

*Follow-Up — In Response to an Earlier Article, Dr. J. Frank Submitted an Illustration of the Only Known Cover From the First World War Hospital Ship HMHS 'Letitia'.*

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## THE WORD

In looking over our last few advertisements in "Topics", the operative word in every one has been "BUYING". At this time, there is no reason to change this. "BUYING" is still the word.

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# THE EDITOR'S PAGE

by MIKE STREET

## POSTAL MUSEUM CHANGES — DON'T BE TOO QUICK TO CHEER

Both the resignation of Mrs. Monique Beaulieu as Director of Canada's National Postal Museum, and the interim appointment of Cimon Morin as Acting Director, are welcome events for the philatelic community. Given their previous performance, however, we should not be too hasty in raising flags, throwing hats in the air or thanking Canada Post.

Consider for a moment Canada Post's Annual Report for the fiscal year ending 31 March 1985. The only reference to the Postal Museum that it contains is a footnote to the statement of assets which says simply that Canada Post operates one, and that because its holdings are not for sale it was valued at one thousand dollars. Even though the report was prepared after June 1985, *there is no mention of the closing of the Museum three months earlier.*

Throughout the report there are many glowing references to the improved climate in the relationship with the employees, including the following gem. "It is also important to note that while many companies both in the public and private sectors, reduced their expenditures by laying off staff, we refused to adopt this approach; our work force has been reduced by natural attrition." I am sure that those Museum employees who lost their jobs do not feel that it was 'natural'.

The philatelic highlights of the year, according to the report, were the issuing of the Jacques Cartier and St. Lawrence Seaway

stamps, both with the cooperation of other governments. Neither the Museum, nor the disastrous CANADA '84 stamp show put on by the corporation are mentioned in connection with philately. One can only conclude that Canada Post really does not care much about philately.

Most observers agree that Monique Beaulieu was a political appointee, parachuted into the Museum job as a compromise choice in a disagreement between senior people. Whether she was out of her element, or out of her depth, or both, the damage done during her tenure is the responsibility of those who put her there. Her resignation clears the way for a possible rethinking of the Corporation's position with regard to philately, and we sincerely hope that this happens. It must be remembered, however, that the people responsible for the events of the past few years are still the ones pulling the strings.

Cimon Morin is well known to all of us, and he can be sure of our assistance and good will while he holds the position of Acting Director of the Museum. It is definitely a step in the right direction. If the next move is an open and honest national competition for the permanent Directorship, with philatelic knowledge and background being an important, but by no means the only, criterion, perhaps we will see a second step. Until then, we should watch and wait, giving praise only when it is due.

## IN THIS ISSUE

Putting out each issue of *TOPICS* is a juggling act. Try as we might to adhere to it, the principle of 'First in, First out' does not always work. Sometimes articles take up much more space than expected. Sometimes events — last year's Museum coverage is a perfect example — require space that was not even planned for. Whatever the reason, things get bumped and delayed.

Nowhere has this been more true than in the case of follow-up articles, several of which were scheduled for different issues and then got bumped at the last minute. (The night before going to press is the moment of truth — then everything must fit.)

For some time now, I have been trying to generate questions which were sufficiently difficult to merit running before all our members.

Response was slow for a long time, but then all of a sudden several arrived in quick succession — just at the height of a difficult period with other material.

Needless to say, authors of follow-up pieces and initiators of questions began to wonder whether they would ever see their particular item in print. Last summer (yes, we do work that far ahead) I decided the only way to

clear the jam was to put them all in one issue.

Here they are, and I hope that you find them interesting. If you should have information to add, at any time, don't hesitate to contact the author directly — but please be sure to send the Editor a copy too. If there is enough response, in terms of both answers and new questions, it may be possible to repeat this every fourth issue or so.

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# THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Ed Whiting



## BEST WISHES

When Mike called last week to let me know that my column had not yet arrived in Ancaster (his way of reminding me that it was late), my first thought was to wish you all a "Happy New Year/Bonne Annee". Many things will be happening in BNAPS during 1986, so be sure to check this spot each issue.

## NEW CIRCULATION MANAGER

It isn't easy to find volunteers willing to take on the various tasks which make this organization tick. When someone decides to step back, we can only express our gratitude for his/her efforts — while madly beating the bushes to find someone to take over. When the person retiring comes up with their own replacement, it is a great help.

For this reason I wish to doubly thank Ritch Toop, our Circulation Manager since 1982, not only for his hard work on our behalf

but also for persuading Paul Burega to take on the job. Paul, a Winnipegger now living in Ottawa, comes well recommended. I'm sure that you will all join me in welcoming Paul to the BNAPS 'official family'.

## ELECTIONS

It's hard to believe, but the term of the president Executive is almost up. The Nominating Committee has been working behind the scenes to come up with a slate for the elections this summer. A Regional group, or any five members, can also nominate one or more individuals for any position, and you are encouraged to do so. Ron McGuire is the man to contact. His address is P.O. Box 15881, Str. F, Ottawa, ON K2C 3S8. As always, anyone interested in doing something for the society can contact me directly at the address in *The Business Side* section of this issue.

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# LETTERS

## MORE ON BNA - FRANCE

I would like to thank Dr. Arnell for his contribution in the Sept-Oct 1985 issue of *TOPICS* relative to *Letters Exchanged Via England Between British North America and France 1844-1875*.

His comments and table of rates explain exactly how the Toronto postmaster arrived at the sums to be charged on the unpaid letters from the Hodgins correspondence. I am very happy that he has cleared up that enigma.

It seems that the Toronto postmaster had equal difficulty with the Canadian share of the

postage on prepaid letters to France. He evidently thought that on this part of the correspondence the ½ oz scale was the unit of weight for single letters. This procedure would credit Canada with 5d per ½ oz on letters carried in Allan Line steamers, and 1d per ½ oz on letters by Cunard packets, the same as the credits taken on single letters from Canada to Great Britain. (See *TOPICS* Vol 41 #3, page 19, the letter of 23 June 1865, and *TOPICS* Vol 41 #5, page 9, 'Corrections'.)

If this practice was fairly general, and it seemed to be as misunderstandings and con-



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fusion continued until the rate change in 1870, then the Canadian Post Office lost revenue on much of its French correspondence.

The proper division of the postage, with the sea rate belonging to either the Canadian or British Post Office, was as follows: On prepaid letters from Canada to France, 8d stg or 17 cents per ¼ oz, made up of 3d sea rate, 1d Provincial inland, 1d British transit and 3d French post. On unpaid letters from France to Canada, the amount to be charged was 10d stg or 21 cents, with the difference being an additional 2d for the French post.

On letters via the United States the United States transit charge was added to the postage.

Although on both prepaid letters from Canada to France, and unpaid letters from France to Canada, the Canadian Post Office accounted to Great Britain for each letter single (*TOPICS* VOL 41 #3 page 18, the 1st and 4th clauses of the instructions to Mr. Banning), by the terms of the 1857 Anglo-French Convention, Great Britain accounted to France for French postage at the rate of 1 franc per oz on prepaid letters, and 2 francs per oz on unpaid letters. The higher French postage on unpaid letters was in the nature of a fine.

Maggie Toms  
Orillia, ON

#### ARE WE LOOKING AFTER OUR FUTURE?

I've read with interest your article *NUMBERS TALK* in *BNA TOPICS* and I agree with you.

The steady diminishing of collectors in the philatelic world is due to many reasons. One could say that the young of today are more interested in computers and all that goes into this field. Other reasons are that governments are issuing too many stamps and the junk that goes with them, and too many high values. You can take, for an example, Canada. In past years Canada used to issue in the neighbourhood of 12 to 15 stamps yearly; today, they issue double that and more, with souvenir sheets and a lot of high values. Why? Just to get collector's money and milk them. Why so many issues and high values? Why change the high values so frequently? Governments are making the philatelic world die slowly.

I myself, after collecting for over 30 years, am considering stopping collecting due to the

fact that it is too costly. I think that this year may be the last year that I will be renewing my membership.

