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THE EDITOR'S PAGE

by MIKE STREET

CALGARY

Last year, after San Francisco, the automatic question arose. How did the convention compare to the others I had attended? I found that when I thought about each specific convention, one event immediately came to mind. In each case the memory was a pleasant one involving myself, my wife and daughter if they attended, and several other BNAPSers in some sort of informal activity — a dinner, a bull-session, whatever. Unpleasant things, which do crop up, always stayed in the background. I came to the conclusion that each convention is, in a way, unique. The city, the local group organizing the event, the people attending — all combine to put a stamp on the event that makes it very difficult to compare one convention to another. So it was in Calgary.

What will be the 'Calgary' memory, several years down the road? It's too early to say. For the third year in a row the convention city experienced a weather record (rain this time) while BNAPS was in town. The mental picture of Allan Steinhart at his mock trial and execution will stay with me for a long time. The superb meal served at the closing dinner immediately went on the 'best of' list. The large number of new faces, many of them from the

local group, was most encouraging, especially after pre-convention discussions on the need to take steps to increase our membership. The suggestion that the new Pacific Northwest Regional Group be nicknamed the 'Jumping Salmon' brought quite a laugh. (I didn't get a chance to get Lew Ludlow's opinion on the idea.) One of these, or perhaps something else, will stick and become the marker for another very enjoyable time.

There is one thing common to all our conventions — the gathering of friends. This is really brought home, in my opinion, by the continuing attendance of the spouses of former convention-going members who have passed on. I first noticed it when Buddy Levine attended the Virginia Beach convention. In Calgary, it was even more pronounced with the presence of Margaret de Volpi, Barbara Hassen (now Randolph) and Eleanor Hoffmann. Their attendance says a lot about our group.

TAKING ONE'S LUMPS

Usually publications bury corrections in the depths of the back pages. While the wish to avoid embarrassment is very strong, it isn't the right way to go about fixing a mistake. In the Literature Review section, two issues ago, an awful goof led to an unjustified criticism. It is corrected in this issue.

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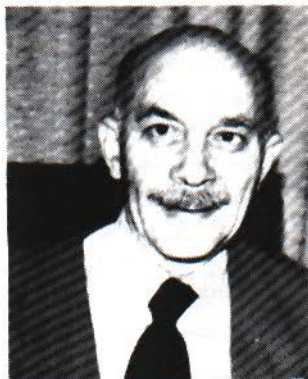
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DOING FINE, THANK YOU

For those of you who are interested in my health, please rest assured that it is on the upswing. Ernestine & I had a marvelous trip to Calgary - by way of Salt Lake City, the Tetons, Yellowstone, Glacier, and the Waterton Lakes National Parks and points in between. The 'Highway to the Sun' had just had its first snow storm and earliest closing any one can remember, but it was reopened when we arrived and we made it with ease. The two snowmen we encountered in Logan Pass did not deter us, even though one looked like the Editor, and the other like the Chairman of the Board. I tried testing my wings the evening before our flight home from Great Falls, Montana, but Ernestine managed to hold onto me so I didn't blow away with the wind. Once home I had appointments with the doctors, and they said I am doing fine.

The convention was a great success in every respect. Thanks to the Calgary Group for a bang-up affair.

LIBRARY

One thing I want to let you know about. Allan Steinhart, the Chairman of the Board, called me the other day to tell me that all was in place for the Book Department to help the

Library be more useful to our members. Between them we hope that we can make more books available through the Library. I have appointed Ed Richardson of Texas to chair a Library Advisory Committee, with Ed Christman and Vic Willson as members. They will provide advice to the Librarian on the purchase of books and other matters, as required.

NEW V-P

I was sorry to have to accept the resignation of Ron McGuire from the Vice-Presidency. The new V-P, however, is also an old friend of mine, and a hard working, active member of BNAPS. I know Ed Harris will do a super job.

PUBLICITY

The fact that our membership is now about 70% Canadian has caused the Board to take action on publicity and membership, particularly in the area of boosting the number of members in the U.S. You shall hear more of this as the program gets into gear under the guidance of Bill Pawluk.

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NOTES

FRANKLIN POSTAL MATERIAL DISPLAYED IN WASHINGTON

Al Cook sent along a clipping which described the National Museum of American History's recent special temporary exhibit titled 'Benjamin Franklin and the Colonial Posts'.

Among the items included in the single case exhibit were Franklin's post office ledger for 1770 to 1772; a broadside signed by both Franklin and William Hunter, serving as Deputy Postmasters General; a Franklin/Foxcroft rate chart (1765), and Franklin and John Foxcroft's account with the British Government for 1770.

Franklin and Hunter were named joint Deputy Postmasters General for America in 1753. When Hunter died in 1761, Foxcroft succeeded him; he and Franklin served together until 1774, when Franklin was dismissed by the British government.

Also shown was William Goddard's plan for a postal system to compete with the Crown's post. His plan, presented to the Continental Congress on 5 October 1774, advocated that the Congress "... establish an American Post Office".

The National Museum of American History, located at 14th St. and Constitution Ave. NW in Washington, is a bureau of the Smithsonian Institution.

NEW CANADIAN PHILATELIC MAGAZINE PUBLISHED

Volume 1, No. 1 of *IN TOUCH with Canadian and B.N.A. Philately*, a new effort in the Canadian philatelic magazine field, was mailed to interested philatelists and collectors in October. It is published and edited by BNApSer David Oatman of Bathurst, NB.

IN TOUCH appears to be aimed at the part of the general Canadian philatelic market unhappy with publications which rely almost completely on reprinting press releases from dealers and government agencies. The first issue carries articles on tagged stamps, Small Queens, Admirals, First Day covers and other subjects.

Subscriptions to the monthly are \$19.95CDN for Canada, \$22.95CDN for the USA, and \$35.95CDN (\$68.95CDN airmail) for overseas subscribers. Mailing address is *IN TOUCH*, P.O. Box 1208, Bathurst, NB E2A 4J1.

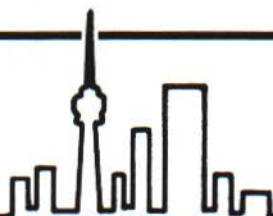
ADMIRAL TETE-BECHE BOOKLETS AND MODERN ERRORS HIGHLIGHT MARESCH SALE

Prices were high throughout the entire R. Maresch & Son Auction held on October 2 and 3. Canada and Provinces showed the best gains, while British Commonwealth, Foreign, U.S.A. and early Canada all sold for higher prices than in their last auction. The comeback of the market showed itself plainly in the area of modern Canada — the material that suffered most in the recession.

The stars of the auction were the three Admiral Imperforate Tete-Beche booklet panes. These have the distinction of having the smallest known printing of any Canadian stamp — only 7 are recorded as existing. Offered as Lot 920, they were opened by the auctioneer at \$5,000. They were knocked down for \$30,000.00 — a new record price. The last time a similar set was sold, was also by Maresch when they offered the Ed Richardson Admiral Collection in 1978. Then, it brought \$20,000.00 with no buyer's premium.

The 'Shilling Mark' variety, in a very fine block of 4, sold for \$400. A very fine, never hinged copy of the 'Broken Legged Mountie', cataloguing \$250, opened at \$450 and sold at \$700. An 'Inverted Seaway', never hinged and very fine, found a new owner at \$8,000.00 after opening at \$6,000.00. The 1¢ brown Centennial, printed on the gummed side, offered in two lots and cataloguing \$250, brought \$350 each. The 7¢ emerald imperforate coil pairs sold for \$625 each, against \$600 catalogue value. The 1969 Christmas with black printing omitted brought \$1,200. The 15¢ Mountie horizontal imperforate pair brought \$400, while a vertical pair (the way they almost all come) sold for \$350; both were very fine and without the usual gum wrinkles. The so-called 'White Queen' went at \$1,000 and the 1979 Christmas with 'Missing Gold', sold at \$1,150. The prices here do not include the buyer's premium.

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The following is the complete text of a 15 October 1985 Canada Post Press release. Readers will note that the action proposed for 1986 was predicted in the article entitled *STICK 'N TICK 1983 — Not As Successful As Canada Post Says* in the November-December 1984 issue of *TOPICS*. The 32 cent stamp in the booklets features a 'Christmas Parade' design, similar to the 34, 39 and 68 cent designs already announced for this year's Christmas stamps.

CANADA POST ANNOUNCES DISCOUNT ON CHRISTMAS MAIL

OTTAWA — Canada Post announced today a two-cent discount on postage for Christmas cards mailed to destinations within Canada. Special stamps packaged in booklets of ten will sell for \$3.20 and will be available for general sale at all postal outlets on November 4. The 1985 Christmas Value Pack is the first part of a long term plan that will provide additional postage savings in future years.

As a result of a cooperative effort with members of the Gift Packaging and Greeting Card Association of Canada, the Corporation will propose, for Christmas 1986, a five-cent reduction on postage. This special rate will be available to users of greeting card envelopes which will bear a printed matrix on which the postal code must be "ticked".

The specially printed matrix that will be featured on at least half of the envelopes available to consumers next year, constitutes a considerable improvement over the concept that was tested in eight cities last Christmas.

"This long term plan will offer Canadians a substantial reduction in their postage costs during the holiday season, while contributing to Canada Post's efforts to process the large volumes of mail received during Christmas more efficiently," said Mr. J.R. Taylor, Vice-President, Marketing and Sales.

"We welcome the opportunity to cooperate with Canada Post in encouraging the tradition of sending holiday greetings, as well as helping to reduce postage costs at Christmas for the Canadian public," said Richard Cairns, Chairman, Gift Packaging and Greeting Card Association.

The plan will be monitored closely to assess its impact on public acceptance, mail volumes and processing efficiency.

TORONTO'S 'FIRST' POST OFFICE IN TROUBLE

The Town of York Historical Society is faced with the prospect of having to close Toronto's 'First' Post Office and museum because of reduced funding.

Last year grants were received from private sources, as well as from government; the latter were in conjunction with Toronto's Sesquicentennial, Ontario's Bicentennial, and the Career Access Program. None of these were renewable, and additional grants have not been forthcoming.

In addition to its postal service — it is a functioning sub post office, with the added feature of having rental mail boxes available — the 'First' Post Office provides an educational program for visitors. In its first year, 200 tour groups contributed to a total of 20,000 visitors.

R.H. (Bob) Jamieson, President of the Town of York Historical Society, said in an interview that financial help is being sought from all possible sources — private, commercial and government. "Even if we are forced to close, it will only be a temporary measure until we can get the funding to continue", he said.

For more information on Toronto's 'First' Post Office, or to offer assistance, write to the Town of York Historical Society, 260 Adelaide St. E., Toronto, On M5A 1N1.

CAPEX 87 ANNOUNCED

Canada's Third International Philatelic Exhibition — CAPEX 87 — will be held from June 13 to 21, 1987 in Toronto, Ontario.

CAPEX 87 will commemorate the 120th anniversary of Confederation and the 100th anniversary of the sponsoring organization — The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada. The exhibition is under the patronage of the Federation Internationale de Philatelie (F.I.P.)

CAPEX 87 will be held in the new Metropolitan Toronto Convention Centre located in downtown Toronto. The Centre features an Exhibition Hall (artificial light) providing more than 190,000 square feet (17,800 sq. meters) of air conditioned space, 30 meeting and reception rooms, a large Banquet Hall with complete catering facilities and a 1,350 seat Auditorium.

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PROCLAMATION

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Whereas it is a good practice to occasionally review the achievements of those who went before us, and

Whereas it cannot now be done any sooner, we take this occasion to reflect on what the British North American Philatelic Society is today, what it was in the past, and even more pertinent, where it goes from here:

Therefore I now designate the month of November as **FOUNDER'S MONTH**
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BNAPEX '85 at Calgary was a grand show! Sam Nickle, Ed Harris and their Committee did their usual first-class performance and a good time was had by all. The R.P.O. Study Group Meeting was well attended with 23 members and guests. This session will be detailed by Bill Robinson in his next Study Group Newsletter but can be summarized as follows: 1) Business meeting & financial report; 2) Discussion of direction of effort for next 3-5 years; 3) L.M.L. illustrated talk — WEST OF WINNIPEG Hammers.

I am delighted to advise that there were **five** big newsletters during our last annual period, and that membership in the R.P.O. Study Group now stands at 80! Those interested in joining the Study Group should send their annual dues, (effective with BNAPEX '85, C\$6.00, US\$5.00) to Bill Robinson, 5830 Cartier Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6M 3A7, CANADA.

