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# THE EDITOR'S PAGE

by MIKE STREET

## CHANGING THE GUARD

Every member should turn to the Business Side page of this issue (after reading the Annual Meeting Report, of course) and carefully go over the lists of names and positions of Executives and officers of our society.

Why should you do this? Simply because virtually every member of the Executive, many Board members and almost all appointed officers were not in these positions just two short years ago.

The term 'the changing of the guard' may seem to be a bit of a cliché, but in our situation it holds. For better or for worse, the operation and future of BNAPS is now in the hands of a group of people generally younger than the members they are replacing, and who, in many cases, have not been members of the society for all that long. Not to worry, though. The new people have solid backgrounds in various fields, and there are enough 'oldtimers' (sorry, Wilmer!) around to provide guidance when required.

On the executive front, Jim Lehr has gone to the promised land of Past Presidents, with Mike Dicketts taking his place. Ed Whiting, our long term Secretary, has now hung one of his hats on the First Vice-President's peg (the other hat is in mid-air, moving toward the spot reserved for the society Historian). Earle Covert, a denizen of Canada's far north, has taken over as Secretary. Bob Pratt has become a member of the Board of Governors, being replaced as Second Vice-President by Bob Carr, himself a Past-President of the society. Veteran Treasurer Ed Harris has turned in his account books and returned to his stamp books (there but for the grace . . .), leaving the finances of the group in the capable hands of Marva Paige. Ed will also be sitting on the Board.

On the Board of Governors, John Siverts, Allan Steinhart and Jack Wallace are new faces. Former board members Lee Brandom, Garvin Lohman, Trelle Morrow and C.A. Stillions are now pursuing other activities for the society.

There are also new faces in other areas.

Don Makinen has taken up the Library load, replacing Harry Machum; Dave Clare has inherited the Book Department Sales job from Bill Pawluk; and John Burnett has assumed the duties of Study Group Coordinator from Larry Paige.

Our society is at the threshold of a new era. Get to know who does what for the good of all -- get involved yourself.

## NEW GRAND AWARD



Having long been an admirer of Hosleton sculptures, I was very pleased to see the new Grand Award, commissioned especially for BNAPS, which was unveiled at Virginia Beach last fall.

Ron McGuire and the Convention Committee deserve a pat on the back for their choice of award, a handsome bronze beaver on a base of Ontario marble. A total of ten were purchased, so nine more will be awarded at future BNAPEX shows. (Your Editor is busy scheming, since it is not likely that any exhibit of his will win a Grand Award in the foreseeable future, to get one to add to his small collection of other Hosleton figures.)

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# THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Mike Dicketts

In extending fraternal greetings to each and every member as your new President, I would like to say that it is an honour to serve our great society for the next two years. I am privileged to know a number of my eminent predecessors in office, all of whom have personified that special characteristic which makes BNAPS *THE* collecting group in North America—a willingness to share their knowledge, and a special gift of friendliness towards a fellow member. May those twin traits continue as the hallmark of all BNAPSers.

It has been a great pleasure to observe the growth in Study Groups, and Regional Group meetings, in the last few years. For those of us who have not had the time to attend the annual Conventions, a visit at a Regional Group gathering is just one more way of enjoying the fellowship of our common interest. I urge you to attend and support the group in your area. The Maritimes, New England, Florida, Quebec, the Mid-West, the Prairies, and Vancouver/Victoria



still lack Regional Groups. It is my hope that members in these areas will step forward and take the first move to organize themselves. The Co-Ordinator of Regional Groups can supply membership lists and other details to help you get started, so why not contact him today?

I cannot let the occasion pass without paying tribute to the tremendous job Jim Lehr has done in re-organizing many of the departments in the past two years. Jim had many problems that took much time and effort to resolve, and he has handed on to me a trim organization that is running smoothly. To him, and his appointees, I would like to express appreciation for all that is being done to make the Society function so well. Thanks a lot, Jim.

Finally, if you have any beefs, comments or ideas I'd be glad to know about them. It's only by expressing your opinion that the Board of Governors can act to improve your enjoyment of BNAPS, so don't hesitate to write to me about matters of concern.

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## LETTERS

### REGISTRATION UPDATE

In response to several requests, the following is a list of published updates to my book on Canada's Registry System. This information will be included in a revised edition of the book to be produced in the future.

American Philatelist: March, 1975, Page 211 — Update on the Oval Registry Markings of 1875-1886; May, 1975, Page 429 — Forgery of a Registered Post Card illustrated in Harrison handbook; August, 1976, Page 732 — Illustration of Genuine and Forged Registered Post Card; February, 1977, Page 95 — The Short-Lived

2¢ Registry Fee to the United States/Confirmation of the 1929 Jarret listing of a "Registered/G.T.R.S.B.' hammer; October, 1978, Page 969—Earliest Money Letter March 11, 1826/Inception of Registration May 1, 1855/Underpaid Registered Letters November 26, 1913; August, 1979, Page 724 — Dept. Order No. 22, dated Quebec, April 10, 1855 — Registration Order. Postal History Society of Canada Journal: Number 31 (December, 1982) — Early Canadian Money Letters.

Horace W. Harrison  
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## LETTERS (continued)

R. J. WOOLLEY

The obituary for R. J. Woolley in the November-December 1982 TOPICS did not mention that Bob was a member of Canada's National Postal Museum Advisory Committee.

The first group was formed in 1972 and Bob faithfully attended all the meetings, normally two a year. Despite a serious illness, he never missed a meeting, continuing to attend right up until he passed away. This effort of course, was typical of the dedication that was one of his characteristics. As a matter of fact Bob was one of the large group of philatelists which met with the Postmaster General in December 1971, when it was officially announced that J. E. Kraemer would be responsible for establishing, developing and opening a National Postal Museum. I was part of the team that was formed soon after. Guided by the advice of Bob and the other members of the Advisory Committee, we not only opened an interim Museum in September 1974 but expanded it into a per-

manent institution which opened to the public in July 1980. I sincerely hope that all your readers will someday be able to visit Ottawa and the Museum and see our work.

C. R. McGuire  
Senior Postal Historian  
National Postal Museum

### MORE ON BOBCAYGEON

As a result of a current remounting project, I have a few notes to add to Graham Noble's series of articles on Bobcaygeon which concluded in the Nov./Dec. 1980 TOPICS.

Hammer III — My 1/98 -8 appears like a 3  
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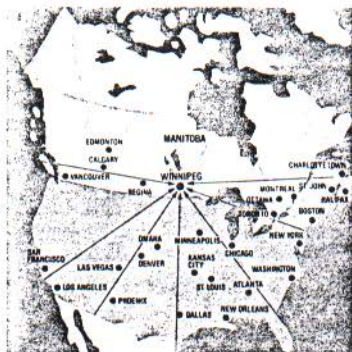
### CANADA POST DELIVERS

The second mail delivery test conducted for TOPICS by Canada Post took place with the mailing of the July / August 1982 issue. Even before we received the results from Hamilton Postmaster John Gagne, it was evident that changes in the Post Office's delivery routings had resulted in faster service for TOPICS' readers. This has continued, to the point that a copy of the November / December issue was delivered in Kelowna, B.C. in two (2) days. Readers are asked to keep their fingers crossed. For the record, results of the second test were as follows:

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Man.	Aug. 5	Aug. 6	Aug. 6
Sask.	Aug. 6	Aug. 11	Aug. 9
Alta.	Aug. 6	Aug. 30	Aug. 9
B.C.	Aug. 5	Aug. 20	Aug. 9
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N.S.	Aug. 6	Aug. 9	Aug. 7
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N.W.T.	Aug. 7	Aug. 9	Aug. 9



### AN INVITATION TO ALL BNAPSERS

Plan to attend BNAPEX '83 September 1-3 in WINNIPEG — the heart of the continent. Make your reservations NOW for hotel rooms, exhibit requirements and bourse space.

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## NOTES (continued)

is only minutes from Winnipeg International Airport. The Trans-Canada Highway makes getting to Winnipeg by car a breeze. Just 70 miles from the U.S. border, Winnipeg is accessible by major interstate highways from the south.

Besides all the wonderful convention activities planned -- a 20 dealer bourse, 150 frames of outstanding exhibits, seminars, etc., topped off by the annual banquet, there are many points of interest to see while in Winnipeg. Visit ROSS HOUSE -- the first post office in Western Canada, named after William Ross, sheriff of the Red River Settlement and first postmaster. FORT GARRY GATE, (see Scott #243) erected in 1822, is all that remains today of the complex which once housed the western headquarters of the Hudson's Bay Company. DALNAVERT (MacDonald House) former home of Sir Hugh John MacDonald, son of Canada's first prime minister, has been restored, with authentic furnishings of the 1890's. St. BONIFACE MUSEUM, tracing the colourful history of the early French settlers, is housed in the oldest structure in the city. The building, which dates back to the days of the Red River Colony, is the largest oak log construction in North America. At THE MUSEUM OF MAN AND NATURE you will discover Manitoba through outstanding exhibits, for example one of the finest replicas in the world, the 'Nonsuch', (see Scott #482) a two-masted ketch whose original voyage in 1669 from Hudson's Bay triggered the founding of the Hudson's Bay Company and commerce in Western Canada. All these attractions and many more are only a short distance from our headquarters.

The world famous corner of Portage and Main (see Scott # 633) has gone underground. The underground pedestrian concourse has an array of shops, banks and businesses along the walkway. In the downtown area one can find large and small specialty shops, as well as major department stores including the Hudson's Bay Company. There is something for everyone including indoor and outdoor theatre (Rainbow Stage), wonderful parks, etc. Take your pick -- the selection is vast.