Donald Jean  
Richmond, PQ

*(Rather than stopping altogether, I hope that you might consider shifting your interest away from new issues and into one or more of our study group areas — Ed.)*

I found your comments on bringing new blood into the hobby intriguing. Ed Richardson's idea about attracting people who are history buffs into postal history has much to commend it. There are many local historical societies, which I suspect would be pleased to have someone discuss their area's postal history. It could be a mutually rewarding endeavour as the speaker is very likely to meet new people who can add to his general knowledge of his study.

President Ed Whiting's comment that you receive roughly ten times as much material to publish about postal history as stamps is revealing. What apparently is happening within the hobby is that serious collectors start studying how their stamps were meant to be used and cancelled and, violà, another postal historian is borne. From the well studied and written-up subjects of shades, perfs and plating, they move into postmarks, routes and rates. In postal history they find many unexplored areas where they can make interesting and personally satisfying discoveries. And therein lies the rub.

The experienced collector who used to attract new blood starts talking about different R.P.O. hammers, censor marks, etc. The novice who is looking for one each of Newfoundland perceives a wide gulf between them. The hobby has become so multi-faceted that newcomers can easily become confused and discouraged before discovering their niche. The onus is therefore on the philatelist to downplay his 'specialty' when dealing with novices and to use his experience helping them find their place within the hobby.

Geoff Newman  
Lachine, PQ

*(We should all give Geoff's comments serious attention — Ed.)*



# NOTES

## AMERIPEX EXCURSION AVAILABLE

Member Boris Margau, who worked hard to help arrange it, has sent along details of a flight and hotel package for Canadians wishing to go to AMERIPEX in Chicago this spring. The package includes: air transportation and all departure taxes; three (3) nights accommodation, including taxes, at the Best Western O'Hare; and cancellation insurance (medical reasons only). Two trips are scheduled, May 22-25 and May 29-June 1.

Per person rates from Toronto are: \$433.50 single, \$288.00 double, \$239.00 triple. (Airline fuel surcharges or extreme currency fluctuations could cause prices to be increased slightly.) A deposit of \$50.00 is required within seven (7) days of booking. Because of the relatively short time left before AMERIPEX begins, it may be necessary to make further payments soon after booking. Arrangements for departure from other Canadian cities can also be arranged.

Any member interested should contact Bayview Travel Centre Ltd., 5025 Yonge St., Willowdale, ON M2N 5P2. The telephone number is (416) 23-3344.

## SCOTT APPOINTS EDITORIAL DIRECTOR

The appointment of Richard L. Sine as Editorial Director of the Scott Publishing Company has been announced by Charles M. Pritchett, Executive VP/Publisher of Scott. Purchased on November 15, 1984, by Amos Press, the 122-year-old philatelic company was relocated from New York to Amos Press headquarters in Sidney, Ohio.

Sine joined the Scott organization in April, 1985, as Editor of the *Scott Stamp Monthly* magazine, after nearly nine years as editor of *The American Philatelist*, the monthly journal of the American Philatelic Society. He also served as the Society's director of education and has been a stamp columnist for *The New York Times*.

In his new position as Editorial Director, Sine will be responsible for the editorial content of all the Scott products: the prestigious Scott Catalogue, the *Stamp Monthly*, all Scott albums & supplements, plus any other editorial products planned for the future.

Scott has been especially receptive to input from philatelists worldwide and has encouraged collectors and other philatelic experts to make their opinions known. Pritchett stated the reaction has been tremendous and collectors are literally flooding Scott with their suggestions as to changes they would like to see instituted in the Scott Catalogue. Steps have already been taken to use this wealth of information to make important improvements in the 1987 Scott Catalogue, scheduled for release in 1986.

## HARMERS TO AUCTION 'PEGASUS' AIRMAIL COLLECTION

Harmers of London will auction the 'Pegasus' collection of unused World Airmails in two sessions on March 13-14. Formed over a 15 year period, the collection contains many proofs, errors and semi-officials. Some of the BNA items are illustrated below. Catalogs may be obtained from the nearest Harmers office (price: £3, \$4US or \$6A).







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Public Archives Canada unveiled the long awaited Inventory to Record Group 3, Records of the Post Office Department, at a seminar at BNAPEX '85 in Calgary.

Thomas A. (Tom) Hillman, Editor of the inventory, spoke to a group of very interested BNAPSers on the Saturday morning. He described the Inventory (see Literature Review in last issue — Ed.), outlining what it will and will not do for collectors, and then went on to discuss actually getting to view the records.

Material which is on microfilm can be obtained, through the Inter-Library Loan System, at any participating library in Canada or the United States. While the Archives do not charge for this, some local libraries may have a service fee.

Some enquiries can be submitted by mail. Questions must be stated clearly and concisely, and should be fairly specific in nature. A telephone number, with the best time of the day to be reached, is also helpful.

For broader inquiries, or detailed research, a visit to the Archives may be necessary. Although the buildings are open 24 hours a day for researchers to work, initial arrangements can only be made during normal business hours.

Prospective visitors should also note that material is stored in several locations in the Ottawa area. When planning a trip to the archives, it is best to write ahead, stating the day and time of your visit, the amount of time you plan to spend on your work and, most importantly, the files you wish to see. Given enough



*Tom Hillman introduces the RG3 Inventory at BNAPEX.*

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# THE ORDER OF THE BEAVER

ARTHUR W. LEGGETT

## CITATION

(Read by Ed Richardson)

The person elected to the Order of the Beaver this week has been a supporter of BNAPS for many years. The fourth dealer to be inducted into the order, he has attended all but one of the last twenty conventions. As a collector, he has won many awards at the International level, and can always be counted on to provide an exhibit for the Court of Honour when asked. He has also been active in the organization of BNAPS conventions in Toronto.

In addition to the foregoing, our inductee acted as a member of the organizing committee for CAPEX '78 (and will do so again for CAPEX '87), has served for many years as a member of the executive of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, and is a member of the Expertising Committee of the Vincent G. Greene Philatelic Foundation. He is also the co-author /editor of the Canada Specialized Catalogue.

It is my pleasure to welcome Art Leggett as a member of the Order of the Beaver.



Arthur W. Leggett, OTB

# THE VINCENT G. GREENE AWARD

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The Vincent G. Greene award is given annually for the best article, or series of articles, to appear originally in *BNA TOPICS* during the previous year. The winner is chosen by a vote of the Board of Directors and the Executive. For the first time in the history of the award, two members were tied after the votes were

counted.

The winners of the Vincent G. Greene Award for 1984 are: James C. Lehr, OTB for *Prince Edward Island — The Last Frontier* and *The 4 Cent Black of Prince Edward Island*, and Lewis M. Ludlow, OTB for *The RPO Cow-catcher*.



*Lew Ludlow receives his V.G. Greene Award from convention Chairman Sam Nickle*

## THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD

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*Sam Nickle receives the Grand Award*



*Visitors from overseas: England's Bill Lea and Diane and Peter Gain from South Africa*



*Bob and Sandra Lee look after Clint Phillips, Bill Topping and Ken Ellison*



*Heidi and Howdy, the mascots for the 1988 Winter Olympics, greet TOPICS' Editor Mike Street*



*Barry Shapiro presents Hank Lubke with the Ed and Mickey Richardson Award on behalf of the Texas Prairie Beavers Regional Group*



*Picked up by the Cowcatcher: Bill Robinson, Lew Ludlow, Graham Noble and Frank Waite at the RPO Study Group meeting*



*The extremes of philatelic sartorial splendour — Jack Wallace's cancelled T-shirt and Bob Carr's Postal History jacket*





*Chow time at the Foothills Ranch*



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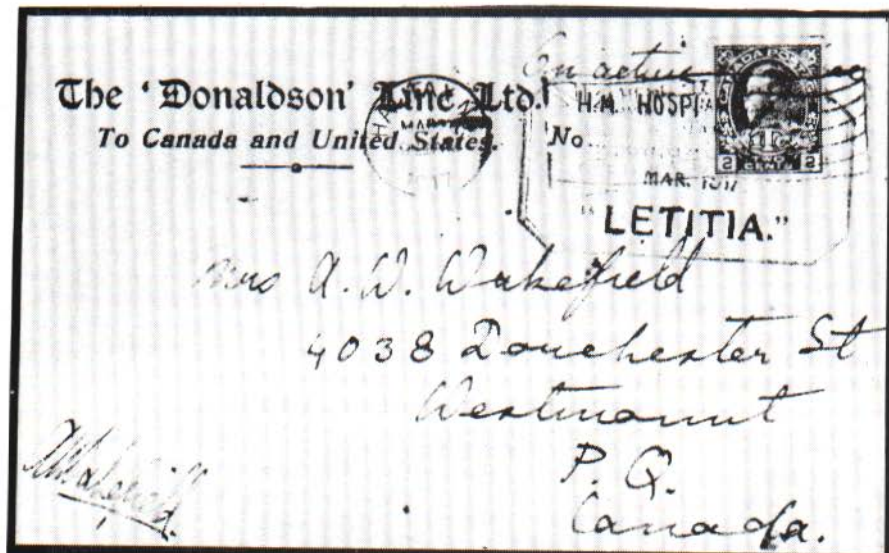
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# FIRST WORLD WAR HOSPITAL SHIPS

by Mike Street



Ed Richardson's *Canadian Military Postal History — The Canadian Hospital Ships of 1917-1919* in the July-August 1983 TOPICS mentions that, as of the date of writing, the

only First World War Canadian hospital ship marking known was from *HMHS Araguaya*.