One minor personal note on which to comment. Some in attendance at Calgary felt that a number of our specialities — R.P.O.s, Precancels, Perfins, etc. — as represented by several exhibits in the show, received a bit of a short shrift by the Jury. Your columnist led a lively discussion on the subject at the jury critique, with considerable support from the audience. We believe that our annual exhibitions should be returned to the sectionalized format used by BNAPS in previous years, where exhibits of like kind are first judged one against another. Our annual shows should provide a forum of encouragement of high levels of philatelic scholarship for all members of our society.

RARE TRACK

This month we are illustrating four rare items, including three clerk strikes, from the collection of Bob Chaplin of Toronto. Chaplin, an Admiral specialist, acquired all four, plus many other R.P.O.s, while pursuing his main interest in Admirals. The three clerk strikes are by far the best known, full strike examples, of



the individual listings.

The first clerk strike illustrated is Q-17Bb J.B. ROY/GASPE & MATAPEDIA, Type 12E, Train 1, February 8, 1915. This is the earlier of the only two recorded copies of this unofficial R.P.O., which was only in use for about four months. The other recorded strike is in June 1915.

Next we see Q-52Cb LEVIS & SHERBROOKE/J. ANT. HUARD/QUEBEC, Type 21E,





Train 5, March 29, 1913. This listing is somewhat more broadly known, from September 1912 to December 1913, but is still quite rare and missing from most collections. This strike is 95% socked-on-the-nose with all letters, or portions thereof, clearly visible.

The third clerk strike is a real beauty! Q-55C MATANE &/MONT JOLI R.P.O./C.A. COTE, Quebec, Type 1F, December 31, 1915. There are two recorded cancellations of this listing, the one illustrated here, and another dated January 6, 1916. It was only with this particular strike that we were able to get a full description of the listing, as well as a full understanding of the type involved. This was due to Chaplin's ability to make a paste-up tryptich, from three singles found in one batch, to show the complete strike.

A number of our specialists have frowned on clerk strikes as collectible R.P.O.'s since they were not authorized and violated postal regulations. However, as a practical matter and as demonstrated by these three strikes, clerk hammers — normally used for facing slips in mail bags for identification — were often used as cancellation devices on stamps on regular mail. We estimate, for example, that approximately 75% of all clerk strikes listed in the Quebec Section of the R.P.O. Catalogue are known used as cancellation instruments on stamp. We feel that clerk strikes on stamp are eminently collectible — and rare — and commend both the Edward and Admiral periods as a source of these rich treasures.

Our fourth and final illustration is W-156T S. CURRENT & CABRI R.P.O./No. 1, Type 17A,



Direction E, April 18, 1914. This is a rare Western listing that spanned a period of four-teen months, from November 1913 to January 1915, with Chaplin's strike falling about in the middle of this usage. This listing is a bit of a sleeper and one that most of our specialists are still seeking to round out their Western Section.

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PATRIOTIC POSTCARD SERIES

by W. L. Gutzman (1300)



CANADIAN FLAG AND BEAVER

This design was illustrated by Clarence Westhaver in BNA TOPICS in June 1969.

A brilliantly-coloured Canadian Flag is on a slightly cream background. Maple leaves in greens, yellows and reds show from behind the flag. A beaver sits on a branch at top. Various coats-of-arms appear on the right furl of the flag.

Most of the cards were published by Raphael Tuck & Sons as the 'Canadian Coats of Arms' Series No. 2911. Other publishers were The Pugh Specialty Co., Limited, Toronto and the Illustrated Post Card Co., Montreal.

The earliest date of 10 May 1906, given by Westhaver, has not been challenged, but these cards were still being used in 1912 and 1913.

Canada Coat of Arms — Oilette No. 2552

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Montreal	Vancouver

New Brunswick

CANADIAN ENSIGNS FLANKING SCENE — YOUNG BROS

This set should have been listed with the other Young Bros. designs, but has been reported only recently. The design, rather complex, shows several golden lines framing a black and white view on a yellow and red background. The whole pattern is flanked by three red, white and blue ensigns on each side.

The backs are the divided 'Private Postal Card' of Young Bros. design. Usage appears to have been mainly in 1906 and 1907.

The publisher's name appears on the face of the card and occasionally the distributor is also named. For example, the Lake Madelene card was published for 'W.W. Wolfenden, Armstrong, B.C.'

High School, Port Hope
Lake Madelene, Armstrong, B.C.
Main St., Brighton
(Military Band — no caption)
St. George St., Dresden, Ont.
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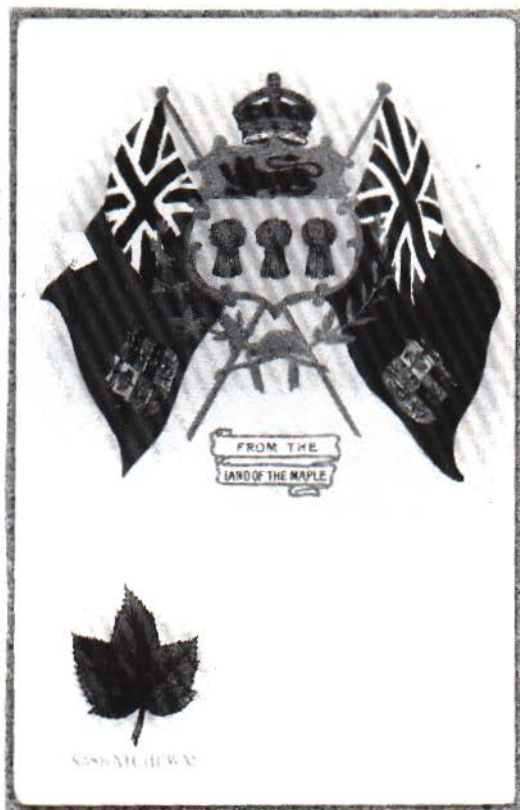
The background of the right flag is in red, while that of the left is in blue. The shield below the crown changes in content to match the arms of the provinces. The shield background and outline is in gold. A maple leaf at lower left tops the name of the province.

The publishers were the Valentine & Sons Pub. Co., Ltd., Montreal & Toronto.

The following provinces have been reported:

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British Columbia	Nova Scotia
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(Editor's Note: Wally Guteman's The Canadian Patriotic Postcard Handbook is available from the BNAPS Books Department. New information on Patriotic Postcards is requested.)



THE PRECANCEL SPECIALIST

by Hans Reiche

The Brandon George VI (1941) One Cent

On 22 February 1941 the District Director, Postal Services, Winnipeg, Manitoba requested from the Postage Stamp Division a quantity of 300,000 one cent precancelled stamps, to be delivered to Brandon, Manitoba. When this request was received it was acknowledged (on the 25th). The Financial Superintendent wrote that he thought the quantity ordered for Brandon was quite large, especially in light of the fact that just in January 50,000 had been sent, and more previously. Unless the Brandon office had some special reason for ordering this large

quantity, the order would be cut to 50,000. A note added in the margin suggested that possibly the order was actually for 30,000.

On the 28th the Winnipeg District Director replied. He mentioned that he was not surprised that the Department felt that this large order was somewhat strange. The special reason given for the order was a request from the Continental Auto Supply Co. in Brandon, who wished to make use of them on advertising matter. Permission was given a few days later.

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Manitoba — Northwestern Ontario

This group met on June 22. Members were asked to bring pages from one of their favorite BNA collections. Member Robin Harris gave a seminar entitled 'Canada's 1977-1985 Environment Definitives' at the Winnipeg show.

Golden Horseshoe

The first membership meeting of the season was held on September 15, during PHIL-EX. The speaker was Bill McCann.

An interesting column in their September

newsletter is called 'You Ask Us'. It offers an opportunity to obtain an answer to any puzzling item you might have in your collection. A good idea, it seems to me. I will be watching this column closely as I am always fielding questions at my local club. Just might find some new answers here.

Remember to get your newsletters and comments to me by January 15 to ensure making the March-April TOPICS, and by March 15 for the May-June issue.

Until next time, good collecting!

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NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL STATIONERY AND OTHER STAMPED PAPER

by Robert H. Pratt, OTB

Part Ia - The Newfoundland Postcards

(Installment 5 of a Series)

#11 — 1912 or 1913 — 1¢ Postcard

On 17 November 1911 the Secretary again corresponded with the Whitehead Morris Company. The Government now desired that a sketch be prepared, for a new 1¢ post card, utilizing the new design of the King's head recently approved by His Majesty. De La Rue had prepared a die and electrotypes for reproduction by the surface printing method. It was understood that De La Rue would provide the dies even if they did not produce the postcards. The Secretary stated that only the design of the stamp was in question — the balance of the card was satisfactory.

Approval of the design submitted 5 January 1912 was granted in a letter to the contractors on 22 January. The Government, however, objected to the '¢' marks which had been provided beside the '1' in the white space at each lower corner, and desired that they be removed. The final die was finished by 15 April 1912, as were three 'leads' (see R. Lowe sale, 12 June 1978, Lot 298). Evidently color samples



Master die for the 1¢ 1912 card

had been submitted and a green which had appeared "on the sample printed with stamp Africa" was selected. This letter authorized the printing of 200,000 post cards.

Postmaster General H.J.B. Woods was directed to provide the Governor with: (1) the quantity of postcards on hand; (2) the consumption of cards per month in St. John's; and



Color trial card sent to Newfoundland with 'stamp Africa'. Approved
22 Jan 1912



THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.



#11 — 1912 or 1913 — 1c Post Card

Contractor — Whitehead Morris, London

Printer — De La Rue, London

Number of Printings — One

Quantity — 200,000 (possibly 202,750)

Stamp — Classical head of King George V, facing left

Color — Green on light buff card

Size — 120 x 79 mm

*Die Proofs — (with blank value tablets) black on white board,
trimmed*

(3) the consumption in the outports per month. This directive of 20 May was in preparation for introduction of the new cards on the King's birthday. Woods answered on 22 May. On the next day the sad news was relayed to him that the cards would not arrive in time to meet the deadline. They were to be sent on 25 May via the *Carthaginian*, and thus could not be landed until 2 or 3 June. He was directed to sell out the old stock before circulating the new. The parcel of cards arrived on 5 June and they were turned over to the Postmaster General. The first day of use is therefore clouded as the old cards should have lasted until the end of the year.

It would seem that the Colonial Secretary was somewhat misinformed regarding the intentions of De La Rue. That they were the ones who produced these new cards is attested to

by their 'Day Book', presently residing in the vaults of the British Postal Museum. It is there recorded that they produced for Whitehead Morris, for the first time, 1c Newfoundland post cards. Deliveries were made as follows: (1) 1,000 on 17 May 1912 (evidently the *Carthaginian* lot); (2) 60,000 in 2 cases on 10 June; and (3) 141,750 on 29 June, in 5 cases. These of course went through Whitehead Morris to Newfoundland. It is possible that the excess 2,750 cards were removed to make the delivery agree with the order.

The color of the stamp was darker than the desired "printed with the stamp Africa." Other criticism of the new design came to a head about a year later, and during August 1913 another design change was requested by the Newfoundland Government. There was only one printing of the first De La Rue card.

THE 6 CENT SMALL QUEEN-CONSTANT TRANSFER ROLL VARIETIES

by Hans Reiche and J.M. Sendbuehler

This study was carried out on a number of sheets and large multiples owned by the National Postal Museum and by the writers. The aim was to record constant plate varieties, caused by the transfer roll, which were repeated on all stamps on the sheets. The stamps all came from the Montreal and Ottawa plates, and all were in the red brown shade. Regardless of the plate's state, these varieties remained constant. Plate states appear to be first and third.



Figure 1

The first variety is an interesting one. A curved line (Figure 1) goes through the letters 'D' and 'C' in 'CANADA'. The reason for this line was not clear, but after some research it was decided that this must be a die layout line. This curved line is actually a circle which has its centre located inside the oval shaded ornament above the letters 'AN'. Parts of this circle can sometimes be seen going into the oval below the letters 'C' and 'D', and above the letter 'D'.

The second variety consists of two parts. A clear bump can be noted, on many subjects, between the crown's tip and the bottom of the 'S' in 'POSTAGE'. The bump extends into the oval. (Figure 2) Other subjects show a small break in the bottom shading line above the let-



Figure 2

ter 'N' in 'CENTS'. These two flaws are mutually exclusive, that is, when there is a bump there is no break, and there is no bump when there is a break. This holds true for almost all stamps examined, with a very few exceptions which are believed to be inking problems and not transfer roll varieties.

The questions which must be raised are, "Why do these two flaws not coincide?", and, "Is there any pattern which can be observed?" The only explanation for the two flaws not coinciding is that two different transfer roll subjects were used to lay down the plate, a common practice by the manufacturers. The procedure of using more than one transfer roll subject for one plate can be noted on the Maple Leaf, Numeral, King Edward and Admiral issues.

