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THE EDITOR'S PAGE

by MIKE STREET

WINNIPEG

When your editor passes up shrimp for other delectables on an hors d'oeuvre tray at a reception, you can be sure that the organizers of the event are going to receive a compliment (or two). The Thursday evening reception at this year's BNAPEX was only one of many pleasant occasions for which the Winnipeg crew headed by Beverlie Clark deserved thanks and congratulations.

Most notable was the very warm reception we all received—Winnipeg recorded its hottest daytime temperature ever, 102°F, on the Friday of the convention. Knowing in advance that this was going to happen, the host group arranged for all visitors to have dinner while cruising down the river—literally—on Friday evening, allowing the water and the motion of the boat to help cool things off. (San Francisco is going to have a hard time topping this next year—dinner on a cable car is impossible. You never know though, they will probably plan a picnic on Alcatraz!)

The number of registered guests was very close to the large turnouts seen in Ottawa and at Virginia Beach. Visitors found comfortable rooms and show facilities, including a large exhibition hall. The appearance of the Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba at the opening ceremonies was an honor, although a few visitors from south of the border were left scratching their heads trying to figure out this aspect of the Canadian system of government. The fact that the Lieutenant-Governor, Mrs. Pearl McGonigal, is the daughter of long-time BNAPS'er Fred Kuhlman added extra interest to the event.

The exhibits continued to show a trend away from the classics toward more modern areas of interest, to the chagrin of some and the delight of others. The combination of exhibits proved once again that there is room for many different points of view in BNA philately. (And the National Postal Museum's exhibit contained real material, not just photographs!)

One of the highlights for me was getting a chance to meet many of the collectors from the

Western part of the continent. It is nice to be able to put a face to the names. With the next couple of conventions in that general direction as well, I'm looking forward to meeting more of you.

Garvin Lohman, General Chairman of next year's BNAPEX' told me before leaving Winnipeg that over 100 people had indicated their intentions of being in San Francisco. This is a measure of our annual conventions. Why not start planning to see the Golden Gate next September?

A NEW SERVICE

The cover illustration on this issue was planned, several months ago, as a way to point out to members the tremendous number of new books on BNA philately which are coming onto the market. As has been mentioned in this space before, the people who are willing to share the fruits of their philatelic labors with the rest of us deserve the highest praise and the support of all members. The best way to support these people, and to encourage others to follow in their footsteps, is to buy their books.

This latter point has caused some discussion, however, because the price of many of the books is so high. In some cases the criticism is justified because someone is either out to make a killing or has used unnecessarily expensive techniques to produce a book. The often heard refrain has been, "Someone should do something about it!" Well, someone has.

If you will turn to page 7, you will find an announcement of a new service available to BNAPS members—all BNAPS books and many, many more on BNA philately, all at a discount. Congratulations go to Allan Steinhart, who has worked out the details of this major change; along with thanks in advance to Book Department Manager Dave Clare, who will be looking after the orders. Any proceeds go to the operations of the Society, so take a good look at the new list and place your orders.



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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Mike Dicketts



Winnipeg certainly made all of us attending the annual convention welcome. From the opening by the Lieutenant-Governor, to an awards banquet replete with anecdotes and words of advice from several distinguished collectors, Beverlie Clark and her co-workers devoted themselves to our comfort and enjoyment. It will be some time before many of us will forget stepping out of an air-conditioned hotel, into the sultry 102°F air of a Manitoba evening, to take a boat ride on the Red River.

Along with the more pleasant aspects of our meeting, the Board of Governors were faced with the harsh facts of rising costs. TOPICS, like hundreds of other publications in Canada, was hit with another large postage increase earlier this year, and action had to be taken to overcome a substantial drain on our resources.

TOPICS is the principal link between members, and I think you'll all agree that this publica-

tion continues to provide top quality articles to meet a wide variety of interests. For this my thanks go to the many authors who help to make the Editor's task much easier. I know too that Mike Street constantly strives to maintain the standard that we have all become accustomed to seeing in TOPICS.

For these and other reasons the Board saw no other way around the problem but to support TOPICS through a dues increase. With this in mind I hope that everyone will endorse the decision by paying their 1984 dues *promptly*. By doing so they will help the Society avoid the unnecessary extra expense caused by mailing out reminder notices. I'm sure that members will cooperate by sending in their dues before December 31.

I want to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and a peaceful 1984.

LETTERS

QUESTION BOX REPLY



The postmark (above) in *Question Box* in the May-June issue is a Toronto duplex. The last 'o' of Toronto is just visible. There was a similar duplex with the letter 'D'.

Jim Felton
Houston, Texas

Thank you—Ed.

P.E.I. DATA REQUESTED

I am collecting information as a basis for writing a handbook on the stamps and cancellations of Prince Edward Island, 1817-1873. As an aid in dating the usage of P.E.I. material, I am trying to obtain clear xerox copies of the front and back (if there are any backstamps) of all known P.E.I. covers, including stampless. The reason this is necessary will be covered in an upcoming article in TOPICS. With everyone's help it should be possible to build a file on all P.E.I. covers, since the total number is not large. My address is 2918 Cheshire Rd., Wilmington, DE 19810. Thank you.

James Lehr

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As the newly elected President of BNAPS' sister society, the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain, may I, through TOPICS, extend my sincere greetings to you all and say that I have really enjoyed this, my first visit to Canada. My visit culminated in joining fellow members at BNAPEX '83 in Winnipeg. I had a great time seeing old acquaintances and meeting new people, many of whom are members of both societies.

In thanking the very capable Winnipeg committee (in particular Bev Clark) for helping me to have such an enjoyable time, I would like to extend an invitation to members to join the CPS of GB; and to come to Buxton, Derbyshire for our convention, which will be held October 3-7 next year. I look forward to seeing again many of the friends I have made in such a short time in Canada.

Thanks again for a great convention. Do come and see us in Britain if at all possible. You will be made most welcome.

John Parkin

MILITARY LETTERS SOUGHT

With Desmond Morton of the University of Toronto, I am preparing a book on the impact of the two world wars on Canada and Canadians. We are seeking letters and photographs written by and to servicemen in the expectation that such material will help us to discover how the wars changed and affected Canadians. We are interested in anything that treats such subjects as, for example, nationalism; reactions to the English, French, Belgians; life and death at the front; and what people ate, wore and thought.

If your readers have any such material, we would be very glad to see it. We will pay postage costs, promptly return material, and assure confidentiality if this is requested. We are also interested in building up the collection of the Public Archives of Canada and can forward the material of interested donors there.

Those interested can contact me at the History Dept., York University, Downsview, Ont. M3J 1P3.

Yours sincerely,
J. L. Granatstein

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Fellow BNAPSers! The Book Department and the Handbook Committee of BNAPS bring you a new service. Effective **IMMEDIATELY** our book department will be able to provide you with a large selection of philatelic literature on British North America at prices **up to 20% less** than the normal retail prices. *This service is available only to members of BNAPS in good standing.*

The decision to provide this new service was taken at the annual convention in Winnipeg. Among the reasons for this change is the fact that for those of you living away from the major population centers of Canada it is difficult, in many cases, to find Canadian philatelic literature; or, if found, the selection of titles available is usually rather slim. With this new service we hope to make available to our members everything in print on BNA philately which we can obtain.

As the service is just being set up, on the center pages of this issue of TOPICS you will find a complete list of what is presently available from stock, although there may occasionally be a delay while we reorder a title.

At present book rate postage is included in the purchase price. First class or other postage will be extra. Insurance is also extra. We will

make every effort to keep book rate postage included in the reduced prices, but if this becomes impossible we will announce changes at the time.

In addition to the list of books mentioned above, we shall take orders for bound volumes of BNA TOPICS. The following will be available, at the price of \$22.50 CDN per year: 1969—2 sets; 1972—2 sets; 1974—10 sets; 179—10 sets; 1980—10 sets; 1981—10 sets; 1982—10 sets.

There will be a short wait for the bound volumes as we require a sufficient number (around 10) before we go to the bindery. Please note that we will attempt to bind as many 1983 volumes of TOPICS as are ordered. Please place your orders for bound volumes with the Book Department.

We sincerely hope that you, the members of BNAPS, will approve of this new service and take advantage of it. We hope that it will be successful. Time will tell! Rest assured that we are going to try to offer more in the future.

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NOTES

PRAIRIE BEAVERS SHINE AT TEXPEX

BNAPS' Prairie Beavers Regional Group, which is also Chapter 1 of the Texas Philatelic Association, took the chapter trophy at the recent TEXPEX show in Fort Worth.

Contributing to this group participation award were Mickey Richardson and Martin Shelton, both of whom received Bronze awards for their exhibits; Vic Wilson, who received a Silver; Jim Felton, Don Makinen, Ed Richardson, Jeff Switt, and Howard Twichell, all of whom received Vermeil awards; and Lee Brandom, who received a Gold.

Jim Felton's Vermeil came at his first-ever competitive exhibition. Jeff Switt received the Ed Richardson Award for the best BNA exhibit.

CSDA STAMP THEFT CONTACT

Canadian Stamp Dealers' Association President John H. Talman has announced that the C.S.D.A.'s new 'Theft Report' contact is member Mr. Ron Cuthbert, Box 1123, Adelaide Street P.O., Toronto, Ontario, M5C 2K5 (Phone: 416-363-7617). Police Forces, clubs, associations, C.S.D.A. members and/or owners who have accurate details of stolen stamps or covers should supply them (preferably type-written) to the C.S.D.A. as quickly as possible after a theft. Major, easily identifiable, items should be listed along with details of how the collection or item was stored, and any unusual markings on albums, etc.

