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A. F. Lichtenstein's Exhibit at N. Y. Meeting

On Tuesday, February 6, Mr. A. F. Lichtenstein honored the N. Y. meeting with a visit, and showed portions of his early B.N.A. For one hour and a half, the listeners sat amazed and thrilled while Mr. Lichtenstein, in his quiet and unassuming manner, described and from an endless fund of knowledge, explained the postal history, printing, quantities issued, plate and paper varieties and dates of use for each item. It is impossible to review here every item shown except to remark that everything exhibited was in its own right a philatelic "gem." The exhibit consisted of the Pence Issues of B.N.A., except Prince Edward Island, but included Newfoundland. The stamps were shown unused, used and wherever possible, used on cover to show the different combinations that could be used to make up the various postal rates.

BRITISH COLUMBIA: A block of four of the imperf. 2½d. A 5c unused vertical pair, the only one known. The 10c... three pairs used and unused and two used strips of three. A study of the placing of the watermark on the 10c imperf. The perforated issues were shown in unused blocks of four for all values. Most of the stamps were shown on cover, and used copies off cover.

NEW BRUNSWICK: The Pence Issues, used and unused and on cover. Among the latter, a strip of three one shilling used with the 3d to Budapest. Splits were shown on cover: 6d bisected used as a 3d. The quarter of a shilling used as 3d, half of shilling for the 6d rate and the 7½d rate made up of half a shilling and a quarter of a 6d. Furthermore, a study of the Colonial Express Mail.

NOVA SCOTIA: A block of five unused of the 1d (Mr. Lichtenstein explained how rare blocks are and why). Unused blocks of the 3d and a strip of four of the 6d yellow green. Shillings unused and used, also both shades in pairs. A block of four 1d; a block of eight 3d; block of four 6d yellow green. The entire series were shown on cover, including a pair of the shilling cold violet used with the 6d to India. Splits: Half of 6d for the 3d rate. A quarter of a shilling for the 3d rate and a half of a 3d and shilling for the 7½d rate.

NEWFOUNDLAND: The Pence Issues in very fine condition, unused and used, including used pairs of the 2d, 6d and 1 shilling scarlet vermilion. A used block of four of the 3d. This entire issue on covers, except the shilling. The 8d split, horizontal, vertical and diagonal, used on cover often with the 3d to make an over-paid 6½d rate. The orange issue used and unused. The 4d and 6d on cover. The lake issues... used on covers with splits of the 6d to make up the 15d rate, and a split 4d used with another 4d and a split 1d to make the 6½d rate.

CANADA: A complete representation of all the issued stamps of the Pence Issues, used and unused and most of them on cover. Among the laid papers: two unused 3d and a pair and a single of the 6d (rarer than the 12d). Also copies on cover. A page of the 12d black showing used copies, two mint pairs and a single and two copies on separate covers. A page of the 12d on thin wove, two copies unused and a copy on cover. A page of the 12d on medium wove, one copy on cover. Pages of the 3d on the various papers, hand and machine made, in all the shades, and in blocks, strips and pairs. All papers and shades were shown on covers. Of the 6d, there were stamps and covers to show the various shades and papers. A mint 6d on wove (rare), a strip of three and a block of six of the 6d on thick, hard paper, one canceled "late fee," and among the covers showing different markings, was one with "money letter." The 10d was shown with pages for each of the three kinds of paper, and included stamps to show the "wide" and "narrow". A beauty indeed was a used block of four of the 10d thick paper, and a cover with a strip of three of the same. The 7½d was presented in the same way to show unused, used and on cover, also the "wide" and "narrow" stamps. A gem indeed was a used block of four of the 7½d. The ½d was represented among other things with a mint block of fourteen and a used block of fifteen (the 7½d rate). Pages of ribbed paper varieties were shown, both vertical and horizontal, of the 3d and the ½d, and also stamps showing the stitch watermarking both vertical and horizontal. Other items among the covers shown were two with the trial perf 14, and one with a pair of the 3d and a split 3d to make the 7½d rate, a soldier's letter and a used first issued stamped envelope, the black brown (a rare item used). Covers bearing the U. S. 1847 5c and 10c, paid to the lines. A letter from Newfoundland to the Postmaster General of

