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# THE EDITOR'S PAGE

by Mike Street

## THE NEW PROFESSIONALS AND US

### CONTRADICTIONS

In thirteen years of producing magazines for stamp collectors no other article I have edited has brought as much strong response, pro and con, as Robert Pratt's *The New Professionals and Us* in the September-October *TOPICS*.

One member, a dealer, wrote to say that the article would have been better if the part criticizing dealers had been constructive instead of "Us versus Them", and if it had been handled directly in correspondence rather than in print. He also felt that Pratt's article was more suited to the trade papers or a newsletter, not a specialist journal such as *TOPICS*. Another member, also a dealer, wrote to say that the article was a very important piece and congratulated me for printing it.

Jeff Switt (see LETTERS) took issue both with Pratt, largely for the tone of his article, and with Pratt and to some extent with me, for not condensing it drastically, at the very least.

### YES OR NO?

To print, or not to print, is always the question. The editor of a special interest journal must first decide whether or not the content of an article is pertinent to the interests of the members of the group. If it passes that test, then accuracy of the information and, in an opinion piece, the presence of libelous or slanderous statements, must be gauged.

If these check out, and the editor is not required to spend an inordinate amount of time whipping it into shape, then the article usually gets published. Normally, when an article actually sees print is determined by its importance, and by the number of others which arrived before it did.

*The New Professionals and Us* commented on the dangers of not using available information, both in creating or compounding errors, and in the very real possibility of people buying wrongly described material. Is there any doubt that these are pertinent to

BNAPSer's interests?

Pratt took to task dealers and authors. As someone who has earned a solid reputation in this field, that was his privilege. Should he have refrained from criticizing one group or the other? In the context, how could he have avoided it? His opinions were strong, but nowhere near libel or slander. For my part, the major criteria were met. There was no question of whether or not to publish.

Should the article have been condensed to a page or so? When editing another's work, one always has to be mindful of the rights and sensibilities of the author, who must be allowed fair leeway to have his or her say. With *The New Professionals and Us*, I removed duplication and some material that seemed extraneous, used a few editorial tools to temper the tone a bit, and printed the remainder.

### THROWING STONES

Right after *The New Professionals and Us* appeared John Walsh, one of the people who received a zap from Bob Pratt, phoned me. John was upset because on one point in particular, the date of a backstamp, I had made a judgement call and left out something which would have proved the point (for which I apologized in this space in the last issue).

Bert Warr, whom Pratt acknowledged as having given the same date as Walsh in an article in the *Newfie Newsletter*, also wrote. Bert took exception to the reference to his item in Pratt's article, because his piece included a clear illustration of the backstamp! Had Pratt been a little more careful, he would not have been able to criticize either Walsh or Warr on the point. Nevertheless, Bert agreed with the general thrust of *The New Professionals and Us* in pointing out the danger to the collector when wrong information is printed.

### SUMMING UP

I must agree with Jeff Switt's criticism of the tone of Pratt's piece. It wasn't right. Elsewhere in this issue you will find the first in-

stallment of a series by William C. Walton. By an amazing coincidence (some might call it a form of poetic justice), Walton's series concerns Robert Pratt's articles on Newfoundland Postal Stationery which ran in *TOPICS* from 1984 to 1986. As will be seen, he not only adds new information to the original series, but also brings to light and corrects items on which Pratt went astray. The manner in which Walton does this shows that it is quite possible to point out errors without firing artillery.

Should I have printed *The New Professionals and Us*? On balance, given all the points above, yes, I think so - but I won't give it as a shining example when I try for sainthood. Bob Pratt had a valid point to make, one worth putting forward to BNAPSers. His own errors in the article should not detract from this. Bert Warr's position could be summed up as, "Let's not throw out the baby with the bath water," and I believe he's quite right.

I would like to think that all of us have learned something from this.

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# THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Lewis M. Ludlow, OTB



As the British North America Philatelic Society enters its 45th year, I come to you as its 23rd President, succeeding to a long line of able and distinguished members who have previously served in this capacity. Over the next two years, I hope to bring to BNAPS leadership and direction at least equal to, or even better than, that so well provided by my predecessors.

Concurrently with this biennial change of Presidents, there are a number of other offices - both elective and appointive - which are also undergoing transition.

Ed Harris, as Immediate Past President, will continue to work on his major project of formalizing, in writing, the responsibilities and duties of all officers of the Society. I will be working closely with him on this effort. While all those now serving BNAPS have a clear knowledge of their obligations, Ed's objective is much to be desired for our long term future.

After serving four strong and productive years as Chairman of our Board, Allan Steinhart is stepping down from this position, although he will continue as a Board member. During Allan's term as Chairman, he earned the well deserved reputation of dealing promptly and efficiently with Board matters and keeping the annual meetings of the Directors as concise as possible.

To replace Allan, our recently retired Secretary, Dr. Earle Covert, has been elected Chairman of the Board. During his six year term as Secretary, Earle upgraded the office into the modern technological era; all of the membership rolls have been computerized, integrating the previously separate mailing list for *BNATOPICS*. Earle's role as Chairman will be an active one; after discussion and mutual agreement, in addition to his other

duties, Earle has agreed to head up a Long Range Planning Committee on the future direction, goals and programs of the British North America Philatelic Society.

Also as a result of the recent election, Chris McGregor of Vancouver will assume the duties of Secretary of the Society, replacing Earle Covert. Chris and Earle have already had two major meetings, reviewing responsibilities and comparing computer capability. As I write this in early December, the process of transferring secretarial records is underway, so that Chris will be up to speed as soon as possible after he has taken office at the first of the year.

Ron McGuire, our Conventions Committee Chairman for many years, has expressed the wish to relinquish this position at the beginning of the new year due to personal commitments. We have agreed, with regret, to Ron's desire. He plans to finish his program of re-writing the Convention Guidelines, which is nearing completion, to bring them into the current era. Charles Firby of Michigan has agreed to replace Ron in this role. Chuck's first responsibility is to fill the convention dates of 1992 and 1994 in the United States and 1993 in Canada. He plans to announce the 1992 location when we meet in Hamilton this September.

For the last few years our Ethics Committee has been chaired by Allan Steinhart as a Board function. At the last Board meeting Allan made the cogent point that the activities of this committee are not appropriate to the Board's responsibilities, but that it should be reporting to the President. The Board agreed. Accordingly, I have appointed Don Wilson of Newfoundland to be Chairman of this committee; he has accepted the appointment and will report to the President. We are advised

by Allan that there have been very few problems during his time as Ethics Committee Chairman and, further, that as of the last Board meeting there are no problems pending.

Of perhaps greatest importance is the position of Editor of *BNA TOPICS*. Mike Street, who has been serving in this capacity for almost eight years, has expressed the desire to step down as Editor and be active in other areas of the Society. This will be our sore loss, only compensated for by knowing that Mike will continue to be an integral part of BNAPS' administration. During his tenure as Editor, *TOPICS* has grown and expanded, and today is recognized as one of the best philatelic publications existent. As he gets ready to turn over the reins, I am sure that all of you join me in giving to Mike a very warm accolade for a job very well done.

The role of Editor, *BNA TOPICS*, will be assumed by Vic Willson of Texas. After discussions between Mike and Vic, it has been agreed that the effective transition date will be June 1, 1989. BNAPS is truly fortunate to have someone of Vic's qualifications and dedication taking up this position. Vic is currently Editor of the Texas Prairie Beaver Regional Group publication, *The Beaver Chatter* and is a contributing writer to *BNA TOPICS*, the *PHSC Journal* and *Stamp Collector*. Vic has also done professional editing for his university, Texas A & M, where he is a Professor of Educational Psychology. We know that Vic is more than capable of carrying on the tradition of excellence established by Mike.

After more than seven years of dedicated service, Clarence Stillions is stepping down as Chairman of the Editorial Board. Although he originally had planned to be finished by year end, Clarence has graciously agreed to carry on until the change of Editors on June 1. He will supervise the first balloting under the new procedure for deciding the winner of the V.G. Greene Award. At the same time, as Mike Street turns *BNA TOPICS* over to Vic Willson, he has agreed to my request that he accept appointment as Chairman of the Editorial Board, which with his experience he is eminently qualified to fill.

As we begin this new period in the administration of BNAPS, we wish to express our most sincere thanks to outgoing members of the Board of Directors David McKain, Clarence Stillions and Gary Lyon. We extend our warmest welcome to Earle Covert, George Wegg and George Arkin as new first time Board members. Ed Whiting, our former Past President, was also elected to the Board, along with Bill Pawluk, who was returned for a second term. I am sure that this newly constituted Board of Directors will play a strong role in support of the Society.

In this, my first message to the membership, I cannot close without acknowledging the movement of Bill Robinson from the Board to his new position as 1st Vice President. Bill and I have worked together over 15 years on the R.P.O. Study group; as your new executive team, we hope to bring an exciting new energy to the affairs of the Society.

## IN MEMORIAM

### John W. Robb

John W. Robb, a long time member of the RPSC, BNAPS, PHSC and BC Philatelic Society passed away peacefully at the age of 67 on December 16, 1988 at Vancouver, BC.

Jack was for many years Treasurer of the BC Philatelic Society, and until recently had been Treasurer for the 1991 BNAPEX Organizing Committee. He was a long time delegate to the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs, and was serving as their Auditor at the time of his death. He was very active in the Postal Stationery Study Group of BNAPS, and also in BNAPS' Pacific Northwest Regional Group.

He was a Past-President of Royal Canadian

Legion Branch 179, Vancouver, and a Past Master of Lodge Southern Cross No. 44, AF & AM.

Jack is survived by his wife Margaret, three children and their families, and four brothers and two sisters.

A memorial service was held in Vancouver on December 21. Jack's service to philately was recognized by the attendance of Trevor Larden, President, BC Philatelic Society, Sam Horton, Director, RPSC, Bill Robinson, Vice-President, BNAPS and President, PHSC, plus many other friends and colleagues. A very quiet and effective worker for the hobby, Jack always gave freely of his efforts.



# LETTERS

## THE NEW PROFESSIONALS AND US

This letter is in response to the omnipotent ramblings of Robert Pratt in the September-October, 1988 issue of *TOPICS*. I resent the use of over 4 valuable pages of our journal to print his 'guest comment' to the effect of "Look how smart I am and look how stupid everybody else is." This diatribe could have easily been condensed to less than one page. To have done so, with the need for accuracy concisely stated, would have been a welcome point taken.

Perhaps if Pratt's comments had been directed to a wider scope of BNA philately, I would have been impressed with his philatelic prowess. However, since his comments were directed to a single philatelic entity, Newfoundland, which is one of the most complex areas of study, and given Pratt's well-known and long-time devotion to this area, it is much akin to St. Peter knowing which angels have warts, and where. I commend Pratt on his track record of error-free research and writing about his chosen field.

Re Pratt's comments about apparent errors-in-print attributed to Gary Lyon, Bill Maresch, Dan Eaton and Lex DeMent (who are not listed by name, but as heads of their respective companies shoulder the responsibility for the accuracy of their catalogs) - I would hardly call any one of these gentlemen a 'philatelic illiterate', but if there are mistakes, instead just call them human. From the tone of Pratt's comments, this is a state in life above which he apparently thinks he has risen.

It is obvious from Pratt's classification of collectors that I am not an 'US' or even a 'THEM' in terms of philatelic expertise. I am, however, a 'ME', someone who enjoys the hobby (yes Mr. Pratt, that's what it still is to thousands), someone who enjoys the society, and someone who enjoys the journalistic enlightenment that *TOPICS* usually brings.

At our conventions conversation often turns to getting younger members involved in BNAPS and, more basic, trying to get younger people just to join our society. I find it amazing that we have any members under the age of 50 years, given Pratt's outlook and the

turn-off that his 'Guest Comment' delivers.

