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THE EDITOR'S PAGE

by Vic Willson

I recently received a packet from a BNAPS member containing a letter and numerous pages from his collection. The letter was a comment about collectors' mortality and loss of their knowledge and a query about the possibility of writing up the collection in a series of articles. The information is new and interesting, has not before been presented, in short the stuff of articles. I wrote the member immediately, encouraging him to put together an initial article. I promised to assist him in whatever way I could. This little episode has a lot of good information for most of the readers of *TOPICS*.

First, most of us have knowledge that is of benefit to others. Unless it is communicated in a systematic way it is lost when we pass away. Civilization has progressed (yes, I believe we do have progress) through education of the next generation. Apart from selfish motivations to keep our knowledge exclusive, we have an obligation to pass on our knowledge. In some cases it will be impossible to recover the information once lost, in others much time will be lost in the recovery. So, having established that each of you should communicate your knowledge, we must give you opportunities to do so.

Clearly, *TOPICS* is a medium of choice for your information. If you review back issues, you will see that articles vary from a short Note to the Editor to many-page, multi-part series. Nothing is too short or too esoteric as long as it is BNA-related. That is why we are a specialist society. We like esoterica. Thus, if you have an interesting cover or cancellation, apparent stamp variety, information about a postal procedure, or other BNA-related bit of information, make a photocopy and send it along. We will take a look, see if there is some related information that might be incorporated, and work with you to put it in *TOPICS*. The process is that simple.

If you do not want to start with *TOPICS*, send the item to the editor of a relevant *Study Group* newsletter. I can tell you that these people are dying for material to put in the newsletters. The advantage of starting with a newsletter is that other members may contribute additional material that you can incorporate into a more comprehensive piece.

Never believe that your information must be about hundred year old topics. Some of the most exciting developments in philately have occurred in the last twenty years - express mail, strikes, private mail handlers, rate changes, new printing methods, and new cancellations. Each of these and many more areas I have not thought of are all of interest to collectors now and information gathered now will be invaluable to collectors of the future.

What do you need to pursue your interest so as to produce a note or article? As with all discovery some curiosity, a bit of observation, a little persistence, and the willingness to ask questions will take you most of the way. Sitting down to write something is often the hardest part. Handwritten letters are just fine to this editor, so you cannot use the excuse that you do not have a typewriter or computer. I can read my own scrawl so I should be able to decipher yours, and believe me I've gotten some toughies already. Will I be tough on you? Only if you are asking someone to pay for what you've written. Since *TOPICS* does not pay contributors and relies on them for everything, potential contributors have a right to be treated considerately. What will help you greatly if you want to write but do not know exactly how to begin is to look at some articles in *TOPICS* that might be somewhat like yours in length or general area. Pick out a couple that you admire and see what the authors did that you like - illustrations, information that was given, style. At first, do not be ashamed to copy. Almost every

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great author began by copying the style of someone they admired. After a while you will evolve your own style as you gain experience.

Your initial effort may be much more modest than an article - it might be a photocopy of a cover with a question about the meaning of a mark. I cannot promise to publish every such item, after all some may be redundant with something published earlier and recent enough to be accessible to most of the readership, but these sorts of pieces are very helpful to editors. You will get a response from me on it in any case. We are always looking for a half page item since articles do not fit neatly together to fill exactly the 52 pages in each *TOPICS*, and readers like, I think, lots of diversity in the material rather than three or four long articles (any dissent? write the editor).

At the time of this piece President Lew Ludlow has regained consciousness after lying in a coma for some weeks. He appears to be on the road to recovery and we wish him speedy improvement. Drop him a note to let him know you are thinking of him, but don't expect a reply, as his energies are on gaining strength.

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Lewis M. Ludlow, OTB



A GUEST COLUMN BY BILL ROBINSON, O.T.B., FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

Why do we have a Vice-President, or why do we need one? He has few specific duties in normal times, except to assist the President as required, and to generally learn the business of managing the Society. The main reason for his existence lies in the "absence, disability or impeachment" of the President - and we now, unfortunately, have one of those bad times.

Our President, Lew, suffered a cerebral hemorrhage in the early morning of Sunday, April 1, 1990. His wife, Mac, a trained nurse, recognized the symptoms, called "911", an ambulance was there quickly, and he was soon in hospital. A "CAT" scan was done, he was operated on to remove a clot, and then placed in an intensive care unit with a ventilator to assist his breathing. This condition continued for almost two weeks, when the ventilator was removed and his condition was changed from "Critical" to "Serious". There has been no return to full consciousness and the extent of damage is not known at the time of writing. Our thoughts and prayers are with Lew and Mac, and their family.

In his last column, Lew mentioned that the nominating committee had been active. They have now completed their activities, and the results should be evident in the list of candidates they have obtained for the various elective positions. The Society is indeed fortunate in the large selection of well qualified members who offer themselves for election.

By the time you read this, the meetings at ORAPEX in Ottawa and PIPEX in Portland, Oregon, will be history, and ROYAL '90 in Regina will be in full swing. We have had to cancel Lew's attendance, but Bill plans to be there along with numerous other BNAPSers. We hope that progress can soon be reported

on formation of another strong Regional Group in the Ottawa-Montreal area, and that existing Groups in the Pacific Northwest and Manitoba - Northwestern Ontario Regions will be strengthened and encouraged by these visits and meetings.

Lew has stressed the importance of Regional Groups, Study Groups, and *BNA TOPICS* to this Society. Today I would like to stress another underlying strength - the friendship and sociability among members. Much of this is derived from getting to know people from all over the world who have similar collecting and research interests. Some of this can be fostered by Study Groups and correspondence, more by Regional Group meetings, but the most important vehicle is our annual Exhibition and Convention. If you have never attended, you don't know how much fun and enlightenment you have missed. If you have once attended, I think you will try to do so again. Let's have a bumper attendance at Galveston in October, 1990.

Interesting Covers and Stamps of Canada and Newfoundland

On approval to BNAPS members

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LETTERS

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

Since the original article (*TOPICS* Jan-Feb '90) was put together some eighteen months ago and the fact this is a reasonably untouched area, new information has been coming in sporadically and this has resulted, as originally stated, in a revision of my original findings. This short follow up article is therefore to make a few alterations to the already published facts and attempt to tie up a few loose ends.

One of the most useful pieces of information came to hand from B. Plain who was kind enough to send me photo copies of most of the proof strikes of the OLD cancellations relevant to this period. Although these strikes are taken from the Pritchard & Andrews proof book the dates allotted to them are not always the date the hammer was deemingly manufactured; this is evidenced by my cancel no. 12 which is shown in the proof book dated as 1890, I have an example on cover dated in May 1881; also cancel no. 18 in the proof book dated in March 1880, I have an example on cover struck two weeks earlier. Obviously with this somewhat contradiction of dates the matter of clearly identifying the exact origins of all these cancels is not going to be easy.

The preliminary examination of these proof strikes has led me to the conclusion that, bearing in mind the confusion between the dates as mentioned above, in order to establish a rational listing of the cancels, it is now prudent to define a distinct division between the two types and they should now be referred to separately as SR types (split ring), and CD types (circular dater), and both being allocated a separate reference numbering system. This would obviate the necessity of completely altering the original numbering system each time new information comes to light.

With the SR types it appears many of the original cancels were recut and these recut versions struck in the proof book, thus making the task of identifying the hammers in order of issue and type a complicated task. Until such time as I have more examples of these strikes to hand to compare with the proof strikes, I will delay giving a new allocation of numbers and just leave those given in the first article as the starting point, with the proviso that they will

have eventually to be altered.

The CD types are considerably easier to identify as the proof strikes are clearly defined with many easy points of reference, although the dates are confusing. A new numbering allocation will be given as soon as a complete study has been made following as closely as possible to that already allocated.

It is hoped that agreement can be reached among those who are interested in this subject on an acceptable numbering system, which in turn will eventually be recognised by the powers that be.

To turn briefly to the subject of handstamps. Referring to the list of handstamps known and seen by me (*TOPICS* Jan-Feb '90), it is now my opinion that the marking 'No Correspondence' is not in fact a Post Office marking but one struck by the sender indicating to the Post Office the reason for the rate of postage paid; the example I have is on an unsealed envelope franked with a 1c Numeral. Therefore until I receive information to the contrary I have deleted this mark from my listing.

Roger Grigson

MAP STAMP

I am writing to draw your attention to a misleading statement on page 38 of the newly published BNAPS *Map Stamp* book. Its author, Mr. Bradley states, *In any case, there is no recorded instance of anyone ever having found Map stamps printed from Plate 4.* While this statement is true simply because Plate 4 was never used to print stamps, it has, nevertheless led two reviewers to make false conclusions, i.e. Mike Street, *The final brief chapter proves, apparently for the first time in print, that there really was a Plate 4 of the Map stamp (BNA TOPICS Vol 46, No. 5 - September-October 1989 - Whole no. 433, page 12, and Tony Shaman, In true tradition of the mystery novel, the author waits until the closing chapters before he discloses, for the first time ever, the existence of a plate 4 (Canadian Stamp News, January 2, 1990, page 9).*

These are the facts. The existence of a sheet of Plate 4 is reported by me, and illustrated together with other imperf map plate blocks in *Maple Leaves*, August 1985, Whole No. 204, Vol. 19 No. 12 pages 328-9. *Maple Leaves* is the Journal of the Canadian Philatelic

Society of Great Britain of which many BNA-Pers are also members. Since Mr. Bradley and Mr. Street are both listed in the CPS GB 1984-85 membership handbook, these gentlemen are certain to have received their copies of *Maple Leaves* containing my report.

In the light of these circumstances, I would hope that the above misleading and false statements by Messrs. Street and Shaman be retracted so that the integrity of BNA philatelic journalism can be restored.

