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# Editorial Page

by Vic Willson

## THE MAILS

I have lost confidence that letters and parcels I send to Canada will get to their destinations in any reasonable time. Consequently, the last set of galleys sent to our publisher went by private courier. As we went to press a crucial diskette from our secretary, mailed in Vancouver on a Monday, had not yet arrived on Saturday night, and our journal was being delayed because a letter can't seem to get across Canada in six days from one major population center to another (Hamilton ought to be considered a major population center, shouldn't it?). Most of us know the record of delivery of material in the last century, and it was far better than it is today. Sure, the amount of mail moved is staggering, but so are the expenditures on the post office. We have seen the prediction equations relating letter costs to inflation over the last century, and they have kept up. Some economy ought to accrue to volume, at least that is what the economists assert. So why does this service seem so poor? I know that I am not the first editor to complain, but we are affected in all aspects of our lives.

I have the impression that mail flow as we know it is in transition, and that it may well cease before too long. Electronic information flow gets easier by the week, and when the telephone companies complete the rewiring of North America with fiberoptic cable, make voice-digitization truly easy, and offer low cost fax computer-telephone hybrids that any idiot can (and will) use, mail as we know it will cease. Those things that must be sent hard-copy, such as our stamps and covers, will continue in parcel post operations, perhaps all private unless governmental posts really become competitive, as U.S. Express Mail appears to be willing to do. Mail from third world countries will continue in traditional manner for

many years, so that there will be demands for some letter mail, primarily international. For North America and Europe, however, there is no reason to believe that all communication will not be electronically oriented. What of our hobby then?

There will be plenty of old material still around - the number of boxes of modern covers I have stored in nooks and crannies will probably keep it going alone - and international material will supply a limited market, but it seems quite possible that we will go the way of seashell collecting, butterfly collecting, and the like. Don't say impossible. Our immediate salvation on this continent may be the greying of America and the rise in income (we hope) of my baby-boom generation. The one that follows us will be poor, semi-literate, will not write anyway even if a computer is handy, and will not care about history, its or anyone else's. That gloomy prediction is made after working with the current generation of youth for the last decade. How do we prepare for this scenario - I don't know but invite comment. How in the world did I get so gloomy on a beautiful fall day?

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# More Sketches of BNAPSers

by Dr. R.V.C. Carr

SKETCH No. 241

J. Donald Wilson

So often I receive such short biographical material of BNAPSers which makes it difficult to do a proper SKETCH - but not Don Wilson - he gave me a complete personal and philatelic biography and I thank him for easing my job.

This is a well educated family - Wife (Jean), two sons, and two daughters - all with advanced college degrees.

Don was born in Calgary but got his education, including his doctorate at Halifax. Now his home is in St. Johns, Newfoundland. His credits are outstanding. He has been (and some still) Chairman of 12 different business, political, and charitable organizations, 3 Vice-Chairmanships and 3 Directorships, 5 Presidents, 4 Vice-Presidents, plus many Trusteeships, Wardens, Jobs, and Concilers.

As an engineer, he has managed several construction companies and has been with a steel and oil company. Don belongs to many professional organizations including the Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron where he won honours in rowing and sailing. And, he tells me that he has visited 108 different countries - that tops me!

Philatelically Don belongs to the RPSC, Maple Leafs, PHSC, APS and, of course, BNAPS where he is Chairman of our Ethics Committee.



A childhood collector as was his father and brother, Don became a serious collector as a teenager collecting Canada and Newfoundland. He is also interested in Post Card collecting and has membership in two Post Card Societies.

This man has had a very active life and we hope that in his retirement he will remain active in BNAPS.

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# THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by William G. Robinson, OTB



In this issue you should see the annual reports presented recently at the 1991 Convention. I hope you will look them over carefully to see what is the present condition of your Society. Most of the reports are quite positive, but there are a few problem areas. For example, the **mid-America Regional Group** has positive arrangements in place for the 1992 Convention to be held at the Pheasant Run Resort, St. Charles, Illinois, from September 10 to 13. This is a suburban location near Chicago, and the sponsoring committee has been able to make attractive arrangements for room rates. This has recently become a real problem in urban areas-where rates have simply sky-rocketed in recent years. By contrast, the Toronto committee consisting of members of the **Golden Horseshoe Regional Group**, is encountering real problems in search for an attractive location for the 1993 show. We wish them luck.

We were pleased to see so many members and ladies at the 1991 Convention, and all reports indicate that they enjoyed themselves despite the wet weather. It rained heavily and almost steadily during the show which perhaps improved the climate at the event and made us all look inward for our enjoyment. I should mention specially the large contingent of members from the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain, our Sister Society, who came from Britain. They added considerably to the scope of the meeting in many areas-particularly exhibiting, judging, Study Group meetings, and social events. Several are joint members of the two Societies, and we certainly encourage this cross-fertilization of the hobby. Bill and Marion Topping, among others, were able to attend the CPS of GB 1991 Convention, where Bill gave a talk on *Semi-Official Airmails* and won a trophy with his fine exhibit. Your President and his wife are scheduled to attend their 1992 meeting at Perth, Scotland, from October 1 to 4, and to give a talk on the *Coastal Mail Steamers of British Columbia*.

Another of the highlights of the Convention

was the availability of philatelic publications at the Society's Book Department-handled ably by Louise Kaye-and from our Advertising Manager, Bob Lee, who had extra copies of the **Military Mail Study Group Newsletter** No. 100 special issue, and numerous volumes of the Paul Hughes compilation of the Postal Archives Proof strikes available. The Book Department sold many copies of new publications such as Dr. Norman Boyd's compilation on the *Specimen* stamps of Canada, Jim Felton's condensation of *Annexes 1 to 9* of the Ludlow *R.P.O. Catalogue*, Jack Arnell's most recent volume on *Trans-Atlantic Mail*, and a new edition of Bill Topping's *British Columbia Post Offices*. Sadly, the 1931 to 1940 volume of the **Slogan Study Group's** work on the slogan cancels of Canada didn't arrive until after the show. The books apparently stayed in Stockton, California, Post Office for 12 days before being forwarded, and the parcel arrived on September 6th. We thought Canada Post was the only one with this kind of track record!

Speaking of Canada Post, their workers have been legislated back to work, and service of sorts has resumed. We understand that there is the possibility of another complete stoppage if the bargaining sessions break down again. Let's hope not.

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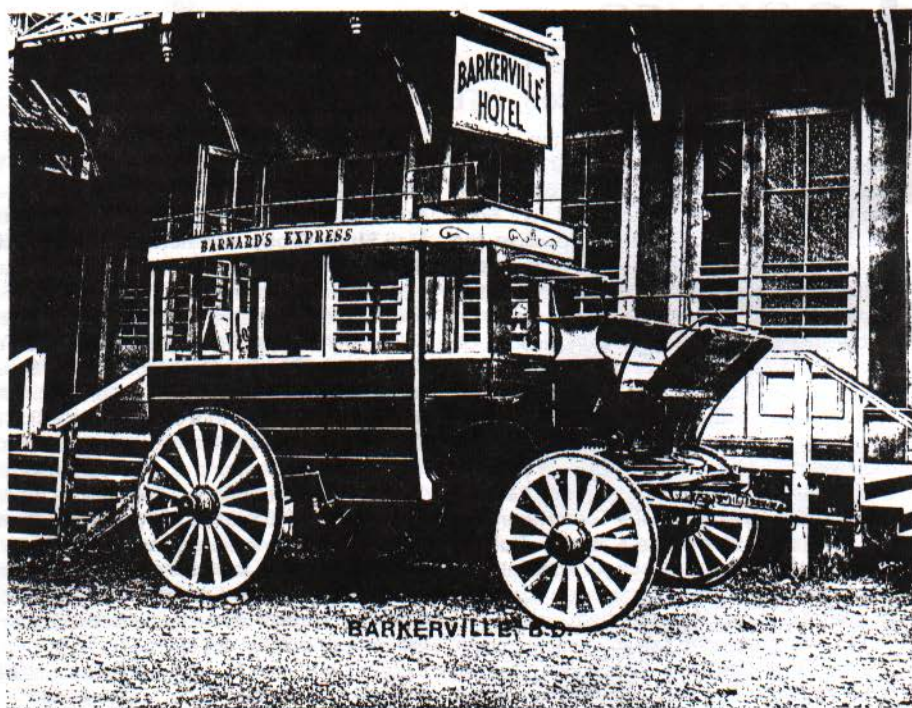
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# BACK TO THE CARIBOO

Unpublished Notes from the Gold Rush Days of British Columbia

by Dr. Robert V.C. Carr



After the Vancouver show, we headed north to visit the gold rush area. We visited museums at Barkerville, Clinton, and Ashcroft where I found unpublished bits of information related to the private expresses that carried the mail.

From the Ashcroft Journal of May 13, 1899 (The last issue by this name - to become the B.C. Mining Journal). *The B.C. Express Co. will commence the semi-weekly service on Monday next running coaches from Ashcroft (Head-quarters) every Monday and Friday. The road at this time from Quesnel to Barkerville was impossible with a Team. Mail was carried by Sandy Locke on foot for 40 miles.*

And Jas. B. Leighton was Superintendent of B.C. Express Co. at this time - 1899.

Previously the Dufferin coach built for Barnard for the visit of Lord Dufferin in 1876 was said to have cost \$5,000.00. Actually it cost \$1,200.00 and was built by Black & Co. of California.

And, Jas. Leighton was part owner of the B.C. Express at this time and operated for 8 years. At this time, Ashcroft to Barkerville was a 40 hour trip for the B.C. Express.

Felix Bernard established his mail service from Yale to Barkerville in 1866 but he had carried mail by foot to the Cariboo - 700 miles round trip - in 1859. Then Barnard's coaches carried 4 1/2 million dollars worth of gold using steel chests - this was in 1864-65.

Steve Tingley and James Hamilton (with Barnard, 1865) ran the B.C. Express Co. in 1871. Tingley rode the Yale-Clinton route for 20 years while Hamilton did the Clinton-Soda Creek route. There is a large faintly tinted photograph of Tingley in the Clinton Museum. Steve had one coach - *Old Tingley* which was used for 45 years starting with 1872 with Barnard.

Another driver was James McDougall - also a Teamster - drove the Caribou Road.



In 1897, John Shield received the mail contract to carry mail to the Cariboo. He bought the BX equipment and horses.

The Clinton Museum has many old photographs of the B.C. Express Co. at Clinton, Soda Creek, 100 Mile House (where we stayed at the Red Coach Inn which has a fully restored Bernard Coach!), Ashcroft, and the 108 Mile House. Clinton has a B.C. Express building built in 1887.

*Emile La Forest (with the BX stage from 1877 to 1893) was an excellent 'Crack-Whip's' Driver. And, the mailsack had to be carried by foot and row-boat between Cache Creek and Shuswap Lake - 1865-66.*

*The most popular driver of the B.C. Express in 1900 was Billy Everson who drove both coach or sleigh between Ashcroft and Clinton.*

*From the Cariboo Press: The B.C. BX Stage will leave Monday and Friday for the Cariboo and return on Tuesday and Thursday. Clinton - three times a week. Lilloe - 2 times a week.*

*Regular trips - all 12 months. 285 miles in 4 days for Barkerville.*

William Parker - another Barnard driver - had an express that carried Royal Mail and it was called *Forks Quesnell Express*. I have letters with the letterheads; Big Lake Ranch - 1898, Cariboo - and 150 Mile House dated 1901. I am assuming that Parker took over from the Toronto group that had bought out Steve Tingley. I have a sheet of his stationery with the letterhead of *Parkers Cariboo Stage and Express*. It is not dated but a line with 1900 is printed - Ashcroft. There is no direct mention of mail service (*Express Matters*). *Leaves Ashcroft every Mon. a.m. for 150 Mile House and Quesnell Forks connecting with the steamer Charlotte at Soda Creek for Quesnell and Northern Points*. So far I have been unable to obtain any further information from other British Columbia postal historians. If there is anyone out there who has any information, please write to me.

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## 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.*

### 1991

**NOVEMBER 16-17, OTTAWA - BYPEX 91.** Talisman Hotel, 1376 Carling Ave. Stamp and postal history bourse sponsored by Canadian dealers as a nonprofit show with donations to youth philately. Free admission. Information: George Le Mesurier, 613-724-1120.

**NOVEMBER 16-24, TOKYO, JAPAN. - PHILANIPPON '91.** FIP World Philatelic Exhibition to be held at the Tokyo International Trade Centre, Tokyo, Japan. Canadian Commissioner is Major Richard K. Malott, 16 Hardwick Cres., Nepean, ONT K2H 6R1.

### 1992

**FEBRUARY 8, BURLINGTON, ONTARIO - BURLPEX '92.** The 11th annual exhibition and dealer bourse sponsored by the Burlington Stamp Club will be held at the Appleby Mall (corner of Appleby Line and New Street, Burlington). Hours: 9:30 am - 5:30 pm. For further information, write Frank Haller, 430 Belvenia Road, Burlington, Ontario L7L 2G6

**MARCH 14, OAKVILLE, ONTARIO - OAKPEX '92.** Riveroaks Recreation Centre, 6th Line, Oakville. The Oakville Stamp Club's Annual Exhibition and Dealers' Bourse. Free admission and parking. 10 AM - 5 PM. Information: Mel Kertcher, P.O. Box 524, Oakville, ON L6J 5B4.

