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Canadian Military Postmarks

Used by Canadian Postal Corps in Canada, Newfoundland, Alaska, Bermuda and British West Indies 1886-1944.

by Major lan C. Morgan

The accompanying two charts illustrate some of the different types of Postal Markings used by the Canadian Army Postal Corps. As many of these are still in use in Canadian camps, it is advisable not to give too much information at this time. Following is a rough outline of the different types and period of use.

1. Only two have been recorded to date. The Brigade Camp Mil. Dist. No. 4 was illustrated in Jarrett's BNA Catalog, but little is known about it and the author has never seen a copy of it. The Camp Borden marking seems to have been in use from about 1930 to 1940.

II. Used at Canadian National Exhibition in 1901.

III. a, b, c. These three sub-types were in use in many camps until May 1941. The earliest recorded use of one of these was at Sherbrooke Camp, P. Q. about 1904.

IV. a. This was put in use on the date shown in the illustration in the General Post Office at Toronto for use on mail sent in from Camp Borden, Ont. It was in use for a short time only.

IV. b. In use at the camp on the Exhibition Grounds in Toronto.

A similar one was used at Camp Borden during 1917.

V. a. Used at a few offices from about October 1939 until May 1941. Seven camps used these.

b. Cancellor contains name of camp only. Camp Borden used the one illustrated in 1916. Similar ones were used in eight camps from 1939 to about May 1941.

c. Cancellor contains name of camp and words "Field Post Office," "Field P. O.," or "M. P. O." Four camps used this.

d. Used in Newfoundland, CAPOs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

Used in Labrador CAPO 10. (1942)

Used at Kiska CAPO 51. (1943)
Most of these offices opened in 1941.

e. f. g. Replacing a. b. & c. in most cases in 1941. Cancellors have either "Name of Camp. MPO or NPO No. Province," "MPO No. & Province," or "NPO & No., or MPO & No."

h. An emergency marking used until regular cancellors put in use. No. 1 & 2 seen used in Newfoundland in Sept. 1941 and No. 1 at Kiska in August 1943.

VI. Machine cancellation. Cancellers reading Name of Camp, words "Field Post Office" — words "Field Post Office" alone, — "M. P. O." — "M. P. O. & No.", or just "N. P. O. & No." or "M. P. O. & No. Canada."

VII. Duplex cancellation. Recorded in use at 12 camps.

VIII, Rubber handstamp. Similar markings used by larger offices, many have word "REGISTERED" added.

IX. Rubber Handstamp. Used by Base A. P. O only.

X. Rubber handstamp used by several offices and naval bases.

XI. Rubber handstamp used by most offices on money orders. Sometimes found on registered letters and parcels. They vary in size.

XII. Used to indicate Registration No. only. They bear the same wording as cancellation.

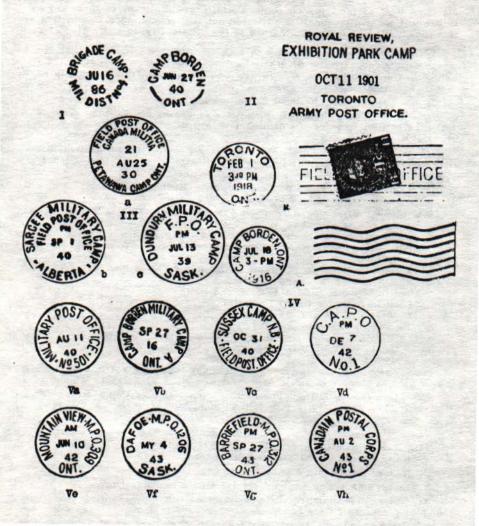
XIII. Steel roller cancellation used on parcels and newspapers.

Issued to large post offices only.

