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IN OLD CANADA

A MOURNING CANCELLATION

by FRED STULBERG



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Certainly most of us are aware of those envelopes edged in black that were used to denote the loss of a member of a family. Many of us are aware of the postage stamps

that were printed with black borders to mark the death of a reigning monarch, a public leader or a hero. Few of us, however, are aware of the existence of a spe-

cial mourning cancellation that, oddly enough, was used at a post office in Canada.

When Queen Victoria died on January 22, 1901 the entire British Empire went into mourning for its beloved Queen. Expressions of bereavement took many forms. Many Canadian businesses modified their existing envelopes so that the postage stamp with the Queen's portrait would have a black frame. Manufacturers of envelopes prepared special items for commercial and public use that expressed the sorrow of the loss in many different ways. All governmental departments used mourning covers

for a period of time. At least one Canadian postmaster chose to show the loss by preparing a special cancellation device.

On February 2, 1901 mail processed at Burlington, Ontario post office had the stamps cancelled with a device that produced a black frame around the Queen's portrait. This locally prepared, unofficial canceller appears to have been made from wood. Also, the only two examples so far uncovered are dated the day of Queen Victoria's funeral. In all likelihood, this interesting cancellation was used only that one day.

A REGISTERED POST CARD

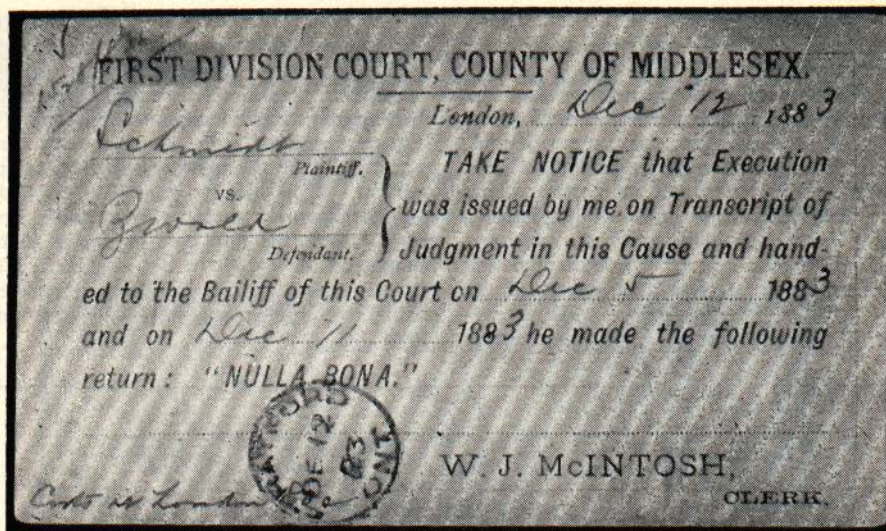
by GEORGE ARFKEN

A registered post card? That's what the auction catalogue said and the card (Fig. 1) certainly looks like a registered post card. It carries the 2c orange registered letter stamp F1 and a 3c orange red Small Queen, No. 37. Each stamp is tied by a London, Ontario oval dated DE 12 83. But the card raises questions. Why register a post card? This is an easy question. The answer is on the other side of the card (Fig. 2). It's a legal notice, an official court notice from the division court clerk in London to the division court clerk in Strat-

ford. The court clerk in London considered the notice important enough to register it.

Then came two more questions. Why the 3c Small Queen? Harrison's "Canada's Registry System: 1827-1911" shows a 1c registered postal card¹ on p. 31. Did the London court clerk really overpay 2c? Maybe but it doesn't seem very likely. Also, Harrison on P. 32 indicated that postal card registration was banned in 1882. So how could this post card have been registered? The anomalous 3c Small Queen suggests





the answer. Allan Steinhart has very kindly confirmed the answer and filled in the following details.

Private post cards were banned in Canada from July 1, 1877 to January 1, 1895. In this period which covers this registered post card only the official postal cards issued by the Canada Post Office were permitted. The notice that not even the government postal cards could be registered appeared in the April 1882 Postal Guide.

A registered post card? No, obviously not. Clearly this is an unfolded folded letter written on a rather small piece of very

thick paper. The 3c Small Queen confirms this identification as a letter and satisfies all postal regulations.

Note: Readers may care to compare this post card with another unusual one—see Topics March-April 1979.

¹In "Canada's Registry System: 1827-1911" the original illustration appears to be a fake. Corrections and a substitute illustration appear in the *American Philatelist*, p. 429 May 1975 and pp. 732-33 August 1975.



The RPO Cowcatcher

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M-119

SYDNEY & TRURO • R.P.O./•

Type 17, Five Hammers

Hammer I

Proofed: July 30, 1914

Earliest: November 3, 1914

Latest: July 28, 1931

Indicia: W—common, E—uncommon;

8—scarce

Usage: Fully represented within period
R.F.: 75 (40.8%)

Comments: This is by far the most common of the five M-119 hammers. On light to medium strikes, the lower left corner of the "D" of SYDNEY is broken, indicative of Hammer I. From 1924, the "O" of TRURO appears to be a "C"; this is also indicative of Hammer I.

Hammer II

Proofed: July 6, 1916
Earliest: August 23, 1916
Latest: November 28, 1932
Indicia: E, W—equally; 7—very scarce
Usage: Intermittent
R.F.: 75 (22.4%)

Comments: From about 1918, the "E" of SYDNEY is broken in the foot at the base; also, from about 1918, there are numerous breaks in the "URO" of TRURO, indicative of Hammer II and demonstrating considerable wear.

Hammer III

Proofed: July 6, 1916
Earliest: January 16, 1917
Latest: November 11, 1931
Indicia: W—common, E—scarce,
7—very scarce
Usage: Intermittent
R.F.: 75 (20.4%)

Comments: There is a constant break in the right leg of the first "R" of TRURO which, when alone, is indicative of Hammer III. We have found no major indicia varieties on any of the five hammers of M-119.

Hammer IV

Proofed: May 28, 1948
Earliest: January 2, 1950
Latest: April 17, 1959
Indicia: 6 only
Usage: Sporadic within period
R.F.: 75 (14.3%)

Comments: Undoubtedly, earlier and later strikes than above will be found. Belanger has reported a Survey Strike dated February 6, 1956, Train 6, assigned to clerk C. A. Free. We have also recorded a Destruction Order strike date February 13, 1961, Train 604. This hammer has the large, fat letters typical of the post-W.W. II period. Even later strikes show no material wear.

Hammer V

Proofed: Unknown
Earliest: May 23, 1965
Latest: To be advised
Indicia: So far, 7 only
Usage: To be advised
R.F.: 75 (2.0%)

Comments: To date, Joe Purcell has reported the only known strike of this hammer for which we have a Destruction Order strike dated February 1, 1967, Train 111;

undoubtedly additional strikes of this hammer, with its small modern letters, will be found in later material.

SEPARATION OF M-119 HAMMERS

The separation of these five hammers is comparatively easy, particularly when visual comparison is possible, since Hammers IV and V have letters of singular characteristics. The following steps will identify each of the M-119 hammers:

STEP 1. Examine the ampersand; a strike with a sharp angular ampersand is Hammer I, II or III, while a round, curved ampersand is Hammer IV or V.

STEP II. A strike without a mid-vertical period between the "O" of TRURO and the "R" of R.P.O. is indicative of Hammer V, which is confirmed if the lettering is small and modern; the remaining four hammers have such a mid-vertical dot in this position.

STEP 3. To separate Hammers IV and V, measure the chordal distance from the lower left corner of the "E" of SYDNEY to the bottom of the "T" of TRURO. Hammer IV is a full 8mm, while Hammer V is only 7mm, or a shade over.

STEP 4. To separate Hammers I, II and III, repeat Step 3. Hammer I measures only 7mm, while Hammers II and III are a full 7½mm or over.

STEP 5. Measure the chordal distance between the bottom of the two "Y's" of SYDNEY. Hammer II is a full 8½mm, while Hammer III is only 8mm or a fraction less.

A chart of critical chordal measurements of the M-119 hammers is available.

M-119A

SYD. & TRU./R.P.O.

One Hammer, Type 17H

Proofed: October 4, 1947
Earliest: July 11, 1949
Latest: July 27, 1966
Indicia: 7, 8, 111—common;
16—very scarce
Usage: Intermittent within period
R.F.: 100

Comments: We have recorded a Destruction Order strike dated January 31, 1967. Latest above from Jim Lehr has Train 111 inverted. One hammer is confirmed by a constant break in the "R" of TRU, where the right leg joins the loop. Train 16 not previously reported for M-119A.

One Hammer, Type 17

Proofed: July 11, 1946
Earliest: August 7, 1952
Latest: June 8, 1960
Indicia: 5, 6—1952/1957; 15—1960
Usage: Spotty
R.F.: 110

Comments: Undoubtedly, earlier strikes will be discovered, but this run is not common; only 24 strikes were reported in the R.P.O. Study Group inventory. Belanger has reported a Survey Strike dated February 4, 1956, Train 5; this hammer may have also been assigned to C. A. Free.

M-119C, known in 1963, is a facing slip strike and beyond the scope of this hammer analysis program. It has not been reported in postal use.

M-120 SYDNEY & TRURO/R.P.O.

Fifteen Hammers, Type 17H

Hammer I

Proofed: June 3, 1932
Earliest: December 20, 1932
Latest: September 17, 1951
Indicia: 5, 6 equally
Usage: Sporadically over 30 years
R.F.: 40 (11.3%)

Comments: The latest above will surely be post-dated by later discovery. From Belanger, we have a Survey Strike dated February 4, 1956. We also have a Destruction Order Strike dated May 11, 1961, Train unidentifiable. This hammer was in use almost 30 years and experienced excessive wear; in fact, from about 1939, the spread and misalignment of lettering are sufficient to distort chordal measurement in identification. However, in separation of the 15 hammers, when narrowed down to Hammer I and some other unknown, a flattened or broken rim over the ampersand, and a distinct rim break (when not over-inked) under the "O" of R.P.O. confirm Hammer I.

Hammer II

Proofed: Unknown (probably June 3, 1932)
Earliest: June 27, 1932
Latest: March 12, 1937
Indicia: 6—common; 5—scarce
Usage: Limited to five years
R.F.: 40 (6.5%)

Comments: Although not probable, there

is an outside possibility that Hammers II and III are one and the same hammer, although we do not think so; some characteristics of both hammers are quite similar and Hammer III does not see its first use until that of Hammer II is discontinued. Both specific breaks and chordal measurement (when possible on Hammer III) tend to indicate two separate hammers; further study on additional strikes may provide more clarification on this point.

Hammer III

Proofed: Unknown
Earliest: July 21, 1939
Latest: April 7, 1948
Indicia: 6—common; 5—uncommon
Usage: Known in each year of period
R.F.: 40 (12.8%)

Comments: If you have a strike of M-120 on which measurement of chords is next to impossible because of many missing portions of the letters, it is probably Hammer III. A very specific rim break below the "P" of R.P.O. is indicative of Hammer III, but this frequently inks over. Even though some of the characteristics of this hammer are very similar to Hammer II, measure of a clear 1939 strike indicates that two different hammers exist. No year on January 8 is proven as 1948 by a cover strike.

Hammer IV

Proofed: Unknown (probably June 3, 1932)
Earliest: March 10, 1933
Latest: January 3, 1940
Indicia: 6—scarce; 5—very scarce
Usage: Quite scarce
R.F.: 40 (1.5%)

Comments: When found in full strike, Hammer IV is distinctly identifiable from chordal measurement. 1938/1940 strikes show much deterioration and the hammer may have been withdrawn due to excessive wear. Hammers II, III and IV were probably struck on June 3, 1932; there are four proof strikes of Hammer I for this date in the proof book.

Hammer V

Proofed: November 12, 1932
Earliest: January 5, 1933
Latest: November 24, 1947
Indicia: 8—common; 7—uncommon
Usage: Continuous and full
R.F.: 40 (17.9%)

Comments: From the early 1940s, there

is a minor rim break over the "U" of TRURO. Strikes are generally crisp and clear although later strikes show some degree of wear. It is to be noted that for all hammers of M-120 there is total consistency in the use of individual train numbers within each hammer, and thus they are indicative in hammer identification. If, in the identification of a strike, an inconsistency is forthcoming, we recommend that the identification be carefully rechecked.

Hammer VI

Proofed: December 12, 1932

Earliest: March 9, 1933

Latest: November 6, 1947

Indicia: 8—common; 7—uncommon

Usage: Evenly represented within period

R.F.: 40 (11.6%)

Comments: From the 1940s, there is a minor rim dent or break, depending on inking, over the "RO" of TRURO. The appearance of Hammer VI strikes varies from excellent to poor; this condition is due less to wear than the cleanliness of the hammer which, at best, must be considered to have been haphazard.

Hammer VII

Proofed: December 12, 1932

Earliest: September 4, 1933

Latest: May 21, 1966

Indicia: 8—common; 7—uncommon;

111—scarce

Usage: Common throughout period

R.F.: 40 (20.2%)

Comments: The most prolific of the 15 hammers of M-120, this hammer saw much use. Early strikes are reasonably clear; however, from the 1950s, strikes show considerable wear and the letters are spread, which often appears as overinking. A Survey Strike of January 31, 1956 was assigned to clerk A. G. Morash. We also have recorded a Destruction Order Strike dated January 31, 1967, Train 111. We have noted a variety of no year on August 20.

Hammer VIII

Proofed: April 11, 1938

Earliest: June 18, 1941

Latest: To be advised

Indicia: 8 only

Usage: Rare

R.F.: 40 (0.3%)

Comments: The single known strike above, on piece, fully conforms to the measurements taken from the proof strike. Why,

in the midst of the proliferation of many M-120 hammers, does this singular hammer stand out for rarity of strikes. Lost, stolen or strayed away, perhaps?

Hammer IX

Proofed: Unknown (probably April 11, 1938)

Earliest: April 20, 1938

Latest: July 17, 1961

Indicia: 8—common; 7—very scarce

Usage: Continuous through late 1940s; then sporadic

R.F.: 40 (10.7%)

Comments: From about 1944, there are rim breaks over the ampersand, the first "R" of TRURO and midway between the "S" of SYDNEY and the "R" of R.P.O.; even thus, wear was small and strikes are normally clear and strong. From Belanger, we have a Survey Strike dated February 2, 1956, Train 7; also known is a Destruction Order Strike, undated, which was recalled in January, 1968, which, unfortunately sheds little light on the potential latest date. We also have a variety of no year on January 3rd.

