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THE EDITOR'S PAGE

by MIKE STREET

A PLACE FOR ALL OF US

In the opinion of most present, the quality of the exhibits at the Calgary convention was remarkable. The Exhibits Committee and the Exhibitors are to be congratulated for putting together perhaps the best collection of BNA material seen in one place since CAPEX '78.

Like many others, I too was upset and angry over the results of the judging of those exhibits. The reaction of those who felt that specialty subjects were given short shrift in comparison to 'The Classics' is understandable and must, for the good of the society, be addressed quickly.

Whether we like it or not, the tide of philately has shifted away from the early issues, partly for reasons of cost, partly due to the freer expression of ideas prevalent today. We must keep pace — but shooting the judges is not the answer!

I do not say that because I'm a judge who wants to protect his hide, but because the experience I've gained in that area of the hobby tells me that there is a better way.

In discussing the matter with others, the conversation always comes back to BNAPS' reason for existence. Article II of our constitution clearly says that our purpose is "to encourage and aid the collecting and the study" of all areas of BNA philately. Article II names many different fields, but it also says that it applies to subjects not specifically named. That is BNAPS' strength — there is room for all of us.

The Calgary jury was going by the estab-

lished rules of philatelic judging. Those who forgot this in the heat of the moment must bear it in mind as we try to resolve the problem. Retraining the judges is not an answer — they are already trained or they would not be there. In my opinion, the solution is to make the rules for judging our exhibitions agree with our stated purpose.

It's that simple, and that complex. If we go at it in a spirit of good will and true fellowship, however, I am confident that we could devise for our show rules with which all but the most tradition-bound exhibitors and judges could live.

Great rarities are important even if the field is small and previously unregarded. Original research producing previously unknown information, or finally proving a long-held theory, deserves serious recognition. New methods of investigation and the difficulty of acquiring material also merit consideration. Surely the importance of these and other essentials can be placed in the proper perspective for making comparisons between exhibits which would satisfy most of us.

A 12-Penny Black and an RPO cancellation are not the same thing, and I doubt that anyone would seriously argue the point. But who says that we have to compare them head on? We must be careful not to turn people off and/or away because of real or perceived rejection at an early stage of exhibiting. Let's get going — now — and make BNAPEX truly OUR show.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS RE UNPAID 1986 DUES

Please note that in February reminder notices were sent to all members who had not then paid their 1986 membership dues. This will be the last issue of *TOPICS* mailed if dues remain unpaid.

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Ed Whiting



It is regrettable that I have to write this a fair bit in advance of the printing date. Because of the spacing between issues, continuity can be a problem. When this happens, I can only ask that you bear with me.

This society is multinational, and we must accept the fact that occasionally some of our members will be at odds with others on things not totally philatelic. What am I getting at? Well, for the better part of 1985, we as a society were in the forefront of those critical of Canada Post Corporation's handling of the National Postal Museum situation. Because I am American, I stayed out of the fracas. As I told you in this column in the *TOPICS* of last March-April, our Canadian officers, who kept me fully informed at all times, took the lead in formulating and delivering our response. On several occasions I was sorely tempted to get into the fray, but it was a Canadian problem. As far as I know, it still is.

It should not be surprising, then, that I was irritated when one of our Canadian members suggested that there was too much non-Canadian influence in the criticism expressed in *TOPICS*. He also implied that contrary opinions on the Museum situation were deliberately being kept out of *TOPICS*.

Essentially, this member's position is that the Museum was overstaffed and that he supports the Canadian government's efforts to cut costs. The member was informed that until his letter, no contrary opinions had been expressed. In fact, the opposite was true — all comment received was positive. To date, his disagreement is the only one to reach us.

What is ironic is that, at just about the same time, I received a letter from Mr. Andre Villeneuve, a Vice President of Canada Post,

which indicated a desire to have a meeting with the philatelic community before a new Museum Director is appointed. In the same letter he told me of the appointment of Cimon Morin as Acting Director. It seems clear that our protests were heard.

I sent a copy of both Mr. Villeneuve's letter and my reply to Allan Steinhart, Chairman of our Board, to alert him to Canada Post's seeming conciliatory attitude toward philatelists and to ask that he, being a Canadian, assist in arranging such a meeting. I feel that we have so much to gain by being receptive to Canada Post's offer of getting together that we ought to give them a chance to demonstrate their intentions vis-a-vis organized philately in Canada. We will keep you posted.

On another subject, a BNAPser wrote to suggest, among other things, that we have an auction occasionally to supplement what we are able to offer via Bob Jamieson's Sales Circuit Department. What are your feelings on this suggestion? Who do we have who would be willing to run such an undertaking?

AMERIPEX is almost here! It seems but 'yesterday' that INTERPHIL was taking place right here in Philadelphia. John Siverts has secured a Society lounge for BNAPS in Chicago's philatelic event-of-the-year. Our members will be assured of a place to meet and to rest their weary legs. There will be a 'sign-in' sheet and I urge all who attend the show to let us know that you were there. That, together with new members signed up, is our best way of justifying the expenditure. I plan to be there. I'll see you at AMERIPEX!

LETTERS

ARE WE LOOKING AFTER OUR FUTURE?

The September-October editorial discussed the problem of reaching more young collectors. I agree with Denis Cottin that schools and teachers are the answer. But therein lies a problem, because not many teachers are stamp collectors. Teachers unfamiliar with philately are not going to run a stamp club or use philately as an educational tool.

Teachers are always looking for new ways to motivate kids and stamp collecting could certainly be used to enrich the present curriculum. How can we 'reel' in some of them? I believe it could be done via all day workshops.

A preliminary seminar would introduce a philatelic program, put together by a team of teachers and philatelists, which could be used in the classroom to complement the teaching of academic subjects. The workshop would include 'hands-on' practice in such stamp collecting basics as soaking, sorting, use of catalogues, trading stamps and even tagging, and the introduction of stamp oriented games to be played in the classroom.

Last fall, during 'Stamp Collecting Month', Canada Post sent to schools a stamp collecting kit which contained plans for several lessons to be used in classrooms. I do not know how many teachers actually used the kit, but I suspect that very few did. Teachers have to be motivated too. One can't reasonably expect people, even teachers, who have no background in philately, to simply take up these lesson plans and follow them with their classes. It would have been much better if Canada Post had made arrangements with local stamp clubs for volunteers to go to the schools to work with the teachers.

The point I am trying to make is that teachers have to be taught philately before they themselves can teach children. A cooperative effort between teachers, philatelists and Canada Post to devise a program would provide a basis to encourage new collectors through our schools.

Kathy Ward
Stoney Creek, ON

The September-October editorial covered what seems to be a recurring theme in

philatelic publications. Not a problem just for BNAPS, but for the entire philatelic community, "Where are the collectors of tomorrow?" With a sense of *deja vu*, I recall a stamp club to which I belonged many years ago. All specialized collectors content with the status quo, we did nothing to encourage new or beginning collectors. Inevitably, as members moved or passed away, the club died. Today there is a new, more vital club fulfilling the need that we didn't satisfy.

To keep BNAPS viable we must attract new members. Why do we belong to BNAPS? My primary reason is the friendships I have made. Other reasons are *TOPICS*, the study groups, and sources of material. I think that anyone joining the society would find these to be sufficient reasons as well.

School clubs are often mentioned. By all means we should contribute to the formation and running of these by supplying stamps and expertise. These kids will be the members 10 and 20 years from now. Remember, at some time even you didn't know a pence from a pickle. We all have to start somewhere.

Volunteer to write a column, even if only monthly, for the local paper. Spice it up with local history. Mention expensive items occasionally — Money always spurs interest. You may be surprised, perhaps to your advantage, at the material which turns up. Local history, illustrated by philately, is a great selling point. Exhibit this material at local shows, and publicize it.

At major shows, including our own, the society should have a booth or table supplied with copies of *TOPICS* and study group newsletters. (BNAPS should fund the printing of extra copies of both for such handouts — they are our best selling point.) These can be passed out with a membership application enclosed.

At BNAPEX, when a Canadian city is the host, there should be a small exhibit of local historical interest. If advertised, it might create a desire in the local populace to see the show. If we get people to the show, it will sell BNAPS. Our dealers are a solid source of publicity and members. Why not provide them with free passes, good for say Friday or Saturday afternoon, to give out to customers.

We must endeavor to convert the

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Nominations and Elections

Article IV, Section 3 of the BNAPS Constitution:

A President, both Vice Presidents, Treasurer and Secretary shall be so elected by ballot biennially in the even numbered years. Five (5) members of the Board of Governors shall be elected in the even numbered years, for a term of four (4) years. Two (2) such members shall be from Canada, two (2) from the United States, and the fifth at large. All elected officers shall assume and perform the duties of their office on the first day of January in the year immediately following their election. All retiring officers shall continue in office until their successor shall have qualified and assumed the duties of the office.

Nominations for the offices to be elected may be filed with the Secretary by any Regional Group of the Society or by any five (5) members in good standing in time, at least, for publication in BNA TOPICS scheduled for release ninety (90) days before the opening of the Convention and Annual Meeting of such election year.

NOMINATIONS CLOSE 1 MAY 1986

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CSDA ELECTS NEW EXECUTIVE FOR 1986-87

Members of the Canadian Stamp Dealers Association recently elected a new slate of officers. Final results of the balloting were: President — Lex de Ment; First Vice-President — Joseph Lewis; Secretary — Richard A. Sheryer; Treasurer — Russell Lott. Directors are Vance Carmichael, Richard Lamb and John Talman.

