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Major Types of the 2c Carmine Numeral, 1899

by Hugh Laurence

There have been two major studies on the types of the Die II. The first was that of Whitehead. He claimed that the issue could be broken into five major types. A summary of his types is given here.

Type A — from June 1900 to January, 1901. Three light, thin lines appear in the frames. There may be only two on the left side, especially in the upper left.

Type B — Booklet stamps, essentially similar to Type A

Type C — From February to May, 1901. This type is uncommon, showing the UL corner impressed. Whitehead claims this type occurs on Plate 12, the third state, but does not mention what the first two states were.

Type D — Late 1901 to November, 1902. Three unbroken lines appear all around. These lines are even, too much so for individual cutting.

Type E — November, 1902 to June, 1903. Similar to Type D, but with stronger frames, and much individual recutting, especially along the right side.

In working over Whitehead's study, Bonar offers a slightly simpler classification. In his first group he includes Whitehead's A and C. He claims that all copies show a faulty frame line in the upper left, at the side. He adds a third type to those of Whitehead, this showing retouches to the LR corner. This type appears on strips of Plate 12, but not Plate 11. He adds to Whitehead's description of Type C the information that while the UL corner is weak, it is almost invariably re-entered, and that the stamps occur on horizontal wove paper. Thus Bonar offers a first group with three subgroups.

Bonar's second group includes Whitehead's D and E Types. Bonar claims the difference between D and E is not as pronounced as Whitehead claimed. But he does note that beginning in 1903, two types emerge. First is Whitehead's D, and the second shows three thick lines in the side of the UR frame, which Bonar suggests is not hand cut. The type E stamps show a crude hand recutting in this area, however, and come from Plate 15 in Bonar's collection.

Finally, Bonar notes the Booklet stamps, although similar to Type A and his own First Group, show slight differences which suggest another die.

By checking dated material and plate strips, and comparing this data with the classifications given by Whitehead and Bonar, I have come up with the following series of Types for the Die II 2c Carmine Numerals.

Type 11a—June 1900 to June, 1901, Vertical wove paper Whitehead's A, Bonar's First Group, first subgroup. All stamps show a weakness in the outer frame line on the side at UL. Printing is clean, but all copies are rather pale. The LR corner is often damaged and pushed in, with retouching in this area fairly common. There are only two re-entries on this type.

Type 11b — June 1900 to December, 1900, Horizontal wove paper. Stamps are identical in printing details to 11a, but are found on horizontal paper. These copies remain rare.

Type 11c — June 1900 to June, 1902. Booklet stamps, similar in printing features to 11a, but not identical, as Bonar points out. Whitehead's Type B.

All are on horizontal wove paper, with at least one straight edge.

Type 11d — February to August, 1901. Horizontal wove paper. All show weaknesses in the UL corner, usually with a re-entry here, and often in other parts of the stamp. Whitehead's C, Bonar's First Group, third Subgroup.

Type 11e — October, 1902 to August, 1903. Vertical wove paper. These are Whitehead's D, Bonar's Second Group. They all show unbroken frames with one central dark line and a thinner line on either side. The printing is bolder than that of 11a, and there are many more retouches and re-entries. Shades range into the orange reds.

Type 11f — January 1903 to August, 1903. Vertical wove paper. This is Whitehead's E, similar to 11e, the retouch in the side of the frame UR. I have grouped Bonar's subdivision of this type, as I have not noted a major difference between the thick hand recuts and his even three-line frames. These stamps are, however, less common than the 11a or 11d types, and further research may suggest that Bonar's subdivision is useful.

As for the plates used for this Die II issue, most students agree that the stamps from plates 11 and 12 were different than those from plates 15-20. A listing of stamps by type and plate number for those strips I have seen is given in table 3 at the end. I have seen no examples of plate strips of Die II on horizontal paper. The booklets were printed from a special plate of 168 subjects.

Dated Copies by Type

Some of the most valuable information about the types of this issue comes from a study of dated copies. Hollingsworth's study of the different periods of use for the 2c Carmine dies and papers is useful here. He lists the following:

Die I, vertical paper: Au-99 to Mr-01, gap, Sp-01 to Ja-03

Die I, horizontal paper: Fe-00 to Sp-01

Die II, vertical paper: Jy-00 to My-01, gap, Oc-02 to Ju-03

Die II, horizontal paper: Jy-00 to Sp-00, gap, Jan-01 to Au-01.

This information correlates with that given above, but a more complete listing of types is given in table 1 below. Dates from over 20,000 copies were used in compiling this list. Though numbers given for each month are useful in setting out periods of use, it is difficult to compare numbers used in different years. As time goes on, and more machine cancels are found, fewer dated copies appear. Actual totals for the years surveyed are

1899 — 774 (if extended to the entire year, 2,322. Stamps were on sale only four months of the year)

1900 — 2,247

1901 — 1,539

1902 — 465

1903 — 276 (if extended to entire year, 368)

The drop in the number of dated copies between 1901 and 1902 is striking. Thus much work remains to be done on later types of the 2c Carmine.

Much work remains to be done on the types of this stamp. Many more dated copies are needed for comparison, and plate material is elusive. Anyone interested in working on the types of this stamp should get in touch with the author, who would be happy to correspond with all interested collectors. I would like to express special thanks to Dr. G. Scrimgeour and Cathleen Jones, who lent me dated copies and re-entries, and to David Sessions for lively letters about the types of the Die II stamps.

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Table I. Numbers of Dated Copies Each Month, by Type

Date	Ia	Ib	Ic	Id	(II-I)V	(II-I)H	IIa	IIb	IIc	IID
1899 Au	12									
Sp	98									
Oc	137									
No	268									
De	259									
1900 Ja	202									
Fe	136									
Mr	225		23							
Ap	145		83							
My	40		148							
Ju		114	73				82		2	
Jy		82	45				33	1	1	
Au		64	47				14	0	1	
Sp		21	17				60	1	1	
Oc		61	54				49	0	3	
No		72	136				43	3	4	
De		53	92				53	1	4	
1901 Ja		50	74				38		3	
Fe		15	91				15		4	3
Mr		29	198				97		6	40
Ap		14	97				51		2	24
My		5	72				32		2	11
Ju		2	56				10		1	7
Jy		4	118			1	3		1	3
Au		6	100		7	10	2		0	5
Sp			49	41	23	10	2		4	
Oc			29	55	36	1	3		2	
No			14	85	22		5		1	
De			7	81	8		1		2	
1902 Ja			14	73	3		17		5	
Fe			19	66	2		1		5	
Mr			1	76	12		1		3	
Ap			1	25	43				1	
My			0	27	28				0	
Ju			1	30	9				2	
Jy				32	11					
Au				22	6		IIe	IIf		
Sp				41	12		1			
Oc				16	1		27			
No				11			28			
De				19			17			
1903 Ja				25			6	8		
Fe				15			10	9		
Mr				7			25	9		
Ap				2			14	6		
My				2			33	6		
Ju				0			37	4		
Jy				2			24	8		
Au				2			6	2		
Sp				11			0	3		

Table 2. Types of Die I Plate Strips

Plate	Number Seen	Type
2	1	Ic
3	2	Ia
4	2	Ia
5	2	Ib
7	<u>3</u>	<u>Ic</u>
8	2	Ic
	1	Ib
9	<u>3</u>	Ic
	1	Id
10	4	Id
	1	Ib

Table 3. Types of the Die II Plate Strips

Plate	Number Seen	Type
11	1	IIa
12	1	IIa
	2	(II-I)V
14	4	(II-I)V
15	2	IIf
16	<u>1</u>	<u>Ie</u>
17	1	IIe
18	2	IIe
19	<u>2</u>	IIe

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"The Yellow Peril"

(Stan Lum)

Jubilee Jottings

BY ALFRED P. COOK

London Note

The Canadian Jubilee stamps are now arriving on the regular mails, and as the various values appear, one cannot but be struck with the fact that they are appropriate and handsome, if not altogether to the liking of some. It is a pity, a thousand pities, that these stamps should not have been used as our 1887 issue was, as a permanent reminder of the Jubilee, and the subject of commemorative stamps has been so thrashed out now that to issue a limited Jubilee set is the certain bringing of the offending country into contempt.

Whether this will be so with Canada has yet to be seen, but already there is no small disgust on the part of the English collectors at the rumored speculation in the 1-2c and 6c values. Whether the S.S.S.S. be dead or no, one thing is certain, the Society has done much good by bringing into discredit these speculative issues, and introducing what one might call a higher grade of philately, and I venture to say that it is owing to this that we have today in England an influence which is being brought strenuously to bear upon the study from its legitimate

and non-speculative standpoint. This spirit needs fostering, and it is for earnest collectors, one and all, to carry on the work which the much maligned Society has begun. How this may best be accomplished should be apparent to all, but should any of your readers be unaware how they may do this, I shall be glad to give my views on the subject.

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NEW YORK NOTES

By Joseph Holmes

We have seen the following plates of the Canada stamps: 1 cent, Nos., 8, 10, 15; 2-cent, Nos. 7, 8; 3-cent, Nos. 1, 11; 5-cent, No. 10; 10-cent, No. 19; 20-cent, No. 21. We do not understand this system of numbering, as there seem to be several plates of some number, while the 20-cent, of which we would suppose there is but one plate, bears No. 21.

Ibid

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NEW YORK NOTES

By Joseph Holmes

Business is quiet here, news scarce, and everybody sweltering under a straight two-weeks' spell of humidity and heat. We took an envelope of unused stamps down town the other day, and when we got there they were originally gummed in one solid lump. It has been too blamed sticky to handle unused stamps, even ½c Canadas at \$10 each.

Ibid

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By Edmund L. Smiley

From the Boston Stamp Book.

The principal new issue of the month just past is the Diamond Jubilee set of Canada, and one or two phases of this subject it will be my immediate duty to

discuss.

First of all, it may be well to state that the issue is in almost every way similar in character to the Columbian set of our own country, which has recently been the means of doing more good, and as truly, more lasting harm to philately than anything else in the whole philatelic history of this country.

There is every reason to believe, from the enthusiasm with which this new set has been received that it will attract nearly as much outside attention as did the Columbian set, with probably commensurate good to the hobby.

But there is something of the boomerang element in an issue of this sort and the question which is insistently before us is this: How can we prevent the reaction and keep up interest and maintain a clear and open market in these stamps?

Of course the main difficulty with the Columbian stamps was the fact that two values of the set were "cornered" and false valuations were forced by the popular furore for the stamps.

But in the movements of this new commemorative set, we are confronted by a speculative tendency at the very start, and this was precipitated by the official figures of the Canadian government, announcing the quantities of each value issued.

These figures stated that only \$750 worth of the ½c would be issued and a correspondingly small amount of the 6c value.

The result was that within a day or two the supply of these two values at first placed on sale was at once exhausted and the stamps were cornered and held at exorbitant prices.

Immediately after this it was officially announced that the remaining ½c and 6c stamps, still in the hands of the post-office department, would only be issued to the public when the entire set was also purchased, up to the limit of 25,000 sets, when the residue would be offered in the ordinary way.

Here it is plain to see that the Canadian government have turned fakirs and

would despoil the unwary. This, if enforced, would be enough to blacklist the set as purely speculative if the S.S.S.S. were consistent and stamp collectors compliant. It is exactly the same sort of "gum game" as that which was attempted by the postal authorities at Congo, when the color change took effect upon the 5c and 10c values of the 1894 set. It will be remembered that it was some time after the stamps were placed on sale that any of the stamps came to this country. The reason was this: Stanley Gibbons and others who ordered the stamps were courteously informed that orders less than 100 pounds or so were respectfully declined. This is exactly the same principle as that which our friends in Canada would enforce.

Beyond this, there is no possibility of telling whether or not the stamps will be printed indefinitely to supply the demand as long as it shall last or not. Such a procedure would be exact accordance with the general drift of things pertaining to this issue.

And so, the end of it all is this, the stamps are, supposedly, worth face, up to the dollar value which is about as high a value as is usually used for postage. But

the stamps are speculative in the truest sense of the word, and may, if not rationally treated, bring a good deal of sorrow upon philately, just as the Columbians have done. Keep out of the crowd! Wait!

Ibid

By Joseph Holmes

We are indebted to Mr. J.W. Scott for information of an error of the Canadian jubilee post card which is typographed from steel blocks. The plate was made in two pieces, one containing the stamp and the other the inscription. During the printing the blocks containing the inscription dropped out or failed to print, and cards have been seen showing the stamp only.

Mekeel's, 12 August 1897

By Joseph Holmes

The L.A.W. BULLETIN states that a good way to make a transient repair on a bike is to stick two or three postage stamps, one on top of the other, over the leak and bind firmly. Perhaps this explains what has become of the 100,000 ½c Canada jubilee which have not as yet been accounted for. Our Canadian fellowmembers must have gobbled up the whole business to use instead of tire tape.

Ibid

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John E. Walsh Set

EXPOSITION PROVINCIALE

By W.L. Gutzman

This very colourful set shows scenes of Quebec City, in a large oval, surrounded by a rambling decoration of maple leaves, flags and crests. These include the Union Jack, the Stars and Stripes and the Fleur de Lys on Shield with blue background.

All cards which have appeared are printed in green on the address side. All are "Private Post Card" with divided backs, and are printed for John E. Walsh, 11 St. John Street, Quebec.

Most of the copies I have seen were used in late August of 1914, and were cancelled with the slogan of Quebec's "L'Exposition Provinciale de Quebec, 31 AOUT — 1914-5 SEPT., L'Annee de la

Sante Publique". They were sent by a soldier stationed at Valcartier, to relatives and friends in Dunnville, Ontario. Fortunately they were preserved by these good people.

Scenes illustrated in the set are:

Laval Monument and Post Office, Quebec.

New Chateau, Quebec.

Outside of Gate of Walled City, Quebec.

St. Louis Gate, Quebec.

View from Lower Town, Quebec.

Wolfe & Montcalm Monument, Quebec.

Wolfe's Cove, Quebec.

St. Foye Road, Drive and Monument Quebec.

