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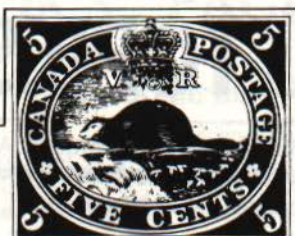
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# THE EDITOR'S PAGE

by Mike Street

## THE LOONIE BIN

*A Loonie for your thoughts.*

It's five in the morning, for Pete's sake!

*Gotta get to my clients on my schedule.*

What schedule? You haven't been around since the famous drive on the Pacific Rim.

*There are just too many editors who need inspiration. How was Charlottetown?*

Very nice. A different atmosphere this year — quieter than usual. PEI itself was the star of the show. The proof is that over 150 people registered, which is great for a place that is a bit away from the normal path. The best part was getting to meet the members from the Maritimes. Almost every one of them made it to the convention, even if only for a couple of hours.

*I hear that you and Audrey Covert demolished more than a few lobsters.*

The Waltons were in on it too. We found it a bit difficult to fathom those who went out for Chinese food on Friday night — with all those crustaceans about! The mussels were fabulous! Please don't tell my wife and daughter I had such a good time.

*I'll think about it. I still have the Loonie.*

I'm not sure my thoughts are worth a dollar.

*Let me be the judge of that. It's an attractive coin, isn't it?*

Yes, very. I think that the thickness the UK decided on for the pound coin is more practical, but the large size of the Loonie allows for a nice design. The gold colour is a good bit of psychology.

*You mean it conveys a feeling of richness. I hadn't thought of that. You're not saying that they have done something right in Ottawa?*

Well, it's the Royal Canadian Mint, after all — not Canada Post Corporation.

*AHA! I knew you'd get to them sooner or later! The Queen's definitive debacle is bothering you, no doubt.*

I think that Ron Richards covered that little mess pretty well in his *Canadian Stamp News* editorial. *Missed that one — I was off at HAFNIA. What did he say?*

He wondered aloud how they could have production problems with a stamp design that has not changed for ten years. A good question, I think.

*Anti-royalists from you know where?*

That's a part of it, but the socialist types from the rest of the country have no great love for the Monarchy either. They are all in it together. There's no doubt in my mind that it is deliberate, though. They would like to do away with any stamp carrying the Queen's image.

*If it's not the Queen's stamp, what then? I haven't got all morning!*

You woke me up, remember. Give me a chance to organize my thoughts — I could use the Loonie.

*How did the strike affect you?*

Things were fine at first. We looked at the situation, decided that the mail was moving well enough, and put the September-October TOPICS in on October 8. Little did we know that would be the day the Government threatened the union with back to work legislation and they started solid walk outs instead of the rotating kind.

*And?*

It's now November. They were clubbed back to work three weeks ago but, as far as we know at the moment, no one, and I mean no one, outside Ontario has received their TOPICS.

*I sense a hint of sympathy for the union. I'm surprised at you.*

I've never felt that it was all Jean Claude Parrot's fault. Look at Purolator Courier.

*I don't follow you.*

Purolator has been running full page ads and prime time TV commercials promoting their service. They have 5600 employees in Canada! 5600! According to the *Financial Times*, Purolator has 36% of the Canadian courier market. Priority Post has only 12%.

*Go on.*

Just imagine how much mail 5600 people will process. Canada Post has lost all that business. The union people see this, and hear all the talk of franchising and privatization. It's no wonder that they think there is a scheme afoot to do away with their jobs completely. The union's antics over the years have hurt badly, but it's ultimately management's job to keep a company in business.

*But the couriers handle mostly parcels, don't they?*

Yes, but before couriers came on the scene, who delivered all the parcels? Canada Post did, and did it well. Actually, I should say Post Office Department. Many oldtimers don't like to be associated with the 'Corpse'.

*We're talking delivery, service. That's the union's job.*

Not totally. They do the work, certainly, but management is responsible for atmosphere, equipment, procedures and so on. Between them they have alienated their customers. It will take both sides to get it right, but management doesn't seem able to get a handle on bringing the customers back.

*They ran that big ad campaign in the papers before the strike started.*

And sent out a glossy brochure to everyone too. The cover read "Canada Post announces a commitment to all Canadians". The head on the first page said, "8 immediate actions to deliver better service". They talked about their franchising scheme, more drop off points, a more depend-

able transportation system, and a new agreement with Canada Customs to speed up dutiable mail."

*Sounds good to me so far.*

The fifth item was 'tight controls to keep the price of stamps in line'. They were talking about the cost of mailing a letter, but made it sound as though the cost of printing stamps was significant.

*The point please.*

The customers want, first and foremost, reliable, consistent and timely delivery. These were the last points in the brochure.

*They were covered, weren't they?*

Yes, but they were mentioned last. That's the point — if you are trying to satisfy customers you have to make their priorities your priorities, item for item. It's the only way.

*I hear what you're saying. It's worth thinking about. Gotta go now. Here's your Loonie. You can go back to bed now.*

Big deal — the sun is up! Thanks, anyway. Merry Christmas.

## NOTICE TO MEMBERS RE SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 1987 BNA TOPICS

The September-October 1987 (Vol. 44, No. 5, Whole No. 421) issue of *TOPICS* was mailed on 8 October. As of 15 November, it appears that a great many members have not received their copies.

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Thank you.

Mike Street  
Editor

## CORRECTIONS

- 1) Jubilee First Day Covers (by C.R. McGuire, July-August 1987) — Please note that the dates in the captions for the upper photos on P. 40 & P. 42, and the lower photo on P. 41, should be 19 JUNE 1897, not 19 July.
- 2) Study Group Centerline (September-October 1987, P. 32) — Please note that the address given for Gary Arnold of the Squared Circle Study Group was incorrect. The correct address is given in this issue.
- 3) From the Secretary (1986-7 issues) — Please note that the postal code for the Secretary, Earle Covert, at the top of the 'From the Secretary' section has been incorrect for six issues. The error has been corrected in this issue.

# THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by E.A. Harris



Those of you who have read this column over the past few issues will know that I have been reviewing the many benefits which are available to BNAPS members. Often, to obtain these benefits, you must take the time and put forth the effort to avail yourself of the advantages. One such benefit which appears to be sadly under-utilized is the BNAPS Library.

This department has a long and enviable history, dating back to the very first days of BNAPS. Members fortunate enough to own the first 2 or 3 volumes of *TOPICS* will see 'BNAPS Library' listed as a Department; indeed, one and two page articles were often written on the contents and recent donations to the Library.

I had the pleasure of attending the Pacific Northwest Group get-together held recently in Kelowna, B.C. For me, the combination of speakers, exhibits, the auction, fellowship, and just plain fun, made this meeting one of the most enjoyable I have experienced in years. While there, I had a nice visit with Mr. H.G. Walburn, Member Emeritus #243 of BNAPS and the dean of Canadian Precancel collectors. He is the editor of *The Standard Canada Precancel Catalogue 1988* (The Unitrade Press) and herein lies the connection with our BNAPS Library.

Geoff has collected Canadian Precancels for about 50 years. His collection was based on a collection purchased from C.C. (Carl) Sonne,



whom many older BNAPS members will remember as having wide interests. Carl was an earlier editor of the Canada Precancel Catalogue. Geoff has made additions to his collection from the collections of Frank W. Campbell, Jack Levine, Kasimir Bileski, and many others. Geoff explained that he has kept his collection in the vault for years and rarely gets to view it. Recently, after deciding to sell his 'Work of 50 Years', he had the collection photographed and made into a 107-page looseleaf book. Now Geoff can look at his collection at any time and probably enjoy it more in its present form. The collection is no doubt the best of its kind ever formed and the photography is very professional. I was impressed, and have made arrangements for a copy to find its way to the BNAPS Library. Precancel collectors should get their names on the waiting list. Write your BNAPS Librarian.

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# LETTERS

## THANKS

Dorothy and I were quite surprised and so pleased to receive the card from all of you at Prince Edward Island. It was most unexpected and so thoughtful of the group. We both missed being there, it is the first time I have missed in many a year. To write to all of you that signed the card would be a time consuming experience. So for us to say "THANKS TO ALL, WE MISSED YOU TOO" would you be kind enough to print this in the next issue of TOPICS in your Letters to the Editor column. It is one way I can easily and promptly reach all the good folk that remembered us.

I'll bet you had a wonderful time there — I so wanted to see the island that I have heard about for these many years, and now I missed it. However I am glad that I did not go, my problems with travel may be on the wane. At least with the advent of cooler weather, less humidity and a new (and expensive) batch of pills, the nasty trouble seems to have become less bothersome. Maybe the pillpushers have gotten on to something. Anyhow —

Thanks to all — we appreciated the card — hope to see you at the next one, if not sooner.

Bob & Dort Pratt

## JAPANESE INTERNEE MAIL

The article on Japanese Internee Mail in the May-June 1987 TOPICS was of great interest to me. There is so much still to be learned about this unfortunate incident in Canadian history.

There were other camps in British Columbia that probably are not mentioned in most sources of Camp information. For instance, Japanese residents were used to drill the rock and prepare construction of part of what is now the Yellowhead Pass Highway, from somewhere near Mt. Robson, B.C. to near the CNR siding at Rainbow, B.C. There was a permanent camp near Mount Robson, and another at Red Pass Junction.

The Red Pass Junction camp is one that I am familiar with, as after World War II I walked through it many times. To cross a little stream that ran down the mountain and through the camp, the residents had woven beautiful little bridges of saplings. They had used their artistic ability to use natural plants to beautify their surroundings wherever they could.

Presumably any mail from this camp would have been sent through the post office in the General Store at Red Pass. The storekeeper, Mr. E. F. Woodley, was postmaster from 1923 to 1946.

To my everlasting regret, I never photographed the camp, although my long time fellow CNR worker George Wills did take pictures. After his death they probably were lost. I do have photographs of the drilled rock and pegged holes made by the Japanese internees. Journeying through the Yellowhead a few years ago, I was unable to locate the camp in a quick visual inspection, but if I had sufficient time to examine the area thoroughly I probably could locate it.

The present Yellowhead Highway basically follows the route on which the Internees worked. During the 1940s much of the road from Red Pass to Jasper followed an abandoned railroad line dating from World War I. I still refer to several trips over it, during the years 1948-1950 when I lived at Jasper, as 'adventures'. There were holes in the abandoned railway bridges which had to be covered with planks before you ventured across with your car. Whenever the railway had to be crossed, there were timbers lying alongside the road. You would lay these alongside the rails and slowly bump over them. After executing this manoeuvre, you would remove the timbers, place them alongside the road, and continue your journey.

Mail from the Internees' camp near Mt. Robson likely went through the Mt. Robson Post Office. Mrs. Hargraves, a member of the pioneer family in that area, was postmistress there on two different occasions. Mrs. Chesser held the post from 1937 to 1943.

I believe that there is a Yellowhead Pass Historical Society that might have some information on the Road Camps.

The treatment of the Japanese-Canadians is a shameful incident in our history. My grandfather was the enumerator for an area north of Vilna, Alberta for the Plebiscite during World War II, in which Canadians voted on whether or not to allow conscription of young men into the service. At some point after his service he received a letter from the Canadian government offering him land at Delta, B.C. that had been seized by the Japanese. It has always been a source of pride in our family that he rejected the offer.

I hope these fading memories can prompt

others with more accurate information to come forward.

On another subject in the same *TOPICS*, Mr. Trimble's belated dedication to Peter Hurst — I believe that a similar situation occurred in the death of that great pioneer of Canadian Philatelic Literature, Mr. McCready. He, too, was listed as "dropped for non-payment of dues". Much later there was a brief entry in *TOPICS* that he was deceased.

There should be some way that the officers and Board of Governors can continue the memberships of people of this calibre — in view of their tremendous contributions to philately — in situations of health problems in their late years. Both situations were deplorable to say the least. Let's try to ensure that this type of situation does not occur again!

Matt Hedley  
San Mateo, CA

*Thank you for your letter. You will be pleased to know that a follow-up article on Japanese Internee mail has been promised. (Mr. Hedley also supplied a sketch of the location of the Red Pass camp which I have on file.)*

*On the subject of older members, the Executive are trying to re-establish the network of 'Regional Representatives'. One of the activities of a Regional Rep will be to do such follow-ups as you suggest. In fairness to past administrations, however, I would like to point out that situations of serious illness and/or death are very often not reported to BNAPS by the family. In the past year there were three such cases with which I was personally involved — in two of them the member had passed away more than a year earlier. — Ed.*

## NOTES

### OFFICIALLY SEALED GROUP LOOKS AT CANADA

Member Jim Felton has forwarded a copy of *Officially Sealed Notes*, the journal of the Official Seal Study Group, an independent group which has been running long enough to have produced 23 editions. Editor of the newsletter is Jon Christiansen of Fremantle, Australia. Whole No. 23 features an article on Canadian Election Seals, written by BNAPSer Dale Speirs of Calgary.

Membership in the official Seal Study Group is \$6US, payable to the Treasurer, David Hanschen, 8627 Lakemont, Dallas TX 75209.

### THEFT COMMITTEE CONTINUES OPERATION

The services of the Stamp Theft Committee continue to be available twenty-four hours a day, according to the American Philatelic Society, sponsor of the committee.

The death in July of Theft Committee Chairman James H. Beal of Vienna, Ohio, had raised some questions in the philatelic community about the future of the committee. The records of the committee, which has been instrumental in recent years in investigating and sometimes resolving philatelic thefts and burglaries, are intact and in the hands of the APS, said APS Executive Director Keith A. Wagner.

