal Code, that some 80% of business mail, almost 50% of private mail, and an overall average of 58% of mail carries the postal code. While the original target of 1976 will probably not be met for the installation of optical scanners, you can rest assured that the day will come when letters and parcels with no postal code will be set aside and hand sorting will be done when time permits, with an inevitable delay.

I also saw what parcels are subjected to during the course of their travel through this plant, and you can rest assured that from now on anything I wrap will be done more securely.

Each of the 24 operators of the 24 consoles can sort some 1,400 letters per hour into their respective mail routes, provided of course the code is included. I cannot imagine a more monotonous job, and of course each letter sorted by each operator is numbered so that an unusual number of mistakes can be traced back to the culprit. I can recall this being a major bone of contention with the unions when the Burroughs machine was installed in Winnipeg.

I had with me a cover with bright orange dotted code bars, instead of the usual yellow solid ones I have become used to. I was informed that this went through the Edmonton plant, which uses a different ink. With some 28 plants of this type scheduled for Canada in the very near future, and with anywhere from 12 to 48 consoles in each, some of our super specialists are going to have a great time collecting a full set. I am going to keep about 24 sets of the 24 Calgary numbers, in case anybody wants to trade a full set from their city.

Now back to tagging. The price of the 25c untagged booklets has levelled off at the 125.00 mark per book—not per set of ten. My original prediction of \$500.00 does not seem so ridiculous now with the new set already in production and the distinct possibility of no more than the 147 now reported showing up.

I do not know if I have mentioned the apparent scarcity of the 1c Macdonald pre-cancel. I have had my money returned five times from Ottawa, and several trips to Philatelic windows in Calgary, Winnipeg and other points have brought no results. Also a special order through my local Station E to the Edmonton Postal Depot for 5 panes came up dry. Can anybody help? I think this is going to be another good one, perhaps not as good as the 2c from 1967, but good nevertheless. You have been warned.



There are a few new reportings which I will list herewith without comment. Reported:

C.N.R. Perfins with Type CA (minor differences which still have to be checked) and all General Tagged:

Current issue — 2c, 4c, 8c, 10c, 20c and 50c plus two of the Letter Carrier set.

C.N.R. Perfins with Type 20:

Current Issue — 2c, 4c, 10c and 20c.

C.N.R. Perfins with Type 21:

Current issue — 10c.

C.N.R. Perfins Type 21a:

Centennial (1967) issue General Tagged— 4c and 6c.

Few new errors have been reported, but I now have copies of all but one of the following:

Current \$1 booklet untagged

Both current 8c Christmas untagged

Current 8c coil on Hibrite Type 011a

1974 8c Christmas Type 05a

(reported from California)

1967 8c with the very pale white tag Type 01a

I have now had a chance to examine the current 15c previously reported untagged, but it also is the very pale white tag, and therefore not confirmed untagged. Cameo 3c purple with type 6 Wpg Tag now has a Rarity Factor of B\* instead of A\*.

In the very near future I will be revising my General Tag Type Chart to include only one type and one error type, which seems to be the consensus of opinion. The Winnipeg Chart will remain as is. I still appreciate hearing from readers about new finds, since this is virtually the only way I can keep my listings up to date.



## Semi-Official Airmails

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

During the summer of 1938, the Mackenzie Air Services which was operating from Yellowknife as a base on the Great Slave Lake serviced numerous prospecting parties and mining camps scattered throughout the North West Territories.

According to Mr. Harry M. Hayter who was the General Manager of Mackenzie Air Services until it was sold to Canadian Pacific Airlines, there were 63 prospecting parties serviced with food supplies and mail at temporary camps. In the interlude before these camps became permanent settlements the Post Office Department authorized Mackenzie Air Services to provide them with mail service and designated the pilots as Postmasters and their planes as Post offices.

Mr. Hayter told me in 1942 that Ottawa provided each of the pilots flying to these camps with a small post office kit which was later returned to the Post Office Department and that three planes were used and the pilots who were the "flying postmasters" were Stan MacMillan, Archie McMullen, Herb Hobson, Mickey Found and Harry M. Hayter. Unfortunately, he did not have any flown covers or proof of the designation of the Flying Post offices.

This could possibly be in the archives of the air line.

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### —THE VERY FIRST AIR MAIL

According to the *Air Post Journal*, the very first air mail dated back to the year 1632 and was duly recorded by an English traveller, William Lithgow, who travelled through important kingdoms of Europe, Asia and Africa during a 19 year tour.

His observations are found in a book titled "The Total Discourse of Rare Adventures" published in London, England in 1632, a copy of which is in the British Museum.

