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THE EDITOR'S PAGE

by Mike Street

As Lew Ludlow told you in the January-February issue, the May-June *TOPICS* will be my forty eighth and last as Editor.

If you enjoy this kind of work, and I do, you don't give up something like *TOPICS* without being more than a little concerned about what will happen to it after you are gone. Previous experience with a replacement not living up to his commitment led me to give the Board ample advance notice that it was time for me to step down.

When I learned that Vic Willson had agreed to take on this task, I was very pleased. I know Vic from conventions and from his work as Editor of *The Beaver Chatter*, the Texas Prairie Beaver Regional Group newsletter. I have absolutely no doubt that *TOPICS*, and you the members, will be in good hands.

Bob Carr will tell you a bit about Vic now, and I'll be back with some parting thoughts in the next issue.

SKETCHES OF BNAPSers

by Dr. R.V.C. Carr

SKETCH No. 228
Victor L. Willson

This sketch is about a BNAPSer from the far southern province of Texas - also known as Prairie Beaver Land. To support a stamp habit, as well as a wife and three children, Victor L. Willson (note the two l's) serves as a Professor of Educational Psychology at Texas A&M University. Over nine years ago the family headed south from positions at Minnesota and South Dakota; with tenure awarded some time ago, it is likely that Texas will be a permanent home.

Vic's journey to Texas and BNAPS was somewhat more circuitous than most. He was born into a military family at the US base in Darmstadt, West Germany, and has lived in numerous US states and overseas. Stamps got him at the eighth Christmas, and he's never stopped collecting since. In graduate school he discovered APS and auctions, started going to shows, and generally exhibited signs of stamp mania.

At that time a dealer, suspiciously similar in character to a junkie, let Vic pick all the three cent Small Queens he wanted out of a hoard, and charged a flat nominal sum to get him started. (His prices for later purchases were substantially higher.) At the same time Vic acquired from a relative a virtually complete run of mint Canadian stamps from 1912 on, and was hooked on Canada.



When he moved to Texas a new world - BNAPS - was shown to him by a strange group called 'Prairie Beavers'. A couple of A&M professors, Librarian Clint Phillips and Director Barry Shapiro, persuaded him to travel to Dallas to attend a Prairie Beaver meeting. He found many interesting and great philatelists who had loads of material, information and friendship to offer. Soon after, the 1980 McAllen BNAPEX extended that friendship to many other BNAPSers. Vic has since attended numerous BNAPEX conventions, and has an interest in contributing to BNAPS and seeing it prosper.

Vic's collecting interests have changed and expanded over the last ten years. In addition to the Small Queen era, he has moved

into the Large Queen period, the 1859 issues, as well as Admiral era material. He also finds modern postal history pretty interesting.

BNAPS has been responsible for these interests and he is grateful. That is certainly one reason that he has accepted the position of Editor of *TOPICS*.

There are other reasons for Vic's interest in editing. His professional work includes both writing and criticism, and he enjoys doing both. He has published about a hundred research papers, as well as books on topics in Statistics, Psychology, and Education. Another reason has to do with knowledge. Most people in education are engaged in learning, and the Editor of a journal inevitably learns a lot.

Vic's contributions to philately have included articles for *Stamp Collector*, the *PHSC Journal*, and *BNA TOPICS*. He has also edited the *Beaver Chatter*, the Prairie Beaver group's newsletter, for the last three years. Another asset for editing *TOPICS* is the availability of the BNAPS Library, of which he is Assistant Librarian. Also within driving distance are the Richardson Philatelic Library in Houston and the Wineburgh Philatelic Library in Dallas, which will provide a rich resource for areas not covered in BNAPS' library.

Vic will no doubt discuss specifics of editing in future issues of *TOPICS*. He hopes that this Sketch helps members become better acquainted with him, and he looks forward to taking over in June.

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Lewis M. Ludlow, OTB



It is the responsibility of your executive officers to look at and plan for the future of your Society. For several years BNAPS has been somewhat static, stabilized at approximately 1,500 members. This level is not necessarily bad; it means that our rate of adding new members has basically been enough to replace those we have been losing by attrition. Still, 1,500 members the ideal size for our Society?

We are approaching this question from two points of view, both short and long term. After discussion and mutual agreement, Earle Covert, our new Board Chairman, has agreed to head up a Long Range Planning Committee. He is in the process of establishing the composition and objectives of this committee. Their fundamental purpose is to determine where we want BNAPS to be as we enter the 21st Century, and how to attain the objectives that they establish.

In the interim, your President is going to be looking at short term possibilities, not only for increasing membership but also to hear any ideas you, our members, have for improving our existing activities. Obviously, in doing this I must work in close coordination with the Long Range Planning Committee.

As a first step our new Secretary, Chris McGregor, has rewritten and revised the BNAPS application form to make it completely current; these have been printed and initial supplies dispatched to officers and existing groups throughout the Society. Members wanting copies of the new application forms (*old copies should be discarded to avoid confusion*) should drop a card, complete with name and address, to Chris. An initial supply

will be sent to you immediately, and will be replaced as it is used up. **The new application forms are for our use; they serve no function if they stay stored in the secretary's files.** We want to get them out to any and all prospective members; we can always print more.

Many of our members, for various reasons, are unable to attend the annual conventions. This is indeed unfortunate, since the BNAPEX meetings are great and wonderful occasions to enjoy the companionship and camaraderie which are part of our philatelic interests. First Vice-President Bill Robinson and I want to get together with those members who rarely get to talk with or have input to the officers of the Society.

Bill and I met with our own Pacific Northwest Regional Group on March 11, and I am meeting the 'Prairie Beavers' in Texas on April 1. An invitation to talk with the Golden Horseshoe members in Toronto on June 2 has been accepted, and in October, following BNAPEX '89 in Hamilton, Mac and I will travel to Scotland for the annual meeting of the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain and the opportunity to meet with our many BNAPSers in the U.K. If your group would like a visit, just let us know.

As your President, I welcome correspondence from any and all members - comments, gripes, suggestions - or any other input you may have on how the Society can be improved and serve you better. Let me hear from you. Officer's addresses are on the *Information For Members* page of every issue of TOPICS.

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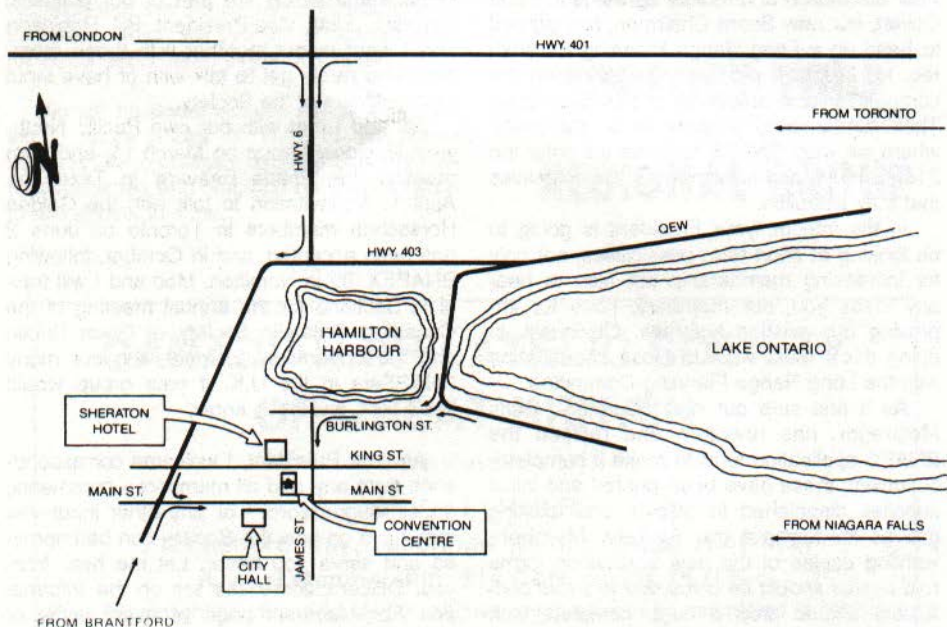
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LETTERS



TWO RING NUMERAL '20'- PORT HOPE?

The two ring numeral series of cancels used in 1870 have one unidentified mystery. The location of use of the two ring numeral 20 has never been proven. Three pieces of circumstantial evidence have recently surfaced to indicate that it was used in Port Hope, Ontario.

George Arfken recently directed my attention to the cover shown above, which was also illustrated in the Duckworth's Large Queens publication, which carries two different 2 ring numeral cancels, #20 and 29. The strikes seem to have been simultaneous, and #29 is correct for Cobourg. I have not been able to determine the current owner of this cover, nor have I personally examined it.

1. The two nearest towns to Cobourg are Colborne, pop. 832, and Port Hope, pop. 5114 (1871 Census).

2. Port Hope was the 19th largest municipality in Canada in 1871, and this population is close to the population of 2 ring numeral 19 (Peterborough, pop. 4611) and 2 ring numeral 21 (Goderich, pop. 3954) (1871 Census).

3. The net P.O. revenues for 1869 from Peterborough, Port Hope, and Goderich were; \$5014, \$4589, and \$3849. The values for 1870 were \$5251, \$4742, and \$3508. (The 2 rings were apparently assigned on the

basis of revenue.)

Thus, it would be a reasonable theory that Port Hope was assigned number 20, but the Postmaster for some reason did not like the hammer and gave it to a friend in the neighboring post office of Cobourg. An alternate suggestion is that the Port Hope P.O. may have been temporarily closed in 1869 - 70 due to fire, smallpox, or scandal, but I was unable to find any evidence of this possible closure however.

Can anyone offer any proof of the numeral 20 - Port Hope theory, or does anyone know if the Port Hope P.O. was closed at that time?

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NOTES

ED RICHARDSON CELEBRATES 80TH BIRTHDAY

Members of the Texas Prairie Beavers Regional Group of BNAPS will be helping Ed Richardson celebrate his 80th birthday when the group meets this spring.

Many people commented on how hale and hearty Ed was at the October 1988 meeting, a testament to his amazing recovery from a serious illness and then a nasty fall. At the January 1989 meeting he was a bit under the weather after the loss of his sister-in-law and a bout with a blood chemistry problem, but was again rebounding.

Ed still drives to the office to work on the Library, write and answer letters, continue his philatelic writing and have fun with his latest 'find'. He enjoyed the trip to BNAPEX in Virginia Beach last September, where Lew Ludlow took the accompanying photo, and is looking forward to this year's convention in Hamilton.

All the Prairie Beavers and his fellow



BNAPSers wish Ed a Happy 80th, and many more to come!

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THE INTRODUCTION OF RURAL MAIL DELIVERY SERVICE IN CANADA

by Thomas A. Hillman
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Part 2

While rural mail was debated periodically in Parliament in Ottawa, the subject was also picked up at the grass roots level. The man who spear-headed the outside debate and who became known as the 'father' of Rural Mail Delivery in Canada was George Wilcox. (Fig. 3) Wilcox had experienced the Rural Free Delivery service of the United States while living temporarily in Michigan. Upon returning to his home at Springford, in Southern Ontario's Oxford County, he took up the cause of Rural Mail Delivery service for rural Canada.