Finally, I cringe at the thought that because a member has the hallowed letters 'OTB' behind his name, that the membership (or am I the only one objecting?) has to put up with this type of journalistic expression. Perhaps in Pratt's case the letters 'OTB' now stand for 'Omnipotent, Tedious and Boring'. Given that, I am proud to sign my name,

Jeffrey Switt, OB  
(Ordinary Beaver)

*Editor's Note: For more on this subject, see The Editor's Page in this issue.*

## SURVIVING THE MAILS

Does it seem to you that mail today runs heavily to meters and that when stamps are used they are often damaged by the Post Office handling? You may be interested in a small study of the mail that comes to our professional association.

Last year we received 31,445 pieces of mail of which 63% were metered. If 4,000 ballots which came in postpaid return envelopes are not counted, 57% of the mail did not use postage stamps. Of the pieces which did carry stamps, 79% of the stamps were damaged by creases, tears, pulled perforations or other defects to the point that they would be of no interest to a philatelist. Others, of course, were off center or heavily cancelled although usable.

I don't know if the proportion of meters received by this association is typical, but I expect the proportion of damaged stamps is average.

If memory serves, Kasimir Bileski once estimated that only one stamp in every 500 issued survives for collecting. The foregoing figures tend to confirm that figure as the right order of magnitude. Again from memory, I think the number of Canadian collectors is estimated at around a quarter of a million, or one percent of the population. If one in a hundred saves stamps and only one in five stamps is in a condition to be worth saving, this suggests that only one used stamp in 500 gets preserved.

Mike Painter  
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### NEWFOUNDLAND RESPONSE

This letter is in reply to three different items concerning Newfoundland philately in recent issues of *BNA TOPICS*.

1) In *The New Professionals and Us* (September-October 1988, P.19) Robert Pratt discusses Lot 269 in the Eastern Auctions sale of 11 June 1988. The description of the lot read, "P,B 104, 1c Cross-gutter trial colour plate proof block of 24 in black on thin wove card, folded in gutter, the first cross-gutter block we've ever seen from this issue, a rare and important item, VF."

Mr. Pratt refers to his own previously published facts and says, "... it is not positive that De La Rue could make or print 200-up engraved plates. The day books of De La Rue do not substantiate plates of engraved Newfoundland stamps 200-up being printed."

Well, to heck with "it is not positive" and "day books". Look at the picture (reproduced above) in the auction catalogue! Does it exist or does it not?

Obviously, the photo clashes with what Mr. Pratt has printed as his facts. Possibly he did not have a gutter piece when he wrote his article in 1969. Sometimes it takes a while for an exciting item to surface, perhaps even later than 1969 or 1989.

Printer's records are not always correct, either. In our research for *The Newfoundland Specialized Stamp Catalogue*, John Butt and I found that one edition of the official government *Postal Guide* lists among the available Registered Envelopes, "C size, price 3c." No such envelope exists - the price of the C size envelope was 2c. People should not be afraid to keep looking for new things which may change the 'printed facts'.

2) *The New Professionals and Us* (P. 21), and a letter from Derek Paul in the same issue (P. 7), both question a point I made in my article, *Newfoundland Plate Numbers* in the November-December 1987 *TOPICS* (P. 26), with regard to the 1932 Resources issue. The statement in question was, "What I have found is that the 1c-5c values were printed in sheets of 200 subjects containing two panes

of 100 stamps. The two panes were separated by a 24mm gutter."

The photo of the 5c Caribou which accompanies this letter should help settle this question. This Die II stamp shows lathework in the gutter, and an apparent misperforation at the



left. As the sheets would have normally been guillotined before shipping, a piece with lathework is very unusual.

3) With regard to the review of *The Newfoundland Specialized Stamp Catalogue* in the November-December 1988 issue of *TOPICS* (P. 23), I would like to make the following comments for John Butt and myself.

The reviewer criticizes our use of the word 'catalogue' because it does not include prices. Look it up in your Funk & Wagnalls! The definition says, "A list or enumeration of names, objects, etc., usually in alphabetical order and often with accompanying description." Our catalogue fits that - and is a dandy checklist besides!

Prices and illustrations are not included as we thought they would be of no help to an advanced collector. How can one generate a price for many of the items listed as sub-number designations? They are sold on the basis of preconceived collector desire. Has the reviewer not seen the values Scott and others put on stamps and compared these with what is truly paid by the interested collector?

This catalogue accomplishes what was previously unheard of and what was impossible. What is that? Why, Newfoundland philately is between two covers, is portable and in such a concise format that you can put it in your pocket. The alternative is a wheelbarrow

and the outlay of many hundreds of dollars.

The reviewer says that first pence stamps in black with no gum may be proofs or trade samples, depending on the paper. Our catalogue states that black proofs exist for each value, but it is very unlikely that *all* values would show up in a trade sample book. We did not say that our catalogue carries all available information - of course people will have to read other writers to gain more knowledge.

Some of the dates of issue in previous works are wrong. Check Lowe for the date of the 4¢ rose lake of the 1932 Resources Issue, for instance. We have never seen this stamp on cover prior to 1934. If it exists we would like to see it. Our cover, from Corner Brook, has on it 'First Day of Issue'. The two slogans mentioned are identified and illustrated. They are completely different.

If the reviewer had studied the *The Newfoundland Specialized Stamp Catalogue* more thoroughly, instead of just nit-picking, he surely must agree that this catalogue contains a wealth of information on stamp perforations, varieties and plate numbers. The postage meter section is more complete than

any other to date; the new companies listed by us are not found in any earlier literature that we have seen. The section on Newfoundland Air Mail flights is precise and readily gives the collector the dates needed without useless wanderings; in addition, new items are listed. The plate number table is as complete as possible and by far the most up-to-date issued.

The table of rates is a boon to postal history buffs. Where else are you going to find it? The list of Newfoundland Post Offices (from a 1931 book) although not complete is a great help to the cancel collector. The postage paid listings have never been put into catalogue form before now.

We think our catalogue is a great first effort. We know it is not perfect, but Scott and Gibbons have been trying for 100 years and haven't come close. We would be pleased to receive any corrections or new information.

We think *The Newfoundland Specialized Stamp Catalogue* has been long, long overdue and we are proud to have done it.

John M. Walsh  
St. John's

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## NOTES

### CAPEX TO RUN STAMPEX

CAPEX (Toronto Association Philatelic Exhibitions Inc.) announced today that STAMPEX, the major annual exhibition held every spring in Toronto, will now be operated and controlled by CAPEX.

The CAPEX organization has staged the last three successful international exhibitions held in Canada - CAPEX '78, CANADA '82 and CAPEX '87.

As the only nationally accredited show regularly scheduled in Eastern Canada, STAMPEX's importance has been emphasized by recent changes in the FIP entry rules for international exhibitions; it is now mandatory for a collector who wishes to qualify for acceptance at the international level to have achieved a certain award at a nationally accredited exhibition in his country of residence.

STAMPEX will have an Executive Committee, a Judging and Exhibits Committee, and a Trade Committee to oversee the exhibition. A full program of lectures and sem-

inars will be provided each year, covering many of the specialties and topics which are of current interest to collectors.

Michael Madesker and Gus Snells, who were instrumental in the establishment of STAMPEX, and who have organized and operated the show for many years, will continue their association at the operational level.

The 1989 STAMPEX will be held from June 23-25 at the Metro Toronto Convention Center.

### 36¢ QUEEN TO BE SCARCE?

Some collectors have noted that there is a real possibility of the recent 36¢ Queen Elizabeth II definitive stamp becoming a scarce item. They note that while Canada Post announced the issue date of the stamp as March 3, 1987, it was not issued until October 30 of that year. Since the first class domestic postal rate changed to 37¢ on January 1, 1988, the 36¢ Queen could only be used to pay that rate for a period of 2 months.

Collectors also note that no plate corners

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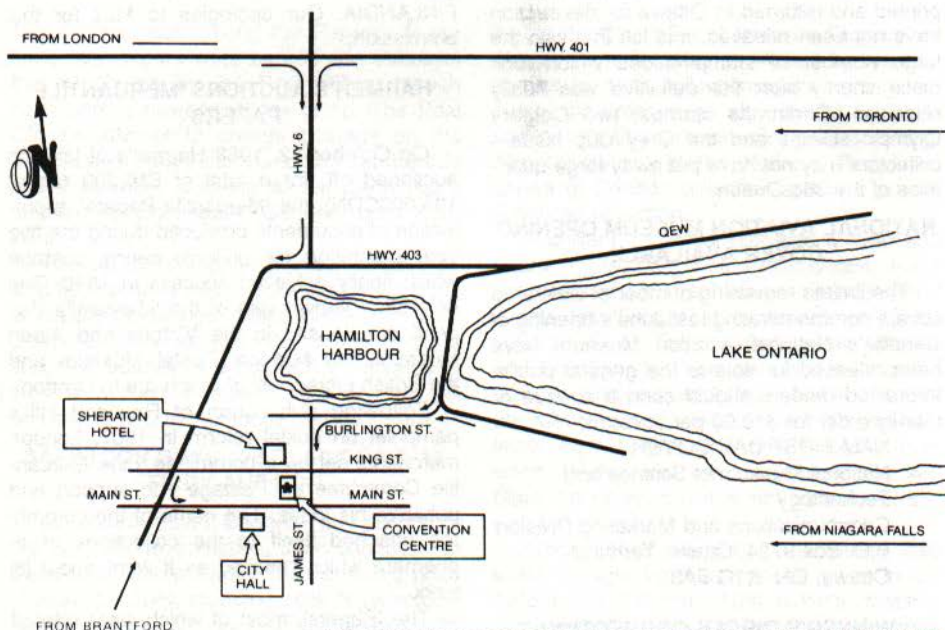
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### Commemorative cover issued for the opening of Canada's new National Aviation Museum

were issued, and that quantities of this stamp printed and returned to Ottawa for destruction have not been released. It is felt that with the large number of stamp issues which took place shortly after the definitive was finally released -Christmas stamps, two Calgary Olympic stamps and the Grey Cup issue - collectors may not have put away large quantities of the 36¢ Queen.

#### NATIONAL AVIATION MUSEUM OPENING COVER AVAILABLE

The limited remaining number of illustrated covers commemorating last June's opening of Canada's National Aviation Museum have been released for sale to the general public. Interested readers should send a cheque or money order for \$10.00 per cover to:

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#### WINNER'S CIRCLE CORRECTION

An item in *NOTES* in the September-October *TOPICS* noted BNAPSers who had won awards at FINLANDIA in Helsinki. We have been informed that member Max Gug-

enheim of Switzerland received a Silver at FINLANDIA. Our apologies to Max for this omission.

#### HARMER'S AUCTIONS 'MERCANTILE PAPERS'

On October 12, 1988 Harmer's of London auctioned off, for a total of £16,200 (about \$35,000CDN), the 'Mercantile Papers', a collection of documents produced during the two year campaign for uniform penny postage which finally achieved success in 1840. The only other known sets of the 'Mercantile Papers' are housed in the Victoria and Albert Museum, the National Postal Museum and the British Library, all of which are in London.

Following publication of Rowland Hill's pamphlet on postal reform in 1837, London merchants set up a committee - the Mercantile Committee on Postage - to support and publicize his ideas. The name of the committee attached itself to the collections of ephemera which resulted as it went about its work.

The 'Papers', most of which were offered as individual lots, included stamp and envelope essays, petitions, notices and posters. An almost complete set of one of the Mercantile Committee's most successful forms of propaganda, their own newspaper, *The Post*



*John Jamieson of Saskatoon Stamp Centre with the 12d pair purchased at the Charles Firby auction of the Sam Nickle collection*

*Circular*, was also among the 'Papers'. At the time, newspapers were carried and delivered free of charge by the Post Office, though each bore a newspaper tax of 1d. The Post Office's attempt to charge postage on the *The Post Circular* rebounded and set the City and Parliament laughing at the discomfiture of the then Postmaster General, Lord Lichfield.