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# ILLUSTRATED

by C. R. McGuire  
BNAPS LIFE MEMBER

## INTRODUCTION

The Canadian Postal Guide has been basically a working interpretation of the Post Office Act of 1867, the very important Post Office legislation based on several acts passed by the British Parliament, beginning with the Queen Anne Act of 1710.

As amendments were made to the Post Office Act, appropriate changes were also made to the Postal Guide. The most common changes have been increases in postal rates which, in recent years, have come quite frequently. The change of status for the Canada Post Office, from a federal government department to a Crown Corporation, on 16 October 1981 eliminated the need for the Post Office Act. It was replaced with a new, but similar, piece of legislation known as the Canada Post Corporation Act.

When I was on posting to New York in the early 1960's I met Clayton Huff, author of TOPICS' *Beaver By-Line* columns, who first introduced me to the Postal Guide. From the beginning, I was fascinated by the wealth of information this publication contained. It was not long before I was searching for material which 'illustrated' the various post office regulations. Although I prefer correct usages, I have often had to accept examples which were processed incorrectly because a post office employee was lax, or misinterpreted the regulations, or was simply unfamiliar with the proper action to be taken in a particular instance. Fortunately, both proper and improper uses provide interesting examples of Canada's postal history for my purposes. The major part of the series will consist of short articles which state a rule or regulation, and an actual illustration of the point.

While this series will be restricted specifically to 'illustrating' Post Office regulations and procedures as found in the Postal Guide and in other Post Office publications, circulars and similar documents, I think it is worthwhile to first list some of the other published sources of information on the Post Office of which I am aware. This will start in the next issue.

Anno Nono

## Annæ Reginaæ.

An Act for Establishing a General Post-Office for all Her Majesties Dominions, and for Settling a Weekly Sumout of the Revenues thereof, for the Service of the War, and other Her Majesties Occasions.



WE Obedient Subjects, Whereas by an Act made in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King Charles the Second a General Post-Office was Created and Established in that part of Great Britain called England, and by the Twentieth Act of the Fifth Session of the Sixth Parliament of His late Majesty King William the Third a General Post-Office was Created and Established in that part of Great Britain called Scotland, and several Rates of Postage were thereby severally appointed to be Received, under several different Degrees and Authorities; which Two Kingdoms being since United, it is most likely that a Correspondence by Posts will be best managed and ordered for the Publick Good, by joining into the said Two Post-Offices under one Postmaster-General: And whereas also Posts have at great Charges been Established by Packet-Boats between that part of Great Britain called England and the West-Indies, and also on the Main-land in North-America, through most of the West-Indies Plantations and Colonies in those Parts, as also to divers Parts in Europe, so much as Packet-Boats were till lately Created, and more to be Created and Established for the Publick Good and Welfare of all His Majesties Subjects: And whereas the several Rates of Postage may in many Parts, with little Burden to the Queen, be increased, and other New Rates Created, both Additional and New Rates may, in some measure, enable Her Majesty to Carry on and Finish the present War, for an instant Power and Authority be made for Continuing the same, and further Provision be made, as well for

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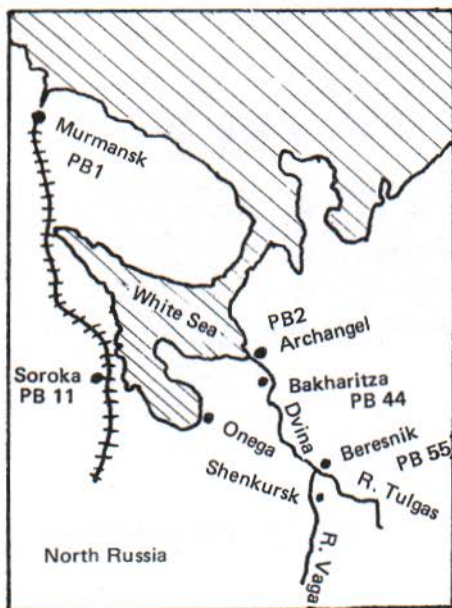
These publications range in worth from minor to major, or almost invaluable, as sources of information. In some cases, the data is of a general nature; in others, it may be quite specialized, however, all the references have proven to be of value to me. The degree of their usefulness to others will depend on what the readers' particular requirements are. These lists should not be construed as complete because there are other publications. In order to avoid making this part of the series too lengthy or cumbersome, descriptions will be kept brief. I will also refrain from giving the usual bibliographical details for some references. If any reader wishes more information about a specific publication, or institution(s) where a copy may be found, you are invited to contact me.

# CANADIAN MILITARY POSTAL HISTORY

by Ed Richardson, OTB

## 1. Canada's Northern Russia Expeditionary Force

1918 - 1919



### HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The Murmansk-Archangel area of North Russia had played an important part in the Allied effort during World War I. Archangel already was connected by rail with Vslogda, and thus with the Trans-Siberian Railway and the whole network of Russian railroads. The only ice-free Russian Arctic port, Murmansk had been greatly developed as a deep water facility, and had become even more important upon completion of the Murmansk to Petrograd railway in December 1916. This event had permitted large quantities of military supplies to be moved from the Allies, through Britain, to their Russian ally.

However the Russian collapse and withdrawal from active participation in the war, due to the revolution, created a problem for the Allies. As the Germans already occupied much of Finland, there was fear of the military supplies falling into their hands. (These supplies had not been paid for by the Russian government.) Then, in March 1918, the Russians signed the Brest-Litovsk peace treaty with Germany.

British warships were sent to Murmansk in April 1918. On 6 July 1918 the Murmansk Regional Soviet, acting independently and without authority from the Central Soviet at Moscow, authorized allied intervention to re-establish an Eastern front against the Central Powers - Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey. It was also hoped that the Allied Forces could move south to the Trans-Siberian Railway and join up with the Czech forces who were strung out along that railway from Vladivostock to Ekaterinburg. There was also considerable hope that the presence of these Allied troops would encourage local Russians who were opposed to the Bolshevik government.

Major General F.C. Poole of the British Army was chosen Commander-in-chief of the N.R.E.F., and he and his staff arrived at Mur-

Among the rarest and most sought after Canadian Military Postal History material are covers to and from officers and soldiers who were members of the Canadian Northern Russia Expeditionary Force - the 'Polar Bear' Expedition.

There were only 604 Canadians in the Force, and they were in Northern Russia for only a few months - almost all of it during the long, hard winter of 1918-19, when most were busy in action along the Dvina River. Such facts and conditions seem to explain the relative scarcity of mail between Canada and North Russia.

Today less than fifty covers, to and from this expedition and Canada, are known. This includes: 1) three covers addressed to 'Lieut. A. K. Griffin'; 2) twenty-five or so covers from P.B.2 (Archangel); 3) perhaps a dozen or so from P.B.44 (Bakharitzza); and 4) perhaps 3 each from P.B.1 (Murmansk), P.B.11 (Soroka) and P.B.55 (Beresnik).



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## NORTHERN RUSSIA.

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*Official Stationery of the Canadian N.R.E.F. in the Murmansk (code word—SYREN) sector, under Major General Maynard*

mansk in late May 1918.

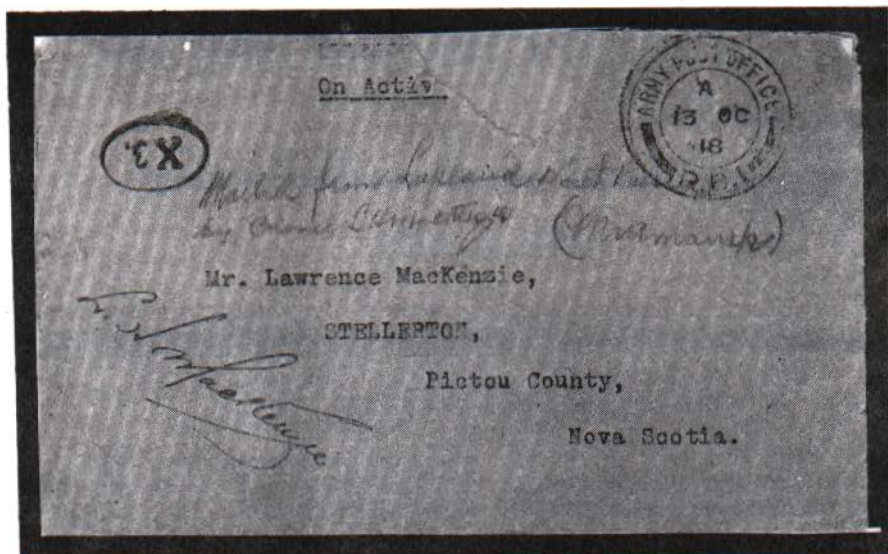
Major General Maynard, also of the British Army, was chosen to command the Murmansk sector, and with about 600 men he arrived in mid-June to establish a base (code word — SYREN) at Murmansk. This number continued to increase until by the end of 1918 there were 6850 British in the Murmansk force. At this time the forces under General Maynard also included 750 French troops, 1250 Italian troops, 1200 Serbian troops and 4450 local Russian

troops for a total of approximately 14,500 men.

Meanwhile, early in August 1918, Gen. Poole, the Commander-in-Chief, landed and established a base at Archangel (code word — ELOPE) with approximately 500 French and British troops. General Ironside took over command of the Archangel sector soon afterwards, and by the end of the year the Archangel forces stood at: British Troops, 6300; American Troops, 5200; French Troops, 1600; Local Russian Troops, 2725; for an approximate total of



*Cover addressed to 2nd Lieut. A. K. Griffin at "ELOPE" (code word for Archangel), Toronto FEB 3, 1919—backstamped at F.P.O.—PB 44 (Bakharitza) 23 AP 19. Being during the winter when the White Sea was frozen over, this cover probably traveled from Murmansk to Soroka by train, then by Sleigh to Onege, then by combination of Sleigh and train to Archangel, and then Sleigh to Bakharitza*



BASE APO PB 1 (Murmansk) - 13 OX 18 with "X 3" single oval censor mark, Lieut. MacKenzie's countersignature at left. Backstamped Stellerton, NS NO 9 18. Lieut. MacKenzie must have been assigned to an office in Murmansk - thus the typewriter!