IMPERIAL PENNY POSTAGE DESIGNS



Hans Reiche reports finding the designs shown in the National Archives in Ottawa. They were submitted by a Mr. T. V. Thorburn of Nanaimo, B.C. for consideration as the design of the 2 cent Imperial Penny Postage stamp of 1898. The Map stamp was eventually chosen. Archive Reference is RG 3, Vol. 517, No. 8909.

THE ST-JEAN MILITIA POSTMARK



The militia postmarks of Canada are of great interest to collectors of Canadian military postal history. Very little has been written about them, the most recent listing apparently being Colin Campbell's 1972 article in Vol. 23, P. 167 of the *Canadian Philatelist*. In it, the rather scarce FIELD POST OFFICE / CANADA MILITIA / ST JEAN-P.Q. mark is listed as having been observed in use from October 10, 1918 to November 8, 1918. Since that article was printed, the earliest observed date of use has been advanced to September 24, 1918. The hammer was proofed on August 26, 1918. The cover on which this postmark appears is unremarkable in other aspects, being franked with a 2¢ + 1¢ brown War Tax stamp; the only other postmarks on it are backstamps, a broken circle transit mark of ST MARTIN'S / N.B. and a similar receiving mark of WEST QUACO / N.B., both dated August 28, 1918.

Robert C. Smith

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IN MEMORIAM

TED KILISH

I am sad to report the death of Ted L. Kilish of Plymouth, Michigan on September 29 at the early age of 60. Ted had suffered a heart attack about three years ago, but had recovered sufficiently to resume his many interests, including BNAPS conventions in Virginia Beach and Winnipeg.

Ted was a strong supporter of our hobby and was especially interested in the early machine cancels of Canada. He was widely known for his fine illustrations for the books *The Canadian Flag Cancellations Handbook 1896-1973* and *The Early Rapid Cancelling Machines of Canada*. His collection of Flag cancels was one of the best and earned him several awards. He was general chairman of the Plymouth Stamp Club's annual exhibition, the Detroit area's largest, for many years, and regularly attended shows in Sarnia, London and Toronto.

After military service during WWII Ted joined the Massey Harris Co. as a technical draughtsman, and worked for Massey until taking early retirement a few years ago. Ted had a wide knowledge of Canadian stamps and cancellations which he willingly shared with friends and strangers alike. He delighted in meeting fellow enthusiasts and was especially looking forward to future meetings of the recently formed Detroit-

Windsor Regional Group.

His many friends will miss him and join with me in expressing our sympathies to his wife, Lois, and their three daughters.

Mike Dicketts

HENRI E. REINHARD

Long time member Henri Reinhard died on June 30, 1983 in Baltimore, Maryland after a brief illness. He was an ardent collector of the Pence, Small Queen, Admiral and Centennial issues of BNA, as well as the Netherlands and Denmark, and he had one of the top collections of Maryland postal material. Henri was responsible for much of the success of the 1970 Easton, Maryland BNAPS convention, and was the teller of our elections for over 20 years.

He was born in Greenwood, S. C. but came to live in Baltimore at an early age. An accountant by trade, Henri worked for the Maryland state government. One of his most interesting stamp collections was based only on material collected from waste baskets at work. He was an active supporter of all local stamp activities, and served as treasurer for both the Baltimore Philatelic Society and BALPEX. On behalf of all BNAPS members we express our sympathy to his wife Sylvia and family.

Jim Lehr

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BOOKS

CANADIAN PHILATELY: BIBLIOGRAPHY AND INDEX: SUPPLEMENT; Cimon Morin; National Library of Canada, Ottawa, 1983. Soft cover, 246 pp; \$18.25 in Canada, \$21.90 elsewhere.

Philatelists will be pleased to learn that Cimon Morin, librarian at the National Postal Museum, has compiled *Canadian Philately: Bibliography and Index: Supplement*.

The supplement continues *Canadian Philately: Bibliography and Index, 1864-1973*, which was published in 1979. Both books list English and French non-governmental publications on the postage stamps, postal stationery, postal history and postal markings of Canada and British North America, including monographs, specialized catalogues, auction catalogues, and articles from periodicals and exhibition catalogues. The first volume contained 3481 bibliographic entries of material published between 1864 and 1974. The supplement has 2291 new entries, philatelic material which has appeared since 1974 as well as pre-1974 publications not mentioned in the first volume. The supplement also incorporates additions and corrections to entries in the first volume, a list of serial publications on philately held in Canadian libraries, and author and subject indexes which refer the reader to 5772 entries in the two volumes.

Both books are a must for the libraries of collectors with broad interests in Canadian and BNA philately, and should also be in club libraries.

THE FIRST CENTS ISSUE, 1859-1868; GEOFFREY WHITWORTH; Canadian Stamp Handbooks, Michael Milos, Editor; Unitrade Associates, Toronto, 1982. Loose leaf, 14 pp, \$2.95.

Canadian Stamp Handbooks has released the first in a series of handbooks for the advanced collector of Canadian stamps. Leading off the series is *The First Cents Issue, 1859-1868* prepared by Geoffrey Whitworth, the noted author of *The First Decimal Issue of Canada, 1858-1868*.

Printed on durable, quality paper *The First Cents Issue, 1859-1868* contains: information on the technical aspects of the 1859 issue including designs, plates, imprint, gum, papers, watermarks and perforations; a separate listing of the main varieties and their locations; and a comprehensive listing (using the primary Scott numbers) of the regular issues and varieties including shades, re-entries and plate flaws.

The detailed nature of this listing can be illustrated by reference to the 10¢ value. The 26 major shades of the 10¢ are listed, as well as perforations, the printing orders and the quantity of sheets printed for each order. Major re-entries and flaws are then noted to conclude the listing for this value.

The comprehensive listing of the stamps is followed by 6 pages of illustrations, using half-tone plates, to clearly depict the major re-entries and plate flaws noted in the listing above.

Canadian Stamp Handbooks will consist of a series of compact (6" x 9") booklets in loose-leaf format, with each handbook prepared by specialists in the field under the editorship of Michael Milos. Planned as an on-going project over the next two years, the series of handbooks can be updated to include pricelists (to be issued from time to time) while the basic handbook information is retained. As new information becomes available, the handbooks can be updated quickly and economically. (A matching binder for the series is available for \$4.95.) The format also makes for one flaw in the handbook—the pages are not numbered. Anyone who has dropped a loose leaf binder will appreciate the significance of this.

A CHECKLIST OF BRITISH COLUMBIA POST OFFICES; William Topping, Editor, and W. A. Robinson, Associate Editor; Privately printed by W. A. Topping, 7430 Angus Drive, Vancouver, B.C. V6P 5K2; 1983. Soft cover, 72 pp, \$8.00.

The computer revolution has caught up to BNA philately. The Editors have taken the names, the opening and closing dates and change of status information for British Columbia Post

Offices researched by A. S. Deaville, Frank W. Campbell, Bruce Ramsey and George Melvin, as well as their own extensive work in the field; added sub-offices, an identification code, types of cancelling devices and a rarity factor system, and put it all into a small computer.

The result is an up-to-date list of all B.C. Post Offices in an easy-to-read, relatively inexpensive (try to buy a copy of George Melvin's book on the same subject) checklist format. The importance of the computer connection is that given new information, a revised edition can be produced quickly, without the long wait for professional typesetting, etc.

If this book meets with reasonable success, similar lists for Western Canada, the Yukon and N. W. T. will follow. Judging by the reaction when this work was released at BNAPEX in Winnipeg, the other lists won't be far behind.

EARLY AMERICAN PERFORATION MACHINES AND PERFORATIONS 1857-1867; Winthrop S. Boggs; Reprinted by Unitrade Press, Toronto, 1982. Soft cover, 38 pp, \$3.95.

This study, by the eminent Winthrop S. Boggs, was published originally in the Collectors Club Philatelist in 1954. Boggs not only collated what was known about early American perforations and perforating machines, but made many new and interesting discoveries. Boggs's study is divided into three parts: 1) An examination of the early perforating machines used in America, their construction and mechanism; 2) An examination of the stamps perforated by such machines from 1857 to 1867, including the stamps of the United States, Canada, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Hawaii, Argentine Republic, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru, and Salvador; 3) The occurrence of varieties in the perforating done by the machines, and the cause of such varieties.

Because most of us take perforations for granted, we might benefit from reading this book.

THE CENTENNIALS 1967-1973; Richard M. Fournier, Murray Freedman, Peter Harris, Douglas C. Irwin and Ken Rose, authors. Canadian Stamp Handbooks, Michael Milos, Editor; The Unitrade Press, Toronto, 1983. Loose leaf, 44 pp, \$5.95.

This handbook is a welcome addition to the growing library on the Centennials. This issue creeps up on one. First comes the assembly of the sixteen basic stamps, followed by the seven coils. Soon, however, one is drawn to the per-

foration varieties, and then to the creamy and white papers and the faintly visible bars of Winnipeg and general tagging. An ultraviolet lamp opens up vistas of paper fluorescence and tagging varieties never dreamed of prior to the Elizabethan era. The eighteen booklets with their dozen sub-categories continue the voyage of discovery through this fascinating issue—a journey for which this handbook provides an excellent guide.

Printed on 6" x 9" sheets of high quality glossy paper, the typeface and black and white illustrations are very easy to look at. The photos show fifteen of the more prominent flaws and anomalies discovered prior to publication, such as the 'moon over library', and missing perforation pins. This is adequate for starters, even though the Centennial Study Group is recording new discoveries all the time and a definitive work on these interesting varieties will not likely be written for some years down the road. The six cent dies, a confusing aspect on first encounter, are also illustrated, perhaps not with complete success in showing all the nuances of shading, but well enough to show basic differences.