Hammer X

Proofed: Unknown

Earliest: January 18, 1941

Latest: December 7, 1959

Indicia: 6—common; 5—uncommon

Usage: Full and complete within period

R.F.: 40 (5.1%)

Comments: Although not prolific, this hammer saw continuous use. All but early strikes show a rim break or loss below the "R.P." of R.P.O.; further, from 1948, the rim is flattened over the "O" of TRURO, and, depending on the strike, dented near the "O" of R.P.O. We do not know when this hammer was made, but 1941 strikes are sharp and clear, showing no wear, so these strikes must be close to the initial use of this hammer.

Hammer XI

Proofed: September 20, 1949

Earliest: September 18, 1953

Latest: July 1, 1957

Indicia: 7—common; 8—uncommon

Usage: Sporadic

R.F.: 40 (1.8%)

Comments: Letters of this hammer are large and fat, characteristic of the post-World War II period. All but the earliest strikes are light and somewhat incomplete,

but identifiable. Although current known examples are few and spaced, undoubtedly continued search will yield earlier and later dates than those given above. From Belanger, we have Survey Strike dated February 2, 1956, Train 8, which shows moderate wear and a distinct rim break just below the "S" of SYDNEY.

Hammer XII

Proofed: Unknown
Earliest: June 19, 1963
Latest: To be advised
Indicia: 8 only
Usage: One Copy Reported
R.F.: 40 (0.3%)

Comments: Joe Purcell sent his strike for examination as a possible date; instead, it developed that he had a distinctly new and different hammer similar in its small, modern letters to Hammers XIII, XIV and XV. Undoubtedly, additional strikes will be reported.

Hammer XIII

Proofed: Unknown
Earliest: Undiscovered
Indicia: 112 in D.O. Strike
Usage: Unknown
R.F.: 40 (0%)

Comments: This is the first of three hammers known only by virtue of the Destruction Order Strikes; this one is dated January 30, 1967, Train 112. Like Hammer XII, the lettering of these three hammers is small and modern, and characteristic of those first introduced in the mid-1950s. This hammer shows some wear and there is a small break in the top of the "S" of SYDNEY.

Hammer XIV

Proofed: Unknown
Earliest: Currently unreported
Indicia: 5 in D.O. Strike
Usage: Unknown
R.F.: 40 (0%)

Comments: The existence of this hammer is confirmed by its Destruction Order Strike dated March 28, 1961, Train 5. With small, widely spaced letters, this hammer shows very little wear and no distinct breaks.

Hammer XV

Proofed: Unknown
Earliest: Not yet reported
Indicia: 111 in D.O. Strike
Usage: Unknown

R.F.: 40 (0%)

Comments: A Destruction Order Strike is known dated January 29, 1967, Train 111, which presumably would be the last date of use. Similar to Hammers XII, XIII and XIV, letters are of the small, modern size common to the 1960s. This strike shows moderate wear, but no distinct breaks. We believe that as collectors search out stamps and covers of the 1960s period, which to date is relatively unpursued, strikes of these last three hammers will most assuredly be discovered.

SEPARATION OF M-120 HAMMERS

Because of the wear and general poor condition of many of the M-120 hammers, identification is difficult, and we recommend that those who are interested in such identification contact us to obtain the chart of specific chordal measurements which we have prepared for these 15 hammers. For clear, distinct strikes, the following steps will provide distinct separation in most cases:

STEP 1. Measure the chordal distance from the bottom of the left leg of the first "R" to the bottom of the right leg of the second "R", both of TRURO. If this chord is a full 6mm or over, the strike is Hammer I, II, III, IV, IX, XI or XIV, Group A; if this chord is clearly and distinctly less than 6mm, the strike is Hammer V, VI, VII, VIII, X, XII, XIII or XV, Group B.

STEP 2. For Group A, measure the chord from the bottom of the second "Y" of SYDNEY to the bottom of the "T" of TRURO; a distance of 5mm, or a fraction over, is Hammer IX, since the balance are a full 5½mm or greater.

STEP 3. Continuing with Group A, measure the chordal distance between the bottoms of the two "Ys" of SYDNEY. A chord greater than 9mm identifies Hammer XIV; the balance are less than 9mm.

STEP 4. Measure the chordal distance from the bottom of the right leg of the second "R" of TRURO to the centre of the period following the "O" of R.P.O.; a length of 9¾mm is Hammer XI since the balance are 9mm or less.

STEP 5. Repeat Step 3. A distance of 8mm (or less, reflecting wear) is Hammer I; Hammers II, III and IV are all 8½mm.

STEP 6. Repeat Step 2. A distance of 6mm is Hammer IV; Hammers II and III are only 5½mm.

STEP 7. Repeat Step 1. A distance of 6mm is Hammer II; Hammer III is 6½mm (or more, reflecting wear). Hammer III is very difficult to measure due to erosion and abrasion loss of letters.

STEP 8. For separation of Group B hammers, begin by repeating Step 2 above, the "Y-T" chord. A measurement of 5mm or less proves Hammers VIII or X; the balance are 5½mm or more.

STEP 9. Measure the distance from the bottom of the left leg of the "R" to the bottom of the "P", both of R.P.O.; a chord of 5¼mm is Hammer VIII, while a chord of 4¾mm is Hammer X.

STEP 10. Repeat Step 4. A distance of approximately 8¼mm is Hammer VI; the balance are roughly 9-11mm.

STEP 11. Carefully measure the distance from the bottom of the first "Y" of SYDNEY to the upper left corner of the "R" of R.P.O.; a chord of 8¼mm is Hammer VII, a chord of 8¾mm is Hammer V, and a chord of 11mm is Hammer XIII. Hammers XII and XV are in the range of 10¼-10½mm.

STEP 12. Repeat Step 2. A chord of 5½mm is Hammer XII, while one of 6½mm is Hammer XV.

This is just one set of procedural steps; several other approaches are available using our chart of 10 chords for each of the 15 hammers. The latter is particularly essential when identifying partial strikes.

M-120A
TRAC & BATH/R.P.O.

One Hammer, Type 17H

Proofed: March 26, 1946

Earliest: January 17, 1947

Latest: May 25, 1955

Indicia: 397—common; 398—very scarce

Usage: Intermittent

R.F.: 100

Comments: Rim and letter breaks confirm only one hammer. Although not common, undoubtedly additional strikes of this run will be reported as more modern material is investigated. Currently, 55 strikes have been reported in the R.P.O. Study Group Inventory.

M-121, TRURO & AMHERST, Type 13, is not currently known in the R.P.O. Study Group Inventory, and we have no knowledge of this run, which was originally re-

ported from Jarret's listings and by Gedye; however, as noted by Gillam, its existence is possible, and we will let his listing stand pending further information.

M-121A
TRURO & MONCTON R.P.O./·

One Hammer, Type 17

Proofed: Unknown

Earliest: November 5, 1962

Indicia: PM

Usage: Rare; one known strike

R.F.: 200

Comments: This run was originally reported from the discovery of its undated Destruction Order Strike, which was recalled and recorded in December, 1969. Subsequently, Belanger discovered the currently only known strike above. With its small, modern letters, this hammer was probably only used from the late 1950; undoubtedly additional strikes will be reported.

M-121B
TRURO & ANNAPOLIS R.P.O./·

One Hammer, Type 17

Proofed: November 16, 1920

Earliest: No known strike

Indicia: W in Proof Strike

Usage: Unknown

R.F.: 200

Comments: This run was first discovered in our examination of the proof books in Ottawa in 1972. No strikes have ever been reported so we cannot confirm that the delivered hammer was ever used. Those with holdings of late Admirals will have the best opportunity for finding strikes of this run.

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- 3870 Josephson, Dr. David R., 66 Collier St., 9B, Toronto, Ont. M4W 1L9
- 3869 Josephson, Dr. Robert L., 222 Elm St., No. 1203, Toronto, Ont. M5T 1K5
- 3850 Kanai, Kiroyuki Nil, 3-15 Matsunouchi-cho, Ashiya, Japan 659
- 3880 Lageux, Paul, 94 Courcelette, Montreal, Que. H2V 3A6
- 3851 Ooley, Boyd, No. 14-10585-153 Rd. St., Surrey, B.C. V3R 4H8
- 3875 McElfresh, Sonja Z., 1230 Middleground Run, Virginia Beach, VA 23454
- 3867 Paige, Mrs. Marva A., 1145 Shillelagh Rd., Chesapeake, VA 23323
- 3866 Peill, Joanne MacG., R.R. No. 1, Port Williams, N.S. B0P 1T0
- 3862 Ramsay, Donald R. Dr., c/o St. Joseph's Hospital, Ile a' La Crosse, Sask. S0M 1C0
- 3858 Rowe, Kenneth, P.O. Box 204, Station 'Q', Toronto, Ont. M4T 2M1
- 3859 Semple, Dr. Robert Keith, 1328-A Lake Shore Dr., Columbus, OH 43204
- 3860 Seward, Anthony W., 51 Norton Ave., Willowdale, Ont. M2N 4A2
- 3864 Skaken, Dr. Ross, 1131 Colborne Cr. S.W., Calgary, Alta. T2T 0R1
- 3849 Smith, Robert C., 1855 Illinois Ave., Ottawa, Ont. K1H 6W5
- 3884 Soper, Robert B., 5214 Gerrish St., Apt. 702, Halifax, N.S. B3K 5K3
- 3752 St. Martin, Stephen R., 179 Circular Ave., Waterbury, CT 06705
- 3848 Street, H. Michael, P.O. Box 230, Ancaster, Ont. L9G 3N6
- 3868 Tardif, Michael John, 280 Dunforest Ave., Willowdale, Ont. M2N 4J9
- 3855 Tremblay, Yvon Marc, 71 White Oak Cr. S.W., Calgary, Alta. T3C 3J9
- 3861 Williams, Henry N., 50 Ross Brook Dr., Rochester, NY 14625
- 3877 Worley, John F., 3201 Armory Ct., Fairfax, VA 22030
- 3823 Crossman, Craig, 483 Carlton Dr., Oakville, Ont. L6J 5X2
- 3768 Gendron, Raynald, C.P. 591, Papineauville, Que. J0V 1R0
- 3881 Graham, W. Bruce, 17 Davis St., Aylmer, Ont. N5H 2N4
- 3874 Parker, C. Angus, Argyll Edkin Ltd., 55 New Bond St., London, W1Y 9DG England
- 3883 Rigler, Yaakov, Box 391, Lefferts Station, Brooklyn, NY 11225

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L-3628 Kriz, John Jerome III, 3306 Hayes St., Evanston, IL 60201

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- 3900 HUGHES, James J., 8903 25th Ave., Montreal, Que. H1Z 4B8, Canada—C. Elizabeth II, 67 definitives. Proposed by G. desRivieres 1077, seconded by C. R. Mangold 1572.
3905 SHYBA, Walter, 36 Westover Dr., Calgary, Alta., Canada T3C 2S4—D. Proposed by F. Kraemer, 1798, seconded by E. A. Harris 729.
3901 HANNAH, John, 4 Hammersmith Rd., Aberdeen, Scotland AB1.6NB—C. Fancy cancels, slogan cancels, illustrated/advertising covers. Proposed by W. R. Curtis 2100, seconded by A. S. Mackie, 2944.
3902 BAIRD, James G., No. 7 Hendrie La., Riverside, CT 06878—C. Provincial revenues, federal revenues, booklets and panes. Proposed by W. C. Rockett 249, seconded by L. Scarlet 1439.
3903 SIRETT, Cynthia M. (Miss), 35 Winnifred St. N., Smiths Falls, Ont. K7A 2N4—C. Canada general, blocks, FDC. Proposed by E. J. Whiting L-61.
3904 VOSS, Harry J., 320 Witney Ave. S., Saskatoon, Sask., Canada S7M 3K7—C. Saskatchewan postmarks, Saskatchewan revenues, coils, officials. Proposed by J. I. Jamieson 2395, seconded by W. S. Richards 3714.
3906 BRAHM, Betty C., P.O. Box 17369, Memphis, TN 38117—D. Canada general and varieties. Proposed by H. C. Brahm, 3233—D.
3907 CANHAM, Mrs. Nancy L., 1065 King St., Regina, Sask. S4T 4E6—C. Canada mint and used singles and blocks. Proposed by H. E. Canham 77.
3908 WENDT, Richard J., 215 West Elmwood, Clawson, MI 48017—C. Canada used singles, Newfoundland, Large Queens. Proposed by E. J. Whiting L-61.
3909 Hetherington, Albert E., 77 Markland St., Hamilton, Ont. L8P 2J8—C. Admirals, Centennial definitives, Squared Circle cancels. Proposed by E. J. Whiting, L-61.
3910 WINSTONE, David J., 192 Main St., Newmarket, Ont. L3Y 3Z2—D. Proposed by G. Playter 3811, seconded by A. W. Leggett 2471.
3911 MORRIS, Barbara T., 44 Cambridge Dr., Short Hills, NJ 07078—C. Flag cancels, Newfoundland. Proposed by L. R. Paige 2384, seconded by J. T. Burnett 3478.
3912 BACON, James L., 50 Mersey Rd., Sale, Cheshire, England M33 1LF—C. Admirals, varieties, covers; semi-official airmails. Proposed by W. R. Curtis 2100, seconded by J. M. H. Parkin 3430.

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- L-2386 McCLEAVE, John Graham, 186 Willingdon St., Fredericton, N.B. E3B 3A5—C. Mint and used singles and varieties of N.B., N.S., Canada, Pence issues, cents issues, Large and Small Queens, Jubilees, Leaves and numerals, Map, Edward VII and Admirals. Present active member.
L-3898 WRIGHT, E. H., c/o George S. Wegg Ltd., 36 Victoria St., Toronto, Ont., Canada M5C 2N8. Proposed by G. S. Wegg 308, seconded by J. H. Talman 2884.

REPLACED ON THE ROLLS

- 2787 Campbell, Capt. N. D., c/o Robson Lowe Ltd., 50 Pall Mall, London S.W.1, England
2698 Covert, Dr. Earle L., Box 1070, Hay River, N.W.T. X0E 0R0
2367 Jephcott, Mrs. Isobel, 323 Rosemary Rd., Toronto, Ont. M5P 3E4
3287 Palochik, A. M., P.O. Box 3461, Station 'C', Ottawa, Ont. K1Y 4J6
1450 Traquair, Robert Stuart, 893 Ingersoll Ct., Mississauga, Ont. L5J 2S1
2686 Tweedie, Mrs. Ethel, Kouchibouguac, N.B. E0A 2A0

APPLICATIONS NOT ACCEPTED

- 3745 Feagan, R. Dennis, 2398 Drury Lane, Ottawa, Ont. K2C 1G5, failure to provide references.
3762 Lindsay, W. G., 41 Penwick Cr., Richmond Hill, Ont. L4C 5B3, failure to provide references.
3792 Sevigny, Yves J., Comp. 132, Springfield Estates, R.R. 2, Lower Sackville, N.S. B4C 2S7, failure to provide references and respond to correspondence.