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is with deep gratitude and sincere appreciation that I take this opportunity to express my thanks to all the members, officers, committees and Board of Governors for their very fine cooperation in the past. I only hope and ask that the members and newly elected Board and Committees will afford me the same help whereby our Society will continue to effect the continued progress and commendable status which is ours. The new board and committees are already functioning and the members will soon be made aware of the plans and programs which are and will be promulgated for our Society. A very hearty welcome to the new officers and Board of Governors and committees.

Our Society has been asked by Mr. Hugh Clark, of the Scotts Publications, to cooperate with them by submitting suggestions for listings, additions and corrections for the B.N.A. portion of the 1946 catalog. The time for submitting any suggestions will soon be at hand, and in order to expedite matters, I ask that any member who has a suggestion to offer, please send it along to me. A committee and committees are being formed to review and study the possibilities, if any, but until such notice of selection of that committee, I ask that you submit your suggestions and not wait.

I regret that I must make the report that Mr. Meyers has resigned as Editor of the Topics. Mr. Meyers accepted the "job" for one year, and after extending his promise an extra three months, advised me that he could not serve any longer. I believe that I may speak for all the members and express our appreciation to Mr. Meyers of the very fine work he has done. We can only ask that he spare some time from his other obligations to help to continue the fine work he helped start. Until such time as a new Editor is selected, will all the members, contributors and advertisers please forward their letters and copy to the Secretary, J. Levine, 510 Liberty Ave., Brooklyn 7, N. Y. Please cooperate and help us as you have always helped before. See that your copy is in the Secretary's hand before the 15th of the month.

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Canada advising him that postage stamps have been authorized for used in Newfoundland, and attaching to the left margin of the letter, a copy of each of the newly issued values except the 2d.

After the members and guests had recovered somewhat from the effects of this showing, they were again afforded the additional pleasure of seeing some of the Proofs and Essays which Mr. Clarence W. Brazer showed. These included Proofs and Essays of all B.N.A.

February 6, 1945 is an evening which will long be remembered by those who were able to attend this first meeting of the N. Y. group at their new meeting place, the Collectors Club of N. Y.

J. Levine

Bringing News About People & Stamps

by Ian S. Bain

The University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, has a collection of Canadian stamps known as the Jeffery Collection, and according to a recent report is in the opinion of the experts, one of the finest in North America. Professor R. W. Torrens, of the Department of Romance of Languages takes a great interest in it.

B.N.A.P.S.

We understand that Clarence Brazer, the Proof expert and dealer of New York, is planning to issue a price list of B.N.A. Proofs soon. Such a list would be welcome as there is practically nothing in this line at all.

B.N.A.P.S.

With the passing of Mr. Edward E. Goodchild, we doubt if there will be any copies of the Holmes Handbook of Canada having the signature of the three editors.

B.N.A.P.S.

The New Holmes' Handbook and Catalogue of B.N.A. certainly fills a real need to collectors who did not possess a Jarrett's. However, the 1929 edition of Jarrett's is still a good book on the subject. Since we do not pass out orchids to philatelists let's say, "A 12 Penny Black to Fred Jarrett and Dr. L. Seale Holmes."

B.N.A.P.S.

Those who are interested in plating the 1st issue of Alberta Law Stamps will welcome a book which has just been released by the dealer K. Bileski, of Winnipeg. Having tremendous holdings in the Canadian Revenue field, Mr. Bileski has the material to back up his writing. He hopes to issue in the future a book on British Columbia revenues.

B.N.A.P.S.

For First Day cover fans in Canada. Have you ever been able to pick up the famous 1898 map stamp, Scotts #85 on a First Day cover? That is a real First Day cover, and has quite a story attached to it.

B.N.A.P.S.

Many stamps in the Canadian revenue field are rare. One that has been very difficult is the \$5.00 mint, 3d issue Saskatchewan Law. If you have one, you possess a gem in the rapidly growing revenue field.

