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THE EDITOR'S PAGE

by Vic Willson

A New Year brings resolutions, or at least reflections, for many people. For stamp collectors it may afford the opportunity to take stock, to review collecting goals and perhaps to change them. For some collectors it may mean the conclusion of some phase of their activity. My good, greatly missed friend Ed Richardson reviewed his collections and goals that way for the last decade of his life, deciding what to pare away, what to enhance. Of course, with his great variety of collecting interests this was a serious enterprise. For many of us, with fewer areas, it is less comprehensive a task but no less important or difficult. Senior collectors must make decisions about their level of activity, while those more junior must decide what to emphasize, add, or delete.

No matter how deep the pockets there are limits in collecting scope or depth for every collector, and as that limit approaches in a given collection a decision must be made to continue fishing or cut bait. That happened to me with Australian Kangaroos a number of years ago, when I was three stamps shy of basic completion (guess which ones) and had a good deal of specialty material. I sold out. Looking back, it was a good decision, because it allowed me to move into a new area, Canadian postal history, that I could not have developed without freeing up some money. Also, the payoff in knowledge must be considered. While there is much to be learned yet in the 'Roos it would have come much more slowly in personal investigation due to the time and money needed to follow most areas of inquiry. I will admit that 19th century Canadian postal history is not necessarily inexpensive, but I can honestly say that I have been able to follow my interests to great depth without extraordinary expenditure. That is one of the interesting

things about postal history today. Its development is in a stage close to that of classical philately at the turn of the last century. At a Prairie Beaver meeting a few years ago Ed Richardson listed, with examples, twelve collecting areas that could be developed, and I am sure he would have done so himself if he felt he had the time. Most of them were in the postal history or cancellation area. Many of them were modern. It is no wonder that most regional and national shows, including BNAPEXes, have in the last decade received an increasing proportion of exhibits devoted to postal history. Collecting interests are stimulated by what is seen in exhibits, what is written about in magazines and journals, and what is sold at auctions. Pricing of material, the NH craziness, and other factors also contribute.

As you take stock, consider adding a new collecting interest in Canadian philately. There are literally hundreds of areas (Ed Richardson boasted of having over 250 separate collections at one time), and many will cost you little or even nothing, especially modern postal history. You ought to see what I pull out of the waste basket at the post office as I leave - great covers and express mail items. I trade those for other items or sell them. A great way to expand your horizons quickly and inexpensively is to join a BNAPS study group. Each is a wonderful source of information that you can use to your advantage at almost every dealer's table, except those who belong to BNAPS and the study groups! Everyone who belongs to a study group has a story of a find directly the result of information from the group. Join one this month.

This issue has several letters and notes that are one side or another of a philatelic debate.

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It is inevitable in historical study (and never forget that stamp collecting is inherently historical) that interpretation of past events and written print occur. It is of great importance that this be done in good spirit, with a better understanding of the past the goal, and with no malice ever intended. Human beings have emotions, and they can be hurt by careless or

deliberate wording. Our journal must be a forum for ideas but must not be an intentional vehicle for feuds or vendettas. All who write are liable for criticism, and should expect to receive it occasionally, but they should expect it to be polite and in a comradely, we're-all-in-it-together style. Let's all strive for this approach to the study of our beloved BNA philately.

EARLY EXHIBITION COVERS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

by Kenneth Ellison

VICTORIA EXHIBITION 1904



Fairs provided times of holiday and merriment, and families would travel miles to attend. Railways would offer excursion fares and they were often very successful in getting people to come. Some of the features of this exhibition were military and civil bands, horse racing, sports, and 'novel attractions'.

This cover, with the Victoria duplex cancellation, was used by the insurance and real estate firm of R. P. Rithet on August 11, 1904.

BNAPS NEEDS NEW MEMBERS

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Lewis M. Ludlow, OTB

As we write today, some two weeks before Christmas, we recognize that this will not surface until we are well into the first quarter of the next decade. We hope that your holidays were full of joy and happiness and that 1990 will be one of fruitful philately for each and every one of you.

In 1990, the membership will elect new officers and five new members of the Board. A three man Nominating Committee has been submitted to the Board for their approval and the committee is already at work reviewing and evaluating possible candidates. We will report on this activity in more detail in the next issue.

At Hamilton BNAPEX '89, the Board approved the following resolution:

"That BNAPS Study Groups be allowed to recruit new members for BNAPS from non-BNAPS organizations under the following conditions:

1. Such recruits may become members of the BNAPS Study Group for one year without becoming members of BNAPS,
2. After one year such recruits must join BNAPS or be dropped from the BNAPS Study Group. This provision is to be clearly stated at the time of recruitment
3. Each BNAPS Study Group will submit their recruitment programs, i.e. - advertising copy, etc., to the President of BNAPS for approval before implementation.
4. BNAPS will assist such recruitment efforts by the BNAPS Study Groups with financial support of up to C\$100 per year on a matching fund basis."
5. All those so recruited will be reported promptly by name and address to the



BNAPS Secretary, who will develop appropriate follow up steps by which he and the Study Groups will pursue their full membership in BNAPS."

In our efforts to recruit new memberships, we will try this experiment for a period of two years and then evaluate the results. It has been but a short time since the approval of this motion was announced at Hamilton and we have only heard from one study group; however, we are sure that when the holidays are behind us, more study groups will take advantage of this opportunity.

Finally, we are pleased to announce that our Secretary has completed a new Membership List, fully accurate through December 15, 1989; copies are available upon request to Chris McGregor. Please include \$2.00 in Canadian or U.S. funds to partially cover the cost of printing/mailling. BNAPS will subsidize the balance of the costs involved.

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LETTERS

THANKS

To all the wonderful people that signed and returned to us the Menu's from the recent convention in Hamilton - Thanks, and then again Thanks and Thanks.

Both Dorothy and I were unhappy that we could not attend the meeting. I am afraid that my days away from home are finished, I am much more comfortable close to medicinal and home comfort facilities. My affliction is a damn nuisance, and takes an abnormal amount of time to cope with. As a result I spend far too much effort in elimination material that nature should never provide instead of producing interesting results. All the wonderful, modern and highly touted medicines have so far been of little use. Ain't hyped up news grand?

We missed the fun and the gathering with all of you. BNAPS was always a meeting that we both enjoyed. All I can say is - we are so glad we knew all of you, and we wish that one day we can again join with you at a convention. Thanks many heaps for the best wishes, and the menu's. It's so nice to be remembered.

Bob and Dort Pratt
Milwaukee, WI

BNAPEX '89

As a dealer I had a great BNAPS - certainly the most financially rewarding for me to date.

HOWEVER! What a shame to have such a wonderful exhibit, which could have been the catalyst to *spur* many very serious collectors to new heights - (and to BNAPS membership and participation). And effectively *turn away* collectors.

As a dealer I know that a vast majority of choice, rare, and exciting material is seldom if ever exhibited. Money buys a great deal in stamps but it is fellowship, and encouragement that brings these great stamps out into view. I feel that BNAPS missed a great opportunity at Hamilton (at a minimum the BNAPS treasury could have been helped by getting more 'novices' out and signing them up for a year or two).

I had been led to believe the unwashed *Philatelic Public of Lowly Philatelic Stature* would be welcomed. It does not appear to me that this is the case.

The 'Old Boys' club is preserved.

John Jamieson
Saskatoon, SASK

NEWFOUNDLAND - STAMPS PER PULL

I am a physicist as well as a philatelist and would like to recall a controversy in the early 60's on the subject of Einstein's theory of Special Relativity which finally had to be terminated by the journal's editors.

A similar controversy is now giving rise to lively correspondence in your columns on the subject of the number of stamps printed per pull in the Newfoundland issues from 1911 to the 1940's.

John Walsh, on the one hand, is claiming that certain stamps were printed in sheets of 200, where *tradition* had it at 100. His critics believe that many of these sheets were really of 100, or at least that evidence to the contrary is missing in many instances.

The correspondence has reached a point where you, the Editor, should step in, because it is starting to have the effect of lowering the level of good fellowship in BNAPS. What we need is an independent panel of two or three very fair people to rule on what constitutes good or sufficient evidence to support John Walsh's claims, or, for that matter, contrary claims. If that can be done it will clear the air, and future correspondence on this subject could then be restricted to new evidence, instead of an endless rehashing of the old. The independent panel need not be Newfoundland specialists, and their findings should be set forth in *TOPICS*.

Derek Paul
Toronto, Ont.

MAP STAMP - CORRECTION

Thanks for using my article on the *Map Stamp* in the Sept-Oct/89 issue of *BNA TOPICS* - *The Two Cent bargain*. I thought it looked pretty good! But I must be biased a bit!

There was a small omission. Island's #9 and 10 in the Pacific got mixed up a little.

Island #9 19° South Latitude; 178° East Longitude. This is the position of the island of Kandarū in the Fiji group which was ceded to Britain in 1874.

Island #10 26° South Latitude; 166° West Longitude. This island is quite evidently meant to be the Tonga or Friendly Islands which are 21° S., 175° W. (approximately 700 miles to the NW) but they did not become a British Protectorate until 1899! See you in '90.

W. Bradley
Honey Harbour, Ont.



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TOP REALIZATIONS IN MARESCH AUCTION

On November 1st and 2nd R. Maresch & Son of Toronto held their 234th, 235th, and 236th public auction sales.

Close to 100 bidders on the floor competed fiercely for the offered material, and many lots were sold from double to several multiples of their opening bids.

All prices quoted are without the 10% buyer premium.

An unused copy of the 3 penny beaver on laid paper No 1a; according to the description, probably the finest in existence, sold for \$12,500 (cat 10.000) to the floor. The major re-entry of the 3 penny wove in a very fine pair, illustrated in Boggs on page 142 on soft wove ribbed paper sold for \$1,500.

The Clayton Huff Specialized collection of the 5¢ Beaver estimated at \$5,000, opened at \$4,500 and after heated bidding sold for \$12,500 to the well known dealer, K. Bileski of Winnipeg. In an interview Mr. Bileski stated that the last time he attended an auction sale was also at Maresch's when they sold the Ed Richardson collection of revenues in May 1981.

