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## SOME POSSIBLE CHANGES FOR TOPICS

A proposal has been circulated to the Board of Directors of the Society to alter the format of publishing of your journal. Two separate formats will be produced under the scheme, each published four times per year, alternating at about six week intervals. One will be *TOPICS* in the basic form it is now, except without most of the Society news, focusing instead almost exclusively on articles and substantive letters about philatelic topics. The other issuance would become a newsletter, in which the timely and seasonal material about the Society would be published.

The dual issue format is quite common in professional societies. Its strengths are based on the need for timely information to Society members about meetings, activities, and procedural events such as elections. Currently the lead time for such material in *TOPICS* is about two months, often too far ahead for many items. I know from personal experience how difficult it is to plan and count on all the details being ready for the Annual Meeting and Exhibition; sometimes negotiations with hotels and agencies prevent the lead times needed in the *TOPICS* scheduling. A newsletter can be prepared in much quicker time, perfect for such information. Inserts, ballots, and changes in conditions can all be reported within hours of the production at a copy center.

The reduction in pressure on *TOPICS* for the dated material will allow the editor to concentrate in that journal on strictly philatelic information, which should improve the information value of the journal immensely. Based

on initial estimates, *TOPICS* might be increased in size by 50%, plus increasing its actual information content of the original pages by 40%, with little change in costs. This alone should make most of our readers consider the proposal favorably. The cost for the newsletter will be based more on postage than on paper or copying, since the photocopy costs for large runs are quite low.

If these changes are made, they will require renegotiating contracts with our current printers, but would be expected to take place quickly. We will alert readers before any of these changes are made.

## COLLECTING CANADIAN STAMPS

If you follow the auction results of various houses, you might have noted the very favorable prices for classic Canada stamps. Relative to the value of currency, I suspect that prices for very fine material are as good as they have been for decades if not ever. While great postal history items are finally getting their financial due, the stamps appear to be steals. Singles, pairs, and even blocks (of 1859's at least) of the pence through Large Queens can be found, and lovely collections formed now. This material is not that common, and once it has been pulled into collections may not be available for years. Many collectors of my Baby Boom Generation have never considered collecting Pence because it seemed to be going far beyond reach. For the price of a modest sedan car, however, one could have put together a very nice collection of such material from the recent Nickle sale at Christie's. Did I? No, I went after some covers I really needed (and got one).

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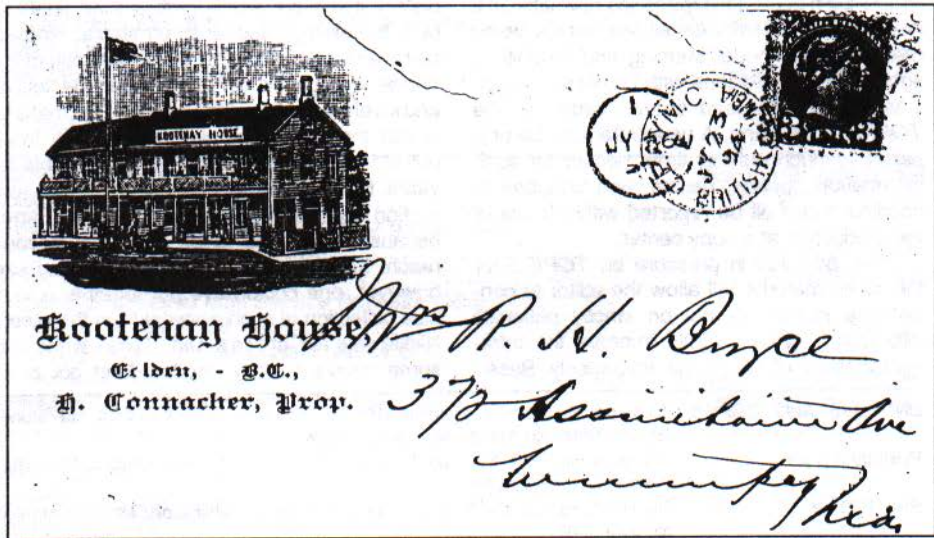
Nevertheless, the opportunity was there, and continues at auction houses specializing in Canadian stamps. Look at the prices from the last year or so, and bid accordingly. Don't worry about the auction house estimates, as they will be all over the lot. As long as you are patient and don't have the "gotta haves," you can now build something to be proud of at prices that are incredibly good. There is no more of this stuff, and no one is printing more as the demand surges,

unlike baseball cards. Boy, is that an area just like modern Sand Dune philately. All markets are cyclical, and philately has a long enough history to allow reasonable prediction for its continued life. Stamps will make a resurgence. Besides, even if they don't, you will be able to create a slice of life over 140 years old for very little outlay, and learn a lot in the process. Our hobby has endless possibilities like this. It continually creates itself anew.

## Illustrated Hotel Covers of B.C.

Ken V. Ellison

### KOOTENAY HOUSE, GOLDEN



In 1894, Mr. A. Connacher was the Proprietor of Kootenay House Hotel which was prominently located in the small railway town of Golden. Advertising of the day said that the bar in the hotel was noted for its elaborate fittings.

This cover was put on the eastbound Canadian Pacific Railway train on 23 July 1894 where it was cancelled with the C.P. RY M.C. / British Columbia hammer (Ludlow No. RR-23). On arrival in Winnipeg on 26 July the carriers marking was applied.



# The President's Corner

Charles Firby



I must say there is certainly no complacency among the membership of BNAPS, at least regarding the previously announced Society name change. I have certainly aroused the sleeping giant.

Since this announcement in *TOPICS*, I have received eight letters from members who are in opposition to changing the name and four that believe it to be a good idea. Who is right? Everyone, I believe. Should we make a change? I believe that a more recognizable moniker be adopted and I must confess that I originated the suggestion for this change. My reason for this proposal was purely from a marketing standpoint and was founded on the belief that a *casual* stamp collector (not one that is truly in the mainstream of organized philately) would not instantly recognize the function of our society by its present name (*British North America* is not quickly recognizable while everyone in the world recognizes the name and meaning of *Canada*).

Before I continue, let me backup and correct a misconception which I am inadvertently responsible for espousing in my previous *TOPICS* President's Corner.

The original idea which was voted on by the Board was not actually to *change* the name from *British North America Philatelic Society, Ltd.* but to legally assume another name that was more reflective of our collecting interests. This new name was meant to be used as the front line in marketing our Society but all documents were still to show the child/parent relationship with *British North America Society, Ltd.* An **assumed name** is one that is filed legally with the state (or province) and can then be used by its owner (be it an individual or company) as it would its own name.

A review of thoughts that led to the decision to change the name is in order. Our membership has fluctuated drastically in the past six years. (Regrettably a gremlin has slipped into *TOPICS*

the last couple of issues and has shown BNAPS membership to be much higher than it really is.) The fact is that BNAPS currently has 1,200 members. Compare this to our year ending in 1986 with 1,389 members and that or 1989 with 1,435. As you can see we have a net loss of 235 members in the last three years whereas the previous three year period had a net gain of 46 members.

There are several reasons for this drastic change but that is another story. The fact is that the membership of our Society must reverse this trend. We are attempting to address the problem with recently introduced programs such as Ambassador, BNAPS Boosters and the Speakers Bureau. These programs are obviously aimed at the collector who is already entrenched in organized philately, but that leaves another area, probably as large and important to our Society as those collectors already mentioned. The group I refer to are the closet collectors; those who buy Canada's stamps as a hobby but, for whatever reason, have not entered organized philately. This is a huge group and I believe that many of these collectors would join our Society and, one day, become serious philatelists by having BNAPS to nurture them.

This is where the concept of having a more recognizable name becomes important - to my thinking anyway. I believe that many of these people will not recognize the term *British North America* and will possibly even reject membership in our Society by thinking that BNAPS is only for the sophisticated collector and/or is an elite organization. I would like our solicitation to include the name *Canada* as the focal point instead of *British North America*.

I have approached Canada Post and asked them to do a mailing for us to their new issue subscribers - all 225,000 of them. This group will surely not recognize the *BNA* term which appears to belong exclusively to Philately. This mailing is important and should convey the proper meaning of BNAPS, if it is to be effective.

At the annual meeting of the RPSC in Ottawa two weeks ago, I met with several members who expressed their opinions on the name change (as well as several other subjects). I proposed that we use the term *BNAPS - The*

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# BNAPEX '93

## TORONTO, ONTARIO - SEPTEMBER 3, 4, 5

Joanne & Cliff Guile  
Deputy Co-Chairpersons

### CONVENTION COMMENTS

- \* January/February '93 Issue of BNA TOPICS contained:

- \* Details of the Convention Schedule
- \* Royal York Hotel Registration Form
- \* Official Airlines Information
- \* Publicity on Toronto and the Royal York Hotel

- \* March/April '93 Issue contained:
  - \* Exhibition Rules and Entry Form
  - \* List of the Exhibition's Judges
  - \* Royal York Hotel Parking Costs
  - \* "Toronto Travel Tips"
  - \* "Ontario Outings" tourist information

- \* Exhibition Entry Forms - Dave Dixon, our Exhibits Chairman, plans to send out 2 types of confirmation to those members submitting Entry Forms by June 30; namely,
  - 1) to acknowledge receipt of the Entry Form and Frame Fees.
  - 2) to confirm acceptance of the Exhibit as part of our Exhibition, and, specifically to verify the number of frames allowed.

- \* Study Group Meetings and Judges' Critique Seminar - Thanks to the diligent efforts of our Study Groups Chairman, Eugene Labiuk, this issue contains a schedule of the Study Group Meetings and Judges' Critique Seminar. As may be noted, we have a very flexible space commitment, so, if one session goes overtime, the next one can start in the adjoining room without any problem.

- \* Toronto Theatre - Good news for those planning to see the "Phantom of the Opera" before or after BNAPEX '93! We are pleased to confirm our news in the last Issue that this production has been extended right through to the end of October.

- \* Convention Schedule - We have not repeated the complete schedule again, but rather have indicated dates and times for social and tour events on the Convention

Pre-Registration Form, contained in this Issue. Hopefully, the supplementary article on the Form answers all your Questions - if not please contact us via Allan Steinhart (address at end of the BNAPEX '93 Index contained in this issue.)

### CONVENTION PRE-REGISTRATION FORM'S EVENTS DESCRIPTION

50 years ago, in 1943, our BNAPS' founding fathers gathered together to form a Society whose original precept was **fellowship**. Your BNAPEX '93 Committee views this year's Convention at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto, Ontario as the climax of our celebration of the founding of our Society. We hope that the Convention programme - both philatelic and social - will encourage this sense of fellowship. This programme is not only designed for the BNA Collector, but also for his or her spouse/partner. We want to encourage both new and long-time members to attend and share their philatelic expertise and, together with their spouse/partner, enjoy the friendly fellowship and make new friends.

Included in this Issue of BNA TOPICS is the **Convention Pre-Registration Form** for BNAPEX '93. Cost of the Registration Package is \$140.00 Cdn / \$110.00 U.S., IF mailed by August 3rd. Otherwise, the Registration Package will cost \$150.00 Cdn / \$118.00 U.S. (**See "Note 1" on the Form**).

#### This Registration Package covers:

- \* 3 days' admission to the Exhibition and Bourse, featuring:
  - 200 Frames of BNA Exhibits, including a Court of Honour
  - 22 Dealers, offering BNA materials
  - BNAPS Book Department
  - BNAPS Sales Circuit
- \* Convention Programme Booklet with the finalized Convention Schedule
- \* Convention Briefcase/Canvas Bag with tourist information, maps, etc.



- \* Presidents' Reception (Sat., Sept. 4, 6:30 to 8:00 pm) - Unique to BNAPS Conventions, this Reception offers us an opportunity to meet the past Presidents of our Society in a brief receiving line. It is also an ideal opportunity, at the end of Day #2, to socialize with other "Attendees" - and even to gather up dinner companions. Assuming that you will want to eat dinner afterwards, we will only be offering light "finger food". A Cash Bar will be available throughout the Reception, and one Drink Ticket will be included in the Registration Package.
- \* Hospitality Suite - This will be open mid-evening on Sat., Sept. 4th, and will be conveniently located on Floor One (one above the Convention Floor). Hopefully, you will "drop in" for a visit, either briefly or until the Host locks the door. Contributions towards the cost of liquid refreshments will be appreciated.
- \* Pre-banquet Reception (Sun., Sept. 5th, 6:30 to 7:30 pm) - Again, one Drink Ticket will be included in the Registration Package, and a Cash Bar will be open during the Reception.
- \* Annual Awards Banquet (Sat., Sept. 5th, 7:30 to 10:30 pm) - Tables will be set up in eights, and we will be asking you to select your table location and seat allocation when you first check in at the Registration Table. We have selected a 4-course menu, featuring "Poached Fillet of Salmon", which we trust will appeal to most participants. **Please see "Note 2" on the Form**, if you need to indicate if dietary restrictions require you to have a substitute for the Salmon. Wine Menus and Wine Stewards will also be available for each table.
- \* Taxes and Gratuities for all of the above functions.

### 3 Optional Events (not included in the Registration Package):

Recognizing that not all Registrants will want to leave the Convention Hotel, especially during the Exhibition, Bourse and Study Group meetings, we are offering 3 additional social and tour events as "add ons" to the Registration Package. The BNAPEX '93 Committee hopes that the events will interest you, and that you will appreciate the leisurely pace of the daytime events. Please

note that all prices listed below include taxes and gratuities. Details of the 3 events are:

- Round-trip bus transportation (approx. 20 minute trip each way).
- Daily admission to the ROM - allows you to tour all the ROM buildings until closing time.
- Conducted 45-minute tour by the Ceramic Museum's Doycens in groups of 10 - 12. This tour highlights the permanent art collection at what is North America's only specialized ceramic art museum. The collection is made up of 15th to 19th century European ceramics, consisting of tea services, Harlequins, perfume bottles, Italian Maiolica and English Delftware. There should also be time before lunch to visit the Museum Shop(s) and to walk-through the ground floor's Pre-Columbian and special exhibits. This small Museum is equipped with an elevator, and there are conveniently placed benches for those who prefer to sit and listen to the Doycens.
- Luncheon in the Members' Lounge of the ROM - After ascending the elevator to the Members' Lounge in the main ROM Complex, we will enjoy an 1½ hour luncheon, featuring quiche of the day, garden green salad, dessert trolley, Ontario wine and beverage.

### Notes

- (1) - There are 40 spaces on this event. We will allocate the spaces on a "1st come, 1st served" basis, so please sign up promptly.
  - (2) - Since we will be in the Blood Street/Yorkville/Hazleton Lanes shopping area for this event, some participants may wish to stay in the area for the rest of Friday afternoon and return to the Hotel by public transit - the Hotel, the Museum and this shopping area are on the same Subway line!
- \* **Chinese Banquet at Sai Woo's Restaurant** (Fri., Sept. 3, 6:30 to 10:30 pm) @ \$30.00 Cdn / \$24.00 U.S. - Includes:
    - Round-trip bus transportation (approx. 15 minute trip each way)
    - 7-course Chinese dinner, similar to those served for Chinese New Years' Banquets
    - A Cash Bar will be available upon arrival at the Restaurant
    - An elevator is also available for those who do not want to walk up to our 3rd Floor Banqueting Hall.