In his visit to Aleppo and Baghdad, (page 22 of the Book) Lithgow wrote:

"At Aleppo there are pigeons brought up here as after an incredible manner, who fly between Aleppo and Babylon, being thirty days journey distant in forty-eight hours carrying letters and news which are tied to their necks, to Merchants of both Townes, who are only employed at this time of hasty and needful intenerments: their education to this tractable expedition is admirable. I have often seen the flights and arrivals in the time of my wintering at Aleppo."





# Rounding Up Squared Circles

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**Column No. 139** — 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.

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**PORT DOVER** — Period I: DE 18/93 to NO 20/94 (Blank). Period II: JA 1/96 to FE 2/96 (Blank). Period III: SP?/99 to DE 4/99 (Blank).

**PORT HOPE** — MR 17/95 to MR 28/00 (Blank). (Handbook late MY 28/00 is wrong; correct is MR 28/00).

**PORT PERRY** — Period I: 94/DE 7/Blank to 95/JA 8/Blank. Period IA: 95/Blank/Blank. Period II: Blank/OC 4/97 to Blank/DE 20/97. Period III: 98/Blank/Blank (several examples reported on 2c Numeral; evidently an error for '99). Period IV: Blank/DE 19/03 (only date, this period).

**POWASSAN** — MY 10/95 to DE 9/05 (Blank); NSR: 98, 01, 03.

**PRESCOTT** — AU 2/93 to NO 3/00. Earliest strikes Blank; AM, PM from AU 29/93 to FE 21/94; then Blank again until end of use. The abnormal 1/MR 5/95 is, I think, an error for Blank/MR 15/95, and not an example of time mark 1.

**RIPLEY** — Period I: AU 25/94 to JA 7/01. Period II: OC 18/07 to OC 26/07. AM, PM, Blank are known, but I have insufficient data to establish pattern of use.

**ROCKTON** — Period I: AU 30/93 to JY 15/01 (NSR: 95, 96, 98, 00). Period II: AP 13/08 (only date for this period.) Period III: SP 19/10 to JU 7/11. Time mark slot Blank, all periods.

**RODNEY** — DE 12/93 to DE 29/99 (Blank, 2). Time mark 2 known only on SP 13/98 and SP 14/98.

**ROSENEATH** — JY 12/93 to JA 11/13. Early strikes Blank; AM, PM from SP 20/08 to end. NSR: 00, 01, 03, 07, 11, 12.

**ROSSEAU** — Period I: OC 4/94 to MY 9/96 (Blank). Period II: JU 8/98 (only date for this period).

**ST. THOMAS** — JA 15/94 to DE 5/99 (AM, PM generally; occasional Blank). Inverted PM time mark fairly common, SP to DE/95.

**SARNIA** — Period I: JA 5/97 to SP 22/00 (Blank in '97; AM, PM '98 on). Period II: PM/MY 12/03 on E-1 Special Delivery.

**SAULT STE MARIE** — OC 6/93 to MY 17/99. Early strikes, '93 and early '94, Blank; from JU/94 onward, AM, PM with occasional Blanks. Year date errors: AM/DE 21/59 and ?M/DE 24/59.

**SCHREIBER, First State** — OC 22/94 to DE 15/96 (Blank).

**SCHREIBER, Second State** — Period I: JA 11/97 to OC 10/06 (Blank). Period II: DE 24/23 (Blank; on 1c Admiral). NSR, Period I: 00, 01, 05. Date in hammer when found: DE 8/24.

**SEELYS BAY** — AU 23/93 to JA 13/02. NSR: 00, 01. Time marks: generally Blank, but 1, 10, and 11 known in 1893 and 1894; AM and Blank from 1896 to end.

**SHAKESPEARE** — OC 2/94 to JA 23/01 (Blank).

**SIMCOE** — MR 30/95 to FE 8/96 (Blank). Note: CDS canceller in concurrent use and most strikes of SIMCOE are CDS; all reported Squared Circle strikes fall on only a few dates: MR 30/95, NO 15/95, NO 30/95; DE 30/95 and FE 8/96. Please report dates of your strikes.

**STIRLING** — MR 30/94 to JU 23/06. NSR: 00. Mostly Blank, but AM, PM some dates in '94, '95, and '96.

**STOUFFVILLE** — AP 30/95 to JU 29/00 (Blank, Asterisk). Early strikes Blank; asterisk from about AP 29/99 on.

**STRATHROY** — NO 27/97 to FE 27/00 (Blank). (Report of early date, NO 22/97, in March 1973 Topics is now known to be in error; correct earliest is NO 27/97).