The text contains a vast amount of information in a few pages. It explains the three types of paper, where they came from, and how they got their characteristics—an interesting excursion into the way papers are made and why they fluoresce under the lamp. For each paper, and for both printers, all denominations are described with respect to imprints, printing methods, gum, perforation, tagging and precancelling, as well as the formats for panes, coils, booklets and miniature sheets. Next there are sections on counterfeits, plates issued, paper fluorescence, tagging varieties and a bibliography.

Finally, there is a complete summary by printing format—sheets, coils, miniature panes and booklets—showing in an easy-to-follow manner every variety of fluorescence, texture, gum, tagging, plate number, issue date and other characteristics for each denomination. On the opposite page to each of these lists is a current price estimate for each item as singles, blocks, FDCs etc. Being on alternate pages, the price lists can be easily removed for periodic updating.

The Centennial issue was current in a period when almost everything was changing in Canadian stamp production, from printers to papers to perforations. That's what makes it so engrossing, and why the permutations and combinations of all these factors produce a vast number of varieties. For years to come, any handbook—this one included—will be only a found-

ation to which new information will be added. For today, this handbook does an excellent job of covering, clearly and concisely, all the important information discovered so far.

NOVA SCOTIA POSTAL HISTORY, VOLUME I, POST OFFICES (1754-1981); Dr. L. B. Macpherson; Petheric Press, Halifax, 1982. Soft cover, 136 pp, \$15.00; hard cover, \$25.00.

Dr. Macpherson has done for Nova Scotia what George Melvin did for British Columbia—produced the first comprehensive list of post offices in the province.

Although this volume does not include the origin of post office names, it provides what may be a more valuable service by very carefully documenting the myriad changes of post office names for which Nova Scotia is noted.

A most interesting introduction is followed by the list of offices, which includes opening and closing dates. These are followed by the notes detailing the name changes, cross referenced to the list. Throughout the book picture postcards showing Nova Scotia post offices are reproduced.

A second volume illustrating Nova Scotia hand struck cancels and postmarks is in progress, and a third volume covering the post-Confederation general postal history of Nova Scotia is contemplated. The hobby's debt to Dr. Macpherson will be greatly increased when those volumes appear.

CATALOGS

LYMAN'S STANDARD CATALOGUE OF CANADA — BNA POSTAGE STAMPS, 37TH EDITION; The Charlton Press, Toronto, 1983. Soft cover, 172 pp, \$3.50.

The 37th edition of Lyman's contains over 2500 price revisions, and includes all stamps issued up to mid-March 1983. No catalog numbers are given for 1983 issues, however.

The publisher has made a very confusing major revision to the method of listing definitives. Stamps in a given series of definitives are all illustrated and listed together, regardless of date of issue. While this is fine for the Centennials and the Caricatures, it results in the 1982 Water-ton Lakes stamp being illustrated before the 1977 Jubilee commemorative. If Lyman's wants to lump definitives together, they would be better off to separate them completely from commemoratives.

Another innovation seems pointless. Stamps in series, such as the Airplanes, are all illustrated

together in a 'series' section—in addition to the chronological listing. Simple catalog number cross references such as Scott uses would be sufficient.

One is left to wonder if the 37th edition was really necessary. Let us hope that the 38th is an improvement.

OFFICIAL CATALOG OF CANADA PRE-CANCELS; H. G. Walburn, Editor; G. W. Noble, Publisher, Winter Park, Florida, 1983. Soft cover, 56 pp, \$4.95.

There can be no doubt that over the last few years Canadian Precancels have increased in collecting popularity. Not only are such stamps being sold by more dealers, but they have also appeared more frequently in major auctions. Prices have reflected this interest and many new finds have been made. Geoff Walburn, the editor of this catalogue for many years, continues to be the main source of information for Canadian precancels. He not only owns probably the most complete collection, but also has a fantastic memory for many important facts, allowing him to present a very accurate picture of this facet of Canadian philately.

Two facts can be noted when reviewing this new edition, the 14th, of the precancel catalogue. The first is that a large number of new finds have been recorded, raising the total possible number of precancels to around 3600. One of the additions is the Perth 1¢ green Arch issue, 1930, Die II, with Money Order number 4030, which can be confused with Toronto's 4530.

The second fact is that the prices better reflect the actual market, since the majority of sales are made in accordance with the prices quoted in this catalogue. With almost sixty pages of information it is amazing that the catalogue costs only \$4.95 in Canada.

1984 SPECIALIZED CATALOG OF CANADIAN STAMPS AND COVERS; Scott Publishing Canada Ltd., Montreal, 1983. Soft cover, 168 pp, \$3.50.

Scott has published the 1984 (third) edition of its Specialized Catalogue of Canadian Stamps and Covers. Two new sections cover Proofs of 1851-67, including Trial Colors and Specimens, and Prisoner-of-War Free Franks of 1940-46.

Specimens in the Proof section are divided into five overprint categories: carmine, carmine diagonal, orange, black and other colors. The Prisoner-of-War Free Franks section lists quantities issued, and prices for unused, used and on-

cover single copies. Full panes of three issues are also listed.

The Postal Stationery section has been revamped, separating envelopes from post bands and wrappers, but the major complaints outlined in TOPICS last fall—#8 and #10 envelopes are not listed separately, for instance—have not been addressed.

It remains difficult to see why the publishers bother to print this catalogue.

ALBUMS

THE CANADIAN REVENUE STAMP ALBUM; E. S. J. van Dam, Bridgenorth, Ontario, 1983. 265 pp in two binders, \$69.95.

The Canadian Revenue Stamp Album lists virtually every revenue as listed in van Dam's *CANADIAN REVENUE STAMP CATALOGUE*, and some items that were not listed before. Most issues have at least 1 stamp of the issue illustrated; in case of design changes more illustrations have been used. Each stamp is either labelled with the catalogue number or illustrated.

The album is laid out in such a way as to put most varieties on a separate page, with the result that a collection of basic types can be com-

pleted without seeing the 'holes'. Pages not wanted can simply be removed. Each page has a Coat of Arms at the top. Federal issues have the federal Coat of Arms, and provincial issues the particular Coat of Arms of that province.

Telephone & Telegraph franks, as well as the Prisoner of War franks, are all included in the album.

CANADA AND PROVINCES STAMP ALBUMS, for single stamps and plate blocks; H. G. Harris Co., Boston, 1983. Loose leaf format, \$21.95 US each.

The album for Canadian single stamps includes regular and commemorative issues, plus mini-sheets, booklet panes and phosphor-tagged stamps. The plate block album provides spaces for plate blocks of regular and commemorative stamps from the 1942 war issues up to date, as well as for airpost stamps, semi-postals, special delivery and official stamps. Neither album will require a supplement until January 1985, after which supplements will be issued annually, just after the first of each year.

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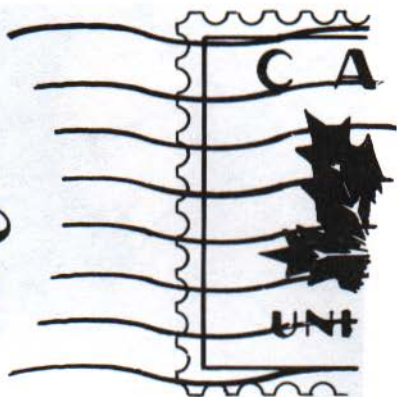
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Bill Pawluk accepts the Grand Award from Jury Chairman Ed Richardson

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Exhibits were popular; Whit Bradley answers a question at the Map Stamp Study group meeting





(L) Dinner aboard the S. S. River Rouge; Editor Mike Street reports to the Annual Meeting



(L) John Parkin brings greetings from the C.P.S. of G.B.; Earle Covert and Dave Dixon report to the Annual Meeting



Bob Pratt (L) and Harry Lussey address the closing banquet

The Order of the Beaver



Lew Ludlow is inducted into the Order of the Beaver

CITATION

LEWIS M. LUDLOW

The members of the Order of the Beaver, having considered the nominee in light of the selection criteria, have found Lewis M. Ludlow to be in all respects worthy of fellowship in the Order of the Beaver.

Lew Ludlow was chairman of a very successful BNAPEX, was a principal organizer of a BNAPS Regional Group, and organized and still heads a very successful Study Group.

For his service to philately, he has been honoured as a fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society of London.

In the area of philatelic knowledge, Lew has freely shared his, having written a number of articles and a long term column in *BNA TOPICS*, as well as having assisted in the writing of at least two handbooks published by BNAPS. In addition, he has published a major BNA handbook, and has exhibited and won major awards at more than one BNAPEX.

Despite sometimes having to travel great distances in order to attend annual conventions, Lew has been a remarkably regular attendee at BNAPEX.

A Merry Christmas
&
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to You and Yours

SKETCHes of BNAPSers

by Dr. Robert V. C. Carr

SKETCH NO. 196

DOUGLAS IRWIN

Douglas Irwin, one of our younger members, is already active as a co-founder of our Centennial Definitives Study Group.

Doug is a native of Niagara Falls, Ontario and has both a B.Sc. and M.Sc. in research chemistry. He is presently with an oil company in Toronto doing research and developmental chemistry. Besides collecting stamps, he is a golfer and a photographer, and enjoys skiing and hiking.

Doug was a teenage collector of Canadian stamps when he began to specialize in the Centennial Issue. He is a philatelic writer and does the study group's regular column in TOPICS. He produces a bimonthly newsletter for the study group as well.

Doug also belongs to the RPSC, and two Toronto groups. We hope to hear more of him in the future (as the rest of us ARE getting a little older and less energetic).



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RECOLLECTIONS

by Frank W. Campbell



At my age, I have a long period to look back on—to the Jubilee years when I started. I was never much interested in Canadian adhesive stamps. I had family papers from Scotland in 1770, and many to Raleigh (now Chatham) in the 1830's, and these sparked my interest.