**Note:** Jacket and Tie are not required for this event.

\* **Afternoon Tea in the BNAPEX '93 Hospitality Suite** (Sat., Sept. 4th, 3:30 to 5:00 pm) @ \$9.00 Cdn / \$7.00 U.S. - After a leisurely day of sightseeing, shopping or even attending the more hectic philatelic activities, the BNAPEX '93 Committee thought that you might enjoy an opportunity to relax and visit with fellow "Attendees" at the end of Saturday Afternoon in the BNAPEX '93 Hospitality Suite. Included in this informal Afternoon Tea will be:

- Selection of Fresh Scones
- Dundee Cake
- Selection of Teas
- Coffee

#### **Informal Touring of Toronto:**

Saturday's and Sunday's day-time schedules allow lots of opportunity for the non-philatelist to tour Toronto. Please see the "Toronto Travel Tips" article in the March/April '93 Issue of BNA TOPICS for some suggestions. As noted in this article, the Royal York Hotel allows you to easy access to a variety of events and attractions - either by foot, bus or subway!

We will ensure that the Registration Table (which will be located just outside the Exhibition Hall) offers a convenient assembly point for those who want to meet others and tour in small

groups. Tourist information and maps will be in your briefcase/canvas bag, as well as on the Table. We will certainly be available to assist you in your planning - and to send you off in the right direction.

Feedback over the past year leads us to believe that you want some "free time" to sample Toronto's many great attractions; thus, we have incorporated "informal touring" as a part of the BNAPEX '93 Schedule. Your Committee also views this as an ideal opportunity to go out and get to know one another better - i.e., to have fellowship!

#### **Name Tags:**

Please do not forget to complete this section of the Convention Pre-Registration Form. We want to ensure that we show your Name correctly on the Tag.

#### **First-Timers:**

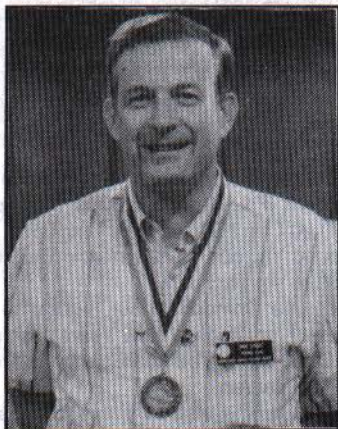
To ensure that 1st-time Registrants at BNAPEX '93 are made to feel especially welcome, please complete this section of the Form also.

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

The BNAPEX '93 Committee is looking forward to seeing you at the Royal York Hotel. So we can plan well for your visit, please mail in the Convention Pre-Registration Form at your earliest possible convenience before Aug. 3rd.

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## **MIKE STREET Named to ORDER of the BEAVER**



At 1992's BNAPEX convention in St. Charles, IL the members of BNAPS' Order of

the Beaver elected H.M. (Mike) Street to the fellowship.

Mike joined BNAPS at CAPEX '78. Three years later, at the urging of Ron McGuire and the request of Jim Lehr, he became Editor of BNA TOPICS. During his eight years as Editor Mike worked hard to increase the participation of the members and maintain TOPICS' high standards.

Mike retired as Editor in 1989, just in time to act as Chairman for the very successful BNAPEX '89, held in Hamilton. He has since held the positions of Chairman of the Editorial Board and member of the Ethics Committee, and is now First Vice-President, a member of the Board of Examiners and an assistant to the Ethics Committee.

We congratulate Mike on receiving this honour.



# BNAPS STUDY GROUP MEETINGS TORONTO '93

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## Friday, September 3, 1993

9:30 a.m.	STUDY GROUP - SMALL QUEEN	Meeting Room "A"
10:00 a.m.	STUDY GROUP - TRANSATLANTIC MAIL	Meeting Room "B"
11:00 a.m.	MEET TOPICS EDITOR	Meeting Room "A"
12:00 p.m.	STUDY GROUP - NEWFOUNDLAND	Meeting Room "B"
1:00 p.m.	*STUDY GROUP - SLOGAN CANCELS	Meeting Room "A"
2:00 p.m.	*STUDY GROUP - POSTAL STATIONARY	Meeting Room "B"
3:00 p.m.	STUDY GROUP - MILITARY MAIL	Meeting Room "A"
4:00 p.m.	STUDY GROUP OFFICERS SEMINAR	Meeting Room "B"

\* These Study Groups were provided meeting times based on their past participation at BNAPS conventions.

## Saturday, September 4, 1993

8:00 a.m.	BNAPS ANNUAL MEETING	
10:00 a.m.	STUDY GROUP - BNA PERFINs	Meeting Room "B"
11:00 a.m.	STUDY GROUP - REVENUES	Meeting Room "A"
12:00 p.m.	STUDY GROUP - AIRMAILS	Meeting Room "B"
1:00 p.m.	STUDY GROUP - FLAG CANCELS	Meeting Room "A"
2:00 p.m.	STUDY GROUP - RE-ENTRIES	Meeting Room "B"
3:00 p.m.	STUDY GROUP - ELIZABETHIAN II	Meeting Room "A"
4:00 p.m.	STUDY GROUP - RPO'S	Meeting Room "B"

## Sunday, September 5, 1993

10:00 a.m.	STUDY GROUP - LITERATURE	Meeting Room "A"
12:00 p.m.	JUDGES CRITIQUE	Meeting Room "A"
1:30 p.m.	STUDY GROUP - FANCY CANCELS	Meeting Room "A"
3:00 p.m.	STUDY GROUP - CENTENNIALS	Meeting Room "A"

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*Society for Canadian Philately* on all promotional material, banners, venues, etc. This seems to have met with a positive impact on those who were opposed to changing the name. What do you think? By using a descriptive slogan such as that shown above, our marketing will gain the instant recognition needed and therefore eliminate the need to change the name. I have not, as yet seen the results of last month's ballot and therefore I do not know how you voted on this issue, but I will see to it that a report is included in the next *TOPICS*.

I would like to thank all those members who took their time to share their opinions with me regarding this matter, which will be discussed further by your Board of Directors at the annual convention in Toronto. In addition, it will be scheduled for an all member discussion at the open forum which will follow the annual meeting. Try to attend if at all possible, but if not, let someone else convey your thoughts for all to hear.

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# AMBASSADORS AND SPEAKERS BUREAU

## Program Profile

(To be supervised by the Membership Chairman)

### *Purpose:*

To provide a continent wide group of dedicated BNAPSers who enjoy sharing their philatelic knowledge and experiences with others.

To help educate and entertain collectors that are unfamiliar with the various topics of BNA related subjects presented.

To instill interest in Canadian related philately.

To promote the BNAPS Society as a meeting place for collectors and researchers of Canada's stamps.

To sell to the general public BNAPS published handbooks, etc.

### *Benefits:*

Ambassadors and Speakers are also eligible to earn "BOOSTERS" free dues (the equivalent of one year's free dues for every six new members admitted) by signing up new members (enter Proposer's number on applicant's application form in order to be counted).

Ambassadors/Speakers will be provided with a cassette tape outlining their responsibilities, procedures, etc..

Ambassadors in good standing will be so noted by inclusion of the letter "A", and Speakers the letter "S", following their membership number, for as long as they are recognized as BNAPS Ambassadors and Speakers.

Ambassadors/Speakers will be provided with a Society name badge to identify their position. Badges shall remain the property of BNAPS and are to be worn **only** when *on duty*.

### *Guidelines and Responsibilities:*

To represent the Society and to solicit new members.

To support Society activities and to encourage others to do the same.

To identify potential volunteers to help BNAPS in its various functions.

To notify the Membership Chairman of philatelic activities in the Ambassadors and Speakers geographic area and to initiate involvement in these meetings/shows.

To appoint an alternate (who will be required to listen to the training tape) if the Ambassador/Speaker is not able to attend a show. The Membership Chairman must be notified (if possible) prior to an alternate being assigned or as soon as possible after the event. All official BNAPS involvement in outside shows must go through the Membership Chairman.

To encourage members to purchase Life Memberships.

To be conscious of the potential for an annual BNAPS Convention being held in your geographic area. (Many Clubs would be willing to help conduct a show even though they have few, if any, BNAPSers.)

To maintain contact with Dealers keeping in mind we would like them to take tables at our annual conventions (Pass on any pertinent information to Convention Coordinator).

### *Physical Requirements:*

The Membership Chairman will arrange to have sent **Prior to the show** - the Society's Banners for display behind the booth and/or for the Speakers areas; distribution materials including a selection of BNA TOPICS, application forms, Society brochures, questionnaires, etc..



The Speaker and/or Ambassador is to return the Banners and any promotional materials to the Membership Chairman promptly after the show.

To accept money from sales and dues payments (with a new applicant's membership application form). To promptly forward both to the Secretary with a list of all sales and applicants solicited (to keep a list for his records).

To provide signed receipts to new applicants for monies received.

### **SPEAKERS BUREAU**

#### *additional Guidelines and Responsibilities:*

To provide post seminar discussion of *"BNAPS and You"*  
(Solicit new members by passing out application forms, Society brochures and sample TOPICS during the speaking engagement as well.)

To work with the local Ambassadors and to assist the Membership Chairman in scheduling Speakers seminars.

To provide a constant flow of Canada related philatelic knowledge by speaking before the general public at organized philatelic shows, or otherwise as may be scheduled by BNAPS in order to spread the word - long term recruitment the goal.

### **AMBASSADORSHIP PROGRAM**

#### *additional Guidelines and Responsibilities:*

The Ambassadors primary function is to provide staffing at the BNAPS table at various shows in North America, to answer questions, to solicit new members and generally to represent the Society to the *"outside world"*.

To contact local members who are delinquent in their dues and to encourage payment as well as to avoid their leaving BNAPS.

To assist in the scheduling of BNAPS Speakers to be included in the shows program.

To assist the Secretary in checking references of new applicants.

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# The RPO Cowcatcher

A Guest Column by William G. Robinson, OTB  
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In the last column we started to list the "Unconfirmed" listings which have not been confirmed despite ten years of exposure in the

Catalogue. This column continues the listing with those for the Ontario Region.

The listing is as follows:

- 0-101 HAM. & LON. R.P.O. - Type 17 - Probably reported in error for 0-113 - HAM. & SOUTHE. R.P.O.
- 0-155D LON. & SARNIA - Type 22 - Straight line which could exist.
- 0-184 TRAIN No./NIAGARA FALLS & TORONTO R.P.O. - Type 18 - ?
- 0-201A N.B. & SOO R.P.O./No. - Type 17A - Probably reported in error for 0-201B - N.B. & SOO R.P.O.
- 0-217 TRAIN No./ OTT. & DEPOT HARBOUR R.P.O. - Type 18 - Probably reported in error for 0-218 - TRAIN No. OTT DEPOT H'B'R. R.P.O.
- 0-268 PALMERSTON & HAMILTON R.P.O. - Type 17 - Probably reported in error for 0-270 - PALMERSTON & KINCARDINE R.P.O.
- 0-291 Pt.DOVER & STRATFORD Rwy.P.O. - Type 20A - Probably reported in error for 0-289 - Pt.DOVER & STRATFORD R.P.O.
- 0-314 SARNIA & STRATFORD / RY.P.O. - Type 20 - Probably reported in error for 0-313 = SARNIA & STRATFORD / R.P.O.
- 0-345 TOR. & HAM. P.O. CAR -Type 14 - Probably reported in error for 0-346 - TOR. & HAM.P.O.CAR/ No.
- W-13 C.N.R.BRANDON & SASKATOON M.C. - Type 10F - ?
- W-20A CALGARY & EDMONTON R.P.O./No. 6 - Type 17A - W-20 with missing "D" in EDMONTON. Possibly reported by Gillam?
- W-50 EMERSON & WINNIPEG C.N.R. R.P.O./ No. - Type 19D - Probably reported in error for W-49 - C.N.R'WY.EMERSON & WINNIPEG R.P.O./No.
- W-73B MEDICINE HAT & NELSON R.P.O. - Type 17 - Probably reported in error for W-74 - MED.HAT & NELSON R.P.O./No.
- W-78 MED.HAT & NEL.R.P.O./B.C. - Type 17F - Probably reported in error for W-81 - MED.HAT.& NEL. R.P.O./B.C.
- W-82 M.H. & NEL.R.P.O./ No. - Type 17F - Probably reported in error for W-80 - M.HAT & NEL. R.P.O./ No.
- W-101 N.B. & ED. R.P.O./ No. - Type 17A - ?
- W-109A P.A. & NO.BATT.R.P.O. - Type 22 - Possibly reported in error for W-109C - P.A.N.B. R.P.O. - but could exist on bag tag or facing slip.
- W-110 PRINCE GEORGE & PRINCE RUPERT / R.P.O. - Type 17H - Probably reported in error for W-111 - P.GEORGE & RUPERT / R.P.O. (with ornaments).
- W-112 PR.GEO.& PR. RUP./R.P.O. - Probably reported in error for W-111.
- W-119 REGINA & N.BATTLEFORD / M.C. - Type 9E - Possibly reported in error for W-121 - REGINA & PRINCE ALBERT R.P.O./ No.
- W-130 RIV.&WATR.R.P.O./No. - Type 17A - Probably reported in error for W-128 - RIV. & WAIN.R.P.O./No.
- W-133C ST.P.& PORTAL N.D./R.P.O. - Type 17H - This listing will remain tentative on the basis of a partial strike of a U.S.R.M.S. duplex on a C.P.R. cover with 3-cent King George VI Stamp, dated July 28, 1937, Train 2. Other reports would be welcomed.
- W-182 W'PEG & ESTEVAN R.P.O./ No. - Type 17A - Probably reported in error for W-182A - WINNIPEG & ESTEVAN R.P.O./ No.



- W-192 WINNIPEG & M. JAW LOCAL R.P.O. - Type 17L - Probably reported in error for W-195A - W'PEG. & M.JAW (LOCAL) R.P.O./No.
- W-194 W'PEG.& MOOSE JAW/ R.P.O. - Type 17A - Probably reported in error for W-193-WPG. & MOOSE JAW / R.P.O.
- W-195 W'PEG.& M.JAW R.P.O./No. - Type 17A - Probably reported in error for W-196 - WPG.& M.JAW R.P.O./No.
- W-200 WINNIPEG & RAT PORTAGE M.C./No. - Type 9A - Possibly reported in error for W-190T - WINNIPEG & MANITOU M.C./#
- RR-3 ALT.R.COAL Co.M.C./No. - Type 9A - May exist, but lost. Does an Alberta collector have it hidden away?
- RR-12 CANADA ATLANTIC R.P.O. - Probably reported in error for RR-10 or RR-11.
- RR-107 N.B.& C.RAILWAY / PASS'R.TRAIN No. - Type 6C - Reported on Page 102 of Gillam's *History of Canadian R.P.O.s*. Doubtful and no confirmation. The marking may be an oval and the name of the railway is doubtful. Possibly reported in error for RR-196 - WOODSTOCK RAILWAY / PASSENGER TRAIN - Type 3.
- RR-127 P.E.ISLAND BOAT / M.C. - Type 9E - Probably reported in error for RR-RR-126 - P.E.ISLAND BOAT or RR-128 - P.E. ISLAND M.C./ BOAT.
- RR-162 THIS MAIL WAS CARRIED BY / TRAVELLING LETTER BOX - Type 23N - Probably reported in error for RR-163.
- RR-168 RECEIVED AT NORTH BAY, ONT. / IN TRAVELLING LETTER BOX - Type 23N - May exist, but lost. Who has it?
- RR-171 THIS MAIL WAS CARRIED IN TRAVELLING/ LETTER BOX TO TORONTO - Type 23N - Probably reported in error for RR-170 - THIS MAIL WAS CARRIED IN / TRAVELLING LETTER BOX TO TORONTO.
- RR-192 W.ONT.Ry./M.C. - Type 9E - Any ideas?
- TS-100 International Railway / SHEFFORD, P.Q. - Type 3A Probably exists, but where has the reported copy gone?

