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## BNAPEX '92 REVIEW

It has already been a month since BNAPEX '92 closed down in St. Charles, Illinois. If you missed it, you missed a great time. The location was delightful - almost rural but near the village of St. Charles, an antique center that was enjoyed by those who ventured the three miles to it. The weather was wonderful. My roomie and dealer Allan Steinhart opined that the mist and drizzle that fell all day Wednesday was a dealer's dream, but it cleared away to beautiful sunshine the rest of the time. The tours set up

for BNAPEXers were by all reports great, an architectural tour of Chicago and a boat ride on the St. Charles River. The resort was very pleasant and had its own excellent entertainment, a dinner music theater. We saw *The Music Man*, very well performed. It is one of my favorites of the classic Broadway musicals and presents well an America that we wish existed, even if all the particulars may not have been exactly so, and music that represents well the Gilded Age of pre-War America (the Great War, that is).

The exhibit hall was spacious and well-light-

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ed, the better to view some of the best collections ever formed in their specialty. See the awards listing elsewhere. In some ways the exhibits represented a new page in BNAPS to my way of thinking. While all eras were represented, from early 19th century stampless to Caricature booklets, the major exhibits were not Canada Pence or Cents presentations but topics such as Special Delivery, Precancels, and B.C. Express covers. We had a long run, from 1972 or so to 1986 in which only classic period stamp and cover exhibits won the Grand. There is certainly nothing wrong with the power of those exhibits, but BNAPS historically had included other fields in the top award, including booklet panes, Admirals, proofs to include Bob Pratt's 1937-41 Newfoundland, and early postmarks. I think it has been healthy to see the winners of the last five BNAPEXes include a topical (Ken Kutz's Mining in Canada), Eastern Provinces Revenues ( Harry Lussey), Canada Registration Stamps (Horace Harrison), and Prestamp and Stampless Mail (Allan Steinhart), in addition to this year's, G. H. Davis' Canadian Special Delivery. I do not want to dwell on the monetary aspect, because any Grand Award is going to have some considerable monetary investment, no matter the topic, but it does show that one need not require a half-million dollar outlay to get the Grand. Nor does it require even \$1000 to win the Richardson Research Award, as Jeff Switt did for the second time in three years, this time for Canada Mourning Covers. What is required is imagination, persistence, an eye for the unusual, and the willingness to exhibit. Exhibiting is not just for the owner, but is instead a sharing with all BNAPS members, those who attend and those who cannot. It represents the willingness to share with others the results of philatelic labor. A bronze may be where your collection is at present, but there is always some information that others can take away from it, and perhaps also help you improve or go a new direction. Those who see your exhibit may remember you when they have items to dispose of - it's happened to me.

We must thank Bob Schlesinger, Basil Burrell, Marc Eisenberg, Jim Goben, Mark Isaacs, Frank Oakes, Dr. Ian Taylor, and especially Audrey Burrell for the Ladies Program.

They did a great job with very limited personnel resources. Mark Isaacs really pitched in with his expertise from many major Chicago shows, and it was very nice to get to know him.

### **TORONTO - BNAPEX '93**

While we are on this subject, make your plans for the Royal York Hotel in downtown Toronto over the Labor Day weekend in Toronto. We have a very advantageous rate at the wonderful landmark hotel of Toronto, and Allan Steinhart and the group are planning a topnotch show. The city itself is a major attraction for most of us from outside its environs. Those of you who are close should not be blasé about it nor underestimate its draw for Americans.

### **CROSSBORDER WOES**

The so-called Free Trade idea doesn't seem to penetrate very far where stamp dealers are concerned. The hassles seem different at every checkpoint, from Customs to Immigration. We hope that the efforts of the CSDA to assist Canadian and U.S. dealers with bonds for their stock will alleviate some of the problem, but the need for a green card (U.S.) to sell in the U.S. has taken the problem into the lunacy realm, as Allan Steinhart found out. In strict compliance with the law, he was unable to sell material in the U.S. but could show it and mail it from Canada after he returned with his stock intact. The implication of U.S. Immigration getting into the act aggravates what was already a problem with Customs.

Similar problems continue to plague cross-border mails - it is quite clear that sending stamps via UPS can cause you all sorts of VAT and brokerage fee headaches, even if they are material being returned to Canada. If you send a friend back material you received, it seems the best method is to use the U.S. post, declare on the green sticker, Canadian products being returned to Canada, with no value. The stamp circuit will advise U.S. members the exact wording needed. Otherwise, VAT tax of 7% to 15% will be collected when it should not, since the material originated in Canada. Packages are being routinely opened if suspected of containing anything of value and being slapped with the VAT for the recipient. So much for the sanctity of the mails.

# The President's Corner

William G. Robinson, OTB



It's hard to believe that this is the 16th President's column which I have prepared since taking over unexpectedly from Lew Ludlow in April of 1990.

Time seems to

go faster each year. This will be my last column, as your new President, Chuck Firby, takes over on January 1, 1993. I wish he and his new Officers all success.

The Officers who have worked with me during the past two years have been outstanding, and any success of the Society has been mostly due to their efforts. I would like to mention particularly **Chris McGregor**, whose work as Secretary cannot be praised too highly. Despite several bouts of illness, and also health problems of his wife, Helen, he has always been on the job and kept us current. His computer knowledge has also been drawn on by other Officers, and we are greatly indebted to him. Our Treasurer, **Art Klass** has been a tower of strength. Continuing the fine work done by **Howard Twichell** and **Fred Hollenbeck**, he has changed the fiscal year of the Society to coincide with the IRS reports, and rationalized all the subsidiary accounts of the circuit, book department, *TOPICS*, and other publications.

**Paul Burega** has done a fine job as Circulation Manager and seller of back issues for the past six years. He now wishes to be relieved. Any takers? **Bob Carr** has continued to visit Regional Groups, giving support to those with problems, and trying to organize new Groups. **Earle Covert** has guided the deliberations of the Board of Directors through thick and thin. **Elsie Drury** has managed the circuit well - despite problems with Canada Customs over the GST, and Canada Post over delivery of packages. **Chuck Firby** has been a great help through his knowledge of conventions and dealers, and has had a learning experience over the past two years. **Ed Harris** did a fantastic job in drafting the Policy and Procedures Manual. **Jon Johnson** has continued his fine efforts as Study Group Coordinator. **Don Kaye**

took over the Book Department from **Dave Clare** and has continued a fine sales record. **Bob Lee** contributed much as Advertising Manager, as a major sponsor of new members, and as a publisher of BNA philatelic material. **Clint Phillips** deserves our thanks for organizing and maintaining our Library. **Nick Sheklian** has functioned efficiently as our Admissions Committee, and in overseeing our Internal Audit Committee with **Harry Lussey** and **Chuck Firby**. **Allan Steinhart**, a former Chairman of the Board, has always been ready to further the publication of new BNA Handbooks, while **Mike Street** has effectively acted as Chairman of the Editorial Board of *TOPICS* - with the assistance of **George Arken**, **Bill Bailey** and **Ken Ellison** for the past year. **Jeff Switt** has worn two hats as Convention Coordinator and Membership & Publicity Manager and excelled at both jobs. **Ed Whiting** continued the collection of artifacts and data as Historian. **Vic Willson** continued to provide an outstanding Society magazine as *TOPICS* Editor. Last, but far from least, **Don Wilson** has conciliated many problems for the Ethics Committee with the help of **Bill Walton** and **Mike Street**. **Bill Walton** also chaired the Nomination Committee with the help of **Al Steinhart** and **Don Wilson**, while **Sam Horton** and his helpers counted the ballots. It takes many hand to run BNAPS, and my sincere thanks go to these members, and any I may have missed.



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# Letters

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## BNAPS MEMBER

Your editorial, *Specialization and Who We Are* left me with some thoughts I'd like to share.

Why do I belong to BNAPS? Primarily, I am voting with my dollars to support an organization whose members make continuing, strong contributions to BNA philately and its information base. Other membership benefits are usually secondary for my enthusiasm for collecting varies with time.

My interest in BNA was kindled about 30 years ago as a diversion (fun collection) from intensively collecting US stamps. BNA stuck; the US collection is dormant. My BNAPS membership dates back about seven years. BNAPS has my support because of continuing interest on my part and the quality material in BNA *TOPICS*.

My BNA *TOPICS* often accumulate and go unread for months or years until something rekindles my interest. Then I scramble to find all the issues, read, study, acquire current catalogues and stamps, and (even) socialize.

This afternoon I read a year's worth of *TOPICS* for the first time and saw BNAPS from yet another perspective - different, I'm sure from the new member reviewing his first issue.

I welcome specialization. I read and enjoy most of the *TOPICS* articles because they open new frontiers and stretch my mind. Of an afternoon about 5 years ago, Lew Ludlow taught me much about philatelic research, without knowing he was doing so. That visit gave me insight which has added meaning to many *TOPICS* articles. I don't have an RPO cancellation in my collection (although Lew tried) but I can appreciate the time and dedication with which BNAPS members pursue any chosen topic.

There is a tendency for *TOPICS* to apologize for itself. No need. If there is a need, it is to bridge the gulf between the public, the collector, the specialist, and the expert. If there is a shortcoming, it is that many authors assume too much sophistication and philatelic maturity on my part.

Philip H. Kohl

# Notes

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## AFA PRESIDENT'S PRIZE REPLACES AFA GOLD AWARD

The Aerophilatelic Federation of the Americas (AFA) has announced its *President's Prize* for presentation at shows having aerophilatelic subjects among the entries in their exhibitions. The prize, open for all exhibitors, supersedes the AFA Gold Award for the best airmail exhibit by an AFA member.

To encourage and to recognize exhibiting of aerophilatelic material, the AFA President's Prize is to be awarded for a bronze, silver-bronze, or silver award exhibit of a relevant sub-

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**G. H. Davis - Canada Special Delivery**

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**Jeffrey Switt - Canada Mourning Covers**

This award is given to the exhibit best representing one or more of the following: research, originality, innovativeness, presentation. It is sponsored by the Prairie Beavers Regional Group.

## **VINCENT G. GREENE AWARD**

**Walter Plomish - for his articles on Canadian Airmails**

This award is given annually for the best article or series of articles to appear in *BNA TOPICS* during the previous year. The winner is chosen by the Board of Directors.

## **JOHN S. SIVERTS AWARD**

**John Arnell - Editor of the Transatlantic Mail Study Group Newsletter.**

This award is given annually to the editor of the best Study Group newsletter published during the previous calendar year. The winner is chosen by a committee comprised of the President, the Chairman of the Board, the Study Group Coordinator, The Editor of the Study Group Centreline column, and the Editor of *BNA TOPICS*.

## **JUDGES**

Horace Harrison, chief judge  
Jim Hennok  
Bill Walton  
Marc Eisenberg, apprentice

# More Sketches of BNAPSers

Dr. R.V.C. Carr

## SKETCH No. 244

### Robert Lemire

Finally got Robert Lemire to give me some material on his personal and Philatelic life even though I had to call him to complete his list of accomplishments.

Bob is a research chemist at AECL in Pinawa, Manitoba. When talking to him on the phone I discovered that he and my son have the same profession, same degrees (B.S., M.S., PHD), and the same age!

He was born in Toronto and took his college work at the University of Toronto. He then did Post-Doctorate work at the University of Kentucky. He and his wife are now in Winnipeg.

Philatelicwise, Bob is Chairman of the BNAPS Postal Stationery Study Group and edits their newsletter - all this for the last 10 years. He is also Secretary-Treasurer of the Manitoba Regional Group.

Bob started collecting at an early age and many years ago developed an interest in the Centennial Issue with special interest in its Pos-



tal Stationery which led to collecting it in all eras. This in turn led to the collecting of several other countries and 20th Century Manitoba.

Bob is a regular at BNAPS conventions as I hope you, the reader are - or should be!



## THE POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY OF CANADA INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

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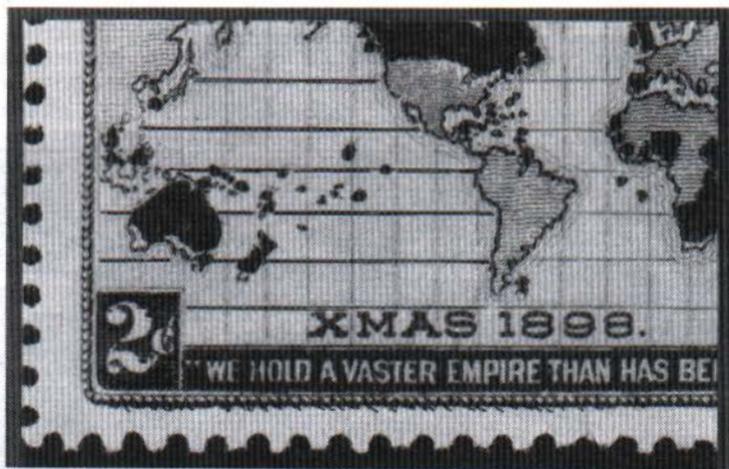
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# THE CANADIAN MAP STAMP OF 1898

## The Two Most Desirable Plate Positions

Whit Bradley



*Black Plate #5, Position #91. Lower left corner (enhanced with india ink) showing re-entry & cable re-touch*

Readers of this article are referred to the Plating Handbook written by the author and published by the British North America Philatelic Society in August of 1989. It is available from their book department. Accordingly, much of the lore of this stamp will not be repeated here.