**APRIL 4, LONDON, ONTARIO - LONPEX 100.** The 100th anniversary exhibition and bourse of the London Philatelic Society will be held at the Great Hall, St. Paul's Cathedral, Richmond St. N., London, Ont., Canada. Hours: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. Free admission. For further info contact A. Benjaminsen, 298 Neville Dr., London, Ont., N6G 1C3 Canada or telephone 519-438-3114.

**SEPTEMBER 10-12, ST. CHARLES, ILLINOIS - BNAPEX 92.** The Pheasant Run Resort, St. Charles, Ill., a suburb of Chicago with transportation from O'Hare Airport. 708-949-5100. Information: Bob Schlesinger, 523 Highland Grove, Ill. 60089

# AIRMAIL TO U.S.A.

by Walter Plomish

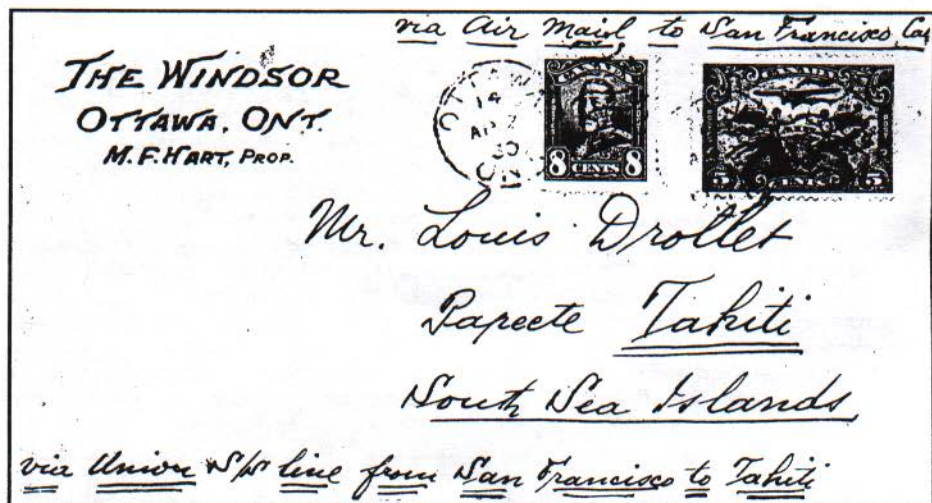


Figure 1

## PART TWO

Canadian Mail flown from Canada to West-coast U.S. Seaports via U.S. Air services for Surface Transmission to Oceania, Australia, and the Far East 1928-1936.

Canadians from Jan. 25, 1936 could send airmail letters from Canada via Pan-American Airways San Francisco to Hawaii, Guam, and the Philippines. From March 1937 the service to Canadians was extended to Macao and Hong Kong.

This article will deal with the time period prior to these airmail services.

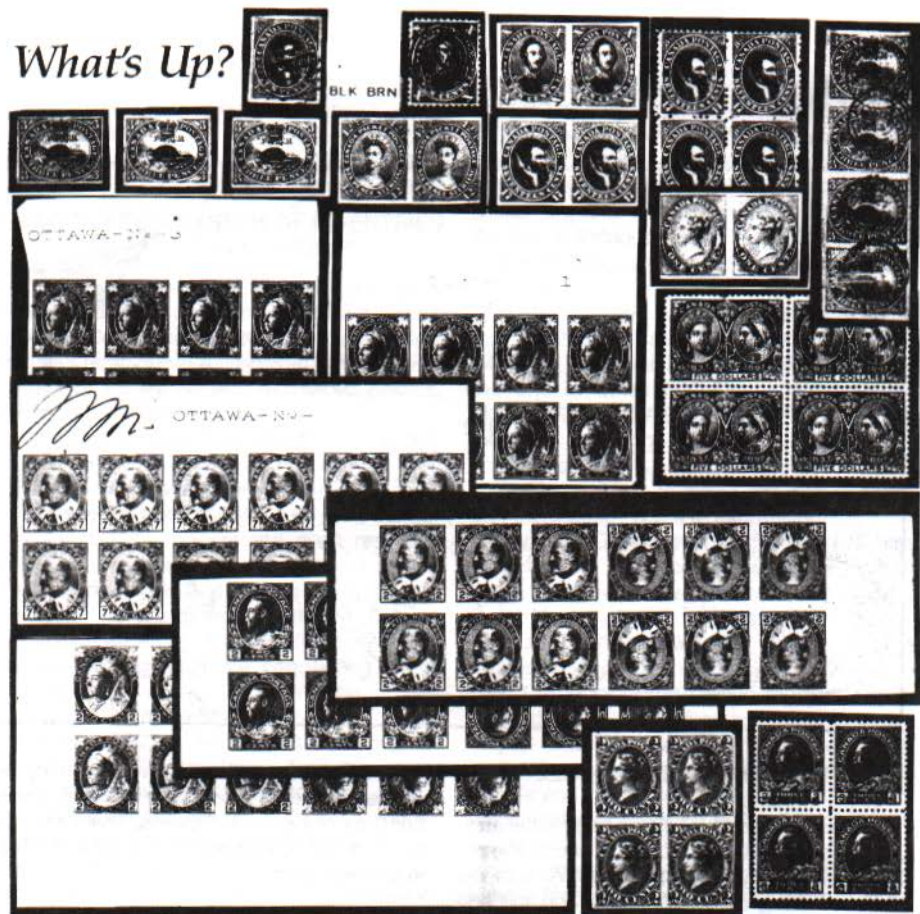
From the Oct. 1, 1928 flight to Albany, N.Y. from Montreal, it was possible to mail a letter in Canada and have it flown from Canada, and via U.S. airmail services to a westcoast U.S. seaport for steamship connections across the Pacific Ocean.

*Fig. One* Posted at Ottawa Ontario to Papeete, Tahiti, a most exotic destination on April 2, 1930. It is rated as follows: five cents for C1 for

airmail service in Canada and the United States to San Francisco. Eight cent scroll issue for the 8 cent 1st. oz. U.P.U. rate to Tahiti. France was a preferred foreign country at this time with a U.P.U rate of 8 cents 1st.oz. reduced to 2 cents per oz. Some French colonies also had this concession from letters mailed in Canada, but Tahiti was not included. The letter is correctly paid, it is properly endorsed *Via Air Mail to San Francisco Cal.*, and also *Via Union S/S Line from San Francisco to Tahiti*. The endorsement told the postal clerk exactly what services and routing the sender desired. Steamship schedules were widely available at the time, so it was no great bother to look up your fastest connection to Tahiti.

After Jan. 1936 when Canadians could utilize the U.S. *Clipper* services from San Francisco by paying special rates, most Canadians did so if time was a factor. This service initially went as far as the Philippines, but was extended later to Hong Kong, then to Australia and New Zealand. This is another story and will be the subject of a separate article.

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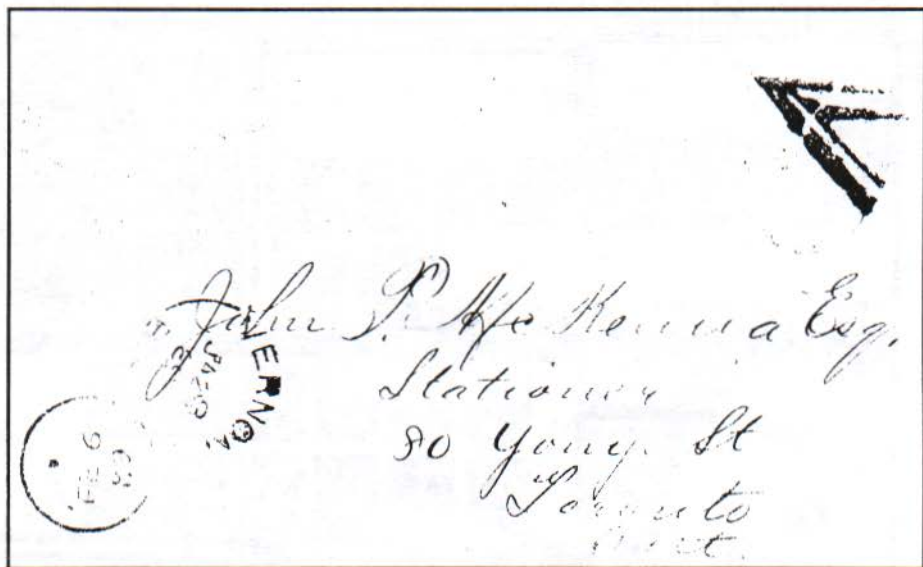
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# Letters



## VERNON V FANCY CANCEL

In response to *The Editor's Page* in the July-August 1991 edition of *TOPICS*, above you will find a photocopy of a postcard ux7d with the Vernon V fancy cancel obliterator and split ring dated JA28/89.

I recall reading something about the Vernon V about 25 years ago but at the time I didn't have enough interest in this area to either remember the details or save the article.

Would someone please share with me the story about this cancel? In addition, I would ask members to send me dates of usage for any Vernon V's in their collections (photocopies preferred). I will share the compiled results via *TOPICS*.

Brian Noble  
Etobicoke, Ontario

## VERNON V INFORMATION

Thank you for your letter of Aug.29. This is exactly the type of information that I have been seeking for the last 12 years, and is an asset to the new book on fancy cancels.

The Vernon V which you refer to was listed in Day and Smythies as an A in Plate C, number 359a (also *TOPICS* July 63, pg. 179). The

only other information I have regarding this cancel is that it occurs on second Ottawa printings of the Small Queens. Thanks to your, this item will now be correctly dated and located in the new book.



As a matter of interest I am enclosing an illustration of another British Columbia V (or VV) cancel, D&S 733. This item was known used by the Victoria Railway (Shaw #R167), I suspect it is not just a V as listed in D&S, but rather it stands for Victoria and Vancouver Island.

I thank you again for your help, the Vernon V will now appear in the correct place in the

new book.

P.S. interested in joining the Fancy Cancel Study Group?

Dave Lacelle  
Ottawa, Ontario

## CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM OF RE-ENTRIES AND MISPLACED ENTRIES

Just when some of us think all the original research has been done and all the bright ideas initiated...along comes an article like Ralph Trimble's (May-June) *A Proposed Classification System of Re-entries and Misplaced Entries*. The man is a Prince!!

Having extensive holdings of Canada's 5 Cent Beaver and New Zealand's *Penny Universal*...obviously I, and others, have developed little *systems* of our own to help us *keep our act together*. If your readers are even remotely familiar with either issue...they'll know what I mean...and accept that collectings of virtually *every* re-entry are almost impossible. But, as you know, we study them to death...learning and contributing what we can...loving every minute of it.

Though not a member of his study group, I've written Ralph on the subject, first congratulating him on the initiative (I think it is workable) and suggesting that, in specialized collections-as I have discovered...allowance should be made for the appearance of these *delightful creatures* at the pre-printing stages...again, as others do, I have clearly identified re-entries in both proofs and specimens. Maybe we should be acknowledging these-I'm not sure...its Ralph's *baby*.

Clark Grierson  
Ottawa, Ontario

## TEETH REPORT

Congratulations on the *teeth report* in the New Issues article of the May-June 1991 *TOPICS*. I've often wondered why only the German's (as in certain of the Michel catalogue listings) used this simple and practical system.

Peter Spencer,  
Sutherland, Ontario

## OVERSEAS MEMBER

Are you, other members of the Editorial staff, contributors, and members, aware that apparently mail is still being carried across the Pacific to the Anitpodes by the *Tall Ships*? You are not? Well, it MUST be!!! With the exception of New Zealand.

Why, you ask, is she waffling on like this? I shall tell you if you bother to read on:

In the past few weeks I have received: a) By BNAPS Membership Badge with a delightful note of welcome etc. from my Sponsor: 4 other welcoming letters from Canadian members: 4 Auction Catalogues from Canadian dealers: *and*, wait for it!...a welcoming letter from a N.Z. Member!

AND, you ask, what is so unusual about that? Well, it is like this here. Only this week, on 24th July, I received my copy of BNA *TOPICS*-the one in which MY APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP WAS PRINTED!!! If it were not for having my badge to wear, I would not know I am a member!

Now you can see why I just had to share that *fascinating*? piece of information.

My Great Grandfather, who died at 101 here in Hobart, in 1941 came round the Horn 7 times, under sail, during the last century, and a Great Uncle, who came to stay with my husband and I for *about* 3 weeks, died in 1975, at 103, after staying with us 23 years! (The Man Who Came to Dinner!)...lived with his wife in Montreal for 10 years-then back to Sydney for 40 years...BUT he came out from England 1888 on the *Arawa*, with my maternal Grandfather, a brother and their father. That ship was the first? steam and sail and is on a Republic of Hawaii stamp and, 1991, a New Zealand issue.

With those 2 men in my Family Tree plus Master Mariner Whalers on my paternal side-and they were away for as long as 15-18 months to the coast of America, I am wondering if they are influencing my mail...perhaps they do not approve of a female being involved in philately!