**SUDBURY** — Period I: AP 15/95 to MY 16/03. NSR: 02. Period II: PM/MY 13/10 (Single date, this period). Blank through



1900, followed by AM, PM to end; but PM is also known, SP through NO/96. I believe the single date, period II may be a postal clerk's error for PM/MY 13/01.

SUTTON WEST—MY 2/95 to DE 2/02 (Blank). NSR: 00. Indicia in hammer when found: Blank/DE 21/03.

TARA — FE 28/94 to MY 8/00 (Blank).

TAVISTOCK—AP 2/95 to MY 3/00 (Blank).

TEESWATER — NO 6/93 to MY 2/98 (Blank).

THAMESFORD — OC 28/93 to DE 16/07 (Blank). NSR: 00, 01, 03. (The above late date recently reported by Graham Noble).

THORNBURY — OC 6/94 to OC 1/96 (Blank). According to Handbook, time mark

1 is known in OC/94; I have not been able to verify existence of this mark. If you have time mark 1 for THORNBURY, please report, giving date.

THORNHILL — Period I: FE 5/95 to MR 20/02. NSR: 01. Period II: FE 8/09 to FE 25/09. Time marks generally AM, PM but Blank is also reported. Earliest reported date is 8/FE/95 according to Handbook; I think this may have been intended as a split year-date, 18/FE 5/95. I don't know who reported this to Dr. Whitehead; will the owner please re-examine it and let me know if the mark is '18' and not '8'.

TILSONBURG — OC 19/93 to JU 6/00. Early strikes Blank; AM, PM from MR/96 onward.



## The RPO Cowcatcher

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It has now been well over six months since we updated recent reports and new information which our readers have sent into the column; accordingly, it seems appropriate to pause in our run/hammer analysis and give everyone the latest information. We will start with new runs, of which we have had 23 reported.

### NEW RUNS

Shaw No.	Route	Type	Dir./Tr.	Period	R.F.	Reported by
Q-45C	LEVIS ET MONTREAL/A. BUIES	5H	1	210	200	147
Q-78A	MONTREAL & DUNNDEE/NAP. BEZIERS/MONTREAL	21E	NORTH	104	200	147
Q-121B	MONTREAL & OTT./R.P.O.	17H	420	277	200	135
Q-176G	TRAIN NO./Mont-Joli & Matane R.P.O.	51	1	135	200	133
Q-204G	TIMBRE TEMPORAIRE/QUEBEC OUEST	15E	AM	660	150	145
Q-264F	ROUSES POINT N.Y. & MONTREAL R.P.O.	22B		90	200	147
Q-266A	ST ALB & SPRINGFIELD/R.P.O.	17H	76	410	200	147
O-75C	FT. WILLIAM & W'PEG R.P.O./C.P.R./G. HOU	7B	1	135	200	154
O-314E	SAULT SHIP CANAL/ONTARIO	241		650	150	151
O-336B	THOROLD MARINE/ONT.	25B		650	150	151, 101
W-27D	C. & V. R.P.O./B.C. (no ornaments)	5J	4	135	200	56
W-102M	N. NORTAL & M. JAW/JNO. F. KERR	7B	13	211	200	56
W-131C	R. & A'head R.P.O./Wm. E. Rear, M.C.	1E	S	104	200	149
W-168A	WAT. & WAIN. R.P.O./V. T. CLARKE	170	1	108	200	148
W-190E	WPG & /S. J. SHEA	17J	8	416	150	135
W-190F	WPEG & KAMSACK R.P.O./W. PEDEN	8F	8	149	200	128
R-4C	B.C.C.S./PRINCESS ADELAIDE	1L		268	200	135
R-290	CAN. PAC. RY. CO./PURSERS OFFICE/PRINCESS ADELAIDE (STEAMER CHARMER)	1L		104	200	135
R-29P	CAN. PAC. RLY. CO./B.C. COAST SERVICE/PRINCESS OF VANCOUVER/VIA WELCOX	1A		562	200	135
R-35G	EASTERN ARCTIC PATROL/R.M.S./CANADA	3D		268	200	152
R-35H	EASTERN ARCTIC MAIL (in triangle)/R.M.S. "NASCOPIE"	1K		217	200	152
R-35I	C/O EASTERN ARCTIC PATROL RMS/OTTAWA, CANADA	22B		387	200	152
R-165P	THIS MAIL WAS CARRIED BY/POSTAL AIRPLANE/TO MONTREAL	23B		149	200	135

(See pages 34 and 38)

# Further Sketches of BNAPSers...

## DEREK HAYTER

With this Sketch I introduce our new editor of *Topics*—Derek Hayter. Derek was born in Oxford, England in August 1926. After graduation he went on to study graphic design at the school of art, Liverpool University.

