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A ROSE BY NO OTHER NAME

The election results on the name change resulted in a substantial majority voting to retain the current name. That is why democracy works. The Board of Directors thought a name change would be beneficial, but correctly did not take unilateral action. Putting the proposition to the membership was appropriate. I only hope that those members who became passionate about the issue remember that no one in office or out is seeking to do anything but improve the organization. Without risk and trial both organisms and organizations stagnate. Parkinson, he of the famous Parkinson's law, noted that organizations are healthy as long as they seem too busy to erect grand edifices - when they are scrambling for space, and work appears hectic. It is when they appear strongest, with grand structures, that they are in decline and will not survive. There must be a parallel for organizations such as ours, without the building but with equivalent indicators. Perhaps an organizational theorist among our membership can work it out.

The fact remains that BNAPS and the full name draw blanks when we talk about them with other philatelists. This occurred again to me and some of the Prairie Beavers at the TEPEX show - people simply do not know what we are about. Inevitably, we had to tell people that we collect Canadian philatelic material. Thus, I hope that you will react favourably to the next proposal concerning our name, that we append to it something descriptive, such as BNAPS - the Canadian Philatelic Society. Please do not write me that we do not need it,

for the experience of most of us says we do.

TOPICS FORMAT

The decision has been made to split *TOPICS* into two formats, a longer journal focusing entirely on philatelic knowledge, and a newsletter containing current news, ballots, and timely information. This will start with the October issue of *TOPICS*, which will have on the order of 80 pages of articles. I am excited at the prospect. In particular, having received the judges' comments from the silver award received at ORAPEX by *TOPICS*, I believe that we can make *TOPICS* into a world-respected journal that competes at the vermeil level with the likes of the Collectors' Club Philatelist. Canadian and Provinces philately is sufficiently important historically and topically for such attention, and I do not think that it is improper to strive for improvement in *TOPICS*, no more so than in our own personal collections. Ed Richardson asked me to think about goals for my editorship when I accepted it from Lew Ludlow. One of them was to increase the amount of philatelic material published for members, and this action will achieve that goal. One I had not really dared to consider, given the financial straits of the organization only a short time ago, was that *TOPICS* would be able to make the jump to the next level of excellence, but now the potential is there.

One change that will occur in manuscript evaluation is that no photocopies of covers or stamps will be accepted, except for stampless covers that have only bold relief in the manuscripts and cancels and for which crisp photo-

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copies serve the purpose. Even those will be half-toned to even the overall texture of the background. We will continue to accept manuscripts in the variety of formats now found, including hand written, typed, and electronic. The more material that is sent electronically the easier and cheaper for the Society: I do not retype those texts, so that we are charged for all typing.

DEALERS, ONCE MORE

Don't get me wrong, dealers are absolutely crucial to the survival of philately, but they sure can be ignorant sometimes. At the June 11 - 13 TEXPEX show, I sold more material from my Canada cover box to dealers than I bought from them. When I asked a number of postal history dealers for their Canadian material, they told me that they had left that box home. Now that may be understandable for first time dealers, especially those coming to Texas, as far away from the northern U.S. border as they will get, but repeaters have no such excuse. Every year a fairly large contingent of collectors, BNAPSers included, ask for the material and are told the same thing. Now, first of all, Canada is the most collected area outside of U.S., as per the APS. Second, we have had for 20 years an active and material-hungry group of BNAPS members in Texas, and without too much investigation,

the dealers could have figured that out. If nothing else, asking show organizers which groups are meeting at the show will give them some guidance. We scheduled a BNAPS regional group meeting six months ago. So where was the material? My clincher was the dealer who said, when I asked for the Canadian material, "I have had a lot of requests for it and sure am surprised". I think the dealer memories are too short, perhaps they need to write down notes about their shows. The other aspect of dealers that is interesting is the lack of knowledge about cover prices. When dealers had nineteenth century covers, almost always late Small Queens and Leafs and Numerals, even common material often had prices several times that one will find in Canadian dealers' stocks. It seems that the less the dealers know about such material, the higher they jack it up, afraid that they will sell it too cheaply. When it sits in their boxes for months or years they then complain that there is no market for such material; in fact, they have simply priced themselves out of the market. What happened to the advice given by the dealers in Herst's books, Nassau Street and Fun and Profit in Stamp Collecting, that turnover and a reasonable profit are the basics. Maybe they never read them. Jeff Switt happened to review a dealer's stock and commented that he had seen the same stamp in 1974; the price in 1993 was still too high.

Convention '96 CPSGB

We are in the process of firming-up a hotel for our Convention in 1996. Our preferred period is the last week-end in September. We note that this need not conflict with BNAPEX '96 as we see from the December TOPICS that a location has not yet been chosen. We would be grateful if you warn your people off the above period so we don't clash.

CPSGB President,
Dr. Alan Salmon

The President's Corner

Charles Firby



In January I received a letter from our Treasurer, Art Klass, in which he mentioned that he did not as yet have the vision. A May regional meeting in Detroit with several members plus our Secretary, Information Officer and Vice

President Regional Groups led to John Burnett stating that a need existed to make the executive goals known. Earlier this month in Toronto another member stated that the programs look good but what ties it all together?

Let me say that a position statement is in order and will attempt to address the long and short term planning **vision** of your executive. I might add that although communication is a problem for an organization such as BNAPS, your officers are quite often in touch with each other and ideas flow well between us: nearly all decisions being a consensus of several of our ideas/concepts.

In order to evaluate where we want BNAPS to be and how to get there, it is necessary to understand who and what our organization is, as well as determining our place in the philatelic community. The recognition of this tenet provides the crux of the decision making process, while the reality of the society's capabilities provides the means to carry out our decisions. Your executive has examined our society's function (center of gravity, if you will) in the philatelic world and have determined that our primary function is to provide research into the philately of BNA and then to educate our members (as well as anyone else) on these findings. Taking this tenet as the BNAPS center of gravity, it follows that **most** programs should **directly** impact this learn and educate concept.

Research being a personal and individual accomplishment it is easy to see that membership is very important and obviously the more members the more research that can be accomplished, etc. It is this philosophy that we believe should shape our decisions. The Fel-

lowship we all look forward to that is so important to BNAPS should be viewed as a by-product of our commitment to stamps and will of itself perpetuate.

An outward look at the philatelic world shows a vastly different place than several years ago with the most notable change that our collector population continues to age. According to past surveys, the average collectors age appears to be rising at approximately the same rate as the interval between the studies (Linn's 1992 survey showed a median age of 60.7 years: only 12.4% of respondents were younger than 40, 1.1% being under 25 while 42.7% were 65 years or older). As a result of these facts we have determined that BNAPS is no longer in a position to wait for new members to find us. This aging population and the increase of the closet (those not a part of **organized** philately) collector population virtually guarantee diminished membership if we continue to follow the methods of the past 50 years. I believe that to prosper we must locate, and even create, new collectors for our speciality.

Our society must encourage **our members to become even more active** in its future growth: to become a society that reaches out to shape public opinion regarding philately in general, and Canadian philately specifically, and by using our influence to shape the collecting habits (and yes, interests) of young collectors. Through open discussion and contact at show sites (as well as other locations) the youthful collector can conceivably be guided toward BNA as a speciality. I was led to BNA by a mentor and believe that each of you could become mentors to younger collectors (not just children). The Ambassador and Speakers programs encourage our greatest salespersons (you) to put their enthusiasm for BNAPS and their knowledge of BNA philately in a face to face position with other collectors. This presence will definitely help your society. These ideas may sound haughty but they are very doable - **but only with the support of our members** can it happen. We need members such as yourself talking and touting the merits of these programs or our goals will surely not be met. We also need you to join us and become a part of the programs.

The following programs are intertwined with

this vision and will work together to these ends. The approach can be summed up in one word - **OUTREACH.**

An **OUTREACH** to BNAPS members to become involved directly in our recruitment process and to put in some fun time at the North American shows talking to fellow collectors, or by presenting a program (with the emphasis on BNAPS as the promoter).

An **OUTREACH** to non BNA collectors by our willingness to teach and assist them in their search for new collecting interests.

An **OUTREACH** through Study Group presentations (with strong selling of BNAPS merits, of course) through the slide and video programs of other organizations such as APS, CPSGB, RPSC, and RPSL.

An **OUTREACH** to all North American national level shows to whom we are making available the new BNAPS Medal of Excellence for the best exhibit of BNA at the show. (This award has already been presented at the PIPEX and ORAPEX shows)

An **OUTREACH** to those casual collectors who are still outside of organized philately. To be reached through Canada Post mailings, etc. Some of these people **could be** groomed to become serious BNA philatelists.

An **OUTREACH** to our dealer members to whom we recently sent our **A-frame point-of-sale kits** along with a letter imploring their help both in recruiting as well as taking ads in *TOPICS*. We will continue sending these out to new dealer members.

In addition, we have created the **BNAPS Booster Reply Card** which is available (and promoted) to dealer members, as well as to local clubs or to anyone else that wishes to use them. (See *TOPICS* Vol. 50, No. 2, Page 4.) Contact Paul Burega for a supply.

It is official: as hinted at by our editor in the last *TOPICS* we are changing the format of *TOPICS* beginning in September. The 4+4 *TOPICS* will further enhance our membership benefits by providing a much better *product* to our members and in fact will give us something to sell to non-members as a solid reason for membership. This format also forces us to keep research content at a high and consistent level

while permitting prompt response to time related membership information: the best of both worlds.

We further agree that our *research laboratory*, the **Study Groups** are too isolated. In the future each issue of *TOPICS* will include two full length articles culled from different Study Group Newsletters. The idea being to make *TOPICS* exposure available to every Study Group over time. Our editor will have the flexibility to increase the Study Group articles if he so desires. Peter McCarthy's **Study Group Centerline** will continue in its present excellent format.

Another program in the works will be to reprint all Study Group Newsletters in a booklet format per Study Group or subject. Thus all past information from these groups will be made available to anyone willing to pay a modest amount. Jon Johnson is working to determine a way to proceed. Each year we will then print that years series of Study Group Newsletters complete in an annual edition so as to keep the series up to date. It is hoped to have the compiling done during the summer months with first availability at the convention. We will need an editor for the annual project - know anyone? Jon Johnson would like to hear from you. This additional exposure to the Study Groups efforts is expected to stimulate Study Group interest as well as to provide a much more interesting *TOPICS*.

We are also looking to create a series of articles for *TOPICS* geared to the neophytes on the various specialties within BNA: to include the basic how-to-collect, what exists, where it leads to, how much does it cost, etc. The Richardson booklet *Canada: BNA Philately - An Outline* identifies many areas of study that could be expanded upon by various authors. This too will broaden the interest level of current members and should appeal to the new or almost new (closet collector) members, we hope to attract to the fold. This series is expected to make a neophyte feel *wanted* and hopefully *at home*. Eventually these articles will be compiled into a *How to collect Canada* volume: For individual sale.

Do I hear volunteers willing to tackle an area or two? I would love to hear from you, if so.

The Study Groups are also being provided with funding to create slide/video programs: copies of which will automatically be sent to various societies for use by their chapters/members. (We will also be offering these VHS tapes for sale.) A new award *The F.H.*

Odell Enlightenment award is to be awarded to the producer of the best slide/video annually at the convention awards banquet by the Study Group Vice President.

We are also looking at **Regional Groups** and John Burnett is in the process of producing a document on some of the *things* that successful groups have done. We are also examining the feasibility/possibility of automatically including all members in a predetermined Regional Group so that they will automatically receive that Group's Newsletter (possibly by having an automatic [estimated to be Cdn\$3.00] dues surcharge next year, with these funds going to each Regional Group). It is believed that the fact that each BNAPSer automatically becomes a Regional Group member and thereby receive all mailings should make it easier (or even become an inducement) to attend the meetings. The added cost will also help program costs. Please contact John Burnett directly with your thoughts on this. Is Cdn\$3.00 too much? Should we do this for Study Groups also? Please write us prior to the convention on these ideas which are scheduled for discussion at the Board meeting in Toronto.

Another new award *The Jack Levine Fellowship* award has been created to honor the **SPARK PLUG** of each Regional Group with presentation also scheduled to take place at the convention awards banquet by the Regional Group Vice President.