NEWFOUNDLAND REVENUE NOTES

William Britton Stitt has reported three new Newfoundland Revenue stamps which to date have not been listed in any of the issues of "Topics." They are as follows:

King Edward VII Perf 12

\$50 Violet Brown

King George V Perf. 12 20% x 28 1/4 mm

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Total Receipts applicable to 1944

499.36

DEFERRED INCOME:

Prepaid membership dues for 1945	\$ 20.00
Prepaid advertising for 1945	42.50

Total prepaid for 1945

62.50

TOTAL RECEIPTS

\$561.86

DISBURSEMENTS for year 1944:

Printing TOPICS, Nos. 2-9 incl.	\$263.20
Postage	78.98
Miscellaneous Supplies & Rental of typewriter	58.07

Disbursements for 1944

400.25

DISBURSEMENTS in advance for 1945.

Printing TOPICS No. 10	\$ 48.75
Postage	9.00

Total disbursements in advance for 1945

57.75

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

\$458.00

BALANCE as of December 31, 1945

\$103.86

There are no unpaid bills.

Membership cards for 1945 are being mailed upon receipt of 1945 dues. A small number of members have not remitted their annual dues payable January 1, 1945. The work of preparing TOPICS and that required to handle the affairs of the Society are done without cost to the members. All costs in connection with meetings of groups have been borne by the members of those groups.

W. C. Peterman, Treasurer.

SALES DEPARTMENT NEWS

Arthur B. Moll, Sales Manager

1240 72nd Street, Brooklyn 28, N. Y.

As some of you already know, the sales circuit has started in a moderate way and it is quickly proving to be successful. Almost a \$1000 worth of stamps have gone out to the members on four circuits, with very satisfactory returns coming in regularly. This means only one thing; the material must be good and the prices are right. So far, there have been no complaints, except possibly the usual one that there is not enough material for some individual wants. Until there is more material sent in by members, you can readily understand that the books sent out may contain some stamps not on your request list. You can be sure that your needs will receive every consideration, governed by the amount and kind of material entered for sale by the members.

Which brings up this appeal from your Sales Manager. Please get some of those duplicates of yours mounted on the sales sheets (sent for 1c each upon request), price them right and send them to me. Material is always needed and lots of it. Perhaps you were waiting to hear how the circuit was going. If so, feel assured that it has started well and only needs your help to keep it going well. There have been many requests for Newfoundland stamps (so far, all have been Canada). A new circuit with Canadian Revenues will be available for those who send for it. **SEND IN YOUR DUPLICATES.**

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Rev. 1912 Federal. Dies 1912-22.
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B. N. A. Auction Reports

Any member may write for information about lots not mentioned in these reports. HARMER, ROOKE & CO., N. Y....Jan. 19, 20. NOVA SCOTIA....A cover with a v. f. shilling dull violet (7) and a 3p blue (3), cat. \$285, sold for \$710. P. E. I....The 9p violet on cover (8), cat \$3....\$105. The 3c rose on cover (13) cat \$2....\$80.

CANADA ON COVER: A pr of the U.S. 1847, 5c—\$120, and the 10c, 1847, creased—\$110. The laid paper 6p violet (2)—\$105. A superb 3p on ribbed paper (4c)—\$54. A horiz pr of the 6p purple blk, wove, (5)—\$100 A v. f. 6p green. Blk. (5b)—\$102.50. Separate covers with the 10p blue (7)—\$101, 100. A 7½p green (9)—\$215, the deep green (9a)—\$265. A cover with the 12½ green (18)—\$44. The perf 12½, 3c red (36) o.c.—\$32. A pr. of the large 5c (42)—\$51.