Stanley Lum

CENSORED COVER

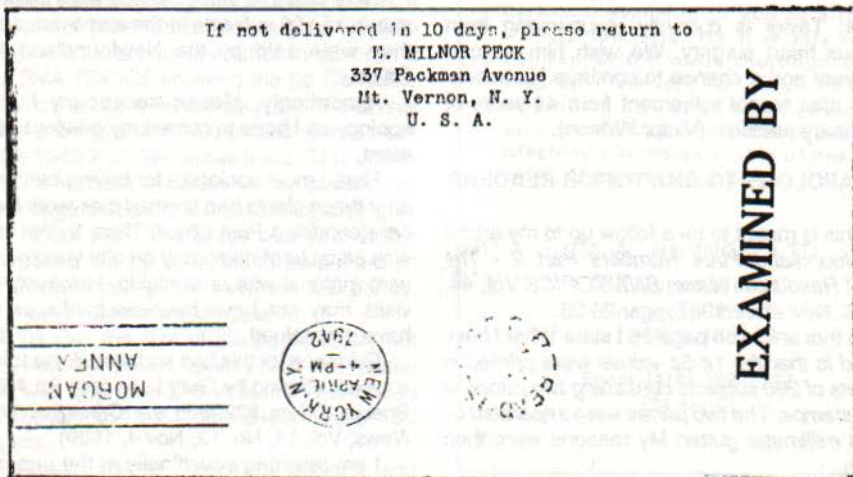
Enclosed is photo copy of a cover and contents that I received in 1942. Note that it is a FDC, censored as it passed into Canada PO,

and apparently there, the enclosure inserted, stating, 'Evidence of Censorship is not to be Retransmitted'. Can *TOPICS* readers shed more light on this, in particular, the reason for it?

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EMBARGO MAIL

In connection with research that I am doing on Embargo Mail during Canadian Postal Strikes and in the delivery and carriage of mail in, to and from cities and communities in Canada during interruptions in mail service, by carriers, despatch companies and express companies, I shall appreciate information as to



when the Canadian Postal Strikes began, and when they ended.

I am also interested in recording the private messenger and delivery services of mail during the Postal Strikes and shall appreciate receiving photostats of covers carried by the various private carriers during such periods; and information concerning the rates charged, etc.

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NEW MEMBER

Just having become a member of BNAPS, I would like to say a few words on how both my wife and I have been received from the first introduction to BNAPS, even though she is not a member. Nevertheless, it is important how she feels, as we all know.

From the first approach to becoming a mem-

ber of the society and then being asked to become a member of the regional group, I have been most impressed with how this is done. And then going to our first regional meeting in Chilliwack, B.C., friendship was shown by all people involved from the first evening at the hospitality suite to the Saturday night banquet.

At the seminars I attended, I was made to feel right at home from the start. Plus the day trips for my wife were outstanding as well.

The sharing of those many years of experience and the manner in which it was given was truly felt and received as I know it was intended to be.

Being a new member, one talks to other new members. They expressed to me they feel the same way.

Ian Mowat
Victoria, B.C.

NOTES

Dr. Ian Taylor

Dr. Ian Taylor, BNAPS # 1984, was recently honored by the Senator Paul Simon of the United States by recording in the Congressional Record on October 12, 1989, the resolution of the State of Illinois No. 1022, commending Dr. Taylor for his lifelong service to his community, state, and country, commenting especially on his international work with the Lions Club International. BNAPS also extends its congratulations.

Dr. Taylor is currently recuperating from serious heart surgery. We wish him a good recovery and a chance to continue his avocations after recent retirement from 44 years of veterinary practice. (Victor Willson).

AN APOLOGY TO BNA TOPICS READERS

This is meant to be a follow up to my article *Newfoundland Plate Numbers Part 2 - The 1932 Resources Issue*, BNA TOPICS Vol. 44, No. 6, Nov - Dec 1987, pgs. 26-28.

In that article on page 26 I state *What I have found is that the 1¢-5¢ values were printed in sheets of 200 subjects containing two panes of 100 stamps. The two panes were separated by a 24 millimeter gutter.* My reasons were then given.

What I must do now is to make a public apology for my incorrect information.

Several readers notably Derek Paul, Robert Pratt, Clarence Stillions, all of whom are very knowledgeable, have been quite vocal with their pens, taking me to task. It has even been written that I was a 'philatelic illiterate' because I had not gone into the archives and/or the premises of the printing companies. Whereas some of these writers professed to have done so.

They said that these stamps were printed in sheets of 100 subjects in the same manner as they were sold by the Newfoundland Post Office.

Accordingly, please accept my humble apology as I hope to correct my previous statement.

First, I must apologize for having been born after these plants had finished their work for the Newfoundland Post Office. Thus, by the time I was capable of doing any on-site visiting, relevant material was unavailable. However, their visits may not have been as fruitful as they have maintained.

Evidence for this has surfaced in the form of a recent offering by Gary Lyon (see list #89-11 Special Offers #2208 in the *Canadian Stamp News*, Vol. 14, No. 12, Nov 4, 1989).

I am referring specifically to the unprinted

sheet of watermark stamp paper stock used by Perkins Bacon Ltd. to print the 1932 Resources Issue. The sheet of paper has a cut size of 22 1/2 inches x 26 5/8 inches. It has the straight line date 22 JUN. 1932 stamped on it as well as the hand written words 'Cut new working sheet 22 1/2 inches x 26 5/8 inches'. This sheet has incorporated into the paper 400 watermarks each being 23 millimeters wide. The watermark is the Newfoundland Coat of Arms. The watermark format size consists of four panes of 100 watermarks separated by a horizontal and a vertical cross gutter between all panes. This cross gutter is 46 millimeters between the outside Coat of Arms watermarks. At the top of the sheet are positioning lines in the form of a street intersection to enable the setting up of the four panes by the papermarker. From this sheet layout it is easy to see how the stamp design subject plate would be impressed on to this paper sheet so that the Newfoundland Coat of Arms watermark would be centered under each stamp. It also becomes obvious to see what would happen if the press sheet wasn't accurately cut at the positioning lines before going onto the press. The watermarks would then become off center to the stamp subject plate. The result being watermarked and unwatermarked stamp pairs that have become desirable collectibles.

Once the stamp design was printed, the sheet of 400 subjects would be perforated. The four panes separated and then trimmed to clean up the edges for delivery to the Post Office. As does happen, mispositioning for trimming occurs with the end result being samples demonstrating the printing plate size and format. (See article for the gray 1¢ plate 6 picture and as well see letter to editor in a later *BNA TOPICS* showing the 5¢ Caribou).

As an aside, it would also seem that this size of printing sheet (400 subjects) was used for the 1942 2nd Resources Issue. This observation is notable because in my possession was a large vertical 2 X 8 block of the 1¢ gray perf. 12.5 x 12.5. This piece was void of any watermarks. To be so it had to be printed on the unwatermark gutter between the panes. (Ed. - or unwatermarked paper?)

Thus was the size of the paper stock that went into the press upon which the stamp plate was impressed. It was then perforated and cut up into Post Office sheet size of 100 subjects.

So again, please accept my apology, and

likewise I look forward to seeing similar expressions from the aforementioned authorities who also misled you.

(John M. Walsh)

(Ed. note: the plate layout appears on the next page from a sketch by Mr. Walsh, once again challenging us to do something new.)

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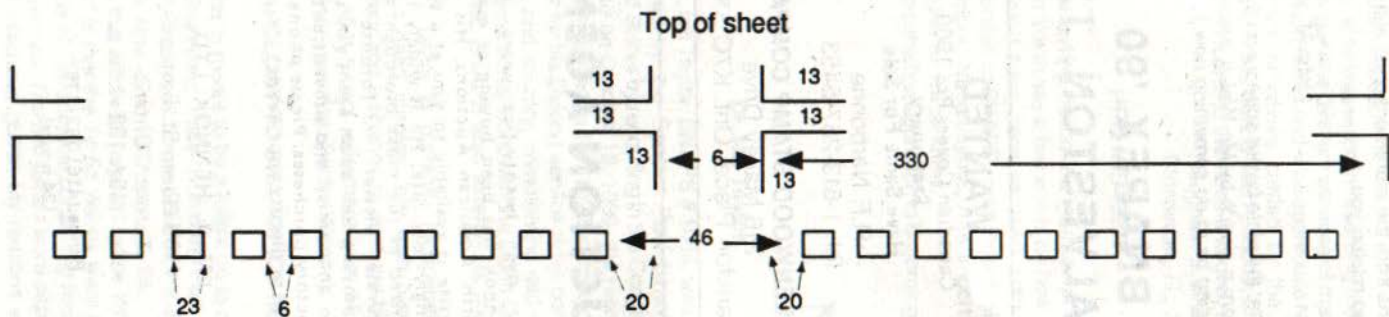
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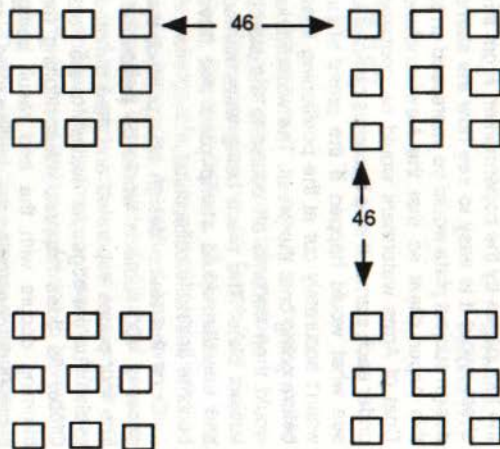
Sheet from new working cut, 26 5/8" to 22 1/2"



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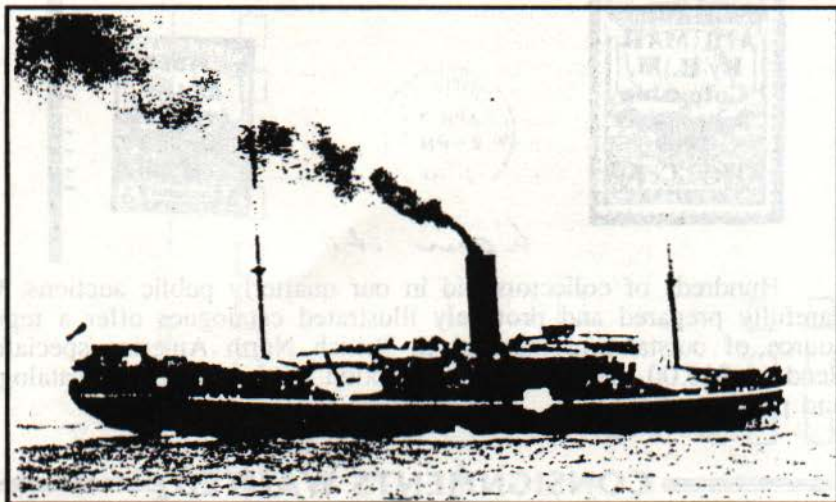
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THE HOSPITAL SHIP AT ARCHANGEL, 1918-19

by W.G. Robinson, O.T.B.