His first job was publications and public relations assistant with Iraq Petroleum Company, London. At this stage, in the 1950's he got into the writing and editing field. He has travelled extensively in Europe and the Middle East, and worked for periods in several Arab countries. As this experience encouraged an interest in Arab cooking, both he and his wife, Carol, enjoy concocting Middle Eastern dishes at home.

Interest in stamps developed in the 1940's. For 12 years he built up a collection of mint King George VI but disillusionment set in with the release of the Silver Wedding high values in 1948. About two years later he sold his entire collection and took off for southern Europe to enjoy the proceeds.

In 1968 the Hayters came to Canada, "fed up" they say with conditions in England. Both their daughters, Anna 5 and Sarah 4, were born in Toronto.

Carol is blamed for his revived interest in philately. As a surprise birthday gift in 1969, she brought him a mint set of the Canada Scroll issue of 1928-29. The Bluenose alone set him off in all directions, learning everything he could of the background and history of the stamp. With all the research he has done he plans to publish a study of this issue. Another collecting interest is essays and die proofs which he sees as "the sublime point in collecting".

The study of antique watches and clocks—horology—is the other household interest. This happens to be Carol's pastime. She runs her own business, *Movements in Time*, a retail book business specializing in books relating to horology, as well as dealing in old watches and clocks. Stocking about 300 different titles, she now plans to branch into philatelic literature. She is a member of the Canadian Paper Money Society.

Derek is writer and editor with an oil company in Toronto. Although he says he is a newcomer "hardly known" to the Canadian philatelic scene, he is a member of the RPSC, The Royal Philatelic Society (London), Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada, Toronto Stamp Collectors' Club, North Toronto Stamp Club, APS and The Essay-Proof Society.

Warmest wishes to our new editor with lots of support from our members.

—Wayne R. Curtis



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## THE COVER ON THE COVER

The cover shown on the cover was mailed from Hamilton, Ontario, January 23, 1873 to Switzerland via Belgium franked by a 6c small queen and two 2c small queens paying the 10c per half ounce rate. The cover was saved from a fire on the Grand Trunk Railway and a label reading "Saved from a Fire on the Grand Trunk Railway near Grafton, Ontario, Canada, on the 24th January, 1873" was applied. There were 3,000 of these labels



printed, but how many were used is not known. The cover transitted through London February 9, 1873 and arrived in Switzerland March 2, 1873. An excerpt from "The Mail" of Toronto dated 25-1-1873 gave the following information on the fire.

"Grafton, Jan. 24th. As the Grand Trunk Express train from the west, due here at 9:50 a.m., was within two miles of the Grafton, Station, the combined mail and baggage car was discovered to be on fire, and before the train could be stopped the flames had obtained such progress that it was found to be impossible to save the car from being consumed. Nearly all of the English mail matter, and part of the Canadian mail, the express goods, and all the passenger baggage were burned or badly injured. The track for yards around the burning car was strewn with charred letters, newspapers and a general mixture of smoking mail and baggage. The fire is said to have originated from a stove in the car."

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### ALLAN L. STEINHART

We have a new associate editor of *Topics* — Allan Steinhart. Allan was born in March 1940. After attending the University of Toronto he spent 15 years in the furniture trade as an executive with the Allan Bedding Co. Ltd.

He has formed one of the finest collections of RPO covers. Some of his other major collecting interests are the Medallion issue of 1932, the Special Delivery Issues and the postal history of the Admiral period. Besides these he has various other small specialized collections.

You will find credit given to him for his contributions to Horace Harrison's book *Canada's Registry System*, E. A. Smythies' book *Canadian Roller Cancellations* and the supplement to T. P. G. Shaw's book *Canadian Transportation Postmarks*.

Among his many philatelic activities he is a member of the RPSC, CPS of GB, APS, North Toronto Stamp Club, Toronto Collectors' Club, War Cover Club, Oakville Stamp Club, United Postal Stationery Society, Postal History Society Inc., and is a director of the Postal History Society of Ontario.

At our 1975 Convention in Guildwood he was awarded a vermeil which was also his award at Quepex '75, Montevideo 1975, Balpex '75. At Stampex '74 and '75 he received four gold and vermeil awards. At the 1974 Exfilmex Mexico City show he received a special award along with a vermeil and silver. His outstanding display of the Special Delivery issue of Canada has caught the eyes of both judges and exhibition visitors.

One of Allan's interests outside philately is the traditional folk music of Canada and Appalachia. Also learned there may be a book in progress detailing the history of postal rates in Canada.