Seriously though, with modern transport the world becomes smaller and smaller and one should expect the movement of mail to be much quicker, particularly as the cost rises and rises.

I have no doubt that you receive a great deal of mail and probably this screech has wasted your time but I could not resist writing it as it IS my acknowledgement to BNA *TOPICS*.

Sincere thanks for acceptance of my membership nomination-I am grateful for the honour.

(Mrs.) Madeliene E. Percy  
Tasmania, Australia

*Editor's Note: mailings to destinations with small membership outside Europe are now being sent first class to avoid such delays, but will require a dues increase as you will note in Chris Mc-*

Gregor's message elsewhere in this issue.

## REBUTTAL ETHICS

Once again, I find the pages of our otherwise fine journal entitled soiled by the poison pen response of Robert H. Pratt. I would have thought that the reflections by our past editor (Street 1989), the appropriate response by Smith (1989) and the plea by Paul (1990) for a sensible editorial process would have encouraged the development of a code of ethics for rebuttals. The latest response by Pratt (1991) (see also the tone in Pratt 1990 a, 1990 b) clearly proves this not be the case. Enough is enough!

As a collector of Newfoundland stamps, I am well aware of Robert Pratt's philatelic devotion and competence, and I value and respect his knowledgeable opinions. However, I do not respect his sarcasm, disdain, rudeness and incivility so characteristic of his responses. His offence is an unrespectable defence. Clearly if you have a solid rebuttal, there is no need to heap scorn, name call (e.g. *Mr. Grimm*) or to fill replies with whimsical nonsense (see Pratt 1990 a, 1990 b). What does Mr. Pratt hope to achieve? - respect? reverence? Pratt (1990 b) states *Is management interested in what appears to be its magazine?* Obviously the answer is yes. The type of rebuttals by Robert Pratt should not appear in a professional journal. Rebuttals should be as factual as possible, stated clearly and concisely, AND be free from insults, abuse and authoritative proclamations

and other such defects.

The time has (had) come for the editorial board of *TOPICS* to formulate an editorial policy for *viewpoints* to ensure that prattle does not blight the pages of our journal again.

Another Ordinary Beaver.

Peter deGroot  
Hilton Beach, Ontario

## COLUMN COMPLIMENTS

July/August BNA *TOPICS* was received today. Human nature being what it is, people are generally moved to write letters when they have a complaint, and not so commonly when they have a compliment. Let me go against the trend by not remaining silent when all is well.

Specifically, I commend Peter McCarthy for his extra-lengthy *Study Group Centreline* column, which I found to be enjoyable reading. While we are constantly bombarded with the advice to join a study group, it is not always possible due to economic restraints, especially if the group is a marginal interest. The next best thing, therefore, is to read reviews and summaries in McCarthy's column.

Likewise, the *Regional Group Ramblings* of Jim Goben provides the personal touch by reporting what BNAPSers are up and doing across the continent. It makes BNAPS less of a faceless organization, and more of a philatelic fellowship.

Dale Speirs,  
Calgary, Alberta



Photo #1, St. Lawrence Seaway regional group meeting

## ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY GROUP

I enclose two photos from the BNAPS St. Lawrence Seaway meeting held in May at ORAPEX. Our guest speaker was Dr. Bob Carr who spoke on B.C. express mail.

Picture number one shows Rich Toop, Secretary/Treasurer, Paul Burega, President (of the BNAPS St. Lawrence Seaway regional group) and guest speaker Dr. Bob Carr. The second picture (above) shows the members, guests, and spouses who attended Bob's facin-



Photo #2, attendees at St. Lawrence Seaway Regional Group Seminar

ating talk. Ken Kutz, president of the Collectors Club of New York was in attendance. Both photos are by Ron Kitchen.

Bob's talk was so fascinating, even his wife studiously examined the album pages that we passed around. When asked if she had not seen them before, she replied *No, I have not.*

Additional information on the St. Lawrence Seaway group can be obtained from the secre-

tary/treasurer E.R. Toop, P.O. Box 9026, Station T, Ottawa, Ontario K1G 3T8. The group covers the area on both sides of the border along the St. Lawrence, from Kingston/Thousand Islands, to Ottawa, to Montreal, and surrounding area.

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# THE BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY LTD.

## MINUTES OF THE 43rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT VANCOUVER, B.C. ON 31 AUGUST 1991

The President called the meeting to order at 8:30 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.

James W. Catterick, R. Thurlow Fraser, Henry D. Hicks, Stewart S. Kenyon, Fred Kuhlman, Lewis R. Morse, Lawrence W. Scott, John R. Thomson, Elmer C. Trace, John H. Watrous, John F. Wilsdon.

The Minutes of the 42nd annual general meeting held on 20 October 1990 at Galveston, Texas, were approved as printed on pages 10 to 16 in the Jan/Feb 1991 issue of *BNA TOPICS*, except that the effective date for Emeritus memberships shown on page 11 as January 1, 1990 should have been January 1, 1991.

The Secretary reported that he had received 'regrets' from Paul Burega, Jim Lehr, Lew Ludlow and Bob Pratt about their absence from the meetings at Vancouver.

The following annual reports from the Society's officers were received.

### **President - William G. Robinson**

Your current Officers, Directors, Department and Committee heads and members assumed their positions in January, 1991, and have had a busy eight months. In general, their functions have been carried out at a high standard, and I think the Society owes them a great deal of credit for their dedicated service.

Many of these people have been in these jobs for some time, but there are numerous new faces. First and Second Vice-Presidents Chuck Firby and Bob Carr are always ready to assist, as is Board Chairman Earle Covert. Our hard-working Secretary, Chris McGregor is indispensable. He keeps our records up to date and handles the correspondence and records of

the Society in an exemplary manner. Our new Treasurer, Art Klass, has taken over our finances most ably, and is working with Nick Sheklian, Harry Lussey and Vice-President Chuck Firby to complete an internal audit.

I should like to compliment our retiring Book Department Manager, Dave Clare, for years of dedicated service, and to welcome the new Manager, Don Kaye. We hope you will patronize him well. Handbook Committee Chairman, Allan Steinhart has worked hard to publish several new handbooks this year - including the Slogan Cancel Study Group listing of 1931-40 slogans, another Trans-Atlantic Mail Study Group handbook, and a treatise on *Specimen* stamps by Dr. Norman Boyd.

Editorial Committee Chairman Mike Street has worked with Philaprint, Inc. and our printer to implement Second-Class mailing privileges for *TOPICS*. This should result in a considerable financial saving to the Society.

Past-President Ed Harris is working diligently to produce an Operating Manual for the Society, and a draft has been circulated among the Directors here for comment.

*TOPICS* Editor Vic Willson and all his columnists and contributors continue to provide a first-class magazine, while Elsie Drury works hard to provide wanted circuit material.

I could go on and on and mention many other hard-working members, but I think this will give you the idea of work in progress.

During the year your President attended and spoke to meetings of the St. Lawrence Seaway Regional Group at Montreal, the Pacific Northwest Regional Group at Vancouver, and the Calgary Regional Group. He also attended PIPEX at Seattle, and spoke to numerous members there.

Preparation for BNAPEX 1991 took considerable time up to March of this year when, thankfully, Jack Wallace and his wife Bev took over the General Chairmanship. My sincere thanks are expressed to them.

We are indeed fortunate in the wealth of talent, experience and energy available among our volunteer management. We are in good financial shape, and appear to be ac-



complishing the objectives of the Society. If you don't think we are - then communicate. Let us know how you think service can be extended or improved. No one is perfect, but we are trying to give you as good a Society as possible. Please help us to do this.

#### **Chairman of the Board - Earle L. Covert**

We appreciate the many hours of hard work put in by the elected officers, especially the President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Secretary, Chris McGregor, continues to answer all inquiries promptly and work on revising the Constitution to fit current practices and make it more workable.

Art Klass, our newly elected Treasurer, has been working hard on developing policies and procedures to standardize handling of income through a number of appointed officers. For a variety of reasons the handling of income and expenditures has become decentralized. These new procedures will allow our auditors to follow a uniform audit trail.

The efforts of appointed officers of our Society make them the unseen workhorses. They are too numerous to mention individually, but they are the ones that make the Society function.

Membership is always of interest to me. In comparing the numbers in the latest *TOPICS* I have when writing this - as of April 15, 1991 we had 1426 members. On the same dates in 1990 it stood at 1407 and in 1983 at 1459. Thus with some minor fluctuations BNAPS is roughly holding its own.

I urge all members to invite a BNA collecting acquaintance to join YOUR Society. BNAPS always needs your help to function and grow.

#### **First Vice President - Charles G. Firby**

During the past year I have assisted Jeff Switt in rewriting the convention guidelines. This project was way overdue and in fact had not been revised since the early 1970's. The New guidelines will benefit all members of the Society but especially Convention Chairmen. Hosting the annual convention is not as difficult as most people believe.

If you are interested in hosting a BNAPS Convention, please contact Jeff Switt - he will be more than happy to give you the information you need to make the right decision.

#### **Vice President Regional Groups - Robert V.C. Carr**

At present all regional groups are functioning

satisfactorily. Although I have not heard from the Mid-Atlantic group lately, I know that Larry Paige is trying to restart it. A group to be formed in Florida was not successful but the new group in the Ottawa area is doing well. I visited them and spoke being the guests of the Toops. A visit to the Chicago group did not fare as well - a mix-up on the time - but I was there.

Jim Goben is still doing his fine job of reporting regional groups in *TOPICS*.

#### **Secretary - Chris McGregor**

The routine tasks such as processing memberships, recording changed addresses and feeding membership data to the editor of *BNA TOPICS* in the form of regular reports and mailing labels, continues relentlessly.

#### **DEATHS**

From the last annual general meeting to July 31, 1991, the following members are known to have been taken from us by death: James W. Catterick, R. Thurlow Fraser, Henry D. Hicks, Stewart S. Kenyon, Fred Kuhlman, Lawrence W. Scott, John R. Thomson, Elmer C. Trace, John H. Watrous, John F. Wilsdon

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

	<u>30 Jun 91</u>	<u>30 Jun 90</u>
Enquiries processed	49	34
Memberships resulting	13	23
Confirmed members	1,330	1,318
Applications in process	12	67
Membership change during past 12 mths	+0.91%	-2%

#### **DUES**

Our policies (or at least past practices) are failing us. During the past year, our net receipts from overseas members making Sterling payments to Kim Dodwell, amounted to just over \$16.00 (Cdn) per member. The banks took the balance. Also, our North American system needs an overhaul. Annual dues are due on January 1, but many members know that they won't be dropped until at least the end of May. Some have even sent cheques post-dated to April 30. Proposals for some changes will be presented under 'New Business'.

#### **EMERITUS MEMBERSHIP**

Using the criteria for determining emeritus membership approved by the directors' on September 21, 1989, the following members should be granted emeritus membership com-

mencing January 1, 1992.

R0729 Harris, Edmund A.  
R1095 Hill, Gordon M.  
R0896 Hollingsworth, Charles A.  
R1139 Crane, David B.  
R0958 Larkin, Richard H.  
R1153 Arons, Mark L.

### The Treasurer - Arthur Klass

The Treasurer presented his Consolidated Financial Statement. Where applicable, Canadian funds have been stated in U.S. dollars, converted at 0.865.

## CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1991

Stated in United States dollars

### CURRENT ASSETS

Cash in banks	\$ 18,614.81
Cash held by Dept. Heads	15,421.45
Investments	80,763.07
Accounts receivable - advertising	415.92
Book Department inventory	5,019.31
Library	100.00
Total assets	<u>\$ 120,334.56</u>

### LIABILITIES

Exchange circuits payable	\$ 12,747.63
Prepaid advertising	1,238.89
Prepaid membership dues	9,598.00
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 23,584.52</u>

### EQUITY

BNAPS Foundation funds	\$ 37,729.82
Members' equity	59,020.22
Total equity	<u>96,750.04</u>

Total liability and equity	<u>\$ 120,334.56</u>
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## CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1991

Stated in United States dollars

### INCOME

Advertising income	\$ 6,157.88
Bequests and gifts	5,000.00
Book Department sales	5,675.78
Interest income	8,256.86
Membership dues	24,999.47
Other income	126.14
Exchange circuits income	1,927.56
TOPICS sales income	299.92
Total income	<u>\$ 52,443.61</u>

### EXPENSES

Advertising	\$ 168.17
Bank charges	50.74
BNAPS meetings & conventions	45.50
Cost of books sold	5,266.51
Insurance	1,034.00
Legal	136.88
Library	662.64
Medals and plaques	227.02
Miscellaneous expenses	53.20
Postage	1,436.50
Prepaid membership expense	1,314.80
Exchange circuits expense	457.22
Stationery and supplies	2,070.98
Study Group expenses	2,624.46
Telephone expense	611.69
TOPICS printing and distribution	30,445.13
Total expense	<u>46,605.44</u>

NET INCOME	5,838.17
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The following annual reports from the Society's Department Heads and Committee Chairmen were received.