The first of his many lengthy letters on the subject was published in December 1905 in the Woodstock *Sentinel-Review* and soon reprinted in other newspapers around the province. In advancing his case to obtain Rural Mail Delivery, Wilcox argued that

"In order to get my mail daily for a year to my home here on the farm in South Norwich I must travel eight hundred miles, and I am not three or four miles from the post office either, but one and a quarter. And while I and thousands of country people are tramping up and down the highways ... on post office business, our city fellow citizen, in all the large cities, has his mail delivered at his home or place of business, or both, three or four times a day, and the bill is paid by the Government with the money that for the most part comes out of the farmers' pockets.

"The farmer is too busy a man ...to run off two or three miles to a post office... The telephone is, I fully realize, a thing to be reckoned with in considering the question of rural delivery, but, after all, it can never carry the newspaper, magazine, nor parcels, nor all the messages which will still go through the country in the form of letters, all of which is sure to increase in volume as time goes on. Let us make a determined demand for rural delivery, and this obsolete mail system we now have in Canada will soon be a



Fig. 3 George Wilcox (National Postal Museum)

thing of the past" (8)

That determined effort was led by Wilcox himself. He wrote to the press, appealed to the Post Office Department and to politicians on both sides of the House, made addresses, and distributed circulars.

The subject of rural mail was again discussed in Parliament in January 1905, and again briefly in 1906. In December 1907, Mr. Joseph Armstrong, Member of Parliament for East Lambton, moved an amendment to the Speech from the Throne calling for the inauguration of a system of rural free mail delivery. Armstrong's speech was a strong appeal for the special interests of the 600,000 farmers who produced \$700 million worth of national wealth annually, but his motion was defeated. (9)

In Halifax, on 20 August 1907, Robert L. Borden, Leader of the Conservative Opposition, anticipating the general election which



Fig. 4 Rodolphe Lemieux (*Canadian Courier*, Vol.4, No.18, 3 October 1908, p.10)

would be called in 1908, had opened his campaign by setting out the policy platform of the Conservative Party. There were sixteen points, one of which was "The improvement of existing postal facilities, especially in newly developed portions of the country, and the inauguration, after proper enquiry as to cost, of a system of free rural mail delivery." (10)

It would appear that Borden was not entirely committed to the idea and was hedging when he used the words "after proper enquiry as to cost." In November 1907, in a speech at Mansonville, Quebec the Minister of Agriculture, Sydney Fisher, claimed that a policy of rural mail delivery in Canada was impossible "as it would involve us in financial disaster." (11)

In late November 1907, Chief Post Office Superintendent George Ross was still very much against the introduction of the service. He wrote that smaller post offices in certain locations would be discontinued, which would mean the destruction of the identity of small but important trade centres. (12) Furthermore, the enormous expenditures which he felt would be involved prevented him from recommending any extensive change in the existing rural mail system. The Canadian system of rural post offices had developed as an inseparable companion to railway expansion; addi-

tional post offices were established whenever and wherever they were required.

Ross also raised the matter of depriving of door-to-door service those in small towns and villages who would be obliged to walk one-quarter or half mile or more to the post office, while inhabitants in the adjoining countryside would be having their occasional mail delivered to the end of their laneway. Ross was unalterably opposed to the establishment in Canada of a rural mail system modelled after that of the United States, but he did recommend extending and improving the existing facilities by erecting boxes along those existing routes. Delivery would not be to the door or farm gate, but to the cross-roads. If, however, you were fortunate to live on the main mail route then the mail would be delivered to your farm gate. Ross's proposal seemed to be a significant concession.

In earlier correspondence, editorials and debate on the subject of rural mail delivery, one of the recurring themes was that the city service, that is, door to door delivery, was an extra service not available to the farmer or rural village dweller, and that therefore they were discriminated against and being treated as second class citizens. In 1907 a new theme was briefly brought out - East versus West. In a speech, Dr. Wilbert McIntyre, Member of Parliament for Strathcona, Alberta, said that the West would not permit the East to have a luxury in which it (the West) could not share. (13) *Saturday Night* said that McIntyre had "struck a false note" and that "stagnation will ensue if no progress be made except along lines beneficial to all parts of a country so vast as ours, so varied in climate, and at every different stage of development..." (14)

The *London Free Press* reprinted an editorial from the *Aylmer (Ontario) Sun* which called McIntyre's policy 'picayune', and said that "if we can have free mail delivery in the rural districts of the East, it is surely a stepping stone for the same in the West, and we cannot benefit the East without helping the West." (15) [Some things never change, whether it is mail delivery service or aircraft contracts.]

In April 1907 the new Postmaster General, Rodolphe Lemieux, (Fig. 4) declared that the government again declined to support the idea because it was too costly, but on 22 May 1908 he did appear to be changing course when he said that he was "not against

rural mail delivery, but against the expediency of our adopting it now." (16) With an election close at hand it would appear that a small carrot was being offered by the governing Liberals.

Rural mail delivery had been promised by Borden and the Conservatives in 1907. All along it had been rejected by the Liberal Lemieux and his predecessors, but just before the official announcement of the election, the Liberal government finally conceded that rural mail delivery was a matter of policy and feasibility.

The first announcement was made at Inverness, Quebec, where on 27 August 1908 Lemieux told his audience that "it was the Government's intention to ultimately place at the door of every farmer a box in which his letters would be left for him by daily delivery, and the letters he had to mail collected."

Lemieux said that he had reviewed the question carefully, and was convinced that the revenue of the Post Office Department was sufficient to provide for this "great improvement - one which is designed for the exclusive benefit of the agricultural class." On 15 September, in Niagara Falls, Ontario, Le-

mieux spoke at length on the subject and concluded

"As I have often stated in Parliament it is a splendid system which I admire greatly, and which can be introduced step by step in Canada. For some two or three years, acting under my instructions, the officers of the Department have been studying the main features as operated in the United States, with a view to the possible introduction of a scheme in accordance with our revenue, population and physical conditions.

"Towards that end the Post Office Department has evolved a scheme of rural free mail delivery and collection, from the present system of stage routes, whereby the rural population of the country may be able to receive and post all ordinary mail matter at their doors instead of having to drive two or three miles to the nearest Post Office for that purpose.

"I have, therefore, determined, with the consent of my colleagues, to equip all existing mail routes in Canada with rural



Fig. 5 "Getting a new platform..." (Cartoon from the Toronto News, 25 September 1908, p.1)



Fig. 6 Daniel Morrison, the first official rural route courier (Courtesy of Mike Street)

mail delivery boxes, under regulations to be published and enforced shortly. At the junction of every concession line with the main road, the people will also be given the privilege of having their boxes located for the receipt and collection of their mail as desired. The Department has made all arrangements for the carrying out of the scheme and will at once proceed to inaugurate it. This system of rural mail delivery can be introduced at a cost which the country can afford to pay. It will evolve and expand gradually, with

the growth and development of Canada, at a ration of cost that will not prove burdensome." (17)

Obviously the Department had been spending some time and energy on the matter because, on 17 September, two days after Lemieux's Niagara Falls announcement, the Post Office issued the first pamphlet of regulations. Ironically, the regulations were published over the name of Chief Post Office Superintendent George Ross. (18)

The Niagara Falls announcement was re-



Fig. 7 Inaugurating the new rural mail delivery (Canadian Courier, Vol.4. No.21. 24 October 1908, p.9)

ceived with mixed feelings, depending upon political party affiliations. The *Toronto Globe* said that "the successes scored by the Post Office Department since 1896 are the best evidence that the latest step for the benefit of users of His Majesty's mails will soon be working satisfactorily to all concerned." (19)

The Liberals saw chances of electoral gains - it was later claimed by their opponents that seventeen Ontario seats had been influenced by this new Liberal policy statement. The press and the Conservatives claimed that one more plank had been taken from Mr. Borden's Halifax platform, and they were not amused. *Saturday Night*, commenting generally about the election, said that "the haste with which rural free mail delivery was slapped into constituencies where it would do good, was a reproach to our system of government. Except for partisan advantage there was no reason under the sun for this mad haste to get free rural mail delivery in operation. It has been talked about for years, and will be experimented with for years to come, before the postal authorities learn best how to operate it." (20)

On 10 October 1908 the first rural route, consisting of 37 mail boxes running between Hamilton and Ancaster, in Wentworth County, Ontario, was inaugurated. Chief Inspector Ross officiated at a small ceremony. Daniel Morrison (Fig. 5), who held the stage contract between Hamilton and Ancaster, was the first official rural route courier.

Today, the actual inauguration (Fig. 6) might be termed a 'non-event'. As described by the local press, it was "an interesting event", with twenty-five to forty people attending "this great and auspicious meeting" in a drizzle of rain. It was noted that many of the hard-headed farmers drove up to the junction of the Ancaster and Dundas roads, stopped to see why the small crowd had gathered, and then drove on. The first letter mailed on the first rural mail route was from W.O. Sealey, the eventually successful Liberal candidate for Wentworth, to Lemieux, the Postmaster General, congratulating him on the introduction of the service, "the crowning achievement" of the Post Office Department. (21)

Some 15 other ridings in Ontario were also earmarked to receive routes, and, according to the *Toronto Globe*, some one hundred routes were to be available before the end of October. (22) On 26 October 1908 the Liberal government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier was re-elected, including W.O. Sealey, representing Wentworth, and Rodolphe Lemieux, returned as Postmaster General.

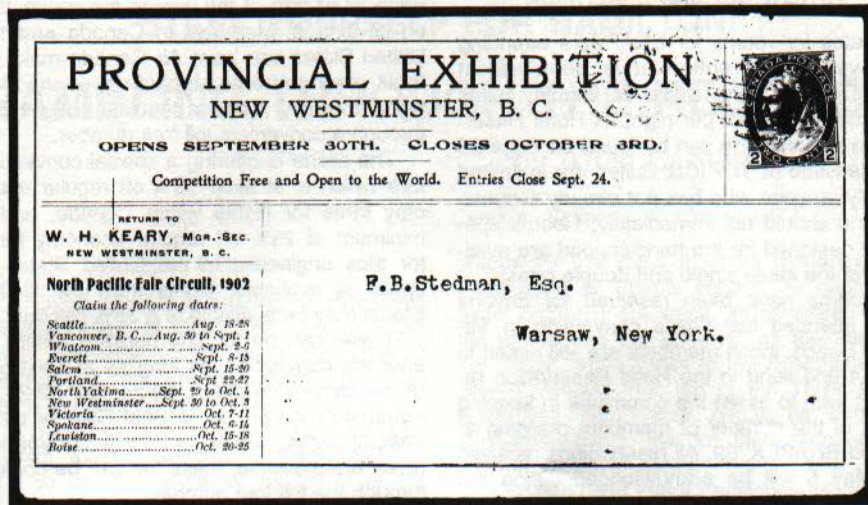
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EARLY EXHIBITION COVERS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

by Kenneth Ellison



NEW WESTMINSTER EXHIBITION 1902

By 1902 the Provincial Exhibition was held in permanent buildings located in Queen's Park. Exhibitors and spectators came from all over British Columbia especially to be part of the growing excitement offered in New Westminster. 'Competition Free and Open to the World' was the slogan proudly proclaimed.