Reports On Early Admiral Dates

A. L. Steinhart

Allan L. Steinhart

We have had a number of new reports come in with Admiral dates. To continue with the March-April report we give here the dates received for the coils and war tax stamps.

No. 123 — 1c green perf 8 horizontal

— July 31, 1913 — Lussey — on a postcard

— Mr. 29, 1913 — Parama — single on cover

— Jan. 27, 1914 — Reiche — pair off cover

— Apr. 18, 1913 — Steinhart — drop letter rate cover

No. 124 — 2c — carmine perf 8 horizontal

— Mar. 26, 1913 — Steinhart — 2c post-card rate to Germany

— Aug. 14, 1913 — Chaplin — single on cover

— June 18, 1913 — Dicketts — on cover

— Apr. 17, 1913 — Lussey — pair

It appears from this information that No.'s 123 and 124 were in use in late March, 1913 and a previously published note of the post office to the effect they would be issued sometimes towards Feb. 1913 is being borne out by the assembled information.

No. 125 — 1c green perf 8 vertically

— Oct. 10, 1912 — Lussey — strip of 4

— Oct. 18, 1912 — Lussey — cover

— Nov. 29, 1912 — Dicketts — cover

There were several 1913 and 1914 reports but the dates shown by Lussey and Dicketts were the only 1912 dates reported.

No. 126 — 1c yellow perf 8 vertically

— die I ivet — July 13, 1922 — Steinhart — cover

— June 20, 1922 — Dicketts — cover

— die I dry — Nov. 27, 1924, — Dicketts — single

— die II — Sept. 10, 1927 — Dicketts —

We need more reports on dry printings and die II printings to form any conclusions.

No. 127 — 2c carmine — perf 8 vertically

— Dec. 16, 1912 — Dicketts — on cover

— Oct. 23, 1912 — Steinhart — cover

— Nov. 29, 1912 — Chaplin — single

We know these coils were issued some time in August, September or October. We have only reported 1912 dates although a few 1913 dates were sub-

mitted. We received an Apr. 21, 1912 date but this date does not tie in with known facts.

- No. 128 — 2c green — perf 8 vertically
- Wet — July 26, 1922 — Lussey — pair
- June 23, 1922 — Parama
- Dry — June 29, 1925 — Chaplin — cover
- Nov. 20, 1926 — Dicketts
- Sept. 16, 1926 — Reiche

We need more reports on the wet printings and we shall leave out the sub die types for simplicity. There were a few late 1922 and 1923 reports also.

- No. 129 — 3c brown perf 8 vertically
- Nov. 9, 1918 — Lussey
- Oct. 10, 1918 — Lussey
- Sept. 20, 1918 — Parama — cover
- Oct. 4, 1918 — Dicketts
- No. 130 — 3c carmine perf 8 vertically
- Aug. 29, 1924 — Lussey — cover
- July 5, 1924 — Dicketts
- July 29, 1925 — Reiche
- Nov. 13, 1924 — Parama
- May 10, 1925 — Chaplin — single
- July 8, 1925 — Steinhart — cover

We have here several mid-1924 dates grouped fairly closely

- Die II — Apr. 1, 1927 — Steinhart — cover
- May 11, 1925 — Chaplin — single
- Jun. 23, 1926 — Parama — single
- June 14, 1926 — Dicketts — cover

We have a wide difference of dates and need more information.

- No. 131 — 1c green perf 12 coil
- Apr. 7, 1914 — Dicketts — cover
- Jan. 5, 1914 — Chaplin — single
- July 7, 1914 — Steinhart — postcard

We disregarded post 1914 reports. A July 19, 1912 date was reported but we know coils did not exist this early.

- No. 132 — 2c carmine perf 12 coil
- Aug. 18, 1913 — Reiche — pair
- Feb. 9, 1915 — Lussey — strip on cover
- Apr. 7, 1914 — Dicketts — cover

Several dates were reported in 1916 and later and these have not been entered. It appears we need some more early dates here to confirm 1913.

- No. 133 — 2c green perf 12 coil
- June 7, 1924 — Chaplin — cover
- Jan. 30, 1928 — Steinhart — cover
- July 31, 1926 — Lussey — single

These were the only reports on this scarce stamp. The Chaplin cover is a most significant price.

- No. 134 — 3c brown perf 12 coil
- Dec. 15, 1923 — Dicketts
- Oct. 13, 1925 — Steinhart — cover
- Mar. 15, 1928 — Lussey — cover
- Dec. 26, 1926 — Reiche — pair

This was all the reports on this stamp.

Report on Early Admiral Dates

Several new reports have come in on post dates of the regular issue Admiral stamps. We received a new batch of reports from Mr. Andrew Duncannon but unfortunately none changed our previous dates.

Hans Reiche has sent us in a new breakdown of his dates on No. 105, 1c yellow as follows:

- die I wet — Aug. 2, 1922
- die I dry — June 21, July 27, Aug. 17 and Oct. 23, 1922
- die II dry — Apr. 23 and July 14, 1925

These groups of dates tend to support each other especially the 4 die I dry printing dates.

I seem to have slipped and failed to list Sept. 27, 1924 for a 2c green thin paper from Mike Dicketts in our previous list.

Mr. Lawrence Walker reports Jan. 1 and Jan. 5, 1924 dates on the 3c carmine Admiral, die I.

Bill Pawluk reports June 25, 1931 on a No. 184 — 3c carmine perf. 12 x 8 Admiral stamp.

Mr. John Snell has sent us in some reports of which some are most significant. He reports a No. 106 — 2c carmine dated Dec. 22, 1911 on cover from Hamilton, the first 1911 on cover date. He also reports No. 107 — 2c green on cover dated July 17, 1922; 3c carmine No. 109 on cover Dec. 24, 1923; No. 113 — 7c straw single dated July 13, 1912; a new early date for No. 114 — 7c red brown of Jan. 26, 1925 on a single.

We received two extensive lists from Harry Lussey and Rick Parama and these were much appreciated. Mr. Lussey has many interesting dates which we report as follows.

- No. 104 — 1c green — Jan. 5, 1912 on postcard.

No. 105 — 1c yellow — June 30, 1922 and July 22, 1922 — singles

No. 107 — 2c green — June 30, 1922 — single

No. 109 — 3c carmine — Dec. 13, 1923 — single and Dec. 24, 1923 — cover

No. 184 — 3c carmine — perf 12 x 8 — July 7, 1931 — cover and July 6, 1931 — single

No. 110 — 4c olive yellow — Sept. 26, 1922 — two covers

No. 111 — 5c blue — a Feb. 23, 1912 single and a Apr. 19, 1912 cover. These are new early dates on single and on cover.

No. 112 — 5c violet — Apr. 24, 1922 on cover

No. 113 — 7c straw — Apr. 15, 1912 single

No. 115 — 8c blue — Sept. 1, 1925 — cover from Ottawa and an Oct. 5, 1925 block of 8

No. 116 — 10c plum — Dec. 11, 1912 — cover

— No. 117 — 10c blue — Aug. 24, 1922 cover and an Aug. 12, 1922 single

No. 118 — 10c brown — a new early date of Aug. 1, 1925 on cover and two singles and a cover dated in Sept. 1925

No. 119 — 20c olive — single dated Aug. 6, 1914

No. 120 — 50c black — a new early date on cover of Feb. 3, 1912 from Victoria B.C.

No. 122 — \$1.00 orange — another new early date of May 14, 1924

Rick Parama's list also has some interesting dates which we report below:

No. 104 — 1c green — Jan. 4, 1912 — single

No. 105 — 1c yellow — July 24, 1922 — cover

— 1c yellow die II — July 22, 1925 — single

No. 109 — 3c carmine — die II dry — Jan. 23, 1925 — single

No. 111 — 5c blue — Mar. 23, 1912 — single

No. 114 — 7c red brown — wet — July 22, 1925 — single

— dry — June 20, 1925 — cover

No. 115 — 8c blue — Dec. 5, 1925 — on cover

No. 116 — 10c plum — May 3, 1912 — single — a new early date

No. 117 — 10c blue — Mar. 31, 1922 single and an Aug. 4, 1922 cover. This appears to be a new single date for this stamp.

No. 118 — 10c brown — Oct. 26, 1925 — single

No. 119 — 20c olive — May 6, 1914 — single — a tie for the earliest date with a previous report

No. 120 — 50c black — a plate one block with an unlea date of Feb. 18, 1912

No. 122 — \$1.00 orange — a block dated July 19, 1923 with another cancel on it dated July 21, 1923 confirming — a nice new early date.

— dry — a block of 12 dated Dec. 14, 1926, another new early date.

Thanks to all those who contributed. In our next column we will tackle the war tax stamps, provisionals and imperforates along with some oddities and I hope with your help a host of new reports. Please write to:

Allan L. Steinhart
Apt. 1910
45 Dunfield Ave.

Toronto, Ont. M4S 2H4

This is my new address and is effective after Aug. 10, 1978.

**Make plans now
to come to
Florida in October**



Revenue Study Group

— By CHUCK EMERY

At Capex, several of us saw items for sale which are hitherto unreported, and according to all fellow BNAP'ers around at the time, not known to exist.

One of these was a full mint sheet of Sisson's R74a (number is from Jim Sisson's NEW Canadian Revenue Catalogue), the Federal Supreme Court George VI 20c surcharge on the 10c value. Together with it was a full mint sheet of R75A, the 25c value. Control numbers on the 20c surcharge were 17421-17440, and on the 25c sheet were 10181-10200. Both together had a sale price of \$3,500, which is \$500 over the price of mint singles in the catalogue.

Last time I looked, they were still for sale by J.A. Hennok Ltd., a Canadian dealer. Even if you can't afford them, it's worth while making a note of them in your reference manual.

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Recently, I mentioned some of the current New Brunswick laws. Also at Capex, Bill Rocket had several values recently obtained. They were a 20c red-brown, dex gum; 50c rouletted, PVA gum; \$1 purple, dex gum; \$2 blue, dex gum; and a \$5 green, dex gum.

As well, Bill had the current probate stamps — a 20c red, dex gum; 50c green, PVA gum; 50c olive, PVA gum; and a \$5 olive PVA gum. Obviously, other values or varieties could turn up yet.

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There were three show related revenue items at Capex. First, Ed Richardson's \$5 green War Savings Stamp, unique because it is the French version, and thus in the Gems of Philately. This was a good solid boost for revenueurs to have a revenue item in the top international court of honour.

Second, Bob Cunliffe's U.S. Revenue Stamps in competitive exhibit, which took a gold medal. The significance here, is that, in an international show under FIP rules, only revenues from the host country are allowed to be entered. Somehow this escaped the attention of the exhibit acceptance committee, and there they were, magnificently on display.

The jury voted to accept the entry and judge it on a competitive basis in this show. This quite naturally creates a precedent for any future exhibitor wishing to show revenues internationally, again a solid boost for the good guys.

Third, we were greeted by Jim's Sisson's 1978 Canada Revenue Catalogue — an updated version of the 1969 edition, with new prices for revenues, semi-official airmails, etc. Printing was once again limited, so be sure to get yours before they're gone.

Jim told me prices are up an average of 150 percent over the 1969 edition. Many of the old time revenueurs squawk at the prices, but all they do is reflect the current retail lists, auction prices realized, and of course the spiralling trends of inflation and growing revenue interest.

By the way, Jim made it quite clear, his catalogue is a price reference guide only, he is not filling want lists at these or any other prices. If you want to buy an item, bid on it in his auction, or buy it elsewhere.

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Naturally, I ran into John Sivert at Capex, and he came up with a quick guide to identifying Type I and Type II on the "N.S." — Nova Scotia overprint on

the third issue bill stamps.

John says all Type I are always impregnated right into the stamp, and that Type II lays up on the surface of the stamp, a distinction easily made by holding the stamp face up in the palm of your hand, arm outstretched, aimed to the light, and looking along the surface of the stamp.

As well, John says the "N" on Type II is stubby compared to Type I. He also mentions that he has never seen a Type II cancelled by a Nova Scotia bank, either on the stamp, or by a cancel tying the stamp to the document or piece.

Of course, John submits the above evidence as further proof of the argument that Type II is not a genuine overprint, but is a forgery. Will we ever settle this one?

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It was sure a pleasure to see so many fellow BNAP'ers at Capex, and to attend Bill Rocket's seminar on revenues. I could drool forever over the tobaccos that Bill and Lee Brandom showed.

Perhaps the most important topic to be discussed in our seminar, was the problem of getting a reference manual on Canadian Revenues into print. As most of you are aware, there have been various attempts by both collectors and dealers in recent years, most of which have fallen by the wayside for any number of

reasons.

Several of us have now gotten together in an attempt to get something into print reasonably quickly, and authoritatively. We are now past the initial organizational step, and, as a result of Capex, just starting in on the assembly of material.

The format is to be a sectionalized loose leaf binder, each section dealing with a different facet of revenues, e.g., Bill stamps, Federal Supreme Courts, etc.

In order to get this into print fast, we need the total co-operation of every revenue. What we need is manuscripts from authors, even if not completed. We need notes from specialists, we need the loan of rarities and varieties for photographic purposes, and we need ideas.

Within each section of the book, we will cover the basic philatelic information, the use of the stamp on document, etc., varieties, and most important, the legislation and use of the stamp or the issue, together with rates, etc. All contributing help will be listed in the index and in each section as author, researcher, etc., and with permission, will show the source for photos, etc.

Our plans are to try and have this out within a year. We think we can do it if we have your help. Let's hear from you.



Tagging Along

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

Courtesy Gary Coolen of Portage la Prairie and Frank Whitebread of Winnipeg comes this report of an unusual find. Five sheets originated in Kenora Ont, and there have been rumors of similar finds in eastern Canada.

The stamp is the 14c red Q.E. definitive, and the accompanying illustration will explain it better than words. From left to right the 11 rows of perfs are tagged as follows: — Rows 1, 2,

3, 4, 8, and 9 are tagged more or less normally. Rows 6, 7, and 10 are missing completely. Row 5 has just faint traces of tagging to the left of the perfs on the top three stamps, and row 11 has faint traces of tagging to the right of the perfs on the selvege only, on the top four stamps.