The set of 'Mercantile Papers' which was sold by Harmer's was purchased by the Postal History Society (of Great Britain) in 1946. Difficulties with storage and display led the society's Council to a decision to dispose of them at auction. Proceeds from the sale will be used to add to the scope of their library.

#### **SAKATOON BUYS 12d BLACK PAIR AT FIRBY AUCTION**

At October 29th's Charles Firby auction of the Sam Nickle collection, John Jamieson of Saskatoon Stamp Centre paid a record price of \$203,000CDN, including 10% buyer's commission, for a mint pair of the famous 12d Black, the stamp bearing Queen Victoria's image issued in 1851. The pair was purchased for a Toronto area collector whose identity Jamieson would not reveal. He cred-

its his detailed 'Special Interests Registry' of elusive Canadian stamps wanted by his customers for their collections with helping him obtain the order to go after the lot, which is one of only three known mint pairs surviving. The others are in the National Postal Archives of Canada collection and in a private American collection.

A brilliant horizontal pair with a clear and sharp impression, rich deep shade, huge margins and full sheet margin at the bottom, it was last bought at auction in 1968, for \$39,000US, by Toronto dealers Jim Sissons and Bob Lyman. Their plan to break up the pair into singles was changed at the last minute following a call to prominent Calgary collector Sam Nickle, who has owned it ever since. (Nickle also owns a copy of the 12d Black on cover, but it is not for sale at this time.)

Among other stamps in the Nickle sale which brought significant prices (given in US dollars and including 10% buyer's commission) were the 12d+10c compound die proof (\$7,425), an unused copy of the 6d laid paper (\$7,150), and a used 12d Black (\$33,000).

As expected, covers in the Nickle sale also did well. A cover carrying six copies of

the 6d laid paper brought \$13,750, as did a cover with a strip of three of the 6d on thick, hard paper. A Crimean War rate cover with a pair of 3d sold for \$7,700. One cover, bearing a pair of the 7 Pence and two copies of the 3d realized \$24,750. The 450 lots in the Sam Nickle sale realized \$903,402.50.

Immediately afterward, the Rosemary Nickle Quebec Tercentenary collection went

on the block. A complete set of die proofs in color of issue brought \$9,625, while a set in black on smaller cards sold for \$5,500. A 10c on registered cover to Germany realized \$5,500.

The 33 lots of Macdonald-Cartier essays were in demand. A complete set of one of each sold for \$15,400. Total realization in the Rosemary Nickle sale was \$136,886.75.

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**MAY 12-14, WINNIPEG, MANITOBA - STAMP SHOW '89**, Winnipeg Philatelic Society show and bourse. Marlborough Inn. Information: P.O. Box 1425, Winnipeg MB R3C 2Z1

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**OCTOBER 4-8, AYR, SCOTLAND** - the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain's annual convention. Station Hotel. Information: John Hillson, Westerlea, 5 Annanhill, Annan, Dumfrireshire, Scotland DG12 6TN

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# NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL STATIONERY

Some Additions and Corrections to the Pratt Articles

by William C. Walton

Part I

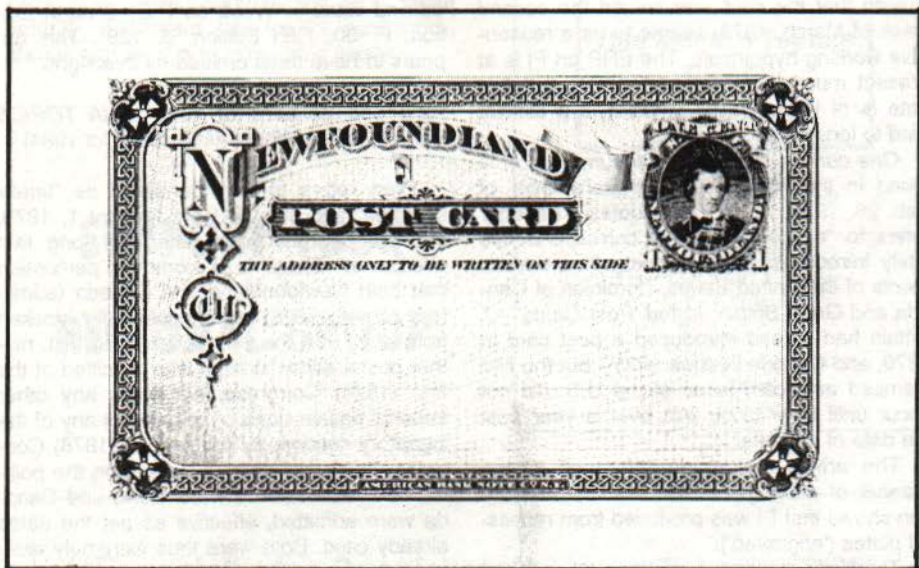


Fig. 1. Newfoundland Post Card Essay P-E1

Beginning in the September-October 1984 *BNA TOPICS*, Robert H. Pratt published an interesting and frequently informative series of six articles on Newfoundland post card issues to 1915, including the reply letter card.

Very little of substance had previously been published on this aspect of Newfoundland philately. Indeed, at the 1986 BNAPEX in Dearborn, Michigan, Pratt received the Vincent G. Greene award for an original contribution to *BNA TOPICS* in 1985; this award is determined by a survey conducted among all elected BNAPS officers, members of the Board of Governors and, at that time, the late Donor.

Pratt's research, as he states, was largely focussed on "official records which still exist." Much of this information had not been made available till now, and represents an important contribution. On the other hand - perhaps *because* of this narrow focus - a close reading of the articles shows that basic informa-

tion has been omitted in some instances, while in other cases statements presented as factual are definitely in error. The background of some issues was perhaps presented in too limited a context. Finally, there are some speculative conclusions which may be open to more debate than the text suggests. Since *BNA TOPICS* is so widely disseminated among BNA collectors and researchers, and tends to become an important part of the 'permanent record', it seems worthwhile to supplement Pratt's articles and keep that record as complete and accurate as our current state of knowledge allows.

In the comments which follow, there is frequent reference to 'ERPs'. This is common (if inelegant) terminology for Earliest Reported Postmarks. The Postal Stationery Study Group of BNAPS initiated a continuing study of BNA postal stationery ERPs in the first number of its newsletter (*Postal Stationery Study Notes*, Nov. 1981). Newfoundland ERPs

were first published in the May 1982 issue.

All catalogue number references are from *Webb's Postal Stationery Catalogue of Canada and Newfoundland* (Fifth Edition 1988).

**P1 - The 1¢ card of 1873** (*BNA TOPICS* Vol. 41, No. 5, Whole #403, Sep-Oct 1984)

Pratt's documentation of the origin of this card provides valuable information. His conclusion that the card was issued the second week of March, 1873, seems to be a reasonable working hypothesis. The ERP on P1 is at present much later (Oct. 27, 1874), but this date is of limited value since it is a difficult card to locate used in period.

One curious point in the documentation is found in the Postmaster General's letter of Feb. 26, 1872, which Pratt quotes. The letter refers to "a new system of correspondence lately introduced into the post office departments of the United States, Dominion of Canada and Great Britain, styled 'Post Cards' --." Britain had indeed introduced a post card in 1870, and Canada in June 1871 - but the first stamped post card issue of the U.S. did not occur until May 1873, well over a year past the date of the letter.

The article makes no reference to the manner of printing. For the record, observation shows that P1 was produced from recessed plates ('engraved').

The likely number of printings (3), and the printing quantities for the first two printings, are also new and useful data. Although Pratt's third printing is (as he suggests) speculative, there is tentative confirmation of it to be found in a study of dated copies. Such a study however, also points out an error in the article.

Pratt's detailed description shows "yellowish card (first printing)" and "white card (later printing)." Aside from begging the question of the *three* printings the article suggests, *this sequence is unquestionably in error*. One collection of used examples shows the following:

- a) *creamy white stock* - Oct. '74, Sept. '75, June '76;
- b) *yellowish stock* - July '76, Jan. '77, May '78;
- c) *very white stock* - April '80, and most late usages (usually philatelic).

These date ranges can be seen to correspond rather well with the printings Pratt outlines, including the speculative third and final one - 1873, 1876, and 1879 or 1880.

Finally, Pratt has made an effort to list *proofs and essays* for each issue. Obviously no author can be expected to know of all such material in his field, since many items are unique and not in any permanent record. No doubt Pratt chose to list only those items with which he was personally familiar. However, it may be worthwhile in a discussion of P1 to reference the item (Fig. 1) photographed and listed in Webb as P-E1 (Fourth Edition, P. 80; Fifth Edition, p. 128). This appears to have been omitted by oversight.

**P2 - The 2¢ card of 1879** (*BNA TOPICS* Vol. 41, No. 5, Whole #403, Sep-Oct 1984)

Pratt refers to Newfoundland as "finally admitted" into the UPU on January 1, 1879, the French objections being "at long last overcome." There is a common perception that both Newfoundland and Canada (admitted July 1, 1878) were repeatedly blocked from entry into the Postal Union. In fact, neither postal administration was admitted at the first (1874) Congress, nor were any other imperial possessions or colonies of any of the signatory nations. By the second (1878) Congress, however - without belaboring the politics involved - both Newfoundland and Canada were admitted, effective as per the dates already cited. Both were thus extremely early (though not charter) members.

The article states that "the standard post card rate between UPU countries was 2¢, and Newfoundland did not possess such a card." While this is true, it implies that as a new member, Newfoundland had to play 'catch-up' in issuing this item. Again, this is a common misconception (which also affects Canada's first UPU card issued in August 1879).

The reduction of the single UPU post card rate to 10 French *centimes* (which was then converted into each member's currency) was formalized at the 1878 Congress - the same one which admitted Newfoundland and Canada. 1879 - the year of issue of Newfoundland's (and Canada's) first UPU cards - was the first year of issue for *any* of the new rate UPU cards by member nations.

An ERP of July 26, 1879 has been recorded for P2. Pratt cites a usage on June 27, 1879, and confirmation of this would amend the ERP.

As with P1, P2 was printed from recessed plates ('engraved').

Pratt's hypothesis of one printing for P2, of 30,000 or less, is new and interesting, and seems highly probable. He describes this stock as white, but it may be worth noting that it differs in texture or composition, as well as tone, from any of the stocks used for the 1c (P1). This is not too surprising, since the larger format of P2 obviously required a plate differing in size from the P1 plate; American Bank Note undoubtedly placed a separate order in a different size for P2 card stock, always with an eye to minimizing waste.

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The envelope illustrated at the top of the next page was mailed from Edmonton to Berlin, Germany, via New York, on May 3, 1902. Received in Germany on May 24, it was redirected to Paris, France. (The redirection nota-

tion, 'Paris', is obscured by the French receiver on the face of the cover.) Again, no additional charge was made.

The third example shows that the rule applied to letters mailed at the Imperial Penny Postage rate. This envelope, mailed in Hamilton, Ontario on June 4, 1903, was addressed to London, England. It arrived there on July 16, and was delivered, returned and redirected on the same day. The next day it was on the Dublin & Belfast mail train.

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The last cover, a letter card, presents a bit of a mystery. Posted in Clinton, Ontario on July 25, 1899, it was received in London, Ontario the same day. The carrier mark indicates that it was delivered on the morning of the 26th. The next postmark was added in Kobe, Japan on November 24, 1900, a full year and a half later! A transit mark was applied in Yokohama on November 27, it was received back in London on December 18, 1900, and delivered the next morning.

addressee was a missionary. Since it is not readdressed, it may be assumed that it was sent under separate cover to the Far East. This was unnecessary because it could have been readdressed and forwarded if the 3¢ postage required to make up the international letter rate had been added. It may also be assumed that the addressee could not be located in Japan since it was reposted there for delivery to Canada. It is interesting that neither the necessary Japanese stamps were affixed nor was postage due indicated or charged when it arrived back in Canada.

