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In addition to being a collector, Mr. Cohen is a recognized philatelic authority. During the sixties he worked with American expert Horace Harrison. Together they classified the 1868 Dominion issue of Large cents. Their classifications are now referred to in handbooks and catalogues as "C & H Numbers" (Cohen and Harrison).

Like all great collections, Mr. Cohen's is a compilation of many famous Canadian collections, as well as his own, portions of which won medals at Capex '78 held in Toronto.

Included in the collection for auction will be the complete Banfield collection of 1859 10 cent Prince Consorts, with many thousands of fine and very rare covers, stamps, including mint and used single copies and rare proofs; medal winner at the London 1960 International. Also included are both of the collections of the late Dr. Day and E.A. Smythies, co-authors of the book "Canadian Fancy Cancellations".

Because of the size of the collection, it is being dispersed at two auction sales in England and Canada. Cavendish Philatelics of Derby will hold the first sale in England on October 18, 1986. In Canada the stamps will be auctioned by Jim A. Hennok Limited, in the Spring of 1987.

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THE EDITOR'S PAGE

by MIKE STREET

A TALE OF TWO CONVENTIONS

DEARBORN

As one who is gearing up to run the 1989 BNAPS convention, I find it increasingly difficult to attend them. Every BNAPEX committee insists on doing such a bang-up job that it is getting harder and harder to think of things which will be different from previous ones.

Who would have thought that a hotel in the middle of one of the major American metropolitan areas, across the street from one of the largest industrial complexes in the nation — if not in the world — would prove to be a most enjoyable setting?

Let's face it, a convention reception at a museum of science and technology is not exactly an everyday event. What would you expect to find at the Henry Ford Museum? Steam powered machines, predating James Watt, brought from coal mines in the United Kingdom and reassembled? Sure. Railway engines larger than the average house? Of course. The automobiles of four US Presidents? Naturally. Some of the best hors d'oeuvres you've ever had? Not a chance — but that's exactly what happened.

To make matters worse, the committee arranged for more of the same the next night at a reception in the Dearborn Inn! Several members told me that they didn't bother with dinner after that one.

There were 21 study group meetings, almost all of them well attended, all worth attending. There were dealers galore ready to relieve you of your money in exchange for those little goodies they always seem to turn up just before the convention. Among the many exhibits were several which required more than one visit to savour all the philatelic delights behind the glass.

One of the best things about Dearborn was the many new faces in evidence. Members who, previously, were but signatures on letters, names on the membership list, or voices on the phone, were there in person. It really is a pleasure to be able to put a face to a name.

Maybe I'll talk to Ann and Chuck Firby in a few years — after my convention.

PITLOCHRY

A month later, thousands of miles away, I was fortunate to be able to attend another convention, that of our sister society, the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain. The event was held at the Pitlochry Hydro (as in 'taking the

waters') Hotel, a venerable establishment nestled in the lovely Scottish Highlands.

They do things differently over there. Instead of offering a menu of meetings of various interest groups, the CPS of GB schedules only one seminar at a time, encouraging members to broaden their knowledge by going to all the sessions. The first-time attendee discovers something unheard of on this side of the water — no dealers!

Evening, with the first seminar and a mixer for the non-collectors scheduled simultaneously. Seminars are scheduled morning and evening on Thursday and Friday, and on Saturday morning. The annual auction is held on Saturday afternoon. Evening activity for the non-collectors, such as a theatre outing, is arranged. The closing banquet is held Saturday night.

On Thursday and Friday afternoons the whole scene shifts as everyone (golfers excepted) boards a tour bus; Blair Castle one day, Loch Tummel and the hills around Pitlochry the next, both proved to be interesting diversions for all, and certainly got the collectors out for a bit of fresh air.

The exhibition is low key, with a twist. Exhibitors are limited to two frames per entry. Try to reduce a large exhibit to two frames and still keep it representative of the whole! It is not an easy task.

As at Dearborn, putting faces and names together was a highlight. The talk sessions after the evening seminar were most enjoyable, with those from our side of the pond trying hard to stay up as late as the 'locals'. Since Scotland was the venue, a special two part initiation was held for first-timers. Part 1 consisted of persuading the visitors to tempt their palates with a beverage called 'the malt', varieties of which are distilled and aged in many different places in Scotland. (Who says that all four letter words are bad?) Part 2 involved that renowned dish of the Highlands, haggis. Although some expressed reservations, this inductee enjoyed it thoroughly.

Two conventions with significant differences, both equally memorable; but why? In accepting the honor of being named a Fellow of the CPS of GB, Lew Ludlow expressed the same thought, and then supplied the answer. "It's not the stamps," he said, "It's the people."

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Ed Whiting



This is my last *President's Corner*, I call it my "two cents worth". Last night I thought of many things to say but now that I'm writing I can't remember them, so you will just have to take it as it comes to my mind.

In my first *President's Corner*, I suggested that each person try to get a 'stand-in' in case of temporary incapacity. The response has been far from desired, but I know how difficult it can be. To those who responded, I thank you very much.

For those of you who took the time to write to let me know the Society had its failings, what you thought they were, and what you thought could and/or should be done about any one of them, my sincerest appreciation. Those letters are my gauge of the health of BNAPS. Keep them coming!

Bob Lee is taking over for Dave Dixon, who will be up to his neck with CAPEX next year.

Howard Twichell, the gentleman from Texas, has agreed to take over early from Marva Paige, and we will have a reasonably calm transition of our finances. To both of these hard working members my grateful thanks.

I suppose I will be remembered as the president during the Museum Affair. I would prefer being remembered as Prexy when the Study Groups took off. John Burnett is to be commended for his diligence and hard work with and for Study Groups, which, in my eyes, are the highlight of the Society.

Next September we have a date, you and I, in Charlottetown, P.E.I., courtesy of the hard work of Jim Lehr. Let's fill up the 130 guest rooms and then some. I'll be looking for you.

Come January 1, 1987 I will turn the gavel over to Ed Harris and with it go my best wishes for a successful tenure.

FOUNDER'S MONTH

Last year, I proclaimed November to be Founder's Month, in honor of our founder, Jack Levine, and our first President, Walter Hoffmann. This year I'd like to start to introduce you to the beginnings of BNAPS. It was on October 28, 1943 that Jack Levine and fourteen others met at the Collectors Club of New York. There they decided to form an organization dedicated to B.N.A. Philately. Next, after some digging, I will attempt to tell you who was there and what they did.

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by Jim Lehr

Although some plans are still being formulated, we thought you would like a general idea of the program for BNAPEX '87. Besides the usual Bourse, exhibits, banquet and general good times, we plan the following:

1) **Charlottetown Tour (about 2 hours)**

This will cover the various areas of the city, as well as the shopping places, and end with tea with the Lieutenant Governor.

2) **Trip to North Shore (about 5 hours)**

We will bus up to the north shore, stopping along the way to see the Woodleigh Replicas (scale walk-through models of castles, homes and cathedrals), the House of Green Gables and the famous beaches and park. Lunch.

3) **Lobster Dinner**

Lobster plus a home cooked meal.

4) **Children**

We are stressing our interest in making this a family affair. Children are **very** welcome. Let Jim Lehr know how we can help you do this.

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CHRISTMAS CARDS FROM POWs IN CANADA

by Mike Street



A little known philatelic secret of the World War II period is the fact that special cards were prepared for Axis Prisoners of War held in

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friends was a post card, Internment Operations form I.O. 20, which was distributed regularly, though in limited numbers. By the Geneva Convention, mail to and from POWs was to be free of postage for surface mail. Accordingly, I.O. 20

was marked FREE/FRANC DE PORT in the upper right hand corner.

As far as can be determined the 1941 card, showing a stag behind barbed wire, was the first to be issued specially for Christmas mail. Appar-



Printed by The War Prisoners' Aid of the Y.M.C.A.



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ently, 'The World's Committee' of the Young Men's Christian Association obtained official permission to print the special design on I.O. 20 cards, which were then issued to prisoners to send home.

Two varieties of the 1941 card are known. One card has 'FORM I.O. 20' printed on the address side; on the reverse, centered below the inscription 'Printed by The World's Committee of the Y.M.C.A.' is 'FROEHLICHE WEIHNACHTEN'. The second card does not have the notation 'FORM I.O. 20' on the address side; on the other side of this card, however, below 'Printed by The World's Committee of the Y.M.C.A.', is 'FROEHLICHE WEIHNACHTEN FREDERICTON INTERNMENT CAMP THE SEASON'S GREETINGS'. The address side of the card lacking 'FORM I.O. 20' is not illustrated.

Photocopies of the two were compared by laying one on top of the other and holding them up to a strong light. The printing on the address side of both, except for the missing 'FORM I.O. 20', matches exactly. It is very unlikely that a printer in the Fredericton area would have exactly the same typefaces, and set things in exactly the same position, as a printer elsewhere in the country.

This indicates that the variety belongs to the I.O. 20 card itself, not to the special Christmas printing. One possibility is that only the Christmas design was printed locally, from plates or artwork supplied by Ottawa, using card stock held at the camp. If this was the case, it is also quite possible that they were prepared using stock of the I.O. 20 which had been printed earlier, without the form number notation.

I first learned of the stag card in 1984, and planned to use it as a seasonal cover illustration for the November-December 1985 TOPICS.

When that did not work out I decided to hold it over for 12 months. Until June of this year, it was the only POW Christmas card I knew to exist. Then, a trade with a correspondent, a former POW, brought to light a second card. In September I learned of a third. Both are illustrated.

The card with the vertical format drawing of a guard tower behind barbed wire and rolling hills in the background was sold as, and as far as can be learned is, the card issued in 1942. The card with a drawing of a Christmas tree above a line of barracks-style buildings, also vertical, has 'CANADA' in the lower left corner, and '1943' in the lower right. Below 'FORM I.O. 20' on the address side, the 1943 card also has the printing information 350M--4-43 (9307).

My correspondent wrote, "Christmas 1942 I spent in England. 1943 was the first for me in Canada. Everybody got one (1) card. I stayed in these barracks until June 1944, when I was sent to work as a lumber jack." The words 'these barracks' could cause speculation as to whether or not the cards were produced locally, with different designs at different locations. Both the vertical cards, however, are inscribed, on the drawing side, 'Printed by the War Prisoner's Aid of the Y.M.C.A.', so it is likely that the design was common for all camps in Canada which used the cards.

I have been unable to determine if a card was issued for Christmas 1944. Any one with further information on any officially distributed Canadian POW Christmas cards, from either war, is asked to write to me at P.O. Box 7230, Ancaster, ON Canada L9G 3N6.

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NEWFOUNDLAND

The Long Coronation Issue – 1937 –

A Problem

PART 1

INTRODUCTION

Ever since the Stanley Gibbons Catalogue stated that there were two dies for the three cent value of Newfoundland's 1937 Long Coronation issue, there has been discussion as to the truth of the statement. Their catalogue shows a picture purporting to be partial views of the two dies. The discussion has been raised again with the discovery of proof sheets which are believed to be evidence that two dies were used in preparing the issued stamps.

I have made the statement that I did not believe the stamps were made from two different PLATES which might indicate that two different DIES were used. I was wrong, and the evidence that I will introduce here, while circumstantial, will tend to validate the two DIE/PLATE claim. Photographs of the known Die Proofs and some of the Plate Proofs (where available) will be shown to flesh out the statements.

THE THREE CENT VALUE

That there are two varieties of the three cent value is undisputed. Winthrop Boggs, in his *Postage Stamps and Postal History of Newfoundland* (1942 - pp 122), states: "Die I, the impression is weak. There are apparently white spaces throughout the design, which under glass are seen to be merely weak lines. The Portrait is particularly poor.

"Die II, the entire impression is much clearer and stronger. The apparently white spaces are no longer noticeable. The Portrait is improved but still poor."

So Boggs started the DIE controversy on,

no doubt, an assumption.

My observations indicate that the so-called Die II varieties can be recognized by the fuzziness of the impression of the Vignette of the King. In addition, a set of engraving dots runs down the King's nose, from the forehead to the tip. These are prominent in the second printing, but almost invisible in the first printing. There are also slight variations in the color of the stamp, the second being of a lighter and more yellowish tone. Photos of State 1, Die I; and State 2, Die II are shown as figure 1. There are other slight variations in frame lines that will be covered later.