This leaves a total of thirty stamps untagged. While technically this is not a type G1a error, nevertheless there are one bar (actually 1/2 of one bar) stamps

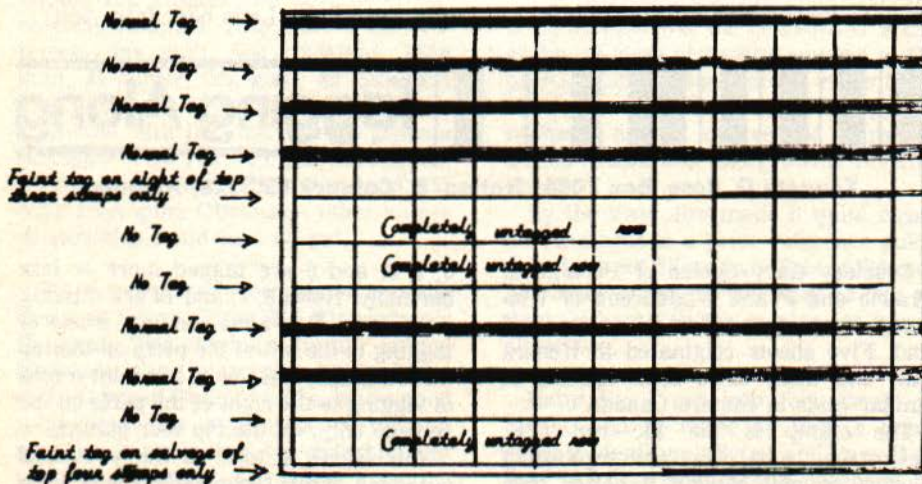
on the sheet as follows: — 17 stamps tagged one bar left, and 10 stamps tagged one bar right, leaving 43 stamps tagged normally.

Suddenly reports of errors are starting to pick up. I have one of two untagged 10c Q.E. plum definitives, I secured on untagged copy of the recent resources (Silver) on commercial mail through the Bay in Calgary (mailed in Hodgeville Sask.) and of course the current 14c H. of P. are very common Type G1a in the coil,

and fairly common in the sheet. Untagged from the sheet are also turning up at regular intervals.

The same commercial mail from the Bay also produced a C.N.R. Perfin on the 14c H of P sheet stamp. Another couple of perfins which showed up this spring are also illustrated, and I would appreciate any information my readers can supply as to their origin.

All of the above items were reported or found during April and May of 1978, and I hope this reaches print in time to alert collectors to keep their eyes open while the stamps are more or less current.





Semi-Official Airmails

Houghton E. Sanguinetti, 7108 Partridge Hill Row,
New Port Richey, Fla. 33552, U.S.A.



Booklets of stamps issued by stamp issuing aviation companies are among the most difficult items to locate and their search sometimes leads to "finds".

Laurentide Air Service, Limited issued its first three varieties in booklets — two panes of four stamps.

The writer located a complete booklet of the Third issue of Laurentide Air Service, Limited — the 25c red, rouletted at top — in a shop in Chelsea, London, England a few years ago.

Browsing through old books and curios turned up a stamp album in which the stamps had been pasted down. The proprietor of the shop remembered that

when he bought the stamp collection there was a small box of miscellaneous loose stamps. After a search he located that box. In it I found some booklets of stamps of various countries and there was the entire booklet of that Third Issue of Laurentide Air Service, Limited. I bought the box without haggling over the price. This dismayed the shopkeeper who enjoyed haggling and also made him unhappy wondering how much more he should have asked for the box of stamps. There was nothing of value in that box except the Semi-official airmail stamp booklet. I have often wondered as to what that was the only semi-official airmail

stamp in the collection.

NORTHERN AIR SERVICE

Ed Richardson sent me a photo of a sheet of the Northern Air Service stamps in his collection. Note that if the sheet is held so that the wide margin is at the left, the dot varieties are in the top row. If we can find a sheet with the wide side margin at the right and the dots in the top row then it would establish that the plate format was 10 x 4 stamps.

Mr. Richardson has a cover with what has been considered a single stamp from a Northern Air Service booklet pane but it has a narrow margin straight edges at top and left while the booklet pane in John Young's collection indicates that Northern Air Service booklet pane stamps should all have straight edges at the bottom and either right or left. Perhaps there were two booklet pane layouts.

Profiles Of BNAPSers

BY WAYNE R. CURTIS



Our new 1st Vice President and nominated for President is Guy des Rivieres. He was elected member of the Board of Governors BNAPS in San Francisco in September 1976.

A native of Quebec City, he attended college and graduated in law from Laval University. He practices law in Quebec City as the senior partner of the firm of

des Rivieres, Paquet, Vermette & Associes. In 1960, he was appointed Queen's Counsel.

Also learned he served a term as Batonnier (President of the Bar Association) for the district of Quebec. Also was a member for 2 years of the executive committee of the Province of Quebec Bar Association.

For 6 years he has been mayor of the summer community of Lac St-Joseph. Another side of his life finds him as a member of the Quebec School Board for 6 years including 4 years as vice president.

A number of years ago I was quite fascinated by his exhibit of Canadian Registration covers when I attended an exhibition in Quebec City. This continues to be his special collecting interest particularly covering the period 1851 to 1892. It was awarded a gold medal at QUEPEX in 1975. CAPEX visitors will have had the opportunity to see an expanded display. Other collecting interests are France, Netherlands and Switzerland.

For the last 6 years, he has been a director of the Royal Philatelic Society of

Canada. The chairman for QUEPEX, the RPSC convention and exhibition held in Quebec City in 1975, was Guy. Locally, he is a former president of La Societe Philatelique de Quebec.

Other society memberships include the Philatelic Specialist Society of Canada, the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain and the American Philatelic Society. For Canada's National Postal Museum, he is a member of the Advisory Committee.

During the last 7 years Guy and his wife Therese have attended most of the BNAPS and RPSC conventions.

I am sure we will all recognize Guy from this photograph even though it was not taken yesterday. Regardless, the man who has served our Society as a Director, Legal Representative in Canada is now our new 1st Vice President and we wish him well in taking on these new duties. Thanks for stepping in.



IN OLD CANADA

by FRED STULBERG



Philatelic Photographic Service, Toronto



A previous article dealt with the encircled letters of Kingston and Hamilton, Ontario and told of the existence of a similar device at Ottawa which struck a "C" enclosed in a ring. This was not intended to be a revelation since this mark has been well documented and almost all writers attribute its use to the post office of the House of Commons, Ottawa. However, before the story of the two-ring C can be completed, it must first be established whether a House of Commons Post Office did indeed exist.

Evidence seems to indicate that, at least during the nineteenth century, a true functioning post office did not exist within the parliament buildings and the main Ottawa Post Office processed all the parliamentary mail. Granted, there are handstruck dated markings from both the House of Commons and the Senate that resemble postal daters. However it is significant that none of these are seen as stamp cancellations and are invariably found in conjunction with known markings of the Ottawa Post Office even on official mail that was entitled to pass free of postage. Parliamentary mail that did require postage apparently had the stamps affixed and cancelled by the Ottawa Post Office (fig. 1).

We can say with reasonable assurance

that if a parliamentary post office did exist it took the form of a mail room that did little more than identify the official nature of the mailing with the appropriate handstamp before taking it to the Ottawa Post Office nearby for processing. Even incoming mail went there before being sent to the parliamentary mail room.

Now comes the question as to whether the double ring C was the mark of House of Commons mail room. Again, evidence points to the fact that it was peculiar to the Ottawa Post Office only and was used there as a stamp canceller not only on parliamentary mail (fig. 2) but also on normal mail (fig. 3).

Sufficient covers do not exist to establish accurate periods of usage but the mm. mark is found on issues of the late 1880's to beyond the turn of the century. It was used contemporaneously with the renowned Ottawa Crown which, incidentally, has also been erroneously associated with a parliamentary post office. The significance of the Ottawa "C" is obscure and, in all likelihood, no logical explanation exists. It is known that similar devices were used by sorting clerks in Great Britain and it is entirely likely that one brought his own to Canada and when hired by the Ottawa Post Office, started to use it as "his mark".

Letter Sorting Mechanization In Canada

By Sally S. Tunnicliff

It has been one year since my last article appeared in BNA Topics and there have been a number of new developments which should be of interest to readers.

During the last year six new post offices have added letter sorting equip-

ment for the first time and three post offices which already had coding consoles have begun to use OCR equipment. Revised schedules appear in Tables I & II. It should be emphasized that most of these dates were given to me by Ottawa and occasionally differ somewhat from

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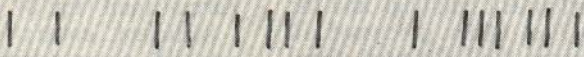


Figure 1 — Envelope coded on Desk 5, Oshawa. Note extra group of bars at far left. (Pale lemon bars were inked in for sake of clarity — Ed.)

those given on a local level. In any case, they should be considered as approximate.

There have been two new developments which I feel warrant special mention. One is the introduction of stand-alone equipment in Oshawa. Each coding desk is independent of the other desks rather than being arranged in a suite of 12.

Envelopes coded in Oshawa can be easily recognized (Figure 1). Although the bars are yellow, the desk number is indicated by a group of bars at the far left rather than by a console number. Figure 2 shows how the far left grouping of bars translates to machine number at Oshawa.

Stand-alone equipment in Oshawa is a pilot project. If this equipment is considered successful it will be placed in post offices across Canada which serve an area too small in population for a full

suite of 12 coding consoles.

I am delighted to report that the post office is adding a letter to each yellow console number in order to identify the letter processing plant as well as the coding desk number. Vancouver was the first mechanized office to add a letter. A "V" was added to No. 30 as early as December 1976. Other Vancouver desk numbers did not obtain their "V" until June and July 1977.

On February 7, 1978, Canada Post Office requested all mechanized offices to identify themselves as follows: Ottawa, A; Winnipeg, B; Saskatoon, C; Regina, D; Toronto West (Mississauga), E; Toronto South Central, F; Toronto East (Scarborough), G; Edmonton, I; Calgary, J; Hamilton, M; London, O; Victoria, K; Vancouver, V; Halifax, N; Windsor, P; Montreal (Ville de Laval), Q; Montreal (Peel), R; Montreal (St. Laurent), S; Quebec City, U; St. John's

(Newfoundland), a; Saint John (N.B.), b; St. Catharines, c; Kitchener, d; Burlington, e; Longueuil, f; Sherbrooke, g; Sudbury, i; and Kingston, j. Letter sorting machines in Halifax, Montreal (St. Laurent) and Kitchener are expected to become operational during the latter half of 1978.

I expect the addition of letter identifiers to be a gradual rather than an all-at-once event. Most changes of this type have taken a period of weeks or even months to implement.

Correspondence may be addressed to me at my new address: 4116 Keenland Blvd. Evansville, Indiana 47715.

Figure 2 Key to the Identification of Machine Number at Oshawa

Machine No.	FAR LEFT IDENTIFIER	
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6		
7		
8		

4 21 start read
BINARY VALUE

Note: The machine number is one more than its binary value.

TOPICS: THE BUSINESS SIDE

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PRESIDENT	Leo J. LaFrance, 27 Underhill Road, Ossining, N.Y. 10562
PAST PRESIDENT	James J. Pike, 5805 Balsam St., Apt. 801, Vancouver, B.C. V6M 4B8
VICE-PRESIDENT	Guy des Rivieres, 71 rue St. Pierre, Quebec, P.Q. G1K 4A4
2nd VICE-PRESIDENT	Ed Richardson, P.O. Box 939, League City, Texas 77573
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BOARD OF GOVERNORS	Ten sittings: Five elected in the even numbered years for four year terms.
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	Clarence Stillions
Serving Until Dec. 31, 1980	
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From the Secretary

EDWARD J. WHITING
Malvern, Pa.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP PENDING

2990 Johnson, Jonathan

APPLICATION PENDING REINSTATED

This application was declined for failure to reply to correspondence due to a misunderstanding.

3718 Woodward, Len, 47 Skyline Dr., Dundas, Ont. L9H 3S3

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

(Objections must be filed with the Secretary IMMEDIATELY upon publication.)

(Following the address a C—collection, D—dealer, CD—collector-dealer)

3771 Aubrey, Joseph M., Box 866, Golden, B.C. V0A 1H0 — C British North America. Proposed by E.J. Whiting L-61

3772 Ward, Murray J., 10732-131 A Ave., Edmonton, Alta. T5E 0X3 — C Canada mint & used, perfins, precancels. Proposed by R. Zrobok 2845, Seconded by S.S. Kenyon 1676.

3773 Reiling, Charles J., 1 Barbuda Rd., Englewood, FL 33533 — C Canada Telegraph & Telephone franks. Proposed by W.C. Rockett 249.

3774 Huang, Eddy, 23 Parklen Dr., Ottawa, Ont. K2G 3G7 — C Canada. Proposed by E.A. Harris 729.

3775 Feero, Ronald, P.O. Box 112, Station "D", Toronto, Ont. M6P 3J5 — D Canada singles, blocks, covers & postcards. Proposed by T.W. McMahon 3564, seconded by J. Dinoff 3068.

3776 Harkleroad, Dudley, 77 Temelec Circle, Sonoma, CA 95476 — C Canada general, matched plate blocks, revenues, 1967-73 definitives. Proposed by W.L. Wright 3247, seconded by G.F. Lohman 3495.

3777 Thurston, Betty, 3079 N. Parkview Dr., Fresno, CA 93711 — C Canada 4-ring & 2-ring numeral cancels. Proposed by W.L. Wright 3247, seconded by F.G. Lohman 3495.

3778 Foss, Dr. Elwood T., 102-104 Professional Bldg., Swift Current, Sask. S9H 0A9 — C B.N.A. Canada & the Provinces — Mint or used singles; Revenues mint or used. Proposed by C.O. Emery 3468.