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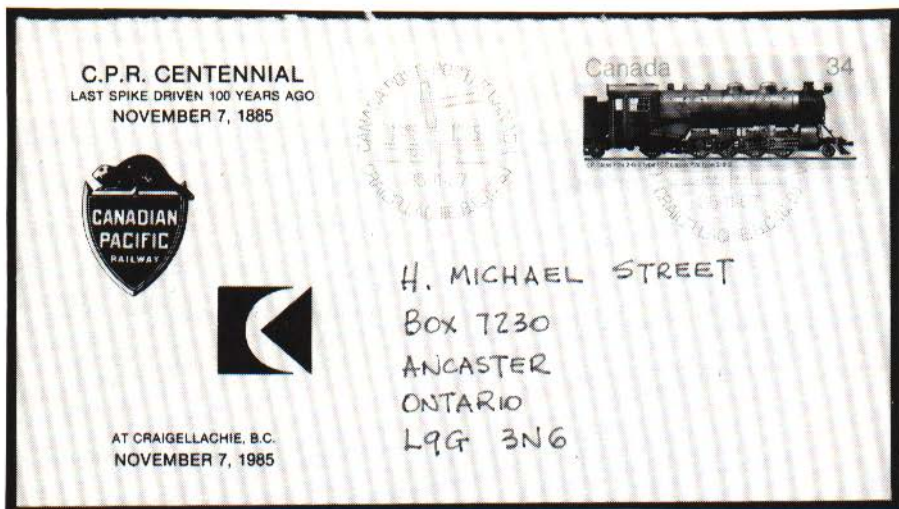
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BNAPS was represented by Ed and Kay Harris, Jack and Bev Wallace and Alex and Rene Price. While Alex rode the train, the others utilized the hood of a car to put stamps on 200 of the commemorative covers shown above. They also mailed the RPO Study Group's newsletter, making sure that all the envelopes received the special Canada Post cancellation. As a result of their efforts, many members received a very nice souvenir of an historic occasion.



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BARREL CANCELS — THE SQUARED CIRCLES OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

by Mike Street



C.R. McGuire

Five different Barrels on the same cover!

ROLL OUT THE BARRELS

Barrel cancellations were so named because their distinctive outline of two large concentric circles reminded early collectors of a barrel on its side. In the space between the circles the hammers carried type identifying the city name, province, postal function (in some cases), and year; day, month and time of day were placed in a straight line in the center. Barrel cancellations first appeared in the United States in 1953, and made their Canadian debut in 1955.

My first contact with Barrels came when, as Editor of the *GRAND NEWS*, I arranged to reprint an article about them written by Brian Plain (1). Perhaps what caught my attention was the fact that the list of Canadian cities which had received the hammers included seven of the cities in the regional philatelic association for which the *GRAND NEWS* was the journal. Perhaps it was the idea of something relatively unexplored which attracted a budding postal historian. I'll never know for sure.

Although it took a few years to develop, I was hooked. After picking up a few examples at various bourses, continuing enthusiasm led me to the Barrel cancel study group affiliated with the Postal History Society of Canada. The leading Barrel Roller was (and is) Dr. R.C. Smith, then Editor of the *PHSC JOURNAL*. On sending back issues of the group's aptly named publication, *Barrel Rollers Bulletin*, Bob told me that I had joined at an exciting time. The next newsletter confirmed this.

An apparently straightforward endeavour in what is now termed *marcophilately* had followed the usual lines of recording the exact wording used for city, province, postal function if identified, early and late dates, interesting usages, examination of strikes for signs of multiple hammers, and so on.

The identification of a second Peterborough hammer at first seemed routine, but the follow-up to that discovery knocked the barrel off the straight and narrow and sent it crashing down a hill.

TWO CANCELLATIONS FOR EVERY OFFICE

The Barrel cancel hammers had been manufactured by Pitney-Bowes, the postage meter machine company. Early work by Barrel Rollers showed that they had been issued to 47 offices in 34 cities across the country, and that the two concentric circles of all 47 different cancellations measured 30mm and 35mm in diameter. * The letters between the rings and in the center line, with one exception (discussed below) were all 3mm high. Early dates for all offices occurred in 1955, while late dates were in 1962.



National Postal Museum

The circular face of the Barrel hammer

Graham Noble had noticed that the 'H' of 'PETERBOROUGH' was 3mm from the 'O' of 'ONT.' on some strikes, while on others the separation was 4mm. It appeared that Peterborough, at least, had been issued two hammers with small differences in the spacing of the type. The fact that there was no overlap in the dates on which the two different Peterborough hammers had been used was noted, but was put aside while group members tried to identify second hammers for all the other offices.

The study broke wide open when, following up on Noble's discovery, it was determined that 32 other offices had received two hammers with differences in the spacing of the letters. More important, in none of the cases where two hammers had

*The first US Barrel hammers were noticeably smaller. By 1955 US hammers were identical in size to those made for the Canadian Post Office.

BARREL CANCEL SUMMARY

1(a),(b)	BRANTFORD ONT.
2(a),(b)	CALGARY ALBERTA
3(a),(b)	EDMONTON ALBERTA
4(a),(b)	EDMONTON ALBERTA TERM-A
5(a),(b)	FORT WILLIAM ONT.
6(a),(b)	FREDERICTON N.B.
7(a),(b)	GUELPH ONT.
8(a)	HALIFAX N.S.
8(b)	HALIFAX. N.S.
9(a),(b)	HAMILTON ONT.
10(a),(b)	KINGSTON ONT.
11(a),(b)	KITCHENER ONT.
12(a),(b)	LETHBRIDGE ALBERTA
13(a),(b)	LONDON ONT.
14(a),(b)	MONCTON N.B.
14(c)	MONCTON. N.B.
15(a),(b)	MONCTON N.B. R.B.
16(a),(b)	MONTREAL P.Q.
17(?) (a),(b)	MONTREAL P.Q. A.M.S.
18(?) (a),(b)	MONTREAL P.Q. B & F - A
19(?) (a),(b)	MONTREAL P.Q. B & F - R
20	Reserved (MONTREAL P.Q. D.L.O.)
21(a),(b)	MONTREAL P.Q. S.D.
22(a),(b)	MOOSE JAW SASK.
23(a),(b)	NEW WESTMINSTER B.C.
24(a),(b)	NIAGARA FALLS ONT.
25(a),(b)	OSHAWA ONT.
26(a),(?) (b)	OTTAWA ONTARIO
27(a),(b)	OTTAWA ONT.
28(a),(b)	PETERBOROUGH ONT.
29(a),(b)	PORT ARTHUR ONT.
30(a),(b)	QUEBEC P.Q.
31(a),(b)	REGINA SASK.
32(a),(b)	REGINA SASK. STA-A
33(a),(b)	ST. CATHARINES ONT.
34(a),(b)	SANT JOHN N.B.
35(a),(b)	ST. JOHN'S NFLD.
36(a),(b)	SASKATOON SASK.
37(a),(b)	SHERBROOKE P.Q.
38(a),(b)	SUDBURY ONT.
39(a),(b)	TORONTO ONT.
40(a),(b)	TORONTO ONT. A.M.S.
41(?) (a),(b)	TORONTO ONT. C.D.
42(a),(b)	TORONTO ONT. R-TERM-A
43(a),(b)	TORONTO ONT. S.D.
44(?) (a),(b)	TORONTO ONT. TERM-A
45(a),(b)	VANCOUVER B.C.
46(a),(b)	VICTORIA B.C.
47(a),(b)	WINDSOR ONT.
48(a),(b)	WINNIPEG MAN.

(?) before a letter—no examples reported.



Hamilton Barrels clearly show the difference between a) and b) hammers. Note the spacing between the 'N' of 'HAMILTON' and the 'O' of 'ONT.'

been identified did the dates of use overlap! Instead of 47 different Barrel cancellations, it now appeared that there were 80, and possibly more.

THEORIES — AND WORK

Further study led to the identification of 89 distinctly different Barrel cancellations. With only one or two exceptions, the devices issued to a particular office had not been used concurrently. In most instances the late dates of the first group of cancellations, and the early dates of the second group, came in December 1955. In a few cases the transition-dates fell in January 1956.

The inescapable conclusion was that the first group of hammers issued had been withdrawn around December 1955, and that they were replaced by new hammers with identical wording, but not necessarily the same setting of the type. The diameters of the inner and outer rings had not changed. Examination of the late dates of the second group of hammers indicated that, around December 1962, they too were all withdrawn from service more or less simultaneously.

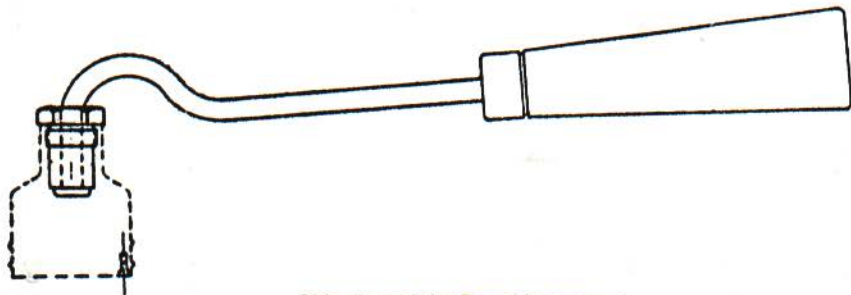
For members of the Barrel Rollers group, the 'good' news carried a sting in its tail — every cancel in a collection had to be reexamined to determine whether it was an early (a) Barrel, or a later (b). For this collector, it meant checking over 1000 covers, pieces and stamps!