Warmest wishes Allan on your appointment as our new associate editor.

— Wayne R. Curtis



— photo: Philately In Print, Toronto



# TOPICS: THE NEWSFRONT

In this new column *Topics* visits a number of auction houses to highlight market trends. The summaries are given in date order.

R. Maresch & Son,  
Toronto,  
January 14-15, 1976

The Max Rosenthal collection of cancellations of various types, sold in a number of lots, realized \$8,500. A very fine copy of the 12 penny proof with a red vertical specimen brought \$500. A similar 3 pence full sheet margin copy, mint OG, with a small fault realized \$850 (\$500). With large margins and a portion of the imprint at the bottom a ½ penny — No. 8 — used, imperf brought \$525. A superb 5c Beaver used with a SON 2-ring target cancellation brought \$105 (\$7). A cover from New Brunswick with a boxed 2-line straight line 1786 City of St. John, New Brunswick" ideal strike of JGY No. 11, on clear cover R.F. 9 brought \$600. A never hinged block of 5c blue Admirals, VF, realized \$300. A 7c light sage green Admiral, VF, hinged block went for \$425. A Nova Scotia cover with diagonal bisect and a 6 penny yellow green with large margins and part of the adjacent stamp tied to a neat cover (7½d rate) fetched \$1,300. The 1,200 lots realized a total of \$170,000, about 70 percent of which was BNA material.

J. N. Sissons Ltd.  
January 28-29, 1976

The auction was highlighted by the sale of the B. K. Denton collection of 1851-68 issues including covers, proofs and stamps. Some highlights were: an almost complete collection of Canada, lot No. 1, sold for \$10,000; large die proof on India on card of the 5c Bluenose realized \$800; mint NH superb Bluenose block brought \$600; imperf pair of 12½c 1859 issue sold for \$2,500; stampless cover from Detroit *Canada* dated March 18, 1795 brought \$1,550; 6 penny thick, soft reddish purple, imperf with large margins and part imprint on right tied to cover dated April 21, 1858 fetched \$5,250; ½ penny, No. 11, perfect with unusual centering tied to a drop letter with Coburg Nov. 26, 1859 CDS sold for \$1,350; 6 penny Prince Albert, No. 13, per-

forated, brown violet with deep colour tied to cover realized \$5,250. The sale total exceeded \$352,000 with about 75 percent going to the floor.

## SOME RECENT PUBLICATIONS

*Wrigley's Textbook & Guide to the Canadian Official Stamps* by Roy Wrigley 1st edition. This well written and researched handbook is truly the work of THE authority on these issues. This 72 page handbook is necessary if one expects to understand and be even slightly knowledgeable in Canada's Official stamps. It seems to me that it is well worth its \$5 cost and a proper addition to anyone's collection of philatelic literature. This is not a catalogue but a handbook on these issues and is unusually thorough and detailed. I commend Roy on his research. —EJW

*The Postage Stamps and Postal History of Newfoundland*, by Winthrop S. Boggs, c. 1942. Reprinted by Quarterman Publications, Inc., 5 South Union Street, Lawrence, Mass. 01800. 256 pp, hard bound, size 6"x9", price \$20 retail. Available from the publisher or most dealers.

Proving, we trust, that Newfoundland is not a collector's dead country, Boggs' *The Postage Stamps and Postal History of Newfoundland* is welcomed among the recent reprints published by Quarterman.

The publisher has given us a facsimile of Winthrop Boggs' 186-page work. But there's a bonus bound into it. This edition also includes *Postage Stamps of Newfoundland* by Bertram Poole and Harry Huber, a major work on the subject which in 1922 preceded Boggs by 20 years.

In a way it is tantalizing that the tail end of Newfoundland issues and the later die proofs (1942-49) are unlisted. But this is not a criticism of the publisher, who has made no attempt to update, but to bring us at the reasonable price of \$20 a book that has been selling in the region of \$100 in its original printing.

Cleanly bound in cloth, the volume complements Boggs *Canada* reprinted last year.

—DH



# TOPICS: THE BUSINESS SIDE

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(FOR OTHER OFFICERS, SEE MASTHEAD ON INDEX PAGE)

## *Memo from the President*

JAMES A. PIKE  
Vancouver, B.C.

The past year was marked by the many changes in officers of the Society, the principal one being the retirement of Bert Llewellyn, Chairman of the Board of Governors. After eleven years of active service, he leaves with the thanks and good wishes of all of us. To his successor, Bob Pratt, we extend a cordial welcome and wish him well in his new duties. To all members,

and particularly new officers of the Society, my best wishes throughout the New Year.