An article by Ed. Richardson in *TOPICS* Vol. 38, No. 1, January-February 1983, illustrates an example of a censor marking from a hospital ship at Archangel during the winter of 1918-19. Recent research by Colin Campbell has turned up further information. In a book entitled *Hospital Ships and Ambulance Trains*, published in

1975 by Seeley, Service & Co., Lt.-Colonel John H. Plumridge, OBE, RAMC(Retd.) writes -

The KALYAN, having been used for troop carrying between England, Egypt and Saloniki, was converted into a hospital ship and sailed for North Russia in October, 1918.



She reached Archangel after a 12-day voyage and on arrival made fast to a berth in the Dvina estuary - remaining there for eight months. She acted as a temporary base hospital for British (including Canadian), American, French, Italian, Chinese and Russian sick and wounded, who reached her by barge from the mainland. When winter came the Dvina froze solid, and within a week a railway line had been laid on the frozen surface; the casualties then arrived by ambulance trains. Many patients were also taken to the KALYAN by sleighs, but in April, 1919, the ice began to melt and the ship returned to Leith early in June.

Appendix "C" of Plumridge's book listing Military Hospital ships and Ambulance Trans-

ports in the First World War shows KALYAN in service from May 4, 1917 to November 29, 1919, with accomodation for 821 patients. Further research through the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, England, has produced a photograph of rather poor quality, taken in 1928, and the information that the ship was originally commissioned in 1915.

The accompanying cover, censored by Lieutenant A.K. Griffin, shows the HOSPITAL SHIP / R.A.M.C./P.C./ 8 double ring marking, together with the Army Post Office P.B.2 double-ring cancel of the Archangel Base Post Office, dated March 28, 1919. A manuscript notation says the contents date from February 17-19, 1919.

ANOTHER WAY OF SEEING

by Ralph E. Trimble

Are your eyes [and patience] worn out from trying to find varieties on the 1¢ and 3¢ Small Queens? Yes, that yellow and vermilion can certainly take their toll on your vision. And even when you think you've found something, the lightness of the colours often makes it difficult to be certain. Well, the next time you're confronted with a mound of these eye-strainers, try this little trick I discovered last summer while struggling to see the details of a major re-entry and faint Strand of Hair on a 1¢ yellow.

The secret lies in not how much light you have shining down on the surface of the stamp from above, but on light shining *through* the stamp from behind! I was having a terrible time trying to see the details of the re-entry, and particularly the faint strand in the hair, when I held the stamp up with my tongs in front of my 100 watt desk lamp and looked at it with my 5X general purpose

glass. Well, I couldn't believe my eyes! The details that had been so elusive with the light shining on the front of the stamp now seemed to jump right out at me! It was really amazing! All the annoying glare and muddled lines were gone. Everything suddenly looked so incredibly clear! And I found you don't need that high a wattage either. And you don't even have to be that close to the light source. Mike Sendbuehler showed me a copy of the 1¢ Major Re-entry on the Small Queen while we were attending a meeting of the Philatelic Specialists Society and we were both able to see the details clearly and easily by holding the stamp up overhead towards a bright light in the ceiling and looking up at it with my 5X glass. It really works! Who'd have thought that backlighting was the cure for all those years of eyestrain? And it's such an easy, simple, painless cure at that!

**THE POSTAGE STAMPS AND CANCELLATIONS OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
1814 - 1873. James C. Lehr, 1987.**

There are two types of known fake stamps, both prepared from the three pence proofs and usually perf. 9. They are both from the light blue shade of the early proofs and the dark blue shade of the later proofs.

CANADA - WEST INDIES MAIL SERVICE

by Bob Parsons

Part 1. THE ROYAL MAIL STEAM PACKET COMPANY



Figure 1. Mailed at Christ Church, Barbados on December 29, 1913 and recovered from wreck of S.S. Cobequid on January 15, 1914.

In its circular of November 4th, 1913 the West India Committee noted: *The R.M.S.P. Cobequid leaves the East India dock, London, today for St. John direct, to take up her station on the new Canada-West Indies mail service. A representative of the West India Committee Circular who was privileged to inspect her last week under the guidance of the very courteous purser, found her in every respect greatly superior to the steamers hitherto employed on the route. This would turn out to be a fateful voyage for the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company's ship.*

Longstanding complaints from West Indian shippers of inadequate cargo space and poor refrigeration facilities, and a British Royal Commission report in 1909 highlighting the poor communications between Canada and the West Indies, had finally led to an agreement between the Canadian Government and the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company to provide a fortnightly service beginning in November, 1913. The contract was for five years and called for four

ships to provide the service. In addition to the Cobequid, these were the Caraquet, the Chaleur, and the Chignecto, each named after a geographical area in Canada's eastern provinces. The ports of call included: Halifax, St. John, Bermuda, St. Kitts, Antigua, Montserrat, Dominica, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Barbados, Grenada, Trinidad and Demerara. The return route included calls at the same ports, terminating at the home port of Halifax.

Prior to her departure from London the Cobequid had run between London and South Africa as the steamer Guelph of the Union Castle line. She would inaugurate the new Canada-West Indies service. When she came round from St. John to Halifax on November 23, 1913 she was already carrying 1200 tons of cargo. Another 4300 tons would be embarked at Halifax.

The Cobequid sailed from Halifax on schedule on December 5th. In its report of the luncheon on board prior to her departure, the Halifax Herald said in part: *there was nothing but*

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The Cobequid, indeed, made a very successful run to the West Indies and was returning with over 2000 tons of sugar for Halifax. A wireless from Captain Howson on January 12th indicated the steamer was ahead of her schedule time.

The first indication of a disaster was received in Halifax in a wireless to the Marine and Fisheries department from Cape Sable which stated: *Steamer Cobequid ashore at Briar Island.* The Cobequid had struck at 6:15 am, on the 13th, not at Briar Island but on the Trinity Ledge, 8 miles S.S.E. of Cape St. Mary's. For a time this confused the numerous search parties and it was not until late afternoon of the 14th that the first rescue ships arrived at the scene. The Cobequid had gone ashore at low tide but was found awash to the superstructure. With the exception of a number of cases of frostbite all 102 souls on board were safe and ultimately taken off by the steamers Westport and John L. Cann

At 8pm on the 15th, the steamer Hugh D. Cann arrived at Yarmouth with the mails salvaged from the wrecked steamship. On January 17th the Halifax Herald reported that: *the mail matter saved from the Cobequid was brought into the city yesterday and it is now in the Post Office. It consists of ten baskets and eight sacks, all of which are saturated with salt water. These will have to be dried out here before they will be sorted and forwarded to destination.* It seems very likely that the handstamp, FROM WRECK OF S.S. 'COBEQUID', was acquired locally and applied to those letters worthy of sending on. Very little mail was carried on this voyage and very few covers have survived. The example in Fig. 1 is devoid of any receiving or transit markings and was certainly sent under official cover to the addressee.

The Cobequid's place on the scheduled January 30th sailing from Halifax was taken by the Briardene. With the may 22nd sailing of the R.M.S.P. Chaudiere, formerly the Elder Dempster vessel, Mandingo, the service was back to a full complement of regular steamships. One other event of significance occurred on June 25, 1923, when the Caraqueet grounded on Northern Reef, 12 miles north of Bermuda. Her place was taken by the Teviot II.

The operation of this service by the R.M.S.P. Company continued till 1927 when the contract was awarded to Canadian National (West Indies) Steamships. The shipboard postmarks used on these vessels are understandably rare

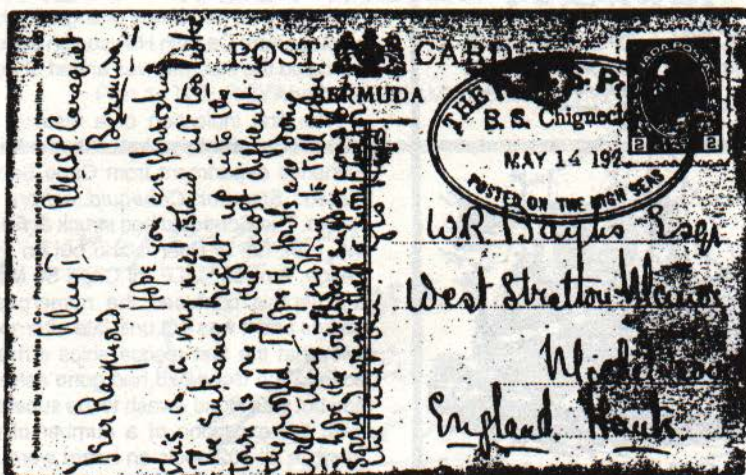


Figure 2. Card written on board R.M.S.P. Caraquet at Bermuda, but posted on board the Chignecto two weeks later, May 14 1923.