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| 3731 Root, William E. | 3890 Brayley, W. Grant |
| 3831 Bradbury, Ramon E. | 3891 Hiscock, Reginald J. |
| 3839 Oigny, Michel | 3892 Molnar, John A. |
| 3845 Stephens, Walter T. | 3893 Hamon, Donald G. |
| 3878 Brown, Robert G. | 3894 Carrillo, Juanita J. |
| 3885 Cohen, Morrie | 3895 Killeen, Larry G. |
| 3886 Machum, Harry Wilfred | 3896 Smythies, Dr. John R. |
| 3887 Wilson, John E. | 3897 Bracken, James A. |
| 3888 Bronstein, Peter A. | 3899 Cleland, Fred D. |
| 3889 Giorgi, Julian | |

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| L-2711 Arcand, Paul J. | L-3898 Wright, E. H. |
| L-1200 McDonald, Susan M. | L-3193 MacDonald, Miss E. M. |

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- 1540 Balassa, Frank, 890 Walnut Rd., Apt. 83, Vineland, NJ 08360
 2486 Bane, Thomas R., D.D.S., 44 Central Ave., Winchendon, MA 01475
 3417 Charest, Louis G., 34 Miller St., Blackstone, MA 01504
 3419 Dixon, D. J., 578 Queen Elizabeth St., P.O. Box 721, Lively, Ont. P0M 2E0
 1656 Dudley, Edward A., 447 Blythwood Rd., Toronto, Ont. M4N 1A8
 1459 Grimbale, Robert W., 501 Rockwood Rd., Wilmington, DE 19802
 3648 Harriman, Gregory V., 1910 S.E. Stark St., Portland, OR 97214
 3565 Kolecz, Fred J., 25 W. 657 Prairie, Wheaton, IL 60187
 2434 Levine, Mrs. Buddy, Woodmere at Jackson, Apt. 7, West County Line Rd., Jackson, NJ 08527
 3379 Maxfield, Blake E., 240 Riverside Dr., Thompson, Man. R8N 0X2
 3109 Mayo, George, Box 41, Site C, R.R. 1, Portugal Cove, Nfld. A0A 3K0
 2576 Monkman, Don, Box 7, Cookstown, Ont. L0L 1L0
 3199 Patterson, Reginald A., R.R. 1, Petitcodiac, N.B. E0A 2H0
 3010 Rutherford, A. T., 3650 Walnut Grove Rd., R.R. 4, Mississauga, Ont. L5M 2B4
 3502 Scruggs, Fred M., 5340 Walnut Grove Rd., Memphis, TN 38117
 2868 Thorn, Jean, 1071 Cathedrale, Montreal, Que. H3B 2V4
 2660 West, Peter, P.O. Box 597, Slave Lake, Alta. T0G 2A0
 3014 Wyllie, Alfred Kenneth, P.O. Box 728, Kingston, Ont. K7L 4X6
 2439 Zinck, Russell C., 159 Lincoln, Lunenburg, N.S. B0J 2C0

DECEASED

- 1744 Benjamin, Philip E., 214 Windermere Ave., Wayne, PA 19087
 3233 Brahm, Harry C., P.O. Box 17369, Memphis, TN 38117
 2482 Burley, Edward F., 1431 Freeport Dr., Mississauga, Ont. L5C 1S5
 77 Canham, H. E. 1065 King St., Regina, Sask. S4T 4E6
 692 Dilworth, Harold M., 4744 W. 7th Ave., Vancouver, B.C. V6T 1C6
 283 Jarrett, Fred, 27 Don Woods Dr., Toronto, Ont. M4N 2E9
 L-649 McNeil, C. Russell, 187 Park St. S., Ste. 3-C, Hamilton, Ont. L8P 3E9

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- 3657 Anderman, Michael, 1817—16th St. S.W., Apt. 403, Calgary, Alta. T2T 4E3
 3771 Aubrey, Joseph M., Box 117, Parson, B.C. V0A 1D0
 2689 Benjamin, Gerald, 425 Guy St., Montreal, Que. H3J 1T1
 3187 Bowles, Capt. A. Bruce C., HQ CFE OPS, CFPO 5000, Belleville, Ont. K0K 3R0
 1525 Charron, Jacques J., 419 boul. Lafayette, App. 4, Longueuil, Que. J4K 3A4
 2987 Chase, Constant W. Jr., 106 Cedarwood Circle, Seminole, FL 33543
 3616 Chen, Thomas, P.O. Box 1651, Regina, Sask. S4P 3C4
 3000 Cohen, Morton W., 49 Haynes Rd., West Hartford, CT 06117
 3273 Crain, Eric R., 700—9th St. S.W., Apt. 1405, Calgary, Alta. T2P 2B4
 3441 Crowe, W. T., 3404 Balboa St., San Francisco, CA 94121
 3765 Davey, W. Arthur, 128 Canata Close, S.W., Calgary, Alta. T2W 1P7
 3702 Deaton, Suzan M., 206 W. 13 St., Austin, TX 78701
 3788 Desaulniers, Louis W., C.P. 280, Dorion, Vaudreuil, Que. J7V 7J6
 3125 Dionne, Dr. Martin J., P.O. Box 639, Wells, ME 04090
 2915 Dowsley, Sgt. Neil Frederick, Box 2316, CFPO 5000, vis Belleville, Ont. K0K 3R0
 2445 Gibbons, Norman, R.R. 1, Unionville, Ont. L3R 2L6
 2124 Guile, Clifford R., 342 St. Clair Ave. E., Toronto, Ont. M4T 1P4
 3002 Hale, Dr. George L., R.R. 3, New Glasgow, N.S. B2H 5C6
 3393 Hendershott, Gary, 1637-B East 15th Street, Little Rock, AR 72202
 3404 Hogg, G. Leigh, Box 111, Lambeth, Ontario N0L 1S0
 3235 Holtz, Andrew G., Timbres Montroy Stamps enrg., P.O. Box 5430, Station 'A', Toronto, Ont. M5V 1N6
 3767 Iwaszkiewicz, Jorge J. M., 218—2 Forst Laneway, Willowdale, Ont. M2N 5X7
 2146 Jackson, Col. R. F., 2216 Louisiana Ave., Ottawa, Ont. M1H 6T6
 3427 Jarville, Gordon H., 1650 E. Hastings St., Vancouver, B.C. V5L 1S6
 L-2990 Johnson, Jonathan C., 5315 Upland Dr., Delta, B.C. V4M 2G3
 3599 Katahara, Glenn T., 385 Lunalilo Home Rd., Honolulu, HI 96825
 3159 Kelly, David H., P.O. Box 188, Shearwater, N.S. B0J 3A0
 2491 Kennedy, Arthur M. Jr., 1400 Redfern Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15241
 3073 Koepke, Charles B., 54 Glasgow St., Regina, Sask. S4X 1E1
 3316 Kosztandy, Andrew, 10 Edgecliffe Golfway, Apt. 904, Don Mills, Ont. M3C 3A3
 958 Larkin, Richard H., 6383 Riverside Dr., Windsor, Ont. N8S 1C1
 3770 Looten, Ken G., 725—12 Ave. S.W., Apt. 213, Calgary, Alta. T2R 0H9
 2918 Lyon, Gary J., P.O. Box 450, Bathurst, N.B. E2A 3Z4
 2959 MacKay, F. A., Rankin Inlet, N.W.T. X0C 0G0
 2976 Makinen, Donald E., Rt. 6, Box 385, Alvin, TX 77511
 3042 Mann, P. M., P.O. Box 575, Guelph, Ont. N1H 6K9
 2834 Mark, Kenneth Y., c/o Continental Bank, 62 Nanking East Road Sec. II, Taipei, Taiwan
 2279 Markell, Edward K., M.D., 28 Senior Ave., Berkeley, CA 94708
 2436 Marshall, Albert W., 5775 Toronto Rd., Apt. 902, Vancouver, B.C. V6T 1X4
 3466 Marshall, Christina Belton, 1828 Gerrard St. E., Toronto, Ont. M4L 2B4
 3675 Martin, Betty J., 30 Ontario North, Kitchener, Ont. N2H 4X4
 2068 Martin, Harry B. Jr., 1150 Yonge St., Toronto, Ont. M4W 2M2

- 857 McGrath, Edward, 88 Carlton St., St. Catharines, Ont. L2R 1R1
 3144 Michaud, Jean-Claude, P.O. Box 5176, Armdale, N.S. B3L 4M7
 1590 Mifsud, Austin V., 20800 Homestead Rd., Apt. 15-L, Copertino, CA 95014
 3305 Miller, James E., Box 160, Kamloops, B.C. V2C 5K6
 3806 Mirabelli, Robert, 9 Dobie Ave., Town of Mount Royal, Que. H3P 1R9
 2901 Moir, Brian M., R.R. 4, Chute Lake Rd., Kelowna, B.C. V1Y 7R3
 3819 Osterhoff, Robert J., 9763 Westchester, Omaha, NE 68114
 3750 Papaspyrou, George, 105 McCaul St., Apt. 704, Toronto, Ont. M5T 2X4
 2725 Parker, King Jr., 1403 Via Loma, Walnut Creek, CA 94598
 2175 Payne, John, Box B-10, Aztec Tr. Ct., 4220 E. Main St., Mesa, AZ 85205
 3381 Perry, Edward N., 69 Clelland Cr. S.E., Medicine Hat, Alta. T1B 1M8
 2656 Prowse, Capt. G. D., Protestant Chapel CFE, (Det. Baden) CFPO 5056 via Belleville, Ont. K0K 3R0
 3782 Rome, Jeffrey O., 27 St. Lukes Rd., Allston, MA 02134
 1915 Rosenblatt, Philip, 42 Madison Ave., Sharon, MA 02067
 2950 Sandford, Lawrence E., 1590 Kilborn Ave., Ottawa, Ont. K1H 6T5
 2176 Sanguinetti, Haughton E., 1960 Union St., Unit No. 10, Clearwater, FL 33515
 2981 Scholdra, Dr. Roman, P.O. Box 236, Lethbridge, Alta. T1J 3Y5
 3836 Skwarczynski, Peter W., 43 Rose Ave., Apt. 4, Toronto, Ont. M4X 1N8
 3651 Stefanik, Audie L. G., 2620—16th St. S.W., Apt. 104, Calgary, Alta. T2T 4G2
 3429 Stobernack, Just., 32 Sydney Dr. S.W., Calgary, Alta. T2W 0S6
 2806 Stokes, R. P., 2133 Perran Dr., Mississauga, Ont. L5K 1L9
 L-2461 Tannenbaum, Dr. Martin M., 65-42 Alderton St., Forest Hills, NY 11374
 1249 Tharp, Mrs. Alpha C., 3938 Fairman St., Lakewood, CA 90712
 702 Tiede, R. W., Box 8846, Strongsville, OH 44136
 3097 Turkowski, Robert, 1535 Park Ave., North Chicago, IL 60064
 2709 Van Dam, Erling S. J., P.O. Box 300, Bridgenorth, Ont. K0L 1H0
 3710 White, Virginia, Box 493, Bedford, N.S. B0N 1B0
 3708 Wiseman, James P., 2063 Borden Ave., Petawawa, Ont. K8H 2T7
 3204 Wyllie, Rev. William, St. Peter's Rectory, 50 Clarendon St., Saint John, N.B. E2K 1A4

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- 3070 Fisk, Arnold Roy, Apt. 1, 410 Third St. N., Kenora, Ont. P9N 2M1
 3254 Fekete, Imre L., Ste. 137, 3025 The Credit Woodlands, Mississauga, Ont. L5C 2V3
 (moved, address unknown)
 3562 Kense, Francois J., 219 Jackson Pl., N.W., Calgary, Alta. T3B 2V3 (moved, address unknown)
 3318 Miller, W. Barry, 1025 N.E. 8th Pl., Gainesville, FL 32601 (no such number)
 1490 Moore, Ralph R., P.O. Box 1092, Chautauqua, NY 14722 (undeliverable as addressed)
 1574 O'Neill, W. Paul Jr., 7000 Glenbrook Rd., Bethesda, MD 20014 (undeliverable as addressed)
 3663 Peroff, Dr. John, 360 Camelot Dr., North Bay, Ontario P1A 3K7 (unknown)
 3743 Read, David George, 4965 Elizabeth St., Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 6M4 (moved, address unknown)

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by W. L. GUTZMAN

Canada Crest on Gold Ribbon

The years 1905-06 saw many different patriotic designs in view cards across Canada. These were sold alongside many other types of cards; yet, because so many Canadians collected postcards during that period, the patriotic designs were saved just as carefully as others.

We illustrate here one of the very early designs, in fact some of these cards have been found postmarked in December 1904. The great majority were used throughout 1905 and 1906. Those cards of this design which were used as late as 1909 were likely bought much earlier.

The design shows a black and white view framed by an intricate band of gold, ending in a ribbon-form at the lower left. A Canada crest is attached to the ribbon, and sprigs of pale green maple leaves decorate the design.

Publishers were Warwick Bros. and Rutter Limited, Toronto. All the backs were undivided except for a few of the later ones, which are indicated as such.

The address side shows the words "Canadian Souvenir Post Card" in red, within a rectangular gold frame. A golden maple leaf fits into the left side, while a gold-coloured bear is shown in the space where the stamp is to be placed. No rates are given.

All known cards are numbered in this series.