The Large Queen issues all sold very well and a used block of 6 of the 6¢, estimated at \$500, opened at \$425 and brought \$1700 on the floor. A triple rated registered cover to the United States, although 2 stamps out of 5 were faulty, estimated at \$750 opened at \$1,050 and sold for \$1,600 to the floor.

A superb never hinged 12 ¢ blue sold for \$1,300 (Scott cat '88, \$400). An excellent copy of the script watermark on a used 15¢ (Scott cat '88, \$2,250) opened at \$2,900 and after fierce floor competition brought \$8,000.

In the Small Queen section there were many solid prices on all very fine stamps; a 10¢ Magenta although disturbed gum (Scott cat '88, \$300) fetched \$400 from the floor.

A very fine set of Numerals complete, all never hinged (Scott cat '88 \$873, '89 \$686 and a ridiculous \$478 in the '90 cat) opened at \$725, and sold at \$1,450, exactly double its opening bid.

A block of 4 of the 50¢ Admiral with lathework opened at \$1,400 and sold for \$2,250 to a floor bidder, despite the fact that it had some age spotting.

In the Provinces there were some interesting realizations as well. A copy of British Columbia No 1 with a straight line SPECIMEN overprint sold for \$2,400 after opening at \$2,200 (estimated at \$1,000).

A very fine strike of *Nova Scotia* in a scroll on a 1853 cover (one of 3 such strikes recorded) and estimated at \$1,500 opened to the floor at \$1,900 and after furious bidding sold for \$5,000.

A lovely copy of New Brunswick No 1a in a rich colour with huge margins (cat '88 \$225) brought \$775 after opening at \$650.

A very fine strike of the boxed SHIP LRE on a 1788 cover from Nova Scotia (cat CSC \$1,250) and estimated at \$1,500 opened at \$775 and realized \$3,000 and a very fine copy of N.S. No 1 (Scott cat '88 \$450) sold to the book for \$550.

In Great Britain a very fine strip of 3 of the 2d ('88 cat No 4, \$90) opened at \$180 and sold for \$210.

The foreign section also showed excellent realizations for very fine material and clean collections, especially the material from the German area. Basically from one estate, it almost doubled its pre sale estimate.

A complete list of prices realized for this and the Siverts auction (Part II) will be mailed to all subscribers. The next general auction by R. Maresch & Son will be in February with catalogues mailed a month previously. Speaking with Mr. Wm. Maresch and Mr. Sheryer after the sale they both said in different words that the result of this auction must be very pleasing to the various owners, and that serious collectors have ignored the new Scott catalogues. Those that were influenced in their bidding by Scott's latest prices simply got very little or nothing at all in this auction. For further information contact R. Maresch & Son at 330 Bay St. Suite 703, Toronto, Ontario M5H 2S8.

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A cold buffet lunch has been arranged for members of the CPSGB and BNAPS who will be attending Stamp World London 90 in May

1990.

This self service lunch will be held at the Victory Services Club, 63/79 Seymour Street, London, W2, (five minutes walk from Marble Arch), at 12:30 pm on Sunday 6 May 1990 in the El Alamein Room (entrance in Edgware Road).

Those who attended the cocktail party in

1980 will remember what an enjoyable social occasion it was and we hope it will be as successful this time.

In order that we may have some idea of the numbers to cater for, those intending to be present are invited to let me know by writing to Mr. Colin G. Banfield FCPS, 32 Coolgardie Avenue, Chigwell, Essex, IG7 5AY, England.

CALENDAR

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

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MARCH 17, OAKVILLE, ONTARIO - OAKPEX '90, Oakville Stamp Club show and bourse. River Oaks Recreation Center, 2400 Sixth Line. Information: P.O. Box 524, Oakville, Ontario L6J 5B4

APRIL 7-8, HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA - NOVAPEX '90, Nova Scotia Stamp Club show and bourse. 10:00am - 5:00pm, free admission. Lord Nelson Hotel, South Park and Spring Garden Rd., Halifax. Information: George Lafontaine, 71 Ridgeview Dr. Lr. Sackville N.S. B4C 1L8

APRIL 27-29, OTTAWA, ONTARIO - ORAPEX '90, National Philatelic Exhibition, 29th Annual R.A. Stamp Club exhibition and bourse. Ray Kinsella Arena, R.A. Centre, 2451 Riverside Dr., Ottawa, Ontario. Free admission and parking. Information: Rich Toop, P.O.Box 9026, Ottawa ON K1G 3T8. Several study groups of BNAPS will meet at ORAPEX.

MAY 25-27 PORTLAND, OREGON - PIPEX '90. Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs annual exhibition hosted by the Oregon Stamp Society. Monarch Motor Inn, 12566 SE 92nd Ave., Clackamas, Oregon. RPSC and APS accredited. BNAPS Pacific Northwest Regional Group meeting. Info from PIPEX '90. 1939 N.E. Broadway, Portland, OR 97232, U.S.A.

OCTOBER 18-20, GALVESTON, TEXAS - BNAPEX '90, hosted by the Prairie Beaver Chapter. Tremont House on the Strand, Galveston, Texas. Information and reservations: Vic Willson, P.O.Box 10420, College Station TX 77842.

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MORE SKETCHes of BNAPSers

by Dr. R.V.C. Carr

SKETCH No. 231

John M. Walsh

One of the pleasures I found at Charlotte-town was making, I hope, a new friend - a certain John M. Walsh of St. John's, Newfoundland. He was so cooperative in exhibiting and he pitched right in to help mount and take down the show.

John has been a science researcher at Memorial University close to 15 years and his field is fish reproduction physiology. His wife Sharon was home with the two sons and a daughter whilst John was enjoying himself in PEI. He showed some of his fine Newfy material (his only collecting area) with collecting interests in the rare plate numbers, first day covers, and airmail flight covers. John does a bit of dealing and is a member of CSDA plus BNAPS, RPSC, APS, and his local club.

Besides loving to talk Newfy stamps, he



enjoys "Trout'n" and a drop of Screech! Hope to see more of you, John.

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NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL STATIONERY:

Author's Reply

by Robert Pratt, OTB

*Walton's words have filled the air,
now Turnabout is only fair*

I think it's my turn now. The last episode of the current best selling serial *The Perils of Pratt, Part Five* finally irritated my funny bone to the point of my again becoming a scribe. I love to work in reverse so shall we start with the last Walton episode (not necessarily the best) and work up to the first and beyond, using selective comments.

JEOPARDY

*The Answer - Nuttin' Honey
The Question - What Walton Wrote*

I don't mind being challenged by knowledge, buttressed by authoritative fact. I do resent being called to task by statements which indicate that the author of the item was not well prepared, is unsure of proper nomenclature, has been indifferent in his search of previous documentation, and relies more on his own interpretation of oft told tales (commonly called assumptions) than positive information that could be acquired by broad study. Two people can have different beliefs on the same subject with the result that (1) neither is correct, (2) both are partly right, or (3) one or the other is totally right as decided by a third party. The decision must be made by an outsider, not by the different proponents. I do not have any objection to a difference of opinion, but for a statement of correctness I do require proof positive. It is only on occasion that Mr. Walton offers references to supporting and uncontroversial material in the correction articles.

*This is not Bill Walton's Expose
It's a New Examination of facts*

Episode Five - I seem to be misunderstood in my use of the word 'format'. (Dictionary - 'The organization and arrangement of something') It is a general, not specific term. And that's just the way I meant it. A Vignette, in an oval, within a rectangular stamp. Not a specific design. And as well, 'similar' does not

mean 'equal' or 'just like'.

Mr. Walton seems to be overly exercised about doing a lengthy and serious study of Whitehead Morris. I can truthfully say that the answers to his many questions were all published by 1968 in such Philatelic magazines as the London Philatelist and the Collectors Club Philatelist. A specific list of title, volume, number, authors, dates and pages will be furnished on request.

In brief, in the early stages of their stamp production, W/M relied on Macdonald's, also known as *The London Bureau of Engraving* for die etching and engraving, and on Alexander's for recess printing. After the Newfoundland Coronation issue of 1911, De La Rue became the preferred source for recess stamps. Dr. R. Wilan, a noted Newfoundland collector of Manchester England, whom I knew, visited and corresponded with, and whose Guy and 1911 issue material I purchased, tried unsuccessfully after WW II, to get detailed information about W/M's stamp production from old employees. By this time both W/M and Perkins Bacon had been bombed out during the Blitz, W/M had merged with another company and all records were lost and the old employees remaining were of little help. Did Newfoundland know that W/M could only produce Lithographed material? Again, related people are now unavailable to answer. However, it is known from the Colonial Secretary's correspondence that Mr. Morris of W/M made a hurried visit to Newfoundland in September 1910, one month after the GUY stamps were issued. The original request to tender for a years supply of stamps and post-cards, made by the Colonial Secretary on October 23, 1909, required 'engraved' stamps as did the final description of the desired values sent April 4, 1910. One can only assume that the visit had to do with the use of Lithography in place of Engraving and that the matter was settled agreeably. The second printing of the high value Guy stamps were engraved, as were all the follow-on Coronation issue stamps of 1911.

In addition to this recorded material, there appeared at the BNAPS 1988 Convention a

display of De La Rue proofs, and stamps prepared for Newfoundland from the period 1910 to 1928. If Mr. Walton was in attendance, and occupied his time as many of us who are accredited jurors with a delight in judging or in acting as Chairman of the Jury at a show normally do, he would carefully examine *all* of the exhibits and study the writeups accompanying them, thus enlarging his philatelic knowledge. By doing this he would have found answers to some of his questions, in the writeups at the start of each of the issues prepared by De La Rue.

Mid - 1930 Hit Tune

The music goes round and round and comes out here!

Episode Four - Every time I read over this six page, three illustration, multi-part discourse, the haunting refrain of that tune so popular in the mid 1930's courses through my brain - and I cannot dislodge it. The discussion with its many starts and diverse paths, seems to lead from one inconclusive result to another. In fact, there does not appear to be a summation worthy of the name. About the best that can be said for this wandering, rambling, verbose dissection of my material, is that the author seems to feel but does not care to state, that perhaps I do have something to base my opinions on, and that further study is indicated before considering it all bosh. I will be interested in the final celebration.