THE DISCUSSIONS IN NEWFOUNDLAND

The three cent was one of the few values (two to be exact, in addition to the King's vignette or effigy) which was required to be completely designed from the ground up. The others used engraver's methods to salvage the basic designs from the 1932 Industrial set for inclusion with the King's head in the new issue. Prior to the initiation of this set of stamps, there had been much discussion in Newfoundland as to the advisability of including the Monarch on the issue. It started with a communication from the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs (London) on 10 February 1936 which stated in effect, that Colonial Governments should continue printing existing stamps for approximately a year until a new effigy of His Majesty could be approved for use on United Kingdom stamps.

This was the year of turmoil within the Royal Family, Edward VIII became King on the death of his father, George V, on 20 January 1936. His



Figure 1: Die I (L) & Die II (R)



Figure 2: Essays

desire to marry Wallace Simpson led to considerable opposition from the Church and the populace, and finally resulted in his abdicating on 10 December 1936. George VI, his brother, ascended the throne and became King on 11 December 1936. Within one year England had seen three Monarchs ruling the country. Imagine what all this did to those who were preparing stamps or 'effigies'.

Downing Street advised, through Circular 2 on 7 August 1936, that it would be impossible to commemorate the Coronation, which was in close proximity, by a special series of stamps or complete new issues. As no new stamps could be provided by Coronation day, the King did approve of placing on sale on 12 May 1937 "some few denominations of the new permanent issues necessitated by his accession, and that the remaining denominations should be issued as soon thereafter as possible". A simple portrait of the King was suggested for the most common values, and he desired that the same design be used throughout the Colonial Empire. The stamp

designs should be as free as possible of a multiplicity of detail, but if special pictorial designs had been adopted they could be retained and could be combined with a King's head vignette. Advice was requested on other matters pertaining to the issue, such as whether there was objection to the adoption of the standard King's head, whether the existing pictorial stamps would be retained, or if there were objections to omitting 'postage and revenue' from the design.

A standard design of the Edward VIII motif was prepared for the Crown printers by Thomas De La Rue. The essay for Newfoundland was also done by De La Rue. A shadow box mounted copy of the essay with the manuscript "Appvd for Newfoundland issue, 25/9/36" exists, as do photographic copies for this and other Colonies. (Figure 2) On the abdication of King Edward VIII all sketches, essays and proofs were recalled by the crown Agents and retained by them. The only replicas remaining are the photo sketches, thus any color information is unknown. The only use of this essay was to prepare the One Farth-



Figure 3: Perfin 'SPECIMEN'.

ing stamp of Grenada, presumably by Harrison's & Sons Ltd.

A telegram to the Secretary of State for Dominion affairs on 24 September 1936 ordered the following quantities of stamps (excluding those for sale in the United Kingdom) of the special anniversary commemorative set (1937 Coronation Issue) to be sold on 14 May 1937: 1) Two Cent — 1,500,000; 2) Four cent — 2,000,000; 3) Five cent — 1,250,000.

After the abdication of Edward VIII, the blank die for the George VI stamps was prepared by De La Rue, and furnished to Bradbury Wilkinson & Co. for preparation of some of the stamps. The order was split among the several security printers in order to expedite the work. What came to Newfoundland bore the faces of George VI and Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother. Examples of these exist punched 'SPECIMEN'. That the Newfoundland values were printed by Bradbury Wilkinson is attested to by the horseshoe shape of 'SPECIMEN' (Figure 3).

On 25 September 1936 the Dominion Office indicated that while a special issue of three values had been prepared for the Coronation, the Colonial Governments were free to revert to their own designs if they did not care to use the common design. Newfoundland was advised that any variation in design from that already approved had to first be submitted for His Majesty's approval. The Commission was requested to advise whether or not the design approved for the three Coronation value would be adopted by them or the additional values. It was also indicated that Downing Street assumed that the Crown Agents would handle the details of obtaining the remaining values. It is useful to remember that at this time Newfoundland was under a Commission form of Government and was not an independent body.

The Newfoundland Department of Posts and Telegraphs dispatched a long memo to the Commissioner for Finance on 13 October 1936. Unfortunately one page of the document is missing, but it appears that the important details are all available. The letter first gave, in table form, the particulars of the issue of stamps then in use.

"The 2, 3, 4 and 7 cent stamps are portrait issues, and the remainder pictorial or industrial issues. It has been decided already that the present 2, 4 and 5 cents stamps are to be replaced by a Coronation issue. The question is whether or not the other denominations should be replaced."

| Val. | Design | Purpose |
|------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 ¢ | Codfish | Inland Printed Papers |
| 2 ¢ | King George V | Local Letters |
| 3 ¢ | Queen Mary | Cheques |
| 4 ¢ | Prince of Wales | Inland Letters (Outports) |
| 5 ¢ | Caribou | Letters, Empire & U.S.A. |
| 7 ¢ | Dutchess of York | Letters, Foreign countries |
| 8 ¢ | Corner Brook | Inland Parcels (5 lbs) |
| 10 ¢ | Salmon | Inland Registered Letters |
| 14 ¢ | Dog | Canadian & U.S.A. parcels |
| 15 ¢ | Seal | Reg. Letters, Empire & U.S.A. |
| 20 ¢ | Cape Race | Heavy Parcels |
| 24 ¢ | Bell Island | British Parcels |
| 25 ¢ | Sealing Fleet | Heavy Parcels |

The letter went on with a description of the Essay shown in Figure 2, and suggested that Downing Street would like the balance of the issue to be like the 3 values already ordered. The author of the letter, G.D. Frazer, Secretary, Department of Posts & Telegraph, was loath to state the reaction of the Newfoundland public to any attempt to abandon the 'Industrial' stamps. His associates in Newfoundland, and the local newspapers, had already given adverse comment on any attempt to accept a design common to the rest of the Empire. He offered three courses for Newfoundland: (1) restrict the Coronation issue to the three values already selected; (2) have a complete new issue produced, using the design of the Coronation issue as purchased; and (3) combine the three values purchased with a new issue of the 'Industrial' stamps bearing a vignette of the King's head. He recommended number (3) stating various advantages. (Here the page is missing.)

Continuing, Frazer suggested that the 30 cent value be replaced by a 48 cent value as the former use of the 30 cent had been voided. It is obvious from the results, seen later, that he recommended redesign of the 3 cent and 7 cent because the 2 cent, 4 cent and 5 cent stamps (Standard Coronation type) had removed the portrait designs from the issue. Two questions remained to be considered: (1) the omission of the word 'Postage' from the stamps as had been done on the three values; and (2) whether the order should be placed through the Crown Agents. Frazer's recommendation was against in both cases. He pointed out that the Crown Agents exercised supervisory controls, for a fee,

and that the present arrangement through the local representative of John Dickenson (D.R. Thistle, printer) and then to Perkins Bacon and Co. had been eminently successful in the past and had resulted in reduced costs to the Government. It was also pointed out that John Dickenson presently had 1 and 3/4 tons of Newfoundland watermarked paper on hand for the production of postage stamps.

On 20 October Mr. E.N.R. Trentham, Commissioner for Finance (Newfoundland) sent to the Secretary of the Commission his recommendation that Frazer's ideas should be followed, i.e.: (1) the new issue of stamps should consist of the 2, 4 and 5 cent stamps already approved, (2) the existing designs of the Industrial Issue should be combined with a vignette of the King's head; (3) as the present 1 cent stamp design

was unpopular, it should be redesigned; (4) the stamps should be purchased direct from John Dickenson; (5) Customs and Inland Revenue Stamps would be separately referred to the Commission.

And so the stage was set to order the next issue of stamps from Perkins Bacon and Company. Of interest to us now are the Vignette of the King's head and the design of the three cent stamp which, with the one cent, would have to be designed from scratch.

All of the above comments and letters were based on the assumption that Edward would remain King. When the final designs were made, George VI had taken over. Newfoundland never issued any stamps commemorating Edward VIII.

(To be continued in the next issue.)

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16. REGISTERED FOURTH CLASS MATTER

NOTE — Postmasters and the public will notice that the class of matter here described as *Fourth Class*, is the same class which was formerly designated *Fifth Class*.

1898 regulation

1. Includes merchandise of all descriptions not entitled to pass at a lower rate, and not excluded from the mails by the general prohibitory regulation with respect to objectionable matter. Fifth class matter should be put up in a manner sufficiently secure, and yet so as to admit of ready and full examination by the officers of the Post Office.

2. The postage on fifth class matter must be prepaid by postage stamps securely affixed thereto, at the rate of one cent per ounce weight or fraction of one ounce.

1902 regulation

1. This class includes merchandise of all descriptions such as dry goods, groceries, hardware, stationery (including blank books, &c., not included in the First, Second and Third Classes, and not excluded from the mails by the general prohibitory regulation with respect

to objectionable matter.

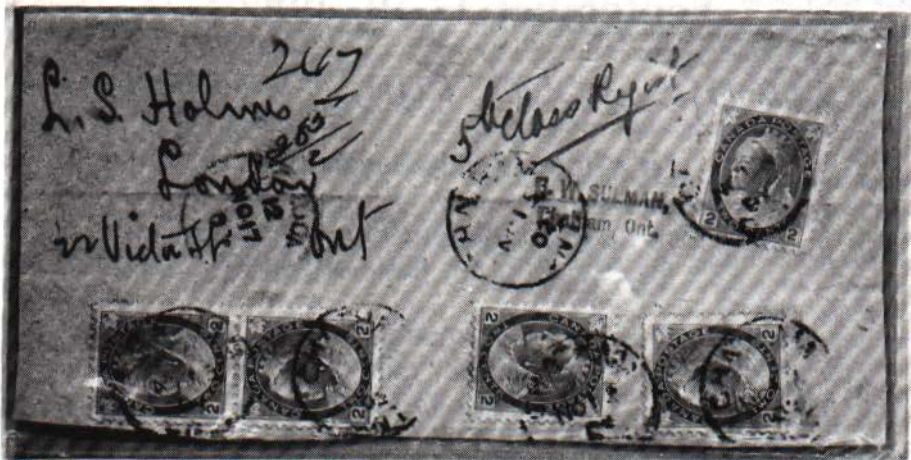
The rate of postage for articles in this class is two cents for the first two ounces or fraction thereof, and two cents for each additional two ounces or fraction thereof.

2. All classes of mail matter sent by post within Canada may be registered, and the fee thereof is a uniform one of five cents, which must be prepaid by stamp.

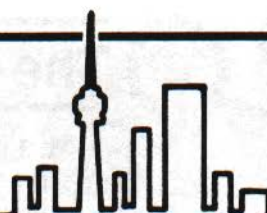
The item illustrated was mailed Nov. 15, 1902 and received Nov. 17. The sender G.W. Sulman, made two errors:

—he endorsed the parcel *5th class*, which ceased to exist on Dec. 31, 1898, having become part of a new Fourth Class category. This resulted when the old Fourth Class rate was increased to equal the Fifth Class rate of 1¢ per ounce.

—he also either insufficiently or over prepaid the postage at 1¢ per ounce because five months earlier, on July 1, 1902, this rate was changed to 2¢ per two ounces. On January 1, 1903, the rate reverted to 1¢ per ounce. Registration was 5¢.



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The RPO Cowcatcher

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Railway cancellation activity has been proceeding apace in recent weeks. At BNAPEX in Dearborn at the end of August, the annual meeting of the R.P.O. Study Group was attended by 20 members plus three visitors. During the seminar period, Palmer Moffat gave an excellent summary of the Newfoundland Railway, providing a handout of the outline plus an excellent 1938 map; John McCrea gave a fine color slide presentation from his collection of cross-border R.P.O.'s; and Jack Wallace covered history of railways in British Columbia, again with handout outlines. Unfortunately, time available was less than sufficient for these three fine speakers to do full justice to their subjects.

A number of attendees brought items to the convention to flesh out our data bank. Chief among them was Bill Walton, who has copied his extensive steamer collection; analysis of this will nicely occupy many evenings during the coming winter. Finally, we are pleased to advise that our exhibit of 'Provincial Railways of Canada' was well received by the jury, earning a Gold. We find this very encouraging and hope that other R.P.O. specialists will be inspired to exhibit their own selected railway cancellations.