My first efforts in Postal History were centered on the Judicial Districts which existed before 1800—Sandwich (later Windsor) and Detroit were in Hesse District, while York (later Toronto) was in Home District, for example.

Then I turned to counties. This was not easy because of changes. Edges were taken off larger countries, such as Halton and Wellington, to make smaller counties. A similar change occurred when part of Middlesex county was taken off to make Elgin County in the early 1850's.

I took my Post Office data from printed postal lists, but these were not always accurate—at least once in a Postal Guide a Quebec office turned up in Alberta, and an Ontario office found itself listed in Nova Scotia. Not many people are aware of the fine data available in the *Canadian Gazette* from 1876 on. This is a scarce book in libraries.

Probably my greatest break came when I obtained 711 pages of the Pritchard & Andrews postmark proof sheets from the 1875/1895 period. About 70 postmarks in the proof sheets had

no post offices to fit them. The last few pages contained the Sudbury squared circle dated AP-9-95, which seems to have been the last one made. One thing I noticed is that many postmarks were proofed in the year before they appeared in the Postal Guide.

Mistakes turn up in the proof sheets too. Fort Cudahy is actually in the Yukon, hundreds of miles north of where the postmarks shown would have it. They also seemed to have a tough time spelling Coquitlam. Many postmarks had a few letters wrong, and I attribute this to bad handwriting—the typewriter was not used much before 1895, the end of my research. When I started printing on the *Tilbury Times* there was no typewriter on the copy rack.

Some people wonder why a postmark is important. Well, if your income tax return is late—according to the postmark—you have to pay a penalty.

My biggest surprise came when a stranger brought to my gate a 40 pound box of instruments dating from approximately 1845 to 1884. I borrowed them for two years, during which I cleaned them of rust and old ink, and wrote a 20 page pamphlet about them. The pamphlet, at \$2, did not sell well.

It took about 40 years to write my book *Canada Post Offices 1795/1895*.

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MINUTES OF THE 1983 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

ANNUAL MEETING OF BNAPS, SEPTEMBER 3, 1983

The meeting was opened at 1000 hours in the Westin Hotel, Winnipeg, Manitoba by the President, Mike Dicketts.

A minute of silence in memory of the members who have died since the last annual meeting was observed.

A motion that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with as they have been published in TOPICS was moved by Ed Whiting, seconded by Al Steinhart and carried.

Mick Dicketts' President's Report was read. Acceptance of the report was moved, seconded and carried.

John Parkin, recently elected President of the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain, brought greetings on behalf of our sister society in Great Britain.

Leo La France, Chairman of the Board, read his report to the membership. He reported that annual dues will be increased to \$18 and the life membership fees will be set at twenty times the annual membership dues at the time of application for life membership. Acceptance was moved, seconded and carried.

Earle Covert, the Secretary, read his report. Acceptance was moved, seconded and carried.

Earle Covert read Assistant Secretary John Graper's tabulation of Emeritus membership additions for 1982, the tabulation of the President's Award, and the winner of the V.G. Greene Award.

Marva Paige, the Treasurer, read her report and passed out the financial statement. Acceptance was moved by Ed Whiting, seconded by Wilmer Rockett and carried.

The report of the Coordinator of Regional Groups, Dr. Robert V. C. Carr, was read by Earle Covert. Acceptance was moved by Al Cook, seconded by Ed Whiting and carried.

Ed Richardson called all the members of the Order of The Beaver to the front. There were 14 of the 17 members present. A new member was inducted — Lewis M. Ludlow from Tokyo, Japan.

Al Steinhart, Chairman of the Handbook Committee, read his report. Acceptance was moved, seconded and carried.

Dave Clare, Book Department Manager, read and moved acceptance of his report; seconded by Al Cook and carried.

C. A. Stillions, Chairman of the Editorial Board, read and moved acceptance of his report; seconded by Willard Cugin and carried.

Mike Street, Editor of TOPICS, read and moved acceptance of his report; seconded by Deirdre McKay and carried.

Dave Dixon, Advertising Manager, read and moved acceptance of his report; seconded by Ed Whiting and carried.

Ritch Toop, Circulation Manager, read and moved acceptance of his report; seconded and carried.

Bob Jamieson, Manager of the Sales Circuit, read and moved acceptance of his report; seconded by V. G. Greene and carried.

Norm Brassler's report was read by Earl Covert, who moved acceptance of the report; seconded by Ed Whiting and carried.

Ron McGuire, Convention Coordinator, read and moved acceptance of his report; seconded by Wayne Curtis and carried.

V. G. Greene, Chairman of the Library Committee, read and moved acceptance of his report; seconded by Harry Sutherland and carried.

John T. Burnett, Study Group Coordinator, read and moved acceptance of his report; seconded by Ed Whiting and carried.

Harry Sutherland reported on CAPEX '87, to be held in the new Toronto Convention Center in May of 1987.

Garvin Lohman, Chairman of BNAPEX '84 in San Francisco, September 6-8, 1984, invited all to attend. Lewis Ludlow added a further plug for San Francisco in '84.

There being no further old or new business, adjournment was moved by Ed Whiting and

carried.

There was a standing ovation for the excellent work of the Winnipeg Group in conducting BNAPEX '83.

Earle L. Covert, M.D.
Secretary

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY

Since our last general meeting your Society has gone about its affairs quietly and efficiently. With many new officers in key positions, it has been a year of learning on the job and steady growth.

As you listen to the reports which follow, I would ask you to take a moment and calculate the amount of time it has taken these volunteers to make our operations function smoothly. It is not possible to calculate in terms of cold cash the value of their contributions to the membership. On your behalf I want to thank them all for their selfless gift of time and expertise.

Like my predecessor, Jim Lehr, I am very interested in the development of active Regional and Study Groups. We now have seven Regional Groups and twelve Study Groups, and I encourage every member possible to support them through participation in their activities. There are three more areas where we hope Regional Groups will be formed in the next year and our Co-Ordinator, Bob Carr, is ready and waiting to assist in the formation of others. All it takes is two or three keen people to form the nucleus of an active area group of BNAPS. Similarly, if you have a special collecting interest that is not yet accommodated by a Study Group, speak to John Burnett who can offer help and advice. The benefits of good fellowship and philatelic know-

ledge gained from joining with others is too well known to be recited here.

Our circuit book sales are well supported, so that buyers and sellers are beginning to recognize the hard work done by Bob Jamieson to rejuvenate this important service to members.

Our policy to publish creditable books which expand philatelic knowledge remains firm despite a recent financial squeeze which has slowed down the appearance of new titles. A number of new ideas on funding will be tested and you can look forward to greater activity in this area in the months to come. Meanwhile, Dave Clare has seven different titles available for sale.

Permit me a moment of your time to single out two people whose qualities are often taken for granted. I refer to Earle Covert, our Secretary, and Marva Paige, our Treasurer. Both have been active supporters of BNAPS and could well have rested on their past efforts, but both graciously responded to the call for help last year and now fill roles that would daunt most of us. Earle and Marva, please accept my appreciation for successfully filling the shoes of your predecessors. Ladies and gentlemen, thank you for your attention during this survey of a year remarkable for steady if not spectacular progress.

Mike Dicketts, President

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

This past year has been a transition one for the offices of Secretary and Treasurer. At this

point it appears that most problems should be resolved and operations running smoothly by

year's end.

You will be hearing the reports of the various Department heads regarding the status of their operations. I would at this time wish to thank all persons associated with these operations for their efforts during these difficult financial periods. As you might expect, our operational costs for the Society, along with everything else, have been hit by inflation. These people have tried to hold costs down and increase income for the Society.

With our strongest link to the members being TOPICS, I would especially like to thank Mike Street for his efforts in getting the magazine out on schedule and keeping our production and mailing expenses to reasonable levels during these trying times. Our appreciation also to the Sales Circuit Manager for building our sales circuit from scratch.

As you know, our financial picture over the past few years has not been rosy. The Board, at its annual meeting, has taken action to improve this so that we can attempt to stay even with financial obligations. In view of this, the

annual dues have been increased to \$18 (Canadian), and the Life Membership fee set at 20 times the annual fee at the time of application for life membership. Our advertising rates will also be increased.

We are also working on a project to produce books using methods that will enable us to recover costs of productions at a more rapid rate. It is also expected that we will have new handbooks available in the very near future. We have a number of projects that, with a little polish, will be press ready.

Our insurance coverage for various aspects of our operations is being reviewed and consolidated so that we can get maximum coverage for the least cost.

Again I would like to thank all our officers and department heads for their efforts on behalf of the Society.

Our thanks also to Bev Clark and the Winnipeg Group for this year's Convention.

Leo La France
Chairman of the Board

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

The Secretary's workload has been decreased during the last year. The Assistant Secretary, John Graper, has very efficiently looked after the V. G. Greene Award, the President's Certificate and Emeritus memberships, as well as processing dues billings, payments and the drop list. I wish to thank him for promptly reporting and lightening the Secretary's workload.

The Membership Chairman, Norman Brassler, has also worked promptly during my association with him. In many cases, prospective members list members of BNAPS as references but without the required signatures. Members promoting friends joining could help cut down on correspondence by encouraging applicants, where possible, to get the required signatures by recruiting interested new members.

Ed Whiting, the former Secretary, has aided the efficient transfer of the records and answered questions by phone as they arose. He will for years have to forward applications to me. Members are urged to change the address on any old application forms they have to mine.

Mike Street, the Editor of TOPICS, has ef-

ficiently corrected my mistakes in the bi-monthly membership reports.

Ed Whiting, John Graper, Mike Street, as well as Circulation Manager Ritch Toop, have all sent many address changes, needed to keep our mailing lists up-to-date and cut down re-mailing costs. Their attention to detail is appreciated.