Reference is made in that publication to the article by Col.C.C. Adams MC FSA in the *London Philatelist* which appeared in Vol. 56 #661 of December 1947 and which was referred to again, by Frederick Tomlinson FCPS on Page 8 of his monumental work *The Canadian Map Stamp of 1898 - A Detailed Study*. The reference referred to is the table detailed therein giving the percentage of copies of each Plate No. by ocean colour, based on an examination by Col. Adams of about 5,000 copies. This table is reproduced herein, in expanded form, using the number of stamps delivered by the American Bank Note Co. (19,927,500). Continuing on, students of this stamp who were members of the Map Stamp Study Group of BNAPS and who received the Newsletter (Vol.1 No.2) of Feb-Mar. 1985, will recall that I said that I would eventually report on an expansion of Col. Adams study based on a sampling of

'probably over 10,000 stamps'. This study is now complete and involves slightly over 11,000 (11,329) specimens - both mint and used. Many of these have passed through my hands but the bulk are in my possession.

The title of this report included *The Two Most Desirable Plate Positions*. An examination of the table in Tomlinson's work indicates that the rarest plate is Plate #5 with lavender or gray ocean color. Since this shade occurs in 50% (pg.9) on all Map Stamps, it is imperative that the student be able to recognize Plate 5 in the lavender/gray shade. This procedure is relatively difficult but with experience in examining many copies of the stamp, it becomes comparatively simple. Basically, the black borders appear to be *Intense Black* which is *blacker* than that on Plates 1, 2, & 3. Also the Latitude and Longitude lines appear to be just a little more pronounced and some are doubled. The red portions, island and colonies, seem to be printed a little sloppier than on the other plates. In addition there are many re-entries (7 major and 47 minor) all of which exhibit either doubling or fuzziness in the cable, particularly on the left side or on the top left corner, and in the

lower left value tablet.

Without going into the detail of each category

and each plate and plate position, my accounting of an additional 11,329 is as follows:

Reproducing Col. Adams table with numbers of 5000 & applications percentages, we get:

<u>ADAMS</u> (from Tomlinson)		<u>No.</u>	<u>%</u>
PLATE I	LAV/GRAY	500	10
	LIGHT BLUE	400	8
	DEEP BLUE	400	8
PLATE II	LAV/GRAY	500	10
	VERY DEEP BLUE	1050	21
PLATE III	LAV/GRAY	1200	24
PLATE V	LAV/GRAY	300	6
	BRIGHT BLUE GREEN	650	13
		5000	100

BRADLEY

PLATE I	LAV/GRAY	1035	9.14
	LIGHT BLUE	632	5.58
	DEEP BLUE	928	8.19
PLATE II	LAV/GRAY	1319	11.64
	VERY DEEP BLUE	2731	24.11
		<u>No.</u>	<u>%</u>
PLATE III	LAV/GRAY	3192	28.18
PLATE V	LAV/GRAY	313	2.76
	BRIGHT BLUE GREEN	1179	10.41
		11329	100.00

Combination of  
BRADLEY & ADAMS  
Total 16329

		<u>No.</u>	<u>%</u>
PLATE I	LAV/GRAY	1535	9.40
	LIGHT BLUE	1032	6.32
	DEEP BLUE	1328	8.13
PLATE II	LAV/GRAY	1819	11.14
	VERY DEEP BLUE	3781	23.16
PLATE III	LAV/GRAY	4392	26.90
PLATE V	LAV/GRAY	613	3.75
	BRIGHT BLUE GREEN	1879	11.20
		16329	100.00

Well now, what do we have? Of the original 19,927,500 it would appear to confirm that the rarest plate is Plate V with a LAV/GRAY ocean - 613 specimens, or 3.75% of the total. Now we must apply this percentage, 3.75, to the total printed 19,927,500 = 747,281 or 7,500 sheets of 100.

**Survival Rate** It is inconceivable that all survived the last 90 years or so and if the percentage is relatively accurate, it means that there were 7,500 sheets of 100 printed. I have doubts about this, but certainly Plate V with the

LAV/GRAY ocean is the least common. Would it be fair to accept that 7,500 were printed? What was the survival rate? Kasimer Bileski is quoted in *Canadian Stamp News* of Jan. 4/83 to the effect that only one in 500 of the early Canadian stamps was saved. 0.2% Ron Winmill and I discussed this, and he believes 3% were saved. Even if one used 5% and considered this an upper limit, we get the following data: Applying this 5% to 750,000 copies we get 37,500 remaining. This is probably in the realm of possibility, because I know of a ½ mint sheet



*Black Plate #5, Position #91. Upper left corner showing Major re-entry? (enhanced with india ink)*

and several large pieces, my own material which includes 313 specimens, in addition Adams identified 300, for the total of 613. In any advent, even withstanding these numbers, the combination of LAV/GRAY ocean and Black Plate V is the least common of all specimens.

Now this applies to the 100 positions on the plate, each of which should have the same desirability factor. The 1987 edition of *Scotts Specialized Catalogue of Canadian Stamps and Covers* lists a major re-entry with a blue green

ocean under No.'s 85 & 86 - position #91. Presumably the editors considered this to be a desirable position (rare?) on this sheet. Rightly or wrongly, I identified six additional positions that might qualify as Major re-entries. We now come to another variable: The two states of Plate V. It is common knowledge among Map Stamp enthusiasts that Plate V exists in two states - before and after re-entering. This has been documented as a possibility by many earlier writers (see Tomlinson, Plate 6). In my



*Black Plate #5, position #92 (black engraving enhanced with india ink!) lower left corner. Showing re-entry and lower cable re-touch.*



*Black Plate #5, position #92. Upper left corner (black engraving enhanced with india ink!)*

studies of this particular item I discovered that a prominent philatelist in England had a  $\frac{1}{2}$  sheet (left) of Plate V with the bright blue green ocean. I had a similar  $\frac{1}{2}$  sheet also. I arranged to borrow his and the gentleman was kind enough to send it to me in Canada for examination. Readers of my newsletter will recall I made a startling discovery. His half sheet was crisp and clear with no re-entries (except for #91), while mine had all the usual positions that showed doubling and fuzziness, also with a re-entered #91. I photographed all the re-entered positions on my half sheet along with the comparable non re-entered positions on his  $\frac{1}{2}$  sheet. However, recently we arranged to have the two  $\frac{1}{2}$  sheets each photographed life size using the Laser photo technique. When the two photos are laid side by side, the result is just as startling as was the originals, to say the least. The question then arises: why did the authorities in 1898 re-enter what looked like a perfectly good sheet and replace it with one showing over 50 re-entries? Why does position #91 show the major re-entry on both printings? Why did they allow each to be sold at Post Offices and to be used for regular postage. Copies of each state (same plate position) are identifiable, although I've come to the conclusion that State I is the rarest, as most Plate V specimens that are identified show signs of re-entry. Curiously enough, the re-entry only shows on copies with the ocean coloured in bright blue green. I have no evidence that copies with the lav/gray ocean exist in the two states, only in State II.

Another question arises about position #91. How many of each state were printed? Were they produced simultaneously or was the printing of State I completed and that of State II then begun. I concluded that because of the apparent rarity of State I specimens and the relative abundance of State II copies, that printing of State I was completed early in the life of the plate. The plate was then re-entered as State II and printing continued until issuance of the stamp ended. If the percentage of each could ever be determined, I believe that Plate V, position 91 in State I, blue green ocean, if it could be identified as different from State II, would be the scarcest of the Map Stamp specimens. However this does not seem possible of ever being determined. I have concluded that Plate V, with the lavender/gray ocean does not exist in State I. Thus, by this reasoning, I must conclude that Plate V with the lav/gray ocean in State II is the scarcest. We therefore have to move on to other positions.

There are, as we know, 100 positions on Plate V, lav/gray, and these include 7 major re-entries and perhaps as many as 47 in the minor category. All should be of the same rarity factor except that the major re-entries are the most desirable. These are positions #29, 32, 42, 43, 44, 91 and 92. Many philatelists who are collectors of Canada in general, probably have one of these in their albums and do not know it. I personally prefer position #92, as it shows strong evidence of re-entering on the cable at

the top left corner, intense shading to Canada and the left value tablet, as well as doubling of the latitude lines and strengthening of the left cable. While not in the category of re-entering, the bottom cable has been completely re-touched by a single line along the lower edge. It is a spectacular stamp, rivaling position #91. Its rarity seems to be indicated in that it exists in only 3.75% of the specimens examined.

In conclusion, position #91 State I with a blue green ocean could be the rarest and most desirable, if it could be found and identified in a pair with #92 State I (not re-entered) or a lower left block with 81, 82 and 92, all of the State I category. Happy hunting! At least one exists because the left half sheet I examined of State I belonging to the Great Britain Philatelist has the lower left corner block in it, still intact!

## CANADIAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN

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# THE BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY LTD.

## MINUTES OF THE 44th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT ST. CHARLES, IL ON 12 SEPTEMBER 1992

The President called the meeting to order at 8:30 am with approximately 80 members present, 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.

Harold L. Banner, David B. Crane, Jack D. Goodall, Zane M. Gordon, Henry D. Hall, Michael A. Hargraft, C. Kirk Liggett, G. Ronald Mackie, Morris R. Osattin, James A. Pike, Paul A. Scott, Manfred M. Walther, N.J. Weatherwax, Gerald E. Welburn.

The Minutes of the 43rd annual general meeting held on 31 August 1991 at Vancouver, B.C. were approved as printed on pages 14 to 20 in the Nov/Dec 1991 issue of *BNA TOPICS*.

The Secretary reported that he had received *regrets* from Jon Johnson, Lew Ludlow, Sam Nickle, Bill Pawluk and Bob Pratt about their absence from the meetings at St. Charles.

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

### President - William G. Robinson

I should like to start my report this year by announcing the results of the elections. 360 ballots were received and none of them were spoiled. As you know, Chuck Firby was acclaimed President, Mike Street 1st Vice President, John Burnett Vice President Regional Groups, Jerome Jarnick Secretary, and Art Klass Treasurer. Directors elected were Jeffrey Switt, Bob Carr, Paul Burega, Earle Covert and George Arfken. These officers and directors will assume office January 1, 1993.

The year since our last annual meeting at Vancouver, B.C. has been a busy one for your Officers, Directors, Department and Committee heads and members. Their functions have been carried out at a very high standard, and I think the Society owes them all a vote of thanks for their dedicated service.

Vice-Presidents Chuck Firby and Bob Carr are always ready to assist, as is Board Chairman Earle Covert. Our hard-working Secretary,

Chris McGregor, despite bouts with sickness of himself and his wife, has kept our records up to date and handled the correspondence, planning and records of the Society well.

Our Treasurer, Art Klass, has continued to handle our finances ably. He has completed the analysis of all our accounts, and has changed the financial year-end of the Society to agree with the IRS date. An internal audit was carried out by Nick Sheklian, Harry Lussey and Vice-President Chuck Firby on the 1991 accounts.

Our Book Department Manager, Don Kaye, continues to sell many of the Society's handbooks. We hope you use his services.

Handbook Committee Chairman, Allan Steinhart has arranged to publish several new handbooks this year, including the Slogan Cancel Study Group listing of 1941-53 slogans, and several books through Unitrade Press. He is now considering a Handbook on early Canadian First Day Covers.

Editorial Committee Chairman Mike Street has worked with Philaprint, Inc. and our printer to implement the lower rate of Second Class mailing privileges for *TOPICS*. This is expected to be received shortly, and should result in a considerable additional financial saving to the Society. The arrangement with Philaprint, Inc. to publish *TOPICS* has worked well over the past year.

Past President Ed Harris produced a Policy and Procedures Manual for the Society. A second draft has been amended and approved by your Board of Directors

*TOPICS* Editorial Consultant Vic Willson and all his columnists and contributors have again provided a first class magazine, while Elsie Drury has worked hard against problems with Posts and GST to provide wanted circuit material. Study Group Coordinator Jon Johnson and Columnist Peter McCarthy do much to promote those Groups. Officers of the active Regional Groups are also busy.

There are many other members putting in many hours of volunteer time, but this will give you an idea of the work of the Society.

During the year your President attended and spoke to meetings of the Texas Prairie Beaver Regional Group at College Station, the Pacific Northwest Regional Group at Vancouver, and

the Calgary Regional Group. He also attended PIPEX at Spokane, and the RPSC Annual show at Edmonton, and spoke to numerous members there. My wife and I will be attending the CPSofGB convention at Perth, Scotland, in two weeks on your behalf, but not at your expense.

Last year I stated that *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 accomplishing the objectives of the Society.* I still think so. We have one of the best Specialist Societies in existence, but we want to make it better. Please help us to do this.

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

It is a pleasure to make my last report as Chairman of the Board of Directors. President Bill Robinson, Secretary Chris McGregor and Treasurer Art Klass have been especially busy over the last year.

Bill Robinson has made a number of visits to various segments of BNAPS. He has been active in helping Chris with policy etc. We must also thank him for the extra work he has done for the Society when our Past President became seriously ill very early in his Presidential term.

Chris McGregor has efficiently handled the applications and with a small group has finished work on the policy manual to hopefully guide the Society over the next years. He has modernized the office in every practical way.

Having seen some of the correspondence that Art Klass has sent out, I can appreciate in part the many matters that he has had to work on. For instance, to clarify the questions he had when he took office regarding the many funds, in a manner that they should be clear when someone else eventually takes over from him, Art has had to research donations - what were they for and what restrictions applied.

Many officers have done their part to keep BNAPS operating as smoothly as it has. You will hear their reports today. Remember, please, they are volunteers, giving their time, often with little or no thanks. When they do something to help you, please thank them.

If you the members have encountered problems, please let us know. We will try to help.