At the end of September we travelled to Scotland to attend the convention of our sister society, The C.P.S. of G.B., at Pitlochry. Although members for a long-time, this was our first C.P.S. convention. Being a somewhat smaller society than BNAPS, their convention follows a different format than BNAPEX; there is much in their approach worthy of our attention. As only one example, they offered five different specialized two-hour seminars which were attended by nearly all of the members present. Although not all of the audience were specialists in the subjects presented, their interest in the philatelic research of each seminar was universal. There are many knowledgeable philatelists in C.P.S. and it is our hope that there can be an increased interface between

our two societies. On the final day of the convention, based on our research contribution in the field of railway cancellations over many years, we were honored by being elected a Fellow of C.P.S.; it needs to be said that such research as we have done would never have been possible without the high level of cooperation and input from R.P.O. specialists both here in North America as well as in the United Kingdom.

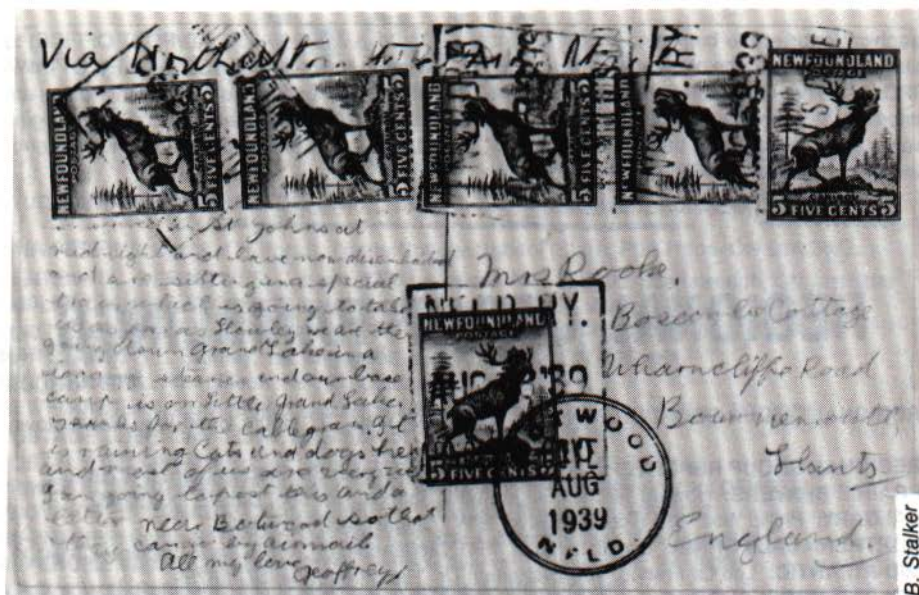
NEW TRACK

One of our new reporters, Jim Felton, in Arkansas, has sent us a new listing which we have established as follows: TS-250d REID/NEWFOUNDLAND CO./GRAND FALLS, Type 1E, Period - 1919, R.F. 500*, Reporter #258.

There are some who question the listings of these ticket stamps from Newfoundland; indeed, we have seen one or two examples of their use as receipt stamps on bills of lading; however, the main usage that we have seen is as postal cancellation devices. At the C.P.S. convention in Pitlochry, our new Study Group member, Brian Stalker, showed us the most extraordinary cover, on which four strikes of TS-184a, NFLD. RY./ARNOLD'S COVE, Type 1E, are used to cancel six copies of the 5c



J. Felton



B. Stalker

Caribou on a non-favor card to England, a vivid example of a ticket stamp being used as a cancellation device. Stalker's Newfoundland Railway exhibit was awarded a first-in-class at the C.P.S. convention.

UNEXPLORED TRACK

Our exhibit of 'Provincial Railways' includes RR-74, PAID/G.W.R. in an oval, Type 3E, known for the period 1856-1858. In his recent work, *Canadian Mail by Rail, 1836-1867*, Gillam points out that this was undoubtedly an internal marking of Great Western Railway, against which G.W.R. settled the postage accounts with the Post Office on a periodic basis. At our R.P.O. Seminar at Pitlochry, Dr. Dorothy Sanderson, FRPSL, showed us a similar marking we had never seen before, PAID/140 in a smaller oval which is very similar to RR-74. This created a lively discussion which, in summary, concluded that the 'PAID/140' was probably a forerunner of RR-74, PAID/G.W.R.; please note that the 1855 date of the former precedes the earliest recorded date of the latter by at least one year. The further question arose as to whether '140' was an account number, a drawer number or something else. Has anyone else seen another example of this marking? We would appreciate having further comments on this presently unique strike.

New information continues to come in a

steady stream, and Annex V next year promises to be full of detailed up-date data. Bill Robinson advised the Study Group at BNAPEX that their membership was now over 80 strong and growing; certainly this has to be one of the largest and most active of all BNAPS Study Groups. Drop a note to Robinson if you would like to join. The record of Newfoundland and Maritime earliest and latest dates by listing and hammer has now been prepared, current to October. If you have not received your copy, drop us a reminder.

CORRECTION

In the last issue's RPO Cowcatcher a typo-



D. Sanderson & R. Gray

graphical error at the beginning of the second paragraph reversed the order of the first and last RPOs of the pre-Confederation era. The first sentence of that paragraph should have read: "It was quite a revelation to us that, from the first railway cancellation in 1853 (RR-143, ST. LAW-

RENCE & ATLC RAILROAD/POST OFFICE) to the last in 1867 (O-43, BROCKVILLE & OTTAWA RAILWAY/+), only some 50 different listings are recorded as having been used." Our apologies to Lew Ludlow and to our readers for the error — Ed.

REGIONAL GROUP RAMBLINGS

by Jim Goben

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It was a pleasure to finally attend a BNAPS convention. I enjoyed meeting and talking with so many BNAPSers. A well chosen group of dealers managed to deplete my billfold, smiling all the while. I am sorry that I was only able to be there for one day; I am ready for another show like this fine effort. (*We have them every year!* — Ed.)

The **Golden Horseshoe** group is celebrating its fifth year of activity with more than forty members. Good luck and keep growing! Their most recent meeting was at GUELPHPEX '86. Dave Dixon spoke on 'Building a Basic BNA Philatelic Library', a topic for each of us. Andrew Chung spoke on 'Reply Coupons of Canada'.

Andrew also handles the newsletter for the group. With the last one he enclosed an article he wrote, *Collection of Postage Due in Canada*. He's looking for other articles to use in the newsletter.

The **Pacific Northwest** group is busy as usual. A meeting was held in Kelowna on September 20. This meeting was held in conjunction with a Bob Lee auction — a nice touch. I'm sure that we'll have a report next issue.

I'd like to thank Andrew Chung for the copy of his article. As I've said before, it pays to join

a regional group. If you belong to one, help make sure that your group's news gets to me so we can keep all the members of the society posted. (It also pays to advertise.) News for the March-April *TOPICS* should get to me by January 15. For May-June, the deadline is March 15.

Just in case people are having trouble preparing Regional group reports, the following tips may help. Mike Street passed them on to me with a note that he had 'borrowed' them from a fellow editor in Oregon.

THE FIVE 'W's OF REPORTING

WHAT is/was the event being reported? (Special occasions and anniversaries should not be forgotten.)

WHERE did it take place? (Be sure to note locations which are either different from normal or unusual.)

WHO participated? (People like to see their names in print, especially when they have contributed something to the occasion.)

WHEN did it take place? (This can give readers an idea of normal arrangements.)

WHY did it take place? (Even a regular meeting deserves notice, because it lets people know that the group is active.)

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by Frank Waite

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ON THE FRINGES

Dearborn is now made up of memories — of exhibits, receptions and meetings — but mostly of friends. It was wonderful to see and converse with old friends and meet new ones. It was pleasant to meet the Editors whose newsletters make this column possible. There were 21 study group meetings scheduled — 21. We'll have more at P.E.I. in '87.

Bob Lee's DUPLEX newsletter, as usual, is huge. There are photostats of covers from Maggie Toms and Bill Robinson. John Reynolds raises some questions concerning the Toronto mutilated 13-bar Berri duplex. Was there a connection with Ontario Government mail? David Lacelle contributed a bibliography of articles concerning duplex cancellations from *TOPICS*, *Maple Leaves* and the *Canadian Philatelist*. Bob has completed his initial listing of all duplexes — over 5500. The newsletter concludes with two interesting and well illustrated articles, *The Port Hope/C.W. Modified Berri Duplex Postmark*, by Jim Karr, and *Unofficial Duplex Cancellations of Canada-Newmarket, Ontario*, by Bob Lee.

Thirteen years of existence and never a

missed publication date is the record of the **Military** group. This is quite a feat. The latest newsletter notes that Fort Churchill on Hudson Bay had both a Canadian and a U.S. military post office — with the same number. Part II of Colin Campbell's article, *1st Canadian Expeditionary Force — Ships in Convoy - 1914* is featured. Illustrations and details of each ship are included. The newsletter also has an interesting article on the Canadian Casualty Assembly Centre of WWI. A membership list is also presented.

The **Newfie** newsletter reviews Scott's Specialized Catalog of Canadian Stamps for 1987, with the comment that the Newfoundland section of the catalog could stand considerable improvement. Clarence Stillions, the Editor, contributes an article on the perforation varieties and part perforation varieties of the long Coronation issue. Palmer Moffat's listing of twentieth century post offices of Newfoundland, with their opening and closing dates, is continued. This issue lists Little Harbour to Parson's Pond. Robert Pratt's *The Nineteenth Century Postal*

History of Newfoundland, is available. It is a learned and weighty tome.

Jon Johnson requests information on a cover illustrated in the **PERFIN** newsletter. Mike Dicketts advises perfin collectors to be aware that, in the U.S., perforating machines have been acquired and used to produce suspect perfins. He lists six examples of Canadian perfins whose existence is tainted. Two sets of updates to the *Perfin Handbook* are presented. One is by Conrad Tremblay. The other, apparently, is from membership input. Jean-Guy Dalpé has provided a check list of stamps having Bell Telephone Co. and Quebec Liquor Commission perfins.

Their newsletter reports a newly found error for the **POSTAL STATIONERY** group to covet. Ten official Victorian envelopes are listed with details. These were prepared for the Nova Scotia Lighthouse Service of the Marine Department. Robert Lemire reports two unusual tagging patterns on 32¢, #8 envelopes. Dick Staecker continues his article *Canadian Pacific — A Revised List of Advice Cards*. A list, with illustrations, of private precancels on Canadian postal cards has been assembled by John Grace, Bruce McCallum and Bill Walton. The newsletter concludes with a listing of Certified mail envelopes. The author isn't noted, but I suspect it is Robert Lemire.

I've received two newsletters from the **RPO** group since my last column. Letters are noted from Tom Southey, Dr. A.D. Campbell, Jim Lehr and Jerry Carr. Allan Steinhart has submitted illustrations of 1927 promotional literature from the Dominion Atlantic R.R. (and S.S.). Palmer Moffat is responsible for photostats of the 1903 Newfoundland P.M.G. report which details steamer and railway mail service. Peter McCarthy writes a philatelic column for the *Sherbrooke Record*. A recent column of Peter's Railway Post Offices has been reproduced in the newsletter. Lionel Gillam has sent in some data on 1951 Newfoundland runs, and also some corrections to abbreviation interpretations. Finally, Jack Wallace has described the history of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway and the runs thereon. The second newsletter discusses the Dearborn meeting, which was a success. The RPOers are in the black, and they returned (railroaded?) Lew Ludlow and Bill Robinson to office. (I believe they have a lifetime pass on the railroad.) Letters were reported from Lionel Gillam, Jim Lehr, Warren Bosch, Ed Maloney, Peter McCarthy, Jim

Miller, Jim Karr and Dave Mayerovitch. Mike Street sent in a cutting from the Aug. 9, 1986 *Toronto Star* decrying the closing of the Thorold Marine Post Office. It was the last Marine Post Office serving sailors on the Great Lakes. There are illustrations of the Kamloops, B.C. C.P.R. station, and illustrations of covers commemorating the 50th anniversary of the completion of the C.P.R. across Canada. The newsletter closes with a membership list.