As stated in the article, after only a few voyages as a Canadian hospital ship, *HMHS*





*Letitia* struck rocks off Portugese Cove near Halifax and sank, fortunately with no loss of life. Dr. J. Frank of Johannesburg, South Africa wrote to report that in his collection he has a cover which carries an orderly room type marking, dated March 1917, from the ill-fated ship. (The illustration has been enhanced to bring out some of the detail.) Since the ship was only turned over to Canadian authorities during that month, the letter must have been written on one of the very first crossings under the new arrangements. Dr. Frank's cover is thus a real 'find'.

The original article also brought a letter from another member who mentioned that, during the Second World War, Canada again

had a hospital ship named *Letitia*. (When I mentioned this coincidence to my father, a veteran, he topped it by telling me that when he was sent overseas, he served as Provost Marshal on the new *Letitia*, then being used as a troopship. After being wounded in Normandy, he was returned to Canada as a patient aboard the same vessel, then doing hospital ship duty!)

The postcard showing the *Letitia* after her encounter with the rocks came to light, shortly before this article was to be printed, as a result of work I am doing on aspects of the Canadian Army Medical Corps during the First World War. Canadian hospital ship material from that conflict is still scarce.

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## STAR WITH '3' CANCELLATIONS

by Jim Pike



In the May-June 1984 *TOPICS* I asked for a confirmation, or otherwise, that the two different "3" inside a star" cancellations illustrated were from Barkerville, B.C. as stated in the Day & Smythies book.

David Lacelle of Ottawa kindly wrote to tell me that the second edition of Day & Smythies had been changed to indicate that

this cancellation originated in Grimsby, Ontario. He also mentioned that there are numerous fakes of number cancels, a point which should be kept in mind.

John Siverts wrote to say that he had a cover which clearly showed that the cancellation originated in Grimsby, and has consented to it being shown here. My thanks to him also.

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# MONTREAL 'Q' DATESTAMP — EARLIEST REPORTED POSTMARK

by Peter K. Eggett



The late Dr. Carstairs pointed out in his article (1) that the Montreal 'Q' datestamp, like the one on the cover pictured above, was a "common receiver's mark", and that "numerous examples (were) seen (in the years) 1870-73". Dr. Carstairs also stated correctly that Jarrett's illustrated example (2) of this datestamp, AM/ DE 23/ 63, was "too early a date": It should have been '68'. This Montreal 'Q' is commonly referred to as Jarrett #258 or, if you subscribe to Dr. Scrimgeour's comprehensive broken circle classification, Type D2. (3)

The pictured datestamp PM/ MY 20/ 68 when compared to Jarrett's #258 has the same '8' in the '68'; that is, the left side of the '8' is missing making it appear to be a '3'. That the date on the cover illustrated is definitely '68', not '63', is proven by the OTTAWA/ C.W. split ring receiver AM/ MY 21/ 68 (inverted 8) on the back.

The Montreal 'Q' datestamp on this cover, apart from providing a useful comparison to Jarrett's #258, is special in two other ways: 1) the 'Q' datestamp was used in the less common way as a dispatching postmark, not as a receiver; and even more important, 2) it ap-

pears to be the earliest reported 'Q' of any type from any location! There could be, and likely are, earlier 'Q' dates, but none to my knowledge has surfaced to date.

The sender addressed his letter to Ottawa and added the notation 'postpaid'. He must have had every intention of paying the Montreal post office the prescribed 3¢ levy. If the postage was not prepaid, a penalty of 2¢ would have been imposed making the total cost to the recipient 5¢. Whether the sender lost, or forgot, his 3¢ postage, or simply changed his mind about prepaying it, we will never know. What we do know, after close examination of the handwritten rate markings, is that there was some confusion at the Montreal post office, resulting in two rates being assessed: '3' and '5', the '5' being written over the '3'.

In accordance with the sender's 'postpaid' instruction, the handwritten '3' was applied. The sender, however, reneged in some way and the postal clerk, in a zealous effort to blot out the '3', over-inked his pen with the observed result. The whole exercise was such a mess, with running ink and smeared numbers, that the clerk obviously felt obliged

to approve 'officially' the final 5¢ rate by penning on 'O.K.' for the receiving office in Ottawa. He forgot, however, to obliterate the 'postpaid' notation. The end result, as one can see, was that Mr. Morgan paid the inevitable 5¢ for his letter, no doubt just a little curious that it was flagged 'postpaid'.

Some postal historians who like to go that one step further, and look a little into the lives of those who send and/or receive letters, may be interested in a few notes on the Ottawa recipient, Henry James Morgan, Esquire.

Mr. Morgan, a native of Canada, was educated at Morrin College in Quebec. He entered the Canadian public service in 1853, and twenty years later was called to the Bar (Quebec and Ontario). Henry Morgan was a noted author and editor who founded *The Canadian Parliamentary Companion* which he edited and published annually from 1862 to 1876. Likewise, in 1878, he established *The Dominion Annual Register and Review* which

he also edited and published each year up to 1887. Mr. Morgan became Dr. Morgan, M.A., LL.D., D.C.L., F.R.S.C.. His M.A. (Amherst College, Mass.) and LL.D. (University of Ottawa) were honorary degrees granted in 1881 and 1903 respectively. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 1904, and his D.C.L. was granted the following year by the University of King's College in Nova Scotia. (4)

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# THE POSTAL HISTORY OF THE CALGARY STAMPEDE

In the July-August 1985 TOPICS Ed Harris indicated that there was some doubt about the first year the Canadian Post Office applied a cachet to covers serviced at the Calgary Stampede Post Office. Member Wm. C. Thorne sent along a very pertinent letter, the full text of which is given here.

## OFFICE OF DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF POSTAL SERVICES

Exhibition P.O.  
Calgary, Alberta  
25th June 1937

Mr. Wm. C. Thorne  
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Dear Sir:-

In accordance with your request I am glad to furnish you with the following information in regard to the Calgary Exhibition Post Office:-

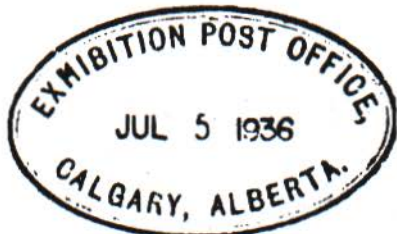
The First Calgary Exhibition Post Office was established July 1924 and during the Stampede Street Parade in July of that year the Post Office also took a part, presenting in parade order the growth of the Mail Service:-

1. The Indian runner with a letter in a cleft stick.
2. Dog team.
3. Canoe.
4. Mounted courier with leather saddle mail bags.
5. The old coach.
6. The light horse wagon.
7. The motor delivery.
8. The aeroplane.
9. Postmen in period uniforms.
10. Finally a float with a very large globe emblematic of the world-wide service provided by the Postal Service.

The Exhibition Post Office has been operated each year since then during the week of the Calgary Exhibition and Stampede at which very fine displays of old-time covers, stamp displays, and the various postal services available to the public and for business are shown, as well as a very large display of badly addressed envelopes are exhibited and which create a great deal of interest, and in our small way we think done much to improve the

standard of addressed mail from Calgary.