QUESTIONS

One of the first steps taken was to contact Pitney-Bowes directly. Other than a drawing of the hammers, the company could only provide the information that 100 "postmarking stamp — rotary devices" had been supplied to the Canadian Post Office in May 1955. The company official stated that he could not find information to allow him to determine "the number of roller vs hammer type of stamps" supplied. The reference to rollers was confusing, as none had been reported.

Why had the Barrels been withdrawn in 1955, and again in 1962? A search of Post Office records was obviously necessary, but as it was considered that there was not much hope of success in this aspect of the work, it was given a low priority.

Another question was raised by the 'OT-TAWA ONTARIO' cancellation, the only Barrel which had a different type size — letters 2mm high instead of 3mm. Just two examples were known, one each in February and March of



Side view of the Barrel hammer

1955, several months before either the shipping date given by Pitney-Bowes or the earliest reported dates of any of the other Barrels. It was suggested that perhaps these had been produced by a test device supplied to the Post Office prior to the placing of the first order. The question was complicated by the finding, in the currently defunct National Postal Museum, of an 'OTTAWA ONTARIO' hammer with letters 3mm high. The latter has never been found used on any mail; only the 'OTTAWA ONT.' marking is known after late June 1955.

An item found by Brian Plain produced another mystery. A Special Delivery cover, originating in Vancouver and clearly dated as having been mailed on 3 February 1963, received an Edmonton Barrel backstamp which showed the date and time as '6 II 730AM'. *The space on the Barrel cancel where the year normally appeared was blank.* No example of any other Barrel used later than 1962 had been found, and this occurrence could not be explained.

ANSWERS

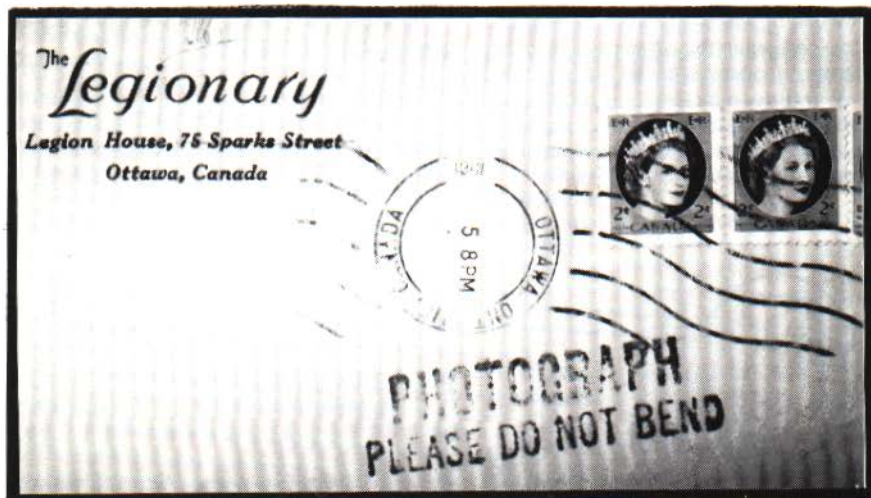
With many people cooperating, pieces of the puzzle soon started to fall into place. One of the first discoveries was a postmark which seemed to confirm the existence of a rolling type of canceller — the first true Barrel Roller! It was later established that the device was identical to Pitney-Bowes roller cancellers used extensively in the United States, but there

was no evidence that any had been issued to other Canadian offices.

The quantity of 100 shipped in 1955 indicated that some or all of the offices had received duplicate hammers. Examination of samples seemed to confirm that this had also been the case for the 1956-62 group of cancellations. The Moncton (b) and (c) cancellations, for example, differ in that there is a period (.) after 'MONCTON' on the (c) type which is not present on the (b), yet their use overlapped at least from 1956 through 1959.

For other offices, consistent 'breaks' in the rims of one or both of the circles, on dates for which later cancellations (without the 'breaks') were known, pointed to the probability of duplicate hammers being in use. In one office, the evidence suggested that one hammer was used at the registered mail table, while another had been used at the mechanical canceller table for looking after items which did not, or could not, go through the machine properly. This was confirmed by a man who had worked as a mail clerk in the office during the period.

Then, in the fall of 1984, came a real break. The author wrote to Tom Hillman at the National Archives, asking if there were any Post Office files available for the Barrel period, especially for the months of November and December in both 1955 and 1962, and explaining why the information was being sought. Hillman's reply was that, based on a quick look, there did not seem to be much, but that



The only known Barrel roller

he was forwarding copies of documents relating to a specific point I had mentioned.

One document was a purchasing requisition for " '1963' Year Type for Pitney-Bowes Barrel Type Hand Dater". The next was a memo from the Chief Superintendent, Buildings and Equipment, to the Director of the Engineering Branch, suggesting that the Barrel hammers be withdrawn because of the cost of the year type (\$3.10 for each slug reading '1963') and other reasons. A second memo listed 90 Barrel hammers still in use, by city and quantity.

Dated "22nd November 1962" and headed "Pitney-Bowes Barrel Hand Dater", the prize item was a memo from the Director of the Engineering Branch of the Post Office to the District Director of Postal Services at St. John's, Newfoundland. The second paragraph read:

"In view of the annual cost of year type and the fact that the dater has not proven entirely satisfactory, it has been decided to recall these items. Therefore would you please instruct the Postmaster at (St. John's) to return these daters to the Director of Budget, Purchasing and Stores Division, early in the new calendar year 1963."

With one stroke of luck, we had not only the news that the Post Office also referred to

them as 'Barrels' and confirmation of duplicate hammers, but also their final recall! It was a very pleasant day.

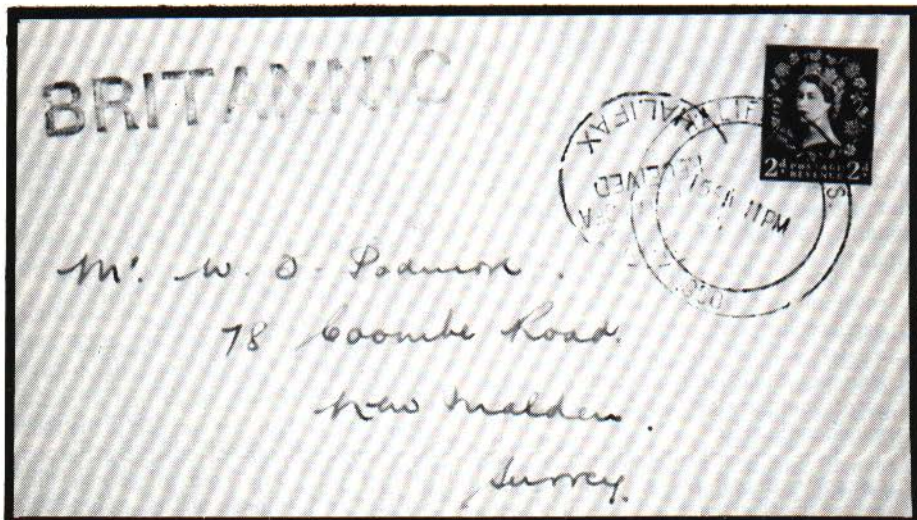
PERSISTENCE PAYS OFF

The news about the documents was passed along, with a comment to the effect that "There must be more." During the summer of 1985 Bob Smith decided to take a look in the Archives for himself. After digging about on the shelves for a good while, he hit paydirt — memo after memo relating to the Barrels. From the first discussions in 1953, of a possible purchase from Pitney-Bowes, to the final withdrawal in late 1962, almost everything was covered.

Was there a sample hammer supplied for testing before the first purchase in 1955? Yes, and a roller canceller as well.

Why did the Post Office refer to them as Barrels? Actually, according to the correspondence, Pitney-Bowes used the term first. One of the reasons for buying the devices in the first place was that the type necessary for changing the days, months and hours was permanently affixed to the hammer — not loose in a box and subject to disappearing at the wrong moment. Each element had its own type on a revolving wheel or wheels, and when all the wheels were put together they looked like — a barrel!

Why were they withdrawn in 1955? The



A Halifax Barrel used on what appears to be non-philatelic Paquebot mail

wheels in the first group of hammers supplied had been secured, at each end of the barrel, with a flat metal spring. In service, the springs would break, causing the date wheels to move axially along the barrel. This would allow other metal pieces to fall out, rendering the hammer useless. At the request of the Post Office, Pitney-Bowes came up with a solution. The first group of hammers, apparently, could not be modified, making it necessary to replace them. (Although we now know the reason, the actual memo to Postmasters or Districts recalling the 1955 version has not yet been found.)

Even the strange late use of the Edmonton hammer in 1963 was explained. A memo in the archives indicated that Edmonton Post Office staff found the Barrel hammer quite useful for certain applications, and wanted to retain one. The request was denied — and the Barrel era came to an end.

RARITY

A rarity factor calculation, based on the number of reported strikes of all cancellations, has been developed by the Study Group. The data is not given here because accuracy of the formula is still being discussed by group

members. (At least one collector strongly favours a system which includes a factor related to the time each hammer was in service.)