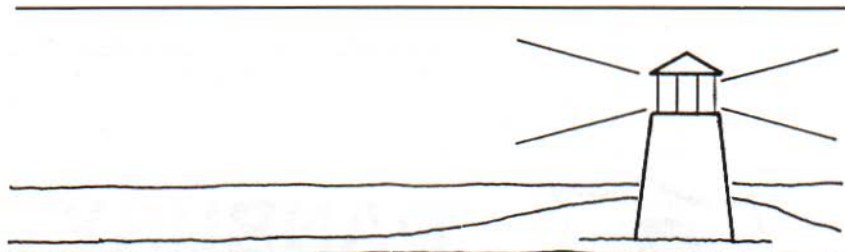
Chairman Beal's extensive services on behalf of victims of philatelic property crimes will be continued, Wagner said, and all efforts will be made to maintain the good relations Beal had developed with the law enforcement community, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation. All stamp thefts reported to the committee are in turn reported to the FBI.

Services of the Stamp Theft Committee are available to all victims, not only APS members. Wagner reviewed the recommended procedures in the event of a loss: touch nothing, call the police immediately, and describe the loss as clearly as possible.

Then telephone the APS Stamp Theft Committee. For collectors in the USA, the telephone number is 814-234-1886. The telephone will be answered twenty-four hours a day. The US Stamp Theft Committee address is P.O. Box 8087, State College, PA 16803.

A committee representative will ask for some immediate information about the crime, and then a detailed questionnaire will be sent to the victim, along with an inventory loss form.

In announcing the new telephone number and address for the Stamp Theft Committee, Wagner took the opportunity to remind collectors that according to the records of the committee, 35 percent of home burglaries occurred when inadequate door locks were forced or doors were



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broken by the criminal. Windows were broken to gain entry in 31 percent of the committee's cases. Only 1 percent of the cases involved a bypassed burglar-alarm system.

Wagner urged collectors keeping their material at home to consider their own security arrangements, and to keep the APS Stamp Theft Committee advised of any pertinent information regarding philatelic burglaries or other crimes.

The Royal Philatelic Society Of Canada Anti-Theft Committee works closely with the APS committee. Collectors in Canada can call one of three numbers. English — Eastern Canada: (705) 726-5019, Western (MB to BC, NT, YU) Canada: (604) 261-1953; French — (418) 687-4935. All correspondence should be sent to: Anti-Theft Committee, RPSC, P.O. Box 745, Barrie, ON Canada L4M 4Y5.

#### EXHIBITION AWARD ROUNDUP

The following Exhibition awards to BNAP-

Sers have been reported:

ARIPEX — Vermiel — Leo LaFrance, Cross Border Mail. EDMONTON — Gold — Stewart Kenyon, Three Cent Small Queen (Reserve Grand); Silver — Ken Barlow, International Postage Dues & Earle Covert, Wilding Postal Stationery; Bronze — Jim Karr, Alberta Postmarks & Joe Smith, Split Rings of Yale and Cariboo, B.C. LAKESHORE — Silver — Graham Locke, Pre-cancels & Geoff Newman, Bickerdike Cancellations. NAPEX — Vermiel — Leo LaFrance, Cross Border Mail & C.A. Stillions, Newfoundland. ORAPEX — Gold — Paul Burega, Newfoundland. PIPEX — Gold — Lew Ludlow, Provincial RPOs & W.G. Robinson, BC Registered Covers (Reserve Grand) and Yukon Post Offices; Vermiel — Chris McGregor, Greenland & John White, BC Law Stamps. SARAPEX — Silver & Silver-Bronze — Charles W. Morgan, Canadian Official Mail II & I.

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by Ed Richardson, OTB



1. Walter Bayley's personal 1951 Christmas Card reproduced the earliest Letter Carrier's Annual Greeting, dated 1885-86.

This story is, in part, about Letter Carrier Greeting Cards, and in part about my friend Walter S. Bayley of Toronto. Since friendship and philately go hand in hand, just like friendship and Christmas, I'll tell you about Walter first, as he is very important to the story.

Walter Bayley had been a very dear friend of mine for about twenty years when he passed away after a heart attack on 17 November 1959. At the time of his death, Walter had put together the greatest collection/accumulation of 1897 Diamond Jubilees, especially the dollar values, ever assembled. It included mint blocks of all sizes, used blocks, covers, plate and die proofs,

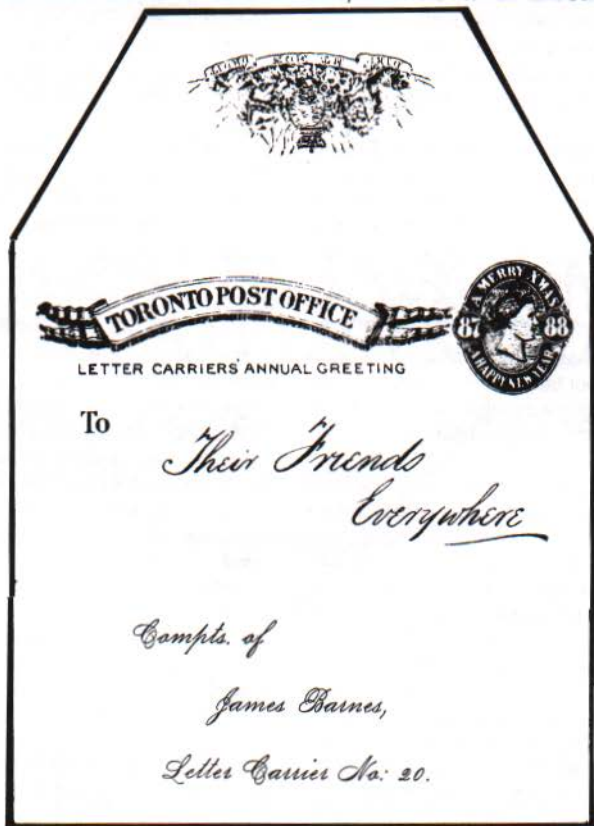
counterfeits, specimens, plate blocks and strips, and was sold by James Sissons in his auction sales #188-189 on March 29-30, 1961.

Walter was a past President of the Toronto Stamp Collectors' Club, a Fellow of the Royal of London, Chairman of the International Jury for CAPEX '51, and President of the Canadian Association for Philatelic Exhibitions. He had been on International Juries at New York in 1947 and London in 1950, among others.

As stated, Walter Bayley was one of my dearest philatelic friends. It was Walter who, at CIPEX in 1947, introduced me to the Chairman of the Jury, none other than Sir John Wilson, the



2. The 1886-87 card showed a Letter Carrier and a replica of the then current Canada Post Card.



3. The facsimile letter card used for Christmas/New Year's 1887-88 (the inside design is shown on the cover.)

late Curator of the Royal Philatelic Collection. It was Walter, again, who brought back from London 1950 the story of how much Princess (now Queen) Elizabeth had enjoyed studying my exhibit of Anglo-Boer War patriotics which had caught her eye as she passed through the exhibition hall.

Besides the Diamond Jubilees, Walter Bayley collected many other facets of philately. He was known for his sideline collections, and even today the 'WALTER S. BAYLEY MUG' is awarded annually in the spring by the Toronto Stamp Collectors' Club to "the member voted to have put together the best NEW COLLECTION in the past twelve months."

Among Bayley's sidelines was his little collection of eight different Toronto Letter Carrier's Greeting cards dated between 1885 and 1892. Most of these were single cards, but some were single-fold double cards, and at least once was a double-fold triple card. Frequently they were multicolored and carried scenes related to postal services. These greetings were supplied to letter carriers for delivery, free of postage, to each route patron.

While I have never seen, nor heard of, examples of such cards being used in other Canadian cities, I have heard of similar ones being used in the U.S. at about this same period of time. How times have changed! In 1984 we read where a letter carrier, on his own, did much the same. He was charged for the unpaid postage, reprimanded and fined!

When this sideline collection came up at auction, I could not be present. In went my mail bid — at TWICE the estimated value. I lost it on the 'floor' at \$1 over my maximum.

Thanks to my being a friend of Walter, however, I do have the next best thing. Being a 'natural pack rat', I have saved for years Bayley's Christmas cards of 1948-1957. These are reproductions of the 19th century Toronto Letter Carrier's Annual Greetings, done in monochrome with a new date and Walter's name added to the design.

The first known Toronto Letter Carrier's card was delivered at Christmas 1885. Walter reproduced this card, shown above, in 1951, in monochrome. His message on the back reads, in part: *"(this) is a reproduction of the Christmas greeting card used by the Toronto Letter Carriers in 1885. These cards were left at residences and business places to which the carriers delivered mail.*

*"As far as is known this card was the first used and in my collection I have a different one for each year through 1892.*

*"The original of this card, like several of the others, is printed in full color."*

The 1886-87 Greeting, like that of the previous year, was a single card. This second Annual Greeting (Figure 2), also multi-colored, featured a letter carrier as the central figure. It was reproduced in black by Bayley as his Christmas card of 1954.

The third Annual Greeting was really something special — a double-fold triple card (Figure 3), printed as a facsimile Canadian Reply Card with 'TORONTO POST OFFICE' in place of 'CANADA POST CARD', and the figures '87' and '88' instead of the value '1'. The designs on the inside of the card (see cover illustration) depict 'The Past', represented by a stage coach, 'The Present', showing a letter carrier, a train and a steamship, and 'The Future', symbolized by a telephone, poles and lines. The 1887-88 cards were produced by lithography. Bayley's reproduction of the address side was deliberately poorly executed.

The Annual Greeting for 1888-89 was a single, full-color, lithographic card, depicting at left the letter carrier delivering mail in summer, and at right the carrier delivering in winter. In the center was a facsimile of the Canadian 5 cent Large Queen of 1875. Bayley reproduced this one in black for his Christmas card for 1952.

The 1889-90 card was a single-fold, double, multi-colored beauty. The cover showed the then main Toronto Post Office building. On the back cover were views of the earlier Toronto Post Offices of 1827, 1830, 1836, 1838, 1841, 1853 and 1873. The two inside pages were devoted to information about 'Letter Carriers' Delivery', 'Street Letter Boxes', and 'Postage Rates'. Walter reproduced this attractive card in black for 1948, and again in green in 1955.

While there is some doubt about the year, it is believed that the 1890-91 Letter Carriers' Greeting is one which includes views of the Post Office buildings in seven major Canadian cities. From top to bottom, left to right, the cities represented are Kingston, Ottawa, Toronto, London, Winnipeg, Montreal, and Hamilton. Walter had marked this '1887?' before finding the triple card shown above which is clearly dated 1887-88. The original single card was in full color. Bayley made a black reproduction for Christmas 1949 and again in 1956 with minor changes.



I have seven different designs, including what was used by Bayley for his Christmas card of 1950 in black, and again in 1957 in black on green. I doubt if some were ever Toronto Letter Carrier items, so will leave them out of this listing. At least we can illustrate three and describe three more of the eight varieties Bayley was supposed to have had in his collection.

So that's the story of the Toronto Letter Carriers' Annual Greeting Cards, and something of my friendship with Walter S. Bayley.

Oh, yes — I thought you'd never ask. There was more than greetings involved — recipients of these cards were expected to leave a small token of appreciation for their over-worked, under-paid, friendly letter carrier!

*(Editor's Note: This article is a modified version of one which appeared in The Texas Philatelist, Vol. 33, No. 6, Nov-Dec 1985. Thanks to Kathy Ward for the loan of the illustrations when the postal strike of October 1987 blocked delivery of Ed Richardson's.)*

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*Exhibits Chairman Bob Carr presents the Judge's Award to J. J. MacDonald*



*Bill Robinson received the Most Popular Exhibit Award from Bob Carr*

#### OPPOSITE PAGE:

1. Assisted by BNAPEX Chairman Jim Lehr, PEI Lieutenant Governor the Honourable Lloyd G. MacPhail cuts the ribbon to open the convention.
2. Tom Hillman of Canada's National Archives tells listeners about Rural Mail
3. Marylou MacDonald displayed some of her hooked rugs
4. Lobster! Lobster! Lobster!
5. Gary Lyon, Howard Twichell and Gar Lohman at the Board Meeting
6. 'The Sheriff' (Lew Ludlow) holds forth at RPO time
7. BNAPSers marvel at the Woodleigh Miniature's replica of York Cathedral
8. John Barnett, Larry Paige and Bill Rockett at the Revenuer's meeting
9. Jim Lehr says kind words about wife Elma as Bob Carr looks on
10. A potato sack jacket — new heights of sartorial splendor at BNAPEX!



# THE ORDER OF THE BEAVER

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(Prepared by Jim Lehr, Chairman, Order of the Beaver)

The Order of the Beaver is the fellowship organization of the British North America Philatelic Society. Since it was first started in 1968, 28 members have been elected to the Order, of whom eight are now deceased.

Obviously the requirements for membership are strict. These include long service in the administration of BNAPS and its functioning groups, publication in a member's area of expertise, exhibiting both within and outside of BNAPS' exhibits, and continuing support of and attendance at the BNAPS annual convention.

Each year at the convention the members of the Order who are present have a breakfast meeting at which they vote on potential members nominated at the previous year's meeting, and candidates for consideration at the following year's meeting. This year we are pleased to wel-

come two new members, both from Western Canada.

Ed Harris, of Calgary, has served as Treasurer or as a member of the Board of Governors for many years, has been active in study groups and is the current President of the Society.