The Post Office strike in October and November posed difficulties for all of us in Canada. Surely there must be a better way to resolve a dispute that seriously inconveniences twenty million Canadians and their many friends outside Canada.

—J. A. Pike

## *From the Secretary*

EDWARD J. WHITING  
Malvern, Pa.

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- WERNER, Joseph, 3339 Upton Pl. N.W., Calgary, Alta. T2N 4G9 (C). Canadian registered stamps, specialty. Proposed by Donald J. Glass 3087. Seconded by Doris Hollingshead, L2622.
- FORDE, David H., P.O. Box 235, Edmonds, WA 98020 (DC). First-Day Covers, specialty. Proposed by Frank A. McKinnon 3197.
- BETT, Ian R., 44 George Henry Blvd., Willowdale, Ont. M2J 1E2 (C). Canada and Newfoundland mint blocks. Proposed by William H. P. Maresch 1808.
- SEIBERT, Kenneth, P.O. Box 1911, Wilmington, DE 19899 (C). Mint BNA including Revenues. Proposed by E. J. Whiting L-61.
- GAISER, J. Raymond, 426 Cayuga St., Iron River, MI 49935 (C). Canada and Newfoundland used. Shades. Proposed by P. M. Mann 3042.
- JENKINS, James R., 815 Park Terrace, Eugene, OR 97404 (C) Canada. Proposed by E. J. Whiting L-61.
- SMITH, Jack E., 10536 Waneta Crescent S.E., Calgary, Alta. T2J 1J6 (Cxc). Canada, Newfoundland, B.C., N.B., N.S., airmails and cancellations. Proposed by G. F. Hansen 2203; seconded by David M. Lane 3142.
- BLAKE, Neil B., R.D. 4, Box 417, Red Lion, PA 17356 (C). Canada, mint and used, plate blocks, postal stationery. Proposed by E. J. Whiting L-61.

#### Changes of Address

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- 1467 BELL, Lawrence M., Box 414, Saint John, N.B. E2L 4L9
- 2581 BUTTERS, John C., Box 159, Greenwood, N.S. BOP 1N0
- 3190 COSCO, S. D., 3712 W. 23 Ave., Vancouver, B.C. V6S 1K7
- 2749 DE MENT, Lex C. Jr., c/o L.C.D. Stamp Co. Inc., Wellington Square Mall, Lower Mall, London, Ontario N6A 3N7
- 3070 FISK, Arnold Roy, Flat 2, 1/F Buxey Lodge, 37 Conduit Rd., Hong Kong
- 2277 HANDELMAN, David, AM Hannes 2A, 6301 Leihgestern, West Germany
- 1959 HATCHER, James B., c/o Scott Publications, 530 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10036
- 2668 JEAN, Roger, 80 rue Vercheres, Laval, Que. H7M 1W1
- 1393 KEMP, Clarence A., 10 Benvenuto Pl., Apt. 201, Toronto, Ont. M4V 2L2
- 2491 KENNEDY, Arthur M. Jr., 1800 Tyris Dr., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15241
- 838 SMITH, A. Daniel, Box 54, Sudbury, MA 01776
- 3119 WALLACE, William H., 5151 St. Andrews Rd., Tucson, AZ 85718
- 2431 WALTON, Wayne J. A. Jr., 719 Seaford Rd., Houston, TX 77058
- 2993 MCGILLIVRAY, Robert J., 6929 Lancaster St., Vancouver, B.C. V5S 3B3
- 1231 DEBNEY, Philip L., No. 204, Canterbury Ct., 8403-142 St., Edmonton, Alta. T2R 4L3
- 1955 HAYWOOD, Barry K., 72 Forest Hill Rd., Toronto, Ont. M4V 2I5
- 2223 NIXON, J. Edward, 255 Cortleigh Blvd., Toronto, Ont. M5N 1P8
- 2422 HALL, H. D., 164 Queen St. E., Brampton, Ont. L6V 1B5
- 2115 DICKETTS, Michael, 61 Alwington Avenue, Kingston, Ont. K7L 4R4