BASE APO PB 2 (Archangel) - 26 MY 19 with double oval censor mark "PE/C/32" in magenta. Lieut. A. K. Griffin's countersignature in lower left. Backstamped Markham, Ont. JN 30 19.



## THE CANADIAN FORCE

According to the *Report of the Ministry on the Overseas Military Forces of Canada - 1918*, the strengths of the units in North Russia, as of January 1919, were as follows: Archangel Party: Officers—5, Other Ranks—11; Dvina River column (16th Bde. Canadian Field Artillery): Officers—18, Other Ranks—478; Murmansk and Murman Peninsula: Officers—18; Other Ranks—74, for a total of 604 Canadians.

Canadian officers and troops are included in the British figures, thus the 92 Canadians at Murmansk are included in the 6850 British under General Maynard, and the 16 Canadians of the Archangel Party, and the 496 in the Dvina River Column, are included in the 6300 British troops under General Ironside in the Archangel sector.

*Archangel Party* — In May 1918 the British War Office approached the Canadian authorities with a view to securing the services of a number of officers and non-commissioned officers to undertake administrative duties in Archangel. A volunteer party of five officers and eleven non-commissioned officers proceeded to Archangel in June. This party cooperated with the Allied Forces in administrative work in the reconstruction of such units of the Russian Army as were still loyal to the Allies, and in securing the cooperation of the local inhabitants in the defense of that theatre of war.

*Dvina River Column* — Shortly after the organization of the Archangel Party, the British War Office asked whether the Canadian Overseas Military Forces could supply two Batteries of Canadian Field Artillery. Volunteers were called for from the Canadian Reserve Artillery. The 16th Brigade Canadian Field Artillery, consisting of the 67th and 68th Batteries, with a strength of 18 officers and 469 other ranks was organized at Witley Camp and embarked for North Russia on 17 September 1918.

This force, consisting of men with experience on the Western Front, was commanded by Col. Sharman, who had been in command of the Canadian Reserve Artillery at Witley. Major Arnoldt, D.S.O. was given command of the 67th Battery, and Major Hyde, D.S.O. that of the 68th. The brigade saw much action, including some hard fighting near Shenkursk on the Vaga

River, a branch of the Dvina.

*Murmansk and the Murman Peninsula* — Finally, in August 1918, the Canadian Overseas Ministry was asked if it could furnish a number of officers and other ranks to become instructors for a Special Mobile Force at Soroka. Volunteers were called for, and 18 officers and 74 other ranks, all experienced in arctic conditions, were selected. They arrived in Northern Russia in October 1918 under Col. J.E. Leckie, D.S.O.

This Force was organized into 15 sections, each consisting of one officer and five other ranks, six sledges, and 18 dogs. The remaining instructors were used in training the British, Serbian, French, Italian and Russian personnel making up various Companies of the Special Mobile Forces, in the use of dogs, sledges, ski and snowshoe work under arctic conditions.

*Casualties* — Up to April 1, 1919 the only casualties were in the Dvina Column — consisting of one officer died of wounds, five other ranks killed, and several other ranks wounded and sick.

## 'POLAR BEAR'

The N.R.E.F. was given the nick-name 'Polar Bear Expedition' very early. That this name was given recognition by the British is confirmed by the designation of APOs and FPOs in North Russia with the prefix PB. By including in one series of Censor markings the prefix 'PE', probably meaning 'Polar Expedition', more recognition was given. Furthermore, organizations of both Canadian and American Veterans of the expedition are known as 'Polar Bear Associations'.

## APO AND FPO MARKINGS

As all postal facilities for the N.R.E.F. were established by the British, there are no distinctive postal markings used only by the Canadians. Postal history buffs are generally content with covers addressed to Canada. Sometimes the contents will give further clues.

The British established two Base APOs and a total of 13 Field Post Offices. The Base APOs, established in late September 1918, were:

APO PB 1 - Murmansk

APO PB 2 - Archangel

Seven field post offices were established in late November or early December 1918. (Letters in parentheses identify the Base APO for each FPO). These were:

FPO PB 11 - Soroka (M)  
 FPO PB 22 - Kandalaksha (M)  
 FPO PB 33 - Petchenga (M)  
 FPO PB 44 - Bakharitza (A)  
 FPO PB 55 - Beresnik (A)  
 FPO PB 66 - Oberserskaya (A)  
 FPO PB 99 - Kola (M)

FPO PB 14 - Yakelevskoe (A) (1½ months)  
 FPO PB 15 - Kem (M) (3½ months)  
 FPO PB 77 - Emstskoe (A) (1½ months)  
 FPO PB 88 - Medveva Gora (M) (5½ months)

Postmarks of only five of these - PB 1, Murmansk; PB 2, Archangel; PB 11, Soroka; PB 44, Bakharitza, and PB 55, Beresnik - are known on covers to Canada. The five postmarks, with their indicia varieties, are shown in chart 1. The dates shown in the devices indicate the earliest known date for that particular variety on a Canadian cover.

Six additional field post offices were established in 1919. Some operated only briefly.

FPO PB 12 - Onego (M) (2 months)  
 FPO PB 13 - Troitsa (A) (1½ months)

## CHART I The "POLAR BEAR" POSTMARKS

### BASE ARMY POST OFFICES



PB 1 - Murmansk  
 Indicia 'A'



PB 2 - Archangel  
 Indicia 'A'



Indicia 'B'

### FIELD POST OFFICES



PB 11 - Soroka  
 Indicia '+'



PB 55 - Beresnik  
 Indicia '+'



Indicia 'A'



Indicia '+'



Indicia 'B'

PB 44 - Bakharitza

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Canada*



**FIELD P.B. PB 55 (Beresnik) – 7 JA 19 with faint "X 5" single oval censor mark. Countersigned along left edge by T. H. Hungerford. Not backstamped. Compare this with PB 55 cover addressed to the US discussed under Censorship.**

#### CENSORSHIP

Since all mail from the N.R.E.F., whether British, American, Canadian or other, seems to bear the British APO and FPO markings, it is necessary to look for other means to sort out any that are definitely not Canadian but might still be addressed to Canada. We can at least do this with the American mail.

It seems that most American mail was censored before being handed over to the British (who then usually censored it again), so that the majority of American covers bear two censorship markings. Some units used the eagle in a double circle, some the small two line marking 'Examined by / L'. If a cover bears either of these markings – regardless of whether it is addressed to Canada or not – it is of American origin.

Most mail of American origin is also sealed with a censor label. Some claim this to be a British seal, but I have only seen it used on mail

of American origin. Any cover bearing such a seal would immediately be assumed not to be of Canadian unit origin.

A good variety of censor markings are known on Canadian covers of the N.R.E.F. These are shown in Chart II. The dates given are the earliest and latest recorded used on Canadian mail.



**Examined by Base Censor**

**EXAMINED BY  
L 12**

## CHART II

### The "POLAR BEAR" CENSORSHIP MARKINGS

*SINGLE OVAL "X" SERIES Usually struck in violet or violet-black)*



Murmansk  
Oct. 10-14/18



Beresnik  
Jan. 7 -  
April 16/19



Soroka  
Jan. 12 -  
Feb. 2/19



Bakharitza  
Dec. 10/18



Archangel  
Feb. 2/19

#### ROYAL ARTILLERY SCHOOL

~~ROYAL ARTILLERY SCHOOL~~

Bakharitza

Dec. 3/18 - Jan. 15/19

#### ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS, HOSPITAL SHIP

Only Postal Censor #8  
has been noted on  
Canadian Mail



Archangel\*

Feb. 2 - April 12/19

#### DOUBLE OVAL 'PE' SERIES Mostly in black unless noted



Nov. 25/18

Bakharitza



Jan. 15 -  
Feb. 1/19



May 22 -  
June 1/19

Archangel



May 3 -  
June 2/19

#### Basis of This Study

The writer has long been a student of Canadian Military History and has had a very modest collection of Canadian N.R.E.F. covers for some time. Fortunately for him, two things happened in 1982 which made this study possible, 1) the acquisition of the major portion of the "Griffin-Mason" correspondence; and 2) the acquisition of the Allan Steinhart Canadian Military Postal History collection, 1911 - 27.

As a result of these additions I have been able to record the postal and censorship markings of some forty-eight (48) Canadian N.R.E.F. covers. With their wide range of dates and of original sources (writers), a good representation of the markings could be expected, however this study is not the last word. New material will come to light, and I fully expect that some new markings will probably turn up as well.



A soldier's cover from FPO—PB55 (Beresnik), 16 AP 19. It bears the British single oval "X 5" censor mark, but it also bears the two line American "L 19" censor mark and the "Examined by Base Censor" label at left end.



F.P.O. — PB 44 (Bakharitza) with the very scarce straight line "CENSOR R.A. SCHOOL" marking. 15 JA 19. Countersigned by Lieut. Griffin in lower left—letter to his father. Not backstamped.

### One Final Word

Numerous philatelic writers, including this one twenty-five years ago, erroneously concluded that the Canadian Siberian Expeditionary Force marking was also used in *North Russia*. Such is not the case — *never was the Siberian Expeditionary Force marking used in North*

*Russia*. The earlier writings were either the result of errors in interpreting certain Siberian covers, or the result of plagiarizing erroneous information. The writer apologizes for his error, but cannot accept responsibility for the plagiarists.