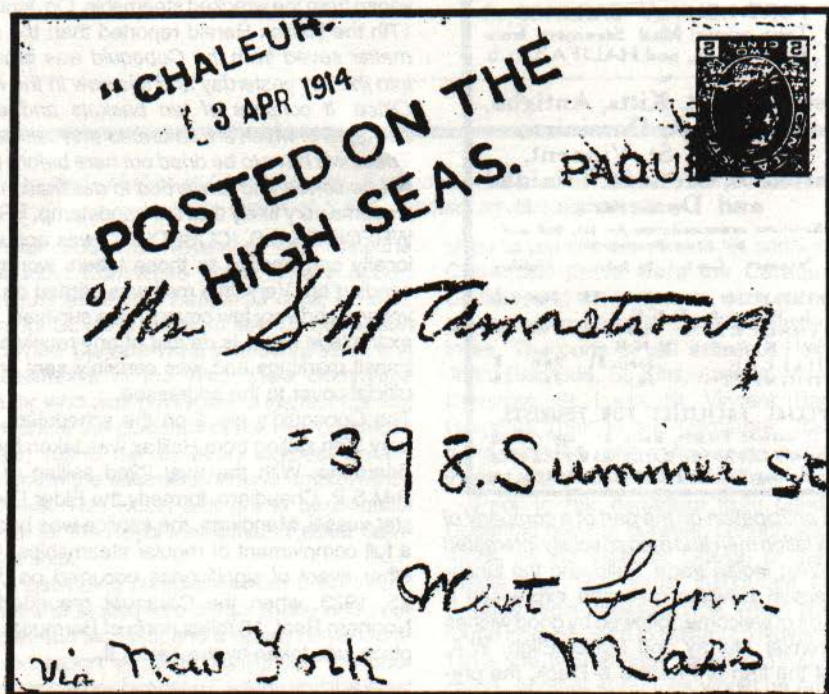


Figure 3. Early strike of the "Chaleur" Posted on the High Seas marking



Figure 4. Posted on board the S.S. "Chaudiere". Received at St. John, N.B. on DE 9, 1919 where struck with the Ship Letter handstamp

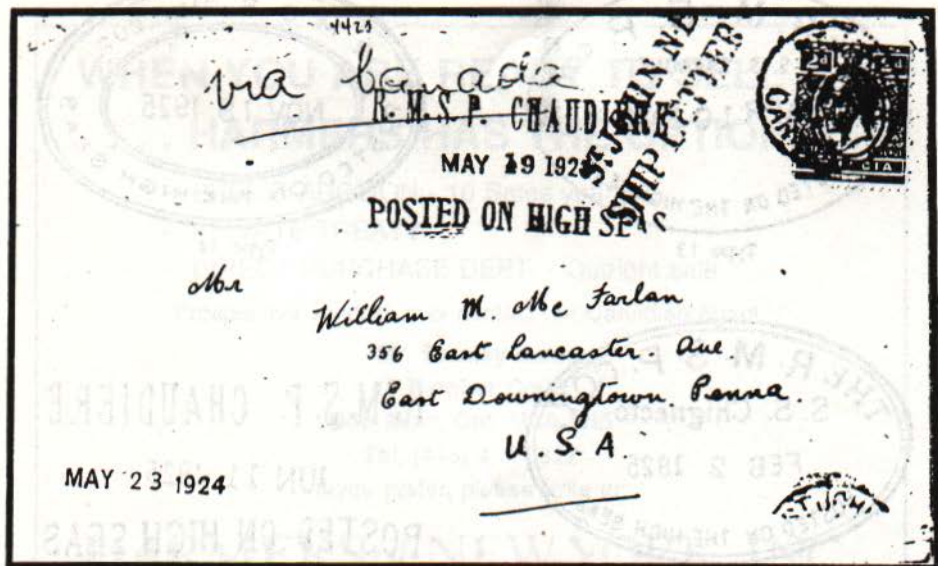


Figure 5. Mailed on the R.M.S.P. Chaudiere, May 19, 1924. Landed at St. John the same day and struck with the St. John Ship Letter.

"CHALEUR."

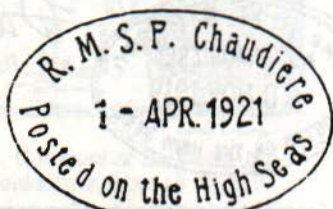
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Type 12



Type 13



Type 14



Type 15

R. M. S. P. CHAUDIERE
JUN 11 1925
POSTED ON HIGH SEAS

Type 16

FROM WRECK OF S. S. 'COBEQUID.'

and many gaps, particularly in the early years, need filling in the table below.

Acknowledgement:

I wish to thank Michael Rego for his kind per-

mission to reproduce the Type 12 to 15 hand-stamps in his booklet on the *Royal Mail Steam Packet Company*, published by Phillip Cockrill.

Canada-West Indies Service Royal Mail Steam Packet Company Ship Markings

Ship	Type	Recorded Use	Notes
Caraquet	11	1917 - 1922	
	13	1922	Ship grounded June, 1923.
Chaleur	6	1914	One recorded strike.
	14	1925	
	16	1923 - 1924	
Chaudiere	11	1914 - 1920	
	12	1921	
	16	1924 - 1925	
Chignecto	15	1923 - 1926	
Teviot II	16	1922 - 1926	Replaced Caraquet after June, 1923.

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MILITIA POINT NOVA SCOTIA POST OFFICE

by Colin Campbell



A recent article in a *Postal History Society of Canada Journal* by Carl Munden, Dartmouth, N.S. provided the spark for this brief story.

The word MILITIA brings instant response from members of the Canadian Military Mail Study Group (it did for me!) so a cancel, bearing the title MILITIA POINT, N.S., resulted in the acquisition of the card illustrated, and some historical data was brought to light.

Munden states that the origin of the name MILITIA POINT cannot be found in official journals. He records, however, that the older folk in the area, and the local historian Mr. McKenzie of Christmas Island, say that the area, in Inverness County on Cape Breton Island, was used for training the militia during the 19th Century at the time of the Fenian Raids in the 1866-1871 period.

Records show that the 94th Victoria Battalion of Infantry (Argyle Highlanders), with headquarters at Baddeck, was organized October 13, 1871 with companies, at various times over the years, at Baddeck, Middle River, Grand Narrows, Forks Bridge, Nyanza, Iona, Inverness, etc. It is important to note that much of the training took place on Militia Island, not at Militia Point. (See map inset.) The island is, and was, uninhabited with location at 45°50N 60°56W.

The post office was located at Militia Point and was designated as rural. In Inverness



Top arrow: Militia Point post office
Bottom arrow: Militia Island

County at 45/51N 60/57W, it opened June 1, 1896 and closed February 14, 1948. There were four postmasters over its 52 year life.

A brief check of all Gazetteers of Canada failed to show any other use of the word MILITIA as a name. A close second was MILITARY POINT in Alberta at 53/28N 112/58W.

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SKETCH No. 233

George Arfken

Last September, at Hamilton, I sat down and had a lovely talk with George Arfken and discovered that I had never asked him if I could do a SKETCH of him. Now we remedy this situation.

George was a child collector of U.S. stamps but that was the end of stamps until about 10 years ago when his wife Carolyn encouraged him to collect as a hobby as he was about to retire. He did not tell me how he got onto BNA stamps but he certainly has been most active in BNAPS with his exhibiting and his writings. He frequently has an article in *TOPICS* and just last year the Vincent G. Greene Foundation released his book on the *Small Queen Era of Canada*. He is now working with Bill Simpson and others on a manuscript on the *Small Queens*.

George is a graduate of Yale University with a Ph.D. in physics. He was a naval officer in World War II and spent time in the Pacific in the amphibious forces. He completed his education after the war and worked for two years at Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Then to Miami University of Ohio where he was professor of physics for 31 years - was chairman of the department for 16 years. His retirement in 1983 left him time for our hobby.

In addition to all of this, George has 3 chil-



dren and 6 grandchildren. Then, lastly, he has won many philatelic awards including the Greene award for *TOPICS*, and a writing award in both the *Canadian Philatelist* and *Maple Leaves*. Other hobbies he did not mention so I will have to question him at Galveston.

A STUDY OF THE TELEGRAPH COVERS OF CANADA

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by Vic Willson, BNAPEX '90 Chairman

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GALVESTON ACTIVITIES

I have spent part of my summers for almost a decade teaching in Galveston and know it well. The city has an abundance of good seafood restaurants.

Most activity on the island is concentrated in two locations, the Strand and the Seawall. The Strand is the downtown area and has been the target for major restoration to its Victorian architectural glory for a decade. The city was a financial giant in the 19th century and its buildings reflect it. Near the Strand is one of the best concentrations of late Victorian mansions and villas in the South, with tours available to several of the major examples. BNAPEX will set up a tour of the mansions as part of the daily activities. Also on the Strand are antique shops, which have become an increasing part of the commercial activity. The *Elissa*, a 19th century square-rigger, is berthed about one block from the Tremont House, and is available for touring. It occasionally ships out for a sail but don't count on such a treat. Charter fishing of the Galveston Bay and the open ocean is available.

The Tremont House, our convention hotel, has a hundred-plus year history in Galveston, but the current site is not the original building. The current version was renovated from a six-story warehouse. It has beautiful antique fur-

nishings throughout both rooms and public areas, with Italian marble in bathrooms, brass beds, a wonderful carved wooden bar, and two fine restaurants. The Wentletrap Restaurant, associated with the restaurant, has probably the best cuisine on the island. Room rates for the convention are \$75 US for either a single or double. There are about 100 rooms and a few suites in the hotel, so I recommend that you send in a reservation to me to stay at this fine hotel. Other hotels and motels are available but not particularly close.

A streetcar loop was installed last year for transportation between the Strand and the Seawall beach areas of the open Gulf of Mexico, about one mile apart. The trolley costs \$1 and is a great ride, allowing one to view the various residential districts as well as both the Strand and East Beach areas. On the Seawall the Galvez Hotel, a great resort hotel of the turn of the century, dominates, and many good restaurants dot the length of the Seawall. There are bicycles for rent, fishing piers, and other beachy things to do.

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Near Galveston Island are the Johnson Space Center (NASA) with its wonderful museum and tour of U.S. space activities (about 30 miles). BNAPEX will arrange for a bus to take interested attendees for morning or afternoon excursions. You can see examples of each of the orbital and moon capsules, various rockets, including the Saturn Va, and tour the Houston Control Center and Space Station Project.

For those with a car some of the best bird-watching in North America is about 2-3 hours south in the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge north of Corpus Christi. While the whooping cranes probably will not yet be there (I've seen them in the spring) there are many species to be seen on the many walking trails. Mike Street is putting together a piece on this with some local birders.

For the shoppers the BayBrook Mall is close to NASA with Nieman Marcus, Macy's, and many other shops. In Houston the Galleria Mall on the West Loop has some of the most exclusive shops in the U.S. Houston has some

(continued on page 37)

STORIES BEHIND MY COVERS

by Jack Arnell

12. Early British Forwarded Letters

Correspondents in outlying parts of the British Isles would establish contact with a port agent, who would pay any postage due on a letter to be forwarded and then deliver it to a vessel about to sail for a port convenient to the addressee.