- 117 City Hall, Toronto (UDB)
- 145 Mohawk Church, Brantford, Ontario
- 153 Elk Falls, Chilliwack, B.C.
- 157 City Hall, St. Thomas, Ont.
- 158 Horseshoe Falls from Goat Island (UDB)
- 175 Presbyterian Church, Brandon, Man.
- 185 Opening of Legislature, Halifax, N.S. (UDB)
- 195 Vansittart Ave., Woodstock, Ont.
- 216 Lover's Walk, Kincardine, Ont. (UDB)
- 218 G.T.R. Depot, Goderich, Ont. (UDB)
- 219 St. Andrew's Church, Beaverton, Ont. (UDB)
- 245 Presbyterian Church, Wingham, Canada (UDB)
- 261 The Pipestone, Moosomin, Assa. (UDB)

- 299 On the Old Man River, Macleod, Alta.
- 303 Shadow River, Muskoka, Canada
- 311 Summer Residence, North Sydney, C.B.
- 356 Christ Church Cathedral, Fredericton, N.B.
- 378 Beautiful Bear River, Nova Scotia
- 389 St. Paul's Church, Halifax, N.S. (DB)
- 403 Inglis Street, Truro, N.S.
- 441 Main Street, Liverpool, N.S.
- 456 R.C. Cathedral, St. John, N.B.
- 460 Trinity Church, St. John, N.B.
- 489 Horseshoe Falls, Niagara Falls
- 492 Post Office, Hamilton, Ontario
- 494 Ontario Normal College, Hamilton, Ontario
- 523 Notre Dame, Cathedral, Montreal, Canada
- 542 Kakabeka Falls near Port Arthur, Ont.
- 579 Post Office, Pictou, N.S.
- 612 Point Look Out Near Collingwood, Ont.
- 736 The Rocks near Moncton, N.B.
- 771 Post Office, Stratford, Ont.
- 822 Montmorency Falls Near Quebec, Canada (DB)
- 880 Post Office, Truro, N.S.
- 887 Brant's Monument, Brantford, Canada
- 953 Royal Hotel, St. John, N.B., The Royal Series (DB)
- 3070 Magaquadavic Falls, St. George, N.B. (DB)
- 3116 Home Sweet Home among the MicMacs

Draped Union Jack and Maple Leaves

Another of the extremely early designs produced by Warwick Bros. and Rutter of Toronto, was a very colourful one showing a vividly-coloured red, white and blue Union Jack, as shown in the illustration. Brightly coloured green maple leaves, tipped with red, complete the design on the left and base of a black and white scene, framed by thin gold lines.

The address side generally shows the "Canadian Souvenir Post Card" in red framed by a rectangular gold frame which also contains designs in gold at left and right.

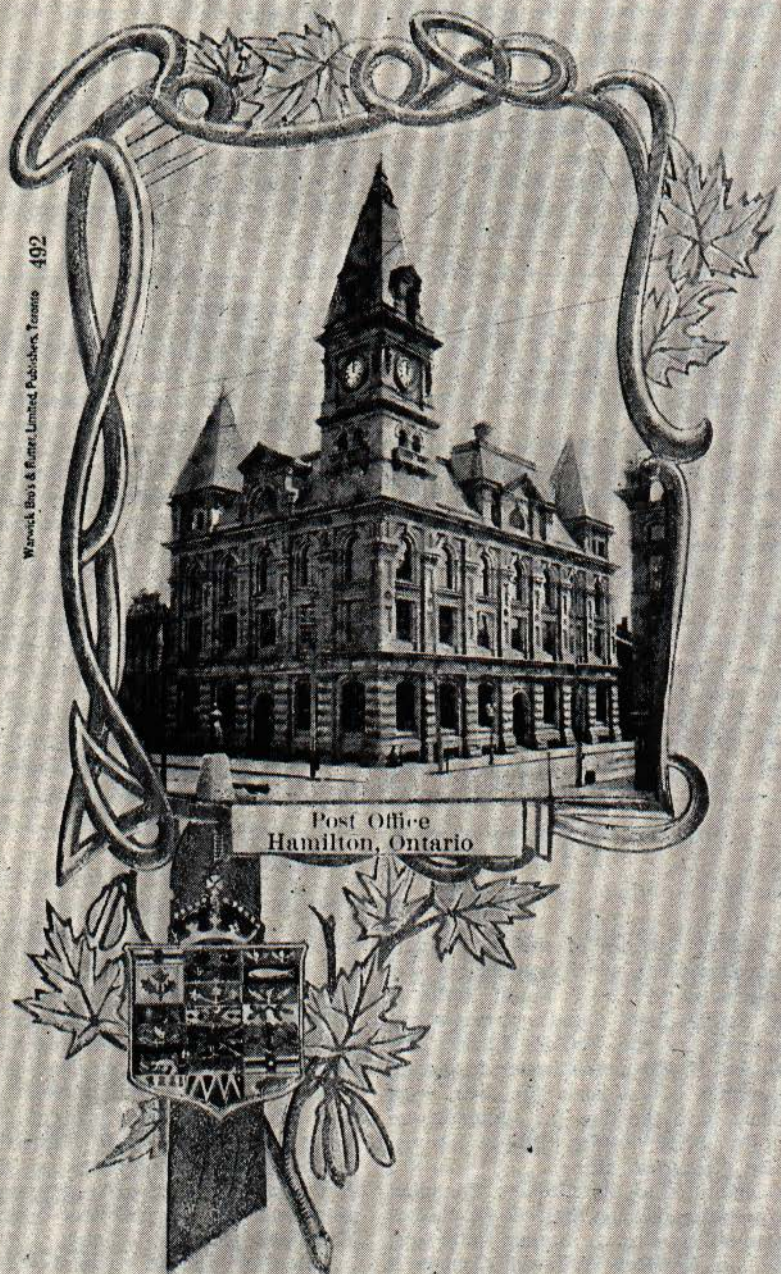
Card number 3015 was printed with green lettering and designs, in a red border and a divided back.



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Warwick Bros & Raper Limited, Publishers, Toronto 492



Card number 3127, which was published for J. R. Wade and Sons, Grand Falls, N.B. uses different colouring on the address side, and shows both lettering and design in blue.

The earliest postmark in this series is Oc 11, 1904, but as in other series, the greatest mailings occurred in 1905 and 1906.

143 Collegiate Institute, Windsor, Ont.
190 Joe Howe Falls, Truro, N.S. (DB)
214 Prospect Point, Niagara Falls
215 Cave of the Winds, Niagara Falls
314 Welland Canal at St. Catharines

371 Kentville, N.S. from Sanitarium Hill
372 Bluff, Kingsport, N.S.
442 Cowie's Falls, Liverpool, N.S.
885 Main St., Amherst, N.S.
899 Bridge St., Carleton Place, Ont.
3015 Victoria Park, Truro, N.S. (DB)
3712 Soldier's Monument, Charlottetown, P.E.I. (DB)
3127 Roman Catholic Church, Grand Falls, N.B. (DB)
3146 Town Hall, Carleton Place, Ont. (DB)

BOOK REVIEW

Lyman's Standard Catalogue of Canada—BNA Postage Stamps, 29th Edition, summer 1979. Price \$3.

This is the second full colour edition of this well known catalogue. At first glance it is obvious that a large number of initial shortcomings of the first catalogue have now been overcome and this one is even better than the first. Colours are much better, even though some difficulties still exist with certain stamps. Again the cover is very attractive and we notice with interest the Canadian flag stamp has been replaced with the Maple Leaf stamp. We wonder why? Deletion of highly specialized material, such as rare imperfs, is a step in the right direction for a general purpose

type catalogue. The addition of quantities issued for each stamp is valuable information. The identification of each stamp by a colour should be suggested for the next issue because the design information is not sufficient. The Grading Guide could have used a better selection of specimens as the very good stamp illustrated is not even good. The fine not very good and very fine not even good. The separate listings of perforations used for the early stamps and the additional notes are very helpful to a beginner. As colour printing is not cheap, the price for the catalogue is a bargain. Certainly a must for any collector and dealer.

—Hans Reiche

LIBRARY REPORT

by MICHAEL J. SQUIRELL

We had 21 volumes of various journals bound in December, which brought our sets of journals up to 1,977. Smith, Irwin & Conley, Smiths Falls, Ontario, have bound our journals for the BNAPS Library for eight years. If you are interested in getting your journals bound write for their price list. They have the dies for stamping the spines for *BNA Topics*, *Maple Leaves*, *Canadian Philatelist*, etc.

New additions to the Library: Canadian Military Postmarks, by Maj. W. J. Bailey; Canadian Meter Postage Stamp Catalogue, 2nd Edition, by Ross W. Irwin; Canada & Newfoundland Postal Stationery Catalogue, 1978 Edition, by J. F. Webb; Checklist of Canada's Definitives 1954-76, by K. D. Heyn; The Last Stamps of Newfoundland,

by John Ayshford; Catalogue of Tobacco Tax Paid Stamps of Canada and Newfoundland, by Lee W. Brandon.

From BNAPSer Andy Anderson an excellent series of articles entitled X-Rays and Philately, by W. H. S. Cheavin, 50 pp. There are references throughout to BNA. The Diamond Jubilee issue of Canada is represented by six well illustrated pages of the forgeries and fakes of this issue. Andy has continued to send us many clippings and odd journals that contain much BNA and technical articles.

Bob Carr sent us a number of articles from various publications, and in many cases gave us two originals. Ed Richardson has donated \$30 for binding.

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HOTEL COVER

This article, by the late Fred Jarrett, is reprinted from *Popular Stamps*, May 1944.

The editor's note was written by H. R. Meyers.

Editor's Note: With the turn of the century and for, perhaps, a decade later — before the automobile, radio and factory production line speeded up the tempo of life there existed an era, now gone — save for its memories. A period when people had the time to become better acquainted, make friendships and cultivate concern for another's comfort. Today and for a double decade back we live a life of hurry-burry and bustle. A dollar has shrunk to a two-bit dimension, as compared to yesteryear. Business has become an impersonal affair with the operator oftentimes haunted by a worried look that forbids time to fraternize with his public.

Mr. Jarrett's article on "Hotel Covers" touches but one angle of a period when the human equation compensated largely for lack of the many modern inventions and services now offered for a streamlined way of life.

Do you collect "hotel" covers? No, I didn't think so. Why do I collect them? Well, brother, come into the bar with me, place your elbow on the mahogany and your foot on the brass rail, and I'll tell you all about it.

A bona fide collector of hotel covers should (a) hold a commercial traveller's certificate of many years standing, (b) be able to reminisce about the hotel "that used to stand on this site," and (c) have been a guest in the best and the worst from the days when whiskey was ten cents and beer five cents a bottle. When you have been a frequent guest over many years in hotels large and small, good and bad, pictures of them on envelopes may rouse a feeling of nostalgia. The envelope may look like the envelope you remember mailing from that very hotel, back in the days when — and suddenly you are conscious of change and decay, and the passing into the dim past of many happy associations. You recall a warm room on a certain cold winter night, revels in the bar, where men were men, a

proprietor you called Curley, or Slim, or Eddie, waitresses who knew you by your first name, the week-end you were ill and the proprietor's wife saw that proper food was sent up to you, the time the boys took you to the cleaners in the back room, the comradeship of the road, the lusty individualism, all changed now.

My earliest cover shows "St. Lawrence Hall, Great St. James Street, Montreal, H. Hogan, Proprietor," dated Sp 65. The building resembles old St. Lawrence Hall, now a market, on King St. East, Toronto. The name was popular, for I have three St. Lawrence Halls.

Dated De 67 is a cover with an illustration of "Newbigging House, Late Clarendon Hotel, Nos. 28-30-32 Front St., Toronto," a weird-looking four-storey firetrap. A gentleman is out for a canter on his saddle pony; behind a spirited team driven by a coachman sit two ladies in a barouche; a horse and cart stand idly by awaiting the return of the driver (from the bar) and in front of the tavern may be seen two gentlemen expostulating, one of them having difficulty keeping erect. The hour is perhaps 10:30 a.m., and this may have been one of those hotels where drinks were free up to 12 noon. The patrons, we are told, took their brandies, Scotches and ryes neat all afternoon and late into the night, then sobered up next morning on long tall ones with lemon and sugar, whites of eggs, and plenty of gin. This hotel became the Clarendon again in later years, catering to farmers who attended the nearby market. I dined there in 1913.

Dated Ju 69 a little gem appears in the form of a neat cover from the "Tecumseh House, London, Ont., J. C. Derby, Manager." The American flag flies above the ladies' entrance, where a coachman has brought his carriage and pair to a stop to permit two spinster ladies to alight. The Union Jack flies over the front entrance where two closed cabs are about to dash off to the station (across the road) and on the sidewalk (which would be wooden planks) may be seen a motley group including a lady in hoop skirt holding a long-handled parasol.

"But," asks a traveler who once tried to

sleep on the south side of that hostelry, now torn down, "wasn't there a locomotive in the picture?" Yes indeed, "she'll be comin' round the corner when she comes," and there she rattles now—one of those old woodburners with a potbellied funnel and a cowcatcher that really scooped up cows. As late as 1912 I have been awakened in the night expecting to see trains tear right across the foot of my bed, for certainly I heard them plainly enough. In the dining room the dishes rattled on the table as trains thundered by next to the south wall. Such illustrations as these, taken from photographs, record accurately the carriages, horse-drawn cars, and costumes of the period.

The early hotels catered principally to the commercial traveller, who was hotel-wise, and hotels patronized by "drummers" could be depended on. Hence many were called "Commercial". The most common name was "The Queen's". Every city and town must have had, at one time or another, a Queen's Hotel, the inference probably being that a hotel with that name was good enough for Queen Victoria, whose long and popular reign was nearing its close during the period under review.

Such names as the Royal, Imperial, Victoria, Windsor, Balmoral, and Palace were common, denoting a connection with the mother country. "Hotel Albion" is frequently noted. There was a "British Lion", but Canada did not seem to adopt the picturesque names that characterized the old-world taverns. There were Wellingtons, Dufferins, and Elgins. There was the "Central", so named for obvious reasons, and the Grand, Grand Central, Mansion House, Union and Grand Union, Globe, Dominion (after Confederation) Ocean, promising views, Railroad House, catering to railroad men, the Oriental, not catering to Chinese laundrymen so much as encouraging ideas of Oriental luxury and splendour, and the "Farmer's" where patrons picked their teeth with deerhorn tootpicks and needed plenty of elbow room, but where the food was wholesome and plentiful. In later years I recall dining at the Orillia House, Orillia, Ontario. Some distinction having been thought advisable, one long table bore a sign reading "Farmers' Table". The white-collar boys sat elsewhere and paid 50c for their meal. I joined the farmers later when I discovered they paid 25c for the same meal.

Hotels prior to 1900 offered such inducements as "Omnibus to and from all trains". "Opposite GTR Depot" (Station wasn't used), "Near Custom House, Post Office and Principal Banks", "Livery Stable in Connection", "Bathrooms, billiard rooms, barber shop, electric bells", (hot and cold running bellhops were unknown), and one shows a Masonic emblem and mentions "Good stabling, attentive hostler". Choicest brands of wines, liquors and cigars" is frequently mentioned. The old Rossin House, Toronto, claimed to be "One of the most unexceptional first-class hotels in North America". One "guaranteed a first-class table, clean beds, a No. 1 Hostler, and special rates to commercial travellers". Imagine that, when the regular rates were one dollar a day for room and meals! Only a few weeks ago I paid \$5.50 for my room in Vancouver. How times have changed!