The Colonial Secretary's record letter books, Outgoing, contain two letters of interest to Mr. Walton. The first (S1-Vol. 61-page 135) is a letter from the Colonial Secretary to P.M.G. Fraser dated 25 September 1891 stating that a letter from the Crown Agents indicates that it is necessary for the Colony to issue reply post cards. He encloses a price list and approved design (not seen) for Fraser's information. A report on Fraser's intended action is requested. The second (S1-Vol. 61-page 179) to Fraser dated 4 November 1891 encloses an approved design of a Reply Paid Post Card (not seen) which Fraser had indicated could be purchased in Canada cheaper than in Great Britain. Fraser was authorized to purchase his cards in Canada.

By the way, Winn Boggs, whom Mr. Walton appears to consider an inadequate scribe, was an accredited newspaper reporter, and in addition had the full support and knowledge of Mr. Lichtenstein. Access to his government contacts

and his collections were available to Boggs as a base for his writings about Canada and Newfoundland.

There is one *error* in this episode for which I take full blame. My copy of the manuscript indicated that the word Lithographed should be replaced by the word Typographed. This evidently did not happen, so the fault is mine. I am contrite, humble and apologise for this terrible mistake.

A Twentieth Century Shakesperian Monolog *A midwinter's nights dream - again, much ado about nothing*

Episode Three - A lot of paper and time is spent on depreciating the 1889 overprints in a manner greater than their importance would indicate. I do not know if a shortage existed, was contrived or happened. The overprints do exist, they occur with the broken crossbar as the type wore. Certain stamps overprinted in 1920 are sold at a premium because of a missing obliterating line. Some collectors like these things. Why not accommodate them? The cards might well be creatures of Ohman and pals, but we shall probably never know. The investigation turned up no information on this subject. By the way, LeMessuriers' statement in his report of 1893 that less than 100,000 cards had been used, undoubtedly included both values. With 130,000 of both values probably made by the American Bank Note Co., stocks must have been adequate and new cards would not be required until reduced supplies called for that action.

It is indeed unfortunate that the Post Office of Canada saw fit to destroy all of the Newfoundland Postmaster General's files in 1949, this source of verification material is closed to us, unless some remnants might be found in Ottawa or St. John's. It is also unfortunate that the two Bank Note companies involved, find it difficult to divulge information on the production of these cards, or on the stamps themselves which were corollary to the cards. In my story I relied on my findings in the Archival files at the Colonial Building, St. John's; relative material in my stamp collection including proofs and essays: remarks by certain writers such as Winn Boggs', and material I had seen in other prominent collections. I did not seek out ERP's by others or consult the Webb book. What I was attempting to do was to present some new data which the postcard buffs could accept or deny as they saw fit. They could also include it in

their listings if they so desired, the only recognition I sought was a kindly word or a suggestion of where the information was located. My opinions and thoughts came from study of the facts I presented - if different creditable information indicates otherwise, so be it. A verbal bath with caustic soap, does not seem to be a fitting reward.

(To be continued)

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RAMBLING THROUGH THE RECORDS

by Allan L. Steinhart, OTB

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T.A. Stayner

Department Order

General Post Office, Montreal

December 12, 1849.

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1989 BNAPS ANNUAL REPORT

MINUTES OF THE 41st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY LTD.

HAMILTON, ONTARIO, 24 SEPTEMBER 1989

The President called the meeting to order at 8:45 am, declared the meeting properly constituted, and confirmed that a quorum was present.

The president asked for a moment of silence in respect for the following former members of the Society who had died since the last A.G.M.

Leslie A. Davenport, Edward A. Richardson, Donald G. Cox, Clayton Huff, Emerson A. Clark, Eric Tizard, Henry Lubke, Robert Wyse, John Gray, John W. Robb, David Bastedo

The Minutes of the 40th annual general meeting held on September 10, 1988 at Virginia Beach, Virginia, were approved as printed in the January/February 1989 issue of *BNA TOPICS*.

The Secretary expressed Bob Heasman's regrets that he was unable to attend the meetings at Hamilton.

The President addressed the meeting. He listed the newly elected directors and officers, and the newly appointed officials. He told the meeting of his visits to the St. John's Philatelic Society in Newfoundland, the Prairie Beaver Regional Group in Texas, the Golden Horseshoe Regional Group in Toronto, meetings of the Pacific Northwest Regional Group in Washington and British Columbia, and PIPEX at Edmonton.

He drew attention to the fact that the 104 members dropped for non-payment of dues was a two year total. He told the meeting that a long range planning report which would address this issue was being developed, and thanked his colleagues for their help and support during the first eight months of his term in office.

The Chairman of the Board also touched on the serious need to address the Society's declining membership and is working with Bill Walton on this matter.

He stated that he was pleased with the way other matters were being handled by many members, and made special mention of the activities of Chris McGregor, Mike Street, Lew Ludlow, Bill Robinson and Howard Twichell.

The 1st Vice President reported that the President had made him very much a part of the decision-making process. He further reported that he had held a meeting and seminar with local BNAPS members at OROPEX in Ottawa, at the Royal '89 show at Hamilton, Ontario, and at PIPEX '89 in Edmonton, Alberta. The 1st Vice President plans, during the second half of his first year, to make other visits to Regional Groups, and to create a slide presentation on the Coastal Steamers of British Columbia.

The Secretary reported that membership had dropped by 15 members during the past 12 months, that Bob Lee had again introduced more new members than anyone else, and that only 2% of the membership had introduced even one member.

The following were confirmed as Emeritus Members effective January 1, 1990.

L0061	Edward J. Whiting
L0154	C. Kirk Liggett
L0164	Richard P. Hedley
L0490	Honer Webb
R0579	Sherwood B. Gaylor
R0602	C. Frank Waite
R0634	Abe Charkow
R0647	James W. Catterick
R0783	Hans Reiche
R0787	S. H. Clark
R0942	Robert S. Douglas
R0947	James M. Keally
R1021	Simon J. Newcomb
R1114	Brien Horne
R1167	R. Thurlow Fraser
R1178	Everett Drake
R1179	Andrew A. Duncanson

Reports were received from the many Department Heads and Activity Managers. All recommendations contained within these reports were approved.

The Treasurer presented the following financial statements for the year ended June 30, 1989. All figures are stated in US funds.

BRITISH NORTH AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY LTD.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS OF JUNE 30, 1989

ASSETS:

CURRENT ASSETS:

CASH IN THE BANK	23,849.00
CASH HELD BY DEPT. HEADS	18,154.00
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT, CANADA	61,940.00
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE, ADVERTISING	2,124.00
BOOK INVENTORY	3,027.00
LIBRARY	100.00

TOTAL ASSETS

109,194.00

LIABILITIES:

CURRENT LIABILITIES

SALES CIRCUITS PAYABLE	17,283.00
PREPAID MEMBERSHIP DUES	9,282.00

TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES

26,565.00

EQUITY:

INSURANCE FUND APPROPRIATED	2,272.00
BNAPS FOUNDATION FUNDS	31,211.00
MEMBERS EQUITY, JUNE 30, 1988	41,579.00
ADD EQUITY FOR CURRENT YEAR	7,567.00
TOTAL MEMBER'S EQUITY	49,146.00

TOTAL EQUITY

82,629.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUNDS

109,194.00

STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSE FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1989

INCOME:

MEMBERSHIP DUES AND FEES	23,302.00
INTEREST INCOME	6,550.00
SALE OF LIBRARY BOOKS	1,587.00
ADVERTISING, <i>BNA TOPICS</i> etc	6,725.00
BOOK DEPARTMENT	654.00
SALES CIRCUITS	1,494.00

TOTAL INCOME

40,312.00

EXPENSES:

STATIONARY AND SUPPLIES	5,163.00
POSTAGE	609.00
INSURANCE	553.00
BANK CHARGES	91.00
<i>BNA TOPICS</i> , PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION	23,742.00
LIBRARY	700.00
MEDALS AND PLAQUES	1,677.00
ADVERTISING	34.00
STUDY GROUP EXPENSE	176.00

TOTAL EXPENSE

32,745.00

NET INCREASE IN MEMBERS' EQUITY

7,567.00

Howard Twitchell
Treasurer

Advertising - Robert A. Lee

	Year ended 30 June 1989	Year ended 30 June 1988	Year ended 30 June 1987
Display advertising income	\$ 7,279.99	\$ 7,827.47	\$ 7,271.00
Classified advertising income	247.60	496.23	240.00

Admissions Committee - Nick Sheklian

At present, applications bearing the signature of both a proposer and seconder who are members in good standing of BNAPS, (approximately 1/3 of the applications) are processed automatically by the Secretary. Effective immediately, applicants who are members in good standing of American Philatelic Society, Royal Philatelic Society of Canada or Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain, will also be processed automatically by the Secretary.

Book Department - David Clare

During the past year the book department handled 60 orders with sales of \$3,950. The department also supplied 14 new titles to the BNAPS library.

Circulation Manager - Paul Burega

The Circulation Manager's duties include retrieving undeliverable copies of *BNA TOPICS*, locating addressee and advising the Secretary of new addresses, replacing damaged and missing copies, and selling back issues. Income from sale of back issues was approximately \$694(CDN), total expenses \$285(CDN).

Convention Director - Charles G. Firby

The Mid-America Regional Group will host the 1992 BNAPS Convention under the direction of Bob Schlesinger. This will be the first ever BNAPS convention held in the Chicago area. The convention schedule at present is:

- 1990 Galveston, Texas. Howard Twichell
- 1991 Vancouver, B.C. Bill Robinson
- 1992 Chicago, Illinois. Bob Schlesinger
- 1993 & 95 Open for Canadian host
- 1994 & 96 Open for U.S. host
- 1997 St. John's, Newfoundland. St. John's Stamp Club

Editor, BNA TOPICS - Mike Street

Typesetting for *TOPICS* is now completely computerized. Authors who are able to do so, are urged to provide a computer disk with their articles. The editor can accept data from most word processing programs in both IBM and Macintosh format. All of this notwithstanding, hand-written or typed submissions are still very welcome.

Experiments with mail to overseas countries continue. Until current investigation into 2nd class mail or the proposed Canadian G&S tax indicates the need for a change, *TOPICS* will continue to be printed in and mailed from Canada.

Editor, BNA TOPICS - Vic Willson

The new editor reported that the transition from Mike Street to himself had been smooth, and that the September/October issue was with the printer. Vic plans to extend computerization to graphics.