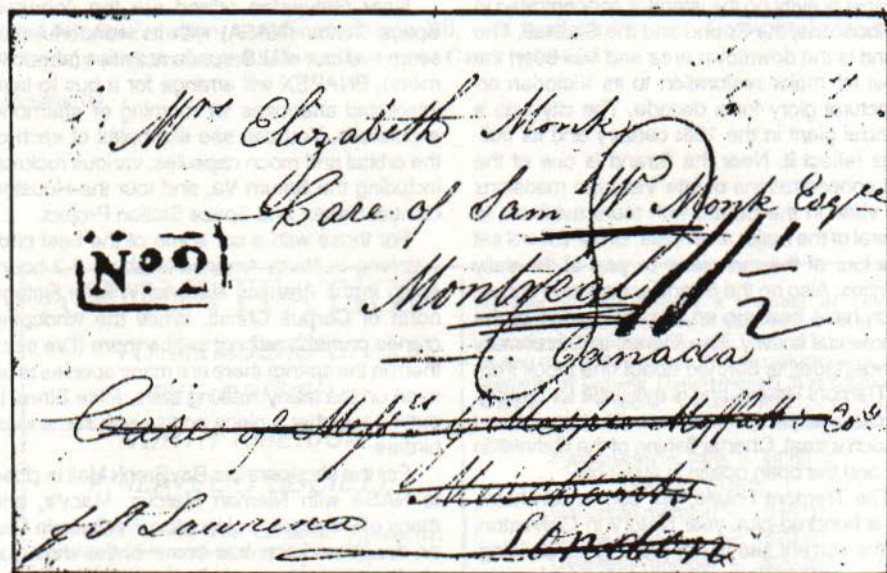
The first letter illustrated was written by William Fleming, Torran, Loch Awe on 6 March 1814 to his father in Montreal. He directed that it was "to be forwarded by Mr Benjamin Greig Merch' Glasgow", who probably had a trading connection with the Montreal merchant in the address. The letter was mailed at Tullich with 11 1/2d Stg. postage prepaid to Glasgow, via Edinburgh - the extra 1/2d was the Scottish road toll.

Instead of being routed to Glasgow from Edinburgh, the letter was sent to Birmingham, where it was struck with an oval MISSENT TO BIRMINGHAM and returned to Edinburgh, where it was dated PAID on 14 March, and finally reached Benjamin Greig, who put it on a private trader sailing for Quebec. On arrival there, the letter was backstamped on 10 July, struck with a double oval crowned 'Ship

Letter QUEBEC' and rated 10d Cy. postage due (1d master's gratuity + 9d inland postage to Montreal).

The second letter was written by E.G. Monk, Hill House near Crawley, Sussex and was dated 18 March 1821. It had the intermediate address: "Care of Mess^{rs} Gillespie Moffatt & Co. Merchants London". Having been mailed with the postage unpaid, the letter was backstamped with 'Crawley/Penny Post' in black to show that 1d Stg. was due on carriage into Crawley. On reaching London, it was backstamped on 19 March and rated 8d Stg. postage due - 7d inland postage to London being added to the penny post. This would have been paid by Gillespie Moffatt & Co., who after deleting their address, delivered the letter to the *St. Lawrence* sailing for Quebec.

Although there is no Quebec marking, other than the 11 1/2d Cy. postage due, the letter was handed in there as a ship letter. The higher postage due resulted from the master's gratuity having been increased from 1d Stg. to 2d Stg. or 2 1/2s Cy. since the 1814 letter shown above.





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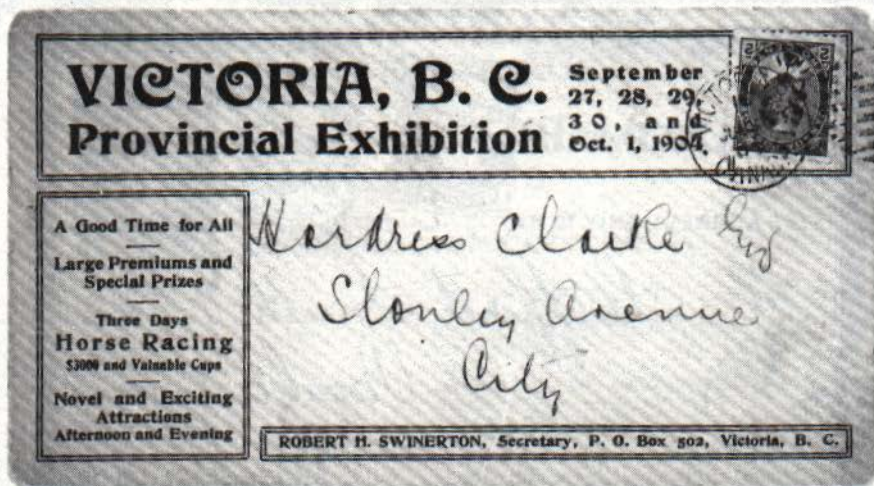
The 1¢ blue card was dated May 26, 1876 from Inverness, Megantic, Co. Que., addressed to Brighton England additionally franked by two 1¢ Small Queens. There was no 3¢ post card rate to England at this time. As a matter of fact, at this time there was no special postcard rate of any kind to Britain. A post card to Britain at this time had to be rated the single 5¢ per half ounce special letter rate to Britain. As a result the card was rated one over two and 3 1/2 pence collect in Britain, 5¢ letter rate plus 5¢ penalty unpaid, total 10¢ collect, less 3¢ prepaid equals 7¢ collect or its equivalent of 8 1/2 pence. The 2¢ post card rate to Britain did not commence until Jan. 1, 1877.

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WHEN DID TORONTO RECEIVE ITS UNIVERSAL RAPID CANCELLING MACHINE?

by Jeffrey Switt

When compared to earlier rapid cancelling machine postmarks the "Universal" machine postmarks have received less study than their predecessors. Universal machine impressions can be identified by their dater dials which show a provincial designation such as "N.S." or "ONT." at the bottom of the dater dial. This is in contrast to the International machine postmarks which preceded the Universals, as Internationals have a year date at the bottom of the dial, such as "1919." (Figure 1)

According to Sessions¹ the majority of towns that were issued International machines ceased to use them in 1919. Toronto was one such town. The last International obliterator used in Toronto was the *BUY WAR SAVINGS STAMPS...* slogan. While Sessions reports a latest known date of June 8, 1919, a later date of June 11 has been noted by Allan Steinhart.²

Sessions further reports a replacement Universal machine postmark dated June 15. However the author has a Universal BWS slogan dated June 11, the same date as Steinhart's International.

As there are 4 International BWS slogan dies and 4 Universal BWS slogan dies, one might be drawn to the conclusion that Universal replacement of the International machines was instant. The matching June 11 dates appear to confirm this idea.

Can anyone report an International BWS slogan later than June 11, or a Universal BWS slogan earlier than June 11, to determine if this is correct?



Figure 1. An international dater (left) and a universal dater.

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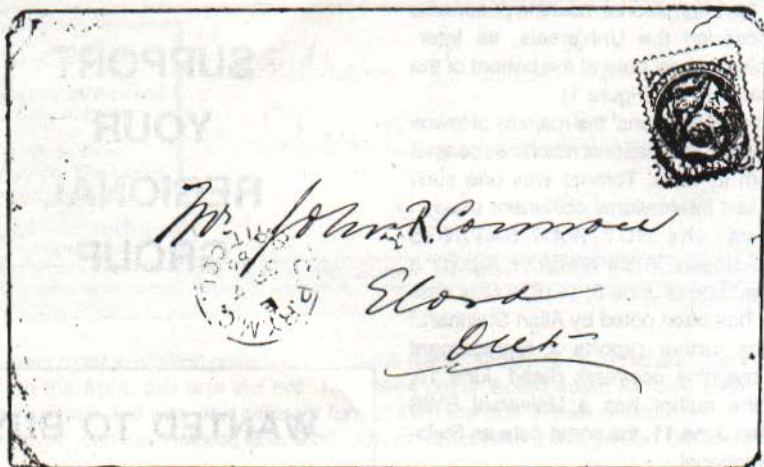


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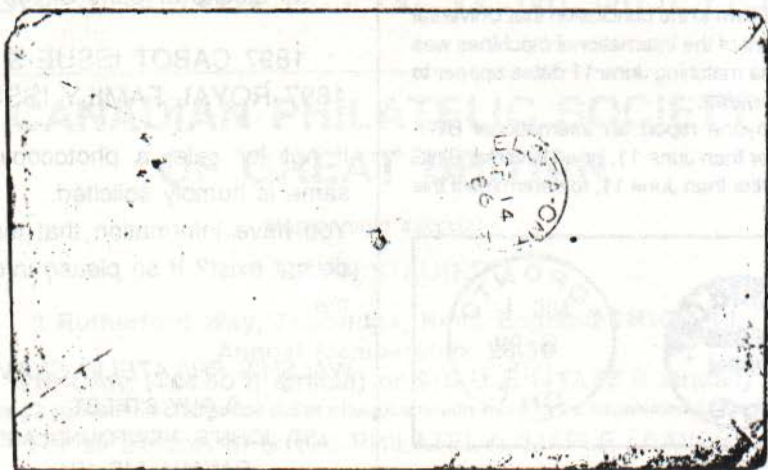
A Guest Column by William G. Robinson, OTB
5830 Cartier Street,
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As noted elsewhere in this issue, your regular columnist Lewis M. Ludlow suffered a cerebral hemorrhage on April 1st, 1990, and has been out of action for some time. He had been working extensively on the eighth Annex

to his *Catalogue of Canadian Railway Cancellations*, and it is almost completed. This illness will delay publication of the Annex, and we can't predict exactly when it will be issued. Despite the fact that the Catalogue was published eight



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Back of cover with Elora backstamp.

years ago, many new reports are still being received, and this eighth Annex will be of considerable size.

During the incapacity of your columnist, it would be appreciated if reports and queries could be routed through Bill Robinson (address above).

Following the completion of the Canadian Pacific Railway through British Columbia, mail service was started - both locally, and to eastern Canada. Ludlow's marking RR-23 which reads "C.P.R.Y.M.C./ BRITISH COLUMBIA" is known in use from December 24, 1885. No proofs exist for this listing. Four were proofed August 2, 1886 - and an example of this listing has now appeared, dated September 7, 1886.

The previous early date of this listing was 1887. This cover was mailed to Elora, Ontario, and bears a clear arrival backstamp of September 14, 1886. The three-cent small queen stamp is cancelled by a target marking, and the dater is at the lower left to the cover.

It appears that only local mail service was attempted during the fall and winter of 1885-86, and the line was blocked by snow slides for an extended period. Through mail service appears to have begun with the first passenger trip from Montreal to Port Moody, B.C. - which began on the evening of June 28, 1886, and ended about noon of July 4 - five and one-half days to cover over 6,000 kilometers (3700 miles). Via Rail didn't do much better almost a century later!