#### Deceased

- 654 JENNINGS, Carl, 1393-20th St., W. Vancouver, B.C. V7V 3Z8

#### Resignations Received

- 1341 BUCHANAN, William O., 243 Russell Hill Rd., Toronto, Ont. M4V 2T3
- 2748 COOMBER, Richard Allan, 572 Mill St., Windsor, Ont. N9C 2R8
- 282 HARMER, Gordon R., 7 Green St., London W. 1, England
- 3088 HILL, Geoff, 458 Smith La., Oakville, Ont. L6L 4X2
- 771 HOWES, Victor E., 148 Beltran St., Malden, MA 02148
- 2544 LEITCH, Richard L., Apt. 1402, 5 Vicora Linkway, Don Mills, Ont. M3C 1A3
- 824 LITTEG, Allen D., 28995 McMurray Cr., Southfield, MI 48075
- 3162 LITTELL, Gene C., 6566 W. Walton St., Indianapolis, IN 46241
- 1751 LUMLEY, W., Box 293, Delhi, Ont. N4B 2X1
- 2347 NEWMAN, B. C. W., P.O. Box 700, Carman, Man. R0G 0J0
- 2723 OLSON, Donald T. Jr., VAW-122, FPO, New York, NY 09501
- 3080 SCHACHTER, Lorne H., 2514 Piedmont, No. 201, Berkeley, CA 94704
- 2341 SYMONDS, Donald E., 24 Smith St., Lawrence, MA 01841

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| 2695 CHAPMAN, Antony U.      | 238 McCOY, Mrs. Ethel B.     |
| 2246 DUMONT, Roland J.       | 3349 McGEE, John R.          |
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| 3106 HOPKINSON, Allen B.     | 2457 SNIDER, LCDR Donald M.  |
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| 2413 LENANE, Michael M.      | 3061 WINSLOW, Rev. John A.   |

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- Listed as DROPPED in error was previously correctly listed as LIFE MEMBER
- L2863 RAMSAY, David James, 25 Fielding Cr., Hamilton, Ont. L8V 2P3  
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- 515 CHRISTENSEN, Allen H., 2 Westmount Sq., Apt. 606, Westmount, Que. H3Z 2S4

#### Applications Pending "B"

- ANDREWS, Thomas Carl, 12045 Butterfield Pl., Chino, CA 91710
- BEAUPRE, Marc, Casier Postal 971, Quebec HV, Que. G1R 4T4
- BRICE, Harry William, 34 Blawtyre Ave., Scarborough, Ont. M1N 2R4
- CHAREST, Louis G., 34 Miller St., Blackstone, MA 01504
- DIXON, D. J., 578 Queen Elizabeth St., P.O. Box 721, Lively, Ont. P0M 2E0



FOLSTER, H. Michael, 7 Fifth Ave., Aylmer, Que. J9H 5C5  
 HOEBANCKX, Alphonse E., 507 Riverdale Dr., Apt. 314, Ottawa, Ont. K1S 1S4  
 JARVILLE, Gordon H., 669 Roslyn Blvd., North Vancouver, B.C. V7G 1P4  
 KIDD, Ralph, 422 Lakeshore Dr., Apt. 202, Penticton, B.C. V2A 1B8  
 LEAHY, Dr. Jeremiah, 51 Rainbow Cr., Thompson, Man. R8N 1K2  
 LEMIEUX, Paul-Emile, 74 Dupont, St. Romuald, Que. G6W 3T9  
 MATZ, Edmond, 6331 McLynn Ave., Montreal, Que. H3X 2R5  
 PARKIN, John Michael Hugh, 37a Green Lane, Hollingsworth, Hyde, Cheshire, SK14 8JG  
 PRICE, Robert G., 244 Leslie St., Moncton, N.B. E1C 6M9  
 SILVERMAN, Denis, 429 Thomas Ave., Apt. 12, Wallaceburg, Ont. N8A 2C2  
 SIMONETTI, Frank, P.O. Box 706, Brooklyn, NY 11237  
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- RACHUBINSKI, Frank, 12564 Aime Leonard, Montreal North, Que. H1G 4H7 (Cc). Specialty: Edwards.  
 Proposed by E. J. Whiting L-61.  
 MARR, Edmund L., 29 Allanadale Ave., Markham, Ont. L3P 1S4 (C). Proposed by W. S. Large 2681.  
 BURTON, Edgar G. (Ted), 230 Russell Hill Rd., Toronto, Ont. M4V 2T2 (Cxc). Specialty: "All 6d and  
 10c issues and rates of BNA." Proposed by R. H. Jamieson 2118; seconded by J. N. Sissons L-17.  
 HOCH, Alfred D., 225 Willow Ave., Somerville, MA 02116 (D). Proposed by G. F. Hansen 2203.  
 McLEAN, James W., 5609 S. Travelers Palm Lane, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33319 (Cxc). Proposed by E. J.  
 Whiting L-61.  
 SUTHERLAND, Maj. J. Robert, (CONC 2, R.R. 5, Trenton, Ont.) P.O. Box 70, Astra, Ont. K0K 1B0  
 (C) George V issues, specifically the Admirals. Proposed by D. M. Verity 2312.  
 KILLINGLEY, Eric, 16, St. James Rd., Bridlington, North Humberside, YO15 3PF, England (Cc).  
 Specialty: "Quebec Tercentenary". Proposed by Geoffrey Whitworth 1684; seconded by J. P.  
 Macaskie 2794.  
 KOLOSKI, Stanley B., 1105—62 St., Kenosha, WI 53140 (C). Paper varieties. Proposed by G. F. Hansen  
 2203; seconded by Mark England 2218.  
 CROWE, W. T., c/o Stampazine, 3 E. 57th St., New York, NY 10022 (C). Proposed by H. W. Harrison  
 1501; seconded by H. R. Warm 3326.  
 WIESMEIER, Joe, 355 E. 88th St., New York, NY 10028 (Cxc). Seals and Revenues. Proposed by E.  
 S. J. vanDam 2709.  
 PILLAR, William B., Jr., 421 Nebo Dr., Toronto, OH 43964 (Cx). Proposed by E. J. Whiting L-61.