The Maritimes and Quebec unconfirmed listings were shown in the previous column. These are the remainder. As previously stated, these do not include any Clerk hammers, which will be treated separately.

If you have any of these "Unconfirmed" items, please send clear photocopies to the writer at the above address. If no replies are received, they will be de-listed in Annex XI to the Catalogue. Please check and help us out.

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# 5¢ RLS OVERSEAS COVERS

George B. Arfken



Fig. 1. Registered from Toronto, Ont., MY 1 78, to Edinburgh, Scotland with a 5¢ RLS paying the 5¢ registry fee. This is the second earliest example of the 5¢ RLS paying the required 5¢ rate. Note the horizontal and vertical (blue) lines applied in Britain to emphasize registration. Edinburgh MY 15 78 receiving backstamp.

The October 1875 Official Postal Guide announced that on every letter posted for registration "there should be affixed... a registered letter stamp..." There was one minor hitch. The required new registered letter stamps were not yet available. Possibly the British American Bank Note Company had given priority to the new 5¢ Large Queen. This stamp was being rushed into production to pay the new 5¢ preferred rate to the U.K., effective October 1, 1875. The 5¢ Large Queen was ready on time. The 2¢ RLS, 5¢ RLS and 8¢ RLS were not ready.

Boggs reported that the unique and distinctive registered letter stamps became available to the public on November 15, 1875 [1, p.469]. No evidence was given to support or justify this date. It might be noted that the earliest known date on any registered letter stamp is DE 13 75 [2, p.226] and that the earliest date for any registered letter stamp on cover is DE 15 75 [3, p.62]. There are two other registered letter stamp covers with December 1875 dates: DE 18 and DE 31. This evidence suggests that early December might be a better date of issue.

Department Order No. 17, November 8, 1875, stated the regulations for the registered

letter stamps. In Section 2, the Order listed the denominations and the colour code:

2. These stamps are of three denominations:-  
Red, of two cents value each, for the registration charge within the Dominion; Green, of five cents value each, for the registration charge on letters to the United States; Blue, of eight cents value each, for the registration charge on letters to the United Kingdom.

There was no provision for 5¢ RLS overseas covers until 1878. Yet one 1877 5¢ RLS overseas cover does exist [4]. Posted in Okanogon, B.C., NO 18 77, and addressed to England, the required 8¢ registry fee was paid with a green 5¢ RLS and a 3¢ Small Queen. Postal regulations required the blue 8¢ RLS but the small Okanogon post office probably didn't even stock the 8¢ RLS. This cover is the earliest one listed in Table 1. Canada Post received the proper 8¢.

In January 1878, the 8¢ registry fee for letters to the U.K. was reduced to 5¢ [5]. This change was included in the January 1878 Official Postal Guide. Apart from the U.S., no other countries were listed with 5¢ registry fees. Figure 1 shows a very early 5¢ RLS cover to the U.K. From Toronto, Ont., MY 1 78 (con-



firmed by two Toronto backstamps), a 5¢ Small Queen paid the 5¢ preferred rate and a 5¢ RLS paid the newly reduced registry fee. The blue horizontal and vertical lines were the British way of marking this cover as a registered cover. This British marking has been discussed in the PHSC Journal [6]. The earliest dated cover (MR 13 78) showing this required use of the 5¢ RLS on a cover to the U.K. is illustrated in *Canada's Small Queen Era* [3, p.261].

On August 1, 1878, Canada adhered to the General Postal/Universal Postal Union rates and regulations. The August 1878 Official Postal Guide showed 5¢ registration rates to most other UPU countries and to many British colonies. For other destinations, the registry fee was generally 10¢. The April 1879 Official Postal Guide listed 5¢ registration rates to most destinations. There was a scattering of 7¢ and 10¢ registry fees with 15¢ for letters to nonUPU Australia and New Zealand sent via the U.S.

The end of the requirement for a 5¢ RLS on registered overseas letters came in December 1893. On May 8, 1889, a NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC announced that the registration of domestic letters would be 5¢ instead of the previous 2¢. To use up the surplus of the no longer needed 2¢ RLS, this NOTICE authorized payment of the new 5¢ registry fee with a 2¢ RLS plus regular stamps (Small Queens). This May 8, 1889 authorization to use the 2¢ RLS did not mention letters to the U.S. Nevertheless, authorized or not, Canadians promptly began using the 2¢ RLS on letters to the U.S. If the proper total amount was paid, the Canadian post

office accepted this payment. Department Order No. 35, May 20, 1889, stated that the 5¢ registry fee on domestic mail and letters to Newfoundland or to the U.S. were "to be prepaid by stamp." The Order did not say "by registered letter stamp." Presumably any Stamp would do. **The 5¢ RLS was still required on overseas (UPU) mail.** The requirement that the 5¢ RLS be used for registering overseas letters was finally dropped from 1894 Official Postal Guide. The period of required use of the 5¢ RLS was thus 1878 through 1893, 16 years.

Table 1 lists the 5¢ RLS overseas covers (letter mail) that this writer has been able to locate so far. The covers are grouped by destination (column 1) and by date of posting (column 3) for each destination. The town of origin is listed in column 2. The postage (in addition to the 5¢ RLS) is given in column 4 by listing the stamp denominations. "h" indicates a half cent Small Queen. These are Small Queen and Widowed Queens except where specified by an LQ for Large Queen. There are five Large Queen covers here. The most recent auction reference that this writer has found is listed in column 5. Almost all of these references illustrate the cover. As an example of a reference, M159-977, 9/23/83 means Maresch sale 159, lot 977, Sept. 23, 1983. The auction letter symbols are

- C Cavendish
- F Firby (no sale numbers)
- K Kaufmann, Robert
- L Leggett (private treaty)
- HR Harmer-Rooke
- M Maresch
- S Sissons

**Table 1. 5¢ RLS Overseas Covers**

<u>Destination</u>	<u>Origin</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Postage</u>	<u>Reference</u>
England	Okanogon, B.C.	NO 18 77	5,3	
England	Brockville, Ont.	MR 13 78	5	M159-977 9/23/83
England	Toronto, Ont.	MY 1 78	5	
England	London, Ont.	MR 29 79	3(2), 2(2)	F658 11/13/91
England	Montreal	SP 2 79	5(2)	
England	Toronto	NO 7 79	5	M184-457 2/05/86
England	Toronto	NO 2? 79	5	
England	Bobcaygeon	FE 12 80	3,2	
England	Stratford, Ont.	DE 8 80	5	
England	Seaforth, Ont.	JA 27 81	6,3,1	
England	Toronto	MR 23 81	10	K42-1823 11/22/85
England	Winnipeg	Jy 18 81	10	S239-279 10/27/65
England	Toronto	MR 11 82	5	
England	Bracebridge, Ont.	AP 8 82	3,2	
England	Victoria, B.C.	SP 11 82	5	

<u>Destination</u>	<u>Origin</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Postage</u>	<u>Reference</u>
England	Kamloops, B.C.	DE 27 82	3, 1(2)	
England	Longford Mills	JY 24 83	5, 5cRLS	
England	Mille Vaches, Que.	OC 2 83	5(3)	S429-134 11/15/83
England	Rapid City, Man.	FE 15 84	5	
England	Hamilton	MR 29 84	5 (On PC)	
England	Montreal	MY 9 84	15LQ	M201-874 4/09/87
England	Montreal	JY 11 84	5(3)	
England	Wapella, Assa.	JY 6 86	15LQ	
England	Moosomin, N.W.T.	NO 3 86	5	
England	Victoria, B.C.	DE 23 86	3, 1(2), 2RLS	
England	Yarmouth, N.S.	FE 8 87	3(2), 2(2)	K42-1798 11/22/85
England	Toronto	AP 1 87	3, 1(2)	S429-132 11/15/83
England	St. John, N.B.	AP 22 87	3(2), 2(2)	
England	St. John, N.B.	DE 21 87	3(3), 1	S429-131 11/15/83
England	Victoria, B.C.	JA 7 88	10	
England	Quebec	MR 21 88	3(3), 1	M231-572 9/27/89
England	Montreal	MY 16 88	5	
England	St. John, N.B.	JA 4 89	5(2), 3, 2	
England		JA 28 89	5(3)	M227-1215 5/18/89
England	Toronto, Ont.	FE 20 90	3(2), 2(2)	
England	Prince Albert, Sask.	DE 7 90	5	
England	Portage La Prairie, MB	JA 21 91	3, 1(2)	
England	Ottawa	SP 2 91	10	
England	Halifax	OC 22 91	10	S484-261 12/06/88
England	Victoria, B.C.	JA 6 92	5(2)	
England	Trencone, Man.	JA 8 92	3(2)	
England	Vancouver, B.C.	JA 18 92	5	
England	Quebec	FE 92	5, 1(2), h(6)	
England	Victoria, B.C.	MR 16 92	5	
England	Sintal Uta, Assa	MY 8 92	3, 2	
England	Brantford, Ont.	MY 31 92	3, 1(2)	
England	Guelph	JU 1 92	5	
England	Kingston	DE 12 92	5	L635 5/83
England	Vancouver	MR 29 93	5	
England	Halifax, N.S.	JU 3 93	10	
England	Stockton Str., Man	JU 22 93	5(20)	
England	Yarmouth, N.S.	FE 8 97		
England	Peterboro, Ont.			
Ireland	Durham	AP 9 81	5	M184-459 2/05/86
Ireland	London	JY 4 84	5	
Ireland	St. Thomas, Ont.	JA 3 85	3, 1(2)	
Ireland	Ottawa	SP 29 85	5	M159-985 9/23/83
Ireland	Durham	JA 17 93	5	M184-475 2/05/86
Ireland	Toronto	AP 6 93	5	
Scotland	Quebec, C.E.	NO 28 78	5	M159-978 9/23/83
Scotland	Wroxeter, Ont.	DE 22 80	5(2)	
Scotland	Hamilton, Ont.	AU 1 83	5	
Scotland	Parkdale, Ont.	JA 6 88	5	
Scotland	Winnipeg, Man.	JY 25 84	5	
Scotland		AP 85	5	S518-233 12/05/90
Scotland	Souris, Man.	JA 29 89	5	
Austria	Halifax	JA 9 86	10	S369-345 12/02/76



<u>Destination</u>	<u>Origin</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Postage</u>	<u>Reference</u>
Austria	Halifax	AU 9 86	10	M139-954 2/04/82
Austria	St. Roche de Qebec	Au 27 86	5	
Austria	Halifax	JY 11 88	5	M159-988 9/23/83
Austria	Halifax	OC 21 88	6,3,1	K42-1790 11/22/85
Austria	Halifax	FE 6 91	6,1,EN6	M245-477 10/17/90
Austria	Winnipeg, Man.	JU 2 91	5	
Austria	Halifax	FE 6 97	6,1,EN6	K42-1785 11/22/85
Belgium	London	JA 10 88	10	M139-955 2/04/82
Belgium	Montreal	MY 30 93	5	M139-958 2/04/82
Bulgaria	Halifax	JA 23 86	10	HR862 1/25/56
China	Hamilton	AP 11 88	10	
Ch., Shanghai	Halifax	DE 2 86	10,6,3,EN5	S348-535 2/12/75
Denmark	Grand Fans, Man.	OC 7 84	2, EN4	
Denmark	Toronto, Ont.	MR 20 93	5	M201-953 4/09/87
France	St. Eustache	MY 3 79	5	
France	Victoria, B.C.	OC 29 81	5	
France	Victoria, B.C.	MR 4 82	5(4)	
France	Halifax	AU 22 88	5	S429-133 11/15/83
France	Montreal	JA 8 89	10	M092-473 5/17/77
France	Presque Isle	AP 3 89	3(2)	
France	Ottawa	AP 6 89	5	K42-1841 11/22/85
France	Montreal	AU 15 89	5	
France	Montreal	OC 20 90	2 EN6	
France	Halifax	FE 12 91	10	S443-1044 8/14/85
France	Ottawa	AU 19 91	5	
France	Montreal	SP 7 91	15LQ	M159-989 9/23/83
France	Halifax	JA 30 92	15LQ	M163-1002 10/27/83
France/Switz	Montreal	AP 10 92	5	M139-957 2/04/82
France	St. Hyacinthe	OC 10 92	5	M222-483 1/11/89
France	Montreal	MY 13 93	5	
France	Quebec	DE 15 93	5	M184-477 2/05/86
Germany	Quebec, C.E.	FE 17 79	1(4),EN3	
Germany	Ottawa	AU 9 82	5	
Germany	Eden, Ont.	MY 11 83	5(2)	M159-983 9/23/83
Germany	Montreal	AU 5 84	5	
Germany	Montreal	NO 26 86	3,1,h(2),EN6	F409 3/14/87
Germany	Vankleek Hill, Ont.	MR 8 88	3	
Germany	Ft. William West, Ont.	MY 22 88	5	
Germany	Minnesoda, Man.	MY 23 88	3(2)	
Germany	High Bluff, Man.	MY 24 88	2,3c entire	
Germany	Calgary, Alta.	MY 30 88	6	S429-135 11/15/83
Germany	Owen Sound	JU 2 88	5(2)	S424-295 5/17/83
Germany	Reinland, Man.	JY 24 88	10	
Germany	Winnipeg	JY 28 88	5	M193-580 12/10/86
Germany	Fort William	AU 1 88	5	
Germany	Gretna, Man.	AU 28 88	5	
Germany	Charlottetown, P.E.I.	DE 31 88	5, h(10)	
Germany	Winnipeg	AP 2 89	5	F654 11/13/91
Germany	Woodstock, Ont.	AP 3 89	3(2)	
Germany	Clarksburg	AP 3 89	5	
Germany	St. Clements, Ont.	AP 4 89 5		
Germany	Woodstock, Ont.	AP 89	3(2)	K42-1827 11/22/85