3779 Plaskiewicz, Richard J., USS Preble, DDG-46, CPO Mess, c-o FPO San Francisco, CA 96601 — C Canada singles mint & used, plate blocks & matched sets. Proposed by E.J. Whiting L-61

- 3780 Coltman, Roberta M. P.O. Box 102, Clearlake Highlands, CA 95422 — C General, inscription blocks, precancels, perfins. Proposed by W.L. Wright 3247, seconded by G.F. Lohman 3495.
- 3781 Richardson, Gordon C., 1902 Tweed Ave., Ottawa, Ont. K1G 2L9 — C BNA, small queens, Edward VII, BNA postal History, Ontario & Quebec stampless covers, Manitoba postmarks. Proposed by D.W. Lingard 3377, seconded by C.H. Bayley 704.
- 3782 Rome, Jeffrey O., 191 Winthrop Rd., Brookline, MA 02146 — C Canada, Newfoundland, Revenues from all B.N.A. Proposed by R.W. Marcello 2636.
- 3783 Tomasson, Gary Dale, 427-48 Ave. S.W., Calgary, Alta. T2S 1E3 — C Canada, Centennial definitives, Winnipeg Tagged. Proposed by E.J. Whiting L-61
- 3784 Twichell, Howard S., 7334 Whispering Pines Dr., Dallas, TX 75248 — C Canada & BNA. H.F. Dingenthal 3602, seconded by E.A. Richardson 168.
- 3785 Twichell, Ruth H., 7334 Whispering Pines Dr., Dallas, TX 75248 — C Canada. Proposed by H.F. Dingenthal 3602, seconded by E.A. Richardson 168
- 3786 Komorowski, Richard J., M.P.O. Box 5181, Vancouver, B.C. V6B 4B3 — C Canada mint & used 19th & 20th Century; coils; OHMS-G; booklets mint panes; mint & used airmails. Proposed by S.J. Horton 923.
- 3787 Bassett, Steven, 417 Tulip La., Madison, WI 53713 — C Canadian provinces — mint, used, covers, essays, proofs, revenues, specimens, etc. Proposed by R.S. Flewelling Jr. 3525.
- 3788 Desaulniers, Louis W., C.P. 154, Dollard-des-Ormeaux, Que. H9G 2H8 — C Canada — imprint sheets, plate blocks; used & unused singles. Studies on Small Queen & different issues. Proposed by G. Grenier 1862.
- 3789 Hondyk, Leonard H., 18 Sundance Cr., Scarboro, Ont. M1G 2M2 — D B.N.A. prior to 1945. Proposed by J.A. Hennok 2447, seconded by J.H. Talman 2884.
- 3790 Edmonds, Melvin, P.O. Box 2066, Universal City, TX 78148 — D 19th Century British North America. Proposed by E.A. Richardson 169, seconded by V. VandenBoom 3325.
- 3791 Wheeler Jim T., 1009 Imperial, Denton, TX 76201 — C Proposed by P.B. Johnson 3385, seconded by B.L. Shapiro 3200.
- 3792 Sevigny, Yves, Comp. 132, Springfield Estates, R.R. 2 Lower Sackville, N.S. B4C 2S7 — C Canada. Proposed by D.M. Verity 2312.
- 3793 McKain, David Leonard, 1518 Washington Ave., Parkersburg, WV 26101 — C General Canada plus cancellations including R.P.O.'s, Squared Circles. Proposed by L.M. Ludlow L-1465, seconded by D.G. Rosenblat 1445.
- 3794 Shorting, Dr. Donald M.L., Box 5164, Station 'B', Victoria, B.C. V8R 6N4 — C Queens, large & small; Registers; Revenues; Covers pre 1948. Proposed by C.O. Emery 3468
- 3795 Reid, Michael, 964 Canaveral Cr. S.W., Calgary, Alta. T2W 1N5 — C Canada including tagging & paper varieties and "socked on nose" cancels. Proposed by E.A. Harris 729, Seconded by C.W. Aubin 3100.
- 3796 Frick, Miss Shirley Ann, 35-740-15 Ave. S.W., Calgary, Alta. T2R 0R6 — C Canada & Provinces mint & used. Proposed by J.M. Adams 3637

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

15 May 1978

- 2968 Copeland, COL Royal S., Rt. 6, Box 581-H, Venice Farm Rd., Venice, FL 33595
- 1415 De Mase, Vincent A., 1611 Avenue C, Ormond Beach, FL 32074
- 1869 Devlin, J. Murray, Apt. 503, 728-3 Ave. N.W., Calgary, Alta. T2N 0J1
- 1800 Dinger, Paul C., P.O. Box 9566, Glendale, CA 91206
- 2410 Eacret, Mrs. Bonnie G., 1801 Franklin, Apt. 401, San Francisco, CA 94109
- 2304 Harris, James P., P.O. Box 3646, Wilmington, NC 28406
- 896 Hollingsworth, Dr. Charles W., 17 Mellish Rd., Walsall, West Midlands, England WS4 2DQ
- 2469 Horovenko, Albert, 1325 Talbot Rd., Windsor, Ont. N9A 1A5
- 2315 Kulikoski, Mike M., 627 Alberta Ave. S.W., Calgary, Alta. T2G 4K5
- 1348 Laird, William W. QC, 57 Widdicombe Hill Blvd., Apt. 1704-W, Weston, Ont. M9R 1Y4
- 2434 Levine, Buddy, Woodmere at Jackson, Apt. 7, West County Line Rd., Jackson, NJ 08527
- 3580 Lipinski, Dr. J. Kenneth, 11604-92 Ave., Edmonton, Alta. T6G 1B3
- 3095 Lonergan, Brian, 116 Rodonovan Dr., Santa Clara, CA 95051
- 2934 McGrath, John C., 657 Champlain Dr., Cornwall, Ont. K6H 6H9
- 2978 Melanson, Stephen P., Box 514, Pitt Meadows, B.C. V0M 1P0 (delate 'c-o RCMP')
- 3198 Parama, Rick, 16425-109th St., Apt. 107, Edmonton, Alta. T5X 2K1

- 2280 Riddle, George J., 3024 Hypoint Ave., Escondido, CA 92027
 2160 Smalley, George F., 298 John St., Gananoque, Ont. K7G 1A7
 3652 Stager, Phillip J., 1201 Island Dr., Apt. A-202, Ann Arbor, MI 48105
 3498 Steele, Mike, 51 Muriel Cr., London, Ont. N6E 2K3
 1174 Tinker, Richard L., P.O. Box 1059, Huntingdon, Que. J0S 1H0
 3202 Tunnickliff, Sally S., 4116 Keenland Blvd., Evansville, IN 47715
 2513 Van Drunen, G., P.O. Box 126, Deep River, Ont. K0J 1P0
 2661 Wannacott, Dr. J. Brian, P.O. Box 158, Pilot Point, TX 76258
 2990 Johnson, Jonathan C., P.O. Box 799, Terrace, B.C. V8G 4R1
 3632 Kiss, Andrew MD, 223 St. Clair Ave. W., Toronto, Ont. M4V 1R3
 1646 Crawford, Douglas A., 596 Dufferin Ave., London, Ont. N6B 2A4
 3724 Kawamoto, Thomas M., 6850 Glenview Dr., San Jose, CA 95120
 749 Greenhill, R.S.B., 3 Highbury Grove, Haslemere, GU27 1BB, Surrey, England
 2756 De Montigny, Jacques, 9 rue Rochefort, Touraine, Que. J8T 4K6
 3073 Koepke, Charles B., 54 Glasgow St., Regina, Sask. S4S 1E1
 L-490 Webb, Honer, 162 Jean Blvd., Lewisburg, PA 17837

DECEASED

15 May 1978

- 1393 Kemp, Clarence A., 10 Benevenuto Pl., Apt. 201, Toronto, Ont. M4V 2L2
 L-117 Nouss, Henry O., P.O. Box 2754, Pompano Beach FL 33062

RESIGNATIONS RECEIVED & ACCEPTED

- 2283 Arthur, Mrs. R.M., 3015 Southmore Dr., Riverside Park South, Ottawa, Ont. K1V 6Z5
 2391 Baugh, Charles W. MD, Box 787, Orillia, Ont. L3V 6K7
 2397 Kuipers, Gerald, 10839-147 St., Edmonton, Alta. T5N 3E1
 3450 McLean, Robert D., 51 Gordonhurst Ave., Montclair NJ 07043
 2383 Nalon, John, 176 Arthur St., Gananoque, Ont. K7G 1A9
 2801 Petzoldt, Hans H., 11, the Mount, Oatlands Dr., Weybridge, Surrey, England KT13 9LT
 2094 Smith, Marcus William, 150 Seaview Pl., Box 2, Lions Bay, B.C. V0N 2E0

DROPPED FROM THE ROLLS

15 May 1978

- Unable to reach by mail — latest address returned marked "gone away".
 3016 Birkenhead, Michael, c-o E.W. Bank & Partners, Prudential House, North St., Brighton, BN1 1RW England

RETURNED MAIL (Bad address?)

- 3743 Read, David George, 4965 Elizabeth St., Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 6M4

DROPPED FROM ROLLS FOR NON-PAYMENT OF 1978 DUES

- 1720 Anderson, D, H
 3519 Azn, J de B
 3295 Basque, D
 3547 Boudreau, A JH
 1580 Bowmer, Dr E J
 497 Bramhill W G
 2827 Braun, A
 1609 Breton, MB
 2538 Brown, J
 2741 Burrows, A G
 2811 Campbell, R D
 3270 Carver, J S
 3250 Cirelli, P
 2698 Covert, E L MD
 2877 Cowdrey, C W H
 2552 Daniels, R B
 2969 DeBelle, J C
 2879 Dibbley, L D
 2497 Dunnell, Dr R C
 2379 Edwards, P B

- 3311 Elkington, P J
 3523 Elliott, PE J
 3638 Falk H
 2646 Falken, S R DDS
 3275 Fevens, G
 1884 Ferguson, J C L
 2971 Gallichen, F W
 2369 Gary, D
 3255 Gordon, D J
 3277 Greer J L
 2277 Handelman, D
 3633 Hansen, T J
 3527 Haugh, J J
 3313 Hill, D R
 3444 Howard, G K
 3427 Jarville, G H
 2138 Jones, D I
 3236 Jordan, R S
 3611 Kallis, G J
 3614 Kelley, K S



BNAPEX '78

**THE BREAKERS — PALM BEACH, FLORIDA
OCTOBER 12 - 14, 1978**

**Here are the exhibition rules and entry forms,
plus the official hotel reservation**

EXHIBITION RULES: BNAPEX '78

Who May Enter—The Exhibition is restricted to members of BNAPS in good standing.

What May Be Exhibited—The Exhibition is restricted to British North American material, as outlined in the classification.

Entries Are Limited—No exhibitor may show more than one entry in any group or sub-group.

— All entries shall be the bona fide property of the exhibitor.

— The Host Group may have the right to restrict the number of frames for any one entry, but in no case will the restriction be less than five frames.

— Entries must consist of at least two frames.

— No entry, having been awarded the Grand Award at a previous BNAPEX may compete in open competition again. The exhibitor is restricted however **only** in that group or sub-group where the Grand Award was won.

Type Exhibition — Open Show basis.

Judges—There shall be at least three judges, all members of BNAPS, who are recognized, experienced judges, and they shall be selected by the Host Group.

No judge may enter the competition.

AWARDS

The classification is for purposes of properly organizing the exhibition, and also for the purpose of restricting the Grand Award winners. **They have no other purpose in determining awards.**

The Exhibition is to be judged on an open-show basis, using modified International Show standards.

The number of awards in total, and by grades, shall be determined only by the quality of the exhibits on display.

In no way should it be interpreted that any given number of awards must be given to any group or combination of groups.

BNAPEX '78

EXHIBIT ENTRY FORM

JOHN TOMLINSON
Exhibits Chairman, BNAPEX-78
4121 N.E. 25th Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, Florida
U.S.A. 33308

I plan to exhibit..... frames.

(Frames accommodate nine (9) album pages measuring 8½" x 11".

Title of exhibit.....

Brief Description of exhibit.....

My exhibit will be sent by.....

Please return by..... Insured for.....

I will personally deliver my exhibit to the chairman.....

Amount enclosed for entry fee, at \$4.00 per frame..... \$.....

Included for return postage..... \$.....

Total entry fee plus return postage..... \$.....

MAKE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO:

EXHIBITS CHAIRMAN, BNAPEX-78

I, the undersigned, have read the rules for exhibiting and understand that I will be responsible for insuring my exhibit, and I will not hold the exhibition committee, the society, and-or The Breakers, Palm Beach Fla., their officers, members or employees liable for any loss or damage to this exhibit.

Signature..... Date.....

Name (print).....

Address.....

SEND ENTRY FORMS TO MR. TOMLINSON; Entry forms should be received on or before Sept. 15, 1978. SEND EXHIBITS TO:

JOHN TOMLINSON, EXHIBITS CHAIRMAN, BNAPEX-78
4121 N.E. 25th AVENUE
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA
U.S.A. 33308

FOR OFFICE USE; PLEASE LEAVE BLANK

Entry accepted..... Exhibit received.....

Mounted by..... Taken down by.....

Returned by..... Received by.....

Class..... Group..... Sub-group.....

BNAPEX '78 EXHIBITION RULES

continued

BNAPS EXHIBITION CLASSIFICATION

Class I — Court of Honour

This classification is reserved for exhibits "by invitation only," and includes:
Postal administrations and museums
Outstanding private collections

Class II — Competitive

Group

A—PRE-ADHESIVE AND/OR STAMPLESS COVERS OF CANADA, NEWFOUNDLAND, AND/OR ANY BNA PROVINCE(S).