Above all this is YOUR Society. If YOU will, you can make it better - help us if we have problems and tell others where you are pleas-

ed, whether it be the Convention, TOPICS, Circuits, Study or Regional Groups or friendly contacts. Take an active part - encourage a friend to join. Let US make BNAPS bigger and better than ever.

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

During 1991 I headed a committee whose function was to define the criteria for all of the Society awards. This included an award that apparently had been forgotten about until recent times, namely *The William S. and Daniel C. Meyerson Award.*

The award will be presented at all future annual conventions to the best exhibit of a specialized collection of British Columbia, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland or Prince Edward Island.

I also served on the Board of Examiners and assure you that the Society's funds have been properly handled. I leave the details to our Chairman Nick Sheklian who will further discuss this committee's function.

I am looking forward to my new duties as your President.

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

Having filled the position of Vice President Regional Groups for many years, I have resigned the position to stand for election to the Board of Directors. I wish my successor well as it is a most frustrating job and he will need much help. Again I wish to commend Jim Goben for the fine job that he does in TOPICS in reporting on the activities of the Regional Groups.

#### **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.

Recruiting activity was somewhat improved over 1990, even though the results were less effective. Four directors (1 in 1990) introduced at least one member, and 28 other members (19 in 1990) did the same. A total of 32 new members (44 in 1990) were introduced during the year.

Using the criteria for determining emeritus membership approved by the directors on 21 September 1989, William E. Topping (R0949) was granted emeritus membership commencing 1 January 1993.

## MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

For the year ended	<u>30/6/92</u>	<u>30/6/91</u>
Enquiries processed	48	49
Members resulting	12	13
New members confirmed	68	147
Members resigned	27	19
Members deceased	12	11
Members dropped for non-payment of dues	114	97
Members expelled	-	1
Members at year end	1,257	1,330
Applications in process	6	12
Membership change during past 12 months	- 5.49%	+ 0.91%

## AWARDS

VINCENT G. GREENE AWARD for the best article or series of articles appearing in BNA TOPICS during 1992 was given to Walter Plomish for his articles on Canadian & US Combination Air Mail Rates used to British and Foreign Destinations.

JOHN S. SIVERTS AWARD for the best Study Group newsletter to be published during 1991 was awarded to Jack C. Arnell for the Trans-Atlantic Mail Study Group newsletter.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD for introducing the most new members since the last Annual General Meeting was not awarded for 1991/92. No one introduced more than two new members.

This is my last Annual General Meeting as your Secretary. I have enjoyed the past four years as a director and Secretary of the Society and in many ways am sorry to be leaving the position. But it has taken a lot of time, and as one ages, the days get significantly shorter.

You have chosen an excellent person to replace me. I hope that you will support him as fully as you have supported me.

## The Treasurer - Arthur Klass

## CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENT

for the year ending Dec. 31, 1991

Stated in U.S. funds

Current assets	
Cash in banks	\$ 32,855.78
Cash held by dept heads	15,872.66
Investments	78,824.24
Accounts receivable	142.68
Book inventory	6,110.25
Library	<u>100.00</u>
Total assets	\$ <u>133,905.61</u>

## Liabilities

Exchange circuits payable	\$ 13,429.16
Prepaid advertising	2,903.26
Prepaid dues - 1992	18,493.26
Prepaid life member dues	8,975.20
Total liabilities	\$ 43,800.88

## Equity

BNAPS Foundation funds	\$ 39,671.86
Members' equity	<u>50,432.87</u>
Total equity	<u>90,104.73</u>

Total liabilities and equity \$ 133,905.61

## CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

for the year ending Dec. 31, 1991

Stated in U.S. funds

## Income

Advertising income	\$ 2,625.69
Bequests and gifts	3,000.00
Book department sales	4,358.34
Interest income	3,544.42
Membership dues	1,705.58
Other income	99.65
Exchange circuits income	1,013.93
TOPICS sales income	<u>738.12</u>
Total income	\$ 17,085.73

## Expenses

Advertising	\$ 0.00
Bank charges	15.79
BNAPS meeting & convention	617.79
Cost of books sold	3,415.52
Funds transfer gain/loss	247.13
Insurance	1,034.00
Library	158.13
Medals and plaques	124.75
Miscellaneous expenses	3.43
Postage	963.73
Prepaid membership expense	0.00
Professional fees	160.00
Exchange circuits expenses	3,039.79
Stationery and supplies	218.77
Study Group expenses	0.00
Telephone expense	346.56
TOPICS printing and distribution	<u>13,385.63</u>
Total expenses	<u>23,731.02</u>

Net Income \$ (6,645.29)

## Admissions Committee Chairman -

### N.N. Sheklian

The last twelve months have proved to be almost uneventful for the Admissions Committee. Except for one objection filed with the

Secretary upon publication of an application for membership, which was referred to this committee, no major problems developed with respect to clearing applicants for membership. The applicant in question was duly approved for membership following discussions with the President and Secretary and independent queries to various members of the Society.

Again, it is strongly urged that objections to a proposed applicant's membership following publication in *TOPICS* should be filed immediately with the Secretary. Such objections are usually discussed with this committee, and in all instances independent queries are made with full assurance of privacy and confidentiality.

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

Herewith *TOPICS* display and classified advertising income figures for the period July 1, 1992 until June 30, 1992 with comparative figures for the last two years.

<u>Revenue</u>	<u>91/92</u>	<u>90/91</u>	<u>89/90</u>
Display			
advertising	\$5,113.90*	\$5,987.56*	\$6,461.61
Classified			
advertising	<u>160.75*</u>	<u>170.32*</u>	<u>299.98</u>
Totals	\$5,274.65*	\$6,157.88*	\$6,761.56

\* Indicates U.S. Funds.

These figures do not reflect free or reciprocal advertising, i.e. the Book Department, Convention Ads, CPS of GB, RPSC and PHSC.

#### **BNA TOPICS Circulation Manager - Paul Burega**

After 6 years as circulation manager, I have asked the President to find a replacement for me. I know that there are other members of BNAPS who can contribute and have fun supporting their society.

The circulation manager has several tasks:

- 1 - retrieve undeliverable *TOPICS*, and changes of address and forward on to the Secretary.
- 2 - send out copies of *TOPICS* to new members of BNAPS, as directed by the Secretary.
- 3 - provide replacement copies of *TOPICS* to those members who receive faulty or damaged *TOPICS*.
- 4 - manage the stock of back issues of *TOPICS*. Sell *TOPICS* to those members who wish back issues. Provide a place for

members to donate their old *TOPICS*. Provide surplus copies of *TOPICS* to members for distribution at shows. Purchase runs of *TOPICS* to fill the wants of the members.

For the period ending July 15, 1992, the circulation department had sales of \$512.50 CDN, and expenses of \$680.25 CDN, for purchases of several runs of *TOPICS*. Since that point, additional sales of \$300.00 CDN have occurred.

For the six month period 1 July 1991 to 31 Dec. 1991, *TOPICS* sales were \$860.00 CDN. This compares with income of \$500.00 CDN for each of the years 1990 and 1991.

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

In the past year the long distance cooperation through courier services and electronic mail between our Editorial Consultant, Vic Willson and our printer, Shirley Walsh, continued to work reasonably well. I would again like to thank both of them for their efforts on our behalf.

Shortly after last year's report was submitted the Society received the final permit for second class mailing privileges for BNA *TOPICS*, which resulted in a significant decrease in the cost of mailing *TOPICS*. To the best of our knowledge *TOPICS* is being delivered to Canadian and American addresses in seven days or less from the date of mailing. Overseas members indicate that delivery to most places is in the order of 12-16 days.

Since last October we have been engaged in trying to obtain reclassification under the second class mailing rules, which would lower our postage costs even more. Since this effort is still in progress, we have not yet carried out a further comparison of the cost of preparing and mailing *TOPICS* in Canada vs. the United States. This will be done when the situation is clarified.

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 Editorial Consultant.

#### **BNA TOPICS Editorial Consultant - Victor L. Willson**

The six issues of the journal for the last reporting year were published within the time

frame established with only one minor delay. The distance between editorial decision and publisher continues to produce occasional errors, although the use of electronic media transmissions is increasing and will reduce some errors. At present the number of pages for the weight of paper used and the paper stock used for the cover place us near the weight limit for the rate we have received from Canada Post. I have asked the publisher to present proposals for upgrading the quality of the paper we use along with its effect on the quality of the type impressions, effect on weight, and consequent effect on postage costs. This study will be presented during the coming year.

Suggestions from the last BNAPS meet the editor meeting have been slow in adoption, but several are being implemented. Changes in the presentation of articles and mastheads in the journal are being incorporated, largely due to the effect of Jeff Switt, an advertising business professional. A new series on basics of BNA philately will begin with the September-October issue, to be written by various experts and me. A new column on auctions and dealers was begun to bring to attention noteworthy commercial activities.

Manuscripts and short pieces continue to come in at a steady rate. The lead time for publication is now generally under one year for single works, with short pieces often being inserted within three or four issues. Longer series are in short supply right now, with only two in hand. A new series will begin next year with the 50th volume of the journal, a retrospective on what was topical from 50 and 25 years before.

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

In the period July 1, 1991/June 30, 1992, I have processed 105 book orders with a total value of \$5,368.89. Almost half of these sales were at our table at BNAPEX '91 in Vancouver. It appears that the presence of this Department at our annual conventions is very important to our members who attend this event. I strongly believe that all future conventions include this Department as part of the Bourse.

As of June 30, 1992 the bank balance was \$500, the balance of the funds having been transferred to BNAPS Ltd.

#### **Exchange Circuits Manager - Elsie M. Drury**

Since October last, circuits returning from the States have been in trouble with Canada

Customs. Some solutions have been suggested at this Convention and hopefully a way can be found to resume service to U.S. members. As covers are now circulated by photocopies, avoiding Customs, some sales have been made in the U.S. but it has been a poor year. It is easier to make copies if covers are submitted as a package instead of in books. Members may find it easier as well.

One drawback to putting material in the Circuit is that one has to wait so long for the money. I have submitted a proposal which would allow partial payments to be made every quarter. There is still some work to be done before this is ready but it should be possible to begin in the new year.

Some members are looking for items which may show up in a circuit only rarely. There is now a special interests list and if your items shows up I can let you know. Write if you are looking for something special.

#### **Convention Coordinator - Jeffrey Switt**

Plans for future conventions look like this:

1993	Toronto, ON, September 3-5 The Royal York Hotel Allan Steinhart, Chairman
1994	Burlington, Vermont
1995	Edmonton, Alberta (Tentative)
1996	Open, US location
1997	St. John's, Newfoundland
1998	Open, US location
1999	Open, Canada location
2000	Fort Worth, Texas

The year 1998 will be a significant and notable year for BNAPS as this will be the 50th annual convention of the society. In keeping with geographic tradition, perhaps it would be appropriate to have our convention in Washington, D.C., the capital city of the United States. Or, we might consider breaking with the tradition of having the convention in US cities in even-numbered years, and have the convention in Ottawa, the capital of Canada. A further possibility would be to have our convention in a geographically *neutral* location such as Hamilton, Bermuda.

Two subjects are of concern to the success of future conventions. One is assuring an abundance of regional groups, or at least geographic areas of active member concentration, to staff a convention host group. The importance of John Burnett as Vice President Regional Groups, is paramount in our ability to have

conventions at new locations across North America.

Another concern is the increasing difficulty in border crossing for our valued dealer members who are vital to a successful convention. With the greatest number of active member dealers residing in Canada, should the current difficulties accelerate to a point whereby it is not economically feasible for Canadian dealers to enter the United States for a BNAPS convention, future convention locations in the United States might be due for careful consideration.

On behalf of the society I would like to thank Bob Schlesinger and his committee for their work in this year's convention in St. Charles, Illinois.

In addition I would like to thank Allan Steinhart, and the *St. Lawrence Hall Philatelic Society*, for taking the proverbial bull by the horns in hosting the next year's convention in Toronto. BNAPS was formed in 1943, and with next year's convention in 1993, this is a historic convention that we should make every effort to attend. I am confident that with Allan's dedication to BNAPS, his resourcefulness, and the number of BNAPS members in the immediate area, that this convention will be THE one that everyone says was the best BNAPS convention, ever.

The BNAPS Convention Guidelines have been completed. Many thanks to Secretary Chris McGregor for his polishing the document from draft form to its current luster. With these new guidelines local committees will have little problem in organizing future successful conventions. If it has been a while since your area has hosted a convention, or if you have never given it a try, please contact the new Convention Coordinator at your convenience. If we have never been to your city, we would love to come, and if it has been a while, there are certainly places we have not yet had the opportunity to enjoy.

It has been a pleasure to serve BNAPS as Convention Coordinator. The annual convention is a vital part of our society's activities and I hope my involvement in this office has been to your expectations.

#### **Ethics Committee Chairman - J. Don Wilson**

During the year the Ethics Committee investigated five minor complaints. Four were resolved to the satisfaction of the committee and the parties concerned, but the fifth remains unresolved.

Elsie Drury, the Exchange Circuits Manager, reported that material valued at \$1,383.35 which R.B. Laxton of Montreal sent on February 1, 1991 by Green Label registered mail to B.L. Matthews of Ottawa, was missing. Membership of both individuals was terminated in June 1991 for non-payment of 1991 dues.

Matthews states that he did not receive the circuit and that the signature on the Canada Post register delivery receipt is not his. Laxton has just completed the Canada Post Corp. *Application of Indemnity* and we are awaiting the results.