<u>Destination</u>	<u>Origin</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Postage</u>	<u>Reference</u>
Germany	Kinburn, Ont.	SP 6 89	2(2), 1	
Germany	Montreal	DE 24 91	5	M129-420 6/10/81
Germany	Windsor, Ont.	JY 11 92	3, 2LQ	
Germany	Quebec	AU 11 92	5	M184-471 2/05/86
Germany	St. Catharines, Ont.	SP 22 92	5	
Germany	Kingston	DE 30 92	3,2	M245-478 10/17/90
Germany	Windsor	FE 28 93	5(2), h(10)	M134-821 9/30/81
Germany	Montreal	JU 13 93	3(6), 2	
Germany	Montreal	JU 19 93	5(2)	
Germany	Victoria, B.C.	JU 28 93	50,20,1,EN5	S242-058 1/26/66
Germany	Niagara	JU 28 93	20	S365-503 10/06/76
Germany	Niagara	JU 28 93	50	S365-511 10/06/76
Germany	St. John, N.B.	SP 16 93	5	
Germany	Windsor	MR 95	5(2),h(10)	K42-1780 11/22/85
Grenada, W.I.	Truro, N.S.	MR 27 93	h(2),1,2b,3	M180-505 10/02/85
Guatemala	St. John, N.B.	FE 10 92	5(2)	
Guatemala	Montreal	DE 9 93	6,2,h(2)	
India	Montreal	SP 8 87	5,2,EN6	
Italy	Hamilton	JU 8 91	2,EN6	C399-619 10/18/86
Italy	St. Sauveur de Quebec	MY 94	3,h(4)	K42-1781 11/22/85
Japan	Port Williams, N.S.	AU 30 84	5	
New Zealand	Bradford, Ont.	JU 26 80	15LQ	Three 5c RLS
New Zealand	Little Forks, Ont.	MY 23 92	5	
Newfoundland	Commanda, Ont.	AU 92	3,2	
Newfoundland	Montreal	NO 8 92	10(2)	
Santo Domingo	Halifax	AP 23 83	3(5)	
Sweden	Montreal	JU 1 91	h(8), EN5	
Sweden	Ottawa	JY 5 92	5	S502-585 2/20/90
Switzerland	Toronto	DE 22 91	5	S429-139 11/15/83
Switzerland	Victoria, B.C.	JY 6 92	5	
Switzerland	Berlin, Ont.	FE 4 01	#53,74,87	M256-665 10/24/91
Tasmania	Halifax	AU 27 87	5(2),2,EN6	Three 5c RLS
Trinidad	Montreal	AP 15 97	3,h(2),EN6	S422-713 12/14/82
Turkey	Forest, Ont.	MR 12 89	h(4),2,EN5	K42-1769 11/22/85

One of the reasons for conducting this survey of 5c RLS overseas covers was to try and answer the question "How scarce are these covers?" In his text [7, pp.37-38], Harrison reported that despite "a diligent search of more than ten years," E.A. Smythies was able to find only three 5c RLS covers to the U.K. Table 1 lists 153 5c RLS overseas (letter mail) covers. An oversimplified answer to the question of scarcity is that these covers are not very scarce. This answer is misleading.

Of the 153 5c RLS covers, one cover was posted in 1877 and six are more recent than 1893. This leaves 146 5c RLS overseas covers used during the 16 year period of required use, 1878 - 1893 inclusive. This means that there are 9.1 5c RLS overseas covers per year during this 16 year period. That is barely more

than the 8.5 8c RLS covers per year to the U.K. for the 1876 - 1877 period. On a per year basis, these 5c RLS covers are scarce.

Sixty-four 5c RLS went to the U.K. during the 16 year period or 4.0 covers per year. This is less than half of the average of the 8c RLS covers! It's hard to believe that when the registry fee dropped from 8c to 5c, the number of registered covers sent per year dropped by over 50%.

The 64 covers to the U.K. account for 44% of the 146 covers. Germany, France and Austria account for 58 covers or 40%. No other destination received more than three of the 146 covers. For all other destinations there are 24 covers, 14%. The data of Table 1 permit a listing of the rare destinations for 5c RLS covers. This is shown in Table 2.



**Table 2. Rare Destinations of 5¢ RLS Overseas Covers**

**One 5¢ RLS cover reported**

Bulgaria  
 China (Empire of)  
 China (treaty port)  
 Grenada, W.I.  
 India  
 Japan  
 Santo Domingo  
 Tasmania  
 Trinidad  
 Turkey

**Two 5¢ RLS covers reported**

Belgium  
 Denmark  
 Guatemala  
 Italy  
 New Zealand  
 Newfoundland  
 Sweden



*Fig. 2. From Montreal, Que., SP 8 87, to Kasauli, Bengal, India. The 5¢ registry fee was paid with the required 5¢ RLS. The Small Queens and the 3¢ entire paid the 10¢ UPU surtax postage. A backstamp shows that the cover arrived in Kasauli on OC 13.*

The only 5¢ RLS cover to India (so far reported) is shown in Figure 2. From Montreal, Que., SP 8 87, the postage, a UPU authorized surtax, was 10¢ per ½ oz. and was paid with a 5¢ Small Queen, a 2¢ Small Queen and a 3¢ entire. There is a red REGISTERED LONDON 19 SP 87 transit stamp and a KASALI OC 13 receiving backstamp. This cover is a registered cover, a UPU surtax cover and a military cover.

Figure 3 shows a 5¢ RLS cover to Turkey, the only 5¢ RLS cover reported to this destination. From Forest, Ont., MR 12 89, to Constantinople, Turkey, Europe, The 5¢ registry fee was paid with a 5¢ RLS. A 2¢, four ½¢ Small

Queens and a 1¢ EN5 paid the 5¢ UPU postage. There is a REGISTERED LONDON transit mark. The cover was received by the British Post Office Constantinople on MR 31 89.

Despite all of the lengthy search that lies behind this listing of 5¢ RLS overseas covers and despite the generous help from other collectors, this list is bound to be incomplete. If you have or know of a 5¢ RLS overseas cover that is not included on this list, your information about the cover will be welcomed. A photocopy would be ideal but the basic information shown on the list for the other covers would suffice.

This survey could not have been carried out



Fig. 3. To Constantinople, Turkey, registered from Forest, Ont., MR 12 89. There is a REGISTERED LONDON 27 MR transit mark. The cover probably went from London, England to the British Post Office Constantinople, MR 31 89, as British mail. This is the only 5c FLS cover to Turkey reported so far.

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# KIUSALAS GAUGE MEASUREMENTS

R.D. Leith

This letter is a response to an article entitled *The 5¢ Large Queen Papers and Perforations*, by Simpson-Arken and published in *BNA TOPICS* (Vol-49 #5, pp 12-14). As usual, this is another accurately researched and well written effort where the authors deserve the gratitude of all Small & Large Queen students. However, I want to draw attention to a problem that detracts from this and many of the other fine studies published by these writers. I shudder every time an article is issued using Kiusalas gauge measurements. The Kiusalas Gauge forces the user to choose from a fixed scale of

perforation dots. The differences between each Kiusalas number is sufficiently small that when measuring a stamp, it is quite easy to make a minuscule stamp shift to credibly "fit" an intermediate Kiusalas value exactly on a Kiusalas number. As a result, the gauge is in fact only accurate to about 0.5 Kiusalas units. This translates into a whopping 0.09 metric units on the Instanta Gauge where routine measurement tolerances are 0.03 (0.01 if a ten power glass is used.) The Kiusalas accuracy can be best appreciated in the following chart...

	<b>Kiusalas Value</b>	<b>Kiusalas Metric Equivalent</b>	<b>Kiusalas Metric Uncertainty Range</b>
1.	68 +/- 0.5	11.58 +/- 0.09	11.49 - 11.67
2.	67 +/- 0.5	11.75 +/- 0.09	11.66 - 11.84
3.	66 +/- 0.5	11.93 +/- 0.09	11.84 - 12.02
4.	65 +/- 0.5	12.11 +/- 0.09	12.02 - 12.20

Table - 1 Kiusalas Gauge numbers listed with error tolerances, equivalent metric values, and measurement uncertainty range.

In the Simpson-Arken article, a 5¢ Large Queen perforation study by the well known philatelist Mr. H.W. Lussey was reproduced showing stamps with perforation values between 65 and 68 on the Kiusalas scale. Nowhere is the +/- 0.5 Kiusalas units margin of error mentioned. To make matters worse, the Kiusalas values were converted to metric with two decimal point accuracy. The danger here is that the extra decimal places give legitimacy to the values while failing to provide the reader with an idea of the measurement uncertainty range as shown in table - 1. When I checked some actual

5¢ Large Queen perforation gauges, 18 out of 20 fell outside +/- 10% of a Kiusalas number, and 12 out of the 20 fell beyond +/- 20% (see table - 2). The latter case consisted of seven vertical and five horizontal anomalies. Since all stamps had the same vertical paper mesh, one can surmise that the perforation variations are NOT the result of paper shrinkage. Note that two of the five stamps listed have compound horizontal perforations and one has compound vertical perforations, a clear indication that more than one gauge exists on both the horizontal and vertical perforating machines.

	<b>Bottom</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>Left</b>	<b>Right</b>	<b>Mesh</b>	<b>Date</b>
1.	11.55*	11.90*	12.19*	12.12*	vertical	-
2.	11.67	11.70	12.09	12.07	vertical	NO15/75
3.	11.74*	11.55*	12.05	12.08	vertical	FE25/76
4.	11.79	11.74	12.17	12.15	vertical	-
5.	11.67	11.67	11.99	12.02	vertical	DE4/76

Table - 2 Accurate perforation measurements using a calibrated Instanta Gauge on the 5¢ Large Queen stamps of Canada. The accuracy is at worst +/- 0.02 metric units. The (\*) indicates compound perms.



# SPECIMEN (SPECINEM) OVERPRINT ERROR ON THE 1859 PLATE PROOF FIVE CENT BEAVER

Norman Boyd

The illustrated Specimen Overprint SPECIMEN error (SPECIMEN Plate #1 - Boyd) is not a new discovery. It has been previously reported and is listed in the Canada Specialized Postage Stamp Catalogue. The reason it is reproduced here, with some discussion, is that I do not feel that its full significance has been recognized. I have reason to believe that it may provide increased accuracy for dating of the first SPECIMEN overprint of the American Banknote Company on British North American Proof sheets.

The illustrated right lower quarter sheet is provided by a member of our society who prefers to remain anonymous but has given permission for its reproduction and has been very helpful in letting several people examine it with great care.

It has been generally accepted that few if any of the SPECIMEN overprints of the Canada Pence proofs were printed contemporaneously. Most feel that it started sometime during the 1859 Decimal issue but I know of no one who presented any evidence of the date of when the first overprint was printed. Without going into the reasons for the overprinting, I shall present the fall of 1859 as that date with some evidence for that conclusion.

There is no reason to challenge that the vertical SPECIMEN reading upwards along the right side of the plate proof in the vertical format and along the bottom of the horizontal format were the same Specimen Plate. This plate was, of course, a 10 x 10 with the letters with serifs and matching the 10 x 10 stamp plate (SPECIMEN Plate #1 - Boyd). It was the only SPECIMEN Plate that was used exclusively on the Plate Proofs of the Province of Canada, because at the date of its first use, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick had not issued any stamps printed by the A. B. N. Co.; so there is every reason to believe that it was the first SPECIMEN Plate to become operational.

In contrast, the diagonal serifed SPECIMEN Plates, both #2 and #3 (Boyd) were both used on Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick

so there is little doubt that the chronological order of their use is correct.

This overprint SPECINEM error may have been on a single or at most very few proof sheets of 5 cent Beavers or as far as I have been able to determine on no other values that were printed by the same SPECINEM Plate #1 so the spelling error was certainly promptly repaired before it was used again. This is the only SPECIMEN plate that I have seen repaired. These Specimen Plates were all printed by hand set loose type and printed by letter press i.e. typography, so repair was easy by removing the "N" and replacing it with the correct "M". Other mistakes in type setting have been made on other SPECIMEN plates, different fonts of type mixed, spacing etc. but I have never seen any others changed or corrected.

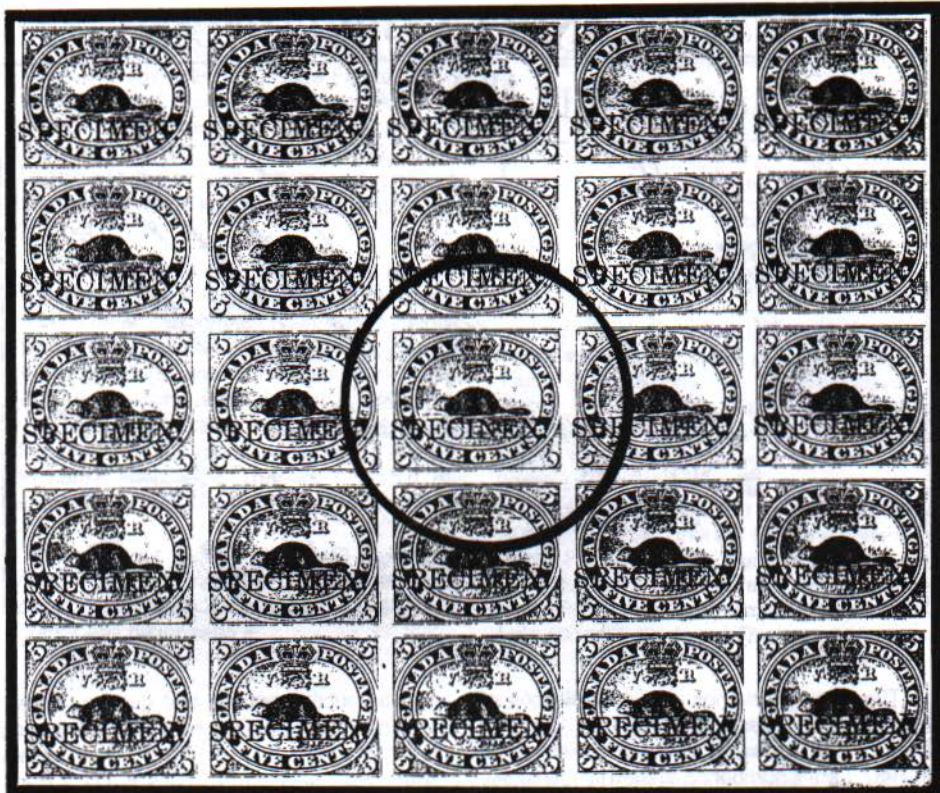
It was chosen not to be used without the error being corrected. Of course there is no absolute proof that the errored overprint could not have been printed on an old proof sheet which had been lying around but this is certainly very improbable. If another copy ever shows up it could be easily proved. For this reason, I feel that this is strong evidence that the autumn of 1859 is the first date that "SPECIMEN" was used as an overprint by the American Banknote Company and so conclude that SPECIMEN overprints on all the Canada Pence issues and the 1859 issues prior to the fall of 1859, if any, were printed post-contemporarily.

With his permission I present extracts from a letter from Mr Steve Menich, BNAPS #3813, an authority on the dating of the 5 Cent Beaver.

