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OFFICIALS IN REVIEW

by

Trelle A. Morrow

INTRODUCTION

The study of Canada's Official stamps has centered primarily on the compilation of catalogue information for the various perforated and overprinted stamps. Early writers on the subject have contributed a fair amount of background material; T. F. Dagg in 1938, W. C. Gordon in 1949, C. R. Timpany in 1954, contributed articles to philatelic journals of the day. Over the past 20 years Mr. Roy Wrigley has compiled and published a most extensive listing and catalogue of the stamp issues together with known varieties. This catalogue has become a standard reference for collectors of Canada's Officials.

Not a great deal has been said by previous authors about the postal history aspect of the Official stamps of Canada. The purpose of this paper is to review some existing data regarding use of the Officials and also to try and present certain procedures and conditions of usage that are not well known or readily understood by the collector. Terms of reference will be the 5-hole OHMS, and 4-hole OHMS perforated issues, the O.H.M.S. and G overprinted issues. Other Government issues which could also be considered "official", such as the Militia Department and National Defence perfins, Federal corporation and Provincial government perfins, are not being discussed in this particular review.

The author would like to acknowledge the assistance and guidance given by Mr. Harold Dilworth of Vancouver in preparing this article.

Official Stamps and Franking Privileges. 1939-1963

As a general rule one can state that most

Government Departments used Official stamps from July 1939 to December 1963. Government mail which did not qualify for free mailing privileges extended through all departments from one end of Canada to the other. The number of Departments, Commissions and Agencies using Official stamps would be over 50 and when one considers the number of Branch offices involved in each of these categories the use of stamps was indeed universal over the country.

A listing of specific individuals and offices which have been given FRANKING privileges for mail service reads as follows:

1. Departments of the Federal Government at Ottawa.
2. Governor General and aides down to Asst. Sec't.
3. Speaker or Clerk of Senate.
4. Speaker or Clerk of House of Commons, Librarian of Parliament.
5. Members of House of Commons & Senate during sitting of House, or ten days prior and following sitting.
6. Armed Forces overseas during War-time.
7. Certain election materials.
8. Mail originating at the Post Office.
9. Heads of Commission, Boards, Agencies as stipulated by the Government.

This list may vary from time to time but one can appreciate the intent and scope generally of FRANKING privilege. Mail entitled to be sent free must bear an official frank such as the initials of the sender or an office seal. This may be a rubber or steel stamp, or initials could be written on the cover.

O. H. M. S.



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5-hole 3c Confederation.



5-hole issues — bank shipping tag.

FRANKING generally applied to mail addressed to places in Canada, except official mail to official offices in the U.S.A. and Mexico was also included. The intent generally was to allow FRANKING on letters only; Parcels and special services rendered by the Post Office were charged at appropriate rates.

A second category that should be singled out for frankification are the Armed Services. The National Defence Department enjoyed franking as one of the Government Departments, however the Armed Forces were neither given Franking privileges, except on active duty overseas, nor were they issued with Official stamps.

The Post Office itself present another interesting case of special consideration. A large proportion of the Post Office Mail from all points of the country including Ottawa was entitled to franking privileges. This situation was developed back in antiquity and continues with us to-day. Generally, franking is applicable down to the Regional Supervisor's level of each District.

Interestingly, some large Crown or Government offices did not use Official stamps:

- National Defense apparently never used Official stamps, except its own early ND and MD perfins.
- Neither Crown Assets Corp., nor Central Mortgage & Housing used Official stamps.
- Crown owned railways used their own perfins for security purposes.

The 5-Hole Perforated

In 1923 the Finance Department of the Federal Government purchased a machine for perforating the initials OHMS in postage stamps. The concept of perforating initials in stamps arose from the desire to ensure that the stamps were in fact used only on Department business. The name of the 5-hole OHMS arose from the 5 holes in the vertical strokes of letters in the design. The machine was located in the Currency Branch of the Department and stamps perforated there were

distributed to the Assistant Receiver General's Offices located in each of the Provinces. It was these Provincial Offices which furnished the Chartered Banks with their supply of bills and silver, and also provided services for the transfer and registration of Government bonds. The bulk of covers in collectors' hands are addressed to the various Chartered Banks.

The earliest stamp issues perforated were the Admiral issues and the procedure encompassed most issues up to and including the 1934 commemoratives. In March, 1935, the Assistant Receiver General's Offices were taken over by the Bank of Canada and the use of 5-hole perforated stamps was terminated. A lull in perforating occurred between 1935 and 1939 at which time the regular stamp issues were used as stocks of the perforated-initial stamps were depleted.

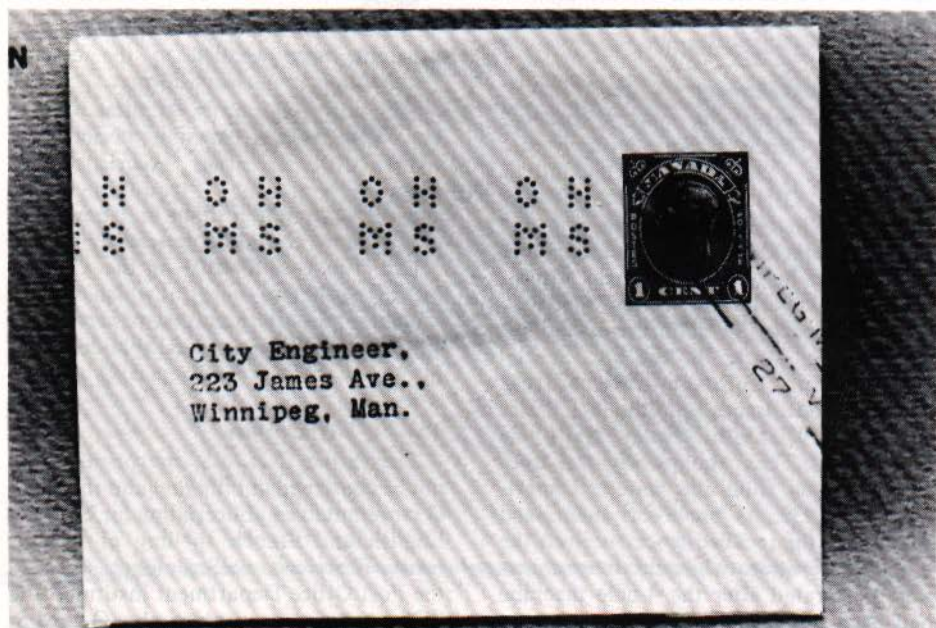
In 1939 the Government decided that stamps with perforated OHMS initials should again be used, but this time by all Departments. A new, smaller design for the initials was chosen and a new machine was ordered. In the meantime stocks of stamps in the various Departments were recalled for perforating and until the new machine arrived the old equipment was employed. Therefore, we find postage stamps up to and including the 1939 issues perforated with the 5-hole OHMS initials.

The 1939 5-Hole Perforated Stamps

The perforating of stamps with OHMS initials was revived in 1939 when Treasury Board minute of March 28, 1939 decreed that the system be put in operation July 1, 1939 for all Government Departments. This renewed operation was to be under the jurisdiction of the Post Office Department who would distribute the stamps to the various Departments. A new 4-hole machine had been ordered by the P.O. Dept., however, it had not arrived from the manufacturer when the time came for introduction of the system. Therefore, the old 5-hole machine originally used by the Finance Dept. was borrowed and used for the first supplies of stamps dispersed. Coincident with the instructions to introduce the perforating system were instructions to return stocks



4-hole combined rate issues. Registration and letter rate.



of unperforated stamps on hand so they could be so perforated.

The re-call process produced some interesting results. Firstly, some of the older issues were sent in and received 5-hole perforations. Thus it is impossible to determine whether a stamp issue of the late 20's and early 30's was perforated before 1935 or was part of the recall stock perforated in July 1939. Secondly, some of the older issues which were a few weeks late in arriving were introduced to the 4-hole machine which apparently was put into use about July 15th, 1939. Thus we find some of the early issues from 1920's and 1930's now perforated 4-hole.

Unfortunately no record was kept of incoming stock and the quantities and issues of stamps so processed in 1939 remains an unknown entity. While it is obvious that the 1935 to 1939 issues were in fact perforated 5-hole in 1939, the pre-1935 recalled stock is an indeterminant.

The 5-hole perforated issues of the 1939 recall period enjoyed an extremely short life in Ottawa. Perforating with the 5-hole OHMS machine commenced July 1, 1939 and by the 3rd week in July the 4-hole perforating machine had been put into operation. Period of issue for the 1939 5-hole material apparently was about two weeks.

The 4-Hole Perforated

The new perforating machine ordered by the Post Office Department arrived in July of 1939. The design of the initials consisted of O H M S perforated 4 holes high rather than 5 holes high as provided by the old machine. i.e. The letters H and M had four holes in the vertical stroke.

The 4-hole perforating commenced with the 1937 George VI definitive issues but also included stocks of Airs and Special Delivery and Commemoratives from earlier periods. Issues from the late 1920's and early 1930's also display the 4-hole perforations. These stamps originate from recalled stock from the various Departments in 1939. As previously mentioned the first of the recalled stock received the 5-hole perforations while the late returns were perforated after the 4-hole machine had been put into operation.

Perforating the stamps required a manual operation involving just a few sheets at one time. After a ten-year life of 4-hole perforating the Post Office Department decided a more efficient method of imposing identification on stamps was required. A letter-press method of applying inked initials was adopted in September, 1949.

The OHMS Overprints

In order to speed up the marking of stamps for Government use the hand process of perforating initials in stamps was abandoned in favour of a type-set system which overprinted initials.

The OHMS overprints experienced a life of just one year, from September, 1949, to September, 1950. The total number of all issues overprinted OHMS was about 20,000,000 copies spread from the definitive War issues of 1942 through the Peace issues of 1950. The 50c and \$1 values were overprinted in relatively small quantities and consequently have become choice items with collectors.

Two types of OHMS overprints were instituted:

TYPE A, the small size, 1½ mm in height, were applied to the definitive issues.

TYPE B, the large size, 2 mm in height, were applied to the commemoratives on large format.

The principal variety in these OHMS overprints is the missing period and several different issues experience this phenomenon. The frequency was generally 1 stamp position in 1 pane only of a sheet, so considerable scarcity results.

Criticism was levelled at the Government for using an overprint which was not bilingual and after one year of service the OHMS identification was abandoned in favour of the more universal G symbol.

The "G" Overprints

The earlier O.H.M.S. overprints could not be construed as bilingual and the letter G represented an abbreviation for both the English and French spelling of government. Therefore, on September 30, 1950 the Post Office Department instituted the "G" overprint to replace the O.H.M.S.

O. H. M. S.



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O.H.M.S. overprint. Missing period on 10c Bear Lake.

OVERPRINT

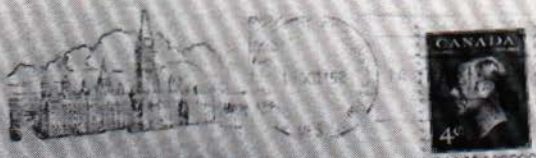
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"G" Overprint. Special Delivery and Letter Rate.

Three type faces are found in the "G" overprints:

Type A — a small G used on the definitive stamps.

TYPE B — a large sized G used on large format stamps.

TYPE C — a variation of the TYPE B overprint used only on three of the large format commemorative stamps.

The TYPE C overprint is commonly known as the "Flying G" variety and appeared in early 1962.

Officially, the G overprints were discontinued December 31, 1963 and for some time after that date government offices used printed envelopes indicating "Canada Postage Paid". Stocks of stamps were to be returned to Ottawa as they would be void for postage after that date. The reason for instituting the change was to effect an economy in the Post Office Department. The Glasco Royal Commission had recommended that government departments pay for postage on a bulk basis rather than by the individual use of postage stamps.

After 1963

Although the use of the G overprints had been officially terminated as of December 31, 1963, there are at least two instances where the use of the stamps continued for some time.

The crown corporation, Defence Construction (1951) Limited, continued using the G overprints until February 28, 1965. At the expiry of this time rubber stamps reading "Postage Paid" were furnished to the offices until printed

stationery was furnished. Unused stamps as of February 28, 1965 were to be returned to the Post Office.

Provincial offices of the Department of Natural Resources, Water Resources Branch, used the G overprints through the summer of 1964 at least. The exact date of termination with this Department has not been determined.

Ottawa Usage

Perforated and Overprinted stamps were intended primarily for the use of the various Government Branch Offices distributed across Canada. Surface first class mail sent from the Head Offices of the Departments in Ottawa were given FRANKING privileges, therefore the bulk of the daily mail would not require OFFICIAL postage stamps.

Ottawa usage therefore is related to the special services provided by the Post Office Department and which were not provided free to other Government Departments. These services included parcel post, registration, special delivery and airmail, all of which were services apart from the normal mail.

A second need in the Ottawa Offices was for postage to apply on foreign mail since free franking applied only within the boundaries of Canada. The Universal Postal Union recognized the Official stamps of Canada as having the same status as the regular issues of the Post Office. Therefore, we find Government mail to foreign countries franked with the Officials.

TOPICS: THE BUSINESS SIDE

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Minutes of the 1977 Annual General Meeting at Edmonton, Alberta

The meeting was called to order by President Leo LaFrance at 10:40 a.m. September 17, 1977 in the Alberta Room of the Edmonton Plaza Hotel.

The minutes of the previous meeting were dispensed with;

President LaFrance read communications from Bob Woolley, Earl Piggott, and Bert Llewellyn apologizing for their absences and wishing well for the 1977 convention.

Bob Pratt, the Chairman of the Board of Governors, gave his report on the activities of the Board during the past year.

Leo LaFrance gave the President's report touching on such matters as **Topics**, Resignations and replacements of committee chairmen, Honorary membership proposal, increasing revenue without increasing dues, betterment of our insurance coverage, the gift from Bob Pratt through the Essay Proof Society with which we plan to establish a foundation. The next Board of Governors meeting will be during CAPEX.

Ed Harris read the treasurer's report.

Ed Whiting read the secretary's report, the Circulation Manager's report, and the Advertising Manager's report.

Vinnie Greene read the reports of the Librarian and the Library Board.

Ed Whiting read the Sales Circuit Manager's report. There followed some discussion on the feasibility of micro-filing or Xeroxing the circuits. This would provide better control in case investigation was needed though at an increase in cost and time. Bob Pratt announced the policy established by the Board that BNAPS is not to be a collection agency for dealers members who have problems with customers.

Leo LaFrance read George Wegg's report on the Handbook Committee. Mike Dicketts said there were two additional publications in the mill: a supplement to the Flag Cancel book and a new Squared Circle book.

Ed Richardson reported on the seven

active study groups, each with their own newsletter.

Clarence Stillions reported on the Membership Committee.

Leon LaFrance reported for Jim Sissons on the Board of Examiners that they had had no examinations to make during the past year.

Ed Whiting read the combined Publicity Committees report for Russ McNeil and Ian Taylor.