Bill Robinson, from far off Vancouver, is a member of the Board of Governors, Editor of the prize-winning RPO Study Group Newsletter, and has been active in the formation of the new Pacific Northwest Regional Group. Bill is probably active in more study groups than any other member.

Both these new members have exhibited extensively, and never miss an annual convention. We welcome them warmly to membership in the Order of the Beaver.



*Jim Lehr welcomes Ed Harris and Bill Robinson into the Order of the Beaver*

## OPPOSITE PAGE:

1. *Whit Bradley and the Map Stampers*
2. *Librarian Clint Philips addresses the Annual General Meeting*
3. *More lobster*
4. *Jack Arnell makes notes during the Trans-Atlantic group gathering*
5. *Bart Warr and Palmer Moffat follow John Walsh's explanation of Newfoundland Plate Numbers*
6. *Bob Lee receives the President's Award from Ed Harris*
7. *Bob Bayes pays the penalty for challenging Helen Lussey to a game of golf*
8. *Therese des Rivieres acknowledges surprise birthday greetings*
9. *George MacKay tells visitors of the wonders of his Malpeque Gardens*
10. *No Respect! - the sign which greeted members at the lobster dinner, saved for posterity by Dick Colberg*
11. *Island Hosts Karen and Doug Murray at the closing dinner*
12. *Banquet guest speaker Dr. Geoff Robinson tells members how Prince Edward Islanders coped with Prohibition*
13. *The exhibit frames arrived after a long, long ride from Philadelphia*



## THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD

ROBERT A. LEE

Bob Lee of Vernon, BC has won the President's Award for proposing the most new members accepted into the Society in the 1986 calendar year.

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The winner of the Vincent G. Greene Award for 1986 is Harry W. Lussey for his articles on the Eight Cent Registry stamp, the 'Crown' Weights and Measures Revenue stamps, and on Precancels, which appeared at intervals through 1986.

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## MORE SKETCHes of BNAPSers

By Dr. R.V.C. Carr

### SKETCH 220 W.E. LEA

This sketch takes us to England to meet an outstanding dealer, a good collector, and a fellow BNAPSer, Bill Lea. Bill has been to almost all of our conventions since our Newfoundland show. Those of us who know him find him a very pleasant and quiet Englishman (who usually has some goodies for us).

A third generation in the family stamp business, Bill joined the firm in 1960 and was first required to read Boggs' Canada Handbook — from cover to cover! In just 3 months, he was required to give a talk on his father's Small Queen collection (father had double-booked himself!) — which would strain the nerves of any young man.

Bill collects Canada 1851-97, on cover only, Cape of Good Hope triangles on cover, and Russia 1858-85 — all of which have won large Gold medals at International shows. He has also shown his material at the Collectors Club and the Royal Philatelic Society.



Bill has been a juror at several International shows. He belongs to loads of philatelic organizations and trade groups. He is also on the expertising committee of the British Philatelic Society.

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# SOME NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN CANADIAN WILDLIFE REVENUE STAMPS

by Ian McTaggart-Cowan

## FEDERAL

The issuance in 1985 of the first Canadian Federal Wildlife Revenue stamp (FWH 1) initiated a new area of revenue stamp collecting that may become as popular in Canada as the Duck Stamps are in the United States (fig. 1). The new stamps are true revenue stamps as they are an essential part of the licence to hunt migratory waterfowl in Canada. FWH 2 was issued in August 1986.

Revenue derived from the sale of these and succeeding Canadian Wildlife stamps in the planned series is earmarked for expenditure on the acquisition or improvement of habitat for all forms of Canadian wildlife. This differs from the United States' arrangements whereby Duck Stamp revenue can be applied only to the betterment of migratory game birds.

The first Canadian Federal Wildlife stamp was designed by the renowned Canadian artist,

Robert Bateman. The second in the series depicts a pair of canvasback ducks and is the work of Fenwick Lansdowne of Victoria, B.C. It is similar in design and layout to FWH 1, but with some altered details, especially the designation of the \$4.00 value in both French and English on the lower selvedge.

The design of the first two Canadian stamps has one peculiarity, the face value (\$4.00) is not printed on the stamp, as is the case with U.S. Duck Stamps. Rather it is on selvedge, separated by perforations from both the stamp and the sheetlet on which the stamp is printed. The result is that when a hunter removes the stamp from the sheetlet to attach it to his licence some will remove the selvedge bearing the value, others will leave it on; thus the stamp, used, will appear in two forms, with and without the value figure.

In terms of use, the first stamp was sold



Figure 1. Federal wildlife habitat revenue stamp placed on waterfowl hunting licence with value selvedge in place.



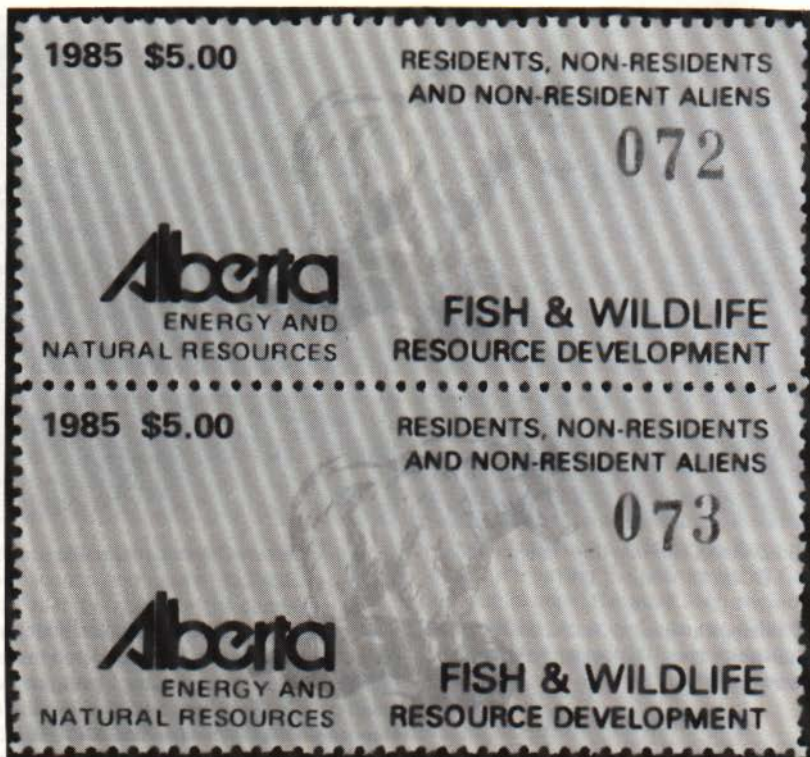


Figure 2. Province of Alberta 1985 Resources and Development stamp, adhesive.

separately from the licence, whereas #2 was sold, at least in Victoria where I bought mine, with the stamp already applied to the licence. In every instance I have seen, the entire selvage, including the value figure, had been removed from the stamp prior to affixing it to the licence.

One might ask why a revenue stamp rather than imposing an increase in the licence fee? The answer is that those who planned this source of revenue hoped that many naturalists, who are not hunters, would buy the stamp in order to help the cause of wildlife conservation.

The introduction of this new series of revenue stamps may stimulate interest in the large and increasing number of revenue stamps issued by the Provinces to serve various purposes related to wildlife. Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba and the Northwest Territories have all used wildlife licence stamps, and the first three still do.

#### ALBERTA

The wildlife stamps of Alberta are listed in

the van Dam catalogue. Beginning in 1973 Alberta introduced a fee for Resource Development as part of its licencing of hunters. In 1973 this required the purchase of an adhesive stamp which was applied to the appropriate space on the licence. In 1974 the stamp was printed directly on the licence form, a practice which continued until 1984. The Resource Development Stamp was printed on a separate page of the licence booklet. Thus these stamps are essentially imperforate and without gum. They are best collected as the full page (about 165 mm x 75 mm). In addition to the stamps printed onto the licence, 1985 saw an innovation as the Resource Development stamp was issued also as a separate adhesive. It is the size of the other Alberta wildlife stamps of recent years, i.e. 60 mm x 28 mm and perforated 14 x 14. Its face value is \$5.00, the colour green. One stamp serves all three categories of users, resident, non-resident and non-resident alien (fig. 2).

In 1986 this stamp again appeared in two forms, printed-on as well as a separate adhesive.



Figure 3. British Columbia deer licence stamp BCHL 1.

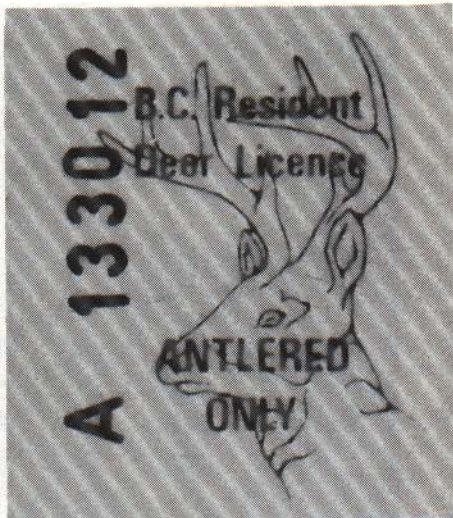


Figure 4. British Columbia deer licence stamp BCHL 2.

The 1986 stamps are pale gray and are rouletted rather than perforated. The designs are identical in the two years.

#### BRITISH COLUMBIA

Not since 1949 has British Columbia had a stamp associated with its hunting licence program. In 1982, however, this province introduced adhesive stamps required to validate a resident's licence to hunt deer.

In 1982 two stamps were issued. The first,

which I am designating BCHL 1, is bright green on a pale silver gray background and bears the outline of the heads of a buck and doe white-tailed deer. It bears the text B.C. Resident Deer Licence above the mid line and ANTLERED OR ANTLERLESS below it. The fee for the stamp was \$8.00 but this does not appear on the stamp. This stamp was intended for use on the licence to hunt for and take the first of the two deer allowed each hunter. As indicated on the stamp, the deer could be of either sex (fig. 3).



Figure 5. British Columbia deer licence stamp BCHL 5.



Figure 6. British Columbia deer licence stamp BCHL 4.

If a hunter wished to hunt a second deer another licence and stamp was required. This stamp was red in colour on the same pale background. The design features the head of a white-tailed deer buck in side view and the text on the stamp differs in the statement ANTLERED ONLY (fig. 4). This stamp I am calling BCHL 2. Both stamps are precut to size, self adhesive and measure 28 mm x 24 mm with some variation.

The 1983-4 stamp for the first deer is printed onto the licence form (BCHL 3). This stamp bears the outline of a white-tailed deer buck trotting to the right. It is printed in black on white paper and carries the licence number across the bottom in figures 5mm tall preceded by the letters RD.

From 1984-5 to 1986-7 the printed-on stamp is identical in design but is printed in black on a pink background. (BCHL 5) BCHL 3 and 5 are without a legend on the stamp face (fig. 5).

In each of the years 1983-4 to 1986-7, if a licence to take a second deer was sought, an adhesive stamp was required. This one (BCHL 4) is of the same design as #3, is printed in red on a gray, surfaced, paper and has the licence number across the bottom in 3mm. black numerals (fig.6).

I have encountered two other variants of the printed-on stamp. The first is a licence form titled EXTRA Resident Deer Licence and bears the stamp of #3 format in black on a white fluorescent paper but without a licence number. This I am designating BCHL 6. It is dated in 1984-5. The second type, also in 1984-5, is again on an

EXTRA deer licence. The stamp is of the same design but is in bright red-orange on dull paper and has the licence number preceded by the letters ERD. (BCHL 7). I have no information on the significance or the circumstances of use of these stamps.

None of the B.C. hunting licence stamps are cancelled in use, but reuse is prevented by a security device which is not obvious. Each of the adhesive stamps has the outline of a maple leaf impressed onto it in a way that any attempt to remove the stamp from the licence will cause the leaf to tear out.

All of these stamps are hard to come by, as few hunters keep their licences when they are no longer valid.

The collecting of Canadian wildlife licence stamps is a fascinating aspect of revenue collecting. It offers variety, great opportunity for research and the challenge of trying to find the stamps. Many were sold in the thousands but others are among the scarcest of all Canadian revenue stamps. Because each served its purpose within a year and was not required to be filed for later reference the availability of even those issued in greatest numbers is remarkably limited.

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# NEWFOUNDLAND PLATE NUMBERS

by John M. Walsh

(With the assistance of John Butt,  
Thomas Nemecek and Mary Boland)

## Part 2 — The 1932 Resources Issue



The Resources Issue of 1932, according to Boggs, was printed in sheets of 100 subjects. It is the next issue to have numerals in the selvage. And what a proliferation of plate numbers! They were used on the 1¢ to the 5¢ values. No plate numbers have been published for the higher 6¢ to 48¢ denominations, for the 4¢ deep violet, or the 5¢ violet brown die I value.

What I have found is that the 1¢-5¢ values were printed in sheets of 200 subjects containing two panes of 100 stamps. The two panes were separated by a 24 millimeter gutter. When perforating the sheet of stamps, the perforations would run across the gutter thus making two types of the same plate number. These plates would be either the outside (OS) or inside (IS) plate number located either in the upper left (UL) or upper right (UR) corner depending on the value. Therefore, there are four types of position styles which I have arbitrarily named:

- ULOSC — upper left outside corner
- ULISC — upper left inside corner
- URISC — upper right inside corner

— UROSC — upper right outside corner

The existing literature makes no mention of determining the position of the plates in this issue.