Is there any pattern to this? A statistical study using regression analysis, which will not be explained here for sake of clarity, determined that there exists a pattern which is based on multiples of five. This means that five bumps or five breaks can be found appearing *consecutively* on the sheet. Why five subjects were laid down with one transfer roll subject, and then five others with another one can not be answered. On sheets which came from re-entered states these varieties may appear to

be slightly less pronounced, but all of them show these features.



Figure 3

A fine horizontal line can be seen in the large section of curled hair at the back of the head of the Queen. This line could be an attempted correction to one of the horizontal shading lines which end at the curl. All stamps show this variety.



Figure 4

A definite break occurs in the rim of the oval, opposite the second leaf. This line may sometimes be obscured due to inking, but its consistency is normally very clear.



Figure 5

A fine vertical line exists in the top arm of the letter 'E' in 'CENTS'. This variety sometimes looks like a dot but it is a fine line.



Figure 6

There is a fine dot in the top part of the 'S' in 'CENTS' which is repeated on all stamps.

A few much less pronounced varieties could be listed, but the above are the major types which can be distinguished.

One variety which could not be clearly established as constant is the break in the outline of the second left leaf.

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CANADIAN MILITARY POSTAL HISTORY

by Ed Richardson, OTB

The North-West Rebellion of 1885

BACKGROUND

Standing on the bluff outside the site of the old Metis village of Batoche, overlooking the South Saskatchewan river, one can barely make out the defensive earthworks. Here fewer than 300 desperate and determined Metis held off Gen. Middleton's Canadian Militiamen, many times their number, until finally with their ammunition having run out, they were driven from their rifle pits. Perhaps two dozen were killed.

The Battle of Batoche — few persons in this world today know, or even have ever heard of it. Yet here, from 8-12 May 1885, was fought a battle that became a pivotal event in Canadian history. Within the twenty short years that followed, settlers had moved in — in such large numbers that two new Canadian provinces, Saskatchewan and Alberta, were carved out of the North-West Territories in 1905.

The Metis were French speaking descendants of trader-explorers and North American Indians. The continuing failure of the new Dominion Government at Ottawa to grant, give any assurances, or even negotiate the question of the Metis's requests — especially those relating to land claims and representation in the territorial legislatures — caused much unrest. The Metis called on Louis Riel — he was then living in Montana — to help them.

The 2nd North-West Rebellion, or what the English speaking population of Canada refer to as the Riel Rebellion, began on 26 March 1885 when Gabriel Dumont, Riel's top military strategist, and a number of Metis stopped a small detachment of Mounted Police from securing necessary supplies of ammunition stored at a Duck Lake trading post.

As a result the impetuous Major Crozier, the Mounted Police Superintendent at Fort Carlton, hurriedly put together a force of 56 Mounties and 43 Prince Albert volunteers, and prepared to meet the Metis 'challenge'.

Dumont was not asleep. He expected



Louis Riel

retaliation and prepared for it with an ambush welcome for Crozier's force, about 1½ miles above Duck Lake.

Had not Crozier been so intent on "teaching Dumont a Lesson", he might have waited for the arrival of Col. Irvine, who would arrive from Regina in a few more hours with 100 additional Mounties. Together they might have snuffed out the rebellion before it was ever born. But Major Crozier did not wait, he rushed his small force towards Duck Lake — and Ambush! The result — 12 Mounties killed, 11 more left wounded in the snows. Crozier retreated to Fort Carlton to contemplate his folly.

The folly not only gave life to the rebellion, it brought new adherents. Now Canada had a Rebellion, involving not only the Metis but also some Indian tribes, which gave every indication of spreading like a prairie-fire!

MANY UNITS OF THE CANADIAN MILITIA CALLED OUT TO PUT DOWN THE REBELLION

Untried in a major domestic insurrection,

the Canadian Militia was now called upon to put one down along the North Saskatchewan River between Frog Lake and Prince Albert, and south of Prince Albert, along the South Saskatchewan, to Fish Creek. The call went out and the response was tremendous, but not all were selected to go. The list includes units from Nova Scotia, Quebec Province, Ontario and the new Province of Manitoba. In addition various units of the Mounted Police also served. The Militia units selected were:

- 'A' Battery
- 'B' Battery
- The Cavalry School
- The Infantry School
- The Governor-General's Body Guard
- Halifax Rifles (63rd Battalion)
- Mount Royal Rifles (65th Battalion)
- Queen's Own Rifles (2nd Battalion)
- Voltigeurs de Quebec (9th Battalion)
- Winnipeg Rifles (90th Battalion)
- Winnipeg Light Infantry (91st Battalion)
- Royal Grenadiers (10th Battalion)
- Fusiliers (7th Battalion)
- The Midland Battalion (Composite Batt.)
- York & Simcoe Battalion (Composite Batt.)
- A Company of Sharpshooters from Ottawa
- Montreal Garrison Artillery

One unit not selected to go was the 25th Battalion, the Elgin Battalion of Infantry, commanded by Lieut-Col. O'Malley. Illustrated is a portion of a letter to O'Malley from a Capt. Wright, dated 8 April — less than two weeks after the events at Duck Lake. The text reads:



Where the Rebellion of 1885 started, the Supply Store at Duck Lake

"We have the Rifles and other accoutrements in very fair trim — having spent considerable time in cleaning and fixing them up — there will be no trouble in turning out a full Company for the North-West, but I find that the Annual Drill has lost its charm."

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY — INCOMPLETE!

The Canadian Pacific Railway was complete west from Winnipeg to the Rocky Mountains — and troops were immediately sent to secure its defense.

Between Toronto and Winnipeg however, there were several gaps in the line North of Lake Superior. The bulk of the 5000 militiamen transported from the East to Winnipeg and the North-West were either carried over these stretches in horse drawn sleighs or sledges, or

We have the "Rifles and other accoutrements in very fair trim — having spent considerable time in cleaning and fixing them up — there will be no trouble in turning out a full Company for the North West — but — I find that the Annual Drill has lost its charm —

Portion of a letter, dated 8 April 1885, from Capt. Wright, 'B' company, to Lieut-Col O'Malley, CO, 25th Elgin Battalion of Infantry.



MY 21 85 — ALLAN'S MILLS, ONT. (B/S, Transit) MY 21 85 — PERTH, ONT. (B/S Transit) MY 25 85 — WINNIPEG, CANADA (Rec.) MY 27 85 — QU'APPELLE STATION, ASSA.

obliged to cover the gaps by forced marches over ice and through snow, which in April often turned to wet slush!

On 20 May 1885 the *New York Herald* reported the latest news from Winnipeg: (1)

"The Montreal Garrison Artillery, a force of 300 men, arrived here this morning... on the first through train from Montreal to Winnipeg round the north shore of Lake Superior on the Canadian Pacific Railroad, which has just been completed and which event marks an important epoch in the history of the Dominion."

In the author's collection are two covers addressed to Pvt. Robert K. Allan of the 90th Battalion. The one illustrated above was carried over the Canadian Pacific lines just 5 days after those gaps had been closed!

In spite of the difficulties which faced the first Militia to head for the North-West, troops began arriving at their bases along the CPR, west of Winnipeg, within two weeks of the events at Duck Lake. One of the earliest cards or covers mailed by a militiaman, in the author's collection reads:

Brandon April 9 1885

"We have just arrived and have orders on reaching Qu'Appelle tomorrow — rushing to push on to Touchwood."

Please attend to my adv't as requested Globe, Mail, World. May not write for some time.

G.S. Ryerson***

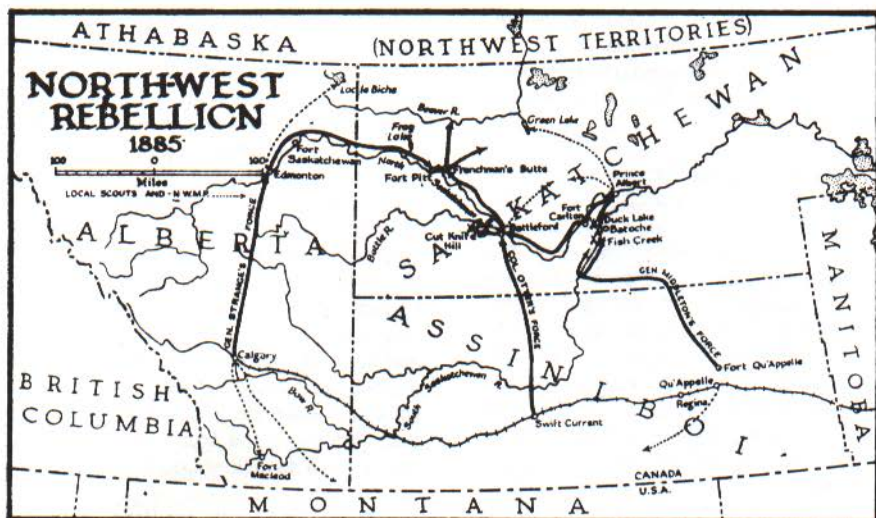
THE PLANNED CAMPAIGN

As the map suggests, the campaign plan consisted of a three pronged attack against three different target areas. The columns assembled and started at points along the route of the C.P.R.

General Middleton, the head of Canada's Militia, was in over-all command of operations. He was to take off from Fort Qu'Appelle, after a few days rest and training, and, move up the Touchwood Trail to Batoche — Riel's headquarters.

Colonel Otter's force would start at Swift Current and make a dash to Old Battleford where 500 settlers had been crowded inside a N.W.M.P. stockade barely 200 yards square. He was then to capture the Indian Chief — Poundmaker.

*George Sterling Ryerson was serving as a medical officer, attached to Gen. Middleton's force, in the North-West Rebellion Expedition. In later life Ryerson became one of the Founders of the Canadian Red Cross, and served as Canadian Commissioner of the Red Cross in South Africa in 1900. He rose to the rank of Major General in the Militia. From 1893 to 1898 he represented Toronto East in the Ontario Legislative Assembly, and was also President of the United Empire Loyalists' Association from 1896 to 1898.



General Strange's force would start from Calgary, head for the North Saskatchewan at Edmonton, and proceed down the river valley to Frog Lake and Fort Pitt to catch Chief Big Bear.

MAJOR-GEN. FREDERICK D. MIDDLETON'S COLUMN

Gen. Middleton moved his troops from Qu'Appelle to Fort Qu'Appelle and began a short period of rest and necessary training in the use of firearms.

By mid-April Middleton had begun his move slowly up the Touchwood Trail towards the Metis headquarters. Among the troops with him on this march were the 90th Winnipeg Rifles. Left behind were the two composite battalions — the Midland and the York and Simcoe.

A second earlier, 'Allan' cover in the author's collection is almost identical to the one shown opposite. Mailed on 9 April, it probably reached Allan shortly after the column's first encounter with the Metis — at Fish Creek on 26 April.

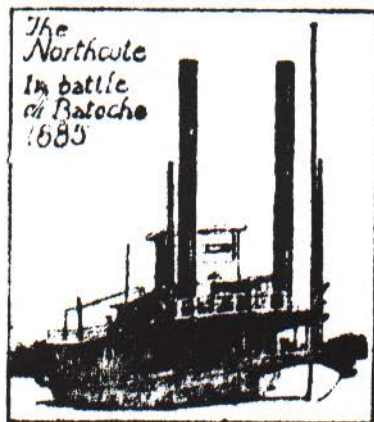
As Middleton approached the Metis stronghold, he divided his force, sending one half down the west bank of the South Saskatchewan River, while he himself, with the remaining force, proceeded down the east bank.

On 24 April, at Fish Creek, a small group of Metis hidden in the ravine gave battle. While the militiamen gave a good account of themselves, Middleton — his force divided —

could not outflank the Metis and win the day. He had to let the Metis escape towards Batoche. Middleton reunited his forces before pushing on to Batoche, and also called up the composite Midland Battalion from Qu'Appelle — much to the disappointment of the composite York and Simcoe Battalion.

After resting his men for two weeks near Fish Creek, Middleton continued his push towards Batoche, his force strengthened by the addition of the Midland Battalion and the sternwheeler *Northcote*.

Among the Riel Rebellion covers (not illustrated) in the author's collection is one to Capt. C. F. Forrest, 90th Winnipeg Rifles, posted at Westbourne, Man. MY 2 1885 and bearing transit markings of Portage la Prairie, Man. and Qu'Appelle, N.W.T. Capt. Forrest, who was among those resting at Fish Creek,



was later wounded at Batoche, as evidenced by the blood-stained envelope.