Editorial Board - C. A. Stillions

During the past year *BNA TOPICS* received a new editor and printer, and the Society, a new Chairman of the Editorial Board.

"Mike Street began as Editor of *Topics* with the July-August 1981 issue and a promise to stay on the job for three years. Now eight years later he moves on to the Chairmanship of the Editorial Board. In those eight years he did a super job of balancing content, advertising, difficult writers, critical members, a professional life, and a private life. All this and he consistently got your magazine out on time. You need to be a 10 year veteran of BNAPS to appreciate how important it is to receive *TOPICS* regularly. To consistently get *TOPICS* out on time for eight years is a super accomplishment. On behalf of the Editorial Board, THANK YOU Mike Street."

Exchange Circuits - Bob Jamieson

Total sales were \$24,456(CDN), an increase over the previous year of more than \$5,000 (CDN). Sales commissions of \$1,757(CDN) were paid to the Society. Bob Jamieson decided to retire from his position as manager, and like all good executives, brought along his successor, Mrs. Elsie Drury. This change has been effected with little interruption to service.

The exchange areas in greatest demand are still revenues, precancels, squared circles, RPOs, perfins, booklets and panes, used blocks, semi-official airmail, provinces (mint and used), and of course, all related postal history.

Handbook Committee - Allan Steinhart

During the past year three books have been released - the Arnell *Trans Atlantic Connection*,

Part 2, Slogan Postmarks of the Classic Period (Rosenblatt & Switt), and Whit Bradley's *Map Stamp Plating Study*. Through the courtesy of Harry Sutherland and the V.G. Greene Philatelic Research Foundation, George Arken's most important work on the *Small Queen Period Rates* was launched at BNAPEX-89.

The Handbook Committee will be requesting photo copies of exhibits and collections of important BNA material for a new Library department. These copies will be available to members at cost plus a small service charge and should prove invaluable to judges of BNA material and others who simply want to be better informed. Details of this program will be published in *BNA TOPICS* as they develop.

Historian - Ed Whiting

Work on the Members' Handbook is progressing. The listing of current and former members is about 95% complete. It would be appreciated if those members who have promised to send material to Ed Whiting would do so forthwith.

Librarian - Clinton A. Phillips

The Library data base is now computerized. Data can be provided to members on disk sorted by author, title or topic. Library 'Files' have been consolidated, and although some refining remains to be done, the end of this project is in sight. Details of both programs will be published shortly in *BNA TOPICS*.

Proceeds from the recent sale by Bob Lee of duplicate Library material was \$1,745(CDN). Bob contributed his commission to the Library.

Library lending continues to be steady, but is expected to increase with the availability on computer disks of catalogue data.

Regional Groups - Robert V. C. Carr

All functioning groups report regularly. Phil Stager is attempting to form a Group in the Florida area.

Study Groups - Johnathon C. Johnson

Study Groups continue to be active. In 1988/89 each new member joined an average of 1.2 Study Groups. Two new Groups are under consideration -- Orb Cancels and Elizabethan Stamps. Study Group members are encouraged to use the Study Group Newsletters to ask questions and to report interesting finds and other tidbits.

The Secretary gave a condensation of the activities of the Directors at their September 21, 1989 meeting.

The Directors resolved:

that BNAPS Study Groups be allowed to recruit new members for BNAPS from non-BNAPS organizations under a series of set conditions;

and

that the present Study Group stipend of \$25 annually be increased to \$50 annually;

and

that to promote a greater recognition of BNAPS, and to provide our members with greater pride in our Society, BNAPS will create and sell name badges;

and

that the 1990 annual dues of the Society shall remain unchanged from 1989;

and

that the President appoint a Promotion Coordinator. (Jeff Switt accepted the President's appointment).

The Secretary reported that the Directors approved a revised Article III of the Society's bylaws. The revision tidies up the language, acknowledges Emeritus Memberships, and introduces an appeal process for persons experiencing difficulty becoming members of the Society. The full text of the amendment will be published in an early issue of *BNA TOPICS*.

Upon motion duly seconded IT WAS RESOLVED that the actions of the Directors and Officers of the Society since the last annual general meeting be hereby approved.

James C. Lehr spoke briefly about the Order of the Beaver and announced that Clarence A. Stillions had been elected a Fellow.

Jack Arnell requested that the new editor of *TOPICS* outline in an early issue, the 'best format' for submission of electronic data for *TOPICS*.

Harry Dingenthal suggested that fewer members would 'drop out' if the Society did more for 'stamp collectors'.

The Secretary announced that a new membership list would be available shortly at the same price as last year - \$2.00 per copy.

The meeting was reminded that the next convention would be held at Treemont House in Galveston, Texas, from October 18 to 20, 1990. Accommodation for double or single will be \$75(US).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 am.

Lewis M. Ludlow,
Chairman

BNAPEX '89

EXHIBITION AWARDS

GRAND AWARD

Horace Harrison - Canada's Registry Stamps

RESERVE GRAND AWARD

Harry Lussey - Canadian Precancels - Unofficial and Regular Issues

MEDALS

GOLD - Guy des Rivières : Lower Canada First Postmarks 1763-1851
Leo La France : Cross Border Covers Between BNA & the US
1801-1875

VERMEIL - Jack Arnell, Bob Bayes, Jim Brown, Paul Burega, Guenter
Jansen, Lew Ludlow, John Wannerton, Vic Willson

**SILVER +
FELICITATIONS** - Norm Boyd, Harry Lussey

SILVER - Jim Catterick, Cliff Guile, Dan Huffman, Jon Johnson, Hank
Narbonne, Colin Pomfret, Bill Rockett, Joe Shelton, Brian
Stalker, Ritch Toop

**SILVER-BRONZE +
FELICITATIONS** - Earle Covert

SILVER-BRONZE - John Aitken, Mike Anderman, Colin Banfield, Ray Bradbury,
Dave Hanes, Leigh Hogg, Gary Steele, Steve Thorning, Kathy
Ward, Bert Warr, Mev Wells

BRONZE - Cal Cole (2 awards), Peter McCarthy, Raymond Skrepnek

ED and MICKEY RICHARDSON AWARD

Earle Covert - Stationery used in the Priority Post System

The exhibit best representing one or more of the following: research, originality, innovativeness, presentation - sponsored by the Texas Prairie Beavers Regional Group.

VINCENT G. GREENE AWARD

MAGGIE TOMS and GEORGE B. ARFKEN

The Vincent G. Greene award is given annually for the best article, or series of articles, to appear originally in *BNA TOPICS* during the previous year. The winner is chosen by a vote of the Board of Governors and the Executive. The winners for 1988 are Maggie Toms and George B. Arken for the series *Canadian Letter Mail to France*.

THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD

ROBERT A. LEE

Robert A. Lee, for the third time, has been named as the winner of the President's Award for proposing the most new members accepted into the Society in the previous calendar year. He also generously supports the Society and the Pacific Northwest Regional Group through notices in his auction catalogues.

THE JOHN S. SIVERTS AWARD

RALPH TRIMBLE

The John S. Siverts Award is presented annually to the editor of the best Study Group newsletter published during the previous calendar year. The 1989 winner, selected by the Study Group Coordinator, the Chairman of the Board, the President, the Editor of *BNA TOPICS*, and the Editor of the *Study Group Centerline* column, was Ralph Trimble, Editor of the Re-entry Group newsletter.

FOR A PENNY OR TWO...

by Allan Steinhart

THE 1¢ RATE TO NEWFOUNDLAND



This card is an example of the Canada 1 cent blue card used May 2, 1874, from Halifax, N.S. to St. John's, Newfoundland. Effective Nov. 11, 1872, the domestic 1 cent post card rate was extended to include post cards to Newfoundland. This rate lasted until Jan. 1, 1877, when the 2 cent post card rate to Great Britain commenced; the rate to Newfoundland was raised to 2 cents. The 1 cent rate was the first special post card rate to a foreign country from Canada. This usage is not easily found.

BNAPLEX '89 - The People



*Colin Banfield, England, and Garv Lohman, San Francisco:
"A stamp is just a stamp, but a good cigar is a smoke".*



*C. A. Stillions, newest member of
The Order of the Beaver.*



Earle Covert, winner of The Ed and Mickey Richardson Award.



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FOREIGN CANCELS ON BRITISH NORTH AMERICAN STAMPS

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Figures 14 - 20

UNITED STATES ON BNA

Many of the United States cancels on BNA are also instructional in nature or occur due to unusual mailings. The widespread usage of fancy cancels actually occurred in the United States somewhat earlier than in Canada. Several books have been written on this topic (11). By the 1880's (the peak era for Canadian fancy cancels) there were already ten times more post offices in the United States than in Canada, there are thus many more American fancy cancels than Canadian.

The American designs were often quite elaborate and (as was also often the case in Canada) sometimes had 'secret' or devious meanings. Most of these related to Masonic Chapters, although the Oddfellows, Klu Klux

Klan, and various other secret societies were also represented. Many of the initial cancels used in the United States were designed to indicate the town (or Post Office) registered mail passed through. Two of the most prolific fancy cancel producers in the U.S.A. were Waterbury Connecticut and the New York Foreign Mail Office.

Figure 16, the Newport Vermont "S" (D&S # 786) shows the only known United States fancy initial cancel on cover with Canadian stamp. The stamp (3 cent S.Q., Sc. 37) is weakly cancelled (and tied) with an indistinct blue (apparently Canadian) '75 CDS, and is also tied by the Vermont "S". *The Postal History of Vermont* by Slawson, Bingham, and Drenan mentions the use of four different "S"s in Newport and also that the railroad between

Newport and Richford actually went into Canada (12).

The next three cancels are all from New York City; Figure 17 shows an "N" Station cancel (13). This is listed as D&S #609, "P" Station is also known (D&S #656). Both "N" and "P" are on late issue 3 cent S.Q.'s (Sc. 41) with no other cancels. The "S" in Figure 18 is a registration mark used in New York and is usually found as a backstamp (14). The cancel example is 'Socked on the Nose' of a 2 cent S.Q. (Sc. 36), with no other cancel. Several other letters were used in this type of registration marking, however they are not known as cancels on BNA stamps.