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# THE CENTENNIAL DEFINITIVES STUDY GROUP

## EXTRA SPIRE VARIETY

by Mike Painter



Figure 1. The original discovery (arrow upper left).

Figure 1 shows a startling new variety of the 8¢ slate Centennial issue (Scott #544). The enlarged portions in Figures 2 and 3 show the variety compared to a normal stamp. This 'extra spire' is far more noticeable than the 'missing spire' variety on the 1930 stamp (Scott #173i) showing the same parliamentary library. In fact, at 2 mm long and nearly 1/2 mm wide, this mark is more extensive than any other Canadian constant plate flaw to date.

The Jacques Cartier 'scarface' variety (#208ii) is only about half the size of this flaw. It would take at least a couple of dozen tear-drops from the famous 'weeping Princess' (#211i) to cover the same area. There are a few lengthier flaws, such as the 'moulting wing' on #C5iii, but none that affect such an

area. Where most constant plate varieties require close scrutiny or a magnifying glass for identification, this gash on the 8¢ Centennial leaps out at the naked eye from three feet away. This is no delicate engraver's slip. It looks more as if something like a heavy screwdriver had been dropped on the printing plate!

As a matter of fact, this 8¢ definitive seems to have had a rough time. If you refer back to the March/April 1983 *BNA TOPICS*, Douglas Irwin's article, *Centennial Definitives Study Group, Constant Plate Flaws*, illustrates several other significant constant plate flaws on this stamp. There are some thirty flaws on it altogether, although many are the flyspeck sort, and probably there are more yet to be found. Incidentally, for more infor-



mation on these and other aspects of the Centennials you can join a fascinating Study Group under Doug Irwin. The address is listed with the Study Groups in this issue.

The 'extra spire' variety illustrated occurs on Scott #544iii, which is on fluorescent paper, untagged. This identifies it as coming from plate 4 of the seven plates used for the 8¢ sheet stamps. It was issued with PVA gum. The fluorescence is medium (7 on the Keane Hughes scale). The paper on the two examples I have seen is ribbed vertically. The printers, the British American Bank Note Company, used Harrison's paper for this stamp. This constant plate flaw occurs in the top row of the pane, as indicated by selvage at the top of both my examples, but the position has not yet been determined. It must be on one of the stamps from one to nine, inclusive, because there is at least one stamp to the right of it (see Figure 1).

The plate 4 stamps were issued in July, 1972. It seems strange, at first, that so noticeable a flaw could escape detection for fifteen years. It must be remembered, however, that there were seven plates of the 8¢, not counting the printing of the coil and booklet stamps. Each plate contained six panes of 100 stamps. Thus the flaw would only appear, on average, once in every 4,200 sheet stamps examined. Even that assumes that the flaw existed right from the start of the

printing. If the damage to the plate occurred part way through the printing run, there might only be one 'extra spire' in tens of thousands of the stamp.

I first noticed this mark half a dozen years ago. It was one of thousands I'd examined while looking for other 8¢ flaws. I set it aside as an oddity, but it was so large that I really thought it was just a one-time ink splatter. I didn't entirely forget it, however, because on several occasions I've found that something I thought was a single accident turned out to be a constant flaw when I'd gone through enough stamps. In examining a recent purchase of an old Centennial mixture from Weeda Stamps Ltd. in Vancouver, I suddenly realized that I was looking at a large slate mark in about the position I remembered from years ago. My first thrill was tempered by the fact that I couldn't immediately recall what I'd done with the first example. After a short search, though, I located the first stamp in a block of four mounted on a page with a number of other stamps with ink smears and blobs, most of which were obviously just single accidents. I put the stamps side by side and even before getting out the magnifying glass I could see that, six years and thousands of stamps later, I had a second example of the flaw. The glass confirmed that the stamps were exact in every detail.



Figure 2. The extra spire.



Figure 3. Normal for comparison.

My first thought was that there was a possibility that I had lucked onto a couple of examples of something that occurred on just a few consecutive sheets and then disappeared. From experience with other Centennial flaws, however, I suspected that it was constant. A further purchase of a bag of some 10,000 of the 8¢ from Weeda Stamps Ltd. confirmed it. I found two more of the 'extra spire' amongst this hoard. Hopefully this article will result in someone locating the plate position and thus completing the information on what is indeed one of Canada's most soectacular plate flaws.



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## MORE SKETCHES of BNAPSers

by Dr. R.V.C. Carr

### SKETCH No. 227

Jerome C. Jarnick

Inserted in the next issue of *TOPICS* you will find the index of all articles which appeared in our journal in 1988. Did you ever stop to think how much work goes into something like that? The subject of this Sketch did - and still volunteered to prepare them!

Jerome C. Jarnick, known to all as Jerry, was born in Wisconsin. He became interested in stamp collecting while he was in high school, when the United States issued a stamp for the centenary of Wisconsin statehood in 1948.

Jerry first joined BNAPS in 1955 while in the US Air Force. Collecting was scaled back dramatically in 1966 after marriage and a posting to US Air Force Headquarters in Europe. Four years in Germany was followed by a tour in Vietnam. After returning to the United States he began collecting again, concentrating on British North America. He rejoined BNAPS in 1972.

A start at building a working library of BNA philatelic literature soon became his major interest. The original five foot shelf has grown to 65 feet of books and a vertical file of over 1100 clippings and miscellaneous items. Recently Jerry became interested in Canadian presentation booklets, which Canada Post presents to platform guests at stamp launches, and he has been trying to acquire them as they become available.



In 1980 he volunteered to do the annual index for *BNA TOPICS*, and he has been at it ever since. (I know how much our Editor, in particular, appreciates this help.) In 1986 Jerry also served on the organizing committee of the very successful BNAPEX at Dearborn.

Jerry retired from the Air Force in 1975. Currently he is a Senior Systems Analyst for Financial Applications at Erb Lumber Co., a Midwestern wholesale/retail lumber and building products distributor based in Birmingham, Michigan. We wish him luck in finding literature and presentation booklets, and look forward to each future annual index as it comes out.

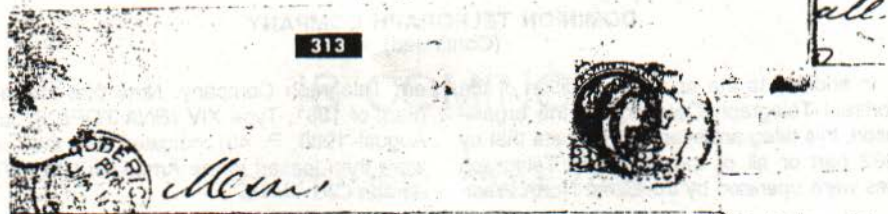
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# AN EARLY 3c SMALL QUEEN COVER II

by George B. Arfken



313  — copper red, deep shade, tied to cover with Goderich JA 13 '70 2-ring "21" to Toronto b/s Toronto JA 14 '70 — earliest reported date, possibly a first day cover, very good PHOTO (37b) E\$200+

In September 1981 this writer published an illustration and a description of a 3c Small Queen cover dated January 17, 1870 [1]. This cover had been described by Stanley Gibbons, New York (Simpson Small Queen Auction) with the words "The earliest known usage of the 3c Indian red." The 1981 article was a challenge and a plea for information about earlier 3c Small Queen covers.

There were a few replies. H.E. and H.W. Duckworth called attention to a claim by W.P. Carter for a cover dated January 13, 1870 [2], [3]. Unfortunately there was no real evidence, only unsupported claims. Setting aside any questions of the integrity and sanity of the claimant, there are at least two good reasons for demanding hard evidence such as a photograph of the cover front and at least a description of the cover back.

First, the partial impression of an eight in the cds could easily be read as a three, especially if the viewer wanted it to be a three and believed it to be a three. "Believing is seeing," is a powerful influence.

Second, Carter made no mention of any backstamps. As an illustration of the problem here, this writer has a cover with a 1c Small Queen and a 2c Large Queen with a clear, distinct ORONO, U.C., JA 6 1870 cds. 1870! If the two existing backstamps were accidentally torn off or somehow became illegible, this cover would be documentary proof that the 1c Small Queen was used in early January 1870, over two months earlier than the March 10 accepted date of earliest usage [4]. However the two backstamps exist, and both clearly say 1871. The Orono postmaster sim-

ply neglected to reset the year date on his circular date stamp.

Recently this writer found hard evidence for Carter's claim in a 1969 J.N. Sissons catalogue [5]. The accompanying figure shows Sissons' illustration of the elusive January 13, 1870 3c Small Queen cover. The lot description reads: "313, copper red, deep shade, tied to cover with Goderich JA 13 '70 2-ring "21" to Toronto b/s Toronto JA 14 '70 - earliest reported date, possibly a first day cover, very good." Sissons' estimate for the cover was \$200+. The price realized was \$110.

Sissons' old catalogue provides appropriate evidence: a photograph of the cover front, a description of the backstamps. W.P. Carter's claim is confirmed. His January 13, 1870 3c Small Queen cover is indeed an early 3c Small Queen cover and, most probably, the earliest.

The present ownership and whereabouts of the cover are not known.

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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)

In addition to the apparent addition of the Montreal Telegraph Company to the organization, this telegram seems to indicate that by 1882 part or all of the Dominion Telegraph lines were operated by the Great North West-

ern Telegraph Company. Note that the telegram of 1881, Type XIV (*BNA TOPICS*, July-August 1988, P. 45) indicated that the lines were then leased to the American Union Telegraph Co.

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## ON THE FRINGES

Alas, while it will be passe when you read this, as I write my B.C. Lions have just lost the Grey Cup. I am heartened however, by a wealth of interesting newsletters.

The **Centennial** newsletter Editor, Doug Irwin, discusses the find of 6¢ Orange tagged Hibrites. After examining mint and used copies submitted to him, he suggests a 'buyer beware' policy. Vaughn MacPherson sent in two photocopies of misperforated Centennials. The *Canadian Philatelist* is the source of an interesting article, *Canada's Test Coils of the 1960s*, by E.R. Toop.

Bob Lee, **Duplex** Editor, has a newsletter of only three pages. I think he is feeling remorse for the acres of trees that have had to be sacrificed for some of his monster newsletters. Jim Karr has agreed to be Chairman of the Duplex group. Good for you Jim. The newsletter gives a financial report, and lists

corrections to the catalog. Chris McGregor has come up with rarity factors for B.C. duplexes. The RF ranges from 1, most-common, to 10, the rarest. Bob requests input from the members in an endeavor to assign RFs to duplexes of the other provinces. 13 new duplexes are listed. The 2nd annual supplement to the catalog is scheduled for release on 1-1-'89. Prices for this series are appended.

T.E. Almond, Editor of the *Flag Pole*, reports that David Sessions, Jim McLaren and he attended the CPS of GB convention at Southampton, England. David gave a fine lecture on **Flag** cancellations. John G. Robertson sent in two photocopies of cards with purple Royal Train cancels. Dan Rosenblat submitted a fine article, *Cross Referenced Usages of Enlist Now Flags B, K and L*, with comprehensive listings, done with the detail-

ed style we have come to expect from him. Doug Lingard has an illustrated article, *Thank You Mr. Pike*, in the newsletter. This is a fine and detailed contribution. It includes an updated list of the 1917, '18 and '19 flag cancels.

The newsletters of the **Military** group, Editor Ken Ellison, are always interesting. Ritch Toop has consented to serve as Chairman of the group until next year's election at Hamilton. Colin Pomfret requests the meaning of a cancel on a censored cover he pictures. It is an Indian cancellation familiar to me, but I can't recall its significance - exasperating. Michael Dobbs adds a correction to a previous article by Bill Bailey. The bulk of the newsletter consists of the first part of Dave Haines', *Camp Borden Post Cards*. History, as well as postcards, sneaks into this fine, well illustrated composition.