By now you have undoubtedly noticed the strong slant toward education and membership involvement. You will also notice that we are creating marketable **products** that can generate future revenue for BNAPS. Over the short haul (a few years) it is expected that we will continue to lose membership. Inevitably we will need new areas of revenue to offset this drop. These programs along with cost reduction programs currently being examined will hopefully accommodate this need. Keep in mind that our operating expenses will remain virtually constant (or due to inflation, will increase) regardless of our membership population: Thus the concern over a diminishing membership.

A by-product of the above changes is the **enhanced image** our society gives to outsiders.

Along this line I have created the position of Judging Coordinator. Bill Pawluk accepted this position and appears to be making progress in his new capacity. His job is to standardize our judging rules and to examine the actual award process to recognize a greater base of categories in the process.

He will also be, in effect, an ombudsman and will act as *sponsor* at the judging seminars, will poll the exhibitors on their reaction to any *new* programs and most importantly will see that the result of these changes (as well as award winners) are written up in *TOPICS* - perhaps even an occasional column in the Newsletter will result. In short, he will handle everything related to the judging of our conventions.

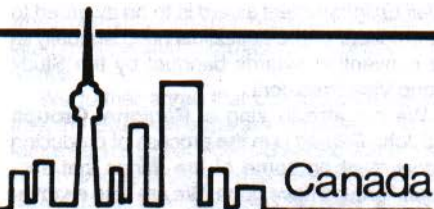
I am also pleased to announce that BNAPS was recently awarded Chapter(#2) status with the R.P.S.C. and I have formally requested national accreditation status from the RPSC so that our exhibitors will be eligible for **F.I.P.** (International) participation. Bill is working with the Royal people on this and it is hoped that our 1994 Convention will be awarded this privilege.

Our Information Officer, Jeff Switt, has been submitting a lot of press releases to various weekly publications with a great in print success rate. Some excellent articles have appeared including an editorial by Linn's editor, Mike Lawrence, comparing our successes with the Essay Proof Society's demise. They then ran a 1/2 page article on BNAPS. These will continue!

Thank you for bearing with me. I realize that this has been rather long but I hope that this article provides you with the insight into the reasons behind several of the changes that have been made in BNAPS in the past 6 months. As always, I wish you well and hope that you take my pleas to heart. I know you can do it - join with me - **HELP OUR RECRUITMENT AND EDUCATIONAL EFFORTS**

You will receive this issue of *TOPICS* just prior to our convention in Toronto. Our hosts, Allan Steinhart and Cliff and Joanne Guile, have worked very hard to make this meeting worthy of our *Golden Anniversary* celebration and I urge all of you to attend what is certain to become a memorable meeting. See you there!

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Letters

JOINED PLATE PROOFS

May I draw your readers attention to a dastardly deed that is being perpetrated on the plate proof material that was unleashed when the American Bank Note Company's archives were sold. This sale by Christie's in 1990 placed into the market place enormous quantities of plate proof material. Many of these proofs are in sheet of 100 subject format with multiple sheets being offered. The countries featured were many and diverse but I am directing my comments about the BNA countries, specifically Canada and Newfoundland.

When a collector goes to exhibit at national and international exhibitions, the items shown must tell a story, oft-times in the absence of the written word. Thus, a featured cover should show the correct rate, the place name cancel where it was sent from, and hopefully the receiving cancel. This is especially important for the first flight airmail covers. With the basic stamp (mint or used), its perforations (if normally issued with them), are an important feature. To show a part-imperforate-between the area of the stamp having the perforations must be shown; to show a fully imperforate version of what is normally a perforated stamp a minimum of a pair is required.

This fully imperforate version can be caused by genuine printing error or it can be deliberately created for use by the printing company as plate proofs. This item may or may not be on stamp paper, but to prove it is imperforate, as it was made, a pair is required. The knowledgeable collector has always shunned imperforate singles.

However, in the stamp market place, dealer price lists and auction listings, there is an abundance of single stamps being imperforate on four sides. They are touted as being from the plate proof sheets with a very high price often asked.

Therefore a question that begs to be answered, is how do you tell the difference of this stated-to-be single plate proof from its much cheaper perforated version that has all the perforations trimmed? Also, bear in mind now, that the judges are viewing the item behind frame glass, protective mylar sheeting and inside a mount.

Consider another related matter: picture how

you can tell the difference when postcards are featured. As Newfoundland postcards were never issued in joined multiples, a real tragedy is occurring in that the few joined multiples of these cards are being cut into singles. The Newfoundland lot that was sold by Christie's had 36 one cent cards and 38 two cent cards. They were mostly in joined sheets of eight, but they were joined!

A joined pair would really show the plate proof version. Is it too late to save them from being turned into singles?

John M. Walsh
St. John's, NF

BNAPS NAME CHANGE

I have today mailed off my ballot on the proposed name change for BNAPS. I voted to keep the current name, not because I am an old fogey resisting change (I am 37 years old, support the metric system, etc.) but because the proposed alternatives were not adequate.

Canada and Colonies? Canada has never had colonies. Britain did. The titles with *stamp collector* in them are misleading, as many of us collect postal history which may not have been stamps. The variations of *Canada* and *Canadian* would, I think, create confusion with the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada.

I suppose the constructive thing for me to do would be to propose alternatives, but I see nothing wrong with the present name, which describes exactly the purpose of our little group. I disagree with the idea that the decline in membership is due to the name. Many clubs and societies, not just philatelic, are experiencing a decline. Some of it is due to economic conditions. Much of it is due to the far greater variety of hobbies available today than was the case thirty or fifty years ago, which dilutes the number of collectors over a larger number of hobbies. And, of course, we have television. Just wait until virtual reality becomes affordable for the average person! Then we'll *really* see a decline.

Notwithstanding the above, I think the measures taken elsewhere will have a better chance of improving the fortunes of BNAPS. Distributing business reply cards, for example. And I commend those who are starting up study groups for modern Canada, such as Elizabe-

thans. If you've seen one Admiral retouch, you've seen them all, and the endless lists of RPOs are adding only incrementally to philatelic knowledge. But there are plenty of areas where a large amount of new knowledge could be gained with less trouble. The modern stuff is cheap, easier to obtain, and allows a collector to break new ground in research.

The library is a victim of changing trends. Perhaps BNA TOPICS is next, although I hope not, as it is the only reason I belong to BNAPS. But perhaps the next step in information exchange should be considered, that of a computer BBS. Many other organizations are trying them out in other hobbies. It might be beneficial to BNAPS to set up its own BBS.

Dale Speirs
Calgary, Alberta

BNAPS LIBRARY

I was shocked when I read President Firby's comments regarding the fate of the Society's library (March-April TOPICS). I'm one of the *semi-regular* users of these facilities (although, perhaps, no where near that of George Arfken), and I'm quite disappointed to hear of its demise. I've always found the library, and particularly Clint Phillips, very helpful in my various research projects. In fact, the existence of a research library was one of the reasons I joined BNAPS five years ago!

Many members do not have the facilities (space or dollars) to maintain a large philatelic library. Most, I assume, have the *basics* and any other specialized material for a particular area. However there are times when other publications are required and having them at one's disposal quickly (thanks, in most part, to a dedicated librarian) resulted in well-documented, scholarly articles and therefore an improved hobby.

Some of the problems President Firby mentioned (the G.S.T., computer, photocopier, and fax - the last seems to be a bit pompous - whatever happened to the good ol' postal system?) are still realities which we must deal with. I don't agree, though, that our library had *outlived its usefulness*. Perhaps I am in the minority, but I still feel that the library was a worthwhile entity and deserved preservation (not to collect dust, but to be used by the membership). Members should have been encouraged to consult the library's offerings more (one can draw a parallel to the consistent

writers for TOPICS and library users - perhaps both quite low).

I'm afraid that I am not among those who feel that transferring the library to the National Library of Canada and the American Philatelic Research Library will solve all problems. I am not convinced that the staff of the respective libraries will give all members the attention and service necessary to improve the hobby (although most of my personal dealings with Cimon Morin have been successful). Budget cutbacks, fewer staff, and *The Bureaucracy* will probably result in long delays (some up to two or three months) which is totally unacceptable. I could always rely on Clint to facilitate my requests in a timely fashion. If both Cimon Morin and Gini Horn can assure members that their requests will be dealt with in a speedy manner (depending, of course, on the level of research required), there should be few problems and the Board of Directors' decision would be confirmed. If we must, however, wait months for a response and access to the material is difficult (how many members can actually conduct on-site research?), then I feel that we have taken the wrong path. The ultimate result will be less research undertaken, fewer fine quality articles written, and B.N.A. philately will lose many of the gains we have achieved over the years.

Dean W. Mario
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

LETTER FROM AN EX-MEMBER

Much to my amazement I received the Jan/Feb. issue of BNA TOPICS today, April 6, 1993, a few weeks after I received my reminder letter from Jerome (if I may be so bold!). I write of amazement as it is a long time since I received an issue. In fact it was the one where I was re-instated as a member having, unwittingly let my sub. again become overdue, particularly as I had posted one in July 1992.

The above ramble is primarily to let you know that, in view of the length of time it takes for the OLDE CLIPPERS to get mail to me and, with conversion and Bank charges in addition to the member's subscription, I feel I must cancel my valued membership...not just let it *run out* without any explanation.

You will, I am sure, be disturbed to know that I only received 3 issues in 1992, and, even were I ever so keen to bid for an advertised Auction lot, I certainly would have been weeks

overdue.

I will write personally to Dean Mario who so kindly and unexpectedly, paid my initial sub. and submitted my name for Membership and then sent my Badge as a gift also!!! And I have not ever met him - but it has resulted in spasmodic but continual and interesting correspondence even if I am an old bird in a Rest Home! And, my husband and I might be in a Rest Home, but one would not think so! I have so many interruptions since commencing this after lunch. Guess it is the problem of being so popular!!!

Answers to Jerome's letter:

1. Reasons for non-payment: Did not realize I was again overdue (weak!) - but non-receipt of *TOPICS* is the basic one. \$35 for sea mail is as far as I can go - airmail not on.
2. My Newfoundland collection is now of Gold Medal standard plus ALL the extra material I have (according to judges who should know)(although sadly very little is known or shown etc. of the superb coverage of history/geography/superb printing - you name it - in relation to that Island.) - in the Antipodes anyway. I have not found anyone with

whom I can communicate and share knowledge in Australasia since I first became interested and then CAUGHT.

3. Our only Grand-daughter is now 16 - my Newfie collection becomes her's when she reaches 18. She may wish to sell (to go through University or overseas or whatever) or keep. It will be up to her. The *TOPICS* I HAVE received, plus Newfie Newsletter and relevant pages from CSN have all been saved so if she wishes to continue the study she has a good start.
4. Sadly I have *gorn as fer as I can go*...in the philatelic field I mean, and also have many other interests which I had hoped to at least tidy up long ago. Geneology, painting, writing, etc. etc.

So! There is a valid reason for not continuing with my sub., but it certainly is not because I have not enjoyed and appreciated receiving *TOPICS*.

Sincere best wishes to your Society - keep it going for many years.

From your ex-member in the Antipodes,

Madeliene E. Percey
Hobart, Tasmania

THE POSTAL STATIONERY STUDY GROUP EXTENDS ITS DEEPEST SYMPATHY

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THE DILEMMA OF THE NEWFOUNDLAND ISSUE

450th Anniversary of Cabot's Discovery of Newfoundland

John M. Walsh

Have you ever noticed the appearance of the sheet featuring the Newfoundland stamp design "John Cabot Issue of 1947" or if you prefer "The 450th Anniversary of Cabot's Discovery"?

...Well this issue shows up in sheets of 100 subjects. Over my collecting years, I have seen these sheets with uncluttered selvedge margins, i.e. no plate numbers, and as well, with sheets having the plate number (43476) located in the four corners of that sheet. Why the difference?

When philatelists were asked why this was so, often the response was "there must be two printings, i.e. the requisition order was sent twice..." Another response was "Two panes exist, one with and one without plate markings."

These two sensible theories certainly made a thoughtful reply to such a question.

To investigate the matter a reading was made through what literature there is on this issue. The article (do you call 20 pages a book?) by John Ayshford entitled *The Last Stamps of Newfoundland* published in 1978, is an excellent source of information. In it, facts and visual observations are noted while he studied the Waterflow and Sons' official file sheets.