Leo LaFrance reported on future Convention sites: 1978 Florida; 1979 Quebec; 1980 Houston, Texas; 1981 Ottawa; 1982 still open; 1983 possibly Winnipeg.

A standing vote of thanks and appreciation was given Stew Kenyon and his committee for putting on such a successful convention as this one.

Harry Lussey elaborated on the 1978 convention location in Florida. It is to be at Palm Beach, The Breakers Hotel from October 12 through October 15. This is 1½ hours from Miami or 3 hours from Disneyworld. The exhibit is to be in the Starlight Room which has 3100 square feet. The rates for modified American plan are around \$85 to \$95 plus a \$9 service charge or gratuity.

Ed Whiting then announced the winner of the President's Award for proposing the most new members for 1976, Wilmer C. Rockett.

Ed Whiting then made a presentation of the new V. G. Greene award for the year 2009 to Vinnie Greene himself. He then announced that the winner of the trophy for 1976 was Allan Steinhart.

Charlie deVolpi brought up the matter of how difficult it is to get insurance for exhibits. There was considerable discussion on the problem from difference aspects. It seems that such coverage can be secured from Lloyds of London. The president indicated that this aspect of insurance would be added to the agenda of the Committee he will appoint to investigate insurance for BNAPS.

President LaFrance then presented to the assembled group Walter Hoffman, the first president of BNAPS who was given a round of applause.

The meeting then adjourned.

(The reports referred to in the minutes appear separately under their own headings except that in some cases no written copy was provided, or some copy arrived late. In some cases no report is printed for which we apologize.)

Report of the Treasurer For the year ended June 30, 1977

Your Society, for the second consecutive financial period, has operated at, essentially, a break-even point. Although our cash reserves remain at an historically high level, operating costs are constantly rising. When dues were raised from \$6.50 to \$10.00 per year on January 1, 1976, it was thought that this substantial increase would enable the Society to provide more services to the members, and in addition, build further reserves in order to provide greater interest income. Due to a reduction in book department and sales circuit revenues, yearly dues now provide 84% of our income from all sources. The printing and distribution of BNA Topics comprises 90% of all expenditures.

For some, maintenance of the status quo would seem to be the goal of a non-profit organization such as ours. This we have accomplished. However, it is the goal of your Board to provide the highest quality of services to the members. To this end, your Board is studying ways in which our income/expenditure mix can be adjusted to provide maximum services to members with the least possible drain on the assets of the Society.

I wish to thank all members of the executive and Board, all department heads, and the membership at large, for their cooperation in money matters. Your attention to the Treasurer's necessary requirements has enabled me to perform my duties with greater ease.

E. A. Harris
Treasurer

Secretary's Report (2)

Report of the Secretary to the 1977 Annual General Meeting of the Society in Convention at Edmonton, Alberta 17 September 1977.

Membership as of September 15th, 1976.....	1513
Additions:	
New Regular Members	112
New Life Members	2
Replaced on the Rolls	51
	165
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Deductions:	
Resignations	33
Deceased	10
Dropped, non-payment of dues	127
	170

Membership as of
September 15th, 1977 1508
a net decrease of 5 from last year. There
were 143 applications received of which 3
were not accepted and 32 are still pending.

We are still working on completing a
numerical roster referred to last year.

The Geographical Directory promised
last year is now included in the Mem-
bership Handbook now in process of
distribution.

You have all received a new membership
card except for the old Life Members who
still retain the old card. Any of them who
wish a new card, please let me know.

With the work needed to revise the
Membership Directory there lacked time
to revise the membership admission
procedure and to finalize the "Job Write-
up" for the Secretary. Both should be
accomplished during the coming year.

Of the several returned mail situations,
only 1 remains unresolved. That is for
Mark Olson No. 3464, formerly of 42 E.
Broadway, Vancouver, B.C. Unless this is
resolved by October 1st, he will be dropped
for lack of a correct address.

Those of you who are receiving a copy of
the Membership Handbook will not get
one through the mail. This is privileged
information and I am recording to whom
they are being given. Please let me know of
any errors you discover so we can avoid the
same next time.

In closing may I ask that if there is any
additional information you would like to
have included in the "Membership Hand-
book" you tell me about it. If you do it will

certainly be considered. There are a
number of items already under con-
sideration for the next edition two years
hence.

Respectfully submitted, I move the
acceptance of this report.

Circulation Department Annual Report. For 1976 (3)

The Board of Governors decision to
permit the disposal of older issues of
TOPICS at 'bargain' prices has had very
satisfactory results. Your Circulation
Manager was able to make several sub-
stantial sales which helped to deplete his
overwhelming stock.

Our Canadian Post Office employees
again saw fit to play havoc with the
mailing of TOPICS, by calling yet another
strike in 1976.

Postal rates again increased and the
regular mailing of TOPICS as First Class
Mail is adding substantially to annual
expenses. We have been advised that
Postal rates will increase again next year.

The above report is respectfully sub-
mitted for acceptance.

R. F. Boudignon,
Circulation Manager

Annual Report of the Advertising Manager.

After our first full year of the Bimonthly
format for TOPICS, most of the problems
have been sorted out. The only persistent
source of difficulty, from my point of view
as advertising manager, is the occasional
late arrival of copy requiring either in-
convenience to the editor or delay for the
advertiser. However, there has been much
less delinquency than in the past and,
consequently, fewer irate advertisers.

At the direction of the Board of
Governors, an advertising contract has
been drawn up so that both we and our
advertisers may know, in advance, what is
expected and so that we both can plan
accordingly. Most of our contract ad-
vertisers have returned the forms sent out
in mid-April. I appeal to those who have
not, to do so as soon as possible.

As I noted in my last report, advertising
rates had to be increased and so they were,

as of 1 January 1977. An across-the-board increase of 50% was made, our first increase in six years. Projected advertising revenue for the period July 1976 - June 1977 is \$3127.58; no meaningful comparison to the previous year can be made since the number of issues varies. Respectfully submitted,

Arthur H. Groten M.D.,
Advertising Manager.

Annual Library Report.

A new Library Listing has been completed for publication, and will be in the hands of the Library Committee in January 1978. Major articles appearing in TOPICS, MAPLE LEAVES, and the CANADIAN PHILATELIST have been incorporated into this new listing. Cumulative lists of the mentioned Journals have been sent by subject to the Small Queen Study Group, which has been published and a similar listing to the Canadian Forces Mail Study Group. Other Specialized Study Groups within the BNAPS will receive similar listing from this Department in the future.

Requests for literature from the Library has been about the same as last year with the majority of requests being received during the summer months.

No binding has been done in the past year, a number of volumes have been prepared for binding in the coming year.

I would like to thank those on behalf of the Society who have donated literature and funds for the improvement of our Library.

In closing I wish Stewart Kenyon and his committee a very successful convention.

Michael J. Squirell

Report of the Chairman of the Library Board

On behalf of the Society it is once again my pleasure to thank our Librarian, Michael Squirell for the excellent job he has done in looking after the Library. Unfortunately, his report is not at the convention but will be forwarded to the Secretary in a few days.

Respectfully submitted
V. G. Greene, Chairman

Report of Sales Division 1976-77

As of July 1976, we began the year with 150 books on circuit. During the following 12 months we entered 107 new books and retired 95, leaving a total of 162. Sales amounted to \$7,536.00. This could have been increased somewhat except for the disruption of my moving my residence back and forth out of the country. Thus unfortunate circumstance has caused me to relinquish the Circuit Managers position. To reduce the turnover problems somewhat I have subsequently reduced the circuits on hand to 100 thereabouts.

When troubles begin they come from all quarters. After having the Post Office lose a circuit, we have been dogged with a rather large number of substitutions this past 12 months — unheard of in previous years. Also a case of forging another member's number. The losses to members and the club have been considerable amounting to over \$1,000.00. The offenders of course are hurting fellow members as well as the club.

I sincerely appreciate the cooperation from all our loyal contributors who regularly send a good supply of material when called upon and hope you so continue with the new manager. Respectfully submitted,

John Payne.

Report of the Chairman of the Handbooks Committee

During the past year there has been only limited activity by the Handbook Committee. The Committee now includes Jim Lehr, Ed Richardson and Bill Rockett.

There has been nothing new on Dr. Moffatt's book on squared circles for some time.

There was an exchange of correspondence with Ken Pugh in an endeavor to come to some agreement for publishing his new book on BNA Fakes & Forgeries. In the end Ken decided to "go it alone".

Due to business pressures, the writer has asked the President to seek a chairman who is prepared to give more time to this committee.

George Wegg, Chairman,
Handbook Committee

Report of the Membership Committee for the year 1976-77

During the year 1976-77 the Membership Committee received 100 applications requiring investigation from the Secretary. Of that number, 93 have been accepted for membership, and 3 applicants were not accepted. The remaining 4 applicants have investigations in varying degrees of completeness. The most common grounds for disapproval of applicants for membership was the applicants failure to provide references. Respectfully submitted.

C. A. Stillions.

Joint U.S. & Canada Publicity Committee Report

Submitted by C. Russell McNeil for Canada and Dr. Ian Taylor for the U.S.

(1) On March 1st, I wrote to the BNAPEX '77 Publicity director asking for room reservation cards, in lieu of using the form to fill out appearing in TOPICS, as I, myself, no doubt, feel as others may, do not wish to mutilate the periodical. I had no reply to this request.

(2) On March 4th, 1977 our correspondence crossed in the mails. I received a letter from BNAPEX '77 Publicity Director advising of the Date, Place and Theme of the Edmonton Convention; also, stating I would be kept informed as to the developments as soon as they were a positive realization.

(3) Not having heard anything further, on June 27, 1977, I wrote to BNAPEX '77 Publicity director asking for more details to pass along, as in former years, to the Secretaries of the different Philatelic Societies and Stamp Clubs, in time to have it appear in their periodicals to Members. No Acknowledgement!

Not to be daunted by this, I requested and obtained coverage of this event in 1 Canadian Newspaper (appeared 4 times) and 2 Canadian Philatelic Magazines. However, it was only a skeleton notice — Date, Place and Theme, as that is all I had to work with.

I miss the cooperation of former Executives, who had, at least, the courtesy

to acknowledge correspondence, whether it be favourable to negative.

U.S.A. Publicity comes under the guidance of Canadian Publicity and awaits advice from Canada re the progress of plans for the Convention. How can we do a good job without the cooperation of the Convention Committee? Consequently U.S.A. publicity suffers along with Canadian publicity.

Though absentees, we extend our warmest wishes that the 1977 Convention will be one of the best. We shall miss the fellowship enjoyed in previous years.

We move this report be accepted as read.

The motion was duly seconded and approved unanimously.

Report on the Winner of the President's Certificate for 1976

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 1976 by their proposers determines that the winner this year is member number 249, WILMER C. ROCKETT.

Report on the Winner of the Vincent G. Greene Award for 1976

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 sixteen persons resulted in twelve responses. The tabulation of these responses determines that the winner this year is member number 2010, ALLAN L. STEINHART.

President's Report

1977 has had its usual ups and downs with problems in getting **Topics** out on-time etc. I am appointing a Committee to

study ways and means of getting better delivery of **Topics** to the membership.

Chairmen of the Handbook and Study groups have asked to be relieved of their duties and I have appointed Mike Dicketts to take over the Handbook Chairmanship and Larry Paige to take over as Chairman of the Study Groups. John Payne our Sales Manager also asked to be replaced and as yet this job is open. (Since the meeting in Edmonton, Mr. Charles Aubin of Calgary has signified his desire to become Sales Manager and this changeover is now in progress.)

Through the generous gift of a member through the Essay Proof Society we are going to establish a BNAPS Foundation and I have appointed a committee to look into the mechanics of this. Committees are also being appointed to look into the following areas: Insurance needs, increase in revenue, and Honorary members.

The Order of the Beaver has also been made an official honor in BNAPS.

We are in good shape as for future conventions and we plan to participate in Capex by having a lounge and also a program during Capex.

I wish to thank all those who have helped to keep BNAPS running this past year and you will hear from me in **Topics** as events take place which are of interest to you all.

Report of the Editors, BNA Topics

From comments and letters received we believe your magazine has become more lively and interesting in the past two years. This is not an editorial pat on the back. We can only thank all contributors for their sustained interest in **TOPICS**.

We have welcomed several new contributors during the year. The following are a few chosen at random:

The manager and staff of the National Postal Museum in Ottawa have provided us with some magnificent, original manuscripts; Fred Stulberg shares with readers his own erudition in a regular column; Michael Dicketts, a former **TOPICS** editor, has reintroduced the

Perfin column; Alfred Cook provides historical notes on the Jubilee issue.

Established contributors are not taken for granted. To the contrary, they are another mainstay of the journal's success. They include many individuals, as well as the Study Groups: Semi Official Airmails, Squared Circle, RPO's, Military, Beaver Byline etc.

There are Study Groups we'd like to hear from more frequently. What has happened to the Flag Cancellations? And we are not on the mailing list for all the Study Group newsletters — the Revenue newsletter, for example. Further to bolster the editorial content, more frequent reports to the membership from various committees of BNAPS would be more than welcome. Most of them provide annual reports. In many instances a quarterly report would be relevant.

Respectfully submitted,

— Derek Hayter
— Alan Steinhart

OFFICIAL NOTICE

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION
adopted 15 September 1977.
To Article III - MEMBERSHIP, add Section 10a
after Section 10:

Section 10a SUSPENSION

If a member is charged in a criminal or penal court of any offense whatsoever concerning philatelic matters, the Board of Governors shall automatically suspend such member immediately upon the Secretary being notified of the charge or charges. Such suspension to be in effect pending the final outcome of the trial.

CORRECTIONS TO CONSTITUTION AS PRINTED IN THE 1977 Membership Directory

1. The second paragraph of Article IV, Section 3. ELECTIONS should read as follows:

Nominations for the offices to be elected may be filed with the Secretary by any Regional Group of the Society or by any five (5) members in good standing in time, at least, for publication in **BNA TOPICS** scheduled for release ninety (90) days before the opening of the Convention and Annual Meeting of such election year.

2. Article XII - AMENDMENTS should read as follows:

The Board of Governors shall have the power to amend the Certificate of Incorporation, and the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society.