*The SPECINEM error is plate position 78. The colour is brownish orange-red, and has previously been noted for the printing period of the 5 Cent Beaver. The Specimen error is recorded in the Canada Specialized Postage Stamp Catalogue.*

*The plate proof was printed in the second half of 1859 from the plate in its original state,*





*i.e. before it was repaired ten separate times, giving eleven states to the plate. It is from state 1 of the plate and probably printed near or at the end of stamp printing order #1, as it is just beginning to show some signs of plate wear, although its impression is still deeply cut.*

*Stamp P.O.1 was placed March 16, 1859 and observed in use during July - Aug - Sept. The stamps of P.O. 1 and early printings are all browner than orange red, to a specialist but are*

*commonly called orange red. It seems that the plate colour is close to that of the first printing.*

So is it not a reasonable conclusion that the prolific use of SPECIMEN Overprints on B.N.A. Plate Proofs took place between the fall of 1859 as exemplified by this illustration and the Connell scandal of New Brunswick which took place the following year and after which they disappeared as if by magic?

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# P.E.I. CANCEL CORRECTIONS

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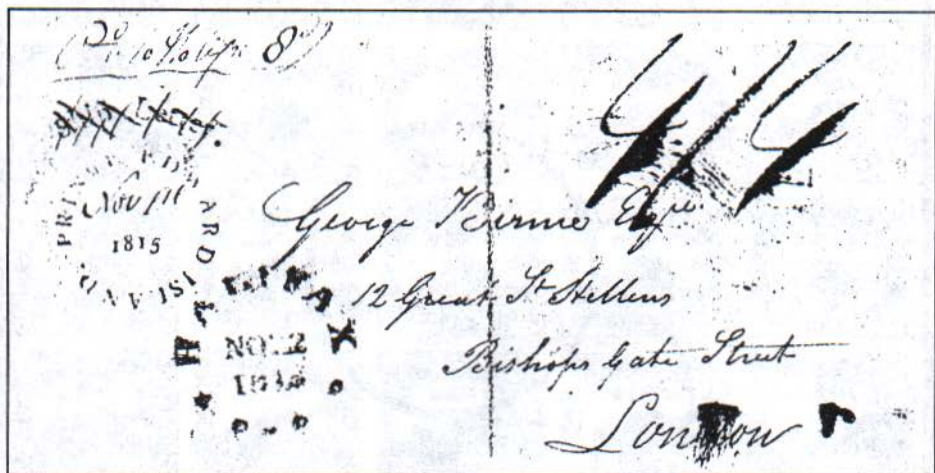


Figure 1

The postage stamps and cancellations of Prince Edward Island 1814-1873, by James C. Lehr, O.T.B., appeared on the philatelic market in 1987. Lehr's numbering system is now widely

used by auction houses and dealers. Understanding this, I would like to make the following comments regarding section VI. Ship Letters (1841-1846) specifically Lehr's P 112 - Ham-



Figure 2



mer's I, II, III, and P 113.

P 113 is incorrectly described by Lehr. This cover is in my collection - (see Figure 1). The cover is dated Nov. 1st, 1815, not Nov. 11th, 1845. Lehr shows all capital letters and measurements of  $29\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{1}{2}$ . The mark is in upper and lower case letters and measures  $29\text{mm} \times 4.9\text{mm}$ . This hand stamp should be P 112 not P 113.

Now let us deal with Lehr's P 112 Hammer II. A single strike is known of the larger hammer II on a letter to Thomas Owen, Charlottetown, who was then the postmaster general. The only other markings are a manuscript  $4\frac{1}{2}$  and a P.E.I. handstamp dated June 12, 1846.

This cover is also in my collection (see Figure 2) and the measurements are identical to Lehr's Hammer I. Therefore I believe that Lehr's Hammer II does not exist.

What about hammer III? A still larger hammer III strike is reported by Robson Lowe, dated 1841-1845 (Tom Linson T 61). The author has never seen it.

## Prince Edward Island SHIP LETTER

HS 12

Ship Letter

IIS 12 1841-45

as illustrated black G

Figure 3

I don't think the author will ever see it as like his hammer II it probably does not exist. (see Figure 3) Photo copy from *The Encyclopedia of British Empire Postage Stamps*, Vol. V, Page 410-HS12 for Prince Edward Island. By Robson Lowe, 1973. As you can see this strike is the same as Lehr's Hammer I.

In summary, Lehr's P 113 should be P112. And in my opinion there is only one hammer of Lehr's P 112, Hammer II and III do not exist.

I would very much appreciate any input from other P.E.I. ship letter enthusiasts as James Lehr correctly points out *They are very rare*.

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# EXPERIMENTAL AERIAL MAIL SERVICE BETWEEN CAIRO EGYPT AND BAGHDAD IRAQ

Walter Plomish

Canadians were first advised of this new service available to them in the Feb. 18, 1922 Weekly Supplement of the *Canadian Post Office Guide*. The new service was fortnightly and Canadians utilizing this service could accelerate their mail by as much as 14 days or more to Baghdad, Iraq, and Northern Persia (Isfan, Teheran, etc.). Down to about 3 days in the case of places as far south as Bushire, the service was for all classes of mail except parcels. The requirements of this service were:

1. "BY AIR CAIRO - BAGHDAD" to be prominently written on the address side of the envelope or wrapper.
2. The regular Canadian surface postage rate to be affixed on the address side of the envelope or wrapper.
3. Additional Canadian postage stamps to the value of twelve cents per oz. to be affixed on the address side in payment for transmission by the Cairo-Baghdad aerial service. Postmasters then forwarded such mail to the Montreal Post Office under special delivery wrapper in order that it might receive special handling.

This aerial service was operated by the Royal Air Force. Iraq was under British occupation and the postal service was operated by the British until 1932 when the mandate ended. The first flight was flown on Feb. 25, 1919, between Baghdad and Cairo by the R.A.F. This speeded up mail by avoiding the long passage by steamer through the Persian Gulf. The first flight was flown by the 31st Wing R.A.F. Mesopotamia. The R.A.F. operated this air service until Dec. 31, 1926. From then the service was operated by Imperial Airways. In March 1921 a conference was held in Cairo, Egypt. The meeting was attended by Winston Churchill, then secretary of state for colonies and air, and Sir Hugh Trenchard, Chief of Air Staff. It was decided that control of the Middle East should be administered by the Royal Air Force and that the R.A.F. should open a regular aerial service between Cairo and Baghdad. On June 23, 1921, Numbers 30 and 47 Squadrons

R.A.F. flying DH9A's opened the service and reduced the time period for passage of mail between London, England, and Baghdad, Iraq from 28 to 9 days. Canadians could utilize this aerial service from the Feb. 18, 1922, announcement in the weekly bulletin of the Canadian Post Office Guide. From viewing Post Office records of accounting to the Canadian Post Office from the British Post Office very few letters from Canada were flown on the Cairo-Baghdad aerial service. I know of no surviving mail from this service. Perhaps a reader of this article will come forward with an example. I do have access to an incoming cover front from a collector of British Commonwealth Commercial Airmail Covers, which most certainly was flown on the Baghdad-Cairo Aerial Service, and is addressed to Canada. (Note: Cover front courtesy Geoff Jacob Collection.)

*Fig. 1:* Posted on 10 Jan., 1922, at Shiaba Iraq, addressed to a Mr. R. Honeybone, R.R.#1, Phidden, Sask. Canada. The cover is properly endorsed along the top "AIR MAIL BAGHDAD-CAIRO". It is interesting to note in the left hand bottom corner the manuscript endorsement of the sender in the same hand writing and ink of the address. The postal stationary and one rupee stamp properly paid all surface and air charges. Could this letter be from a Canadian flyer serving with the R.A.F. occupation forces? The owner of the front consulted with Mr. Bill Robinson, a fellow BNAPS member knowledgeable in Canadian military postal history, who was of the opinion that it was possible. This cover front after all, may be the only piece of mail left that was mailed by a Canadian stationed there. I then wrote to Maj. Dick Malott, retired curator of the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa, a BNAPS member very knowledgeable on Canadian pioneer airmail flights. Maj. Malott informed me that a search of the Canadian Military Personnel Records Centre, National Archives of Canada, revealed no record of a J. Honeybone serving with Canadian Armed Forces. A reply from R.A.F. Personnel Management Centre in the U.K. revealed a service



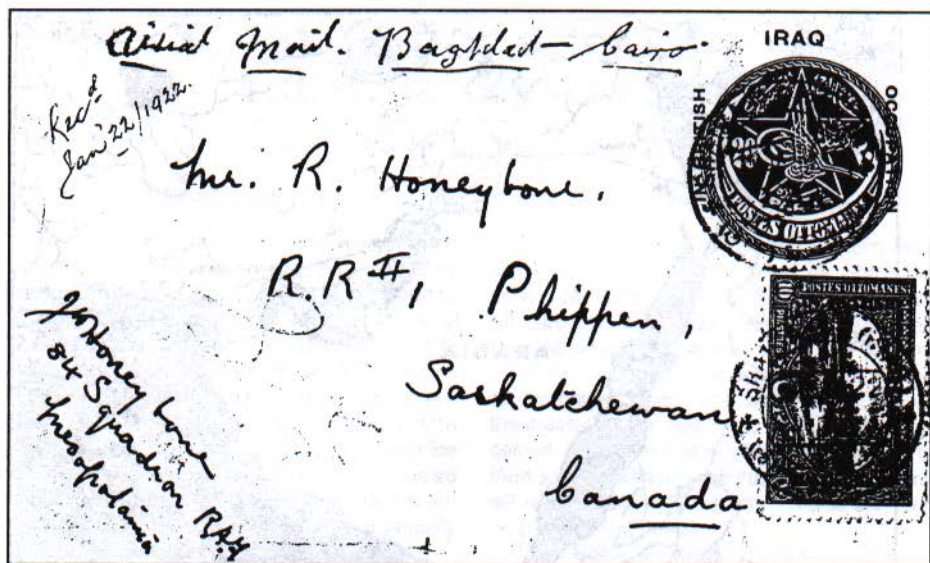


Figure 1.

record for a J.W. Honeybone in the R.A.F. in this time period. They also stated that he was the only J.W. Honeybone ever to serve with the R.A.F. I was also informed that it is their policy not to give out service record details. I think however that we can safely conclude that J.W. Honeybone was not a Canadian but a British flyer serving in Mesopotamia, and writing home to relatives in Sask., Canada. The cover front however is still a most interesting piece of aerial postal history as it is probably one of only a few airmail letters surviving mailed to Canada on this service. Having a mailing date of Jan. 18, 1922, it predates the time Canadians could write a letter to this area and utilize this service. I wonder if a return letter was sent from the Sask. addressee to Mr. J.W. Honeybone.

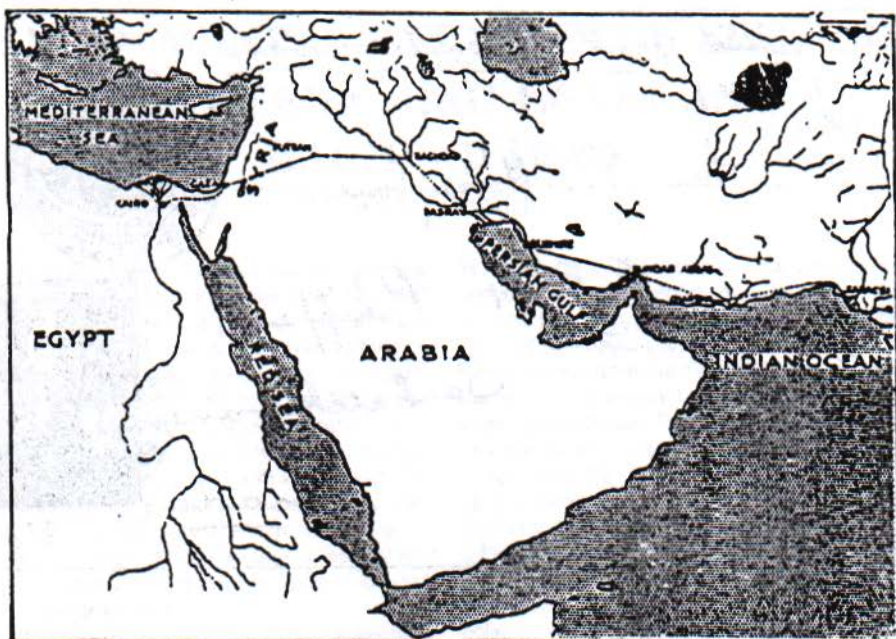
I will now give a brief history on this aerial service to Baghdad, Iraq, from Canada. The Feb. 18, 1922, *Weekly Supplement of the Canadian Post Office Guide* lists the air fee at 12¢ per oz. plus regular Canadian postage. The aerial fee was reduced to 6¢ per oz. plus regular Canadian postage in 1924. I have a photocopy of a British General Post Office accounting document dated April 4, 1924, which asks that the amount of 20S 3D be placed to the credit of the British Post Office for the first quarter of 1924 for Canadian mail flown on the Cairo-Baghdad air mail service. In this document mail flown prior to Feb. 1, 1924, was charged 12¢

per oz. for air fee, and 6¢ per oz. from Feb. 1, 1924 on. In the Feb. 1927, supplement to the *Canadian Post Office Guide* this Cairo-Baghdad Air Service was extended to Basra, Iraq.

The service was fortnightly and the air fees stayed at 6¢ per oz. plus regular Canadian postage. Letters were to be marked "BY AIR CAIRO-BASRA". In the May, 1927, monthly supplement of the *Canadian P.O. Guide* it was announced that the Cairo-Basra Airmail Service would be extended to Karachi, India. This service was to be weekly and the air fee remained at 6¢ per oz. plus regular Canadian postage. Articles were to be endorsed "BY AIR CAIRO-KARACHI". In the Aug., 1927, monthly supplement to the *Canadian Post Office Guide* the extension was indefinitely postponed.

These services were operated by the R.A.F. until Jan. 1, 1927, when they were taken over by the British Government Airlines "Imperial Airways". At this time the Cairo-Baghdad airmail route was incorporated into the Imperial Airways network of air routes.

Fig 2: I personally have never seen or heard of a letter mailed from Canada and flown on this service. Perhaps this article will bring to light such an airmail letter buried in a shoe box, in a closet, or in someone's album. After all, isn't such hope of discovery what keeps us all seeking such elusive items for our collections, and keeps the collecting bug alive?



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# STUDY GROUP EXCERPTS - THE R.P.O. NEWSLETTER

Bill Robinson, OTB

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It's not too often that your Editor gets steamed up about something, but the recent Hennok sales of the Dr. Richard Moulton collection have bothered him for several reasons. First, Jim Hennok hasn't bothered to keep up with the state of the art in Canadian R.P.O. collecting and as a result, has shown numerous items as "unrecorded" or with incorrect numbers or R.F.s. Secondly, his price estimates were far in excess of prices realized for similar items in Bob Lee's recent sales of the Ludlow collection. I wonder what was actually realized? Caveat Emptor.

The most serious concern, however, concerns the viability of the whole Study Group system. Study Groups are planned as groups of kindred individuals interested in extending the knowledge of a specific subject. They depend on full and free exchange of information to prosper. Dr. Moulton was a member of this Study Group for some twelve years - from early 1980 until dropped for non-payment of dues in April, 1992. During this time, I can't recall any reports from him, and nothing has been found in Lew's extensive correspondence. This period of membership coincides with the major inventory gathering by Joe Purcell on which the R.F.s in the 1982 Catalogue were based. I don't know if Dr. Moulton reported his extensive holdings then - because Joe is no longer with us and his rough records by contributor no longer exist.