B1—19th Century (to 1897)

B2—20th Century (from 1897)

C—PROVINCES

C1—British Columbia and Vancouver Island

C2—New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

D—CANADA (Victorian Issues)

D1—1851-59, the Pence and Decimal Issues

D2—1868-92, Large and Small Queen, Widow Weeds and Registration Issues

D3—189702, Diamond Jubilee, Leaf, Numeral and Maps

E—CANADA (Early 20th Century)

E1—King Edward and Quebec Issues

E2—Admiral Issues and War Tax

E3—George V, 1927-35

F—CANADA (Modern Issues)

F1—George VI

F2—Elizabeth II, including Semi-Postals

F3—Officials, Overprinted or Perfin

F4—Special Delivery, Postage Due, Officially Sealed

G—AIRMAILS

G1—Newfoundland Airmails and/or Covers

G2—Canadian Semi-Official Airmails and/or Covers

G3—Canadian Government Issues and Flights

H—POSTAL SPECIALTIES

H1—Canadian and Newfoundland Booklets and Panes

H2—Canadian Coils, Miniature Sheets, Souvenir Cards, Plate Numbers and imprint studies

J—CANCELLATION STUDIES (on or off cover)

K—PRECANCELS, INCLUDING PRECANCELLED POSTAL STATIONERY

L—POSTAL STATIONERY OF CANADA AND NEWFOUNDLAND

M—POSTAL HISTORY SPECIALTIES

N—REVENUES

O—NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED

NOTE: Proofs and Essays should be entered in the group to which they belong; thus pence and decimal Canadian proofs would be entered under II-D1. However if showing all 19th century proofs, then enter merely as II-D.

Freaks, plate varieties, etc., should be entered in accordance with the above instructions.

Specialized collections of single stamps should be entered in the group or sub-group for that particular issue. It is not necessary to exhibit all the material listed in the sub-group.

Class III—Novice

This special section has been allowed by the Board of Governors with the intent to encourage new exhibitors at the show and is open to any member who has not previously exhibited at a BNAPEX show.

This section is non-classified.

GENERAL

Insurance shall be the responsibility of the exhibitor. While the Host Group shall take every reasonable means to provide security for the exhibition there shall be no responsibility or liability attached to the Society, its officers, committees, members, host, for any loss or damages to any exhibit or part of any exhibit for any reason whatsoever.

The exhibitor, by reason of his signature on this application agrees to the acceptance of these rules and regulations.

SEND TO:

BRITISH NORTH AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY OCTOBER 11-15, 1978

PLEASE RESERVE:

Single Occupancy_____ \$80_____ \$100 daily *Modified American Plan

Double Occupancy_____ \$80_____ \$100 daily *Modified American Plan

Parlor and one bedroom_____ No. of persons

Parlor and two bedrooms_____ No. of persons

(Parlors:_____ \$55_____ \$65 daily additional depending on size and location).

*Modified American Plan - include room, breakfast and dinner.

Service charge is added at \$10 daily double; \$6 daily single; \$4 daily parlor, which covers all gratuities with exception of bellmen, doormen and personal services.

ARRIVAL DATE:_____ TIME:_____ DEPARTURE DATE: _____

NAME (s) _____

STREET _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

3613 Kilpatrick, M E
1131 Kropke, L R
3264 Lafontaine, J
3505 Lamrock, E
2779 Law, Carl E
3418 Leahy, Dr J
2705 Marston, C L
2484 Marston, Dr J H
3420 Matza, E
3378 McAlpin, T W
3576 McClusky, F K
2523 McIsaac, . L D
3197 McKinnon, F A
3110 Merikallio, R A
2500 Miller, A K
3146 Miller, F
67 Minuse, K
2264 Morris, E W J
3228 Novak, L M
2529 Oberman M
3178 Ogaranko M J
3287 Palochik, A M
2370 Pasley, J D
3266 Patterson, W
3238 Peters, G M Jr
3443 Pillar, W B Jr
3428 Price, R G
1909 Price, T E
2802 Rogers, W D
2273 Rowe, H P

299 Shaw, T P G
2437 Matthews, L
1962 Simmonds, W E
3423 Simonetti, F
3387 Skrepnek R J
3597 Smith, W K
2287 Southey, T W
2209 Storch, C L
3622 Stryjek, M D
2961 Sullivan, Mrs K H
3636 Taylor, R H
3446 Thatcher, J V H
3592 Thorne, D G
1450 Traquair, R S
3256 Trimmer, V R
3352 Turcot, M
2394 Turner, T W
2686 Tweedie, Mrs E
2938 Vassilaki, J
2431 Walton, W J A
3326 Warm, H R
3291 Welch, J R
3626 Worthey, D
1495 Wright, G B
846 Young, J M
2812 Flatters, F G
1719 Seidel, R E MD
3422 Silverman, D
3431 Folster, H M

NEW MEMBERS APPLICATIONS PENDING

(Addresses for these appeared in the issue in which they were first listed as "Applications for Membership.")

3721 Gilmour, William E.
3722 Bollinger, J.P.
3724 Kawamoto, Thomas M
3731 Root, William E
3734 Kudish, Harold C. MD
3740 Koutts, Cecil C.
3741 Pharo, C.F.
3742 Love, Larry D, 508-725 12 Ave, S.W., Calgary, Alta. T2R OH9
3743 Read, David George
3744 Navary, James T., 2324 Dominion Ave., Norfolk, VA 23518
3745 Feagan, R. Dennis
3746 McLennan, J. MD, 5750 Malvern Ave., Burnaby, B.C. V5E 3E4
3748 Ridley, Brian

3749 Lane, Robert Kenneth PHD
3750 Pappaspyrou, George
3751 Cole, Kenneth W.
3752 Collop, Tom
3753 Burgers, Hendrik
3754 Daneman, Jeffrey C.
3755 Curtis, Derrick C.
3756 Melzack, Brian
3757 Sellick, Mrs. Violet K.
3758 Anderson, David C.
3759 Sibson, F. HL.
3760 Waddington, Albert I.
3762 Lindsay, W.G.
3763 Lingen, Roy
3761 Irwin, Douglas
3764 Watson, William W.
3765 Davey, W. Arthur
3766 Lane, Stuart
3767 Iwaszkiewicz, Jorge J.E.
3768 Gendron, Raynald
3769 Wilson, Roy S
3770 Looten, Ken C.

CORRECTED MEMBERSHIP RECAP

Members as of 19 March 1978

New Members

Deceased

Resigned

Dropped from the Rolls

Members as of 15 May 1978

Applications pending

New Applications for Membership

1,563

3

1,566

2

7

100

109

1,457

33

26

1,516

LIBRARY REPORT

by Michael Squirell

Andrew Chung has donated two copies of his study "The Low Value Definitives of 1973-1976" — a listing of paper varieties, and the addendum dated March, 1978. This study has the same format as the book by F.W.L. Keane and J. Paul Hughes "The 1967-73 Definitive Issue".

I have asked the POD why they cannot have some standardization in the printing papers of definitives, but then that's the fun of collecting current issues and finding paper and ink varieties. At least one can form a fairly large collection of varieties by visiting the local post office every week or so. Andrew is preparing a study of the 12c and 14c Parliament and Cameo issues of 1977-78. As a compliment to the study of the 1973-76 issues, Roland Greenhill, Librarian CPSGB has sent us Peter Harris's "Canada's Medium Value Definitives 10c-50c 1972-76". I haven't seen this study published in any journal as yet but will send a copy for a SSAE and 14c stamp.

BNAPSer Jerome C. Jarnick has enriched the Library with a bound copy of the 'Fundamentals of Philately', two auction BNA catalogues and the National Postal Museum booklet.

Andy Anderson is continuing to help us build up a fair collection of history of British Columbia. Andy's latest donation to the Library is entitled "Remembering

Roberts Creek 1889-1955", by the Roberts Creek Historical Society, also auction catalogues and clippings containing BNA writings from Linn's. BNAPSer John McGrath has sent us two copies of the Canada Post booklet "Rural Mail Delivery".

A publication that has been around for two years and which may be of interest is entitled "Early Canadian Life". It can be found on local newstands in Canada at 75c a copy. Information on subscription rates can be had by writing to Early Canadian Life, 181 Main Street, Milton, Ontario, L9T 1N7. There are many articles on the early history of Canada. Also, postal history articles, such as "The Smallest Post Office in Canada"; and for the military buff, "Voyageurs of the Nile". This publication is worth having. It also carries ads for new publications on Canadian History; one recent publication mentioned is "Places in Ontario — Their Name Origins and History Part I" (A to E), 710 pp., \$25. from the Mika Publishing Co., 200 Stanley Street, P.O.B. 536, Belleville, Ont. K8N 5B2. The other two parts are slated for publication this year and 1979.

We still have a fair stock of surplus issues of Maple Leaves and The Canadian Philatelist. We have complete Vol. 7, 8, 9, 10 of Maple Leaves at \$8. per Volume, also many odd numbers of

Maple Leaves are available at 75c per issue; complete volumes of Canadian Philatelist, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16 at \$6. per volume and many odd nos. at \$1. per copy. Also remember that the Library and Circulation department have many

volumes complete of BNA Topics. Prices of Topics appear in current issues of Topics. The Library will exchange the above for volumes of Canadian Philatelist from Vol. 20 up.

SALES CIRCUIT: SOS FOR CIRCUIT BOOKS — KEEP 'EM COMING

Enthusiastically taking up the reins as our new Sales Circuit Manager is Charles W. Aubin. Mr. Aubin writes saying he is now in possession of the Circuit Books and most other material to proceed with the job. But he sends this SOS:

"I presently have 103 Circuit Books, about half of which are nearing retirement

date or sales requirement for return to the

owners . . . there are not a sufficient number of books for so many circuits."

Members at large can help solve the problem by supplying Circuit Books — lots of them, we hope. Write to:

Charles W. Aubin
4931 Vanguard Road N.W.
Calgary, Alta.
T3A 0R5
Canada.



The RPO Cowcatcher

Lewis M. Ludlow

Gamlen Far East, No. 6-17, Shibaura 4-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo 108, Japan

There must be something in the air! Cowcatcher correspondence has been running apace. In a short space of time we have received much information, new discoveries, column up-date, corrections and such, and it is time to catch everyone up on latest developments. The continuing addition of new reporters is evidence that our specialty of R.P.O. cancellations is growing and

flourishing; we would like to believe that the R.P.O. Study Group, as well as the Cowcatcher, are providing a focal point and impetus to this increasing interest.

By the time this is published, CAPEX will be history, but Joe Purcell and Jim Lehr, with Ed Richardson pushing and acting as sheriff, are planning a full Study Group meeting on R.P.O.'s; we will report on same in a sub-

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sequent column.

We are pleased to report a major new discovery in R.P.O. cancellations by Douglas Birchill. As shown in the photograph of the illustrated stampless cover, there can be seen the slightly blurred, but clearly discernible, strike of:

O-115A HAM. & TOR. R. WAY, P.O.-
CONDUCTOR No:

We believe the CONDUCTOR is No: 1, but it might possibly be No: 2. The date in September, 1859 has been inserted in ink — (7); the direction indicia DOWN has been overstruck in ink with UP.

The early, large-type R.P.O. cancellations of the 1850s-1860s have been thoroughly researched by Jarrett, Boggs, Shaw and many others, and within the something less than 60 different R.P.O.s of the genre that have been discovered, one from Hamilton & Toronto was not even suspected to exist. Unquestionably, this is a find of major proportions in the specialized field of R.P.O.s; congratulations, Doug!

The revision of the Catalogue Section of Shaw's Handbook, which we published in 1975, is fully gone — no copies left — and perhaps the most frequent question in our recent correspondence has been "when is the next edition coming out?" To the R.P.O. Study Group, our friends and colleagues, and now, to

you our readers, we have committed the next edition in not less than one year, but not more than two years. Should anyone feel that this is undue delay we must advise that the new volume will involve some major and substantive changes. Perhaps the most important of these will be a revision throughout the rarity factors, a project of considerable proportion currently under way. In the present catalogue, periods of use are shown vis-a-vis the Scott Catalogue Numbers of the stamps on which they were reported; in the next edition, we will show the earliest and latest years of use, as has already been done in the Newfoundland Section. This program is also currently under way, and you can help. We have prepared the currently known earliest and latest years of use known for both Newfoundland and the Maritime runs in list form. These lists are too long for publication in Topics; however, if you feel that you can contribute up-date information in this area, lists are available either from the R.P.O. Study Group, from Jim Lehr, Secretary, or this column, and we would appreciate having any new information possible before the next edition goes to press. List for the other sections of the catalogue will be available in the near future.

Earlier this year, Jim Kraemer and the Postal Museum uncovered official correspondence which, within different

periods, confirmed with actual strikes the various R.P.O. hammers then in use on certain runs. Ferdinand Belanger has made an in-depth study of these, which we will call Survey Strikes, and has developed considerable additional knowledge on our R.P.O.s, including many runs and hammers on which we have previously reported. Additionally, from these Survey Strikes, Belanger has not only been able to confirm one run, M-45B, not currently known in the Study Group inventory, but also he has been able to confirm two new hammers for M-51A. All of these will be reported on individually in the column.

M-36E

HALIFAX & CAMPBELLTON R.P.O. - F.H. DICKSON

Type 6E, One Hammer

Proofed: Unknown

Earliest: January 10, 1918

Indicia: 99 only

Usage: One known strike

R.F.: 200

Comments: Here is another great find by Doug Birchill. He did not tell us about the front of this

cover, but the back looks like a postal clerk field day. Apparently starting in Halifax on January 9, 1918, through Mr. Dickson on the 10th, along with two strikes of Q-38 also on the 10th, two beautiful strikes of Q-160 on the 11th, through Kingston on the 12th and last struck at Rockport, Ontario on January 16, 1918. A lovely cover!

M-45D

HALIFAX, DIGBY & YARMOUTH R.P.O.- W.R. LONG

Type 17J, One Hammer

Proofed: Unknown

Earliest: November 24, 1954

Latest: April 9, 1955

Indicia: 95, 98

Usage: Two known strikes above

R.F.: 200

Comments: Doug Birchill only reports in about once a year on his various bloodhound activities, but when he does he has usually sniffed out some good ones; here is another beauty, two full backstamp strikes on two different covers. Am not sure where Doug keeps finding these gems, but it does show that there are still lodes out there waiting to be discovered.