A clipping from the *Boston Globe* of May 1885 tells the story of the first day's battle at Batoche:

"Gen. Middleton's force marched seven miles from camp to Batoche's Crossing, Saturday morning, at which are two houses on the bank of the river. The rebels had attacked a steamer in the river. The Gatling was brought to bear upon them and they retreated. Shells were thrown by battery 'A' and the grenadiers charged and drove the rebels. The Gatling was pushed forward when the rebels charged upon them from a concealed position. Capt. Howard of the U.S. Army, who operates the Gatling gun, saw the danger, ran the gun a couple of yards in from the battery and opening fire literally mowed the rebels down. Middleton's loss was one killed and seven wounded.*

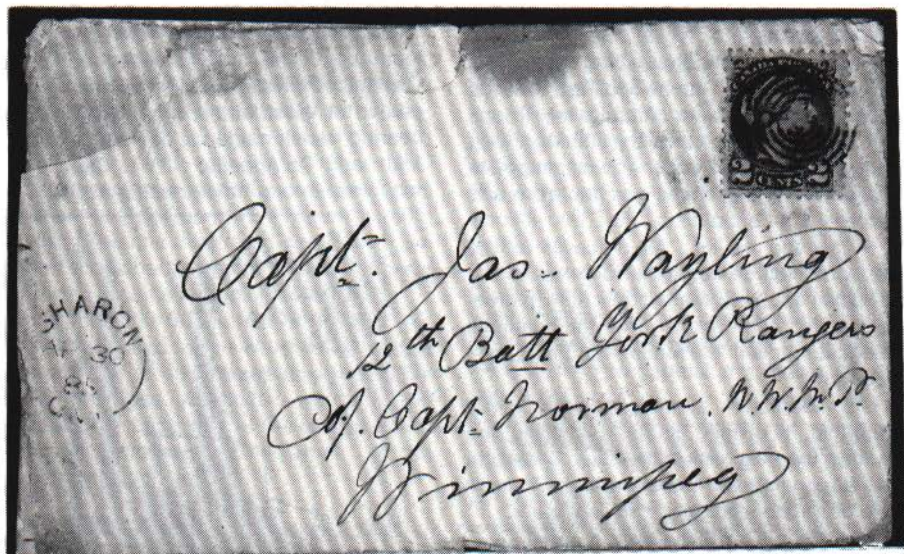
*Captain 'GAT' Howard, who earned his nickname for his expert handling of the gatling gun at Fish Creek and Batoche, later went to South Africa with the 2nd Canadian Contingent, and stayed on. He organized the Canadian Scouts — a unit of some 100 Canadian troopers — and was killed in action in Eastern Transvaal in February, 1901.

For three days the fighting consisted mainly of sniping. While Middleton had the advantage of numbers, artillery, the Gatling Gun and the sternwheeler, his position was exposed and he was unwilling to initiate an attack.

On the third day the Metis' supply of ammunition was running low; their fire was noticeably reduced. The Militia, perhaps irritated by what they considered extreme caution on Middleton's part, took matters into their own hands. Led by Col. Williams of the Midland Battalion and Col. Grasset of the Winnipeg Grenadiers, they broke into a charge and drove the Metis from their rifle pits. They pushed on, down the slopes into the small village of Batoche, the Metis fleeing before them. Batoche, the Metis headquarters, had fallen; three days later Louis Riel gave himself up.

During the battle for Batoche Gen. Middleton had at last called up the composite York and Simcoe Battalion which had been doing guard duty at Fort Brooke. On 13 May they pushed up the Touchwood Trail. The Battle of Batoche was over, however, and they saw no action.

The cover shown below, addressed to Capt. Waying of the York half of the Battalion, arrived too late to catch him at Fort Brooke, but caught up with him upon his return to Winnipeg.



2¢ Green Small Queen prepaying the Militia concession rate; AP 30 85 — SHARON/ONT., (B/S transit) MY 8 85 — QU'APPELLE STATION/ASSA, (Rec.) MY 31 85 — WINNIPEG/MAN.

From Batoche Gen. Middleton, aboard the *Northcote*, moved down the South Saskatchewan, then up the North Saskatchewan to Battleford, where he received Chief Poundmaker's surrender on 23 May.

COL. WILLIAM D. OTTER'S COLUMN

Some Indians from the 'Poundmaker' and 'Little Pine' reserves had arrived at Battleford a few days after events at Duck Lake. When their demands were not met, they broke into and plundered the Hudson's Bay and other stores and buildings in town. Settlers crowded into the Mounted Police Barracks, but the Indians made no attempt to attack. Instead they contented themselves with looting the abandoned houses and farms. From the end of March they were in possession of Battleford — except for the stockade.

Col. Otter set out from Swift Current to relieve Battleford. Moving with great speed he reached his goal in six days, and relieved the 500 settlers who had been crowded, for nearly a month, into a stockade barely 200 yards square. (5)

Among the units attached to Otter's force were the Queen's Own Rifles of Toronto, and the 63rd Halifax Battalion. In the first Col. Otter had served as Commanding Officer. In the second we find a notorious philatelic dealer — Capt. Henry Hechler!

Among the most desirable of all North-West Rebellion covers are those from Hechler, who tried to get his numerous varieties of



An Officer of The Queen's Own Rifles of Toronto

'SERVICE' overprinted government issued postal stationery approved for use by the military, without success. He was not prohibited from using them himself, however, and did so, addressing some to himself, or more frequently to his wife, at Halifax.

The excellent example shown in full color on page 30 was sent to his wife. The letter was probably written on the push to Battleford, carried by military carrier, and posted at Winnipeg.

After the successful relief of Battleford, Col. Otter turned his attention to Chief Poundmaker, who was still encamped on his reserve. He had not joined Riel in his Rebellion, and had given no indication of doing so, although some of the younger Indians had joined in the raid on Battleford, and had looted some of the farms in the area.

Otter approached Poundmaker's camp and took what he considered a strong position on Cut Knife Hill. It turned out he was entirely surrounded, with Indians hidden in the coulees all about them. The battle was a futile and indecisive one. While Poundmaker had defend-



Poundmaker

ed his camp against Col Otter, he did not allow his followers to pursue the retreating Militia.

After trying to remain aloof of the Rebellion, but having been subjected to what he considered an unprovoked attack against his camp, Poundmaker, with a number of Cree and Assiniboine Indians, began to move slowly towards Batoche and Riel. On 14 May his band held up a supply train en route to Battleford, and renewed their stock of provisions. Some days later he received word of Riel's surrender, and also news that Dumont had fled the country. On 23 May, at Battleford, Poundmaker surrendered to Gen. Middleton.

Otter's column saw no other major action. They were in the Battleford area only for a short time, and before long they headed back towards Swift Current and Winnipeg.

The author has a post card (not suitable for illustration) addressed to Riel Hellier, Battleford, N.W.T. c/o Colonel Miller. Miller was the C/O of the Queen's Own Rifles, attached to Otter's force. Hellier was a member of the Rifles. The card is Backstamped Swift Current on 10 June. Perhaps the Queen's Own was in Swift Current by that date. It would appear that they were in Winnipeg on the 11th.

The cover shown on page 30 (lower) has a notation that the letter was written on 22 May. This would have been a bit more than a week after the Cut Knife fiasco, and during the lull before returning to Swift Current and Winnipeg. Probably it was personally carried to Winnipeg and posted there.

We have another cover from a different soldier in the Queen's Own Rifles (not illustrated) bearing the 2¢ small queen. This is countersigned by Lieut. Grasset. It was posted at Winnipeg on 27 June, which seems to indicate the Rifles remained in Winnipeg for at least two and perhaps three weeks.

MAJOR-GEN. THOMAS B. STRANGE AND THE ALBERTA FIELD FORCE

Gen. Strange, a British officer, came to Canada in 1871 when he was appointed Inspector of Artillery for Canada. In 1882 he became Major-General. In 1885 he headed the third column, known as the Alberta Field Force. This was assembled in Calgary, and was made up of North-Western volunteers, Scouts from Fort Walsh and the Rocky Mountain Rangers from Fort McLeod.

The plan was to move north to Edmonton,



Big Bear, Head Chief of The Plains Cree

then down the North Saskatchewan River valley toward Fort Pitt, with the object of catching Chief Big Bear.

Big Bear was held responsible for a massacre at Frog Lake and an attack on Fort Pitt. (In fact, Big Bear had tried to prevent the massacre started by Wandering Spirit.)

Arriving in Edmonton on 4 May, Gen. Strange sent Alberta Field Force Requisition #6 to Factor Hardisty of the Hudson's Bay Co., requesting:

"300 Rifles and 60,000 rounds of ammunition. I should prefer Winchester Carbines if procurable — The Rifles and ammunition to be for the use of the teamsters —"

General Strange explains why the rifles and ammunition were required by his teamsters, in another portion of the requisition:

"The teamsters have refused to advance further without arms, having heard the report of the cap. (capture) of General Middleton's train of supplies. I have been waiting in vain for arms from the Militia Department"

*T.B. Strange
Major-General*

We presume that Gen. Strange and his teamsters got their rifles and the necessary ammunition, as two weeks later the Alberta Field Force was at Fort Pitt.

Gen. Strange caught up with Big Bear, whose Indians were at Frenchmen's Butte, about twelve (12) miles east of Fort Pitt. The Indians were holding a thirst dance and Strange's arrival took them completely by surprise. They recovered quickly, however, took up a favorable position on the north bank of Red Deer Creek, and threw up defensive earthworks.

Strange's artillery soon terrified Big Bear's Indians and it wasn't long before they took off north through the wooded swamp lands. Strange made no effort to follow, and Big Bear got away!

Gen. Middleton, with three militia battalions and several troops of mounted scouts, joined Gen. Strange at Fort Pitt. Together they took off in pursuit of Big Bear. Middleton, however, made a serious mistake — he did not accept Colonel Irvine's offer of 175 Mounted Police to assist in the capture of Big Bear, in spite of the fact the Mounties could move twice as fast as Middleton's infantry with its wagons, guns and supplies. The Mounties were also familiar with the terrain, and understood the people.

So Middleton marched his men north, where they suffered: (2)

"far more hardship — than in the short sharp ordeal of actual fight. The temperature climbed from a nightly subzero — to 80 or 90 — the hard tack

was severe — was inhabited.

"The northern mosquitoes were a plague to man and beast.

"The trail was impassable until it was covered with makeshift corduroy of pine and poplar branches. When the swamp was too deep for that, we waded.

"The only water for our tea was a pool of black mud, the oats gave out and the teams began to suffer."

Middleton kept up his dogged pursuit until he reached the Beaver River. Acknowledging defeat, he gave up the chase and returned to Fort Pitt empty handed. Big Bear gave up his flight of his own accord, and surrendered to the Mounted Police at Fort Carlton on 2 July.

Pvt. Vincent Ashdown, it would appear, was one of those who participated in the Beaver River misadventure. Written aboard the sternwheeler *NORTH WEST* on 17 June, while travelling from Frog Lake to Fort Pitt, Ashdown sent a brief post card (shown below) message to his father.

"Dear Father:

We are now returning from Frog Lake Landing to Fort Pitt —"

Vincent

With the Rebellion quelled, Gen. Strange could not return his troops to their bases. It would appear that they returned as far as



Card probably carried to Battleford by Sternwheeler *NORTHCOTE*, then overland to Swift Current, Assa. JY 1 85 — SWIFT CURRENT/ASSA: (Rec.) JY 8 85 — TORONTO/ONT.



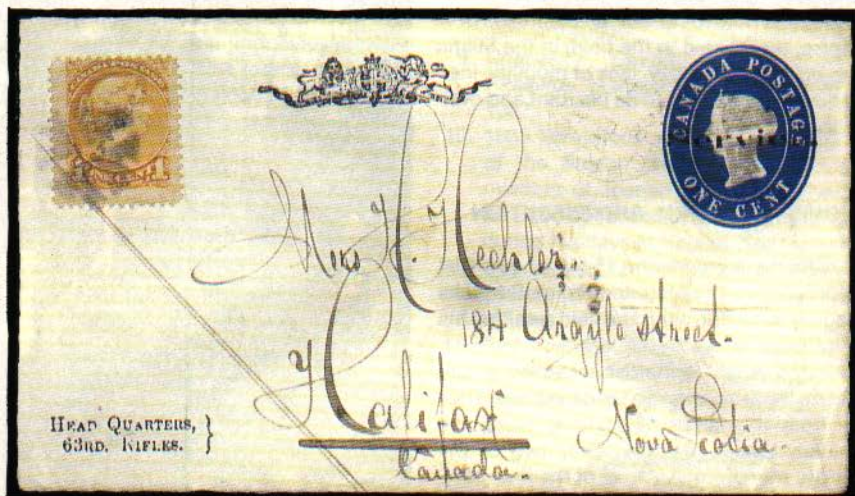
1c blue 1877 envelope + 1c small queen, prepaying 2c Militia Concession rate; AP 24 85 — WINNIPEG/CANADA, (Rec.) AP 29 85 — HALIFAX/CANADA.