The cover above appears to have been printed for the 1902 exhibition, but was carried over and not used by the long time Manager-Secretary, W.H. Keary, until just before the 1903 show.



THE POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY OF CANADA INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

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BNAPEX '89 NEWS

HOTEL RATES SET TAX REFUNDABLE FOR OUT-OF-PROVINCE VISITORS

Rates for rooms for BNAPEXers attending this year's convention have been set at \$89CDN per night, single or double; suites will cost \$178CDN per night. A Hotel Reservation request form can be found on Page 28 of this issue of *TOPICS*. Suites are in limited supply; anyone who has not already requested one should act immediately. Rooms specially designed for the handicapped are available at the same single and double rates.

Rooms have been reserved for anyone who attended last year's convention in Virginia Beach; those members are still asked to fill out and send in the Hotel Reservation request form to assist the committee in keeping track of the number of members planning to attend BNAPEX '89. All reservations received by May 5 will be acknowledged during the week of May 8. Later requests will be acknowledged on receipt.

To help single members reduce costs, the convention committee is keeping a list of people looking for others to share rooms. Anyone wishing to share a room is asked to mark the appropriate spot on the accommodation request form to get their name on the list.

The Sheraton Hamilton, completed in 1986, is located in the heart of Hamilton's new downtown core. From the Sheraton, without going outdoors, visitors can shop in the 250 fine shops and stores of Lloyd D. Jackson Square, visit the Convention Center and Hamilton Place Concert Hall across the street, or drop in on Hamilton's colourful Farmer's Market. Also across the street from the hotel is the Hamilton Art Gallery, and a short distance further on is Canada's Football Hall of Fame.

Visitors to BNAPEX '89 who live outside Ontario will be able, on their return home, to claim a refund of Ontario's retail sales tax on hotel rooms (currently 5%) and on some purchases of merchandise (currently 8%). Forms will be supplied in the BNAPEX '89 registration package.

AIR CANADA OFFICIAL BNAPEX '89 AIRLINE - OFFERS REDUCED FARES

In return for being named the official air-

line of BNAPEX '89, Air Canada is offering reduced fares for any member or guest travelling all or part of the way to the convention on its aircraft. Members in Canada and the United States can have Air Canada make all their arrangements, including connecting flights to an Air Canada terminal in the USA, through a convenient toll free number.

The airline is offering a special convention fare which is at least 15% off regular economy fares for flights within Canada, and a minimum of 25% off regular economy fares for trips originating in the United States. If space is available, flights from the United States may be available at a 35% discount.

Travel can be for any duration before or after the convention, as long as at least one of the convention dates, September 22-24, is included in the period. If 'Seat Sale' or other special fares, lower than the convention rates, are available, these too can be booked through the toll free number.

For further information, refer to the Air Canada insert in this issue of *BNA TOPICS* and call 1-800-361-7585 in either Canada or the USA. Be sure to refer to BNAPEX '89, Convention File Number 89-676. Overseas members may be able to get reduced fares; contact Convention Chairman Mike Street directly at P.O. Box 7230, Ancaster, ON, Canada L9G 3N6 and he will assist with your enquiry.

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EXHIBIT ENTRY FORM IN THIS ISSUE

Members interested in exhibiting at BNAPEX '89 will find the exhibition rules and

classifications, and an entry form, beginning on page 24 of this issue of *TOPICS*. Although many more frames will be available this year

than at the last two conventions, members are encouraged to get their entry forms in as soon as possible.

Next issue: Details of tours, evening activities, Jury members, etc.

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RAMBLING THROUGH THE RECORDS

by Allan L. Steinhart, OTB

Dept. Order No. 22

P.O. Dept., Canada - Ottawa

Oct. 6, 1877

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1. Letter Envelopes bearing an impressed Postage Stamp of One Cent, and of Three Cents, respectively, are ready for issue to Postmasters, and through their Agency to Stamp Vendors for sale to the public.

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4. Postmasters and Stamp Vendors will be required to sell these Envelopes at the above rate per hundred to the public, and when a request is made for a single envelope or any number less than a hundred, the

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5. When used these Envelopes will represent the pre-payment of postage of the amount of the Stamp impressed thereon, and when used for letters weighing more than 1/2 oz., or on which pre-payment is required of more than is represented by the impressed Stamp, the difference may be affixed by ordinary Postage Stamps.

6. An impressed Stamp must be carefully cancelled by Postmasters when the Envelopes are posted.

7. The impressed Stamp cut from an Envelope cannot be used for the prepayment of Postage in any shape, and when detached from the Envelope on which it was impressed, it loses all value as a Postage Stamp.

Dept. Order No. 26

P.O. Dept., Canada

April 11, 1882

New Form of One Cent Post Card

A new form of one cent Canada Post Card has been prepared, and is now ready for distribution to Postmasters in fulfillment of such regulations as they may make for further supplies of one cent cards.

The new card is larger than the card hitherto supplied, and the one cent postage stamp being impressed thereon by a different process will have a somewhat different appearance but the device for the stamp remains the same. The marginal rim on the

face side has been discontinued leaving more room for the address.

Post Cards are to be postmarked with the date stamp only on the face or address side of the card, both at the office where posted and at the office of delivery, leaving the other side of the card entirely clear for the use of the sender. In postmarking, care must be taken to avoid interfering with the address.

Post Cards cannot be registered.

THE CANLOAN SCHEME

by Robert Wyse

HISTORY

Colonel C. P. Stacey, in *The Canadian Army 1935-1945, An Official Historical Summary* (1), mentions that late in World War II a large number of Canadian officers was loaned to the British Army and fought with distinction in various British Regiments during the final campaigns of the conflict. The scheme by which these Canadian were loaned to the British was called 'CANLOAN'.

It is not the intention of this writer to repeat the information provided by Colonel Stacey, but perhaps to supplement it and illustrate the scheme from the postal history point of view.

The CANLOAN scheme was initiated in the fall of 1943. At this time the British Army, as a result of their various campaigns throughout the world, was experiencing a shortage of junior officers. At the same time, as the result of the disbanding of two Home Divisions (the 7th and 8th) and the fact that the Canadian Army was fighting on only one front, in Italy, the Canadian Army had a surplus of officers.

Because the instruction programs in Canada had continued, many trained officers that the active battalions could not absorb were just waiting in reinforcement and instructional units. The Canadian Government was thus in a position to loan these surplus officers to the British Army.

All officers were volunteers and were carefully screened by Selection Boards in Canada. For all purposes, except pay, they were attached to British Regiments and given special serial numbers with the prefix 'CDN'. Pay, allowances and pensions were provided by the Canadian Government, at the same rate as for other active Canadian Forces. Promotions were to be made on British recommendation, subject to Canadian approval.

At first it was established that 2000 officers would be made available. With the passage on April 29, 1944 of the Order-in-Council establishing the CANLOAN scheme, this number was subsequently lowered to 1500. A further reduction was made shortly thereafter when it became evident that the number of officers available was less promising than the 1943 forecasts had originally indicated.

Just under 1000 numbers were assigned the 'CDN' prefix used for CANLOAN volunteers. For various reasons a number of officers did not complete the transfer to the British Army. Thus it was that a total of 673 - 622 infantry officers and 51 ordnance officers, whom the Royal Army Ordnance Corps were particularly anxious to have - served in the CANLOAN scheme. Although most were junior officers, there was one Captain for every seven Lieutenants. In order to be accepted as volunteers, many took demotions; some, attracted perhaps by the prospect of early action, transferred from other areas of the services.

In the spring of 1944 all the officers who were selected proceeded to Sussex, N.B. where they underwent a four week refresher course. During this phase they were under the command of Brigadier Milton F. Gregg, V.C.

The transfer overseas was speedy; the officers proceeded to Britain in drafts of 50 to 200. The first arrived on April 7, 1944 and the remainder in short order. They were immediately posted to British units, whenever possible to a British regiment with which their Canadian regiment was affiliated. While with the British, CANLOAN officers wore all badges of the regiment to which they were attached, as well as the 'Canada' shoulder badge.

Many CANLOAN officers took part in the landings at Normandy and served in the actions in Northwest Europe. Some served in the British Army in Italy, and a few reached Southeast Asia. The reports made on individuals and the data available on this group of officers attests to the fact that their contribution was above the norm.

Casualty statistics show that 128 (20%) were Killed in Action or Died of Wounds, 310 (50%) were Wounded, and 27 (5%) became Prisoners of War. Thus a total of 465 (75%) of the CANLOAN officers became casualties.

The excellence of the service rendered by these officers is also shown in the data on honours won, which included: 41 Military Crosses and one Bar, 1 Distinguished Service Cross, 1 Member of the British Empire, 1 Silver Star (USA), 4 Croix de Guerre (France) and 1 Order of the Bronze Lion (Holland).

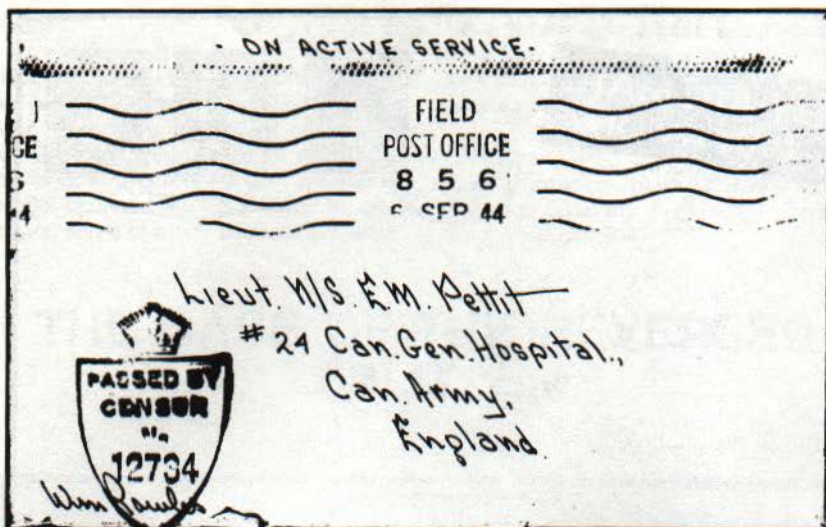


Figure 1. A cover sent by CANLOAN Officer William Rowles (CDN/675) while serving with the 6th King's Own Scottish Borderers.

Unfortunately, I have not recorded the numbers for Mentioned in Dispatches, but they were numerous. In addition to the above, 2 Distinguished Service Crosses and 6 Military Medals had been awarded to CANLOAN officers for previous service during the war.