It would appear from the number of "unrecorded" items listed in the sales that Dr. Moul-

ton's inventory wasn't reported - particularly since some of the items listed by Shaw but shown as "unconfirmed" in the 1982 Catalogue are apparently included. The March-April and May-June *Cowcatcher* columns in *TOPICS* are devoted to a public search for these "unconfirmed" items, and were written before the catalog for the March 20, 1993, sale was received. We hope that any Study Group members who purchase such "unconfirmed" items will report them - with a photo-copy so they can be properly confirmed.

Your Editor apologizes for taking so much valuable space to address this issue, but it goes to the heart of the whole Study Group system. These Groups can produce results only as good as the contributions of their members. Generally, the contributions of the members of the R.P.O. Study Group have been excellent, and we are continually extending the boundaries of our knowledge. This issue of the Newsletter includes Annex XI to the Catalogue. The amount of information included is surprising, and the number of Reporters - both old and new is encouraging. Perhaps this collection is merely a transient blip on the smooth graph of progress. Let's hope so.

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## PART 6 - FIRST DAY COVERS OF THE CANADIAN CONFEDERATION COMMEMORATIVE ISSUE OF 1927



Fig. 1. Pre-Dated Air Mail Cover, June 28, 1927 with Western Airways Semi-official Air Mail Stamp and Sc. 142.

A set of six stamps was issued in 1927 to commemorate the sixtieth anniversary (the Diamond Jubilee) of Canadian Confederation. The series consisted of five regular postage commemorative stamps and one special delivery commemorative stamp. The latter is the only one of its kind that has been issued by Canada. Each of the six stamps is inscribed "1867 CONFEDERATION 1927", thus indicating the commemorative nature of the series. In addition each stamp is bilingual with the words "POSTES" and "POST", the first bilingual issue since the Quebec Tercentenary issue of 1908.

The details of the issue are as follows:

- Sc. 141 1¢ Orange - Portrait of Sir John Alexander Macdonald, the first prime minister of the Dominion of Canada.
- Sc. 142 2¢ Green - "Fathers of the Confederation" from a reproduction of a painting by Robert Harris. This is the same subject as that for Sc. 135, the 3¢ brown stamp of

the Confederation Commemorative Issue of 1917\*.

- Sc. 143 3¢ Brown Carmine - The Parliament Buildings at Ottawa.
- Sc. 144 5¢ Violet - Portrait of Sir Wilfred Laurier, a prominent Canadian statesman who became Prime Minister of the Dominion of Canada in 1896.
- Sc. 145 12¢ Dark Blue - Map of Canada showing the political boundaries of 1867 and 1927. The original Dominion of Canada formed in 1867 by the Confederation of Quebec, Ontario, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick is shown in dark background against a light background map of Canada in 1927.
- Sc. E-3 20¢ Orange Special Delivery - Five stages of mail transportation are shown in the design, i.e. a mounted mail carrier, a dog sled, an express train, an ocean liner and two biplanes against a background of Canada's scenic beauty.



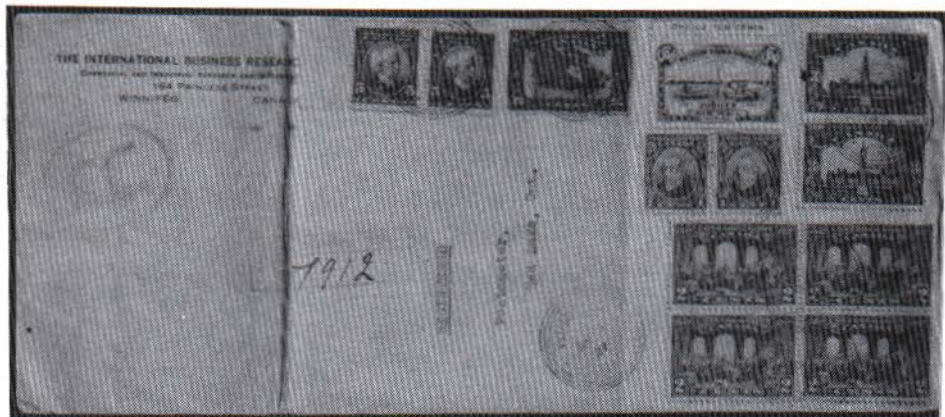


Fig. 2. Rare Full Set of Six Confederation Stamps on George Eppstadt First Day Cover with "Canada's Jubilee of Confederation" Cachet. First Commercially Produced Cachet for First Day Covers of Canadian Stamps



Fig. 3. Rare Full Set of Confederation Stamps on Century Stamp Company First Day Cover with "First Day Run - Canadian Confederation Jubilee" Cachet. Shares position of First Commercially Produced Cachet for Canadian Stamps with the George Eppstadt Cachet of Fig. 2.





*Fig. 4. All Five Regular Postage Values on a Single Combination Cover - Scarce with Multiples of the Four Lower Values. In addition, this item is also a commercial registered Western Canada Airway semi-official flight cover.*

\* It is of interest to note that the eight members of the "Fathers of the Confederation" group that were omitted from the design on Sc. 135, are included in the design of Sc. 142 of the present issue.

The stamps were printed by the American Bank Note Company, Ottawa. The First Day of Issue of the Confederation Issue of 1927 has been established as June 29, 1927. In his Standard British North American Catalog [1], Fred Jarrett points out that this issue was originally announced for July 1, 1927, the sixtieth anniversary of Canadian Confederation.

This original announcement is also mentioned by Winthrop Boggs [2]. Supplies of the stamps had been sent to postmasters with instructions to hold the stamps until the morning of July 1, 1927. These instructions could not be complied with since July 1, 1927 was a national holiday, Dominion Day, and the Post Offices were closed. Earlier dated covers are readily available, the vast majority of which are dated June 29, 1927. In fact, Jarrett gives the First Day of Issue of this Confederation set as June 29, 1927 on Pg. 131 of his Catalog, [1].

The June 29, 1927 First Day of Issue date



*Fig. 5. Block of Four of the Twelve Cent Stamp, Sc. 145, On First Day Cover.*





**Fig. 6. Scarce T.R. Legault First Day Cover with Block of One Cent Stamp, Sc. 141 and Plate Number Block of Two Cent Stamp, Sc. 142. Legault First Day Covers are Extremely Desirable for all Canadian Issues in the 1920-1940 Period.**



**Fig. 7. George Eppstadt Confederation Jubilee Cachet Cover with Printed Address to A.C. Roessler, the Pioneer Producer of Cachets for U.S. First Day Covers.**





Fig. 8. First Day Cover with Blue Stamped Western Canada Airways Jubilee Air Mail Flight (July 1, 1927) Cachet

has been confirmed by the Post Office Department of Canada [3]. A "List Of Plate Numbers Used In The Manufacture of The Following Issues and Date of Issue", dated July 19, 1944 was issued by the Post Office Department, Canada, Financial Branch, Philatelic Division, Ottawa under the signature of H.F. Atwater, Financial Superintendent. The list starts with the Historical and Confederation Issues of 1927 and lists June 29, 1927 as the First Day of Issue for both series.

Some Canadian Confederation stamps on cover are also known, cancelled on June 27, 1927 and June 28, 1927. These earlier dated

covers are certainly collectible, but are not considered to be more valuable than those with the June 29, 1927 cancellation.

Following the custom of the times, no official cities were designated for the First Day Sale. Rather, the stamps were put on sale at various post offices throughout Canada. Consequently, all cities from which First 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, either with single stamps or with combinations of the stamps.

TABLE 1  
First Day Cities  
June 29, 1927

Sc. 141 - 1¢ Orange

- |     |                        |     |                                  |
|-----|------------------------|-----|----------------------------------|
| 1.  | Dartmouth, Nova Scotia | 13. | Owen Sound, Ont. (June 28, 1927) |
| 2.  | Edmonton, Alberta      | 14. | Saint Jacobs Ontario             |
| 3.  | Grafton, Ontario       | 15. | Sarnia, Ontario                  |
| 4.  | Halifax, Nova Scotia   | 16. | Tamworth, Ontario                |
| 5.  | Hamilton, Ontario      | 17. | Toronto, Ontario                 |
| 6.  | Hawkesbury, Ontario    | 18. | Vancouver, B.C.                  |
| 7.  | Kitchener, Ontario     | 19. | Victoria, B.C.                   |
| 8.  | London, Ontario        | 20. | Wetaskiwin, Alberta              |
| 9.  | Maxville, Ontario      | 21. | Windsor, Ontario                 |
| 10. | Montreal, Quebec       | 22. | Winnipeg, Manitoba               |
| 11. | Obed, Alberta          |     |                                  |
| 12. | Ottawa, Ontario        |     |                                  |



Sc. 142 - 2¢ Green

1. Bracebridge, Ontario
2. Calgary, Alberta
3. Chateau Lake Louise, Alberta
4. Crandell, Manitoba (Jun 27, 1927)
5. Halifax, Nova Scotia
6. Hamilton, Ontario
7. Kingston, Ontario
8. Kitchener, Ontario
9. London, Ontario
10. Maxville, Ontario
11. Montooteau & Ottawa Railway PO
12. Montreal, Quebec

13. Ottawa, Ontario
14. Owen Sound, Ontario
15. St. Jacobs, Ontario
16. Sarnia, Ontario
17. Tamworth, Ontario
18. Teeswater, Ontario
19. Toronto, Ontario
20. Toronto, Ontario - House of Assembly Cancellation
21. Vancouver, B.C.
22. Victoria B.C.
23. Windsor, Ontario
24. Winnipeg, Manitoba

Sc. 143 - 3¢ Brown Carmine

1. Calgary, Alberta
2. Edmonton, Alberta
3. Halifax, Nova Scotia
4. Hamilton, Ontario
5. Kitchener, Ontario
6. Lacombe, Alberta
7. London, Ontario
8. Maxville, Ontario
9. Montooteau & Ottawa Railway
10. Montreal, Quebec

11. Ottawa, Ontario
12. St. Jacob's Ontario
13. Sarnia, Ontario
14. Trenton, Ontario
15. Toronto, Ontario
16. Toronto, Ontario - House of Commons Cancellation
17. Vancouver, B.C.
18. Wetaskiwin, Alberta
19. Winnipeg, Manitoba

SC. 144 - 5¢ Violet

1. Calgary, Alberta
2. Fredericton, New Brunswick
3. Halifax, Nova Scotia
4. Kitchener, Ontario
5. Montreal, Quebec

6. Ottawa, Canada
7. St. Jacobs, Ontario
8. Toronto, Ontario
9. Vancouver, B.C.
10. Winnipeg, Manitoba

SC. 145 - 12¢ Dark Blue

1. Calgary, Alberta
2. Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
3. Fredericton, New Brunswick
4. Halifax, Nova Scotia
5. Hamilton, Ontario
6. Kitchener, Ontario
7. Lacombe, Alberta
8. London, Ontario

9. Maxville, Ontario
10. Montreal, Quebec
11. Ottawa, Ontario
12. St. Jacobs, Ontario
13. Toronto, Ontario
14. Vancouver, B.C.
15. Winnipeg, Manitoba

Sc. E-3 - 20¢ Orange - Special Delivery

1. Halifax, Nova Scotia
2. Kitchener, Ontario
3. London, Ontario
4. Maxville, Ontario

5. Montreal, Quebec
6. Ottawa, Ontario
7. Toronto, Ontario
8. Winnipeg, Manitoba

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 six stamps of this issue.

As indicated earlier, covers are known with earlier dates than June 29, 1927. Many of these covers are dated June 28, 1927 and have Sc. 142, the two cents green stamp on an airmail

cover in combination with a semi-official Canadian airways stamp. A list of the cities from which such covers are known to the authors is given in Table II.

**TABLE II**  
**Earlier Usage Covers - Sc. 142 - Two Cents Green**  
**Pre June 29, 1927 Usage**

June 27, 1927

1. Crandell Manitoba

June 28, 1927

1. Chateau Lake Louise, Alberta
2. Owen Sound, Ontario (Cover has both Sc. 141 and 142)
3. Toronto, Ontario

The Crandell, Manitoba cover with Sc. 142 affixed, dated June 27, 1927 is the earliest use cover for the Confederation issue that is known to the authors. A typical June 28, 1927 cover with Sc. 142 and a Western Canadian Airways semi-official air mail stamp is shown in Fig. 1.

Combination First Day Covers with the full set of six commemorative stamps affixed are somewhat scarce. Such First Day Covers with

cachets are rare. Figure 2 shows a particularly fine cover with the George Eppstadt cachet. A second combination cover with the Century Stamp Company cachet is shown in Fig. 3. Both cachets are of great importance in Canadian First Day Cover collecting and will be discussed in detail later in this paper. A list of cities from which First Day Covers with the full set of six commemorative stamps affixed are known, is given in Table III.

**Table III**  
**All Six Stamps on One Combination First Day Cover**  
**June 29, 1927**

- |                       |                       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Kitchener, Ontario | 4. Toronto, Ontario   |
| 2. Montreal, Quebec   | 5. Winnipeg, Manitoba |
| 3. Ottawa, Ontario    |                       |

Combination covers with all five of the regular postage stamps affixed are also of spe-

cial interest. Cities from which such First Day Covers are known are given in Table IV.

**Table IV**  
**All Five Regular Postage Stamps on One Combination**  
**First Day Cover**  
**June 29, 1927**

- |                          |                                |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Kitchener, Ontario    | 5. Toronto, Ontario            |
| 2. Montreal, Quebec      | 6. Vancouver, British Columbia |
| 3. Ottawa, Ontario       | 7. Winnipeg, Manitoba          |
| 4. Saint Jacobs, Ontario |                                |

A particularly interesting cover of the type listed in Table IV is shown in Fig. 4. This cover which has multiples of the four lower values of the series and a single of the 12 cent value, Sc. 145, is quite scarce.

Blocks of four on First Day Cover are known for all five of the regular postage stamps of this

issue. Such covers are rather scarce for the 5 cent, Sc. 144, and the 12 cent, Sc. 145 stamps. A First Day Cover with a block of four of the 12 cent value, Sc. 145, is shown in Fig. 5.

Plate blocks on First Day Cover are very scarce and are known only for the lower values, Sc. 141-143. A First Day Cover with a plate



block of the 2 cent value, Sc. 142, is shown in Fig. 6. This cover is of special importance since it was made by T.R. Legault, the Accountant in Charge, Postage Stamp Division of the Canadian Post Office Department. Mr. Legault was responsible for making First Day Covers of many of the classic issues of Canada during the mid 1920-1940 period. His position in the Postage Stamp Division gave him a unique opportunity for preparing First Day Covers of all issues, including those which were issued on very short notice.