Another reason for caution is the extremely low numbers reported for some cancellations. In these cases it is probable that the numbers are an accurate reflection of the use of the hammer(s), but it is also possible that collectors have not yet found the right place to dig.

Help in the study is still needed. Anyone having any information which might be of assistance, and especially anyone who has or knows of a significant accumulation of covers and/or pieces from the era which may not have been included in the study, is asked to contact the author. Any one interested in joining in the fun of Barrel collecting should also write. The address is P.O. Box 7230, Ancaster, ON L9G 3N6, Canada.

CONCLUSION

In *Some Remedies For Alling Postal History Collections* (2), a survey of interesting and relatively untouched areas of postal history, Graham Noble quoted a collector, later identified as Ron McGuire, as saying that Bar-

WANTED — DEAD OR ALIVE



R.C. Smith

Mock-up of what the Montreal D.L.O. strike would look like if it exists

Does it, or doesn't it? Exist, that is. The most intriguing mystery still facing Barrel cancel collectors is the existence — or non-existence — of the 'MONTREAL D.L.O.' Hammer. *The illustration above is a mock-up of what the strike would look like if the hammer did exist.*

In a column in the August 23, 1976 *Canadian Stamp News*, Allan Steinhart wrote "Possibly the most unusual of all the barrel cancels used was the one for the

Dead Letter Office at Montreal." Allan's statement was based on a strike he says that he once saw, although he cannot remember where.

There is no visible evidence that such a hammer existed. There are no known examples. The number of hammers reported as being in Montreal in late 1962 was four — one less than the number of different Montreal offices confirmed to date. Also, the D.L.O. was replaced by the Undeliverable Mail Office (U.M.O.) in the late 1950s. Early Montreal U.M.O. marks include a clerk number, a feature not likely to be found on a Barrel canceller.

One does not lightly disagree with Allan Steinhart's memory, however. If he is right, then it is most likely that a 'MONTREAL D.L.O.' hammer was one of the 1955 (a) group which was not replaced at the end of that year. Any help in solving this mystery of mysteries will be greatly appreciated by all Barrel collectors.

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On 26 January more than twenty members of the **Golden Horseshoe** group gathered at the Fort York Armories to hear Joe DiCiommo speak on the Five Cent Large Queen. The subject of Cliff Guile's talk at the 9 March meeting was to be Squared Circle postmarks.

Two group members, Walter Horne and Boris Margau, recently 'made the news' when they were interviewed by *Canadian Stamp News*. Included with the last newsletter was a membership directory which also contains the group's by-laws.

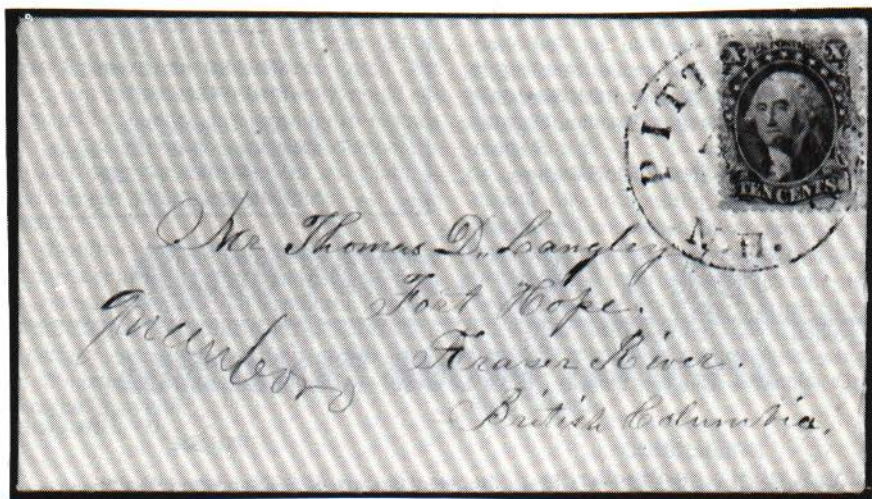
The Golden Horseshoe group is once again organizing an annual dinner. The tentative date is May 3, in conjunction with STAMPEX. Those who attended last year are still talking about the spread put on by the Of-

ficer's Mess people at Fort York, so this year's should be an equal success. Non-members of the group are welcome. The price for non-members will be in the \$20 range. Members' costs will be partly subsidized by the group's treasury. Anyone interested in attending should contact the Secretary (see list above).

We hope to have news in the next issue of the **Pacific Northwest** group's 15 March get-together at the Abercorn Inn in Richmond, BC. With EXPO '86 and PIPEX both going on in the province, there will probably be many BNAPSers visiting BC this year. Contact the group at the address above, or keep an eye on this space. We will advise of further meetings when details come in.

AN EARLY COVER TO THE ROYAL CITY

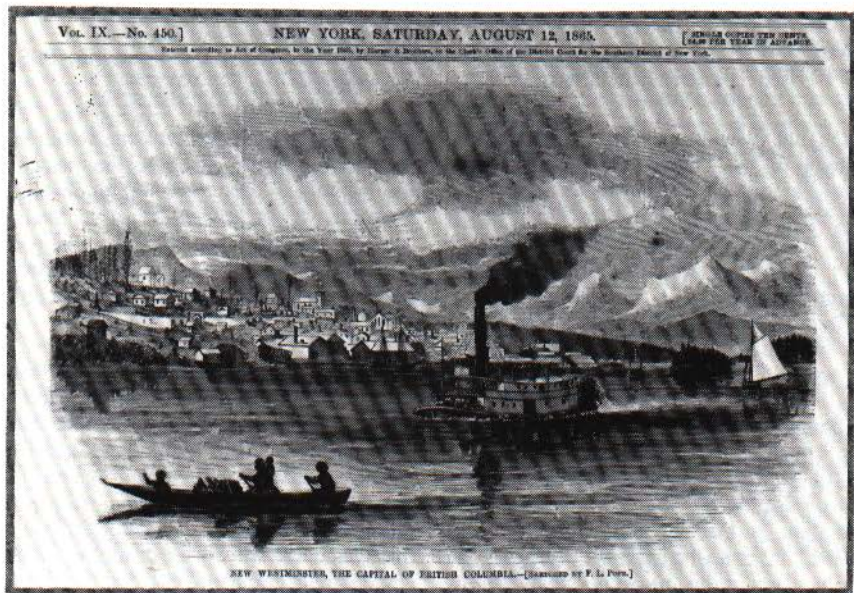
by Austin V. Mifsud



In September 1858 Richard Clement Moody was appointed Chief Commissioner of Lands in British Columbia. He was in command of a detachment of the Royal Engineers which arrived from England via Cape Horn on Christmas Day. He assumed office on 4 January 1859. One of his main objects after ar-

iving in British Columbia was to select a suitable and strategic site for the future capital. Proceeding up the Fraser in H.M.S. Plumper he arrived at Fort Langley; not only the most important settlement on the mainland of British Columbia, but also the only port.

Due to the lack of facilities and the



topography, which was in his opinion not conducive for development as the future capital, he decided to look elsewhere. The area 15 miles below Langley on the north shore of the Fraser River, although heavily forested and hilly, struck Moody as a location which had all the possibilities of a great city. Notice was officially promulgated on 4 February 1859 that this was to be the future site of the capital of British Columbia. The town was originally named Queensborough or Queenborough, but on 20 July 1859 the name, by Royal decree, was changed to New Westminster.

The cover shown, which originated from Pittsfield, New Hampshire, has several interesting features. It was addressed to Fort Hope (established 1849), Fraser River, British Columbia. The Fraser River had a special significance at that period due to the gold rush of 1858. The addressee was Thos. D. Langley, of Fort Langley fame, which was established in 1827. Fortunately for the postal historian, Mr. Langley was en route or had taken up residence in the new capital of British Columbia. The postmaster at Fort Hope re-directed the letter, in manuscript, to Queenboro. Since the name Queenboro, or Queensborough, was only used for five months, covers so addressed are understandably scarce.

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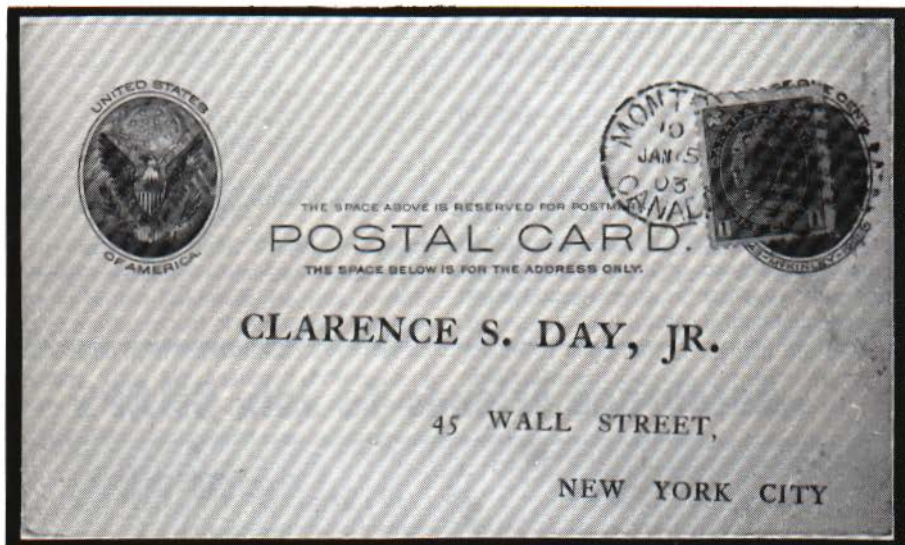
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by Harry W. Lussey

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When orders for precancels were received, and approved, sheets of the basic stamp were turned over to the printer for precancelling with the appropriate town name. If 100 sheets were to be precancelled with various town names, 100 sheets would be provided, and all 100 had to be returned to the Post Office department handling distribution of the precancelled sheets. Gummed and perforated sheets can be difficult to separate, count, or feed into the press.