I have been fortunate to obtain a set of covers from a CANLOAN officer, CDN/675 Lt. William H. Rowles, who served in France and

Holland with the 6th King's Own Scottish Borderers. Written to Lt. N/S E. M. Pettit at the 24th Canadian General Hospital in England, they illustrate by the rapid change in Field Post Offices the involvement of these officers in the operations that were taking place in Northwest Europe. All covers have the 'CDN' prefix in the return address. The Sept. 6, 1944 cover is illustrated (Fig. 1).



Figure 2. This cover, to CANLOAN Officer J.H. Fransham (CDN/504), was addressed directly to the British regiment to which he had been attached.

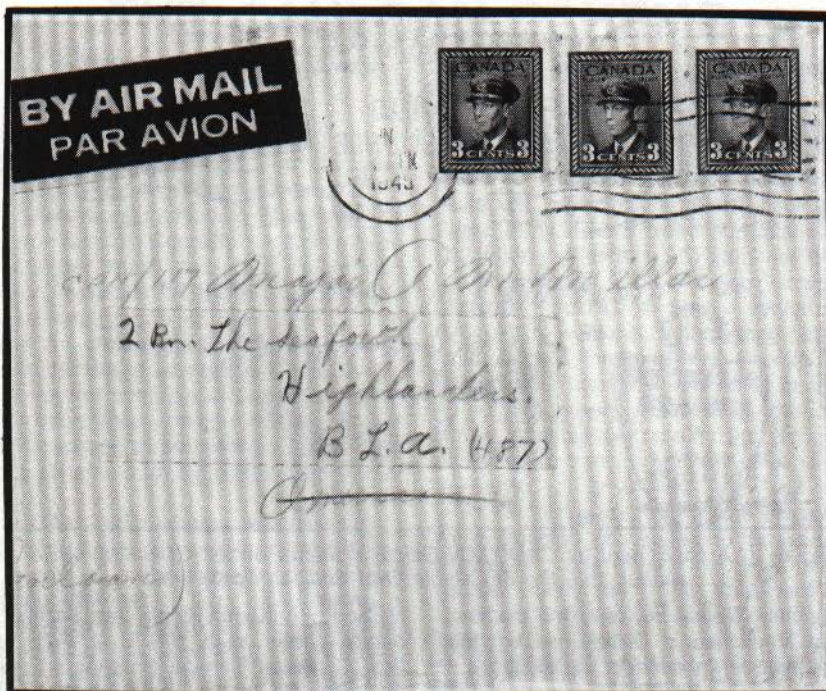


Figure 3. This cover, originally addressed c/o Canadian Army Overseas, was redirected to CANLOAN Officer Major A.M. Millar (CDN/117) by the forces postal service.

Postmark	Date	Censor Mark (Shield with Crown)	none are known.
Southwold, Suffolk	Aug. 10/44	Nil	
Southwold, Suffolk	Aug. 14/44	Nil	
Southwold, Suffolk	Aug. 18/44	Nil	
Southwold, Suffolk	Aug. 21/44	Nil	
Halesworth, Suffolk	Aug. 25/44	Nil	
FPO - 856	Sept. 6/44	12734	
FPO - 376	Sept. 26/44	12220	
FPO - 383	Sept. 27/44	15506	
FPO - 127	Oct. 6/44	3576	
FPO - 350	Oct. 15/44	3576	
FPO - 350	Oct. 21/44	3576	

POSTAL MARKINGS

I have not seen nor am I aware of the existence of any special postal or orderly room handstamps for the CANLOAN officers. This lack of hard information is not due to lack of researching effort.

It would appear that the main opportunity for such a mark to appear on mail from this group of officers would have been during their short stay at Camp Sussex, N.B., but

Once the CANLOAN officers dispersed overseas, only the central mail processing locations in Canada or in Britain established by the Canadian Postal Corps System for the Canadian Army Overseas would have been in a position to apply such a mark, but this does not appear to have been the case either.

The cover (Fig. 2) to Lt. J.H. Fransham, CDN/504, was addressed directly to him, using the British Company, Battalion and Regiment to which he was assigned. The cover addressed to CDN/117 Major A.M. Millar (Fig. 3) appears to have been redirected at the company or battalion level, not by a Records Office group. Both covers suggest that special handling at a central location did not take place.

As officers were assigned to different British regiments on arrival in England, it is highly improbable that special identifying postal marking devices were issued. For the present, the only mark I can say conclusively identifies a CANLOAN cover is the prefix 'CDN' before the number of the officer in

question.

I am conscious of the fact that I am not in a position to make categorical statements with regard to CANLOAN covers to the same degree as with the general outline of the CAN-LOAN Scheme. This is due to the too few examples of CANLOAN covers I have in my collection, or made available to me by other collectors, some of which illustrate this article.

Nevertheless, it is a start, and I hope it excites interest and the recognition of other examples of this little known Canadian endeavour of World War II.

Reference:

1. *The Canadian Army 1935-1945, An Official Historical Summary*, the King's Printer, Ottawa, 1948, pp. 294 - 296.

THE CASE OF THE REVERSED SPLIT 'S'

by Clinton A. Phillips



Nothing intrigues us more than a philatelic mystery. This case involves a fancy cancellation - a reversed split 'S' on a cover to Hamilton, Ontario. Also on the cover is an RPO cancellation indicating that the cover was carried on the K and P segment of the Wellington, Grey & Bruce, Kincardine & Palmerston Railway which, according to Gillam (1), was a lessee of the Great Western. All were eventually merged into the Grand Trunk complex. The map shows the route.

At first glance, it appeared that the split 'S' represented Southampton. It was also possible that it could represent a postmaster's initial at another town on the line. A review of the *Postal Guide* for 1880 revealed no postmaster whose last name began with 'S', except a David Stirton at Guelph, which was the

terminus of the line. The cover obviously originated up the line since the RPO is stamped 'EAST'.

The 1880 *Postal Guide* also showed no Southampton in Ontario but reference to the ever-helpful Campbell listing of post offices (3) noted that the town of Southampton was known as Saugeen until 1890. The preponderance of evidence thus indicates that Saugeen, Ontario was the origin of the reversed split 'S'.

References:

- (1) L.F. Gillam, *A History of Canadian R.P.O.s*, 1967, p. 156.
- (2) *Canadian Official Postal Guide*, 1880, pp. 31, 32, 38, 57 and 88.
- (3) F. W. Campbell, *Canada Post Offices 1755-1895*, 1972, pp. 157 and 165.

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NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL STATIONERY

Some Additions and Corrections to the Pratt Articles

by William C. Walton

Part II



Figure 2. P4 postmarked AP 30/81 (St. John's), with red London transit MY 8/81 and local German receiver 20/5.

P4 (The 2¢ Card of 1880) (Sept-Oct 1984, 41, 5, 403)

Pratt's issue date of 1882 for this card is unquestionably in error. An ERP of April 30, 1881 (to Germany) has already been recorded. At least two other usages predating the cited one of November 1883 are also known (see Fig. 2). The card was certainly issued by early 1881, and in all probability was actually released a year before (early 1880). This can be seen very readily by checking some of the major philatelic references of the period.

The leading philatelic societies at that time kept rather close track of new postal issues, including postal stationery; many dealers, and the philatelic press, also kept tabs on the subject. The Philatelic Society, London, in its seminal 1889 catalogue of BNA, ascribed a tentative date of issue for this card as January 1880, which (though it appears somewhat

early) is highly unlikely to be in error by more than a few months. Many other sources support this (e.g. the continuing series of catalogues and supplements by the Belgian dealer Moens, the 1884 *Post Cards* by Fry, etc.), but the simplest is probably North America's preeminent post card dealer at the time, Philadelphia's L.W. Durbin. His *Catalogue of Postal Cards* (Fifth Edition, 1882) also lists P4 and P3 as 1880 issues.

Pratt hypothesizes that P4 was engraved and printed prior to the 1¢ card (P3), and in his subsequent comments on P3 incorrectly concludes as well that P3 was not issued until 1883. All of the reasoning that led Pratt to the tentative conclusion that P4 was issued first is fallacious - yet curiously, his conclusion may coincidentally be correct: the Philatelic Society, London, dated P3 as a July 1880 issue - six months later than its tentative assignment of January for P4.

Pratt's first reason for dating P4 prior to P3 appears to be the die proof numbering of the two (122 for P4, 123 for P3) in what he calls "the files of the British American Bank Note Company." (His other reasons are discussed in the next section, dealing with P3.) This die proof numbering sequence, he suggests, "probably (indicates) the order of engraving and printing." This is very questionable for several reasons, and has the potential to mislead the reader or future researcher to a serious degree.

1. In any die proof record, including those consistently well maintained, the die proof numbering of two consecutive proofs, from what could be a simultaneous issue, is not a sound basis for assuming a sequence of die engraving. Both could easily have been entered in the 'file' together, without much attention paid to which was first completed and used for a proof pull. Pratt, of course, assumed they were *not* simultaneous - implying that a year or more elapsed between the issue of P4 and P3. But this raises another contradiction: was this prolific printer really doing no original die production for any postal, revenue, or tax paid issue - federal or provincial - for a year or more, until the order for a 1¢ card from Newfoundland arrived? Why do no other die proofs intervene between 122 and 123? The answer, of course, is that 122 and 123 were entered into the record at the same time.

2. Even if the die proof number sequence *could* be used to determine the order in which the dies were engraved, this would hardly be a basis for extrapolating the sequence of *plate* manufacture, or of *printing* (let alone shipping and dis-

tribution). These represent progressively more tenuous assumptions.

3. Pratt has either not had an opportunity to inspect the die proof source document he cites, or has only examined it selectively. The 'files' to which he refers are British American Bank Note's 'reference book' of die proofs. *This book was not kept contemporaneously before the turn of the century, and in fact appears to have been reconstructed - based on this writer's research - on a sort of 'best guess' basis, around 1909.* The 'best guesses' were often not too accurate. For example, the Newfoundland proofs for the 1880 postal adhesives are numbered and entered just prior to the Canadian Bill Stamps of 1868. Again, Pratt either was told the die proof numbers (without questioning the provenance of the document), or examined it only in a narrow sense (looking just at the line information for Newfoundland entries). Until a continuing effort to sort out the 'reference book' is completed, and the results made available, collectors should be wary of citations from it. Items are missing, and the sequence is frequently meaningless.

Pratt lists one printing shade for P4 (orange vermilion) on two stock shades (white and light buff). Collectors should be aware that this is a drastic oversimplification. Marked printing shades occur, and there are many stocks. The most easily differentiated stock is probably the 'thin cream card' which is surfaced on the address side; it appears to have come into distribution in 1897, and was the major (though not exclusive) type of stock used for the balance of the issue.

Again, for the record, P4 was printed from recessed plates ('engraved').

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Who May Enter

- The Exhibition is restricted to members in good standing of BNAPS.

What May Be Exhibited

- The Exhibition is restricted to British North America material as outlined in the classification.

Entries Are Limited

- No exhibitor may have more than one entry in any group or sub-group.
- All entries must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor.
- Entries shall consist of no less than two frames. Except in special cases, with the approval in advance of the Host Group, entries shall consist of no more than ten frames.
- The Host Group has the right to restrict the number of frames for any one entry, but in no case will the restriction be less than four frames.
- All entries will consist of complete frames.
- No entry which has received the Grand Award at a previous BNAPEX may compete in open competition again. The exhibitor is restricted, however, only in that group or sub-group in which the Grand Award was won.