The **RE-ENTRY** group has also provided two newsletters. Hans Reiche has discovered, and illustrates, a new re-entry on the 3¢ brown Admiral. Bill Burden writes about re-entries on the 7¢ Peace Airmail. Ralph Trimble describes, and illustrates, a lovely re-entry on the 3¢ value of the long Coronation series of Newfoundland. Dr. Jim Watt has written a detailed letter explaining that the ½¢ Large Queen re-entry, which Ralph Trimble suspected was position #120, is almost certainly position #72; a very interesting analysis. George Arfken has authored an article on close up photography using extension tubes — again a detailed workmanlike article. The second newsletter again illustrates a new re-entry found by Ralph Trimble. This is a splendid example on the 1¢ value of the Quebec Tercentenary series. Hans Reiche submits both an article on Admiral re-entries, and information and illustrations of the 3¢ brown Admirals with parallel lines. I should guess that Ralph Trimble is responsible for an illustration of a re-entry and plate scratch on the ½¢ Maple Leaf. The bulk of the newsletter consists of an article by John Hillson and correspondence between Ralph Trimble and John Hillson concerning the 5¢ on 6¢ Small Queen variety. Perhaps Boggs should have called it the "most controversial variety of Canadian stamps".

The **REVENUERS** have an article I found especially informative. This is a condensed explanation of the correct usage of each type of Canadian Revenue stamp.

Reviewing the pleasant memories of Dearborn, I had two thoughts. First; Judging — this has been discussed and rediscussed during the last year or so. What criterion separates a Gold from a lesser award? My answer is *PHILATELIC SIGNIFICANCE*. What do you think? If some of you agree we, unfortunately, have to define 'Philatelic Significance'.

The second thought was on study group meetings. The study group meetings I attended had excellent programs. Fine, except there was

little or no time for the group to discuss their goals for the next year and the next five years. This is a once a year opportunity, the one time a reasonable percentage of the group membership is together. There should be sufficient time for group input to the planning process. Does your group have a plan and goal for the next year?

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- MARCH 14, OAKVILLE, ONTARIO — OAKPEX '87**, Oakville Stamp Club show and bourse. River Oaks Recreation Centre, 2400 Sixth Line. Information: P.O. Box 524, Oakville, ON L6J 5B4
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- OCTOBER 16-25, COPENHAGEN, DENMARK — HAFNIA '87**, FIP sanctioned International Exhibition. Canadian Commissioner: R.K. Malott, 16 Harwick Cres., Nepean, ON K2H 6R1

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- JUNE 1-12, HELSINKI, FINLAND - FINLANDIA '88**. FIP sanctioned International Exhibition. Canadian Commissioner: David Dixon, P.O. Box 1082, Oakville, ON L6J 5E9.
- CHARLOTTETOWN, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, September 17-19**, BNAPS' Annual Convention. Rodd's Royalty Inn. Chairman: James C. Lehr, 2918 Cheshire Rd., Wilmington, DE USA 19810

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BNAPEX '89: HAMILTON, ONTARIO

1986 BNAPS ANNUAL REPORT

MINUTES OF THE 38TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The meeting was called to order by the President, Ed Whiting, at 0905, 1 September 1986, at the Dearborn Inn.

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

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

Acceptance of the minutes of the last annual meeting, as printed in *TOPICS*, was moved by Bill Rockett, seconded by Mike Dicketts. Carried.

President Ed Whiting presented his report and moved acceptance. Seconded by Mike Street. Carried.

Al Steinhart, the Chairman of the Board of Governors, presented his annual report. Acceptance was moved by Al Steinhart, seconded by Peter Fournier. Carried.

Earle Covert, the Secretary, presented his annual report and moved acceptance, seconded by John Burnett. Carried.

The report of the Treasurer, Marva Paige, was presented. Acceptance was moved by Al Steinhart. Seconded by Dr. Carr. Carried.

Bob Carr, the coordinator of Regional Groups, presented his report and moved acceptance, seconded by Jim Lehr. Carried.

Al Steinhart, Chairman of the Handbook Committee, presented his report and moved acceptance, seconded by Don Kaye. Carried.

Dave Clare, Manager of the Book Department, presented his report and moved acceptance, seconded by Bill Pawluk. Carried.

Clarence Stillions, Chairman of the Editorial Board, presented his report and moved its acceptance, seconded by Jim Lehr. Carried.

Mike Street, Editor of *TOPICS*, presented his report and moved its acceptance, seconded by George Wegg. Carried.

Dave Dixon, *TOPICS*' Advertising manager, presented his report and moved acceptance, seconded by Jim Hennok. Carried.

Jim Lehr, Vice-Chairman of the Order of the Beaver, gave a brief summary of the purpose of the Order. Two new members, Sam Nickle and Bob Carr, were inducted.

Paul Burega, Circulation Manager, presented his report and moved its acceptance,

seconded by Robert Lemire. Carried.

The Chairman of the Admissions Committee, Norm Brassler had his report read. Acceptance was moved by Don Fraser, seconded by Lew Ludlow. Carried.

Assistant Secretary John Graper's report was read. Its acceptance was moved by Bob Jamieson, seconded by Jack Wallace. Carried.

John Burnett, Coordinator of Study Groups, read his report and moved acceptance, seconded by Cliff Guile. Carried. John presented a small gift to Don Fraser in recognition of his long service as Chairman of the Small Queen's Group.

The report of the Convention Coordinator, Ron McGuire, was read. Acceptance was moved by John Burnett, seconded by Whit Bradley. Carried.

The report of the Nomination Committee by Ron McGuire was read. Its acceptance was moved by Guy des Rivieres, seconded by Robert Pratt. Carried.

The results of this year's election are as follows: President — Ed Harris; Vice-President — Lew Ludlow; Second Vice-President — Bob Carr; Secretary — Earle Covert; Treasurer — Howard Twichell.

Elected to the Board of Governors to serve for four years were: Garvin Lohman; Graham Noble; Barry Shapiro; Allan Steinhart; Jack Wallace.

Bob Jamieson, Sales Circuit Manager, gave his report and moved its acceptance, seconded by Cliff Guile. Carried.

The report of the Librarian, Don Makinen, was read and acceptance moved by Al Steinhart, seconded by Jeff Switt. Carried.

The reports of the Assistant Secretary, John Graper, on the winner of the V.G. Greene Award for the best article in *TOPICS*, and the new Emeritus Members were read.

The winner of the 1985 President's Certificate for proposing the most new members was Harry Dingenthal.

Jim Lehr made a presentation for BNAPEX '87 in Charlestown, and encouraged families to come.

BNAPS booth at CAPEX — Bill Pawluk is looking for a large number of volunteers to staff the booth for 2-3 hours at a time.

John Siverts was thanked for his work staffing the booth at AMERIPEX.

Jim Lehr's book on PEI will be available shortly.

There was discussion about new members' collection interests and colours of ribbons for awards.

The meeting was adjourned on the motion of Sam Nickle, seconded by Mike Street.

Earle L. Covert M.D.
Secretary

PRESIDENT

A highlight of my term as President has been to watch the phenomenal growth in the number of Study Groups and, to a lesser extent, Regional Groups. I am grateful to the secretaries of the groups for keeping me informed, and constantly amazed at the amount of typing involved. I cannot remember when the Society had so many Study Groups; John Burnett deserves our thanks for his efforts in this area.

During the year I was able to appoint successors for two of our officers who had asked to be relieved of their duties after serving us long and well. Dave Dixon was replaced as Advertising Manager for *TOPICS* by Bob Lee, while Paul Burega took over from Ritch Toop as Circulation

Manager. I would like to express my thanks to all of them for past and future efforts on BNAPS' behalf. Thanks also to Howard Twichell who, effective with this convention, is taking over as our Treasurer from Marva Paige, who has had to resign due to ill health.

I would be remiss if I did not thank my wife Ernestine, courtesy of whose driving I am here in Dearborn, for all her help, especially in making me behave as I must to get well again.

Finally, as I end my term as your President, a word of appreciation to all the officers and Directors of the Society for their help and cooperation during my time in office.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

This has been my second year as chairman of the Board of Governors of BNAPS. I have enjoyed working with the members of the board and the elected executives of BNAPS. It has been a rewarding and enlightening experience for me.

During the past year a number of changes have taken place in the various operating departments of BNAPS. Dave Dixon has resigned his position as Advertising Manager of *BNA TOPICS*, effective at this convention, due to heavy duties with Capex and the RPSC. We take this opportunity to thank Dave for his splendid efforts over the years in this job. Bob Lee of Vernon, B.C. has agreed to take over from Dave, and our thanks go out to Bob for accepting this position.

Paul Burega assumed the job of Circulation Manager of *BNA TOPICS* during the past year. We welcome Paul to the BNAPS fold in a worker capacity. We also take this opportunity to thank Ritch Toop for doing this job very well for a number of years.

During the past year only one new handbook has been published, but we have six projects in hand, with manuscripts either at the

printer's or in the process of being completed.

A new policy has resulted in a large number of books on BNA philately being donated to our Library by our Book Department. These were paid for by surplus funds raised by the Book Department through purchases by members. We urge the greater use of this facility by our members. We also feel thanks are due to Dave Clare for his tremendous efforts in getting books into the hands of our members.

During the past year we have affiliated with the American Philatelic Society, and we are in the process of affiliating with the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada. These measures should help us get new members in our organization. Other plans are afoot to bring into play programs to attract additional members and strength. Much of this effort is due to Bill Pawluk, who designed a program to increase our visibility to the collecting public and to help us recruit more new people. There has been a rise in applications for membership in the last few months, and this should continue.

BNAPS will be having a society booth at CAPEX next June in Toronto, in conjunction with the Postal History Society of Canada. In addition,

BNAPS will be having a gathering or reception at CAPEX. News of this will appear in *TOPICS* when details are finalized.

Tax Status and Foundation Status for BNAPS in the USA and Canada is progressing and is now in its final stages in the US side. This is due to the meritorious efforts by our truly hard working member Bob Pratt.

A meeting was held in February 1986 between Canada Post and BNAPS, the RPSC and the PHSC, with the object of expressing frank views on the subject of the National Postal Museum. I consider this meeting to have been a success as far as it went. A further meeting on the subject is due in September and reports will be made in *TOPICS*.

The growth of study groups this year was again dramatic. This is due almost wholly to the gung-ho attitude of John Burnett, who has done a super job.

On the administrative side of BNAPS, two people again deserve a round of applause for their efforts in making our society function smoothly in the area of paperwork. They are Earle Covert and John Graper, and they deserve a big hand from all of us.

Again, and deservedly so, a pat on the back to Mike Street for his efforts in putting out a superb magazine for the Society. Thank you Mike!

In the past year I found out that I am also the complaint department of BNAPS. Five complaints were registered. These complaints were all satisfied and the files closed. There is now an ethics committee consisting of myself, Cliff Guile and Eugene Labiuk. We hope we will not be called on to do much work.

Two new convention sites were confirmed.

Ron McGuire deserves credit for getting these confirmed and keeping up this section of BNAPS. A new idea was the election bulletin, with small profiles and pictures of the candidates standing for election. This is also to Ron's credit.

Progress was made in discussions at the board level on improving consistency in judging at BNAPEX shows. There will be additional reports on this in the future when there is more definite information available.

I would like to take this time to thank particularly Bob Pratt, Ritch Toop and John Siverts, who are leaving the Board of Governors in January. They will be missed for their spirited participation in board matters, their long hard work and especially their dedication to BNAPS.

Of the outgoing members of the Executive of BNAPS, special thanks go out to Ed Whiting for his dedication in performing his job above and beyond the call of duty in spite of severe personal setbacks. I would also like to express our thanks to Marva Paige for her work as Treasurer of the society these last few years.

I would also like to welcome the incoming officers — Ed Harris as our President, Lew Ludlow as Vice-President, Howard Twichell as Treasurer, and Garvin Lohman, Graham Noble and Barry Shapiro as members of the Board of Governors. Welcome to the society of unsung heroes.

Last but not least, thank you to all the members of BNAPS who put into the society their best efforts to make it a better place for all of us.

Further to this our most sincere thanks to Ann and Chuck Firby and their crew for making this a most wonderful and warm convention we will remember for a long time.

Thank you all.