2c Small Queen Prepaying the Soldier's Rate. A notation on back indicates written May 22. Posted — Winnipeg, Man. — JU 11 85; Backstamp — Toronto, Ont. — JU 15 85.



2c Small Queen prepaying the Militia Concession rate; JU 26 85 — WINNIPEG/CANADA: Countersigned, "W.E.O'B" (W.E.O'Brien), Lieut. Col. and C/O of the York-Simcoe Battalion.



MAYCHING HECHLER COVER. 1c Blue 1877 envelope + 1c Small Queen. The envelope is over-printed "SERVICE" and the adhesive has "Service" printed by hand reading up diagonally. Both done by Hechler. The two used to prepay the 2c Militia Concession Rate. (Faint) C.P.RY WEST OF WINNIPEG / EAST / JU 14 85 Backstamped - HALIFAX, CANADA - JU 21 85

(Editor's Note: We wish to thank Ed Richardson for making this first use of coloured illustrations in TOPICS possible.)

Medicine Hat by sternwheeler. While the rest of his troops returned by C.P.R. to Calgary, the Rocky Mountain Rangers were returned to Fort McLeod in twenty-one days by one 4-horse and two 2-horse teams, supplied by I.G. Baker & Co. through the services of the Hudson's Bay Co.

In the author's collection is Alberta Field Force voucher #906 of 23 July 1885 covering the payment for these services, rendered between July 3-23.

THE REBELLION ENDED

As the rebellion came to a close many of the units were sent home via Winnipeg. One of those units was the composite York and Simcoe Battalion. The cover shown on Page 31 (upper) was written by Lieut. J.G. Symonds, who may have been spared the Beaver River experience as he seems to have been in Winnipeg by late June.

With the end of the Rebellion came other problems for the Canadian government: what to do with the many Metis prisoners; how to settle the land claims that started the Rebellion in the first place; what to do with Louis Riel and the other captured Metis leaders; and how to correct the countless deficiencies, discovered in the field, in the Militia — its rigidity, orthodoxy, lack of mobility, inefficiency and tendency to be hesitant and over-cautious?

LOUIS RIEL'S TRIAL AND EXECUTION

After his surrender on 15 May, Louis Riel was brought to the Mounted Police Barracks at Regina, where he would be held awaiting his trial for treason.

Judge Hugh Richardson caused a jury panel of thirty-six men to be called out. They were from townships 16-21 lying along the Canadian Pacific Railway. Only two of the panelists were French. All six of the final petit-jury were men of British stock.

Was the jury 'stacked' against Riel as is commonly believed? The laws and procedures of the North-West Territories were scrupulously carried out. The principle of ethnic jury balance has not been a part of Canadian Law, and language considerations only affected juries in Manitoba and Quebec.

The trial of Louis Riel stirred the emotions of French-Canadians everywhere, but nowhere more than in Montreal, where 10,000 are reported to have marched in Riel's support and against the government of Sir John A. Macdonald.

A clipping from the *Boston Globe*, bearing a Montreal dateline of 29 Oct., reads:

PLEADING FOR RIEL

Arguments Being Made By Citizens and Others

In Favor of Saving the Rebel Leader From Penalty of Death

A Manifesto Issued by the Defence Committee

However the government was under equally as great pressure for Riel's conviction and execution from the people of Ontario.

On 23 September, a letter (not shown) was mailed to Capt. Henry Hechler. It was received at Halifax on 30 September. Hechler had probably made the writer's acquaintance during his stint in the North-West. One wonders if the letter it contained might have conveyed news of the events then taking place at nearby Regina?

The petit-jury convicted Riel of Treason and he was sentenced to death by hanging. After several postponements, the date was set for 16 November 1885.

Again a clipping from the *Boston Globe*, bearing a Montreal, 16 November 1885, dateline.

RIEL'S DEATH

Last Moments of the Noted Leader.

Escape and Defiant Deed of Riel's Private Secretary

Predicting the Overthrow of Sir John's Government

Angry Demonstrations at Mon- treal, Toronto and Ottawa

As George Stanley points out, in his excellent work *CANADA'S SOLDIERS, The Military History of an Unmilitary People*, "From one point of view the campaign was a success. The untried Canadian Militia had attained all its objectives and broken the rebellion. The Department of Militia — had equipped — militia and furnished them transportation to

the North West without the aid of any regular army organization. Nevertheless, the campaign illustrated once more, — The Military leadership was hesitant and over-cautious; the hospital service was improvised; equipment was in short supply — And to add to the supply problem, the troops were furnished with three different makes of rifle."

Louis Riel was executed as a traitor to Canada - or was he? Might it be that he was hung in retaliation for his execution of Thomas Scott in 1870, while Riel was President of the Provisional Government at Fort Gary? The people of Ontario never forgave him for that.

Speaking to Sheriff Chapleau before his execution, Riel requested "that my body be given to my friends to be laid in St. Boniface." Riel got his wish — he was buried at St. Boniface, Man.



Riel's Final Resting Place

In 1970 Canada honored the Metis leader she had executed in his prime — for Riel was only 44 years of age when he died. She honored him as a Metis leader, and for his services as President of the Council of Assiniboia in 1870 — with a postage stamp!



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1985 BNAPS ANNUAL REPORT

MINUTES OF THE 37th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The meeting was opened at 0900 in the Westin Hotel in Calgary by the President, Ed Whiting.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of the members who have passed on since our last annual meeting.

The President read a proclamation making November 'Founder's Month' in memory of the founder of BNAPS, Jack Levine, and the first President, Walter Hoffmann.

To expedite business Ed Whiting turned over the meeting to the Secretary, Earle Covert.

It was moved by Bill Rockett, seconded by Bob Jamieson, that the minutes of the last Annual Meeting be approved as printed in *TOPICS*. CARRIED

Ed Whiting, President, gave his report that "All is well in BNAPS".

The Chairman of the Board of Directors of BNAPS, Al Steinhart, gave his annual report. He moved its acceptance, seconded by Mike Dicketts. CARRIED

The Secretary, Earle Covert, gave his report and moved its acceptance, seconded by Mike Street. CARRIED

The Treasurer, Marva Paige, gave her report and moved its acceptance, seconded by Leo LaFrance. CARRIED

The Co-Ordinator of Regional Groups, Bob Carr, gave his report and moved its acceptance, seconded by Leo LaFrance. CARRIED

The Chairman of the Handbook Committee, Al Steinhart, gave his report and moved its acceptance, seconded by Horace Harrison. CARRIED

The report of the Manager of the Book Department was read by Al Steinhart, who moved its acceptance, seconded by Bob Carr. CARRIED

The Chairman of the Editorial Board, C.A. Stillions, read his report and moved its acceptance, seconded by Leo LaFrance. CARRIED

The Editor of *TOPICS*, Mike Street, gave his report and moved its acceptance, seconded by Deirdre McKay. CARRIED

The report of the Advertising Manager for *TOPICS*, Dave Dixon, was read and its acceptance moved by Al Steinhart, seconded by William Pawluk. CARRIED

Ed Richardson, Chairman Emeritus of the Order of the Beaver, asked for a moment of silence in memory of the two members of the Order of the Beaver who have passed on since the last Annual meeting — Lee Brandom and Bert Llewellyn. Mr. Richardson then welcomed a new member to the Order of the Beaver — Art Leggett.

The report of the Circulation Manager, Ritch Toop, was read and its acceptance moved by Al Steinhart, seconded by C.A. Stillions. CARRIED

The report of the Chairman of the Membership Committee, Norm Brassler, was read and its acceptance moved by Al Steinhart, seconded by Mike Street. CARRIED

The report of the Assistant Secretary, John Graper, was read and its acceptance moved by Al Steinhart, seconded by Lewis Ludlow. CARRIED

The report of the Study Group Co-Ordinator, John T. Burnett, was read and its acceptance was moved by Al Steinhart, seconded by Wayne Curtis. CARRIED

The report of the Convention Co-Ordinator, C.R. McGuire, was read and its acceptance was moved by Al Steinhart, seconded by Lewis Ludlow. CARRIED

Charles Firby gave an invitation to next year's Annual Meeting at Dearborn, Michigan.

Bob Jamieson read his report as Sales Circuit Manager. Its acceptance was moved by Harry Lussey, seconded by Bill Topping. CARRIED

Bob Jamieson presented a certificate to the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Al Steinhart, on behalf of Toronto's First Post Office, in appreciation for BNAPS' gift. CARRIED

The report of the Librarian, Don Makinen, was read. Its acceptance was moved by Bob Pratt, seconded by Ed Richardson. CARRIED

The report of the Assistant Secretary, John Graper, on the Vincent G. Greene Award and New Emeritus Members was read.

The President's Award for proposing the most new Members for 1984 was presented to Bob Jamieson.

As a result of the resignation of C.R. McGuire as Vice-President, the Board has appointed Ed Harris to that position for the remainder of the term. E.R. (Ritch) Toop will replace Ed Harris on the Board.

Comments were made by several members on Income Tax Receipts for gifts and evaluation of gifts.

Ed Richardson, on behalf of the Order of the Beaver, presented to the Archivist the envelope and letter suggesting the organization of a B.N.A. Collectors Club, and a post card announcing the first meeting of BNAPS.

Several members commented on problems with delay in cheques to BNAPS in clearing the bank.

Ed Harris announced that the Calgary Regional Group is the longest continuously operating Regional Group in BNAPS.

Eric Killingley, Editor of *Maple Leaves*, brought greetings from our sister society in Great Britain. There were three members present from the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain.

Adjournment was moved by Larry Paige.

EARLE L. COVERT, M.D.
Secretary

PRESIDENT

"Bon jour mes amis". Good morning my friends". Let us take a moment to remember those of us who are no longer able to be with us.

It is with a great deal of pleasure and

gratitude to God that I address you today. The first and most important thing is to let you know that your Society is well and strong.

Ed Whiting

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This has been my first year as Chairman of the Board and I have found it to be a pleasant experience to work with your Board of Directors and Executive. Since all the positions in BNAPS are volunteer work where there is no remuneration, I think all these people who put out their time and effort deserve a vote of thanks from the rest of us.

During the past year BNAPS has accomplished a few important things. First, our new book department system seems to be functioning quite nicely with a great variety of books on BNA philately being made available to our members mostly at below retail prices. For this I wish to single out Dave Clare for his work in this area.

We are losing our advertising manager, Dave Dixon. Dave is treasurer of the RPSC, President of the PSS, and has taken on the responsibility of being a member of the Executive Committee of CAPEX. He feels he may not be able to spare the additional time for this job. He advises me that after CAPEX, he expects to become active again in BNAPS in our Committees and offices. Thanks Dave.

Ron McGuire has tendered his resignation as Vice President, due to personal reasons, but will stay on as Convention Committee Chairman. I can understand Ron's position at this time and extend the Society's thanks for all he has done in the past. Ron also advised me that as soon as he has worked out his situation, he will be back and will be involv-

ed in the inner workings of BNAPS.

During the past year, as most of you know, the National Postal Museum of Canada was closed — at the end of February — and in June a mini version of the Museum opened with half of the staff and only the library, national collection of stamps and sales counter. All the displays are gone for now and all the Philatelists are just about gone from the Museum. Your Society was strongly involved in protesting this closing with letters, circulars, petitions and protests to members of parliament, the minister responsible, the Prime Minister and others. We were only partially successful. We at least, if you will pardon the expression, took our best shot, and, I think, did about all we could do. In the last few weeks we submitted a paper to the parliamentary committee on the Post Office, together with the RPSC and PHSC, showing organized philately in Canada taking a united stand.

Some of our volunteer committee heads in the executive should be singled out for service to BNAPS. First and foremost Earle Covert for a super job as the Society's secretary. Second to John Burnett. I don't think that we have ever had so many study groups, both big and small, plugging away, writing, researching and publishing. Thirdly, Mike Street, our Editor and the main contact between the Society and the general membership.

During the past year the Society published, in association with Unitrade, two new

handbooks, Wally Gutzman's pioneering work on Patriotic Post Cards and the Perfin Study Group's Perfin handbook, edited by Jon Johnson and Gary Tomasson. These two publications are a great credit to our Society.