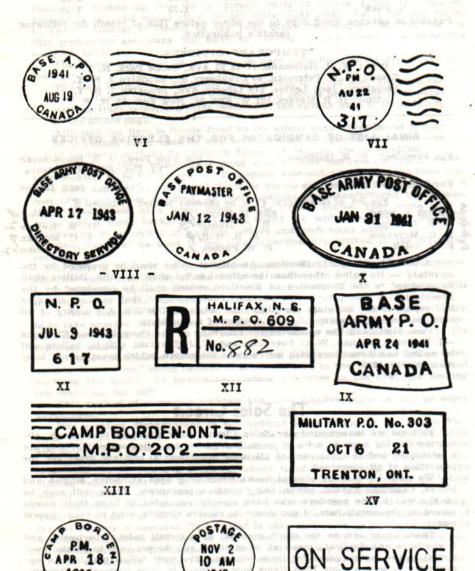
XIV. See notes on type XI.

XV. Rubber handstamp. Used as a backstamp.

XVI. Machine cancellation used with or without date on mail posted on board transports by troops enroute overseas, Believed used at Halifax.



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The Sales Circuit

Perhaps we inaugurated our Sales Circuit a bit abruptly last month, obscuring the big news in a lot of rules. Don't let these rules scare you, they are a necessary and integral part of all sales departments, and are made for the protection of all concerned.

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Mounting Complete Booklets

by Reg. Barraclough

So much has been said about the mounting of booklets that one more word on the subject shouldn't be considered by any one as the final one. Allow me to add a suggestion or two about this rather talked of problem.

As I do not want to get into the argument about whether or not a booklet should be broken up into its component parts of covers, panes, inter-leaves, binding if any and metal clips, let me state right away that I for one prefer to keep a booklet as issued by the Post Office undisturbed. My reasons for this preference are many but have no bearing on the problem of mounting complete booklets.

The proper mounting of any item in ones collection should assure the following:

The item should be held firmly in the album to avoid loss. Although the item is firmly affixed to the album page it should be capable of removal with no trace remaining after removal of the agency used to fix it firmly to the album page.

Although the item is firmly fixed to the album page nevertheless it may be examined easily back as well as front (and in between as in the case of booklets) without its being in danger of damage due to handling.

With these three principles in mind, I have found the best method of mounting booklets to be by the use of "Transpara Artcorners." These cellophane corners were supplied to me by my favorite Stamp Dealer here in Montreal, at a cost of 25 cents per hundred. As these corners are manufactured in Chicago, they probably sell at a lower price in the United States. They come with a white and a black background. I have found the white background the more satisfactory in mounting of booklets, covers and such large items.

The "corners" as used in my own collection are affixed in the following manner.

- Affix a "corner" on your album page in such a position as to accomodate the upper left corner of the complete booklet.
- 2. Slide the upper left corner of the back cover of the complete booklet into the pocket of the "art corner."
- 3. The complete booklet now being in place on your page, the next step is to take another "art corner," holding it at the very tip with a pair of tweezers; moisten and slip on to the lower right corner of the back cover of the complete booklet.
- 4. Hold the booklet firmly to retain the position desired and press down on this "art corner," being careful to press outward to the right and thus avoid buckling the booklet by having this corner too close to the first one making the mounting too tight.

This method of mounting booklets has some disadvantages as well as many advantages.

The greatest disadvantage is encountered when mounting the Queen Victoria, Edward VII, 104a, 106a, 108b, and the combination booklet of 105a, 107b, and 108b. All of these booklets have binding tape of one type or another which makes it impossible to slide the upper left corner of the back cover under the cellophane corner unless a small cut about 1/8 of an inch long is made in the binding tape. If this cut is made, the method of mounting proceeds as before and no indication of the cut is visible after the booklet is mounted.

Two other minor disadvantages are present in this method of mounting. The first is that the back of the back cover cannot be examined unless one of the art corners is removed. The second is that care must be taken to place the booklets at different locations on the album page or your booklet collection will fill up the ordinary album space between binders very rapidly.

The advantages of this method of mounting booklets I believe greatly outweigh the disadvantages.

The booklet is firmly held in place.

The booklet can be readily removed with no trace of previous mounting, with the minor exceptions referred to above.