### Admissions Committee Chairman - N.N. (Nick) Sheklian

Except for a carryover investigation from the previous year, things went quite smoothly for the Admissions Committee this year. Most of the work carried on by the Committee involved credit investigations on those applicants who indicated no membership in either the American Philatelic Society, the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, or the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain. No problems were experienced once membership in any of the three organizations was verified.

Computers have proven to be a blessing in processing membership applications, but we have also had to rely on dealer participation and cooperation in the process. They have a direct interest in the financial stability of the members, and for that reason most of our efforts have been directed towards assuring them that they can rely on membership as proof of that stability. Along that line, therefore, we are urging dealers to review the list of applicants included with each issue of TOPICS and to promptly report to the Admissions Committee if they have any questions whatsoever regarding any of the proposed applicants for membership, with the assurance that any such reports will be held in the strictest of confidence. As mentioned previously, none of the activities

of the Admissions Committee are made public, not even to officers and directors of the Society.

### Audit Committee

The Audit Committee found all financial statements to be in order and accurately stated. The committee recommended that all departments maintain minimum cash balances and that department heads and other holding advances from the Society submit quarterly financial reports to the Treasurer.

### BNA TOPICS Advertising Manager - Robert A. Lee

Herewith the BNA TOPICS display and classified advertising income figures for the year ended June 30, 1991 with comparative figures for the previous two years. The figures are stated in Canadian dollars with the U.S. components converted to Canadian dollars at 1.1561.

	1991	1990	1989
Display	6,922.22	6,461.61	7,279.99
Classified	196.91	299.98	247.60
Free or reciprocal	<u>1,145.04</u>	<u>1,504.19</u>	<u>983.00</u>
	8,264.17	8,265.78	8,510.59

During the year we lost two contract advertisers. In addition, several ads were not billed as a result of errors in their copy, most notably R. Maresch & Son two issues (\$200.00).

Following approval by the Board, a discount of 10% was offered contract advertisers who prepaid six issues. A number of advertisers took advantage of this offer.

### BNA TOPICS Circulation Manager - Paul Burega

Duties fall into two ranges:

1. retrieve undeliverable copies of BNA TOPICS, and obtain changes of address for the secretary, and
2. replace missing and damaged copies of BNA TOPICS and sell back issues.

Income is generated from the second item, expenses from both. Listed below in Canadian dollars are the income and expenses, with the U.S. components converted to Canadian dollars at 1.1561.

	1991	1990	1989
Income	532.49	502.98	806.94
Expense	<u>590.13</u>	<u>295.84</u>	<u>284.65</u>
	(57.64)	207.14	522.79

### BNA TOPICS Editor - Victor L. Willson

With this report I have completed my second year of editorship of the journal. Below I will list the primary accomplishments and errors for which I was responsible.

Under accomplishments can be listed a survey to the membership that, although the response rate was low (below 5% of the potential readership), indicated several directions for possible changes and additions. One of these was the need to include good information about new issues, and as a result, Mr. W.J.F. Wilson has begun a new regular column. This column also addressed another need, to include more articles about stamps. Also begun was an irregular column about members' doings, intended to help personalize the Society to its membership. This column depends on information from our membership. Another addition has been to excerpt material from the study group newsletters, identifying the material directly with the study group in order to generate more interest in the groups. Finally, I have initiated an expert review process for articles submitted to TOPICS for material with which I am unfamiliar or cannot evaluate adequately myself. This has been used sparingly, and has not resulted in a rejection yet, although several manuscripts have been returned with suggestions for revision. The classified ads have been improved by including a deletion code at the end of each ad, thereby limiting the number of errors that I have made in incorrectly extending or deleting ads.

Under the debit column, there were a number of mistakes made in various issues, most of which were related to the distance between editor and printer. Even with express mail and electronic communication, the lead times for sending articles and ads creates a fairly tight schedule for review and correction of galley's if the journal is to be timely. The recent acquisition of second class mailing privileges in Canada makes it quite advantageous to continue printing and mailing in Canada, as well as a legal requirement for the mailing rate. Several mistakes were made in the omission or incorrect insertion of ads, and apologies were extended as well as free advertising space in several cases.

The journal came out late for the last several issues, due to the contract printer's delays. If this occurs again more than once next year a new print shop will be sought. In one case Canada Post delayed mailing while the second

class rate was being sought.

The submission rate of articles, particularly single articles, as opposed to lengthy or multi-part articles, has dropped in the last year, and the publication time has fallen below one year for most material. I encourage members to submit new material to the journal. There is not a particularly great backlog of lengthy articles either. The number of classified ads has dropped over the last year, and one regular advertiser dropped their half-page ad. On the plus side the journal received a silver medal at the literature exhibition of ORAPEX 91.

A philatelic journal, as any enterprise, cannot long exist at the status quo. It must evolve with its members' interests and needs. The coming year seems an appropriate time to begin serious investigation into improvements designed to make the journal better than it currently is.

#### **BNA TOPICS Editorial Board Chairman - H.M. (Mike) Street**

In the past year we have continued the effort to obtain second class mailing privileges for BNA TOPICS. Now, nine years after the subject was first raised, we have reached this goal. The last two issues of TOPICS were mailed under a provisional second class permit. The final permit has now been approved and will effect a 60% decrease in the cost of mailing TOPICS. Mailing from the US with a second class US permit has been determined to be about 30% more expensive than mailing from Canada.

In last year's report I mentioned the effect of the new Goods and Services Tax on the cost of mailing TOPICS. Happily, after the GST came into effect, we learned that it applies only on postage on copies mailed to addresses in Canada.

The long distance cooperation through courier services and electronic mail between our Editor, Vic Willson, and our printer Shirley Walsh, continues to work quite well. On behalf of the Society I would again like to thank both of them for their continuing efforts on our behalf.

As in years past, the Editorial Board prepared a list of nominees for the Vincent G. Greene Award and submitted it for a vote by the Executive and Directors of the Society.

Once again the Editorial Board would like to express its appreciation to the members who contribute articles to TOPICS. Without your help, TOPICS would not be. New authors are always welcome; please contact the Editor.

#### **Book Department Manager - Donald B. Kaye**

I assumed management of the Book Dept. as of May 11, 1991. I have processed 14 orders totalling \$559.03. As of June 30, 1991 the bank balance was \$500.00.

#### **Circuits Manager - Mrs. Elsie Drury**

This year has been quite successful with some \$7,500 being returned to members through retirements, with \$850 going to BNAPS through commissions and \$260 contributed to the insurance premium. At the moment the Post Office is being difficult but service should resume soon.

I have been experimenting with photocopies of covers instead of sending the actual books and it has worked very well. The saving in postage is considerable and I think perhaps this is how we must go in the future.

As usual more material is needed, in some categories there is very little left, so please keep filling up the books.

#### **Convention Coordinator - Jeffrey A. Switt**

This report covers the activities of the Convention Coordinator during his first year of service.

A preliminary draft of new and significantly updated BNAPS CONVENTION GUIDELINES has been prepared and submitted to the Board for its consideration. This document includes input from Vic Willson and Chuck Firby who were BNAPEX chairmen of two previous successful conventions. My thanks to both for their valuable insight and guidance.

To my knowledge, at the time of writing this (August 16), there is no firm commitment for our convention in 1993. The lengthy negotiations between my predecessor, Chuck Firby, with a club in Nova Scotia, ended up with the local group's declining the event. Allan Steinhart personally inspected a proposed Muskoka location and found the pricing to be prohibitive. I believe Allan is still investigating a possible Toronto-area location. 1993 is fast approaching and I'm sure you share my concern with this date still open. I need help here.

Plans for future conventions look like this:

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|--------------|--|
| 1992 Chicago | Sept. 10-Sept. 12<br>Pheasant Run Resort, St. Charles, IL<br>Robert Schlesinger,<br>Chairman |
| 1993 Open,   | Canada   |

1994	Burlington,VT	No dates or location yet
		Jim Hansen, Chairman
1995	Open,	Canada
1996	Open,	USA
1997	St. John's	St. John's Stamp Club
2000	Fort Worth,	TX

As you will notice there are many commitments lacking for a substantial number of convention years. As Convention Coordinator I want all to know that I am prepared to offer all the help I can in assisting with future conventions.

Hosting a convention is not difficult, and the new Convention Guidelines should make planning and logistics execution easier than ever. I will be glad to provide anyone interested in hosting a convention with a copy.

On behalf of the Society I extend congratulations to the Vancouver host committee for their fine efforts in producing another great convention.

#### **Handbook Committee Chairman - Allan Steinhart**

The BNAPS Handbook Committee is functioning well. During the past 12 months we have published the following.

Jack Arnell's collection of transatlantic mail covers - BNAPS Transatlantic Study Group.

Dr. Norman Boyd's - specimen overprints on the British America Bank Note Co. stamps of BNA.

Slogan Cancels 1931-1940 by Dan Rosenblatt and the Slogan Study Group. time.

Jim Felton's compilation of annexes 1 to 9 of the railway and transportation postmarks.

I am disappointed in having to say that due to technical problems, the most important and definitive book on Canada's special delivery stamps, rates and rules will not be ready for the convention. It was expected to be, but the subprinter had labour problems and this caused a scheduling setback for us. It will be ready shortly.

A second major work is in production and will be out this fall. This is by George Arfken, and deals with Canada and the UPU during the Small Queen period. This is also a quality book and will be a standard textbook for its area of expertise. George can tell you more about it.

It is now just over ten years since I assumed this job at the *mild* persuasion of former Board

Chairman Bob Pratt. I like it. At the pleasure of the President I will continue in it.

#### **The Historian - Ed Whiting**

My activities are progressing slower than I would like but I think all will be accomplished in good time.

The *so called* members handbook is ready to be updated regularly as each new issue of *TOPICS* is received. The Secretary will be sent a copy to screen for errors of omissions and commission before the end of 1991.

The file (album) of photos is being worked on so that the photos are able to be segregated by year. Hopefully I shall be able to have a number of pages in the album to be shown at next year's convention.

I have begun to sort out the memorabilia that I have accumulated over the years, much of which is going to be *donated* to BNAPS for safekeeping and eventual disposition.

#### **The Librarian - Clinton A. Phillips**

Use of library materials has been fairly steady this past year. Requests for copies of journal articles seem to have been predominant.

As a result of Ed Harris's offer to provide copies to BNAPS requesters of issues of study group newsletters, I shipped to him copies of complete sets of all newsletters. Regrettably I erred in sending a few *only* sets to Ed on the assumption he could copy and return them at a much lower cost than I could copy them in Texas and send them to him. Ah well, to err is human. Anyway this problem is in process of rectification and soon we will be able to announce the availability of the service. Parenthetically, I should note that the service could be dramatically improved if all newsletters were indexed and made available to members.

My semi-retirement status has been less than semi this past year which prevented my completing the reorganization of files and the development of a catalogue accession number system for books, monographs, catalogues and files. I hope to take care of this in the next few months since, effective October 1, 1991, I will be working on only a 10 per cent time basis.

It has been a pleasure to serve the members of BNAPS.

#### **Study Group Coordinator - Jonathan C. Johnson**

I wish to welcome the Philatelic Literature

study group to the list of very active study groups. This is an area of philately which is frequently overlooked by many collectors.

After many years of service, Frank Waite has retired from writing the Study Group Centerline for *TOPICS*, thank you. Peter McCarthy has picked up the pen to continue to provide you with a synopsis of all the study group newsletters. Ed Harris has volunteered to provide back issues of newsletters requested by BNAPS members. As this service is just being established, the precise details and library of newsletters have yet to be established. If you are interested in this service, please write Ed at 620 75 Avenue NW, Calgary, Alberta T2K 0P9.

The study groups have been significantly increasing in size. The average membership in each study group is now 65. This represents a considerable pool of knowledge in both the specific areas of study plus the other interests that each collector has. As a member of a study group you can tap this wealth of knowledge if you wish to, and get involved in initiating and answering questions via the newsletters and at the seminar meetings. Join a study group if you do not already belong. If you are a member, make the most of the study group and improve your knowledge of the philatelic areas which interest you.

**Report on the Directors' Meeting** held on August 28, 1991.

The President reported that foundation status for the Society and national status for BNAPS exhi-

bitions would both be inappropriate and declared the subjects closed. He also reported that he had discussed library insurance with the Treasurer and Librarian, and that he and these two individuals recommend that the present insurance of \$30,500(US) be maintained.

At the Treasurer's request, the Board changed the fiscal year to coincide with the calendar year. The Board also decided to discontinue the practice of permitting payment of dues with sterling cheques.

The President announced that J. Don Wilson, William C. Walton and Allan Steinhart would be the nominating committee for the 1992 elections

## OTHER BUSINESS

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 and they are hereby approved.

Bill Robinson spoke briefly about the Order of the Beaver and announced that Horace White Harrison and Larry Robert Paige had been elected Fellows.

The meeting was reminded that the next convention would be held at the Pheasant Run Resort, Saint Charles, Illinois from September 10 to 12, 1992.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:59 am.