NEW REPORTERS

138A From Survey Strikes
by F. Belanger

168 Dr. Fred Stulberg

169 George Olson, Jr.

170 C.A. Stillions

171 F.D. Seaman

172 E.M. Macdonald

173 David L. McKain

174 John D. Aitken

NEW RUNS

Shaw No.	Route	Train-		Period	R.F.	Reporter
		Type	Direction			
N-46A	NEWFOUNDLAND- RAILWAY-CRABBS	3A		1924	200	160
Q-6A	TRAIN No. - Artha & 3 Riv. R.P.O.	5I	123	1919	200	16, 107A
Q-166A	MONT. & TOR. M.C. ASST. -	10	NE	1900	200	173
Q-276D	FROM SEN. & COCH R.P.O.	22F		1948	150	160
Q-285B	SHERBROOKE-QUEBEC - J.L.R. PAGE	12A	6	1929	200	144
O-91B	G & G - G. Connolly	23I	640	1955	200	144
O-115A	HAM. & TOR. R. WAY, P.O.-CONDUCTOR No:	6C	DOWN			
O-292A	Pt. H. & MID. Ry-A. McLatchie, mail C.	22H	UP(in ink)	1859	200	144
O-383D	TORONTO & NORTH BAY - TORONTO - W.J. McLAUGHLIN, R.M.C.	3D	S	1897	200	144
W-38H	FROM ED. & D.C.R.P.O	22F		1948	150	144
W-64I	KEL. & SIC. R.P.O. - H.A. WORICK	3C	707	(1930)	150	144
W-87X	FROM M.J. & CAL. R.P.O.	22F	4	1930	150	144
W-127M	FROM RIV. & SASK.	22F	30	1930	150	144
W1-44C	FROM SASK. & MUN. R.P.O.	22F		1932	200	160
W-146AA	S.W. & ED. - C. CARROLL	3C	92	1955	200	144
W-173E	WPG. & BRED. - J.P. CHISHOLM	1E	51	1946	150	172
W-186A	WPG. & HARTNEY R.P.O. -D.W. WATSON	10-O	12	1926	200	172

ADDITIONAL CATALOGUE INPUT

Shaw No.	New Data	Reporter
N-3A	First reported strike — August 18, 1949; Indicia — SS	144
N-55	Add vessel S.S. BAR HAVEN	173
W-621	Add clerk J.E. Wheatley	144
W-871	Add clerk J.B. AITKEN — January 4, 1930	144
W-138C	Add clerk D. CAMBRIDGE (" - ", instead of "& "); WEST	144
R-19H	Add vessel S.S. BAR HAVEN	173
	Page 136 Type 10, after "Railroad", add "or other designation"	16

CATALOGUE CORRECTIONS

Shaw No.	Correction	Reporter
N-3	Change to Type 5B	170
N-32	Change DIST to DICT	173
N-82A	Delisted — Same as N-96 (corrects error in Jan.-Feb. 1977 Topics, page 22, delisting N-28A)	16,101
M-11C	Change Bernier to BERNIER	23
M-11D	Change CAMP. & LEVIS to Camp. & Levis	23
M-11E	Delisted — Printed Facing Slip	23
M-133B	Change "&" to "and", EDWIN CROWE to Edwin Crowe, R.F. to 150	16
Q-309B	Change J.L.E. to J.L.R.	16, 144
Q-309C	Change J.L.E. to J.L.R.	16, 144
D-40A	Delisted — Spadina Avenue Station, not an R.P.O. Depot	136, 168
D-42	Delisted — not an R.P.O. Depot	136

COLUMN UP-DATE

Show No.	Hammer	New Information (SS — Survey Strike)	Reporter
M-10	V	SS — May 11, 1941, Tr. 3; (G. Jos Duguay, assigned clerk)	138A
M-7	IV	Latest — October 5, 1928	173
M-11	I	Train 17 in 1967	150
M-11	II	Latest-July 29, 1969; Train 15 in 1967	150
M-11	IV	Latest — October 8, 1969	174
M-11A		Latest — April 1, 1969	174
M-12	I	SS — April 22, 1941; Tr. 32; (J.W. Garant, assigned clerk)	138A
M-12	VII	SS — April 20, 1941, Tr. 59; (assigned clerk unknown)	138A
M-12	VIII	SS — April 24, 1941, Tr. 32; (J.W. Couillard, assigned clerk)	138A
M-12	XII	SS — April 21, 1941, Tr. 2; (J.G. Rousseau, assigned clerk)	138A
M-16	I	SS — April 19, 1941, Direction — Z (assigned clerk unknown)	138A
M-18	VIII	New indicia — W in 1921	137
M-18	VIII	SS — April 23, 1941, Tr. 39; (H.L.S., assigned clerk)	138A
M-18	X	SS — April 22, 1941, Tr. 39; (T.E.A., assigned clerk)	138A
M-19		SS — April 19, 1941, Direction — E; (assigned clerk W.C.W.)	138A

M-25	I	Latest — September 8, 1940	173
M-26	IV	SS — April 19, 1941, Direction — W; (J.W.H., assigned clerk)	138A
M-26	VII	SS — April 21, 1941, Direction — W; (G.R.B., assigned clerk)	138A
M-34A		SS — February 3, 1956, Tr. 286; (assigned clerk unknown)	138A
M-35	II	SS — February 2, 1956, Tr. 285; (assigned clerk unknown)	138A
M-35	V	SS — February 2, 1956, Tr. 286; (J.E. Marshall, assigned clerk)	138A
M-35A	II	SS — February 3, 1956, Tr. 285; (assigned clerk unknown)	138A
M-36	XIV	July 5, ? (2c Admiral), Train 3; first reported use	148
M-41		Latest — August 25, 1948	137
M-44C	II	Latest — November 29, 1954	112
M-47	II	Latest — August 3, 1901	173
M-78	I	Latest — May 17, 1915	108
M-80	II	Latest — August 8, 1914	108
M-88	II	Earliest — December 5, 1893	173
M-91	I	Earliest — August 7, 1903	137
M-92		Earliest — September 2, 1936	173
M-98	I	Latest — June 26, 1899	173
M-100	II	Earliest — July 15, 1885	137

M-45B

HX. DIG. & YARMOUTH - R.P.O.

Type 17H, One Hammer

Proofed: Unknown

Earliest: To be advised

Indicia: 95 in Survey Strike

Usage: Currently unknown

R.F.: 120 (very underrated)

Comments: The Survey Strike reported by Belanger is dated February 2, 1956. The lettering of the hammer is small and modern, indicating post-World War II usage, but no Destruction Order strike was found, so we should not expect to find strikes in the middle 1960s. The hammer shows some wear, but is relatively clear and free of smudging. Here is a sleeper for collectors with later stock.

M-51A

HALIFAX & SAINT JOHN - R.P.O.

Type 17H, Three Hammers

Hammer I

Proofed: June 18, 1937

Earliest: October 22, 1937

Latest: August 11, 1949

Indicia: 14 only

Usage: Infrequent and scarce

R.F.: 50 (100 percent) very undervalued

Comments: This hammer was originally reported as the only hammer of M-51A. A Survey Strike of this hammer confirms the use of Train 14 on April 23, 1941. It has been almost two years since we detailed this run in the Cowcatcher and no new dates have been

reported in the intervening period; further, only 13 strikes have been inventoried by the R.P.O. Study Group. (Assigned clerk in 1941 was G.E. Pinney.)

Hammer II

Proofed: Unknown

Earliest: Not yet reported

Indicia: 13 in Survey Strike

Usage: Currently unknown

R.F.: 50 (0 percent)

Comments: This is the first of the two new hammers discovered by Belanger. This Survey Strike is dated February 3, 1956. The hammer has small, modern letters which are characteristic of those produced in the 1950s, so we expect that the date of making this hammer may be close to the date of the Survey Strike.

Hammer III

Proofed: Unknown

Earliest: Not yet reported

Indicia: 14 in Survey Strike

Usage: Currently unknown

R.F.: 50 (0 percent)

Comments: This Survey Strike, similar in characteristics to Hammer II and probably struck at the same time, is dated February 4, 1956. Both Hammer III, as well as II, show sufficient wear that strikes of both are to be expected; we wonder why none have been found.

SEPARATION OF M-51A HAMMERS

Step 1. By comparison, Hammer I is self-evident, with its large letters and ampersand

closely spaced; Hammers II and III are small, modern letters, wider apart, and Hammer III is visually more spread out than Hammer II. Step 2. For more accurate definition, measure the chordal distance from the bottom of the left leg of the "A" to the lower left corner of the "N", both of SAINT; Hammer I measures less than 3 mm, Hammer II — 3½ mm, and Hammer III — almost 4½ mm.

Step 3. As an additional separation for Hammers II and III, measure the chordal distance from the bottom of the right leg of the "X" of HALIFAX to the bottom of the left leg of the "A" of SAINT; Hammer II measures less than 6 mm, while Hammer III is over 7 mm.

M-86

MONCTON & ST. JOHN R.P.O. -

Type 17, Two Hammers

Hammer I

Proofed: Unknown

Earliest: May 12, 1905

Latest: July 12, 1906

Indicia: E, W

Usage: Limited and very scarce

R.F.: 100 (underrated)

Comments: We are indebted to Jim Lehr for the discovery and reporting of this new hammer with THREE strikes within the indicated period. Previously, we had been somewhat skeptical of reported strikes on Edwards because of our strong depth in this period from the Whitehead collection; one should never be complacent! Hammer I is identified quickly by the less than 2 mm "M" and the 1 mm "N", both of MONCTON, measured across the bottom of these letters. It will be interesting to see what additional strikes will be reported.

Hammer II

Proofed: February 20, 1917

Earliest: November 7, 1932

Latest: April 25, 1949

Indicia: E, W to 1941; 19 in 1947 and 44 in 1949

Usage: Intermittent and scarce

R.F.: 100 (underrated)

Comments: For Hammer II, the "M" and "N" of MONCTON are respectively over 2 mm and almost 1½ mm. By 1947, this hammer was badly worn and clear strikes are not to be expected. Although earlier strikes undoubtedly will be found, closing the gap with the proof strike, this hammer is far from common. A Survey Strike from Belanger confirms the use of the Direction Indicia E until at least 1941.

From official Railway Mail Service correspondence, which surfaced through Belanger, we have had additional light cast on the probable existence of M-13A and M-13B, which are currently known only from their proof strikes. On August, 1939, the District Director (Halifax?) requested a hammer reading CHAR'TOWN & MONCTON-R.P.O., (M-13A); the Director of Equipment (Ottawa), on September 3, 1939, questioned the need for such a hammer, but must have placed the order anyway since this hammer was made and a proof struck on September 6, 1939.

In reply, the District Director advised that his previous 1937 report (not available) failed to mention the summer use of a hammer reading CHARLOTTETOWN & MONCTON R.P.O. on the Charlottetown and Sackville run between Sackville and Moncton, and that with two summer crews, another hammer was needed. We know of no run reading in full as indicated; however, he may have been referring to CH'TOWN & MONCTON R.P.O., (M-13B), which was struck in 1917. Obviously, some hammer was already in summer use in this period 1937-1939.

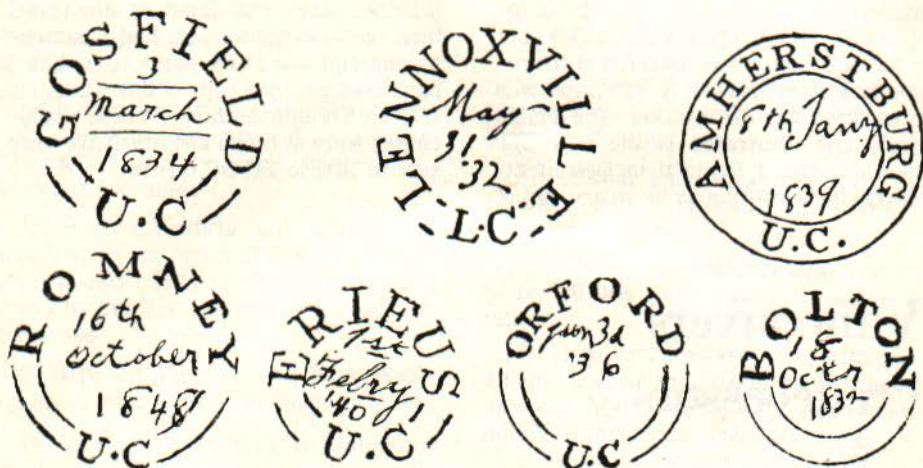
Returning to M-13A, this may or may not show up in actual use. By the time this hammer would have arrived, summer was practically over, and who knows what may have happened by the time the summer of 1940 rolled around the following year.

An Instrument Order

BY FRANK W. CAMPBELL

A rather unusual postmarking instrument order was sent to England on February 7, 1831. Several of the places named had not been opened, and it is

unusual that implements were ordered ahead. For example when Hamilton opened in 1825 it was 1828 before a hand-stamp was furnished.



A long distance line of offices was planned from Amherstburg-1801? to ? St. Thomas-1825, by horse vehicle, rather close to the shore of Lake Erie through virgin timber with scattered settlements that had relied partly on boat service south to the lake shore.

The list of post offices herewith is easterly from Amherstburg, with Colchester-1831, Gosfield-1831-1870; Romney-1831; Erieus-1831-1852, changing to Dealtown; Howard-1831-1851, changing to Morpeth; Orford-1831-1836, changing to Clearville; Aldborough in Elgin county-1829; then St. Thomas.

Implements for other far eastward offices were for Kemptville in Grenville county, 1831; Unionville in Leeds county, 1831-1833; Walsingham-1831-1869, changing then to St. Williams; Bolton, 1824-1851, in Quebec, changing to Magog; Lennoxville-L.C., 1831.

Above may be too strong on figures, so a few remarks may relax you.

I have covers of some of these, and the Gosfield manuscript concerned a missionary about to visit the misled Christians near the mouth of the Thames

river, on Lake St. Clair. That would be my ancestors and his visit was wasted. Gosfield was an Indian reserve then.

Romney mark was difficult to find, but a copy in the Federal museum at Amherstburg was traced.

Howard mark is rather common in auction lists. A large tavern for vehicle and refreshment use was there. Evidently the mail vehicle driver collected wayside letters and at this tavern he put them in the mail box.

Kemptonville postmaster ingeniously put brass circles on his instrument and made it a double circle marker.