The booklet may be examined readily without danger of damage.

Each cover, pane and interleaf can be seen easily.

In addition, by the use of a magnifying class, you can examine the metal clips and the holes made by them in the several panes to establish the fact that no changes in panes have been made to improve the original booklet.

The above described method of mounting booklets may not appeal to many who read these "notes," but anyone who enjoys showing his collection to others will find the method one that makes such pleasant "stamp discussion evenings" more enjoyable because of the ease of showing the booklets and the absence of danger to the various items in the collection.

Any criticisms or suggestions that may lead to an improvement in the

method of mounting booklets will be greatly appreciated by the writer.

Bringing News About People and Stamps

by lan S. Bain

'Of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh," so declared King Solomon. This can be applied to philatelic literature which would include this column. As our heading indicates we will try and give pertinent paragraphs on subjects relating to B. N. A.

B. N. A. P. S.

While on the subject of books I have often thought what a rare treat could be given to B. N. A. collectors in particular, and philately in general if Fred Jarrett would ever put into print the store of stories of his collecting escapades. Love, romance, humor, pathos, the human-touch, disappointments, thousands of 3p beavers and 6p Prince Consort's, What about it Fred?

B. N. A. P. S.

The grapevine tells us that new designs for Canadian stamps are definitely being considered, and may at the time of writing have progressed beyond that stage. In fact the suggestion is that if the war looks like being prolonged we may have a new set soon.

B. N. A. P. S.

This column would like to suggest a chapter or society sponsored by B. N. A. P. S. to honour the great names of B. N. A. for their contribution to the hobby. It could be called "The 12p Black Club."

B. N. A. P. S.

It is to be hoped that we learn something from the entries in the C. P. S. competition for the Charles L. Brisley trophy for original research work on the small 3 cent issue of Canada, 1870-93. It would be nice to see a B. N. A. P. S. member walk off with that trophy. What about it you experts?

B. N. A. P. S.

How many have ever seen an entire as illustrated on page 98 of Jarrett's book? I saw one the other day printed in brown on cream paper. If you have any let's list them with the Editor.

B. N. A. P. S.

With the mention of the name of Editor I am reminded that his piercing eyes and blue pencil will cover this column. Note to Editor: Dear Ed, please be lenient as this is the first column, the worst is yet to follow.

The "Columbia" Flight

by Dan Meyerson

To the collector who decides to specialize in Newfoundland flown covers the "Columbia" ilight offers quite a field — albeit an expensive one. This is true because there are four different covers that should be in a complete "Columbia"

bia" collection, and possibly a fifth.

The "Miss Columbia," a Bellanca monoplane arrived at Harbor Grace on September 22, 1930. It was to leave from Harbor Grace on a sceduled trans-Atlantic flight, and it was to be piloted by Capt. Errol Boyd with Lt. Harry P. Connor as the navigator. On September 24, Capt. Boyd agreed with the postal authorities to take a bag of mail not exceeding 5 pounds on this flight across the ocean. As a result of the agreement reached between the two partie, on September 25 the newspaper carried the announcement that 160 letters would be accepted for this flight. Subsequently it was determined that 300 letters could be flown but it was too late to pass this information on to the public since the announcement had already been published in the morning newspapers.

Since there was no time to issue a special stamp the Newfoundland postal authorities decided to follow the procedure used in the case of the previous flights such as the "Hawker, Martinsyde, Alcock-Brown, Di-Pinedo. and Haifax," namely to surcharge one of their current stamps. The stamp that they chose was the 36c Caribou #126, and it was surcharged in black as follows: "Trans Atlantic—Air Mail—By B. M.—Columbia—September 25,—1930—Fifty Cents." Because of the urgent need for speed the surcharging was done at the

offices of the "Royal Gazette."

Three sheets of 100 stamps each were broken up into blocks of 4 and the 75 blocks were then surcharged. This procedure was followed because the setting for the surcharge consisted of four subjects. There are minor differences in each of the subjects and the stamps can definitely be plated.