La Belle Province this Fall

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PERFIN COLUMN No. 5

by JON JOHNSON

Michael Dicketts' column this time is contributed by a guest writer.

Usually when stamp collectors talk about rambling they are referring to themselves, myself included. For a turn around, let's take a look at the perfin perforators that have done the rambling. It may seem strange that machines ramble, but when it becomes a matter of life or death, a move is certainly preferable.

C19.



Although the Canadian National Railways received Post Office approval to perforate their initials in postage stamps March 13th, 1928, for some reason C19 doesn't come onto the scene until after 1932. The perforator's use seems to be regular but definitely not excessive. In 1956 the perforator was pushed aside in the Toronto office by a postage meter. Some time in 1957 the perforator was sent west to Winnipeg. The perforator was back in the business of perforating stamps but now in competition with C21a which had seen continuous use in Winnipeg since 1928. Both perforators were to perforate a good cross-section of the late 1950's commemoratives. Then came a corporate regional reorganization. The perforator was moved to Edmonton, along with the regional Treasury department in August 1961. Since then the machine has continued to produce nice clean perfins. It may delight some collectors to know that the Canadian National Railways have no plans to discontinue the practice of perforating their postage stamps.

It is interesting that the C19 perforating machine is not one of the common Cummins perforators. It is made by the Perforator Company, Chicago, III. The Model is 6K and the serial number is 6K19. This is the only confirmed non-Cummins Per-

forating Company machine known to be used in Canada to date. I cannot guess why this Model was purchased when the Canadian National had success with its Cummins Model 53's (both C21a and C20a are Model 53's).

C16.



On November 2nd, 1920 the Post Office approved the perfin "CMS" upon the request of the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company of Canada Limited, Trail, B.C. The perforator, a Cummins Model 52 (serial number 2619), saw regular and continuous use during the years. Then in the late 1940's the perforator met the fate of many of the private perforators, replacement by a postage meter. So the Company sent the perforator 175 miles to its mine in Kimberley, B.C. The perforator continued in use there up to 1956 when another postage meter caught up to it. For the perforator, it was a trip back to Trail. But it left its mark, the stock of perforated stamps was large and continued in use past 1959. One estimate is that the supply was not exhausted until 1965. The perforator, back in Trail, in 1956 was demoted for a period to cancelling meal tickets used at the Company cafeteria. What a drop down the ladder—from a responsible position in postal security to just punching meal tickets. About 1957 the perforator was donated to the Rossland Mining Museum located just outside of Trail.

A note to collectors: stamps issued during or before 1956 that had been perforated were used by the Company after this date. Most cancels will be Kimberley, B.C. The "CMS" perfin is known in post-1956 stamps and these must have been done on request as the machine was officially retired.

G7.



G16.



In this particular case it's the stamps that took a long trip and the perforator was to take a short, albeit fatal trip. The Great Northern Railway perfin G7 is one of eight U.S. railway perfins found in Canadian stamps (only one was given Post Office approval — presumably the Great Northern never requested approval). The perforator was located in the Head Office in St. Paul, Minn. The closest major city is Winnipeg, Man., 450 miles north, where the stamps were purchased and sent to St. Paul for perforating. The Great Northern had only one terminus in Canada, New Westminster, B.C. To extend the Railway's postal security system to its only Canadian terminus all of the Canadian stamps were forwarded close to 2,000 miles westward to supply the New Westminster office. This will explain why observant collectors have noticed so many stamps with Winnipeg tagging. Some-

time in 1963 or 1964 the perforator was sent for quote "a major repair which included upgrading of the perforating dies" unquote. This upgrading spelled the doom of a perfin that had started during the Admiral issue. When the perforator was returned the die was changed completely, and subsequently was called G16. The old perforator under the guise of G16 was used until March 3rd, 1970. On that date the Great Northern Railway ceased to exist. It merged with the Northern Pacific, Burlington (Chicago, Burlington & Quincy) and the SP&S (Spokane, Portland & Seattle) to form the Burlington Northern Railway.

The author has been unable to trace the 'GN' perforator so cannot give either its make or model.

If you run across any information about a perforator please take notes and pass them on to other collectors.

Grand Trunk Railway Pictorial Cards

Reported by "The Yellow Peril"

A horde of Grand Trunk Railway pictorial postcards was recently unearthed; unlike the normal single cards, these are in vertical strips of four as follows:

Left:

Regetta Bay — Highlands
 Britannia Lake
 An Ideal Resort
 Camping in Temagami

Right:

Wawa Hotel — Norway Point
 A Lone Fisherman
 Chateau Laurier Hotel
 Casting Trout

These cards appear to be on Webb's type P33C "H". It would also appear that Wawa Hotel and Casting Trout are unrecorded. Perhaps a stationery expert will confirm this information?



Bill Edward

THE MONTREAL DUPLEX CANCELS

by HANS REICHE

A number of articles have been written about these interesting cancels. After collecting information about them for many years a list has been prepared to show the various numerals and letters noted so far. The thin and fat numerals have been separated which exist on the 3, 4, 7 and 8. There are two dies of the numeral 1 but these are not shown here. They can be distinguished by the setting of the bottom horizontal bar of the numeral in relation to the surrounding bars.

The list is of interest because it shows that the early values and the later issued values can be found almost complete with all the letters from A to J, although I and J appear to be more difficult to find.

The two rare coils have not been seen

with the letters but the rest can be found. The story is different for the numerals and one can see that the early values exist with almost all the numerals but the later issues are practically non-existent. It is odd that the very rare numeral 12 appears on the later issues. The 12 was used in conjunction with the special delivery express. A similar picture can be noted for the coils with the numeral cancels. The coils perforated 12 horizontally have not been noted with these cancels with very few exceptions. The War Tax stamps come all with the numerals but 5 and 12 have not been noted and 13 must be rare.

The author would like to hear from anyone having other cancels not listed here or anyone having duplicates.

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Frank Alusio

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Richard Allen



Top Award

Frank Alusio, 46, an airport planner with Transport Canada in Toronto, Ontario, and an avid philatelist since the age of six, designed the cancellation. Richard Allen of Ottawa, Ontario, took second place award. It shows three stylized maple leaves within a post office counter shaped frame. Both of the award-winning designs will be used when the Museum moves later this year to its new location opposite the Parliament Buildings on Wellington Street, Ottawa.



Runner-up

James Kraemer, manager of the Museum commented: "We were overwhelmed by the number of submissions of which more than 500 were received."

Submissions were whittled down to 16. This short list was then presented to members of the Postage Stamp Design Advisory Committee and the Postal Museum Advis-



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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

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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 covers)

K—PRECANCELS, INCLUDING PRECANCELLED POSTAL STATIONERY

L—POSTAL STATIONERY OF CANADA AND NEWFOUNDLAND

M—POSTAL HISTORY SPECIALTIES

N—REVENUES

O—NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED

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ory Committee who independently selected the top eight. The Committee members were unanimous in their choice of Alusia's design.

The Choice is Theirs

Design, like food, is a matter of personal taste. Readers will be interested in this who's who of Ottawa's Stamp Advisory Committee.

Molly Lamb Bobak, Fredericton, N.B. is an artist whose work is represented in galleries and private collections.

Raymond Dubé, Quebec, Que., is a philatelist and journalist with a stamp column in *Le Soleil*. He is former editor *Le Soleil*.

Gordon Keeble, Toronto, Ont., is president, Keeble Cable Television Ltd., vice-president, programming, Premier Cablevision Ltd., Vancouver and former president, CTV.

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Ralph Tibbles, Toronto, Ont., graphic designer; former art director, *Macleans Magazine*, *Toronto Star*, MacLaren Advertising; owner, Ralph Tibbles Design Inc.

Righted

Reference the "Now Wait . . . Something's Wrong", *Topics*, Jan.-Feb. '79, the die proof of the 2c, Large Die on india sunk on card, with initials PJV in blue black ink is dated 4 Sept. 1928. The die

proof is in dull blue green. Another one is in violet for a trial colour.

— Hans Reiche

DPMG to 1816

Gerald Finley is anxious to trace any correspondence relating to George Heriot, Deputy Postmaster General from 1799 to 1816. He is preparing a large monograph of the DPMG. Any readers holding relevant documents can get in touch with Prof. Finley at: Department of Art, Queen's University, Kingston, Ont., Canada K7L 3N6.

Donation

Roy Wrigley, whose wife recently died of cancer, has donated funds received for his Canada Official Stamps to the Canadian Cancer Society. Sold at auction, the collection brought \$31,884. Mr. Wrigley, 95, is still active in Officials, an area of interest to him for 25 years.

Matejka Honoured

James J. Matejka Jr. in March learnt that he has been unanimously elected to sign the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists of the British Philatelic Federation at the annual congress in Harrogate, England in September.

Dr. Matejka told *Topics* that the honour was quite unanticipated: "I have never given any thought of the work in philately that I have done in the past 50 years would have prompted so great an organization as this to ask that my name is to be among the great persons of philately."

Simcoe Anniversary

George E. Pond writes that 1979 marks the 150th Anniversary of The Simcoe Ontario Post Office. The original post office building still stands and is owned and occupied by The Simcoe Chamber of Commerce who purchased it several years ago to save it from the wrecker's hammer. It is now used for their offices.

During part of July and running through Simcoe's great Friendship Weekend — August 1st weekend to the middle of August — it is planned to recreate the old post office atmosphere in one of the rooms of the old building. A committee has been working

with Canada Post and has been in touch with the postal museum in Ottawa and the Eva Brook Donly Museum in Simcoe. A sub-post office will be set up and special post marks obtained.

The Community of Port Dover, seven miles to the south of Simcoe on the shores of Lake Erie, is celebrating its Centennial during this same year and it is hoped to run a special stage line between the Simcoe Post Office and the Port Dover Post Office sometime during the Friendship Festivities.

A special cacheted envelope is being prepared to mark the 150th Anniversary of the Simcoe Post Office and plans are underway to include an insertion which will be

either:

- a brief history of the Simcoe Post Office.
- a reproduction of a contract for transporting His Majesty's mail dated July 1831 for one Daniel Hazen Jr. to carry the mails between the post office of Simcoe, Port Dover and Vittoria.

These envelopes will be of interest to philatelists and postal historians. Copies may be obtained at \$2.00 plus stamped addressed return envelopes (legal size) and they will be forwarded sometime in early August. Write to George E. Pond, Postal History Committee, Simcoe Chamber of Commerce, Simcoe, Ontario, Canada.

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JUBILEE JOTTINGS

by ALFRED P. COOK

Some time ago your correspondent obtained a small packet of 100-3c Jubilees, wrapped and sealed with inscription "100—

4/12/97".

For ALL THE SPECIALISTS, here is how the count broke down:

Circular Date Stamps — 24 Partial — Undecipherable 3

British Columbia — 3

Vancouver AM 1
Vancouver PM 2

Nova Scotia — 1

North Sydney

Ontario — 13

Cooksville 2
Chatham 1
Forest 1
Guelph A 1
St. Catharines PM 1
Sarnia PM 1
Seaforth 1
Strathroy 3
Walkerton 1
Waterloo 1

Quebec — 4

Montreal 16 1
Montreal 18 1
Montreal 19 1
St. Johns 1

R.P.O. — 3

Damaged 2
Partial 1

3 Ring — 4

Hamilton 14 1
Hamilton 15 1
Partial 2

Duplex — 3

Hamilton 4 3

Flag — 24

Small Canada 18
Large Canada 4
1837-1897 2

Corks — 2

Broken Circle — 3

Beaumaris 2
Lennoxville, Que. 1

SQUARED CIRCLES

Type 1-10

Brockville PM 1
Ottawa 3 1
Ottawa 4 1
Ottawa 5 2
Ottawa 6 1
Ottawa 7 1
UND 2 3

Type 2-27

British Columbia — 3

Victoria NT 3

Manitoba — 2

Winnipeg 5 1
Winnipeg 4 1

New Brunswick — 4

St. John 2 2
St. John PM 2

Nova Scotia — 4

Halifax 2 3
Halifax 3 1

Ontario — 7

Belleville 4 2
Kingston 3 1
Paris D 1
Port Hope 1
York St. 6:30 1
Wallaceburg PM 1

P.E.I. — 1

Charlottetown 2 1

Quebec — 3

Hull 1
St. Cunnigunde AM 2

Partials — 3

Now is the time for all good statisticians to come to the aid of the party.

Note: Mr. Cook has said that now that his extracts from Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News are complete, he will try and keep the Jubilee Jottings series alive with notes on the issue. — Ed.

AN ATTEMPT TO PLATE THE 7½d (CANADA NO. 9)

by JIM WATT

This concludes the series of illustrations prepared by Mr. Watt, part I of which was published in Topics November-December 1978 issue.

Plate Varieties

#113 Dot under "S" of Stg. in bottom left frame. (as in #89, & #101.)
End of imprint at lower left bottom selvedge.

#114



This line is not continuous as most other scratches are.

#118 The whole imprint has been re-entered. The major part is under #117, thus #118 shows part of the imprint in the bottom left selvedge,



First "A" "D" of Canada.
of Canada.

#119

The dot in the right margin is in the very center of the frame.



#25

Plate wear



Outer oval



#37

The upper left selvedge has a part of the imprint at the side.



"G" of Postage.

Plate Varieties

#97

C> - shaped



"L" of Sterling.

Necklace of Q.V.

Two dots are also in the right margin.

#98



Accent above "P".

#99



"E" of Lower Sterling.
left frame accent

Dash under "D" of Canada.

#100



#102 Dot under "T" of Sterling in green background. Not the same as #62 and #74. (is closer to the "T")

#101 Dot in bottom frame under "S" of Stg. (#89, #101, #113.)

PACKET



Also upper right frame scratch.

#109 Dot in the left margin selvage at mid-stamp level.

2

"2" of 4 in upper right.

#110 Both of these flaws are common to #14, #38, & #110.



Left frame dot

Left frame dash

#111 Imprint begins in bottom right selvage.



#112 Major part of imprint is at the bottom of the stamp.



THE MEDALLION ISSUE - A Record of the Printing Orders

by ALLAN L. STEINHART

PART IV — CONCLUSION

Requisition No. 156 of Nov. 3, 1934 was for 300,000 1c Precancelled Advertising Post Cards, 8 on a sheet, which were delivered November 6.

Requisition No. 157 of Nov. 7, 1934 was as follows:

- 50,000—3c French booklets
- 100,000—½c French single Business Reply Cards

Requisition No. 158 of Nov. 8, 1934 was for 800,000 1c post bands.