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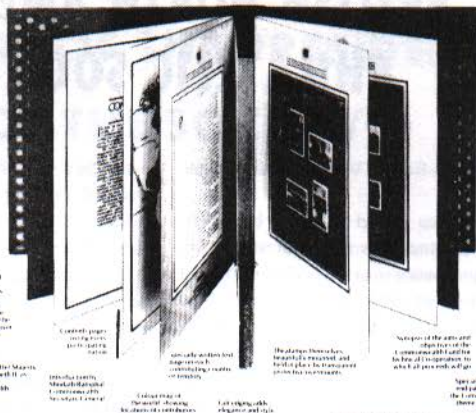
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# MINUTES OF THE 1982 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Held at Virginia Beach, Virginia on October 9, 1982.

The meeting was called to order by President Lehr at 10:00 a.m. No count of attendees was made but there were more than 60 members present. Several wives were also in attendance.

Jim Lehr welcomed everyone. He then introduced and presented Buddy Levine, who was with us for the first time since the untimely passing of her husband, Jack Levine, our founder.

Colin Banfield brought us greetings from the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain and extended an invitation to each of us to join our sister society (if we have not done so already).

Reading of the previous meeting's (1981) minutes was dispensed with since they have been published in BNA TOPICS and no changes or corrections have been offered.

The President's report was read by Jim Lehr.

The Order of the Beaver induction ceremony was conducted, under the leadership of Ed Richardson, with 13 of the 15 living Beavers present. The ceremony saw Allan Steinhart and Jim Lehr inducted into the order.

Leo LaFrance then read the report of the Chairman of the Board of Governors. Jim Lehr introduced the members of the Board of Governors who were present.

Ed Whiting read the Secretary's report and presented Emeritus Membership cards to Wilmer Rockett and Bert Llewellyn who were present. Bernard Harmer accepted the card for his brother Cyril and will present it to him on our behalf. Cards for Henry Gates and Harold Humby will be mailed. The President's Certificate was presented to Jim Kraemer by Jim Lehr. The Vincent G. Greene award was presented to Bob Pratt by Vinnie Greene.

Ed Harris gave his detailed Treasurer's report. Mike Dicketts' Vice-President's Report

was "See you in Winnipeg!" Bob Pratt read his Second Vice-President's report. Allan Steinhart presented his report as Chairman of the Handbook Committee. Bill Pawluk's Book Department report was read by Jim Lehr. Dave Clare, who has been appointed to replace Bill Pawluk, was absent due to illness.

C.A. Stillions reported as Chairman of the Editorial Board, and then introduced the Board members. Vinnie Greene communicated our former Editor, Derek Hayter's, regrets at being unable to attend this convention. Editor Mike Street presented his report. Advertising Manager Dave Dixon gave his report. Ritch Toop, the Circulation Manager, read his report.

Jim Lehr read the report of Membership Chairman Norm Brassler who was absent due to celebrating his 30th wedding anniversary in the Bahamas. Ron McGuire gave us his report as Convention Coordinator. Sales Circuit report was given by Manager Bob Jamieson. Vinnie Greene read his report as Chairman of the Library Board. No report was received from the Librarian, Harry Machum, who was absent.

Jim Lehr introduced the members of the Nominating Committee. Ed Whiting read the report of the Tabulating Committee submitted by Henri Reinhard, who was absent.

Study Group Coordinator Larry Paige gave his report, and introduced John Burnett who has agreed to take over the job.

Under new business, there was some discussion of membership lists and their use in developing new Regional Groups. Ed Whiting advised members that those wishing to form new Regional Groups should keep the 2nd Vice President informed of their progress and request membership lists through him. Such lists would be supplied by the Secretary to Regional Groups at the request of the 2nd Vice President.

Will Rockett's motion to request the Secretary to convey our best wishes to Mr. & Mrs.



Walter Hoffman and to express our regret that they could not have been with us was passed. The Secretary was also instructed to convey our

thanks to Ed Richardson for his book "Canada-B.N.A. Philately".

The meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

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## REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY

At the time of last year's annual meeting BNAPS was in poor financial condition, caused principally by above-budget costs for printing the Squared Circle Handbook and the continuing increase in costs for Topics. I'm glad to say that our finances are now strong, due primarily to the following actions: 1) An increase in dues by the Board of Governors; 2) A special effort by the Handbook Manager to turn our handbook inventories (including the new books) into cash sales; 3) A sizeable decrease in the cost of TOPICS; 4) Higher TOPICS' advertising income from increased volume and a rate increase. Our income during 1982 is comfortably above expenses, and we expect this to continue for the remainder of the year. With the Sales Department again active, an advertising and promotion program being developed to increase handbook sales, and the expected improvement in the economy, 1983 earnings should be even higher.

One of the more encouraging happenings of the last year has been the growth in the number and membership of Study Groups and Regional Groups. Since only about 12% of our membership come to annual conventions, while the majority of members never get to a convention, many members maintain their interest and develop new friendships with other members through these Groups. I hope we will see a number of new Study and Regional Groups in the next few years.

BNAPS is very fortunate in the quality of members who have accepted responsibility to serve the Society. There have been many changes during the last two years as old leaders have had to step down, and I am proud to pass on to the incoming President, Mike Dickett, a superb group of appointed officers and committees.

In a few more months now I will again be able to return to my collecting interests, and to the PEI Handbook which is much needed. Before ending, however, it is appropriate to make special mention of four people whose service has been more than anyone had a right to expect. Going from the least to the most recognized, the first is my wife Elma. All of the typed letters many of you have received were done by her, hundreds of pages where misspelled words were caught and improvements recommended. I couldn't have done this job without her. Second, very few people outside the Board of Governors are aware of the great job done by our Handbook Manager, Allan Steinhart. His abilities and business background have been responsible for generating considerable income for BNAPS for the last two years and into the future. Our present Sales Manager, Bob Jamieson, started a year ago with no sales books, an outdated list of unhappy sales circuit patrons, and several years of inactivity in this area. In 1982 he has already collected over 200 new sales books and will exceed \$15M of sales by year end. As a former Sales Manager I know the work required for this fine showing. The contribution of the fourth person, Mike Street, is obvious to all through the improved TOPICS we all receive. He has been helpful and dependable in this and in other areas whenever called on, and I could not pass up this opportunity to say thanks from all of us for a job well done.

Finally, I would like to thank the membership for this chance to serve and wish all of you a wonderful holiday season and an exciting 1983.

James Lehr  
President

# REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The board met on Wednesday October 6, 1982 and discussed numerous subjects relative to the operation of the Society.

A committee was appointed to determine the legal steps necessary to obtain foundation status for funds donated by members, so that a tax advantage might be obtained. These funds would be used for educational purposes and for publication of study materials.

The status of various insurances carried by the Society was discussed and methods to consolidate these into a single package is being explored.

A decision was made to go ahead and publish Trelle Morrow's book on Semi-Official Airmails and the handbook committee will follow-up on this. It was also decided to make available bound volumes of TOPICS. More on this will appear in TOPICS.

The Board wishes to express its thanks and appreciation to the Virginia Beach Group for the fine meeting which they have hosted this week.

Leo J. LaFrance  
Chairman of the Board

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## REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

As usual, the Secretary's activities during the 1981-1982 society year involved membership. During the year ending 1 October 1982, 92 new applications for membership were handled. 79 new members were added to the rolls, 3 applications were declined and 1 was withdrawn. 62 members were dropped for non-pay of 1981 dues, 56 for non-pay of 1982 dues, and 15 were replaced on the rolls. 44 members resigned for various reasons, and 35 members died. We handled 174 address changes and 35 returned mail situations. As of 1 October 1982, 25 applications are pending, of which 8 are awaiting combined action by the Membership Committee and publication in TOPICS, 16 are awaiting publication only, and one is awaiting only the committee's approval. The above results in BNAPS having 1364 regular, 65 life, and 22 emeritus members, for a total of 1451 members (a decrease of 19 for the year) as of 1 October 1982.

The detailed job study of the Secretary's duties and procedures referred to last year has not been entirely completed but has progressed sufficiently to ensure an orderly transition this coming January.

My efforts to reduce the job of Secretary to something manageable has to a great extent been achieved through two appointments. First, an assistant-secretary has assumed those tasks which occur on an annual basis, such as the V.G. Greene Award, the President's Certificate, and Emeritus Memberships. He has also been of material help in processing dues billings and payments. It is hoped he can be of added help this year in dues recording. Second, a Society Historian has been appointed. This should relieve the Secretary of the need to be the depository of obsolete but historically desirable documents. This position will be developed in the course of the next year. We hope to report next year the scope of the Historian's activities.

Since this is my last report as Secretary, I wish to thank all of you who have worked with me and helped in any way, especially those of you who took time to write pointing out shortcomings so we could make needed changes or corrections. I look forward to serving the Society in my new capacities next year, and I wish my successor well in his new endeavors.

Edward J. Whiting  
Secretary

# EMERITUS MEMBERS

As established by the Board of Governors at their meeting in Toronto, Ontario in June 1978 those members with 35 consecutive years as members in good standing, who have attained age 75, are to be awarded the status of Emeritus Members with all the rights and privileges and benefits of regular and life members without having any more dues levied or collected

A canvass of our existing regular and life members has resulted in the following members qualifying and thereby becoming Emeritus

Members:

- E-114 GATES, Henry, Myrtle Beach, SC
- E-249 ROCKETT, Wilmer C., Willow Grove, PA
- E-379 HUMBY, Harold T., Burlington, Ontario
- E-384 LLEWELLYN, George B., Huntingdon Valley, PA
- E-452 HARMER, Cyril H.C., London England

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## WINNERS OF THE PRESIDENT'S CERTIFICATE FOR 1981

Each year the President's Certificate is awarded to the member who proposed the most new members during the preceding year. The tabulation of the new members enrolled during

1981 determines that the winner this year is member number 774, James E. Kraemer, with five (5) new members to his credit.