No special cancellation was used on mail at the Exhibition Post Office until 1928 when the stamps shown below were first used to cancel all mail posted at the grounds.



Cancellations 1924-1936

This year, 1937, is the first occasion on which a special cachet was authorized by the Post Office Department at Ottawa and the response to the notices issued will decide whether it will again be used.

The present cachet (below-Ed.) will be applied to all letters mailed each day during the week of the Stampede, July 5th to 10th, 1937.

The largest weekly attendance in any year at the Exhibition was 260,300 in 1929. Last year, 1936, the attendance had dropped to 220,000 but it is expected this year to equal, if not exceed, that of 1929.

We will be glad to furnish you with any additional information on this matter that you may require. However, I might add that the cachet is a replica of a photograph which I took of the Exhibition Post Office last year surrounded as it was by the Indian tepees and every effort was made to retain the western setting.

Yours truly,  
J.B. Corley  
District Director

# STAMPEDE POST OFFICE



CALGARY - ALBERTA

1937 Cancellation and Cachet

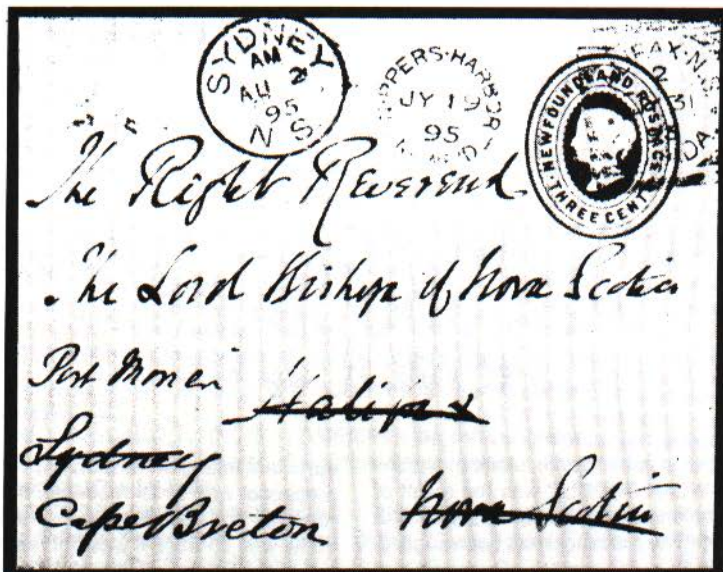


Colin Campbell sent in this photo of a Post Office exhibit  
ca. 1925-30. Could it have been taken at Calgary?



# NEWFOUNDLAND WITH CANADIAN SQUARE CIRCLES

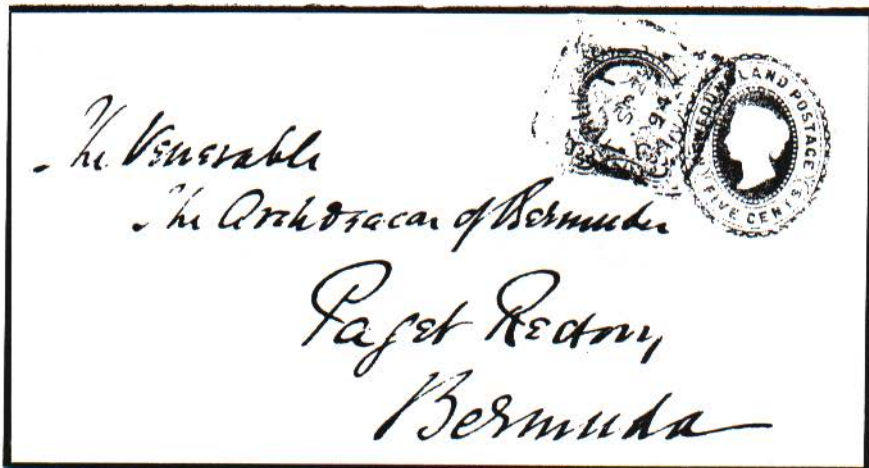
by Roger Grigson



The cover reported in the October 1964 TOPICS

In the October 1964 TOPICS N.W. Scales reported a Newfoundland 3 cent stationery envelope which carried an 1895 Halifax

Squared Circle in addition to the originating 'Nippers Harbor, New'd' cancellation. The Halifax mark had been added, apparently to



The 5 cent Newfoundland postal stationery envelope carrying a 3 cent Small Queen, both cancelled by a Halifax Squared Circle.

cancel the vignette, when the letter was redirected to Sydney, N.S. Mr. Scales stated that in twenty years of collecting Newfoundland, this was the first time he had seen a Canadian Squared Circle on a Newfoundland stationery item.

Reading this article, noticed while browsing through back issues of *TOPICS*, caused a bell to ring. On checking my collection I found a similar letter, in the same handwriting. It was also addressed to a gentleman of the Church, but in Bermuda. My cover was the 5 cent Newfoundland stationery envelope, to which had

been affixed a 3 cent Small Queen.

The only cancellation on the front of the cover is a Halifax Squared Circle, dated SP 22/94. On the reverse there is a New York transit mark (SP 25) and a Hamilton (Bermuda) receiver dated SP 29/94.

Can anyone explain this item? It appears that the value of the Newfoundland postage was recognized for partial payment of the rate to Bermuda. Is it possible that the letter, with the 3 cent Small Queen already attached, was posted on a ship which docked at Halifax?

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## PRECANCELS — THOSE WEAK DOUBLES — HOW & WHY

by H. W. Lussey

I was not, by any means, alone in assuming that a 'WEAK DOUBLE' was the result of the sheet making a second light contact with the plate after the precancel had been applied. It seemed to be a reasonable explanation, and in some instances a catalog listing may have been withheld due to the belief that the weak, and presumably second strike, was more of a kiss than a fully struck precancel.

Then came the 'Great Awakening'. I was offered a copy of Brockville 1-85 with a strong Invert and a very weak Normal. Applying the old theory that the Weak strike was due to an accidental second light contact with the plate after the precancel had been applied didn't work. How could the Weak strike be a Normal and the Strong strike an Invert? When I was mounting the item in my collection I noticed another copy of 1-85 with a very light strike of the precancel and then located another one in my duplicates. At long last a logical reason for 'Weak Doubles' began to take form.

Since the sharp clear strike was an Invert there was no way that a second weak strike could have come from a subsequent accidental contact of the sheet with the plate because it was a Normal. This is where the two copies with weak strikes came into play. They proved that some of the Brockville 1-85's had very light strikes, which would be the normal result of in-

sufficient inking of the plate. Apparently, if the precancel was at all readable, the sheet was released for use. However if the precancel strike was so weak it was not readily readable the logical step was to ink up the plate and precancel the sheet again. In this particular case the sheet was accidentally turned around when put back on the press for the second strike. The result was a very Weak Normal FIRST strike and a Strong Inverted SECOND strike.

I am not contending that every weak double in existence came about in this manner but I strongly suspect that a high percentage of them did. Since all of the other weak doubles in my collection, including duplicates, are normals I had no real basis for questioning the accepted theory. Now, however, I can appreciate that when very poor impressions were noted the plate was reinked and the precancel applied a second time. (Every sheet sent in for precancelling had to be returned to the Post Office Department.)

A careful examination of early Brockvilles in particular may turn up more of these. Geoff Walburn has mentioned that two similar copies were reported in the early 1950s but never listed. I understand this variety will soon be in the catalog as Brockville 1-85h.



# 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.*

## 1986

**FEBRUARY 8, BURLINGTON, ONTARIO** — 5th annual exhibition and bourse of the Burlington Stamp Club. Appleby Mall, Appleby Line & New St. Information: Frank Haller, P.O. Box 487, Stn. A, Burlington, ON L7R 3Y3

**MARCH 15, OAKVILLE, ONTARIO** — **OAKPEX '86**, the Oakville Stamp Club's 13th annual exhibition and bourse. Trafalgar Hall, Trafalgar Rd. at Hwy. 5. Information: P.O. Box 524, Oakville ON L6J 5B5

**MARCH 21-23, EDMONTON, ALBERTA** — **Spring Show '86**, exhibition and bourse sponsored by the Edmonton Stamp Club. Terrace Inn Hotel. Information: Keith R. Spencer, P.O. Box 399, Edmonton, AB T5J 2J6

**APRIL 19, BARRIE, ONTARIO** — 26th annual exhibition and bourse of the Barrie Stamp Club. Continental Inn, Hwys. 400 & 90. Information: Michael Head, 45 Dalton St., Barrie, ON L4N 1M5

**MAY 2-4, TORONTO, ONTARIO** — **STAMPEX**, National level exhibition and bourse. Sheraton Centre. Information: Stampex Canada, 10-1300 Kamato Rd., Mississauga, ON L4W 2N2.