Figures 19 and 20 are both found on the Canadian E1 Special delivery stamp, there are no other cancels on either stamp. I have already mentioned the useage of E1 in the U.S.A., however the stamps should not have been cancelled there. The E1 stamp was issued in 1898 and was used for about 30

years, Figure 19 is on piece (pair E1's with U.S. issue of 1914). I am not familiar enough with U.S. flag cancels to date Fig 20.

Figures 21 to 23 are from the New York Foreign Mail Office (N.Y.F.M.) (14). Figure 21 is double struck on a pair of early 3 cent S.Q.'s (Sc. 37). I have not personally examined the items in Figures 22 and 23 however, Figure 22 is listed (D&S #84), and is also described by Vlissingen as used on a Canadian Stamp on a Wells Fargo mixed franking cover. Figure 23 is listed by Vlissingen as N.Y.F.M., and a D&S #143. N.Y.F.M. type G6 (not illustrated) is also known on a Wells Fargo mixed franking cover (6 cent S.Q., Sc. 37). Vlissingen and Waud list several other "On Canada" examples, however all of these are segmented corks, crossroads, or concentric rings used extensively in both countries. D&S stars #100, #114, and #150 may also be N.Y.F.M. as they seem to be similar type designs.

Figure 26, the Wells Fargo Victoria Oval is



Figures 21 - 28

similar in design to several other cancels used by this Company in its United States operations (16). The Victoria Office oval cancel is occasionally found on British Columbia pre-Confederation issues, or Canadian S.Q.'s, although I have a poor strike on a late 15 cent L.Q. (Sc. 30). This cancel is usually not struck in black. Other Wells Fargo cancels may appear on BNA. A sunburst-cogwheel cancel (Jarrett #s 1151, and 1159) was used in San Francisco (17), and is occasionally found on British Columbia pre-Confederation issues sometimes in conjunction with Wells Fargo mailings. Another example of a Western U.S. cancel is the "Pembina" North Dakota cancel on Canadian mail from the Red River Settlement (18). There is also (although not strictly speaking 'Foreign on BNA') an early Victoria CDS which occasionally had SF for San Francisco in the time indices space.

There were also several private Express Companies operating between the Maritime provinces, and New York, Boston, or other American cities. These Companies operated as partial competition to the U.S. Mail until the early 1860's (19). An Express Company used both a CDS *EXPRESS MAIL ST. JOHN*, and a CDS *U.S. EXPRESS MAIL* cancel about 1852 on some of the pre-Confederation issues of New Brunswick (20). *BOSTON BR. PKT.*, and *NEW YORK SHIP* markings have also been observed as receiving (i.e. secondary) cancels on some of the early Newfoundland issues. Other USA Express, Ship, or Packet cancels may be possible on the pre-Confederation issues of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, or Newfoundland.

Figures 24 and 25 show United States markings on wayward mail, Figure 24 is on a 2 cent Numeral issue (Sc. 76) and Figure 25 is on a 3 cent S.Q. (Sc. 41). A rather interesting re-directed cover exists with 3 cent, and 5 cent L.Q.'s (Sc. 25&26) and cancelled by an American *PAID 5* marking. This letter was first erroneously sent to Rochester New York, then was re-directed to Rochester England (21).

As was the case with Britain, several partial American CDS strikes are known, such as; Philadelphia, New York, (on 10 cent Consort, Sc. 17), Buffalo, etc. Some of these items are from mixed franking (or forwarding charge) cross border letters. In most cases, however the Post Masters in each country seemed quite conscientious, and only cancelled their respective countries stamps.

The last two United States cancels are problematical. Figure 27 is very similar to Skinner and Eno # PH-S 11 or 12, and Herst-Zareski #11 (pg. 199) where it is attributed to Waterbury Connecticut. The stamp, a 3 cent S.Q. appears to be later than 1870 (IE Sc. 41), and the item is probably a fake. Figure 28 is the famous U.S. Kicking Mule cancel (22). This cancel has been reported twice on 3 cent S.Q.'s and once on a 1 cent S.Q., however I have never personally seen these Canadian mules. Cornell lists seven different fakes of this cancel and Jarrett (pg. 545) comments upon the faking of this cancel as well.

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In the maelstrom of holiday preparations, communications on our railway cancellations has been relatively light; however, we have one beautiful cover from Ross Gray that we want to illustrate for everyone. The cover shown has Q-95 MON. & ISLD. PD. GRAND TR'K R'WAY / No. 5 which has been used as the cancellation device on a 3d perforated beaver on cover to Cote des Neiges, C.E.; the set is 'B/UP/APR 4/1859'. While Q-95 is not necessarily very rare there are plus marks that accrue to this cover. Most provincial railways, particularly 'CART-WHEELS', are found as back-stamps or off-set to the lower left on stampless or stamped covers. We do not normally see them as cancellation devices. Further, a provincial railway cancelling perforated pence has hitherto been unrecorded; this is the first that I have seen. If any of our readers know of others, we

hope that we can be informed of the specifics, with a copy, thank you.

In the last issue of the Cowcatcher we dealt with numerous specifics of the 19th Century Registered Railways and we now pursue this matter a bit further. There were only 42 such listings and two of these are only known from their proof strikes. Listed herewith are the earliest and latest dates of use currently recorded by listing number. If anybody has earlier or later dates than those shown here we hope they will send us the details along with a photograph so we can update our records.

Normally we would present this data in the RPO Study Group Newsletter; however, with such a limited subject, we wanted to give this the widest possible exposure in the Cowcatcher. We hope to hear from you.

Listing #	Earliest	Latest	Listing #	Earliest	Latest
RG-1	24 Jun 69	5 Apr 78	RG-6	Only Proof Known - 1882	
RG-2	5 Aug 78	17 Nov 87	RG-7	4 Dec 69	15 Mar 76
RG-3	25 Jan 812	9 Nov 90	RG-8	14 Sep 75	18 Jun 79
RG-4	26 Aug 75	15 Sep 93	RG-9	20 Aug 77	2 Jan 78
RG-5	9 Oct 86	- unique	RG-10	18 Nov 75	- unique

Listing #	Earliest	Latest	Listing #	Earliest	Latest
RG-11	29 Apr 69	31 Mar 79	RG-27	12 Feb 77	- unique
RG-12	21 Aug 75	23 Nov 82	RG-28	Only Proof Known - 1881	
RG-13	22 Apr 76	26 Oct 80	RG-29	23 Aug 82	10 Jun 84
RG-14	19 Mar 79	10 May 79	RG-30	3 Sep 80	11 Nov 80
RG-15	5 Oct 83	- unique	RG-31	8 Dec 77	- unique
RG-16	7 Sep 75	24 Jun 78	RG-33	9 Dec 79	23 Nov 83
RG-17	28 Jan 75	26 Jun 78	RG-34	12 Mar 77	1 Dec 79
RG-18	18 Jan 82	- unique	RG-35	4 Jan 76	1 Oct 77
RG-19	13 Dec 79	26 Mar 81	RG-36	3 Aug 75	23 Oct 76
RG-20	17 Nov 75	10 May 76	RG-37	25 Oct 75	26 Jul 78
RG-21	22 May 77	20 Sep 80	RG-38	16 Oct 78	29 Apr 80
RG-22	27 Nov 78	20 Sep 80	RG-39	6 Sep 69	10 Nov 80
RG-23	4 Jul 81	14 Jan 86	RG-40	12 Mar 77	29 Apr 80
RG-24	10 Jan 77	20 Mar 78	RG-41	23 Nov 75	22 May 76
RG-25	28 Sep 75	12 Feb 77	RG-42	30 Jan 77	4 Feb 82
RG-26	16 Nov 75	8 Nov 77	RG-43	10 Oct 81	2 Aug 84

ROLLER PRECANCELS

A large number of full sheets of the Admiral period appeared on the market, all of which were roller-cancelled and had full gum. These stamps were to be used for the bulk payment of mail. Unfortunately, some of them found their way into the mail stream as so-called precan-

celled stamps. This is evident from the collectors who saved the inscription blocks. A Post Office inquiry, triggered by the Postmaster of Kingston, Ontario, ended this practice which was defrauding the Post Office of revenue. (page 19, *The Canada Precancel Handbook*, 1988)



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from **THE KLUSSENDORFER**, editor Gray Scrimgeour

(Ed. note - Each issue an article or items from one or two of the Study Groups will be highlighted in TOPICS. This is intended to stimulate interest in the study groups, share information of interest to our readership, and pat on the back those diligent enough to put out a newsletter.)

THE PICTON STORY

The PICTON, ON Klussendorf has a number of interesting factors to it - two slogans, timemarks, errors, and inverts. The PICTON machine is serial # 02331, proofed 15 XII 1983 in delivery. Although the postmaster of Picton reports the first date of use as 22 III 1984, the earliest reported date of use if correct is 21 III 1984 with timemark -17. TM-17 was used from the earliest period to this date. From Monday to Friday the timemark is in use and on Saturdays timemark -11 is in use. The earliest use I have found so far for TM-11 is 21 VII 1984. I have treated the -11 timemark in detail in a previous note (pp. 21-22).

There are two slogans that were used at Picton, ON. The first read "QUINTE SUMMER MUSIC / FESTIVAL DE MUSIQUE / D'ETE DE QUINTE / JULY 24 TO AUG 3 / 24 JUILLET AU 3 AOUT" has an earliest known usage (EKU) of 26 V 1986-17 and a LKU of 3 VIII 1986. The 3 VIII 1986 date is improbable as this is a Sunday and PICTON is not, generally that is, used on Sundays. The POSTAL CODE hammer is known before, on 23 V 1986, and after, on 6 VIII 1986-17.

The second slogan used at PICTON reads

"150 YEARS / SESQUICENTENNIAL / UN SIECLE ET DEMI / 150 ANS" and is known used from 12 V 1987-17 to 11 V 1988-17 with the POSTAL CODE cancel known on 11 V 1987 and 12 V 1988. The slogan was used exactly one year.

Both slogans are known with the timemarks -17 and -11 on Saturdays.

At present two inverts are reported. The first was a 6 VIII 1986-17, the EKU after the "QUINTE SUMMER FESTIVAL" slogan, using the POSTAL CODE. It appears that after replacing the slogan with POSTAL CODE, it was inverted. By 11 VIII 1986 it was corrected.