In the article by Ayshford on page 11, descriptions of three plate proof sheets are given. The basic facts are:

- A) first plate proof sheet has a plate number 43476 above position 5 in the top margin. No mention is made of markings \odot and \perp in position 6. Imperforate is not mentioned but implied in the text. Written on the sheet is "5,000,000 stamps = 50,000 pulls and dated 9.6.47" (Day Month Year; Walsh)
- B) second plate proof sheet has plate number 43476 above position 5 in top margin. Inserted above position 6 is \odot and \perp markings. Imperforate is implied. Dated 9.6.47.
- C) Third plate proof sheet has plate number 43476 above position 5 in top margin. Inserted above position 6 is \odot and \perp mark-

ings. "Again imperforate" is stated. Dated 10.6.47.

Now, to draw some conclusions:

With A) we can see that the printing plate sheet consists of 100 subjects. With the number of stamps written on this sheet the reader is led to believe that this sheet is an example taken off the press during the run; therefore, there is a top margin centrally located plate number without any \odot and \perp in the adjacent position, and since 5,000,000 stamps were printed on the order number quoted (141122) then, this plate printed the entire order.

From B) we can see that the printing plate sheet consists of 100 subjects and that there is a top margin centrally located plate number with \odot and \perp on the adjacent portion. However, there is no notation as to the number of stamps or pulls involved with this sheet so one is led to believe that this sheet is not from any given printing order.

From C) the printing plate is similar to B and again there is no mention of the number of stamps or pulls.

Now, what I personally have observed out in the market place consists of:

- 1) sheet of 100. No central plate number. A top marginal \odot and \perp on position 6.
- 2) sheets of 100. Plate numbers in all four corners. As to \odot and \perp at position 6, I cannot remember.
- 3) an imperforate block containing the top margin central plate number (43476) with \odot and \perp on position 6. Security hole punches are in this block. (Maresch and Son, sale #258, Nov. 27/91).
- 4) an upper left corner imperforate block with plate number 43476. Security hole punches are in this block. (Maresch and Son, sale #263, June 17/92).
- 5) an upper left corner imperforate block with plate number (43476) having a double row of horizontal perforations between stamp and upper margin. No security hole punches in this block. (Maresch and Son, sale #263, June 17/92).

Reasoning from these examples leads me to conclude that two styles of printing plates were used to produce this issue. One plate having a top single, centrally located plate number and the other printing plate having four plate numbers located in each of the four corners.

How, the dilemma... If order #141122 having 5,000,000 stamps was produced by the printing plate having the top single plate number, what order number and, more importantly, what quantity was produced by the printing plate having plate numbers in the four corners?

Since the order books kept examples from all the printing plates why was such an example

of a sheet with the plate number in the four corners not observed or found?

An answer can be given by the appearance of a block extending from the outside corner to take in position 5 and 6. It would need to show a blank corner and a plate number above position 5. I would be very interested in seeing a copy. Do you have such a piece? Your thoughts are directed to:

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MORRIS STREET, HALIFAX AND THE SEA CAPTAIN / POSTMASTER

Colin Campbell

The seven year period from 1895 to 1901 witnessed a number of events of philatelic significance which survive to this day. Here we recall just three of these events, in chronological order. Firstly, there was the opening of the Morris Street post office on 1 May 1895 (1). Secondly, there was the issuing of the Queen Victoria Diamond Jubilee set of stamps on 19 June 1897. Lastly, at the bidding of the Dominion's then Postmaster-General, William Mullock, there was issued Canada's famous 2 cent Xmas stamp in December of 1898 (2).

The self-accounting sub-post office was located at 38½ Morris Street, in a drug store, at the southwest corner of Pleasant (later Barrington) Street. Louis J. Mylius was the incumbent. A Western Union Telegraph office was also at the same address (3). Morris Street took its name from Charles Morris (1711-1781) who was the Surveyor General of Nova Scotia (4). The population of Nova Scotia in 1895 was slightly less than 40,000 persons.

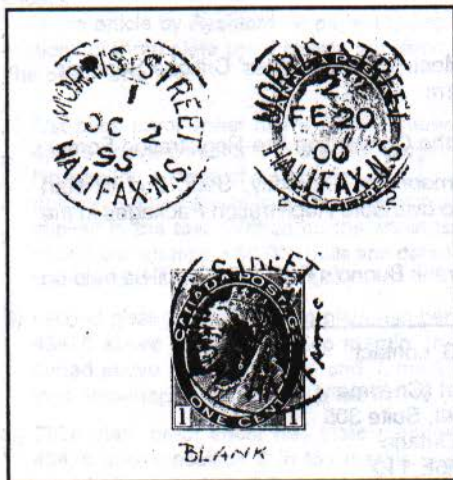
The collecting of postmarks from the Morris Street post office proves to be a most interesting task. Only two types of cancels have been found; the regular circular date stamp measuring 24mm in diameter and a three impression roller where each impression varies from the others. It is noted that the Morris Street cancels



are in general cleanly struck and well centered.

In the post office, four time marks were used denoting the different mail clearance times during the working day. The numerals 1, 2, 3 or 4 appear just above the date. A few cancels have been found with the time mark "blank" and fewer still with the time mark "0". No plausible explanation has been put forward for these *abnormals*. Those recorded so far are not dated on a Sunday. In these eleven instances the numerals appear above the dates. A second time mark "0" has surfaced making three reported to date.

The Morris Street roller cancel shows it to be the conventional style used at that time. It is numbered "1". The differences in the complete impression are most evident in the



vertical relationship of ST. for STREET and N.S. for NOVA SCOTIA. The three different impressions are shown in the illustration although the top one here tends to blend into the black stamp and is not easily visible.

Of the number of cds strikes recorded from the Morris Street Office, Monday dates are found to be the most common. 1897 was the busiest year with the time mark '3' by far the most frequently found. The latter is presumed to reflect the commercial mail clearance time. The earliest date reported is 23 May 1895, and the latest, 20 September 1901.

It is of interest to note that early in 1896, L.J.'s brother, Charles N. Mylius, formerly captain of the brigantine NEWFOUNDLAND, is listed in McAlpine's Halifax City Directory (3) as postmaster at Morris Street. It is known that Mylius' ship of 919 tons was engaged in the seal and whale fishing industry (5). His postal employment lasted until the office closed on 30 September 1901.

TIME MARKS FREQUENCY

1.	110	- 25.88%
2.	83	- 19.52
3.	196	- 46.11
4.	26	- 6.11
Blank	8	- 1.88
0	3	- 0.68

A total of 425 strikes were recorded for this article.

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

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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.

CANADIAN LETTER MAIL TO ST. THOMAS, D.W.I.

George B. Arfken



Figure 1. From St. Catherines, March 29, 1865, to St. Thomas, W. Indies, May 27, 1865. The cover is addressed to a man aboard the British warship H.M.S. Duncan. There is a Jamaica transit stamp May 20, 1865. This is the only reported Canadian cover to St. Thomas prior to 1877. Courtesy of Arthur W. Leggett.

Expanding on the title, the letter mail is preUPU and the D.W.I. stands for Danish West Indies. For British, French and German packets, St. Thomas was of great importance as the first and/or the last stop for the Caribbean area and as a major transfer point [1]. Since 1850, Cunard packets had been serving Bermuda and continuing south to St. Thomas [2]. Initially the northern port was New York. In 1854, Halifax replaced New York as the northern terminus. This packet route continued as Halifax - Bermuda - St. Thomas until 1880 when the southern terminus was transferred to Kingston, Jamaica. The route was dropped in mid 1886. (The Canadian Official Postal Guides continued to list Halifax - Bermuda - St. Thomas until 1892.)

One Decimal Cover. Firby's recording of Pence and Decimal covers does not list any Pence covers to St. Thomas [3]. However, one cover from the Decimal era has survived. This

cover is shown in Figure 1. The writer endorsed the cover "Halifax & Bermuda," a clear call for the Halifax - Bermuda - St. Thomas packets. It was easy to write "Halifax" but getting the cover to Halifax in late March and early April was not easy. The St. Lawrence River would have been ice bound and there was not yet any railway connection between Ontario and Nova Scotia. Possibly the cover went by rail to Portland and then by ship to either Halifax or St. John. The cover missed the March 30 sailing of the Cunard packet *Alpha* and presumably was carried by the *Alpha* on its April 27 sailing. There is a May 20 Jamaica transit backstamp. This could have represented a detour by the *Alpha* but more likely meant that the cover went on to Jamaica by mistake and had to come back. Actually, Jamaica would have been a logical stop for a cover going via New York.

Three Small Queen Covers. No Large Queen covers to St. Thomas have been report-



Figure 2. June 18, 1877 to Captain M.C. Norris, St. Thomas, West Indies. Carried by the Cunard packet Beta out of Halifax, July 9, 1877. The cover arrived in St. Thomas July 17, 1877. The cover was overpaid 1c. The postal rate published in the Official Postal Guides was 12c.

ed. Readers of "Canada's Small Queen Era" [4] will note that St. Thomas, D.W.I. was completely neglected. This was because no Small

Queen covers had been reported. Recently three 1877 Small Queen covers to St. Thomas appeared at auction [5]. These three covers are



Figure 3. From Truro, N.S., June 30, 1877, to Captain Norris, St. Thomas, W.I. This cover was carried by the Cunard packet Beta out of Halifax on July 9. There is a St. Thomas receiving mark but the date is illegible. From the receiving backstamp of the cover shown in Figure 2, the date of arrival was July 17. The two 6c Small Queens paid the correct 12c postage.



Figure 4. From Truro, N.S., July 10, 1877, to Captain Norris, St. Thomas, W.I. This cover just missed the *Beta's* departure on July 9 and was carried on the *Beta's* next trip, leaving Halifax August 6 and arriving in St. Thomas August 14. The two 6 Small Queens paid the correct postage.

shown here in chronological order. Figure 2 illustrates a June 18, 1877 cover to Captain M.C. Norris, (brigantine) *Hope*, St. Thomas, West Indies. The cover missed the Cunard packet *Alpha* by a week. It was held for the *Beta* that sailed from Halifax July 9. Arrival in St. Thomas was July 17. The cover was paid 13c, 1c over the amount listed in the postal guides. Why 1c over? Perhaps the writer thought that the rate was 12½c as erroneously listed in the *Halifax Citizen* a few years before [6]. Actually the postal rate to St. Thomas, via Halifax and Bermuda, had been 12c since at least 1868. The rate continued at 12c until Canada adhered to the UPU rate schedule, August 1, 1878. The Halifax packet rate then dropped to 10c, a British adopted, UPU authorized surtax. The cancellations and the date stamp read: AMHERST & HALIFAX INTERCOL. R.R. EAST JU 18 77, an R.P.O. cancellation.

The covers shown in Figures 3 and 4 are clearly from the same writer. Each cover is from Truro, N.S. Each is paid the correct 12c with two 6c Small Queens. Each address includes a % James G. Abbot, Esq. Presumably Abbot was someone who would take in the mail and hold it until the brigantine *Hope* arrived. He may have been a commercial representative or a British postal agent. The June 30 cover of Figure 3 was carried by the Cunard *Beta* out of Halifax July 9 (along with the June 18 cover of

Figure 2).

The final cover, shown in Figure 4, missed the July 9 departure of the *Beta* by one day and then waited 27 days for the *Beta's* next trip leaving Halifax August 6. Why the cover was not immediately forwarded via New York is not clear. A St. Thomas receiving backstamp gives the arrival date as August 14.

Restoration. The three Small Queen covers just pictured were in rather sad condition when they were auctioned. (Maresch had provided photocopies so there was no misrepresentation.) Figures 5, 6 and 7 show these three Small Queen covers as they were purchased in 1990, before restoration. These three covers were sent to Nancy Poli with a request that the covers be cleaned and that paper defects be corrected. Tears were to be sealed and missing edges and corners were to be rebuilt. The results appear in Figures 2, 3 and 4. It should be emphasized very strongly that there was no alteration of stamps, postmarks or original writing (address, endorsement, etc.) For instance the date stamp on the cover of Figure 3 has not been reconstructed.