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BRITISH CANCELS ON BNA STAMPS: A LISTING

by Dave Lacelle

The following British cancels have been recorded used as cancels on BNA stamps.

NO.	STAMP	SCOTT	DATE	DETAILS
13	PEI VARIOUS	..	'64-'72	CHARLOTTETOWN, PROBABLY LOCALLY MADE, BUT SIMILAR TO BRITISH
23	FAKE ON PROV. IS.	..	NA	UNKNOWN FORGER
24	3 C. SQ	Sc. 37		SIMILAR DAY & SMYTHIES TYPE 76 (Pg.22); SEE ALSO BRUMELL Pg.161
38	5 C. SQ	Sc. 42	'95	(ALSO HALIFAX SQUARED CIRCLE CANCEL)
46	L.Q.	?		
48	1,2,3, C. SQ	Sc.35-37	'80	DAY & SMYTHIES TYPE 76 (Pg.22); SEE ALSO BRUMELL Pg.161
48	PEI 2D & 3D	Sc. 5,6		PROBABLY A FAKE CANCEL APPLIED TO PEI REMAINDERS
49	L.Q.	?		
53	1 C., CENT IS.	Sc. 14		SIMILAR DAY & SMYTHIES TYPE 85 (Pg. 22)
60	5 C. SQ	Sc. 42		(ALSO PART OF TORONTO CDS)
74	3 C. SQ	Sc. 37	'70	(NO OTHER CANCEL.), SEE: DAY & SMYTHIES TYPE 77 (Pg.22); SEE ALSO BRUMELL Pg. 161. (I.R. SHADE)
76	3 C. SQ & N.B. 12 1/2 C.	Sc. 37 Sc. 10		(NO OTHER CANCEL)
85	1C., CENT IS.	Sc. 14		(COLLECTION, NO OTHER CANCEL)
124	17 C. CENT.	Sc. 19		M.L. ARTICLE CLAIMS THIS IS "ADEN"
134	5 C. 12 1/2 C.CENT IS. & 3 C. LQ	Sc. 15,18 Sc. 25		SIMILAR DAY & SMYTHIES TYPE 85 (Pg.22)
159	5 C., CENT IS.	Sc. 15		
160	FAKE ON PROV. IS.	..	NA	SPIRO FORGERIES
165	ON PEI	?		
177	6 C. SQ	Sc. 39		
209	5 C. SQ	Sc. 38		
231	FAKE ON PEI	..	NA	MAY BE "B31"
235	NFLD. VARIOUS	..	'62-'69	SIMILAR DAY & SMYTHIES TYPE 85 (Pg.22). RE-ISSUED TO ST. JOHN'S NFLD.
236	SQ's, VARIOUS	..	'81	SIMILAR DAY & SMYTHIES TYPE 85 (Pg.22); SEE ALSO BRUNELL Pg.161 (NEW EDINBURGH IS AN OTTAWA NEIGHBOURHOOD, AND WAS A SUBURBAN P.O. IN 80's)
242	LEAF ISSUE	Sc. 69?	'97	SIMILAR DAY & SMYTHIES TYPE 85 (Pg.22).
309	L.Q.	?		
331	FAKE ON PROV. IS.	..	NA	UNKOWN FORGER
357	L.Q.	?		
439	L.Q.	?		
453	N.S. G.P.	Sc. 4		SIMILAR DAY & SMYTHIES TYPE 85 (Pg.22).
466	N.S. 1/- ?	Sc. 6 ?		N.S. Sc. 6 MAY BE A FALSE REPORT (TYPO?).
	NFLD. 6 P.	Sc. 6		
	NFLD. 4 C. CORNAT	Sc. 231		
	7 P. PENCE IS.	Sc. 9		
498	5 C. SQ	?		(NO OTHER CANCEL)
512	L.Q.	?		
564	1 C. SQ	Sc. 35		
603	2 C. JUBILEE	Sc. 52	'97	SEE TEXT PAGE 3, REGARDING COVERS.
625	5 C. SQ	Sc. 42		
700	L.Q.	?		
708	6 C., 12 1/2 L.Q.	Sc. 27,28		
761	L.Q.	?		
820	L.Q.	Sc. 37		(NO OTHER CANCEL)
846	1 C. JUBILEE	Sc. 51		

NO.	STAMP	SCOTT	DATE	DETAILS
871	5 C. SQ, 2 C. MAP	Sc. 42,85		(BOTH WITH FAINT CDS, ONE ALSO WITH PART USA CDS) "PHILATELIC USAGE".
890	3 C. SQ	Sc. 41		
905	5 C. L.Q.	Sc. 26		SIMILAR DAY & SMYTHIES TYPE 76 (Pg.22); SEE ALSO BRUMELL Pg.161
959	5 C. BEAVER	Sc. 15		MAY HAVE BEEN 159.
971	5 CENT SQ	Sc. 42		(FAINT HALIFAX (?) SQUARED CIRCLE CANCEL)
A01	BC?	?		IDENTIFIED AS KINGSTON JAMACIA, PROBABLY A RECEIVING MARK.
A12	1/2 CENT SQ	Sc. 34	'92	IDENTIFIED AS ST. KITTS B.W.I., ON UPU REPLY CARD.
A90-A98	VARIOUS	..		MAILBOAT CANCEL
B17-B18	VARIOUS	..		MAILBOAT CANCEL
B27-B30	VARIOUS	..		MAILBOAT CANCEL
B31	ON PEI & NS	..		MAILBOAT CANCEL, ALSO A FAKE CANCEL APPLIED TO PEI REMAINDERS
B60	1 CENT SQ	Sc. 35	'92	(COLLECTION, KINGSTON '92 CDS)
B61	ON NS & NB	..		MAILBOAT CANCEL
G06	FAKE ON PROV. IS.	..	NA	FOURNIER FORGERIES.
N35	FAKE ON PROV. IS.	..	NA	PANELS FORGERIES.
T01-T06	1/2 C. SQ & NS	..		FOREIGN BRANCH (BRITAIN)

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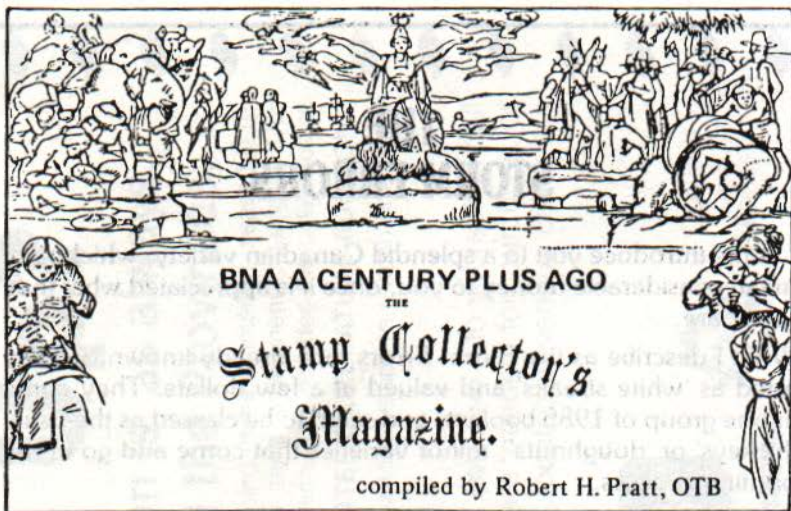
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VOL. 2, Feb. 1, 1864, Page 32.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

A.M.S. Lowestoft. - We are obliged for the information of the genuineness of the 5c Blue NEW BRUNSWICK stamp, proved by your reception of two postmarked individuals direct from that colony -

H.W. London, W. - The twopenny NEW-FOUNDLAND is now dark-coloured like most of the others, but we have never seen an eight-penny other than bright red.

Vol. 2, April 1, 1864, Page 64.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

W.C.A., Stoke Newington - Your 12 1/2c CANADA stamps arriving on letters cannot be essays. If not originally printed in blue they must have faded, we are inclined to imagine, through the agency of sun, air or water.

St. John. - Your Connell's head is merely a photograph. The real article was sold the other day for three guineas.

Vol. 2, May. 1, 1864, Page 80.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

J.Y., Leicester. - The VANCOUVERS IS-

LAND stamp franks letters to the confines of BRITISH territory only. BRITISH COLUMBIA letters usually go San Francisco, whence they are prepaid in the stamps of the United States.

Vol. 2, June 1, 1864, Page 87.

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Vol. 2, June 1, 1864, Page 99.

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A BNAPS NORCAL rejuvenation meeting was held at the home of Barry Shapiro in Palo Alto on Saturday, February 24th, 1990. During the morning program we were privileged to enjoy an excellent presentation by our BNAPS President, Lewis M. Ludlow, OTB, who came down from Washington to be with us and cheer us on. Lew spoke on *RPO Markings of the Provincial Era* and showed many pages from his superb award winning collection. Many thanks to Lew for his efforts on our behalf and his contagious enthusiasm.

After a delicious buffet luncheon served by Lee Shapiro, much stamping was enjoyed by all. During the afternoon, a special meeting was held at which a vigorous discussion on the past and future nature of BNAPS regional group for

the south western part of the country. What came out of these discussions was the following:

- A new Regional Group of BNAPS is created - the **Golden West Regional Group**.
- The group's new name (replacing the NORCAL Group) was chosen so as to emphasize the broadened scope of the group and to better include all BNAPS members in the states of Arizona, Hawaii, Nevada, and the entire state of California.
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ON THE FRINGES

Shortly after this column appears BNAPSers will assemble in Galveston for BNAPS'90. It is a shocking statistic, but most of our members have never attended the annual meeting. When members attend for the first time, they enjoy themselves, and are eager to attend again. They find dealers with a great range of material. They find an exhibition of the finest BNA in almost every category. They find study group meetings - a wealth of information. However, dwarfing these, they find the utmost in hospitality and friendliness. Those who were mere names in *TOPICS* are found to be warm friendly people.

The new editor of the *Centennial* group is John Aitken. He thanks Doug Irwin for his nine years as editor, and comments on the status of the study group and on editorial objectives. He reviews, from a *Centennial* perspective, the *Charlton Specialized Catalogue of Canadian*

Postage Stamps-1982. Charles Firby sent in a photocopy of Webb-EN95a which went for about \$600 CDN. at a recent auction. Arthur Beecham contributes a picture of Webb EN818. Earle Covert mentions that there is a French version Webb 818a. Bob Lee reports a new special order envelope. Dick Staecker reports a copy of the 7¢ CN Express form with a new heading. Mike Painter and Ed Butler illustrate several *Centennial* plate flaws. John Thompson has sent in five photocopies of commemorative cachets on *Centennial* covers. The newsletter concludes with an index of the first 45 issues of the newsletter by Doug Irwin.