Allan L. Steinhart

SECRETARY

BNAPS joined the American Philatelic Society in 1986 as an affiliate. This is currently producing many applications for membership. We expect to soon be an affiliate of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada.

Three dealers have promoted membership in BNAPS through their auction mailings. We thank Gary Lyon, Chuck Firby and Bob Lee. Several others will soon be doing this.

The work of the Secretary has been aided considerably by John Graper, Norm Brassler and Mike Street. Their work is greatly appreciated. Membership records have been fully com-

puterized through the programming help of Mike Street. John Graper has worked hard receiving and recording annual dues payments, and Norm Brassler has chased references for membership applications.

References to *TOPICS* in *Linns*, the work of the Regional and Study Groups, and contacts made by members at AMERIPEX have resulted in an increase in membership applications. Bill Pawluk has developed a plan for promoting membership and it looks promising.

Earle Covert

TREASURER

BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

As of June 30, 1986

(with comparative figures for June 30, 1985 - United States Dollars)

| | ASSETS | | Year Ended | |
|---|---|-----------------|-----------------|--|
| | | June 30, 1986 | June 30, 1985 | |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | | |
| Cash in bank | | \$16,631 | \$41,576 | |
| Deposits not posted | | - | 4,415 | |
| Checks in collection | | 1,395 | - | |
| Cash held by department heads | | 33,377 | 19,056 | |
| Accounts and interest receivable | 7207 | | | |
| Less allowance for doubtful accounts | <u>244</u> | 6,963 | 4,278 | |
| Inventory books | | 13,213 | 12,954 | |
| Prepaid expenses | | - | 1,007 | |
| Library | | 100 | 100 | |
| | | <u>\$71,676</u> | <u>\$70,541</u> | |
| RESTRICTED FUNDS | | | | |
| Marketable Securities - at cost | | 2,466 | 2,466 | |
| | | <u>\$74,145</u> | <u>\$73,007</u> | |
| | LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES | | | |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES | | | | |
| Due owners on sales circuit | | \$10,022 | \$ 9,795 | |
| Prepaid advertising | | - | 263 | |
| Prepaid dues | | 8,465 | 8,220 | |
| | | <u>\$18,487</u> | <u>\$18,278</u> | |
| FUND BALANCES | | | | |
| General Funds | | | | |
| Appropriated - Insurance Fund (Sales Circuit) | | 8,172 | 7,485 | |
| Unappropriated - Members' Equity | | <u>40,186</u> | <u>39,944</u> | |
| Total General Funds | | \$48,358 | \$47,429 | |
| Restricted Funds | | | | |
| BNAPS Foundation | | 7,300 | 7,300 | |
| | | <u>\$74,145</u> | <u>\$73,007</u> | |
| | STATEMENT OF OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES | | | |
| REVENUE | | | | |
| Membership dues and fees | | \$16,930 | \$16,784 | |
| Interest income | | 29 | 939 | |
| Dividends | | 252 | 103 | |
| Other income | | - | 2 | |
| Book Department | | 318 | (307) | |
| Sales Circuit Department | | 2,610 | 3,246 | |
| | | <u>\$20,139</u> | <u>\$20,767</u> | |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | |
| Stationery and supplies | \$ | 225 | \$ 349 | |
| Postage | | 700 | 681 | |
| Insurance Expense | | 655 | 1,707 | |
| BNAPEX | | - | 700 | |
| Bank Charges | | 101 | 10 | |
| Other Expenses | | 22 | 239 | |
| Telephone | | 97 | 375 | |
| Unrealized loss (gain) on foreign exchange, fluctuations | | (303) | (469) | |
| BNA TOPICS | | 14,375 | 14,331 | |
| Library and circulation | | 199 | 130 | |
| Medals | | 3,426 | - | |
| AMERIPEX | | 400 | - | |
| | | <u>\$19,897</u> | <u>\$18,145</u> | |
| EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES | | \$ 242 | \$ 2,622 | |

COORDINATOR: STUDY GROUPS

In 1986 our study groups show continued growth — we now have nineteen active groups, one group on the verge of forming, and three more being seriously looked at.

The average study group has fifteen members, collects six dollars in dues, and produces six newsletters per year.

This represents only 20 percent of our membership and, although up from last year, it is still disappointing.

I have put before the board some specific

requests for funds and organizational changes that will allow study groups to continue to grow and improve their services to our society.

I urge each of you to affiliate with the group or groups of your interest. If such doesn't exist, let's work together and form one. It's not hard, and it can be very rewarding.

I wish to thank each of the members who chair a study group and give so much of their own.

John T. Burnett

EXCHANGE CIRCUIT MANAGER

Once again your circuit has enjoyed a busy season. In spite of some forced holidays to the south during our horrible March last year, exchange value exceeded the previous period by a few hundred dollars. Total exchange value for the 85/86 period was \$33,611.14.

The specialized classifications are still holding the forefront in interest amongst the members. Perfins, Precancels, Revenues, Semi-Official Air Mails, RPOs, Squared Circles, and the Provinces — including Newfoundland — are the leaders in demand. Selected early used Canada, used blocks, booklet panes mint & used, complete booklets and good back of the book material closely follow. Once again the following have very little demand — modern mint and used, plate blocks after the War issue.

Good postal history also does well. A few tips in this classification if I may. Please use light weight glassine envelopes, instead of plastic covers. Where possible, remove stiffeners from covers to lessen the weight factor. The value of these books should be close to the \$150.00 mark, if not better.

We have an excellent selection of books available for the Dearborn meeting. As soon as possible following the annual meeting we will be retiring a substantial number of books. So far

for this period we have retired books with a value of \$27,000.00, with commissions to BNAPS of \$2,700.00, and Insurance Fund contributions of \$1,074.91.

Following the Annual Meeting we will be preparing circuits for dispatch. We will have openings in most classifications, so it is a great time to share in the fun. Drop us a line now.

Can you help with any of these wanted items? — these are over and above those already listed. Jubilees with cancels, 1898 Maps with cancels, Postal History of the Yukon and Northwest Territories, early BNA with S.O.N. cancels, and Postal History from the Western Provinces. Also needed are books of varieties, both modern and old. Please don't hesitate to write for information if you can help in these areas.

As always, time prevents me from acknowledging the many letters received over the course of the year. I would like to express my sincere thanks to all who take the time to write. Your notes and comments are truly appreciated.

Join now and start receiving circuits to enjoy in the comfort of your home. Blank books are available at 5 for \$3.25, post paid.

Bob Jamieson

CHAIRMAN: EDITORIAL BOARD

Even with changes in personnel, the work of the Editorial Board has been easy. The Circulation Manager post was exchanged from Rich Toop to Paul Burega, and the handoff of the Advertising Manager post from Dave Dixon to

Bob Lee is occurring during this convention. The Editor, Mike Street, and the Printer, Len Woodward, continue to produce an excellent journal. They are to be commended.

C.A. Stillions

VINCENT G. GREENE AWARD

A survey of the Elected Officers, Members of the Board of Governors and the Donor to decide a winner of the Vincent G. Greene Award for the best article, series of articles, column or series of columns authored by a member or members of BNAPS and originally published in *BNA TOPICS* during 1985 has determined that

the recipient shall be Robert H. Pratt, for his series of articles on Newfoundland Postcards, appearing in numbers one, two, four and six of volume forty-two.

John C. Graper
Assistant Secretary

1985 PRESIDENT'S CERTIFICATE

Each year the President's Certificate is awarded to the member who has proposed the most new members during the previous year.

The tabulation of new members enrolled during 1985 has determined that the winner this

year is Harry F. Dingenthal, member number 3602, with six new members to his credit.

John C. Graper
Assistant Secretary

EMERITUS MEMBERS

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

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

members:

- 0075 Norman Brassler
- 0308 George S. Wegg
- 0320 Alfred P. Cook
- 0700 J.V. Rogers
- 0751 Allan Frederick Judd
- 0759 George Collins Baugild
- 0775 Richard G. MacIver, Jr.
- 0791 Mae M. Hanselman
- 0842 William E. Tutton

John C. Graper
Assistant Secretary

LIBRARIAN

For the year July 1985-86 the Library had 33 enquiries for the use of books and articles. This is low, but interest is good.

The year brought a surprise to the Library. The BNAPS Book Department sent the Library about 25 books.

One prospect that I would like to see started

concerns the many articles which are 40-60 years old. They are fading, and the paper is getting bad. They need to be xeroxed to preserve the information.

Due to poor health, I won't get to BNAPEX this year.

Donald Makinen

ADMISSIONS

During the course of the year 27 applications were processed. Of these 23 were approved and 4 are still pending.

There were no incidents of any importance and the only problem which exists and, it seems, cannot be cured is the tardiness of the references in responding. At times it takes two to three letters before an answer is received. Occa-

sionally the applicant must be contacted to furnish new references since the original ones did not reply.

I must again request that some one else be appointed to perform this task. I will of course continue until a replacement is found. I believe I have held the position long enough.

Norman Brassler

COORDINATOR: REGIONAL GROUPS

There has been little change in our groups since last year. I receive news letters from most of the groups, and their reports show continuing progress. I am still hoping for a revival of interest in our Detroit-Windsor group, which should be stimulated by having our annual meeting in their area.

The Northern California group is attempting to regroup their organization and I have had a report from Garvin Lohman.

There seems to be an insufficient response to a Greater New York area group. I am still hoping to form a group in the Maritime Provinces.

This is a possibility in 1987 with our convention being held in Prince Edward Island.

Again I want to thank Jim Goben for his outstanding job in reporting group activities in *TOPICS*. Group leaders, please send Jim news.

In closing, I again urge our members in areas which do not have a group to consider starting a movement to form one. For those in areas which have a group, I urge members to join and become active — here lies so much of BNAPS' strength.

Dr. Robert V.C. Carr

CHAIRMAN: HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

During the past twelve months one new handbook has been published by the British North America Philatelic Society, *Civil Censorship In Canada During World War I*, by myself.

Geoff Newman's handbook on the Bickerdike Machine Cancels should be out by November. This is an in-depth study of this pioneer Canadian machine cancellation and also covers its development world-wide, adding to the already published works on early Canadian machine cancellations much original material.

In addition, there are works in preparation on Prince Edward Island, Plating of the Map Stamp, the Postal History of Assiniboia, a census of Newfoundland First Cents Issue Covers, and the Eastern Arctic Patrol and North West Territories Postal History, as well as at least three other projects.

The Handbook Committee looks forward to more good manuscripts on British North America philately.

Allan L. Steinhart

ASSISTANT SECRETARY

The position of Assistant Secretary has seen little change in the preceding year. The only major change in procedures has been the collection and deposit of the annual dues by this office rather than the Treasurer on a temporary basis to alleviate the work load on the Treasurer. This is expected to revert to the former procedure on the accession of Howard Twichell to the office of Treasurer.

Other minor changes in the handling of paperwork in the Life Membership and Emeritus Membership categories to eliminate delays have been made.

As the Secretary and Editor have made a

major effort to revise the Membership Directory in a computerized format, my own activities in this area have ceased and I am trying to arrange compatible facilities to share the information.

Currently my prime interest is in establishing the best methods of communication between Mr. Twichell and myself to expedite the transfer of records of dues payments in the months ahead so there is a minimum of delay in the process.

My remaining duties have been the preparation of the Emeritus Membership Report, Vincent G. Greene Award Report, and President's Certificate Report, submitted separately.

John C. Graper

ADVERTISING MANAGER: BNA TOPICS

The advertising billings for the past fiscal year totalled \$9020.70, an increase of \$830.61 over the previous year. This represents a 10% gain in advertising revenue. As advertising rates

have not changed since January, 1984, this increase in revenue represents a real gain in advertising, which hopefully, will continue during the next year. At the present time I am negotiat-

ing with three new long term display advertisers, of which one will definitely take a full page.

Classified advertising, I'm sorry to report, has slipped a bit during the past year from approximately two full pages to about a page and a half on average. I have used this medium for the last few years to advertise for postal guides and have had excellent results. Surely if I can get results for such an obscure item as postal guides, the many members who collect squared circles, flag cancels, RPO's, stampless covers, etc. will get even better results, as their material is far more plentiful than postal guides. Come on BNAPSers, inundate the Advertising Manager with classified ads!