The correction of paper defects is a fairly common practice these days. Ms. Poli has a six months backlog of work. These three covers provide nice illustrations of what can be done to restore old covers. These covers are illustrated here to invite *TOPICS* readers to consider what

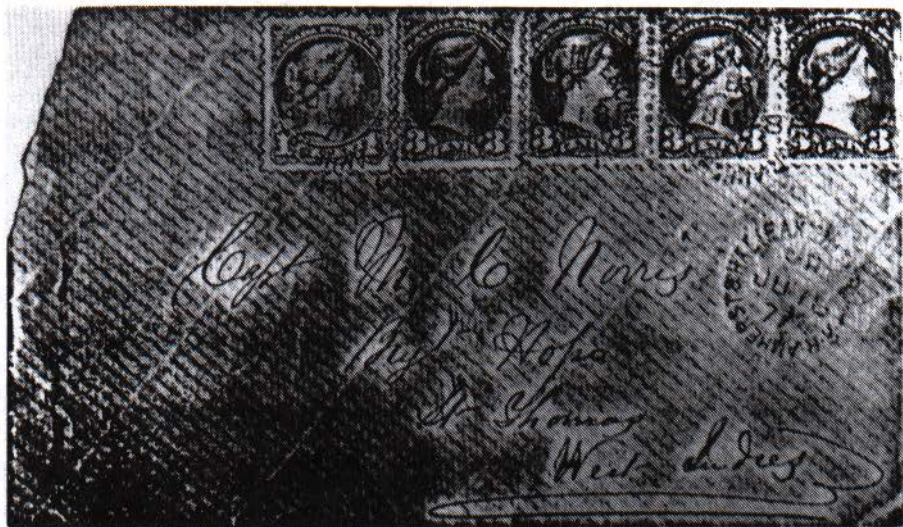


Figure 5. The June 18, 1877 cover of Figure 2 before restoration.

should be done and what should not be done in the name of cover restoration. Also, to consider the consequences of not restoring covers.

Many of us feel that exhibiting the covers is part of the fun of collecting. The 13c cover of Figure 5 might be fit to exhibit, maybe, maybe not. However, the two Truro covers, Figures 6 and 7, would be described by many dealers and judges as rags or garbage. As shown in Figures 6 and 7, these covers were definitely

not fit for exhibition. So, if they were not suitable for exhibition, what should be done with them? Soak off the 6c Small Queens and tear up the covers? If there were dozens of other preUPU covers to St. Thomas in fine condition, many collectors would answer yes. But there are not dozens of other preUPU covers to St. Thomas. The miserable looking Truro covers were two of the only four preUPU Canadian covers to St. Thomas that exist (or have been reported, so



Figure 6. The June 30, 1877 cover of Figure 3 before restoration.



Figure 7. The July 10, 1877 cover of Figure 4 before restoration.

far). The choice, shown with these photos, was to restore and preserve these covers as a significant part of Canadian postal history.

Perhaps the real problem in cover restoration is where to draw the line. Here, the line has been drawn to include cleaning and paper repair and rebuilding. Modifying postmarkings and original writing has been excluded. Still - some 120, 130 years old covers have badly faded addresses. It would be nice to have these vanishing addresses retouched and restored to their original, vibrant black color!

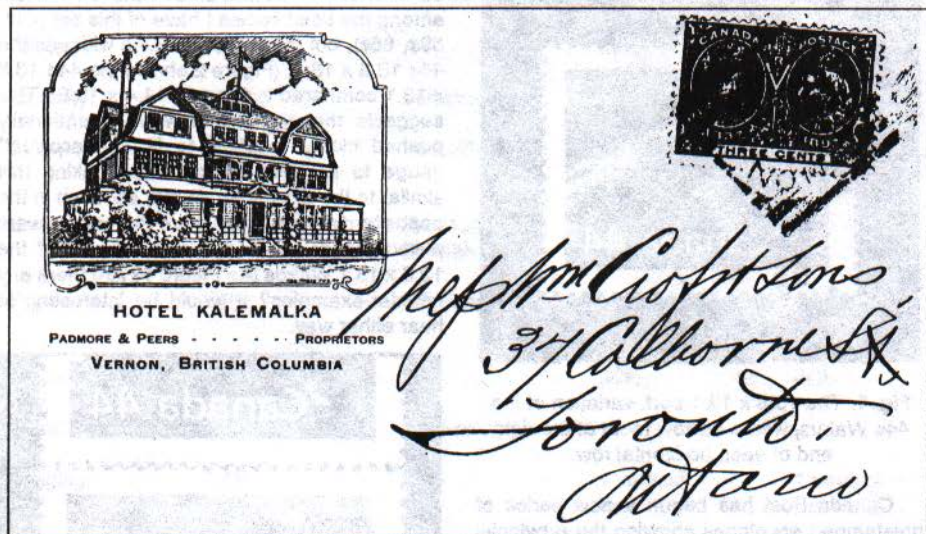
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Illustrated Hotel Covers of B.C.

Ken V. Ellison

HOTEL KALEMALKA, VERNON



The Kalemalka Hotel was opened on 1 July 1892 on Vernon's Barnard (named after the owner of Barnard's Express whose BX Ranch was here) Avenue. This was 'the' hotel for many years and it still stands one hundred years later although it is now only two stories and not recognizable from the cover's illustration. Also to be noted is the spelling of the name which was changed soon after the hotel's opening to Kalamalka.

A plus for this illustrated cover is the 3c Jubilee stamp and the 'squared circle' cancellation of Vernon, dated 16 August 1897.

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Fig. 1. The 13.8 x 13.1 perf. variation of the 44¢ Walrus, with a narrow tooth at the right end of each horizontal row.

Canada Post has begun a new series of prestamped envelopes showing the provincial and territorial capitals, starting with Charlottetown on the No. 8 and Victoria on the No. 10. The series of twelve envelopes is expected to be released in sets of two twice a year for three years. The cost of the present set is 46¢ for the No. 8 and 47¢ for the No. 10, excluding GST.

It seems my statement in the March/April 1993 *TOPICS* was only partly right, that the 42¢ Christmas sheet stamp was Canada's first regularly-issued postage stamp for which the perforations don't fit the stamp. The same may also be true for the 13.8 x 13.1 perforation variation (22 x 17 teeth) of the 44¢ Walrus. I have seen only two examples, a used copy in my collection (shown in Figure 1) and a mint block of four, a photocopy of which was sent to me by John G. Schmidt. (John's columns on Canadian definitives have appeared both in *Topics* and in the *Canadian Philatelist*.) In the horizontal perforations in Figure 1 the left-most tooth is much narrower than the others to its right. The same is true for all four stamps in the block of four, which surely doesn't come from the

same sheet. There is a small variation in width among the used copies I have of this set (44¢, 59¢, 86¢), but most are the same width as the 44¢ 13.8 x 13.1. (Figure 2 shows the 44¢ 13.8 x 13.1 compared to the 44¢ 14.4 x 13.8.) This suggests that the combs were intentionally pushed closer together to fit an "incorrect" gauge to a preset stamp size, making this similar to the Christmas stamp, although in the opposite direction since there the combs were pulled further apart. Are all examples of the 13.8 x 13.1 Walrus like Figure 1? Are there any counter-examples? It would be interesting to hear either way.



Fig. 2. The 13.8 x 13.1 perf. variation of the 44¢ Walrus (bottom) compared to the 44¢ 14.4 x 13.8 variation (top). The two stamps are the same width.

There are a couple of corrections to previous columns. In the March/April 1993 column, the papers for the 43¢ Flag and Queen were reversed: The Flag was listed as P (Peterborough paper) and the Queen as C (Coated Papers). This should be corrected to C for the Flag and P for the Queen. In the May/June 1992 column, the size of the 84¢ air letter was listed as 201 x 323 mm; this should be 210 x 323 mm.

The data in the following table have been taken from the Canada Post publications *Canada's Stamp Details* and *Collections of Canada*. Stamp sizes, perforations and number of teeth are my own measurements, and are given as (HORIZONTAL) x (VERTICAL). Information on the 43¢ roll stamp follows the table. Abbreviations are listed at the end.

Issue:	Canadian Women 4 x 43¢ s-t	Quick Sticks 43¢	Envelopes: 43¢ No. 8 43¢ No. 10	Air Letter 86¢
Type:	Commem.	Definitive	Prestamped	Prestamped
Issued:	8 Mar 1993	15 Feb 1993	30 Dec 1992	30 Dec 1992
Printer:	A-P	A-P	Innova	A-P
Quantity:	15MM	continuous	continuous	continuous
Size (mm)	30 x 40	36 x 30	8: 165x92 10: 242x105	210 x 323 (flat)
Gum:	PVA	Pressure Sensitive	-	-
Paper:	CP	CP/Fasson	No 2 offset white weave	No 1 offset
Process:	6CL	5CL	5CL	4CL
Pane:	50	12 (booklt)	-	-
Tagging:	G4S	G4S	1 vertical bar	1 vertical bar
Perf.:	12.7 x 12.5	Diecut (not perforated)	-	-
Teeth:	19 x 25	-	-	-

Roll Stamp (43¢ Flag): Definitive; 30 Dec 1992; CBN; continuous; size 24 x 20; paper P (uncoated); 1 colour steel engraving; perf. 10; roll of 100 stamps; G4S.

ABBREVIATIONS: 4CL, 5CL, 6CL = four (five, six)-colour lithography; A-P = Ashton-Potter; CBN = Canadian Bank Note Co, Ltd; CP = Coated Papers; G4S = general tagging, four sides; MM = million; P = Peterborough paper; s-t = se-tenant.



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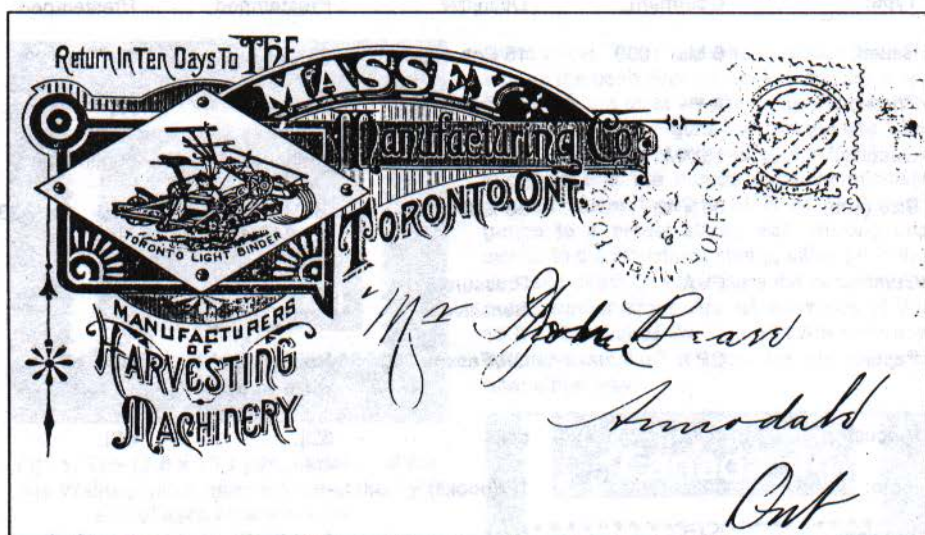
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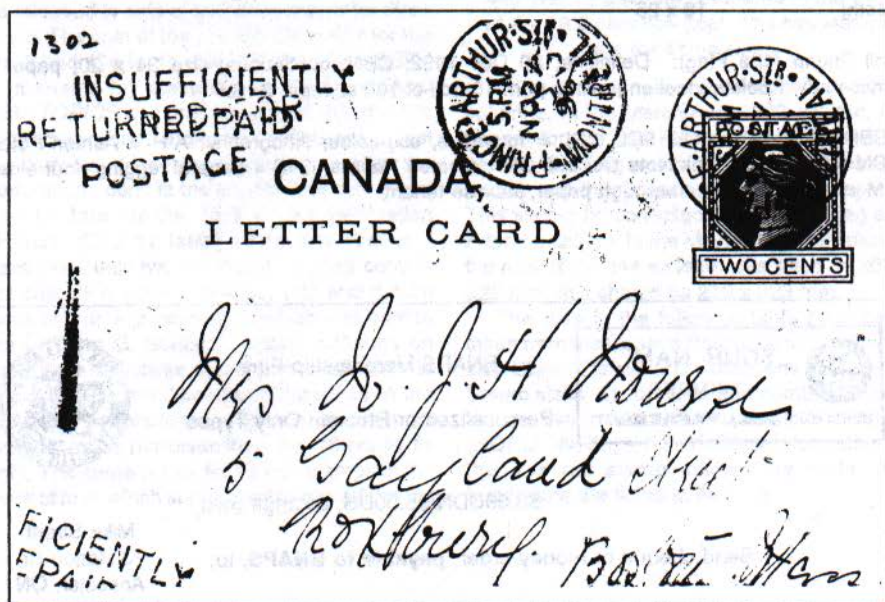
Frank Waite



First Cover

While not spectacular covers, the two covers shown are rather nice sub-post office covers.