Of the 75 blocks surcharged, 63 comprising 252 stamps were placed on sale at the G. P. O. at St. Johns while the balance of 12 blocks or 48 stamps were sold at Harbor Grace. Of the 252 sold at St. Johns, only 110 were used to frank letters while all of the 48 stamps sent to Harbor Grace were used on letters.

This amounted to a total of 158 letters, but as we mentioned previously the postal authorities learned that 300 letters could be flown. As a result a number of letters bearing fifty cents in ordinary postage were also carried. When the plane was ready to take off from Harbor Grace it was evidently discovered that the letters added at St. Johns had not brought the total weight to five pounds, so several postcards bearing four cents postage were also added to those being flown.

Finally the plane took off from Harbor Grace on October 10, and reache the Scilly Islands, near Land's End, England, on October 11. The covers with the

exception of the postcards were backstamped on October 13.

The 110 surcharged stamps used on the letters posted at St. Johns were all postmarked there on September 25, and the letters were then sent to Harbor Grace where they were again postmarked on October 9, the day before the plane left. Those covers bearing unsurcharged stamps that were added at St. Johns on September 25, were accorded the same treatmnt.

The 48 surcharged stamps sold at Harbor Grace that were used to frank letters were not canceled until October 9, and bear just that date postmarked on the face. The postcards also bear just the October 9 postmark from Harbor Grace. Many of the covers are known bearing the autographs of Capt. Boyd, the

pilot, and Lt. Connors, the navigator.

The flown cover specialist should strive to have in his collection a cover bearing the surcharged stamp postmarked at St. Johns on September 25, and again at Harbor Grace on October 9. He should also strive to obtain one of the surcharged stamps on a cover postmarked only at Harbor Grace on October 9. In addition one of the covers bearing the unsurcharged stamps used at St. Johns on September 25, should also be in the collection as well as one of the postcards used at Harbor Grace on October 9.

Although I have never seen one it is very possible that some letters bearing

fifty cents in ordinary postage were added to the mailbag at Harbor Grace on October 9, in order to bring the weight up to five pounds. If such covers do exist they would provide a fifth cover to complete the collection,

The complete list is as follows:

1. Posted at St. Johns on September 25 (A) Cover bearing surcharged stamp (110) (B) Cover bearing fifty cents in ordinary stamps (?)

 Posted at Harbor Grace on October 9 (A) Cover bearing surcharged stamp (48) (B) Postcard bearing four cents in ordinary stamps (?) (C) Cover bearing fifty cents in ordinary stamps*

*Existence unreported

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Chatter

Come on Fellas, help out your chatterer. Send him your news, views, comments, opinions, criticisms or what have you.

A "pat on the back" to Dan Meyerson for a swell article about NFD booklets.

Member C. C. Abbott received an award for his Canadian showing at the Maine Philatelic Society's exhibition in conjunction with their semi-annual meeting.

Two more copies of the \$10 and \$20 first issue, Sask, Laws. That makes six of each so far.

Member George Apking notes that all his copies of the \$3 second printing Sask. Laws are of the same brown lettering as the First Issue and not black as described in the Revenue catalogs. My copies are the same, so I'll back him up.

If the number of copies available were the determining factor in classifying and pricing stamps for rarity, some Canadian Revenues should be classed with the rarest. The inverted \$2 bill stamp — the inverted "Coat of Arms" on the 5c Sask. — the imperf horizontally of the Alberta \$1, the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Manitoba Provisionals. The inverted bill stamp may be considered as the greatest rarity of Canadian Revenues, but personally I think the imperf horizontally of the First Issue \$1 Alberta is even scarcer. Only two sheets of 25 were printed and the stamps of both sheets were regularly used. These stamps were torn apart and used as singles. Therefore, to show a pair imperf horizontally, you would have to try to get a matched pair, indentified by the similarity of the tear, or more accurately, by their positions on the sheet. What do you think?