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NEW MEMBERS

- 3616 Chen, Thomas, 87 Kowalchuk Cr., Regina, Sask. S4R 6W7
3622 Stryjok, Michael D., 921 - 9th St, (P.O. Box 1500), Humboldt, Sask. S0K 2A0
3632 Kiss, Dr. Andrew, 316 St. Clair Ave. W., Toronto, Ont. M5P 1N2
3634 Hewitt, Chauncey, Box 7576, Colorado Springs, CO 80933
3635 Thomas, Charles B., P.O. Box 1210, Claresholm, Alta. T0L 0T0
3637 Adams, James M., 3520 - 31 St. N.W., Apt. 902 S. Tower, Calgary, Alta. T2L 2A4
3641 Grimm, Paul H., Box 68, Windsor, N.S. B0N 2T0
3645 Dussault, Pierre, 1273 Carswell, Ste-Foy, Que. G1W 3R4

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| 3627 Tremblay, Roger Yves | 3658 Coulson, George | 3675 Martin, Betty J. |
| 3639 Dymia, Michael | 3663 Peroff, Dr. John | 3676 Wolf, Philip |
| 3648 Harriman, Gregory V. | 3664 Hogman, William C. | 3677 Stewart, J. L. |
| 3650 Carr, Ronald I. MD | 3665 McLaren, Scott | 3678 Burns, P. J. |
| 3652 Stager, Phillip J. | 3666 Cochrane, William | 3679 Smegal, Edward |
| 3653 Sisman, John Eades | 3667 Clark, Beverlie | 3680 Stuart, O. G. |
| 3654 Stirtsinger, Gordon | 3668 Shumway, Dr. H. Chad | 3681 Toner, Lee |
| 3655 Trimble, Ralph E. | 3669 Upshall, William Jacob | 3682 White, John W. |
| 3657 Anderman, Michael | 3670 Krawec, Terry J. | 3683 Prichard, LTC D. M. C. |
| 3659 Seymour, Eric G. | 3671 Arndt, F. Jeffrey Scott | 3661 Day, John Edward |
| 3660 Drury, Mrs. E. M. | 3672 Malenfant, Cecile | 3662 Dory, Alsdar B. |
| 3673 O'Bryan, Joseph T. | 3674 Arnold, Cary B. | |

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(C - collector; D - dealer; C-D - Collector-Dealer following the address)

- 3684 Cunningham, Gerald J., Apt. 109C, 1137 Royal York Rd., Islington, Ont. M9A 4A7 C Canada, Canadiana, Canada varieties. Proposed by J. A. Hennok 2447; seconded by A. L. Steinhart 2010.
- 3685 MacRae, Ian C., 239 Smythe St., Fredericton, N.B. E3B 3C7 C New Brunswick postal history. Proposed by J. G. McCleave 2386; seconded by R. S. Langstroth 1539.
- 3686 Kennedy, Jack, 480 Crescent St., St. Lambert, Que. J4P 1Y9 C Canada mint - plate blocks and singles; P.E.I. mint & used singles. Proposed by E. J. Whiting L-61.
- 3687 Hillnor, John M., 1401 - 135 Antibes Dr., Willowdale, Ont. N2R 2Z1 C Canada precancels mint & used, coils mint. Proposed by R. H. Jamieson 2118; seconded by W. B. Flemming.
- 3688 Twan, Lyle D., R.R. No. 1, Lumby, B.C. V0E 2C0 C Canada revenues, B.C. Laws, Supreme Court; Semi-official airm; Canadian, Scandinavia. Proposed by W. C. Rockett 249; seconded by J. C. St. Laurent 1006.
- 3689 Raunborg, John D., P.O. Box 1783, Oklahoma City, OK 73101 C Canadian revenues, U.S. & Canada singles. Proposed by W. C. Rockett 249.
- 3690 Blackburn, Peggy N., P.O. Box 7246, Punipero & 6th, Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA 93921 D General foreign & US, supplies, retail, mail-order, store. Proposed by E. J. Whiting L-61.
- 3691 Hewitt, Maurice C., 4 Anglesey Blvd., Apt. 205, Islington, Ont. K9A 3B3 C Canadian First Flights, Semi-Officials, Balloon & Rocket & Space covers. Proposed by J. A. Hennok 2447; Seconded by A. L. Steinhart 2010.
- 3692 Proulx, Daniel, P.O. Box 1261, Station B, Montreal, Que. N3B 3K9 C Canada mint; singles, sheets, plate blocks, precancelled, tagged, coils, seals. Complete booklets, stationery entires, airmails, correspondence exchange. Proposed by E. J. Whiting L-61.
- 3693 Hutton, David Greig, 180 Pontiac Ave., Oshawa, Ont. L1G 3H3 C Australia & Canada, stamps, covers and postal history. Proposed by A. L. Steinhart 2010; seconded by J. A. Hennok 2447.

- 3694 Caffrey, John C., 48 Park Ave., Suffern, NY 10901 C Canada booklets & definitives, Newfoundland, classic B.W.I. Proposed by E. J. Whiting L-61.
- 3695 Pefhany, Spehro, 213 Roncesvalles Ave., Toronto, Ont. M6R 2L6 C Canada. Proposed by J. A. Hennok 2447; seconded by A. L. Steinhart 2010.
- 3696 Rudolph, Elmer E., 1809 - 8th Ave., New Westminster, B.C. V3H 2S9 C Classic Canada. Proposed by J. T. Bush 3625; seconded by J. W. Willard 2052.
- 3697 Balough, Maj. Joseph J., 9108 McFall, El Paso, TX 79925 C Perfins. Proposed by E. A. Richardson 168; seconded by B. L. Shapiro 3200.

REPLACED ON THE ROLLS

- 3295 Basque, Denis, P.O. Box 9, Robertville, N.B. E0B 2K0
- 3134 Bataille, Gerald V., 33300 Pine Tree Rd., Pepper Pike, OH 44124
- 2827 Braun, Alfons, 13565 King George Hwy., Surrey, B.C. V3T 2V1
- 2200 Brown, Ken. A. MD, 86 Elvaston Dr., Toronto, Ont. B4A 1H6
- 3307 Bustin, Robin, Box 18, Hebron, N.S. B0W 1X0
- 2732 Coe, Kenneth R., 2638 Iris St., Ottawa, Ont. K2C 1E5
- 3020 Collins, Robert A., Box 434, Stettler, Alta. T0C 2L0
- 2066 Ferguson, Mrs. Beulah H., Apt. 714 Park Lane Hotel, 111 Cooper St., Ottawa, Ont. K2P 2E3
- 3070 Fisk, Arnold Roy, Apt. 1, 410 Third St. No., Kenora, Ont. P9N 2M1
- 2956 Gough, Maurice C., 3 Mandeville Close, Watford, WD1 3BF, England
- 2556 Grigson, Roger, 75 Clarence Rd., Windsor, Berks, England
- 3517 Hall, Richard S., 155 Murray St., Rochester, NY 14606
- 2304 Harris, James P., P.O. Box 3646, Wilmington, NC 28401
- 2742 Hawley, James Earle, 47 Maple Blvd., Bible Hill, Truro, N.S. B2N 4X4
- 2499 Hedley, Matt, 1419 Speers Ave., San Mateo, CA 94403
- 2972 Hennick, Martin Joseph, 2230 Tallman Ave., Burlington, Ont. L7R 1R3
- 3368 Higgs, Roger J. E., 30 Godstone Rd., Apt. 1401, Willowdale, Ont. M2J 3C6
- 3477 Iwasienko, Michael, 850 Flora Ave., Winnipeg, Man. R2X 0A8
- 2138 Jones, Don I., P.O. Box 160, Cloyne, Ont. K0N 1K0
- 2916 Kassel, Thomas, P.O. Box 130, Milwaukee, WI 53201
- 3160 Kennedy, Peter R., 70 Truman Rd., Willowdale, Ont. M2L 2L6
- 3314 Kimmerly, Ian, 103 James St., Ottawa, Ont. K1R 5M2
- 342 Kirchoff, Arthur C., 36471 Almont Ct., Sterling Heights, MI 48077
- 1906 Kliman, Murray MD, 4215 Cambie St., Vancouver, B.C. V5Z 2Y3
- 3565 Kolcz, Fred J., 25 W. 657 Prairie, Wheaton, IL 60187
- 3513 Lubinski, Mieczyslaw, 8 Attercliff Ct., Rexdale, Ont. H9V 1R7
- 2833 Machin, Frank R., Box 1628, Victoria, B.C. V8W 2H7
- 3091 Mallek, Ed., 901 - 5411 Vine St., Vancouver, B.C. V6H 3Z7
- 239 McGuire, J. W., 70 Church St., Montrose, Pa 18801
- 3146 Miller, Fred, 6411 Port Royal, San Antonio, TX 78244
- 2090 Murphy, Brian D., 204 Springfield Rd., Rockcliffe Park, Ottawa, Ont. K1M 0K9
- 2891 Newman, Skeith J., 2 - 21 Castlefield Ave., Toronto, Ont. M4R 1G3
- 3094 Osattin, Dr. Norris R., 727 Harbor Island, Clearwater, FL 33515
- 2384 Paige, Larry R., 1145 Shillelagh Rd., Chesapeake, VA 23323
- 1471 Poole, Charles, 5 Mayo Ave., Ottawa, Ont. K2E 6X3
- 3130 Porter, J. W., 6 Eagle Ridge Dr., Calgary, Alta. T2V 2V4
- 3387 Skrepknek, Raymond J., Box 1295, Port Elgin, Ont. N0N 2C0
- 877 Steiner, Robert N., P.O. Box 119, Ancaster, Ont. L9G 3L3
- 2842 Sweeten, Ronald John, R.R. No. 4, Trenton, Ont. K8V 5P7
- 2754 Symmes, William D., 1275 - 15th St., Apt. 195, Fort Lee, NJ 07024
- 2867 Templeton, R. L., P.O. Box 1537, St. John's, Nfld. A1C 5N8
- 2628 Tomlinson, John G., P.O. Box 4889, Nassau, Bahamas
- 3256 Trimmer, V. R., 8620 E. Windsor Ave., Scottsdale, AZ 85257
- 1027 Vatrous, John N., 6 Boxwood Ct., Trenton, NJ 08628
- 846 Young, James N., 1059 Scenic Dr., Hamilton, Ont. L9C 1E8
- 3328 Yow, Lee R., 1332 Sherbrooke Ave., Kamloops, B.C. V2B 1E9

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

- 3510 Alden, Philip S., 60 Reservoir St., Apt. 213, Brockton, MA 02401
- L-622 Barron, Richard, Palm Springs Mobile Home Park, 296 Avenida Andorra, Cathedral City, CA 92234
- 3536 Bastedo, David B., P.O. Box 980, Station K, Toronto, Ont. M4P 2V3
- 3308 Cowan, Ian McTaggart, 3919 Woodhaven Ter., Victoria, B.C. V8N 1S7
- 1646 Crawford, Douglas A., 50 Thompson Ave., Toronto, Ont. M8Z 3R3
- 2915 Dowsley, M. Cpl. M. F., Box 2316, CFPO 5000, KOK 3R0
- 3343 Ecobichon, Donald J., 185 - 52nd Ave., Lachine, Que. R8T 2K1

- 2263 Edwards, Edward D., **Lake Hill, Ulster Country, NY 12448**
 1995 Gareau, John M., **1420 Carlyle Rd. S.W., Calgary, Alta. T2V 2V1**
 2816 Gelinas, J. **Armand MD, 7623 Cumberland Rd., Largo, FL 33543**
 2816 Hart, Peter F. MD, **93 Lonsdale Rd., Toronto, Ont. M4V 1W4**
 3393 Hendershott, Gary, **P.O. Box 17404, San Antonio, TX 78217**
 2146 Jackson, LTC R. F., **2216 Louisiana Ave., Ottawa, Ont. K1H 6T6**
 283 Jarrett, Fred, **27 Don Woods Dr., Toronto, Ont. H4H 2E9**
 3095 Loneragan, Brian, **6355 Kingsway No. 303, Burnaby, B.C. V5E 1C6**
 3470 Low, David J., **P.O. Box 1791, Winnipeg, Man. R3C 3B1**
 3564 McMahon, Thomas W., **The Stamp Den Reg'd., P.O. Box 546, Iainngton, Ont. M9A 4X4**
 2176 Sanguinetti, Naughton E., **7108 Partridge Hill Row, New Port Richey, FL 33552**
 L-2461 Tannenbaum, Martin M., **1435 York Ave., New York, NY 10021**
 2362 Thompson, Frank S., **407 - 1020 Burdett Ave., Victoria, B.C. V8V 3H1**
 3575 White, Owen L., **P.O. Box 860, Station K, Toronto, Ont. M4P 2H2**

RESIGNATIONS RECEIVED AND ACCEPTED

(This supersedes prior listing as being dropped)

- 2535 Kamiyama, Robert, **P.O. Box 742, FPO, Seattle, WA 98773**
 3476 Pearson, Albert N., **179 Deerwood Dr., Thompson, Man. R8N 1E4**
 3535 Smith, H. Arthur III, **128 Voorhees Ave., Pennington, NJ 08534**
 3004 Holeton, Rev. David R., **1351 W. 15th St., North Vancouver, B.C. V7P 1E2**

DECEASED

- 854 Holmes, Dr. Ralph Jerome, **25E Rossmorr Dr., Jamesburg, NJ 08831**

MEMBERSHIP RECAP

Members as of 15 June 1977	1439
New Members	8
Members replaced on the Rolls	46
	54
	1493
Resignations received & accepted (previously shown as Dropped)	4
Deceased	1
Members as of 1 August 1977	1492
Applications pending	35
Applications for Membership	15
	49
	1541

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NEW MEMBERS

- 3639 Dynia, Michael, **2544 Montgomery, Montreal, Que. H2K 2S4**
 3648 Harriman, Gregory V., **1910 S.E. Stark St., Portland, OR 97214**
 3650 Carr, Ronald I. MD, **3800 E. Colfax Ave., Denver, CO 80206**
 3652 Stager, Phillip J., **Apt. 230, 700 Seventh St. S.W., Washington, DC 20024**
 3654 Stirtzinger, Gordon, **R.R. No. 3, St. Catharines, Ont. L2R 6P9**
 3655 Trimble, Ralph E., **126 Burrows Hall Blvd., Agincourt, Ont. M1B 1M6**
 3657 Anderman, Michael, **Apt. 706, 11307 - 99 Ave., Edmonton, Alta. T5K 0H2**
 3658 Coulson, George, **125 Traverse St., Waterbury, CT 06704**
 3659 Seymour, Eric G., **3-273 Phillips St., Kingston, Ont. K7K 3A3**
 3660 Drury, Mrs. E. M., **127 Allenby Ave., Rexdale, Ont. M9W 1T2**
 3661 Day, John Edward, **19134 Cherry Creek Rd., Auburn, CA 95603**
 3662 Dory, Aladar B., **329 Stowe Ct., Kanata, Ont. K2K 1Z6**
 3663 Peroff, Dr. John, **360 Camelot Dr., North Bay, Ont. P1A 3K7**
 3664 Wegman, William G., **10 Hilltop Dr., Manotick, Ont. K0A 2N0**
 3665 McLaren, Scott, **1567 Sedlescomb Dr., Mississauga, Ont. L4X 1M5**
 3666 Cochrane, William, **13 Edgebrook Rd., Ottawa, Ont. K2H 6C2**

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3667	Clark, Beverlie	3679	Smegal, Edward	3690	Blackburn, Peggy M.
3668	Shumway, Dr. R. Chad	3680	Stuart, O. G.	3691	Hewitt, Maurice C.
3669	Upshall, William Jacob	3681	Toner, Lee	3692	Proulx, Daniel
3670	Krawec, Terry J.	3682	White, John W.	3693	Hutton, David Greig
3671	Arndt, F. Jeffrey Scott	3683	Prichard, Ltc. D. M. C.	3694	Caffrey, John G.
3672	Malenfant, Cecile	3684	Cunningham, Gerald J.	3695	Pefhany, Spehro
3673	O'Bryan, Joseph T.	3685	MacRae, Ian C.	3696	Rudolph, Elmer E.
3674	Arnold, Gary D.	3686	Kennedy, Jack	3697	Balough, Maj. Joseph J.
3675	Martin, Betty J.	3687	Hillmer, John M.		
3676	Wolf, Philip	3688	Twan, Lyle D.		
3677	Stewart, J. L.	3653	Sisman, John Eades		

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(Following the address a C - collector, D - dealer, C-D collector-dealer.)