I have found the 1¢ green value to exist as plate numbers 1 and 2 in the ULOSC and ULISC positions, perforated 13.5 x 13.5, as are the remainder of the plates in this issue except where noted.

For the 1¢ grey value I have found plates 1 and 3 as ULOSC position, while plate 2 exists at both ULOSC and ULISC positions. The 1¢ grey also has been found as an imperforate plate 4 upper right corner. Lowe makes no mention of an imperforate with this plate number. However, plate 4 exists perforated 13.5 x 13.5 at URISC position.

The 1¢ grey appears again as an imperforate upper right corner with plate 5, but printed on bookend paper. Again, no mention is made by Lowe. The perforated 13.5 x 13.5 plate 5 exists in both the URISC and UROSC positions. Still with the 1¢ grey, I have found it exists with plate

number 6 in the ULISC position. Lathe scroll is also found on this plate. This same plate has the wide 24 millimeter gutter with the perforations on the left side running vertically where the left side pane of stamps would be attached.

The 2¢ red die I (scar on face and dot in O

of TWO) value exists in the ULOSC position as plates 1, 2 and 3 with the numerals reversed.

The 2¢ green die I value is found as plates, 1, 2 and 3 with the numerals reversed in both the ULOSC and ULISC positions. Lowe does state that these same plate numbers exist unre-

### Plate Numbers on Newfoundland Stamps — 1932

Issue	Perforation	ULOSC	ULISC	URISC	UROSC
1932 Resources					
1¢ green	13.5 x 13.5	1	1		
1¢ green	13.5 x 13.5	2	2		
1¢ grey	13.5 x 13.5	1			
1¢ grey	13.5 x 13.5	2	2		
1¢ grey	13.5 x 13.5	3			
1¢ grey	Imperforate				4 UR
1¢ grey	13.5 x 13.5			4	
1¢ grey	Imperforate (Bookend Paper)				5 UR
1¢ grey	13.5 x 13.5			5	5
1¢ grey	13.5 x 13.5		6 (Lathe scroll)		
2¢ red, die I	13.5 x 13.5	1 (R)			
2¢ red, die I	13.5 x 13.5	2 (R)			
2¢ red, die I	13.5 x 13.5	3 (R)			
2¢ green, die I	13.5 x 13.5	1 (R)	1 (R)		
2¢ green, die I	13.5 x 13.5	2 (R)	2 (R)		
2¢ green, die I	13.5 x 13.5	3 (R)	3 (R)		
2¢ violet, die II	Imperforate (Color Trial)		2 UL		
2¢ green, die II	Imperforate		4 UL		
2¢ green, die II	13.5 x 13.5	4			
2¢ green, die II	14.2 x 14.2		4 (Vertical Imperforate)		
3¢ orange	13.5 x 13.5	1 (R)	1 (R)		
3¢ orange	13.5 x 13.5	2	2		
3¢ orange	13.5 x 13.5	3			
4¢ rose	Imperforate		2 (R) UL		
4¢ rose	13.5 x 13.5	2 (R)			
4¢ rose	13.9 x 13.9		2 (R)		
4¢ rose	14.3 x 14.3		2 (R)		
4¢ rose	14.3 x 14.3		2 (R) (Horizontal Imperforate)		
4¢ rose	13.5 x 13.5	3 (Hairlines)			
4¢ rose	13.5 x 13.5	3 (Cracked)			
4¢ rose	Imperforate				4 UR
5¢ violet, die II	13.5 x 13.5	2 (R)	2 (R)		
5¢ violet, die II	Imperforate		3 UL		
5¢ violet, die II	13.5 x 13.5	3			
5¢ violet, die II	13.5 x 13.5	4			
5¢ violet, die II	13.5 x 13.5				5
5¢ violet, die II	13.5 x 13.5				6
5¢ violet, die II	13.5 x 13.5				7

Legend: ULOSC — upper left outside corner; ULISC — upper left inside corner  
UROSC — upper right outside corner; URISC — upper right inside corner;  
R — numeral reversed; 2¢ die I — scar on face and dot in O of TWO;  
2¢ die II — scar and dot removed; 5¢ die II — higher antler under T of POSTAGE

versed or normal. Meyerson reports that the 2¢ green die I exists as an upper left imperforate with the reversed numeral 2. These I have not seen.

An intriguing imperforate color trial in mauve violet (violet) of the 2¢ die II (scar on face and dot in O are removed) has been found with plate 2 in the upper left corner. Neither the color trial or an imperforate of this plate is mentioned by Lowe.

The 2¢ green die II value has been found as an imperforate plate 4 upper left corner, and this is not mentioned by Lowe. With the perforation 13.5 x 13.5, plate 4 has been found in the ULOSC position. Another interesting finding, not reported by Lowe, of the 2¢ green die II value is that plate 4 is found in the ULISC position perforated 14.2 x 14.2. What is extraordinary is that this plate has a row that is imperforate vertically. To date I have seen only one example of this plate with error.

The 3¢ or orange value is found with plate 1, numeral reversed, and plate 2 in both ULOSC and ULISC positions. Plate 3 has been found in the ULOSC position.

The 4¢ rose value has been found as an upper left imperforate with the reversed numeral 2, USOSC position, perforated 13.5 x 13.5. The 4¢ rose also exists in the ULISC position as plate 2, numeral reversed, with two perforations, unreported by Lowe, 13.9 x 13.9 and 14.3 x 14.3. Plate 2, numeral reversed, perforated 14.3 x 14.3, in the ULISC position also has been found with the imperforate horizontal row. Again, no mention is made by Lowe of this plate. Plate 3 of the 4¢ rose position ULOSC, has been found with hairlines and also as a cracked plate. Because of what happened to plate 3 it isn't surprising that plate 4 was prepared. The imperforate plate 4, upper right has been found. No mention is made by Lowe of this plate either.

The 5¢ violet die II (higher antler under T of POSTAGE) value is found as plate 2, numeral reversed, in both ULOSC and ULISC positions. The plate 3 exists as imperforate upper left but is not mentioned by Lowe. I have found that the 5¢ violet die II, perforated 13.5 x 13.5 exists as plates 3 and 4 in the ULOSC position, and as plates 5, 6 and 7 in the UROSC position.

The table shows these plates and their locations, as well as the perforations I have found associated with them.

*(To be continued)*



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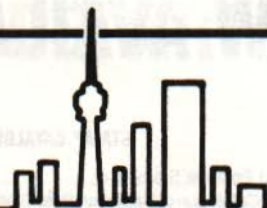
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# LITERATURE REVIEWS

## BNA Philately in Print

**CATALOGUE OF CANADIAN DUPLEX CANCELLATIONS**, Robert A. Lee; 1987; privately published by and available only from the author, P.O. Box 937, Vernon, BC, V1T 6M8. 152 pp; loose leaf without binder, \$15.95; with gold stamped binder, \$24.95; deluxe library bound edition, \$25.95.

Finally, one of the two most anticipated catalogues of Canadian postmarks (the other is the still to come split ring book) has arrived. Over 6000 individual listings, each with a standardized catalogue number, identification code, proof dates, earliest and latest reported usages, timemarks, drawings and other pertinent data make this one of the most comprehensive listings available in the field of Canadian Postal History.

With some help from study group members, but mainly through hundreds of hours of his own effort, the author has put together an in depth study of all known duplex hammers, both official and unofficial types, from 1860 to the present. Each province and territory, pre- and post Confederation, has its own section. In addition, there are special sections for Armed Forces, Berri, transportation and unconfirmed unofficial duplex markings. Annual updates, by section, are to be available.

Compiled and prepared for printing entirely in a home office, this work is another example of the benefits small computers are bringing Philately. The author deserves congratulations on a job well done.

### CATALOGUES, CATALOGUES!

**1988 (SCOTT) STANDARD POSTAGE STAMP CATALOGUE, VOLUME 1**; Scott Publishing Co., Sidney, OH, 1987. Softcover, 1200 pp, \$20.00US.

**SCOTT SPECIALIZED CATALOGUE OF CANADIAN STAMPS — 1988 EDITION**; R. Richards et al; Unitrade Press, Toronto, 1987. Soft cover, 288 pp, \$6.95.

Scott's *Volume 1* — the big one — still carries listings of basic stamps and their major varieties for the United States, Canada, Great Britain and the Commonwealth, and the United Nations.

As is expected from Scott, now owned and operated by Amos Press, the owners of *Linn's Stamp News*, the well produced catalogue is packed full of information.

*The Scott Specialized Catalogue of Canadian Stamps — 1988 Edition* is an improvement on the well received, completely 'renovated', 1987 version. Errors and omissions have been corrected as far as possible, and many more varieties have been illustrated. Colour reproduction has also been improved.

Two sections, Canadian Postal Stationery and Semi-Official Air Mails, have been completely rewritten by experts in the fields. Strangely, the publisher has chosen to leave out Newfoundland Postal Stationery. New sections added in this edition include: Admiral lathework, Plate Proofs, Souvenir articles, Reply Coupons, Newfoundland booklets and Columbia SCADTA Overprints.

For BNA collectors, the fundamental problem between these two catalogues, identified in the May-June 1987 *BNA TOPICS* (Letters), still exists. The prices *printed* in the American produced and valued *Volume 1* are identical to the prices *printed* for the same quality of stamps in the Canadian produced and priced *Scott Specialized*. Since the difference between the two currencies is over 30%, who is going to want to buy Canadian stamps from US dealers? Amos Press and Unitrade must get their act together before injury is done to the collecting of Canadian stamps in the USA.

**STANLEY GIBBONS STAMP CATALOGUE — PART 1, BRITISH COMMONWEALTH 1988 EDITION**; Stanley Gibbons Publications Limited, London, 1987. Hard cover, 950 pp, £18.95. Distributed in Canada by Unitrade Associates.

Anyone who thinks *Scott Volume 1* is the only 'big one' is wrong. *Stanley Gibbons Part 1*, with its much larger pages, is certainly equal in total printing surface, if not a bit larger. Since it only contains listings for stamps of the Commonwealth, there is an obvious comparison to those listings in Scott, but it is a case of apples and oranges. Scott's US Specialized is as almost as

thick as their *Volume 1*. Gibbons really should call their *Part 1* 'Specialized'.

When one discounts the amount of space used for photographs, the space devoted to Canadian stamp listings in *Gibbons Part 1* rivals that of the two primary Canadian specialized catalogues. Gibbons catalogue editors constantly consult with senior collectors to keep the listings, particularly varieties, up to date. In this edition, the Small and Large Queen issue listings have been completely rewritten with the help of John Hillson.

At approximately \$40 list, this is an expensive book. For Canadian collectors whose only other philatelic interest is the Commonwealth, however, the extra cost (over *Scott Volume 1*) is justified by the vast amount of detailed information.

**THE STANDARD PRECANCEL CATALOGUE — 1988;** H.G. Walburn; J.E. Kraemer & Hans Reiche, Ed.; Unitrade Press, Toronto, 1987. Softcover 56pp, \$6.95.

Officially sanctioned precancels were first used in Canada in the 1880s, and were last used on the Flower issue of 1977. Previous catalogues listing Canadian precancels include that by W. Noble of Florida, the last four editions of which were edited by H.G. Walburn. *The Standard Canada Precancel Catalogue* is the first in a new series to be written and published in Canada.

The new catalogue uses numbers based on the Scott Numbering System. All Canadian stamps known to have been issued precancelled are illustrated with cross - references to the *Canada Specialized* and *Noble/Walburn* numbering systems.

The precancels are divided into three groups: Bar Precancels, Town & City Precancels, and Precancels with Perforated Initials. Retail values in Canadian funds are supplied for all listings. Throw away your Noble catalogue — this one is here to stay.

**THE CANADIAN PICTURE POST CARD CATALOGUE — 1988, FIRST EDITION;** Wally Gutzman; Unitrade Press, Toronto, 1987. Soft cover, 80pp, \$9.95.

Intended as a price guide and identification handbook, rather than a completely itemized listing of all picture post cards produced in Canada, *The Canadian Picture Post Card Catalogue* is designed as a thematic catalogue. Any Canadian Picture post card can be identified as belong-

ing to one of twenty-one major theme chapters within the book.

Each chapter has been divided into sub-groupings, with these in turn re-divided into variations of the illustrations within that sub-group. Similar illustrations within a single sub-group are further differentiated between by utilizing the 'Seven Post Card Period' concept devised by Tonie and Valmai Holt when compiling the Stanley Gibbons Postcard Catalogue.

This book is for anyone who is in the habit of picking up those 'interesting' cards at a flea market, hoping to have made a find, only to be disappointed later. Careful study will save more than the price of the book very quickly.

**STANDARD CATALOGUE OF CANADA POST OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVERS — 1988, FIRST EDITION;** Marcel Kool; Unitrade Press, Toronto, 1987. Soft cover, 52pp, \$7.95.

This new catalogue lists all official First Day covers, as well as souvenir covers of events like the 1976 Montreal Olympics, issued by Canada Post since 1971. Each cover is illustrated in full colour. There are nearly 270 illustrations. All of the various combinations of stamps available on each cachet are listed.

If you are into mass produced souvenirs, then this catalogue may be of some use. The press release put out by the publisher says that the pricing is 'realistic', but a check of any dealer's stock will quickly show that 75% to 85% of the quoted prices are at least 3 or 4 times what is actually being asked in the market. The fact that Canada Post is now actively marketing this book through the Philatelic Service makes one a bit suspicious — how better to sell FDCs than to have a catalogue in print which gives grossly inflated values for them.