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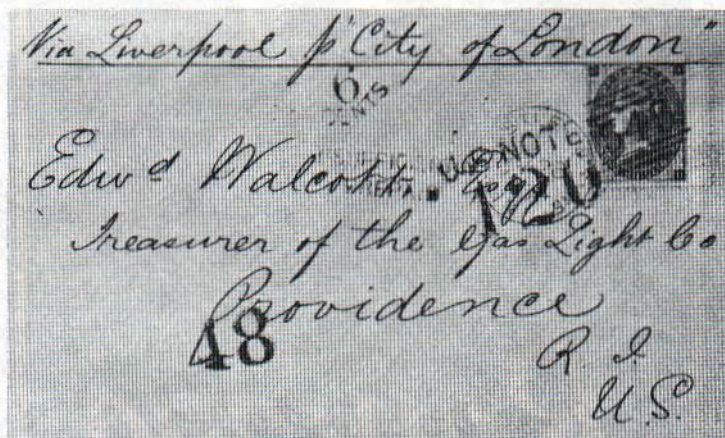
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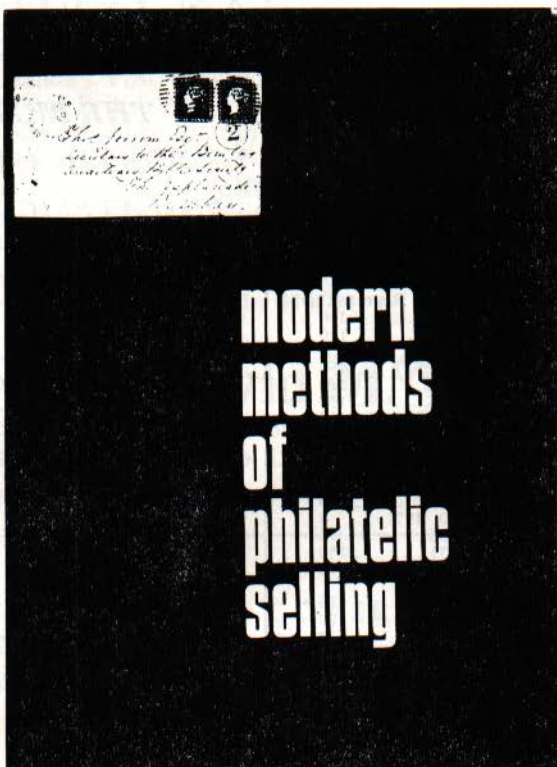
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1861 was the year stamps were first issued and coincidentally was about the time a new series of instruments appeared. The need for PAID stamps had of course disappeared. The instruments, my type 4, were purchased from John H. Zevely of Wheeling, West Virginia for about \$1.50 each and were made of boxwood evidenced by severe wear in later strikes. Characteristics were a full single circle with no year in the date. I

have seen strikes from Bedeque, Cherry Valley, Cardigan Bridge, Hope River, Flat River, Murray Harbour South, Montague Bridge, Mt. Stewart, Port Hill, Rollo Bay, Southport, Vernon River, Wood Islands. Reports of any others would be appreciated from this or earlier types.

No other order were recorded here and no other major types appeared before Confederation. A company by the name of Lowell and Brett in Boston submitted sample instruments to the postmaster in Charlottetown in 1871 but no mention of an order was made. This may serve to explain the diverse variety of Charlottetown strikes of this time. At least two of the small split ring circles have been recorded in May of 1873 from Morell and Bothwell but I have no information on this instrument. Again any sources of information would be of great interest.



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