**MAY 9-11, WINNIPEG, MANITOBA** — **STAMP SHOW '86**, the annual Winnipeg Philatelic Society Spring exhibition and bourse. Marlborough Inn. Information: P.O. Box 1425, Winnipeg MB R3C 2Z1

**MAY 22-JUNE 1, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS** — **AMERIPEX '86**, FIP sanctioned International Exhibition, O'Hare Exposition Center. Canadian Commissioner: David Dixon, P.O. Box 1082, Oakville, ON L6J 5E9.

**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

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**NOVEMBER 7-9, TORONTO, ONTARIO** — **STAMP Marketplace**, exhibition and bourse, featuring seminars for first-time International level exhibitors. Sheraton Centre. Information: STAMP Marketplace, 10-1300 Kamato Rd., Mississauga, ON L4W 2N2

## 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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I have just seen Bill Robinson's first newsletter for the new season of the R.P.O. Study Group and it is a beaut! Five sheets, ten pages (no margins), chock full of meaty substance on our subject of railway cancellations — it is typical of the fine job Robinson does in putting these together. Subjects include a review of BNAPEX '85 and associated R.P.O. Study Group member comments from our point of view, historical data from Allan Steinhart and Palmer Moffat, a R.P.O. bibliography list from the BNAPS Library, a great piece by Joe Purcell defining all of those confusing R.P.O. initials, the start of a 'reverse index' of the R.P.O. listings, and a review of Lionel Gillam's new book on the history of the pre-Confederation railway. If you are interested in railway cancellations and are not one of the more than 80 members of the Study Group, contact Bill Robinson on how to join; his address is given in Frank Waite's column.

*CANADIAN MAIL BY RAIL/1836-1867*, by Lionel F. Gillam, is a splendid volume and essential to any R.P.O. library. Robinson has submitted a book review for this issue of *BNA TOPICS*, so we will not be repetitive; suffice it to say, Gillam honors all of us in the Study Group with his dedication and we salute him for a great contribution to our literature. For us this historical perspective was fascinating! What with a lack of funds and the chicanery of all the role players — financial, political and the hooligans — it is a marvel that any of these railroads were ever built at all! It was survival of the fittest, and only the strongest (or the wildest) survived.

## NEW TRACK

This Cowcatcher is being devoted to four new clerk strikes submitted by Ross Gray, all previously unlisted. Please note that all four of these new listings have been used legitimately on cover or card as a transit marking; none is on a facing slip or blank cut square.



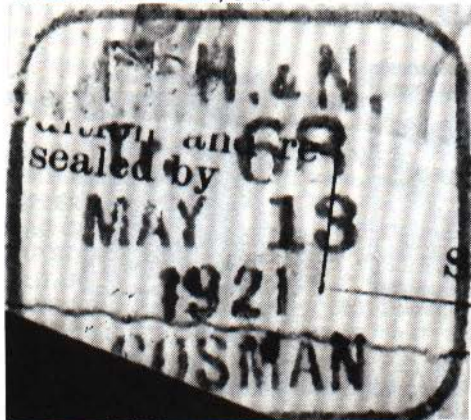
Our first strike is 0-232 Ott. & Madawaska R.P.O./J.A. —EAN, type 17J, Train 90, May 5, 1928. Gray could use a little help on this one; the first four letters of the clerk name are missing from the strike. Outside confirmation of the full name would be greatly appreciated. The strike is a purple backstamp on registered cover from Combermere, Ont. to Peterboro, Ont., via Ottawa; time in transit — two days!



Next we have a *very early* clerk strike on post card, full and clear, a beautiful cancel — 0-393C TOR. & O. SOUND/G.S. FULTON, M.C.,



Type 6E, Train 20S, August 22, 1911. This strike is also in purple, on card from Owen Sound (with additional machine cancellation) addressed to Harriston, Ont.

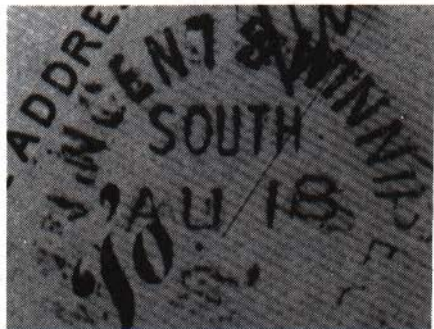


Our next one is doubly illustrated, both the full cover and in enlargement. W-83K M.H. & N./COSMAN, Type 1F, Train 68, May 13, 1921. As shown, this is on the face of a registered cover from Fort Steele, B.C., to New York, where it arrived *four* days later! Would that we could do so today. Transit mark backstamps include W-77.



Our next today from Gray is W-213A YORKTON & SASKATOON R.P.O./W.J. COOKSEY, Type 3D, Train 52, May 28, 1920. This is a violet backstamp transit mark on a registered cover from Guernsey, Sask. to Hamilton, Ont., with W-203C as an additional transit mark.

#### EARLIEST TRACK IN THE WEST



We have one more strike from Gray, W-134 ST. VINCENT & WINNIPEG/P.C., Type 4G, Direction — SOUTH, August 18, 1881 on postcard from Winnipeg, Man. to Goderich, Ont. The 1881 date is confirmed by a transit mark of the same year from Windsor, Ont. Gray feels that this is the earliest known strike of a railway cancellation from the West, and I think that he is right; I have checked the Western and Railroad Sections in the catalogue and can find nothing earlier. The next earliest that I have recorded is RR-28 in 1882. In the absence of any other candidates from our readers, this strike looks like the winner of the honor. This is not surprising; in 1881, the railroads were just in the process of meeting the western frontier.



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## ON THE FRINGES

### CALGARY

At Calgary the endeavors of the host committee ensured the enjoyment of all present. One whose activity was especially noteworthy was the Seminar Coordinator, Jon Johnson. He not only did a masterful job of arranging the facilities and timing of 18 meetings — 15 study groups and 3 special seminars with over 250 attendees — but also followed up with a summary report including 10 suggestions for the 1986 BNAPS Seminar coordinator. A lovely job, Jon.

### PEI

Jim Lehr has presented *Chapter IV, The Warrants* from the rough draft of his forthcoming handbook. The article gives the costs, numbers issued, numbers used and remainders of the PEI issues. He gives his opinion on the discrepancies in the numbers. His work is one of the best examples of BNAPS research I have seen. Jim is to be congratulated. I believe he would like some help. Come on you PEIers, send in some material for the newsletters — even an illustration of an early cover.

### POSTAL STATIONERY

The Postal Stationery people ask for price information in their newsletter; also included: the new Canadian stationery released to accommodate the June 24th rate change, a request from Bill Walton for information on cigarette acknowledgment cards, and a new prestamped postal card used by Eatons and reported by Tom Flynn. As if that is not enough there is also a listing of additions and updated ERPs for CPR cards, an update of the list of Kitchener and Winnipeg polling card types, a listing, (furnished by Librarian Don Makinee) of postal stationery literature available from the BNAPS library and, finally, data on the Newfoundland formula registered envelopes. This is a lively and productive study group.

### REVENUES

The Revenues had a mini-convention at Willow Grove, PA. Twenty, counting the ladies, attended. Many Revenues belong to the Mid-Atlantic Group — our hosts in '88 at Virginia Beach. A highlight of the newsletter is a two page study of the *Quebec Honoraires Fees* by Kirk Liggett. The June newsletter has the final



two pages of the article on precancelled Excise stamps used on playing cards. Both issues have little adlets which are free to members. I'm happy to see that other study groups have copied this service.