- 3698 Kenyon, Bruce W., 580 Boca Ciega Point Blvd. S., St. Petersburg, FL 33708 C B.N.A., U.S., U.N., Some Topicals (Americana, primarily). Proposed by E. J. Whiting L-61.
- 3699 Cherry, Thomas J., Box 667, Ladysmith, B.C. V0R 2E0 C Canada, British Columbia, 19 & 20 cents. mint singles & blocks, plate blocks, coils, OHMS - G, mint booklet panes, precancels, mint airmails, semi-official, literature, specialty: large & small queens and modern classics. Proposed by G. F. Hansen 2203.
- 3700 Cornelius, Gary L., 16 Sharon St., St. Catharines, Ont. L2N 3J4 C Canada, Newfoundland, 19 & 20 cent, mint & used, 1st day covers, plate blocks, coils, OHMS - G, mint & used airmails. Proposed by G. F. Hansen 2203.
- 3701 Mitchell, Donald, 195-E Kings Rd., North Vancouver, B.C. V7H 1H4 C-D Canada & Newfoundland & British Columbia mint never hinged singles & blocks; pre-stamp, stampless & 1st flight covers; plate blocks; OHMS - G; complete booklets; precancels; federal & B.C. revenues; RPO, flag, slogan, squared-circle, and broken ring cancels. Proposed by F. R. Hadley 1274, seconded by S. J. Horton 923.
- 3702 Deaton, Suzan M., 1404 Hardouin, Austin, TX 78703 C Victorian period of B.N.A. Proposed by J. W. Talbut 3540, seconded by L. W. Brandom 1357.
- 3703 Warren, Richard D., P.O. Box 276, Philomont, VA 22131 D Classic and postally used Revenues and "back of book". Proposed by J. S. Siverts 59, seconded by H. W. Harrison 1501.
- 3704 Gibbons, Edward S., 818 W. Pine St., Lodi, CA 95240 C Postal history, literature, covers, postal stationery. Proposed by E. J. Whiting L-61.
- 3705 Manchee, E. B., 2420 Rector Ave., Ottawa, Ont. K2C 1M3 C Canada and provinces; mint, used singles and postal history items. Proposed by S. W. MacLeod 3407, seconded by A. M. Palochik 3287.
- 3706 Eldridge, John D., 1 Oak St., Apt. 1402, Dartmouth, N.S. B3A 1Y7 C Centennials & precancels. Proposed by E. J. Whiting L-61.
- 3707 Lundy, James B., No. 28 - 3049 Glencrest Rd., Burlington, Ont. L7N 3K1 C Canadian used, mint singles & plate blocks. Proposed by F. L. Billings 645, seconded by A. A. Clark 3342.
- 3708 Wiseman, James P., 1 Prince Albert Arms, Mynarski Park, Alta. T0M 1N0 C Canada - mint/ used - revenues - stationery - precancels, also same categories of U.S.A.; United Nations. Proposed by W. C. Rockett 249.
- 3710 White, Virginia, Box 2261, Springhill, N.S. B0M 1X0 C Canada, provinces - mint & used, revenues, N.S. cancellations; earlier Canadian. Proposed by W. C. Rockett 249.
- 3709 Ericson, Richard G., 1313 Como Park Way, Modesto, CA 95305 C British North America used stamps and covers. Proposed by E. J. Whiting L-61.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

- 2598 Kaasalainen, Maj. Ernie Y., P.O. Box 257, Postal Station B, Ottawa, Ont. K1P 6C4.
- 1996 Keim, Peter M., P.O. Box 7540, Menlo Park, CA 94025.
- 2975 Lemire, Robert James, Box 549, Pinawa, Man. R0E 1L0.
- 3329 Murphy, William J., c/ o Mr. Charles E. Wood, Hawkwood Rd., R.F.D. No. 1, Chester, NH 03036.
- 2415 Narbonne, R. F., Box 102, Summerside, P.E.I. C1N 4P6.
- 1778 Padbury, Melvern H., 18 Somerset Mews, 1177 Kingfisher Dr., Richmond, B.C. V7E 3T1.
- 1719 Seidel, Raymond E. MD, 1801 Porter St., Philadelphia, PA 19145.
- 3258 Sessions, David F., 32 Bayswater Ave., Westbury Park, Bristol, BS6 7NT England.
- 2869 Anderson, Leon S., 2288 Ronda Vista Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90027.
- 3255 Gordon, D. J., 178 Scottsdale Dr., Guelph, Ont. N1G 2K8.
- 3469 Thompson, Violet Mary, 5870 Sunset St., Apt. 311, Burnaby, B.C. V5G 4A2.

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3627 Tremblay, Roger Yves	3681 Toner, Lee	3696 Rudolph, Elmer E.
3667 Clark, Beverlie	3682 White, John W.	3697 Balough, Joseph J.
3668 Shumway, Dr. R. Chad	3683 Prichard, D. M. C.	3698 Kenyon, Bruce W.
3669 Upshall, William Jacob	3684 Cunningham, Gerald J.	3699 Cherry, Thomas J.
3670 Krawec, Terry J.	3685 MacRae, Ian C.	3700 Cornelius, Gary L.
3671 Arndt, F. Jeffrey S.	3686 Kennedy, Jack	3701 Mitchell, Donald
3672 Malenfant, Cecile	3687 Hillmer, John M.	3702 Deaton, Suzan M.
3673 O'Bryan, Joseph T.	3688 Twan, Lyle D.	3703 Warren, Richard D.
3674 Arnold, Gary D.	3689 Raunborg, John D.	3704 Gibbons, Edward S.
3675 Martin, Betty J.	3690 Blackburn, Peggy M.	3705 Manchec, E. B.
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- 3712 Meis, Lester A., 25 Jade Dr., Victoria, TX 77901 C Canada. Proposed by B. L. Shapiro 3200, seconded by E. A. Richardson 168.
- 3713 Collier, Vera J., 203 S. 22nd St., Donna, TX 78537 D Canada. Proposed by G. W. Collier 3559, seconded by E. J. Whiting L-61.
- 3714 Richards, Wildred S., 116 - 3rd St., Saskatoon, Sask. S7H 1L1 C Western Canada Postal History. Proposed by G. F. Hansen 2203, seconded by D. Fraser L-2145.
- 3715 Elliot, J. Ross, 60 Regal Rd., Dartmouth, N.S. B2W 4H6 C 3c small Queens, Squared Circles, 2-ring numerals, MNH Canda & Provinces. Proposed by J. G. Aldous 2755, seconded by R. B. Mitchell 2414.
- 3716 Legris, Yvon, 5817 Madore St., Montreal, Que. H1M 1H3 C Canada, Revenues, Stationery. Proposed by W. C. Rockett 249.
- 3717 Romeo, Perry, Box 378, Revelstoke, B.C. V0E 2S0 C Large & small Queens, Provinces. Proposed by R. A. Lee 2470.
- 3718 Woodward, Len, 47 Skyline Dr., Dundas, Ont. L9H 3S3 C Canada & provinces mint, used & covers. Proposed by D. M. Verity 2312
- 3719 Whatling, Joan, 11902 Fairbury Dr., Houston, TX 77089 Canada. Proposed by E. A. Richardson 168, seconded by B. L. Shapiro 3200.

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3644 Atkinson, F. George, P.O. Box 427, N. D. G. Station, Montreal, Que. H4A 3P7.
3496 Britton, David, 10 Wellesley Ave., Toronto, Ont. M4X 1V3.
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3249 Chapman, Paul M., Box 5278, Station A, Calgary, Alta. T2H 1X6.
3468 Emery, Charles Owen, P.O. Box 1242, Coquitlam, B.C. V3J 6Z9.
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3465 Jansen, Guenter, 485 Hillcrest Ave., Ottawa, Ont. K2A 2M8
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2575 Laurence, Hugh, 817 Kate's Lane, Pickering, Ont. L1V 3C3.
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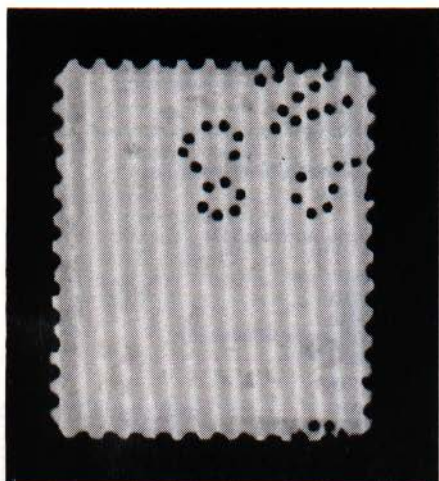
By Michael Dicketts

A number of readers have responded to my appeal for items for the column since its appearance in the May / June issue of **Topics**. I've also inherited some correspondence directed to Bob Woolley from members and it seems appropriate to deal with them first.

Jack Brandt of Calgary has sent a photograph of an Ontario stock transfer tax stamp with a two letter punch 'DR'. I don't know how the majority of collectors feel about items like these but I am inclined to omit them from any listing. To me a perfin, as the tag implies, is a stamp bearing the initials, or similar identifying device, of an organization, which has been

created by a series of perforating pins. Jack's stamp was clearly not created in this way. However there are three designs in the Handbook, A2, M24 and W16, which do not agree with my personal definition. I am unaware of the reasons for their inclusion so perhaps some of you would like to comment on the matter that Jack's report raises.

A more recent letter of member Brandt to Bob Woolley reports a new design on Scott No. 165. This is a poorly applied NS / Co but is nonetheless unique on Canadian stamps. Jack advises that this is recorded in the American catalogue as type C151 used by N. Shure Company of



N13 - NS/Co 2H5/4-1/2 N. Shure Co., Chicago, USA 1930 100

Chicago and I am accordingly listing it as N13. Jack must be congratulated on a rare find.

Stuart Clark of Winnipeg did some excellent detective work on tracing the movement of the CPR perforating machine (C26a) in the 1960's. Stuart's letter was address to Ken Rose following the latter's query in the June / July 1975 **Topics**, and I quote extensively from it.

"In February 1975 I checked this out . . . and learned from the mail room at

the CPR Station that the perforating machine had been moved to Montreal when the Treasury Dept., at Winnipeg moved to Montreal. A Mr. Lloyd McDonald advised that on November 15, 1964, this transfer took place. Up until this time at each point where there was a Treasury Dept., there was a perforating machine. The Winnipeg machine was taken to Montreal where it was used for large departments such as Winnipeg Telecommunications until November or December 1970. Smaller departments were permitted to buy stamps locally and used without being perforated. Mr. McDonald mentioned using machines in Montreal so I am wondering if he also took with him the Vancouver (C27) machine. . . . For your information the CNR at Winnipeg are still using their perforating machine."

Stuart's research should be read in conjunction with that supplied by David Hodges' fine study of perfin on the Centennial issue published in the May / June issue of this magazine.

That brings us about up-to-date as far as past correspondence goes, so if you have a comment, question or report write to me NOW.

**61 Alwington Avenue,
Kingston, Ont. K7L 4R4**

IN OLD CANADA

by FRED STULBERG

25, 29 and UNPAIDS 5

Although these numbers do not have a common numerical denominator, they do have something in common. They are all found on some letters mailed from Great

Britain to Canada from July 1, 1859 to January 16, 1868. However, in order to get the full story we must go back to 1855 and add a few more numbers.



Figure 1

Effective March 31, 1855 trans-Atlantic mail could be carried either by Canadian Packet to or from ports in Canada, or by Cunard Packet via American ports. The postage for each was different. Single letters by Canadian Packet were charged 6 pence sterling (British) which was equal to $7\frac{1}{2}$ pence currency (Canadian). By Cunard Packet the same letter required 8 pence stg. or 10 pence cy. This situation existed until July 1, 1859 at which time decimal currency was adopted in Canada and, although British rates were still expressed in sterling, those of Canada became $12\frac{1}{2}$ cents and 17 cents respectively. On January 16, 1868 the Cunard rate dropped to 15 cents.

A Post Office Department circular dated at Toronto on June 12th, 1859 confirms the rates as stated above and also sets out the change of rates from pence to cents. It also gives the following:

"Letters for the United Kingdom must be prepaid, or they will be charged a fine of 6d. on arrival in England."

From this we see that unpaid letters by either Canadian or Cunard Packet were

charged the appropriate postage together with a fixed fine that was not related to the type of conveyance. This meant that an unpaid letter by Canadian Packet would be assessed the $12\frac{1}{2}$ cents postage plus the $12\frac{1}{2}$ cents fine to a total of 25 cents (fig. 1). The same letter by Cunard would require 17 cents plus the same fine to a total of 29 cents (fig. 2). This, of course, would have to be paid by the recipient.

More light is shed on this subject in a letter dated June 18th, 1859 from the Post Office Department to E. Ritchie, postmaster at Hamilton.

It apparently was in answer to an inquiry about letters prepaid for Canadian Packet but went by the more expensive Cunard Packet. In part it stated:

"... when letters sufficiently prepaid by Canadian Packet . . . are forwarded to this Country by the Cunard Packets, the additional postage of 2d sterling only shall be added for collection on delivery here — without any fine as in the case of unpaid, or absolutely insufficiently prepaid letters . . . you will therefore have to put on a currency charge of



Figure 2



Figure 3

2½d. until 1st July — and after that date 5 cents.

From this we see that the fine for unpaid letters applied to letters in either direction as did all regulations concerning trans-Atlantic mail between Canada and Great Britain. It also explained the situation surrounding the UNPAID 5 charge (fig. 3).

The question arises whether these marks were applied at the place of origin or destination. A letter from the Post Office Department dated October 14th, 1858 to the postmaster at Princeton, C.W. throws some light on this problem. A portion of it reads:

"When the Mails for Great Britain

are made up at the five P. Offices in this Province known as the "Exchange English Mail Offices" (Montreal, Quebec, Toronto, Hamilton and Kingston) the (unpaid) letters are weighed in bulk . . . thus obviating the necessity of rating each particular letter. You will of course continue to rate your Paid Letters."

From this we can assume that unpaid trans-Atlantic mail was rated at its destination and markings such as 25, 29 and UNPAID 5 were noted on incoming mail at one of the five Exchange English Mail Offices in Canada.