Requisition No. 159 of Nov. 9, 1934 was again a large one.

- 60,000,000—1c stamps
- 200,000—3c English Booklets
- 10,000—Combination French Booklets
- 50,000 Combination English Booklets
- 3,000—1c coil rolls
- 3,000—2c coil rolls
- 5,000—3c coil rolls
- 2,000—1c coil rolls, precancelled
- 100,000—½c French single business reply cards

200,000—½c English single business reply cards

200,000—½c English business reply cards, 8 on a sheet

- 300,000—1c French post cards
- 1,000,000—1c English post cards
- 500,000—2c English post cards
- 300,000—1c Advertising post cards, 8 on a sheet

300,000—2c Advertising cards, 8 on a sheet

20,000—2c Advertising cards, single

100,000—1c Special wrappers

Requisition No. 160 of Nov. 27, 1934 was for 70,000 1c special post cards in English 5 15/32" x 4".

Requisition No. 161 of Nov. 30, 1934 was for 100,000 1c + ½c Bilingual Business Reply Cards.

Requisition No. 162 of Dec. 19, 1934 was for 10,000 1c post cards, 3¾" x 6½" inscribed "Private Card Canadian Club of Vancouver" similar to requisition No. 141.

Requisition No. 163 of Dec. 20, 1934 was for a variety of medallion items.

- 25,000,000—1c stamps

25,000,000—2c stamps

50,000,000—3c stamps

3,000,000—5c stamps

500,000—8c stamps

10,000—2c English Booklets

200,000—3c English Booklets

3,000—2c coil rolls

3,000—3c coil rolls

1,000,000—1c English post cards

500,000—2c English post cards

300,000—1c Advertising cards, 8 on a sheet

300,000—2c Advertising cards, 8 on a sheet

100,000—1c + 1½c English Reply Post Cards

100,000—1c Special Wrappers

Requisition No. 164 of Dec. 27, 1934 was for 3,000 Reply Post Cards, bearing 2c postage on each part of the card the same as in requisition No. 154.

A note of Jan. 8, 1935 noted an error in ordering and that on requisition No. 159 50,000,000 of the 1c stamps should have been 3c stamps. The order had been corrected.

Requisition No. 165 of Jan. 14, 1935 was special order stationery for the Davis Lisson Printing Company, Hamilton, Ont. The order was for 142,000 1c precancelled special cards, 20 on a sheet and 140,000 1c special post bands, gummed and precancelled.

Requisition No. 166 of Jan. 21, 1935 was for more special cards, the order consisting of 5,000 1 cent post cards, double the size of the ordering, inscribed "Canada Post Card", without a crease in the centre for folding.

Requisition No. 167 of Jan. 23, 1935 was for a variety of medallion items.

25,000,000—3c stamps

2,000,000—5c stamps

2,000—2c coil rolls

1,000—1c coil rolls, precancelled

200,000—1c Bilingual post cards

1,400,000—1c English post cards

200,000—2c English post cards

200,000—2c Advertising Cards, 8 on a sheet

25,000—1c + 1c English reply cards

100,000—1c special wrappers
Requisition No. 168 dated January 28, 1935 was for 24,000 1c + 1/2c English Business reply cards, 8 on a sheet

Requisition No. 169 of Feb. 21, 1935 was again a varied order.

30,000,000—3c stamps

3,000,000—5c stamps

200,000—3c English booklets

200,000—3c English booklets

2,000—1c coil rolls

2,000—2c coil rolls

5,000—3c coil rolls

2,000—1c coil rolls, precancelled

100,000—1/2c bilingual Business reply cards, single

400,000—1c bilingual post cards

200,000—2c bilingual post cards

200,000—2c advertising cards, 16 on a sheet

200,000—2c advertising cards, 8 on a sheet

50,000—1c + 1/2c English reply cards

100,000—1c special newspaper wrappers

With the termination of the contract of the British American Bank Note Company, requisition No. 170 and No. 171 were given out to account for the overruns by the bank note company. Among the medallion items on these two requisitions of March 28, 1935 were the following:

1,900,000—1c stamps

2,000,000—3c stamps

17,400—4c stamps

300,000—5c stamp

2,087—1c English Booklets

461—1c French Booklets

3,000—2c English Booklets

284—2c French Booklets

15,000—3c English Booklets

1,320—3c French Booklets

5,137—Combination English Booklets

292—Combination French Booklets

2,000—1/2c English single Business reply cards

4,000—1/2c English Business reply cards, 8 on a sheet

3,000—1/2c Bilingual Business reply cards, 8 on a sheet

500—1c Ivory Cards, single

22,500—1c Ivory Cards, 3 on a sheet

4,000—1c Precancelled Advertising Cards, 8 on a sheet

1,000—1c Advertising cards, 8 on a sheet

3,000—1c + 1/2c English reply post cards

6,000—1c + 1/2c Bilingual reply post cards

1,000—1c + 1c Bilingual reply post cards

6,000—1c Special Wrappers

700,000—3c stamps

9,000—3c English Booklets

This concluded the printing of Medallion stamps, coils, booklets and post cards of various types with the expiring of this company's printing contract.

For RPO Collectors

by HANS REICHE

A brief listing of the railway companies will interest RPO collectors for the lines which were part of the Canadian Northern Railway. Many of these companies do not have their own cancels but letterheads from the companies can be found with RPO cancels along the lines they served. Basically these lines were the inroads to the Northern Prairies from 1895 to 1918. Some of these branch lines were serving only a few miles of track.

The various companies are as follows:

Lake Manitoba Railway and Canal Co.

Manitoba and South Eastern Railway

Winnipeg and Hudson Bay Railway

Morden and North Western Railway

Western Extension Railway

Edmonton and Slave Lake Railway

Saskatchewan and North Western

Railway

Saskatchewan Midland Railway

Alberta Midland Railway

Canadian Northern Branch Lines Co.

Winnipeg and Northern Railway

Canadian Northern Manitoba Railway

Canadian Northern Western Railway

Canadian Northern Saskatchewan

Railway

Canadian Northern Alberta Railway

Minnesota and Manitoba Railway

Lake Superior Terminals Co.

Canadian Northern Express Railway Co.

Canadian Northern Steamship Ltd.
Bay of Quinte Railway Co.
Central Ontario Railway Co.
Brockville Westport and North Western
Railway Co.
Irdendale, Bancroft and Ottawa Railway
Co.
Marmora Railway and Mining Co.
Qu'Appelle, Long Lake and Saskatchewan
Railway and Steamboat Co.
Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto
Railway Co.
Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto
Navigation Co.
Quebec and Lake St. John Railway Co.
Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Co.
Canadian Northern Ontario Railway Co.
Duluth, Winnipeg and Pacific Railway
Co.
Canadian Northern Quebec Railway Co.
Halifax and South Western Railway Co.
Bessemer and Barry's Bay Railway Co.

In addition the following other railway
companies existed which were feeding into
the Canadian Northern Railway:

Alberta Great Waterways Railway
Brockville and Westport Railway
Brockville, Westport and North Western
Railway
Brockville, Westport and Sault Ste. Marie
Railway
Canada Atlantic Railway
Canadian Yukon Railway
Central Railway of Nova Scotia
Chateauguay and Northern Railway
Credit Valley Railway
Crow's Nest Pass Railway
Duluth, Mesabi and Northern Railroad
Duluth, Rainy Lake and Winnipeg
Railway

Edmonton District Railway
Edmonton, Dunvegan and British
Columbia Railway
Grand Trunk Pacific Railway
Grand Trunk Railway
Grand Trunk Western Railway
Intercolonial Railway
James Bay Railway
Liverpool and Milton Railway
Montfort and Gatineau Colonization
Railway
National Transcontinental Railway
Nelson Valley Railway
Nipissing and James Bay Railway
Red River Valley Railway
Toronto and Nipissing Eastern Railway
Toronto Street Railway
Toronto Suburban Railway Co.
Union Pacific Railroad
Vancouver, Victoria and Eastern Railway
Vancouver, Westminster and Yukon
Railway
Victoria Railway
Winnipeg Electric Railway Co.

By 1917 the Canadian Northern Railway
system had constructed about 370 miles of
track in Nova Scotia, 630 in Quebec, 2,250
in Ontario, 2,000 in Manitoba, 2,200 in
Saskatchewan, 1,200 in Alberta, 530 in
B.C., 200 in Minnesota or approximately
9,500 miles in total.

The Handbook and Catalogue of Cana-
dian Transportation Postmarks by T. P. G.
Shaw alludes to the economic problems of
this railway company. Although initially
in surplus, it reached a deficit around 1914,
resulting in a loss of over two-and-a-half
million dollars around 1917. Various gov-
ernments had contributed over \$200 million
during the total period.

World War 1 P.O.W. Camp Handstamps

by ALLAN STEINHART

Admiral Covers

During W.W. I there were a number of
enemy Prisoners of War and enemy aliens
interned in Canada at various camps. The
covers illustrated here show some of the
handstamps used from these camps.

1) Figure No. 1 shows a cover mailed
by an enemy prisoner of war in Vernon

Camp, British Columbia with a clear,
purple, rubber, 27mm, circular date stamp
reading "Passed by Internment Censor/Sep
21 1915/Vernon, B.C." It is addressed to
the Prisoner of War Department of the
Swiss Red Cross in Switzerland and is free
franked. There is a purple numeral hand-
stamp "167" on the reverse along with a



Fig. 1

blue crayon manuscript notation "Civil". Sometimes covers from P.O.W.'s in Canada were franked by the Canada Post Office to comply with U.P.U. regulations, sometimes they were free franked and sometimes they were franked by the prisoner. Which method was correct I do not know. The

most unusual thing about the cover is the multi-coloured patriotic label with the flags of the Allied Nations copyrighted by "J. F. SLATTERY, N.Y., 1917". The idea of an enemy of Canada's putting an Allied patriotic label on the cover is most ironic.

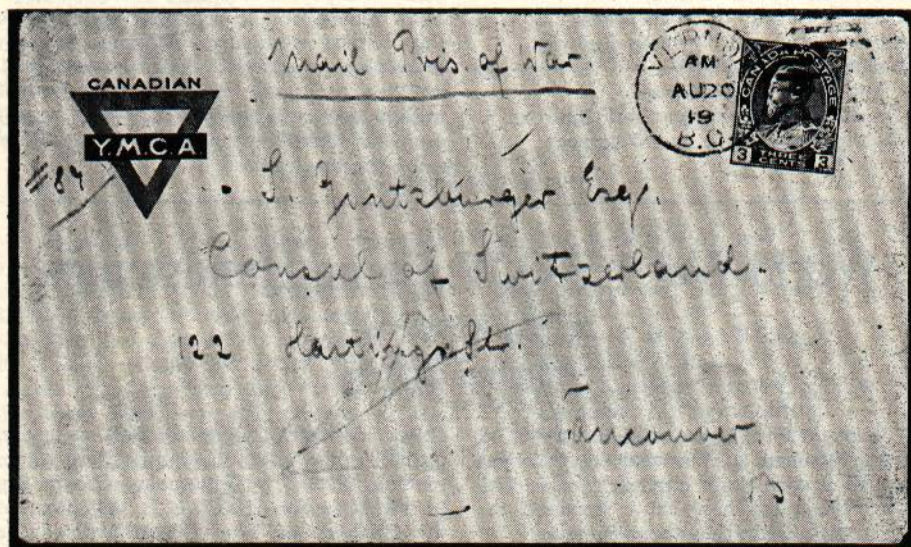


Fig. 2

2) Figure No. 2 shows another cover from Vernon Camp with a triangular purple date stamp preading "PASSED BY/INTERNMENT CENSOR/AUG 19 1919/VERNON, B.C." on a Canadian YMCA envelope manuscript endorsed "Mail Pris. of War". It is franked by a 3c Brown Ad-

miral paying one cent war tax and 2c one ounce first class letter rate cancelled by a Vernon, B.C. duplex dated August 20, 1919. As mentioned above, I don't know if it should have been free or postally franked. In this case the cover is mailed to the Swiss Consul in Vancouver.



Fig. 3

3) Figure No. 3 shows a cover mailed from Fritz Thiele, Fort Henry, Kingston, Ontario to Toronto. Mr. Thiele was a P.O.W. it is assumed and the well known Fort Henry was a P.O.W. camp in W.W. I. The cover is franked by a 1c green and a 2c carmine Admiral stamps with a 27mm

blue rubber circular date stamp reading "PASSED BY INTERNMENT CENSOR/ JUL 15 1915/KINGSTON, ONT." and a purple handstamp of the Lt. Col. Censor under the above censor handstamp. The postage stamps are cancelled the same day.

4) Figure No. 4 shows a free franked cover from "Herr Switzer, Amherst, N.S., Canada, Prisoner of War" to Brooklyn, N.Y., U.S.A. The cover has a 27mm purple, rubber, circular date stamp heading "PASSED BY INTERNMENT CENSOR/ AUG 12 1915/AMHERST, N.S." with the

censor's manuscript initials in the centre. The cover is cancelled by the Amherst, N.S. machine cancellation dated Aug. 13, 1915. This cover is free franked and so the same question of franking arises. I have a number of covers with the above handstamp and all are free franked.

5) Figure No. 5 shows another cover from the same correspondence as figure no. 4 but with a different censor handstamp. This handstamp is a blue, 27mm, rubber date stamp reading "6th DIVISION/JUL

22 1915/PASSED BY CENSOR" with an Amherst, N.S. machine cancel dated July 24, 1915. I have another cover from the same correspondence with the same handstamp dated Sep. 30, 1915.