### RPOS

The railroaders are alive and well. New and otherwise interesting strikes of RPOs are reported by Ted Woodward, Ron Kitchen, Gerald Carr and John McCrea. Ken Ellison sent in a two page copy of promotional material, published by the CPR, on the 'Arrow Lakes Service — SS Minto'. Arrow Lake is a broad section of the Columbia River, and the SS Minto is a CPR steamer plying the lake. John Hornsby has an article on the development of the Lake Erie and Detroit River Railway Company. Jim Felton has researched the newsletters and provided an index to articles about hammer analysis of maritime runs. A membership roster is included in this newsletter. Crowning this outstanding newsletter (take a bow Editor Bill Robinson) is a ten page technical study of the hammers of the 'West of Winnipeg' cancellations by Lew Ludlow. An excellent job Lew. How do you find time for such painstaking work and still do anything else?

### RE-ENTRIES

The May-June issue of the Re-Entry group newsletter is devoted to a comprehensive study of re-entries on the Map stamp by Whit Bradley. This is very good. Dressed up with illustrations, this belongs in *TOPICS*. (Look for a handbook — Ed). The July-August issue is given over to an article on *The Most Remarkable Variety on Canadian Stamps* by George Arfken. George traces the research done and opinions formed on the five cent entry on the six cent small queen from the first discovery to the present, George is an editor's delight — an excellent and prolific writer.

### SQUARED CIRCLES

Interest seems to be great in the Squared Circle 'circle'. New data is provided by Whit Bradley, Bob Lee, Jim Felton, Ron Winmill and Jack Gordon. Bill Wegman updates the data on the timing of the two Calgary hammers. Brian Plain describes and illustrates four items. One, very unusual (probably unique), is a strike of Victoria hammer I on a Fijian stamp. Jack Gordon presents some indicia differences between Squared Circle cancels and

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### CENTENNIALS

Every newsletter of the Centennial group saddens me. Not at their work — no — but at the thought of the confusion and contradictions that could have been avoided if we had had such a study group during the 'Small Queen' period. As usual their newsletter is full of information. Mike Painter has brought to their notice an erratic spacing between tagging bars on some Centennial definitives. Robert Gagnon and Charles Shoemaker have contributed illustrations of Special Order stationery. John Jamieson has reported the discovery of the six cent orange imperforate coil on hibrite paper. The stated prices bear out the rarity of this item. Other varieties are illustrated.

### DUPLEX CANCELS

The paper manufacturers must love the Duplex group. Another huge newsletter and it's all meat. Bob Lee has noted that Paul Hughes has assembled photocopies of duplex proof strikes to 1933 (alphabetically under each province) — 2000 strikes, wow! Palmer Moffat sent in a listing of Newfoundland duplexes. Part I of a listing of Nova Scotia duplexes, their types and periods of use are included in the newsletter. There are also several pages of illustrations of Berlin duplexes with full data. The newsletter concludes with a two page listing of Canadian cities with multiple Berri hammers. Bob, I still think you should write a column for *TOPICS* on current BNA trends from the dealer-auctioneer standpoint.



## MILITARY MAIL

The Military collectors reported the discovery of, and illustrated, a Valcartier Camp machine cancel. At Calgary, after discussion of the future, the group proposed an up-dating of some of the early surveys. How about complete listings in book form? Ken Ellison is seeking someone to take over as Editor. I have to smile. Ken does such an excellent job that every newsletter he sends out is another vote for himself. The group is assembling material for an auction. Ten percent of the proceeds will accrue to the study group. An interesting idea for other groups to contemplate. Wilf Whitehouse has authored a well illustrated article on the World War II marking "RECEIVED FROM H.M. SHIPS". This is a very interesting and well written article.

## NEWFOUNDLAND

For a new group, the 'Newfies' are extremely productive. Seven subjects are listed as Newfoundland mysteries in need of study to challenge the group membership. W.D. Van Ness has reported a singular discovery. Three different 'Instanta' gauges, manufactured several years apart, differ as much as 0.1 (in one case 0.2) in their perforation measurement. Plastic and paper shrink and possibly expand. Perhaps, for definitive work, we need a gauge of optic glass, with the markings etched

in, similar to the 'Filar' eyepiece used for microscopic measurements. Other study groups should take note of this. The final nineteen pages are devoted to the second half of the listing of twentieth century Newfoundland post offices.

## SEMI-OFFICIAL AIR MAILS

The Semi-Official Air Mail study group now has 10 members. They report that much material of interest is now coming on the market. Publications in the field are noted. Data on Laurentides Air Service Ltd. is requested. Haughton Sanguinetti has provided an article on the Mackenzie Air Service. An excellent start; I know not the editor, but would suggest that he place his name and address on the heading of his newsletter. It helps to get material and members, and I could compliment him personally too!

## MY CORNER

I sit here in Newberry, surrounded by snow, and in a philatelic vacuum. The incoming mail and the newsletters are as a breath of tropic air and sunshine. As I write this, on Thanksgiving afternoon, the holiday season is upon me. When you read this (I hope someone does), it will be belated; nevertheless, may you all have happy holidays, and a wonderful new year full of Pence covers in the ten cent box.



# NEWS

## From The BNAPS Library



by Don Makinen

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| B7-15 | <i>The Edward VII Issue of Canada</i> , by G. Marler, 1975                    | F-647  | <i>The Port Maitland 395 Find</i> , by J. Cooke  |
| C3-19 | <i>The Edward Issue 1903-1912</i> , by Dr. C.W. Hollingsworth, 1967           | F-827  | <i>The Prince of Wales Cover</i> , by A.J. Hertz, 1948   |
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| F-800 | <i>King Edward VII Issue 1903-08</i> , by W. Sprung                           | F-1067 | <i>Quebec Tercentenary Issue</i> , by J. Slough, 1968  |
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the Commonwealth, took place in Ottawa during the summer of 1932. An attractive set of three stamps was issued by the Post Office in honour of the occasion, but no mention of a special Post Office at the site of the conference has been found. Does anyone have any information? Does anyone else have a copy?

## SCRATCHES ON POSTAL STATIONERY CARD

Although he does not specialize in Postal Stationery, RPO super-sleuth Ross Gray takes more than a casual interest. His photographic talents, which are regularly displayed in Lew Ludlow's column, have also resulted in the illustration which accompanies this question.

The vignette is from a Webb P7b postal card. Several distinct vertical scratches can be seen in the areas below the chin, below the neck and also behind the neck below the coiled hair. Are there different scratches on other examples of this card? Perhaps a stationery type who specializes in plating can help with this one.



# WHAT IS IT?

William Grosnick Sr. of Wausau, WI submitted the item shown. It clearly says 'Canada Return Postal Card', but no Canadian card carrying such a vignette is known to exist. Is it an essay? A private design? Who is the man — Prince Albert? The designer?

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Bob Bayes of Vancouver would like to know if anyone has any information on the 20 cent Admiral illustrated. In the upper left hand corner, in very fine black ink, are the initials 'G.P.'. Bob also has a 10 cent plum Admiral with the same initials in the same location. Does the presence of the inscription indicate some sort of official Post Office or government activity involving these stamps?



## NEW 19TH CENTURY OFFICIAL CANCELLATIONS



The first meeting of those attempting to organize an Official Cancellations Study Group produced this new listing (or two) for *Canada Specialized*.

Cliff Guile would like to know of any other examples of the previously unreported 'LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL/CANADA' crowned circle. Dated 11 SEP 1865, it was struck in red, as was the 'REGISTERED' just below it. The 'FREE' between pairs of double lines surmounted by a crown is in red as well, and also appears to be a new discovery. The

'REGISTERED' and the 'FREE' marks at the top of the cover are in black, as is the Quebec circle date stamp (also SP 11 65).

The very even positioning of the red 'REGISTERED' below the crowned circle suggests that both were part of the same hammer, which would mean that the device was a special one reserved for that type of mail. The crowned 'FREE' could also be in the same category. At least one more cover is necessary to confirm or deny this thinking, and also to provide an idea of period of use.



## A CUT-DOWN ROLLER PRECANCEL?

This Edward block was submitted by Wilf Walker of Edmonton for help in determining whether or not it may be a sort of provisional or unofficial precancel. On close examination, the letter (or figure) 'o' can be seen once in the upper line, and three times in the bottom line.

There is not much doubt that the lines were produced by a roller. The top line appears to have been rolled twice, once at an angle. The bottom line appears to have been rolled once. The middle line appears to have been rolled three or more times without much slippage, possibly accounting for the lack of any 'o's.