## CACHETS

The Confederation Commemorative Issue of 1929 is considered to be the first Canadian stamp issue for which a commercial cachet for First Day Covers was specifically prepared. This first commercial cachet for the issue is the George Eppstadt cachet which is shown in Fig. 2. What is not generally known is that the Eppstadt cachet must share the "first commercially prepared cachet" honours with the Century Stamp Company cachet that is shown in Fig. 3. Together, these two cachets, one by George Eppstadt and the other by the Century Stamp Company, are the first commercially produced cachets for Canadian Stamp First Day Covers. They can be compared with the George Linn cachet for the 2¢ Harding issue of the United States, Sc. 610, in this respect. A detailed description of the two cachets follow:

### 1. George Eppstadt Cachet, Fig. 2

The most widely known cachet in Canadian First Day Covers was produced by George Eppstadt for this issue. It consists of a border with green maple leaves in a blue background separated by a red white and blue flag-like design. In the upper left is a shield design depicting portions of the coats of arms of several provinces of Canada in green, blue, gold, red and black colours with a gold and red crown surmounting the shield. Below the shield in a box is the dark blue printing "1867-1927/CANADA'S JUBILEE/OF CONFEDERATION". The covers are generally found with a printed address to Mr. George Eppstadt, Maxville, Ontario, Canada. Figure 7 shows a George Eppstadt cover with a printed address to Mr. A.C. Roessler, the famous pioneer in cachet designs for United States First Day Covers. It is of considerable interest to find that these pioneering producers of early Canadian and United States First Day Cover

cachets were in contact with each other during this period.

### 2. Century Stamp Company Cachet - Fig. 3

This cachet was produced by the Century Stamp Company of Montreal, Canada. It consists of two lines of printing in the upper left hand corner of an envelope with the printed address of the Century Stamp Company. The printing, in red, reads: "FIRST DAY RUN/CANADIAN CONFEDERATION JUBILEE". While this cachet is not nearly as well known as the George Eppstadt cachet for the Confederation issue, it nevertheless shares the position of first commercially produced cachet for Canadian stamps with the Eppstadt cachet.

The two cachets described above were prepared specifically for the Canadian Confederation Issue of 1927. A third cachet of some interest was prepared for a Western Canada Airways Jubilee Air Flight on July 1, 1927. This cachet is shown in Fig. 8 and consists of a blue maple leaf containing the printing "JULY/1st/1927/WESTERN CANADA AIRWAYS LTD/JUBILEE AIR MAIL/FLIGHT/CENTRAL MANITOBA/MINING DISTRICT". While this stamped cachet in blue was not prepared specifically for the Confederation stamps, its use in connection with these stamps is certainly appropriate and of interest to cachet collectors.

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# HERITAGE ARTIFACTS DEFINITIVES

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Some notes on the listing:

- A) - Perforations were measured and recorded using the formula  $G = 20 N/W$  in which G = Gauge, N = Number of teeth along the edge of the stamp, and W = Width (or Height) of the stamp in millimeters. Gauge numbers were rounded to the nearest tenth.
- B) - Papers listed are (A) = Abitibi, (R) = Rolland, (C) = Clark, and (H) = Harrison.
- C) - Printers are APL = Ashton-Potter Limited and CBN = Canadian Bank Note Co.
- D) - Where known, inscription or plate number blocks will be indicated by [1] or [2] after the printer's name. [This would indicate that the item was from Philatelic Stock.] If a blank corner block is known, it will be indicated by [-] after the printer's name. [This would indicate that only Post Office Stock is available.]

Description	Printer	Paper	Perforations	Tagging	FDI
1¢ Decoy	APL [1]	(A)	[14 x 13.3]	None	Oct 19,'82
	CBN [1]	(H)	[13 x 13.3]	None	Jan 10,'85
	CBN [-]	(C)	[13 x 13.3]	None	Aug 6,'85
	APL [1]	(R)	[14 x 13.3]	None	Jul 4,'86
2¢ Spear	APL [1]	(A)	[14 x 13.3]	None	Oct 19,'82
	CBN [1]	(C)	[13 x 13.3]	None	Feb 10,'84
	CBN [2]	(H)	[13 x 13.3]	None	Jan 23,'86
	APL [1]	(R)	[14 x 13.3]	None	Jul 4,'86
3¢ Lantern	APL [1]	(A)	[14 x 13.3]	None	Oct 19,'82
	CBN [1]	(H)	[13 x 13.3]	None	Jan 10,'85
	APL [1]	(R)	[14 x 13.3]	None	Jul 4,'86
5¢ Bucket	APL [1]	(A)	[14 x 13.3]	None	Oct 19,'82
	CBN [1]	(C)	[13 x 13.3]	None	Jul 6,'84
	CBN [2]	(H)	[13 x 13.3]	None	Mar 1,'85
	APL [1]	(R)	[14 x 13.3]	None	Aug 15,'86
10¢ Weathercock	APL [1]	(A)	[14 x 13.3]	Side Bars	Oct 19,'82
	CBN [1]	(H)	[13 x 13.3]	Four Sides	Mar 15,'85
	APL [1]	(R)	[14 x 13.3]	Side Bars	Aug 22,'86
20¢ Skates	APL [1]	(A)	[14 x 13.3]	Side Bars	Oct 19,'82
	APL [1]	(R)	[14 x 13.3]	Side Bars	Jul 4,'86
25¢ Butter Stamp	APL [1]	(R)	[14 x 13.3]	Side Bars	May 6,'87
37¢ Plough	APL [1]	(A)	[12 x 12.5]	Side Bars	Apr 8,'83
	APL [2]	(C)	[12 x 12.5]	Side Bars	May 8,'84
39¢ Settle-Bed	APL [1]	(H)	[12 x 12.5]	Side Bars	Aug 1,'85
42¢ Linen Chest	APL [1]	(R)	[12 x 12.5]	Side Bars	May 6,'87



Description	Printer	Paper	Perforations	Tagging	FDI
48¢ Cradle	APL [1]	(A)	[12 x 12.5]	Side Bars	Apr 8,'83
	APL [2]	(C)	[12 x 12.5]	Side Bars	Dec 19,'83
50¢ Sleigh	APL [1]	(H)	[12 x 12.5]	Side Bars	Aug 1,'85
55¢ Iron Kettle	APL [1]	(H)	[12 x 12.5]	Side Bars	May 6,'87
64¢ Wood Stove	APL [1]	(A)	[12 x 12.5]	Side Bars	Apr 8,'83
	APL [2]	(C)	[12 x 12.5]	Side Bars	Jun 29,'84
68¢ Spinning Wheel	APL [1]	(H)	[12 x 12.5]	Side Bars	Aug 1,'85
72¢ Hand-drawn Cart	APL [1]	(R)	[12 x 12.5]	Side Bars	May 6,'87

For those who wish to use Scott's perforations, the following table is given:

Precise Perforations	Scott's Perforations
[14 x 13.3]	[14 x 13-1/3] *
[13 x 13.3]	[13 x 13-1/3] *
[12 x 12.5]	[12 x 12-1/2]

\* Unitrade's listing of perforations for this issue is very confusing. For the 1¢ Decoy they list the A.P. printing as 14 x 13-1/2. From the above formula, it should clearly be 14 x 13-1/3. They have listed 1316 through 1329 as 13-1/3 x 13, so a president has been set for use 1/3. This same applies to the C.B.N printing and their catalogue should read 13 x 13-1/3.

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### 1994

**SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 1, BURLINGTON, VERMONT - BNAPEX '94.** The Radisson Hotel on the shores of Lake Champlain. Information: James F. Hansen, Rd #1 Box 450, Plainfield, VT 05667.



# Dealer Doings/Auction Action

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## SAM NICKLE AND NEVILLE CLIFFORD-JONES SALES AT CHRISTIE'S, MARCH 19

Some of the finest Canadian philatelic material went on the block at the Christie's sale on March 19 in New York. Prices for items mentioned are in US dollars including the 15% (or 10% over \$50,000) buyer's premium. You can work backward without too much difficulty if you want to know the top bid. Any catalog numbers used are from the Scott Canadian Specialized Catalog.

In the Nickle sale proof material that was not available at the BNAB breakup seemed to do well, especially multiples. A black trial color plate proof of the 3p block of 7 with SPECIMEN horizontal carmine overprint went for \$1265, while a block of 8 of the 12d black plate proof fetched \$4830., and the posthumous 12p + 10p black trial color die proof (defaced plate of the 12p) got to \$6325. A very early 3p cover with the stamp hinged after inspection and small faults needed only \$207 while a wonderful 3p cover in the same month went for \$1725 (it had a Bytown cancel, ex-Fox). This shows how much appearance, condition, and special cancels can affect prices. An 1851 money letter with 6p, with file fold creasing the adhesive slightly at left, still went for \$2875. The 12p on cover, one of probably five legitimate uses and arguably the best, achieved \$244,500, a record at public auction for a Canadian cover. It is shown on p. 137 of Boggs' book. On the other hand, a strip of three of the 6p to France in 1851 went for \$6670; I believe it is unique and a steal at that price. A lovely steamboat cover with 3p (Sc. 4) needed only \$483, and a great RPO cancelled 3p for \$667 (MONTREAL & ISLAND POND GTR WAY). A registered parcel post piece with 5 pen cancelled 3p stamps went for \$1265. The cover with pair of 3p cancelled PEMBINA to Canada went for \$22,425 - an incredible cover, in the Jarrett sale. The bisect 3p with pair of 3p on one strip cover to England went for \$21,850, ex-Dale-Lichtenstein, in Boggs, P. 166. A 6p bisect domestic use cover went for \$12,650, and a pair on cover to Connecticut with valentine made \$6670. Many of the 6p covers did not reach the reserve and did not sell. A lovely 10p to England, ex de Volpi,

needed only \$805 for the lucky owner, although another with Legislative Assembly mark required \$5520. How's that for variance? The 2 1/2p rate to Norway for circular paid with 5 1/2p stamps went for \$5175, while a single on part of a newspaper paying the transient newspaper rate needed only \$322. The 7 1/2p companion cover to the 10p Legislative cost \$11,500, while a late use of the same stamp to England sold for \$2415. Mixed frankings did well, including 3 x 3p + 2 x 1/2p paying 10p rate to England, at \$6900. The Crimean war rate paid with 10p + 2 x 3p to England sold at \$4025, and the 12 1/2p currency rate to France after 1858 via US port paid with 2 x 6p + 1/2p made \$18,400. Perforated pence covers sold well, including a strip of 6 interprovincial to NS for \$8050 and 6p tied with 4-ring 12 to Detroit for \$6900. In the pence stamps a fine pair of Sc. 1 sold for \$380, while many other pence stamps did not sell at the reserves.

First Cents issues (1959's) proofs went from low to very high, depending upon the item. It is clear that the Bank Note Sale did not kill the proof market - it may have whetted it for the items not available through it. The late printed Goodall color die proofs uniformly sold very high - how they can be called trial colors when they were printed 20 years after the fact is beyond me, however. The American Bank Note Company trade sample sheet (see the Jarrett sale) went for \$5175. In stamps one could get a used block of the 1¢ for \$207, an unused block of the 5¢ for \$403, a vertical block of 6 of the 10¢ with 'String of Pearls' var. for \$667, a block of the 12 1/2¢ for \$299, and a block of the 17¢ for \$690. What bargains to be had. In the 1859 covers there were many great covers; 7 1¢ stamps paying registered letter, unique, made \$2070, while a 1¢ circular to the US went for \$63, an incredibly scarce item. A lovely STEAMBOAT cancel on 5¢ cover with Ottawa and Greenville Mail Clerk No. 1 cancel sold for \$2530. Other 5¢ covers with some pizzazz went from \$30 to \$600. The first printing 10¢ covers sold from about \$1000 to \$6900, and a bisect made \$2415. The strip of three to Italy was a reasonable \$2415 and the 20¢ to Newfoundland, ex Lussey, was \$2185. A wonderful 10¢ cover to Japan via agent in San Francisco



hit an incredible \$4830, and the 25¢ (pair of 12 1/2¢) registered letter to England was \$2070. A pair of the 12 1/2¢ to Newfoundland, unique, hit \$2300. Two covers to Red River went for \$1265 and \$1955. A pair of 17¢ to France was only \$978, another steal for someone. A cover to China with pair of 12 12¢ and 10¢ sold for \$4025, while a faulty cover to the same destination was only \$863. A 23¢ rate to Gibraltar went for \$2530, the same rate to British Guiana for \$2645. Combination covers of Cents and large Queens sold in the \$1000 - \$2000 range, depending on the combination.

In the Large Queens the F-VF 15¢ stamp with Pirie script watermark sold for \$4025, and the 5¢ printed matter rate to France (2¢ + 3¢ LQ) hit \$3220.

A tete-beche block of two booklet panes of the Edward issue failed to meet reserve, as did the \$5 1918 War Saving Stamp with French inscriptions. Ten cent Nesbitt covers went for around \$1000, and there were nine of them. Perhaps the catalog pricers will take note and put the value where it belongs. Express mail material of American and Canadian origin went from a few dollars to almost \$1000, depending on the item. A lot of it was ex-Jarrett. Canadian-French stampless mail did not do all that well, and appeared to be bargains in the \$100-200 range. Some stampless to European destinations through France, extremely rare, went cheaply, as in \$81 for an 1862 folded letter to Wurttemberg, and \$276 for an 1860 sfl to Switzerland.

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## ON THE FRINGES

It's March as this is being written and we are coming out of what has been a very hard winter. We have survived though and as you read these offerings the warm spring sun will have rejuvenated us once more. Please let me clear something up. As of this date the Semi-Official Air Mail Study Group is still alive although reduced in membership. So, please get behind Bob Marcello and keep it that way. This is dedicated to all newsletter editors. You sure do a fine job.

We start things off in this issue with *Philography Canada* edited by Paul Burega. Paul has gone to great lengths to publicize 2nd national philatelic literature exhibition held in conjunction with ROYAL 1993 ROYALE. And why not. Paul also talks of other philatelic literature exhibitions open to all of us. He has even supplied entry forms for two and infor-

mation about a third. I would encourage all BNAPS newsletter editors to enter these exhibitions. Not so much for the award as for the critique. You could receive some very helpful pointers. In addition, it is great exposure for the study group. Sent in By R.J. Duncan is the Index to the Philatelic Advocate from BNA TOPICS volume 3, number 9, Index to Mewhort's Publications from BNA TOPICS volume 3 number 3 which consists of various collecting areas. Important articles on B.N.A. from Stamp Collecting (Weekly) London, England from BNA TOPICS volume 3 number 4. We then have a story on The Canadian Philatelist (London, Ontario) by H. Edgar Weston taken from The Journal of the Philatelic Literature Society, Volume VII No. 1, January, 1914. Paul then includes a story on The Stamp Collector's Monthly Gazette as taken from The Journal of



the Philatelic Literature Society, Volume VI Number 4, of October 1913. Very very interesting. The newsletter is wound up with the promotion of the First Australasian and the Third New Zealand National Philatelic Literature Exhibition, and a story by Robin Startup about the New Zealand National Philatelic Literature Exhibition of June 1991. If anyone out there is at all interested in philatelic literature, this is the study group to belong to. Paul will be more than happy to hear from you.

I'm sort of putting the cart before the horse in this one but the fact is that there are two issues of *Philography Canada*. The March issue was done first and now for the January issue. This one is strictly on Revenue stamps. The mainstay is an article entitled *An Index To Articles About BNA and Canadian Revenue Stamps that Have Appeared in Serial Publications* by Richard F. Riley. I'm sure if the Revenue people would like a copy of this newsletter, Paul would be more than willing to make some kind of arrangement. It must be noted that the listing is only partial and selected. Paul then goes on to review the book by the same title and author.