PATRIOTIC POSTCARD SERIES: Best Wishes from Canada

By W. L. GUTZMAN

What could be more appropriate than sending your friends a card with "Best Wishes from Canada" printed right on it, and showing outstanding scenes from your city or your country? No wonder these cards were so popular for many years! They appear to have started in 1907 and were still being used during World War I.

The series were quite colourful, with their crest of Canada, and an assortment of pictorial views, bordered by a band of maple leaves in shades varying from yellow to red. At the base was the town or other title, and above this a male hand clasping that of a female.

The Valentine and Sons Publishing Co. printed these cards in Great Britain. The early cards were "Souvenir Post Card" with undivided backs, but by 1910 the divided backs made their appearance. The famous "V & Sons" two hemispheres

design then decorated the address side.

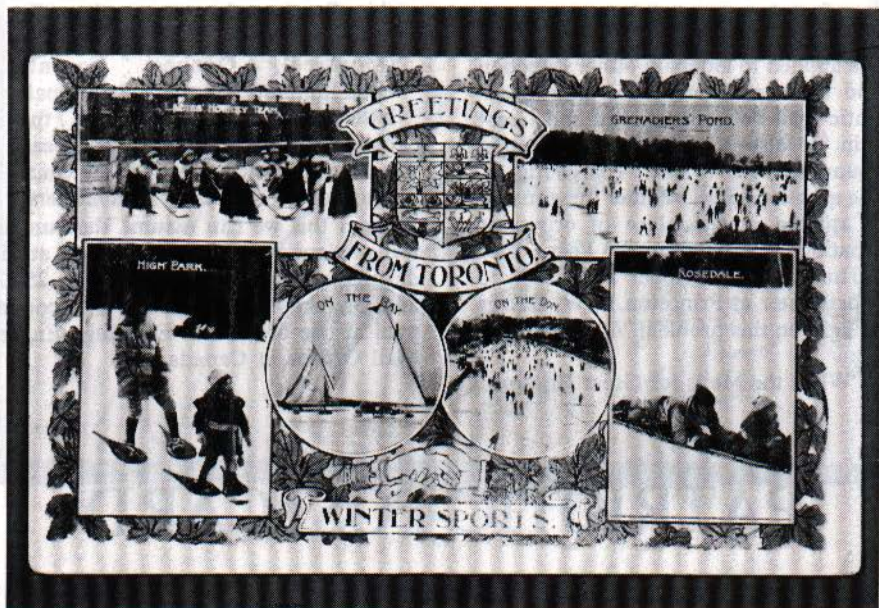
The only card I have which departs from the standard pattern is that of the "Hotel Cecil" in Edmonton which illustrates the hotel crest rather than the Canadian crest.

This series of cards can be broken down into these three basic designs according to the wording which appears, as follows:

(a)

Best Wishes from Canada

Galt	St. Catharines, Ont.
Halifax, N.S.	St. John, N.B.
Hamilton	Toronto (2)
Kingston, Can	Vancouver, B.C.
London	Victoria, B.C.
Montreal (2)	Winnipeg
Ottawa	
Hunting Scenes	The Rocky Mountains (2)





by CLAYTON HORN AND PATRICK H. GIBLIN, M.D.



Leave Wilbur Postcard League Member

To attend postcard conventions

Indian Types
Snow Scenes

Water Scenes
Winter Sports

(b)

Greetings from Canada

Brockville
Galt, Ont.
Hamilton, Can.

Kingston, Can.
London, Can.
Paris

(c)

Greetings from Brantford — Canada
Greetings from Stratford — Canada
Greetings from Kawartha Lakes —
Canada

Greetings from Land — of Evangeline
Greetings from Niagara Falls —
Great Gorge Route
Greetings from Toronto — Park Scenes
Greetings from Toronto —
Winter Sports

Greetings from — Niagara Falls
Greetings from — New Brunswick
Greetings from — Western Canada
The Hotel Cecil — Edmonton, Alta.

Collectors with additional types are requested to write the author, and supply a description. I shall later up-date these listings as well as others which have been published.

The Beaver Byline

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

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The 10c Albert had imprints placed on the plate following the November 1864 order, which corresponds to Calder's Order 18. Unlike the other values, on which the imprints were centered over stamps 3, 8, 21, 30, 71, 80, 93 and 98, the imprints on the 10c were placed straddling two plate positions for each of the 8 imprints, i.e. 2, 3; 8, 9; 11, 21; 20, 30; 71, 81; 80, 90; 92, 93 and 98, 99. The accompanying illustrations demonstrate the relationship between the imprints and the framelines of the underlying stamps. The

north margin imprints are quite similar but plating is aided by marginal guide dots in the NW corner. Note, also, that PP 3 contains the 'String of Pearls' flaw. Our article in the last issue of Topics contains illustrations of the appropriate East and West marginal guide dots. Further study is required before plating of single South margin stamps can be done but, fortunately for our purposes here, the imprints are placed differently enough to allow plating without other aids.

BNAPEX '77

The judges at BNAPEX '77 were three BNAPSers well known to the philatelic community and all respected for their knowledge of BNA philately, Dr. F. G. Stulberg, chairman of the jury, and vice-president of BNAPS, Robert H. Pratt, chairman of the board of BNAPS and Mr. William Maresch, noted dealer and auctioneer of many fine BNA properties.

The Grand Award was given to Fred Goodhelpsen for his exceptional showing of the 1859 10c Consorts. Gold awards were given to Guy des Rivieres for his exhibit of registration covers 1855-1875, Harry Lussey for the Large Queen issue of Canada and of course Fred Goodhelpsen. Vermeil medals were awarded Ed Harris for his pioneer prairie post offices, Allan Steinhart for his Special Delivery issues of Canada and Larry Paige for his Canadian Flag Cancellations. Mels Pelletier, Jim Pike and Harold Wilding were awarded silver medals. Silver-Bronze awards were presented to Beverlie Clark, Deirdre McKay, Trelle Morrow, Lee Brandon, Harold Price, and Stu Kenyon. Bronze awards were given to Earle Covert, Chuck Emery, Wilmer Rockett, Jacque Houser,

David Dixon and Harold Wilding.

There were many special study groups and lectures including seminars on small queens, flag cancellations, revenues, squared circles, military mail and the National Postal Museum. A cocktail party president's reception was held on Thursday evening. One of the highlights of the convention was an outdoor-indoor barbecue at old Fort Edmonton with a steak dinner. There was a special ceremony on Friday for the official issue of the new Sir Sandford Fleming stamp. The bourse was well attended with 30 dealers being present with wares for sale. The banquet and awards ceremony on Saturday evening were excellent as to food content and as to the guest speaker, The Honourable J. W. Grant MacEwan, who spoke on a history of the border between Canada and the United States of America both seriously and with many humorous anecdotes. The convention was extremely enjoyable to those who attended including your associate editor — except for a disagreement between my car and a deer.

It is not too early now to begin planning to attend next year's convention in Florida.

THE CANADIAN POSTAL CONTINGENT IN SOUTH AFRICA 1899-1900

by National Postal Museum



The Troops all ready to embark on the S.S. Sardinian. This photograph was taken from the side of Cape Diamond's celebrated Cliff at a point not far from where Montgomery fell in 1775. Across the St. Lawrence from Quebec City is the town of Levis.



GET RECRUITS AND HORSES.

Second Contingent Enlistment Still Continues.

CHIEF OF POSTAL STAFF.

Hamilton Man Gets the Coveted Appointment.

MAY NOT NEED 14 RECRUITS.

Major Hendrie Will Know Definitely To-night How Many More Men are Needed From Here List of Those Already Sworn In - The Patriotic Fund Rapidly Growing.

Every citizen of Hamilton will appreciate the honor conferred on our city by the Postmaster-General in the selection of Mr. W. R. Ecclestone, one of our local postal officials, as chief of five trained Canadian post-office clerks appointed to do duty in South Africa in connection with the British Army Postal Corps.

Mr. Ecclestone has had twenty-five years' experience in the Hamilton post-office, which, with his unquestioned ability and suavity of manner,



eminently qualifies him for the position, and he will no doubt, together with our Canadian soldier lads, sustain the honor and reputation of his native Canada. The Sanford Manufacturing Company has been entrusted with the manufacture of special uniforms for the postal unit, which will be completed in a few days.

Mr. Ecclestone is now busily engaged making preparations for his departure for his new and distant field of labor, and will sail with the second Canadian contingent about the 20th inst. His many friends wish him a safe voyage and a pleasant one; a short stay and a healthy one; a joyous return and a welcome one.

HAMILTON PATRIOTIC FUND.
Last evening the general committee of the movement to raise \$110,000

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The last great imperial effort to arouse the British Empire occurred in 1899 when the Dutch population of Southern Africa — the Boers — rebelled against the influx of foreigners. These immigrants — **Vitlanders** to the Boers — were mainly British, and with the discovery of the South African gold fields became so numerous that in October 1899 the incipient rebellion broke into open conflict.

Canada was swept by a patriotic fervour to assist the Mother Country. So many volunteered to serve in South Africa and public pressure was so great, that the Federal Government took the unprecedented step of authorizing the despatch of Canadian troops to aid the British.

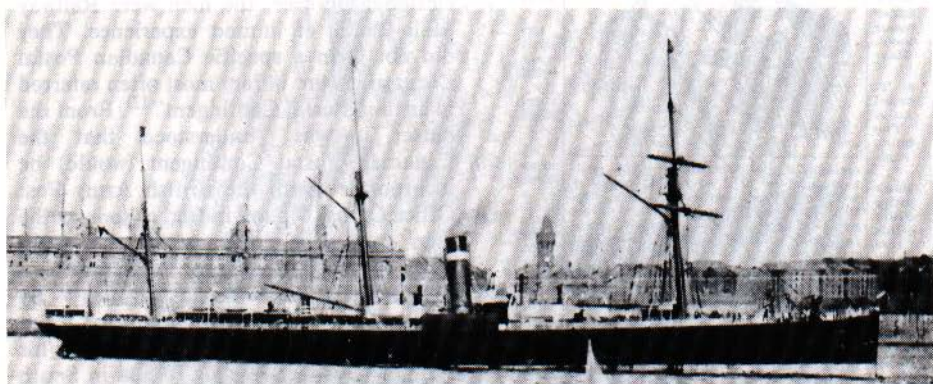
The First Canadian Contingent, of just over 1000 troops from all parts of Canada, sailed from Quebec on 30 October 1899 in the Allan Line ss. "Sardinian". It soon became apparent that the war would not end quickly, and so the Canadian Government's offer of a 2nd Contingent was quickly accepted by the British. This time also an offer, earlier rejected, to send an "Army Post Office Corps" was accepted (1).

Five men were sent to South Africa in charge of W. R. Ecclestone, then a twenty-four year veteran of the Hamilton Post Office.

Figure one gives an idea of the mood of the day, when his appointment was announced! With the exception of Ecclestone, however, the men were Railway Mail Clerks of limited experience. They did not form a specific Canadian Postal Corps and were in fact most often referred to as the "Postal Contingent" (2). From the outset it was "understood that the Canadian Postal Contingent (would) be incorporated with the British Army Post Office Corps" (3), and indeed as soon as the men arrived in South Africa they were given British Army ranks, Ecclestone as a Lieutenant and the other as privates (4). By the end of April Ecclestone had been promoted to Captain and three of his subordinates to Sergeant. While in South Africa they wore uniforms with the insignia of the British Army Post Office Corps (5).



"S.S. Monterey" leaving Halifax, N.S. with 2nd Contingent including the Strathcona Horse for South Africa, 17 March 1900.



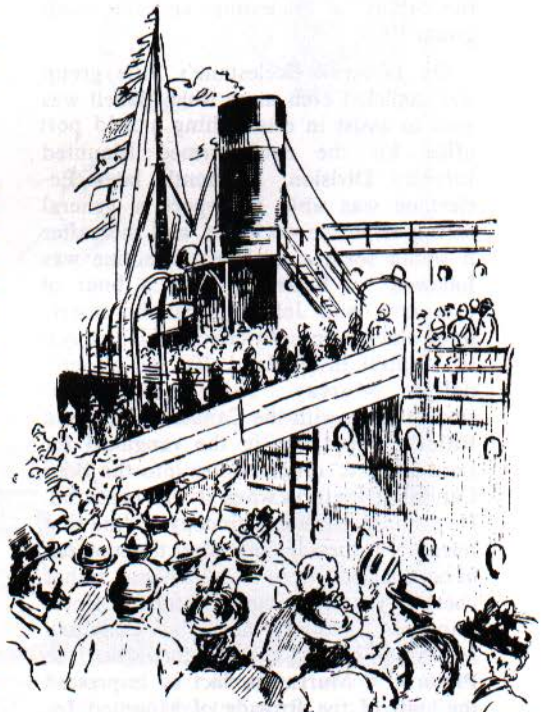
"S.S. Sardinian" [Allan Line]. First Canadian Contingent sailed from Quebec, 30 October 1899 in the "S.S. Sardinian".

The five men — Ecclestone, Rowen Johnston, Kenneth Alexander Murray, Thomas Byron Bedell, and Joseph Lallier — sailed with the Second Canadian Contingent from Halifax in the Allan Line ss "Laurentian" on 21 January 1900. The group took with it a rubber date-stamp inscribed "Canadian Contingent En Route South Africa"⁽⁶⁾. Using this date stamp the Contingent on 30 January pre-stamped a quantity of covers for use by the soldiers on board ship. This is the only date so far seen in connection with the "En Route" cachet; the covers must have been made up when Ecclestone discovered that the ship was to call at the Cape Verde Islands to land mails and cable for more horses. Ecclestone was "kept busy getting the mail ready, which was kept open until the last moment". About 1700 letters were eventually sent to a man-of-war in the harbour whose Captain undertook to transfer them "to the first mail-steamer going north"⁽⁷⁾. Many of these letters, which bore no stamps, were taxed 4 cents, indicating that the recipients had been assessed double the normal postage, free franking for the Forces not having been approved by then⁽⁸⁾. These markings were applied when the bags were first opened in Canada.

Not all the "En Route" pre-date stamped covers were used on the mails despatched from the Cape Verdes; some were used well after the Second Contingent had disembarked in South Africa⁽⁹⁾. The "En Route" wording of the cachet was later cut out by Ecclestone — when exactly is not known, as he simply informed the Canadian Deputy Postmaster General that this had been done in a letter dated 4 May⁽¹⁰⁾. Thereafter the cachet was applied to all Canadian mail passing through Capetown to signify its origin with men in the Canadian Contingents.

The "Canadian Contingent Army Post Office Corps" — as Ecclestone proudly entitled his little group in his first official report from South Africa⁽¹¹⁾ — disembarked at Capetown on the night of the 16 February, 1900 and reported for duty

the next morning. They were awed by the imposing Post Office at Capetown, and overwhelmed by the vast amounts of mail they were expected to handle. Nevertheless, they buckled down to the task right away. Ecclestone, Lallier and Bedell were seconded to the Base Post Office at Capetown, there to take charge of "the mails in connection with the Canadian Contingent . . . together with whatever we can handle of matter for other Colonial troops". Johnston and Murray were sent on 26 February to the front at the Modder River, to work with the Field Post Office of the Brigade to which the Canadian Contingent was attached⁽¹²⁾. They moved on to Bloemfontein with the Canadian regiment. Just at this stage the South African war entered its second phase. The Boers, after a major defeat in February 1900, switched their tactics to the guerilla engagements for which the war is now remembered.