William G. Robinson, Chairman

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# MID-AMERICA REGIONAL GROUP TO HOST BNAPEX '92

Bob Schlesinger, convener of this 1 1/2 year-old chapter, announces that preliminary plans for the first Chicago-area convention of BNAPS have been completed, with the dates scheduled being Sept. 12-14, 1992 (Friday through Sunday) at the Holiday Inn, Mundelein, Illinois (North-West Suburban Chicagoland)

The organizing committee consists of:

- #4378 Robert Schlesinger, 523 Highland Grove Dr., Buffalo Grove, IL 60089
- #1984 Dr. Ian W. Taylor, 769 South Milwaukee Ave., Wheeling, IL 60090
- #4143 Steven Whitcombe, 629 S.Dunton, Arlington Heights, IL 60005
- #4460 Basil Burrell, 911 Huckleberry Ln., Glenview, IL 60025
- #2412 Jim Goben, 304 W.Lincoln, Bloomington, IL 61701

# 1991 BNAPS ANNUAL CONVENTION

The BNAPS 1991 Annual Convention was held at the Westin Bayshore Hotel in Vancouver B.C. on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday - August 29-31.

From all reports the show was very well received by the registrants, who numbered 186 (128 members and 58 spouses, etc.) OR: (112 men and 74 ladies).

The show had 400 six page frames - 8 frames were postcards of bygone days of Vancouver (non-competitive) and the Court of Honour was a display of Stamp Boxes.

There were meetings of 13 Study Groups; 4 Seminars; a demonstration of carving B.C. Jade; and a Craft & Collectables session.

There were 15 dealers in the course, one of whom held an auction on Sunday, September 1.

Three tours were offered in weather that was damp to say the least, it really did rain for four days. September has been declared the driest in history - the sun started shining September 1 and is still shining.

The evening social events were well attended, even the small trip down memory lane at the Past President's Reception. (Where did those photos from way back come from???)

ANSWER- BNA TOPICS). (Ed. note - photos of past Presidents in their younger days were posted.)

EXHIBITS: There were 35 exhibits (ranging from 4 to 20 frames per exhibit) with 6 Gold; 14 Vermeil; 8 Silver; 4 Silver-Bronze; 3 Bronze medals awarded.

TRIVIA ABOUT BNAPEX 1991: The registrants came from six countries:

- New Zealand 1 (representing 100% of BNAPS membership in N.Z.)
- Republic of South Africa - 1 (travelled the farthest)
- United Kingdom - 13
- Bermuda - 2
- United States - 62
- Canada - 107, of whom 51 were from British Columbia

During the three days we had 200 daily admissions but only 164 persons because 8 people came all three days and 20 came twice. About half the daily attendees were BNAPS members, mostly from the Greater Vancouver area. Percentage-wise: BNAPS Membership attendance was: B.C. 55%; Overseas 12 1/2%; U.S. 9%; non-B.C. - Canada 5%



Order of the Beaver (1991) with new inductees Horace Harrison and Larry Paige (center)

# **BNAPEX '91**

## **EXHIBITION AWARDS**

### **GRAND AWARD AND GOLD MEDAL**

**K. J. Krutz** - Mining in Canada

### **RESERVE GRAND AWARD AND GOLD MEDAL**

**G. Des Rivieres** - Early Letters and Postmarks of Lower Canada

### **MEDALS**

- GOLD** - 3 Cent Small Queen - Perf 12 1/2 - J.S. Keenlyside  
First Airmail Stamp - C1 and C3 - W.R. Plomish  
Classic Flag Cancellations - D.F. Sessions  
Military Mail 1900-1920 - E.R. Toop
- VERMEIL** - Definitives - Queen Issue 1972-1977 - J.D. Arn  
Falmouth Packet Letters - J.C. Arnell  
Queen Victoria Precancels - J. Brown  
Force "C" - Canadian Hong Kong Story - K.V. Ellison  
Early Railway Post Office Cancels - R.Gray  
Postal History of the Edwardian Era - D. Huffman  
British Columbia Law Stamps - H.W. Lussey  
Precancels 1889-1911 - H.W. Lussey  
B.C. Law Stamps - I. McTaggart-Cowan  
Eastern Arctic Mail 1876-1963 - I. Mowat  
Money Order Office Datestamps - R.F. Narbonne  
North Atlantic Mail - R. Parsons  
Semi-Official Airmails - W.E. Topping  
British Columbia and Vancouver Island - J.M. Wallace
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Duplex Cancels of the Victorial Era - J.T. Burnett  
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# THIS'N THAT

by Vic Willson



Mike Painter was honored (and apparently roasted) in April by fellow staffers at the Professional Engineers Association of B.C. offices. Mike left his position as Director of Communications after six years' service to continue his consulting business. He received several going-away mementos, including a wooden tie, shown in the photo above (Ed.: we know it doesn't match his personality).

Where to begin on the Convention? Shown on the next pages are some photos taken by me and by Barry Clarke of New Zealand, who was so kind to mail me a large number of those he took. He said that those who want copies for their albums can write him with the number: 24 Spedding Rd, Whangarei NZ. So many members of the Pacific Northwest group helped make the Convention a success - spouses as well as BNAPS members. Treasurer Art Klass received a marvelous "stamp" made up to imitate the U.S. \$50 savings bond stamp recently issued - to commemorate his 50th birthday. Why was this creation by Jean Walton special? Because Art heads up the U.S. savings bond program for the U.S. government. Jean, Bill Walton's wife, is quite an artist. Mr. and Mrs. Dick Lamb attended, as they have for many years. Dick runs a stamp business that members should become acquainted with. His periodic mailing list of items for sale is eagerly

awaited, and first-come first-served on his many goodies causes the astute buyer to call as soon as the list appears in the mail. To my regret I have waited to call until night and missed more than one goodie.

Other dealers who participated in the bourse or supported the convention included Lex De Ment (Sissons), Eaton's Rare Stamps, Charlie Firby, Les Gray, Michael Head (who it was my pleasure to meet for the first time), Jon Jamieson (Saskatoon Stamps), Don Kaye (D & L Kaye Enterprises), Robert A. Lee, Art Leggett, Bill McCann (who I got to know last year and have greatly enjoyed joking with at both conventions), R. D. Miner Philatelics, Hank Narbonne (Greenwood stamps, who also exhibited an innovative and well-researched collection of Money Order Office Datestamp or MOOD cancels), Livio Penco, Al Steinhart, and I.V. Rudyk Philatelics. Always remember, fellow BNAPS members, to support those who support us. Without these dealers we would simply not be able to improve our collections very much. They represent the free flow of material and commerce that makes BNA philately thrive.

Before the Convention wife Carol and I had an opportunity to visit Chris and Helen McGregors' lovely residence in Vancouver. Carol was able to see the BNAPEX '90 Maple Leaf raffle quilt, won by Helen, covering an

upstairs bed in all its white and red glory, so that she can report its comfy home to the Prairie Beaver wives who all worked on it. The drive to thir home gave us a chance to see some of residential Vancouver not seen on the bus tour on Thursday AM.

The BNAPS birdwatching group managed to get together in some fashion, although the scheduled trip was cancelled due to weather. Dr. Earle Covert and wife Audrey planned to make a national meeting in Fort Collins, Colorado, which apparently has limited space and great demand for the yearly meetings wherever they are held. Wouldn't it be great if we had that problem? Why aren't we drawing crowds like the

the baseball card shows or birdwatching conventions? Vancouver had an excellent attendance, but we certainly didn't have people banging down the doors - this seems true at most shows and bourses. Comments?

Kudos to Al Steinhart for putting a prospective member, Bill Fisher, onto the Prairie Beavers. Bill, who recently moved to College Station, has applied for membership in BNAPS and joined our local club, too. Let's encourage all our dealers to be alert to potential members, especially young fellows such as Bill, and to point them toward a BNAPS member who will cultivate them for membership.

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Ron Leith at the Brock House*



*Brock House Dinner: (L-R) Chris McGregor,  
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*Art Klass receives his 50th birthday  
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# POST OFFICE DIRECTIONAL MARKINGS & DEAD LETTER OFFICE CANCELLATIONS 1870 TO 1899

## PART FOUR

by Roger Grigson

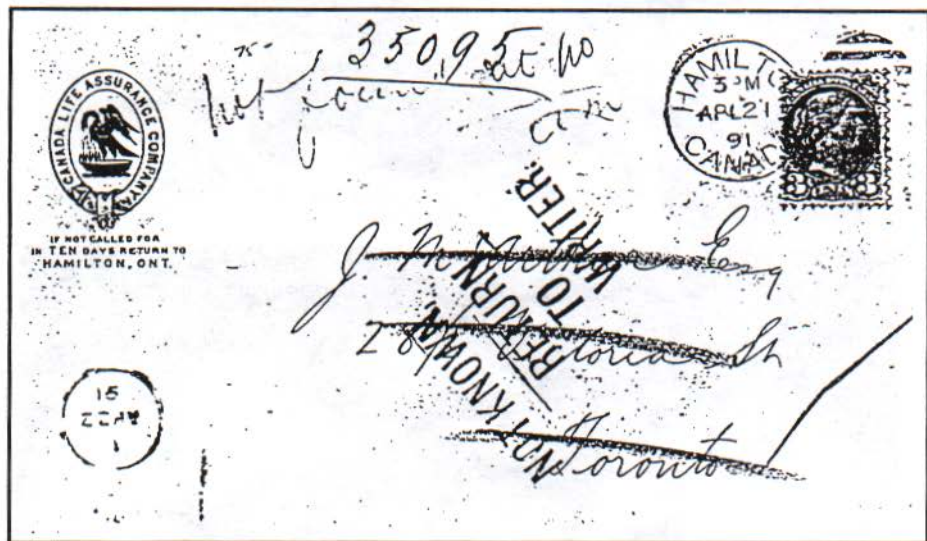


Fig. 18

### RETURNED FOR DEFICIENT POSTAGE A Boxed RETURNED FOR DEFICIENT POSTAGE 3C RETURNED FOR POSTAGE

The Post Office instructs for postage deficiencies are detailed under the *Insufficiently Prepaid* heading. These handstamps, figs. 25, 26 & 4, were in general use on deficient and short paid mail. The boxed type fig. 4 is the rarer type only five examples have been seen. It is at present, not absolutely clear whether they were applied to the letter at the office of mailing, or the office of receipt prior to it being sent to the Dead Letter Office, or if a return address was shown back to the sender. The handstamp was used singly and occasionally with other markings and handstamps relevant to postage deficiencies, the *Returned For Postage* has been seen struck in purple ink.

### RETURNED TO, RETURN TO WRITER, RETURNED TO WRITER and THE POINTING HAND

These handstamps, fig. 27, 28, and 29, were frequently used in combination with other handstamps. They all appeared in use around the time that the Request Letter service was initiated and were in general use. A variety of types are known some with and without a hyphen. Of the various pointing hands some contain similar wording referring to the sender, while others are blank. The type seen in fig. 28 has only been recorded in use in Nova Scotia.

### TOO LATE

Should a letter be posted on the day of departure of a Mail but not in time to be sent forward by it, the words *Too Late* are to be stamped on the letter in addition to the post-mark.



Fig. 19

**POST OFFICE DIRECTION**

of this handstamp recorded. Fig. 30.

Originally this instruction applied to the mails up to about the mid 1850's these handstamps reappeared and are recorded in use through to the mid 1890's on all classes of mail. It is not clear why they were used, as the majority of strikes seen are on mail which has not been delayed or where prompt delivery was not demanded by Post Office regulations, i.e. circulars etc. There are several different types

**UNCLAIMED**

This handstamp, fig. 29, was in use on all classes of undelivered and uncollected mail, see *Not Called For*. It was gradually replaced in the 1870's by the NOT CALLED FOR handstamp, although it did appear infrequently up to the mid 1890's when it was sometimes used in conjunction with other handstamps, i.e. *RE-*