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## THE VINCENT G. GREENE AWARD FOR 1981

A survey of the elected officers members of the Board of Governors, and the Donor, to decide a winner of the Vincent G. Greene Award for the best article, series of articles, column or series of columns authored by a member of BNAPS and originally published in

BNA TOPICS during 1981, has determined that the winner is Robert H. Pratt, for his series of articles, 'The Postage Stamps of 1897 (Newfoundland)' appearing in the January-February, March-April, and May-June issues.

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## REPORT OF THE ELECTION TABULATING COMMITTEE

In this year's election for Board of Governors of BNAPS, I have received 526 ballots, 26 of which have been disqualified.

Those elected to serve a four-year term beginning 1 January 1983 and ending 31 Dec-

ember 1986 were as follows:

From Canada—E.A. Harris; A. L. Steinhart;  
J. M. Wallace

From the U.S.A.—R. H. Pratt; J. S. Siverts

Henri E. Reinhard Chairman

# REPORT OF THE HANDBOOK DEPARTMENT

During the past year, the Book Department was transferred from Hamilton to Winnipeg, with the Manager of the department reporting directly to the President.

In light of this change, and the increased importance of the handbook distribution program to the society, it was felt that the first order of business would consist of the setting up of an information system that would provide accurate, timely, and easy to access sales activity statistics.

This task has been completed! The information system will enable the society to examine, on a monthly and cumulative basis, sales by title, retail versus dealer sales by title, postage costs, accounts receivable, etc. . . . Indirectly, the system will yield information that will enable the society to examine the various sales relationships between individual publications, as well as assist in forecasting future handbook revenues. The reporting system can be easily expanded to assess total sales and penetration rates on a geographic basis.

As of 30 June 1982, the handbook inventory contained 7 different publications. Appendix "A" shows summary information, by title, of opening and closing inventories, retail versus dealer sales, and total dollar receipts, to this date. It is interesting to note that, for items 1 to 6 inclusive, aggregate sales totalled \$845.00, with dealer sales accounting for 78 percent of the total.

Due to the unusual circumstances surrounding the initial distribution of the Squared Circle Handbook, I am not able to provide an exact figure of total dollar sales. However, given the sales information at my disposal, I estimate that we have generated approximately \$16,500.00 from the sales of the handbook.

Often forgotten are those activities which are carried out in support of sales or are of a public relations nature. During the past year, I answered approximately 60 letters of inquiry regarding handbook sales and the society in general.

In summary, this past year has been one of establishing a handbook distribution information system and expeditious processing of orders.

Much remains to be done. In my annual report for last year, I recommended that the whole area of handbook publishing, pricing and distribution be re-examined. The area of publication distribution requires specific attention, as it could have a profound effect on the future role of the about-to-be appointed handbook manager who will succeed me.

I regret that I will not be travelling to BNAPEX '82, however, I would like to convey my best wishes for a successful convention. I hope to see you all in Winnipeg in 1983.

Bill Pawluk  
Handbook Distribution Manager

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## REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EDITORIAL BOARD

During the past year, our editor, Mike Street, and our printer, Len Woodward, have weathered their start-up problems and have been producing a quality magazine for the organization. They are to be highly commended. They now have the challenge of producing a quality magazine consistently, which I have great faith they can accomplish.

Articles are always in demand and it would

greatly relieve the editor if additional articles were volunteered by the members. Since Mike is using his personal time in this labor of love, the time relieved from searching out articles could then be concentrated in many other areas involved in producing the magazine.

C.A. Stillions  
Chairman

# REPORT OF THE HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

During the past twelve months BNAPS has released *The Squared Circle Postmarks of Canada*, which is available to members of the Society and to the public through the BNAPS book department. Although rather expensive, the book is the definitive work on the subject, and much praise is due to W. G. 'Bill' Moffatt and Glenn F. Hansen for the great amount of time, effort and perseverance necessary to complete this monumental study.

The R.P.O. study group, under the direction of Lewis M. Ludlow, has brought out a new edition of *The Catalogue of Canadian Railway Cancellations and Related Transportation Postmarks* with the cooperation and agreement of the Handbook Committee. This study updates past works and brings much new information to hand, and is available from various sources.

It is unfortunate, but two good prospective handbooks, already completed and ready for production, have had to be delayed due to finan-

cial necessity. BNAPS just does not have sufficient resources to go into a large publishing program, and with the considerable amount of funds expended in the publication of the Squared Circle handbook, it was decided to delay the publication of these two handbooks until the future.

The Handbook Committee has also arranged, during the past year, to rerelease an additional printing of the Day & Smythies Fancy Cancel handbook to the advantage of our members (sufficient copies are available in our book department) and to the society. Future ventures in reissuing past publications are being considered by the Handbook Committee.

Hopefully sufficient funds for additional publications will be found shortly. Several other potential handbooks have been discussed by your committee with various authors, and forthcoming plans will be announced when deemed proper.

Allan L. Steinhart

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# REPORT OF THE ADVERTISING MANAGER

The advertising billings for the past year totalled \$6,635.50, an increase of \$2,941.65 over the previous year. This large increase reflects the new advertising rates which went into effect with the September/October 1981 issue of BNA TOPICS.

Display advertising, during the past year, averaged 15 pages per issue, up from 12 pages per issue for the comparable 1980-81 period. This represents an increase of 20%.

Classified advertising has also experienced an increase over the comparable 1980-81 per-

iod, being up by 60%. I do think the new lower rates have encouraged more members to use this medium. Hopefully even more members will take advantage of this low cost method to seek wanted material or dispose of duplicate material in the coming year.

In closing, I wish to thank all TOPICS advertisers for their valued support, during the past year, and I look forward to their continued support in the future.

Dave Dixon

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# REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LIBRARY BOARD

The library continues to be well served in the capable hands of Harry Machum.

V. G. Greene

# CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT REPORT

Since taking over the job of Circulation Manager, there is little to report. The transition and the movement of TOPICS back issues from the previous Manager, Bob Boudignon, was accomplished without any complications.

A fairly large inventory of TOPICS back

issues remain on hand. Sales are minimal and concerted efforts are being made to inform the members what is available and to encourage sales.

Ritch Toop  
Circulation Manager

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## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

This completes my first year as Chairman of the Membership Committee. A total of 35 applications have been processed. Of these, 5 are still pending due to lack of proper responses from references. Of the total, one was rejected because of a dissenting vote from one of our members. The reasons were sufficiently strong to heed the objector's comments. Another was rejected because the applicant refused to supply references and when he did no response was forthcoming from the parties mentioned. Despite communications with the applicant, no new ones were offered and no assistance was rendered to have the original

ones respond.

Finally we had one application made under a different name. Upon inquiry, it was found that the applicant had been dismissed from the Society some years ago and was reapplying in the above mentioned manner. He was not accepted.

I wish to again thank our Secretary Ed Whiting for his very welcome assistance. I regret not being able to attend the Virginia Beach meeting, but look forward to next year's.

Norman Brassler  
Chairman

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## REPORT OF THE STUDY GROUP COORDINATOR

We have ten study groups active at this time. The new study groups, Re-Entries and Postal Stationery, are putting out very informative newsletters. Just about all groups have furnished material for TOPICS this year. This year's convention is presenting a Newfoundland slide program by Bob Pratt with the hopes of a Newfoundland group getting started. At last year's convention W. L. Bradley inquired about a Map Stamp Study Group. This year a seminar

on the map stamp is being presented to see if this group can get started. A problem concerning members not being allowed to join the study groups unless they furnish articles for the study groups is to be discussed by the board of directors. My recommendation is that all members be allowed to join the study groups even though they cannot supply articles.

Larry R. Paige  
Study Group Coordinator

### *Note from the President:*

*Larry Paige has asked to be relieved of the Study Group Coordinator's position so that he can assist his wife, Marva, in her new duties as BNAPS' Treasurer. In the past two years we have added several new Study Groups and I*

*would like to thank Larry for his work in this post.*

*John Burnett of Sidney, Ohio will be the new Study Group Coordinator. We wish him well.*

*-Jim Lehr*

# SALES CIRCUIT REPORT

From Hay River in the Arctic, to Marys-town in Newfoundland, to Spring, Texas in the south, back up to Gibson's, British Columbia, and all points in between, your Sales Circuit is alive and thriving. 1982 proved that collectors are alive and well. As of 30 September 1982 there are now 145 members participating in the circuit. 30 members have contributed 250 books to our inventory. Value of books submitted to date amounts to \$47,000+. We have transmitted 63 circuits, both direct and multiple, to date. Most circuits now in transit have 10 members per circuit. Our sales to date total \$11,830 for the period of 1 Feb./82 to 30 Sept./82. It would appear that we can expect total sales for 1982 to be in excess of \$15,000. Even with a bit of an inflationary nudge, this would appear to be a record sales period.

The above positive report could not have come about without the early support of great BNAPSers such as Joe Purcell, Wilmer Rockett and Geoff Walburn, to mention a few, and to all the members who reregistered with the circuit and became active on the buyer's market.

As mentioned in my opening remarks in TOPICS back in the winter of '82, one of my priorities was to introduce a new large size sales book. This has come to pass, and it has been introduced here at our convention in Virginia Beach. Orders for the new books are now being accepted for immediate delivery. We have also reprinted and adjusted our file reference card of member's collecting interests. This new card was inserted in the Sept./Oct. 1982 TOPICS. Add to your collecting pleasure. When you see the new Card, fill it in, send it off to the Sales

Circuit, and get in on the fun.

In past reports from the Sales Circuit there has been 'good news and bad news'. Our 'bad' news isn't really that bad—more minor irritations than anything else. Some people love the circuits so much that they are loath to let them out of their hands in decent time. There are others who so hate stamps of philatelic value that they use beautiful meters when forwarding circuits. That's my bad news for this report. Incidentally, the above mentioned are a small minority.