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# CANADIAN LETTER MAIL TO FRANCE THE SMALL QUEEN ERA 1870-1897

by Maggie Toms and George B. Arfken

## Part 2 — The Rate Reduction of October 1870



Figure 2. Sydney, N.S., Ju 26 75. 10¢ for the first ¼ oz.

In October 1870 rates for single letters to France were reduced to (3):

10¢ not exceeding ¼ oz (approximately 7.5 grams)

16¢ above ¼ oz and not exceeding ½ oz

26¢ above ½ oz and not exceeding ¾ oz

32¢ above ¾ oz and not exceeding 1 oz

6¢ for every additional ¼ oz.

4¢ for every additional ½ oz.

Figure 2 shows an example of the 10¢ rate on a cover from Sydney, N.S., dated 26 June 1875. The stamp is pale milky rose lilac, an early printing if not the first printing of the 10¢ Small Queen. These 10¢ rates furnished a minor reason for issuing the 10¢ Small Queen. (4)

Figure 3 illustrates the 16¢ rate. Sent from Montreal on 23 September 1874, this letter was charged 10¢ for the first ¼ oz and 6¢ for the second ¼ oz. Another cover showing this 16¢ rate appears in the July-Aug 1980 *BNA TOPICS*, p. 46 (5).

The explanation for this strange rate structure lies in a change of the basic weight adopted

by Great Britain and France for letters exchanged between them. The basic weight was raised from ¼ oz. (approx. 7.5 grams) to ½ oz. (approx. 10 grams). The exchange of letters on this matter between the British Post Office and the Canadian Post Office has been published by Toms (6). The British Post Office authorized the Canadian Post Office to adopt ½ oz. as the basic weight. The Canadian Post Office declined, in a letter signed by W.H. Griffin, saying "... this Department will continue the use of the scale which has for a unit the quarter of an ounce for the present." (7)

What the Deputy Postmaster General meant was that Canada did not have and could not conveniently get ½ oz. weights and appropriate scales to implement a change from ¼ oz. to ½ oz. basic weight. The adherence of Canada to the ¼ oz. scale no longer permitted a 'through' rate for letters from Canada to France. It was necessary to use the existing postal rates between Canada and Great Britain to forward letters to England, and then the Anglo-French con-



Figure 3. MONTREAL, SP 23 74. 16¢ rate; over ¼ oz., not over ½ oz.

vention to forward the letters from Great Britain on to France. This unusual rate structure continued for 5½ years. It was still listed in the October 1875 *Dominion of Canada Official Postal Guide*, p.xxxvi.

The 10¢, 16¢, 26¢ rates given above were for letters carried by Canadian packet. For letters sent via New York there was a U.S. transit fee, an additional 2¢ per half ounce. In the *Table of Rates of Postage, List of Post Offices in Canada*, July 1872, 1873 and 1874 there appeared the words "... add to the rates (quoted above) 2 cents per ½ oz." (8)

Thus, for ¼ oz. increments, the rates became 12¢, 18¢, 30¢, etc. Because most of the 'via New York' mail went on the Cunard Line, this set of higher rates is often called the Cunard rate. Figure 4 shows a Cunard rate cover to France, the required 12¢ being paid with two 6¢ Small Queens. This cover is from the same correspondence as the cover in Figure 2.

This additional 2¢ per half oz. Cunard surtax, for letters sent via New York and England to British colonies and to foreign countries, continued until Canada adhered to the UPU rate schedule on 1 August 1878. (9)



Figure 4. SYDNEY, N.S., OC 24 74. 12¢ for the first ¼ oz., Cunard rate.

## References:

(3) *Tables of Rates of Postage, List of Post Offices in Canada, 1 July 1870.* (Actually published in October 1870.)

(4) Figure 2. is an example of single stamp usage of the 10¢ Small Queen. Another opportunity for single stamp usage was provided by the Universal Postal Union authorized surtax for distant overseas countries such as India and Burma or Argentina and Brazil. *U.P.U. Surtaxes 1878-1897*, George B. Arfken, *Canadian Philatelist* 35, 441-444, Nov.-Dec. 1984.

(5) *Letters Exchanged via England between British North America and France, 1844-75*, Maggie Toms, *BNA TOPICS* 37, 38-47, July-Aug 1980.

(6) *Letters Exchanged via England between British North America and France, 1844-75, A Review of Some Conclusions Part III*, Maggie Toms, *BNA TOPICS* 43, 30-32, Sep-Oct 1986.

(7) Public Archives of Canada — R.G. 3 Volume 837, page 266 No. 595. (microfilm reel T4549, letterbook no longer available)

(8) The July 1870 and 1871 *Tables of Rates of Postage* originally listed 3¢ per ½ oz. extra. This was a misprint and had been corrected in the copy seen by the authors.

(9) *Canada Adheres to the Universal Postal Union*, George B. Arfken, *BNA TOPICS* 40, 35-38, March-April 1983.

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PLATE NUMBER 5 (SPECIMEN) — 1854  
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### PLATE NUMBER 5 (SPECIMEN) — 1854

The major controversy in the history of SPECIMENS is what happened with this plate. When the stamp sheet size was changed to 12 x 10 for the 10d Cartier, the overprint plate no longer fitted the new sheets. Instead of doing as they did for the vertical SPECIMEN, i.e. making Plate Number 5 a 6 x 10 plate, Boggs says they did something different. In a footnote regarding the 10d he states, "This overprint is in a setting of 100, two rows repeated, and the word 'SPECIMEN' 23 x 2mm."

Since the 10 x 10 plate, Plate Number 3, had already been prepared and used on the first three of the pence issues, what does he mean by "two rows repeated" and the unusual dimensions of 'SPECIMEN'? I can only guess that he meant a new plate with two lines of type so that two rows could be overprinted with the word SPECIMEN simultaneously.

I suspect that Boggs' dimension of 2mm is a typographical error; no 2mm diagonal overprint has ever been reported. Boggs does not give the source of his information and his explanation is not widely accepted. With the diagonal overprint it is much more difficult to verify misalignments than in vertical overprints such as Plate Number 4.

Let us consider the possibilities of what could have happened: (1) A new 12 x 10 SPECIMEN plate was made; (2) A 6 x 10 SPECIMEN plate was made for double printing; (3) Boggs states that a two line SPECIMEN plate was made to double print the Plate Number 2 proof sheet impression up to its new size; (4) There never was a complete sheet of diagonal overprints of these values and the lower two rows were cut off.

In 1858, two rows were taken off one side, the left it is thought, of the 1/2d plate so that it would fit the perforating machines. This meant

that the 10 x 10 diagonal SPECIMEN plate would now match it. But SPECIMEN overprints were produced before that time, so the same problem applies to the three last pence values. This makes it unlikely that either a 6 x 10 or a 12 x 10 diagonal SPECIMEN plate was made.

In the Maresch 1983 Private Treaty sale a black 10d with a diagonal serified SPECIMEN in red was illustrated. It was certainly a left lower corner copy. This definitely rules out the remote possibility that the two lower rows were not overprinted.

My personal impression is that we have become prejudiced by what may have been a typographical error, i.e. the 2mm dimension mentioned above. Such an important statement, delegated to a footnote with ambiguous wording and a probable mistake, has confused us as to what Boggs meant. I believe he was right, that

an extra two line SPECIMEN plate overprinted the bottom two rows of the sheet.

If anyone can identify the junction between rows 91 to 100 and 101 to 110, misalignments are likely to occur here. Until someone comes up with more information we can take our pick, but I feel reasonably safe in assuming that there was a two line SPECIMEN Plate Number 5.

No further SPECIMEN printing was required for three years, until the 7½d was issued and followed shortly by the ½d. As for the 10d proof sheet, each was overprinted with the vertical Plate Number 3, but in contrast to the 10d, the diagonal SPECIMEN was abandoned. (If I remember correctly, at BNAPEX in Dearborn Lewis Ludlow showed the only known copy of a DIAGONAL Specimen on a 7½d). No one has reported one on the ½d.  
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## A STUDY OF THE TELEGRAPH COVERS OF CANADA

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

DOMINION TELEGRAPH COMPANY

(Continued)



The Dominion Telegraph Company's envelopes changed once again, around 1879. Type XI has 'DOMINION TELEGRAPH COMPANY,' underlined, across the top of a laid paper envelope in sans serif type, 4 3/16" wide. The lower left corner carries 'No. ---' and 'Charges ---' in small italics on two lines. The cover shown is interesting in that it also carries rubber stamped

advertising for the Berlin (now Kitchener), Ontario druggist who served as the company's agent.

Type XII is almost identical to Type XI. The differences are that the top line typeface is a little thicker, making the line 4 3/8" wide, and wove paper was used. This envelope was in use in 1880, as far as can be determined.



# THE CANADIAN AIRGRAPH SERVICE

*(Compiled From Dormant Post Office Records)*

by E.R. Toop

## PART IV

### **AIRGRAPH SERVICE BETWEEN CANADA, NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA**

Representations were made as early as October 1941 for an Airgraph service from Canada to New Zealand for the transmission of messages from personnel of the Royal New Zealand Air Force stationed in Canada to their families and friends in New Zealand. It was, of course, naturally concluded that in the event of such a service being introduced to New Zealand it would be imperative to institute a similar service to Australia for the benefit of the members of the Royal Australia Air Force serving in Canada.

The establishment of a service was, however, dependent upon two essential factors: (a) the operation of and permission to use an air mail service from the United States to some point in the Antipodes from which connections could be made to Australia and New Zealand, and (b) the presence in Australia and New Zealand of the machines required to make the enlarged prints from the films.

Once more the United States Army Postal Service came to our aid. Airgraph messages written by members of the Royal Australian Air Force and Royal New Zealand Air Force stationed in Canada, addressed to their families and friends in Australia and New Zealand, were placed on microfilm with V-Mail letters for United States Forces in Australia. The film was conveyed by United States Army or Navy planes to Australia.

Airgraph message forms from Australian and New Zealand servicemen were handed in to the nearest military or civil post office, to be despatched by air mail to Vancouver where the messages were made up in packages and forwarded by registered air mail to Eastman Kodak in San Francisco to be placed on the same V-Mail microfilm as messages written by people in the United States. The first despatch from Vancouver of Airgraph messages for Australia and New Zealand were forwarded to

San Francisco on 1 October 1942.

As this was a special service arranged with the United States Army Postal Service solely for the convenience of the Royal Australian Air Force and the Royal New Zealand Air Force personnel in Canada, the Canadian Postal Service was not generally informed that such a service was in effect. It was considered that if the service became public knowledge, Post Offices would be inundated with Airgraph messages written by civilians addressed to civilians in these two countries.

An endeavour was made to secure permission to include Airgraph messages from civilians to civilians in Australia and New Zealand. Representatives of the United States Post Office, War and Navy Departments, in conference with a representative from the Canadian Post Office Department, decided it would be undesirable to set a precedent by allowing Airgraphs from civilians in Canada to be conveyed via the US V-Mail service, because V-Mail was not available to civilians in the United States.

On 24 May 1943 Canada was informed by cable that as equipment for operating an inward Airgraph service had been installed at Wellington by the Kodak people, New Zealand was now in a position to accept Airgraph despatches direct from Canada, which would considerably reduce the transmission time. When Australia secured the necessary machine, instructions were issued to the military and civil post offices concerned that, commencing 1 October 1943, messages originating with Australian and New Zealand Air personnel were to be concentrated on Toronto (Airgraph) instead of being diverted to Vancouver.

On 2 October the first direct Airgraph film despatches left Toronto en route to San Francisco by registered air mail via Vancouver. The films were then conveyed to Melbourne and Wellington respectively through the United States Army Postal Service. Civilian Airgraph

messages to civilians in Australia and New Zealand were still not permitted.

At the end of November 1943 this special concession was also granted to members of the Merchant Navy who desired to use Airgraphs to communicate with their families and friends; it was necessary for the forms to be duly endorsed by a shipping agent, official of the Merchant Seamen's Manning Pool, or a Collector of Customs, to verify that the messages actually originated with a member of the Merchant Navy. In January 1944 messages addressed to members of the United States Armed Forces in Australia were accepted, and a few months later messages to members of any of the Allied Armed Forces in Australia and New Zealand were authorized.

In view of the fact that Great Britain was operating a direct service to Australia and New Zealand it was decided, after communicating with the General Post Office, London, to extend the service by permitting civilians in Canada to send Airgraphs to civilians in Australia and New Zealand. As these could not be sent via the United States, the original messages were packaged and forwarded by Royal Air Force Ferry Command planes to Canadian Postal Corps H.Q. Overseas, London, to be transferred to the British Airgraph Service for photographing and transmission of films to Australia and New Zealand. The last despatches for Australia and New Zealand were made from Toronto on 1 August

1945, films having been sent six times a week from the inception of the service.

In the reverse direction, after considerable correspondence between the two Postal Administrations, the first Airgraph film despatched was received at Toronto from Australia on 14 July 1943, having been despatched from Melbourne on 10 July. It contained a total of 2,910 messages from both Armed Forces and civilians.

On 8 February 1943 a despatch dated 28 January, consisting of five rolls of Airgraph film, was received at the Ottawa Post Office from Wellington, N.Z. Owing to lack of equipment at Toronto the films were sent to Eastman Kodak in Flushing, N.Y. for processing. The prints were mailed direct by air to Toronto (Airgraph) for enveloping and distribution. They were received at Toronto on 11 February and placed in the hands of the sorters on the same day. This procedure continued until the necessary processing machine was available at the plant of Canadian Kodak. The last despatches for Canada from Australia and New Zealand were sent on 14 and 18 July 1945 respectively. It might be added that, according to receipts in Canada, both Australia and New Zealand appeared to make up despatches of Airgraph film as the quantity of messages on hand warranted rather than a fixed schedule. On average there was a period of from three days to a week between despatches.