Geoff Walburn's theory is that the marks were made by a cut-down roller (probably Toronto) with a single line remaining, and that it is entirely possible that it was used as a precancel. Has anyone else an example of this? Is it possible that the line with the 'o' was the outside line on a device that was rolled almost on its edge instead of flat?



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other steamer plying the Eel River tend to confirm the carrying of mail.

As the steamers made only a one-way trip each day, the possibility of mail being sorted aboard exists. There is no mention of the line, or of either ship, in Ludlow's RPO Catalogue. Can anyone shed any light on this?

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I am pleased with the response this issue. Things are happening out among our groups, so start the New Year right — join a group near you.

The **Prairie Beavers** have a very informative newsletter containing articles, pictures and news. Ed Richardson has been the Editor. The Beavers held a two day meeting November 8 & 9, with Mark Arons as guest speaker.

The **Pacific-Northwest** chapter reports a proposal to join the PIPEX Federation and become more involved. A good idea for all groups. Some future meetings being planned are mid-March in the Vancouver area and September 1986 in the Okanagan area. Watch this column for updated information or contact B.C. Plain, M.D. at 230 Robson Rd. W., Kelowna, B.C. Dues are only \$5.00 Canadian.

The **Golden Horseshoe** group held their meeting at the Officer's Mess, Fork York armories, on November 17. The guest speaker was Allan L. Steinhart, who discussed Canada's Stampless Period. Ray Bradbury is the new President of this group as Mike Bednar has been quite ill. Get well soon Mike! The next meeting, on January 26, was to feature Joe Di Ciommo, speaking on the Queens. Cliff Guile will speak on Squared Circles at the March 9 meeting.

The **Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario** group met on November 2 in Winnipeg. Don Amos spoke on Canadian Pioneer and Semi-

Official Airmail. When I joined BNAPS many years ago, Don was one of the first members I heard from. He is a great asset to BNAPS.

These Regional Groups are worth your time and support. Join one close to you or start one in your area. John J. Kriz, at 222 Davis Ave, Greenwich, Connecticut 06830-6346 is willing to organize a group in the **New York** area so if you are close, contact John and get a new group going. Likewise, if you are in the Central Midwest US, I will organize a group if I can get some interested collectors. My address is above.

Remember to get your newsletters and comments to me by March 15 for the May-June TOPICS, and by May 15 for the July-August issue.

Hope you had a happy holiday season and a good start to the New Year. Find that elusive item and write it up for TOPICS.

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# LITERATURE REVIEWS

## BNA Philately in Print

**CANADIAN MAIL BY RAIL 1836-1867; L.F. Gillam; privately printed by the author, 66 East Bawtry Road, Rotherham, S. Yorks., England, S60 4BU. 1985. Hard Cover, 168 pp, £12 or \$15.50US.**

When one completes reading this attractively presented volume, the impression remains that there has been exposure to all available information on the pre-Confederation railway systems of Upper and Lower Canada.

The author carefully compares the statements of early and recent writers regarding the history, development and technical details of the various railways. The beginnings of the railway mail conductor and railway mail car systems on the eight main railroad networks in the Canadas are documented. He draws extensively on both official archives and private authors to present a balanced view of what actually appears to have occurred (many of the early sources were extremely partisan and biased).

He also carefully illustrates and describes the various mail markings used on these routes — and questions the existence of a few. One example concerns the large diameter 'St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad' marking shown by Jarrett as No. 1601. This actually appears to be an inaccurate drawing of the well-known split-circle marking listed by Ludlow as # RR-142.

BNAPS members will be interested in the dedication of the work to Lewis M. Ludlow in particular, and to the RPO Study Group in general. Without the interest generated and leadership shown by Lew, and the careful research of the Group, Mr. Gillam considers there would have been little interest or progress in the subject.

A brief overview of these histories was contained in Mr. Gillam's earlier book *A History of Canadian R.P.O.s, 1853 to 1967*, but detail was limited by space and the need to cover all of Canada over a much longer period.

Anyone interested in the history, development and markings of the early Railway Post

Office of the Canadas will find this book indispensable.

**POST OFFICES OF ALBERTA; William G. Robinson and William Topping, Editors; privately published by W. Topping, 7430 Angus Dr., Vancouver, B.C. V6P 5K2. 1985. Soft cover, 60 pp, \$10.00. Mail orders should include \$1.00 for first class postage. Also available from most dealers.**

This check list of the post Offices of Alberta closely follows the format established for the first book in the series, *Post Offices of British Columbia*. There is an identification code for each office, the name and any change in name or status, date established, date closed (if applicable), types of cancellations used, and data according to the Dominion Lands Surveys system (section, township, and range West of a given meridian) which pinpoints the physical location to within one mile.

The main difference in content between the two books in the series is that this volume does not include rarity factors, as the BC book did. The Editors felt that insufficient research has been done to allow these to be stated with any degree of accuracy, but hope to include them in future editions. Money Order Office Numbers (MOONs) and Post Office Computer Numbers (POCONs) have also been left for future editions because of lack of data.

Anyone interested in the postal history of Alberta will find this book to be an essential tool. Those who like to know a bit about 'that odd Alberta cancel' will also find it very useful.

### FOR NOVICE COLLECTORS

**BASIC PHILATELY, Kenneth A. Wood; Van Dahl Publications, P.O. Box 10, Albany, OR 97321, 1984 (3rd edition). Soft Cover, 148 pp, \$8.95US. Available from the publisher.**

In 27 well illustrated chapters, including an extensive glossary and a lengthy stamp identifier, Ken Wood, Editor Emeritus of *Stamp*



Collector, has described philately from A to Z. Topics covered start with the real basics — obtaining, handling, soaking and mounting stamps. Other chapters describe postal history, postal markings, topical collecting, cinderellas, condition standards and stamp printing methods. Philatelic societies, publica-

tions, low-budget collecting, exhibiting and even the history of philately are other topics.

*Basic Philately* is well written in an informal, almost personal, style that gets the information across without talking down to the reader. Anyone starting out in philately would benefit greatly from reading it cover to cover.

CANADIAN  
POSTAL GUIDE:

# ILLUSTRATED

by C. R. McGuire  
BNAPS LIFE MEMBER

## 12. LETTER OPENED IN ERROR

9. A letter delivered to the wrong person in consequence of his name being the same as that of the person for whom the letter is intended should be at once returned to the Postmaster from whom received; and if it has been opened, the party who opened it should write on the cover, "opened by me through mistake," and sign his name thereto. In every

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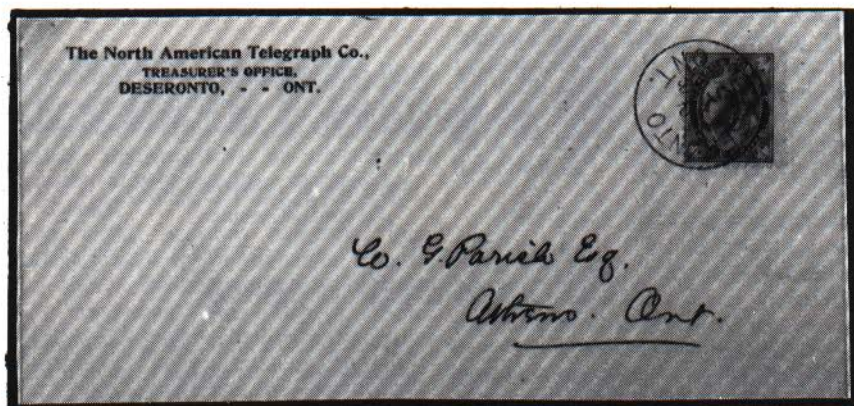
Received and opened by the wrong party, who then wrote 'opened in error' and initialed the statement.