Exhibition Type

- Open Show basis, using modified International standards.

Judges

- Three experienced judges, all members of BNAPS, have been selected by the Host Group. No judge may enter the competition.

AWARDS

The classification which follows is for purposes of properly organizing the exhibition, and also for the purpose of restricting previous Grand Award winners. It has no other purpose in determining awards.

The Exhibition is to be judged on an open-show basis, using modified International standards. There will be five levels of award: Gold, Vermeil, Silver, Silver-Bronze and Bronze. Special emphasis will be placed on recognizing research and study evidenced in an exhibit, whether it is in a traditional or specialty area of the classification.

The number of awards in total, and by grades, shall be determined only by the quality of the exhibits on display.

In no way should it be interpreted that any given number of awards must be given to any group or combination of groups.

EXHIBITION RULES (continued)

BNAPS EXHIBITION CLASSIFICATION

CLASS I - COURT OF HONOUR

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Outstanding private collections

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B - COVERS OF CANADA, NEWFOUNDLAND AND/OR ANY BNA PROVINCE(S)

B1 - 19th Century to (1851 to 1897)

B2 - 20th Century (from 1897)

C - STAMPS OF THE PROVINCES AND NEWFOUNDLAND

C1 - British Columbia and Vancouver Island

C2 - New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

C3 - Newfoundland

D - STAMPS OF CANADA (VICTORIAN ISSUES)

D1 - 1851-1859 - Pence and Decimal Issues

D2 - 1868-1897 - Large and Small Queens, Widow Weeds and Registration Issues

D3 - 1897-1902 - Diamond Jubilee, Leaf, Numeral and Map Issues

E - STAMPS OF CANADA (EARLY 20th CENTURY)

E1 - 1902-1907 - King Edward Issues

E2 - 1912-1927 - King George V Admiral Issues, including War Tax

E3 - 1928-37 - King George V Issues

F - STAMPS OF CANADA (MODERN ERA)

F1 - 1938-1951 - King George VI Issues

F2 - 1952 to date - Queen Elizabeth II Issues, including Semi-Postals

F3 - Officials (G or OHMS), Overprinted or Perfin

F4 - Special Delivery, Postage Due, Officially Sealed

G - AIRMAILS

G1 - Newfoundland Airmails and/or Covers

G2 - Canadian Semi-Official Airmails and/or Covers

G3 - Canadian Government Issues and/or Covers, including Inaugural and First Flights

H - POSTAGE STAMP SPECIALTIES

H1 - Canadian and Newfoundland Booklets and Panes

H2 - Canadian Coils, Miniature Sheets, Souvenir Sheets/Cards, Plate Numbers and Imprint studies

J - CANCELLATION STUDIES (ON OR OFF COVER)

K - PRIVATE PERFIN OR PRECANCELLED STAMPS AND/OR COVERS

L - POSTAL STATIONERY OF CANADA AND/OR NEWFOUNDLAND (INCLUDING PRECANCELLED)

M - POSTAL HISTORY SPECIALTIES

N - REVENUES

O - NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED

NOTES:

1) Proofs and Essays should be entered in the group to which they belong; thus Pence and Decimal Canadian proofs would be entered under II-D1. However, if the exhibit includes all 19th century proofs then it should be entered under II-D. This applies to freaks, plate varieties, and similar specialties.

2) Specialized collections of single stamps should be entered in the group or sub-group for that particular issue. It is not necessary to exhibit all the material listed in the sub-group.

CLASS III - NOVICE

This special section is intended to encourage new exhibitors. It is open to any member who has not previously exhibited at a BNAPEX exhibition. This section is not classified.

INSURANCE

Insurance shall be the responsibility of the exhibitor. While the Host Group will take every reasonable step to provide security for the exhibition, there shall be no responsibility or liability attached to the Society, its officers, committees, or members, or to the Host group, its officers, committees, or members, for any loss or damage to any exhibit or part of any exhibit for any reason whatsoever. The Host Group recommends that exhibits be personally delivered rather than being sent through the mails.

The exhibitor, by his or her signature on the exhibition application, agrees to accept these rules and regulations.

BNAPEX '89

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(Photocopies are acceptable for multiple entries)

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Brief Description of exhibit: _____

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by Gary W. Steele

After examining the usage of COD Card No. 32 in *BNA TOPICS* (July - August 87), I decided to look into other types of forms, cards and slips that the Post Office may have used between 1937 and 1942.

Form F. B. 36 P.M. - REQUISITION FOR POSTAGE STAMPS

The 1936 -1941 *Canada Postal Guide* states:

"...every postmaster is required to have on hand a sufficient stock of Postage Stamps, Special Delivery Stamps, Stamp Books, Stamped Envelopes, Post Cards and Post Bands,..."

Whenever a postmaster felt that his/her inventory was running low they would fill out form F. B. 36 P.M., Requisition for Postage Stamps. Apsley, Ontario postmaster E. L. Downing filled out a Requisition (left) to order 2000 - 3 cent stamps, and 20 - 3 cent stamp booklets at 25 cents each, for a total of sixty-five dollars. He then date-stamped the front of the requisition (below) with the Apsley split ring (April 2, 1940) and mailed it to the Postage Stamp Depot, Toronto.

On 3 April 1940 the Post Office Postage Stamp Depot completed the order (see hand stamp) and mailed the requisition with stamps back to the Apsley Post Office. On 4 April 1940 the package was received, as indicated by the date stamp on the order side of the form.

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 Province: *Ontario*
 Postal District: _____

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Signature: *E. L. Downing*
 Postmaster

Least number to be ordered for	DENOMINATION	STOCK REQUIRED	
		Quantity	Value \$ c.
100	1 Cent Stamp		
100	2 "		
100	3 "	2000	60 00
50	4 "		
50	5 "		
50	6 "		
25	10 "		
25	13 "		
25	20 "		
15	50 "		
15	\$1.00		
15	26 Cent Special Delivery		
50	5 Cent Air Mail		
50	6 Cent Air Mail		
50	1 Cent Postage Due		
50	2 "		
50	4 "		
50	10 "		
4	1 Cent Stamp Books, 25c. each		
4	2 "		
4	3 "	20	5 00
4	4 "		
4	Combination		
1	1 Cent Roll, \$5.04 per 500 stamps		
1	2 " \$10.04		
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100	1 Cent Post Cards		
100	2 Cent Post Cards		
50	1 Cent, small, \$1.50 per 100		
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50	3 " \$3.20 per 100		
50	1 Cent, large, \$1.20 per 100		
50	2 " \$2.20 per 100		
50	3 " \$3.20 per 100		
1,000	1 Cent Advertising Cards, 8 on sheet		
1,000	2 " 8 on sheet		
100	1 " single		
100	2 " single		
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100	2 Cent Special Reply Envelopes		
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Stamp: *APR 3 1940 TORONTO*

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AFFORDABLE RARITIES

By M.F. Painter

What stamp collector has not dreamed of owning one of the world's great rarities? For the majority of us it is an impossible dream. Spouses get nervous at the thought of mortgaging the house to finance, for example, one of the 96 known copies of the U.S. inverted Curtis Jenny (one sold for \$143,000 US early in 1987). Even what would seem to be a better bargain, one of the two copies of Canada #32 (a reported \$90,000 Canadian in 1986), is out of the question for most. Canada's twelve penny black, Scott #3, is a little more common, with only 1510 ultimately being issued to the public. However, even if you can afford one of the poorer copies at, say, \$25,000, you might wait for years to find one in an auction.

If you are a collector of Canada, the limit of your aspirations may be something like the \$1.00 Jubilee of 1987. Most auctions will list one or two of the 25,000 copies issued, but they are a popular stamp and you will probably pay more than \$200 for a decent one. Even the 50¢ Bluenose, of which a million were printed, can set you back a couple of hundred dollars for a nice mint copy. Still, although well known and popular, the Bluenose is not exactly a rarity.

What would you say, then, to picking up for \$350 Canadian one of the 27 existing mint copies of a stamp marking a Canadian postal history milestone? Impossible? No, in January 1987 a Toronto dealer sent out a flyer in which a fine/very fine copy was advertised for that price. And in 1987 I bought an admittedly very scruffy space filler, but still one of the 27, for \$13.50!

The stamp? Scott CLP1 (Fig. 1) the first of the stamps issued for pioneer flights under authority of the Canadian Post Office Department. These stamps were used on mail carried by the Aero Club of Canada on six experimental flights between Toronto and Ottawa starting August 15, 1918. The First World War was still on, hence the militant picture of a burning Zeppelin. The Post Office gave the Aero Club authority to print and sell the stamps for 25¢; they had to be affixed to the back of all mail carried on these flights.

Why, then, is such a rare and historic stamp as CLP1 so affordable? There were only 194 issued - fewer than the 200 plus St.

Lawrence Seaway inverts which reached the public, and today catalogue around \$15,000. Why is one of the 27 mint Aero Club stamps priced at only \$350?

There are probably two or three reasons that have kept the demand within reach of the limited supply. One may be the name given to these stamps, 'Semi-Official Air Mails'. The unfortunate, and inaccurate, connotation is that they are not quite genuine. Another reason may be that these stamps were set apart early in their life. Boggs, for example, in his monumental 1945 work, made a practical decision to keep his book in reasonable bounds by confining it to "items issued by the Post Office Authorities." Most collectors seem to progress to 'back of the book' stamps only after going as far as they can with items in the front of the catalogues; probably a lot never do get around to these separately listed stamps. Yet another reason may be that these stamps, with a variety of designers and printers, were not all of the



Figure 1. Only 27 mint copies of CLP1 exist.

quality of the engraved stamps issued by the Post Office. Actually, the production methods resulted in a lot of varieties which adds to their interest (Fig.2).

The catalogues mostly cover these stamps quite well, although there is the problem that *Scott* and *Canada Specialized* numbers for them bear little relationship to each other. Both, however, have adequate listings,

the former in colour. The *American Air Mail Catalogue* devotes over thirty pages to the Semi-Officials, *Holmes* nearly forty pages, *Robson Lowe*, fifteen pages, and *Jarrett*, six. C.A. Longworth-Dames wrote an excellent book on them, *The Semi-Official Air Stamps of Canada 1924-1934*. The Semi-Official Air-mails Study Group of BNAPS also put out a 65 page report in 1985 and are continuing



Figure 2. There were 24,000 of CL46 issued. A couple of thousand had the spur on the crossbar of the A in AIR (bottom stamp).



Figure 3. Rare and affordable. Only 16 of CL28 were issued yet one of these sold for only \$45 in 1985.

their work.

CLP1 is only one of these airmail rarities still available for a price that the average collector can consider. The largest issue of any of the Semi-Official airmails was the 1927 British Columbia Airways stamp, of which 110,000 were printed. This may seem like quite a lot until you realize that there were nearly five times as many 50¢ Edwards issued in 1908, and nearly *ten* times as many of the famous Bluenose. A mint Edward will set you back perhaps \$500 and a Bluenose close to half that. However, you should have no trouble finding a very fine, never hinged B.C. Airways stamp for around \$5.00.