The first is a lovely Prince Arthur St., Montreal letter card addressed to the United States.



Second Cover

and was found short paid by one cent. The black slash at the left indicates the shortage - one cent. The card also is decorated with the regulatory markings *Insufficiently Prepaid* and *Returned for Postage*. An item that covers several philatelic disciplines is always desirable.

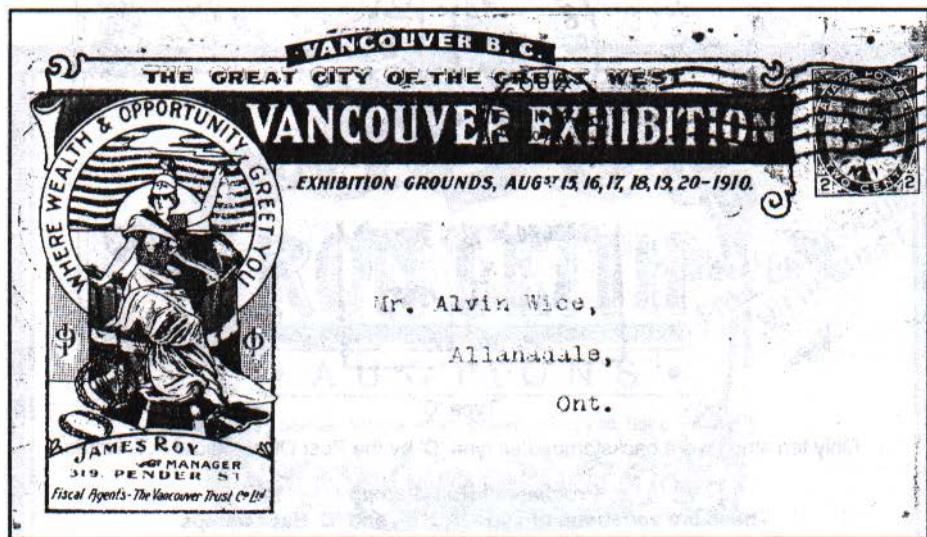
The second cover would also interest several

breeds of philatelists. A splendid advertising cover, illustrating local (one cent) usage and with the very scarce *Toronto West* duplex cancellation. This cover is especially dear to me as it came from Frank Campbell - one of the deans of Canadian Philately. I used to visit him at Royal Oak.

Early Exhibition Covers of B.C.

Ken V. Ellison

VANCOUVER EXHIBITION 1910



In 1908 the Vancouver Exhibition Association was formed, but it was not until 1910 that a site for the fair was ready at Hastings Park. The first Vancouver Exhibition was held from the 15th to the 20th of August that year. Contributing to the success of the fair was its opening by Sir Wilfred Laurier, Prime Minister of the Dominion of Canada at the time. In spite of a varied history, the exhibition continues today as the Pacific National Exhibition, but in a rather different format.

This advertising cover from the first Vancouver Exhibition was used by Alexander and Stone, Real Estate Brokers of Vancouver, on 4 July 1910.

PROVISIONAL ENDWISE ROLLS

Bob Bayes

They were made from sheets that were perforated 12 all around that had been delivered to the Department and were given status by having impressed on the back of the paste-up a part of the date stamp which showed the day but not the year.

For the purpose of identification called type A, B, C. 36 rolls were prepared (36 x 500 = 18,000 stamps)



Type 'A'



Type 'B'



Type 'C'

Only ten strips were backstamped as type 'C' by the Post Office official F.T. Norris.

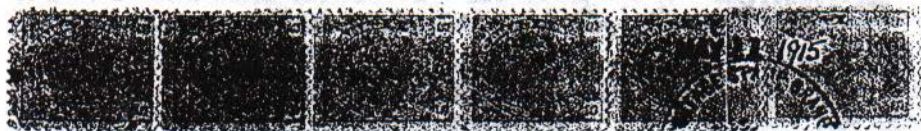
Provisional Roll Stamps

These are variations of Type 'A', 'B', and 'C' Backstamps

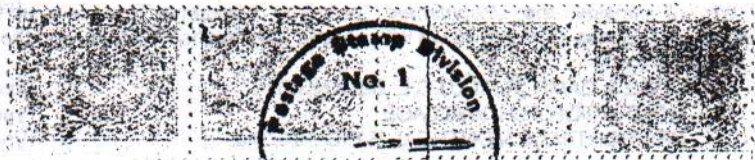
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In the last two columns we have been listing the *Unconfirmed* regular hammers. A few reports have come in as a result, and these will be confirmed in Annex XII - not Annex XI as previously stated.

Today we will consider the *Unconfirmed* Clerk-type hammers. There are none in the Newfoundland or Maritimes sections, so we will proceed with Quebec, Ontario, and the West:

Q-40A	LEVIS & CAMP. R.P.O./J.C.L. BELANGER	Type 17J
Q-167Cc	MONT.& TOR./R.H. WALLACE	Type 12A
Q-177B	NEWPORT VT.& MONTREAL R.P.O./FRED J.	Type 21B
O-8B	ARM. STN.&WPG./F.L. MILLER	Type 1E
O-19B	B.J.& M./J.B. SMITH	Type 22G
O-90	GUELPH & G'CH./R.P.O./E.G. MITCHELL	Type 1E
O-152C	LON. & O. SOUND/JAS. SUTHERLAND	Type 12A
O-203A	N.BAY & TIMM. R.P.O./J. SNOODON	Type 17J
O-261B	OTTAWA & TORONTO R.P.O./E. THERIAULT	Type 5H
O-263Aa	OTT. & TOR./J.A. McCANN	Type 23A
O-338L	TOR. & FT. WM./H.S. KNAPP	Type 22G
O-342C	TOR. GU.& O.S./SCHILROTH	Type 22H
O-354B	TOR.& LON./M.J. DURKIN	Type 22H
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O-385Qa	T. & N.B./N.H. HICKMAN	Type 22G
O-385Qd	T. & N.B./W. TURNER	Type 22G
W-7E	BRANDON BUL. & REGINA R.P.O./S.J. COOPER	Type 17P
W-18l	CALGARY DIVISION/G.F. SHAW	Type 7B
W-22C	CALGARY & ED./R.P.O./G.SAMUEL, M.C.	Type 3E
W-26Fb	CAL. VAN./R.P.O./R.GRANDE	Type 17J
W-26Kc	CAL. VAN./R.P.O./A.A. MacKINLEY	Type 1E
W-27a	CAL.& VAN./G.M. ADAMS	Type 1E
W-38Bc	ED.& D.C./R.P.O./H.L. PRITCHARD	Type 17J
W-38C	E. & D.C./C.A. SCHARFF	Type 22G
W-38E	EDM.& DAW. CREEK/R.P.O./A. CYLURIK	Type 17J
W-38G	ED.& DAW. CR./R.P.O./H.C. HANCOCK	Type 17J
W-43F	EDM. & P.G./R.P.O./J.B. ADAMS	Type 5H
W-62Gb	KAM.& SASK./R.P.O./W. WOODHEAD	Type 7B
W-72F	McL. & H.C./R.P.O./F. COYLE, R.M.C.	Type 1E
W-83l	M.H. & N./R.P.O./J.H. LEWIS	Type 17J
W-87Da	M.J. & CAL./R.P.O./E.O. ANDERSON(W-87F?)	Type 17J
W-89A	MOOSE JAW & MACKLIN/R.P.O./J. ELLIS	Type 3D
W-89l	M. JAW & MACK./R.P.O./A. KINGWELL	Type 7B
W-97D	NEL. MID./R.P.O./R/G/SPENCE	Type 17J
W-102Lb	N.PORT. & M. JAW/R.P.O./J.E. HILLS	Type 7B
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FIRST DAY COVERS OF THE CLASSIC ISSUES OF CANADA

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PART 7 - FIRST DAY COVERS OF THE CANADIAN HISTORICAL COMMEMORATIVE ISSUE OF 1927

A set of three stamps was issued in 1927 to honour several of the principal statesmen of Canada. The stamps were originally prepared for issuance on July 1, 1926 [1] and in fact, the dies for the issue were approved on July 15 of that year [2]. Since plans were already under way to issue a series of stamps to honour the 60th anniversary of Canadian Confederation in 1927, the Canadian Historical Series stamps were held for a year and issued concurrently with the Canadian Confederation Commemorative Issue of 1927. It is of interest to note that the Historical Series stamps give no indication of their commemorative status and their inscriptions are in English only. This is in direct contradiction to the Confederation Commemorative Issue which are inscribed *1867 CONFEDERATION 1927* to show their commemorative status and are bilingual with the words *Postes and Post*.

The details of the Historical Issue are as follows:

Sc. 146 5c Violet - Portrait on Hon. Thomas D'Arcy McGee. Born in Ireland in 1825, he came to Canada in 1857 where he supported the union of the British provinces. In 1862 he became a cabinet minister and lived to see Confederation before his assassination in 1868.

Sc. 147 12c Green - Portraits of Sir Wilfred Laurier and Sir John A. MacDonald. Sir Wilfred Laurier was a prominent Canadian statesman who became Prime Minister of the Dominion in 1896. Sir John A. MacDonald was the first prime minister of the Dominion of Canada.

Sc. 148 20c Red - Portraits of Hon. Robert Baldwin and Sir Louis-Hippolyte Lafontaine. Both of these prominent Canadian statesmen were leaders in Upper and Lower Canada respectively in the struggle for representative government. Both were strong advocates of national unity and were influential in the union of Upper and Lower Canada.

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

The First Day of Issue of the Historical Commemorative Issue of 1927 has been established as June 29, 1927. This is the same date of issue as that of the Canadian Confederation Commemorative Issue of 1927, Sc. 141-145 and E-3 [3]. In his Standard British North American Catalog [1], Jarrett points out that these issues were originally announced for July 1, 1927, the sixtieth anniversary of Canadian Confederation. 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. In fact, Jarrett gives the First Day of Issue of both sets as June 29, 1927 on Pg 131 of his Catalog [1]. Winthrop Boggs [2] confirms that the series was originally intended for issuance on July 1, 1927. The June 29, 1927 First Day of Issue date has been confirmed by the Post Office Department of Canada [4]. 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. The authors are not familiar with any earlier dated covers for the Historical series of stamps.

Following the custom of the times, no official cities were designated for First Day sale. Rather the stamps were put on sale at several post offices throughout Canada. Consequently, all cities from which First Day Covers of the stamps exist are of interest and must be considered to be official First Day cities. In Table I, the authors have listed these cities from which they have seen First Day Covers of the various stamps, either with single stamps or with com-



Figure 1. Scarce Legault Registered First Day Cover with the Full Historical Issue Set of Three Stamps.

binations of the stamps.

Table I
First Day Cities
June 29, 1927

Sc. 146-5¢ Violet

1. Kitchener, Ontario
2. Maxville, Ontario
3. Ottawa, Ontario
4. Quebec, Ontario
5. Toronto, Ontario

Sc. 147-12¢ Green

1. Kitchener, Ontario
2. Maxville, Ontario
3. Ottawa, Ontario
4. Quebec, Canada

Sc. 148-20¢ Red

1. Kitchener, Ontario
2. Maxville, Ontario
3. Ottawa, Ontario
4. Quebec, Ontario

The list of First Day cities shown in Table I 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 three stamps of this issue. It is of interest to note that the number of First Day cities for the Historical Issue, Table I, is considerably less than the number of cities for the Canadian Confederation Issue, Table I of [3], even though both series of stamps were issued concurrently on June 29, 1927. This will be discussed later in this paper.

Combination covers with all three of the

stamps affixed are of special interest. A list of cities from such combination First Day Covers are known is given in Table II.