The military implications aside, this caused immense complications for the hard-pressed Postal Contingent. Almost daily it received notification of the detachment of military details to all odd corners of Southern Africa in search of the elusive Boer commandos, while lists of sick and wounded arrived just as frequently. The magnitude of the task can be appreciated when it is realised that in one week in March "400 sacks of newspapers, over 10,000 parcels and a very large letter mail" arrived at Capetown from overseas⁽¹³⁾. A mail steamer usually arrived weekly, and it took at least three days thereafter, working from 0600 to 2000, to sort the mail and have it moving up to the front. However, by the end of March, Ecclestone had become the right-hand man of the British officer in charge of the Army Post Office Corps, Major Treble, as well as continuing to supervise the Canadian mail handling⁽¹⁴⁾. All of this resulted in an appreciative letter from Treble to the Canadian Postmaster General, thanking him profusely for having sent out men of the calibre of Ecclestone and his small group⁽¹⁵⁾.

On 17 April Ecclestone's little group was depleted even more when Bedell was sent to assist in establishing a field post office for the newly-formed Mounted Infantry Division. A month later Ecclestone was able to report a general easing-off in the workload, and thereafter it would seem a fairly easy routine was followed. Ecclestone had a bout of dysentery, and Johnston caught enteric fever which eventually effected his removal to hospital in England. To Ecclestone's delight Murray "shared in several engagements with the Canadian Mounted Rifles"⁽¹⁷⁾ and was in the vanguard for Lord Roberts' official entry into the Boer Capital of Pretoria when it was captured. He proudly sent home his copy of "the first telegraphic message sent after the moment of occupation" — in which Murray rather cheekily asked for the mail for the Royal Canadian Artillery and the Canadian Mounted Rifles to be forwarded to Pretoria⁽¹⁸⁾. Murray in fact so impressed the staff of the Brigade of Mounted In-

fantry that he was promoted to Sergeant and placed in command of postal work for that unit⁽¹⁹⁾. Bedell apparently narrowly escaped capture on another occasion when the Boers burned 2000 sacks of mail⁽²⁰⁾.

Towards the end of July Ecclestone noted the arrival of a postal contingent from India, and it, along with an Australian contingent that had just arrived, relieved the Canadians of a good deal of their extra work. As the period of engagement for the Canadian troops had been set at one year (from time of enlistment) they were gradually withdrawn from the front in the latter part of the summer. Between October and January 1901 they all embarked for Canada, the Postal Contingent with the last of them on 20 January 1901. The latest known usage of the Canadian Contingent cachet is 27 December 1900⁽²¹⁾.

In March 1901 a question was asked of the government in the Canadian House of Commons as to whether or not it intended to reward the five for their service, and the Government was forced to concede it had not given the matter any consideration⁽²²⁾. Two weeks later one of the officers who had fought in South Africa forwarded a highly complimentary letter to the Postmaster General. In it he informed him of his great satisfaction with:

the postal arrangements made by Captain Ecclestone . . . afforded to all ranks of the Royal Canadian Artillery. No matter where the Batteries were marching or stationed the Canadian mail was regularly received and distributed. This was not the case with many imperial units, complaints were frequently heard of their mail not being received. I feel that it was entirely through Captain Ecclestone's foresight and keen interest to assist his comrades at the front that the service was so successful.⁽²³⁾

There is no record of anything in fact being done — beyond a total of \$916 being split between Lallier, Bedell, Murray and Johnston for "mileage . . . (while) on duty in South Africa from July 1, 1900 to the date on which they returned to duty in



The EN ROUTE datestamp, Jan 30 1900. Dropped off at the Cape Verde Islands on Jan 31st, received at Guelph, Ont. Feb 16th.



Example of pre-datestamped "EN ROUTE" cover being used after the troops' arrival in South Africa. The writer of this letter, a member of "D" Battery, had been transferred to Victoria West before he mailed it on 6 march. Backstamped Petrolia, Ont. AP5.

their several districts" — between 17 and 28 February 1901⁽²⁴⁾ Ecclestone received nothing, as he did not travel on duty in South Africa. All five however received the South Africa medal with clasps signifying service in Cape Colony, Orange Free State, and the Transvaal.⁽²⁵⁾

Thus ended a colourful episode in Canada's military postal history. The five postal officials had established a sound

footing on which to establish the Canadian Postal Corps ten years later. And incidentally they had provided a whole new field for postal historians, who, as the Museum display shows, have a wide variety of items connected with the Anglo-Boer War for which to look.

We thank the National Postal Museum, Ottawa for this article which they prepared for Amsterdam 1977. — Ed.

- (1) The Canadian Governor-General first made the offer on behalf of his Government on 24 October 1899 but this had been rejected. The change of mind of the British was cabled to the Governor General on 24 December 1899 (Public Archives of Canada, Record Group 2, Series 6, Volume II, hereafter referred to as RG2-6/ 11, or as appropriate).
- (2) The term was first used in a letter from the Canadian to the British Post Office, 16 January 1900, RG3-2/ 58.
- (3) Canadian Post Office to General Post Office, London 16 January 1900, RG3-2/ 58.
- (4) Ecclestone's Lieutenantcy was gazetted in Army Orders dated 21 February 1900, (RG3-10/ 34). This source, a special Post Office Department file entitled "Papers Relating to Service Rendered by Canadian Postal Corps in South African War", is a mine of information. It appears to be the only official P.O. record left of this episode.
- (5) See the news article on "The Army Postal Corps" in **The Halifax Herald**, 20 January 1900.
- (6) See Figure 2.
- (7) Ecclestone to his wife, 13 February 1900, printed in the **Hamilton Times**, 20 March 1900.
- (8) See figure 2. The ambiguity of the Circular dated 24 February 1900 (figure 4), which did not explicitly grant free franking for Canadian Troops, resulted in a wide variety of franking on mails sent home from South Africa. In his report of 4 May 1900 Ecclestone noted how "being able . . . to send their letters without stamps has proved a great boon" to the troops, as though that was only a recent development.
- (9) See figure 3.
- (10) Ecclestone to Coulter, 4 May 1900 RG3-10/ 34.
- (11) Ecclestone to Postmaster General Mulock, 26 February 1900, *ibid.*
- (12) Ecclestone to Postmaster General, *ibid.*
- (13) Ecclestone to Coulter, 21 March 1900, RG3-10/ 34.
- (14) Ecclestone to Mulock, 27 March 1900, *ibid.*
- (15) Treble to Postmaster General, Canada, 25 April 1900, RG3-10/ 34.
- (16) See Ecclestone to Coulter, 18 May 1900, and to Mulock 2 June 1900, *ibid.*
- (17) Ecclestone to Coulter, 18 June 1900, RG3-10/ 34.
- (18) Ecclestone to Mulock, 5 June 1900, enclosing Murray to Ecclestone, telegraph, 5 June 1900, RG3-10/ 34.
- (19) Ecclestone to Coulter, 18 June 1900, *ibid.*
- (20) Ecclestone to Coulter, 24 July 1900, *ibid.* This is the last of Ecclestone's letters on file in the records of the Post Office Department.
- (21) Webb/ Richardson, a book on Canadian military mails soon to be published by the National Postal Museum.
- (22) House of Commons, **Debates**, 14 March 1901, 1st Session, 7th Parliament, 1901 Vol. 54.
- (23) Officer Commanding "F" Division to his superiors, 28 March 1901, and forwarded to the Post Office through government channels, RG3-10/ 34.
- (24) Item 119 of PC1195 (a), Order-in-Council of 3 June 1901, RG2/ 418.
- (25) Except Johnson, who did not receive the Transvaal clasp. (RG9-11A5/ 14). The National Postal Museum, Ottawa, has on display the medal awarded to Murray.

If you enjoyed this article and past articles by the National Postal Museum, write to them or the Postmaster General, saying so. The address is National Postal Museum, Confederation Heights, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, K1A 0B3.



The RPO Cowcatcher

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M-78

MONCTON & CAMPBELLTON · R.P.O.

Three Hammers, Type 17

Hammer I

Proofed: Unknown

Earliest: July 21, 1904

Latest: December 15, 1914

Indicia: N, S about equally

Usage: Full and common throughout period

R.F.: 100 (92.9%)

Comments: This hammer was wild in its production of indicia varieties. "4", normal or inverted, "5", "8" and "9" only known for "04", "05", "08" and "09" respectively except for June 18, 1909 and (blank) 3, 1908, no month indicated. Indicia completely inverted October, 1905 to November, 1906, and again August to November, 1909. No year on January 5, probably 1910. "1" for "11" (or "10") on July 11. Major rim breaks to the left of "M" of MONCTON and to the right of the base dot are relatively constant throughout; further, a short left leg on the "M" of MONCTON and a short "P" in CAMPBELLTON are indicative of this hammer. Numerous minor rim and letter breaks would indicate that this hammer was replaced by Hammer II because of wear.

Hammer II

Proofed: December 5, 1912

Latest: -----, 1917

Earliest: February 11, 1915

Indicia: N, S equally

Usage: Very scarce

R.F.: 100 (7.1%)

Comments: Although proofed in late 1912, our first strike is in early 1915; however, there is no overlap with Hammer I, which is known two years after the proofing of Hammer II. Perhaps this hammer was held up in its introduction. No major identifying characteristics are immediately apparent.

Hammer III

Proofed: April 19, 1923

Earliest: Not yet reported

Indicia: Blank in proof strike

Usage: Unknown

R.F.: 100 (-)

Comments: The need for this hammer is not apparent, and we wonder if it was ever used. When found, Hammer III will be identifiable immediately on sight. The ampersand of Hammer III is curved and rounded, while those of Hammers I and II are sharply angular.

SEPARATION OF M-78 HAMMERS

Step 1. Check the ampersand; Hammers I and II are angular, while that of Hammer III is rounded.

Step 2. Measure the chordal distance from the bottom of the left leg of the "M" to the bottom of right leg of the first "N", both of MONCTON. Hammer I has a

length of 4¼mm, Hammer II is over 5½mm, while Hammer III is only 5mm.

Step 2. From the same leg of the same "M", measure the distance to the bottom of the right leg of the second "N" of MONCTON. Hammer I is under 10mm, Hammer II is almost 11mm, while Hammer III is only 10½mm.

Step 3. Measure the distance from the bottom of the left leg of the "A" to the lower corner of the "E", both of CAMPBELLTON. Hammer I is close to 6mm, Hammer II is a full 6½mm, and Hammer III is 7mm.

We have available on request a chart of chordal measurements on the three hammers of M-78.

M-78A

MONCTON & CAMPBELLTON

M.C./NIGHT/W

One Hammer, Type 21C

Proofed: December 23, 1893 (Only hammer of M-75)

Earliest: April 13, 1897

Latest: March 20, 1901

Indicia: N, S

Usage: Rare

R.F.: 200

Comments: Rim breaks and letter characteristics confirm that this is a modification of the sole M-75 hammer. The "W" was affixed outside the rim immediately below the "NIGHT" of NIGHT and appears to be permanent rather than a ring attachment. If this is true, then there should be no known use of M-75 beyond April, 1897, perhaps earlier. We would appreciate any additional information on M-78A. We have two additional strikes, October, 1899, and December, 1900, on which the bottom of the cancellation does not show; these theoretically could only be M-78A.

M-78B

MONCTON & CAMPBELLTON/R.P.O.

One Hammer, Type 17H

Proofed: April 30, 1952

Earliest: April 28, 1953

Latest: March 12, 1958

Indicia: 26, 626

Usage: To be advised

R.F.: 120

Comments: Our post-war material is spotty and the latest above will undoubtedly be advanced. We have a copy of a strike made of this hammer at the time of the Destruction Order showing an indicia set of Train 19/May 31, 1967. This D.O. strike shows considerable wear and many breaks. We look forward to receiving additional data on M-78B.

M-79
MONCTON &
CAMPBELLTON/M.C./W

M-81
MONCTON & CAMP. R.P.O./

One Hammer, Type 21D

Proofed: Unknown—Hammer I, M-76
Earliest: March 11, 1897
Latest: January 23, 1901
Indicia: NORTH only through 1898; then N
only to 1901
Usage: Relatively common throughout four year
period
R.F.: 150

Comments: This run was made by affixing a "W"
to Hammer I, M-76, immediately below the
"M.C."; we believe that this was done between
August 4, 1896 and March 11, 1897, and that the
addition was permanent. All evidence tends to
confirm this position; however, the "W" is not
always clear, smudged on some strikes, faint to
almost missing on others. We do have a strike
on June 15, 1901 that is marginal. We cannot tell
if the "W" has been removed or whether it is such
a light strike that the "W" did not take. We
would be glad to hear from those who have def-
initive strikes in the late 1900 period or any 1901
strike of M-79.

Two Hammers, Type 14B

Hammer I

Proofed: Unknown
Earliest: August 6, 1891
Latest: November 10, 1910
Indicia: N, S equally common; blank - rare
Usage: Relatively common throughout twenty year
period
R.F.: 100 (90.7%)

Comments: "1" for "91" on earliest above, "0" for
"00" on February 3, blank indicia on February 22,
1904. From the beginning, there is a distinct inward
rim dent below the "A" of DAY. This hammer wore
badly, and as early as 1897, strikes show significant
deterioration. By the period 1906-1910, it is difficult
to take accurate chordal measurements. A very worn
hammer after 1896 is probably Hammer I. If it can be
measured, the straight line distance between the
bottoms of the "P"s is less than 3 mm.

Hammer II

Proofed: Unknown	
1st Period	2nd Period
Earliest: January 5, 1893	May 21, 1913
Latest: April 7, 1897	May 15, 1914
Indicia: S only	N, S equally
Usage: Rare	Very Scarce
R.F.: 100 (3.7%)	100 (5.6%)

Comments: While Hammer I is quite well known,
Hammer II saw only rare use in the 1st Period; it was
then discontinued, only to be brought back again,
some time after 1910, apparently as a replacement for
Hammer I, which had become extremely worn. Hammer II
is characterized by a short left leg of the
"A" in CAMP, and — in the 2nd Period — also by a
short right leg in the "M" of CAMP. In Hammer II,
there is no rim dent below the "A" of DAY. Even the
2nd Period strikes are clean and clear, which is in-
dicative of Hammer II. A straight line distance be-
tween the bottoms of the "P"s is a full 3 mm.

Four Hammers, Type 17

Hammer I

Proofed: Unknown
Earliest: August 13, 1915
Latest: May 1, 1918
Indicia: N, S about equally
Usage: Limited to three years and scarce
R.F.: 100 (7.1%)

Comments: This hammer apparently had inking
problems and therefore may have been withdrawn;
however, when found, strikes are distinct and iden-
tifiable. The only overt visual characteristic is a
disjointed accentric segment of the ampersand, bottom
to upper right.