If, when filling an order for 20 sheets for a certain town, 22 sheets are precancelled in er-

ror, a problem arises. The Post Office which placed the order wants 20, not 22, so there is an overrun. The printer cannot treat the two sheets as printer's waste because he has to account for every sheet. He must also end up with the exact number of sheets requisitioned by each post office. The only solution is to feed the overrun back on to the press to receive the precancel of another town. Thus he accounts for every sheet received and returns the exact number of sheets ordered by each post office.

The three examples known on the 1¢ Edward and the one on the 1¢ Admiral are illustrated. Only one copy of the Ottawa-Bridgeburg combination has been reported and the same appears to be the case with the Windsor-Bridgeburg rarity. The Windsor-London combination is known as a single off cover (shown) and a copy on cover. Two examples may exist of the Winnipeg-Brandon combination.



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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

APRIL 26-27, OTTAWA, ONTARIO — ORAPEX '86, R.A. Stamp Club show and bourse. RA Center, 2451 Riverside Dr. Information: 2451 Riverside Dr., Ottawa, ON K1H 7X7

APRIL 30, CALGARY, ALBERTA — STAMP DAY '86, Calgary Philatelic Society show and bourse. Marlborough Inn. Information: P.O. Box 1641, Calgary AB T2P 2L6

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

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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, Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs show and bourse. RPSC and APS accredited — National level. 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

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DEARBORN, MICHIGAN, AUGUST 29-31, BNAPS' annual convention. Dearborn Inn. Chairman: Charles Firby, P.O. Box 208, Southfield, MI 48037.

OCTOBER 1-4, PITLOCHRY, SCOTLAND — Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain annual convention. Pitlochry Hydro Hotel. Information: Mrs. M. McGregor, 73 Hammerfield Ave., Aberdeen, Scotland AB1 6LD

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

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BNAPEX '87: CHARLOTTETOWN, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

CANADIAN FLAG CANCELLATIONS 1927-1937

by Doug Lingard

As a result of Larry Paige's excellent articles in *TOPICS* on our classical Flag cancels, I felt compelled to document what has been discovered about some of the Flags that have been used more recently in Canada. Most of this information has been obtained from Volume 7 of the Proof Books available in the Postal Museum at Ottawa and from examples of these cancels in my collection.

David Sessions, in his handbook *The Early Rapid Cancelling Machines of Canada*, has pretty well updated the situation concerning early and late dates for the World War I cancels and the very scarce Western Exhibition types. Accordingly, this article will start with the cancels used to promote the 1927 Diamond Jubilee of Confederation.

1927 DIAMOND JUBILEE

The Proof Book contains two rather interesting sections which are important to the study.

The first section contains an example of each cancel as used at each location. There was probably a requirement to produce an impression of each Flag die, on the day that the local post office commenced using it, and mail the example back to Ottawa. Although the examples are on small pieces, you can still see part of the 'O.H.M.S.' that was printed on some

of the envelopes.

The second section indicates the date that each Flag die was shipped from Ottawa, and the date that it was received back in Ottawa. If one assumes that these dates are accurate, the dies would have been available for use at the various locations from a few days after the issue date until a few days before they were received back in Ottawa.

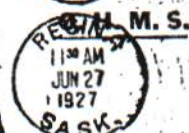
Table 1 summarizes this information. Included is the date that the die was issued (sent out) from Ottawa, the date that it was probably first used as shown by examples in the Proof Book, the earliest known (EKD) and latest known (LKD) usage dates recorded by collectors, and the dates that the dies were received back in Ottawa. The earliest and latest known dates of use are from examples in my collection or from Ed Richardson's list of revised dates in the September, 1978 edition of the *Canadian Flag Cancellation Bulletin*.

If anyone has examples of these cancels used beyond the EKD/LKD period, I would appreciate a photocopy. Readers might also want to note in their copy of Ed Richardson's *Canadian Flag Cancellation Handbook* that the Diamond Jubilee Flag was used briefly in Regina. This cancel has been given the number 43-9.

The Proof Book examples showing what

TABLE 1: 1927 DIAMOND JUBILEE CANCELS

Location	Issued Date	Post Office Proof Book Date	EKD	LKD	Returned Date
Calgary	21-06	25-06 a.m.	27-06	30-08	06-09
Charlottetown	23-06	27-06 ?	30-06	11-08	18-08
Halifax	22-06	29-06 a.m.	29-06	16-08	20-08
Ottawa	27-06	28-06 a.m.	16-06?	27-12	03-01-28
Regina	22-06	27-06 a.m.	27-06	04-07	25-07
St. John	27-06	29-06 p.m.	30-06	15-10	26-10
Toronto	25-06	28-06 a.m.	27-06	02-07	06-07
Vancouver	18-06	27-06 p.m.	27-06	30-06	09-08
Winnipeg	22-06	27-06 p.m.	27-06	03-12	03-01-28
Montreal	25-06	27-06 p.m.	27-06	11-07	13-07
Quebec	27-06	29-06 p.m.	29-06	22-08	26-09



1927 Diamond Jubilee Flags — Proof Book impressions of local first day of use.

are probably the dates that the dies were first used at each location either predate, or are the earliest known dates, in all cases except Ottawa and Toronto. The Ottawa EKD of June 16 was brought forward from McCready's handbook; it would seem to be incorrect since it appears that the die was not issued until June 27. It would seem that June 28 was probably the first day of use in Ottawa. My Toronto example dated June 27 has a 10:30 PM time mark. It is possible that Toronto started to employ the cancel in the late afternoon or evening of the 27th, but did not bother to take an example for Ottawa until the next morning.

The Proof Book also indicates that most of these locations were employing other slogans during the same period. For instance, Ottawa was using the pictorial Confederation 1867/1927 cancel after July 5, and the World's Poultry Congress cancel periodically during July and August.

Although I have tried to record the actual periods of use for a few of the more common WWII flag cancels, I have never been able to find sufficient examples of the 1927 Jubilee cancels to do that kind of analysis. Some of them, such as Charlottetown and Regina, seem quite scarce. Based on the information in the Proof Book, the cities listed in Table 1 are the only locations that used the 1927 Jubilee Flag. Although Edmonton would also seem like a probable site, that city was using an Exhibition cancel when the Flag dies were distributed in late June.

THE DEPRESSION YEARS

Although the Proof Book has copies of most of our modern flag cancels, indicating the dates that these cancels were probably first employed at each location, the ledger pages showing issue dates and return dates for the various dies sent out from Ottawa are

only complete until 1934. Fortunately, this period includes both flag cancels used in the early 1930's. Information on these flag cancels is provided in Table 2.

Once again I would appreciate receiving photocopies of usage outside of the EKD/LKD period.

1937 CORONATION

Members of the Flag Cancel Study Group are aware that examples of the 1937 Coronation Flags have been recorded from all locations, except Regina Terminal A and Saint John, New Brunswick, for all days between May 10 and May 15, 1937. I can now report an example of the Saint John cancel dated May 13. Accordingly, other than Regina Terminal A, which appears to have used it only on May 10, all locations used these cancels each day between May 10 and May 15. There were no examples in the Proof Book to indicate that these cancels were used anywhere else than the locations already listed by Ed Richardson.

Halifax, New Westminister and Windsor also used them on May 16. In addition, I have a rather strange cover showing the Ottawa cancel dated May 17. Since it is cacheted, is it an ill-fated attempt by an Australian collector to obtain a first day cover? I suspect that it may have been a late first day cover request and, in order to partially comply, the Post Office reinserted the Coronation die but did not change the dater hub. I am not aware of any Ottawa Flag cancels dated May 16, or any other Ottawa examples dated May 17.

Perhaps it should be mentioned that the design of these cancels was based on the 1927 Jubilee Flags. There is a notation in the Proof Book that the 1927 Ottawa and Montreal Proof impressions were "removed 5-4-37 for Coronation die specimen".