Table II
All Three Stamps On One
Combination First Day Cover
June 29, 1927

1. Maxville, Ontario
2. Ottawa, Ontario
3. Quebec, Canada

Strangely enough, combination First Day Covers with the full set of three stamps affixed are somewhat easier to find than are single stamps on First Day cover. Figure (1) shows a combination First Day Cover with all three stamps affixed. The cover was made by R.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 an excellent opportunity for preparing First Day Covers for all issues of this period, including those which were issued on very short notice.

A similar cover to the one shown in Fig. (1) was prepared by T.R. Legault and addressed to his friend A.F. Brophy. In a letter from this First Day Cover which was also postmarked at Ottawa, Ontario, Legault writes *Just a word to tell you that the Historical Set went on sale today at Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal and Quebec Post Offices and I thought that you would like a first day cover.* The authors have not seen First

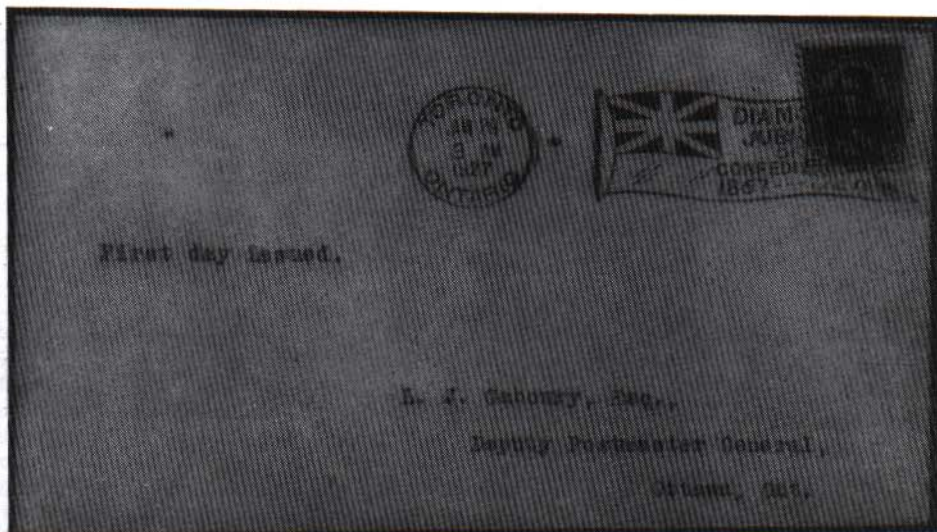


Figure 2. Five Cent Single (Scott 146) of the Historical Issue on First Day Cover from Toronto, Ontario. Cover established the availability of this Stamp at Toronto on June 29, 1927.

Day Covers with the Historical Issue from Montreal. This note hints at the possibility that the Historical Issue may indeed have had a limited distribution to Canadian post offices for issuance on the First Day. In view of the small number of First Day Cities shown in Table I, this is indeed a possibility, but no conclusive statements can be made on the basis of the information that is available at this time.

Blocks of four and plate number blocks of four of the stamps of the Historical Issue on First Day Covers are not known to the authors.

As previously mentioned, single stamps of

this issue on First Day Cover are quite scarce. Figure (2) shows a single of the five cent value, Scott 146, on First Day Cover from Toronto, Ontario. This cover is of special interest since it establishes that at least, the 5¢ value, Sc. 146 was available in Toronto on June 29, 1927, the First Day of Issue. Several covers with all three stamps affixed and dated June 30, 1927 at Toronto exist with pencil markings *First Day of Issue* or *First Day of Issue at Toronto*. The existence of the cover shown in Fig. (2) indicates that these covers are second day of issue covers and consequently of no particular



Figure 3. Twelve Cent Single (Scott 147) of the Historical Issue on First Day Cover from Ottawa, Ontario.



Figure 4. Twenty Cent Single (Scott 148) of the Historical Issue on Legault First Day Cover from Ottawa, Ontario.

interest. Figure (3) shows the twelve cent stamp (Scott 147) on First Day Cover from Ottawa, Ontario. Figure (4) shows the twenty cent stamp, (Scott 148) on a Legault First Day Cover from Ottawa, Ontario.

Cachets

While no special cachets appear to have been made for the Historical Issue, George Eppstadt used his Canadian Confederation Commemorative Issue cachet to produce cacheted covers for this issue. Figure (5) shows an Eppstadt First Day Cover with all three

stamps affixed, cancelled at Maxville, Ontario, the home town of Mr. Eppstadt. As previously discussed in the article on the Confederation Commemorative Issue [3], the George Eppstadt cachet is one of the two first commercially produced cachets for Canadian First Day Covers.

The Eppstadt cachet 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,



Figure 5. George Eppstadt Cacheted First Day Cover with the full Historical Issue Set. This is the only Cachet used for this Issue.



Figure 6. Very Rare Combination First Day Cover For The Historical Issue (Scott 146) and the Canadian Confederation Issue (Scott 141) With A George Eppstadt Cachet. This is the only Combination First Day Cover known to the authors.

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.

No other cachets, either made for or utilized for the Historical Issue of Canada are known to the authors.

First Day

Combination Covers for the Historical Issue (Scott 146-148) And the Confederation Issue (Scott 141-145 & E-3) of Canada

Although both the Historical Issue and the Confederation Issue both were issued on the same day, June 29, 1927, First Day Covers with combinations of the stamps of both issues are extremely scarce, and in fact, do not appear to have been made. The only such combination First Day Cover, known to the authors, is shown in Fig. (6). It is a George Eppstadt cacheted First Day Cover with the one cent value of the Confederation Issue (Scott 141) and the five cent value of the Historical Issue (Scott 146). The reason for the scarcity of such combination covers is unknown to the authors. It is hoped that the readers will be able to shed more light on this situation, both by identifying additional combination covers and by supplying information

on why more of these covers were not made. It is possible that some official refused to allow such combination covers to be made, but this is just conjecture at this point in time.

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CANADIAN PARTIALLY FLOWN MAIL TO EMPIRE DESTINATIONS IN GREAT BRITAIN, ASIA, AND AFRICA 1928-1931

Walter Plomish

PART ONE

This article will explain airmail services that were available to Canadians to Great Britain and to the Empire destinations listed above. These services from Canada were airmail in North America only - surface to destination-or-airmail in North America, surface to Great Britain, and additional airmail service via Imperial Airways to Empire destinations where air services were available. In a previous BNA TOPICS article (1992, Vol. 49, Nos. 2, 3) on Canadian partially flown mail to European destinations via Great Britain and Imperial Airways 1928 to 1931, I explained in detail how Canadians could utilize from Jan 1, 1928, the available U.S.A. airmail services from Canada by pre-affixing Canadian surface postage, and U.S. postage to prepay U.S. airmail charges on Canadian Mail sent via U.S. airmail services to U.P.U. destinations in Europe via Great Britain. I also explained how Canadian mail sent via U.S.A. airmail services could utilize Imperial Airways airmail services to European U.P.U. destinations via Great Britain by prepaying the U.P.U. surface charges from Canada, and Imperial Airways charges for air services from London to the Continent in Canadian postage. The U.S. air charges were pre-affixed in Canada in U.S. postage for transmission via airmail service in U.S.A. to the exchange office for steamship connections to Great Britain. These two options that were previously dealt with on airmail to European destinations via Great Britain were also of course available for airmail to Great Britain and to Empire destinations via Great Britain. I shall designate the option of sending Canadian mail via U.S.A. airmail service franked with both Canadian and U.S. postage as **Option One**. This article will explain the time period from Aug. 7, 1928, when Canadian and U.S. mixed franking were no longer required on letters mailed in Canada for airmail service via U.S. airmail services. From

this date on all U.S. airmail fees, surface fees, and airmail via Great Britain by Imperial Airways were payable if desired entirely by Canadian postage. This article will explain the two new options Canadians were afforded for airmail in North America only, surface to Great Britain and Empire destinations beyond, and airmail in North America, surface to Great Britain, and airmail via Great Britain by Imperial Airways to Empire destinations. These two new airmail services were first listed in the Mar. 1, 1930, weekly supplement of the Canadian *Post Office Guide*. I shall designate these new airmail services as **Option Two** and **Option Three**.

Option Two: Airmail in North America only where available, then surface means via Great Britain to Empire destination. The combination airmail and surface charges was listed at 7¢ 1st. oz, and 12¢ ea. additional oz.

Option Three: Airmail in N. America only where available, surface means to Great Britain, airmail from Great Britain by Imperial Airways to destination. This charge was for all air mail services enroute and in country of destination. A rather long list of individual airmail rates, some per ½ oz, some per oz, were listed to Empire destinations via Great Britain. These options two and three rates stayed in effect until Feb. 2nd, 1931, when a uniform set of airmail rates were listed for the entire world divided into four groups of countries.

Option Two Covers

Figure One. Posted at Victoria B.C. on Oct. 23, 1929 to Surrey, England, it is correctly rated at 7¢ for a 1st oz. letter. The cover, however, predates the Mar. 1, 30, weekly supplement of the *Can. P.O. Guide* which first lists this 7¢ per 1st oz. airmail rate. The cover is actually rated as follows: Five cents 1st oz. airmail in N. America where available, and the 2¢ per oz.

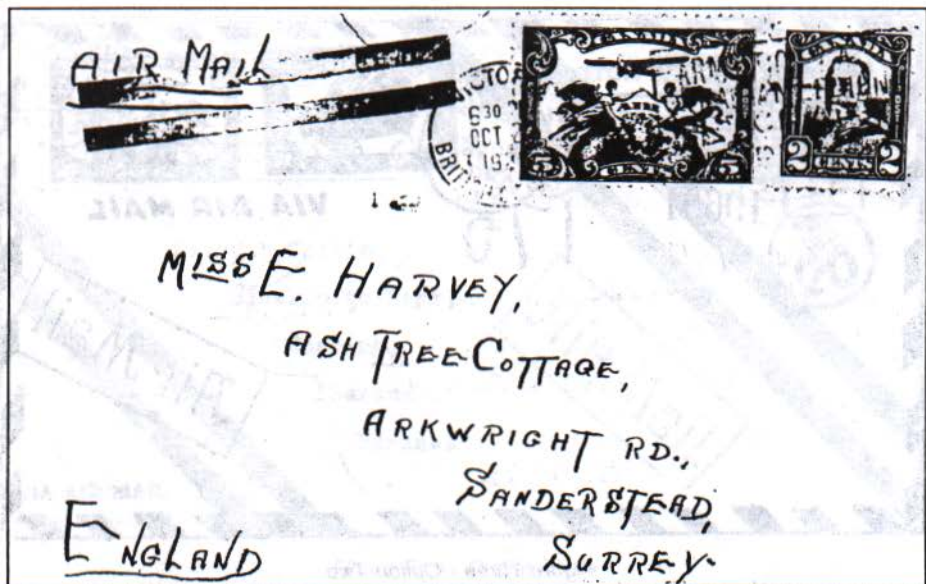


Figure One - Option Two

Empire rate, separately paid. With the issue of Canada's 1st airmail stamp on Sept. 21, 1928, Canadians soon became aware they could send a letter separately paid for air and surface charges as above. The Mar. 1, 1930, listing only made this practice official, by making a 7c 1st. oz. and 12c ea. add. oz. all inclusive rate. This second part of the Mar. 1, 1930, listing

also made the practice of figuring out and adding the Imperial Airways additional charges for airmail service beyond Great Britain to Empire destinations redundant. By listing all inclusive surface and airmail rates this greatly simplified for the public sending airmail letters. This cover is the earliest air mail letter I have seen which predates the Mar. 1, 1930 weekly

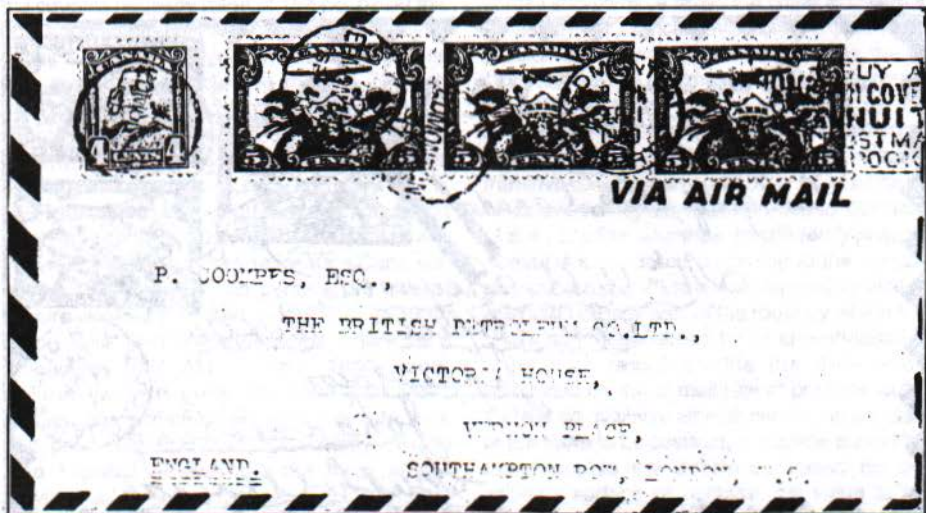


Figure Two - Option Two



Figure Three - Option Two

supplement listing. There are no backstamps on the cover, but it was surely flown via U.S. air services from Seattle to N. York in time for steamship connections to Great Britain. The two purple strikes of the transverse bars applied on the front of the letter tell us that airmail service ended at N. York.