(To be continued)

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## RAMBLING THROUGH THE RECORDS

by Allan L. Steinhart, OTB

### CANADA AIR LETTERS

Post Office Weekly Bulletin #1380 — August 16, 1947

"Postage imprinted Canada Air Letter Forms — Effective on or about September 1st, 1947, new imprinted Canada Air Letter Forms may be purchased at Post Offices in the same way as regular postage stamps.

"They will be sold at face value in the 10 cent (blue) and 15 cent (red) denominations to cover both Canada Air Letter postage rates, and the necessary arrangements are being made for their distribution.

"Canada Air Letter Forms (not imprinted) may still be purchased by firms who wish to provide their own letterhead so long as the type and

the makeup have been approved by the Department.

"The free distribution of Canada Air Letter Forms (not imprinted with postage) is to be discontinued on the above mentioned date, and any on hand should be returned to the Equipment and Supply Branch as soon as possible after August 31st, 1947, as Post Offices will then be permitted to sell only postage prepaid Canada Air Letter Forms."

Post Office Weekly Bulletin #1398 — December 20, 1947

"1. Canada Air Letters — Effective 1st January, 1948, the Canada Air Letter service, formerly restricted to certain destinations, will be extended to all countries."

# The Study Group CENTERLINE

by Frank Waite

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## ON THE FRINGES

My most persistent memory of P.E.I. is of the friendliness of the 'Islanders'. A genuine friendliness, rather than the commercial courtesy one encounters in large cities. It was a wonderful meeting. Thank you, Jim Lehr.

The **Centennial** Definitives Newsletter is devoted to proofs, essays and artwork of the Centennials as displayed at CAPEX by the National Postal Museum. The Editor, Doug Irwin, photographed this material and has slides available for purchase.

The **Duplex** Study Group has announced the publication of the *Catalogue of Canadian Duplex Cancellations*. This may be obtained from Bob Lee, publisher and chief author. The newsletter also lists, courtesy of Bill Robinson, the duplexes known to be still in use.

Doug Lingard, Editor for the **Flag Cancel** Study Group, discusses the joys and disappointments he encountered at CAPEX. Doug received

a vermeil at ORAPEX. The newsletter supplies information and illustrations of the flag cancels of the prairie province's exhibitions of 1917-19, and concludes with an article on the 1927 Diamond Jubilee flag cancels.

The **Map** group newsletter of Whit Bradley reminds me of chatting with an old friend. After reading it, I'm amazed at how much technical knowledge he manages to impart. After a few personal notes, he reviews CAPEX and previews P.E.I. His book, *The Canadian Map Stamp of 1898 - A Plating Study*, is temporarily on hold at the publisher's. Whit and Lew Ludlow have established a list, with RFs, of RPOs possible on the Map stamp. The newsletter has definitions of re-entries, retouches, essays, proofs and die proofs. The Editor also reviews some experiments, including a few by his wife, with cleaning agents on Map stamps. His conclusion — BEWARE of missing or changed colors on Map

stamps.

Colin Campbell filled in to give **Military** Editor Ken Ellison a break. Ken contributes two newspaper clippings from the Vernon, B.C. *NEWS* concerning interned aliens. The first described the cost of so-called luxury items furnished the aliens; the second explained that the cost of the luxuries were borne by the aliens themselves, rather than by the public. An illustration of a Christmas card with an orderly room hand-stamp from the Elgin regiment has been contributed by Robert Smith. Brian Plain sends data and reproductions of two markings of the Canadian Section serving with U.S. A.P.O. 214 in Japan. Bill Robinson shares a picture of a cover from a Canadian serving with the 'Devil's Brigade' — a joint Canadian and U.S. force of WWII. Part I of an article, author Colin Campbell, entitled *Camp Borden and Its Military Postmarks 1916-1940*, concludes the newsletter. A fine effort, complete with illustrations.

I have two **Newfie** newsletters to discuss. The Perfin Study Group has asked members of both the Newfoundland group and the Revenue group to report all Newfoundland perfins they have. There are four companies known to have used Newfoundland perfins. These are illustrated by Roland Battersby. Palmer Moffat reports a number of corrections and additions to his list of 20<sup>th</sup> Century Post Offices of Newfoundland. Some of these were submitted by George McGowan and Derek Paul but most, and other data, were from John Forest. The second newsletter reports on CAPEX. C.A. Stillions, Paul Burega and Allan Selby won awards, in addition to Robert Pratt and Gerald Wellburn. The Court of Honor had material from the Royal Collection and from that of member of Neville Clifford-Jones. Doug Hannan fills in some of the 'missing years' in Palmer Moffat's post office list. The newsletter concludes with an article by Bert Warr, Jr., *The General Italo Balbo Flight, 1933*. The flight, the stamps and the covers are discussed in detail — a fascinating and well illustrated article.

Robert Lemire, Editor of the **Postal Stationery** group, sent out two issues. The first pictures two new essay headings of Webb — P27. Christmas Seals, as we know, are sent to people unsolicited. In the 1950s and '60s, if no donation was forthcoming, special cards, usually precanceled, were sent as reminders — thus the interest of the Postal Stationery people. George Manley presents the first section of a list, with illustra-

tions, of these. As reported in Boggs, Arch issue sepia view cards appeared in presentation books as 22 uncut sheets of four different cards, some shown only once and some repeated two or three times. Earle Covert furnishes some data on these. Horace Harrison is responsible for two figures showing Die Proofs of the first George V envelopes. The similarity of Newfoundland and Queensland Reply Letter cards is evident from illustrations supplied by Bill Walton. Dennis Cottin has discovered an acknowledged color error on the 10c envelopes used by the Ministry of Social Affairs in Quebec (Webb EN570). The second newsletter continues George Manley's article on the Christmas Seal cards. This portion describes the 'second' reminder cards with data and illustrations. Updates to the ERP list from John Aitken, Winthrop Boggs, Mike Dicketts, Horace Harrison and Robert Lemire are listed. John Aitken is the author of an article, *Rouletted Mimeo Cards Produced by British American Bank Note Co.* The Editor notes that for this fine article John was aided by Robert Lemire, George Manley and Bill Walton, with additional input from Earle Covert, Bob Furneaux and Dick Staecker. Definitely a group effort!

Bill Robinson entered Volume 14 of the **R.P.O.** Newsletter in the literature competition at PIPEX '87. For the second year in a row it received a silver bronze award. Kudos to you Bill — justly deserved. Bill's reports from the membership: from Brian Stalker, two strikes for Warren Bosch's study of clerk strikes on stamp — MA80A and Q16A, from Jean-Pierre Forest, a copy of his article, in French, on the Levis and Kennebec Railway from the June '87 issue of *Philatelie Quebec*; from John McCrea, Stanley Bednarczyk, age 14, received a silver at the Garfield-Perry show for Canadian R.P.O. Cancels; from Jack Wallace, an illustration of an 1860 cover with Q103 and RR-65; from Whit Bradley, an article on electric railways from the Ontario Professional Engineers' magazine; from Allan Steinhart, a copy of the 1931 timetable of the Northern Alberta Railway; from Alec Price, a photocopy of an 'On Company Service' cover from the CPR Department of Natural Resources; from Eric Manchee, Editor of the *Postal History Journal*, a copy of the invitation to the 1856 festivities celebrating the completion of the G.T.R. connecting Montreal with Toronto; and from Ron Kitchen, a copy of an 1873 G.T.R. timetable and an advertisement of the G.W.R. from the 1880 *Canadian Postal Guide*. Included in the newslet-

ter is a membership list and a financial report.

The **Revenue** people present illustrations, courtesy of Keith Spencer, of Alberta Telephone Franks AT1, AT2, AT3 and AT6, and also strips of four of AT1 and AT2 from booklet panes. Two additions are listed to van Dam's catalog under Alberta Law stamps, AL-2a and AL-9a. Present are their usual adlets. This is an excellent member service.

Editor W.G. Burden of the **Small Queens** Study Circle ('Circle' — we've been renamed) has issued a meaty newsletter. He also reports on CAPEX and notes that George Arfken, Ted Nixon and Bill Simpson all won awards. He repeats for the Small Queens group the information reported by Ralph Trimble (Re-entry group) on the positions of the two two cent Small Queen latent re-entries (Reiche #2 and #3). He and Bill Simpson discussed these and the 5/6 latent re-entry on the Six cent. Some of the points suggested were made by John Hillson in an article he wrote for *Maple Leaves*. The earliest reported usage table of the different Small Queens is brought up to date. This is slowly filling out but needs more input. Bill suggests that it would be advantageous to renumber the varieties for ease of locating and identifying them. R. Trimble and P. Harvey submit some diagrams of varieties of the two cent Small Queen. George Arfken and Norman Brassler review and illustrate the earliest known use of the one half cent Small Queen. This is an excellent first newsletter by a new Editor.

The **Squared Circle** newsletter was a three cent Jubilee update. Data has been submitted by Frank Hoyles, Emerson Clark, Tony Shaman and Colin Banfield. Correspondence on Squared Circle data from several members — J. C. Campbell, Jerry Carr, Jim Felton, Jack Gordon, Roger Grigson, Jim Karr, Tony Shaman, Tom Southey and Bill Wegman — was reviewed. The Newsletter closes with an article by Jim Felton, "*Squared Circle Hammers with Interrupted Usage*". He also submits a table and requests input from the group.

Jack Arnell, Editor for the **Transatlantic** study group lists awards won at CAPEX. Space limits the listing of the precise awards won, but without repeating awards mentioned above, group members 'Willson', Horace Harrison, Allan Steinhart, A.W. Leggett, Susan McDonald, J.C. Arnell, Dorothy Sanderson, Paul Burega, Earl Palmer, Clifford Guile and Garvin Lohman were honored. BNAPS can certainly be proud of the

achievements of the membership at CAPEX. Jack Arnell's handbook will have been published before you read this. This is a monumental work and should achieve high honors in the literature section of an international exhibition.

Bob Lee, Jeff Switt and Dave Dixon are starting new study groups; Bob on **Roller** Cancels, Jeff on **Slogan** cancels and Dave on **George VI postal rates**. All will be sound chairmen. If one interests you, join the group. It will be rewarding.

I have written too much, but I would like to conclude with a suggestion for Mike Street. We pay lip service to seeking new and especially younger members. Let's devote a page of *TOPICS* to definitions and explanations. As an example, sketches of types of cancels: Duplex, Split Circle, Squared Circle, MOON etc. Another idea, sketches and explanations of terms: Re-entry, Retouch etc. Perhaps every other issue — how about it Mike?

*(If someone will write it, I'll print it — Ed.)*

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# STORIES BEHIND MY COVERS

by Jack Arnell

## 5. A SEAMAN'S LETTERS



For a number of years, I had the 'INDIA SOLDIERS LONDON' letter in my collection, written up on the basis of a serving soldier in India, who was writing home to his family in Nova Scotia in April 1834. It was of particular interest as it is the only such letter to B.N.A. that I and my collector friends have ever seen. But this is not the reason for including it here.

Years later, I acquired the other cover shown. This was unmistakably a Seaman's Letter, with 1d. Stg. postage prepaid. At the top is written: 'From Stephen Nickerson Seaman on Board/H.M.S. Wellesley Downes', and it is certified: 'Wellesley Downs Oct' 30th 1831/John Hallowel Lt Comm'.

Only after the two covers had been in my collection for two or three years did I realize that the 1834 one was also written by Stephen Nickerson. His name is so faded at the top of the INDIA letter that I had misread it. This letter had been certified: 'J.L. Fletcher Senior Lt. H.M.S. Curacoa/Madras April 5 1834'. Could I find any connection between the two ships which would explain how this young seaman had received his transfer and ended up in India?

From the Navy Lists of the period, I found that during the summer of 1831 both ships had been part of a special squadron of the Royal Navy, which had been patrolling the Bay of Biscay and the Irish Sea. This task completed, the

squadron was lying in the Downs off Deal on its way to Portsmouth. The *Wellesley* had been the flagship and was scheduled to be decommissioned, while the *Curacoa* was ordered to India. As was usually the case in the Royal Navy, the ships of the special squadron were probably all short-handed and, with the flagship being taken out of service and the *Curacoa* about to sail for India, she would have been manned to full complement with seamen transferred from the *Wellesley*. Such was Stephen Nickerson's fate.

To follow the course of the two letters. Having been certified by John Hallowel, the first letter was mailed at Deal, where the 1d. Stg. would have been paid to the post office and the red diagonal '1' drawn across the face, before it was backstamped on 30 October 1831. It was date-stamped 'PAID' at London on 1 November and missent to Newcastle-on-Tyne, where a red manuscript 'Missent to' was written beside the 2 November Newcastle datestamp. Hopefully it got to Falmouth in time to go on the *Duke of York* packet on 5 November, which arrived at Halifax on 10 January 1832. This cannot be confirmed, as there is no Nova Scotia mark.