The second invert occurred 12 I 1988-17 with the "150 YEARS" slogan (p. 79). The slogan was correct on 7 I and on 14 I.

Another error that occurred was 35 IV 1987-11 or April 35th, which is an impossible date and probably an error for 25 IV 1987-11, which is a Saturday and should use TM-11. A further error reported is 20 VIII 1988-07. This is an error for 1987 and bears a 36 cent stamp. It is probably also a month error and could be 20 VII 1987, July instead of August.

A further oddity occurred 23, 24, 25 IX 1987-17, in which the top part of the cancel is blank (no PICTON). This could be because of a replacement machine in use during a breakdown or for some other reason. (It possibly could also have been from a misadjustment of pressure on the usual K machine. Note that a little at the top of the slogan was also missing). All was fine on 21 IX and 28 IX.

Hutton reports an invert on 12 III 1987-17 of



An early date



Invert



LRV postal code



ERU slogan

POSTAL CODE and slogan on 06 VIII 1986-17 (POSTAL CODE) and 12 I 1987-17 (slogan), respectively (reversed), as reported above. Hutton also reports the impossible date of 31 VI 1986-17.

In addition to the above, timemark -1 is reported used on 07 V 1988, a Saturday, and is an error for timemark -11.

Another possible error which cannot be proved is 13-15 VII 1984-17 for VIII 1984. The covers came from a lot of several hundreds dated only in August 1984. Some examples of unusual Klussendork postmarks from PICTON are shown on the next page. (*Ed. note - not all examples shown in the newsletter appear here*).

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POST OFFICE DIRECTIONAL MARKINGS & DEAD LETTER OFFICE CANCELLATIONS 1870 TO 1899

by Roger Grigson

The Dead Letter Office 1870 - 1899

The Dead Letter Office (DLO) had been part of the Postal setup from the start of Post Office operations in Canada, and although there was brief mention of it in early annual reports there are no details available of its workings. During the period 1870 to 1899, as the country and postal service expanded, so did the various problems concerned with running an efficient mail service. The simple matter of mailing a letter would, on the face of it, not appear to present too many difficulties. Far from it. It didn't take long before instructions and regulations began to appear in Post Office guides with reference to 'undeliverable letters' and 'dead letters' which were fast becoming a problem.

The first detailed procedures for handling undeliverable letters appeared in the March 1868 General Regulations, and over the next few years these procedures were updated and improved. Some of the major changes were detailed in the 1875 Postal Guide, in which the basic direction was as follows:

Letters or other articles, which from any cause remain undelivered in any Post Office, or which, having been posted, cannot under the regulations of the Department be forwarded to destination, are sent to the Dead Letter Office at Ottawa, there to be opened and returned to the writers on payment of any postage which may be due thereon, together with three cents additional on each letter to defray the cost of returning. (The fee had been five cents until 1873 as noted by Arken (1989) - Ed.)

1875 saw several changes in the Post Office regulations with regard to postage charges and the manner of dealing with undeliverable letters which all have bearing on this subject. In a statement issued by the Dead Letter Office on June 30, 1875, it was noted that "572,127 letters were received and disposed of...", so it was fairly evident that the number of undeliverable or dead letters re-

ceived at this Office had reached such proportions that something had to be done.

On Oct. 1, 1875, it became compulsory to prepay all postage on letters and to use the appropriate postage stamps. This generated still more undeliverable letters because of non-compliance with the new regulation. (*Unpaid letters were sent to the DLO while part-paid letters with at least one rate paid in stamps were sent on with double deficiency collected from the addressee; if refused it went to the DLO - Ed.*) In order to alleviate the ever-increasing work load in the Dead Letter Office a Post Office Department order of November 8, 1875, created what was to become known as the **Request Letter**. This allowed the sender of a letter to have a return address printed on the envelope so that in the event of non-delivery, provided it originated in Canada or the United States and a full rate of postage had been paid at the time of posting, it could be returned directly to the sender without going through the Dead Letter Office. The regulations regarding these Request Letters were updated several times over the next few years.

Registered letters, as they had been before this new regulation, could only be returned through the Dead Letter Office irrespective of whether or not a return address was present. If these registered letters couldn't be returned and their contents were money, the Postmaster General

could appropriate it as postal revenue, keeping an account thereof and paying the amount to the rightful owner as soon as he can be found.

Figures in a report published in 1900 by the Post Office Department showed during the year July 1, 1875, to June 30, 1876, that 114,610 unpaid letters had been sent to the Dead Letter Office out of approximately 41 million posted in Canada. Occasionally a Request Letter was sent to the DLO and sometimes opened by mistake. In 1879 the first adhesive label was issued to the DLO for use in resealing such mistakenly opened letters. Two further labels were issued in the early 1900's.

Annual reports continued to be issued by the Dead Letter Office on June 30th of each year with lists of the 'items' handled. The last report in the period covered by this article dated June 30, 1899, listed just over one million letters of all types having been dealt with, and these ranged from ordinary letters to such bizarre items as false legs, and on one occasion a glass eye!

At the time of writing there is no information available to me of any Post Office regulations regarding the fate of Dead Letters that could not be returned. It has been speculated that clerks working in the Office may have taken some of them for their own collections while the remainders were quite probably just destroyed.

On July 1, 1890, the Dead Letter Office was recognised as a Branch of the Post Office, and on July 1, 1898, it was decentralised from the Headquarters organisation, and separate offices were set up across the country.

Full details of the relevant Postal regulations and directives can be found well documented in *Canada's Small Queen Era* by George Arfken, from which some of the above information has been obtained.

The Postal Markings - Handstamps

During this period there were many handstamps issued for use in dealing with undeliverable mail of all classes, and the majority were used in conjunction with Dead Letter Office markings. So far research has come up with over thirty-three (seen) different types of handstamp dealing with matters ranging from *REFUSED* letters to *DEFICIENT POSTAGE*; this number does not include different measurements and word arrangements of similar types. Some of these marks are scarce, and in some instances only single examples are known at present. There are several other types reported in various publications but for the purposes of this article, until examples of these are seen by others they cannot be verified. With practically all of these handstamps it is difficult to determine exactly when and where they were applied to the covers as no accurate information exists other than P.O. directives.

The Post Office instructions were that undeliverable letters were to be clearly marked with the reason for nondelivery before being stamped with the cancel of the Post Office sending it either to the Dead Letter Office or returning to the sender. This Post Office was

not always that of posting.

These handstamps will be dealt with individually in later articles.

List of Handstamps (seen) in use during 1870 - 1899

ADV: ADVERTISED: ADVERTISED & NOT CALLED FOR
CALL: CLOSED AGAINST INSPECTION INSUFFICIENTLY PREPAID
NOT AT ADDRESS:
NOT CALLED FOR:
NOT CALLED FOR MONTREAL:
NOT CALLED FOR OTTAWA:
NOT CALLED FOR TORONTO:
NOT FOUND: NOT IN DIRECTORY: NOT KNOWN
MORE TO PAY:
REFUSED: RETURNED BY CARRIER:
RETURNED FOR BETTER DIRECTION:
RETURNED FOR DEFICIENT POSTAGE:
RETURNED FOR POSTAGE :
RETURNED TO:
UNCLAIMED:

The following have been seen without Dead Letter Office markings used with them:

FORWARDED
MISSENT:
MISSENT TO:
MISSENT TO NORWICH ONT:
MISSENT TO VICTORIA BRITISH COLUMBIA
NO CORRESPONDENCE
RETURN TO WRITER
PREPAID BY PUBLISHER: (Pointing hand)
RETURN TO WRITER
RECD AT TORONTO WITHOUT CONTENTS
RECEIVED WITHOUT CONTENTS
RETURNED TO WRITER
TOO LATE

The Postal Markings - Circular Date Stamps

While it seemed that there were many different hammers in use in the Dead Letter Office there are on examination just four basic types which when sub-divided can be easily identified somewhat more accurately than by using the brief descriptions given in previous publications (such as *Jarrett or Boggs - Ed.*) The four basic types are:

- 1) Broken circle or split ring;
- 2) Circular date stamp;

- 3) Small circle;
- 4) Small diamond.

The cancels which at first glance appear to be the same - same design, lettering, and type face - can be separated by the same principle used in separating Squared Circle town cancels with more than one hammer, by comparing position of the lettering with other parts of the cancel. All these cancels were in use in the main office in Ottawa until July 1, 1898, when the Dead Letter Office was decentralised and branch offices established in Halifax, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, and Victoria. Local dead letter offices were established in Charlottetown, St. John (NB), Quebec, Sherbrooke, Kingston, Hamilton, and London, all with their own separate cancellation device. As with listed handstamps insufficient numbers of examples are yet available to establish an accurate pattern of use of each individual cancel.

The Different Types of Cancel

The broken circle, or split ring, had proved to be the most difficult to separate, with apparently many different types in use. It is quite possible that continued usage of each issued cancel over a period of years may have had some effect on the physical structure of the lettering, causing original dimensions to change, thus producing a seemingly different

cancel. A study has reduced these numbers down to six types.

As a starting guide for identification, the diameter of the cancel comes first, followed then by the length of a line drawn from the tip of the upright of the first 'D' of 'DEAD' across to the end tip of the top line of the 'E' of 'OFFICE' - referred to hereafter as the 'DE' line. The position of the year indicia in relation to this DE line is then noted. These have proven to be the most positive methods of identifying each of the six types.

The remaining CDS cancels are easily identified by their diameter, the wording within, and if necessary the DE line.

These cancels were always backstamped on the letter being dealt with; occasionally one was used to cancel a postage stamp which had been added on the front after deficient postage had been paid and before the letter was replaced in the mails. A single cancel was the norm in earlier years, but as the service improved, two then three were used, but not necessarily all different types:

- 1) on receipt at the Dead Letter Office;
- 2) by a Clerk when dealing with the letter;
- 3) when the letter was returned to the sender or replaced back in the mails, having been dealt with;

until after decentralisation, when there was only one, that of the Office dealing with the item.