Bolton in Quebec was a problem. At that period the postmaster there was in serious legal trouble with headquarters. I have not seen a strike of the instrument furnished, and besides in 1829 Bolton was furnished a small size instrument with no province, and this earlier marker is very difficult to locate.

Unionville in Leeds gets confused with the same name office in York, 1851-on.

Amherstburg, in Essex county, sort of got postal service in 1796 when the British left Detroit and started Fort Malden, on

Amherstburg site. Officially its office opened in 1915 by Quebec Almanack, but it was 1828 before a handstamp of the no-province style arrived. A type dater was later put in this 1828 marker. The double circle one illustrated is the only one known to me. I found it in Detroit archives. Its scarcity may be on account of

it being manuscript dated, so why spend time on it. Kingston also had a similar manuscript one at the same time, and I have seen only one copy of this Kingston-U.C. in Toronto archives. These double circles were of brass and about 100 were sent in 1830 to LC-UC offices.

Vancouver Predecessors

By Max Rosenthal

The story of British Columbia and Vancouver Island colonial post offices, and how the communities they were located in came into existence has been told in four articles in BNA Topics. One colonial post office, a latecomer, Burrard, was left for another article, because it was the predecessor of British Columbia's metropolis, Vancouver.

Burrard Inlet was the back door to New Westminster and the golden route of the Fraser River. To establish it as an alternative route of access to that town, the capital of the mainland colony, Colonel R.C. Moody's men in 1859 built a pack trail to the inlet. In 1861 it was widened for wagons and named North Road. It was to be the supply line in the exit of a blockade of the Fraser River.

By 1863 Moody's engineers had completed a survey of the townsite of Granville, and, as the disbanding of his force, every man received 150 acres, supplementing the already existing bloc which was to become Hastings townsite. A shack built during the winter of 1862-3 on the bluff overlooking Burrard Inlet, between the Military Reserve, later Stanley Park, and Burrard Street on the east, was the first house on the site of Vancouver.

By the summer of 1867 Captain Edward Stamp had a sawmill and store on the inlet. That year John Deighton (Gassy Jack) opened a saloon near the

Hastings Mill as this industry was renamed after Captain J.A. Raymur bought it, the location became known as Gastown.

BURRARD AND GRANVILLE

Several miles up the inlet Hastings townsite developed as a bathing resort for New Westminster, first named, Brighton, Maximilian Michaud's Brighton Hotel enjoyed an ever-increasing popularity, and a stage was inaugurated to New Westminster. In May 1869 Brighton was officially gazetted as Hastings townsite, but Michaud had become postmaster of Burrard. When it became a Canadian post office in June 1872, still under his postmastership, its name was lengthened to Burrard Inlet. It was not until 1897 that it was renamed Hastings, to become Vancouver-Hastings sub-office in 1912.

In 1875 a road was built to join Hastings townsite with Granville ("Gastown"), previously accessible only by water and Indian trail. The previous year Henry Harvey, salesman at the Hastings Mill, had opened Granville post office, at the mill.

The "Guide To The Province of British Columbia for 1877-8", published by T.N. Hibben & Co., in Victoria in 1877, gave this information on postal service and post offices.

The Postal Service of the Dominion of Canada was introduced into this

Province in the year 1872. The main postal lines in the Province are as follows:

1. Between Victoria and San Francisco, Cal., by which at present mails are despatched and received tri-monthly. Distance 760 miles.

2. Between Victoria and Tacoma, by which mails are received and despatched semi-weekly. This route is maintained solely by the U.S. Government. Distance 115 miles.

3. Between Victoria and New Westminster, semi-weekly. Distance 75 miles.

4. Between Victoria and Nanaimo, weekly and in alternative weeks semi-weekly, distance 75 miles; and between Victoria, Nanaimo and Comox (distance from Nanaimo to Comox 60 miles) fortnightly.

5. Between New Westminster and Yale, semi-weekly in summer and fortnightly in winter. Distance 100 miles.

6. Between Yale and Barkerville, weekly all the year round. Over this line the mail is carried in stages which perform the trip either way in five days. Distance 385 miles.

The above are the principal steamboat and road communication in the Province. The less important routes which, though distant, and in some cases travelling almost unsettled country, are entitled to mention, and are as follows:

(1). Barkerville and Harvey Creek, weekly in summer, fortnightly in winter. Distance 50 miles. The parcel post is not in operation over this route during the winter season.

(2). Burrard Inlet and New Westminster, daily. Distance 9 miles.

(3). Cache Creek, Okanagan, weekly in summer and fortnightly in winter; distance 112 miles; and between Okanagan and Okanagan Mission, fortnightly in summer and monthly in winter. Distance 35 miles.

(4). Cassiar and Fort Wrangel, mon-

thly in summer season. Distance 260 miles.

(5). Clinton and Dog Creek, weekly in summer and fortnightly in winter. Distance 60 miles.

(6). Clinton and Lillooet, weekly in summer and fortnightly in winter. Distance 47 miles.

(7). Esquimalt and Victoria, twice daily, all the year round. Distance 3 miles.

(8). Hope and Kootenay, six trips per annum, leaving Victoria in the months of January, March, May, July, September and November. Distance 435 miles.

(9). Maple Bay and Somenos, semi-weekly. Distance 7 miles.

(10). Metchosin and Victoria, weekly. Distance 25 miles.

(11). Saanich and Victoria, weekly. Distance 24 miles.

(12). Salt Spring Island and Wharf, semi-weekly. Distance 3 miles.

(13). Sooke and Victoria, weekly. Distance 26 miles.

(14). Spence's Bridge and head of Nicola Lake, fortnightly. Distance 60 miles.

(15). Burrard Inlet and Granville, daily by water. Distance 8 miles.

(16). Skeena and Victoria, occasionally per Hudson Bay Co.'s steamers. Distance 514 miles.

In 1886 the Canadian Pacific Railways acquired from the Province 6,000 acres of the Granville townsite reserve, including much of Vancouver's present business district, and the entire waterfront, for the Pacific terminus for its transcontinental railway. Its general manager, William Van Horne, when he visited the site two years earlier, had decided that Granville should be renamed Vancouver. The Provincial Legislature incorporated the City of Vancouver in April 1886. On the first day of May J. Miller became postmaster of Vancouver, renamed the same day.

LIST OF POST OFFICES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Offices	Electoral Districts	
	Provincial Legislative Assembly	Postmasters
Alexandria	Cariboo	A.D. McInnes
Ashcroft	Yale	H. Randall
Barkerville	Cariboo	R. Allen
Burrard Inlet	New Westminster	B.H. Wilson
Cache Creek	Yale	Jas. Campbell
Cassiar	Cariboo	Jos. Clearihue
Chemainus	Cowichan	T.G. Askew
Clinton	Lillooet	M. O'Connor
Chilwack	New Westminster	Mrs. J. Macdonald
Cumox	Comox	G.F. Drabble
Cowichan	Cowichan	J. Kinnear
Dog Creek	Lillooet	J. Gallagher
Duck & Pringle's	Yale	Jas. Duck
Esquimalt	Esquimalt	J.T. Howard
Glenora	Cariboo	J.B. Lovell
Granville	New Westminster	H. Harvey
Head of Nicola Lake	Yale	S. Moore
Hope	do	J.G. Wirth
Kamloops	do	W.B. Wilson
Keithley Creek	Cariboo	G.A. Veith
Kootenay	Kootenay	C. Booth
Lac I a Hache	Lillooet	A.McKinlay
Ladner's Landing	New Westminster	W.H. Ladner
Langley	do	H. Wark
Lillooet	Lillooet	A.W. Smith
Lytton	Yale	Mrs. A.L. Buie
Maple Bay	Cowichan	J. Morley
Maple Ridge	New Westminster	Wm. Howieson
Matsqui	do	F. Chapuy
Moodyville	do	D.S. Milligan
Nanaimo	Nanaimo	Wm. Earl
New Westminster	New Westminster	V.B. Tait
Nicola Lake	Yale	J. Clapperton
Okanagan	do	C. O'Keefe
Okanagan Mission	do	E. Lequime
150 Mile House	Cariboo	Jas. Griffin
Quadra	Comox	W.M. Dingwall
Quesnelle	Cariboo	Jas. Stone
Quesnelle Forks	do	W.P. Barry
Salt Spring Island	Cowichan	T.C. Parry
Skeena	Cariboo	R. Cunningham
Soda Creek	do	R. McLeese
Sooke	Esquimalt	M. Muir
Somenos	Cowichan	A.R. Kier
Spence's Bridge	Yale	J. Murray
Suma	New Westminster	D.W. Miller
Van Winkle	Cariboo	A. Lindsay
Victoria Vancouver	Victoria City	R. Wallace
Yale	Yale	B. Douglas

Letters, Announcements, Reviews and Other Things

A.A.M.S. MEETS

The American Airmail Society held its 55th annual convention in Toronto, in conjunction with Capex 78.

R.K. Malott, convention chairman, says three souvenir envelopes were issued, each bearing a 14c Capex stamp. 500 sets were prepared. For details write to: R.K. Malott, 16 Harwick Crescent, Ottawa, Ontario K2H 6R1, Canada.

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UNUSUAL

This unusual red cancel was recently used from Toronto; has someone any idea of its meaning? The PO does not.

Hans Reiche

I.P.S. - S.A.L.C.
POSTES CANADA POST

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HOLMES HONOURED

The Writers Unit of the American Philatelic Society has declared that the late L. Seale Holmes is among six philatelic journalists to be elevated to the APS's Writers Hall of Fame.

Dr. Holmes (1884-1961) was the editor of Holmes Catalogue, a popular catalogue of Canada and BNA which ran to eleven editions.

The six journalists, three from the past and three from the present, join 39 other writers elevated to the Hall of Fame.

BROKEN PIN

A. Kolmann has submitted a block of ten mining stamps from the horizontal row 8 and 9. Between the two rows of stamps every 25th perforation hole is missing Ashton Potter printed the stamp and perforated it with a comb type perforator. The broken perforation pin of the multiple T perforator probably was not noticed. The stamps were perforated from left to right. Because four sheets were printed at the same time with the perforator moving from left to right, the two sheets which were side by side show this missing hole, the other two sheets do not.

Hans Reiche



REVIEWS

The Canadian Ocean Mail Clerk 1860-87, by Kenneth S. Mackenzie, published by and available from the National Postal Museum, Confederation Heights, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1A 0B1. Price \$2.00 postpaid.

This is the story of a small group of people who served aboard Canadian mail ships sailing between Canada and Europe in the early days of steam.

An illustrated booklet, it details the rise of the Ocean Mail Branch, and its demise 17 years later when too many steamships were crossing the Atlantic too quickly to allow sorting clerks to be used on the run.

Dr. Mackenzie's work (he's on the Postal Museum staff), is the first publication in a planned series of what the Museum call "occasional pamphlets". The production maintains the high quality of other much more expensive publications from the NPM.

Ice Cap News, March-April 1978. Published by American Society of Polar Philatelists (Unit 31, American Philatelic Society). Price \$8 a year (six issues), which includes membership fee in ASPP.

A thoroughly readable, professionally produced magazine with good illustrations. Content in this issue ranges from Antarctica and Tristan da Cunha to a Northwest Territories postal news column. Editor of ICN is Bernard V. Coyne, but membership enquiries should be addressed to the secretary: Russell Ott, 3541 Calle del Sol, Irving, TX 75062, U.S.A.

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Canada & Newfoundland Postal Stationery Catalogue, 1978 edition by Jim F. Webb, price \$7.50, available from Jim Webb, Hornby, Ontario, Canada, L0P 1E0 or from most of our advertisers.

The third edition of this most popular catalogue is a very welcome addition to

all collectors of Canadian postal stationery. Just about every section has shown upward price changes from the Nesbitt envelopes where EN3 used, the 10c Nesbitt has increased from \$500 to \$2000, to the modern centennial issues. Many special order envelopes have shown big increases, especially the precancelled postal stationery envelopes. There are also quite a number of new listings. EN561-15, an 8c Alaska Highway No. 8 window envelope formerly unpriced is now \$200 and EN562, an 8c Alaska Highway black long multiple invoice also formerly unpriced is now \$500 mint and \$550 used.

In the section on Letter Cards the "B" perforation items have taken dramatic price jumps. In mint L1b went from \$15.00 to \$30.00, L2a from \$50.00 to \$100.00, L3a from \$10.00 to \$300.00, L9e from \$125.00 to \$250.00. In the Post Cards section again there were many sensational price increases such as P3, the 2c green UK card, from \$7.50 used to 25.00, P15 the first orange UPU card, from 6.50 used to 20.00, P35 the 2c Blue Admiral UPU card from 50.00 used to 200.00.

In a few cases the prices were reduced, but this has not happened often. There are some additional Railroad card and proof listings. One of the most important changes has been the removal of all price listings for cat-squares. There seems to be almost no demand for these by Canadian Postal stationery collectors.

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THOMPSON RIVER

I have enjoyed Max Rosenthal's articles on British Columbia Colonial Post Offices. However, he is in error in his reference to Kamloops (March-April, 1978 issue of B.N.A. Topics) when he stated that David Thompson descended the river which was to be named after him and established Fort Thompson, afterwards re-named Fort Kamloops.

In actual fact, David Thompson never saw the Thompson River nor did he ever visit the Kamloops district. The Thompson River was named after David

Thompson by Simon Fraser who, while descending the Fraser River in 1808, named in the river in honour of his colleague who he believed to be exploring its headwaters. In actual fact, however, Thompson was exploring the Columbia River.

The first white men to visit Kamloops were Americans from the Pacific Fur Company. From this initial visit in 1811 and encouraged through the trade of 2500 beaver skins, they returned in 1812 and built a small post on the south side of the junction of the North and South Thompson Rivers. Later in 1812, the Northwest Fur Company also built a post in the vicinity. In 1813, the Americans sold their post to the North West Fur Company. This company amalgamated with the Hudson Bay Company in 1821 and this latter company has been associated with Kamloops ever since.

Incidentally, Kamloops was named after the original indian settlement — "Cumcloups" meaning the "meeting of the waters."

From an early Colonial post office established in 1870, Kamloops is now a thriving city of some 75,000 persons noted for its attractions for the sports fisherman.