The *Newfie Newsletter*, Editor C.A. Stillions, presents a financial report. It also discusses BNAPEX '88 at which four group members exhibited successfully. Floyd Day's solution (Sept. 1947 *TOPICS*) of the strange numbers on the sheets of **Newfoundland** Scott #252, 267 & C19 is reprinted. The feature of the newsletter is a report of a New York auction. Art school apprentices of the American Bank Note Co. (in the 1890s) took prints from plates, cut them up and mounted them in various compositions. The two volumes of these sold for \$132,000. Three of the compositions are pictured.

The *Perforator* has a new look. New **Perfin** Editor Michael Behm has issued a nicely printed newsletter. It even has headlines. The contribution of retiring Editor Jim Catterick is acknowledged. Illustrated is a Gutta Percha perfin on the \$1 Parliament stamp. An article, with pictures, on the Mutual Life perfin (by Michael Behm?) traces both the perforator and the use of this perfin. Reprinted from the *PHSC Journal* is an article by G. Douglas Murray on the PEI perfin and its perforator. A stamp with an odd pattern is portrayed. This is discussed with a degree of skepticism as to its authenticity as a perfin. A block of six of the 50¢ Grand Pre is pictured. This is exceptional as it shows all five dies of the Legislative Assembly machine. The newsletter continues with Part 4 of Mike Hargraft's, *Perfins of the 1980s*. As they say, "Mike, you done good."

Editor Robert Lemire of the **Postal Stationery** group reports on BNAPEX'88 in his

newsletter. Earle Covert discovered another faked copy of Newfoundland P5. Its shortcomings are pointed out. This is the second faked copy to appear. Mike Sagar has found a German language CPR statement of earnings and expenses card. Bill Walton continues his reviews of older literature with a review of *The Postage Stamps, Envelopes, Wrappers and Post Cards of the North American Colonies of Great Britain*, from The Philatelic Society, London-1889. Earle Covert and Bill Walton list corrections to the 5th Edition of *Webb's Postal Stationery Catalog*. John Aitken, author of *The Mimeo Rouletted Cards 1932-1960*, presents the results of his own research from his collection and those of Bob Furneaux and Dick Staecker. Robert Lemire reports further on *Webb P104g - A Minor Difference in 3-On Sheets*. Bill Walton continues *Puzzles in Canadian Stationery*, with Puzzle #3, *The 1899 Revalued Envelopes (EN-14,15) and Letter cards (L9,10)*, and Puzzle #4, *Webb P66p, 1¢ Green, Type 7(Bilingual) Heading Mimeo Rouletted*. Comments by Bill Walton and Robert Lemire on the Jubilee postcard resulted when Bill Grosnick noticed variations which indicated the cards were printed in two passes. A few ERP updates are listed from Horace Harrison, Robert Lemire and Bill Walton. The newsletter concludes with *Additions to the Canadian Precancelled Postal Stationery Envelopes Used During the Reigns of Geo. V and Geo. VI* by George Manley.

Bill Robinson, Editor for the **Railroaders**, reports on BNAPEX'88. Many members attended and several were well rewarded for their exhibits. The Pacific Northwest Regional Group will have a meeting at the Everett-Pacific Hotel, Everett, WA on March 11 & 12, '89. All BNAPEXers are welcome. We are indebted to Don Wilson for *Vessels in Newfoundland Gulf and Coastal Service, a Chronological List, 1898 to 1987 - Part I*. This detailed list provides extremely interesting information. An article from Toronto's *Financial Post* reveals the resentment of the P.E. Islanders as their railway is being phased out. Ed Maloney provides part one of *Schedule of Mail Trains, Water Services & Highway Services, St. John's District, Newfoundland, Fall 1961*. Jerry Carr sent in an excerpt from the *Wall Street Journal* of 2-25-88 concerning the proposed sale, by the CNR, of the 163 mile rail line to Portland, Maine.

Robert Marcello, Editor of the **Semi-Offi-**

cial **Airmail** group, castigates Scott officials for their pricing policy in their '89 catalog. He presents a list of gross errors in the semi-official airmail section of the *Scott Specialized Catalog of Canadian Stamps* that has been sent to the publishers. Comments were received, in response to the questionnaire, from Joseph Berkovits, Basil Burrell, Donald Cox, Murray Heifetz, Maurice Hewitt, Bob Jamieson, John Jamieson, Frank Kendale, Dick Malott, Jim Miller, Mike Painter, Haughton Sanguinetti, Gordon Waldie and Dave York. The consensus - while some individual desires are noted, the members feel the greatest need is for an accurate and detailed catalog. It is even suggested that the group compile the catalog themselves - a fine and worthy goal. Ed Christman contributes photocopies of the front and back of a Patricia Airways cover. He asks for comments on the markings.

Gary Arnold, **Squared Circle** Editor, decries a lack of material and proceeds to issue two newsletters. Ted Kerzner has contributed photocopies of Coleman, Montreal and Rodney squared circles on cover. There is also a lovely Sutton cover illustrated. The bulk of the newsletters consists of updates, time marks, etc. These come from Jerry Carr, Frank Hoyles, Jim Miller, Geoff Newman, Jim Felton, Dave Mayerovitch, Jack Gordon, Ted Kerzner, Wilf Anthony, Jack Benningen and various auction catalogs. Five corrections to the handbook are listed.

Jack Arnell, Editor for the **Transatlantic** group, provides fascinating newsletters. Translation of the markings on these covers demands the finest detective work and a great deal of expertise. Four examples are presented. One, a letter to France pictured in the last newsletter, is interpreted by Maggie Toms. Two letters courtesy of James van der Linden are pictured. One, from Preston, U.C. to Wurtemberg, involved five different currencies. The second went from Montreal to Belgium via London. Al Steinhart contributes the last, a money letter from Niagara to New York. The enclosure concerns freight charges on letters and newspapers. The interpretation of the routes, steamers and various charges on these letters takes a fantastic amount of knowledge and perseverance. Jack concludes with a letter which expresses the economic importance of obtaining the earliest spring shipments in those days.

**STOP THE PRESS!!!** We have another

study group! As a result of conversations at the convention in Virginia Beach, the **BNAPS Canadian Klussendorf Study Group** has not only started, they have actually issued their first newsletter, *The Klussendorfer!* Gray Scrimgeour is the Editor.

In a letter to prospective members, Coordinator Allan Steinhart indicated that the purpose of the group is to "... study the Klussendorf cancellations being used in Canada, share information about them, and record periods of use, time marks, errors, etc. while they are still current. We will also pursue background information about the machine, such as serial numbers, and any other relevant information about their uses and the cancellations produced by them."

The group plans four issues per year of *The Klussendorfer*. Dues have not yet been set. The BNAPS Klussendorf Study group's activities will not compete with those of the Postal History Society of Canada's group. It was decided to form a separate group to accommodate the many BNAPSers interested in these cancels who do not belong to the PHSC, and also to help share the workload involved.

I've received a letter from Dan Rosenblat in which he promotes the desirability of obtaining complete files, each year, of all the newsletters of all the groups. He feels this would be valuable to members and especially to dealers. The cost would be borne by the recipient. This sounds expensive. It might be just as cheap to join all groups. A Board decision would be necessary - of course he could opt for my job. In any case, enough for now. **JOIN A STUDY GROUP!**

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# THE INTRODUCTION OF RURAL MAIL DELIVERY SERVICE IN CANADA

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*Editor's Note: The following article, which will be serialized in five parts, is the full text of a presentation given at the BNAPS convention in Charlottetown in September, 1987.*

## Part I

The year 1988 marked the 80th anniversary of the introduction of Rural Mail Delivery in Canada. In this article I will describe how rural mail delivery service came about, add some remarks about the service itself and some of the equipment introduced over time, and conclude with some comments about the service to-day and its future.

In 1901 Canada's population stood at 5.3 million, with 3.3 million reported as rural. By the next available census, in 1911, the total population was 7.2 million, with a rural population of 3.9 million. The years prior to the First World War were a time of great immigration to Canada, particularly to the Prairie Provinces. It was not until the census of 1921 that the country's urban population outnumbered the rural. The First World War played a significant part in that shift - many soldiers did not return, and many others found that the rigours of rural life were not nearly as attractive as the higher paying industrialized urban life. Further, following the War immigration had been severely restricted; what little there was tended to remain in the urban centres.

Prior to the introduction of rural mail delivery service, inhabitants of rural areas had to make trips to the nearest post office to pick up their mail. Those trips may have been every day, every other day, once a week, or every other week, depending on the distance from the post office, availability of transportation and road conditions, the desire to stay in touch, and the need to have mail.

For many, picking up the mail would be part of a regular routine of going to town to sell produce at the market, and at the general store buy goods not available on the farm, picking up the mail while there. Afterwards the men might stop off for a pint or two, while wives and children waited outside in the wagon or visited the soda fountain. Such regular

trips to town were an opportunity not only for socializing and gossiping, but also helped to keep the wheels of commerce turning.

Rural Free Delivery (RFD), as it was called in the United States, was introduced there in 1896. Like the cautious nation we were (and are), a wait-and-see attitude was adopted before any similar action was taken in Canada. As early as January 1901 the Post Office Department was investigating the workings of the RFD system in the United States. The *Toronto Globe* reported that George Ross (Fig. 1), then Assistant Postmaster at Toronto, had been in Washington and Maryland as the personal representative



*Fig. 1. George Ross (Canadian Courier, Vol.4, No.18, 3 October 1908, p.10).*

of the Postmaster-General of Canada to examine the RFD system there. The *Globe* stated that Ross believed the system of free delivery of mail could be successfully established in many rural districts of the Dominion. (1)

In February 1901, on the heels of the *Globe* story, when asked in the House of Commons what he intended to do for the farmers in the way of rural mail delivery, the Postmaster General, William Mulock, replied that he had not yet received a report from Ross, but rural mail delivery "...could only be entered upon after the most careful consideration." In the same debate Mr. Jabel Robinson, Independent member for Elgin West, in Ontario, told the Postmaster General, "There is nothing you can do more calculated to keep the boys and the old men on the farm and make them love the farm as to give them a rural free mail delivery." (2)

Two early editorials, in 1902, in the *Toronto Globe* and the *Stratford Evening Herald*, indicated that the "...arguments in favour are strong" and that the Postmaster General "...need not be discouraged from trying rural free delivery in suitable localities." (3) In debating the subject in 1903, Postmaster General Mulock was unable to reach a conclusion in favour of establishing the service and preferred to study the United States system for a little longer. Later, in October of 1903, he was more definite when he said in the House that the country could not support such a service because it was too sparsely populated and the service would be too costly. (4)

In 1904, in the House of Commons, Mulock made it clear that he felt that "...the United States people were rather dragged into the establishment of rural mail delivery and it has raised very serious problems in the United States. I venture to say that in the very near future there will be a feeling in the United States that they were rather rash in rushing into that system."

Mulock was also of the opinion that Canada was not "...ripe for the establishment of rural mail delivery at the present time..." Citing a cost of possibly \$25 million within a few years, Mulock called the figures "alarming and disturbing." (5) In March 1905, when the subject was again raised in the House of Commons, during a spirited debate, Mulock called the rural free delivery system "...one of the wildest schemes the United States ever embarked on" and continued to reject the



Fig. 2. William Smith (National Archives of Canada, C-52214).

idea as too costly. (6)

Mulock was no doubt advised and guided by a report prepared by George Ross, now the Chief Post Office Superintendent, and William Smith (Fig. 2), the Secretary of the Post Office Department, and later Assistant Keeper of Records at the Public Archives of Canada and author of *The History of the Post Office in British North America*. Smith and Ross had travelled to Washington to question United States postal authorities and to examine the rural free delivery system first hand.

In their report Smith and Ross observed that while it was easy to exaggerate the merits of rural free delivery, the service did bring "...the post office directly to the door of a great mass of people in settled rural districts," and while "...the great bulk of the letters which are delivered in farming communities are of a social nature, or if they relate to matters of business they are seldom of urgency...the real indisputable advantage of the rural free delivery service lies in the means it provides for a farmer to get his newspapers daily."