Our membership as of August 1, 1983 stands at 1,416 with 45 applications pending; as compared to 1,451 and 25 applications as of October 1, 1982. Our biggest problem is the 65 dropped for non-payment of dues, with only two so far being re-instated. Members are urged to look at the drop list in the July-August '83 TOPICS and encourage the people listed to pay the \$15 dues plus the \$5 reinstatement fee (all in Canadian Dollars).

Many of the new members are being recruited by Study Groups and Regional Groups. This is encouraging. Let's give me lots of work by recruiting interested new members.

Earle L. Covert, M.D.
Secretary

EMERITUS MEMBERS

As established by the Board of Governors at their meeting in Toronto, Ontario in June 1978, those members with thirty-five consecutive years as members-in-good-standing, who have also attained the age of seventy-five years, are to be awarded the status of Emeritus Members with all the rights, 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:

L-84	Nelson S. Bond
113	Clifford C. Cole, Jr.
122	Kasimir Bileski
460	Harold Banner
L-510	Robson Lowe
517	Douglas Patrick
518	Alfred Peatman
519	W. Worwood
533	Cathleen A. Jones
538	Gerald E. Wellburn

John C. Graper
Assistant Secretary

WINNER OF THE PRESIDENT'S CERTIFICATE FOR 1982

Each year the President's Certificate is awarded to the member who has proposed the most new members during the previous year. The tabulation of new members enrolled during 1982 determines that the winner this year is our

member number 2118, Robert H. Jamieson, with eleven new members to his credit.

John C. Graper
Assistant Secretary

THE VINCENT G. GREENE AWARD FOR 1982

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 or members of BNAPS and originally published in BNA TOPICS during 1982 has determined that

the winner is C. R. McGuire, for his series of articles entitled *Mail Transportation in Nineteenth Century Ontario*, which appeared in all six issues.

John C. Graper
Assistant Secretary

REPORT OF THE COORDINATOR OF REGIONAL GROUPS

It is with regret that I cannot attend this 1983 meeting of BNAPS.

This is the first year that I have been the Regional Co-ordinator, so that I am unable to report any earthshaking results. Much has been

started, and plans for 1983-84 are underway.

I have had a splendid rapport with the Northern California group, and I plan to meet with some of them in San Francisco next month.

I receive the Bulletin of the Texas group

and they appear to be doing well.

Have had feelers for a Chicago area group and a Western Ohio group, and sent a mailing list to each which covered an area of 100 miles. Also sent a list to the Ontario group, and hope to visit them next spring.

Was the speaker for the Detroit group last spring—held at Bill Simpson's in Chatham and highlighted by a fantastic buffet and some delightful wines.

Gary Lyon and I have been corresponding (sent him a mailing list) and, if a group is organized, will try to meet with them in the future.

No word has been received from the Edmonton or Calgary groups. Have had some scattered reports from the Mid-Atlantic group. I

would very much like to see groups started in the Ottawa and Montreal areas.

I wish that all groups would send me any Bulletins that they send to their members, or that their secretaries drop me a line as to their activities.

Hopefully I will be able to give a more optimistic report at the San Francisco meeting next year. I also want to thank Jim Lehr and Ed Harris for giving me much guidance in my new job.

This report is submitted at the annual meeting and it is requested that it be accepted as read.

Dr. Robert V. C. Carr
Second Vice President

REPORT OF THE HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

During the past 12 months no new handbooks have been produced. We expect to shortly have out Mr. Trelle Morrow's work on the Semi-Official Airmail stamps of Canada. Also in the works is the new and revamped Perfins handbook which is almost near completion. Mr. Pratt's handbook on Newfoundland revenues, stationery, etc. is to be serialized in TOPICS due to the financial crunch after the Squared Circle handbook and will possibly be printed as a handbook after the completion of its serialization. Several other projects are presently in the pipeline, but until their completion and formal

request for society publication, we shall not report on them at present.

Due to recent changes in the operation of the BNAPS Handbook Committee, several additional projects are expected to be undertaken, such as Mr. Ed Richardson's new work. A major report on new procedures and services to BNAPS members is expected to be made before the end of the year. This will involve the Handbook Committee and the Book Department, and will provide a real service to our members.

Allan L. Steinhart
Chairman

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EDITORIAL BOARD

Again this year your editor, Mike Street; our printer, Len Woodward; the advertising manager, Dave Dixon; and the circulation manager, Rich Toop, have done a fine job of producing this Society's journal. They are to be commended.

The membership is to be commended as well, for the steady supply of fine articles from

members greatly relieves the editor of a most time consuming and worrisome task. The diverse subjects covered in TOPICS is a direct result of the broad interests of our members. In the final analysis, our journal will be what the membership makes it.

C. A. Stillions
Chairman

REPORT OF THE HANDBOOK DEPARTMENT

Last November the Book Department returned to the Toronto area. As of June 30, 1983 the Book inventory contained 7 different publications. Total sales from November 1982 till

June 30, 1983 were \$880.00, with dealer sales accounting for 74%.

Dave Clare
Handbook Distribution Manager

EDITOR'S REPORT

The past year has gone very smoothly for TOPICS, so this report will be brief.

The flow of articles into the Editor's hands has continued to keep pace with the amount of material being printed. Several new series have been developed and received, and additional articles on new or long untouched subjects are in the works. Perhaps reflecting the shift in collecting habits, the weight of articles coming in to TOPICS has shifted towards Postal History. It is probably not too early to sound a gentle warning bell and point out the continuing need for articles more closely related to Stamps, in addition to those on Postal History. There is no such thing as a full cupboard when it comes to producing a magazine, and all contributions are welcome.

The main trouble point during the first two years of my term was delivery of TOPICS by the Post Office. I am pleased to report that the efforts of the Canada Post Corporation to improve delivery have resulted in TOPICS being

delivered, on average, within seven days in Canada and within ten days in the United States. Overseas delivery times are spotty.

Financially, while TOPICS continues to be the biggest expense of the Society, printing costs are still below those of two and three years ago. For the record, the average cost to produce and mail the May-June issue of TOPICS was \$2.10 CDN approximately. I have prepared a separate report for the Board's consideration outlining possible steps towards effecting a reduction in postal costs, but the outcome of this will not be known for at least six to eight months.

As in past years, it has been a pleasure working with our printer, Len Woodward, Advertising Manager Dave Dixon, Circulation Manager Ritch Toop, all TOPICS' contributors and the members of the Executive, the Board of Governors and the Editorial Board. I am looking forward to another year as Editor of TOPICS.

Mike Street
Editor

REPORT OF THE ADVERTISING MANAGER

The advertising billings for the past year totalled \$8043.40, an increase of \$1407.90 over the previous year. This represents a 17.5% increase in advertising revenue.

The one disappointing area in TOPICS advertising is the classified ad section. Not enough members are taking advantage of this low cost method of disposing of duplicate material or securing needed items for their collections. I'm sure if more members used this section we could

easily fill two to two and one-half pages of TOPICS with classified ads—every issue.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all BNA TOPICS advertisers for their patronage during the past year. Your continued support, during a very economically difficult year, was most appreciated. I look forward to serving you, our advertisers, in the coming year.

Dave Dixon
Advertising Manager

CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT REPORT

Sales of TOPICS back-issues continues at a steady pace, with orders received from England, Hawaii, Germany and Australia, in addition to Canada and the United States. The most popular item was the \$10.00 bargain lot, with numerous repeat orders.

Since my 1982 report, all back-issues prior to 1962 have been sold. However, an ample inventory remains on hand to cater to anticipated

orders.

While sales have been brisk, the proceeds have been offset to some extent by the high cost of postage, in particular since introduction of the last Canadian postage rate change effective 15 January 1983.

E. R. (Ritch) Toop
Circulation Manager

SALES CIRCUIT REPORT

1983 has proven to be a very interesting year for your Sales Circuit. From July 1, 1982 to June 30, 1983, our first really complete year of operation, we had record sales of \$26,683.51 for the twelve month period. Over 350 members made use of the circuit and added to their collections. 49 members had submitted almost 500 books to the circuit at the time of writing. As of June 30 we have retired a total of 155 books, with a gross sales value of \$18,267, to 23 members. At present the inventory of books in circuit, or about to be put into circuit, numbers 349, with a gross value when submitted of \$80,048.52.

As of June 30 the amount of \$3,080.05 has been paid to the BNAPS Treasury. This amount includes contributions to the Insurance fund and commissions on sales of retired books.

The major areas of interest this past year have been in the specialized classifications, i.e., Revenues, Perfins, Precancels, RPO's, Squared Circles, Semi-Official Air Mails and Town Cancels. Both stamps and covers in these classifications were in demand, and still are. There has been increased activity in Very Fine used and Very Fine mint, from small cents to the Admirals. Back of the book material, both mint and used, has shown increased activity.

We can use books in almost every category this fall as I will be retiring quite a few books. We especially need specialized Centennial books—priced right; Stampless covers; Large cents; Stationery; and Semi-Official Airmails, both stamps and covers. We have members waiting to receive circuits of the above mentioned. Good early Postal

History is also in demand. Along with the previously mentioned specialized classifications, we can also use Pre-War plate blocks, Booklets, Panes and Officials (perfin & OHMS). If you have material you wish to dispose of and are not quite sure, please don't hesitate to write. I will try and answer the same day. For those members who have not received circuits, give it a try. Each circuit goes to 10 members and contains 5 to 10 books, with a value on the average of \$1,500. Consider the advantage of having such a circuit in your own home for a period, to leisurely check with your collection. Saving the wear and tear of going downtown for several hours with the cost of gas, parking, etc. compares favorably with the cost of receiving circuits and forwarding them on.