As there was no regular mail to India, the second letter would have travelled to England on a returning East India Company packet, reaching London on 29 July 1834, where it was struck with the 'INDIA SOLDIERS LONDON 3'



to show that there was 3d Stg. postage due. Soldiers' and seamen's letters were only charged 1d. Stg. wherever there were regular British mails, but lacking such to India, a special 3d. Stg. rate was established. From London, the letter was sent to Falmouth and carried from there

by the *Lady Pelham* packet on 9 August and arrived at Halifax on 22 September, where the notation 'Packet 4d' was added in *black* manuscript to show the postage due; this was the 3d. Stg. converted to Currency.

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# THE IMPERIAL MACHINE CANCELLATIONS 1896 TO 1900 REVISITED

by Geoffrey R. Newman

## INTRODUCTION

While the seven part series of articles on the Imperials was appearing in *TOPICS* (Vol. 41, No. 2 to Vol. 42, No. 5), important new information about the Bickerdike mail marking machines was being discovered. At first, it was thought that this new Bickerdike information would also become the basis for a new series of articles, but the story grew in the telling. So much new material came to hand that a virtual retelling of the Bickerdike story was required. Published under the auspices of the BNAPS Handbook Committee, *Bickerdike Machine Papers* was published earlier this year. (See *Literature Reviews in the last issue* — Ed.) The Bickerdike machines were replacements for the Imperial machines. J. Brooks Young, who had been the agent for the Imperials when they were first introduced, was the entrepreneur behind the Bickerdike machines. During the writing and researching of the *Bickerdike Machine Papers* some additional information about the Imperials was also found. This article deals with that new information and will thus allow collectors of these cancellations to become aware of some of the latest developments.

## THE FIRST TWO MACHINES

In the seventh and last part of the original series of articles (*TOPICS*, Vol. 42, No. 5, pp 24-25), the question of the origin of the first two Imperial machines used in Canada was discussed. Circumstantial evidence suggested that

they were two of 42 machines that Martin Van Buren Ethridge, co-inventor of the machine, took with him when he left the American Postal Machine Company. This may still be technically correct, except that it is now believed that the two machines actually delivered came directly from the manufacturer, Pratt & Whitney Co. There is an entry in the Postmaster General's Register of Letters Received, as follows: Entry No. 4143 — (date written) "3 Mch. 1896" — (name of writer) — "Pratt & Whitney Co. Hartford Conn" — (subject) — "Shipment of 2 mail marking machines for the Montreal and Ottawa Post Offices". (PAC, RG3, B2.3, Vol. 548, Reel T-4155) There is no entry in the Register under the heading 'Disposal', which implies that if there was a response, it was not made by mail. The actual letter for Entry No. 4143 has not been found in the Public Archives of Canada. Remembering that the first machine was installed in the Montreal Post Office on 10 March 1896 and that the second machine arrived at Ottawa on or before 1 April 1896, the Register entry certainly suggests the machines came directly from the factory, rather than from Boston.

## THE FIRST THREE CANCELLATIONS

Note the credit for the illustration of Figure 1. J. Brooks Young and, it is believed, his son, Harrison B. Young, kept a notebook that dealt with their business affairs with mail marking machines. The discovery of the notebook occurred when the manuscript for the *Bickerdike*



Figure 1 — The first day of use of a machine cancellation in Canada (ex J. Brooks Young collection)



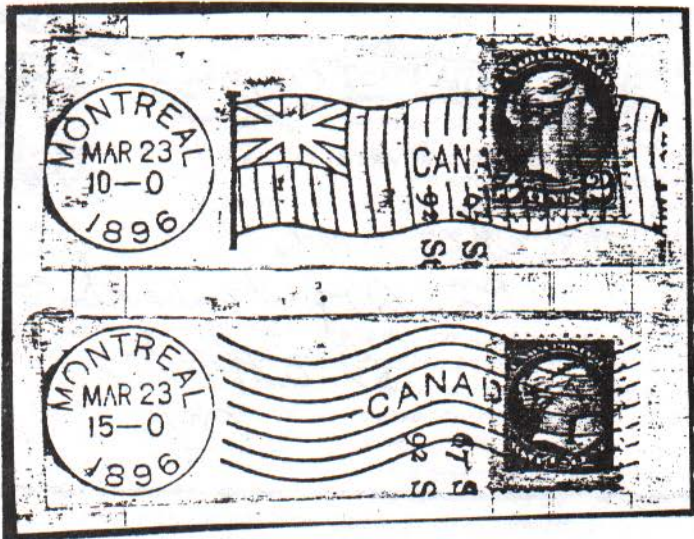


Figure 2 — A new date for flag F-1 and an new early time-mark for M-2 (ex J. Brooks Young collection)

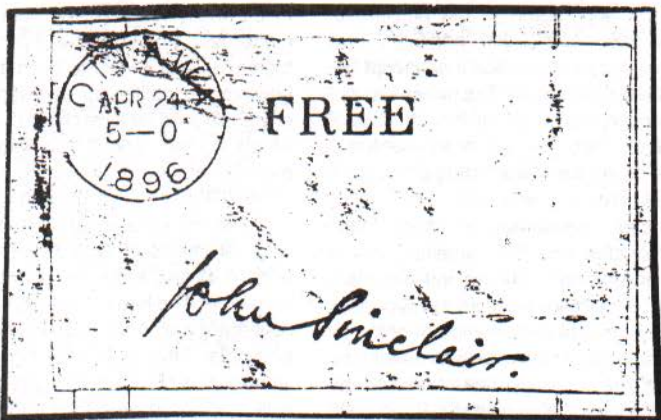


Figure 3 — An Imperial Machine FREE! (ex J. Brooks Young collection)



Figure 4 — A proof/strike of Type F-1 die A (ex J. Brooks Young collection)

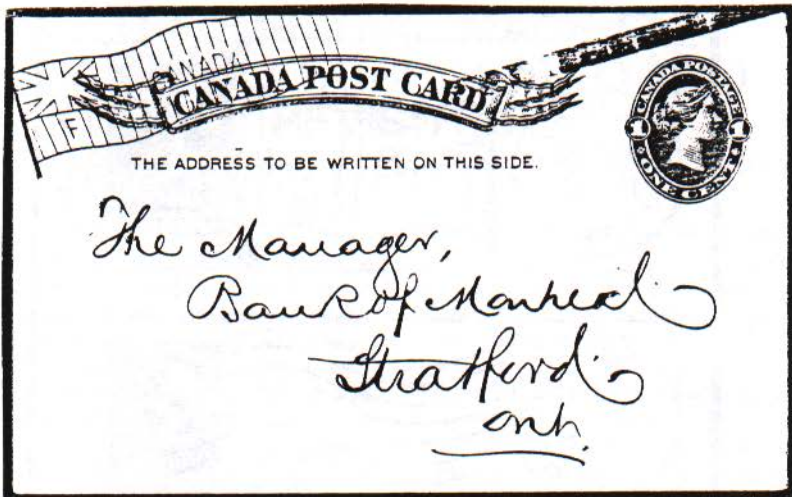


Figure 5 — An incorrectly cancelled postcard

*Machine Papers* was ready, save for a few final corrections, for submission to the publishers. Needless to say, substantial additions and amendments were made to that manuscript before it was actually submitted. The notebook contained a collection of cancellations on 2" x 4" 'cut squares' of which Figure 1 is an example.

Until the existence of the Young's notebook came to light, Type F-1 was believed to have only been used on Saturday, 21 March 1896. Figure 2, indicates that F-1 remained in the machine until Monday morning and was then replaced by the wavy line cancellation Type M-2. The March 23 date for F-1 should not come as a complete surprise because, as was mentioned in part one of the original series of articles, no machine cancellations are known for Sunday, 22 March, and the earliest previously known example of M-2 was 23 March with a 17-0 time-mark. It is suspected that the examples shown in Figure 2 were not used on actual mail because of the "92 St... and 67 S..." which can be seen. This looks like the beginning of the company's address, so the cancelling may have been done on a piece of stationery rather than an envelope. Remember that Montreal postal officials had asked for the change in the obliterator (*TOPICS*, Vol. 41, No 2, p 20).

#### AN UNKNOWN AND A 'PROOF' CANCELLATION

To the best of my knowledge the cancellation shown in Figure 3 has never before been

reported. A check of John Donaldson's article, *FREE MARKINGS*, (*PHSC Journal*, No. 34) was made and none of the examples illustrated therein appear similar to the machine dater-hub, however the obliterator part appears to be properly positioned for a machine-made cancellation. Assuming the cancellation was indeed entirely machine-made, this would be the first machine-made FREE franking used in Canada.

The Young notebook contains two examples of proof strikes of Type F-1. They are a die 'A' (Figure 4) and a die 'B', both were made with purple ink. The heavy lines above and below the obliterator may have been caused by an impression roller. This could have happened, if the obliterator was placed in an impression roller which was then rolled on an ink pad before the proof was printed. It is believed that the outer parts of an impression roller were not normally inked.

The cancellation in Figure 5 shows a heavy line where the edge of the impression roller would have been. It is suggested that the impression roller was inadvertently inked when this postcard went through the machine incorrectly. The thickness of the heavy lines (4mm) is the same in both figures 4 and 5.

#### TWO REPORTS ON THE IMPERIALS

Also contained in the Young notebook is a copy of a letter from A. Dansereau, the Montreal postmaster. Although there is no addressee on the letter, it is assumed that it was addressed to J. Brooks Young as agent for the Imperial

machines.

Montreal, July 9th. 1896

Dear Sir:-

I am glad to learn by your letter of yesterday's date, that the six mail marking machines you put into this office, on trial, have been accepted by our Department. We could not, possibly, go back to the old hammer stamp, and the information that the machines had come here to stay, has afforded us very much satisfaction indeed.

The cost of running all six, at present, is about \$200. a year, but in the heavy season, this will be increased to about \$225. a year. We only run one machine throughout the 24 hours, and the other five about 10 hours a day each. We manage to do with about six men less than when the stamping was done by hand, and we save about 30 per cent in time, having also, neat, clean and legible work performed by these electrical stamps, a long felt want, the importance of which cannot be over-estimated. We find that a good operator can face and stamp about 4000 letters in an hour, without undue haste.

The cost for electrical power might be more or less in other offices, according to the charge for the same, and the facilities for supplying it. So far as our estimate goes, we have based it upon a two weeks' meter check, which should be a fair test for all the year round, allowing an extra cost for the busy season.

We shall require some extra sets of type, to meet emergencies, and we shall let you know later on what they may be.

With kindest regards,

Yours very truly,  
(Sgd.) A Dansereau  
Postmaster.  
per J.L.P.

Two of the comments in this letter are of particular interest to collectors. First, with one machine being used 24 hours a day, you would expect one of the six dies to be more common than the other five. Determining which machine, if indeed the same machine was always used for the twenty-four hour service, would require study of a large sample of cancellations. Second, the last paragraph may explain the origin of the F-1 die 'K' used in September. This would change the speculation about this mysterious obliterator. Further, this paragraph may also explain the ori-

gin of M-3 die 'G' (*TOPICS*, Vol. 42, No. 1, pp 24-26).

The Deputy Postmaster General mentioned the introduction of the Imperials in the *Report of the Postmaster General for the Year Ended 30th June 1897* (p xxiii).

*The introduction of electrical mail marking machines during 1896-97 (six of which were rented and put into use in the Montreal Post Office and one in the Ottawa Post Office), created a new charge in this year of \$1,921.46. The purpose of these machines is the more rapid postmarking of mail matter than can be done by hand-stamping, but whether increased efficiency as well as increased speed is secured is yet to be determined.*

The annual rental was \$200 per machine. Therefore, \$1,400 of the cost would be for rent, leaving \$521.46 attributable to motors, electricity, etc.

#### DOUBTS ABOUT THE 'IMPROVED' IMPERIAL MACHINE OF 1899 TO 1900

Montreal Assistant Postmaster J. L. Palmer's correspondence is often quoted as the source of information about the Imperial machines. His letters reveal that he was familiar with the details, particularly the operation of these machines in Montreal. In response to a request from Post Office secretary LeSueur to compare the Bickerdike machines to the Imperials, he replied on 16 January 1900. (PAC, RG3, BVol. 830, File Nov.-Dec. 1899)

*"Six of the Imperial Mail Marking machines were in use in this office for a couple of years, I fancy. Mr Sweetnam had them replaced by the Bickerdike. They were very good machines indeed. The Boston people who owned them have now a self feeder attached to the hand feeder. It works very well in Boston."*

These comments are very interesting, as it has been assumed that between March 1899 and July 1900 an 'improved' Imperial machine was being tested in the Montreal office (*TOPICS*, Vol. 42, No. 5, p. 25). Although not specifically stated, his remarks strongly imply that there was no Imperial machine in the Montreal office at that time.

This part of the Imperial story is further confused by four entries in the PMG's Register of Letters Received. (PAC, RG3, B2.3, Vols. 559, 560, 562, Reels T-4159 and 4160) The actual

letters for these entries have not been discovered in the Archives. Lt. Colonel William White became an agent for the Imperial Mail Marking Co. after his 'retirement' in 1897 as Deputy Postmaster General of Canada. On 18 June 1900 he wrote to the PMG about "the removal of the Boston Stamping Machines supplied to Montreal and Ottawa P.O.'s. On 19 December 1900 he wrote again, "Asking Dept. to purchase Electric Stamping Machines which were placed in Montreal (6) and Ottawa (1) P.O.s by the Boston Coy". One cannot help wondering just where the machines were located or stored as they had been out of service since 1897. On 25 September 1901 White wrote, "Pressing claim of Imperial Mail Marking Machine Co., of Boston, Mass., for balance due on account of rent for use of their machines". On 16 December 1901 "Asst. P.M. Montreal" (J.L. Palmer) wrote to the PMG - "On

the subject of rent for an Imperial Mail Marking Machine placed in the Montreal P.O., on 1st April 1899 and ordered out on 30 June 1900". This entry implies that Palmer knew of an Imperial machine in the Montreal Post Office during the same period that he wrote the letter to LeSueur quoted above! The 'disposal' entry in the Letter Register opposite White's letter of 25 September reads in part: "acct. \$400 paid 31-1-02 ... in settlement of claim". The reported early and late dates for Type M-3 die H are 10 March 1899 to 5 July 1900, which may or may not be the last of the Imperials.