Due to a commitment to CAPEX 87, made a number of years ago, I feel it would not be fair to either organization to try and serve both. Therefore, as many of you know, I have resigned my position as Advertising Manager of *BNA TOP-*

ICS effective this convention. Your new Advertising Manager is Bob Lee, well known to you all, and I ask you to give Bob the same fine cooperation you have given me over the years it has been my privilege to serve you.

In closing, I would like to thank our advertisers for their support and cooperation during the past five years. Without this support I could not have carried on. My thanks also to all BNAPS' members whose support and encouragement made the job much easier. I have belonged to BNAPS for 10 years now and have always thought it to be a fine philatelic organization. However, after having served as your Advertising Manager for five years, I think BNAPS is the finest philatelic organization in existence and I look forward to serving BNAPS in the future after CAPEX 87 is over. Thank you one and all for a most memorable five years.

Dave Dixon

CIRCULATION MANAGER: BNA TOPICS

Transfer of duties of the circulation manager from Ritch Toop to myself went smoothly, and were completed in January, 1986. I would like to thank Ritch for all the help he has given me with regards to the operation of the circulation manager.

Sales of back issues of *TOPICS* during the period 1 July 1985 to 30 June 1986 inclusive

was \$243.50. This is down from the previous year, which had sales of \$284.00.

There is a large number of back issues available for society use. Members have been hesitant in acquiring back issues. Some of the back issues could be used to promote the society, and hopefully gain new members.

Paul Burega

EDITOR: BNA TOPICS

The bulk of the past year's work on *BNA TOPICS* has been centered more on the technical side of things than on the philatelic.

A major change has been the elimination of one of the two mailing lists with which the Society had to operate. Because the Secretary, Editor and Printer are all equipped with small computers, we are now able to produce mailing labels for *TOPICS* directly from the Secretary's master membership list. This means that changes and additions only have to be made once, and consequently get done faster.

Changes in Standard Forms' operations have resulted in an improved and more consistent quality of printing. Advances in paper technology have made it possible for us to be able to use a slightly lighter paper without increasing the amount of 'show through' of ink from the reverse side of a page. In the past,

adding a few extra pages meant raising the postage bill for the issue by one-third. The lighter paper allows me some leeway, which is very helpful. A sincere thank you to Len Woodward, our printer, for all his help in these matters. I am constantly amazed by his ability to put up with Editors, especially this one!

One of the Society's problems has been the length of time it takes for a new applicant to be confirmed as a member. Because this activity was tied to the printing of names in *TOPICS*, considerable delays could occur if an application came in just after the deadline for an issue. A decision to extend the closing date for the Secretary's report helped with one side of this problem, but it also had the effect of increasing the Secretary's last minute workload. In order to eliminate this weakness in the new arrangement, it was decided to automate the production of the

Secretary's bi-monthly report. Your Editor spent a considerable amount of time working up a computer program which would accomplish this. As my phone bills will testify, the 'debugging' process was also lengthy. The result, however, is that a job which once took 3 to 5 hours is now done in 15 minutes, with increased accuracy as a bonus.

I would like to acknowledge the contribution of Dave Dixon, our Advertising Manager, who is stepping down after five years in the post. Without ads, *TOPICS* would be in a difficult position, so Dave's work has been important. Robert A. Lee will be taking Dave's place, and I look forward to working with him. Our advertisers continue to support us and merit thanks as well. I have more to say on this subject in the September-October issue, which is in preparation.

During the year, the position of Circulation Manager changed hands, with Paul Burega tak-

ing over from Ritch Toop. This task is more important than many people realize, as it involves actively supporting both the Editor and the Secretary, in addition to storing the massive quantity of back issues and trying to sell them. Thanks to both Ritch and Paul for their efforts on our behalf.

Without authors there would be no *TOPICS*. To those who have contributed, sincere thanks. To those who have contemplated writing something but have not — don't wait for spring, do it now. *TOPICS* will always need articles, particularly on stamps. Prospective writers should not hesitate out of fear that "It isn't important" or "It isn't good enough" or whatever. If a little polish is required, that's the Editor's job.

There are others who have helped *TOPICS*, too many to enumerate here. A final thank you to those people.

MANAGER: BOOK DEPARTMENT

During the past year the Book Department handled 77 orders, with sales of \$3650.00. The

department also supplied the library with 55 new books.

Dave Clare

COORDINATOR: CONVENTIONS

Before I begin, I wish to sincerely thank Chuck Firby and his team for their efforts in organizing BNAPEX '86, another great convention. I regret being unable to attend.

Since my last report, I am very pleased to announce receiving bids for the 1990 and 1991

conventions from the Texas and Vancouver-area groups. I am certain that the Board of Governors will approve my recommendation to accept these applications. Therefore, the Society's convention schedule will be as follows:

| DATE/YEAR | LOCATION | CONTACT |
|------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 17-19 Sept. 1987 | Charlottetown, P.E.I. | Jim Lehr |
| 8-10 Sept. 1988 | Virginia Beach, Virginia | Marva Paige |
| Sept. 1989 | Hamilton, Ontario | Mike Street/Dave Dixon |
| 1990 | Houston, Texas | Vic Willson |
| 1991 | Vancouver-area | Bill Robinson |
| 1992-1996 | Host groups required | |
| 1997 | St. John's, Newfoundland | To be announced |

Recent conversations with those responsible for the next three conventions confirm that members can look forward to more super annual get-togethers. In fact, the line-up makes for a varied and interesting series of locations offering numerous things to see and do for those not interested in philately. I suggest you plan your holiday around our convention because your non-collecting family members will have much

to enjoy while you are 'stamping'. Make it a real family trip. I am sure you will not regret you did. Advance details of each convention will appear in *BNA TOPICS* in plenty of time for you to make your vacation plans.

It is not too early to come forward if you can co-ordinate the activities of a group interested in hosting a future convention in your locale. An American site is required for the even years —

1992, 1994, etc., and a Canadian location for the odd years, — 1993, 1995 & 1999. If you have any interest in one of the available years,

I would like to hear from you.

C. Ronald McGuire

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

I am pleased to know that so many well qualified people agreed to stand for election to direct and operate your Society. It was particularly gratifying to see photographs and biographies of the candidates accompany the latest ballots. This is a practice I long advocated because I am certain that such information will benefit both voters and the candidates.

As a member of the last two nominating committees, as well as being charged with locating willing members to serve in non-elective offices, I want to thank everyone who considered and/or accepted my requests over the years to become involved with your Society. I need not tell you that without your executive and officers you would not have the fine organization and services you now enjoy.

I recently noted with almost disbelief that

our Editor has completed five years in that demanding position. I say disbelief because it seems like only yesterday, not nearly seven years ago, that I was requested by Jim Lehr, then serving as your President, to locate an Editor. While I was confident that Mike Street would continue to do the fine job for BNAPS that he was doing for the *Grand News*, little did I know that our Journal would improve and grow to the point that I think it is now a consistently first-rate reference publication, second to few of its counterparts. For this we should be proud. I wish to congratulate Mike on his achievement and to thank him for what he has done for the Society. I hope that he will continue to make his significant contributions to Canadian Philately for many years to come.

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GUEST COMMENT

by Robert H. Pratt OTB

SOME COMMENTS ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN CANADA POST

My attention has been drawn recently to several short notices in Linn's Stamp News relating to Canada Post. Included in these terse remarks were facts which should cause members of the Canadian electorate much concern. I quote from the notice of 1 September 1986, authored by Larry McInnis.

"Philatelic sales didn't bring even a footnote in the 1985-86 annual report of Canada Post Corp., only a line in the statement of operations, under revenue.

Philatelic sales for the year ended March 31, 1986 totaled \$21,760,000 up from \$21,396,000 in the previous year.

That's an increase of \$364,000 or a mere 1.7 percent. The cost of first-class postage increased from 32¢ to 34¢, or more than 6 percent. (U.S. equivalent 22¢ = 31¢ Canadian)

Previous annual reports paid great tribute to the part philatelic sales played in revenue and loss-reduction. —"

The last sentence makes one raise eyebrows in a signal of disbelief! Why would the Corporation decline to state the part that Philatelists, young and old, played during the year in reducing their burdening deficit by the purchase of large amounts of stamps which never will be used to carry mail anywhere. Anything above the cost of production, storage and distribution of the stamp, and the cost of selling it — is all pure profit. A tidy amount, no doubt. Is 30% too much to allocate to profit on sales of stamps which will never grace mail? This would provide some \$6,000,000.00 a year with which to fund a postal museum! Perhaps the reason that the total was omitted from the discourse (although it was resurrected from the statement of operations) would be because the management would not care to have the figures thrown at them by angry philatelists, who could insist that a portion of this "found money" be used to support a healthy and active Postal Museum as well as a co-operative library.

The article continues:

"— By the way, the national postal museum rates a few lines, 13 in total, concerning its closure, relocation and

reopening on a reduced scale. Its total assets are still valued at \$1,000, in the financial statement."

More expressions of displeasure please. Who owns the Bigla cases in which the National Stamp Collection was, and still should be, located?? Who owns the wonderful and irreplaceable, extremely valuable proof collection, and where is it now?? It was supposed to be itemized and listed. Has it been?? Is it now all in one location, or is it scattered about Canada Post?? These are questions, among many others, which that last statement inspires. What did those 13 lines say?? If the Museum does not own these valuable items, who does??

In a recent discourse, presumably typed while our editor was driving along the Pacific Rim Highway — (He must be the original four eyed monster) — he stated:

"— Two or three people have told you they've heard enough about Canada Post and the Postal Museum.

"Yes, but if you think about it, those people are close to the situation. They aren't thinking of all the members who are not close to it and don't have the same information sources. There's a certain obligation to keep those members informed, don't you think?"

The answer is **YES**. Why do I, as a member, have to look at Linn's, an American publication, in order to get a minute glimpse of factual information from a report which our editor should be able to obtain in the interests of the membership. Why isn't that report published promptly in BNAPS Topics? Information such as contained therein, can be the foundation for questions to be asked by BNAPS representatives at further meetings with the Canada Post Authorities. As a reporter of news in his Notes column or Editorial Page, the editor "blew it, in other words, in spades."

Which leads me to another topic — the editorial written while riding the rim road, had many derisive remarks concerning the absence of Canada Post at EXPO '86 in Vancouver. This again causes one to ponder. Canada Post has been a money losing venture for some time. Ef-

forts, although possibly ineffectual, have been made to reduce the burden on the taxpayer. One of the actions taken was outlined in an article in Linn's (again) on August 11, 1986, authored by Les Winick who ran AMERIPEX in a most satisfactory way. This stated that Canada Post's advertising budget of \$6.1 million had been cut in half, while CNR Railway only lost \$.6 million and Air Canada got an increase of \$3.5 million.

Therein lies the explanation for the absence of Canada Post from the exposition grounds. A further exposure of information indicated that Canada Post would have had to construct its dispensing booth, man the exhibit with additional personnel and pay to the organizers a large rental fee and also a large percentage of all sales receipts, including stamps. It does not take long to be aware that the only thing that would result from an active presence on the grounds would be another increase in the deficit. Would the advertising budget allow for such an expenditure? I doubt it. Do not forget that most of the Canadian stamps sold at the fair would be used to transport mail and were not sold as philatelic examples as were the Russian stamps mentioned in the Linn's article. Their sale would add cost, not profit, to the venture. It was unfortunate that visitors had to walk a few blocks to purchase stamps, however it would seem to be most important to cut losses at Canada Post. Perhaps if a profitable

span of years could appear, a renewed interest in a Postal Museum would rekindle. A few days after the Linn's article appeared I had an opportunity to chat with a member of Marketing Division of Canada Post, and he confirmed (in general, not in detail) the conclusions reached in the Linn's article. Linn's also made favorable remarks about the reproductions of Canadian stamps found throughout the exhibits with particular reference to the trains stamps and the airmail exhibit. It should also be remembered that EXPO '86 was not a designated stamp show, and any philatelic exposure was much better than nothing. Canada Post should be complimented for making a deficit reducing decision. The cost of providing a service evidently was not worth the advertising impression to be made — even if it did inconvenience attendees, including our editor.