Hammer II

Proofed: Unknown
Earliest: March 24, 1917
Latest: December 13, 1948
Indicia: N, S - 1917/ 31; 1935/ 36; 1942
25, 26 - 1934; 1936/ 39; 1943/ 48
Usage: Relatively common and uniform throughout
R.F.: 100 (51.8%)

Comments: This is the most well known of the four
hammers. The most visual characteristic of the
hammer is the thickening of the letters and rim with
wear, noticeable first after 1935, and growing worse
with time. There are a number of minor rim breaks,
but none are constant.

Hammer III

Proofed: March 6, 1915
Earliest: November 8, 1922
Latest: November 15, 1939
Indicia: N, S - 1922/ 24; 1935/ 36
25, 26 - 1928/ 35; 1936/ 39
Usage: Uniform throughout period
R.F.: 100 (28.6%)

Comments: Inverted "2" for "S" on earliest above.
From 1924, there are breaks, one on the third leg of
"M", two on the bottom half of the "O" and one on the
left leg of the "N", all of "MON" of MONCTON. Also,
from 1924, there is a rim break over the "CT" of
MONCTON which becomes enlarged further with
time. There are other, less constant, breaks also
present.

Hammer IV

Proofed: November 23, 1940
Earliest: January 23, 1943
Latest: November 12, 1957
Indicia: 25, 26 equally
Usage: Somewhat intermittent
R.F.: 100 (12.5%)

Comments: While the first three hammers have
angular ampersands, Hammer IV is immediately
identified by its rounded, fat ampersand. The latest
above will probably be extended. Apparently this
hammer was not too well cared for; strikes are
frequently dirty and smudged.

SEPARATION OF M-81 HAMMERS

Step 1: A rounded ampersand is Hammer IV; the ampersands of the other three hammers are angular.

Step 2: Separation of Hammers I, II, and III require care and exactitude. Measure the chordal distance from the bottom of the "T" to the bottom of the right leg of the 2nd "N", both of MONCTON. Hammer I will only measure 4¼ mm, while Hammers II and III will measure over 5 mm.

Step 3: To separate Hammers II and III, measure the distance from the bottom tip of the ampersand to the bottom of the "P" in CAMP; Hammer II is only 8 mm, while Hammer III is a full 8½ mm.

Additional chordal measurements are available.

M-82

MONCTON & CAMP/ R.P.O.

One Hammer, Type 17H

Proofed: March 6, 1911

Earliest: July 11, 1911

Latest: April 4, 1949

Indicia: N - common, S - scarce thru 1927:

Then 25, 26 equally

Usage: Consistent and uniform through 1939; then 1949 only

R.F.: 75

Comments: Although in use earlier, this run is only about half as well known as M-81; this is confirmed not only by our own count, but also by that of the R.P.O. Study Group inventory.

M-83

MONC. & CAMP. M.C. / DAY (NIGHT)

Two Hammers [the DAY, one NIGHT], Type 9B

Hammer I - DAY

Proofed: March 16, 1893

Earliest: September 14, 1893

Latest: September 9, 1901

Indicia: NORTH - 1893/ 01 - common; SOUTH - 1894/ 95 - very scarce

NO - 1895 - rare; S - 1898/ 01 - uncommon

Usage: Uniform throughout eight year period

R.F.: 110 (83%)

Comments: Immediately identifying is the DAY at the bottom of the hammer; also; from observations of known strikes, the indicia above are indicative of identification in that they were only used for Hammer

I, while only "N" was used for Hammer II. The left leg of the "M" of MONC is long and extends below the bottom of the right leg. Even if the bottom of the strike is missing, the two hammers are easily separated. For example, for Hammer I the distance from the bottom of the left leg of the "N" of MONC. to the bottom of the right leg of the "A" of CAMP. is less than 11 mm, while that of Hammer II is a full 11¼ mm. Previously unreported is the rare NO indicia on May 23, 1895.

Hammer II - NIGHT

Proofed: December 21, 1894

Earliest: May 15, 1897

Latest: July 10, 1899

Indicia: N only

Usage: Uncommon and limited

R.F.: 110 (17%)

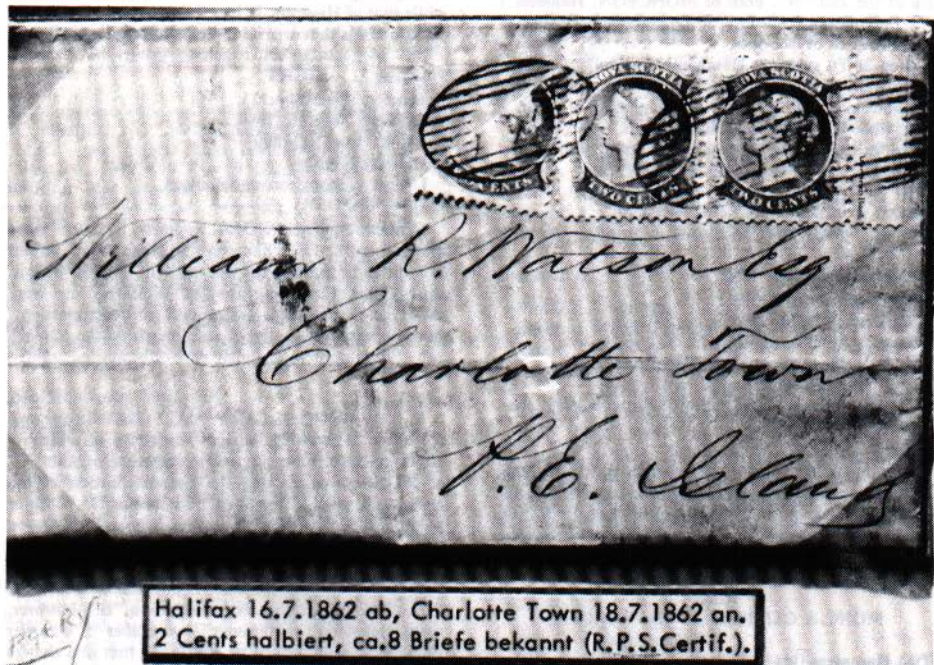
Comments: This NIGHT hammer is much more scarce than the DAY hammer and when found, strikes are apt to be mucky, partial, or both. On full strikes, the bottoms of the legs of the "M" of MONC. are even. Also, the shape of this ampersand contrasts markedly to the squareness of that of Hammer I. As the NIGHT run, this hammer obviously saw only limited use.

M-83A, MONG. & CAMP. M.C./ DAY, in our own collection, is herewith delisted. This strike, on which no engraver could have put a finer crossbar on the "C" of MONC., was missing the bottom portion of the strike and we had assumed that it was DAY. Once again, the study and analysis of hammers has proven its value. Chordal measurements, indicia and ampersand characteristics all prove conclusively that this strike is the NIGHT Hammer II of M-83 on which the "C" of MONC. has been converted to a "G"; however, since later strikes of Hammer II have clear "C"s rather than "G"s, then it must be concluded that this change is due to an unusual excess inking and that no new hammer or run has been discovered. Thus, this run is not at all warranted and is herewith delisted. While we have lost what was felt — in error — to be a rare Maritime run, the merit of the successful research and identification more than compensates in satisfaction.

We have never seen M-84, MONC. & CAMP. R.P.O./ ., Type 17, and no proof strike is known; however, two copies have been reported in the Study Group inventory. We will try to chase these down to develop more information on this elusive run.

WHY NOT SEND US AN
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PUBLICATION IN BNA TOPICS?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR & ANNOUNCEMENTS



A Forgery

The photograph shown is a dangerous forgery and all cover collectors of either Nova Scotia or Prince Edward Island should be alert as this cover shows up every now and then. I have seen it some years ago, once in a catalogue, and now, by the favour of Max Guggenheim of Switzerland, here it is again.

The Royal Certificate — I have seen the so-called original, and now a similar certificate, dated the same day and year — that it is fraudulent. This I cannot quite explain but I have private opinions. Which only proves that a certificate is but an opinion and no guarantee.

Dr. Robert V. C. Carr

Postal Museum Story

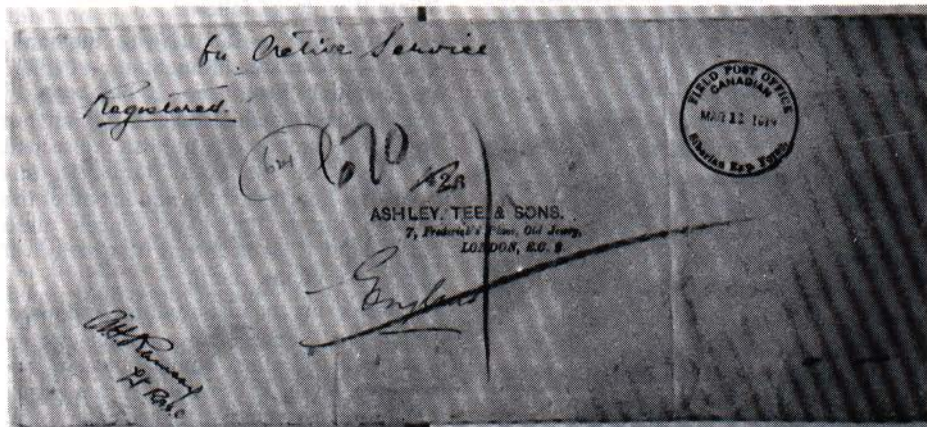
The National Postal Museum, Ottawa, has published a 50-page illustrated booklet entitled "The National Postal Museum". It is bilingual, printed in English and French.

The booklet, illustrated in colour, contains several chapters devoted to a section of the Museum or to interesting artifacts owned by the Museum.

The booklet is available at 50c a copy post paid. Write to:

**National Postal Museum
Confederation Heights
OTTAWA, Ontario
Canada
K1A 0B1**

Forces Mail



I hope the enclosed few words and photographs might be of use to the magazine.

"The Canadian Siberian Expeditionary Force 1918-19"

I was most interested in this article in Topics for November-December 1976 as I have been an avid collector of Canadian Forces Mail for some years.

Shown here is a photograph of one of the rubber handstamps of the Expedition on a large registered legal envelope to London, England from a Lt. A. H. Ramsay, R.A.O.C., probably with the British Expeditionary Force. The cancellation is struck in violet and dated Mar 11, 1919, and the envelope is back-stamped at Vancouver April 1st, Montreal April 7th and London E.C. on 21st April. If is the only example known to me of this handstamp in use.

Also readers might be interested in this cachet on the reverse of an envelope from Nassau, Bahamas to Rifleman H. Edwards, Brigade Scout, C.E.F. in Siberia, which was posted on 23 March 1919. It is difficult to understand how it missed Rifleman Edwards as the last sailing was

on 17 April unless Rfn Edwards had returned home earlier. But it would seem they kept the letter in Vancouver until July at Military District No. 11 trying to reach him. On the face is a manuscript endorsement "Try M.D. 10 Winnipeg", so perhaps he had returned home to Manitoba?

I would be glad to hear if any reader can add anything more or knows of other examples of these markings.

I should be delighted to participate more in Topics, but for us "Maple Leaves" must come first. Also one does tend to have some anxiety about making a fool of oneself by leaping into print.

What appears remarkable in England may be commonplace in Canada and 'vice-versa'. A case in point being also in the Nov./Dec. Topics when Mr. Harrison says the "use of the 4c Admiral is very, very hard to come by". In England I have always found the 4c Admiral quite easy to find on cover, and I must have about a dozen examples in my Admirals, but I must admit I have not looked for any more recently. Perhaps you would like a short piece illustrating the 4c usage?

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Re: American Air Mail Catalogue 5th Edition: Volume 111 Canada.

I have been appointed Chairman of the Committee for the revision and update of the Canadian Section, Volume 111 of the American Air Mail Catalogue, 5th Edition. The last revision was prepared in 1970. The next revision publication is planned for 1979.

As editor of a leading philatelic publication I request that you approve publishing this letter in which I extend an invitation to all collectors interested in Canadian air mail flight covers (including Newfoundland) to submit to me within two months suggestions for corrections to the Canadian section. Data re pioneer, semi-official and official flights are requested including prices, description of flights, deletions or inclusions are solicited.

If anyone requires further data on this undertaking they are invited to write to me at 16 Harwick Crescent, Ottawa, Ontario, K2H 6R1, Canada.

R. K. Malott

Map Stamp: A New Study

Messrs. A. D. Hanes and J. E. & R. B. Winmill write as follows:

Many of you are familiar with the handbook "The Canadian Map Stamp of 1898" by Frederick Tomlinson. It has been 17 years since the publication of this intense study. It is proposed to publish the second Handbook on the Map Stamp. In this book, it is hoped to study and list all of the various known types of cancels used throughout Canada during the period of major use of the stamp.

Considering the vast numbers and many varieties of cancels, no one collector or group of collectors could hope to accumulate all the known cancels that exists. Therefore, a request is being made to all collectors to check and compile lists of all cancels on the stamp in their collections, of the following types of cancels:

- Squared Circles
- Rollers
- Fancy Corks
- Precancels
- Railway Post Offices
- Duplexes
- Perfins
- Coloured Cancels

Any other unusual cancels, forged cancellations, or forgeries of the stamp.

It would be greatly appreciated if this information and the names of the owners could be forwarded to one of the following:

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West Germany

All information about individual holdings will be kept confidential unless permission is granted in writing, to permit release of data. With everyone's cooperation, a new and complete study can be made of Canada's 1898 Map Stamp.

CAPEX '78

Have you made arrangements to attend this International Exhibition in Toronto, June 9 - 18, 1978? If not, start planning now. The squeeze is on already for confirmed hotel space, despite Toronto's very substantial number of fine new hotels.

A number of BNAPS members have told us they will be staying at the Toronto Harbour Castle-Hilton. It's on the lake-shore, and is the closest top-notch hotel to the Exhibition grounds. Other downtown hotels you'll enjoy include the Royal York, 100 Front St. W.; Sheraton Centre, 123 Queen St. W.; Hotel Toronto, Richmond St. at University Ave.; or Sutton Place, 955 Bay Street. First class accommodation, but more modestly priced are the Holiday Inn Downtown, 89 Chestnut St.; Delta's Chelsea Inn, 33 Gerrard St. W.; and Seaway Hotel, 1926 Lakeshore Blvd. W. Popular uptown hotels include Park Plaza, Avenue Rd. at Bloor; Hyatt Regency, 21 Avenue Rd.; and Plaza II, 90 Bloor St. E. If transportation's no problem, you might enjoy the luxurious privacy of The Windsor Arms Hotel, 22 St. Thomas St.; Benvenuto Place, 1 Benvenuto Pl.; Hotel Triumph, 2337 Keele St.; or the Inn on the Park, Leslie St. at Eglinton St. E.