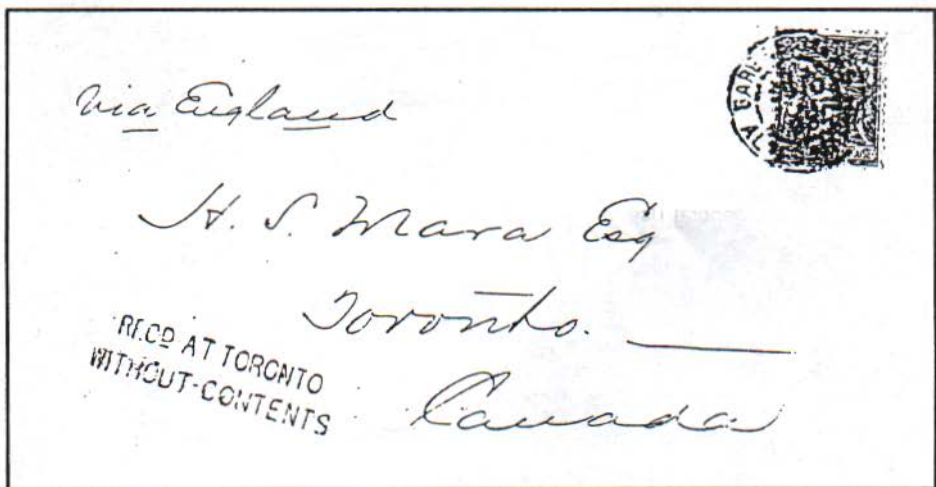


Fig. 20

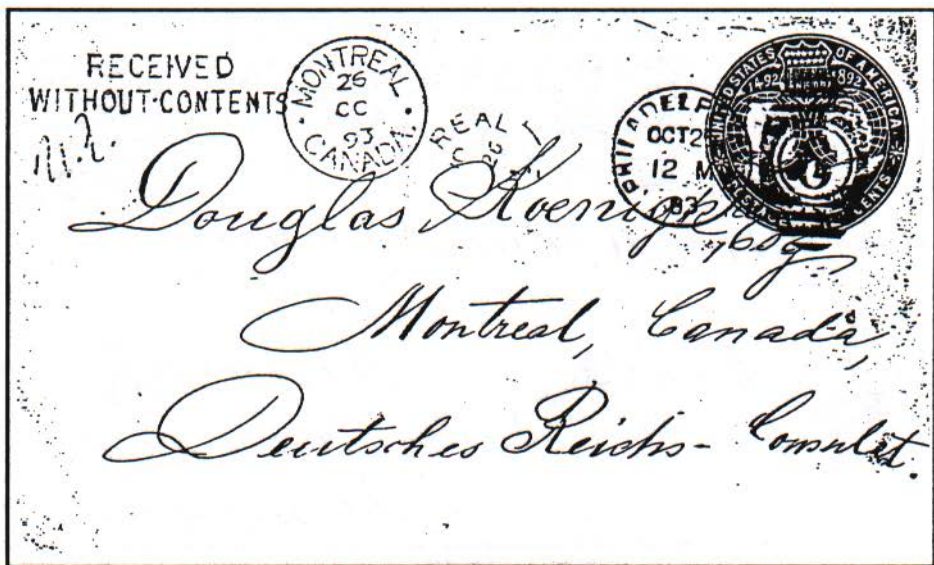


Fig. 21

**TURNED TO.** There are two type sizes of this handstamp seen, one of 5mm and the other 6mm.

**RECEIVED AT TORONTO WITHOUT CONTENTS**

This two line handstamp, like many others,

was first used at Toronto in the early years of 1890. The wording explains its use. There have been only two examples of this particular handstamp seen, one on a letter from Canada to Europe and the other on a letter from France, fig. 20, this suggests for the moment, that it was only used in the department dealing with incoming and outgoing overseas mail.



Fig. 22



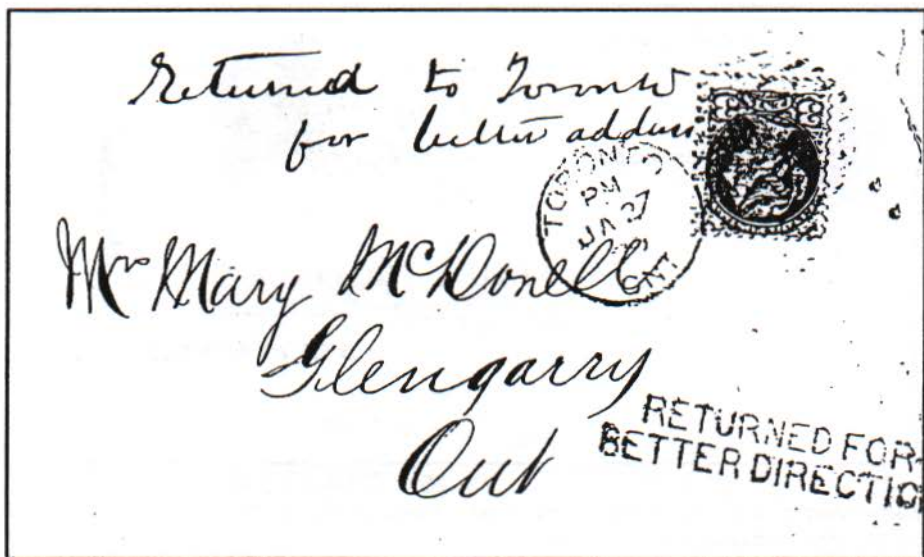


Fig. 23

RECEIVED WITHOUT CONTENTS

This handstamp was only used at Montreal struck along with a Montreal c.d.s., fig. 21, both were struck in purple ink. As with the similar marking used in Toronto few examples exist, and those that do are on mail to and from overseas, which produces the same supposition.

REFUSED

There are to date, only two examples of this handstamp seen; one on a post office postcard used for information purposes referring to the cancellation of a magazine mailing subscription, and the other, fig. 22, used either to indicate the addressee had refused receipt of the letter due to the postage due charge, or, the Post Office

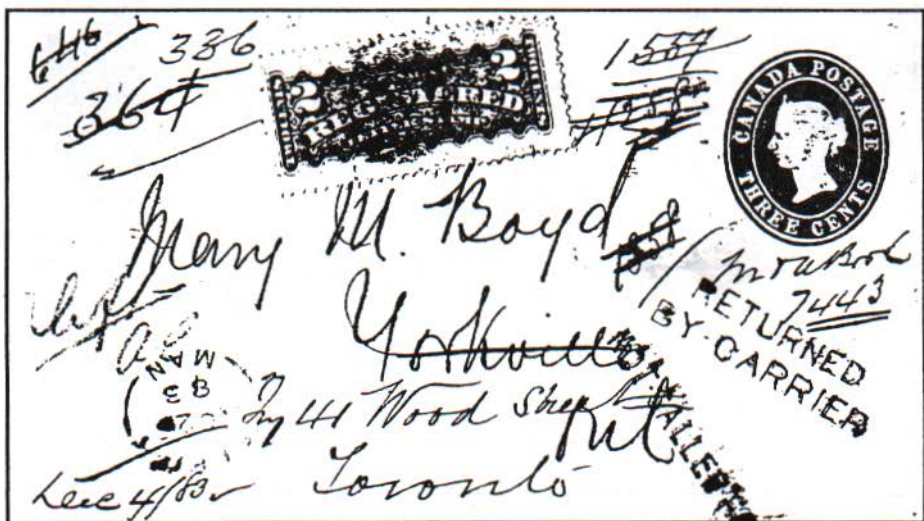


Fig. 24

(Statistiques Judiciaires.)

L'HONORABLE

RETURN  
FOR  
POSTAGE



SECRÉTAIRE PROVINCIAL,

QUEBEC.

RETURNED FOR  
DEFICIENT POSTAGE

Fig. 25

had refused to carry it due to the reason stated by the other handstamp, *CLOSED AGAINST INSPECTION* - see under that heading. It is not clear which of these reasons is the true one.

this purpose. Fig. 23.

#### RETURNED FOR BETTER DIRECTION

Mail which could not be delivered because the address was insufficient or inaccurate was marked as such and sent to the Dead Letter Office to be dealt with. There were various types of similarly worded handstamps issued for

#### RETURNED BY CARRIER

Free delivery by carriers began in Toronto on March 1st 1875 and certain directive handstamps evolved as a consequence, see *NOT FOUND* and *CALL*. So few examples of this particular handstamp, fig. 24, are known that no pattern of use can be determined. However, certain manuscript markings on the cover bearing the only seen example are similar to

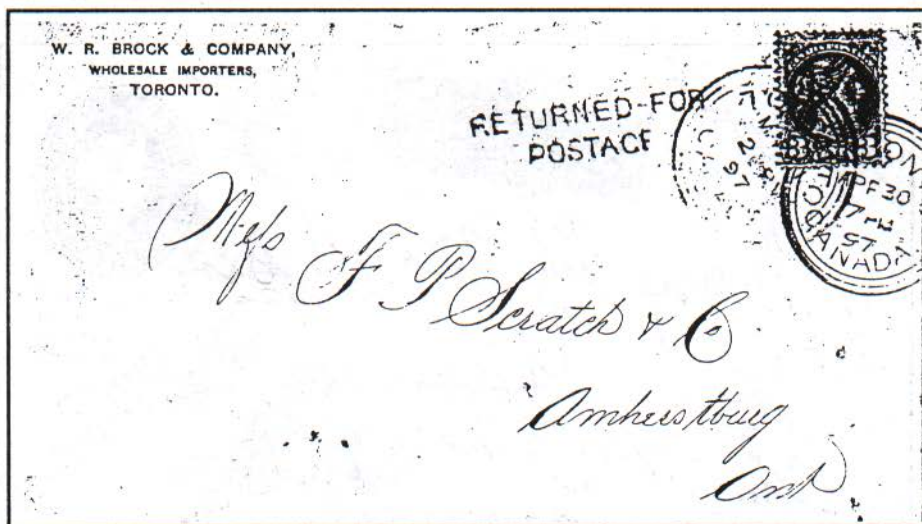


Fig. 26

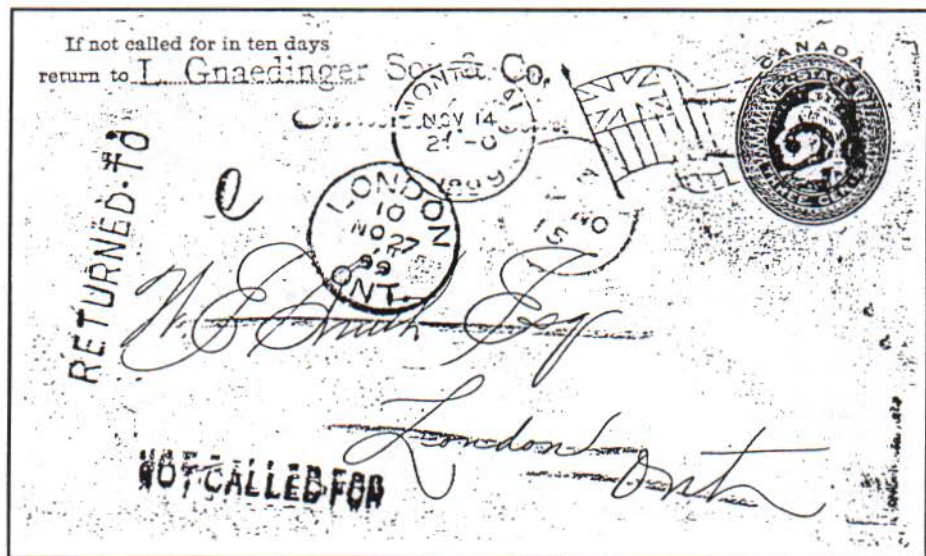


Fig. 27

those associated with the *CALL* handstamp.

**NOT KNOWN RETURN TO WRITER**

This four line handstamp, fig. 18, was probably made of rubber and appeared in use at Toronto in the early 1890's. Its use seems to

be similar to that of the octagonal *NOT CALLED FOR TORONTO* as all examples seen are on undeliverable letters with return addresses, which allowed them to be dealt with under the Request Letters directive. Both black and purple inks have been seen used with this handstamp.



Fig. 28



Fig. 29



Fig. 30

## OVER 1/2 OZ.

This handstamp, fig. 19, was used on overweight letters together with other handstamps, in particular *RETURNED FOR POSTAGE* and the fairly uncommon DLO circle - normally only found as a backstamp. On all covers bearing this handstamp there is an additional postage stamp, paying the deficient postage, which has been cancelled with a Dead Letter c.d.s. As there are only three examples seen, an accurate pattern of use and location of the point of

application is still difficult to determine.

## PREPAID BY PUBLISHER

Only partial examples of this mark on stamps have been seen, until complete covers bearing this mark have been seen no accurate information can be given.

## POINTING HAND

See under the *RETURN TO* handstamp.

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## BNA Philately in Print

by Mike Street

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**1992 (SCOTT) STANDARD POSTAGE STAMP CATALOGUE, VOLUME 1;** Scott Publishing, Co., Sidney, OH, 1991. Soft Cover, 1166pp, \$30US; hard cover, \$49.95US

What can you say about *Scott's Volume 1* that hasn't already been said before? Covering the United States, United Nations, and most of the countries of the British Commonwealth, it is thick, weighs a ton, and contains an amazing amount of information. Now in the third year of publishing 'retail' prices, i.e. what collectors can expect to pay, instead of 'reference' prices, it remains popular with general collectors and dealers alike.

The only changes of note this year are that the minimum price for a stamp, reflecting dealers' overheads, is now 15 cents, and prices for sets now indicate the retail value of the set, not the cumulative value of individual stamps. Production values for Scott's remain high, although some illustrations are darker than they should be.

*Scott's Volume 1* is not a catalogue for someone who specializes in Canada, but if your collecting interests include North America and any commonwealth countries, it may be the book for you.

**CANADIAN REVENUES, Vol. 4 - The Prairie Provinces;** Edward Zaluski, privately published, Ottawa, 1991. Soft cover, 164 pages. \$22.50-Cdn postpaid to Canadian addresses, \$23.50-Cdn or \$20.25US postpaid to United States addresses. Available from the author, 2777 Springland Dr., Ottawa, ON K1V 9X2, or the dealers named above.

Once again the *Canadian Revenues* series provides a glimpse of what it takes for a country like this to function. In addition to the expected Law and Electrical Inspection stamps, this volume has listings for Telephone Franks, Prosperity Certificates, Vacation Pay and Con-

servation stamps, not to mention Operating Engineers' and Firemens' stamps and Education Tax tickets.

Background information provided includes legislation concerning the stamps, orders and deliveries. Where available, philatelic information includes proofs and specimens, remainders, varieties and cancellations.