Canada Post has two kinds of registered mail - Green Label (cheap) and Red Label (expensive). When Green Labels are used, Canada Post has only to get a *signature* to confirm receipt. It could be anyone's, not necessarily the addressee's. When Red Labels are used, only the addressee's signature can confirm receipt.

If we make everyone use Red Label registration, it can cost a lot - say \$10.00 for six books. Expensive if you buy zero.

I think we must look closely at the continuing viability of the circuit business. It could be obsolete.

The committee is concerned at how irresponsible members can be in replying to official correspondence.

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

During the past twelve months BNAPS has published, in conjunction with Unitrade Associates, two important handbooks on BNA philately. The first was *Canada Special Delivery* by G.H. Davis being a very important work on Canada's special delivery stamps and system, which explores much not previously published on the subject. A second major publication was George Arfken's book relating to Canada and the UPU during the small queens period pertaining to rules and regulations and their uses and explanation. This is an excellent companion work to Mr. Arfken's monumental book on small queens rates.

There are a number of other projects in the works about which more will be said when the projects are ready for publication.

The BNAPS Slogan Study Group produced an additional volume in its ongoing series dealing with Canada's slogan cancels. This one for the period 1931 to 1940. We are also expecting the next volume in the series covering the

years 1941 to 1953 to be published and available at the convention.

In addition a catalogue of Canadian Railway Cancellations, Supplement No. 1 was published by the RPO Study Group of BNAPS.

Also new, and available only through BNAPS, is *Specimen Overprints of British North America* by Dr. Norman Boyd.

All of the above publications in addition to numerous others, are available to BNAPS members from the Book Department at advantageous prices.

#### **Historian - Edward J. Whiting**

I am pleased to be able to tell you that my project of listing all members from 1944 to date both numerically and alphabetically has been accomplished. I have given both the President and the Secretary a copy.

The Historian's copies of *TOPICS* were inventoried and have just a few small gaps. I do not have a list of what is missing.

I am pleased that consideration is being given to the conservation of BNAPEX items. I intend to look for possible storage locations since 50 years of BNAPEXes can create a barnful of paper.

Next year's project probably will be the completion of the list of the Society's officialdom down through the years and working up the Historian's page in the Manual.

#### **Board of Examiners Chairman - N.N. Sheklian**

A review of the financial statements and Federal *Income Tax* reports submitted to this Board by the Treasurer revealed no significant or noticeable errors or omissions. The accounts maintained by the Treasurer adequately reflect the financial transactions of the Society and the results of its operations.

A complete independent review of the books and records as of December 31, 1991 was not made. As an extensive review had been made for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1991, we deemed it sufficient to subject the records submitted to us to testing procedures only. The same procedures were applied to the minimal records submitted to us as at June 30, 1992. This is not to suggest that complete examinations in the future will not be required. On the contrary, it should be a requirement for this board to examine all financial statements and tax reports presented to the membership and to taxing authorities. 1992 will be the first full year

of operation since the change of the fiscal year to a calendar year.

With the change in fiscal years, a potential problem will have to be recognized. It is normal in the business world to have financial statements furnished to the shareholders (or membership as in this case) shortly after the end of the fiscal year. It is our opinion that too lengthy a period of time elapses before the membership receives its annual financial reports at an annual meeting which takes place in September.

Herewith, two possible solutions:

1. Consider changing the date of the annual meeting and convention to a date closer to the end of the year, such as March or April.
2. Consider publishing *examined* financial statements in *TOPICS* and provide for possible questions from the membership, before final approval of the statements by the Board of Directors.

Assuming no change in convention dates, interim reports could also be presented to the members in attendance, or to those requesting them.

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

The Library continues to experience a modest volume of lending and distribution of copied material. The announcement of availability of file materials consolidated according to Cimon Morin's classification system generated some activity but not as much as I had anticipated. Users have expressed favourable comments.

As of this writing I am pleased to report that Chris McGregor generously offered to use his very considerable computer knowledge to use a modified Morin system to catalogue by Identification Number all the books, monographs and documents of the Library. It is our hope that the system will be available for member use very soon. With this system a person interested in knowing what the Library has, for example, on the King George V issues or some subset such as the Admirals can query the system, get a listing, and request therefrom. The various listings will be published in *TOPICS* as soon as the inevitable *bugs* are eliminated. At long last we will be organized - and at modest monetary (not time) cost. Chris is to be commended for the enormous effort of time and energy that he has invested in this project. Thanks also should go to Vic Wilson for his invaluable assistance in this project and all the computer expertise he has provided your Librarian who continues to know only enough about computers to make

him dangerous.

The considerable problems, in the form of high mailing costs and related matters, of cross border Library activity prompts me to raise an issue for your consideration - an issue I have discussed previously with President Robinson. I propose that you consider seeking a location for the Library that is physically very close to the border between Canada and the United States. Relative volumes of business would tend to favour a Canadian location but that should not be a major factor.

Should this proposal be discussed, consideration should be given to several physical factors. The Library requires considerable space for its existing holdings and, of course, it will continue to grow. I should note, parenthetically, that it presently is housed partly in two rooms of my home and in space provided by Vic Willson in his. Ideally space is needed comprising 250 or more square feet located on a ground floor, because weight can be a problem. A modern personal computer (with knowledgeable operator) is a must. A copying machine would be a real asset. Some day, no doubt, faxing capability will be required.

It may be that some kind of sharing arrangement might be found whereby the BNAPS Library might join with another library or even some kind of small business, a stamp dealer perhaps, to share equipment and costs.

I propose this idea not because I wish to relinquish the position of Librarian which I enjoy. You can well imagine how nice it is to have instant access to the Library's resources when doing philatelic research - when one has time to do such. I propose it because some day you will have to find another Librarian but, more importantly, I propose it because I do think a better location and physical arrangement would more adequately serve the needs of today's and tomorrow's members. There is no great urgency to do something soon; but it is never too soon to start planning.

#### **Membership Chairman - Jeffrey Switt**

The level of membership is a concern of all organizations, and the current level of BNAPS membership, currently 1,257, is no exception. For the past 3 years I have held the position of membership chairman, along with the responsibilities of convention coordinator. The position of membership chairman has taken a back seat to the latter.

Beginning in 1993, I will be relinquishing my

convention responsibilities to devote my time and resources to increasing our membership. But in order to do this, it will be necessary for the society to establish its membership goals.

Advertising and marketing have been my profession for nearly 20 years. And with any advertising or marketing task, goals must be established to guide any such activities. Without such goals, any activity is happenstance at best.

Therefore I call on the Board of Directors to provide such information including membership level required, and an associated cost for attaining such a level.

Whatever direction that the society wishes to take, I pledge to do all that is within my time, ability, and resources, to do whatever is possible to meet any specified goals.

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

I am pleased to welcome three new study groups this year: Blackout cancels; Elizabethan and B.C. Postal History. All three have substantial memberships already. Also, there is an effort going on to begin a study group on the Dead Letter Office cancels. If you are interested in any of these study groups I suggest that you write the study group and request a copy of their latest newsletter.

Most of the other study groups are quite busy, actively researching and reporting subjects within their sphere of interest. Many of our new members are joining study groups which are adding to the ranks. The end result is a sense that being a part of the study groups is the place to be. Are you a part of the action?

Upon motion duly seconded IT WAS RESOLVED that all of the above reports from the officers and officials be accepted.

#### **Highlights from the Directors' Meeting, September 9, 1992**

Proposal 2 from the report of the Board of Examiners was adopted.

The proposal of the Ethics Committee that the Circuits Manager use only *Security Registered* mail or Priority Post for transmittal of Circuit Books was adopted.

J. Don Wilson was elected Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Our members residing in the United Kingdom

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# The RPO Cowcatcher

A Guest Column by William G. Robinson, OTB  
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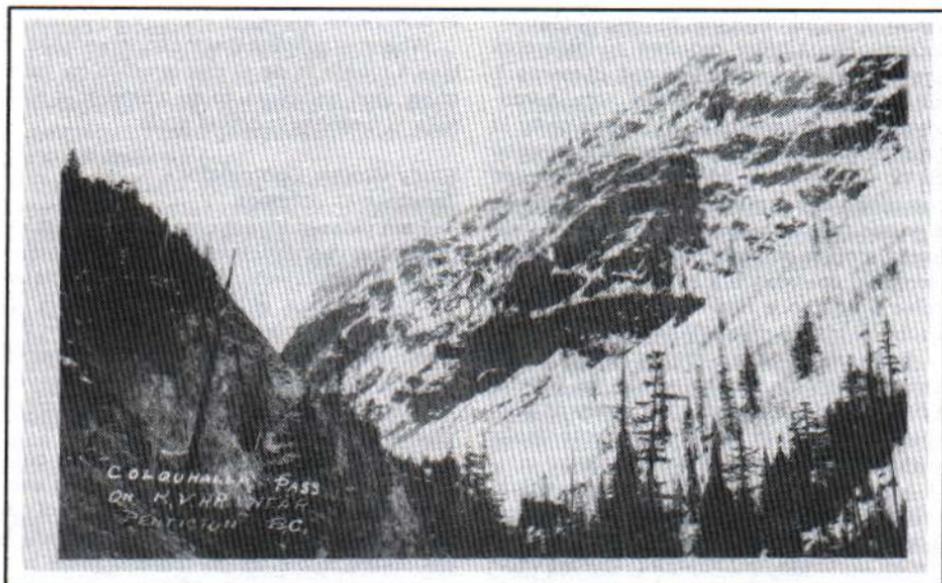


Figure one

We have been considering the Railway Post Offices on the C.P.R. Southern Transcontinental line from Medicine Hat, Alberta, to Vancouver, B.C. In the last two articles we covered the Medicine Hat & Nelson, and Nelson & Midway runs.

The next section ran from Midway to Hope, and on to Vancouver. This section is known as the Kettle Valley Railway - because it runs from Midway to around McCulloch through the valley of the Kettle River. The line, which was completed in 1916, ran through some of the roughest mountain country on the continent. The section from Brookmere to Hope through the infamous Coquihalla Pass (Fig.1) was the cause of abandonment of the railroad from Brodie to Hope in 1957 following severe winter

snowfall and later washouts and mud slides. Passenger and mail service ceased then, although freight service continued via the Spences Bridge-Merritt route until 1989.

Because of the heavy grades and curvature on this section, and since there were few inhabitants along the way who would use railway mail car service, there was never an RPO run between Midway and Hope. See Fig.2 which shows both heavy grades and curvature on the Jura Loops between Jura and Belfort, east of Princeton. Here five Pacific Class locomotives of the 2500 and 2600 series are pulling and pushing forty freight cars and a caboose up the heavy grade where three giant loops were used to lengthen the line and reduce the grade.

Instead of an RPO, baggage car service was

Midway End Slope (B.C.S.)

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1874-5	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	164	130	26	1	28	Share for 1st year
1875-6	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	135	112	23	1	28	Share for 2nd year
1876-7	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 3rd year
1877-8	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 4th year
1878-9	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 5th year
1879-80	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 6th year
1880-1	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 7th year
1881-2	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 8th year
1882-3	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 9th year
1883-4	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 10th year
1884-5	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 11th year
1885-6	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 12th year
1886-7	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 13th year
1887-8	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 14th year
1888-9	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 15th year
1889-90	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 16th year
1890-1	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 17th year
1891-2	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 18th year
1892-3	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 19th year
1893-4	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 20th year
1894-5	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 21st year
1895-6	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 22nd year
1896-7	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 23rd year
1897-8	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 24th year
1898-9	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 25th year
1899-0	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 26th year
1900-1	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 27th year
1901-2	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 28th year
1902-3	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 29th year
1903-4	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 30th year
1904-5	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 31st year
1905-6	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 32nd year
1906-7	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 33rd year
1907-8	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 34th year
1908-9	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 35th year
1909-10	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 36th year
1910-11	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 37th year
1911-12	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 38th year
1912-13	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 39th year
1913-14	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 40th year
1914-15	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 41st year
1915-16	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 42nd year
1916-17	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 43rd year
1917-18	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 44th year
1918-19	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 45th year
1919-20	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 46th year
1920-21	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 47th year
1921-22	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 48th year
1922-23	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 49th year
1923-24	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 50th year
1924-25	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 51st year
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1927-28	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 54th year
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1930-31	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 57th year
1931-32	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 58th year
1932-33	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 59th year
1933-34	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 60th year
1934-35	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 61st year
1935-36	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 62nd year
1936-37	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 63rd year
1937-38	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 64th year
1938-39	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 65th year
1939-40	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 66th year
1940-41	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 67th year
1941-42	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 68th year
1942-43	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 69th year
1943-44	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 70th year
1944-45	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 71st year
1945-46	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 72nd year
1946-47	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 73rd year
1947-48	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 74th year
1948-49	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 75th year
1949-50	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 76th year
1950-51	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 77th year
1951-52	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 78th year
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1965-66	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 92nd year
1966-67	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 93rd year
1967-68	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 94th year
1968-69	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 95th year
1969-70	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 96th year
1970-71	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 97th year
1971-72	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 98th year
1972-73	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 99th year
1973-74	1	+	B.C.	1	1	1	299.3	65	23	1	28	Share for 100th year

Ledger sheet one



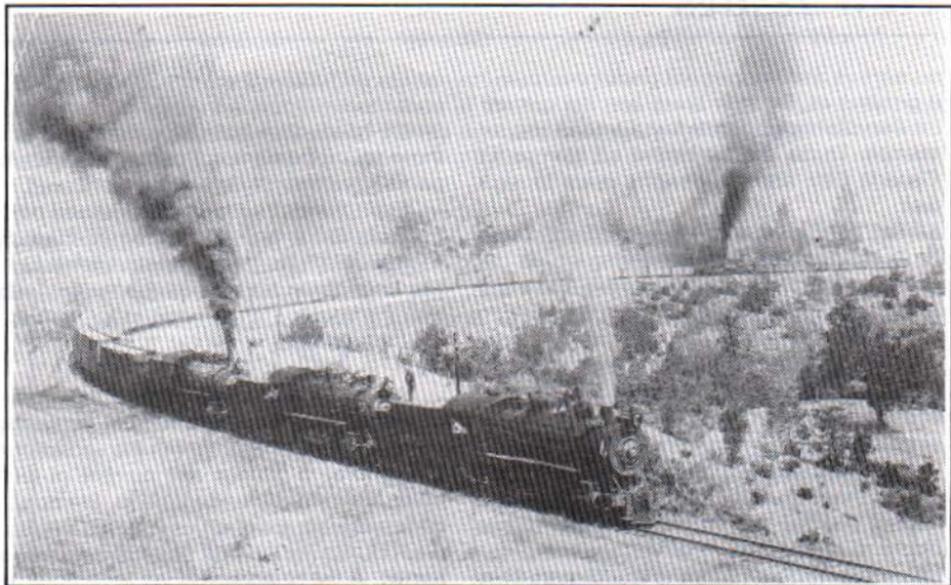


Figure two

provided for mail from east of Midway to west of Hope, and a travelling mail box was provided on the train and emptied at Midway or Hope. The accompanying copy of a ledger sheet from record group RG3 of the National Archives shows details of the baggage car service on Trains 11 and 12 for 299.3 miles daily except Monday between Midway and Hope during the years 1926 to 1930.