This article has attempted to indicate

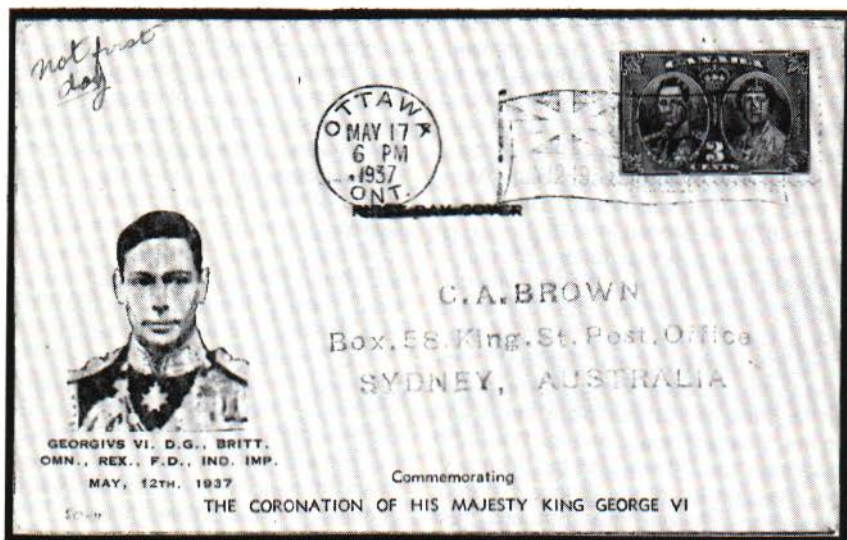
TABLE 2: DEPRESSION YEARS FLAG CANCELS

Cancel	Issued Date	Post Office Proof Book Date	EKD	LKD	Returned Date
1930 Winnipeg Manitoba Centennial	18-06	21-06 p.m.	22-06	15-07	19-07
1934 Port Arthur Jubilee	27-02	01-03 p.m.	01-03	27-06	07-07



what has been discovered about the 1927-1937 Flag cancels during the past ten years or so. By indicating the issue and return dates, we have been able to narrow the time periods that

these cancels were available for use. It should be noted that the Proof Books do not contain any new unreported Flag cancels for the period 1927-1937.



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NEW INFORMATION ON THE 6 CENTS SMALL QUEEN

by Hans Reiche



The majority of articles which have been written about the complex issue of the 6¢ Small Queen, as well as the specialized booklet by N.J.A. Hillson, talk about two plates. One plate is identified as the 'Montreal and Ottawa' plate, the other one is the 'Montreal' plate. The first plate is said to have been issued in 1872, the second in 1875.

In addition to their inscriptions, the plates were said to have also been marked with certain letters during 1886 to 1888. The letters were A, B, C and R. The R is sometimes referred to as a 'broken B', or an indication of a re-entered state. The letter 'A' appears on the so called 'Montreal and Ottawa' plate, the 'B' and 'C' on the 'Montreal' plate, and the R on both the 'Montreal and Ottawa' and the 'Montreal' plates. The question of the various states of these plates, with their re-entries and their changing guide dots - from none to sometimes four - was never fully understood.

We now have some further interesting information which changes existing data con-

siderably, and which may assist in the clarification of some of the above-mentioned questions. As a result of correspondence with Canada Post and the British American Bank Note Company, the following is quoted from a letter addressed to the writer: "There is a record of three plates made of the 6¢ Small Queen issue in July 1871, March 1873 and October 1887. It was customary to re-enter with the stamp roll any stamp that had become worn. The first two plates were too badly worn to be repaired and were not re-entered."

On another question, the letter states: "We assume this refers to the large Queen which was engraved in 1868. The Queen's head on the small Queen was engraved from the same original. There are however some minor differences in fine lines between the two engravings of the Queen's head."

The above information was taken from the engraving department records of 1860 to 1890.

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by Frank Waite

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ON THE FRINGES

If newsletters are a measure of study group activity, then the groups must be working overtime. This enthusiasm is an indication that BNAPS is a viable and vigorous society. We may have lost a few members but not, excepting by death, active ones. Publicizing study group activity may be a most important factor in attracting new members. Membership in a study group will hold them. Are you a member of a study group?

The **Definitives and Landscape** newsletter of November is exciting. Editor Dan Moore tells of his slide program endeavor, but what was of greater interest to me was his discussion of fluorescence research. His group and the **Centennial** group have this as a common problem. This is a marvelous opportunity for intra-study group research. I especially appreciate his statement, "There is a need for common reference papers in grading fluorescence and there can be no variation in those reference papers." Amen, Dan Moore! There are new reportings, and a listing of literature pertinent to the group from Don Makinen, the BNAPS

Librarian. Don is to be commended for his cooperation with the study groups. The bulk of the newsletter is a listing of the postal stationery associated with these definitives and landscapes. Robert Lemire, Editor for the Postal Stationery group, cooperated in this listing.

Bob Lee, Editor for the **Duplex** people, reports several interesting corrections and questions from Bill Robinson, Chris McGregor, Lloyd MacPherson, Barry Shapiro, George Olson, Bob Smith, Al Steinhart as well as himself. Many excellent illustrations accompany these. Father Larry Walker and Jean-Guy Dalpe have submitted a list of Armed Forces duplexes. The newsletter concludes with a listing of Ontario duplexes and an updating of Nova Scotia duplexes.

W.L. Bradley is a sadist. Here I am up to my waist in the snows of Upper Michigan, and he has to edit the **Map Stamp** newsletter from Florida while contemplating a swim in the pool. Later he mentions muskie fishing.

Fishing is another vice of mine. To give the devil his due, he edits a fine newsletter. This one is devoted to reproducing the article on Map stamp re-entries that first appeared in a newsletter of the Re-entry group. A wonderful article with a multitude of sketches, I believe it is to be published by BNAPS. Bradley's research, culminating in this publication, is an example that any study group might well emulate.

The **Newfies** have a fine newsletter. There are a couple of inquiries from Bob Pratt and Richard Wendt. The different dater types of Outport Newfoundland towns (other than St. Johns?) are illustrated. A list, from Abrahams Cove to Chance Cove West, of dates of operation of Newfoundland post offices is provided by Palmer Moffat.

The **Perfin** newsletter contains a pep talk from their new Chairman, Dave Hanes. He admonishes the group not to let up now that the new handbook has been published. His warning seems warranted as three new additions to the handbook are illustrated. There is also an update of handbook information. Michael Hargraft relates the discovery of the new Mc-Call perfin. There is a list of additions to the 'Bellevilles' missing code holes. Jack Bennigen has authored an extensive and well illustrated article on the study and identification of office users with missing code holes and owner die damage, found on the London International Harvester Co. perfin.

The **Military** aficionados have a new item to covet. Colin Campbell describes and illustrates a new World War I censor marking from the Internment Camp in Nanaimo, B.C. The feature article is *WWI Allocations of British Datestamps to the Canadian Corps Division Trains in Security Phase V*, by John Frith. A rather lengthy title, but this well illustrated feature is an ingenious bit of philatelic research.

Postal Stationery is not one of my personal enthusiasms, but this group is certainly a credit to BNAPS. I have received two newsletters crammed with information. Jeff Switt reports the first known used example of the size D Newfoundland Registered formula envelope. Pierre Gauthier reports a tagging variety on the new 34¢ envelope. Bill Grosnick Sr. sent in a photocopy of a previously unreported albino envelope. John Aitken

states that the sale of aerograms and postal cards is to be discontinued. Colin Campbell has come up with a new Admiral card flaw. There are a number of articles worth noting: A survey of the George VI 1¢ cigarette cards, more Toronto precancelled polling cards, an extensive listing of Grand Trunk Railway cards and their ERPS, an updating of CPR pictorial card ERPS; two early Canadian Post Office Orders (courtesy of Al Steinhart), a new form of one cent postal card, a list of postal stationery literature available from the BNAPS Library, a revised and extensive list of C.P. Express advice cards, an illustration of the confusing Nesbitt envelope flaps and a photocopy of a Post Office circular about the Nesbitt stationery. The latter was again provided by Al Steinhart. Al seems to be able to come up with information on almost any philatelic subject.

The **Re-entry** group newsletters are always replete with finds. Dr. Warren Bosch has sent in a spectacular example, on a 1¢ Numeral, of either a misplaced entry or possibly an entry of another value. C. Leigh Hogg suggests a manner of describing re-entries that would improve the accuracy of location.

Fred Moose reports and sketches a new re-entry on the 5¢ Small Queen and also one on Newfoundland #1. David Oatman has sent in a list of re-entries he has recently discovered. Cathleen Jones sent in a vertical strip of four of the 1¢ Edward, all with re-entries. This is a beautiful piece. Hans Reiche adds a re-entry on the 5¢ 1954 Q.E. It is a value that he overlooked in preparing his book *Constant Plate Varieties*.

There is a list by Warren Bosch of the plating of re-entries on the 1¢ green Admiral. He also reports and illustrates a re-entry on the 20¢ Admiral. Dr. Bosch had previously commented on some parallel lines on the 3¢ brown Admiral. This has excited discussion by Hans Reiche and Ralph Trimble. The famous 5¢ entry on the 6¢ Small Queen seems to generate explanation after explanation. Geoffrey Whitworth presents a well thought out view of this error.

Ralph Trimble has illustrated and described two lovely re-entries on the 1¢ Edward. He also has a follow up on a misplaced entry on the 5¢ Edward, the 'Trimble Variety'. Mike Sendbuehler contributes four beautiful illustrations of re-entries on the 10¢ Jubilee. These philatelists are really dedicated. It is un-

fortunate that their specialty doesn't lend itself to exhibition, particularly with the usual exhibition lighting.

The **Revenuers** feel, in contrast to many groups, that more material is coming onto the market. They are to have their annual mini-convention on June 6 at Willow Grove, PA. Their newsletter presents and discusses four questions concerning the first federal issues of the Province of Canada: Who designed them; Who printed them; Who perforated them and Who paid for them? Harry Lussey illustrates and comments on a pair of Ontario 10c Law Stamps with a rare compound perforation. There is a sampling of some outstanding prices realized at a recent Van Dam auction.

The **Railroaders** had an interesting meeting at Calgary. One of the items emphasized in the newsletter was the discussion, at this meeting, as to where the group was heading. Every study group should periodically review its reason for existence and its goals. There were many comments, in the newsletter, from the membership.