Production quality is again quite high, although some photographs are dark and appear a bit out of focus. Photos again include rulers as borders on all four sides.

**STANLEY GIBBONS STAMP CATALOGUE - PART 1, BRITISH COMMONWEALTH, 1992 EDITION;** Stanley Gibbons Publications Ltd., London, 1991. Hard cover, 1304 pp, £30.

Even thicker and heavier than its American competitor, *Gibbons Part 1* also presents its audience with a vast amount of information.

Noted for attention paid to varieties, Gibbons this year includes separate listings for both chalk and ordinary paper printings of stamps of Great Britain, and even notes that last year's Canadian Forest stamps were available in a special format through a Petro-Canada promotion.

Stanley Gibbons Part 1 is a better guide than Scott Volume 1 for BNA and Commonwealth collectors whose interests do not include the US or the UN.

**BRITISH COLUMBIA POST OFFICES,** expanded revised edition; William Topping and William Robinson, eds.; privately published, Vancouver, 1991; soft cover, 96 pages. \$19-Cdn, available from W. Topping, 7430 Angus Drive, Vancouver, BC V6P 5K2.

As promised, after finishing their series of checklists of Post Offices of the Western Canadian provinces and territories, the editors have gone back and revised the first one - British



Columbia.

Since the first edition appeared eight years ago, enough new information has been added to warrant a 20-page increase in the size of the checklist. The main change is significant - most listings now include the MOON (Money Order Office Number) and/or POCN (Post Office Computer Number) used at the office.

Also listed are the 'new' RPOs (Retail Post Offices) opened by Canada Post throughout the country over the past few years in pharmacies and larger convenience stores. (Sadly, the next edition of this work will reflect the closing of most post offices in major cities.)

On the production side, the big switch is the size of the new edition - from 6"x9" to 8.5"x11". Where the last edition was printed from a master produced by a dot matrix printer, the new one appears to have been produced by a laser printer, with the expected jump in quality. These two changes make for an easy to read, easy to use postal history tool. All in all, a solid upgrade.

**A CANADIAN MILITARY POSTAL HISTORY ANTHOLOGY**; Ken Ellison and Ritch Toop, eds., and the members of BNAPS' Canadian Military Mail Study Group; published by Robert A. Lee Philatelist Ltd.; #203-1139 Sutherland Ave., Kelowna, BC V1Y 5Y2. Soft cover, 232pp. Available from the publisher. \$32.05Cdn postpaid to addresses in Canada; \$30US postpaid to addresses in the USA.

Ever wondered what Canadian Military Postal History is all about? Interested in postal history generally? Published to celebrate the 100th newsletter of BNAPS' Canadian Military Mail Study Group, this anthology is a 'good read'.

The collection of almost 50 articles covers a broad range of subjects, including 19th Century Soldier's Rates, the Boer War, Evolution of the Postal Corps, POW Mail, Canada's Militia, the Hong Kong story, the Forestry Corps, Naval covers, Censorship, the Royal North West Mounted Police, Siberian activity, Canada's Militia, and many more. One article, 'Canadian Military Research References', points the way to other sources of information.

This book belongs in every Canadian philatelic library. Well done!

**THE POSTAGE RATES OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC MAILS (1635-1950)**; Malcolm B.

Montgomery, MBE; privately published. 1991; £16 + postage (£10 air, £4.50 surface). Available from the author, 26 Cambridge Rd., Southampton, England, SO2 0RD.

This book, close to 200 pages in published form, comprises the 'notes' of someone who has laboured long and hard at making sense out of North Atlantic mail rates.

It is made up of four sections: a brief account of trans-Atlantic postal history, a series of lists giving rates for the United Kingdom, the United States and British North America, a series of tables summarising the rates recorded in the lists, and a comprehensive bibliography.

In addition to the details, effective date and value of each rate, almost all list entries include the source of the information, whether from philatelic sources, Post Office publications, or legal volumes. Coverage of pre-20th century sea rates is extensive. 20th century coverage, except for special events such as historic first flights, is less comprehensive.

Anyone studying trans-Atlantic mail will find this a valuable reference.

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Editorial Consultant Vic Willson has indicated that he would like to take over this feature, so the above will be my last book reviews for *TOPICS*.

When I revived the practice of regularly reviewing books in *TOPICS* some 10 years ago, my goal was not only to make readers aware of what was available but also, through having to do the work, to increase my own knowledge of BNA philately. Over the years it came to be the job I enjoyed the most.

Almost as important as what I learned about philately was what I learned about philatelic authors and publishers. All the authors work long and hard, for the sole purpose of sharing their information with other collectors; with very few exceptions they get little or no reward beside the pleasure of seeing their work in print. Similarly, almost all of the publishers do what they do primarily as a service to philately; if they make a dollar in the process, they usually plow it back into more books.

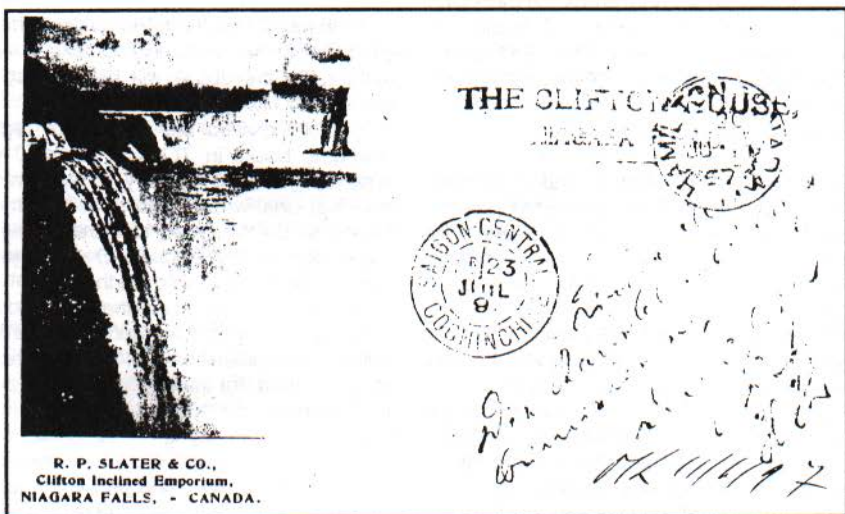
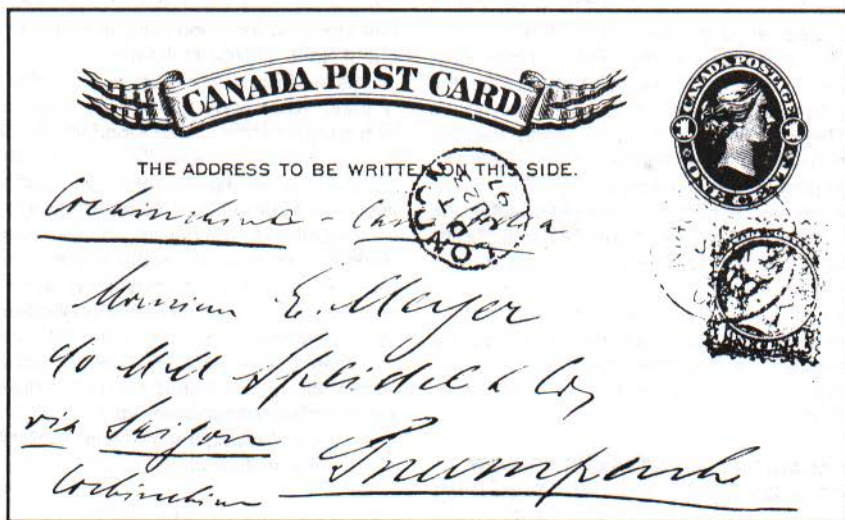
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by Allan Steinhart

AN UNUSUAL DESTINATION FOR A PIONEER VIEW CARD



After Canada Post in 1890 allowed the use of 1c Canada Post cards plus 1c additional postage to make the 2c U.P.U. Post card rate we find many of them and they are common. Most are found to European destinations. Some of these cards are used to more exotic destinations. The card shown here has in addition one of the pioneer Niagara Falls printed views on the reverse. This card dated June 11, 1897 is used from Niagara Falls via London and Saigon, French Indo-China (Vietnam) to Phnom Penh, Cambodia. This is an exotic destination and probably the only small queen cover to there.

# New Issues

by William J. F. Wilson

Four new stamp issues have come out since the Sept.-Oct. *BNA TOPICS*.

The Canada's River Heritage stamps are among the best Canada Post has issued in recent years. The designs are simple and crisp, so much so that at first glance they almost looked steel engraved. Normally I'm bothered by the trend to larger stamps, but the size certainly seems to work here.

The following data have been obtained from the Canada Post booklet *Canada's Stamp Details*, with the exception of the stamp sizes, perforation gauges and number of teeth, which are my own measurements. Stamp sizes, per-

forations and teeth are given as (HORIZONTAL) X (VERTICAL). The Dangerous Occupations issue is listed at the end of the table, and a list of abbreviations is given at the end of the column.

There is a *report of an unconfirmed report* in the latest *Canadian Philatelist* of a perf. variation in the 40 cent roll stamp (coil stamp), which I have also been unable to confirm; so please check your roll stamps. The standard is perf. 10. If anyone finds a perf. or other variation in this or any other recent issue, please report it to me and I will describe it in the next column.

Issue:	River Heritage	Arrival of Ukrainians	Folktales
Value: (excl. GST)	5 x 40¢ (se tenant)	4 x 40¢ (se tenant)	4 x 40¢ (se tenant)
Type:	Commem.	Commem.	Commem.
Issued:	20 Aug 1991	20 Aug 1991	1 Oct 1991
Printer:	A-P	CBNC	A-P
Quantity	15,000,000 stamps	15,000,000	20,000,000
Size (mm):	30.5 x 48	27.0 x 40	30 x 40
Gum:	PVA	PVA	PVA
Paper:	C1S,L (P)	C1S,L (CP)	C1S,L (H)
Process:	5CL	5CL	5CL
Pane:	Stamp Pack of 10 stamps	20	50
Tagging:	G (4 sides)	G (4 sides)	G (4 sides)
Perf.:	13.1 x 12.5	13.3 x 13.0	13.3 x 12.5
Teeth:	20 x 30	18 x 26	20 x 25

Dangerous Occupations (4 x 40¢ se tenant), issued 23 Sept 1991; same statistics as for the Arrival of the Ukrainians, except;

Size (mm) = 30 x 40.5; Pane of 50 stamps; Perf. 13.3 x 13.3; Teeth 20 x 27.

ABBREVIATIONS: 5CL - five colour lithography; A-P - Ashton-Potter; C1SL - coated one side, litho; CBNC - Canadian Bank Note Company; (CP) - Coated Papers; G = general tagging; (H) = Harrison paper; (P) - Peterborough paper.



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# The RPO Cowcatcher

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A Guest Column by William G. Robinson, OTB  
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The last column included some of the basic definitions of RPO Cancel collecting. This one will cover the layout of the Catalogue, and how to find the listing for a marking. The page headings are as follows:

1. Listing Number - This consists of a letter or letters showing the geographical location or purpose of the marking, (eg. MA-for the Maritime Provinces), and a sequential number, usually in alphabetical order of the hammer wording. When an additional listing is found between two other runs, a suffix capital letter may be added to the number eg. Q-6A. Also, if two or more ship or clerk names are found for otherwise identical hammers, suffix lower case letters may be added to the number, eg. S-135a to S-135q.

2. Cancellation - This column shows the exact wording of the marking. Pay particular attention to upper and lower case letters and punctuation. Some such differences may not warrant separate listings, but merely show multiple hammers for the same listing. The *wandering apostrophes* of the abbreviated Winnipeg strikes - i.e. - WPG, W'P'G, W'P'G or WPG exist for different hammers of the W-196 listing.

Known errors in spelling on a hammer are shown by an asterisk (\*) adjacent to the error. Examples are MA-72 (*Campblleton*) and MA-79 (*Campellton*).

3. Type - These are illustrated and explained on pages 236 and 267 of the catalogue. There are 35 basic types of marking recognized, and numerous sub-types. Many of the wordings under 2. above appear identical, so ensure that you have the right type identified - eg. circular with single outer ring, double outer ring, ringless, wording between two rings, and then oval, straight-line, squares, shields, diamonds, hexagons, rollers and others. Try to memorize the common basic types.

4. Direction - This column may include direction (compass) marks or abbreviations (eg. N,S); Time Marks - (eg. AM, PM, actual times, 24, etc.); or Train Numbers. Trains from No.1 to 874 are known for various listings - and these are shown in detail on pages 204 to 222 of the

catalogue because many main listings were carried on numerous trains. In some cases, Train Numbers may appear in conjunction with the direction markings - (eg. T1N for Train 1 Northbound); or in Newfoundland with EX markings for express trains (eg. EX1 or EX2).

5. Period of Use - The earliest and latest known year of use are shown. Careful records are kept of actual dates, and readers who think they have discovered earlier or later uses are encouraged to contact the writer with clear photocopies of their discoveries. New dates are reported in the annual Annexes to the catalogue.