# A STUDY OF THE TELEGRAPH COVERS OF CANADA

by Wilmer C. Rockett, OTB and Leo J. LaFrance, OTB

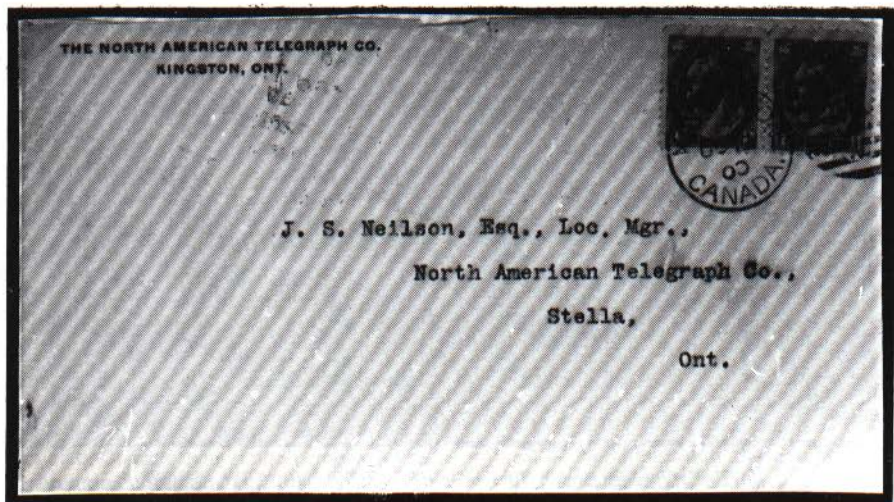
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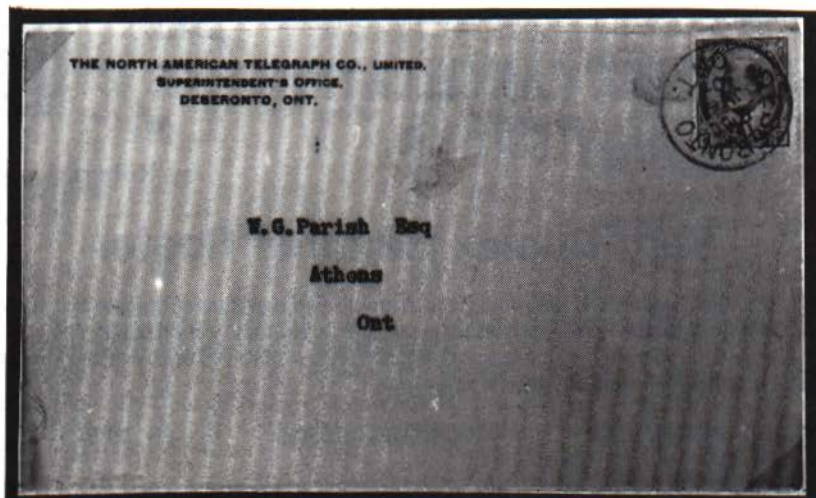
Three types of covers are known for this company which was incorporated in 1886 at Kingston, Ontario. Type I has three lines of bold, serifed, type: The North American Telegraph Co., / TREASURER'S OFFICE, / DESERONTO, — — ONT. The second line of type is smaller than the other two which are identical (2 July 1898).

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Type III is again three lines: THE NORTH AMERICAN TELEGRAPH CO., LIMITED / SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE / DESERONTO,







ONT. All letters are sans-serif, with the first line, except for 'LIMITED' being the same size as the third line. 'LIMITED' and the second line are

the same, slightly smaller in size from the type on the other two lines (6 July 1907).

## SKETCHes of BNAPSers

By Dr. R.V.C. Carr

SKETCH No. 209  
John C. Graper

A relatively new office in BNAPS is the position of Assistant Secretary and it is well done by John C. Graper.

Born in New Jersey, John went to Wilmington, Delaware for college but deserted engineering for an oil company. This was interrupted by the military for two years, then it was back to Wilmington and Getty Oil, and, most important, a family.

From being a U.S. collector with an interest in the new tagging and automation, John developed an interest in Canada and her definitives. A lack of published material led him to BNAPS, and the discovery of an 'Official Seal' caused him to join nearby Bill Rockett and the Revenuers.

Living close to then-Secretary Ed Whiting gave then-President Jim Lehr the idea of providing help for that position, and that's how John got the job. His new computer certainly helps him keep track of dues records.

John still dabbles in some U.S., especially joint issues of the U.S. and Canada, plus Bermuda. A sideline hobby, the making of stained glass, cuts into his stamping but provides other enjoyment.



# The DUPLEX CANCELLATION STUDY GROUP



by Robert A. Lee

## Berri Duplex Hammer Roster

Jim Karr has prepared the following roster of confirmed Berri duplex hammers. Any member who has new information is asked to let us know, with a photocopy if possible. The address is Duplex Cancel Study Group, c/o Bob Lee, P.O. Box 937, Vernon, BC V1T 6M8. Anyone interested in joining the group should write to the same address.

POST OFFICE	HAMMERS			INDICIA DATES RECORDED			NOTES
	Ord	Rec	No. of Bars	AM	PM	Blank	
BARRIE / CW	2	2	13	1860-68	1860-68	1878	Blank reported by R. Lee on 3¢ SQ cover. Very late use.
BELLEVILLE / CW	2	2	13	1861-67	1862-67	-	
BRANTFORD / CW	2	4	13	1863-67	1863	1863-77	
			14	-	-	-	AM reported in Smythies Handbook. None were reported in this roster.
BROCKVILLE / CW	2	2	13	1866	1865-68	-	
CHATHAM / CW	2	1	13	-	1861-68	-	
COBOURG / CW	2	3	13	1861	1860-61	1861-65	
COBOURG / CW (Mutilated)						1866-67	In August 1866, the killer half of the Blank hammer was mutilated by eight vertical cuts — making 89 dashes
DUNDAS / CW	2	2	13	1861-66	1860-68	-	
GALT / CW	2	1	13	-	1860-63	-	AM reported in Smythies Handbook. None reported in this roster.
		2	14	1862-67	1861-72	-	
GODERICH / CW	2	2	13	1860-62	1860-64	-	
GUELPH / CW	2	2	13	-	1860-62	1863-67	
		2	14	1860	-	1862-65	
HAMILTON / CW	4	1	12				A 12 bar killer with PM reported by Smythies but not in this roster. Two each of AM and PM hammers were supplied.
		4	13	1860-68	1860-67		The centre of the obliterator was drilled and a '5' inserted.
HAMILTON / CW (Modified)			13			1870-	
KINGSTON / CW	4	3	13	1860-61	1860	1863-66	
LONDON / CW	4	4	12	1861-68	1861-68	-	
			13	1863	1861-68	-	
MONTREAL / CE	4	6	12	1861-67	1860-67	-	
			13	1860-68	1860-72	-	
			14	1867	1861-69	-	
OTTAWA / CW	2	4	12	1863-66	1860-69	-	
			13	1861-71	1864-71	-	
PETERBORO / CW	2	3	12	1867	-	1864-80	1 only AM reported by Jim Hennok. Latest recorded use of a Berri.



POST OFFICE	HAMMERS		INDICIA DATES RECORDED				NOTES
PETERBORO / CW			13	-	-	-	13 Bars with AM reported in Smythies Handbook. None in this roster.
PORT HOPE / CW	2	2	13	1860-62	1866	1863-69	1 only PM reported by G. Noble. In OC '69 the Blank hammer obliterator was drilled and a fancy cork inserted.
PORT HOPE / CW (Mutilated)			13			1869-70	There are at least 6 different corks reported. Changed at roughly monthly intervals.
QUEBEC / CE	4	1	13	-	1860	-	1 only PM reported by Jim Hennok. Smythies Handbook had no reports of the QUEBEC Berri Duplex.
ST. CATHERINES/CW	2	2	13	1862-67	1863-68	-	
SIMCOE / CW	2	3	13	1861	1860-61	1862	1 only AM reported by Jim Hennok.
THREE RIVERS / CE	2	2	13	1861	1863-64	-	
TORONTO / CW	4	3	13	1860	1860	1863	1 only PM reported by Maggie Toms
TORONTO / CW (Mutilated)			13			1866-67	In August 1866, the killer half of the Blank hammer was mutilated by eight vertical cuts — making 89 dashes (similar to COBOURG)

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C - Canada  
Proposed by R.H. Jamieson 2113, seconded by Paul L. Maly 4436
- 4482 ABBEY, Leonard R., 13740 Tanglewood Dr., Dallas TX 75234  
C - Canada  
Proposed by H.F. Dingenthal 3602, seconded by M.F. Hollenbeck 3968
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C - Canada  
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