W. Young

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BNAPEX '78

BNAPEX '78 will be held October 12 to 14, 1978 at the Breakers Hotel, Palm Beach, Florida with about 15 bourse tables which will cost no more than \$50 per table. For those wishing bourse tables, contact

Mr. Harry Lussey
142 Driftwood Circle

Atlantis, Florida, U.S.A. 33462

There is a program of seminars planned on registration, small queens, Admirals, Edwards, Revenues and Precancels and possibly other subjects. There will be about 150 nine page frames with a limit number of frames yet to be set by the committee depending on the number of entries.

The Breakers Hotel is considered one of the finer hotels in the United States and possibly the best in Florida. There are 12 tennis courts and two golf courses, a mile long beach and a huge pool, ocean swimming and excellent cuisine, a superb staff and ocean fishing close by plus many other activities available close by.

There are also a number of activities planned for spouses of members planning to attend the convention.

A cookout is planned for Thursday in the Beach Club area. On Friday the main dining room with its atmosphere and dance orchestra, will attract many. Saturday night we have the Venetian Ballroom, facing the ocean, for a cocktail party and the annual banquet.

Come one, come all and a supper philatelic ball.

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CAPEX 12¢

It may be of some interest to collectors how the 12c CAPEX stamps were printed. An exhibit by the British American Bank Note Company at ORAPEX annual exhibition in Ottawa displayed the printing cylinders. From these we can take the following information.

There were three printing cylinders used for this stamp. Each cylinder has the diameter of about 9¾ inches. The cylinders contain information for four plates, that is a total of 200 impressions. In addition to the actual information for the four stamp plates other markings are of interest.

The first cylinder contains the gravure tint blocks which form the background for the stamps or the stamp pairs. These are in the form of rectangular blocks. The second printing cylinder contains the typographed information of the 12 cents, Canada, CAPEX, Postage Poste. These two cylinders also carry short strips of gravure on the outside which are trial runs for determining the most suitable gravure depth from the plate. Various depths from a very faint to a strong gravure were tried. This information is

of course cut off from the paper and collectors do not see this. The third printing cylinder contains steel engraved pairs of the 12 Penny stamps. This cylinder also shows numerous trial impressions at the outside again to determine the most suitable depth of layout for the final plate itself. Between two of the 50 subject plates small crosses with arrows appear to indicate the cutting locations. Stamps number 23 on one of the 50 subject plates shows the flaw on the chin which is well known by collectors.

Hans Reiche

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CALPEX '78

Realisation of \$6,500 for a complete set of mint Canadian 1897 Jubilee stamps, from the Dale-Lichtenstein collection, highlighted the Calgary Philatelic Society's 1978 stamp show and sale, CALPEX '78.

With an opening bid of \$4,600, the set quickly went to \$5,000 and then jumped \$500 at a time until it was knocked down at the price that far exceeded the pre-sale expectation of a possible \$5,000.

The auction, held on the Friday evening that preceded the Saturday-Sunday show at Calgary's Palliser Hotel, was only one of several features of the highly successful exhibition.

Attendance was greater than in previous years, a 16-dealer bourse reported brisk business at all times and the high quality of competitive exhibits drew special praise from the judges who were headed by Edward A. "Ed" Richardson of League City, Texas.

Best-in-show award was won by Ed Harris for his collection of prairie post office postmarks. Ed's previous-year award-winning exhibit of postal history shared honors in the Court of Honor with Richardson's 48-page exhibit of "Large Queens of 1868" which showed numeral and fancy cancels, covers and multiples of this first issue of the Dominion of Canada.

At the pre-show sale, which auctioned more than 200 lots, prices were generally above normal market quotations for

Canadian material with the Jubilee set holding centre stage.

In addition to the club's auction, the 16 dealers who formed a bourse reported brisk sales throughout the show. A special branch of the Canada Post Office, set up at main entrance to the show, was also very busy and reported several thousand dollars worth of stamp sales.

At the awards banquet held Saturday night, Chief Judge Richardson paid tribute to the high standard of the exhibits and also gave an entertaining talk on his own experiences of 57 years as a collector — particularly in connection with what he called "wasted opportunities" in connection with Canadian stamps.

Awards winners were:

Best in show: Ed Harris.

Gold medal: A.J. Liptak, E. Harris, R.J. Nickle, Lorne Hopkins.

Silver medal: L.E. Small, K. Smentek, P. Wolf, J.H. Weiner, A. Greblis, S. Gomes, Y. Javeri, D. Church, E. Harris, J. Pike, T. Moore.

Bronze medal: H. Saunders, G. Karim, L.E. Small, Y. Javeri.

Founders' award: L. Hopkins

Most popular: Y. Javeri.

Junior silver medal: A.M. Tatem; bronze, L. Coulson, S. Watt, B. Richardson, C. Evans, C. Watt.

Postal History Society of Canada Certificate of Merit: E. Harris.

Richardson's own much-envied collection of Large Canadian Queens of 1868, including fancy cancels, covers and multiples, was featured in a Court of Honor along with the postal history exhibit that won best-in-show award for Ed Harris the previous year. Harris also won the top honor this time around with a fine showing of prairie postmarks.

Richardson, first American to be named a fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, was assisted in judging by Gordon Haug, Kelowna, B.C., and Jan Roebroek, Edmonton. Apprentice judges were Calgarians Sid Richardson, Dr. Gahzi Karim and Rod Sykes.

Rambling through the Records

By A. L. STEINHART

From the July, 1920 Monthly Postal Guide Supplement

"In the printed instructions affixed inside the cover of the book in which registered letters mailed are recorded, it is pointed out that special importance attaches to the original number given at the office of posting, and the Postmaster is instructed to inscribe the original number on the top left hand corner of the address and to encircle it with an 'O' or ring to distinguish it from numbers that may be subsequently added. The date stamp of the office of origin is to be clearly impressed by the side of the original number."

The following is some interesting information in regard the development of the postal stationary as found in the postal museum from the Post Office records in Post Office records section.

On April 7, 1892, Mr. Barland of the British American Bank Note Co. wrote to Mr. White, the Deputy Postmaster General as follows:

"The cost of a card $3\frac{3}{8}$ x $6\frac{1}{8}$ inches, on paper same weight as your present card in quantities of not less than 500,000 will be \$1.30 per thousand. With reference to printing on the back, we can only say that it can be done at a cost of from 25c to \$1.00 per M. according to numbers required. Orders from 5,000 to 10,000 will cost about 75c per M, 25,000 about 50c per M. Regarding the letter cards we can only give an approximate idea as everything depends on the quantity required but feel that they may be done for about \$1.75 per M. There is no doubt however that if the numbers required will warrant getting the necessary machinery, the above price can be considerably reduced."

A circular of the P.O.D., Ottawa, Sept. 16, 1904, File No. 11640

"Pre-Cancellation of Postage Stamps".

"The use of pre-cancelled stamps (or stamps cancelled before actually used for payment of postage) is permitted in some of the larger cities under very stringent regulations, and only when required for any one mailing in quantities of not less than 25,000 stamps, but postage stamps cancelled with the small roller canceller have been observed on letters and other matter passing in the mails, and Postmasters are accordingly instructed that **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES** are they permitted to precancel postage stamps. The roller canceller is reserved for the cancellation of postage stamps on Second, Third and Fourth Class Matter and must be used only on stamps after being **ACTUALLY AFFIXED** to such matter."

"Any Postmaster found to be pre-cancelling stamps in any way or selling stamps pre-cancelled without authority will be held responsible for the full value of such cancelled stamps."

"It is proper to explain that the authorized pre-cancelled stamps are struck with a special die bearing the name of the mailing office and are sold only to the largest mailing concerns under conditions which it is considered preclude any danger of such stamps being used a second time for postage. Such conditions would not attend the use of stamps pre-cancelled with the ordinary roller stamp and in consequence the use of the roller stamps for such a purpose is strictly forbidden under the penalty above mentioned."

"Requisitions for pre-cancelled stamps must be made direct to the Department (Stamp Branch). No request for pre-cancelled stamps can be considered

where the number of pieces to be prepaid thereby is less than 25,000."

"R.M. Coulter
Deputy Postmaster General."

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From the Mar. 24, 1945
Weekly Post Office Bulletin.

"A considerable quantity of mail, the majority of which would be posted by members of the Armed Forces in the United Kingdom and Northwestern Europe, intended for delivery in Canada, United States, Newfoundland and also in the Mediterranean theatre, was lost, or damaged by fire, when a mail-carrying aircraft crashed and burned while taking off from an airport in the United Kingdom late in January of this year."

"At the time of the accident, the aircraft was carrying approximately 5800 lb. of mail which would include letters paid at full airmail rates, Canada Air Letters, also some letters prepaid for surface transport. However, it was possible to salvage more than 60 percent of the mail load and this mail was forwarded to its destination, suitably endorsed."

"Generally speaking, the mail lost or damaged would be posted during the week preceding 23rd January, 1945."

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From the October, 1915, Postal Guide
Monthly Supplement

"'R' Stamp on Registered Letters — Special attention is drawn to the instructions as to post-marking of registered articles . . ., and particularly to the instruction that every registered article should be stamped with the 'R' stamp. It is imperative that the 'R' stamp should be as prominent and distinct as possible and should be separate from any date-stamps or cancellation marks."

From the August, 1928, Monthly
Postal Guide Supplement

"Cowan Post Office, Man. was temporarily closed on the 17th May and re-opened on the 3rd July, on the N.W. ¼ Sec. 26, Tp. 35, R. 23, W.P.M., under the charge of Mr. W.V. Boyle," P.M.

"Kermaria Post Office, Sask. was temporarily closed on the 31st May and re-opened on the 7th June on the S.W. ¼ Sec. 16, Tp. 41, R. 19, W. 2nd M., under the charge of Mr. Goulven Kerleroux," P.M.

"Natagan Post Office, P.Q., was temporarily closed on the 16th April and re-opened on the 17th July under the charge of Mr. Alphonse Charest as Acting Postmaster."

"The Cottages Summer Office, Ont., will not be re-opened this season and is being considered as permanently closed."

Names Changed

Clairvaux de Charlevoix, Charlevoix-Sagirenay, P.Q. to St. Placide de Charlevoix June 20

Monkman, Battle River, Alt., to Derwent

St. Placide de Charlevoix, Charlevoix-Saguenay, P.Q. to Desgagnes (June 20)

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From Department Order, No. 47,
P.O.D., Toronto, July 28, 1859

"Cancelling Postage Stamps".

"7. It is of the utmost importance that Postmasters should be careful to see, when letters are posted at their offices, prepaid by Postage Stamps, that, before mailing, the stamps are properly effaced or cancelled, so that they cannot be used again. This should be done with a cancelling stamp and printer's ink; and where no stamp is available, a pen and ink should be used."

"12. The compensation to be allowed to Newspaper Publishers for advertising Dead Letters, is, under the new law, 2 cents per letter for three insertions, instead of three farthings as before."

From a memo of the Postage Stamp Branch, May, 1899

"Amended Issue with Numerals — First issue 17 June, 1898"

Denomination	Date of First Issue
½c stamps	Sept. 6, 1898
1c stamps	June 17, 1898
2c stamps	Aug. 26, 1898
3c stamps	June 17, 1898
6c stamps	Aug. 27, 1898
8c stamps	Sept. 24, 1898
10c stamps	Nov. 9, 1898
1c Post-card series	Dec. 15, 1897 4 Maple Leaf series
1c Post-card (Spl.) — single	Jan. 20, 1898
— sheets of 8	Jan. 19, 1898
— sheets of 16	Jan. 19, 1898
1c newspaper bands	Jan. 27, 1898
1c Letter cards	Dec. 15, 1897
2c Letter cards	Nov. 10, 1897
3c Letter cards	Oct. 23, 1897
2c U.P.U. Post Cards	Apr. 20, 1898
2c Reply Cards	Mrch. 29, 1898
1c Stamped envelopes	July 22, 1898
2c Stamped envelopes	Jan. 10, 1899
3c Stamped envelopes	Apr. 1, 1898
5c Stamps	July 3, 1899

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From the February 1937, Postal Guide Supplement.

"Amendment — Section 205 Postal Guide".

"1. Letters, circular or other articles concerning illegal lotteries, so-called gift concerts or other illegal enterprises of like character offering prizes shall not be deemed to be mailable matter."

"2. Mailable matter suspected to concern illegal lotteries, so-called gift concerts or other illegal enterprises of like character offering prizes shall be intercepted and sent specially by first mail to the inspection service where upon being satisfied that there are grounds for such suspicion they shall mark on the covering of such mailable matter 'suspected to be of a fraudulent character' and return to the sender, otherwise they shall cause it be forwarded to the addressee."

From Department Circular No. 46, P.O.D., Toronto, June 12, 1859.

"26. Postage stamps of the respective values of 1 cent for Newspapers; 5 cents for ordinary Provincial letters; 10 cents for United States rate; 12½ cents for Canadian Packet; and 17 cents for Cunard Packet, have been provided, and will be ready for issue to Postmasters for sale to the public."

"27. Any of the stamps now in use remaining unsold in the hands of Postmasters, on the 1st July, are to be transmitted to the Department, and taken credit for in the accounts for quarter ended 30th June."

"28. Letters or papers which may for a time continue to be posted after the 1st July, prepaid by the stamps now in use, (of which some will doubtless remain in the hands of the public subsequent to that date) are to be allowed to pass prepaid as at present."

"29. Postmasters will be careful to keep their Offices constantly supplied with stamps for sale."

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From the Canada Post Weekly Bulletin,
December 29, 1975

"Postmasters and counter clerks are asked to inform all prospective customers that mail service to Portuguese Timor is temporarily suspended. No mail should be accepted for that country until further notice. All mail on hand is to be returned to sender endorsed "Service Temporarily Suspended."

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From the Dec. 20, 1947 Weekly Postal Guide Supplement

"It has been found necessary, due to production difficulties, to postpone from 15th January to 16th February, 1948, the date of issue of the special 4c stamp which will commemorate the marriage of H.R.H. The Princess Elizabeth, Duchess of Edinburgh."

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