Figure Two. Posted at Edmonton, Alberta on Sept. 1, 1930, to London England, a 2nd oz. airmail letter correctly paid at the unusual rate

of 19¢ Canadian. A strip of three of Canada C1 airmails in combination with a 4¢ Scroll Issue make up a very attractive combination.

Figure Three. Posted and registered at Vancouver, B.C. on Nov. 26, 1930 to London, England, a Seattle, Wash. Nov. 27, 1930, and a New York N.Y. Registry cancel dated Dec. 1, 30, show the cover was flown via U.S. airmail services. This greatly accelerated West Coast Canadian mail to East Coast steamship



Figure Four - Option Three

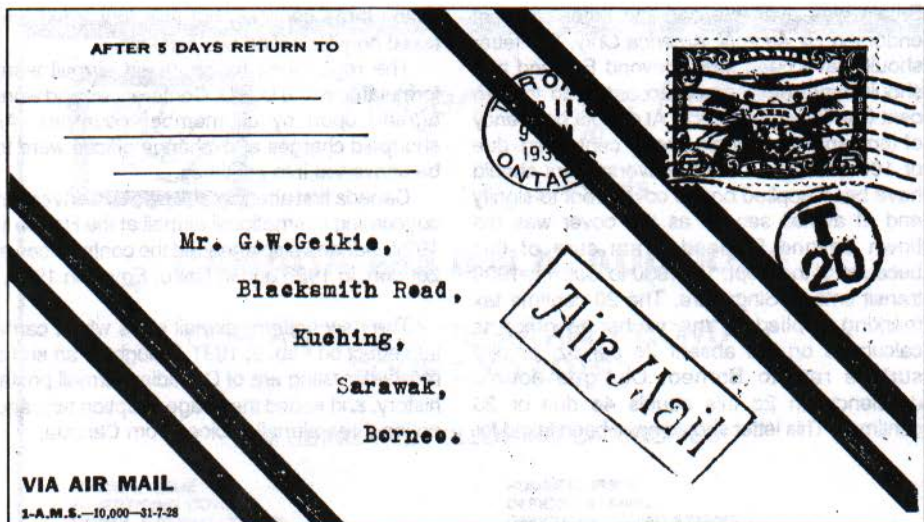


Figure Five - Option Three

connections to Great Britain. A colourful seldom seen franking of the C1 airmail and the twelve cent map stamp of the Confederation issue. The cover is correctly rated at 10¢ registration and 7¢ 1st. oz. for airmail service in N. America only, then surface means to destination.

Option Three Covers

Figure Four. Posted at Calgary, Alberta, on Aug. 11, 1930 to Johannesburg South Africa, the cover is correctly rated at 15¢ per oz. At this time Imperial Airways services extended only as far as Alexandra, Egypt. The remaining route was dispatched by surface means. The two transverse bars struck in purple ink on the airmail stamp signify end of airmail service and continuation by surface means to final destination.

Figure Five. Posted at Toronto, Ontario, on Sept. 11, 1930, to Kuching, Sarawak, Borneo. This is a most exotic destination for a Canadian airmail cover in this time period. The closest Empire destination listed in the Mar. 1, 1930, listing was Straits Settlements. There is a Singapore, 1030 AM, 11 Oct., 1930, transit strike on the cover's rear. The listed all-inclusive surface and airmail where available rate, was 15¢ per ½ oz. to Straits Settlements. At this time Imperial Airways did not have airmail services as far as Singapore. This letter was flown as far as India, then continued by surface means. This is a very interesting cover for

several reasons. At first glance it is an ordinary short paid airmail cover to an exotic destination, but it is much more, as an examination of Canadian P.O. regulations for airmail will reveal. The cover is a styled envelope signifying airmail service is desired, and is franked with a Can. C1 airmail stamp, ample proof that airmail service was desired. There is no endorsement on the letter asking for partial airmail service, so the post office exchange for British and Foreign airmail should have taxed the cover and sent it by all airmail services available. A Can. P.O. circular explaining air mail regulations dated 1929 and sent to postmasters in Canada reads in part *Mail Matter which is marked by the sender for transmission by air which, although unpaid or insufficiently prepaid, is actually transmissible over any part of, or all of its route to destination by air mail services in Canada, U.S.A., or other countries. Insufficiently prepaid airmail is to be taxed according to the service given.* Example: If there is an air mail service in operation on any part of the route by which the article can be forwarded by air to destination, it should be taxed double the deficiency calculated on the airmail rate of postage, but if there is no available air mail service on any part of the route to be covered, the article should be taxed double the deficiency based on the ordinary surface of postage, full value to be allowed for the airmail stamp if any. In this case the additional airmail service beyond Great

Britain was available and the letter was not endorsed *By Air in N. America Only*. The letter should have been flown beyond England and should have been taxed according to the ten cent Canadian deficiency. At double deficiency of ten cents this equals twenty cents Can. due or 100 centimes. Two transverse bars should have been applied on the cover front to signify end of airmail service as the cover was not flown beyond England. I am sure of this because of the Sept. 11, 1930 to Oct. 11, 1930 transit time to Singapore. The 20 centime tax marking applied at the exchange office is calculated on the absent 2¢ per oz. empire surface rate to Borneo. Charged double deficiency on 2¢ this equals 4¢ due or 20 centimes. This letter should have been taxed for

option three services, but was forwarded and taxed only for option two services.

The regulations for shortpaid airmail were formulated at the U.P.U. Conferences and were agreed upon by all member countries. All shortpaid charges at exchange offices were to be converted into centimes.

Canada first attended the U.P.U. Convention concerning international airmail at the Hague in 1927. Canada also attended the conferences at London, in 1929 and in Cairo, Egypt, in 1934.

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ON THE FRINGES

It turned from winter to summer in one week in this area. Good weather tends to make one forget all about winter very quickly. The ROYAL was a reasonably good show. It was nice to run across so many BNAPS members and congratulations are in order to all those who exhibited, especially Jack Arnell for having been awarded the Grand Prize for his showing of *From Sail to Steam on the North Atlantic*. The exhibit was also awarded Best Postal History O.P.S. Plaque and of course a Gold medal.

After an absence of a year the **Newfie Newsletter** showed up recently under the directorship of three interim people. Work commitments have forced C.A. Stillions to step down, with his place being taken by Acting Chairman J. Don Wilson, Acting Editor John Butt and Acting Treasurer Martin Goebel. Don Wilson reproduced a letter of appreciation to

C.A. for his dedication over the past eight years and he was given a print of the M.V. Trepassey which is also reproduced in the newsletter. Permanent officers will be elected at BNAPEX this September. Don is trying to get some information on the five cent Caribou Revenue to give out to collectors coming to St. John in 1997. A reproduction of correspondence with officialdom is enclosed. John McCrea sends in three copies of Scott #154, the Twelve Cent Publicity Issue-Double Print, One Albino, One Colour. Comments should be sent directly to Dr. McCrea. Brian Nobel is trying to identify a cancellation and asks for assistance from the membership. The editor chipped in with one suggestion. David Piercey is also looking for some help in identifying a cancellation on a Scott #48. From Dean Mario a photocopy of a PAID ALL cover first ever recorded used to the

U.S.A. via the circular rate. Another photocopy is similar to the *Smith & Forbes* card from the Ford Employees Stamp Club. John Butt writes on new finds in Newfoundland Perfins and would like some input from the membership. Maybe someone from **Perforator** can help out. Everyone knows of the famous Newfie dealer, Rev. Butler. Now Robert Soper asks was there a Pre-Rev. Butler Dealer? Robert has illustrated in the newsletter six covers addressed to Mr. Nils Ohman between the years 1890 to 1897. Robert would like to hear from anyone having further information on Mr. Ohman. The last page of the newsletter outlines the two principal people of this study group you will be dealing with for the time being. It's nice to see that three people have stepped in to do what was being done by one. It's nice to see the **Newfie** back again.

Henk Burgers of the **Canadian Military Mail** study group makes sure you read the whole newsletter in order to find out about the cover cover. Colin Campbell sent in a story with a nice cover about *The Canadian Reserve Cyclist Company*. From the Letter Box comes a request from Michael Rixon for information about the Canadian Voyageur Contingent sent to Egypt as part of the Khartoum Relief Expedition. Airmail Covers from World War II by Walter Plomish in this newsletter refers to the Commonweath Air Training Plan. The illustrated cover is from an Australian participant to his relatives back home.

Ken Ellison sent in a nice cover illustrating his story, *The USA-Canada First Special Service Force*. The history of the force is listed and Ken is looking for photocopies of the covers to help in the postal history of the force. Another issue of *The Observer* from the Australian Forces Mail Research Group was received with an article on mail to internees in Canada during WW II. Finally we come to Hank Narbonne's *A Fenian Raid Story* with a Fenian Raid Cover from Dunnville to Oakville. It is certainly interesting reading. Henk loves to research these things. A picture shows the last two surviving members of the Canadian Corps of Cyclists, Billy Richardson and Dick Ellis, ninety-eight and ninety-six years of age respectively. They are sharing a glass of vintage champagne. On the last page we see the reverse of the cover cover. Small ads finish the newsletter. Well put together Henk.

The newsletter from the **Air Mail** study group is disturbing. The status of the group is

still up in the air as Bill Topping puts it. He and Mike Painter agreed to put out three editions only with the last to appear just before BNAPEX. There is conflict with the **Semi-Official Air Mail Group** who are still in existence by the way, despite the confusion of the past year. I do hope for the benefit of philately that the existing situation will be resolved at the end of the convention in Toronto so there will be an amiable existence or co-existence of members of one or two groups. There is room for both gentlemen. John Wheeler sent in a copy of a letter from Western Canada Airways Limited over the signature of the famous pioneer pilot Doc Oaks. The story is called a Brush With Roessler. Murray Heifetz responded to the item on guidelines on Canadian Airways panes. Trelle Morrow reviews a book entitled *Spirit of The Yukon* by June Cruickshank Lunny. A fine edition to a Collector's library says Morrow. Basil Burrell sent in what he believes is a method of identifying the stamp in possession of the Elliot Fairchild Transport stamps. Basil would like to hear from anyone with a comment. Bill Topping includes the February 1939 supplement to the Canada Official Postal Guide. You can have all thirteen pages for one dollar plus postage. This rounds out this addition of the newsletter.

The March Newsletter of the **Canadian Revenue Study Group** illustrates two new findings. The first is sent in by John Gaudio and is an imperf between on the 20c Third Bill Issue. The second is also submitted by John Gaudio and is the SE 8 one dollar value without the P.S. perfin cancel. There is the adlet section and two pages of illustrated Bell Telephone Issue submitted by Ed Zaluski. These are from his revenue reference manual. Zaluski's seventh and last volume of the series, *Revenue Stamp Manuals* will be published in 1994.

From Wilmer Rocket of the **Canadian Revenue Study Group** comes the itinerary planned for the Willow Grove Revenue Group Mini-Convention. Gus Quattrocchi has some Custom Stamps to share for a small fee. Some revenue publications were generously donated to the group for resale. The article in the March-April *TOPICS* by Harry Lussey is brought to your attention. Congratulations to Harry for his vermeil award at the ROYAL in Ottawa. Wilmer thinks the exhibit merited a gold. Sorry I didn't meet you there Wilmer. Winnipeg Game and Fish Association Wildlife Conservation stamps are illustrated with major and minor perf. vari-

eties. The balance of the newsletter is taken up with adlets.