The second ledger sheet shows this superseded by a Midway and Vancouver baggage car service during 1930 to 1932. This was superseded in turn by the Midway and Ruby Creek baggage car service, and the Ruby Creek and Vancouver R.P.O. (Ludlow W-132), used from 1929 to 1947. Six hammers for this busy 81-mile run through the relatively densely

populated Fraser River Valley were proofed February 6, 1929.

Only one clerk hammer has shown up for this run - W-132A with R.C. & VAN. added in ink to a blank type 17J hammer reading R.P.O./R.W. WAKELIN. Many clerks were employed on this run, so other examples of their markings may be expected to show up on facing slips or as backstamps on registered mail.

For a short time the terminus of this run was changed from Ruby Creek to Agassiz, and the scarce Ludlow W-O marking, with two hammers proofed June 19, 1933, is known used during July and August of 1933. Because of the short time this marking was in use, few examples are known.

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William J. F. Wilson

Canada has issued its first diamond-shaped stamps. These are the twelve art stamps for Canada Day, and the designs seem to work well.

The low-value small mammals definitives have been replaced by a new series on the edible berries of Canada. These are also a first among Canadian stamps, since the design completely fills each stamp and merges continuously into the design on the next stamp to its left or right. I would personally rate this one of the nicest sets Canada Post has produced since the demise of steel engraving.

The person at the philatelic counter where I bought these stamps (the day after they were issued) claimed that no pre-packaged corner blocks were released. However, she had philatelic sheets and was willing to tear corners from these. If this is new Canada Post policy it will

create headaches both for collectors and for those selling the stamps. Possibly, however, the packets were simply late being distributed.

Again the stamps have been issued before the data have been published in *Canada's Stamp Details*, so the information listed below has been taken from the philatelic inscription, with the double-starred items to be verified in the next *TOPICS*.

Otherwise, the following data have been obtained from the Canada Post publication *Canada's Stamp Details*, with the exception of the perforation gauges and number of teeth, which are my own measurements. Stamp size, perfs and teeth are given as (HORIZONTAL) X (VERTICAL) (for Canada Day stamps, see note below). A list of abbreviations is given at the end of the table.

Issue:	92 Summer Olympics	Nasturtiums	Canada Day	Edible Berries
Denom.:	5 x 42¢ s-t	42¢	12 x 42¢	1¢ 2¢ 3¢ 5¢ 6¢ 10¢ 25¢
Type:	Commem.	Commem.	Commem.	Definitive
Issued:	15 June '92	29 June '92	29 June '92	5 Aug '92
Printer:	A-P	A-P	A-P	A-P
Quantity:	15MM	6,700,000	10MM	continuous
Size: (mm)	40 x 27.5	40 X 48.6	32 X 32 * (diamond)	26 x 22
Gum:	PVA	PVA	PVA	PVA **
Paper:	C1S,L (H)	C1S,L (CP)	C1S,L (CP)	C1S,L ** (CP)
Process:	11CL	6CL + two colour foil	5CL	5CL
Pane:	10 (stamp pack)	16	12 stamps	100
Tagging:	G (4 sides)	untagged	G (4 sides)	untagged

Perf:	12.5 x 13.1	12.5 x 13.2	12.5x13.1 *	13.1 x 13.6
Teeth:	25 x 18	25 x 32	20 x 21 *	17 x 15

\* The dimensions of the Canada Day stamps are measured along the perforations. For the perforations and teeth, the first number refers to the top left and lower right edges (sloping up towards the right) and the second to the top right and lower left edges (sloping down towards the right).

\*\* to be verified when the information is available.

Abbreviations: 5(6,11)CL=five, six or eleven colour lithography; A-P=Ashton-Potter; C1S,L=coated one side, litho; (CP)=Coated Papers; G=general tagging; (H)=Harrison paper; MM=million; s-1=se-tenant.

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Figure 2

Figure Two. This 6¢ Bill Stamp paid the Double rate domestic postage on a very clean cover from Romnes Ont. to New Annan. It has the major part of the American Bank Note Co. imprint and this was the only Bill Stamp issue prepared by that Company. A socked-on-the-

nose postmark dated Nov. 25, 1868 ties the stamp to the cover. Here again there is no indication of refusal by the postal Authorities nor any additional charge levied upon delivery.

Figure Three. On April 1, 1868 the domestic letter rate dropped from 5¢ to 3¢ and the rate to



Figure 3

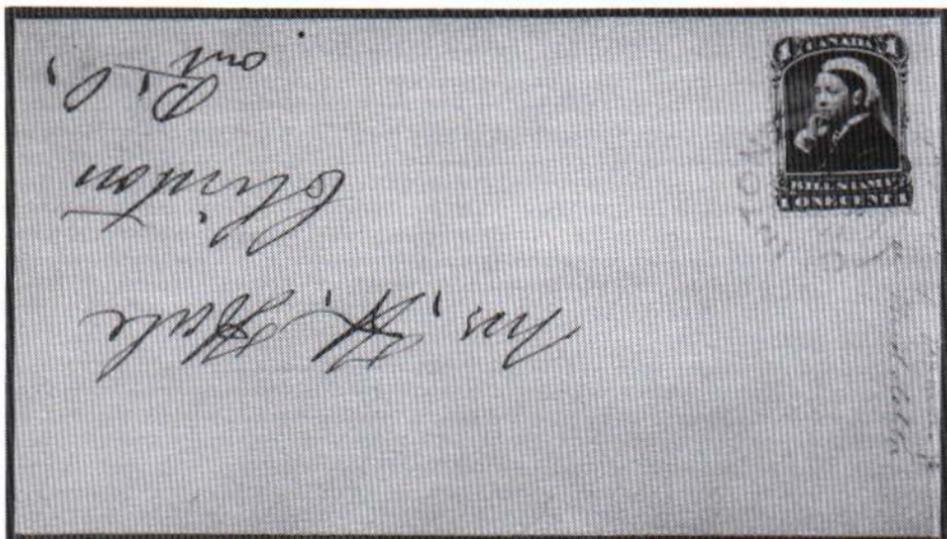


Figure 4

the U.S. dropped from 10¢ to 6¢. There were still supplies of the 1859 issue in the hands of the public and these could still be used. A number of covers are known with a combination of the 1¢ & 5¢ 1859 values paying the new 6¢ rate to the U.S. This cover, postmarked at Montreal July 15, 1968 carries a 5¢ Beaver together with a 1¢ Second Issue Bill stamp paying the new reduced rate of 6¢ to the U.S. The cover originates from a business, Ramsey & Son, which probably had a need for both postage and revenue stamps. The 5¢ Beaver was applied first (the bill stamp overlaps it) and perhaps the clerk could not locate any 1¢ postage stamps so applied the 1¢ Bill stamp. It is a matter for speculation as to how many of this unusual combination exist. I prefer to avoid the term *unique* but would be surprised if additional examples of this combination have come to light.

*Figure four.* The Third Bill was produced by the British American Bank Note Co. together with the Large Cents issue and the stamps are identical in size. This is an example of the 1¢ Brown Third Bill stamp paying the Drop Letter rate at Clinton Ont. on an item from the well known Hale correspondence. A manuscript date on the cover places the time of use as being in July 1871. This stamp is similar in color to the 1¢ postage stamp issued in 1868 and identical in size. It is not surprising that this unusual usage of a Bill stamp was not detected

by the post office. There is no indication on the front or the reverse of any refusal to accept the cover nor any additional charge being made upon delivery.

*Figures Five and Six.* This cover is franked with a 10¢ Third Bill Issue stamp bearing the N.S. overprint which was designed to restrict usage to the Province of Nova Scotia. At the time Nova Scotia currency was worth roughly 97¢ in terms of *Canadian Currency*. The cover is postmarked with the Halifax duplex dated Aug. 27, 1869 and is addressed to London England. It was carried by the R.M.S. *Etna* and bears a London receiving mark PAID 5P 69 proving it went through the mails. It should be noted that this 10¢ Bill stamp and the Large Cents 12½¢ stamp were identical in size and in color. A casual collector might look upon this as being an envelope upon which some poor soul, badly in need of glasses, had affixed a blue stamp which he had assumed to be the 12½¢ postage stamp. To a specializing philatelist however its true rarity stems from a combination of features. Obviously the usage of a 10¢ Bill stamp to pay the 12½¢ rate from Nova Scotia to the U.K. is highly unusual and there is no indication whatsoever that any additional charge was levied at the point of mailing or upon delivery in London. In addition not only was a Bill stamp used but it was one with the N.S. overprint and it was used in the Province of Nova Scotia and during the period when the

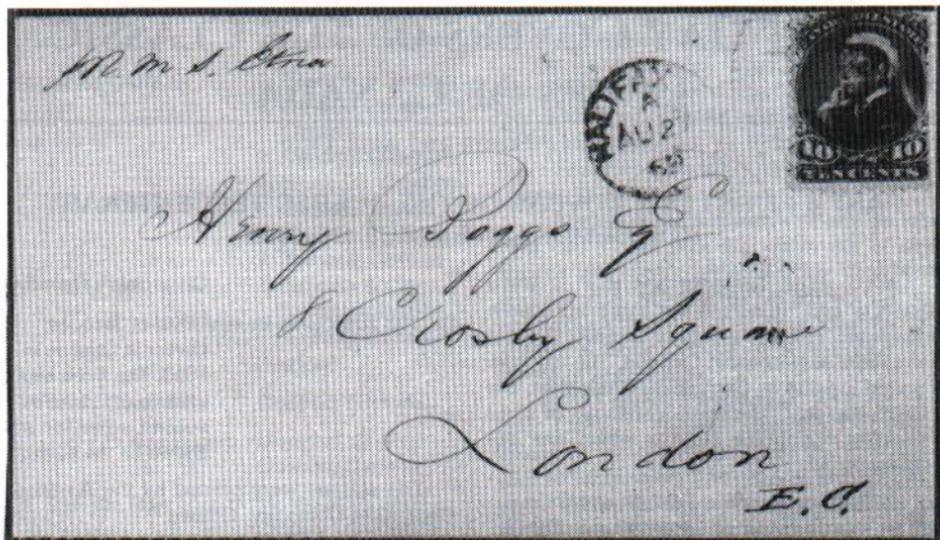


Figure 5

currency differential existed. Finally a careful examination of the stamp proves that it bears the

original N.S. overprint not the fake with the S inverted.

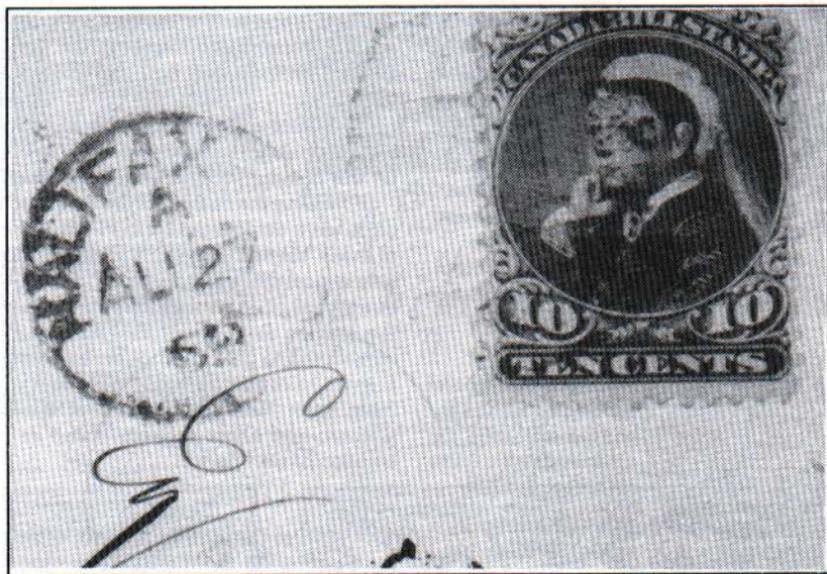


Figure 6

# FIRST DAY COVERS OF THE CLASSIC ISSUES OF CANADA

Melvin L. Baron and Stan Lum

## PART 4 - FIRST DAY COVERS OF THE QUEBEC TRICENTENARY COMMEMORATIVE ISSUE OF 1908

The Quebec Tercentenary stamps were issued to commemorate the three hundredth anniversary of the founding of Quebec, the first permanent settlement in Canada. The city was founded in 1608 by Samuel de Champlain, the French explorer. The issue consisted of eight commemorative size stamps which are described below:

- Sc. 96 ½¢ Black Brown Portraits of the Prince and Princess of Wales.
- Sc. 97 1¢ Blue Green Portraits of the French explorers Jacques Cartier and Samuel de Champlain.
- Sc. 98 2¢ Carmine Portraits of King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra, the ruling monarchs of Great Britain in 1908.
- Sc. 99 5¢ Dark Blue *L'Abitation de Quebec* - a view of the first settlement of Quebec which was a fortified residence and a storehouse. The design is from a cut in Champlain's narrative of his voyage to New France.
- Sc. 100 7¢ Olive Green Portraits of the General Marquis de Montcalm and General Wolfe, the antagonists in the Battle of Quebec in 1759.
- Sc. 101 10¢ Dark Violet A view of Quebec city in 1700. The stamp pictures a portion of the area known as Lower Town today.
- Sc. 102 15¢ Red Orange Champlain's departure for the west. This is a composite design inspired by a passage in

Champlain's *Narrative*.