CANADA OFF COVER: Used copies of the 3p red, laid (1) cat. \$17.50—\$40, 30. A used 6p on laid (2) cat \$35—\$50. The used 12p black on laid (3) cat \$1500—\$1375. A superb used 3p red on wove (4) cat \$6—\$25. The 6p purple black (5) cat \$35—\$55. The used 6p violet (5a) cat \$35—\$51 50 A mint 12p black on wove (6) cat \$3500—\$2500. A 10p blue on thick paper (7b) cat \$60—\$80. A used 7½p green (9) cat \$85—\$105. A superb sheet margin pr of the 5c verm (15) cat \$13—\$52. A used blk 4 of the same (15)—\$50. A used blk of 4 of the 2c gr. (23)—\$86. A mint blk of 4 of the 6c dark brown (25) cat \$60—\$125. The script w/mark on the 15c (28)—\$60. A used blk 4, 1c yell, 11½x12 (33)—\$10. A used blk 4, 6c yell. bro., 11½x12 (38) o.c.—\$17. A used blk 4, 5c slate green (43) 11½x12, faults—\$17. A used blk 10, perfs. missing, 10c rose lilac (40), 11½x12—\$50. The 3c rose (36a) used blk 4, perf 12, faults—\$15.50. A v. f. used blk 4, 6c yell bro. (38) perf 12—\$28. A v. f. \$4 Jubilee (64) cat \$40—\$43. A mint blk 4, 20c numeral (84) cat \$26—\$38. The 2c carm. Victoria booklet pane (77b) with covers, cat \$85—\$100. A mint blk 4, 50c Edward (95) cat \$90—\$150. A lot with 38 booklet panes (104a-233a) cat \$39.65—\$61. A mint blk 4, 8c blue registration (F4) cat \$48—\$102.50.

H. R. HARMER, N. Y., Jan 30....CANADA....A v. f. used 6p greenish black (5b) cat \$35—\$45.50. A superb used 6p dull violet on thick soft paper (10) cat \$150—\$155. A well centered \$2 Jubilee (62) cat \$40—\$41. The 2c green booklet pane of 6 (107c) cat \$40—\$26.

H. C. Barr, N. Y., Dec. 15....CANADA....A v. f. \$3 Jubilee (63) cat \$40—\$44. The 2c Carmine Edward booklet pane of 6 (90b) cat \$100—\$155. A mint blk 4 of the 50c Edward (95) cat \$90—\$150.

J. Levine

AUCTION COMMENTARY by Dan Meyerson

At the Jan. 20 auction at the offices of Harmer Rooke & Co., the following prices were realized on some of the Newfoundland items that were offered for sale.

A superb used copy of the 2d, #2, brought \$335. A very fine unused copy of the 6½d scarlet, #7, with a large part og brought \$110, while the same stamp on cover to Nova Scotia was sold for \$112.50.

A very fine og copy of the 8d scarlet, #8, sold for \$15, while a block brought \$81, and a sheet of 20, the first to be offered in New York at auction in many a year was sold for \$420.

A horizontal og block of 8 of the 3d on thin paper, #11a, brought \$23 and a copy on cover changed hands at the same price.

A superb fresh og copy of the 4d orange, #12, came close to realizing full catalog when it sold for \$260. Two used copies of the 6d orange, #13, with full margins each brought \$41.

The rare 1d reddish brown, #16, with clear margins but no gum sold for \$255.

Complete sheets of 20 of #18, 20 and 21 brought \$26, \$22, and \$112.50 respectively.

Two og copies of the 5c blue rouletted seal, #40, sold as one lot for \$15.

The Gilbert set in fine og condition realized \$14.50.

A mint Do-X sold for \$25, the Labrador set in the same condition for \$11.50, and the Balbo for \$23.

At the February 1 and 2 sale of Vahan Mozian some excellent prices were realized for the Newfoundland material.

Mint panes of 20 of #18, 20 and 22 brought \$45, \$22.50 and \$62.50 in that order.

An og Cabot set sold for \$11, while a used Caribou set realized \$10.25. The Publicity set, #131-144, in used condition was knocked down for \$8.75, while #145-159, in used condition brought \$6. The outstanding piece in the Newfoundland section, a very fine og copy of #160a, set a new high when it was bid up to \$115. A very fine used Gilbert set sold at \$15, whilst a complete booklet described in "Topics" as Type 4a, reflected the increase in interest in booklets when it sold for \$11.