A little more scarce (56,600 issued), but unaccountably cheaper is the 1927 Western Canada Airways stamp, CL40, which you can pick up, with a little luck, for under two dollars. In fact, you should be able to get each of the three shades at that price, even though there were only 10,000 copies each of the pale rose and dark red varieties.

When does a stamp become 'rare' rather than 'scarce'? Probably an issue of 25,000 is still just scarce - the one dollar and two dollar Jubilees were each issued in about that quantity. So was the Cherry Red Airlines

stamp (24,000) shown above, but you can pick up one of those for around four dollars - just 1% to 2% of the price of the Jubilees.

The Patricia Airways and Exploration Ltd. stamps were not only issued both perforated and rouletted, in two basic colours, but also had five different types of overprints - sometimes combined, tilted or inverted - in several colours. There were 12,800 of the first issue on July 1, 1926, but many of the various combinations of overprints were only produced in quantities of 1,200 or 200 or 24 or even as few as eight. In 1985 a CL28 (50¢ black on green with RED LAKE overprint), of which Jarrett reports only 16 printed, was sold at auction for \$45. Now, that *is* a rare stamp at an affordable price (Fig. 3).

As more collectors seek these stamps out, for their scarcity or interesting history, the prices will probably get a little less attractive. Nevertheless, anyone who has ever hankered to have a truly rare stamp in their album should still manage for some years yet to obtain a Semi-Official Air Mail stamp, issued in quantities about the same as for Canada's twelve penny black, for under a hundred dollars.

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ON THE FRINGES

When nothing else serves, talk about the weather. Most of the country is decrying the lack of rain or snow, but here in Michigan's Upper Peninsula we have lots of snow. We have no worry of an impending drought that overhangs a lot of the U.S. Happily, there is no drought in BNAPS. Two new study groups are aborning. Al Steinhart has the Klussendorf group off to a flying start, and Jim Miller is proposing an Orb cancel study group. He would like to organize a group to explore the use of the two and three ring Orbs.

The officers of the **Klussendorf** study group are: Coordinator, Al Steinhart; Deputy Coordinator, Greig Hutton; and Editor, Gray Scrimgeour. Their efforts have produced two large newsletters packed with data. They mean to produce a roster complete with periods of use, timemarks, errors, slogans and inverts. Input has come from Denis Cottin,

Andrew Chung, Wally Gutzman, Dave Haines, Dan Hunka, Gene Labiuk, Gordon McDonald, Robert Meek, Brian Plain, George Sangster and Mike Street. A book, *The Canadian Klussendorf Cancellations*, by Greig Hutton is favorably reviewed. Robert Meek has published a list of 'K' cancels, with pertinent data, which is also recommended. The newsletters close with a continued article, *Kebec Klussie Comments*, by Geoff Newman. The newsletters are full of illustrations. I am impressed by the meticulous treatment of the data. Too often sloppy reporting gets into print, and thereafter is treated as gospel.

Whit Bradley, doyen of the **Map** stamp group, produces his usual folksy newsletter. He relates his summer activities. No comment about fishing, he has probably lost his touch. The publication of his Map stamp handbook is in limbo though the final

changes have been made. Ken Johnson, Archivist-Philately of the Canadian Postal Archives, will arrange to photograph the proof sheet of Plate IV for Whit. He reprints an interesting article on the Map stamp from the September 1988 issue of *First Days*. This was contributed by Stan Lum. Whit closes with a review of his correspondence.

Ken Ellison, Editor for the **Military** group, presents two newsletters. The first, the Christmas issue, appropriately consists of an illustrated article on R.C.A.F. Christmas cards, by Dave Haines. The second features illustrated articles by Michael Dobbs and Kim Dodwell, *Oldham Guard Detachment - Canadian Infantry Holding Units*; Ritch Toop, *Canadian Army Demonstration Train* and Wilf Whitehouse, *R.C.N. Censor - From H.M.C. Ship Removed*. Also featured is the conclusion of Dave Hanes' article, *Camp Borden Postcards*. Bill Robinson reports on an informal study group meeting at BNAPEX '88. Ritch Toop lists the C.F.P.O.s and M.P.O.s of the Canadian Forces Postal Service.

A beautiful Newfoundland rate cover is the frontispiece of C.A. Stillions' *Newfie Newsletter*. Alan Selby contributes the picture and an article annotating this cover. Palmer Moffat reports responses, to his 'Boxed' and 'Oval' cancel survey, from Douglas Campbell, John Forrest, Brian Noble, C.A. Stillions and Don Wilson. Paul Burega submits a photocopy of a Newfoundland postal stationery cover with printed advertising. It concludes with a list, from Bill Robinson, of Newfoundland Post Offices transferred to Canada on April 1, 1949.

Some collectors can do more with holes than most of us can do with stamps. Evidence of this comes from *The Perforator*. Michael Behm is the Editor for the **Perfin** people. This newsletter emphasizes the careful research in this field. A 'C5' cover illustrates the first page. Mark Fennell discusses with meticulous detail the problem of a U.S. perfin found on a cover from Meota, SK. With the same thoroughness, Jack Benningen has investigated perfins S1, S2, S3 and S4. A cover from Don Fraser inspired this analysis. A financial statement, and the notice of another auction by the group completes the newsletter.

The **Postal Stationery** Editor, Robert Lemire, continues his fine work in this newsletter with a list of ERPs for special order envelopes. The Postal Stationery section of

the Walsh and Butt *Newfoundland Specialized Stamp Catalogue* is reviewed - not too favorably. A discussion of smaller format postal cards, with a list, is included. A Canadian Express Co. card, from Bill Grosnick, that is larger than normal is likewise considered. Bill Walton continues his reviews of older publications with one on Howes, *Canada - Its Postage Stamps and Postal Stationery*. The newsletter concludes with illustrations of C.P.R. Pictorial Post Cards.

Bill Robinson, of **Railroader** fame, again has two newsletters. The first emphasizes Newfoundland. A press release, occasioned by a talk he gave to the St. Johns' Philatelic Society, recognised our Lew Ludlow as "One of North America's leading philatelic experts". We knew all the time. Don Wilson contributes several items; Government House report of Canada's taking over the Newfoundland Railway (April 1, 1949), the Privy Council announcement of Canada's relinquishing the railway (Sept. 29, 1988) and a newspaper clipping about the last passenger train (Sept. 30, 1988). He also concludes his article, *Vessels in Newfoundland Gulf and Coastal Service, A Chronological List, 1898 to 1987*. Ed Maloney concludes his article, *Schedule of Mail Trains, Water Services and Highway Services*. Brian Stalker presents an interesting graph, *Inventory and Period of Newfoundland Railway Main-Line Postmarks (Pre-Confederation)*. The second newsletter opens with a picture of Train No. 738 at Field, B.C., 1900. Malcolm Smith sent in a postcard, appropriately cancelled with O-383, showing G.T.R. Train No. 68 at North Bay. Bob Miess contributes a *Montreal Gazette* clipping (Dec. 15, 1988) concerning the federal Government's order to the C.N.R. to keep the Chambly to Granby line open. A copy of the Deputy Postmaster General's directive establishing the Railway Mail Service Branch (Feb. 22, 1897) was from Bill Pawluk. An illustrated article, by Malcolm Smith, *The Muskoka Lakes Steamer Service* is in this issue. Another illustrated story from Dean Mario concerns the last run from Saskatoon to Calgary. Doug Birchill reviews a book, *A Statutory History of Railways in Canada 1836-1986*, by Robert Dorman and D.E. Stoltz. Alex Price shows a card with a unique clerk stride, and relates the delightful story behind it. An unusual item, shown, is a 'Clergyman's Certificate' issued by the G.W.R. Dave Mayerovitch sent in the photocopy. Horace Harrison has

incited the envy of all R.P.O.ers with a photocopy of a Small Queen cover with a lovely 'Canada Central R'way Mail Clerk' strike. Cecil Coutts reports two new clerk strikes, and Peter McCarthy reports an early date and a new hammer for RR-148.

The photographs Ralph Trimble, Editor of the **Re-entry** group, reproduces for his newsletter are the finest of the kind that I have ever seen. He starts out with a major re-entry on the two cent Large Queen. He resolves a problem with marks on a half cent Small Queen imprint. Other illustrations are: a wonderful re-entry on a three cent Small Queen, from Bill MacDonald; others on a half cent Small Queen and a half cent Québec. Hans Reiche has found two strong re-entries on two cent Edward booklet stamps not listed by Marler. There are also pictures of a six cent Maple Leaf, with a nice re-entry, from Bill MacDonald.

The **Revenuers**, thanks to Bill Rockett, have regular newsletters. This one announces the date of their annual Willow Grove meeting. Harry Lussey has made available an 'Inventory Sheet' for the first issue of Alberta Laws. Harry also authors an illustrated article, *Supreme Court-Young Queen-The Compound Perforation Rarity*.

The *Slogan Box*, Editor Dan Rosenblat, must be a delight to the U.S.P.D. Forty pages demands a lot of postage. Dan has a greatly expanded and thorough update of his 'Poppy Day' **Slogan** research. There is a continuation of *Early Slogan Usage - 1914, 1915 and 1916*. This is a fine comprehensive study. Updates are given for 1912 and 1913. Slogans 895 and 9965 are updated, and some discoveries are reported. An item is included on the 'Airmail Savers Time' slogan of Coleman, Alberta. An article on the 'Use Air Mail Dec. 10 to 29 Special Prairie Flights' slogan is well illustrated, by Jeff Switt or Dan? Jeff contributes *Adding Interest to Slogan Collecting*. He illustrates that even the most common slogan cover may have points of interest. Don Fraser has sent in a photocopy of a beautiful slogan cover. Jeff illustrates and describes two covers in *Plan to Visit World's Grain Exhibition Regina July 24 to August 5 - An Altered Die Discovery*. The newsletter concludes with *Record of Postal Advertising Die Slugs* from the distribution lists.

A note from Dave Lacelle asks me to remind potential visitors to ORAPEX that several BNAPS study groups will be holding

seminars at the show. Check the program for times and locations.

Instead of my usual editorializing, I should like to offer kudos to the Klussendorf group. I feel as important as the cancels is the cooperation with the P.H.S.C. The Military group is also to be commended for this. It would be wonderful if all study groups, with parallel interests, whatever their affiliation, could work together for their universal benefit. **JOIN A STUDY GROUP!**

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All our Cowcatcher correspondents to whom replies are overdue are asked to please keep the faith. My wife and I spent most of the last four months of 1988 on the East Coast welcoming three grandchildren - two girls and a boy. We did most of our Christmas shopping from catalogues, and put the holidays behind us with only a modicum of further disruption. Now we are in the middle of playing 'catch up'.

As happens from time to time, this month's Cowcatcher is being devoted to submissions from Ross Gray, three really fine rarities that represent new additions to his collection.