- Sc. 103 20¢ Yellow Brown Arrival of Jacques Cartier in Quebec in 1535. The three small vessels of Cartier's second expedition are shown on the stamp.

The stamps were printed by the American Bank Note Company, Ottawa.

The Quebec Tercentenary commemorative issue is particularly noteworthy in two respects. First, it is the first series of Canadian stamps in which the French language appears. Second, it is the first series of Canadian stamps on which portraits of non-royal persons and historical subjects appear. It is interesting to note that special permission was obtained from King Edward VII (\*) of Great Britain to use the various designs.

The Quebec Tercentenary stamps were released on July 16, 1908, the First Day of Issue for this commemorative series [1], [2], [3].

Following the custom of the times, no official cities were designated for the First Day of Sale of these stamps. Rather, the issue was put on sale at post offices throughout Canada. Consequently, all cities from which First Day covers of the stamps exist are of interest and must be considered to be official cities. In Table 1, the authors have listed those cities from which they have seen First Day Covers of the various stamps, with either a single stamp or a combination of stamps.

TABLE 1  
First Day Cities July 16, 1908

- Sc. 96 ½¢ Black Brown Ottawa, Ontario  
Quebec, Canada
- Sc. 97 1¢ Blue Green 1. Brockville, Ontario  
2. Cornwall, Ontario  
3. Kingston, Ontario  
4. Morrisburg, Ontario  
5. Peterborough, Ont.

Day Cover

\* Cancellation on stamp off cover

The list of First Day Cities shown in Table 1 is undoubtedly a limited one. The authors hope that the readers will add additional cities to this list so that eventually, a definitive list of First Day cities will be compiled for each of the eight stamps of this issue.

The authors are not aware of any genuine First Day Cover with the entire set of eight stamps affixed. A registered cover from Montreal, Canada, with the full set affixed has passed through their hands, but the cover failed to receive a British Philatelic Association Certificate of Authenticity.

Figure 1 shows a registered First Day Cover from Quebec, Canada with the first seven values of the set affixed. Only the 20¢ stamp (Sc. 103 is missing). The cover is authenticated by a Philatelic Foundation Certificate No. 70,369 dated 9/22/78. This registered First Day Cover, which was sent to Australia and is backstamped at Chicago, Illinois, Seattle Washington and Melbourne, Australia, is a great rarity.

- |                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
|                          | 6. Quebec, Canada   |
|                          | 7. Toronto, Ontario   |
| Sc. 98 2¢ Carmine        | 1. Brantford, Ontario                                       |
|                          | 2. Holland Landing, Ontario                                 |
|                          | 3. London, Ontario*   |
|                          | 4. Montreal, Quebec   |
|                          | 5. Ottawa, Ontario  |
|                          | 6. Quebec, Canada   |
|                          | 7. Toronto, Ontario   |
|                          | 8. Toronto & Ottawa Canadian Pacific Railroad Cancellation* |
| Sc. 99 5¢ Dark Blue      | Quebec, Canada  |
| Sc. 100 7¢ Olive Green   | Montreal, Quebec<br>Quebec, Canada                          |
| Sc. 101 10¢ Dark Violet  | Montreal, Quebec<br>Quebec, Canada                          |
| Sc. 102 15¢ Red Orange   | Quebec, Canada  |
| Sc. 103 20¢ Yellow Brown | Not Known on First  |



Figure 1. Rare combination First Day Cover from Quebec, Canada with the first seven values of the Quebec issue affixed.



Figure 2. Registered Commercial First Day Cover from Montreal, Canada with the two cent, Sc.98 and seven cent, Sc. 100, stamps affixed.

In general, all First Day Covers of the Quebec Tercentenary issue with multiple stamps of the issue affixed are scarce. Figure 2 shows a registered commercial First Day Cover

from Montreal, Canada, with the two cents (Sc. 98) and seven cents (Sc. 100) Quebec stamps affixed. Figure 3 shows a New England Stamp Company registered First Day Cover from



Figure 3. New England Stamp Company registered First Day Cover from Toronto, Canada with the one cent stamp, Sc. 97, and a strip of three of the two cent stamps, Sc.98, affixed.

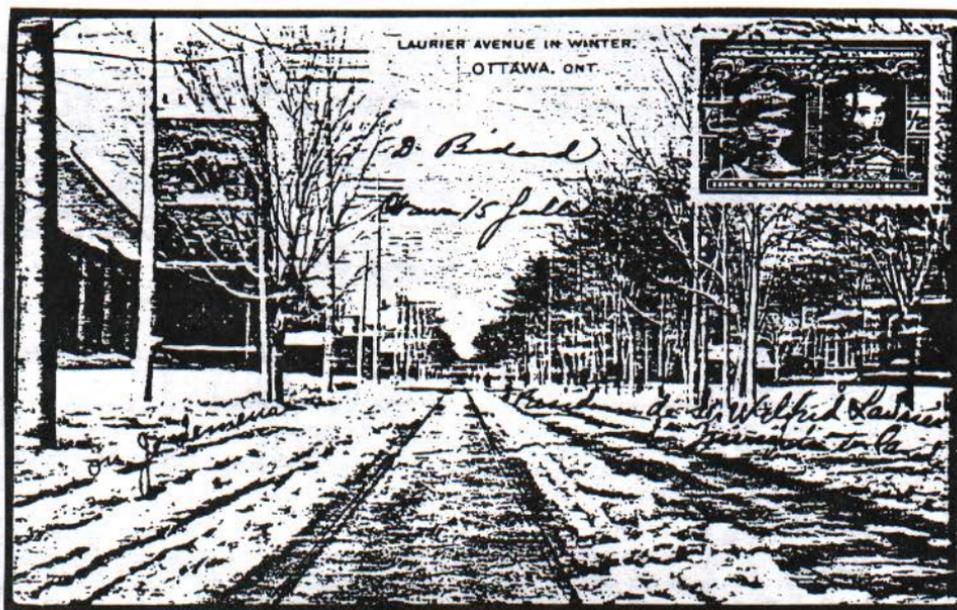


Figure 4. Rare First Day Cover of the  $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ stamp, Sc.96, from Ottawa, Ontario. The cover underpays the required 1¢ rate to Mexico by  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent.

Toronto, Canada, with their logo and a single one cent stamp (Sc. 97) and a strip of three of the two cents stamps (Sc. 98) affixed.

Blocks of four or plate blocks on First Day

Covers are not known for this issue.

Figure 4 shows a First Day picture post card with the  $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ black brown Quebec stamp (Sc.96) affixed. The cover is cancelled on July 16,

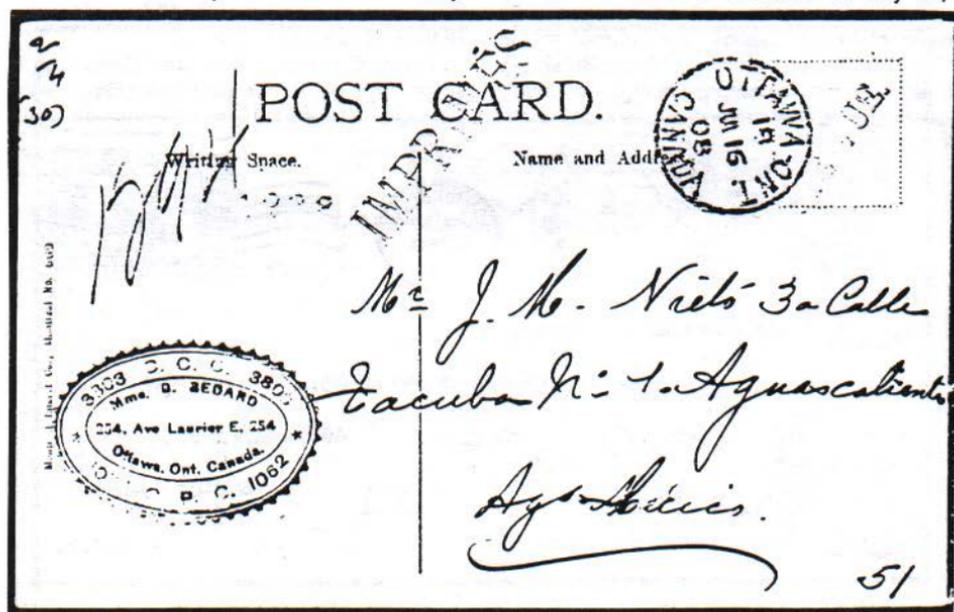


Figure 5. Reverse side of the Post Card First Day cover shown in Figure 3.

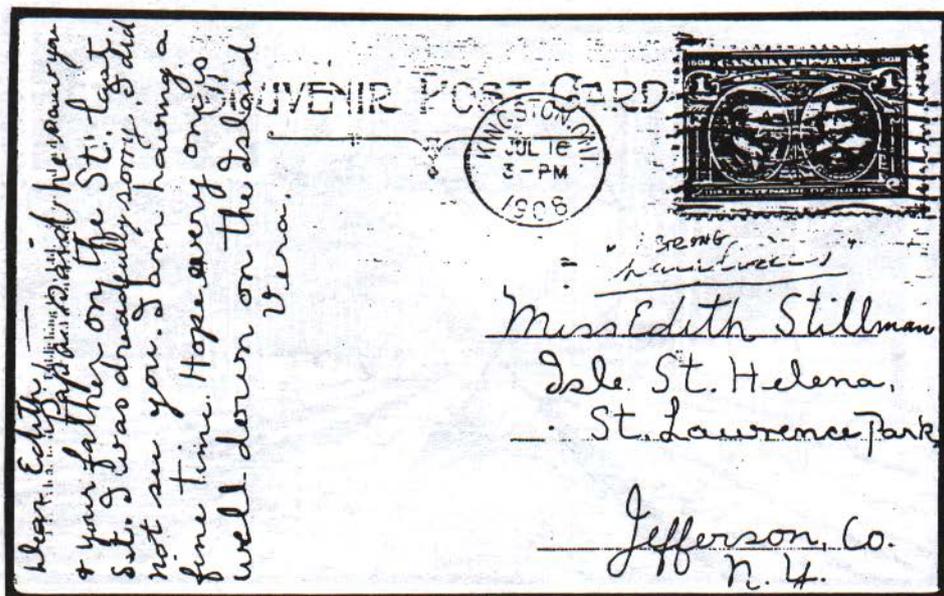


Figure 6. First Day Cover of the one cent stamp, Sc.97, from Kingston, Ontario.

1908, at Ottawa, Ontario. First Day Covers of the ½¢ values of early Canadian stamps are very rare. Figure 5 shows the address side of the card which is addressed to Mexico. This cover is discussed in detail in the August 1986 issue of Maple Leaves, the Journal of the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain [4]. It appears that this card represents an under-

payment of the then current 1¢ printed matter rate from Canada to Mexico. This card is one of a series of four different picture post card First Day Covers, each with a ½¢ stamp affixed to the picture side of the card. All four cards are similarly addressed to Mexico.

Figure 6 shows a First Day Cover with a single copy of the one cent blue green stamp

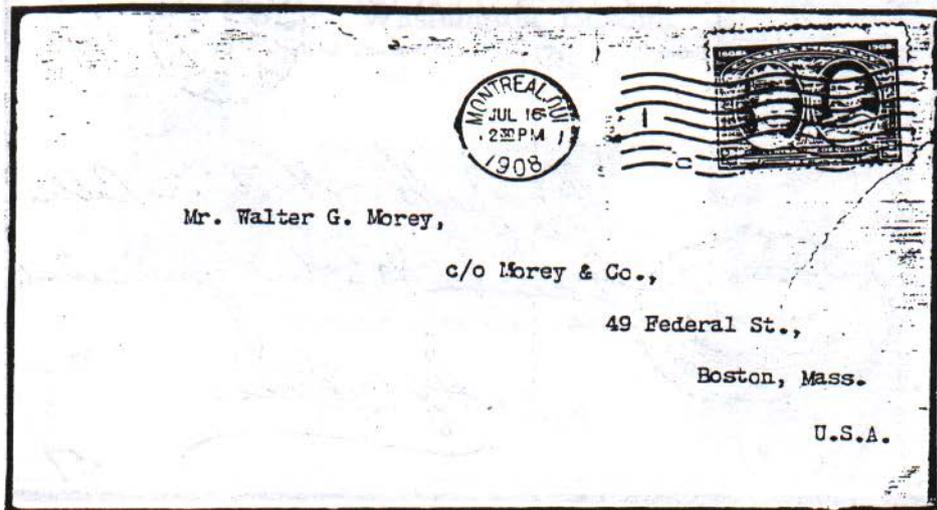


Figure 7. First Day Cover of the two cent stamp, Sc.98, from Montreal Quebec.