— Philately In Print, Toronto

Fig. 4



Fig. 5

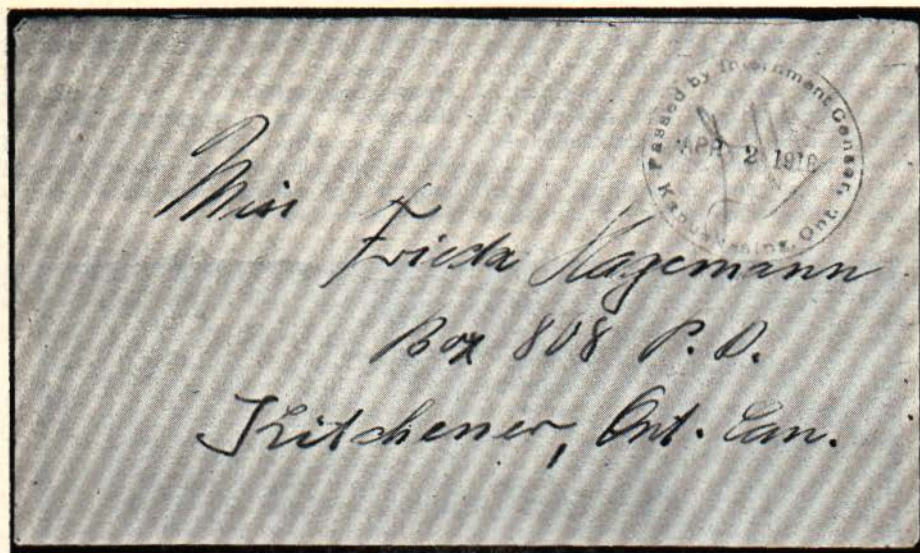


Fig. 6

6) Figure No. 6 shows a cover from Paul Zibell, P. of W. 2367, Kapuskasing Camp, Ontario to Kitchener, Ontario free franked. There is a turquoise, 27mm, rubber, circular date stamp "PASSED BY INTERNMENT CENSOR/APR 2 1918/KAPUSKASING, ONT." with a red manuscript censor's initials in the centre. On the reverse is a blue straight line hand stamp

(4 lines) "RECEIVED BY CENSOR/APR 1 1918/KAPUSKASING / INTERNMENT STATION" and blue numeral hand stamp "17339". There is also an 88mmx60mm label reading "EXAMINED BY/CENSOR/C. 209". This cover seems to have passed through more censors than our previous P.O.W. items.



Fig. 7

7) Figure No. 7 shows a cover from F. Thiele, the same P.O.W. writing in figure no. 3 but now in the Kapuskasing Internment Camp. In this case the cover is franked with a 2c plus 1c brown war tax stamp cancelled by a three concentric ring Ottawa hand date stamp May 17/17. Alongside the stamp is a purple, 27mm, rubber circular date stamp of the same

previous format dated May 17 1917 with Ottawa at the base. This is most unusual as it appears the cover was censored in Ottawa but mailed from the Kapuskasing Internment Camp. I wonder why this procedure took place. This is the only W.W. I P.O.W. cover I have seen with the unusual procedure of mailing at one place and censoring somewhere else.



Fig. 8

8) Figure No. 8 shows a different P.O.W. camp hand stamp. The cover has a red straight line hand stamp "PRISONERS OF WAR" and is franked by a 2c plus 1c carmine war tax stamp cancelled by a Montreal No. 6 numeral duplex dated Jan. 24, 1916. There is a 27mm purple, rubber, circular date stamp "PASSED BY INTERNMENT CENSOR/JAN 21 1916/BEAUPORT ARMOURY/INTERNMENT STATION". This is a different format from all of the previous internment 27mm, circular date stamp. It is interesting to specu-

late that the stamp was added by the post office at this time due to the fact it is cancelled at Montreal and not Beauport and that similar to the military mails coming to Canada no one paid for the postage. The cover is addressed to the U.S.A. and at this time the U.S.A. had not entered the war and was neutral. This stamp was probably added to conform to UPU practice as the U.S.A. being a neutral possibly could not accept free franked military or P.O.W. mails.

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Canada Domestic Rates and Postmarks

by CHARLES P. DE VOLPI

PART V

(1781-1843)

The sterling ratings were dropped completely by mid 1781, and from then onward all rate markings were in currency only, although still based on the original Act of Anne of 1710, supplemented by the act of 5 GEORGE III, effective October 10, 1765.



Fig. 20 — From Three Rivers, October 8, 1801, to Quebec — 90 Miles
Rated 7 pence currency collect — Rate Applicable
To Distance of 61 to 100 Miles.

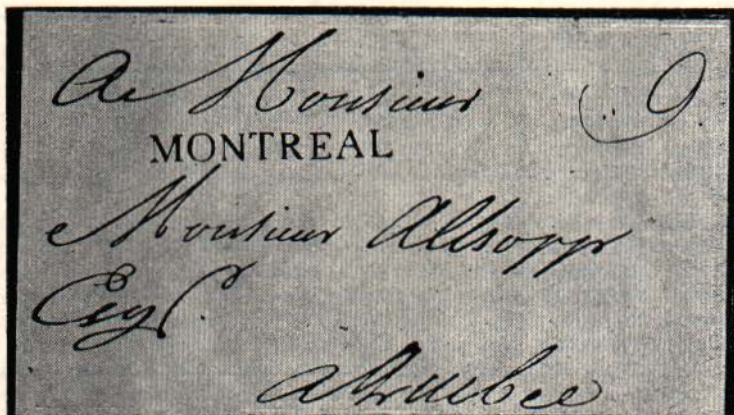


Fig.21 — From Montreal, November 26, 1781, to Quebec — 180 Miles
Rated 9 pence currency collect. Rate Applicable
To Distance of 101 to 200 Miles.

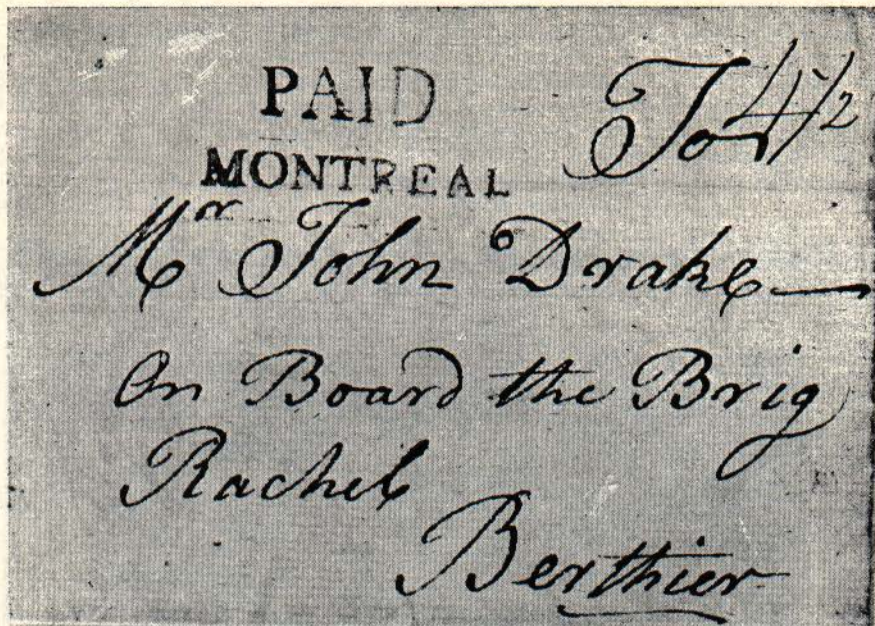


Fig. 22 — From Montreal, August 12, 1783, to Berthier — 45 Miles.
 Rated Paid 4½ pence currency — Rate Applicable
 To Distance under 60 Miles.

From 1781 to January 5, 1844, the only rate changes to come into being were caused by the differential in the value of currency and sterling. The *Quebec Gazette*, Novem-

ber 25, 1784, shows the value of the shilling sterling at 1 shilling 1½ pence currency.

This altered the post office rate chart as follows:

DISTANCE	S	D
Under 60 Miles	0	4½
61 to 100 Miles	0	7
101 to 200 Miles	0	9
201 to 300 Miles	0	11
301 to 400 Miles	1	1½
401 to 500 Miles	1	4
501 to 600 Miles	1	6
601 to 700 Miles	1	8
701 to 800 Miles	1	10½
801 to 900 Miles	2	1
901 to 1000 Miles	2	3

Effective June 1, 1792, the post office established the following schedule:

“Rates of Postage — Letters — General Rule for rating letters at Offices in the Canada charge:”

DISTANCE	S	D
60 Miles and Under	0	4½ cy.
61 Miles to 100 Inclusive	0	7
101 Miles to 200 "	0	9
201 Miles to 300 "	0	11
301 Miles to 400 "	1	2
401 Miles to 500 "	1	4
501 Miles to 600 "	1	6
601 Miles to 700 "	1	8
701 Miles to 800 "	1	10½
801 Miles to 900 "	2	1
901 Miles to 1000 "	2	3
1001 Miles to 1100 "	2	5
1101 Miles to 1200 "	2	7
1201 Miles to 1300 "	2	9
1301 Miles to 1400 "	3	0
1401 Miles to 1500 "	3	2
1501 Miles to 1600 "	3	4

"A letter is is not liable to additional Postage for being sent by one Office through another office and there remailed, except the distance from the Office where it was originally mailed to its ultimate destination shall warrant it;—neither if sent out of its proper Route, by mistake of a Post Master, is a letter to be rated for the disance it has unnecessarily travelled."

It is to be noted that the only change this made in the previous schedule was the rate for 301 to 400 Miles—from 1s 1½d to 1s 2d.

Again on October 21, 1843, currency valuations were changed and this order went out to all Post Masters;

Rates heretofore charged		Altered To
S.D.	S.D.	S.D.
0 10 Sterling converted into	0 11 Currency	0 11½
1 0 Sterling converted into	1 2 Currency	1 1½
1 10 Sterling converted into	2 1 Currency	2 0½
2 4 Sterling converted into	2 7 Currency	2 7½
2 6 Sterling converted into	2 9 Currency	2 9½

"It will be perceived that the Alterations made in the rates, are the result merely of a closer and more precise calculation than had been previously observed in the conversion of certain of the Sterling rates established by the 5th GEORGE III, into currency. These alterations were made in consequence of orders from His Lordship the Post Master General, carefully to revise the Postage Rates in British North Amrica, originally addressed to Mr. Page, an officer of the General Post Office, London, who was sent out in 1842-43 to investigate the condition of the post office establishment in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Upon my conferring with that gentleman, we were satisfied that it was legally right to make the few changes above pointed out, and it was accordingly done. No other alterations in the postage rates in Canada have taken place recently."

T. A. STAYNER
Deputy Post Master General

These covers illustrate these changes in Rates;



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Fig. 23 — From Quebec, October 31, 1843, to Kingston — 379 Miles.
Rated 1/2 changed to 1/1½ (10 days after order issued).



Fig. 24 — From Quebec, July 11, 1842, to Kingston — 379 Miles.
Rated 1/2 — Rate Applicable to 301 to 400 Miles.

CORRECTION

We regret the following information was omitted from Part III of Mr. de Volpi's article (*Topics* Jan.-Feb. 1979).

Bottom of page 50 add the following:

DISTANCE	STERLING S. D.	CURRENCY S. D.	TROY DWT. GRS.
Under 60 Miles	0 - 4	0 - 5	1 : 8
61 to 100 Miles	0 - 6	0 - 8	2 : 0
101 to 200 Miles	0 - 8	0 - 11	2 : 16
201 to 300 Miles	0 - 10	1 - 1	3 : 8
301 to 400 Miles	1 - 0	- 4	4 : 0
401 to 500 Miles	1 - 2	1 - 7	4 : 16
501 to 600 Miles	1 - 4	1 - 10	5 : 8
601 to 700 Miles	1 - 6	2 - 0	6 : 0
701 to 800 Miles	1 - 8	2 - 3	6 : 16
801 to 900 Miles	1 - 10	2 - 5	7 : 8
901 to 1000 Miles	2 - 0	2 - 8	8 : 0

Plus 2d Sterling for each additional 100 Miles

Per Single Sheet of Paper
 Double Sheet or One Enclosure — Double Rate
 Triple Sheet or Two Enclosures — Triple Rate
 One (1) Ounce — Quadruple Rate

Bottom of page 53 add the following:

From 1764 to 1771 the rate markings on domestic covers were mostly in Troy only. From 1771 to the end of March 1775, most covers were rated in both Troy and currency. The latest usage of Troy ratings I have seen is April 24, 1775.

Ninety-five per cent (95%) of covers were collect, and markings were in red or black. I have seen only three paid covers, and these are in black, in Troy only — e.g. Montreal Paid 2:16 to Quebec.

THE DAWSON MINING COURT LAW STAMPS OF YUKON TERRITORY

by IAN McTAGGART COWAN

Little information has been available concerning the details of the production and use of the revenue stamps issued to serve for the payment of fees for services in the Mining Court at Dawson City, Yukon Territory. During a recent visit to Whitehorse, Yukon, I inquired at Yukon Archives as to any information on this stamp series. I was delighted to find several documents providing new information. I was warmly received by the efficient archives staff in their attractive quarters and express my thanks to them for access and assistance.

The stamps when issued were commented on in the local press. The Yukon Sun of July 12, 1902 carried a factual announcement which reads

STAMPS FOR GOLD COURT

They Arrive from Ottawa and Are on Sale — Used to Pay Fees — Ten Thousand Dollars' Worth.

Stamps will take the place of cash in the payment of fees at the gold court after Monday, July 14. Comptroller Lithgow has received a consignment of \$10,000 worth of the stamps in denominations of 10, 25 and 50 cents, and \$1, \$2 and \$3.

John Walker, clerk of the gold court, will have the sale of the stamps. The fees are not reduced in any way, and the stamps are merely used to simplify the record of documents. The stamps are similar in size to the ones now in use at the territorial clerk's office, but instead of being blue in color it is of a dull red. The design is that of a miner who has stooped for a moment to pick up a nugget.

The *Whitehorse Star* of July 26, 1902 carried a more imaginative editorial as follows: "A unique departure affecting Dawson has been made in the Inland Revenue Department. It has issued a set of stamps especially designed for use in the Yukon. They are works of art which have not been equalled since the early days of Canadian history. There are six denominations, 10, 25 and 50 cents, \$1, \$2 and \$3. On a red

background are inscribed the words "Dawson Mining Stamps", used in payment of mining fees. The pictorial representation is a prospector in the act of picking up a nugget . . ." The reporter will be seen to have departed considerably from fact in the wording on the stamp and I suspect also as to design. If it is a nugget the prospector is holding he has a fortune in hand.

The records in the Archives include three file books of the day into which were pasted in dated sequence the documents arising from cases heard and judgments reached between 1902 and 1904. The first book consists of pages 1-149 and consists of Orders. The second and third volumes cover pages 524-629 and 630-764 respectively. All these are Decisions of the court. The book containing pages 149-524, if it existed, is now missing. Together these books are rich in the history of dispute over the mining claims of the day and make up unique documentation of the use of revenue stamps in a Canadian jurisdiction. The preserved documents contain no use of the 10c value. But these were probably used on papers other than orders and decisions which were not kept.

Among other details provided is a record of what must be the earliest use of these stamps. The earliest date I noted was June 19, 1902. It bears singles of \$3, \$2 and 50 cents. The official date designated for beginning the use of the new stamps was July 14, but Dawson City jumped the gun.