A special note to members submitting books to the circuit. Review the philatelic market place before pricing. Most sales this year have come from such specialized areas as cancellations, revenues, etc. It takes quite a bit of time and effort to put together books of cancellations such as RPO's, Squares, Towns, Pre-Cancels and many of the other classifications, so buyers, when going through a batch of circuit books, remember the effort put forth to prepare that book.

In closing I would like to say a special thanks to those many members who took the time to drop me notes re the Sales Circuit. Your good wishes and advice have made my first year an extremely rewarding one. Remember, we need more books right away as we will be retiring quite a few of the current stock. We can use almost all classifications. If in doubt please write. We will answer you the same day we receive your note.

R. H. (Bob) Jamieson  
Sales Manager

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## EDITOR'S REPORT

The year began in a frustrating fashion, with the first TOPICS produced by the new team sitting idle for lack of a Post Office to deliver it to the members.

The bulk of the 1981 portion of this report year was spent trying to keep one jump ahead of the deadlines we had set in order to have each TOPICS mailed at the beginning of the second month of the issue.

Changes in the layout of the magazine

were greeted enthusiastically, as was the subsequent shift to a bond paper. In December a completely new, easier-to-read, typeface was introduced, and this too brought favorable comments.

The change in management of TOPICS seemed to coincide with a resurgence in philatelic writing. Although the first two issues produced by the new team left the cupboard rather bare, a considerable amount of material

was received or promised at BNAPEX '81 in Ottawa. Since then, almost all those who promised to contribute have actually done so. At this time I can report that we are able to work almost one issue ahead at all times, a necessity for the smooth functioning of the process, and for the longevity of the Editor and team.

Mail delivery, over which we have no control, has been a source of concern. Canada Post has been actively trying to help, with some success. (One member in British Columbia reported 6-week delivery for one issue, and a phenomenal 4-day delivery for the next issue, which Canada Post had processed in a different way.) This aspect will receive continued attention.

Financially, as the Treasurer's report will show, Topics had an excellent year. The efforts of our printer, Len Woodward, to keep costs down and quality up, combined with Advertising Manager Dave Dixon's hard work bringing in increased advertising revenue, and Circulation Manager Ritch Toop's tracking down of missing

members, have resulted in the net cost to the members of TOPICS being considerably less than in the recent past. Unfortunately, efforts to obtain second class mail privileges have still not been successful, but we are still trying to achieve this and thus reduce costs more.

The most enjoyable part of the year has been the contact with BNAPSers. The number of brief notes complimenting us on our efforts has been both surprising and gratifying. The comment which pleased me the most came when a member complimented us on the continuing wide variety of interesting articles issue-after-issue. I pointed out to him that this was a result of the contributions of a large number of BNAPSers, people who realize that TOPICS will be only as good as the work the members themselves put into it, and are willing to help. With this kind of cooperation, producing TOPICS is a pleasure.

Mike Street  
Editor

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## REPORT OF THE COORDINATOR OF REGIONAL GROUPS

Herewith, a compilation of the activities of the various Regional BNAPS groups.

**A — The Beaver Tale** — I have received Newsletters Number 21 through 26 (November 1981-August 1982). These newsy newsletters detail a great amount of activity among the 35 members of the Northern California Chapter of BNAPS. This is a most active group and meets regularly at various homes. At one meeting our President, Jim Lehr, and his wife were present. He gave a learned speech on the subject of his second love—P.E.I.

**B — Mid Atlantic Region** — I have received one 'No Name Newsletter' from this group, which held a meeting during the SCOPEX assemblage in April 1982. Eighteen members and some of their wives were present. Our President was in evidence and Larry Paige won the Grand Award of the show. BNAPEX '82 was discussed and planned. The group will meet again — we hope!

**C — Golden Horseshoe Group** — The inaugural meeting of this new group was held April 18 in Toronto. Dr. Stulberg gave a talk on the Cancelling Machine Postmarks of Canada. A

second meeting was slated for June 13, however I have received no report on this meeting. We hope the group prospers.

**D — Southern Ontario/Michigan Group** — This group is endeavoring to get started in the Detroit-Windsor area. A first meeting was scheduled for July 25. Data is needed by the committee on addresses of members residing within a reasonable distance of that area. The Secretary should be able to provide this information. I have not had a report on the results of the first meeting.

This concludes the data which I have received. It is quite apparent that these groups provide a convenient manner for interested members to get together and share their common interest. A group in Ohio would be a welcome addition to the cause. Possibly another in the Prairie Provinces of Canada could be formed. I have received no information from the Texas Group so I cannot report on their activities.

Robert H. Pratt  
2nd Vice President



# REPORT OF THE TREASURER

## BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

### STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

as at June 30, 1982

(with comparative figures for June 30, 1981)

(United States Dollars)

	YEAR ENDED	
	June 30/82	June 30/81
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash in bank	\$ 3,534	\$ 7,466
Cash held by department heads	4,880	696
Term deposits	17,740	16,840
Accounts and interest receivable	\$ 1,626	
Less allowance for doubtful accounts	<u>274</u>	1,352
Inventory - books	17,047	4,540
Prepaid expenses		
Squared Circle handbook	—	1,010
Other	1,046	517
	45,599	33,754
<b>RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>		
Marketable Securities - at cost	<u>2,466</u>	<u>2,466</u>
	<u>\$48,065</u>	<u>\$36,220</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 312	\$ 3,918
Due owners on sales circuits	3,682	—
Loan payable	800	—
Prepublication orders - Squared Circle Handbook	—	2,066
Prepaid dues	<u>8,714</u>	<u>6,116</u>
	13,508	12,100
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>		
General Funds		
Appropriated - Convention funds	567	617
- Insurance fund	4,654	4,091
- Life Membership fund	<u>820</u>	<u>916</u>
	6,041	5,624
Unappropriated - Members' Equity	<u>21,216</u>	<u>11,595</u>
Total General Funds	27,257	17,219
Restricted Funds		
BNAPS Foundation	<u>7,300</u>	<u>6,901</u>
	<u>\$48,065</u>	<u>\$36,220</u>

**BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY**  
**STATEMENT OF OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES**

for the year ended June 30, 1982  
(with comparative figures for June 30, 1981)  
United States Dollars

	YEAR ENDED	
	<u>June 30/82</u>	<u>June 30/81</u>
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Membership dues	\$ 15,312	\$ 13,965
Membership fees	231	106
Interest income	1,499	3,585
Dividends	239	213
Other Income	—	26
Book Department (Schedule I)	6,669	281
Sales Circuit Department (Schedule II)	<u>254</u>	<u>824</u>
	<b>24,204</b>	<b>19,000</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Fred Jarrett Plaque	379	—
Stationery and supplies	89	1,048
Postage	968	1,062
Bad debts	36	(21)
Insurance expense	816	1,017
BNAPEX	456	373
Bank charges	—	27
Other expense	28	27
Telephone	116	91
Interest expense	—	213
"BNA Outline" expense	—	3,098
Unrealized loss or (gain) on foreign exchange, fluctuations	395	662
BNA TOPICS (Schedule III)	11,112	15,582
Library and circulation departments (Schedule IV)	<u>188</u>	<u>118</u>
	<b>14,583</b>	<b>23,297</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</b>	<b><u>\$ 9,621</u></b>	<b><u>\$ (4,297)</u></b>

**SCHEDULES**

for the year ended June 30, 1982  
(with comparative figures for June 30, 1981)  
United States Dollars

**SCHEDULE I**

**Book Department**

	YEAR ENDED	
	<u>June 30/82</u>	<u>June 30/81</u>
Sale of books	\$ 19,118	\$ 1,571
Cost of books sold	<u>11,501</u>	<u>1,005</u>
Gross sales revenue	7,517	566
Department expenses	<u>848</u>	<u>285</u>
Net Book Department revenue	<b><u>\$ 6,669</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 281</u></b>

## SCHEDULE II

### Sales Circuit Department

Commissions on stamp sales and blank book sales	\$ 639	\$ 753
Department expense	<u>385</u>	<u>(71)</u>
Net Sales Circuit revenue	<u>\$ 254</u>	<u>\$ 824</u>

## SCHEDULE III

### BNA TOPICS Revenues and Expenditures\*

Expenditures - Printing	\$ 12,502	\$ 15,940
-Mailing and postage	3,837	2,878
-Editor's and Advertising Manager's expenses	<u>562</u>	<u>90</u>
	16,901	18,908
Advertising Revenue	<u>5,789</u>	<u>3,326</u>
Net BNA TOPICS expenditures	<u>\$ 11,112</u>	<u>\$ 15,582</u>

\*This report includes costs incurred for the publication of the May-June, 1981 TOPICS

## SCHEDULE IV

### Library and Circulation Departments

Miscellaneous sales of TOPICS	\$ 84	\$ 58
Library expense	40	21
Circulation Department expense	<u>232</u>	<u>155</u>
Total expense	<u>272</u>	<u>176</u>
Net Library and Circulation Department expense	<u>\$ 188</u>	<u>\$ 118</u>

Your Society has shown much improvement in financial strength over the past year. Your Board of Directors took very positive action at the beginning of the year to increase revenue and reduce costs to manageable levels in all departments.

Revenue for the year increased by \$5,204 to \$24,204 partly as a result of increased dues, but, primarily from the sale of "The Squared Circle Postmarks of Canada", written in our international way by Dr. William Moffat of the United States and Glenn Hansen of Canada, and published by your Society. This publication is of the highest quality and is indicated by many sources to be the finest in its field. It is a first step toward what we hope will be a new era of success for the BNAPS Book Department.