From the **Flagpole**, newsletter of the **Flag Cancel Study Group**, Chairman John Robertson in his message thinks that new material is petering out and suggest that some day an amalgamation with the slogan cancel group may be in order. Letters to the editor, Bob Thorne are solicited on this controversial matter. Boy you talk about passing the buck. What say you to that Bob? John does suggest that you keep material coming, especially updates on articles so that the book may come out correct. An unusual card has been reported that may unravel one of the mysteries regarding the Royal Train Cancellation between Vancouver and Quebec. Members are requested to go through their stock looking for dated material May 29th from Quebec City. Non members should do the same and send results to Bob Thorne. From Colin Banfield comes a lovely cover front of flag type 4-1 July 12 is a new date and raises a few questions. Also illustrated is a type 7-1 from Hamilton with an early time mark and a type 8-4 from Montreal with a 19-0 time mark that is earlier than previously reported. Both are from the Larry Paige collection. There's an update on the handbook and praises are in order for Doug Lingard who is doing a superb job. A new date to type 28-4 was located by John Robertson at an antique show while browsing through some postcards. Next comes a four page listing of the World War II *Enlist Now Flag Cancels*. Doug Lingard has done an extensive article on the Perfect Cancelling Machine Flag Cancels. Doug also provides some excellent illustrations. The newsletter finishes with the Flag Cancel Group membership list as of January 31, 1993. Seven freebee newsletters are sent out. Hope the membership sends changes of addresses. Another good one Bob.

We have a NEW yet New study group. It is the **Dead Letter Office Study Group** and their newsletter, edited by Gary W. Steele is called the **Deadline**. Gary comes up with a great recruitment idea. Present members make copies of your newsletter and distribute them around. The feature article deals with the collecting of material and organizing of same in order that a classification system will come about. Being a new group in a relatively new field means that a great deal of input will be required from the membership. Feedback is exactly what Gary is looking for. You joined this group so

don't let him down. Gary has included some illustrations and ideas. What do you think? There is to be a question period where members can send in high quality photocopies asking for assistance. In this issue Gary illustrates a card with a triangular hand stamp that may be a DLO cancel. Can anyone shed light? The membership is already at ten. That means Gary should expect eight articles for the next newsletter, doesn't it? There is also a Buy-Trade-Sell corner. Being on the bottom rung of a new study group has to be exciting. You become a great part of its growth. Those interested in postal history now have a great opportunity in creating something new. It's a good first one Gary.

John Aitkin of the **Centennial Definitives Study Group** newsletter starts off by thanking David Platt for the invaluable job he has done in up-dating the index of the newsletter which is enclosed. He then thanks all those who have contributed in anyway towards this newsletter. Doug Irwin will chair the meeting in Toronto and you are reminded in bold print that it's dues time again. The next item is a follow up on previous issues beginning with the six cent novelty card. The six cents orange of this issue is a popular piece to study and Mike Painter tells of the doubling of the second A in Canada. Elmore Von Hagen continues with the explanation and theory of dots on the eight cents. This is a good little article and lends a little insight into the printing of the issue. Dave Smeltzer sent in a lovely photocopy of a CPO replacement cover. It bears the complete set of sheet stamps issued in 1967. Does anyone else have such items questions John. A lovely illustration of corner inscription remnants is shown along with a letter from Ray Metcalf on the subject. John reports and quotes Leopold Beaudet on misper varieties on an eight cent block that is also compared to the eight cent caricature that replaced it. An illustration of two varieties in one - misper and preprinting crease - is shown as having been discovered by John Tucker. George Mayo and yours truly submitted examples of booklet varieties. John Frith sent in a listing of U.S. A.P.O.'s in Canada during the Centennial period. Jack Myers tells us about Recovered Stolen Mail and the notations attached to such explaining delay in delivery. Both Jack and Andy Liptak send in examples of the strikes applied. Incredible Len Kruczynski continues his update with charts on paper fluorescence. Rounding out the newsletter is

David Platt's up-to-date index. This sure is an active group as one can see by the people who helped John to make this another very interesting newsletter. Also received is the joint auction put on by the Centennial and Elizabethan II groups. It's apparent by the asking and reserve prices that now is the time to get involved in this interesting facet of Canadian philately. There's a lot of good material out there at reasonable prices.

Floyd McNey, the editor of the **Perforator** beat Marcus out for front page honours this time round. Maybe it's because of the dues reminder. Floyd reminds the membership that he needs filler material. Marcus Fennell in his chatter welcomes Steve Koning as the new treasurer and thanks Michael Dicketts for the fine interim job that he did. Conrad Tremblay finished the 1991 auction. Jon Johnson will chair the BNAPEX meeting at Toronto in Mark's absence. Can anyone help Mark in identifying the two illustrations shown? More of the ABC survey is enclosed. The April issue of the **Perforator** has Floyd once more reminding members of their dues. Two items in this issue of importance. They are the continued ABC Survey and Auction number 5. This is put together by Conrad Tremblay and is quite a large auction. A solution to Bob Traquair's use of GTR perfins by the Stedman Brothers is forthcoming. Lorne James thanks those who have reported AB or C factors to date. Conrad sure went to a lot of trouble in putting auction five together. This belongs with the best of auction literature. Beautifully illustrated.

Bill Topping is the editor of the **British Columbia Postal History Research Group** newsletter. He opens with the history of the sub office Dominion Mills complete with a proof strike copy of the cancellation. A copy of the appointment of postmastership to Gutelius issued to Mr. William Crebbin is enclosed with the dates as postmaster of that location. Bob Lee is about to republish the Catalogue of Canadian Duplex Cancellations and is looking for input. The annual report is published and Bill reports that the group is financially sound and therefore the dues will remain at five dollars. The latest in postam lingo is explained with various illustrations. GMO stands for Gros Market Outlet. Dan Rosenblatt has submitted an interesting article on British Columbia Centennial Slogan Use 1957-1958. The study of British Columbia cancellations is continued and information is sought concerning the LYTTIN

cancellation. Three new ship markings are discovered and illustrated here. Bill would like to produce a list of Maple Leaf cancels used in B.C. Everyone can help by sending in their lists of holdings. Bill has included a response form. Non members can also help in this one. B.C. postal history can be most interesting - especially that of the gold rush days, a piece of history difficult for we easterners to absorb. You can get the feeling by belonging to this unique group though.

Bill Robinson, editor of the **R.P.O.** Newsletter prepared the March issue for distribution at the Spring meeting of the Pacific Northwest Regional Group meeting hosted by Jack Wallace and his wife Beverly. Yours Truly made front page with a postcard illustration of the C.P.R. station, Sherbrooke, Quebec. Lew Ludlow has been battling health problems, the latest being pneumonia following intestinal surgery. A get well card isn't much but it can be a great booster. David Harding reports on his holdings of the Swift Current & Empress R.P.O. Dr. Alex Campbell will apparently acquire a dog as an anti burglar device. More later. Irvine Rosborough sent in some interesting material on Armstrong Station, Ontario. Irvine passed away February 15 of this year. Our sympathies are extended to his widow, Alice. Bill includes a story of *Railway Mail/Postal Transportation Service Computer Bulletin Board Established*. This is designed for postal historians interested in the research of mail transportation and distribution. Interested parties are to contact Frank Sheer. Also advertised here is a new book by Susan McLeod O'Reilly entitled *On Track: The Railway Mail Service In Canada*. The review is done by Frank Sheer. Sent in by Doug Hannan is a story entitled *Railway Integral To Mail Service* by Harold Langham. This is apparently taken from STAMPS. Some good illustrations are included. Rick Parama sent in extracts from a 1949 Distribution List for Alberta, N.W.T.? B.C. and Yukon Territories. It contains among other things the names of the Post Offices, Postal Car Routes, Sections of same or distribution Offices. The same must exist for other provinces. Maybe somebody else can supply some information. Finally, ending this newsletter is a hammer analysis of N-57 (N-63) two hammers. These were found in Lew's papers and not previously published. If the membership has more to add please contact Bill so that it may appear for the benefit of all. In the April newsletter Bill became rather steamed up about

the recent Hennok sale. If any of the members were successful bidders in this sale, would you please let Bill know the results of unconfirmed items being searched for. At the same time all who have contributed in the minutest way are thanked for the advancement of this facet of the hobby. Annex XI is included with this newsletter and as you can see there are a great many new reports. It all goes to show that although the R.P.O.s have not been in existence for twenty-two years, there is a lot of undiscovered material. Bill Topping sent in a photo of a passenger train at Princeton, B.C. The combination Mail/Baggage car is visible behind the locomotive. The C.P.R. station in Penticton will serve as a community center as a reproduced story by Louise Logie-Verkerk tells us. Several members have yet to pay their dues and will be dropped. All the best to Gene Frampton who suffered a stroke last December. Bill gives the members insight as to what to expect in future issues. He is still looking for more articles however. He sure intends to see that I am kept busy. Very good Bill!

As the **Canadian Re-Entry Study Group** will attest, Ralph Trimble, their newsletter editor was busy with his camera once more bringing you invaluable material. He started out with two doubled ovals on the Newfoundland 7c Long Coronation. Then it was to a story; *Re-Entry Terms - A Problem of Semantics: Part II*. It bears reading and digesting. Ralph then went and gave the members a nice treat by supplying a Bibliography of Re-Entry Reference Literature. Ralph shows Canadian Classics - The Major Re-Entry on the 3d B Pane with thanks to Hugh Laurence. I'm beginning to wonder if anyone is looking forward to BNAPEX as much as Ralph is. Being a school principal doesn't allow him to attend these gatherings as he would like. This one being in his back yard is an altogether different matter. TAKE NOTE: The re-entry group meeting has been set to take place on the Saturday from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Don't miss it. You won't be forgiven. Did you notice that Ralph is like a little boy with a new toy? That's because he has a new toy. A new computer. Or

at least a new MICROSOFT WORD 5.1 which is a word processing program. It sure makes the newsletter look great. Sorry Victor, you'll have to continue putting up with my old manual Remington.

From our Grand Award winner Jack Arnell comes the newsletter of the **Transatlantic Mail Study Group**. Jack has thoughts of his own concerning the route of the illustrated letter in his title *What Was The Route Of This Letter?* Anyone else have a thought? Material is needed for the newsletter. There's nothing interesting for the future except for items from Montgomery and Steinhart. You may think you have nothing worthwhile to send in but it is surprising what can be discovered from those nothings. Jack has given the membership a most interesting bi-monthly newsletter for quite some time. How about a helping hand. It doesn't have to be exotic. Three illustrated covers form the basis for the next article entitled *Different Rates of Exchange*. The story, *Two-Way Transatlantic Letter With Forwarding In Between* tells the history of a letter being posted in London and addressed to Canada finally ending up in Scotland. Allan Steinhart sent in a cover with enclosed letter of a Freight Money Cover - Chatham, L.C. The letter was written by James Evans in 1840 a Methodist Minister, teacher, missionary linguist and author. Another Steinhart contribution shows the unusual use of the 7½Cy. handstamp, while Malcolm Montgomery provides a cover mailed from Eccles with a One Penny adhesive arriving finally in Toronto with a 10cts postage due applied. An example of a Returned Letter in a wrapper from the Dead Letter Office, London is shown. Although it was an official post office letter it was rated at 1s. 2d Stg. postage due on its arrival at Halifax. Finally we have another item from Malcolm Montgomery with the title *Forwarding Charge*.

That's all for this offering. I expect to be in Toronto for BNAPEX in September. I'm looking forward to meeting many of the newsletter editors. Maybe Jon will arrange something just for us as is arranged for study groups.

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Values for U.S. nineteenth century are bullish, according to Stuart Morrissey, vice president and publisher. Twentieth century also has many pleasant upward swings. However, British is mixed. I attribute some sluggishness in British due to the unusual number of large collections that have come on the market in the last eighteen months. It is a temporary situation.

Editorial improvements abound in the 1994 edition of the Volume 1 Catalogue. The ongoing program of adding explanatory footnotes to help

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