TO JAH A PONTON STREET THE CANADIAN NOTES

Service and Paulico Professor by Twenty

oun were two-fuldy Figets that the

Grimmer reports that there are about fifteen serious collections of the Royal Visit plate numbered blocks.

The lower right of plate number three of the current one cent stamp is very scarce. After two printings the plates were destroyed.

Parks won the SPA with his Canadian collection and also the sweepstakes. Shoemaker won the APS and Parks placed second. Both exhibits were mighty fine.

Sissons has been in the U.S. conventioning, buying and selling

Twenty posed the question as to the difference in size of the flat plate and the rotary of the one cent medallion. There is a big difference since Pollock informs us that the flat plate does not exist.

Dr. Holmes takes the stand that straight edged booklet pane stamps are just as significant as coils and imperforates, and eventually will be recognized by cataloguers. Why not?

Victory will mean new stamps. Hope it won't be as long.

Royalty was much in evidence at the convention. Once I had five queens, but alas, the other fellow had five kings. You meet fine fellows there.

Twenty was again appointed chairman of the descriptive code committee of the APS. Suggestions are solicited.

Met philatelic writer Weiss and he talks like he writes. The nearest thing to perpetual motion I have ever seen and extremely interesting. He just flows on and on while this column just pecks and jabs.

We could all take lessons from Max Johl in the way he meticulously prepares his material for exhibit purposes.

Canadian Precancels

by Jack Levine



I've mentioned before that Canadian precancels are surprisingly free of errors. Occasionally some overprints appear with one or two letters missing, but seldom with the town name missing. The illustration shows a strip of three, middle stamp not showing "Carleton Place". I do not know how many of this variety are in existence, but from advisers, have learned that possibly not more than thirty. Another example of a precancel with a major omission is the Type 1 of Halifax, N. S., whereon the two lines which normally separate the city name and the province do not appear.

Another "New" is the 2c Brown, 1937 issue from London, Ont., with 3070 instead of 3470. I might mention that I got my copy thru the medium of "Corresponding and Exchanging." Now the question arises whether or not the 3c value exists with the same error.

I recently provided a list of recently issued precancels from the various Post Offices. My intentions and purposes were two-fold. First, that the members might check with their catalogs and bring it up to date. Second, I wanted the members to understand that if they found they needed any I had listed, they could secure them from me at face. Here are more new issues, all available from me while supply lasts, at face value. Calgary 1942 issue 1c and 3c London 1942 issues 2c and 3c

Toronto 1942 issues 2c and 3c Victoria 1942 issues 1c

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Equitable Stamp Company wishes to announce that Earl N. Levitt recently joined the firm as a partner. Mr. Levitt is the brother of Albert H Levitt, founder of the company.

The new partner was honorably discharged from his commission as a First Lieutenant in the Army of the United States because of an injury sustained in line of duty at Camp Pickett, Virginia. He was in a Tank Destroyer unit. In June, Earl was re-appointed to his commission and is now on inactive status.

With the association of Mr. Levitt, the company entered the mail order field, a new one for this firm. To accommodate the future needs of this work, the offices were re-decorated and re-organized. Extensive plans are being carried out for advertising and the servicing of collectors' wants.

Report of the Secretary

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Mackintosh, M., Wyoming, Ontario, Canada (Coll) (CX) CAN, NFD, PRE -A*. CAN, NFD - Ao, AM, CAN - B, C, P, PL, AM of the world, by J. Levine, No. 1.

Roberts, Laurance C., 80 Douglas Road, Glen Ridge, N. J., (Coll) Canada, N. B., N. S., P. E. I., by H. R. Meyers, No. 9.

McVey, S. Geo., 22 Sowamsett Av., Warren, R. I. (Coll) CAN - A*, o19, B*, BP, C4. US Comm., Austria, Br. Col., Liecht, Switz., by J. B. Kilton No. 57

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AUCTION COMMENTARY AND REPORT: J. LEVINE

On Tuesday, November 14, Harmer, Rooke & Co., sold the British North America section of stamps from the Col. E. H. Green collection, Part XVII. Our "Canadian Cousins," J. N. Sissons and Leslie Davenport were present and very much accounted for. Jim Sissons bought many lots and particularly one big one. Dan Meyerson bought himself the one item he's been dreaming about. The NFW variety on the imperf. between, 1c Guy.