We plan on re-printing the small size book this coming year to enable the circuit to be more flexible. We also plan on introducing a private treaty type of listing with higher value stamps and covers. The items will be photographed and a description included. These lists will accompany circuits from time to time and will be on a first come basis. More about this new opportunity to buy and sell through your circuit in TOPICS this winter.

In closing I would like to say thanks to those many members who took the time to write. Your letters and comments are appreciated. We look forward to an even more exciting year in 1984.

R. H. (Bob) Jamieson
Sales Circuit Manager

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

This year's report is brief since no unusual problems were encountered. In all 19 applicants were processed, of which 6 are still outstanding awaiting proper responses. All the balance were accepted.

We did have one minor problem for which we must blame the Post Office. A mailing from the Secretary was lost and we had to start all over again. However this is in process of rectification.

If only references would be more prompt.

There are occasions where we have to write second and even third requests for responses. This despite the fact that we enclose self addressed envelopes with postage, and even a space to write in the reply.

My thanks to Ed Whiting and Earle Covert for their assistance and understanding.

Norman Brassler
Chairman

REPORT OF THE CONVENTION COORDINATOR

Before I give my report, I request that you join me in sincerely thanking our Winnipeg hosts for their hard work and for putting on another fine Convention. It is up to the standard that we have become accustomed to during the past, and which I am confident will continue in the future.

Since my last report I have continued to try to locate interested host groups for future Conventions, unfortunately without definite commitments. Hamilton, Bermuda was investigated but simply proved to be too difficult to arrange. If any members are interested in hosting one of our Society's annual get-togethers, please contact me. I will be only too pleased to discuss the matter with you.

The following are definite and you will be hearing more details from the organizers here at this Convention, and through our journal BNA TOPICS when they are available.

1984—San Francisco, California; Dates: 6-8 September; Location: Sir Francis Drake Hotel, Cutler at Powell Streets; Chairman: Garvin Lohman, 1541 Sacramento St., #3, SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94109.

1985—Calgary, Alberta; Dates: 12-14 September; Location: Westin Hotel, 4th Avenue at 3rd St. S.W.; Co-Chairmen: Ed Harris & Sam Nickle, P.O. Box 1478, CALGARY, Alberta T2P 2L6.

1986—Detroit area, Michigan; Date: September; Chairman: Chuck Firby, SOUTHFIELD, MI 48037.

1989—Hamilton, Ontario area.

1997—St. John's, Newfoundland.

I hope some members will come forward at this Convention and reserve the following years: 1987—Canadian location required; 1988—U.S. location required; 1990—U.S. location required; 1991—Canadian location required; 1992-96—open.

The Rules and Regulations for exhibiting at BNAPS exhibitions, based on a report prepared by Dr. Fred Stulberg, was reviewed by members of the Board. During this past year I finally correlated the comments, prepared a final draft and submitted it to the Board for approval. I hope it will become the Society's 'bible', to be used by future BNAPEX organizers, exhibitors and judges.

Regretably, I have not finalized the update of the Convention Guidelines. This I intend to do during the coming year. I did prepare some updated information sheets for use on an interim basis. These have been distributed to the chairmen for future exhibitions. Meanwhile if anyone has questions concerning any aspect of a Convention, please contact me and I will ensure you receive a prompt response.

Submitted with the hope that I will receive at least one bid for an open Convention before this one is over. Now if you are interested—don't be shy—come forward now.

C. R. McGuire
Convention Coordinator

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY
STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

for the year ended June 30, 1983
(with comparative figures for June 30, 1982)
(United States Dollars)

	YEAR ENDED	
	June 30/83	June 30/82
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash in bank	\$ 26,019	\$ 3,534
Cash held by department heads	14,419	4,880
Term deposits	-	17,740
Accounts and interest receivable	\$ 3917	
Less allowance for doubtful accounts	449	3,468
Inventory - books	16,268	17,047
Prepaid expenses		
Squared Circle handbook	-	-
Other	724	1,046
	<u>60,898</u>	<u>45,599</u>
RESTRICTED FUNDS		
Marketable Securities - at cost	<u>2,466</u>	<u>2,466</u>
	<u>\$ 63,364</u>	<u>\$ 48,065</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ 312
Due owners on sales circuits	12,294	3,682
Loan payable	-	800
Prepublication orders - Squared Circle Handbook	-	-
Prepaid dues	8,707	8,714
	21,001	13,508
FUND BALANCES		
General Funds		
Appropriated - Convention funds	567	567
- Insurance fund	5,031	4,654
- Life Membership fund	459	916
	<u>6,057</u>	<u>6,041</u>
Unappropriated - Members' Equity	29,006	21,216
Total General Funds	<u>35,063</u>	<u>27,257</u>
Restricted Funds		
BNAPS Foundation	<u>7,300</u>	<u>7,300</u>
	<u>\$ 63,364</u>	<u>\$ 48,065</u>

BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
for the year ended June 30, 1983
 (with comparative figures for June 30, 1982)
 United States Dollars

	YEAR ENDED	
	June 30/83	June 30/82
REVENUE		
Membership dues	\$ 17,578	\$ 15,312
Membership fees	223	231
Interest income	1,549	1,499
Dividends	221	239
Other Income	101	—
Book Department	289	6,669
Sales Circuit Department	<u>1,097</u>	<u>254</u>
	\$ 21,058	\$ 24,204
EXPENDITURES		
Fred Jarrett Plaque	\$ —	\$ 379
Stationery and supplies	—	89
Postage	162	968
Bad debts	—	36
Insurance expense	1,394	816
BNAPEX	271	456
Bank charges	30	—
Other expense	38	28
Telephone	47	116
Unrealized loss or (gain) on foreign exchange, fluctuations	(234)	662
BNA TOPICS	10,914	11,112
Library and circulation departments	<u>646</u>	<u>188</u>
	<u>13,268</u>	<u>14,583</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ 7,790</u>	<u>\$ 9,621</u>

Marva Paige
Treasurer

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LIBRARY BOARD

The library continues to operate efficiently under the guidance of our able librarian Don Makinen.

V. G. Greene
Chairman

REPORT OF THE STUDY GROUP COORDINATOR

The state of Study Groups continues to be good! We now have twelve study groups in BNAPS (up from ten at this time last year). This year's additions are 'The Map Stamp' under W. L. Bradley's leadership, and C. Firby's 'The Province Of Canada' group.

During 1983 I surveyed the individual study group chairpersons and found the following: The average group: Has 41 members; Collects \$6 per year dues; Sends six newsletters per year; Expend \$5 per member per year.

When asked to express any concerns the groups have, it was a unanimous "non-involvement by members". I urge you all to get involved with the groups to which you belong. From my survey it is evident that only about 20% of BNAPSers are members of a study group. I again urge you to join a group; and if there isn't a

specific group that meets your interest—start one! It was a surprise to me, but each group is financially solvent and needs no aid!

To further engender interest in Study Groups, I am exploring a 'letter of welcome' to new members that will explain the groups, who to contact, and how to join. I will also start a monthly newsletter to each chairperson to better communicate with them.

I also recognize that we have not had enough time allocated to the Study Groups which wish to hold a get-together at our Annual Convention. I will be working on further co-ordination in this area, so that any group wishing to meet will have a time slot in which to do it.

John T. Burnett
Study Group Co-ordinator



A REGULAR FEATURE WHICH REPORTS NEW PHILATELIC FACTS 'FOR THE RECORD' — INFORMATION WILL NORMALLY BE LIMITED TO NEW STAMP ISSUES, NEW TYPES OF POSTAL MARKINGS, CHANGES IN POSTAL RATES AND CANCELLATIONS OF SPECIAL INTEREST. READERS ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT INFORMATION TO THE EDITOR.

POSTAL CODE ADDED TO ROLLER CANCELLATIONS

Post Offices requiring replacement roller cancellers, and new postal facilities, are being issued devices which have the postal code for the location as part of the marking. The enhanced

postmark illustrated is from the Toronto South Central Letter Processing Plant located at 969 Eastern Avenue.



Encourage Friends To Join BNAPS



The RPO Cowcatcher

Lewis M. Ludlow

Gamlen Japan, No. 303, No. 1 Iwata Bldg.

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Since our last writing my wife, Mac, and I journeyed to Winnipeg for the annual gathering of the clan at BNAPEX '83. This was made easy by being just one stop out of Tokyo, although head winds gave us a tight connection of seven minutes at Vancouver. The R.P.O. Study Group meeting was well attended, with some 35 railway specialists, all of whom received complete copies of the 1983 Annex I supplement to the 1982 R.P.O. Catalogue. Discussion was held on future activities, including annual publication of the Annex, a book on detailed hammer analyses of the Maritimes and Newfoundland, possible improvements in future editions of the catalogue, and hammer analysis of the Quebec listings. We were able to advise that in the first year of availability approximately 600 copies of the catalogue had been sold, out of the 1,500 that were printed; we feel this is a quite satisfactory showing for a book in such a specialized field. Dave McKain distributed his latest Study Group Newsletter, and indicated that there would be one or two more yet this year.

Editor's Note: Lew Ludlow was elected to the Order of the Beaver at Winnipeg. See the BNAPEX '83 coverage elsewhere in this issue for full details.

NEW TRACK

For years one of our own specialities within the railways has been clerk strikes of Quebec on stamp, an area that has received no less than 30-40 years of study by Dr. Whitehead, Rev. Gedye, A. V. Richardson and many others. Imagine then our pleasure and surprise to have received earlier this year from Peter Lerpiniere the illustrated strike on a strip of three 1¢ Small Queens, which after thorough scrutiny we have confirmed as the following new listing:

Q-195Bc QUE & CAMPBELLTON / EXPRESS - / DB, Type 21C, E, 1892,
RF-500*, Rptr 20

This extraordinary new discovery prompted a spate of study on our part (delaying unduly



E. Lerpiniere

the return of this new listing to Lerpiniere), an in-depth analysis of all the Q-188 EXPRESS hammers, eight in number, plus six analogs of external clerk numerals and initials. The resulting work, an eight page thesis, will be presented this year as an R.P.O. Study Group Newsletter. Interested non-members of the Study Group should contact Dave McKain, 5 Meadowcrest, Parkersburg, W. Va. 26101. Lerpiniere's remarkable find shows that there is still 'gold in them thar hills'!