The *Klussendorfer* editor, Gray Scrimgeour, comments on the decrease in K cancels from Bolton ON; Milton, ON; and Selkirk, MB. In each case, it was the result of out of town mail being sent to larger sorting offices. Gray gives a 20 item *Klussendorfer* Hit Parade for 1989.

There is a report of problems in obtaining Christmas slogans from Trail, BC and a list of offices using Christmas slogans with K cancels. There is a report, with pictures, of the blank name slot for LaTuque, PQ and Chicoutimi, PQ. Robert Alary, Tracy Cooper, Wally Gutzman, Greig Hutton, Jim Karr, J.J. MacDonald, Gordon McDonald, Bill Robinson and Gray Scrimgeour have reported errors, oddities, inverts and colored examples. Most of these are pictured. Over 150 offices using K cancels are listed. The newsletter concludes with more of Greig Hutton's tables of Dead K towns.

Ken Ellison, **Military** editor, has received photocopies of service Christmas cards from Dave Hanes and John Wannerton. Bill Topping submitted a photocopy of an orderly room marking. The **Blackout** sub-group, headed by Ken Barlow, is making great progress. John Tyacke has reproduced two letters from the files of the Chief Postal Censor (Civilian Mail) in the Archives at Ottawa that show the origin of the blackout cancels. W. Whitehouse illustrates and discusses a service Christmas card in *Trumping the Tribals*. Dean Mario pictures and comments on an International Red Cross notification card, a chaplains orderly room marked cover and one of a series of cards from the Canadian Hospital at Saint Cloud, France. *Militia Point, Nova Scotia Post Office*, by Colin Campbell, is a short, but interesting article about this training camp. The newsletter concludes with a picture of the R.C.A.F. Convalescent Hospital at Victoria, BC, from Dave Hanes.

The **Newfie** newsletter is edited by C. Stilleons. Three examples of lathework on Newfoundland stamp selvage pictured by courtesy of Ed Harris. John Butt has supplied a reprint of an article by T.D. Frost, *The Viking Labrador - Newfoundland Flight of 1931*. Bill Walton has authored *The Newfoundland Reply Letter Card Usages to Foreign Destinations*. He requests further input on this usage. Horace Harrison illustrates two lovely returned letter envelopes, and also would like a report of similar items.

Bill Robinson, editor for the **Railroaders**, reviews and recommends a book sent to him by Palmer Moffat, *The End of the Line/The Newfoundland Railway in Pictures*, by Clayton D. Cook. He shows a picture of the Countess of Dufferin - the first locomotive in western Canada. Ken Ellison contributed two items. The first consists of data on ships from the 1911 year book of Br. Columbia. The second is a fascinating article, *The Forest Around Us*, by Bill Moore. This is the story of C.P.R.'s *Princess*

Maquinna, a supply ship for the logging camps and canneries of western Vancouver Island. A reprint of an article from the *Los Angeles Times* by Sheryl Stolberg and Marc Lacey has been submitted by Roland Seymour. It concerns the capsizing of the once proud *Princess Louise* in Los Angeles harbor. John Aitken pictures a London and Port Stanley Railroad check. Jack Wallace has sent in a group of pictures of the 1939 Royal Train visit. Paul Burega illustrates a nice cover with a new early date for N-14b.

Bill Rockett has two **Revenue** newsletters. He illustrates four Gas Inspection - 1987 Victoria revenues with red control numbers sent in by Denny Peoples. He lists coming meetings, and alerts members to several auctions with revenue lots. He also has the usual adlets.

The **Slogan Box** is a joy. Must be editor Dan Rosenblat's influence. Jeff Switt has trouble with English. It begins with the chairman's (Jeff) message. I could manage a more friendly attitude toward Mr. Switt if he would cease to relay his low golf scores. Snowbound now, I cannot match his scores in the summer. Dan Rosenblat, with help from Len Harris, hopes to have the second handbook out by BNAPS'90. Mike Street sent Jeff a photocopy of a new Ancaster Fair slogan. Jeff has three nice articles. The first is *Canada's First Slogan Postmark*. This was for the Lethbridge Alta. 1912 International Dry Farming Congress. The second, *Slogan Gems*, pictures four lovely slogan covers. The third is *Adding Interest to Slogan Collecting*. This pictures an odd cover. Jeff adds personal comments. *Buy Christmas Seals/Tuberculosis, Slogan 855-A 1927-69*, is by Jean-Guy Dalpe. He gives an extensive discussion of this slogan and its various dies. Dan Rosenblat does his usual fine work in two articles, *Invest in Post Office Savings Bank*, and *Buy a Dominion Government Annuity*. Lists of offices that used these slogans are included. Cecil Coultts submits *Vancouver Varieties*, and *Fun with Slogans*. The former details varieties in three Vancouver slogans. The latter shows two humorous results of slogan usage. All the above articles are nicely illustrated. Bob Thorne reported an update for an airmail slogan. The newsletter ends with an up to date index by Alex Hadden.

Bill Burden edits the **Small Queen** newsletter. Bill gives us some remarkable photos of re-entries. George Arfken teases us with another fine S.Q. cover with appropriate discussion. Brilliant pictures, by Bill B., of two different 5 on 6s, property of Bill Simpson, provide stunning

detail. Hans Reiche discusses the different precancelled 3¢ S.Q.S. Ted Nixon in *Five Cent Small Queens/some printing Notes* provides an analysis of the various printings. This is one of the finest and most exhaustive presentations I have ever read. It should be in *TOPICS*. Ron Leith concludes the newsletter with a fine article on 10¢ S.Q. perforation varieties, particularly as to one purported to be a rare 12.4x12.25 variety. Gary Arnold is the editor of the *Squared Circle* group. This newsletter gives data on the

use of *Squared Circle* in the Admiral period as noted by the editor. It also illustrates a lovely Fort William West cover from Bob Corless.

I hope I've induced some of you to join a study group. If so, I'm sure you're overwhelmed by gratitude. To repay, provide some input to your study group. Send your editor an article, a photocopy of a cover or cancel or if nothing else a question. All members have something they can contribute.

JOIN A STUDY GROUP!

LITERATURE REVIEWS BNA Philately in Print

by Mike Street

Most books reviewed are available from the BNAPS Book Department or from *TOPICS'* advertisers who carry large selections of literature, such as Jim A. Hennok Ltd., Saskatoon Stamp Centre and George S. Wegg Ltd.

REFERENCE

AN INTRODUCTION TO STAMP COLLECTING; Steven J. Rod; Amos Press, 911 Vandemark Rd., Sidney, OH, USA 45365, 1989. Soft Cover, 176pp, \$2.95US postpaid.

Based on Steven Rod's *Linn's Stamp News* Refresher Course columns, *An Introduction to Stamp Collecting* is a primer for people just getting into the hobby. Well illustrated, it covers the basics - from finding and soaking stamps, through tools of the trade to an introduction to such areas as postal stationery and postal history, and aspects of organized philately such as clubs, literature and exhibiting.

If you know someone, junior or adult, who is starting out in our hobby, tell them about this book.

HOW TO COLLECT STAMPS; H.E. Harris & Co., Inc.; Portsmouth, NH, USA 03801; 1989. Soft cover, 220pp, \$3.95US.

Compared to *An Introduction to Stamp Collecting*, there is actually very little information on how to collect stamps in *How to Collect Stamps*. There is, however, a great deal of very valuable information which is not included in the former book.

How to Collect Stamps is a much expanded version of Harris' *Stamp Identifier*. Included is everything but the kitchen sink, from the list of the myriad country names which can appear in different alphabets on stamps, through the United States Stamp Identifier included in their retail catalogue, to an extensive glossary of philatelic and postal terms and a very handy breakdown (with accompanying maps) of the current and previous names of stamp issuing countries from Day 1.

Should a new collector buy one or the other of these two books? No, they should have both. If it should only be possible to get a single volume, *How to Collect Stamps* is the one.

SUPPORT YOUR REGIONAL GROUP

REGIONAL GROUP RAMBLINGS

by Jim Goben

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PACIFIC-NORTHWEST: Colin Campbell, 1450 Ross Road, Kelowna, B.C. V1Z 1L6

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

Our much travelled and regional group promoting President has been slowed by a stroke. He will be missed by the **Mid-America** Group at their Chicago meeting. Drop Lew a note.

March 31 was a busy and interesting day for the **Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario** group. The Drs. Duckworth spoke on *Some Transatlantic Covers of the Post Confederation Period*. Many of the members brought along interesting items to show. In November, Robin Harris showed copies of the eight cent Centennial issue variety with the 'extra spire,' Arne Tamre brought a collection of cancels from Winnipeg, including the *Retail Postal Outlets*. Rick Penko, Derek Smith, Dan Fraser, and Robert Lemire all brought items of interest to share with the group. The group will host a seminar on June 8, at Royal '90 in Regina and many members plan to attend.

The **Calgary** group met on March 14 at the home of Sam Nickle (enjoyed a long conversation with Sam in Hamilton). A special treat was the presentation by Cimon Marin on the various collections in the Canadian Postal Archives. If you are doing a serious research project and haven't contacted Cimon, do not hesitate to do so. He can be of great help.

The **Calgary** group met again on April 21 for

a full day of good programs. The speakers were Ken Ellison, Ron Leith, Deirdre McKay, and Keith Spencer. At dinner John Humphrey spoke on *Early Postcards of Alberta*.

The list of Regional groups is growing again. Welcome to the fold the **Golden West Group**. February 24, 1990 was the date of their organizational meeting. The zone of influence of the group is Arizona, Hawaii, Nevada, and California. The new Officers are: Chairman, Dan Huffman; Secretary/Editor, Barry Shapiro; Treasurer, Preston Pope; and Program Director, Roland Seymour. Good luck and happy collecting Golden West's.

Jeff Switt hosted the April 21, 1990 meeting of the **Prairie Beavers**. There were three presentations during the day. Jeff Switt talked on *Slogan Cancels*, Vic Willson presented *Admiral Postal Stationery*, and Fred Hallenbeck's topic was *Flag Cancels*.