Something does trouble me — our membership. I remember our membership being up to almost 1,600. It stands around 1,400. There are not less collectors of BNA philately. There are more. Why does our membership decline? We have good services, a good Society magazine, good conventions and fellowship. I think there must be a concerned effort in the future to bring our membership up to where it should be. We need your help. Let's get some new memberships.

Along with others retiring from Society jobs is Ritch Toop who, for a number of years, has looked after the job of circulation manager. Ritch is now part time secretary of the RPSC. Thank you for your work in the past,

Ritch.

BNAPS has decided to take a Society booth, alone or with another group, at AMERIPEX, and with the PHSC at CAPEX. This will give us a place to meet at these two shows, and a place to help recruit members.

Your society is in the process of reorganizing its structure in order to take advantage of certain provisions of the income tax codes of Canada and the United States. If all goes well we expect that, by this time next year, it will be possible for BNAPS to accept donations, either in money or in philatelic books, or other tangibles which have a value, and to be able to issue tax receipts to the people making such donations in Canada or the United States. I do not wish to get into detail on this at this time, but rest assured that as soon as this becomes a fact, you will know.

Allan L. Steinhart

SECRETARY

Again this year I must thank John Graper as Assistant Secretary, Norm Brassler as Membership Chairman, Ritch Toop as Circulation Manager and Mike Street as Editor of *TOPICS*.

I am currently putting the membership records and the bimonthly reports on my com-

puter and submitting the reports to the Editor of *TOPICS* on floppy disc.

I trust we will all attempt to recruit new members to keep our total membership up and increase the total. If you know of something I can do to help please let me know.

Earle L. Covert, M.D.

COORDINATOR: STUDY GROUPS

Again it's my pleasure to report that the state of study groups is excellent. BNAPS now has seventeen study groups, up from fourteen at this time last year. This year's additions are:

Canadian Semi-Official Air Mails — Chaired by Dave York

Prince Edward Island — Chaired by Jim Lehr
Newfoundland — Chaired by C.A. Stillions

Frank Waite continues to do a super job writing a column for the study groups and I thank him!

There are now five new groups looking to form, and I hope you will give them serious consideration.

Large Queens — Chaired by Joe DiCiommo
Roller Cancels — Chaired by Nancie Rabe

Postage Dues — Chaired by Calvin Cole
Legislative Markings — Chaired by Barry Shapiro
Special Delivery — Chaired by G.H. Davis

No member of BNAPS should not be a member of some group as we are all specialists. If no group exists in your area of expertise, why not form one? I can quickly think of another twenty-five groups that should exist.

I apologize for not being with you, but business forces me to be elsewhere. Thank you, Chairmen, for your support. Won't you all join me in thanking Jon Johnson for his support of study groups and his fine showing here in Calgary.

John Burnett

TREASURER

BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES
As of June 30, 1985
(with comparative figures for June 30, 1984 — United States Dollars)

	ASSETS	Year Ended	
		June 30, 1985	June 30, 1984
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash in bank		\$28,732	\$41,576
Deposits not posted		4,415	-
Cash held by department heads		19,056	16,428
Accounts and interest receivable	\$4613		
Less allowance for doubtful accounts	335	4,277	1,276
Inventory books		12,954	15,640
Prepaid expenses		1,007	670
Library		100	100
		<u>\$70,541</u>	<u>\$75,690</u>
RESTRICTED FUNDS			
Marketable Securities — at cost		2,466	2,466
		<u>\$73,007</u>	<u>\$78,156</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Due owners on sales circuits		\$ 9,795	\$15,923
Prepaid advertising		263	1,011
Prepaid dues		8,220	9,230
		<u>\$18,278</u>	<u>\$26,164</u>
FUND BALANCES			
General Funds			
Appropriated - Convention funds		-	567
- Insurance Fund (Sales Dept.)		7,485	6,403
- Life membership fund		-	400
		<u>7,485</u>	<u>7,370</u>
Unappropriated — Members' Equity		39,944	37,322
Total General Funds		<u>\$47,429</u>	<u>\$44,692</u>
Restricted funds			
BNAPS Foundation		7,300	7,300
		<u>\$73,007</u>	<u>\$78,156</u>

STATEMENT OF OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

REVENUE			
Membership dues		\$16,716	\$19,221
Membership fees		68	106
Interest income		939	720
Dividends		103	438
Other income		2	68
Book Department		(307)	(967)
Sales Circuit Department		3,246	1,653
		<u>\$20,767</u>	<u>\$21,239</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Stationery and supplies	\$	349	\$ 366
Postage		681	327
Insurance expense		1,707	659
BNAPEX		700	707
Bank charges		10	52
Other expenses		239	-
Telephone		375	51
Unrealized loss (gain) on foreign exchange. fluctuations		(469)	(386)
BNA TOPICS		14,331	11,001
Library and circulation		130	146
		<u>\$18,145</u>	<u>\$12,923</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES		<u>\$ 2,622</u>	<u>\$ 8,316</u>

SALES CIRCUIT MANAGER

The 1984/85 season for your Sales Circuit has proved to be extremely active. Total sales were \$33,241.81. This figure was achieved during a 10-month period due to the fact that your Sales Manager, after the San Francisco annual meeting, then went to the South Pacific for another 5 weeks to attend, and exhibit in, AUSIPEX 84 in Melbourne. During my absence, Jim Catterick covered the circuit mail, handled the checking of circuits, and did the necessary banking. For his help during this period my heartfelt thanks.

We also had the great pleasure of visiting with the Prairie Beavers during the last weekend of January. We had plenty of circuit books with us to keep them happy. Ed Richardson and all his cohorts really make your day.

Once again the specialized areas are attracting the most activity. RPO's, Squared Circles, Perfins, Precancels, Revenues, Semi-Official Airmails, Used blocks and booklet panes, and complete booklets. The list above includes both stamps and covers. Selected fine early used Canada and Provinces is also in demand. Stationery, Booklet Panes and good 'Back of the Book' material are all doing well. Once again the following classifications are at the bottom of the list in member interest: Common mint and used, including plate blocks, after the War issue.

This past year we have retired a substantial quantity of members sales books. The books retired produced sales of \$38,470.00, an increase of more than \$6,000.00 over the previous year. Payments to BNAPS included commissions of \$3,847.08, and an Insurance Fund payment of \$1,545.86. With new books coming in this fall, including a major submission from one of our senior members, the outlook for the 1985/86 season looks very interesting.

If you have not participated in the Sales Circuit before, now is a great time to start. We expect to have immediate openings in circuits

of the most wanted classifications. We have an excellent group of sales books here for our meeting in Calgary, and immediately upon my return home new circuits will start flowing out.

This past season, as in previous ones, has produced very little in the way of problems. The US and Canadian postal services have performed well for us. The members in the sales circuit have done their part as well. A few irritants do crop up from time to time and I would like to take a bit of time to review these areas of discontent. No. 1 on the list is the use of METERS. You should see some of the letters I receive from our members. Please take the time and make the extra effort to use stamps of philatelic value when forwarding circuits on. No. 2: A few members have failed to notify me that for business or personal reasons they had to be away from their residences causing serious back ups in the circuits to occur. Please advise me well in advance of these moves so I can adjust the circuits accordingly. No. 3: Please double check your purchases from the books and also your addition. Please be sure to put your membership number in the blank spaces. No. 4: Errors in sales books — If upon receiving a circuit you find errors in identification, or spaces without a member's number, please alert me by letter so I can follow up with the preceding member. Please do not interrupt the circuit by returning it to me, forward it on to the next member on the list.

Before closing this report I would like to thank all of the members who have taken the time to write. We have had some extremely interesting letters from members about special finds they have made in the books. We were also saddened by the loss of two very active members of the circuit, Loren Vinal of Liverpool, NY, and David L.M. Lambert of Sardis, BC. Their letters and comments will be sorely missed.

R.H. (Bob) Jamieson

CHAIRMAN: EDITORIAL BOARD

Again this past year has been an easy one for the committee, as the Editor, Mike Street; the Printer, Len Woodward; the Circulation Manager, Ritch Toop; and the Advertising

Manager, Dave Dixon, have continued their fine efforts producing your journal. Their efforts are commendable.

Clarence A. Stillions

VINCENT G. GREENE AWARD

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 1984 has

determined that there are two members with an equal amount of votes.

They are James Lehr, for his articles on Prince Edward Island, and Lewis M. Ludlow, for the *RPO COWCATCHER*.

John C. Graper
Assistant Secretary

1984 PRESIDENT'S CERTIFICATE

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 1984 has determined that the winner

this year is Robert Jamieson, member number 2118, with sixteen new members to his credit.

John C. Graper
Assistant Secretary

EMERITUS MEMBERS

As established by the Board of Governors at their meeting in Toronto, Ontario in June 1978, those members who have reached the age of 75, with thirty-five consecutive years as members in good standing are to be awarded the status of Emeritus Membership with all the rights, privileges and benefits of Regular and Life members without having any further dues levied or collected.

A canvas of our existing Regular and Life members has resulted in the following members qualifying and thereby becoming Emeritus members:

383 Harold R. Lambe
681 A.H. Hall
704 Colin H. Bayley
708 Sol Kanee

John C. Graper
Assistant Secretary

LIBRARIAN

For the year about 30 members used the library, borrowing around 160 books and articles. About 12 people asked for library lists. Books added to the library — 2. Articles added — 26.

There are several books in the Book department that the library does not have.

The library now has B.N.A. Topics complete, with generous help from Jim Lehr.

Letters were sent to all study groups asking if they would print a library list pertaining to their study group in their newsletter. There has been a very good response to this.

Don Makinen

CHAIRMAN: ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

The year ended with 26 applications sent by the Secretary and processed. All were approved, with two exceptions. One is still awaiting a second letter.

Due to some misunderstandings on both sides, one application was withdrawn. The individual in question stated his references did respond to the letters sent them. One did, the other did not, despite several letters re-

questing a reply. The applicant stated the affair had been badly handled and requested the return of his fee.

There were 10 applications pending at year end (June 30), and all were being processed.

My thanks to Dr. Covert for his direction and assistance.

Norman Brassler

COORDINATOR: REGIONAL GROUPS

It is a pleasure to report a successful year. The outstanding event has been our new feature in *TOPICS* known as *REGIONAL GROUP RAMBLINGS*. The entire credit for the excellence of reporting of our regional groups goes to Jim Goben. He has taken on this task entirely on his own, and I want to personally thank him for a job well done.

The second item of good news is the recent formation of a new group — The Pacific-Northwest. This was the brainstorm of Lew Ludlow. The group is being run by Bill Bailey and Brian Plain.

The third item is the earlier formation of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario group — which already has over 20 members — with Don Fraser and Robert Lemire holding the reins.

Last year fellow BNAPSer John Kriz, singlehanded, tried to form a group in the Chicago area but had a poor response. John has now been transferred to Connecticut and is trying to form a New York-Connecticut group. There is a need for a group in that area and we wish him well.

I have been getting good reports of the groups of the Golden Horseshoe, the Mid-Atlantic, and the Texas Prairie Beavers. No recent word has come from the Detroit-Windsor group or the Northern California group.

In closing, I do urge our members in any of these areas that do have groups, to become involved as this is one of the great strengths of our society and is a means for those unable to attend conventions to be active in the society.

Dr. Robert V.C. Carr

CHAIRMAN: HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

During the past year two new publications were produced by BNAPS in conjunction with Unitrade Associates. In my opinion both publications are superior products and cost effective in value to the purchaser. One was the lovely handbook on Patriotic Postcards by member Wally Gutzman. Almost all the pictures in this book, about 120, were in full colour. The other publication was the reworked, expanded, and much improved handbook on Canadian Perfins, which was edited by members Jon Johnson and Garry Tomasson. Both books are a great credit to the authors/editors, and to BNAPS. Both are available from the BNAPS Book Department at

a discount to members of the society.

Our new system of publication is working out well, and up to now no problems have been encountered. The two books mentioned above are the first products of this system.

At this moment a small 70-page handbook on Civil Censorship in Canada during World War I is at the Printer. It will be available in about 60 days. A number of other publications are in preparation and/or discussion, including works on various areas of Newfoundland philately, Map Stamps, Duplex Cancels, and Split Ring Cancels.

Allan Steinhart

ASSISTANT SECRETARY

This year has had no major changes as far as duties go. Some progress has been made toward streamlining the recording, of dues payments to eliminate the lag between receipt and recording, and also to relieve the Treasurer of some of this burden. Due to problems with the current dues billing procedure, a somewhat different system is under development, with finishing touches to be left to Earl Covert's and Mike Street's discretion as they will be coordinating the actual mailing.