MORE NEW TRACK

As reported in Annex I, new Reporter 218, J. M. McCrea, has submitted a marvellous new



J. M. McCrea

listing:

N-32A FOGO DIST T. P. O. / NEWF'D, Type 4J, 1923, R.F. 500*

We also find this discovery quite remarkable. Like the Quebec clerk strikes, Newfoundland T.P.O.s have had years of study by the brothers Meyerson and their associates, but this new item has never been seen previously. We suspect this may be a corrected hammer for N-32, where DIST replaced the error DICT, noting that N-32 precedes N-32A in its period of use. Who will find the next one?

NEWER NEW TRACK



R. D. Gray

In a recent report, subsequent to Annex I, Ross Gray has continued his steady flow of new discoveries, including the following new listing:

W-12D BRANDON & REGINA / B.C. PHOENIX, Type 3D, W, 1¢ yellow Adm., RF-500*, Rptr 142

This lovely cancellation, in red, is on a Christmas greeting card to Deseronto, Ontario.

Unfortunately, the year of the December 19 date is not decipherable despite Gray's excellent photograph through a blue filter. Has anybody else ever seen this one? We need a date, probably somewhere in the 1920s.

AND YET MORE NEW TRACK



H. Reiche

From Hans Reiche, we have another new Quebec clerk strike, also received subsequent to Annex I. After changing Q-45D to Q-45Dd, we list Reiche's discovery as follows:

Q-45Db JOS. LABRECQUE / LEVIS & MONTREAL, Type 6G, Tr. 199, 1914, Rf 500*, Rptr. 108

Reiche submitted an excellent match of two to make up the single strike, fully confirming the listing of this red-violet strike; however, even under a red filter, the confirming copy of the bottom of the strike did not photograph well, so we have illustrated only the clerk portion.

EXPLORATION



Above we illustrate an unknown that is so near, yet so far, from being listed. We postulate ??? & O. SOUND R. P. O. / ???E LANAWAY. For the initial terminal, we can speculate on LON.

or TOR., both of which fit the period of 1914, and HAM., which does not. Any help here? I need two kinds of help on this; first, a full identity for a listing, and second, a reprise from the sender of the cancellation to assist me finding my lost notes on the owner. (Not lost, just can't find them.)

ANOTHER LOOK AT OLD TRACK

At right we illustrate RR-14, one of the rare listings in the Railroad Section. For years this was known only from its proof strike; then the Bowen collection of railways on Small Queens was offered in the Lee Auctions, where he had not one but two of these gems. This is one of those elusive strikes, one perhaps that you



L. M. Ludlow

did not expect to see but now may find.

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REPORT ON THE CANADIAN POSTAL CENSORSHIP OF 1914-1919

Compiled by E. R. Toop from records in the National Postal Museum, Ottawa. The balance of the report will be printed, in stages, in future issues of TOPICS.

PREFACE

Prepared chiefly with a view of informing and assisting future censors, the Report on the Canadian Postal Censorship of 1914-1919, herewith submitted, has drawn mainly upon the following sources of information: files, covering the whole period; memoranda, made out from time to time; Orders-in-Council, which directly affected the Censorship, and various regulations and rulings of the Postal Censorship, London, England.

The recommendations included in the Report, are submitted by E.J.U., Clerk-in-Charge of Censorship.

January, 1920

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INTRODUCTION

Inviolability of the secrecy of mails is a fundamental principle firmly fixed in the mind of the average citizen, so that a Postal Censorship invariably suggests to him an infringement on public rights and liberties. To have the privilege of communication absolutely withdrawn, or even curtailed, seems the result of an arbitrary, unjustified measure, a direct disregard of the principle of the inviolability of the mail. The duty of the Post Office presumably consists in forwarding mail with the least possible delay and guarding it from all interference. Is faith not being broken with the public when a censorship is introduced?

REASONS FOR CENSORSHIP

Such would undeniably be the case in normal times, in the days of peace. When, however, a country finds itself face to face with war and the national life is at stake, measures more or less drastic have to be taken in order to safeguard the nation and protect public welfare. Neither the army nor the navy will be sufficient to accomplish this. A close watch must be kept

at home. Information of use to the enemy must not be allowed to go forward, while on the other hand, information which might serve the national organization of defence should be directed into the proper channels.

The deduction might here be made that censoring of mail going to, or coming from, hostile countries, would be justifiable. The enemy cannot expect to enjoy the privileges of a citizen, and ought to submit his correspondence for examination. Why, however, should a citizen of indisputable loyalty have this liberty curtailed and interfered with?

Several significant, but not immediately apparent, factors require consideration. The patriot, for instance, unaware of the enemy's ever-changing methods for obtaining desired information, may quite unknowingly render him assistance; or the individual, although not directly cooperating with the enemy, may undermine the country's strength by hampering its activities; newspapers, pamphlets, and other printed writings which openly champion the enemy's cause and print articles useful to the enemy, or detrimental to national movements such as Red Cross activities, conservation of food, etc., must be detected and suppressed. Examination of all mail, except that on public service, is therefore essential if success in conducting the censorship is to be assured.

The recognition of a Postal Censorship as one of the most efficient means of safeguarding public welfare was so general that all the countries actively engaged in warfare instituted a censorship, at least of those mails which were likely to contain any items of help or interest to the enemy.

AUTHORITY FOR CENSORSHIP

"The Crown", according to the Department of Justice, "has the power to seize, open, and

peruse correspondence or matter in course of transmission through the mails, for the purpose of discovering the designs of persons known or suspected to be engaged in proceedings or practices dangerous to the State or of otherwise furthering criminal Justice."

"In England, this power appears to have been exercised, from the time of the earliest institutions in that country for the conveyance of letters, by warrant in writing under the hand of one of His Majesty's principal Secretaries of State and to have been recognized by several Acts of Parliament."

The legal authorities in the United Kingdom held that the right to examine and detain postal matter found in British Territory is inherent in British Sovereignty.

Section 6 of the Canadian War Measures Act, 1914, conferred upon the Governor General in Council power to authorize the Censorship, and to control and suppress publications, writings, maps, plans, photographs, communications and means of communication.

Under and in virtue of this Section, various Orders in Council were passed, giving the Postmaster General authority to ascertain the contents of any newspapers, tract, periodical, book, circular, or other printed matter, or of any written matter or of any photograph, sketch, plan or other representation which might be passed through, or be dealt with, in any manner, in the mails of Canada, so that the publication, circulation or distribution of objectionable matter might be prevented (see Consolidated Orders respecting Censorship dated May 21, 1918).

The expression 'objectionable matter', as used in the above order, included all items which contained information regarding any action already taken or contemplated by anyone, which would be injurious to the allied cause.

OBJECTS OF CENSORSHIP

In general the main objects of the Censorship were: 1) to stop all communication injurious to the allied cause passed to, or from, any foreign country, especially one having easy means of communication with enemy territory; and 2) to furnish information in regard to the naval, military, political and economic situation of the enemy, as well as to any action taken or contemplated by any person, which might be injurious to the allied cause.

These objects, which the Censorship aimed to attain with the least possible inconvenience to

private or public interests in allied or neutral countries, are further described as follows:

1. To stop all postal communications containing:
 - a) Information of naval or military importance, of any kind whatever, which was calculated to be, or which might be, directly or indirectly useful to the enemy.
 - b) Any photograph, sketch, plan, model or other representation of any naval or military work or dock, or harbour, of such a nature that it was calculated to be or might be directly or indirectly useful to the enemy.
 - c) Any false report or false statement concerning the causes or the operations of the war.
 - d) Any report or statement intended to or likely to cause disaffection to His Majesty, or to interfere with the success of His Majesty's forces or of the forces of His Majesty's Allies by land or sea, or to prejudice His Majesty's relations with foreign powers.
 - e) Any report or statement intended to, or likely to, prejudice the recruiting and training discipline or admiration of any of His Majesty's forces or the operation or administration of any Act or Order in Council concerning national service.
 - f) Information of any kind likely to endanger the successful prosecution of the war, or anything constituting the violation of any law or regulation made in connection with the war.
2. To supply the proper information, which is:
 - a) Of special interest or utility, e.g., in regard to enemy secret service and propagandist organizations or sources and channels of supply.
 - b) Likely to assist in detecting the channels of enemy trade or the devices resorted to by the enemy for the evasion of the commercial blockade.
3. To intercept all valuable goods or documents (other than genuine postal correspondence) of enemy origin or destination, where the transmission of such goods or documents would increase the material and financial resources of the enemy during the war.

CLASSIFICATION OF MAILS

The mails censored in Canada were classi-

fied according to origin and destination, and nature of contents, as follows:

ORIGIN AND DESTINATION

- a) Domestic Mails—mails which originated in, and did not leave Canada in any stage of their transmission.
- b) Terminal Mails—mails which either originated in, or were addressed to, Canada, other than domestic.
- c) Non-Terminal or transit mails—mails which neither originated in, nor were addressed to Canada but passed through Canada in transit to their destination.
 - i) Mails entrusted by the postal administration of one foreign country to the Canadian Post Office for transmission through Canada, to another country.
 - ii) Mails carried by neutral ships which call at a port in Canada.