Total expenditures were reduced by \$8,714, to \$14,583 (including a prior year adjustment)

because of a significantly lower cost of production of "BNA TOPICS". By changing printers, the net cost of producing "BNA TOPICS" was reduced to slightly over \$11,000. A new Editor and a new Advertising Manager stimulated new ideas and methods and the resulting publication is, we feel, of as fine a quality as TOPICS has ever been.

The publication of the Squared Circle Handbook has shown that the Book Department can, once again, be a leading source of revenue. Similarly, the BNAPS Circuit Department is now functioning successfully and will provide the Society with a major source of income.

These departments at one time were the basis for the financial success of the Society and will in my opinion, offer the Society the major source of discretionary funds in the future.

Presentation of this annual report will be my last as I retire from the office of Treasurer at the end of the calendar year. I have greatly enjoyed my ten years on the Society's executive, working with so many fine people. My thanks to all members of the Society both in Canada and the USA for their assistance and kind letters with suggestions, encouragement and criticism for errors made. Yes, I even appreciate the criticisms as well, since it gives me the opportunity to advise the members that our Society is run completely by volunteers. The heavy administrative burden borne by department

heads will produce some errors and misunderstandings. It is up to the membership to be patient during the resolution of these problems. All officers, directors and department heads contribute their time and effort and in many cases this amounts to a very sizable portion of their free time.

My best wishes to the new Treasurer and other new officers, and workers. I trust you will give them the same fine co-operation you have given me.

E. A. Harris  
Treasurer

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## REPORT OF THE CONVENTION COORDINATOR

To begin with, I think everyone will agree that we are enjoying another great convention, including wonderful weather. I ask that you join me in sincerely thanking all concerned in our Mid-Atlantic Regional Group.

During the past year I have pursued my objective of finding groups willing to host conventions and hoped to have the next decade lined up and confirmed. So much for my goal—I did not realize it, but to date I have the following, either committed or prospective;

1983 — Winnipeg, Manitoba; 1-3 September; Chairperson—Beverlie Clark.

1984 — San Francisco, California; Mid-September (this will be convenient for those also wishing to attend Aussipex in Australia) Chairman—Garvin Lohman.

1985 — Calgary, Alberta; September; Co-Chairmen—Ed Harris and Sam Nickle.

1986 — Detroit area; September, Chairman—Chuck Firby.

1987 — The Truro, Nova Scotia Stamp Club was interested in our convention but decided against it. At present Graham Noble and the Kingston, Ontario folks are considering hosting the convention in their lovely historic town on the St. Lawrence and Lake Ontario.

1988 — While a U.S. location is required, there are no prospects at present. I am investigating the feasibility of having a convention in Bermuda.

1989 — Hamilton, Ontario area. Mike Street

and Dave Dixon are investigating possibilities. 1990 — U.S. location required—no prospects at present.

1991 — Several British Columbians are considering my offer for Vancouver or the Okanagan Valley.

1991-96 — Also open for "takers".

1997 — The St. John's, Newfoundland group were initially interested in 1987, but have switched their bid for, would you believe—the 1997 convention! It coincides with the 500th Anniversary of John Cabot's discovery of the Island. Nothing like planning well in advance—folks after my own heart.

My proposal for a grand award was approved by the Board. Although I placed the order last January, I only received delivery the day before I left Ottawa for this convention. I hope everyone likes the award, a solid bronze Beaver, created by well-known Canadian craftsman, Gordon Hosleton, mounted on a piece of Ontario quarried marble. A brass plaque indicating details of the convention and winner's name will be added on the base by host groups.

In addition to firming up conventions, I hope to finish rewriting the Convention Guidelines and present it for the Board's approval before next year's convention.

Submitted in the hope that volunteers for future affairs will come forward at this convention (or after reading this report in 'TOPICS').

C. R. McGuire  
Convention Coordinator

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## NEW CATALOGUE

At the time of writing, the new R.P.O. catalogue is almost three months old and distribution is well in process. First reaction has been great! Some 70 odd copies were made available at BNAPEX '82, and these were quickly taken up. At Virginia Beach, the R.P.O. Study Group took time for review and discussion, and their comments were nicely favorable. A most pleasant surprise was the decision of the judges to make three discretionary awards for literature; the late Hon. George Marler's *The Admiral Issue of Canada* received a gold medal, while Allan Steinhart's *The Postal History of the Postcard in Canada* and the new R.P.O. catalogue both received vermeil. Our own personal feelings aside, these literature awards appeared to meet general acclaim. In a specialist society such as BNAPS, literature is one of the keys to advanced study, and we think all of our authors merit this type of recognition.

Since publication, we have had numerous letters from our correspondents, and their kind comments are greatly appreciated. All have recognized the work, time and effort involved. Only one has queried the new rarity factor system, while most others are intriguingly challenged by the change.

## NEW DATA

We are delighted to advise that the advent of the new catalogue has prompted a flood of new information. We already have over two dozen new listings. Seven other listings, previously 'no report', have now been confirmed. We have also detected about a dozen errors, mostly typographical, which we were glad to find before they surfaced via our readers. All data in these three categories will be reported as the first up-date in the next Cowcatcher Column.

In addition, over 40 confirmed new earliest or latest dates, about a dozen new direction marks and over 45 train numbers have been reported. At the R.P.O. Study Group meeting it

was agreed that these changes and additions are too voluminous and detailed to put in the limited space of the Cowcatcher and that they will be more appropriately reported in the R.P.O. Study Group Newsletter. Accordingly, if you are not now a member of the R.P.O. Study Group and if you wish to stay abreast of all current changes in the new catalogue, including changes in rarity factor due to extension of the years of the periods of use, we recommend joining the R.P.O. Study Group at your early convenience. Contact Dave McKain, 5 Meadowcrest, Parkersburg, W. Va. 26101. He will send you the particulars for joining and bring you up-to-date on current newsletters.

Additional information scheduled for upcoming newsletters includes a hammer analysis of the ten hammers of N-100, a complete and current list of the earliest and latest dates of all Maritime listings and hammers, as well as a separate list of the same type of data for Newfoundland. The R.P.O. Study Group is a must for all specialists in railway cancellations.

## CONFIRMED TRACK



L.M. Ludlow

In the new catalogue, we listed N-98, ST. J. & P.A.B.R.P.O. /NEWF'D, as unconfirmed. We had previously seen several partial strikes purporting to be N-98—too partial for measure-

ment, however, so we reserved judgement on this listing because of the possibility that such were worn strikes of N-100, Hammer II, on which the rim had disappeared. During our recent trip to North America we were able to pick up the illustrated strike on cover dated 21 March 1940, which clearly demonstrates that N-98 does exist as a split ring Type 4J, in contrast to N-100, Type 17F, full outer ring. Accordingly, N-98 has been reinstated, temporarily dated 1940, with the R.F. to be advised. We hope that all those having strikes of N-98 will send copies so that we can complete our picture on this listing.

#### MORE CONFIRMATION



L. M. Ludlow

For some time, we have pondered entry Q-152, MONT. & THREE RIVERS RAILWAY / listed by Shaw as carried over from Jarrett (in which we can find no reference), an unconfirmed split ring Type 4 of some sort. Over ten years ago we discovered what appeared to be a split ring similar to Q-152A, MONT. & THREE RIV. Ry. / M. C. Because it was a light strike in pale violet and difficult to see we assumed it was just a faint Q-152A cancellation. Graham Noble has now reported a strong clear strike of the same cancellation in the same period, which definitely confirms this split ring variety. Illustrated is our original discovery, dated August 2, 1894 (photographed through a strong orange filter with overexposure to bring out the cancellation), and also Noble's report, dated September 27, 1894. Both are the same ham-

mer, confirmed by chordal measurement, and this hammer is different from the two hammers of Q-152A. Because we believe that Shaw picked up his Q-152 entry from a written reference rather than from an actual strike, we are changing Q-152A to read as follows: Q-152 MONT & THREE RIV. Ry. / M. C., Type 4H, W, 1894, R. F. 500\*, Rptrs - 16, 136.



G. Noble

Currently known in less than a two month spread, it will be interesting to see if our readers can widen this 1894 time span. In passing, we would add the measurements of this new Q-152 are sufficiently close to Hammer II of Q-152A that the former could possibly have been created by recutting and re-engraving of the latter; however, we have Q-152A, Hammer II, dated June 1, 1894, with the outer ring clearly present. Since it could not have been eliminated by wear in only two months, only intentional removal of the outer ring could have created the new from the old. The final proof of two different hammers will be definitive if we can find Q-152 before June 1, 1894 or Q-152A, Hammer II, after August 2, 1894.

#### OUT OF PHASE

Don Wilson recently submitted a lovely strike of Q-296, SOREL & SUTTON Ry. M.C./, Type 9, struck in violet. He queried whether this listing was proper since his strike was dated August 30, 1893 with Direction "S", while our period of use for this listing was only 1880-1883, and with only the Direction NORTH. Measurement confirmed that Wilson's strike was indeed Q-296, ten years after our current

# CANADIAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN

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We will be making a new chart for all ten hammers, and will be glad to supply copies upon request. It should be noted that there is a comma (,) after MONTREAL on Hammers I-V, VII and X, while there is no punctuation in this position for Hammers VIII and IX; Hammer VI is unknown on this point. Would anyone else like to submit examples of Q-264B for identification, and possibly another hammer? Please keep in mind that reasonably full strikes are required; we received one other example, but could only confirm Measurements (d) & (e). which were not definitive.

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## Sketch No. 192 BILL SIMPSON

by Dr. Robert V. C. Carr

I like the first statement Bill Simpson made in the biographical review that he sent to me — "It was not until I was *seven* that I began to form a general stamp collection". Bill, just how many kids start collecting at the age of seven? (Come to think of it, my Laura started her Liberia collection at age seven!).

By the age of 15, Bill was specializing in BNA and even then joined what is now the RPSC. He is one of the few members of that society with so long a membership. In 1959 he joined BNAPS and has been very active, at present being a member of our Board of Governors.