From the *Transatlantic Mail* Study Group newsletter editor Jack Arnell we learn of the awards received at PHILITEX 1992. These were mentioned in the last issue of the Centerline so we won't go into it again here. I hope Jack entered and did well at the ROYAL. The first article is a review of a new book by Jane and Michael Moubrey entitled *British Letter Mail to Overseas Destinations 1840 - 1875*. Dick Winter sent in a correct interpretation of the postage charged on a letter shown on page 6 of the last newsletter that was sent from Russia to Prince Edward Island. Allan Steinhart sent in a cover that was missent from Connecticut to England, N.B. It was meant for New Brunswick and ended up in Great Britain. The title of the article - *Cross Border Via Great Britain*. Jack does an article with an illustration of a cover that is titled *Earliest Freight Money Confirmed*. Malcolm Montgomery sent in an interesting cover of a previously unrecorded rate marking of a circled 7½c and a routing explanation. Okay, so here's a completely new one on me *Quarantined/Disinfected Letters*. I know of the Island of Grosse Isle and the quarantine station that existed there but, disinfected letters is something else. Anyway, Jack does quite a story on the subject. You may have heard Jack say that the Island is supposed to undergo a

restoration and possibly become a national park. Allan Steinhart sends in a lovely illustration of an Unrecorded Liverpool Rate Marking Sent in the Wrong Bag. The letter destined for Montreal was inadvertently placed in a U.S. bag and was so charged. Malcolm would like a little light shed on the illustrated cover on page 7. His question - Is It A 'T' or a 'Y'? To finish the newsletter Allan Steinhart sent in an illustration of a cover with a 'Paid 3' Struck In Error. Another good edition Jack.

From the **Squared Circle** Study Group comes the *Round-Up Annex* edited by Gary Arnold who opens a shortened version of the newsletter with a report from Don Fairbairn on his own personal items that extend information in the group's handbook. The information supplied is on precursors and Type II hammers. From Jim Karr comes two illustrations of first, a Nanaimo state 2 strike with an inverted date error and a new late date of the London/Canada 3-L1 hammer. The hammer information is available in the previous newsletter.

The *Perforator* is edited by Floyd McNey and he had a real hard time getting volume 13 out to the membership because of house renovations. I sympathize with you Floyd, and I'm sure the membership forgives you. From Marcus' desk comes very little chatter. He does speak of the auction and the A B C Factor Survey though. Maybe the membership can give him something to talk about. What he did do however is to include an up-dated copy of the group constitution. Maybe the membership should pay serious notice to it. It certainly is a good constitution to live up to. Bob Traquair has done an interesting article on the use of the GTR Perfin by Stedman Bros., Limited of Brantford, Ontario. Bob is looking for some logical answers for this particular use from the membership. Included are illustrations of the usage. Jon Johnson produces here a list of the O.H.M.S. perforated stamps sold to various government departments in the fiscal year 1946-47. On the last page of the newsletter are some fronts sent in by Colin Pomfret.

The February issue of the *Perforator* is the start of the A B C Factor Survey. Floyd promises to be back on track with the March issue. Although there are still lots of good articles under the remnants of renovation dust, Floyd asks the membership to keep information coming. He says he's a poor old editor, not me. Maucus found a little more to chatter about in this issue as he welcomes Steven Koning as



the new Secretary-Treasurer and thanks Michael Dicketts for having done such a marvellous job in filling in for the past year. Conrad Tremblay (I always have to check when I write that name. Have you ever seen the number of ways it can be spelled?) reports that all ends of the auction have been neatly tied up and a full report will be forthcoming. Conrad has apparently worked very hard to see that this was properly straightened out. I'm sorry you won't be at the BNAPS convention Mark. I was looking forward to meeting you. Steve Koning sent in a Scott #167 with a new NLY (New York Life Insurance Co.) pattern accompanied with a very interesting explanation. Steve would like to hear from anyone else who just might have a similar item. The rest of the newsletter is taken up with the survey. This is an opportunity for complete membership involvement.

Wilmer Rockett of the *Canadian Revenue* newsletter has reproduced an article that appeared in 'STAMPS' April 25, 1959 by Ed. Richardson entitled *Ontario Vacation Tax Stamps With Overprint Missing*. He also brings to mind a new variety as listed in van Dam's *ReveNews* #86. A generous member has donated several publications - the profits from sale to go towards the newsletter costs.

The railroaders, with Bill Robinson at the throttle of the *R.P.O. Newsletter* come chugging around the bend with notice that work is under way on the special issue to commemorate issue number 100. Lewis Ludlow has had to undergo surgery but is recovering as of this writing. I'm sure Lewis would like to hear from some of the membership once in a while. Bill shows quite a Christmas card received from Malcolm Jones. Malcolm also sent in two more illustrations of railroad construction and a meet between two C.P.R. trains. A December 1992 article describes the abandonment of at least one line and the application of abandonment of a further C.P.R. operated line between Sherbrooke and the east coast. Alex Price sent in a photocopy of a postcard illustrating a train wreck and in particular the mail car that had derailed. Gerry Carr sent in a story taken from *Model Railroader* magazine that is all about the handling of mail on passenger trains. Gerry also sent in a postcard of a T.H.&B. express train leaving the Tunnel in Hamilton. Yours truly even contributed to this issue with a view of Island Pond station and it's surroundings as it once was plus a mail dispatch form from the U.S. post office for mails going to Newfoundland and St. Pierre

& Miquelon with some R.P.O. cancellations. Bill has made me work to figure out the next item. In the previous issue Tom Almond had sent in a card with, in addition to Royal Train Cancellations, two signatures - that of R.W. Hale and A.B. Stewart. One of the questions asked was who were these two persons. We have a part answer in this issue as a photocopy of a first flight cover shows R.W. Hale as District Superintendent of Postal Services at Edmonton. Now we have another Royal Train cover with the signature of G.W. Ross, Postmaster on the Royal Train. A.B. Stewart still remains a mystery however. There appears a November 1992 story about the possible sale of five Ontario lines by C.N. Rail and another blurb of the selling of two others in Quebec. A new listing of E-38, Type 35K used at Headingley, MB is shown. More items from Doug Hannan talks of a ride on the Port Stanley Terminal Railroad and the tax bite on owning a small line railway. Found in Lewis Ludlow's papers was a Hammer analysis for W-129 that winds up this edition of the newsletter. One last comment from Bill is that he is still looking for material for special issue 100.

The **Canadian Re-entry** Study Group Newsletter put out by Ralph Trimble is hereby presented in its usual elegance and starts with the Re-entered Imprint on the 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d of 1857 - well documented but still very interesting. He next presents a photo illustrating A Runner-up to the Major Re-entry on the  $\frac{1}{2}$ c Small Queen. The next item is The 50c Widow Weeds Major that Isn't. Ralph puts forth his argument and invites your views on the subject. Hugh Laurence sent in some re-entries and misplaced entries on the 5c numeral that Ralph has finally come around to showing you. There are several pages with text that the membership may want to comment on. The next item is A Misplaced Entry on Newfoundland's 5c Duke of York that was first discovered by Dr. Warren Bosch. Ralph is really gearing up for BNAPEX '93 and will give a presentation. Count me in to at least drop in and say hello Ralph. The thrill of receiving a silver award at Philltex is expressed here and well it should be. I think you will see this newsletter competing at many more literature exhibitions.

Now we give you *Corgi Times*, the newsletter of the **Elizabethan II** Study Group and edited by John Arn. Now before I get right into the newsletter itself, I would like to say that if BNAPS has any idea of recruiting young mem-



bers, it is through this study group that it can be done. How better for a youngster to get involved than through modern Canadian Stamps. Enough said. John bailed out and went to sunny California for a couple of stamp shows in December and praises San Diego - and why not - so would most of us living up north in December. Hope you did well with your Caricatures John. This study group reports that a meeting was scheduled for ROYAL 1993 ROYALE and there's an up-date on the combined auction with the Centennial group. The cut off date was March 15. There's a problem with the GST on cross border mail. Philip Kohl has provided some thought on cataloguing Elizabethan varieties. Paper Trails, a regular feature by Rick Penko talks about Repellex Varieties, Paper & Plate Varieties and Some Further Thoughts on Varieties and the role of ESG. Some very interesting answers to membership queries appear as another regular feature. That certainly adds to membership participation. A nice illustration of imperforate or should I say unseparated rows of the 14¢ coil. In the same section is a bisect of the 80¢ Maritime street scene. The Hologram error has apparently shown up again in Spokane of all places. An interesting cover was sent in by John Aitken of routing and instruction. John shows two pages of unusual cancellations that he is looking for information on. Jon Johnson sent two items that answers are requested for. As for number 2 John, PORT PAYÉ means post paid and I would assume that this might have been the rate for a forces letter. And that is how the newsletter closes except for the market place and the schedule of the remaining issues for volume 1. Why not get in on volume II now. You're just liable to find modern Canadian Philately quite interesting.

Bob Lemire of *Postal Stationery Notes* advised the membership that the move to Deep River is now complete and the newsletter is back in production. You are all thanked for your patience. A little more patience will be required in receiving answers to correspondence because much is still packed in boxes. I suspect though that as you read this all will be back to normal. Hope your wife has recovered Bob and is now enjoying your new home. Bob talks of Additional notes on Webb P4 and notes that a date is needed for the third state. Those Olympic Games Priority Post Cards that were free to send messages to Canadian athletes are being reported and Bob states that he does have a

few that he is willing to part with. Horace Harrison reports on Two Interesting Admiral Issue ERPS on type 6 cards. John Aitken sent in a photocopy of a Webb P3 with an unusual marking and the membership is asked if they can come up with something similar. That John Aitken is almost as bad as Allan Steinhart. You read about him in almost all newsletters. New varieties of Special Order Special Letter Envelopes continue to be reported as the lengthy story in the newsletter shows, and another Priority Post envelope has been reported. John Aitken has undertaken to compile a list of CN Express cards. If the membership can help out, please write to John at the enclosed address. With the new rates there came new postal stationery that was to appear on December 30. Bob asks if anyone can confirm that these items were actually released on that date. Another used copy of the Bonaventure Electricity card has been reported by Harry Machum. Harry also reports on one of two unlisted items printed for the Rotary Club of Hull, and Pierre Gauthier reports a new variety of the 3¢ red Lined Hair issue. Finally, two photocopies sent in by Bill McCann showing commercial 40¢ envelopes with pictorial advertising. Considering all you've been through Bob, your newsletter certainly isn't lacking.

As I said in the beginning, the **Semi-Official Air Mail Study Group** is very much alive and this is re-iterated by the first newsletter of 1993 edited by Bob Marcello. There's an explanation of what went on, on the first page and then Bob continues by introducing some letters. Dick Malott is willing to send a 'Finding Aid' to any member of the club free simply by writing to him. Stephanie, daughter of member Duke Burklow won STAMPS magazine's contest with her essay on *The Zeppelin*. Congratulations are in order. Better get her recruited Bob. Duke writes that he would like a little information on semi-officials and is willing to lend out his books on the subject. Want to see a trade column? Get busy and write. Bob writes about four special covers and illustrates one from Wahpeton, North Dakota that were carried by aeroplane from Estevan to Winnipeg. They never did arrive by plane however, but, by train. On that I'll leave non-members hanging but if anyone else can offer more information, Bob would like to hear from you. Thanks to Duke Burklow for the photocopy and to Haughton Sanguinetti for much of the information. The 1991

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- R4706 HUFFMAN, Dan D., 16842 N. Midway Rd., Tracy, CA, USA 95376
- R4721 ROBERTS, John D., P.O. Box 563, Oakville, ON, Canada L6J 5B4
- R4732 BEDDOWS, John G., 951 Ann St., North Bay, ON, Canada P1B 5M3
- R4788 KOLFAGE, Don C., 14 Ordon Boulevard, Chatham, ON, Canada N7L 4A9
- R4838 WASSERMAN, Bruce A., 1465 Woodberry Avenue, San Mateo, CA, USA 94403
- R4842 MESCHTER, Elwood, 5801 S. Cass Avenue, Westmont, IL, USA 60559
- R4891 SEGEBERG, Edward W., 17936 Santa Olivia, Fountain Valley, CA, USA 92708
- R4897 BAIGIONI, John J., 462 Thames Street - #2ND, Newport, RI, USA 02840-6729
- R4926 PERRY-HOOKER, John H., Doe Corner, Wells River, VT, USA 05081-0662
- R4949 TUCKER, John C., 8 Imperial Road, London, ON, Canada N5X 2G6
- R4999 FALLE, Michael B., 48 Covell Ave, Apt 2, Etobicoke, ON, Canada M8V 1P2
- R5001 PALMER, Mark Charles, 1025 est Sherbrooke #1702, Montreal, PQ, Canada H2L 1L4
- R5014 PENCO, Livio V., P.O. Box 76828, Station 'S', Vancouver, BC, Canada V5R 5S7
- R5027 REID, Hoover S., 324 10th Avenue N.E., Calgary, AB, Canada T2E 0X2
- R5031 ROSSITER, John Roger, 5 Susan Place, Barrie, ON, Canada L4N 5P3
- R5032 RONDEAU, Maurice, 21 May #2, Hull, PQ, Canada J8Y 6T8
- R5062 CACHIA, Edward M., RR #5, Georgetown, ON, Canada L7G 4S8
- R5065 McLELLAN, Edith, 10331 Gilmore Crescent, Richmond, BC, Canada V6X 1X1

#### DECEASED

- R1745 CORLESS, Robert D.
- R3521 HURST, Donald D.
- L4279 ROSBOROUGH, Irvine N.

#### RESIGNATIONS

- R1537 COGIN, Willard H.
- R4172 MONCUR, John A.
- R4911 HART, Richard H.

#### DROPPED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES

- R2524 TOWNSEND, L. J. Len
- R4045 STEINBOCK, Hans

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- E1114 HORNE, Brien, Ste 106, The Renoir, 9229-16th St, SW, Calgary, AB, Canada T2V 5H3
- R1416 McKANNA, Alan Gordon, 103 Riverview Road, Alliston, ON, Canada L9R 1S4



- R1471 POOLE, Charles, 5 Mayo Avenue, Nepean, ON, Canada K2E 6X3  
 R2231 JOHNSTONE, Ralph, 3240 - 38 Ave, Edmonton, AB, Canada T6T 1J3  
 R3400 TOOP, E.R. "Ritch", 2830-B Sandalwood Dr, Ottawa, ON, Canada K1V 7P5  
 L3494 ALBERT, Jr., Andre J., 434 Ridgedale Ave, Suite 11-166, East Hanover, NJ, USA  
 07936  
 R4057 TRAQUAIR, R. Scott, P.O. Box 52558, 1801 Lakeshore Rd West, Mississauga, ON,  
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 R5064 HEWITT, Maurice C., 4 Anglesey Blvd - Apt 205, Islington, ON, Canada M9A 3B3

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Total membership as of last report	1121
New members added in this report	9
Reinstated	63
Deceased	3
Resigned	3
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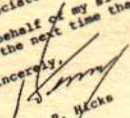
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