Circular Date Stamps of the Dead Letter Office 1870 - 1899

Broken circle or Split Ring: DEAD LETTER OFFICE CANADA

Number	Diameter	DE line	DE line position
1	22mm	20mm	below the top of the year
1a	23	20	above the base of the year
2	25	23.5	above the centre of the year
3	23	22	top of the year
4	24	21	base of the year
5	27	24	below the year
6	22		top of the year; this has a two figure year prefixed by 'W'

Circular Date Stamps: DEAD LETTER OFFICE CANADA

Number	Diameter	DE line	DE line position
7	25mm	20mm	at the base of the year
8	28	22.5	at the base of the year dots before and after 'CANADA'
9	28	24	at the top of the year small crosses before and after 'CANADA'
10	28	23	at the top of the year single dot after 'CANADA'
11	28	22	at the base of the year a time mark AM above the date

CIRCULAR DATE STAMPS: OTHER LETTERING

Number	Lettering
12	RECD AT DEAD LETTER OFFICE CANADA Number over date (1,2,3 seen)
13	RECD AT DEAD LETTER BRANCH CANADA number over date (6 only seen)
14	DEAD LETTER BRANCH CANADA 25mm cds
15	DEAD LETTER BRANCH CANADA 30MM cds
16	DLO CANADA _____ BRANCH 24mm with city name

The branch and local offices issued from July 1, 1898: Charlottetown, Halifax, Hamilton, Kingston, London, Montreal, Quebec, St. John, Sherbrooke, Toronto, Victoria, Winnipeg

Number Small Circle and Small Diamond

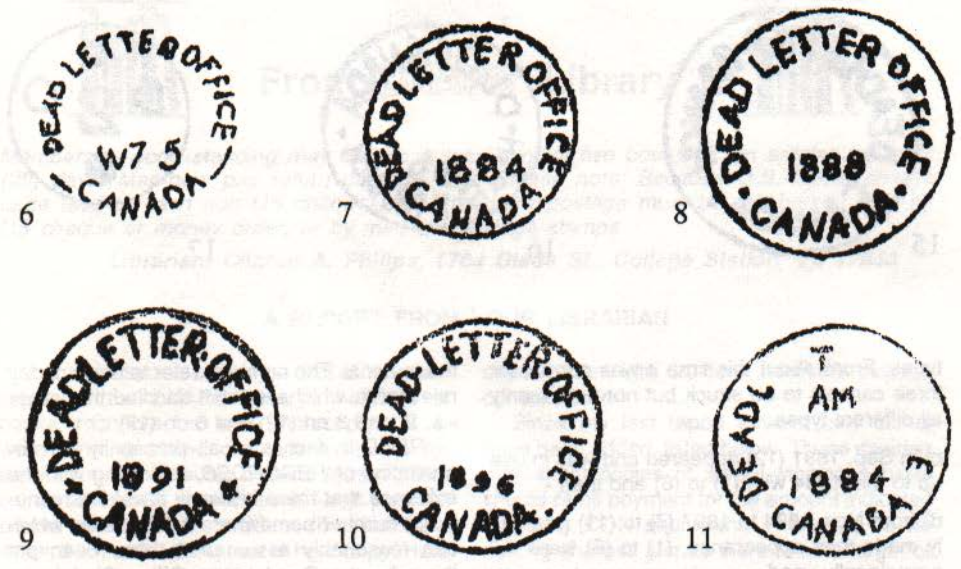
17	Small circle enclosing the letters D L O and a number (1 and 2 only seen)
18	Small diamond enclosing the letters D L O and a number (1,2,3 only seen)

Note: Two examples of No. 15 have been seen with a W above the date, AU 2/98 and SP 13/99. There is no available explanation for this, although there could be some connection with the W in No. 6.

At present it is only tentative speculation as to when and in what order the cancels were applied, except of course when the dates give the answer. A preliminary collation of strikes seen has produced a basic outline of years of use and the possible cancellation procedure, but until more examples are recorded the pa-

rameters of these dates are very flexible:

Cancel	Earliest Date	Latest Date	Notes
1	Mr 16/76	Ju 3/78	
1a	Mr 6/78		One strike seen
2	Ju 26/71	No 11/97	



Cancel	Earliest Date	Latest Date	Notes	
3	Au 8/79	My 29/88		a) up to approximately March 1876 only (2), (4), and (6) were used, although (2) was used up to as late as 1897.
4	Oc 10/74		One strike seen	b) from March 1876 to mid 1887 (1), (3), and (5) appeared, either singly or together, one on receipt and one on return - the order of use is easily identified by the dates. Where there is a single strike it is difficult to establish if 1) this occurred on receipt, and because the letter couldn't be returned it remained in the Office without receiving any other markings; or, 2) it was deliberately cancelled once and then only when it was returned. The former reason seems more likely. In June 1876 (17) came into use followed in Feb. 1880 by (18); these were applied on receipt at the Dead Letter Office (see paragraph after notes) and were used in conjunction with most of the other
5	Ja 27/79	Jy 7/97		
6	Oc 5/75	No 6/75		
7	No 13/83	Ju 6/87		
8	Jy 7/88		One strike seen	
9	Ap 3/90	De 12/92		
10	Jy 10/93	De 29/97		
11	Ap 25/84		One strike seen	
12	My 5/82	De 20/97		
13	Oc 14/95	De 12/98		
14	Fe 25/96		One strike seen	
15	Mr 14/95	De 10/98		
16	Ja 1/99			
17	Jy 7/76	Ju 28/88		
18	Fe 28/80	De 10/98		





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types. From about this time it was normal for three cancels to be struck but not necessarily all different types.

c) in Sep. 1881 (12) appeared and was in use up to mid 1884 with (1) to (6) and then -

d) from Nov. 1884 to 1897 (7) to (11) gradually made their appearance, (1) to (6) were still occasionally used.

e) in Oct. 1895 (13), (14), and (15) came into use and were usually used with (8) or (9) and (18).

f) from July 1898 (16) lettered with one of the thirteen towns listed superseded all other cancels.

It has been suggested that (12) and (13) were struck when the letter entered the Dead Letter Office - *RECD* meaning *RECEIVED* - and (17) and (18) the marks of Clerks dealing with the item of mail. The author has been unable to find evidence to substantiate this and considers it to be inaccurate for the following reason: (12) and (13) contain a number which has been supposed to be the number of a Clerk dealing. This seems to be a somewhat elaborate cancel to use just to mark an item as being received at the DLO. The author puts forward the theory that (17) and (18) were the marks used on receipt and the numbers - 1, 2, and 3 only have been seen - refer to a time of day, ie. AM, PM, and NT, and (12) and (13) actually were those of the Clerk dealing with

the material. The numbers refer to times of day relevant to whichever shift handled the letters - 1, 2, and 3 on (12) and 6 on (13).

RECD in fact is in all probability an abbreviation of *RECORDED*, coinciding with the evidence that there is nearly always a manuscript number somewhere on the letter which can reasonably assumed to have been put there by the Dead Letter Office Clerk as a record number. These appear on registered and nonregistered letters alike.

Registered letters passing through the Dead Letter Office show several different manuscript numbers, of these the registered ones are fairly easy to identify as they have usually been deleted as the letter was passed on, leaving the remaining ones to be deduced as Dead Letter Office record numbers.

None of the Registered letters seen passing through the Dead Letter Office and being marked as such have (17) or (18) struck on them, but with one or two rare exceptions all have (12) or (13). To further substantiate this theory a cover has been seen dated in 1895 with a (10) dated March 16 and a (15) dated March 18, indicating that (12) could not possibly have been a receiving cancel.

This then is a brief history of the workings of the Dead Letter Office and its cancellations. Until such time as more detailed information and further dates are obtained this will be the basis of the research, although obviously dates and the like are continually updated. Later articles will deal at length with the individual handstamps and the different types of mail on which they occur and how the Dead Letter Office dealt with each.

The author will welcome any contributions or correspondence on this subject together with photocopies of examples, and of course any offers of material which might be available for sale, etc., will be gratefully received.



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The **Mid-America** Group met November 12 at Bloomington Illinois. A small turnout heard Bob Schlesinger report that there are now twenty-two members at the end of the first year. This type of growth shows that there is a lot of interest in the regional group concept. If a regional group is not close to you, start one. The next meeting of the group will be on March 4 at the Milwaukee show. This should be a good time, so make the meeting if you can. The spring meeting will be held at COMPEX in Chicago.

The **Mid-America** group has been invited to be a guest club at COMPEX, which gives it the opportunity to exhibit and to write an article in the COMPEX Directory. The Group needs good representation at the show, so contact Bob Schlesinger with the number of frames you can enter. President Lew Ludlow will give a talk on RPO's at the meeting, so it is a chance to find out what RPO's are all about.

The **Prairie Beaver** Group met on January 27 in Austin and included talks by Clint Phillips, Jeff Switt, Gordon Bleuler, and Vic Willson, as well as trading sessions, a donation auction, and clothesline exhibit by members of new material they had acquired. The *Beaver Chat-ter*, bimonthly newsletter of the Prairie Beavers, had an article by the late Ed Richardson on *Orderly Room: Military Postal Markings*, which he had just completed, probably his last philatelic writing. Other items included a summary of *Canadian Interprovincial Rates* by Vic Willson, with which Ed had assisted last summer, and a summary of members' collecting interests.

The **Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario** Group met on May 13, 1989, in Winnipeg. Rick Penco gave a program on *Lithography of the Modern Canadian Stamp*. This presentation was reported to have been superb. The next meeting was November 11, also in Winnipeg.

Each member was asked to bring a few pages from a collection to discuss. This type of meeting can be very informative, interesting, and also involves many of the members. The highlights of the recent BNAPEX were discussed and refreshments were served to end the day.

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3¢ ivory, single		1,040,000
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3¢ ivory 3 on		693,000
2¢ single	12,016,000	8,052,000
3¢ single		2,748,000
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ON THE FRINGES

Snow! Early season storms have dumped record amounts of the white stuff on us. We have over a foot of the Christmas decoration on the ground. Newberry is isolated except for automobile transportation. It is also small, 2500; and has no philatelic resources. Auctions are a source of material. They are also a source of used \$1.25 Capex stamps. It seems they are the postage of merit for auction firms for mailing lots. I sincerely wish that the snow and Capexes had been spread more evenly.