Smith and Ross then tempered their enthusiasm by wondering if "...the public gain from providing the rural classes with the means of regular receipt of their newspapers, is great enough to justify the immense expense." They concluded that the time had not yet arrived for the Post Office Department to enter upon a rural free delivery service. (7) This was a change of mind for Ross who in

1901, as noted above, believed that the rural mail system could be successfully established in Canada.

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## The RPO Cowcatcher

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As previously noted in the *Cowcatcher*, your columnist was invited to make a presentation on Canadian RPOs to the Mobile Post Office Society, the association primarily concerned with American RPO and other mobile postmarks, at their annual meeting at BALPEX in September, 1987. For this talk we put together a presentation of approximately 100 slides, covering the entire period of railway markings in Canada and Newfoundland from 1853 to 1971. In the process we illustrated the development and progress of RPOs, from the Provincial 'cartwheels', to the normal types of early Dominion strikes, right on through examples of the 20th Century. Also included are numerous illustrations of specialized railway markings, such as steamers, ticket stamps, registered, clerk strikes and even a crown seal RPO properly used on a damaged registered cover. To round things out, there is a history of the development of Canadian RPO literature, from Jarret in 1926 right up to the present.

Having gone to the trouble of preparing this slide presentation, we naturally want to continue to put it to good use. A complete set of the 100 slides has been donated to the RPO Study Group; it is now being held by Bill Robinson in Vancouver. If any Regional Group, Stamp Club or other philatelic organi-

zation would like to have this talk presented, you can contact either your columnist or Bill and we will make every effort to arrange such. If both of us are unavailable on your requested date, we have prepared for such an eventuality; Bill also has a 60 minute audio tape of this talk which will be made available to requesting organizations. All that is needed to put on the talk is a Kodak Carousel Projector and an audio tape player.

At BNAPEX '88 at Virginia Beach, this presentation was given at the RPO Study Group meeting and was very well received. At the request of Don Wilson, the talk was given again in November, to the St. John's Philatelic Society. With 37 in attendance, including two former Newfoundland Railway Mail Clerks, after a one hour presentation at least another hour was given over to questions from the floor. It is probable that we will pick up several new members for BNAPS from the St. John's Society.

We already have invitations to talk to the Prairie Beavers, our Texas Regional Group, in March, and to the Golden Horseshoe Regional Group in June. We hope that any others who might be interested will not hesitate to contact either Bill or myself. We welcome the opportunity to come and spread the joy of RPOs!!!

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## MINUTES OF THE 40th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY LTD.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m., September 10, 1988, by the President, Ed Harris, at the Virginia Beach Convention Center, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

A moment of silence was observed following reading of the names of the members who had died since the last annual meeting.

It was moved by William Rockett that the reading of the minutes of the 1987 Annual Meeting be dispensed with, and that the minutes be approved as printed in *BNA TOPICS*; seconded by Jim Lehr. CARRIED.

The President's Report was read and its acceptance moved by Ed Harris, seconded by Horace Harrison. CARRIED.

The Chairman of the Board of Directors, Allan Steinhart, read his report and moved its acceptance. He announced that, in accordance with the new society Constitution, he was resigning as Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chairman of the Ethics Committee at the end of 1988. Seconded by Bill Pawluk. CARRIED.

The Secretary's report was read by Earle L. Covert. He moved its acceptance, seconded by Lewis Ludlow. CARRIED.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Howard Twitchell. He moved its acceptance, seconded by Clint Phillips. CARRIED.

The Co-ordinator of Regional Groups, Dr. Robert V. C. Carr, read his report and moved its acceptance, seconded by Don Fraser. CARRIED.

The report of the Study Group Co-ordinator, Jon Johnson, was read by Bill Robinson, who moved its acceptance, seconded by Ed Whiting. CARRIED.

The Chairman of the Handbook Committee, Al Steinhart, read his report and moved its acceptance, seconded by Paul Burega. CARRIED.

The Book Department report from Dave Clare was read by Don Kaye. He moved acceptance of the report, seconded by Paul Burega. CARRIED.

The Chairman of the Editorial Board, Clarence Stillions, read his report. He announced his resignation as soon as a replacement can be found, and moved acceptance of his report, seconded by Michael Dicketts. CARRIED.

The Editor of *BNA TOPICS*, Mike Street, read his report. He moved its acceptance, seconded by Bill Walton. CARRIED.

The *BNA TOPICS* Advertising Manager's report, by Bob Lee, was read by Ed Whiting, who moved its acceptance, seconded by Ritch Toop. CARRIED.

Paul Burega, Circulation Manager for *BNA TOPICS*, read his report and moved acceptance, seconded by Nick Sheklian. CARRIED.

The report of C.R. McGuire, the Convention Co-ordinator, was read by Ed Harris who moved acceptance, seconded by Ritch Toop. CARRIED. Marva Paige and the Virginia Beach Committee were thanked for the 1988 convention.

Bob Jamieson's report as Circuit Manager was read by Ed Harris, who moved acceptance, seconded by Horace Harrison. CARRIED.

Clint Phillips, the Librarian, read his report and moved acceptance, seconded by Larry Paige. CARRIED.

Ed Whiting, the Historian, read his report and moved acceptance, seconded by Mike Street. CARRIED.

The new Emeritus members for 1989, by virtue of either 35 years continuous membership and 75 years of age or 40 years continuous membership, totals 12. They are:

- 71 John L. Norbec
- 89 Willis B. Reals
- 247 Senator Henry D. Hicks
- 342 Arthur G. Kirkchoff
- 437 Fred E. M. Betts
- 478 Roland C. Burt
- 480 Dutton A. Copp
- 501 Clifford R. Schuman
- 521 Gordon Waldie
- 1036 Hubert M. McLellan
- 1077 Guy des Rivières
- 1122 Edgar Davidson

The Report on the winner of the V. G. Greene Award for 1987 was read by the Secretary. A survey of the elected Officers, members of the Board of Directors and the late Donor determined that the winner of the Vincent G. Greene Award, for the best article, series of articles, column or series of columns authored by a member or members of BNAPS and originally published in *BNA*

*TOPICS* during 1987, is E. Ritch Toop for his series, *The Canadian Airgraph Service*.

The report on the President's Certificate for 1987 was read by the Secretary. Each year the President's Certificate is awarded to the member who has proposed the most new members during the previous year. It has been determined that the winner for 1987 is member #2118, R. H. Jamieson.

The Chairman of the Order of the Beaver, Jim Lehr, acknowledged the members of the order present. Three members of the Order have died since the last annual meeting. There are no new members this year. Guidelines for selection of members will be published in *BNA TOPICS* during the next year.

Two members, Bill Rockett and Harry Lus-

sey, were congratulated for having been present at all BNAPS conventions to date.

Mike Street told members some of the plans for next year's convention in Hamilton from September 22-24, 1989. A preliminary hotel reservation will be made for all attending this year's convention.

Mike Dicketts asked about the status of the Society in Canada. He was informed that this is to be worked on now that the USA incorporation is completed.

Bob Jamieson reminded members that he is handling Circuits, not Exchange Circuits.

It was moved by Allan Steinhart that the meeting to be adjourned.

Earle L. Covert, M.D.  
Secretary

## PRESIDENT

The President, Ed Harris, gave a report on the Board Meeting held the day before this year's convention.

1. Al Steinhart resigned as Chairman of Board and Chairman of the Ethics Committee effective the end of 1988.

2. Earle L. Covert was elected Chairman of the Board for 1989-90

3. There is a need to establish guidelines for the Ethics Committee, and this will be done during the coming year.

4. A Finance Committee was established. Current members are: Ed Harris, Robert Heasman, Lewis Ludlow and Howard Twitchell. They have met to decide on the handling of various funds.

5. B.N.A.P.S. Ltd. in the USA is in place to receive donations and issue tax receipts in the US. Donations can also be handled in Canada.

6. New guidelines were established for Emeritus Membership. Effective immediately, Emeritus Members will be appointed by virtue of having 40 years continuous membership. For the next 5 years we will also continue with the previous criteria of 35 years continuous membership and 75 years of age.

7. Through *BNA TOPICS* members will be asked if they object to the publishing of their address in a membership list. If they do not want their address published, they are to contact the Secretary. Members who want a copy of the list must send \$2.00 to the Secretary. The list will be published as early in 1989 as possible.

8. An Awards Committee has been established to review the various BNAPS awards. Members are: Earle Covert, Ed Harris, Lewis Ludlow, Howard Twitchell and Ed Whiting.

9. Effective immediately, the library will pay outgoing postage to members.

10. A new Convention Co-ordinator will be appointed as soon as possible to replace Ron McGuire, who has retired from the position.

11. A new method of selecting the winner of the V.G. Greene Award has been established. For the 1988 and future awards, the Editorial Board will select from four to six articles/columns/series from those published in *BNA TOPICS* during the year. The nominees will be voted on by the Elected Officers and Directors and the winner announced at the Annual Meeting.

12. The John S. Siverts Award, to be given annually to the Editor of the best Study Group Newsletter, will be established. The award will be decided on a calendar year basis by the Study Group Co-ordinator, Chairman of the Board of Directors, President, *BNA TOPICS* Editor and the Editor of *The Study Group Centerline* column. The award will be a cup similar to the V. G. Greene Award.

13. Regional Group Representatives will be re-established to represent the President in various matters, including follow up with members who have not paid their dues. These representatives will *not* be in a supervisory role with respect to Regional Groups in the area.

14. The Study Group Co-ordinator has proposed guidelines for operation of the groups. He, together with the President, will help with any problems/challenges existing groups may have, and will help establish new groups. The Study Groups, together with the Regional Groups, represent the real strength of BNAPS.

15. The outgoing Board of Directors were acknowledged and thanked.

Names of the 1989 BNAPS ELECTED OFFICERS were officially announced.

They are:

President

Lewis M. Ludlow

Past President

Edmund A. Harris

First Vice President

William G. Robinson

Second Vice President

Secretary

Robert V.C. Carr

Chris McGregor

Treasurer

Howard A. Twitchell

The Members of the Board of Directors are:

Serving until December 31, 1990

Robert Heasman

Garvin Lohman

Barry Shapiro

Allan Steinhart

Jack Wallace

Serving until December 31, 1992

George B. Arfken

Earle L. Covert

W.S.(Bill) Pawluk

George Wegg

Edward J. Whiting

Earle Covert has been elected Chairman of the Board of Directors.

## CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This has been my fourth year as Chairman of the Board of Governors of BNAPS. I think the Society has had a good year. First off, a heartfelt welcome and thank you to the new Department Managers, and a hearty thank you to the Members of the Board, Elected Officials, and Department Managers for their co-operation and the competent way they have performed their jobs, making my job much easier. I would especially like to welcome Nick Sheklian, Admissions Committee Chairman, and Jon Johnson, Study Group Co-ordinator, to the ranks of Officers of the Society.

I would also like to express my thanks to Clarence Stillions, Bill Robinson, Gary Lyon and Dave McKain, who are leaving the Board of Governors at the end of this year.

I would also like to express my thanks to Ron McGuire who is retiring as Convention Co-ordinator, and again to Clarence Stillions who is stepping down as Chairman of the Editorial Board.

Again, thanks from the Society are due the volunteers who make BNAPS function, people such as Mike Street, our Editor; Dave Clare, of the Book Department; Howard Twitchell, our Treasurer; Earle Covert, our Secretary; Ed Harris, our President; Lew Ludlow, our Vice-president; Bob Carr, in charge of Regional Groups; Clint Phillips, our Librarian; Bob Lee, our Advertising Manager; Paul Burega, our Circulation Manager; Bob Jamie-

son, Circuit Manager; and Ed Whiting, our Historian. All of these people donate hundreds of their free hours to make our Society work for the benefit of all of us.