I would hope that we could be more promptly informed of published information, or matters communicated to BNAPS, concerning Canada Post, the Postal Museum or the Library. Our editor has better facilities with which to obtain information on what is occurring or has happened, than any of the rest of us, and also has the means of transmitting **FACTS**, not opinions to the membership. I hope that he will do so in the future.

EDITOR'S REPLY

Before commenting generally, I would first like to discuss some of the specific information presented.

Col. Pratt says that he should be able to get this information in *TOPICS*. The **FACT** is that he did, long before Mr. McInnis' article in *Linns*. The National Postal Museum was closed during Canada Post's 1984-85 fiscal year, which ended 31 March 1985. In the May-June 1985 *TOPICS*, on Page 3, the profits of the philatelic branch of Canada Post were stated, in the context of using part of those profits to fund a museum, the same idea Col. Pratt is suggesting 15 months later. The January-February 1986 issue, also on Page 3, mentioned how the Museum situation was treated in Canada Post's annual report for 1984-85.

As Col. Pratt knows, Larry McInnis, a freelance writer, is the weekly stamp columnist for the *Montreal Gazette*. For several years he has also been paid by Canada Post to write a regular column which is then distributed, free of charge,

to weekly newspapers across Canada. He has also been *Linns'* primary Canadian writer for some time. In fact, it was McInnis who broke the 1983 Stick 'n 'Tic story, in *Linns*, BEFORE Canada Post's press releases announcing that effort were distributed. Surely Col. Pratt would agree that *TOPICS* cannot compete with sources such as Mr. McInnis appears to have.

I should also mention that, after the Museum 'reopening' was announced last year, Canada Post stopped sending press releases, except for those concerning new issues, to the three major Canadian Philatelic journals. If this was in retaliation for the negative comments they had received about the Museum closure, it says a lot about their thought processes, and their true opinion of philatelists.

Anyone who drives a long distance to and from work knows that it presents a perfect opportunity for quiet contemplation of any subject under the sun. My trip is 35 miles each way, and over 15 years I've learned to use the time, usually

organizing thoughts for reports, memos, articles or letters. It now happens automatically whenever I'm on the road. The July-August editorial which raised Col. Pratt's sarcasm was totally composed during the drive along the Pacific Rim. This reply, in fact, is being prepared on another long drive. Does it matter? Not really.

Commenting on another part of the same editorial, Col. Pratt gives reasons for Canada Post's not selling stamps at Expo '86. He quotes Les Winnick, again from a *Linns'* article, and also mentions a contact at Canada Post. I won't argue with their explanations. They are certainly plausible. It should be remembered, however, that they are just that — explanations, based on information given by someone in the organization being criticized. That doesn't make them true or valid. Give me five minutes and I'll write a perfectly believable press release telling all and sundry why BNAPS did not hold the 1986 convention in Milwaukee or in Moose Jaw. The fact that neither city was considered for this year's convention won't even be mentioned.

At Expo '86 I saw Canada Post's low level of participation (a fact) and felt badly that an important part of my country's history, postal communications, had been totally neglected. (Communications was one of the twin themes of the fair.) I saw the literally millions of dollars being spent — and made — in sales of goods of all kinds. Canada Post was not selling any-

thing (also a fact), and I concluded that it had missed an opportunity. Feeling that these thoughts were worth sharing with the members, they were put into words. This is what editorials are for!

Col. Pratt seems to be saying that *TOPICS* should print only facts, not opinions. By that criterion, his letter should not be printed — because it contains largely his opinions. The letter has been printed, of course, because one of the purposes of *TOPICS* is to allow members to express their views on pertinent subjects.

If we limited *TOPICS* strictly to facts (or *FACTS*), then a great many of the philatelic articles would not be printable either. *TOPICS* is a research journal. A big part of research is forming and presenting opinions based on the data gathered. Why should opinions on matters of the moment be treated any differently?

A final word, if I may, on editorials. One of the privileges of being an Editor is having a platform from which to express one's views. It carries with it the obligation to be responsible, i.e. not to libel and/or slander anyone, to be fair, and not to use the stage as a soapbox strictly for one's own interests. I think that I have lived up to that standard, and will continue to do so. Editors will editorialize — and that's a fact!

Mike Street

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THE PRECANCEL SPECIALIST

by Hans Reiche

FOR THIRD CLASS MATTER ONLY

For Third Class Matter Only was a precancel style which was used for 13 cities. A study of these overprints indicates that two different plates were used for precancelling the various stamps on which they are found. The difference between the two plates are as follows: 1) The first plate was the letter F of

'For' directly above the letter H of 'Third'; the second plate has the letter F slightly moved to the left of the letter H. 2) The first plate exhibits a broken top of the O in 'For' on many subjects, such as on stamps for Quebec, Ottawa and Windsor; the second plate does not show any breaks in the letters.



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NATIONAL POSTAL MUSEUM

by Allan L. Steinhart
Chairman, BNAPS

As the members of BNAPS know, there has been quite an amount of discussion over the last year and one-half concerning the Canadian National Postal Museum.

When the museum was started the members of its Advisory Board were a group of eminent, respected and knowledgeable philatelists, including one from the United States, representing all areas of the country and numerous areas of philately.

Gradually these original members of the Advisory Board passed on, retired or were forcibly retired by post office officials or the politicians who are their masters. The last two, Mr. Sam Nickle and Senator Henry D. Hicks, are no longer on the Advisory Board, having been removed earlier this year. Thus all those who advised over the early years of the Museum, whom we knew and respected, are gone.

There are of course new members of this board. Who are they? What are their qualifications? Who picked them? Do they have any connection to philately? This information was refused to members of the philatelic press as it was regarded as 'CONFIDENTIAL'. What poppycock!

An inside source insists that this is not a post office matter at present, that the members of this board are appointed by the Minister responsible for Canada Post Corporation, not the Chairman of Canada Post, not his senior executive responsible for the postal museum and not the head of the mini-museum.

Senator Hicks, one of the deposed advisors, was not satisfied with this situation and asked in the Senate of Canada, of which he is a member, for the names of the people currently on the Advisory Board. He had to ask for this information four different times in May and June before receiving a reply. The official record shows his displeasure over the delay.

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SENATE DEBATES

26 JUNE 1986

NATIONAL POSTAL MUSEUM

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

HON. HENRY D. HICKS: Honourable senators, I should like to refer once again to a matter to

which I directed the attention of the Leader of the Government in the Senate some time ago arising from an order of this house dated May 1 asking that certain information concerning the Advisory Board of the National Postal Museum be tabled in this house.

I reminded the leader of this by questioning him on June 10, and I further reminded him by questioning him on June 18. It is now June 26. It is expected that the Senate will adjourn for the summer tomorrow, June 27. Obviously, this return will not be tabled by then.

Honourable senators, I resent this very much. I think this house should resent this. I concede that the matter is of little importance generally, but it is of importance to a few people in Canada, perhaps to a group of people who provide support for the only portion of Canada Post Corporation that operates at a profit, the Philatelic Division. It is difficult to obtain the information; it is there; it only requires someone, not even three rungs up the ladder of the hierarchy of the Civil Service or the Public Service or those in the service of the Canada Post Corporation, to write a letter listing the names of eight or nine people. This is a deliberate affront to this house by the minister in charge of the Canada Post Corporation who does not want me or other philatelists in Canada to know who the members of the Advisory Board of the National Postal Museum are. I think this is a dreadful affront to the Senate, and I shall continue raising the matter until I receive a reply. I am sorry that by this device of just refusing to obey an order of this house the minister in charge of the Canada Post Corporation has been able to keep his machinations, if they are that — and the longer he keeps us in the dark the more I am inclined to think that they are indeed that — under cover until the end of the summer.

SOME HON. SENATORS: Hear, hear!

HON. DUFF ROBLIN (Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, perhaps I may make the unwarranted assumption that I can proceed to Delayed Answers in view of the time on the clock. I can mollify my friend, because I have in my hand today —

HON. SENATORS: Hear, hear!

SENATOR ROBLIN: — a statement —

HON. ROYCE FRITH (Deputy Leader of the Opposition): It is too late, but we hope that it is not too little.

SENATOR ROBLIN: — under the signed manual of the minister in charge, the Honourable Michel Cote, disclosing to my friend and to the world what he has been up to in connection with the appointments that have been made to the board in question.

SENATOR FRITH: Well, let us hear it.

SENATOR ROBLIN: The National Postal Museum Advisory Commission. So, I have that for my friend.

SENATOR FRITH: Can we hear it? Let us hear it.

SENATOR ROBLIN: Well, do you really want to? I really have a —

SENATOR FRITH: Well, let Senator Doody do it, then.

SENATOR ROBLIN: No, I will read it to you if you insist. I am always an obliging soul.

The members of the National Postal Museum Advisory Committee are as follows:

Chairman:

The Honourable Judge Rene J. Marin, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Canada Post Corporation, Ottawa, Ontario; appointed 16 October 1981.

Members:

Mr. Richard M.H. Alway; Toronto, Ontario, appointed July 1982

Mr. Bernard Beaupre; Richelieu, Quebec; appointed July 1985

Mr. Frank Corcoran; Ottawa, Ontario, appointed October 1983

Mr. Matthew Dale; Rockliffe, Ontario; appointed October 1983

Mr. Laurier Durand; Trois-Rivieres, Quebec; appointed 15 May 1985

Mrs. Leslie Forbes; Riverview, New Brunswick; appointed 1 January 1986

Mr. Robert McGarry; Ottawa, Ontario; appointed 1 July 1984

Mrs. Ellen Easton McLeod; Ottawa, Ontario; appointed 1 July 1985

There is currently one vacancy.

AN HON. SENATOR: Great Canadians.

AN HON. SENATOR: All Liberals!

SENATOR ROBLIN: What a bunch of skeptics we have in this house, honestly. When I see these sittings —

SENATOR FRITH: And, with good cause.

SENATOR ROBLIN: I think perhaps that remembrance of things past is probably the theme that occupies their minds at this moment when it

comes to appointments.

SENATOR FRITH: Recent past.

SENATOR MARSHALL: Are there no senators on the list?

What is important to us is, "Who are these people?" What are their qualifications? Where is there national representation from across Canada? What organizations related to philately and to postal history are represented? We should not expect all the members of the Advisory Board to represent us, but some at least should have a background in philately. Where are the national representatives of philately, the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, the Canadian Stamp Dealers' Association, the Postal History Society of Canada, BNAPS — all national bodies dealing with philately in Canada. Who do these people currently on the board represent?

Are they, as one honourable senator exclaimed, "All Liberals," that is, all political appointees being rewarded for some service to a party? If the minister wants to make membership on this committee a political reward appointment, I'm sure there must be some eminent philatelists who would fit the criteria. Unfortunately, it appears we have a situation of the blind leading the blind in this committee.

(Editor's Note: Following receipt of the above, the BNAPS membership list and membership information printed in the Canadian Philatelist and the last published directory of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada were checked. None of the people currently sitting on the Museum Advisory Committee are members of BNAPS. Only one is a member of the RPSC. None are known as collectors of standing in the philatelic community.)

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THE NINETEENTH CENTURY POSTAL HISTORY OF NEWFOUNDLAND; Robert H. Pratt; published by the Steinway Fund and The Collectors Club of New York, 1986. 771 pp, \$140US.

The number of philatelic books on Newfoundland can be counted on one hand. This book, larger than all previous books combined, must be picked up with two hands. At seven hundred and seventy eight-inch by ten-inch pages it is a very, very large philatelic book. Its price tag — \$140 US — is large too, but there is information here that is found nowhere else, so its hefty price can be rationalized, even for the non-Newfoundland collector.

The book begins with a historical background, continues with the establishment of the Newfoundland Post Office by William Solomon, proceeds through a detailed account of the scandals that led to the Commission of Inquiry of 1900, and the Inquiry itself. Great attention to the workings of the post office in St. John's, in the outports, and with other countries is chronicled in separate chapters. Similar attention is given to the transport of the mails by sailing packet, railway and steam ship. The chapter on postal rates is preceded by a chapter on the colonial currency — a *must* for understanding nineteenth century postal rates. All of the accounts are backed-up by quotes or references from archival sources. It is the use of the archival sources which makes this work so important. Future postal historians will no doubt look at these same sources and come to different conclusions, but they will not be able to ignore them.