6. Rarity Factor - This is based on a logarithmic scale dependent on the number of strikes recorded in survey samples, the length of time the marking was used, the age and hence the survival rate of the marking. The rarity numbers range from 1 - which would be the most common cancelled stamp, to 500 which represents only a few known examples. The addition of an asterisk (\*) to the 500 rating indicates only one or two known in collector's hands. If the rating is followed by a cross-hatch marking (#) it indicates that most of the known strikes are of philatelic or favour origin. Most such markings are in the Steamer section of the catalogue.

7. Reporter Number - This shows who reported the original listing, and usually the current early and late date reporters. Reporters are listed both alphabetically and sequentially on pages 268 and 269 of the catalogue. More recent reporters are shown in the annual Annexes to the catalogue. Many of the listings will be found to be based on reports of the early *Greats* of RPO collecting - such as Jarrett, Shaw, Whitehead, Richardson, Gedye, Boggs and the Meyersons.

Where numbers have been changed, former numbers are shown in brackets in this column so you may cross-reference with Gillam's *A History of Canadian R.P.O.'s* and other earlier publications.

This, then, is the format of the catalogue, and an introduction to how to use it. Next time we will consider some actual listings and how to locate them.

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# THE POSTAL MARKINGS ST. JOHN'S GENERAL POST OFFICE AND SUB OFFICES 1840 - 1949

by John Butt

## PAID ALL AND POSTAGE PAID

The failure of the G.P.O. at St. John's to keep adequate supplies of low value stamps on hand, caused many problems. To eke out the supplies it was often necessary to issue provisional markings. A *Paid All* or *Postage Paid* marking was applied to internal mail and payment was taken over the counter in cash.

The first usage of these markings occurred in October, 1897. The current one cent value plus a provisional were in short supply. A *Paid All* handstamp was issued and used on all circulars, newspapers and local mail with the postage collected in cash.

The two markings used between 1897 and 1918 are of an indeterminate date. PPM 3 was probably used in place of one cent stamps on bulk mailings.

The first *Postage Paid* was used on two occasions. The first in December of 1918 (PPM 4) stamped in violet, and again in September, 1920 (PPM 5) stamped in carmine. Also in 1920 PPM 6 is known issued for use on outport

mail.

The *Postage Paid* triangular handstamp (PPM 7) was used by the armed forces at St. John's during the Second World War. The use of this cancel was thought to diminish the enemies knowledge of the forces using the port as a base.

The last marking (PPM 8) was used on bulk mailing, mostly during the Christmas season from 1938 to 1948.

**PPM 1:** Black. September 24, 1897-December, 1897

**PPM 2:** Carmine. Unknown

**PPM 3:** Black. Unknown

**PPM 4:** Violet. December 24, 1918-January 21, 1919

**PPM 5:** Carmine. September 3, 1920-October 4, 1920

**PPM 6:** Gray Green. September-October, 1920

**PPM 7:** Blue, Black & Red. Base lengths 45, 50, 52, 65 mm. 1944-1945

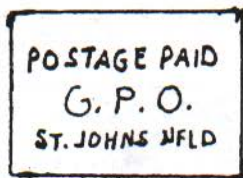
**PPM 8:** Black machine cancel. 1938-1948



PPM 1

PPM 2

PAID ALL  
G.P.O. St. John's Newfoundland



PPM 3



PPM 4





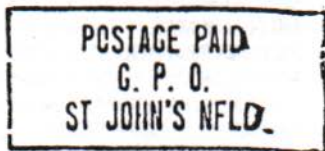
PPM 5

Postage Paid  
G P O  
St. John's N.F.

PPM 6



PPM 7



PPM 8



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by Frank Waite

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## NEW GROUPS FORMING

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## ON THE FRINGES

Those not attending BNAPEX will receive their copy by mail. There will also be an index of the 100 newsletters. Rich thanks Bob Lee and his son for putting the special edition through their desk top publishing operation and to the editor, Ken Ellison for bringing it all together. Members, you are on an honour system as far as payment is concerned. Six new members have joined the study group and the newsletter won a silver-bronze at ORAPEX. Congratulations people. Some of Ed. Richardson's material may be in a Firby auction. The study group requested catalogues be sent to their members seeing that Ed was the founding member back in 1973. Now available; *The Canadian Military Posts*, Volume III by W.J. Bailey and E.R. Toop. Walter Plomish sends in a nice photo copy of an airmail cover, P.O.W. to Argentina with description. An update on the E. De Souza postcards is listed for the membership. Many of these cards have come to the

attention of the study group thanks to Ron Kitchen. From Dean Mario comes a story of a cover that was posted the day before the area in question was destroyed by German bombs. From Bill Robinson comes the story of the Kiska Expedition with an illustration of a re-routed cover. From Dave Hanes comes a nice cover from Force Q. Rich Toop sends in a cover of the United Nations Operations in Korea with a *HUBBA HUBBA* cancellation. Continuing on a former story by Walter Plomish, *Airmail to Canadians Serving Abroad In W.W. II*, a nice rated cover is illustrated with explanation. Hank Narbonne sends in another MOOD cancellation. This one on a money order coupon. From Rich Toop comes a lovely cover addressed to a female internee at Kingston from Berlin-Charlottenburg. Again from Rich Toop is a reproduction of an early Canadian Military cover dated January 23, 1865. From J.C. Campbell comes a nice First Day Cover of the



official opening of the Dundurn Military Camp, July 7, 1936. J.C. Campbell also sends in a nice postcard with a reproduction of Lt. Col. O'Malley correspondence to a Lt. Pinneo. Lt. Col. O'Malley was attached to the 25th Elgin Battalion. It's a nice round-out to the 100th newsletter. Congratulations people on a good job.

From a 100 issue we now go to a number 2 issue. Paul Burega of **Philateliography Canada**, the Journal of the *BNAPS Literature Study Group* is trying to enroll a few members by sending the newsletter to BNAPEX. I hope some of you showed a little interest in this most interesting study group. Paul asks for ideas on future articles. I'm sure there are many of you with more than just a passing interest in philatelic literature. Paul was married on the 24th of August. I'm sure you all join me in wishing the newlyweds a long and happy life together. In a press release, the Italian Postal History Society (A.I.S.P.) announced that as of January 1, 1991, they will be offering an award for philatelic literature works. The prize will be offered annually and consists of 3,000 Swiss Francs or the equivalent in gold coins. For more information from anywhere in Canada, phone 011-39-2-46.19.116 or FAX at 011-39-2-4800-9474. The study group has enrolled three new members; Ralph Mitchener, Charles Verge and Rich Toop. The membership, as of this writing, now stands at fourteen. Charles Verge, Chairman of ORAPEX '91 reports on Canada's first national philatelic exhibition and asks if it was the largest such exhibition ever held in North America. A complete listing of all the awards also appear in this issue of the newsletter. Classified ads are published and are also solicited. The dues for membership into the study group are \$12.00 Canadian or \$10.00 U.S. Applications for membership may be sent to Paul Burega, Box 15765, Merivale Depot, Nepean Ont., K2C 3S7. Members are reminded that there is a literature class at CANADA 92. Interested parties are to contact Charles J.G. Verge, P.O. Box 2788, Station "D", Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, K1P 5W8. Ralph Mitchener submitted Part I of Catalogue Of The Philatelic Library Of The Earl Of Crawford, K.T. by E.D. Bacon. Part II will appear in the next newsletter.

C.A. Stillions of the **Newfie Newsletter** opens up with a good article on *The Bogus PARIS Labels*. The purpose of the article is to summarize all information and add something about the creators of the labels. In the mail

came Ed Wener's July price list with a couple of Newfoundland philatelic articles. Dean Mario is compiling a list of Newfoundland Duplex cancellations and is asking for membership assistance. T.R. Ubbelohde sent his resignation due to failing eyesight. Congratulations are in order for this newsletter's award of a bronze medal at ORAPEX '91. The effort put into this and other newsletters merits Gold, however. C.A. reminds all of BNAPEX and asks that you support the dealer members. There are still INFOFINDERS available at \$5.00 for members and \$7.00 for non-members. Profits go to the study group. C.A. is also looking for input into the newsletter. Support your editor people. He's doing a great job. The newsletter is rounded out with an update on the 1897 *Paid All* handstamp by Dean Mario. He also encloses some beautiful examples of covers bearing the handstamp.

From the **Revenuers**, Wilmer was hoping to see many of the membership at BNAPEX. Two new members are welcomed into the study group. They are Steven Zirinsky and William Gerlach. Bob Lee's auction #64 and van Dam's auction #45 were both publicized. Wilmer reiterates policy that the newsletter will publish articles submitted by the membership that are revenue related. There's no charge for adlets. E. Zaluski seeks information to update the 1961 Richardson article that appeared in *TOPICS* entitled *The Tax Tickets In Canada*. Ed. Zaluski has submitted two pages of a three page article entitled *In Search Of Compound Perforations*. It's a good article that will no doubt stir up a little controversy among perforation measuring specialists. Page three will appear in the next issue of the newsletter and I look forward to it.

Bob Lemire of **Postal Stationery Notes** has several articles in this edition of PSSG newsletter. The first is entitled *Formual Air Letter Sheets* and are divided into three groups. Bob is looking for information and photocopies from the membership for further study. Do you remember the cards that were sent for you to read and mark your electricity meter in the event you were not home when your meter was to be read by a meter man? Well, Bob does quite an article on this Postal Stationery of La Coopérative d'Electricité de Bonaventure. I'm sure there will be a good response to this one. Photocopies of a variety on EN543-15 were sent in by Pierre Gauthier and commented upon and Bob sheds more light on the Webb EN37. Bill Walton sent in a scarce Veterans Af-

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# *From the Secretary*

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*Please note that the signature of both a proposer and a seconder  
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C Canada M & U, Canada revenues, Brit Col  
Proposed by: Secretary
- R5013 MACKEY, James A., P.O. Box 7121, Saskatoon, SK, Canada S7K 4J1  
C Canada early, Canada 1920s-40s, Newfoundland  
Proposed by: Secretary
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C/D Canada to 1935, Newfoundland stamps & covers  
Proposed by: C. Firby, 2664; Seconded by: W.G. Robinson, 2982
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C Pre-1930 postal history, Semi-official airmail, Flag cancels  
Proposed by: Secretary
- R5016 SAUNDERS, Brian H., 81, Calder Ave., Brookmans Park, Hatfield, Herts., UK AL9 7AJ  
C Plate imprint blocks, fancy cancels, semi-official airmail  
Proposed by: Secretary
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C Blocks, First day covers  
Proposed by: Secretary
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C Canada small queens, postal history, first cents  
Proposed by: V. Willson, 3958; Seconded by: A. Steinhart, 2010
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C Canada regular issues, commemoratives, small queens  
Proposed by: Soule, C.C., 4169
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C Canada & pre-confederation provinces  
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C Maritime postal history, RPO, used Canada  
Proposed by: Secretary

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R4999 FALLE, Michael B.

- R5002 WHARTON, Phillip R.
- R5003 FLEET, J. Richard
- R5006 KLUGMAN, Keith P.
- R5007 MYERS, John C.
- R5008 PETROVICH, E.
- R5010 RAKE, Keith

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- R4996 PIERCEY, Chris G.
- R5000 LEUNG, Lam P.
- R5001 PALMER, Mark Charles
- R5004 GAUDET, Joseph A.
- R5005 INNES, Ross M.
- R5009 ROOZENDAAL, Arnold H.

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- R3541 SMELE, David H., 56 Darren Drive, Angus, ON, Canada L0M 1B0
- R3655 TRIMBLE, Ralph E., P.O. Box 26556, Markville P.O., Markham, ON, Canada L3R 0M4
- R3917 DAY, William Eric, P.O. Box 40526, Upper Brant Postal Outlet, Burlington, ON, Canada L7P 4W1
- L3989 HARRIS, D. Robin, 33 Clearview Drive, Winnipeg, MB, Canada R2G 3P5
- R4086 FALLON, Ron, 1342 52nd Street, Delta, BC, Canada V4M 2Z3
- R4449 LARSEN, Layne R., 47 Elvaston Avenue, Nepean, ON, Canada K2G 3X6
- R4513 PARKER, Douglas, 5205 West Thunderbird - Apt. 2088, Glendale, AZ, USA 85306

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Total membership as of last report	1339
New members added in this report	9
Reinstated	9
Deceased	3
Total membership as of this report	1354
Previous application(s) pending	8
New application(s)	11

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fairs Housing Card. This is a survey of living accommodations of veterans. Bill also sends in a copy of a Newfoundland P-4 with a lovely illustration on the back. It's the Port of St. John's Newfoundland. The card is addressed to Munchen, Bavaria. Wouldn't C.A. Stillions like to get his hands on this one. Bill Walton sends in a UPU card with a 2cent small Queen denomination surcharged one cent. Bill offers opinions and asks the membership for their information and thoughts on this improbable sur-

charge. Finally there's the PSSG market-place. In one of the spaces it is noted that Bob is looking for help in preparing the PSSG Marketplace two or three times a year.

Well Editors, once more you have all done a fine job of informing your membership of the comings and goings of your study groups. The next issues I know will be full of news from BNAPEX. I hope the membership in general finds this interesting enough to want to join another study group.

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