A number of changes were discussed by your Board and will be implemented by officers and department heads to improve BNAPS for all members. These will be covered by the individual officers in their reports. Some of the areas covered involve Emeritus Member status, a printed membership list, the V.G. Greene Award selection process, the new John Siverts award, Second class mailing privileges for *BNA TOPICS*, additions to the Library, new handbooks, a membership drive, Ethics Committee operations, and postage on Library loans

Further, I would like to thank Wayne Curtis for acting as the scrutineer for our elections, and the unsuccessful candidates who volunteered their time and efforts to benefit the Society by running for office.

I would like to note that the new Constitution of BNAPS limits the term of office of the Chairman of the Board to a period of four years, and so I take the liberty of tendering my resignation as Chairman. I have had a wonderful, fruitful and enjoyable four years as Chairman of the Board and I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to the President, members of the Board and Department Heads, and to past Chairman Leo LaFrance and Bob Pratt for advice, help, counsel and support. I

have enjoyed the job. I hope I will be remembered as having done my job. I will also be resigning as Chairman of the Ethics Committee but will stay on the Handbook Committee and will, hopefully, be staying on the Board.

Lastly, the Board of Governors and Elected Officers, in their wisdom, have followed my suggestion and elected as the new Chairman of the Board your past Secretary and new Board Member, Earle Covert. I know

Earle will do a great job and hope he gets as much help and co-operation as I did.

I invite other Members to get involved in BNAPS and step forward to fill a necessary position in the Society Executive or one of the departments.

To all of you in BNAPS my sincere thanks  
---- THANK YOU!

Allan L. Steinhart

## SECRETARY

This is my last Annual Report as Secretary of BNAPS. I am only the third Secretary the Society has had; Jack Levine and Ed Whiting were my predecessors. I think at times that I have enough work to do to sort out the master membership and mailing list, but they did it manually, without the help of a computer. Ed Whiting told me it took his secretary's spare time for four months to sort the Master Membership list numerically, alphabetically and geographically. With the computer I can do it in 42 minutes - 39 minutes of which is spent waiting for the computer to print the three different lists!

Thanks to Chris McGregor for taking over the position. When I met with him at the Edmonton Stamp Club Spring Show earlier this year, he assured me that our membership list was no bigger and perhaps smaller than a church list he is already handling. Chris will undoubtedly add to the computerization of BNAMAIL, the master membership and mailing list. I hope to make his assumption of the Secretary's role as smooth as Ed Whiting did mine.

Many members have helped keep up the membership numbers. The Study Groups and the Regional Groups through attendance at stamp shows, the A.P.S. since we became affiliates, and articles reviewing *TOPICS* in *Linns* and *Stamp Collector* have all been a source of new members. I feel we must work at strengthening the Study Groups. Before I turn the position over to Chris McGregor I expect to have a reliable 'automatic' way of notifying Study Groups of the interests of new

members. I had hoped to do more things during my term as Secretary, but time has become pressing, especially during the last six months.

I wish to thank the following people for helping me in my job as the Secretary of the British North America Philatelic Society in the past year:

Paul Burega, Circulation Manager  
Mike Street, Editor of *BNA TOPICS*  
Howard Twitchell, Treasurer  
Audrey Covert, my Wife, Chief Pusher  
and Typing Assistant

Thanks also to those who have helped over the past five and a half years: Ed Whiting for getting me started off; Ritch Toop for monthly changes from the Circulation Manager; Norm Brassler for chasing down references; John Graper for helping keep the membership/ mailing list accurate and working on the V.G. Greene Award, President's Award and the Emeritus Memberships; and Mike Street for starting me off on the computer and constantly bailing me out of trouble. Some people do not realize the amount of work the Editor of *TOPICS* puts into the Society. I thank him for this and the help he has been personally.

I have even forgiven Bill Walton, who as a member of the Nominating Committee got me into this position, although I secretly feel that the intent was to get me too busy to notice Canadian Postal Stationery and eliminate some of the competition.

Earle L. Covert M.D.

## REGIONAL GROUP CO-ORDINATOR

As of this date, I have nothing new to report regarding formation of new Regional Groups. The present groups keep me advised of their activities and appear healthy. I have had no response with regard to reac-

tivation of the Detroit- Windsor Group, nor the Northern California Group.

I wish to thank Jim Goben for writing *Regional Group Ramblings* in *BNA TOPICS*.

Dr. Robert V.C. Carr



# BRITISH NORTH AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY LTD.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS OF JUNE 30, 1988 in U.S. FUNDS

## ASSETS:

### CURRENT ASSETS:

CASH IN THE BANK	23,511.00
CASH HELD BY DEPT. HEADS	12,693.00
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT, CANADA	47,292.00
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE, ADVERTISING	2,472.00
BOOK INVENTORY	2,430.00
LIBRARY	100.00

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS 88,498.00

### OTHER ASSETS

RESTRICTED FUNDS 5,827.00

TOTAL OTHER ASSETS 5,827.00

TOTAL ASSETS 94,325.00

## LIABILITIES:

### CURRENT LIABILITIES

CIRCUITS PAYABLE	10,365.00
PREPAID MEMBERSHIP DUES	8,825.00

TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES 19,190.00

## CAPITAL:

INSURANCE FUND APPROPRIATED	4,700.00
MEMBERS EQUITY, UNAPPROPRIATED	41,579.00
BNAPS FOUNDATION FUNDS	28,856.00

TOTAL FUNDS 75,135.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUNDS 94,325.00

## STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSE FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1988

### REVENUE:

MEMBERSHIP DUES AND FEES	22,031.00
INTEREST INCOME	3,754.00
DIVIDEND INCOME	428.00
BOOK DEPARTMENT INCOME	1,346.00
CIRCUIT INCOME	1,692.00
GAIN ON SALE OF SECURITIES	2,776.00

TOTAL INCOME 32,612.00

### EXPENSES:

STATIONARY AND SUPPLIES	1,477.00
POSTAGE	1,377.00
INSURANCE	491.00
BANK CHARGES	153.00
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	231.00
TELEPHONE	246.00
EXCHANGE RATE EXPENSE	15.00
BNA TOPICS	20,206.00

TOTAL EXPENSE 24,196.00

INCREASE IN MEMBERS EQUITY 8,416.00

Howard Twitchell  
Treasurer

## CO-ORDINATOR: STUDY GROUPS

It is my pleasure, in this my first report to the Society, to report that we have 21 active study groups. This includes a new study group on Fancy Cancels which is chaired by Dave Lacelles. The average membership in each study group is up to 46 from just 15 two years ago. The future looks even better, particularly with the considerable support for the study groups expressed by the candidates for Board of Directors in the recent Society elections.

My primary goal is to increase total participation in the study groups. Hopefully this would increase membership in the existing study groups, and might result in additional study groups being formed. One study group which is conspicuous by its absence is Elizabethan collecting. The Queen Elizabeth II reign covers 70% of all Canadian stamps issued, plus many changes in postal systems

and procedures. Among the BNAPS membership there collectively must be more than 5 collectors of such Elizabethan areas as tags, varieties, topicals, cancels (Klussendorf, Moon and Pocon), semi-postals and so on.

I would like to thank Frank Waite for doing an excellent job with his *Study Group Centerline* column in *BNA TOPICS*, which gives all BNAPS members a chance to review briefly all of the subjects being discussed in the various study groups. In addition, I hope you all will recognize the excellent work achieved by the officers of the respective study groups and the commitment they each have made to have an active, effective study group.

For those of you who are not yet a member of a study group, they really are very educational and useful, without onerous commitments on your part.

Jon Johnson

## CHAIRMAN: HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

We have a new two volume book at the printers which will be ready in two weeks. It is *Ontario Post Offices*, by Dr. Robert C. Smith. Volume I lists all the post offices alphabetically; Volume II lists them alphabetically by county. The books will be available individually or as a set. Due to the high cost and small printing run, BNAPS has agreed to a 10% commission on this book in order to keep the price down.

Royalties of \$951.96 were received from Unitrade for Jim Lehr's P.E.I. book.

We agreed to allow J.C. Arnell and the BNAPS Trans Atlantic Study Group have the U. of T. Press privately print 300 copies of their first handbook, to be sold by our book department. The prices are \$5.00 to TA Group members, \$7.50 to BNAPS members, and \$10.00 others.

Our working agreement with Unitrade Associates continues to operate with no problems, to the satisfaction of both parties.

Allan L. Steinhart

## MANAGER: BOOK DEPARTMENT

During the past year the Book Department handled 103 orders, with total sales of \$7,100.00. This Department also supplied the

Library with 23 new titles, at a cost of \$490.00.

Dave Clare

## EDITOR: BNA TOPICS

The large number of extra page editions of *BNA TOPICS* produced in 1987 have helped to reduce the backlog of articles which had built up. While the backlog is still healthy, publication dates will be closer to the liking of the authors.

*BNA TOPICS* has taken another giant step towards the future. For some time now we have been able to accept articles on com-

puter disk. We can now retransmit editorial copy from disk directly to the typesetter. This means significant savings in proofreading time, and will help keep the cost of publishing down. Any author who can do so is asked to submit a disk with each article. We can accept output from most popular work processing programs, in either IBM or Apple Macintosh format. Please note that hand written or

typewritten articles are still very much welcome.

Our overseas delivery troubles with Canada Post - 16 weeks for AIRMAIL Printed Matter to Australia and South Africa - has led to an experiment using a mail forwarding agency in New York. Initial results of this appear promising, but there is not yet enough data available to make a proper evaluation.

My decision to relinquish the Editor's post in 1991 remains firmly in effect. No replacement has been found to date, but the search is continuing. I would be willing to turn over the duties ahead of the 1991 date if this would assist anyone interested. The job is difficult and time consuming, but very reward-

ing.

Once again I would like to thank all those without whom TOPICS would not be. The authors, first and foremost, because we cannot print what we do not have; our printers, Len Woodward and Russell Bell, who keep me in line and simultaneously help preserve my mental condition; Bob Lee and Paul Burega who keep the ads and addresses straight; and Kathy Ward, who helps get handwritten material into computer format. Thank you all.

TOPICS has gained an enviable reputation in the top echelon of philatelic journals. We will continue to maintain our position.

Mike Street

## CHAIRMAN: EDITORIAL BOARD

Another good year from our editor, Mike Street, our printer, Len Woodward, our advertising manager, Bob Lee, and our circulation manager, Paul Burega. The Editorial Board has little to do except sit back and be amazed at how well they do their jobs, all for the love of the Society. They have all done an outstanding job producing your journal.

When you see one of them be sure to tell

him what an outstanding job he has done. Your thanks is all the remuneration they get.

This is my last report as Chairman of the Editorial Board. I have resigned as Chairman effective 1 June 1989. With all the great people in BNAPS, I am sure my successor will have a fine team to work with.

C. A. Stillions

## ADVERTISING MANAGER: BNA TOPICS

Display advertising income for the period July 1, 1987 to June 30, 1988 totaled \$7,595.40. This compares with \$7,827.47 for the previous year.

Classified advertising income for the same period was \$496.23, compared to \$240.00 for the previous year.

Robert A. Lee

## CHAIRMAN: ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

No application forms reached the Admissions Committee after succeeding Norman Brassler as Chairman. Hopefully this does not signify that no new applications for membership are being received. When accepting this position, I was told that it would not entail very much effort on my part. That, I did not believe, but after several months I am begin-

ning to feel like the proverbial Maytag repairman. The latest report date for applications for membership from the Secretary that I am aware of is 15 June 1988, so I am anxiously awaiting a heavy batch of applications from the secretary, soon.

N.N. Sheklian

## CIRCULATION MANAGER: BNA TOPICS

Income for the period 1 July 1987 to 30 June 1988 was down from previous years, at \$137.50 Canadian and \$2.00 American. The drop in sales in back issues has occurred as members have filled their runs and newer members have not expressed an interest in

older *BNA TOPICS*. For comparison, income for the year ending 30 June 1987 was \$659.50.