The first one is RR-18A CANADA CENTRAL R'WAY MAIL CLERK/ +, Type 6, on the face of a 3¢ Small Queen cover to Perth, with a PERTH/ONT backstamp. Although this listing was known to Shaw, at the time of publication of our catalogue in 1982 we had been unable to confirm its existence. Our first recording of this, in Annex II in 1984, was a strike dated 18 January 1876 reported by Frank Waite. Gray's strike is dated 13 May 1872, almost four years earlier than that of Waite! We find it most extraordinary that only two strikes of RR-18A have been recorded for a railway marking that was in use for a full

44 months! Does anyone else have a strike of RR-18A to report?

Q-197A QUE. & CAMP. M.C. LOCAL/ No. /13, Type 2B, is the second one from Gray. This strike is well known on stamp alone, although it is rare to have full date and direction on stamp strikes that also show the '13' at the bottom of the cancellation. Gray's strike, however, is a backstamp on registered cover from Rimouski, Quebec to London, Ontario, dated 1 May 1900. We have only recorded one previous cover strike of this listing. We would appreciate hearing from any others who have Q-197A on cover, and whether their strike is on stamp or a backstamp.

The last one from Gray is W-30A C. & V. R.P.O./B.C., Type 5D, a rubber hammer listed in the Ornament Section, date February 18, 1919, Train 1. While we have seen three covers with backstamps of W-30A, all are in the period 1941-1943; this report from Ross is the first that we have had for a date in 1919. Rubber hammers of this large Type 5 size, 30 mm+, were first initiated in January, 1919; this strike, also a backstamp, on a registered cover from Field, B.C. to Porterville, Calif., is a very early usage of this hammer. We will establish Gray's strike as the 1st Peri-



od, while the 1941-1943 dates, over 20 years later, will become the 2nd Period. Any other W-30A cover reports out there?

The annual dinner meeting of the Golden Horseshoe Regional Group will be held at Toronto's Fort York Armoury on June 2. Your

columnist, who is honored to have been asked to be the guest speaker, will be giving a slide presentation of Canadian railway markings, 1853 - 1971, with additional commentary on the development of R.P.O. literature over the last sixty years. We hope that all R.P.O. buffs in the area will attend!

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The **Mid-America** Chapter is looking at 1989 as a year of growth and activity. A quarterly newsletter will be published which will contain general information plus informative articles. Dues are only \$5.00 US per year. Send your check today to Robert Schlesinger, 523 Highland Grove Drive, Buffalo Grove, Illinois, 60089, and join in the fun. A speaker was scheduled for the March 5 meeting at Milcopex in Milwaukee.

The **Golden Horseshoe** Group has been busy this winter. They met in Toronto on January 22 to hear Eugene Labiuk speak on 'Lincoln County Postal History' and present slides on his topic; Tony Shaman also spoke on 'Squared Circles on the 3 cent Jubilee'. The annual dinner will be on June 2, 1989. BNAPS President Lew Ludlow will be the guest speaker. This is another of our good groups. Join them for the fun and friendship.

The **Pacific Northwest** Group has been at it again. March 12-14 in Everett, Washington, was the place to be. Special room rates, great meals and lots of philately. Jack White spoke on 'Quebec Registration Revenue and Documents', followed by Ron Leith and his program 'Small Queens 1870-1873'. After an informal luncheon, Gene Frampton spoke on 'Early Written Communication'. The next speaker was Jack White, who presented 'Bind Your Own Business - Philatelic'. The afternoon ended with Lew Ludlow's 'Meet your BNAPS President'. A good idea - as many members as possible should meet the president of their organization.

The **Prairie Beavers** met on January 28, in College Station, Texas. The first presentation was 'Canadian First Flights' by George Dresser. A two part postal history seminar was the leadoff event of the afternoon. Ed Richardson presented 'Canada to France, 1859-1875' and Vic Willson gave 'Canada to

Caribbean, 1859-1900'.

The major article in their last newsletter was *The Trotsky Connection*, by Ed Richardson. This proved to be both interesting and informative. Ed's article included pictures and maps. Vic Willson's contribution was *Mail to the Caribbean, Pre-UPU*, with an informative rate chart. Jim Felton added some remarks to his *IPS Model HD2* article. Jim's research has given us much information on this cancelling machine and opened an avenue for more study of its usage.

On Saturday, April 22, 1989 the **Calgary** Regional Group will hold their third annual all-day philatelic meeting at the Marlborough Inn. Starting time is 9:30AM, and activities will continue through to 5PM. The past two years' meetings proved to be a success, with enjoyable seminars and talks accompanied by slide shows on a variety of subjects of interest to BNAPS members. The group plans to do even better this year. As before, all Alberta, BC, NWT and Saskatchewan members are invited; anyone who might be visiting in the Calgary area is also most welcome. The next day, Sunday, April 23, the Calgary Philatelic Society is hosting STAMP DAY '89, with a dealers' bourse, competitive exhibits and other activities. The Marlborough Inn offers a special weekend rate. Here is an opportunity for a great spring philatelic weekend!

If you are not close to one of the Regional Groups, start one in your area. Let me know if you wish to start a group and I will include the information in this column. This worked for the new Mid-America group. A couple of people put out some effort and collectors within a two hundred mile radius of Chicago responded. This regional group is growing and will benefit those of us who do not live near other collectors. The fellowship and fun are worth the effort to organize.

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL DELIVERY - LABELS, STATIONERY OR POSTAGE DUE?

For some time now the authors have been gathering information and examples of use of Canada Post's form 33-86-107, a dry gummed label used to indicate the charge applicable when a customer makes a 'Request For Additional Delivery'. The forms are used on occasions when the carrier calls at an address with a registered or certified letter, or a Cash on Delivery (COD) item, and finds no one home. If the customer calls to arrange for the item to be delivered again, instead of making a trip to the local Post Office, the 'Additional Delivery' charge must be paid.

Unlike other Post Office forms which indicate that extra costs are involved, COD or insurance labels for instance, the 'Request For Additional Delivery' labels state explicitly the charge to be levied; the amount (25¢, 50¢, 75¢) is printed on those used in the 1960s and 70s, and written in by hand on those introduced in the 1980s. The question inevitably arises - are they labels, or postal stationery, or even postage due items? The available information follows. It will be left up to those who list such things to decide their fate.

The three issues which show the exact amount of the charge levied are printed on reddish purple dry gummed paper. The 25¢ form measures 83mm x 51.5mm (3.25in x 2in). The 50¢ and 75¢ forms are slightly narrower, at 76mm x 51.5mm. The form introduced in the early 1980s is pink in colour, and is the same size as the 50¢ and 75¢

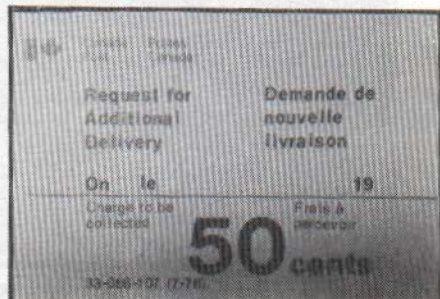
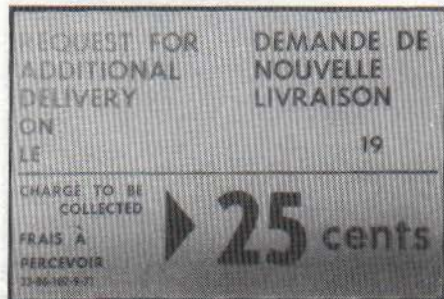
by Mike Street and John D. Aitken

versions. Several used examples of early forms, with the value crossed out and a higher rate written in, are known. Post Offices employees in several locations have stated that when the amount of the charge for Additional Delivery changed, they were told to use up old stock of the forms by manually changing the value.

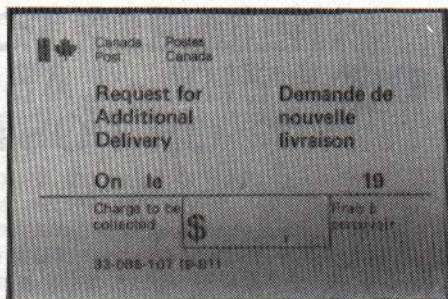
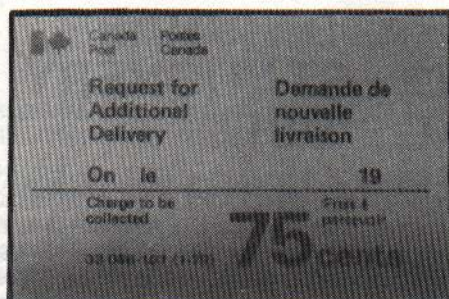
The charge for 'Additional Delivery' has official status. Research in the *Canada Gazette* shows that the first reference to the fee is in Part II, Volume 104, no. 19 - 14/10/70. Statutory Orders and Regulations/70-430, which is dated Sept. 11, 1970, lists as Item 1 a fee of 25 cents for re-delivery of items requiring a receipt. No date of application is given. The other eight changes in the listing were stated to be effective on either October 1 or 15, 1971.

The fact that no effective date is given for the 'Additional Delivery' fee seems to be explained by the fact that the labels were available and in use for quite some time prior to their 'official' introduction in the *Canada Gazette*. The Table lists the dates on which all known versions of these forms were printed, with date of actual use on mail given if available. As can be seen, one with a printing date of 4-68 was used in April 1970, 5 months before the *Canada Gazette* notice.

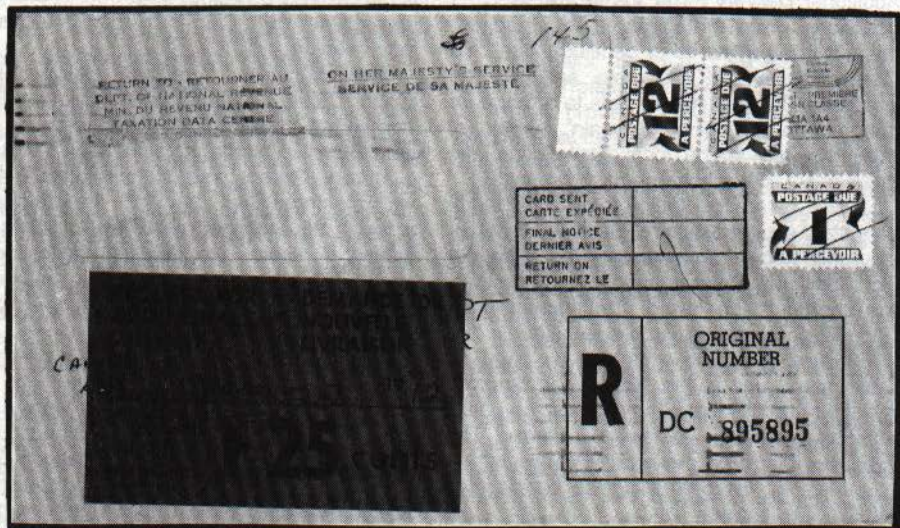
No other instances were encountered, in the Centennial period at least, where a rate was in effect before official notice was given in the *Canada Gazette*.