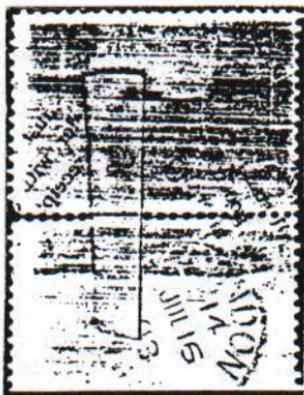


Figure 8. Unusual First Day cancelled copy of the two cent stamp, Sc.98, with a note on the selvage certifying it as the "First Stamp, Tercentenary-Sold in London, Ontario". Reverse shows stamped July 16, 1908 First Day date.

(Sc.97) on a post card. The card is cancelled at Kingston, Ontario. First Day Covers of this one cent stamp are usually postal cards.

Figure 7 shows a single of the two cents carmine stamp (Sc.98) on a First Day Cover cancelled at Montreal, Quebec. An additional interesting item of the two cent issue is shown in Fig.8. It is a single two cent stamp (Sc.98) off cover with attached selvage. There is a First Day September 16, 1908 London, Ontario, hand cancellation on the back of the stamp. On

the front of the stamp and on the selvage is written *First Stamp Tercentenary-Sold in London, Ontario*. It is initialed by a London, Ontario postmaster with the initials N. McN.

Figure 9 shows a very unusual First Day Cover of the ten cents stamp (Sc.102) on a Quebec picture post card cancelled in Montreal, Canada. This is an extremely rare registered post card First Day Cover that was sent from Canada to New Zealand. Backstamps from Chicago, Illinois and New Zealand appear on

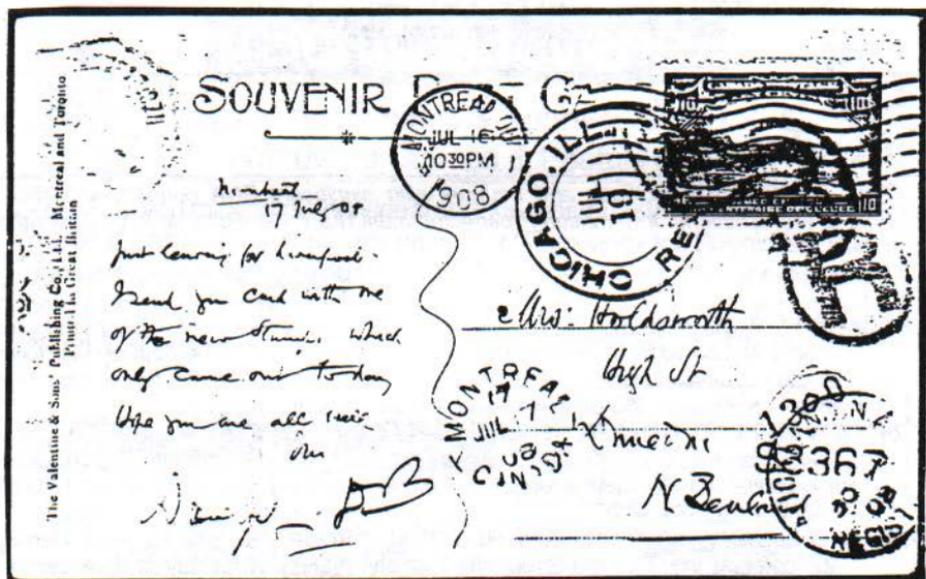


Figure 9. Very rare First Day Cover of the ten cent stamp, Sc. 101 from Montreal, Quebec. The cover is a registered post card to New Zealand. The Registered post card is a very unusual usage, particularly for a First Day Cover.

the card. The First Day Cover is authenticated by a Philatelic Foundation Certificate No. 74,096, dated April 20, 1979. This cover is discussed in detail in the October 1988 issue of *Maple Leaves*, the Journal of the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain [5].

No cachets are known for Quebec Tercentenary issue First Day Covers.

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**APRIL 24, CALGARY, AB - CALGARY REGIONAL GROUP - BNAPS Regional Meeting - Marlborough Inn, 1316-33 Street NE, Calgary, Alberta.** A full day of BNA seminars, stamp trading, cloths line exhibit, socializing and annual banquet. The Calgary Philatelic Society Stamp Day is on the following day - April 25 (Dealer Bourse and Exhibits). Information from Chairman: J.R. Taylor, 2335 Paliswood Road SW, Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2V 3P6.

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**SEPTEMBER 3-5, TORONTO, ON - BNAPEX '93.** The Royal York Hotel. Information: Al Steinhart, 35 Church Street, Toronto, ON M5E 1T3.

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may, at their option, pay their annual dues in Pounds Stirling, at a rate to be set in November each year by the Treasurer.

Final amendments to the new Policy & Procedures Manual, and an extensive re-write of our Bylaws were approved.

The scope of the Ethics Committee's activity was expanded to include all complaints of an ethical nature lodged with the Society against a BNAPS member.

The appointed office of Study Groups Coordinator was changed to the elected office of the Vice President Study Groups, thus adding one member to the Board of Directors.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Upon motion duly seconded IT WAS RESOLVED that the actions on behalf of the Society of its directors and officers since the last

annual general meeting be and they are hereby approved.

Mike Street spoke about the comprehensive index to BNA TOPICS being prepared by Charles Livermore. The meeting thanked Charles for his very extensive efforts so far.

Basil Burrell announced the completion of an index of all Canadian airmail items in the AFA quarterly journal.

Jim Lehr spoke briefly about the Order of the Beaver and announced that H. Michael Street had been elected a Fellow of the Order.

The meeting was reminded that the next Convention would be held at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto, Ontario from September 3 to 5, 1993.

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



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# BRITISH POSTMARKS, 1870 - 1878

George B. Arfken



Figure 1. Posted in Sydney, N.S., JU 26 75 and addressed to Brest, France. The date stamp and the cancel are in blue. The LONDON PAID transit stamp and the PD are orange red. The British claim, "3," top center, was written with purple ink.

The full title of this article is *British Postmarks and Claims on Canadian Letter Mail Going to Other European Countries, via London, 1870 - July 1878*. Canada adhered to the GPU / UPU rates and regulations August 1, 1878. So 1870 - July 1878 was a preUPU period for Canada. However, in January 1876, France joined the General Postal Union. This event had a major effect on British postmarks and British claims on Canadian mail.

**Properly Paid Covers.** The major British postmarks on properly paid Canadian letters have been illustrated and described by the Duckworths [1, p.395]. Figure 1 shows a single rate cover to France with a pale milky rose lilac 10 Small Queen paying the 10 rate for up to 1/4 oz. On the right is the LONDON PAID 14 JU 75 transit mark. On the left is an encircled or enclosed PD for Paid to Destination. Both of these British postmarks were invariably stamped with orange red ink. During the entire 1870 - July 1878 period considered here, the LONDON PAID transit mark was stamped on Canadian covers passing through London and going beyond London.

Canadian covers to France provide the best

record of the use of the PD marking. Every properly paid cover to France through December 1875 that the author has been able to inspect had the orange red PD, with only one exception. A September 1875 cover somehow received a LONDON backstamp but neither a LONDON PAID nor a PD.

Contrary to earlier practice, no covers to France or elsewhere dated 1876 or later received the Paid to Destination, PD. The reason for this change in postmarking was undoubtedly the new General Postal Union, formed by the October 9, 1874 Treaty of Berne. For the U.K. and most of the other members, the GPU rates and regulations became effective July 1, 1875. France demanded and received special considerations. France was permitted to sign as a charter member effective January 1, 1876. GPU practice was to assume that letters were fully paid unless the cover was marked otherwise or unless the underpayment was obvious. On January 1, 1876, the PD became superfluous on covers going from Britain to France and was discontinued.

With but few exceptions, the orange red PD was restricted to covers to France. It was as



Figure 2. Mailed at Quebec, C.E., JU 13 73 and addressed to Goteborg, Sweden. The cover was carried on the Allan packet Hibernian and paid an obsolete 16¢ rate instead of the current 14¢. There is a bold orange red PD, an orange red 2½d handstamp and a written "5," in red. The 2½d is clearly a British claim. The "5" may mean that the "2½d" was doubled to 5 pence (10¢).



Figure 3. From St. Thomas, Ont., JA 22 77 to San Remo, Italy. The 10¢ in Small Queens paid the preUPU rate to Italy. The bold "2½" handstamp was a British claim for 2½ pence.



Figure 4. A double rate cover from Quebec, AU 11 76 to Leipzig, Germany. The cover was sent via New York with a postal fee of 12¢ per ½ oz. There is an orange red LONDON PAID transit stamp but no PD. The bold orange red "6" was a British claim for 6 pence.

though the use of the PD was a special arrangement between the U.K. and France. One of these exceptions is shown in Figure 2. This Canadian cover to Sweden exhibits a strong PD, in orange red. It is curious that all of the examples (that this author has seen) of PD on covers to European countries other than France

appeared in one three month period April - June 1873.

January 1876 meant another change in British postal markings. The Duckworths pointed out that a manuscript 3 was a British claim for 3 pence, the British fee for carrying the cover on to France. This claim, in purple ink,



Figure 5. Posted in St. Hyacinthe, Que., FE 17 75 and addressed to France. The cover was paid 10¢ but was over the 1/4 oz. limit. The British stamped the cover in black with the GB / 2F accountancy mark. France rated the cover due 12 decimes or 24¢. No credit was allowed for the partial payment of 10¢. The cover was stamped INSUFFICIENTLY PAID and forwarded.



Figure 6. Posted in rural Quebec, MR 23 77 and addressed to Oran, Algeria. The cover was prepaid only the 3¢ domestic rate; short 7¢. Stamped RETURNED FOR POSTAGE and sent to the DLO, the cover was forwarded to the U.K. The British added the postal union "T," the international symbol for underpayment. The cover was sent to Oran and then redirected to Paris. The French Post Office rated the cover due 9 decimes (18¢).

appears at the top center of the cover of Figure 1. From January 1876 on, the British claim on Canadian covers going to other European countries, via London, was usually 2½, usually written in an almost undecipherable scrawl. Figure 3 is a happy and rare exception. Here the British claim of 2½ on this 1877 cover to Italy is given with a 2½ handstamp, top left.

The Canadian cover to Sweden, Figure 2, is exceptional as regards the British claim as well as for the presence of the PD and the absence of a LONDON PAID transit stamp. Here the British claim was also 2½d. However, this cover to Sweden is dated 1873, well before the formation of the GPU. This anomalous cover also shows a red '5' in the center. It is possible that the 2½d claim was actually doubled to 5d.

While British claim marks from 1876 on were usually 2½, there were a few exceptions. Figure 4 shows an 1876 Canadian cover to Germany. This was a double rate cover, paid 24 for going via New York. The extra 2 per ½ oz. was still required on covers going beyond the U.K. One might expect that the British claim would have been 5 for 5 pence. After all, 5d in British stamps would have sufficed to remail the cover to Germany. But, the British claim was an emphatic 6, bright orange red. The author has seen a British claim for 6d on an 1878 double rate cover to Italy and a 3 on an 1878 single rate

cover to Belgium. Interestingly the covers of all of these exceptions went via New York and paid the extra 2 per ½ oz. surtax.

#### Summary - properly paid covers

LONDON PAID	- Used during the entire 1870 to July 1878 period.
PD	- Used on covers to France through 1875. Exceptions: Used on covers to Sweden and Switzerland, April - June 1873.
British claims	- 3 (pence) through 1875. Possible exception: Sweden, 1873. - 2½ (pence) 1876 - July 1878. Exceptions: Claims of 3 and 6 on some covers paying the 2 per ½ oz. surtax.

**Insufficiently Paid Covers.** Until January 1876, insufficiently paid Canadian covers to France received a British accountancy mark GB / 2F within a frame like an opened cover. This was Britain's claim for 2 francs per 30 grams, a bulk claim. This claim is roughly equivalent to 40 per ounce, a rather high charge. On the other hand, the French postage due rating was also high, 12 decimes or 24 on the cover shown in Figure 5. This cover was rated by the French

as over 7½ grams (1/4 oz. British equivalent) but not over 10 grams (1/3 oz.). Underpaid covers over 10 grams but not over 20 grams were charged 24 decimes or 48. (From 1870 through 1875, the British and French exchanged mail on the basis of 10 grams or 1/3 oz. basic weight. In 1876, under GPU regulations, the basis became 15 grams or ½ oz.) A translation of the French numerals has been given by Toms [2].

In January 1876, the treatment of underpaid mail changed sharply. The cover of Figure 6 illustrates the new GPU regulations. This cover had been posted with only the 3 domestic rate paid. Addressed to Algeria, it should have had 10 in postage. Stamped RETURNED FOR POSTAGE, the cover was sent to Canada's Dead Letter Office. The DLO stamped the large 3 in upper left. Failing to receive the needed 7 postage, the DLO forwarded the cover to the U.K. The British Post Office stamped the T seen on the right. This was the international postal union symbol used to warn the post office of destination that the cover was underpaid. Going from the U.K. to France, this cover

was postal union mail. The T symbol replaced the old GB / 2F. In France, the cover was rated due 9 decimes or 18. If the French collected this 9 decimes, they were entitled to keep all of it under the new GPU regulations.