The membership directory is under revision, and had made fair progress before the summer, where vacation and problems with

mail forwarding have caused delays. The backlog is being reduced as I am confined to my home due to an auto accident, and I expect to be back to an answer-as-received basis in about three weeks.

Attention in the coming year will be toward a review of the functions of this office, particularly with respect to integrating various files on a single computer listing. However, this is considered a long-term project at present, and preparations are being made currently to take care of the 1986 dues receipts.

John Graper

ADVERTISING MANAGER: BNA TOPICS

Regretfully, I will not be able to attend this year's Convention in Calgary due to previous business commitments. I wish the organizers a successful Convention. I definitely plan to attend next year's Convention in Dearborn.

The advertising billings for the past year totalled \$8190.09. This is a decrease in revenue, when compared with the previous year, which came about due to the loss of three major advertisers. Their common reason for ceasing to advertise was the depressed state of the commercial philatelic industry. We have since gained two major advertisers, and this should help erase this deficit.

The advertising bright spot for the fiscal

year was the classified section. Every issue of *TOPICS* contained almost two full pages of this type of advertising. To repeat a sentence from last year's report, "There is no easier or less costly way of advertising for needed BNA material or the disposal of duplicate material." Please keep those classified ads coming.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of *TOPICS'* advertisers for their patronage during the past year. Once again, the stamp trade had a very economically difficult year and their continued support was most appreciated. I look forward to again serving our advertisers in the coming year.

Dave Dixon

CIRCULATION MANAGER: BNA TOPICS

Sales of back issues of *TOPICS* during the period 1 July 1984 to 30 June 1985 inclusive were slow, with the majority of sales being made up from the \$10.00 bargain basement lots.

Total sales amounted to \$284.00, as compared to \$311.50 for the previous period of 1

July 1983 to 30 June 1984. As the inventory of back issues remains high (3,828 copies), methods should be considered which would reduce total holdings to a more reasonable level and, at the same time, generate revenue for the Society.

E.R. (Ritch) Toop

EDITOR: BNA TOPICS

BNA TOPICS has once again had a successful year. The continuing efforts of those who contribute to the journal have resulted in *TOPICS* being awarded medals at both Ausipex '84 and Israphil '85.

While the flow of new articles has continued, it has tapered off somewhat in the past year. This is most noticeable in the small amount of material on hand pertaining solely to stamps. A request for more articles on stamps in the Editor's report two years ago at Winnipeg brought an excellent response, and it is hoped that similar activity will result again this year. Suggestions for articles on new subjects, or different treatment of earlier material, are also sought.

At this time I would like to acknowledge publicly those who have contributed articles and waited patiently, some for a long time, to see their work in print. Efforts to keep a balance between the different types and subjects of material appearing in *TOPICS* sometimes cause the printing of a particular item to be delayed. Unexpected events, such as the closure of the National Postal Museum, which require large amounts of space, also

disrupt plans. All contributors should be assured that their efforts are appreciated and that they will see their work in *TOPICS* as soon as possible.

During the past year *TOPICS* moved into the computer age as I was fortunate enough to acquire a good personal computer. The main result of the acquisition has been in the area of saving this volunteer's time, a commodity which seems to be in increasingly short supply. Legible, i.e. non-handwritten, letters from this source have also been welcomed by recipients. It is expected, even hoped, that more and more of *TOPICS'* material will arrive ready to go into the machine.

As in previous years, I would like to thank those who help make *TOPICS* go. This year Len Woodward, our printer, Advertising Manager Dave Dixon and Ritch Toop, the Circulation Manager, are joined in the 'Thank You' category by member Kathy Ward, who has helped out by transcribing material into a form useable by the aforementioned piece of high technology.

I look forward to another year as your Editor.

Mike Street

MANAGER: BOOK DEPARTMENT

During the past year, July 84/June 85, the book department handled 105 orders for a total of 290 books. Income from sales, interest, handling charges, and past due accounts was \$3790.18, with expenses of \$2019.72. This left a

profit of \$1770.46 in the book department bank account. Several new publications which came out this year accounted for a large portion of the sales.

Dave Clare

COORDINATOR: CONVENTIONS

I am sure BNAPEX '85 will be another great convention and thank the organizers for their efforts. I have no additional confirmed sites since my last report and reiterate the current line-up, the arrangements for which the respective chairpeople have informed me are well underway to completion:

Location	Chairperson
1986 Dearborn, MI	Charles Firby
1987 Charlottetown, PEI	James Lehr
1988 Virginia Beach, VA	Marva Paige

1989 Hamilton, ON

Mike Street/
Dave Dixon

1997 St. John's, NFLD

There is a good possibility of a convention being held in British Columbia in 1991.

I hope that someone will come forward representing a group in a United States location willing to host our 1990 get-together. If you have any interest for that year or one of the others still available, please contact me as soon as possible. Thank you.

C.R. McGuire

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by Larry R. Paige

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On 4 February 1985, Canada Post announced the 'temporary' closure of the National Postal Museum. Listed below are the names, positions, service durations and National Postal Museum employment status, as of 3 May 1985, of all persons affected by the closing of the Museum and the subsequent relocation of the Library, Sales Counter and a part of the 'National Stamp Collection'.

NAME	POSITION	COMMENCED GOVERNMENT SERVICE	GOVERNMENT SERVICE (months)	COMMENCED NPM SERVICE	NPM SERVICE (months)
PERMANENT EMPLOYEES RETAINED ON NPM STAFF					
BAIRD, Roger	Registrar	Jan 1983	28	Jan 1983	28
BEAULIEU, Monique	Director	May 1982	36	May 1982	36
BRENNAN, James W.	Head, Curatorial Services	Jul 1974	130	Jul 1974	130
BROUSSEAU, Francine	Curator of Fine Art	May 1984	12	Aug 1984	9
JOHNSON, Kenneth	Curator of Philately	Jan 1985	4	Jan 1985	4
KAHLON, Billie	Reference Librarian	Jun 1982	34	Jun 1982	34
LANDREVILLE, Jacqueline	Library Clerk	Jun 1980	58	Jun 1980	58
LAPOINTE, Maryse	Supervisor, Ed. Services	Jun 1975	118	Apr 1983	24
LAROCHELLE, Johane	Head, Public Programming	Jan 1983	23	Jan 1983	23
MOORE, Michael A.	Manager, Admin. Services	Dec 1968	208	Nov 1975	113
MORIN, Cimon	Head Library Services	Aug 1977	93	Aug 1977	93
O'REILLY, Susan McLeod	Curator of Artifacts	Sep 1984	8	Sep 1984	8
RUIZ-MALETTE, Lynn	Sec. to Director (1)	Nov 1981	41	Nov 1981	41
		Av'ge Gov't Service	61.0 months	Av'ge NPM Service	46.2 months

PERMANENT EMPLOYEES DISMISSED ON 3 MAY 1985

BOUCHER, Louise	Interpreter/Educator (Tour Guide)	Jul 1984	10	Jul 1984	10
CATANA, Dario	Display Designer (Artist)	Jun 1972	154	Oct 1973	139
CLARKE, Catherine	Registration Cataloguer	May 1983	24	May 1983	24
DESCHAMPS, Susan	Administrative Officer	Jun 1962	274	Aug 1977	93
DESMARAIS, Marie-France	Interpreter/Educator (Tour Guide)	Jul 1984	10	Jul 1984	10
FLETCHER, Allison	Display Designer (Artist)	Dec 1972	149	Jun 1978	82
GERVAIS, Joan I.	Receptionist	Mar 1984	13	Mar 1984	13
JETTE, Sylvie	Library Technician	Sep 1983	20	Sep 1983	20
LANG, Alton O.	Head, Exhibits/Displays	Jan 1966	232	Feb 1972	159
MCGUIRE, C. Ronald	Senior Postal Historian	Feb 1963	267	Apr 1972	156
MES-SCHWARTZBURG, Jose	Interpreter/Educator (Tour Guide)	Jul 1983	22	Jul 1983	22
PARISIEN, Micheline	Interpreter/Educator (Tour Guide)	Jul 1983	22	Jul 1983	22
PRATT, Gordon	Display Designer (Artist)	Jan 1960	240	Feb 1978	87
TOOP, E.R.	Research & Special Proj.	Jan 1941	532	Nov 1978	78
TREMBLAY, Lorraine	Interpreter/Educator (Tour Guide)	Jul 1983	18	Jul 1983	18

WEYMOUTH, Laurie	Interpreter/Educator (Tour Guide)	Jul 1984	10	Jul 1984	10
		Av'ge Gov't Service	124.8 months	Av'ge NPM Service	58.9 months

PERMANENT EMPLOYEES SCHEDULED TO BE DISMISSED ON 3 MAY 1985 BUT RETAINED

LANDRY, Irene	Philatelic Sales Clerk	Feb 1979	74	Feb 1979	74
PLOUFFE, Cecile	Philatelic Sales Clerk	Jan 1968	196	Sep 1977	92
TREPANIER, Pauline	Supervisor, Sales Counter	Sep 1943	500	May 1977	96
		Av'ge Gov't Service	256.7 months	Av'ge NPM Service	87.3 months

TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES SCHEDULED TO BE DISMISSED ON 3 MAY 1985 BUT RETAINED

DUMOUCHEL, Lyne	Sec. to Head, Pub Programs (2)	Jun 1983	22	Jun 1983	22
KEETHLER, Joyce	Sec. to J.W. Brennan (3)	Jun 1960-77	211	Oct 1984	7

(1) Has now transferred to another position with Canada Post. See (3).

(2) has now been hired for newly created permanent NPM position.

(3) Still employed as a temporary replacement for L. Ruiz-Malette.

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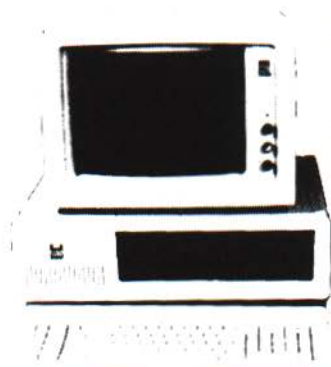
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ON THE FRINGES

CONVENTION

Just back from Calgary — a splendid convention. I had a wonderful time with old friends and new friends. The study group meetings were generally well attended, and vigorous discussions attested to the interest.

ANOTHER GROUP

At Calgary a number of those present expressed an interest in forming a study group concentrating primarily on Pre-1870 Trans-Atlantic and Cross Border Philately. This was inspired, I feel sure, by two excellent exhibits, one of Transatlantic Covers by Jack Arnell, and the other, of Cross Border Covers, by E.E. Palmer. Anyone interested please write to Dr. J.C. (Jack) Arnell, P.O. Box HM 1263, Hamilton, Bermuda.

I guess that the summer doldrums have ended. In contrast to my last column, there are all kinds of newsletters on hand. If the Editor can't find enough room for all my notes in this issue, we will catch up in the next one.

CENTENNIALS

The Centennial group newsletter illustrates the crossing of study group interests. A splendid article, authored by John Aitken, lists the RPO cancellations found on the Centennial definitives. This is the first half of a two part article.

LEGISLATIVE POSTMARKS

The Legislative Postmark people are endeavoring to establish the scope, goals and structure of their group. To initiate this, a survey form was circulated to get the consensus of the group upon these matters.

MILITARY MAIL

Two newsletters have been received from the Military Group. The May issue has a wonderful article on RCAF Station cancels. The article is copiously illustrated, and a listing of all of the cancels known is present. The September issue has the Calgary agenda

SKETCHes of BNAPSers

SKETCH No. 208

by Dr. R.V.C. Carr

DR. BLENDIN L. BURTON

I've always thought of Dr. Blendin L. Burton — Burt — as an older, quiet mannered man, with little to say and absolutely unpretentious. After 2 years of cajoling, I got his biography — and I was amazed! I did not know that he has a PhD in Physics from Brown University and that, before retirement, he had a most important job at the Atomic Energy Center in Los Alamos, New Mexico.

Burt is a native of Maine and got his education at their University. World War II found him degaussing ships (making them more safe from magnetic mines) and improving torpedo performance for Naval Ordnance. Home again, he went on to get his PhD. From there, he went to Los Alamos (for 20 years), working on shock waves in solids and high pressure in solids. Before retiring, he was on the team declassifying about one million documents for the Atomic Energy Commission.

Philatelically, Burt was a child collector when he met a man working on the Connell stamp who influenced him quite a lot, but his education and the war interfered. At Brown, his roommate encouraged him to renew his interest. His roommate, who was very involved in BNAPS (Burt found out some years later), was none other than Harry Daggett! It was Canadian Revenues that brought Burt into our fold.