Bill was at the first Sissons and Wegg sale in 1946, and augmented his collecting by working Saturdays sorting stamps for Jim and George-thus as a teenager! Most of our great Canadian philatelists initially helped and encouraged him. In turn, he has done likewise for young collectors and has been rewarded by seeing some of them win major awards.

Bill is a native of Chatham, Ontario and has a General Motors car dealership there (his first collection was sold to help open his business). His wife June is also an avid collector who has won major awards in the last few years for her Postal History of Jamaica.

Away from collecting for 10 years, he then



resumed with a collection of Small Queens which took the Grand Award at our Quebec show plus golds at CAPEX '78 and LONDON '80. While he has given up this particular collection, he has retained his remarkable research collection of Small Queens. His emphasis now is the postal history and post cards of Kent County.

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Through the years a number of dedicated collectors of the Revenue Stamps of Canada and the Provinces have served as editor of the Revenue Study Group section of BNA Topics, most recently Chuck Emery from 1977 to 1979, and Wilmer Rockett through 1981. Each has approached the task differently in an attempt to increase the interest and enjoyment that collectors gain from building and studying their collections.

I have agreed to try my hand at the editor's duties. May I begin by seeking your assistance? I would much appreciate articles or short notes covering any aspect of the collecting of revenue and tax-paid stamps of Canada and the Provinces. News of new releases by the Provinces, addresses from which current issues may be obtained, or new information on any features of these stamps and their uses will be welcome. If you have topics you would like explored or questions to be answered let me know. I will seek answers where I cannot supply them.

The publication this year of *The Canadian Revenue Stamp Catalogue* by E.S.J. vanDam has provided collectors with an up to date listing of all issues, federal and provincial, for which data are available. Major varieties are included, and recent prices based upon actual sales are given. The liquor and tobacco tax paid are not included. This catalogue, which supercedes the two editions of Sissons Standard Catalogue of Canada Revenues, provides us with a good base for our collecting.

Additional specialized information on the Federal Revenues, and on some of the Provinces', is available in the *Canadian Revenue Reference Manual* by C. O. Emery and E. S. J. van Dam. For those seeking further details, especially information on perforations, imperforates, papers and gums, I suggest the *Catalogue of the Adhesive Revenue Stamps of Canada*, by R.A. Odell and R. DeL. French, published in 1942 by the Canadian Revenue Society in Montreal. You will find the prices of 40 years ago quite fascinating.

Another useful reference is L.S. Holmes' *Specialized Philatelic Catalogue of Canada and British North America*, 8th edition, 1954. The

Revenue chapter is on pages 256 to 339. As well as giving a good summary of detail on all issues, his notes on the pre-cancels used on Excise Stamps and his initial list of proofs are particularly useful.

Comprehensive catalogues of the Provincial issues are few. *The British Columbia Revenue Catalogue* written and published by K. Bileski (1971) is a must for collectors of that Province. The same author published a detailed study of Alberta First Issue Law Stamps (12 pages, undated). This provided the details required to reconstruct the plates of this issue.

J. Calder's article, *Saskatchewan Law Stamps*, published in *Collectors Club Philatelist* vol. 3, # 1, 1924:28-36, provides important detail on the first four issues of that Province; including errors and varieties. An excellent update on recent Saskatchewan law stamps is that by Ed Zaluski in the *American Revenuer* vol. 33, # 5:92-95.

I have found the notes included in K. Bileski's *Catalogue and Album of Manitoba Law Stamps* most helpful in understanding the very complicated stamp series of that Province. In this publication, each stamp is illustrated in colour, a unique boon to the collector. It was published in 1959 and may be out of print.

The greatly varied issues of Quebec are described and classified by R.DeL. French in *The Revenue Stamps of Quebec*. I don't have the bibliographic details. VanDam's *ReveNews* # 10, recently received, has 8 pages of detail on Quebec revenues, emphasizing mainly perforation and paper varieties. This bulletin is always worth reading closely and keeping for later reference.

All collectors of Canadian Revenues will find the Canadian Revenue News Letter of interest. It appears 10 times a year under the editorship of W. Rockett. Write to him at 2030 Overlook Ave., Willow Grove Pa. U.S.A. 19090.

There are no doubt lists or catalogues of the revenue stamps of other provinces that have escaped my attention. I would welcome information about them. My address is 3919 Woodhaven Terrace, Victoria, B.C. Canada V8N 1S7.

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Comments on the 35th Edition (TOPICS, July — August, 1982, p. 16) apply to the 36th Edition, except that some of the illustrations of the early stamps are blurred. Perhaps if the illustrations were enlarged to show more detail, the colour reproductions might be clearer.

MS

THE PENCE ISSUES OF NEWFOUNDLAND 1857 — 1866; Robert H. Pratt; The Vincent G. Greene Philatelic Research Foundation, Toronto, 1982. 192 pp. \$65.

*The Pence Issues of Newfoundland* is a fine example of what can result when someone sets out to discover all there is to know about a particular subject, and is willing to do the work necessary to share that knowledge, in print, with others.

The book starts out with the actual letter requesting the first stamps of Newfoundland. Included in the letter are denominations required and estimates of quantities needed for different types of mail to different destinations.

Proofs and essays are then detailed, followed by information about the Perkins Bacon trade sample sheets which surfaced at the turn of the century.

Discussion of the papers used in printing precedes chapters on the four issues of the Pence stamps. Next comes data on cancellations (legitimate and otherwise) found on the Pence issue, as well as data on the remainders. A cen-

sus of known Pence issue covers closes out the work.

Illustrations are excellent, particularly the colour plates, and clearly show the extent of the author's efforts on this subject. As with the previous V.G. Greene Foundation handbook, much attention has been paid to the quality of the printing and binding.

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SCOTT SPECIALIZED CATALOGUE OF CANADIAN STAMPS AND COVERS 1983; Scott Publishing Canada Ltd., Montreal, 1982, 160 pp. \$3.50

This catalogue is no worse, and no better, than the other Canada and BNA catalogues available. About the best thing that can be said for it is that the colour illustrations are clear.

Specialized it is not. A truly specialized catalog would treat each stamp separately, illustrating all major printing varieties with either a photograph or a drawing. Covers, properly treated, would mean giving some information on rates, and would, of course include stampless covers. No matter what the parent company's policy is regarding stamps with perforated initials, the perfin officials of Canada are recognized by Canadian collectors and dealers and should be included. The comments on the stationery section carried in a letter to the Editor (TOPICS, November — December 1982) are quite valid. Other faults abound!

A truly specialized Canadian catalog is necessary, and this book proves it.

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by Bob Jamieson  
BNAPS Sales  
Circuit Manager

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- FEBRUARY 11 - 13: SARAPEX '83.** BNAPSer's on vacation in warmer climes may wish to take in the exhibition and bourse sponsored by the Sarasota Philatelic Club. Sarasota Exhibition Hall, 801 N. Tamiami Trail (US 41), Sarasota, Florida. Information: Sarasota Philatelic Club, PO Box 3553, Sarasota, Florida 33578.
- FEBRUARY 12:** The second annual exhibition and bourse sponsored by the Burlington Stamp Club. Appleby Mall, Appleby Line and New St., Burlington, Ontario. Information: Frank Haller, 430 Belvenia Road, Burlington, Ont. L7L 2G6.
- MARCH 26-27:** The North Toronto Stamp Club holds its 40th annual exhibition and bourse. North Toronto Memorial Gardens, 180 Eglinton Ave. W., Toronto. Information: Jim Rayner, Beeton, Ont., LOG 1A0
- MAY 7-8 - ORAPEX '83:** The RA Stamp Club's annual exhibition and bourse, RA Centre, 2451 Riverside Dr., Ottawa, Ont. Information: Arthur Guarda, ORAPEX '83, at above address, K1H 7X7
- MAY 13-15 -** The Winnipeg Philatelic Society Spring exhibition, Winnipeg Convention Centre, Winnipeg Man. Information: Winnipeg Philatelic Society, Box 1425, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 2Z1
- MAY 14 - STAMPFEST '83-**The Kitchener-Waterloo Philatelic Society's annual exhibition and bourse. St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Queen & Weber Sts., Kitchener, Ont. Information Leigh Hogg, P.O. Box 8101, Bridgeport, Ont. N2K 2G6.
- MAY 19 - 22 - OAKPEX '83,** 10th annual exhibition of the Oakville Stamp Club, and 55th Annual Convention of the R.P.S.C. Information: D. Dixon, P.O. Box 1082, Oakville, Ont. L6J 5E9.
- MAY 20 - 22 - PAN PACIFIC EXPO '83,** spring meeting of the American Philatelic Society. A Western Canada section is planned. Information: Tom Current, P.O. Box 4056, Portland, OR 97208.
- MAY 27-29 STAMPFEST '83,** exhibition and bourse, Sheraton Centre, Toronto. Information STAMPFEST Canada, 127 Cartwright Ave., Toronto, Ont. M6A 1V4.
- JUNE 3-5 - STAMPEX '83,** annual National exhibition and bourse, featuring the annual meeting of the Postal History Society of Canada. Sheraton Centre, Toronto. Information: STAMPEX '83, 565 Alness St., Downsview, Ont. M3J 2T8
- JUNE 9 - 12 - PIPEX '83,** 43rd Pacific International Philatelic Exhibition of the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs, Edmonton Convention Centre. Hosted by the Edmonton Stamp Club. Information: Keith R. Spencer, P.O. Box 399, Edmonton, Alberta, T5J 2J6.
- JULY 29-AUGUST 7: BRASILIANA '83.** FIP sanctioned International exhibition and bourse. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Canadian Commissioner: A. Cronin, PO Box 5722, Stn. A, Toronto, Ont. M5W 1P2.
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		1,470
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