The latest *Beaver Chatter* reported the sad news of Laurence "Scotty" Scott's passing.

There were two articles presented in this issue: *Registrations to the U.S.* and Vic Willson's article entitled *When Did the Post Office in Dawson Open?* Very interesting Vic.

At this writing, the program for the **Mid-America** group is in limbo, but something good will turn up. More next issue.

BNAPEX '90
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OCTOBER 18 - 20

POSTAL ARCHIVES ACQUIRES RARE STAMP ESSAY

At an auction held on October 6, 1988, by F.E. Eaton & Sons, Vancouver Stamp Auctions Limited, in Toronto, the Canadian Postal Archives was the successful bidder for the original stamp-size pen-and-ink drawing for the British Columbia three-pence stamp of 1865.

The Colonies of Vancouver Island and British Columbia had one postal system up until July 31, 1860, when, under an arrangement sanctioned by Governor James Douglas, the postal establishments of both Colonies were placed under separate administrative heads. From July 1860 until March 1864, Warner R. Spalding served as Postmaster of the Colony of British Columbia, and subsequently as Postmaster General of British Columbia from April 1864 until April 1866. During this period (1860-1864), both Colonies used the same stamp, a two-pence stamp bearing the legend 'British Columbia and Vancouver's Island Postage Two-Pence Halfpenny.' This stamp was issued for joint use by the two Colonies for prepayment of Colonial Postage.

On May 4, 1864, an ordinance for regulating the British Columbia Postal Service created the need for a new stamp issue. This ordinance was passed by the Legislative Council of British Columbia and assented to by Frederick Seymour, Governor.

Postal rates fixed by the new ordinance stipulated that 'For every letter to and from British Columbia and Vancouver Island, and delivered at Victoria or New Westminster, and not exceeding 1/2 an ounce, there shall be paid a postage of 3d.' Thus the justification for a new stamp issue.

The early settlers of British Columbia thought that the stamp was designed by member of the detachment of Royal Engineers, who played so considerable a part in the early history of the Colony. The unusual design might be the work of a settler who was formerly a draftsman in the Royal Engineers, under Colonel Moody. The design, based upon the uniform buttons worn by the Royal Engineers at the time, shows 'V' (for Queen Victoria) and the (Royal) Crown in an oval. The design has also been attributed to a Capt. William Driscoll Gosset of the Royal Engineers (subsequently,

Major-General W.D. Gosset) who is also considered the probable designer of the two and a half-pence stamp of 1860, previously mentioned. A final possibility is that the design of the three-pence stamp may have originated with the Agents General for the Colonies in London, England, and then been transmitted to the Colony for approval by the Governor. This aspect of the history of this stamp remains somewhat of a mystery.

On September 23, 1864, Frederick Seymour, Governor of British Columbia, submitted the approved design to the Colonial Office by a formal written application that reached London on November 29, 1864. Perhaps because of the controversial nature of the design, which marked a departure from previous design precedent, the request was not referred to the Crown Agents for production until December 22, 1864. Ultimately, the design was adopted with slight modifications, and was one of the most unusual British Colonial postage stamps came into existence.

The stamps, which were issued on November 1, 1865, were typographed (surface printed) by De La Rue & Company of London and printed in sheets of 240 in four panes of sixty - 10x6. The initial order was for 111,360 stamps and a second for 1,063,440. Following the entry of British Columbia into Confederation on July 20, 1871, the three-pence stamp continued to be sold at post offices until August 20, the date on which the first supply of Canadian stamps became available.

On August 26, 1871, in accordance with Canada Post Office Department procedures, the remaining stocks of the stamp, 853,805, were destroyed.

The acquisition, by the Canadian Postal Archives, of the original pen-and-ink drawing for the three-pence stamp of British Columbia is of special significance in that it becomes the earliest example of postage stamp artwork/design in our possession.

James W. Brennan
Documentary Art and
Photography Division
Postal Archives

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'90

TREMONT HOUSE
GALVESTON, TEXAS

OCTOBER 18, 19, 20

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REPORT DATE: 15 April 1990

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C Only mint Canada
Proposed by: Secretary
- R4838 WASSERMAN, Bruce A., 1517 Cedarwood Drive, San Mateo, CA, USA 94403
C Postal history, perfins, Canada mint & used
Proposed by: Preston Pope, 3044; Seconded by: Garvin Lohman, 3495
- R4839 LONGBOURNE, James W., 1961 Southmere Cr., Surrey, BC, Canada V4A 7B9
C Canada, Commonwealth, Air & crash covers
Proposed by: S.J. Horton, 923; Seconded by: W.G. Robinson, 2982
- R4840 GREEN, Ronald F., Box 46654, Str. G, Vancouver, BC, Canada V6R 4K8
C Red Cross
Proposed by: R.D. Leith, 4492
- R4841 LINHART, Lawrence L., 209 Oakwood Lane, Bloomington, IL, USA 60108
C Canada (pre-1960 used, post-1959 mint), Newfoundland
Proposed by: Secretary
- R4842 MESCHTER, Elwood, 6623 Ridge Road, Clarendon Hills, IL, USA 60514-1854
C George V, George VI, and precancels
Proposed by: Secretary
- R4843 McCABE, James M., 132 Snug Haven Court, Tonawanda, NY, USA 14150
C Canada M & U singles, Atlantic Provinces M & U singles
Proposed by: Secretary

NEW MEMBERS

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| R4828 OGDEN, David D. | R4836 von HAUSEN, Frank R. |

CORRECTION

The collecting interests of new members R4824 through R4828 were incorrectly reported in the March/April issue of *BNA TOPICS*. The Secretary has admonished his computer, even though the error was probably not the computer's fault, and apologizes to these new members for the inconvenience. The corrected listings follow.

- R4824 COLE, George R. - Canada, RPOs, Royal Train 1939

- R4825 CRANE, Allan C. - Newfoundland airmail, varieties, 1st flight covers
 R4826 KOLSTER, Arno - Centennials, definitives, coils, mint, booklets, pl. blocks
 R4827 NESS, Howard - Postal stationery, booklets, revenues
 R4828 OGDEN, David D. - Canada, large and small queens

DECEASED

- R2211 FORTIN, Miss Marguerite

RESIGNATIONS

- E1036 McLELLAN, Hubert M. R4281 HOOKEY, Florence Lily

CHANGES/CORRECTIONS

Notice of change MUST BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY

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 R3128 GIRT, Neil A., 153 Tartan Drive, Nepean, ON, Canada K2J 3X3
 R3222 LINDSAY, Cameron A., 214 - 9672 134th Street, Surrey, BC, Canada V3T 5L5
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 R4655 STARK, David A.
 PSD NAVSTA GUAM, Box 172 FPO, San Francisco, CA, USA 96630
 R4673 MOORE, Robin J., 45 Bellevue Crescent, St. John's, NF, Canada A1E 5T4

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 R4404 STONE, Richard E., 23 Southwind Terrace, Oakville, ON, Canada L6L 6A9
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 R4822 ROLCZEWSKI, Gary, 1 Greensboro Drive, Rexdale, ON, Canada M9W 1C8

APPLICATION REFUSED

- R4801 BROUSSEAU, Pierre, 791 Francois-Grave, Boucherville, PQ, Canada J4B 7P2

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

Total membership as of last report	1394
New members added in this report	16
Deceased	1
Resigned	2
Total membership as of this report	1407
New applications	7
Application refused	1

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LITERATURE

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LITERATURE

\$16.50; Vol. 5 'DUPLEXES OF WESTERN CANADA' \$16.95, U.S. \$15.50. Robert Lee, #203-1139 Sutherland Ave., Kelowna, BC V1Y 5Y2.

WANTED

NOVA SCOTIA POSTMARKS On cover or card, especially split rings, MPOs, MOONs. Need same from NB, QUEBEC and split rings from all provinces. Price for resale, please. Simons, Box 1, Comp. 9, Thomasville NS B0W 3L0

ADMIRAL MATERIAL WANTED, singles collections or accumulations of the following: *Proofs, Plates, Lathework, Precancels, Perfins*. Glen Lunden, 210 840 6 Ave WS Calgary ALTA T2P 3E5.

DATED ROSE CARMINES: 3¢ Small Queens on and off cover. Will buy or trade. Send list or request my want list. Mel Heit 5470 189A St., Surrey BC V3S 4N9.

CANADA AND NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL GUIDES - all periods. Highest prices paid. Dave Dixon, P.O. Box 1082, Oakville, Ont. L6J 5E9.

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RAILWAY POSTCARDS and items with identical illustrations (corner cards, forerunners, envelopes, commercial postcards). Erick Middleton, 4707 Beaver Creek, Austin, TX 78759.

BARREL CANCELS ON COVER, STAMP OR PIECE - need quantities of these large double circle cancellations (used 1955-62) for hammer study. Buy or trade. Mike Street, P.O. Box 7230, Ancaster, ON L9G 3N6.

NEWFOUNDLAND STAMPLESS G.P.O., 'POSTAGE PAID' covers - 1897 'PAID ALL', 1918-20. Provisional covers. Compiling dates and types. Would also appreciate information on above. D. Mario, P.O. Box 342, MPO. Saskatoon, SK S7K 3L3.

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WANTED

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ATTENTION RPO COLLECTORS! Need Nap. & Wpg No. 2 and Souris & Wpg No.1 squared circle strike on 3 cent Jubilee. Will buy or trade for identical S.C. strike on other issues or for RPO cancels with RF to 500°. Tony Shaman, Box 103, Kitchener, Ontario N2G 3W9.

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CANADA SUBPOST OFFICE CANCELLATIONS wanted on cover or piece. All Provinces and Territories, all dates. Write with prices and details. J. Hill, 2015 Lk. Bonavista Dr. SE, Calgary, AB T2J 2Z8.

CANADIAN PRECANCELS bought and sold. Need collections, accumulations. All eras. Selling 125 different \$17.50 plus approval service. Simons, Box 1, Comp. 9, Thomasville NS B0w 3L0.

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SQUARED CIRCLE CANCELS on 5¢ Registration and 1908 Quebec set, especially 15¢, on or off cover. Also 1935 Silver Jubilees in multiples or on cover from entire British Empire. Alan Wolff, 380 Curtner Ave. #17, Palo Alto, CA 94306

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