NATURE OF CONTENTS

- a) Correspondence: i) official mail; ii) non-official mail; iii) private mail; iv) business mail.
- b) Merchandise.

SPECIALLY EXEMPTED CORRESPONDENCE

The following classes of correspondence, generally speaking, were exempted from censorship.

TERMINAL MAIL

- 1) Official correspondence despatched by the United States and Portuguese Consular Officers in Canada to their own Government Departments, Embassies and Legations.
- 2) All correspondence addressed to any Allied Government Department.
- 3) Correspondence known to be despatched by any member of the British Cabinet or from any Government Department of Canada.
- 4) Correspondence addressed to (but not c/o) any Government Department of Canada.
- 5) Correspondence addressed to, or from Consuls General in Canada, except occasional examinations.
- 6) Correspondence to or from British or Allied Embassies or Legations in Allied or Neutral countries.

TRANSIT MAIL

- 1) Official Correspondence—Letters which either bore the official seal or rubber stamp of, or were addressed to, any Allied Government Department, Embassy or Legation

were exempt from examination. Similar neutral packets were opened if there was reason to suppose that they contained matter which ought not to be protected by diplomatic privileges.

- 2) Consular Correspondence—Letters addressed to any Allied Consul General were exempted from examination. Other consular correspondence, British, Allied and Neutral was examined unless exempted under 1).

Any mails addressed to enemy countries or territory in the occupation of the enemy when not forwarded through authorized intermediaries, such as Thomas Cook & Son, were treated as non-transmissible.

ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

The Canadian Postal Censorship consisted of a staff of approximately one hundred and twenty persons. This number was augmented from time to time as the exigencies of the work demanded, by drawing on regular Post Office staffs. The organization was divided into three main sections: 1) The administrative and executive section stationed at Ottawa; 2) the Ottawa Censorship Station; and 3) the Vancouver Censorship. There was also a small station at Halifax.

The main duties of the administrative staff were: 1) General control and supervision of the Censorship; 2) The issuing of instructions and regulations; 3) Decision of questions of policy and instruction of the examination staffs; and 4) Disposition of all letters and items of interest.

No special titles were used in connection with the Canadian Postal Censorship. If, however, the titles which designated the various positions in other nation's Censorships were applied, the composition of the Censorship staff might be described as follows:

The Chief Mail Censor was the responsible head of the Canadian Postal Censorship.

The Deputy Chief Censor was in charge of the censorship staff and responsible, under the Chief Mail Censor, for the direction and supervision of the work, and the controlling of all official correspondence relating to the censorship.

Censors were responsible for the supervision of the various sections of the work and the treatment of any items intercepted by their section of the censorship.

Assistant Censor's duties included supervision over a number of examiners; revising and amending the comments of such examiners and

checking off the same with the various confidential lists and publications at their disposal. They were also responsible for bringing any special items to the particular attention of the censors.

Examiners conducted the actual examination of correspondence, and prepared comment slips regarding items which contained information of importance or interest to the censorship.

Sorters were responsible for the sorting of mail into the respective sections, withdrawing any items which should be exempted, recording the volume of the mail and eventually despatching harmless items to destination.

In addition to the above, the staff included a number of stenographers, filing clerks, messengers, etc.

OPERATION

A more or less unified method was adopted in the various censorships. The correspondence, after having been diverted by the Postal Service to the Censorship Office for examination, was separated, as far as possible, into two main sections, trade and private, with a further subdivision into the various countries. All exempted items were carefully removed by the sorter, or, in case any were overlooked, by the examiner, to whom the mail passed.

The examiner affixed a censor's label to every letter examined, without hiding any part of the address. If a letter was written in a language he could not read, he attached his label to it by means of a clip, taking care, however, to cancel the label previously by means of a cross, so as to prevent its being used for sealing the letter. If anything of value was enclosed the fact was mentioned to the person to whom the letter was transferred.

Items of an interesting or objectionable character found in the letters were submitted by the examiner, on a comment slip, to the Assistant Censor presiding at the table. After passing on the item in question and adding any remarks which he deemed advisable, or obtaining a literal translation, the Assistant Censor transferred the items to the Censors for action necessary to advise the Government Department or other persons interested. Whenever it was necessary to detain a registered letter or one which contained anything of value, it was carefully recorded—name, address, amount involved and the reason for its detention being given.

If a letter mentioned an enclosure which, on examination, was found missing, the letter

was forwarded to the addressee with a printed slip stating that the article was wanted; the Post Office Inspector was notified to interview the sender where possible and to ascertain whether the item in question had actually been enclosed.

A letter which infringed regulation by containing postage stamps, correspondence intended for enemy countries, reference to trading with the enemy, or contained items which were prohibited from exportation from Canada under the various War Measures Regulations, was returned to the sender, with a suitable slip giving the necessary information, whenever it was apparent that such infringement was due to innocence.

As far as possible, one examiner dealt with each class of correspondence. In this way, he became familiar with the various transactions of different people, and was able to follow them and properly understand their import.

EVASION OF CENSORSHIP

Letters suspected of containing messages written in secret ink were forwarded to the Chief Postal Censor, London, England, for treatment, since the number of such items encountered in Ottawa was too small to justify the maintaining of a special staff by the Canadian Postal Censorship.

If written in a code which could easily be deciphered, letters were held even though harmless, and the parties concerned warned against corresponding in this manner. When a code could not be translated, enquiries were made through the police in regard to the correspondents. The letters were never forwarded, no matter whether innocence was established or not.

In order to prevent abuse of diplomatic privilege, official envelopes, etc., the following precautions were taken: 1) Correspondence to, or from, Consuls General which was usually exempt from censorship, was occasionally examined; 2) Correspondence to and from Consuls was examined; 3) Letters marked 'O.H.M.S.', were examined unless they showed evidence of having been mailed by a Government Department.

Printed or written matter, liable to censorship, could not be transmitted or conveyed out of the country except through the post. This was covered by Sections 41 and 41-A of the Defence of Canada Order, reading as follows:

41. Any person landing at, embarking at, or leaving any place in the Dominion of Canada or being in a harbour of or within

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CALENDAR

This feature of TOPICS will list Exhibitions and Bourses, including FIP sponsored (International) exhibitions, which will have a significant BNA content, as well as BNAPS Regional Group Functions. Information/prospectus should be sent to the Editor as soon as available and at least 3 months before the event.

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JANUARY 13-15—PHIL-EX, Dealer's Bourse. Sheraton Centre, Toronto. Information: PHIL-EX, P.O. Box 980, Stn. K., Toronto, Ont. M4P 2V3.

JANUARY 14—BNAPS Golden Horseshoe Regional Group meets at PHIL-EX, 12 noon.

FEBRUARY 11—BURLPEX '84, Exhibition and bourse of the Burlington Stamp Club, Appleby Mall, Appleby Line and New St., Burlington, Ont. Information: BURLPEX '84, P.O. Box 366, Burlington, Ont. L7R 3Y3.

MARCH 31—APRIL 1—The North Toronto Stamp Club's 41st Annual Exhibition and Bourse, North Toronto Memorial Gardens, 180 Eglinton Ave. W., Toronto. Information: John Hopkins, 286 Judburgh Rd., Toronto, Ont. M5M 3K6.

APRIL 27—MAY 6—ESPANA 84. FIP sanctioned international exhibition, Madrid, Spain. Canadian Commissioner: James Kraemer, 17 Commanche Drive, Ottawa, Ont. K2E 6E8. American Commissioner: Harold E. Peter, P.O. Box 369, Elkhart, IN, USA 46515

MAY 18-20—ROYALE '84, the annual convention of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada. Exhibition and bourse hosted by La Société Philatélique de Québec. Hilton Hotel, Quebec City. Information: Guy des Rivieres, CP 2222, Quebec, Quebec G1K 7N8.

MAY 25-27—PIPEX '84, 44th annual exhibition and meeting of the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs. Red Lion Inn/Lloyd Center, Portland, Oregon. Western Regional meeting of the Postal History Society of Canada. Information: John White, P.O. Box 15269, Portland, Oregon, USA 97215

SEPTEMBER 6-7-8, BNAPS annual convention. Sir Francis Drake Hotel,

BNAPEX '84: Sutter & Powell Sts., San Francisco, California. Information: Garvin Lohman, 1541 Sacramento St., #3, San Francisco, CA 94109.

SEPTEMBER 21-31—AUSIPEX '84. FIP sanctioned International Exhibition, Melbourne, Australia. Canadian Commissioner: David Dixon, PO Box 1082, Oakville, Ont. L6J 5E9. American Commissioner: Stanley C. Jersey, PO Box 713, Carlsbad, CA 92008.

BNAPEX '85: SEPTEMBER 12-14, BNAPS annual convention. Westin Hotel, 4th Ave. at 3rd St. S.W., Calgary, Alberta. Information: BNAPEX '85, P.O. Box 1478, Calgary, Alberta T2P 2L6.

the territorial waters of the Dominion of Canada, shall on being required to do so by the competent naval or military authority or any person authorized by him or by an Immigration Officer, Customs Officer, or Officer of Police, make a declaration as to whether or not he is carrying or conveying any letters or other written messages intended to be transmitted by post or otherwise delivered, and, if so required, shall produce to the person making the requisition any such letters, or messages; and the competent naval or military authority or person authorized by him or Immigration Officer,

Customs Officer, or Police Officer, may search any such person and any baggage with a view to ascertaining whether such person or the person to whom the baggage belongs is carrying or conveying any such letters or messages. The competent naval or military authority or persons authorized by him, or Immigration Officer, Customs Officer, or Police Officer may examine any letters or other messages so produced by him or found on such search and may transmit them to an officer appointed to censor postal correspondence.

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Our apologies to these members for errors previously published

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2808	WYSE, Robert N. - Correct street name is Gardenvue
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