Prices followed the present trend "nice material brought nice prices." The imperforate blocks of Canada showed up the best. A block of 12 of the 15c slate violet, imperforate and with imprint sold for \$200.00. An imperforate block of 8 of the 3c Vermilion, No. 37b, with inscription "Three Cent" sold for \$102.00. Lots Nos. 325, 6, 7, sold for \$16, 25, 65. Lots 329, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 sold for \$28, 13.50, 21, 20, 11, 16. Lots 335-340 sold at from ½ to % catalog. Lot 342, a horizontal pair of 8a sold for \$150.00. Lots 362, 363, 366, 367 sold for \$130, 135, 180, 190. Imperforate blocks of the 1c yellow, No. 33b sold for \$37. A block of 6 of the 2c Green, No. 34a, sold for \$62.50. A very fine mint copy of the Carmine Red, No. 37a, sold for \$41. Blocks of the 3c imperforate sold for \$37.50 to \$40.00. No. 39a in a block of 4 & one of 8 realized \$42 & \$71. Imperf blocks of 4 and 6 of the 10c brownish red, No. 41c, sold for \$26, 54, 53. blocks of No. 44a sold as follows: (4) \$35 — (6) \$47, 42 — (6, with imprint) \$71 — (10) \$72.50. An imperf block of 6 of the 50c "Widow" sold for \$110. Blocks of No. 48d sold as follows: (4) \$45 - (6), \$60. Copies of the dollar jubilees went at 1/2 or slightly better except the \$3,00, which brought \$41. The block of 4 of the 20c numeral, No. 84, brought the record price of \$47.00 Lot 455, the 50c Edward sold for \$18, and the strip of 3 of the same stamp realized \$62. The imperf blocks of the Quebecs went at the reasonable price of \$230.00. An imperforate block of 15 of the 5c Registration with inscription sold for \$127.50. The large lots brought about \(\frac{1}{2} \).

The Newfoundland sheets of 20 brought the following prices: 4p Rose —\$22. 6p Rose — \$19, 6½p Rose — \$117.50. The 8p Rose — \$97.50 and the shilling, \$33.50. A set of the Cabots, fine sold at \$10.00. The reengraved Guys sold for \$31 and \$32.50. The Coronations, Nos. 104-114, including 110a, sold for \$26.50 and \$27. A set of the Caribous, blocks of four, sold at \$34.

Any member wishing further particulars about any lot may write to me and I will send along such information as I am able.

THE MAP STAMP OF 1898

by F. Walter Pollock

Those who await my every word with bated breath will have to inure themselves to the unhappy fact that their favorite oracle, like so many of his ilk, sports pedal extremities compounded of aluminum and silica (clay).

Another of the Delphic tribe, one Steve Rich by name, has for some time disputed the popular understanding and belief that the Map stamp of 1898 was produced by a process or method of lithography, and in these pages and elsewhere, and on the basis of oracular utterances of the past, I have undertaken to tell Steve that he was slightly more than merely damp.

And now it appears that the wetness was of my own personage; in brief, Steve is right and I and Howes and Deaville are wrong — the stamp was typographed and not lithographed; that is, as to the colors thereon.

Howes had said that the color work was "doubtless printed on the sheets by lithography" and those who followed this authoritative writer were pleased to accept his statement without question, as he seems to have been in close touch with the authorities when he wrote his standard book. The facts, as revealed by an official examination of the original sources in Ottawa, are "that the colour printing was done by means of electrotype plates...the plates would consist of a zinc base with a copper surface. The first printing was the oceans; the second printing was the British Empire in red; and the third printing was the steel-engraved basic design in black."

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