He belongs to most of the major philatelic societies and is a charter member of our Revenue group.

A true stamper — he only buys, never sells — he's interested in most anything Canadianwise, although he does have a side interest in covers of Bangor, Maine. He has never exhibited, but has plans for his local or state shows? How come not for BNAPS, Burt? Let's see what you have!

Besides serving on the local and state philatelic societies, he also is an avid reader and a book collector.

and snippets of information from various members. The main article, by Willf Whitehouse, is *Canada's Patriotic Meter Slogans 1940-45*. Again, this is a comprehensive, illustrated listing of the cancellations.

NEWFOUNDLAND

The first newsletter of the Newfoundland study group is tremendous. The group has decided, as its first goal, to help Palmer Mofatt list all of Newfoundland's twentieth century post offices. This first newsletter lists the post offices from 'A' through 'L'. A great start for a fledgling study group.

A PERSONAL VIEW

In the BNAPS bylaws there is a statement of purpose which reads, in part, "It shall be the purpose of the society to encourage and to aid the collecting and the study of (BNA stamps and postal history) and to disseminate information on the subject . . .".

We are a specialized society, and study groups are our research arm. I heartily agree with the judge's choice for the Grand Award at Calgary. It was also my choice. However, as a society we shall come of age when an exhibit of, say, Perfins, wins the grand, and there is general agreement that it is warranted.

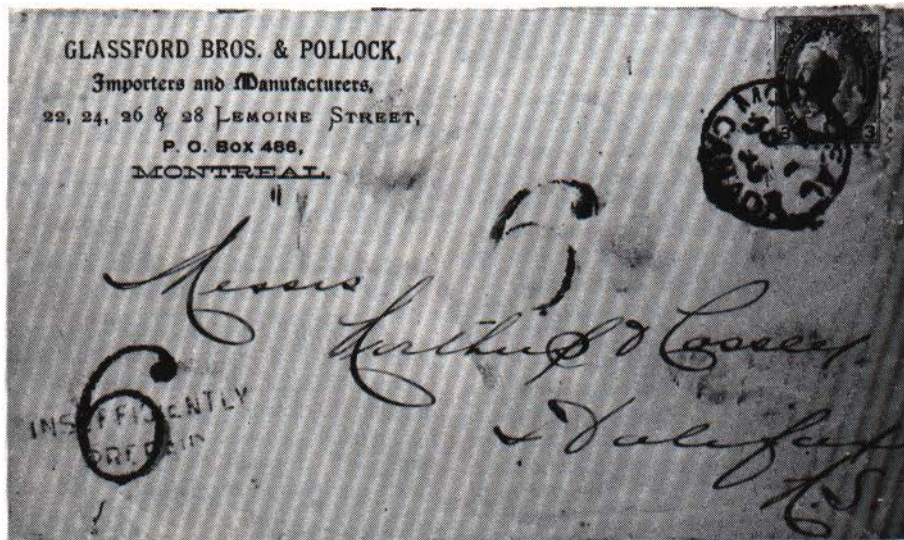
by C. R. McGuire
BNAPS LIFE MEMBER

11. Insufficiently Prepaid Letter

6. INSUFFICIENTLY PREPAID LETTERS.

— The law permits the forwarding of letters on which a portion only of the proper postage has been prepaid, but such letters are taxed with double the amount of the deficiency to be collected on delivery. Thus, if a letter liable to 3 cents postage be posted prepaid 1 cent only, it will be stamped "Insufficiently prepaid," and forwarded to its address, subject to collection

of 4 cents on delivery. The amount to be collected, not merely the amount of the deficiency, should be marked on the cover of an insufficiently paid letter. Registered letters are not to be accepted unless fully prepaid, and postmasters accepting them will be held responsible for the short postage. (See paragraph 11).



Stamped 'INSUFFICIENTLY PREPAID' at Montreal Au. 1, 1898. Received Halifax Au. 3. The '6' handstamps indicate the double deficient postage due. -

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August 29-31, 1986

NEW ITEMS OF INTEREST ON THE MARITIME EXPRESS COMPANIES

Researched by Dr. B.L. Burton
Written by Dr. R.V.C. Carr

By chance, Burt wrote to me about a Favor's Express cover. I replied with what scanty information I had available, commenting on a lack of digging in the old Eastport, Maine (one of Favor's offices, plus his home, was there) newspaper. Lo and behold, Burt had done it, but had never reported it. Here it is.

Hiram Favor's family was listed in the Eastport Census of 1850. Hiram was 50, wife Sarah Ann 44, and daughter Susie Hopkins 13. Favor had a bookstore and published hymns.

In 1853, Joseph Gunnison, Whig, was chosen as 24th representative of the town. The son of Elisha and Betsey (Rounds), he was born 10 May 1799 at Buxton. He came to Eastport in 1815 and was employed as a clerk. Later he became a partner in Buckman's and Gunnison, and still later carried on business at St. John. Gunnison established the first express in 1842, between Boston and the Eastport area. He was named Surveyor of the Port of Eastport by President Taylor (1849), and President Lincoln appointed him Inspector of Customs at Eastport in the early 1860's. He died 2 June 1874. From the St. John paper, 6 March 1850 — "Gunnison Express. A special messenger will be dispatched with Gunnison & Co's Express on Thursday next per *Maid of Erin* to connect with the ADMIRAL (Favor's) at Eastport. Small packages and parcels forwarded as usual to any part of the United States: also to San Francisco, Sacramento, and Stockton, California. Goods forwarded to Dye House in Boston and back to this city. Thomas Hanfor, Agent, St. John. J.R. Hall, Railroad Exchange, Boston."

In the St. John newspaper, 15 September 1852 — "In 1839, the Post Office was kept in the building owned by Mr. Edward Sears, corner of Princess and Germain Streets. It was later at Vernon's Corner, King Street, then to the Custom House. It is now permanently fixed at the foot of 'Rocky Hill'."



Again, on 6 February 1850 — "Daily Express to and from Fredericton. Webber & Co's Express leaves St. John and Fredericton every morning at 7 o'clock — parcels, packages, and freight taken as usual on the most reasonable terms, with dispatch. Notes, cards, and circulars delivered in any part of St. John upon the shortest notice."

A note — Webber's Express — "If persons or societies wish letters or notices delivered through the city, they have merely to leave them at the Express office in King Street."

Another note: "On or after 8 May 1850, small parcels, packages, etc. not over half an ounce in weight will be forwarded by Webber & Co's Express between St. John and Fredericton for the small charge of one penny, in all cases to be paid when left at the office. Large packages, parcels, and bundles forwarded at greatly reduced prices and delivered without

delay. The subscribers being resolved to merit a larger share of public support than they have hitherto received, are induced to offer the above low rates for one month only and if sufficient inducement be offered, the same charge will be made during the season."

In the *Halifax Chronicle*, 18 April 1865 — "Fishwick's Colonial Express, based in Halifax, with branch offices in Portland, Boston, and St. John, ran its own steamer,

M.A. STARR, between Halifax and Pictou."

Eastern Argus (Portland, Maine), May 14 and July 10, 1844 — "Winslow's Express began on Portland steamers. The first advertised express company on St. John boats was the Halifax Co's Independent Mail arrangement."

I wish to thank Dr. Burton for relaying these facts so that they can be added to the archives of Maritime Postal History.

CALENDAR

CALENDAR lists exhibitions and bourses with significant BNA content, and BNAPS Regional Group functions. Information/prospectus must reach the Editor at least 3 months in advance.

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- JUNE 13-15, VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA** — **PIPEX '86**, the 1986 APS accredited show of the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs. Garth Homer Center, 813 Darwin Ave. Information: Dr. Don Shorting, P.O. Box 5164, Stn. B, Victoria, BC V8R 6N4.
- AUGUST 21-24, WASHINGTON, DC** — **STAMPSHOW '86**, the 100th annual convention and exhibition of the American Philatelic Society. Washington Convention Center. Information: APS, P.O. Box 800, State College, PA 16801
- AUGUST 28-SEPTEMBER 7, STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN** — **STOCKHOLMIA '86**, FIP sanctioned International Exhibition. Stockholm Trade Fair Center. Canadian Commissioner: Peter Mann, 36 Sydenham St., Guelph, ON N1H 2W4. American Commissioner: Victor E. Engstrom, 2655 Pebble Beach Dr., Clearwater, FL 33519
- BNAPEX '86** **AUGUST 29-31, BNAPS'** annual convention. Dearborn Inn. Chairman: **DEARBORN, MICHIGAN** Charles Firby, P.O. Box 208, Southfield, MI 48037.
- OCTOBER 6-11, JOHANNESBURG SOUTH AFRICA** — **JOHANNESBURG 100**, International Philatelic Exhibition. Witwaterstrand Exhibition Centre. Canadian Commissioner: J.E. Kraemer, 17 Commanche Dr., Nepean, ON K2E 6E8

- 1987**
- JUNE 13-21, TORONTO, ONTARIO** — **CAPEX '87**, FIP sanctioned International Exhibition. Information: CAPEX '87, P.O. Box 204, Stn. Q, Toronto, ON M4T 2M1.
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CORRECTION

CANADIAN PRECANCELLED POSTAL STATIONERY HANDBOOK; George E.L. Manley; published by Jim F. Webb, Hornby, Ontario, 1984. Soft cover, 52 pp, \$12.00.

This book was reviewed in the July-August TOPICS. While the review was favourable, strong criticism of the envelope listings included the statement, "It is impossible to tell from these listings what stamp impression is on an envelope, without referring to the Webb catalogue"

Within a few days of the issue being mailed, member John Aitken wrote, "On page 17 of the handbook there is a very clear cross-reference made between the Webb numbers and the stamp descriptions. This reference immediately proceeds the individual listing"

The reviewer, quite embarrassed and suitably chastised, has apologised to the author privately for the mistake and, with the publication of this correction, apologises to the members as well.

1986 CANADA SPECIALIZED POSTAGE STAMP CATALOGUE; Wm. H.P. Maresch and A.W. Leggett; Canada Specialized Ltd., Toronto, 1985. Soft cover, 158 pp, \$7.50.

Canada Specialized continues to grow. In this edition the Four Hole Perforated Initial Official stamps, dropped in 1980 "due to the dangerous forgeries which appeared on the market in the 70s" have been listed again. Bahamas Special Delivery Stamps, as used on cover from Canada, take their place with the SCADTA overprints of Colombia. Specimens of the Jubilee issue are now listed and priced.

Reflecting the large number of stamps Canada has now issued, the authors have included a welcome 'Commemorative' Index. The title is misleading because it is actually an 'Index For Stamp Designs', and as such is even more useful.

In the Newfoundland section, on cover prices have been extended to the 1908 Map stamp, and complete booklets are now listed.

Changes in the listings include two additions to the Straight Line Cancellation section, new dates of issue in the Leaf, Admiral and Numeral issues, the pricing of modern tenant issues in pairs, and many alterations to never hinged and centering premiums.

The statement, "Recent issues have been renumbered as the final step in standardizing the Canadian Numbering System," indicates that sales of the catalogue have encouraged the authors to continue with the new numbering system despite criticism. It is the reviewer's opinion that the information present in *Canada Specialized* makes it more than just a price list, and that this consideration should override opposition to the change (especially since there is a cross-reference to Scott numbers).

THE FIVE CENTS BEAVER STAMP OF CANADA; Geoffrey Whitworth; The Royal Philatelic Society, London, 41 Devonshire Place; London, England WIM 1PE, 1985. Soft cover, 90 pp, £7.50 plus postage (approx £1.65). Available from the RPSL.

This work, about which Geoffrey Whitworth says, "It has taken about 30 years to complete but I have thoroughly enjoyed the research," gives the complete layout of the 1859 five cent Beaver stamp. All 100 positions on the sheet through the ten years of its life are illustrated and described in simple, straightforward terms.

The author has followed the format used in his earlier, *The First Decimal Issue of Canada*. The same variety numbering system has been used and extended so that write-ups already done will not require alteration.

A chapter on the origin and manufacture of the stamp is followed by a discussion of the analysis and methodology used. Then come the plate positions, with a 2" x 2½" drawing of the stamp for each position. All significant features are clearly marked in dark black ink, and important points concerning the different states are listed alongside. The final section classifies and cross references the features in lists and, for the plate flaws and re-entries, by

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This book is an example of how deeply it is possible to go into a philatelic subject. It will be a must for Decimal and Re-entry specialists, but anyone interested in learning the ins and outs of research should also have a good look.

RECORDS OF THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT (RG3); Thomas A. Hillman; Public Archives Canada, Federal Archives Division, General Inventory Series. Soft cover, approx 30 pp, no charge. Available in English or French.

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