The Centennial group has been moribund, but it now shows signs of revival, the newsletter announces that a new editor, John Aitken, will take over. The input of this newsletter is entirely from John. There is an illustration of a parcel with 71 \$1 stamps, including a full pane of 50, plus others. The postage was more than the cost of the article sent. He also has photostats of two fire damaged covers, and of two

special order post cards from Eaton's. Come on you group members, John needs your support.

The *Flag Pole* editor Tom Almond, is the newsletter of the *Flag* group. John Robertson has succeeded Robert Heasman as chairman. Larry Paige is compiling a new catalog. To assemble data, the types are split among Tom Almond, Fred Hollenbeck, Doug Lingard and Larry Paige. Doug Lingard reports an EKD for one WWI flag and an LKD for another. Bill Angley sent in a photostat of a post card picturing the Hamiota railway station. It bears two strikes of the rare Brandon 35-10. Two more Anglo-French hybrid Royal Train flags have been reported - one from Wayne Curtis and one from Bob Thorne. Two *Enlist Now* flags; 53-B from Tom Almond, and LKD for 35-10A from Doug Lingard are noted. Doug Lingard, John Robertson and Bill Robinson con-

tributed data on the Fredericton Centennial flag. Doug also submits a copy of a post card with a scarce Smith's Falls flag, and also an Ottawa invert.

Ken Ellison edits the **Military** newsletter. For some time Ken has implored his group for a successor. No response, so now his ultimatum - till NL#100, no more. He is a fine editor, and creates extremely interesting newsletters. The last newsletter had an article, *Guarding the Gold Fields*. This evoked a response from Sam Nickle. He forwarded analyses and photostats of two covers from this operation. Ritch Toop discusses current group business. This is a very active group. Colin Campbell was awarded the Clifford Aitkens trophy by CPS of GB. A new book, *Training for Victory, the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan in the West*, by Peter C. Conrad is announced. The group will inaugurate a sales circuit under the leadership of Ed Harris. A sub-group; Ken Barlow, Ron Leith, Bill Thorne and Herb Williams, has been established to study the black out cancels. Ron Authors an interesting, and well illustrated, article on these cancels. The editor relays an update on the H.M.C.S. Crusade - on Active Service cachet, obtained from Maurice F. Hampson of Edmonton.

Congratulations to Clarence Stillions, editor of the **Newfoundland** newsletter. He was elected to the order of the Beaver at Hamilton - well deserved. The newsletter lists the Newfoundland plates with lathework as noted by Dan Meyerson. John Walsh submits a photostat of a block of #245 with lathework. BNAPS '89 was viewed. The bulk of the newsletter is devoted to a copy of *Postal Convention Between the U.S. and Newfoundland of 1872*.

Postal Stationery Notes of **Postal Stationery** group, editor Bob Lemire reports on BNAPS '89. Bill Walton lists, courtesy of John Aitken, Earle Covert, Mike Sagar and Dick Staecker, updates of ERP's of Canadian private order and official envelopes. Two new special order envelopes are recorded - from J.C. Michaud and Mike Sagar. Bob Lemire has discovered the first used letter card Webb L3a, and Don Frazer supplies an illustration of a misperforated L9 letter card *The Newfoundland Reply Letter Card - Usages to Foreign Destinations* by Bill Walton, is acknowledged as an article whose primary purpose is to incite input from the group. At Hamilton Charles Jacobson raised some questions about the use of the 2c envelope, Webb EN9 and the letter cards L3,

L3a and L6, which were issued to pay the drop letter rate for local delivery. He lists the offices that had local delivery at that time. *The Cameo Issue Precancelled Post Cards - Information from the Archives*, by Bob Lemire, discusses these cards. Dennis Cottin provides a translation of a revised aerogramme list that appeared in *Philatelic Quebec*. Comments are requested as Webb's previous list had been questioned.

Ralph Trimble, **Re-entry** editor, received the first John Siverts award at Hamilton for his excellent newsletter. Two of his newsletters are at hand with the usual splendid photographs. Bill Simpson staggered some of us at Hamilton with 6c Small Queen material. He allowed Ralph to photograph the four re-entries on the 6c red brown first noted by Peter Hurst. The photos and descriptions of two of these are presented. Each of the following is illustrated by a photograph: a misplaced entry on Newfoundland #39 discovered by Bill Burden; a re-entry on a 2c red Arch, Die I, uncovered by Jim Watt; re-entries on the 6c Large Queen and the 5c RLS. Also there is a retouch on the 1c Tercentenary and several re-entries on the 14c Newfoundland dog. Hans Reiche discusses questions raised by Randy Van Someren about Admiral re-entries. He also reports and illustrates re-entries on the 2c purple Numeral and on the 5c blue Admiral.

Bill Rockett has submitted two newsletters of the **Revenuers**. He summarizes BNAPS '89. Bill and Harry Lussey have attended all 41 BNAPS conventions. He reviews several auctions of revenues. An illustrated ad for Alberta's first pictorial game bird stamp is included. Several adlets appear in each newsletter.

Dan Rosenblat's **Slogan Box of the Slogan Cancel group** is extremely well organized. The Chairman's message, by Jeff Switt, noted the topics discussed at Hamilton. One of interest was a *Slogan Bank*. John Robertson volunteered to be banker. He describes the operation. Members send in slogans for deposit, and are thus enabled to withdraw slogans deposited by other members. Dan describes his experience at the Canadian Postal Archives at Ottawa. The issue has many fine illustrated articles: *Save Time Use Airmail, Airmail Updates and Help the Muskoka with Background Information*, by Dan; *Prince Albert Exhibition*, by Jeff and Abbotsford Air Show, by Cecil Coutts. Jim Felton's cover illustrates a tie-in between slogan and stamp. The newsletter concludes with the distribution list of advertising die slugs for Halifax, Hamilton, Hull and Ingersoll.

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- R3693 HUTTON, David Greig, 1227 Cambridge Crescent, Sarnia, ON N7S 3W5, Canada
R4196* FIEDLER, Brian C., 53 Winter Avenue, Scarborough, ON M1K 4L9, Canada
R4513 PARKER, Douglas, 5205 West Thunderbird - #2068, Glendale, AZ 85306, USA
* Dropped in error. The Secretary appologizes sincerely for the inconvenience caused by this error.

DECEASED

R4174 WRIGHT, William Charles

RESIGNATIONS

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| R1951 | MOFFATT, William G. | R3828 | THOMPSON, Christopher C. |
| R2580 | BERUBE, Clement W. | R4113 | HARRIS, Edward Aitken |
| R2624 | ROSS, Alex | R4246 | SCHERTZ, Keith F. |
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| R3324 | TROOP, Andrew J. | R4570 | BELLACK, George L. |
| R3500 | JOHNSON, Charles | R4734 | DOSS, George M. |
| R3818 | MILLS, George R. | | |

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R1646 CRAWFORD, Douglas A., R.R. #2, Hillier, ON K0K 2J0, Canada
L1856 LEHR, James C., 10 Colony Boulevard - Apt. 535, Wilmington, DE 19802, USA
R2351 PATERSON, J.L., 943 Carolwood Drive, Victoria, BC V8X 3T9, Canada
R2524 TOWNSEND, L.J., 1223 - 1124 Lonsdale Ave. North Vancouver, BC V7M 2H1
R2664 FIRBY, Charles G., 6695 Highland Road, Pontiac, MI 48054, USA
R3278 JACOBSON, Charles, 2721 Olive Hwy., Suite #11, Oroville, CA 95966, USA
R3430 PARKIN, John M.H., 10 Alsfeld Way, New Mills, Stockport SK12 3DD, U.K.
R3459 BLAKE, Neil B., 210 Winters Town Road, Red Lion, PA 17356, USA
R3511 ALEXANDER, Max M., 2100 Beekmam Place, 3D, Brooklyn, NY 11225-4845, USA
R3530 SCHACTER, R., 5473 Pare Street - Suite 200, Montreal, PQ H4P 1P7, Canada
R3642 GRACE, John P., 734 Aspen Road, Pickering, ON L1V 4H2, Canada
R3670 KRAWEC, Terry J., 43 Edcath Rd NW, Calgary, AB T3A 4A2, Canada
R3687 HILLMER, John M., 364 Seaside Avenue - #1810, Honolulu, HI 96815, USA
R3718 WOODWARD, Len, 123 Church Street, Stratford, ON N5A 2R3, Canada
R3741 PHARO, Gale F., 713 North Mount Pleasant, Monroeville, AL 36460, USA
R4103 DAVIS, G.H., 682 Totten Way, Cincinnati, OH 45226-1200, USA
R4105 MOOSE, L. Frederick, 1820 Hayden Bend Circle, Grapevine, TX 76051, USA

- R4165 MEIBOOM, John, 109 - 30 Green Valley Drive, Kitchener, ON N2P 1G8, Canada
 R4230 HORNE, Walter H.D., 222 Herring Cove Road - #10, Halifax, NS B3P 1L2, Canada
 R4294 MAYER, John C., 1249-L Beacon Parkway East, Birmingham, AL 35209, USA
 R4323 FROUD, Fred H., 4 Hyland Ave., Etobicoke, ON M8X 1P6, Canada
 R4332 BULLEN, Thomas G., 608 Bayhampton Crescent, Waterloo, ON N2K 3N9, Canada
 R4358 DRYDEN, Dwain E., 2210 33rd Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94116, USA
 R4406 KANE, Howard S., 2355 Riviera Drive, Del Ray Beach, FL 33445-1340, USA
 R4537 TRIPLETT, Brian A., 12 North Main Street, Perkasie, PA 18944-1903, USA
 R4551 FOUGERE, John Joe, 175 Regent Street, Box 528, Niagara on the Lake, ON L0S 1J0, Canada
 R4578 CAMMARATA, Carl J., P.O. Box 145, Scotts, MI 49088, USA
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- R3143 LAYCOCK, Peter, 80 Squire Bakers Lane, Markham, ON L3P 3H2, Canada
 R4205 DESJARDINS, Debra, 37 Claudia Ct., Sudbury, ON P3A 4C1, Canada
 R4404 STONE, Richard E., 23 Southwind Terrace, Oakville, ON L6L 6A9, Canada
 R4534 SCHAEFER, Peggy A., P.O.Box 34467, Chicago, IL 60634-0467, USA

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New application(s)	10

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