Ron Kitchen sent in an excerpt from a Postal Guide which detailed the proper use of an RPO cancel on the labels of lock bags and newspaper sacks. Graham Noble contributed a couple of new cancels. A document from the Post Office Department establishing the Railway Mail Service Branch was sent in by Al Steinhart. Al is an inexhaustible source of information. Palmer Moffat contributed an item from the Journals of the Newfoundland Assembly giving the salaries, among others, of the railway mail clerks on the TPO Steamer runs. John Hornsby describes the evolution of the Peoples Railway Company. Don Makinen has provided a listing of RPO material available from the BNAPS Library.

In response to a request, Joe Purcell listed the full names of routes designated only by initials. It was a terrible shock to hear that Joe passed away in January; a tremendous loss to BNAPS and particularly to several study groups.

Lionel Gillam's new book, *Canadian Mail by Rail 1836 to 1867* is reviewed. Data on the Niagara, St. Catherines and Toronto Railway was submitted by Al Steinhart, Doug Birchill, Joe Purcell, Whit Bradley and Charleton Smith. Ross Gray, Brian Stalker and Jim Miller contributed new items. John McCrea has an in-

teresting bit on the mail clerk operation of the Blaine and Vancouver and the Kingsgate and Yahk RPOs. More cancels to search for — Bill Robinson listed a large number of RPO cancels from the proof books.

The latest **Semi-Official Airmail** newsletter was brief, but it keeps the ball rolling. There are inquiries concerning McGreeley's Express, Laurentide Air Service Ltd. and Patricia Airways and Exploration.

A **Small Queen** group goal for 1986 is a survey and study of the earliest dated Small Queen covers. It is hoped that a monograph will result. George Arfken, the editor's dream, again supplies two articles. One reviews regulations on drop letters and requests explanations. The other is a review of first class postal rates of the Small Queen era.

The **Squared Circle** newsletter lists a multitude of new dates as well as indicia errors. Most of them are gleaned from auction catalogs. Jim Felton sent in some notes on Brandon, Man. and Three Rivers, Que. strikes. Jack Gordon and Jerry Carr sent in time mark data on Victoria, B.C. Hammer I. The Map stamp strikes continue to evoke interest. Jim Miller contributed some dates of Kamloops, B.C. and Whit Bradley forwarded a number of illustrations of Map stamp strikes. Ted Kerner authored an extensive article on the Almonte dating error.

Well, so to bed. As I finish this, it is after 3:00 A.M. I conclude by hoping all BNAPSers will join at least one study group. You will benefit, and BNAPS will benefit.

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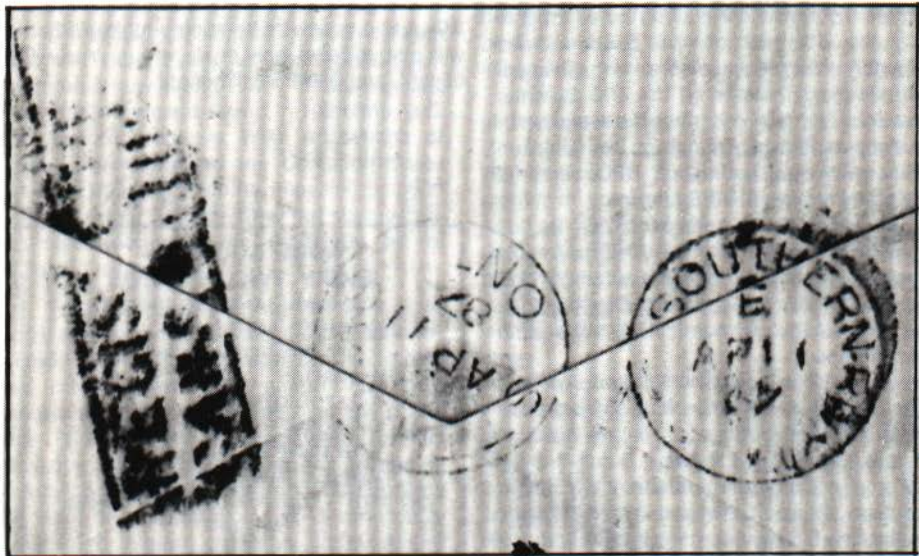
DISCOVERED TRACK

When the catalogue was published in 1982, there were 110 listings known only from their proof strikes; in the catalogue, these have been designated 'O.P.K.'. Since some of these proof strikes contain obvious errors ('SIDNEY' for 'SYDNEY' in MA-190 POINT TUPPER & SIDNEY/M.C., Type 9E), they may never have

been issued and put in use. Of the total of 110 O.P.K. listings, however, we reported the discovery of eight in the first three annexes. Now we can report the discovery of two more, by two of our most avid R.P.O. specialists.

Illustrated is a new report from Ross Gray, RR-17 CAN. SOUTHERN . RWY / +, Type 13, Direction E, April 11, 1887. The date is confirmed by other c.d.s. strikes. This is a backstamp on a registered cover originating in St. Thomas, Ont. on the same date, destined for Straffordville, Ont. We can also see the accompanying strike of RG-3, REGISTERED / CAN. SOUTHERN - R, Type 30A. This beauty becomes one of our very rare listings in the Railroad Section.

The second major discovery, from Bill Robinson, is W-98a, Ornament #168, NELS. & MID. R.P.O. / #B.C. #, Type 17G, Direction E, April 13, 1910, on a cross-border private post card to Butte, Montana. This is a very rare ornament strike. Since the proof strike was dated December 29, 1908, there ought to be others



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NEW EXPLORATION

At the R.P.O. Study Group Meeting at BNAPEX '85 in Calgary, we advised that we have started work on a new specialized book on the railway and transportation cancellations of Newfoundland and the Maritimes. This study will be an extension of the specialized hammer analysis of both sections. The Maritimes was covered in *TOPICS* over a five year period starting in 1972. Newfoundland was presented in the R.P.O. Study Group Newsletter in 1983/1984. Not only will all of this work be updated, but it will include appropriate cross-references to these two areas from the

work be updated, but it will include appropriate cross-references to these two areas from the other sections, such as Railroads, Ticket Stamps, Steamers & Depots. Where any listing is known with multiple hammers, all such hammers will be individually listed, along with definitive methods of identification, upgraded to reflect present knowledge. We have already prepared a schedule of earliest and latest dates by listing and by hammer and will send to anyone so requesting. This work is now underway and we invite anyone interested in participating in this study to get in touch with this columnist.

JOE PURCELL

As recorded elsewhere in this issue of *BNA TOPICS*, we are saddened by the loss of our dear friend and railway specialist, Joe Purcell. In our early days of collecting R.P.O.s Joe, a great correspondent with a ready wit, was an extraordinary source of knowledge. For two years and more, he amassed the inventory data from a detailed analysis of the major existing collections of railway cancellations. This important work became the basis of the new rarity factor system. Joe will be deeply missed by all.

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NATIONAL POSTAL MUSEUM

Last Philatelists Removed From Museum Advisory Committee

At a time when their expertise is needed, the last two philatelists have been removed from the National Postal Museum Advisory Committee.

Early in January Senator Henry D. Hicks of Halifax and Sam Nickle of Calgary were informed that their appointments to the committee were not being renewed. The letters were signed by Michel Cote, Minister Responsible for Canada Post Corporation in the federal government.

The move came as a surprise in light of the fact that the heads of the major Canadian and BNA philatelic societies had been invited by Canada Post to February meetings to discuss the future of the Museum.

During follow-up work on the story, unnamed Canada Post officials were quoted as saying that Hicks' and Nickle's dismissals related primarily to the fact that they were the only remaining members of the committee who had been appointed by the previous Liberal government.

When BNA TOPICS called the office of Minister Cote to ask for the names of the people being appointed to replace Hicks and Nickle, however, the reply came from Canada Post.

Simon Coakley, Executive Assistant to Rene Marin, Chairman of the Board of Canada Post Corporation, returned the call to the Minister's office. (Rene Marin is one of the highest ranked appointees of the Liberal government retained when the government changed.) Mr. Coakley informed TOPICS that the new appointments to the committee had not yet been made, but were expected shortly.

Asked for the names of the other members of the National Postal Museum Advisory Committee, Mr. Coakley replied that it was Canada Post's policy not give out the names of any of the members of the committee. When questioned on the reasons for the secrecy, Mr. Coakley stated that Canada Post had nothing to hide, and that the policy was intended to protect the members' privacy.

Mr. Coakley said that he would discuss the matter with Mr. Marin and call back before TOPICS' deadline if there was any change in the policy which would allow the names to be released. No call or message was received.

At press time, TOPICS had been unable to find any other committee or board acting in an advisory capacity to a public institution whose membership is kept secret from the taxpayers. Further enquiries will be made.

Societies Meet with Canada Post

Reports emanating from the 20 February meeting between Andre Villeneuve, Vice-President of Canada Post Corporation, and representatives of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, the Postal History Society of Canada and the British North America Philatelic Society were generally positive.

Canada Post apparently indicated that

mistakes made under the previous director had been recognized and would not be repeated. The Corporation's commitment to reopening in 1988 a full museum, with significant philatelic orientation, was repeated. A further meeting with the representatives of the societies was tentatively scheduled for this summer.