The classified ads at the back of *BNA TOPICS* have been generating responses, but most people require only the very early

issues, of which few ever come into stock.

Members wishing to add to their library

should consider ordering some back issues.

Paul Burega

## COORDINATOR: CONVENTIONS

The Society continues to enjoy excellent conventions in interesting sites with entertaining and informative activities. This is due to the hard work of host groups to whom we must be indebted. If you and your local fellow members wish to continue this tradition and hold a future convention in your area, please contact me for one of the following available years.

In the United States - 1992, 1994, 1996, 1998, 2000.

In Canada - 1993, 1995, 1999.

The first opening is drawing near so please seriously consider it now. The future schedule is as follows:

1989 -Hamilton, Ontario. Mike Street/Dave Dixon. 22 - 24 September

1990 -Galveston, Texas. Victor Willson. 11-13 October

1991 -Vancouver, BC. Bill Robinson. 29-31 August

1991 - 1996 OPEN

1997 -St. John's, Newfoundland. President, St. John's Stamp Club

I want to thank the Virginia Beach Group for putting on a second convention in less than a decade. It will, I am sure, be another great success and enjoyed by all attending.

C.R. McGuire

## HISTORIAN

Work on the proposed Members Handbook is progressing. It should be ready in time for our 50th Anniversary Convention in 1994.

In this respect I requested copy for a page from each of the Study and Regional Groups. Still to respond are: Flag Cancels, Postage Dues; Province of Canada; Semi-Official Airm; Definitive & Landscapes; Squared Circles; Detroit-Windsor; Norcal; Calgary; and Golden-Horseshoe.

I have hopes that some one will volunteer to obtain write-ups on the following groups that appear to have ceased operations, to fill in the history and advise if they are now dormant or defunct: Canadian Plate Blocks; Canadian Varieties; New York City; Twin Cities;

Niagara Frontier; Winnipeg; Edmonton; Vancouver. I am sure there are more.

I have been receiving a lot of photos of recent conventions. I am hoping to obtain photos taken at some of the older ones. To safeguard and keep these photos and memorabilia it will be necessary to place them in albums or boxes to be able to show some of them at future BNAPEXES. I am thinking of museum type preservation. In this regard I request the Board authorize me to spend up to \$100.00 to procure the necessary materials.

I should be able to have a very interesting display available next year in Hamilton.

Edward J. Whiting

## MANAGER: CIRCUITS

For the period July 1, 1987 to June 30, 1988 the BNAPS Circuits show an increase of over \$5,000.00 from the previous year. During this period we have retired from inventory a total of \$46,905.99 (original value). Commissions to BNAPS amounted to \$2,030.73. Insurance Fund Contributions were \$704.81 The drop in this area was mainly due to the lack of material in the most wanted categories, i.e. Revenues, Precancels, Perfins, and better quality Cancellations. (This spring, however, an excellent group of Revenue and Precancel books was added to our

inventory, and this is reflected in improved results for this past July and August.) We also anticipate a strong fall and winter as a result of the addition of this new material.

We have good quantities of Postal History, Semi-Official Airm, RPOs, Squared Circles, Fancy Cancels, selected used early Canada and Provinces, and Large Queens, both mint and used. Needed are the following: 3 cent Jubilees with cancels, 1898 Maps, and Postal History of the Territories.

When mounting postal history, members are reminded to please remove any stiffen-

ers, and to use only glassine or light weight plastic envelopes. We are often prevented from putting heavy weight and low value books into circuits.

We have a good selection of books available here at Virginia Beach and look forward to meeting many of you again. For those who were unable to enjoy the BNAPS experience at Virginia Beach, please write and let me know your interests. I will do my best to get you on a circuit as soon as possible.

I shall be away for most of January to the end of March, visiting my grandchildren in Australia and making my way home through South East Asia. During this period Elsie Dru-

ry has agreed to handle the circuits with the assistance of Jim Catterick. As we will have prepared a good number of books to cover these months, I would ask that you refrain from sending in new books until April 1989. New members interested in the circuit, however, are asked to write so we can be ready for you when I return.

Your notes and comments are much appreciated. My sincere thanks to one and all who take the time to write. Many a time you 'make my day' with your letters. JOIN NOW AND ENJOY THE CIRCUIT BOOKS IN THE COMFORT OF YOUR HOME.

R.H. (Bob) Jamieson

## LIBRARIAN

This past year has been spent developing a computerized data base for the library. Included in it are all books and monographs -- over 400 items, all bound journals, and almost all auction catalogues of significance. What remains are all unbound journals, and some 1300 files of miscellaneous material, much of which consists of articles copied from journals we already have and which, therefore, is duplicative and redundant.

The computer system, obtained by Vic Willson, allows for key word search, among other features. Variable printouts are available. A classification system can easily be added to the printout when the classification decision is made.

We now have virtually complete sets of all study group newsletters thanks to the generous efforts of those involved in preparing them both now and in the past. On behalf of the Society I want to take this opportunity to thank all of them.

Last year I reported that there were numerous duplicates in the Library holdings. Subsequently, Bob Lee generously offered to auction these at no commission. When we ascertained that UPS would ship them to British Columbia we did this, at a cost of \$185.00, only to have them returned along with our money. Apparently we can ship to Vancouver and present plans are to send the material to Bill Robinson who will take it, six boxes valued at \$2,700.00, to Bob in Kelowna. (The cost to use the mail service to ship this material would be prohibitive.)

I also want to acknowledge the receipt of a large number of books available for sale by the Book Department which we did not have. Again, for the Society, may I thank Dave Clare and Al Steinhart for making it all happen.

I welcome suggestions. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Librarian.

Clinton A. Phillips

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# REGIONAL GROUP RAMBLINGS

by Jim Goben

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**MID-AMERICA:** Robert Schlesinger, 523 Highland Grove Dr., Buffalo Grove, IL 60089

Good News! The **Mid-America** Regional Group is off and running. On Nov. 6, Bob Schlesinger and Steve Whitcombe presided over the organizational meeting at CHICAGOPEX. Other BNAPSers attending were Charles Berg, Marc Eisenberg, Paul Gottshall, Basil Burrell, and your reporter. Ralph Fisher filled out an application for BNAPS membership so he can be an active member of the group.

Bob and Steve have put in a lot of effort to see this group become a reality. Over 20 people have expressed an interest in the group. Many were unable to attend this first gathering, but we look forward to seeing them at future meetings. A \$5.00 US figure was decided upon as dues to cover a newsletter and postage.

Three future meetings were planned for the coming year. Arrangements are in the works for a meeting at MILCOPEX on March 5, 1989, in Milwaukee; another at COMPEX in Chicago on May 28; and finally at CORNPEX in Bloomington, IL, on November 12, 1989. Come join in the fun.

The **Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario** Regional Group met in Winnipeg on October 22. The program consisted of the RPSC slide program an Barrel Cancellations, followed by a general discussion of other modern Canadian cancels such as the Klussendorfs, MOONs and POCONs.

The **Golden Horseshoe** Regional Group met November 5, in Hamilton. The speaker was Ken Rowe, who chose as his topic the developments regarding the Canadian Postal Archives and the Postal Museum. Future meetings were scheduled. The January 22, 1989, meeting had Bob Wyse speaking on 'The Postal History of World War 1 - Canadian Army Medical Corps'. The program for the

March 12 meeting has not yet been completed. BNAPS President Lew Ludlow will be the speaker for the June 2 meeting. Things are looking good for Toronto, Hamilton and environs.

G.H. Davis sent in his last newsletter for the **Mid-Atlantic** Group. The fall meeting was held on November 19, at VAPEX in Virginia Beach, VA. This newsletter introduced the new secretary and editor for the Group. David A. Stark has volunteered to replace G.H. Good luck and welcome aboard David. Well done G.H. We will miss you, especially your friends in the Mid-Atlantic Group.

The **Pacific Northwest** Regional Group has become the model for the rest of us to copy. As of October 6, 1988, there are 95 members, four of whom are leaders in BNAPS: Lew Ludlow, President; Bill Robinson, Vice-president; Chris McGregor, Secretary; and, Jack Wallace, Director. Not a bad showing.

The September 30 meeting in Vernon had 48 members in attendance. The banquet speaker was Ted Beaudoin, who presented 'Walking on Air', his biography of pioneer bush pilot Sheldon Luck. There were four seminars presented during the weekend. Bill Topping spoke on 'Union Steamships', which ran along the B.C. coast, Keith Spencer of Edmonton spoke on the 'City of Champions' - a talk on early Edmonton postal history, Gene Frampton gave a presentation on the post offices of the lower Kootenay Lake area, and Doug Hannan presented 'Collecting Newfoundland'.

The next two meetings were set: March 11, 1989, in Everett, Washington, and Vernon, B.C., on September 9-10, 1989. A full page biography of member Geoff Walburn was included in this newsletter.

It would be interesting to have more information on the new 'Royal Order of the Apple' initiated at the meeting. What are the criteria for receiving this order?

Please be aware that newsletters and other information must be in the mail to me by March 15 for the May-June issue, and by May 15 for July-August.

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# From the Secretary

CHRIS MCGREGOR  
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REPORT DATE: 31 December 1988

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C Small Queens, Christmas Worldwide  
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C B.C.& N.W.T.Post Hist, Semi-Official Airs, Western R.P.O.s  
Proposed by: J.C. Campbell, 2986;Seconded by: Wm.F.Anderson, 2965
- R4728 McCANN,Arthur,131 Madison Ave,Vahalla,NY,USA 10595  
C Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick  
Proposed by: Secretary
- R4729 GRAVES,Stuart F.,P. O. Box 1056 Station C,Etobicoke,ON,Canada M9V 2G2  
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- R4731 GEDNEY,Ronald W.,4800 Marshall Drive East,Binghampton,NY,USA 13903  
C Canada, US, UN  
Proposed by: James F.Hansen, 4008
- R4732 BEDDOWN,John G.,951 Ann St.,North Bay,ON,Canada P1B 5M3  
C/D Canada Pence and 19th Century  
Proposed by: Al Steinhart, 2010;Seconded by: E.L. Covert, 2698
- R4733 GIGNAC,Claude,C. P. 2082,St. Romuald,PQ,Canada G6W 5M3  
C Province of Quebec Cancellations 1867 - Modern  
Proposed by: Al Steinhart, 2010;Seconded by: E.L. Covert, 2698
- R4734 DOSS,George M.,P. O. Box 850597,Richardson,TX,USA 75085  
C Reign of George V and VI  
Proposed by: H. Dingenthal, 3602;Seconded by: M.Hollenbeck, 3968
- R4735 LAMB,Robert E.,P. O. Box 1203,Washington,DC,USA 20013  
C Canada, Newfoundland, War Tax Stamps  
Proposed by: Secretary
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C Nfld Mint, Used, Covers, TPO. Canada Mint, Used KGV & KGVI

- Proposed by: Brian Stalker, 4400; Seconded by: L.H. Belle, 4263  
 R4737 QUINN, Eric A., 23 Spen Lane, York, England Y01 2BS  
 C Transatlantic mail to and from BNA  
 Proposed by: H.K. Dodwell, 4046 ; Seconded by: H.M. Street, 3848  
 R4738 HUNKA, A. Daniel, 602 Churchill Ave., Ottawa, ON K1Z 5E8  
 C Klussendorf, IPS & Sq. Circle cancels; Re-entries  
 Proposed by: Al Steinhart, 2010; Seconded by: Daniel Hunka, 1346  
 R4739 PLOMISH, Walter, 466 East 8th Ave., #205, New Westminster BC V6L 4L2  
 C Cdn. commercial airmail covers 1926-46; UPU & Empire rates 1921-54  
 Proposed by: Al Steinhart, 2010; Seconded by: A.W. Leggett, 2471  
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