**August 1878.** On August 1, 1878, Canada adhered to the GPU / UPU postal rates and regulations. Canadian mail to all of the major European countries became postal union mail. Postal rates dropped to 5 per ½ oz. Transit fees were settled through the postal union offices. British clam marks were no longer needed nor appropriate. Canada adopted its own T symbol for insufficiently paid mail: a Roman T within a circle.

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## ON THE FRINGES

After being away on vacation for the whole month of August, I came back to a big stack of most interesting newsletters. Without further ado, we'll get right into them.

The first newsletter of an exciting new study group called the **Elizabethan II** Study Group is headlined. The newsletter is entitled **Corgi Times** and is edited by John D. Arn. The newsletter headlines this issue and well it should. Jon Johnson welcomes members with a great introduction and then John takes over explaining the attempts and the prospective goals of the study group. The newsletter is divided into eight sections with the centennials being absent for good reason. John also encourages those interested in the centennials to look into that study group. Rick Penko, the resident paper expert, having been involved in lithographic printing for twenty years will be doing two regular columns with one being done in this

issue. John goes on to suggest a reference material file be built and goes on to explain. The editor needs help in the explanation of a cover illustrated with punch holes in the stamps. The cover is from Koartac in Northern Quebec. This is your first opportunity to participate. The newsletter is expected to be published at least four times a year. Sufficient material will lead to possible extra issues.

Bill Pekonen reports a crease in the five cent blue of the Cameo issue with illustrations. Bill also sends in a report of a tag bar shift on the two cent definitive of the Caricature issue. John reports on the doubling of the precancellation on the six cents Pearson of the Caricature issue and encloses illustrations. In the commemorative section John does a nice piece on the errors found in the U.P.U. issues of 1974. The most prominent is a red streak along the length of the second vertical row. The same

kind of streak is also reported in purple. A closed five in the fifteen cents denomination is also reported. The newsletter also has a market place. There is a charge for ads but it is not all that much. You are encouraged to contribute regardless of how minor you feel your material is. Let the editor sort it out. John pretty well has the next issue all planned as can be seen here. If you do not belong to a study group or are tired of what you may consider to be a limited field, now is your opportunity to get in on the ground floor of what should prove to be a very exciting era in philately. After all, there are close to forty years of stamps involved. Surely there must be something to interest you! For applications write to John D. Arn, N 17708 Saddle Hill Road, Colbert, WA 99005, USA. The cost of the membership is ten dollars. You can also write to Jon Johnson for an application or myself for that matter.

Wilmer Rocket of the **Canadian Revenue Study Group** reports a successful mini-convention in Willow Grove where 11 were present for dinner on the Friday night. Please take note of Wilmer's change of address. The newsletter contains two pages of reproductions from publication 22 of the old Canadian Revenue Society of *Punched Cancellations of Canada and Newfoundland Revenue Stamps*. The August issue of the Revenue newsletter contained the balance of the four pages of the *Punched Cancellations of Canada and Newfoundland Revenue Stamps*.

Many people have contributed in several ways to this issue of the **Centennial Definitives Study Group Newsletter**, and John Aitkin begins by thanking them all. Elmore Von Hagen donated a nice item for the next auction. By all reports the previous auction was a success thanks to the efforts of Scott Traquair. John also apologizes for having mailed out the auction notice with the wrong closing date. Paul Burega is hoping for some Centennial exhibits for ORAPEX/ROYAL '93. Mike Painter sends in a follow-up on the Two Cent Dot under *E* of Postes and Doug Irwin talks of New Paper Fluorescence varieties thanks to material sent in by Elmore Von Hagen. Has J.D. Arn's Caricature exhibit provided a clue to centennial booklet printing? asks Mike Painter. Eric Ranger has sent in some new earliest postmarks on hibrites. The crux of the newsletter is Mike Painter's report of Len Kruczynski's *Dots On The Eight Cent Library*. Mike's illustrations and art work are, as usual, superb. Under the head-

ing of *Some Booklet Varieties*, several have contributed examples of tagging shifts, cover and gluing oddities, perforation shifts and printing flaws. All are accompanied with illustrations and, lovely illustrations they are. I haven't listed the names because there are just too many. John has made some suggestions for summer projects. Of course, it will be winter when you read this so, why not make them a yearly project. Although many members participate in the newsletter, John continually encourages everyone to send in at least one tid-bit. One of his suggestions is that you send in something dealing with *My Favourite Centennials Items*. Kevin O'Reilly sent in a report on the opening and closing of APO 09439 in Labrador. From John Aitken comes an article entitled *One Of My Favourite Centennial Items* that deals with a kiss print on the eight cent library. Ray Metcalf sent in an illustration of a kiss print on the six cent black. The newsletter closes out with an answer to a recent request for information regarding the top of the Husky Tower hand stamp. This is from Valerie Hewson, Human Resources Manager, Calgary Tower and it was sent to Andrew Liptak. Another great newsletter with plenty of participation. Good work John.

From Henk Berger and the **Canadian Military Mail Study Group** comes another fine newsletter. Henk received several letters complimenting him on issue 104 and well he should have been complimented. A nice cover adorns the front page with the explanation on page 45. Colin Campbell sent in a nice illustration of a Camp Shilo cancellation on cover with a thumb-nail sketch of the history of that military base. From Bill Robinson comes three pages of FPOs of the Canadian Army Overseas During World War II with more to come in future issues. Another piece of input from Colin Campbell is a brief biography of Major-General G.L. Foster, C.B., Director-General of Medical Services overseas during W.W.I. Included is an oval framed portrait of Major-General Foster and a Christmas Card. Dean Mario chips in with more on No. 5 Stationary Hospital with illustrations of a fancy Christmas card and a picture of the quarters of officers and nurses. Walter Plomish sent a letter informing Henk that it was indeed he who sent the information on the mis-sorts. Henk apologized for the mix-up. I suppose that's allowed once in a while. John Frith sent a note recommending the book *Canada's Soldiers In Siberia 1918-1919*. Talking about books; there are several recent or fairly recent

publications concerning the Hong Kong campaign. I'll do my best to send them in to Henk as soon as possible. Bill Robinson sent in a lovely illustration of a cover bearing the Field Post Office 3X cancellation. It also happens to be an earlier date than that recorded by Bailey and Toop. From W.D. Whitehouse comes an update on the Tribal Class Modernization Program with an illustration of her CF20 cachet and a Commanding Officer's handstamp in French. The newsletter is rounded off with the small ads section.

Bill Robinson's engine hauling the July R.P.O. newsletter stalled on the hill and didn't make it on time so we doubleheaded it with the September issue and hauled it over the grade. Bill reports that he was to attend the Prairie Beaver Regional Group meeting in College Station, Texas and talk about military mail and show some R.P.O. oddities. From Jim Felton came a nice postcard illustrating a railway bridge over the Fraser Canyon. Glad to hear David Harding got his van back and in obtaining several lots from the first Ludlow sale notes errors in the catalogue that will be corrected in the next annex. David has also done an identification Hammer W-155 that will appear in the next issue. Irvine Rosborough has responded to Bill's requests for items of interest by sending in a really nice story of his father who was a carman on the C.N.R. and the railway terminal of Armstrong. Also the friendship between his father and R.P.O. clerk Bill Mitchell. Irvine also enclosed some lovely R.P.O. cancellations on cover along with an illustration of Armstrong Station and a picture of Bill Mitchell and his wife. Just great. From A.J. Brunet comes a fascinating list of Journal Of Duty - R.M. clerks from the Calgary District. For the rail fan, Dean Mario sent in a piece of advertisement for the book; *The Train Doesn't Stop Here Anymore* by Ron Brown. Ross Gray sent in illustrations of two new clerk cancellations. Finally, from John Aitken comes three nice pieces, the first is a new year of use on an emergency hammer. The second is an illustration of the London and Port Stanley Electric Train and the third is a L&PS railway corner card.

The second newsletter previews BNAPEX '92 and the annual meeting of the study group that will be chaired by Jim Lehr. Rumor has it that Jim would like to retire as chairman and the group is looking for someone to take over. Here you go people. Now's the chance to get your feet wet. John Terry sent in an illustration of a

Christmas card with the N.Y.C. 4-8-2 Mohawk type engine that is now preserved in the National Museum of Transport at St. Louis. From a request by Bill, David Harding has done an identification work-up for strikes W-166b and c. Dr. John McCrea has done an analysis of the Moose Jaw & Empress R.P.O. in connection with a question in a previous newsletter from Lionel Gillam. The analysis also involves the Swift Current & Empress R.P.O. John also supplies RMS schedules of Western Districts for October 1930. Ross Gray sent in an analysis of M-138 in what could very well be a new hammer. Members would do well to check their material to try and corroborate Ross' findings. Gerry Garr has sent in a story on the digging for the new St. Clair Tunnel. He also includes photos of an old St. Clair Tunnel Co. steam engine and one of the 6323 in Michigan. Another letter from Lionel Gillam expresses a new theory on the W-88 strike, hammers 1 and 2. This should bring comments from the membership. Especially those who specialize in western cancellations. To end the newsletter Horace Harrison sent in a political post card relating to the construction of the Grand Trunk Railway. As usual Bill another great newsletter with a rather good membership participation.

**Philigraphy Canada** is the journal of the Literature study group and is edited by Paul Burega. It's opened by an article by Ralph Mitchener on additional information pertaining to Popular Stamps, volume I. Joseph Berkovits sent in a list of BNAPS conventions from 1949 to date while R.J. Duncan supplies us with an index to Dominion Philatelist including where it was published. These are very important to the literature philatelist and for research purposes. These indexes will save people time in obtaining information on their specialty. Mr. Duncan also sends in indexes to the Toronto Philatelic Journal and Canadian Stamp Collector. Trelle Morrow sends in an article dealing with the Publications of Dr. L.S. Holmes. Dr. Holmes was a collector dealer and writer of philatelic publications. Paul has reviewed two publications for the membership. They are, *Newfoundland Specialized Stamp Catalogue and Strike, Courier and Local Post of the Elizabethan Era*, edited by Earle L. Covert M.D. Also enclosed is the continuing index to B.N.A. TOPICS from volume 12, 1955 to volume 32, 1975. The big news is there is to be a philatelic exhibition at the ROYAL in 1993. This is only the second Canadian international philatelic

literature exhibition. This is a great opportunity for not only the so-called professional philatelic writer but also for you the newsletter editors. You are professionals you know. Believe me, I know. I see all the newsletters. Write to Paul Burega, Box 15765, Merivale Depot, Nepean, Ontario, K2C 3S7.

This edition of the **Flag Pole** edited by Tom Almond is not that long but it is an important one in that Bob Thorne has sent in a modern flag checklist. Doug Lingard sent in nice illustrations of WWI flags. By the way if you can add to Bob's checklist, send them in to him. Doug informs the membership that Bob Heasman won a National Level Gold Medal for his ten frames of early machine Flag Cancels shown at CRAPEX in Victoria. Congratulations Bob.

The British Northwest Chapter of the British North America Philatelic Society has formed a **British Columbia Postal History** study group and publish four newsletters per year. Bill Topping is the editor and applications are available to all those interested in the collecting and study of B.C. postal history. Their newsletter is titled **Research British Columbia Post Office**. The first newsletter lays out a membership criterion and format. Postal watch is to be a regular feature alerting members as to postal errors and changes such as the choosing of the New Westminster post office on November 8, 1991. Other articles include the history of Lulu Island Post Office, Steveston postal history and the Alaska Highway special cancellation. The postal research section deals with Vancouver Island Postal Reorganization. The second newsletter opens with an extensive article on the Sumas Post Office by Cecil Coutts with nice illustrations of covers and cancellation types. There's a report of the March Regional Meeting. Under postal watch you are encouraged to visit your local retail postal outlet or franchise. You may be surprised at the type of cancellations found. There are articles of cancellations of Vancouver West and Lower Nicola and on the research report there is an update on cancellations from newsletter one and other recently unreported machine cancels. From Canada Post comes a revision of British Columbia Post Offices. The *Brit Col* cancellation appears on a varied number of cancellation types as can be seen from the enclosed listing. It is also an interesting collecting sideline. Newsletter number three is again opened by an article by Cecil Coutts on the Majuba Hill Post Office. Of note from the Editor's Comments is that Bill is retiring

after 39 years of teaching in the Richmond School District. Bill also reminds the membership that he does not intend for the newsletter to be a one man show so, keep the articles and tid-bits coming. Following is a story of *Qwikeno-The Post Office That Never Was*. Dan Rosenblat and Cecil Coutts are working on slogans from Kamloops and a few are listed here. Hudson Hope or Hudson's Hope will provide some interesting comments according to the little story enclosed. Postal watch deals with Enderly and it's cancels and the change in the Alaska Highway cancellations. Research report talks about temporary R.P.O. offices to round out the newsletter.

At a BNAPEX seminar in St. Charles, nine BNAPS members formed an **Air Mail** study group. The scope of the study group will be Canadian airmails of all types up to the introduction of *all-up* airmail service in the mid 1950's. If you are interested in the Air Mail study group contact Basil Burrell, 911 Huckleberry Lane, Glenview, IL 60025. The annual dues are \$6 US or \$7 Cdn.

That's all for this edition of Centerline. Don't forget the literature exhibition at CRAPEX/ROYAL '93 and John, that's a nice illustration of the Corgi on the masthead. Is it yours?

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