I hope you'll drop in at the BNAPS lounge in the CAPEX Exhibition building early during your CAPEX visit. Drop in to rest, meet your friends there, and check on the BNAPS activities being planned for you during your stay in Toronto. If you are only coming for part of the week, I suggest you make it the latter part.

Above all, to avoid disappointment, contact the hotel of your choice now, and secure confirmed bookings.

Requests for reservations should be directed to Mr. Stephen Marshall, Front Office Manager at the Toronto Harbour Castle-Hilton Hotel and mention you are a member of BNAPS.

— David M. Verity, Chairman
BNAPS CAPEX '78 Committee

It is expected the Board of Governors will hold a meeting on Thursday morning of CAPEX, 15th of June at 9:00 a.m. at the Harbour Castle-Hilton.

Robert H. Pratt
Chairman

I would like to use the pages of **BNA Topics** to bring to the attention of owners of George Melvin's book, *The Post Offices of British Columbia*, a serious omission in my contribution covering the handstruck postmarks.

When I prepared the manuscript, in 1969, I was firm in my conviction that oval killers having only 7, 9, or 11 bars had been used in duplex hammers in British Columbia. Just recently, while remounting some of my material, I found, to my surprise and embarrassment, that at least two towns, and probably more, used a duplex hammer with a ten-bar oval killer. I have sharp, clean strikes from Chilliwack dated 1934 and Grand Forks dated 1930, and a poor strike that appears to be from a ten-bar killer used in Cobble Hill dated 1929. The impressions are similar to those shown in Fig. 2 for Duncan and Spence's Bridge except that they have ten bars in the killer.

There is no excuse for my mistake. I am almost sure that the examples cited above where in my possession at the time that the article was written. I would guess that I was simply carried along with the tide of popular concensus that duplex killers had an uneven number of bars and never bothered to count a few for myself.

I hope that I have explained away my stupidity — but what about you to whom this letter is address? How did this oversight get by you? You blew it! You will never again have such an opportunity to put down an "authority".

Jacque Houser

Your letter was dated August. For journalists, if that's what we may call ourselves, August is the height of the silly season. — Ed.

TAGGING ALONG

I refer to John Ross's and Ken Rose's letters in the May-June 1977 issue.

The regular column "Tagging Along" is a highlight of **Topics**. Ken's style, casual, at times controversial, makes enjoyable reading. He is never boring. His column is both current and informative. There may be less than one hundred serious students of tagged material, but there is a large body of casual students like myself, who are both encouraged and informed by his excellent column. He has more fans than he realizes.

Secondly, do not avoid controversial issues. If they pertain to Canadian

philately, they belong in **Topics**. Especially the Canadian Post Office. She is our mother. She listens to her sons. Particularly those who doubly support her as both citizens and philatelists. She is presently ill — poor service caused by poor labor-management relations. We are obligated to help her by speaking out — continuously.

The general membership of BNAPS will, I believe, be interested in printed material that is both current and controversial. This will go a long way in meeting the President's appeal for increased member involvement in **Topics**.

— Peter West



Revenue Study Group

Revenue Ramblings

— by Chuck Emery

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As an introduction to a new writer for **Topics**, I would like to tell all of you who missed the annual meeting of the Canadian Revenue Study Group in Edmonton at BNAPEX 77, that the subject of a revenue column for **Topics** was given a lot of discussion.

The main points decided were:

1. The study group does not want a regular column of a highly specialized nature giving in depth coverage to rather elusive subjects, but rather wants something contemporary, aimed at your average collector, as well as at the seasoned collector branching into revenues as a new field.

2. There will be occasions when one amongst us has illusions of a budding literary career and bursts onto the pages of **Topics** with a creative masterpiece extolling the virtues of some long forgotten issue, relating the true story of the discovery of the Ottawa black ink die proofs, or otherwise entertaining and informing the readership. On such oc-

casions any so-called regular column would have to yield.

3. Hopefully, as more collectors turn to serious research of revenues, some of the more fortunate amongst us will discover something new, or uncover information which surely must be placed before our membership, again pre-empting any attempt at a regular column.

4. In the unfortunate event that **Topics** is not swamped with useable manuscripts, then the regular reader is going to have to suffer the outrageous misfortune of reading revenue ramblings from me.

What do I know about revenues? — not much. What do I know about writing? — even less. How comprehensive is my collection? — it isn't. What about my philatelic library? — it's small. I've established my excellent credentials, we can get down to some serious matters.

In order for revenues to take their rightful place in the eyes of collectors at large, we need an input from all revenueurs. I've been going through my back issues of **Topics**, and I see that many of you have been dropping a line to Leo LaFrance, or whoever else looked after the column at the time, advising on new issues,

new findings, etc. Please keep this up — either write your own column, or drop me a line for inclusion in my next column.

In case you didn't recognize it, that's a call for help! It's a formidable task to attempt anything intelligent or clever with the likes of Bill Rocket and Ed Richardson looking over your shoulder.

Like any other new column starting out, I suppose the thing to do initially, is to list a few of the required catalogues or reference books that you should have. Browsing through my bookcase, I find the following:

1. Sisson's Standard Catalogue of Canada & The Provinces.
2. Holme's Specialized Philatelic Catalogue
3. Jarrett's BNA Catalogue
4. Nelson Bond Revenue Catalogue
5. Lee Brandom's "Tobacco Tax Paid Stamps

Also, it is worth acquiring a copy of HJMR's catalogue of philatelic literature. It lists articles, columns, pamphlets, etc. that have been printed over the years and offers photocopies for sale (originals where available). This is a must, not only for revenues, but for almost any collecting interest.

Next you should have both van Dam's price list and Webb's catalogue. Beyond this point, it is simply a matter of acquiring old catalogues and reference notes from whatever sources you can find. Dealers like Bileski and collectors like Ed Richardson have churned out reams of

revenue reading over the years. Fellow members Fred Keane and Howard Martin have released a study in plating of the 25c value of the fifth issue of the B.C. Laws, which I have just finished following step by step and stamp by stamp.

If you don't already do it, start a scrap book for bits and pieces of information you pick up from stamp newspapers, auctions, etc. Mine is a series of regular loose-leaf three ring binders, labelled for subject matter, and internally divided with the usual index tab dividers. I then use a section for general information on an issue, followed by another section for data on an individual denomination. You'll be surprised how much you accumulate at the end of a year or two, if you keep at it. Don't forget to keep notes on things you have seen or heard as well. For this type of note be sure to include your source. Keep it up and you'll be able to write philatelic columns till the cows come home.

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And finally, a bit of news. If you haven't got 'em yet, be sure to pick up your copies of the new issue from New Brunswick. So far, I have a 10c brown, perf 12, and a \$1 purple, rouletted. For gum freaks, it is interesting to note the 10c uses dextrine gum, and the \$1 is PVA gum. Would I be starting a new fad if I also mentioned that the 10c is on regular dull paper, while the \$1 is hibrite?

I understand there are additional values, but have not been able to get neither information nor stamps other than the above two, yet. What have you seen or heard about them?

The Canadian Military Mail Study Group

A Progress Report

The first note concerning the Canadian Military Mail Study Group appeared in **BNA Topics** for May, 1974 on page 103. Mention was made of its formation, its immediate aims, and how BNAPSers who were interested in military postal markings might join the Group.

Four years later the Group's 27 members can look back at what has been accomplished. Like all study groups where the members are widely separated by miles and miles of miles a bulletin or newsletter is the most logical means of presenting information from the members about the material being studied. In addition, some

members who specialize in one segment of the overall area of study, may present the results of their individual research for the benefit of all.

Very briefly the Group has listed in survey form all the military camps in Canada during World War Two at which Military Post Offices were located. Also those in Newfoundland and the Aleutian Islands. The surveys list the various types of postal markings used and a broad idea of their scarcity. Many hundreds of markings are now recorded.

The Group then moved into the period from the end of World War Two to the present day but still concerned only with the offices within Canada.

The third period covered took in the years from 1900 to 1939 where postal markings were listed and discussed. We did at this point include the Canadian Contingent cachets used on Canadian soldiers' mail during the Anglo-Boer War, certain cancels used in England on mail from soldiers in the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Forces early in World War One and those most interesting Field Post Office cancels and censor marks used in Siberia late in 1918 and early in 1919 on mail from Canadian soldiers. The writings of Mr. Ed Richardson and the late Edith M. Faulstich have been used extensively in this latter area of study.

Of recent months members of the Group have been receiving installments of a series concerned with censor markings used by the Royal Canadian Navy during WW2 and, in addition, Canadian Armed Forces Air Letters used to and from Canadian servicemen and women during

the years 1942 to 1945.

During the BNAPS Convention held at Edmonton September 15-17, 1977 a seminar was held by the CMMSG at which it was agreed to consolidate the material covered during the four years since the Group was started. This will be an opportunity to study, perhaps in greater depth, the material already presented and to draw up in a form suitable for presentation in BNAPS **Topics**, lists of the Canadian Military Post Offices, the role of the camps or bases at which each was located, the variety of types of postal markings which were used and their approximate scarcity. It will be appreciated that with a limited number of people answering survey forms the resultant figures would be an approximation only.

The Group's studies later are planned to include postal markings used by or on behalf of Canadian servicemen in all theatres of war. Those used in Great Britain, Europe, South East Asia, Korea, Vietnam, Cyprus and Egypt to name a few.

BNAPSers interested in more details on joining the Group may write the Treasurer, Mr. K. V. Ellison, Oyama, B.C. V0H 1W0 or if interested in the Group's series of Newsletters, the Librarian, Michael Squirell, 241, 12th Ave., Lively, Ontario, P0M 2E0 who has a complete set in the Society's library.

Successful study groups are made up of students in the field concerned. We'd like to see our student body grow.

Anyone interested in the Canadian Military Mail Study group contact Mr. J. Colin Campbell, 1450 Ross Road, Kelowna, B.C. V1Z 1L6.

Rambling through the Records

By A. L. STEINHART

The following items are taken from the ninth report of the Bureau of Archives for the Province of Ontario by Alexander Fraser, 1912, by order of the Legislature of the Province of Ontario courtesy of the

Metropolitan Toronto Library Board.

The Journal of the House of Assembly of Upper Canada for Tuesday, February 29, 1820, contained the following passages relating to the Post Office.

"Present: Messrs McMartin, Cameron, McDonell, Van Koughnet, Howard, Jones, Cotter, Casey, Burnham, Robinson, Durand, Mellis, Secord, Swayze, Nichol and Burwell.

"William Allan, Esquire, Postmaster, attended the Bar.

"Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Durand, moves that questions be put to William Allan, Esquire, Postmaster of York, respecting the Post Office, which was carried.

"Questions put to the Postmaster at York, and his answers to them.

"1. Q.—Are you the Postmaster of York? A.—Yes.

"2. Q.—How long have you held that situation? A.—About fifteen years.

"3. Q.—Have you any general control or superintendance over the Post Office Department in this Province? A.—None.

"4. Q.—Have you any discretionary authority from the Deputy Postmaster General to regulate the rates of postage from York to the Post Offices west of it? A.—I have not.

"5. Q.—Have any new Post Offices been established since you held the appointment? A.—Many.

"6. Q.—Can you state what they are? A.—Dundas, Grimsby, Queenstown and Chippewa before the war, Vittoria, Delaware, Port Talbot, Amherstburgh and St. Catherines.

"7. Q.—Can you inform the House of the rates and distance of postage charged to those places? A.—I can as to rates. Not certainly as to distance. To Dundas, 8d, Grimsby, 10d, St. Catherines, 10d, Niagara, 10d, Queenstown, 10d, Chippewa, 10d, Vittoria, 1s, Amherstburgh, 1.4d, Sandwich, 1.4d.*

"8. Q.—Is this paper (paper exhibited to witness) a correct list of the authorized rates in the Post Office? A.—Yes, I believe it is.

"9. Q.—When a new Post Office is established, by whom is the rate fixed? A.—I cannot say; when any letter comes from a new Post Office to York, the postage charged in the accompanying way bill regulates the charge.

"(In explanation to number 4, under discretionary authority from Mr. Herriott, late Deputy Postmaster General, Witness established the Post Offices at Dundas, Grimsby, and he thinks Vittoria; and fixed the rate of postage to them. He has had no such authority under Mr. Sutherland.)

"10. Q.—Was any communication made by the Deputy Postmaster General to you, directing you to establish such a rate as would cover the expense? A.—Mr. Herriott objected to the establishment of new offices unless they would cover the expense.

"11. Q.—Have you ever been furnished by the Deputy Postmaster General with a copy of the Act of Parliament regulating the Post Offices in the British Colonies, the general instructions under it, or any general schedule showing the rates of postage authorized to be charged on the conveyance of letters throughout the British Provinces in North America? A.—I never have, I found a schedule in the office when I was appointed, at which time there were not more than two or three offices in the Province.

"12. Q.—Was the schedule alluded to similar to that shown to you during the present examination? A.—Yes.

"13. Q.—Have you any knowledge of the rates of postage charged, first from Kingston to York, second from Kingston to Vittoria, third, from Kingston to Amherstburgh, fourth, from Kingston to Port Talbot, fifth, from Kingston to Delaware, sixth, from Kingston to Niagara? A.—I can only speak positively as to the postage rate to York, which is 10d. I believe it is the same to Niagara.

"14. Q.—Is the printed Schedule of Rates the scale for charging postage on letters conveyed between the post offices noted therein and acted upon at present? A.—Yes.

"Mr. Nichol, seconded by Mr. Durand, moves that the House do, on tomorrow, reconvene as Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the administration of the Post Office Department in this Province, which was ordered."

* These postage rates are incorrect. It is almost unbelievable that Mr. Allen could give incorrect high rates in this manner in testimony to the House of Assembly and not know other rates of postage as asked and that this vague information was accepted by the House as given.

On March 1, 1820, the House reconvened and the Journal of the House of Assembly reported as follows:

"Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Post Office, *Mr. Howard in the chair. The House resumed. Mr. Howard reported that the committee had agreed to a Resolution,

which he was directed to submit for the adoption of the House, and also minutes of certain evidence heard before the Committee. Ordered, that the Report be received, and it was. Resolved, that it is the opinion of this House that the rates of Postage charged in Upper Canada for several years past for the conveyance of letters have exceeded the charge authorized by law. Resolved, that it is the opinion of this House that an Hun . . . Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, communicating to him the Resolution of this House, and requesting him to represent the same to His Majesty's Ministers, and to pray their interference with the Post Master General in Great Britain, to prevent the continuance of so serious an evil.

"Questions put to the evidence in Committee:

"Mr. Burwell: Q.—Do you know the distance from York to Vittoria? A.—About 100 miles.

"Q.—What is the distance from York to Port Talbot? A.—About 150 miles.

"Q.—What is the distance from York to Amherstburgh? A.—About 250 miles.

"Mr. Durand, seconded by Mr. Van Koughnet be a Committee to draft an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor upon the subject of the Post Office Department. Which was ordered?

This draft was read to the House of Assembly on March 2, 1820 but was not itself reproduced in the Journal of the House of Assembly.

*Mr. Howard was a future postmaster of York (Toronto).

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