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LITERATURE REVIEWS

BNA Philately in Print

NEWFOUNDLAND AIR MAILS 1919-1939; C.H.C. Harmer; complete revision of the original 1953 work; The American Airmail Society. 1984. Hard cover, 176 pp, \$18US postpaid. Available from AEROPHIL, 47 Lombardy, Bale d'Urfe, PQ H9X 3K9.

Geography made Newfoundland the crossroads of early Trans-Atlantic aviation. Fast carriage of mail was one of the reasons used to justify the efforts. For BNA and Aero-philatelists, the combination was to prove fortunate.

Thirty years after the first edition was printed, Cyril Harmer has carefully revised the book in light of new information found in the interval. Photograph quality has been improved where necessary; new illustrations were provided where useful.

The 38 well illustrated chapters cover all major trans-Atlantic flights of the period, as well as describing some little known internal airmail flights. Descriptions of the stamps, mail, circumstances of the flight or attempt and people are surprisingly concise, yet all pertinent information seems to be present — a superb example of an author keeping to the point. Photos of the stamps and covers are excellent, and some of the pictures of the airplanes are most interesting.

Whether one's interest is philately or history, this book is a 'good read'. Even at today's exchange rate, it is money well spent.

THE SEMI-OFFICIAL AIR STAMPS OF CANADA 1924-1934; C.A. Longworth-Dames; privately published by the author. 1982. Soft cover, 108 pp, \$10.75US postpaid. Available from AEROPHIL, 47 Lombardy, Bale d'Urfe, PQ H9X 3K9.

This is a well written, well presented book which provides all known information on the early semi-official air mail services in Canada. There is a short one or two page history of each company, beginning with Laurentide Air Service Limited in April 1924, when it started the first regular passenger air route in Canada from its base at Angliers, Quebec into the Rouyn Goldfields.

Immediately following each historical summary are photos of the aircraft, a list of the aircraft used by the operator, and then all known details of the semi-official stamps. This is followed by a listing of the flights of that particular air service.

The book concludes with Canadian Airways Limited, which operated between 1932 and 1934. There is also a bibliography of all the references the author consulted. The semi-official scheme lasted for eleven years, during which time the thirteen companies involved issued a total of 40 different stamps. Here, brought together for the first time in one book, is the full story of these early air mail flights, which were the pioneer airlines of Canada.

GENERAL INTEREST

POST DATES, A CHRONOLOGY OF INTRIGUING EVENTS IN THE MAILS AND PHILATELY; Kenneth A. Wood; Van Dahi Publications, P.O. Box 10, Albany, OR 97321. Hard Cover, 410 pp, \$24.95US postpaid in the USA, \$29.95US postpaid outside the USA. Available from the publisher.

Both new collectors and experienced philatelists will find *Post Dates* an interesting story of man's communication systems over the centuries, as well as an indispensable source of easily-located information. It is an endless source on the major, minor, amusing, unusual and even tragic events of philately and the mails.

Beginning in 4,000 BC, the 3,850 entries are arranged chronologically and range from the mail systems of ancient China to the marvels of today's electronic communications. More than 1,250 pictures enhance the text. Some 49 maps of early sea, land and air mail routes clarify the ways in which mail has been carried. A massive 6,358-item index guides the user directly to specific items.

No matter whether a collector's interest lies in the posts of medieval Europe, stage lines of the Old West, pioneer air mails, classic or modern stamps, postal stationery, or a host of other subjects, essential information is easily found. Anyone with an interest in postal

history will find it an invaluable source of key information on significant events in the history of the mails.

The hobby itself has not been neglected and information on the first stamp collector, dealer, and periodical, plus many other hobby-related events are chronicled. Trivia lovers will find *Post Dates* an endless source of information and entertainment about philately and the mails.

A collector for half a century and editor of *Stamp Collector* newspaper for 12 years, Wood has been writing about his hobby for 20 years. His previous books include *Basic Philately*, an introduction to the hobby; *This is Philately*, a three-volume encyclopedia of stamp collecting and postal history; and *Where in the World?*, an atlas especially for stamp collectors.

PHILATELIC GEMS II: Donna O'Keefe; Linn's Stamp News, P.O. Box 29, Sidney, OH 45365. 1985. Soft cover, 168 pp, \$7.95US. Available from the publisher.

Philatelic Gems II, a sequel to its best selling predecessor, illustrates 89 'underrated rarities' whose intriguing stories are not often told, even though they may command high prices when sold.

Author Donna O'Keefe, senior editor of *Linn's*, writes the weekly column upon which this book is based. Many of the scarce stamps described are no less scarce — a few even rarer — than those detailed in *Gems I*.

From the botched perforating job on the Grenada 1875 1-penny stamp, to recent

stamps from the Chinese cultural revolution that were withdrawn for political reasons, *Gems II* explains how and why these stamps came to be so rare. Another rarity, the Red Honduras airmail stamp, is often overshadowed by the scarce Black. Only seven copies of the Red Honduras stamp are known to exist.

BNA is well represented. Included are the New Carlisle and Port Hood provisionals, Nova Scotia's 1 shilling Violet, and the imperforate 5 cent Rose of Vancouver Island.

Anyone interested in acquiring a wide-ranging knowledge of philately will find this book well worth reading.

KWIK SORT STAMP FINDER: J. Douglas Tracy; privately printed by the author, 50 Mississauga Valley Blvd., Mississauga, ON L5A 3S2. 1985. Photocopy, 32 pp, \$1.00 postpaid. Available from the author.

Although the jury is still out on how popular this stamp finder will become, it does present a novel concept. The author has based his system on the face value of the stamp. Each issue of Canada is listed according to the numerical value of the postage printed on the stamp, under one of two headings: those with inscriptions (identifying text) on the stamp, and those with no inscriptions. Scott catalogue numbers are given. All Canadian stamps issued in 1985 are included.

For a first effort, photocopying is not a bad idea and the cost is certainly not great. The author states that the 1986 edition will be printed rather than photocopied. A finder for United States stamps is in the works.

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SKETCH No. 210 Jean-Guy Dalpé

From up Quebec way comes one of our newer and younger members, Jean-Guy Dalpé. He is a resident of Boucherville, but is an assistant in a school in Longueuil. He is married and has two young sons. He has a Bachelor of Commerce degree but did not tell me where he obtained it.

As with so many childhood collectors, education interrupted, but by his mid-twenties, Jean-Guy was again active. He is a member of many philatelic organizations and is interested in youth collecting, for which he has written two guides. He occasionally writes for *TOPICS* and *PHSC Journal*, and has also written many articles for French-language magazines. He belongs to many study groups and attempts to report all new information he discovers.

Jean-Guy is particularly interested in



Canadian RPO, Duplex, Slogan and Roller cancellations, Perfins and Meters.

CANADIAN PARCEL DESPATCH NOTE

by Michael Madesker

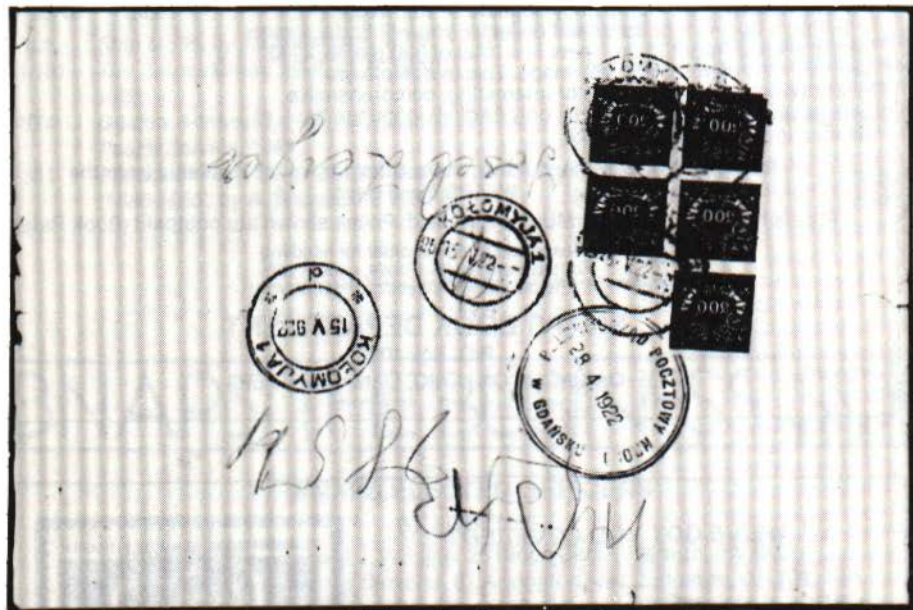
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Few people are acquainted with parcel post workings. Of several prominent philatelists in the Toronto area *not one* had ever seen a Canadian parcel card, and only one of the former National Postal Museum people had ever heard of one.

Illustrated is a postal parcel despatch card, on 15 lb. (weight) paper, from Canada, dated 30 March 1922 to Kolomyja, Poland, via England and the Free City of Gdansk. The Canadian despatch postmark from Montreal,

in green, is on the coupon part of the card.

On the reverse are two Kolomyja postmarks: the receiving postmark 'Kolomyja 1/d', dated 15 May 1922 and, on the same date, a Despatch Office postmark which ties the 2,500 Haller assessed for the delivery to the house. Of great interest is the elusive purple, 2-ring, 4 cm cancellation 'Polski Urzad Pocztowy NRO: 1/28.4.1922/w Gdansku'. Very few of these cancellations are known to exist.



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