Our thanks must be publicly extended to Raymond McLean who did the research at the Public Archives and found the references mentioned in this article.

## REGIONAL GROUP RAMBLINGS

by Jim Goblen

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The **Golden Horseshoe** group held a fall meeting in conjunction with the GUELPH EX stamp show. Bad weather contributed to poor attendance, but those who made it enjoyed Jim Catterick's presentation on Canadian (and other) Perfins.

The **Pacific Northwest** bunch are now BNAPS' largest Regional Group. Lots of hard work on the foundation laid by Lew Ludlow's letter to all members in the area two years ago has resulted in this fine achievement.

Brian Plain reports that over 50 people stayed for dinner after the October 4 meeting in Kelowna. An informal gathering on the Friday evening was followed by a Bob Lee conducted mini-auction on Saturday morning.

In the afternoon, Ken Ellison traced the postal history of the post offices of the Okanagan and accompanied it with many examples from his collection. After the business meeting, Geoff

Walburn gave an illustrated tour of the world of precancels, using excellent coloured photos to augment his words. After a coffee break, Cec Coult's presented 'The Early History of the North West Mounted Police', describing the formative years of the force and outlining many of the early mail routes and postal locations. Brian Plain rounded out the afternoon with a discussion of the Squared Circles.

The guest speaker at the evening dinner was Bill Barlee, who told the group of some of the early history of the area, and entertained with anecdotes from his own experiences.

The next meeting of this group will be on March 5, 1988 at the Park Royal Hotel in West Vancouver. Sam Horton will be the host.

Don't forget to send news of your group's activities. Deadline for the March-April issue is January 15; for May-June, it is March 15.

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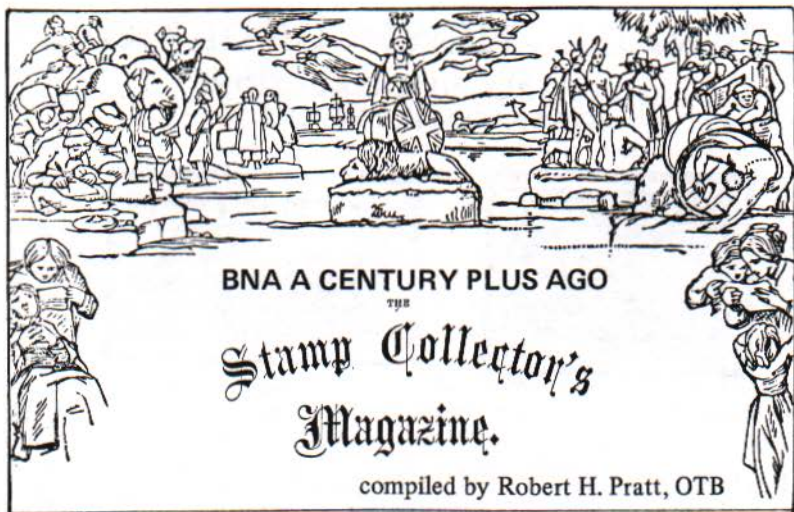
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STAMPS NEWLY ISSUED,  
OR FIRST DESCRIBED

We are able to describe two very curious and beautiful essays from specimens in our own possession. One was from CANADA: it is larger than most stamps: color, two shades of mauve and white, forming a very minute pattern groundwork; in an arched bend above, *Postage, Colony of* on the left, and *Canada* on the right hand; *One Penny* below; a large figure 1 in the centre; and smaller ones at the two bottom corners. The second was for NOVA SCOTIA; more elaborate in design. The groundwork a minute pattern of white, and two shades of rose color; the figure 6 inclosed in an octagon in the centre; *Six* above; and *Pence* below; *Nova Scotia* on the left and right sides; and the figure 6 in each of the four corners.

Also several essays not hitherto noticed in catalogues; e.g. 12½-cent NOVA SCOTIA, scarlet; 3-pence NEWFOUNDLAND Black, &c.

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NEWFOUNDLAND

The fivepenny is now of a very red-brown colour. In 1862 the colour of the fourpenny, sixpenny and one shilling, was altered from scarlet to lake; and this year the sixpence-halfpenny comes over of the later colour. The twopenny has always been of a bright, and the eightpenny of a deeper scarlet.

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ENGLISH AND AMERICAN POSTAL  
DEFACEMENT MARKS, by Henry Whympere

(This relates to the 235 cancel device which appeared in 1873 in NEWFOUNDLAND.)

In all provincial towns in England and Wales, the mark was the number of the town, with four parallel lines at the top, three at the bottom and two curved lines at either side. The only alteration which has taken place in the country mark was made four years ago when the lines at the top and bottom were sloped away, so that the whole figure should form a circle.

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REVIEWS of POSTAL PUBLICATIONS

*Postage Stamp Album and Catalogue.*  
New and revised edition. By Edward A. Oppen.  
London: Benjamin Blake

The rapid sale of the first edition of this tastily-designed album, having necessitated a second, much care has been taken by the compiler to correct errors. We have a great penchant for the beautiful stamps of NEWFOUNDLAND, a correct notice of which has hitherto appeared in no catalogue, foreign or English, and as usual, they are greatly confused in the work under notice.

CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor of the *STAMP  
COLLECTORS MAGAZINE*

Sir, — I was thinking of replying to the different accusations contained in Nos's 2 and 3 of your publication, when No. 4 came into my hands containing the critique on my *Illustrations* which I am at present publishing, and to which I shall reply at the same time.

The March Number accuses me of having copied Mr. Brown's error in the first edition of his catalogue, on the subject of NEWFOUNDLAND stamps, among which he introduced a non-existing halfpenny emission. The author of this article forgot an essential circumstance, — the date of publication of the two catalogues. If he had done so he would have seen that my first edition appeared in January 1862, while that of Mr. Mount Brown, if my memory serves me right, did not see light till three or four months afterwards. So that, supposing there to be any copying in the case — the catalogues containing the same error — Mr. Brown copied mine.

I am, Sir, yours obediently,  
J.B. Moens  
Brussels

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CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor of *STAMP  
COLLECTING MAGAZINE*

Sir. — In the March issue of your magazine, I see mentioned, as a stamp not noticed in Mount Brown's Catalogue, a 'CANADA' Packet Postage, 12½ ¢, blue; this, I suppose is a stamp like the common 12½ ¢ in all respects except the colour; I should like to know whether any of your readers have seen a 12½ ¢ of this colour that has passed the post.

I have a 'maculate' 12½ ¢ CANADA, blue, and also a 12½ ¢, half of which is blue and half green. It is a very simple thing to change this colour of the 12½ ¢ from green to blue, and I should like to know whether there is any proof of stamps having been printed of the latter colour.

I am, Sir, yours obediently,  
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THE POSTAGE RATES

The 10-cent CANADA, New Brunswick and

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# The RPO Cowcatcher

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As we wrote this column, BNAPEX '87 on Prince Edward Island was still before us; by the time this appears, our festivities at Charlottetown will be a thing of the past. This convention promised to be very interesting in that for the first time within recent memory it was arranged for our exhibition to be non-competitive, due to severe limitation on available space. The R.P.O. Study Group supported this approach and entered two 2-frame exhibits, one on the railway markings of Prince Edward Island and the other showing clerk strikes on stamps. It appeared we would have a lively Study Group meeting, and we were looking forward to visiting with some 'Down East' specialists whom we have never met before, specifically Don Wilson, Doug Murray and Bob Soper.

Prior to heading for BNAPEX, your columnist attended BALPEX in Baltimore, where the Mobile Post Office Society (M.P.O.S.), the RPO specialists in the United States, had their annual

meeting. We were invited to give a seminar on Canadian Railway Cancellations and prepared a slide presentation to cover the subject in general rather than in specific.

In the seminar we dealt with the cancellations first for Provincial Canada, then for the Dominion, both 19th Century and modern. Then we showed some of the specialty areas such as Registered, Steamers, Ticket Stamps and Clerk Strikes. Illustrated here are two of the items shown, cross-border registered covers, one from Lyons, Iowa to Elmira, Ontario with RG-11 REGISTERED / G.W.R. in 1875 and another to Toronto from New York in 1878 with RG-12 REGISTERED / G.W.R. ACCOMn. Both of these have proven to be of interest to American collectors.

We were honored to receive the MPOS award for our display of the Provincials at BALPEX. (The society only gives this award once a year — Ed.)



L.M. Ludlow





## CALENDAR

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

**DECEMBER 5, STONEY CREEK, ONTARIO** — Stoney Creek Stamp Club show and bourse. Special Junior section. Fiesta Mall, Hwy. 8. Information: P.O. Box 9343, Stoney Creek, ON L8G 4S1.

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**JANUARY 8-10, TORONTO, ONTARIO** — PHILEX, International dealer's bourse, seminars. Sheraton Centre. Information: David B. Bastedo, Box 980, Stn. K, Toronto, ON M4P 2V3.

**FEBRUARY 13, BURLINGTON, ONTARIO** — Burlington Stamp Club show and bourse. Appleby Mall, Appleby Line & New St. Information: Frank Haller, P.O. Box 487, Stn. A, Burlington, ON L7R 3Y3

**FEBRUARY 13-28, CALGARY, ALBERTA** — OLYMPEX '88, special 'International' Philatelic Exhibition and bourse. Calgary Convention Centre. Information: OLYMPEX '88 Stamp Exhibition, c/o P.O. Box 1988, Stn. C, Calgary AB T2T 5R4.

**MARCH 18-20, EDMONTON, ALBERTA** — Spring Show '88, Edmonton Stamp Club show and bourse. Terrace Inn Hotel. Information: Edmonton Stamp Club, P.O. Box 399, Edmonton, AB T5J 2J6.

**APRIL 9, BURLINGTON, ONTARIO** — YOUTH STAMPEX '88, show and bourse featuring stamp exhibits by students, with introductory workshops, prizes and games. White Oaks Secondary School, Trafalgar Road (north of QEW), Oakville, ON. Information: Jim Stanley, (416) 878-2379.

**APRIL 22-24, BLASDELL, NEW YORK** — NIAGARA FRONTIER STAMP EXPO -88, show and bourse held by the Niagara Frontier Federation of Stamp Clubs. Possible BNAPS Golden Horseshoe & Mid-Atlantic Regional Group joint meeting. McKinley Park Inn, Blasdell, NY. Information: Col. R. McCready, 60 Huxley Dr., Snyder, NY 14226.

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**APRIL 30 - MAY 1, OTTAWA, ONTARIO — ORAPEX '88,** R.A. Stamp Club show and bourse. RA Center, 2451 Riverside Dr. Rooms available for Societies and Study Groups. Information: D. Lingard, 2425 Blackstone Cr., Ottawa, On K1B 4H3.

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**JUNE 16-18, WINNIPEG, MANITOBA — ROYAL '88,** national level exhibition and bourse & annual convention of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada. Hosted by the Winnipeg Philatelic Society. Westin Hotel. Information: ROYAL '88, P.O. Box 1425, Winnipeg, MB R3C 2Z1.

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# From the Secretary

EARLE L. COVERT M.D.

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*Members are asked to note that two SIGNATURES on an application for membership hastens approval of new applications.*

**REPORT DATE: 15 October 1987**

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C Canada General Mint and Used, R.P.O.'s, Flag Cancels  
Proposed by: Secretary
- R4661 DEVEAU, Russell H., 23 Somerset St., Dartmouth, NS, Canada B2Y 4G7  
C Canada General, Perfins  
Proposed by: R.H. Jamieson, 2118; Seconded by: J.M. Catterick, 647
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Proposed by: R.H. Jamieson, 2118; Seconded by: Bert Warr Jr., 4455
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C Canada General, Mint & Used, Cancellations — Dated & Slogan  
Proposed by: J.C. Campbell, 2986; Seconded by: J.D. Hannan, 4550
- R4664 KUNG, Christop P., Benkenstr. 78, CH-4102 Binningen, Switzerland  
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R4594 JOYNER, G. William, 21 Johnson Crescent, Yellowknife, NT, Canada X1A 3A4

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## MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

Total membership as of last report	1449
New members added in this report	16
Deceased	6
Expelled	1
Total membership as of this report	1458
New applications	6

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NOVA SCOTIA are almost solely used for letters from those colonies to the United States, and are all rather difficult to obtain here. So we see that an enterprising collector should keep his eye on all postal arrangements.

T.H.F.

*Foreign Postage Stamps, by Mount Brown, Fourth Edition. London: F. Passmore.*

The revised, corrected, and augmented edition of our 'standard catalogue' is again an improvement on the previous improved impressions.

We would recommend Mr. Brown to expunge the 2d and 8d NEWFOUNDLAND, *lake* which never existed, and the 3 neu-groschen *white*, SAXONY, which is an artificially faded yellow specimen.

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*Catalogue of British, Colonial, and*

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## WANTED

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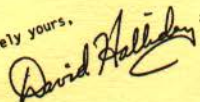
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