Another document of great interest to students of revenue stamp use in Canada is a ledger containing a record of all mining courts stamps sold month by month from April, 1918 until December 1, 1944 when the stamps went out of use. The last sheet of the ledger dated December 1, 1944 records the presence of 310—25c stamps; 342—50c; 186—\$1.00; 292—\$2.00 and 521—\$3.00. There is a hand written statement "Balance Law Stamps on hand transferred to Collector of Customs and Excise, Dawson, Y.T. as per departmental instructions." That entry closed the book on the use of these stamps which had not changed

in design since their introduction 42 years before. There is no record of a new printing in the period 1918-1944.

Numbers produced: I have been unable to find a statement of the numbers of each value printed but this ledger provides a way of arriving at an approximation. Table 1 gives the cumulative totals of each value used year by year through the period covered by the ledger from this it is certain that in April 1, 1918 there were in Dawson 13,730 10c stamps; 9703 25c stamps; 2970 50c; 4835 \$1.00; 1391 \$2.00 and 1446 \$3.00.

If one makes the assumption that the stamps of each value were used at approximately the same rate between 1917 and 1902 as they were between 1918 and 1914 it is possible using graphic methods to estimate that the total numbers produced were 10c — 15,000; 25c — 15,000; 50c — 4,000 to 5,000; \$1.00 — 7,000 to 9,000; \$2.00 — 2,500; \$3.00 — 2,000. Of these, 13,165 of the 10c were destroyed in 1931; the remainder of the other values destroyed in 1944 have been given above.

If these figures are correct — and they are unlikely to be far out — then only 1,835 of the 10c were used and most of them on documents not regarded as important and destroyed.

This explains the scarcity of this value in used condition. I have not seen one on a document. Similarly the \$2.00 and \$3.00 were used in very small numbers — about 2,200 and 1,500 respectively.

Cancellations: I examined the records for forms of cancel used. The earliest cancel was the hand written single word "cancelled" plus date in black ink. I noted it between June 19 and August 6, 1902. For a few months in 1902 any one of three forms of cancellation were used haphazardly. The first use of the pin perforated word cancelled in 5 hole letters 6mm tall appeared. A rubber stamp applying the single word (fig. 2) appears on August 1, 1902 and was used for only a few days. The capital C measures 6.5 to 7mm tall and the word is approximately 38mm in length. The only other cancel I have seen was that applied to specimen stamps — a single line of block letters, all the same size, 3mm tall, and the word 21mm long. After 1902 only the perforated form was seen.

Other items of interest: Used blocks of these stamps are known to be scarce — I noted only one in the Yukon Archives, a block of four of the \$1.00 value. One case heard by E. C. Senkler, Gold Commissioner on August 18, 1902 was appealed to the Territorial Court in Whitehorse and bears \$2.75 in mining court stamps as well as three of the \$1.00 Yukon Law stamps.

I have been unable to ascertain the fate of the records of the Mining Court subsequent to 1906. It is generally believed that they were destroyed at the time the Gold Commissioners court at Dawson City was closed.



IN THE GOLD COMMISSIONER'S COURT OF THE YUKON TERRITORY

BETWEEN:

THOMAS DURMAN PLAINTIFF

and

W. C. BRYANT, E. W. WATKINS and W. F. THOMPSON DEFENDANTS

J U D G M E N T

This case coming on for trial before me at a sitting of this Court held on the 2nd day of August, 1902.

TABLE I

Cumulative totals of law stamps to be used in the Dawson Mining Court 1918-1945
Derived by summing annual use

	10	25	50	1.00	2.00	3.00
1945		*310	*342	*786	*292	*521
1944		424	389	212	310	550
1943		644	497	268	357	568
1942		1094	683	354	430	602
1941		1673	882	457	458	632
1940		2393	1095	681	483	649
1939		2849	1328	847	523	661
1938		3093	1454	1004	586	701
1937		3316	1542	1145	637	728
1936		3716	1688	1401	671	768
1935		3877	1733	1536	684	781
1934		4179	1788	1689	693	807
1933		4439	1804	1853	705	814
1932		4693	1871	1987	729	832
1931	*13165	4997	1956	2160	770	856
1930	13175	5338	1998	2406	796	873
1929	13212	5500	2050	2505	820	881
1928	13242	5689	2093	2631	843	894
1927	13267	5876	2137	2737	884	899
1926	13292	6247	2173	2992	896	903
1925	13327	6549	2196	3206	921	915
1924	13340	6946	2211	3425	964	964
1923	13380	7252	2249	3571	1013	985
1922	13403	7490	2284	3699	1050	1036
1921	13441	7924	2324	3925	1096	1072
1920	13486	8333	2382	4122	1150	1119
1919	13574	8929	2525	4459	1265	1258
1918	13738	9703	2970	4835	1391	1446

The last figures are the minimum number on hand in 1918. They are the total sold for each value between 1918 and 1944 plus the residues. The numbers for each year date are the numbers of each value still available for sale.

* Numbers destroyed in 1945, or, in case of 10c, 1931.

Contemporary Specimen Overprints on the First Decimal Currency Issue of Canada

by HENRY GATES, F.R.P.S.L.

The contemporary Specimen Overprints were printed by the A.B.N. Co. and exist only on proofs from the plates prior to the addition of the imprints.

This may account, in part, for their absence on any plate proofs of the Two Cents 1864 Issue.

They consist of two distinct types according to the styles of letters.

STYLE "A"

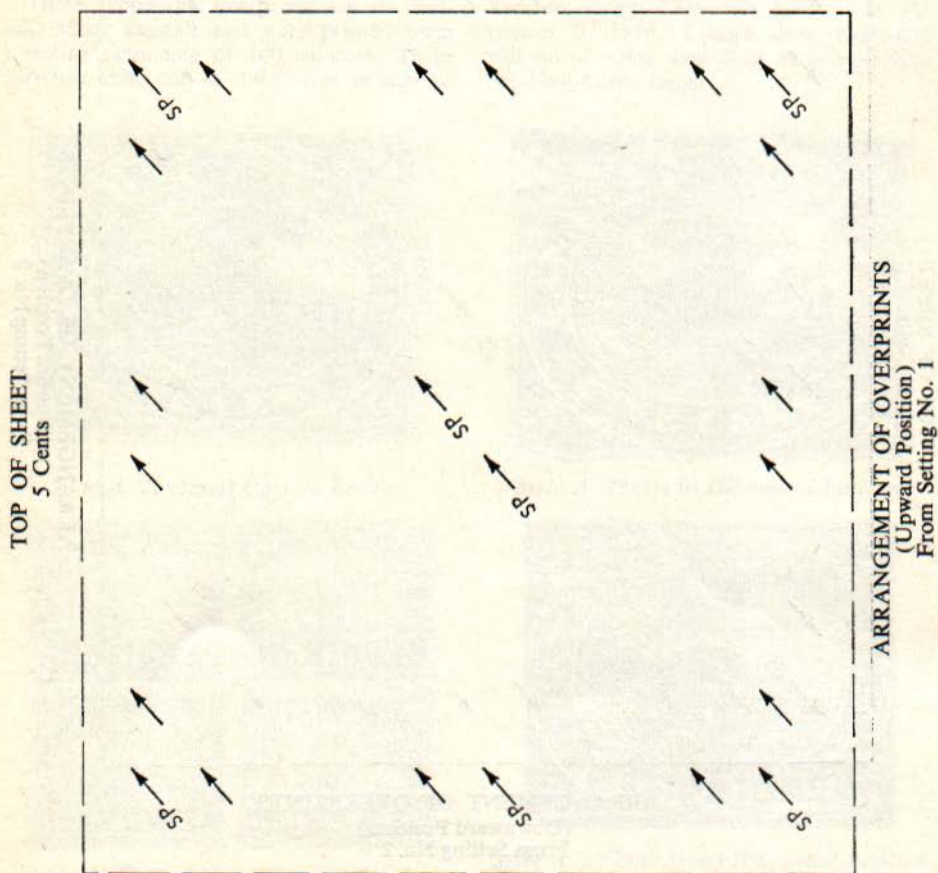
These are typograph overprints in serif capital letters and similar to the ones found on the Plate Proofs of the Pence Issues.

The printings were made from three settings each consisting of 100 subjects.

The diagonal overprints which measure approximately 23 x 3mm, required the use of two settings.

One was arranged and used for printing the SPECIMEN in an upward position on the Five Cents. Although this setting could have been used for printing a diagonal in a downward position on the other values; no evidence exists to indicate this was done.

The second was arranged and used for printing the SPECIMEN in an upward



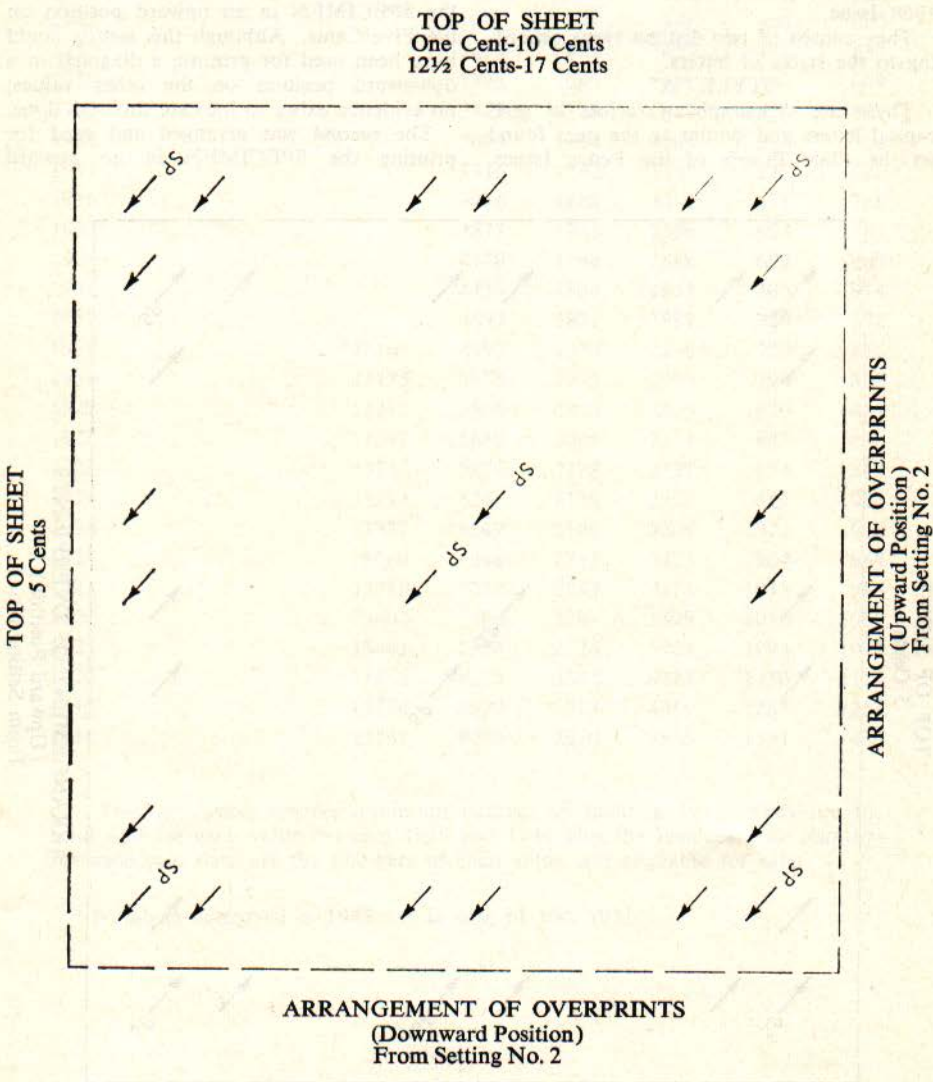
position on the One Cent, 10 Cents, 12½ Cents and 17 Cents. It was further used for producing an overprint in a downward position on the Five Cents. Only two single plate proofs overprinted with a black SPECIMEN in this position are known. (1)

The third setting was employed for printing either a horizontal SPECIMEN on the Five Cents or a vertical one on the other values. This overprint is slightly smaller and measures 20.75 x 2.5mm. The vertical printings are always located at the right side reading from bottom to top.

The horizontal overprint on the Five Cents was misspelled to read SPECINEN on position no. 78. While this error was corrected a full sheet exists having the only known example. (2)

(1) One copy is attached to a ledger sheet of the A.B.N. Co. as illustrated on page 226 of the "Collector's Club Philatelist", Vol. XXX, No. V. The other is in the author's collection.

(2) Collection of Dr. Arthur Groten.



The following is a summary of the Style "A" overprints according to position and color:

- 1 Cent—Grayish Red, vert., black
- 1 Cent—Grayish Red, dia., black
- 5 Cents—Dark Reddish Orange, hor., black
- 5 Cents—Dark Reddish Orange—dia., red
- 5 Cents—Dark Reddish Orange—dia., black
- 10 Cents—Black, dia., red
- 10 Cents—Dark G.Y. Brown, vert., red
- 10 Cents—Dark G.Y. Brown, vert., red
- 12½ Cents—Dark Yellow Green—vert., red
- 12½ Cents—Dark Yellow Green—dia., black
- 12½ Cents—Dark Yellow Green—vert., black
- 17 Cents—Moderate Blue, vert., red
- 17 Cents—Moderate Blue, dia., red

The above are the near-synonymous color names according to the color designation of ISCC-NBS.

STYLE "B"

These typograph overprints are in sans-serif block capitals and were printed from a setting consisting of 100 subjects. Three varieties exist due to differences in size or

thickness of the letters.

This style appears only on the black and blue plate proofs of the 12½ Cents. They are printed in red reading from bottom to top in a vertical position and located at the left.

A poor alignment in the setting resulted in the SPECIMEN on position numbers 1 through 50 of the proof sheets being located approximately 1.5mm to the left of those on position numbers 51 through 100.

The following is a summary of the varieties together with their respective positions on the proof sheets.

Sheet Positions	Overprint Size	Overprint Letters
Vertical Rows		
1st to 4th incl.	20x2.5mm	thin
5th	21.25x3mm	
6th	20x2.5mm	thin
7th to 10th incl.	20x2.5mm	thick

This article follows an exhibit which I was invited to make at a meeting of the Toronto Stamp Collectors Society on November 9, 1978. I hope these comments will be of some assistance to collectors of the First Cents Issue.



Style A (23x3mm) Upward Position



Style A (23x3mm) Downward Position



Style A (20.85x2.5mm) Vertical Position



Style A (20.75x2.5mm) Horizontal Position



Style A (23.0x3.0mm) Upward Position



Style B (20.25x2.5mm) Thick Letters



Style B Showing the 21.25x3mm Overprint on 5th Vertical Row

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