For the travelling post office collector, there is a full chapter on the establishment and operation of the railway system, plus a chapter on the coastal steamers. There is even something for the French area collector. In the chapter on coastal steamers there is a section dealing with the mail connection between St. Pierre and Newfoundland. Information on the postal history of St. Pierre and Miquelon is as scarce as its early covers, so its inclusion here is most welcome and appropriate.

For its sheer volume, it is disturbing that there is no index. To find a specific subject, only

the table of contents is available for guidance. Also disappointing is the poor quality of reproductions of postal markings. Here, the services of a professional draftsman would have helped achieve a consistent level between graphic quality and scholarship. Thirdly, there are a considerable number of misspellings and other typographical errors. These are all minor irritants, however, when compared with the wealth of information provided.

Despite its size and price, Bob Pratt has produced a handbook no serious student of Newfoundland philately can do without.

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THE CANADIAN REVENUE STAMP CATALOGUE 1987; Erling S.J. van Dam; The Unitrade Press, Toronto, 1986. Soft cover, 76 pp, \$8.95.

After many months of delay we finally have the Revenue Catalogue. In comparison with the 1984 edition it does represent an overall improvement. Many listings have been updated, mostly through upward price adjustments, to reflect current levels. A few downward adjustments have also been made; this is a very healthy decision as some items have been overvalued for a considerable period.

The termination of a number of taxes over the years, combined with the switch from stamps, to avoid fraud, in the collection of Provincial taxes, has served to restrict new issues. There have been some additions, however, among which are noted a few with no denomination, or amount of the tax. These carry rather exotic indications of value; however we are all free to collect or reject as we see fit.

In some areas the old Sisson's listing format continues in evidence, although it is known to be incorrect. It is hoped that these will be rectified in the next catalogue. It must be kept in mind that for a period of several months the catalogue was on hold waiting for the printer to get started so when it did come out, in September 1986, it could not possibly embody everything that had developed during the first nine months of the year. All in all Erling van Dam has managed to get a very decent catalogue into the hands of

revenue collectors under difficult circumstances.

The Unitrade Press has gone to an entirely new form of type, presumably to save space and thereby cutting costs. In the vertical format the smaller type manages an extra line per inch. In the horizontal format the size of the new type has been reduced from 1½mm to 1mm thus, in theory, permitting the use of three letters in the space formerly occupied by two. However, what has been saved in this fashion has been squandered by having larger than necessary margins between the catalogue number and the face value of the stamp, and to an even greater degree between the face value and the description. The same holds true between the description and the catalogue value. At the same time, the two columns of catalogue values are squeezed to such a degree that if a stamp is valued at \$1,000.00 it can only be shown as 1000., thus creating a lack of uniformity that is uncalled for. If space is so important, numerous opportunities exist for abbreviating — wmkd for watermarked, 4 pane booklet for booklet with 4 panes, dbl

background for double background, pane of 20 for complete pane of 20, and so on.

The introduction of color reproductions of stamps, instead of the former black and white, adds something to the eye appeal of the catalogue, but in many cases the heavy overtones serve to hide the true basic color of the stamp. It is perhaps too early in the field of color reproduction to expect a high degree of fidelity, but it would not be unreasonable to expect a somewhat better result. A catalogue recently received from Cavendish Philatelic Auctions had color reproductions of numerous stamps and covers that were much superior to those in the Revenue Catalogue. This provides hope of improvement in subsequent issues of the van Dam Revenue Catalogue.

Summing up, the catalogue represents a very acceptable updating by van Dam; experience gained in the layout may very well result in a 1990 catalogue that will be all that Revenue collectors could possibly expect!

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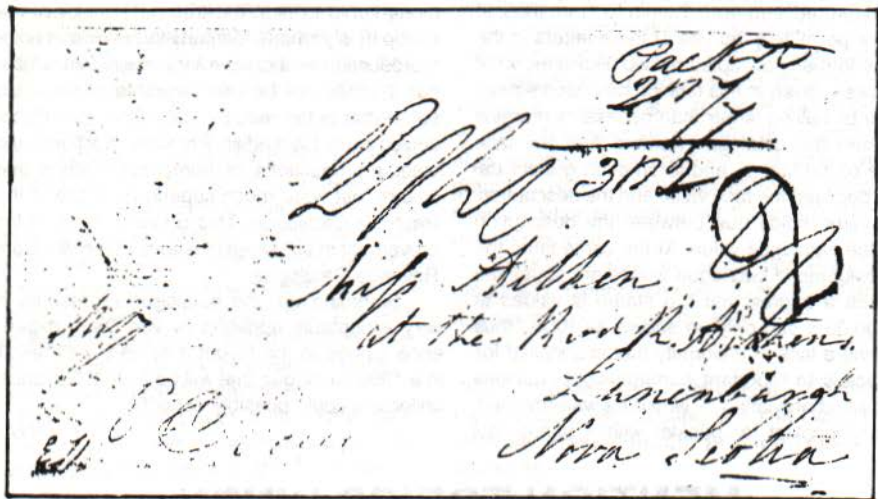
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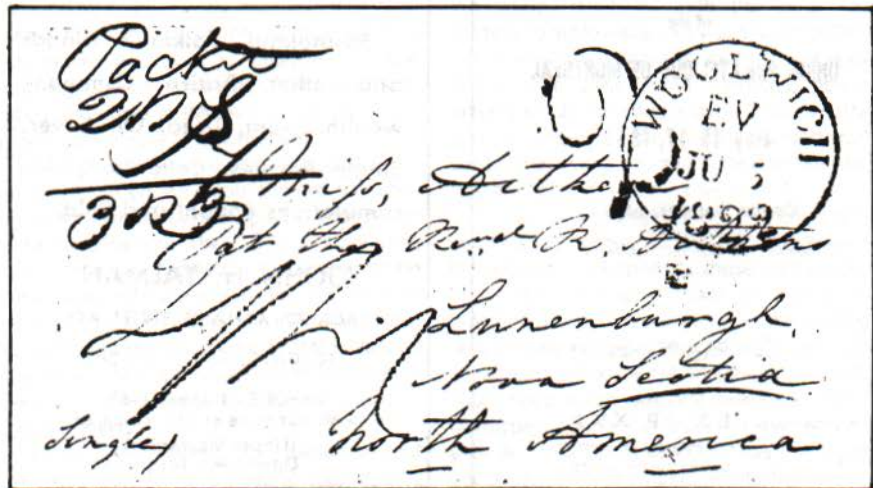
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2. SUMMER AND WINTER PACKET ROUTES



Although the British Post Office initiated the monthly transatlantic mail packet service between Falmouth, England and New York in 1755, it was not until the spring of 1788 that the packets called at Halifax with the B.N.A. Mails, both outward- and homeward-bound, for eight months of each year. November through February were considered to hold too much risk from ice and snow to justify a year-round service.

In 1795, Bermuda was established as the winter rendezvous of the Royal Navy's North Atlantic Squadron and, in just over a decade, the demands of the commanding admiral had resulted in Bermuda becoming a port of call for the packets during the four winter months, beginning in January 1807. As Halifax was the Squadron's headquarters, the admiral provided a monthly mail link between Halifax and Bermuda



using small naval vessels. While the requirement was a military one, the Royal Navy carried the B.N.A. Mails from England (which arrived at Bermuda on the four winter packets) to Halifax until November 1823, when Halifax became a year-round packet port. Bermuda then became totally dependent on the Royal Navy to bring its English Mails from Halifax.

The two letters pictured here, nearly contemporary, show virtually the same markings, and are addressed to the same Lunenburg, N.S. girl. However, the routes by which they reached her reflect the above; they show the importance of knowing the background when collecting postal history.

The first letter was written in Hampton on 7 November 1821 and mailed at Kensington on 10 November (backstamp), while the second was

written and mailed at Woolwich on 5 June 1822. Both were charged with the Two Penny local London rate. They were backstamped at London on the dates of mailing and rated 2/4 Stg. postage due to Halifax (2ds. local + 1ld. inland postage to Falmouth + 1/3 packet postage).

The first letter was carried by the *Lord Sidmouth* packet from Falmouth on 4 December to Bermuda about 16 January 1822. It was then taken by H.M.S. *Nieman* brig from Bermuda on 21 January to Halifax on 30 January, where the 2/4 Stg. was converted to 2/7 cy., and 7d. Cy. inland postage to Lunenburg added for a total postage due of 3/2 Cy. The second letter was carried by the *Osborne* packet from Falmouth on 20 June and arrived at Halifax on 25 July. The conversion was first to 2/7Cy., then 2/8Cy. to give a total postage due of 3/3Cy.

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- R4549 MANDUCA, Nick D., 5292 Lakeshore Road, R.R. #2, Kelowna, BC, Canada V1Y 7R3
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- R4550 HANNAN, J. Douglas, #23 1950 Burtch Rd., Kelowna, BC, Canada V1Y 4B2
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- R4552 MURDA, Boyd J., 2334 South 60th Court, Cicero, IL, USA 660650
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Proposed by: Secretary
- R4553 GRUNIN, Robert E., 32 Meyerson Lane, Newton, MA USA 02159
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C Canada & Maritime Provinces
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C R.P.O.; Precancels; Perfins
Proposed by: Robert E. Gagnon, 4283
- R4556 GEDDES, Gary L., 380 Bach Road, Kelowna, BC, Canada V1X 2K7
C Provincial Cancels; Canadian Postal Stationery
Proposed by: Colin Campbell, 2986; Seconded by: Brian Plain, 2935
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C Admirals; Centennials; Map Stamp
Proposed by: W.H.D. Horne, 4230; Seconded by: Eugene M. Labiuk, 3299
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C Centennial Definitives; Semi Official Airmails; Prov. of Canada
Proposed by: Secretary
- R4559 PAUL, Gary, 110 Peter St., Renfrew, ON, Canada K7V 1H8
C Canada & Newfoundland — Overprints and Perfins
Proposed by: Secretary

- R4560 OELGART, Isaac, 202 Brook Hollow, Hanover, NH, USA 03755
C Newfoundland — Used, Stationery, Cancels — Fancy, Date & Slogan, Airmails
Proposed by: S.A. Blumenthal 4236; Seconded by: C. Adams 3720
- R4561 SKUCAS, Algis, 3120 — 4th Street South, Cranbrook, BC, Canada V1C 5N5
C Postal History — Western Canada, Yukon & NWT; Canada Slogan Cancels
Proposed by: W.G. Robinson L2982; Seconded by: P.M. Wells 4414
- R4562 PIERCEY, John, 27 Raymond Heights, Corner Brook, NF, Canada A2H 2S2
C Canada
Proposed by: Secretary
- R4563 SEMSROTT, David O., 2615 Briar Valley Ct, St. Louis, MO, USA 63122
C Cross Border Markings; Early Postal History
Proposed by: Richard P. Hedley
- R4564 CUKR, Sharon E., 58900 Ray Center Road, New Haven, MI, USA 48048
C Canada
Proposed by: Charles G. Firby 2664; Seconded by: W. Rockett E249
- R4565 HOFF, Oscar F., 3640 Northwood Dr., West Bloomfield, MI, USA 48033
C Newfoundland
Proposed by: F. Marblestone 4519, Seconded by: James Kendle, 4340
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C Newfoundland — General, 1st Resources Issue; Canada — Small Queens, Admirals
Proposed by: John M. Walsh 3499
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| R2976 MAKINEN, Donald E. | |

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R2605 SNELL, John V., 146 Collier Street, Toronto, ON, Canada M4W 1M3
R3009 MORIN, Cimon, 249 rue Bourgeau, Alymer, PQ, Canada J9H 6K3
L3058 PREISLER, Rev. H. Max, 505 2nd St., Apt. #407, Nelson, BC, Canada V1L 5P2
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R4422 NESSEL, Ingo G., P.O. Box 104, Brampton "A", ON, Canada L6V 2K7
R4457 GABIAN, Walter I., 174 Malvern St., Scarborough, ON, Canada M1B 1S8
R4492 LEITH, Ronald Douglas, c/o Schlumberger Offshore Ser, 1555 Poyras, Suite 1800,
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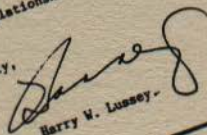
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