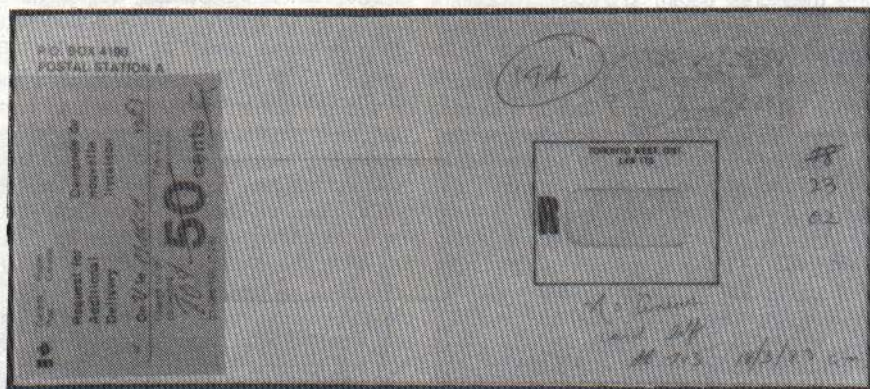
25¢ and 50¢ Additional Delivery Labels



75¢ and Write-in Additional Delivery Labels



An example of the 25¢ Additional Delivery label used on a registered letter in 1972. Payment of the amount is indicated by the affixed Postage Due stamps.



This 50¢ Additional Delivery label, with the value crossed out, was affixed to a registered letter in 1983, when the fee for this service had risen to 80¢. There is no additional indication of payment of the amount.



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New Address and Endorsement
Changement d'adresse et autres mentions

Request for Additional Delivery / **Demande de nouvelle livraison**

Canada Post / Postes Canada

On is / le \$ 0.85 - 1986

Charge to be collected / à collecter \$ 0.85

33-86-107 (9-81)



20 MAR 9 1986

Michael's
Canada
Postage

The Write-in Additional Delivery label was used on this Certified Mail envelope in April 1986. Payment of the 85¢ fee is indicated by the affixed postage meter tape.

Further research is required to identify when the fee for 'Additional Delivery' changed from 25¢ to 50¢ (ca. 1976), to 75¢ (ca. 1979), to 80¢ (ca. 1983), and to 85¢ (ca. 1986). The current rate, as of 1 January 1989, is 90¢.

The authors would be interested in seeing examples of other printing dates or usage of the 'Request For Additional Delivery' forms on mail.

Acknowledgement:

The authors wish to thank Calvin Cole, Chairman of BNAPS' Postage Due Study Group, for his assistance and permission to illustrate

the cover with the 25¢ 'Additional Delivery' label.

TABLE

Additional Delivery Form 33-86-107
Dates of Printing and Known Use

Value	Printing Date	Date of Use
25¢	(4-68)	21 Apr 1970
25¢	(5-69)	22 Aug 1972
25¢	(9-71)	
50¢	(7-76)	28 Oct 1980
75¢	(4-79)	
75¢	(7-79)	
Write-in	(9-81)	4 Apr 1986

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Note the use by a private manufacturer of the inscription used by the Post Office on the official U.P.U. postcards. The message, in German, requests the addressee to write the sender in care of General Delivery, Atlanta, Georgia, USA, "to be called for." The card was obviously sent by an Austrian travelling in North America and registered to ensure that it would reach its destination and the addressee.

ARE YOU GOING TO HAMILTON?

STORIES BEHIND MY COVERS

by Jack Arnell

9. A Packet Letter and an Intended Packet Letter

With the reestablishment of the Falmouth packet service to New York, and the beginning of the frequent American sailing packet services between New York and Liverpool and London after the War of 1812, most correspondence to and from the Canadas passed through New York in preference to the long overland route through Halifax, whence there was only the monthly Falmouth packet to England.

Because the New York Post Office took no responsibility for forwarding letters destined for overseas, merely holding such letters until collected by a shipping agent whose

vessel was about to sail, inland correspondents were forced to make use of one of the many forwarding agents in the city. While businesses would send a bundle of letters in a package by mail to an agent for outward transmission on a suitable vessel, individuals would double-address single letters, both to their destination and in care of a New York agent.

Rather than use a forwarding agent, many Canadians sent their letters to Thomas William Moore, the British packet agent at New York, who would collect them at the post office and make them up into a Mail to go by

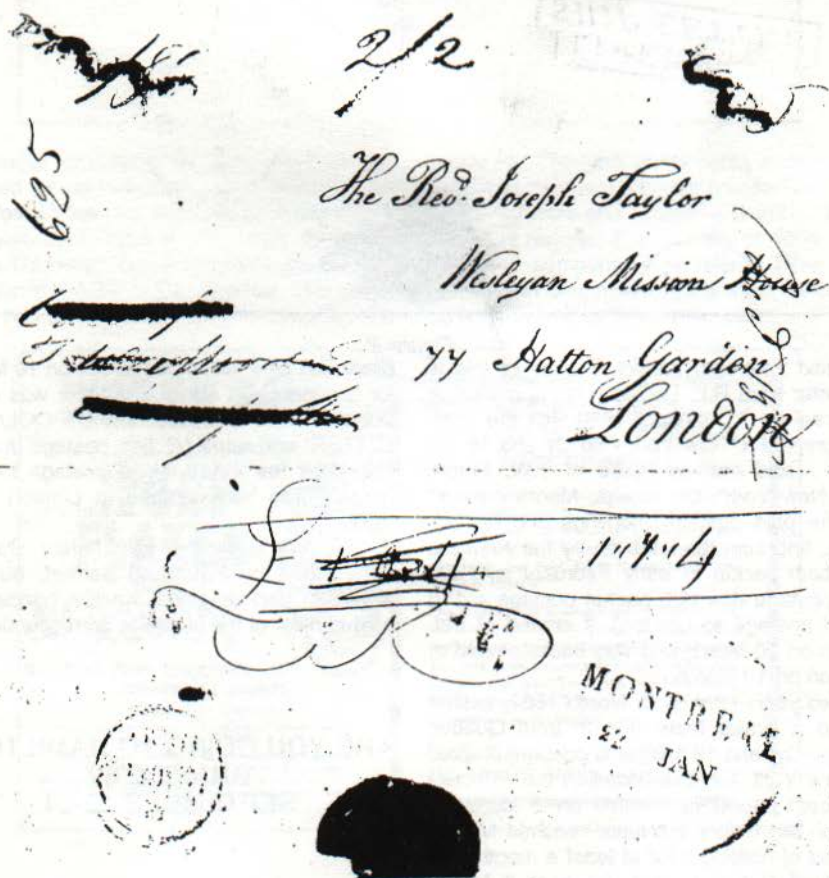


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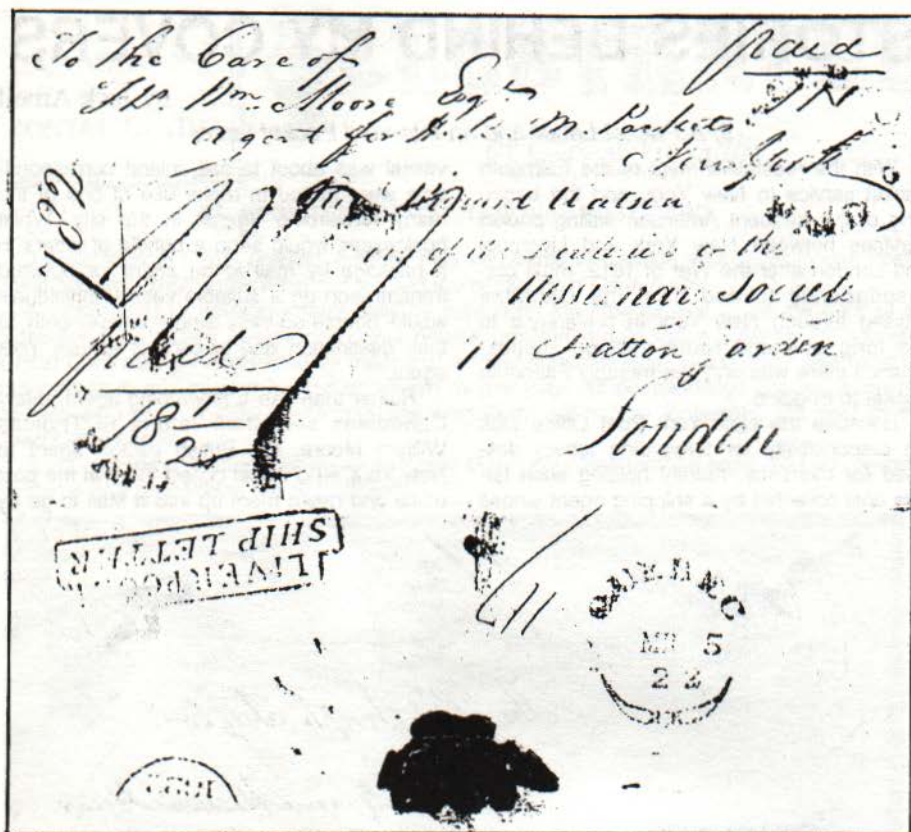


Figure 2

the next Falmouth packet. Typical of this is the letter from R.L. Lusher (Fig. 1) mailed at Montreal on 22 January 1820 with the postage prepaid to New York - 6d Cy and 18 1/2 cents - and marked "Care of T.W. Moore Esq. New York". On receipt, Moore crossed out the paid postage markings and his address, and sent the letter on by the *Princess Elizabeth* packet in early February with 2/2 Stg. postage due (1/3 packet postage + 11d inland postage to London). It arrived at Falmouth on 10 March and was backstamped at London on 12 March.

Two years later, on 5 March 1822, Lusher mailed a similar letter (Fig 2) from Quebec with 1/- Cy. and 18 1/2 cents postage prepaid to New York. On this occasion the *Princess Elizabeth* packet had sailed on 9 March, a day or two before the letter reached Moore. Instead of holding it for at least a month until the April British packet, he sent it by an American sailing packet, probably that of the

Black Ball Line scheduled to sail on 16 March for Liverpool. On arrival, the letter was backstamped with a boxed "LIVERPOOL/SHIP LETTER" and rated 1/7 Stg. postage due (8d ship letter fee + 11d inland postage to London). It was backstamped at London on 9 April.

Not only were the ship letters cheaper than those by Falmouth packet, but the American packets sailed weekly; hence they carried most of the business correspondence.

**ARE YOU GOING TO HAMILTON?
BNAPEX '89
SEPTEMBER 22-24**

THE PRECANCEL SPECIALIST

by Hans Reiche

1¢ King George VI Postcards



TO THE HOUSEHOLDER

Special postcards for bulk mailings addressed to householders were prepared by the Post Office. An example of these is the 1¢ green card, Type P 66c, 1939, described in the *Canadian Precancelled Postal Stationery Handbook* by G.E.L. Manley. The cards have two pairs of fine parallel lines as the

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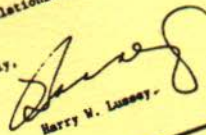
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