In the airmail section a superb DePinedo on cover sold for \$220, and an equally fine Columbia on cover went for \$267.50. The mint set, C9-C11, sold for \$25, while a Balbo on cover realized \$24.

At the Pelander sale held on February 8, a superb og pair of #60e, sold for \$51.

THOSE GOOD OLD DAYS

by Reg. Barraclough

My favorite stamp dealer greeted me one morning with "By the way Reg, I'd like you to have one of my catalogs." 'Twas so unusual; fact is I'd never known he used catalogs. Well just imagine my surprise when I read the following:

CANADA 1851-57 — Imperforated

No.		unused	used
1	3d Red Laid90
2	6d Violet Laid	4.00
3	3d Red Wove18
4	½d Pink Wove	2.75
5	3d Red Ribbed90
Perforated			
6	½d Pink	5.50
7	3d Red	2.25
49	1.00 Lake, Jubilee Issue	1.50	Quotations
50	2.00 Violet	2.50	for used
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Further Notes on Newfoundland Booklets

by Dan Meyerson

At the time that I wrote the article on Newfoundland Booklets that was published in the November issue of "TOPICS," there was one phase that was not covered at all. That was the question as to whether or not separate plates had been laid down for the printing of the booklet panes or whether the panes of 8 in the case of Type 1, or the panes of 4 in the case of Type 3, 4 and 4A, had been torn from the tops of the regular sheets issued to the Post Office.

Cursory examination would lead the collector to believe that the stamps were torn from the regular post office sheets since the panes in the booklet in all cases are perforated all around. The only bit of information that would tend to make one believe otherwise is found in an article written for "STAMPS" by George B. Sloane, several years ago. In discussing the Type 4A Booklet, Mr. Sloane has the following to say, and I quote:

"In the second, and later printings, while the panes are again in blocks of 4, and perforated all around, it is evident that the stamps were printed from plates specially designed for use in the production of stamp booklets. The blocks show wider margins all around the outside edges, and one booklet I have shows definite proof that the stamps are from a special plate. In this, a block of the 1c stamp shows not only the sheet margin at top, but also an extra margin at the bottom, which is wide and with no traces of any stamps below it. These special plates are probably so arranged that the stamps are grouped in a series of double horizontal rows, with a sufficient space between each double row so that when the printed stamps are perforated, and the stamps divided into blocks, each block will have the necessary sheet margin at the top for binding. Very likely there is also a wider vertical spacing than usual separating each two vertical rows, which accounts for the wider margins at the sides of the stamps."

Not being satisfied with the above logical explanation I wrote directly to Whitehead Morris Ltd., producers of the stamps in the Type 1 Booklet, and to John Dickinson & Co. Ltd., who subsequently secured the contract for the stamps that appear in the Type 3, 4 and 4A Booklets.

Both of the firms mentioned were kind enough to reply, and Whitehead Morris Ltd. had this to say:

"In reply to your letter, I have made inquiries regarding the Newfoundland Pictorial set of Postage Stamps. The booklets were made up of stamps cut from the standard sheets of 100 as supplied to the postal Authority; no special plate was engraved for the booklet order."

Yours faithfully,

For Whitehead Morris Ltd.

A. S. TILYARD

The answer that I received from John Dickinson & Co. Ltd., is as follows:

"In reply to your letter regarding the Newfoundland Stamps we regret that we cannot give you any definite information since all our records were destroyed when we lost our offices by enemy action in 1941.

As far as our memory goes, the stamps that were supplied in booklet form were taken from the regular sheets of 100 and no special plates were prepared."

Yours faithfully

for John Dickinson & Co. Ltd.

A. H. B.

In conclusion, judging from the contents of the above two letters, it is with certainty that we can say that no special plates were laid down for the printing of the Newfoundland Booklet panes, and that all of the stamps used in the booklets came directly from the standard sheets of 100 that were supplied to the Postal Authorities.

A vote of thanks is due to Whitehead Morris Ltd., and to John Dickinson & Co. Ltd., for taking the time and trouble to answer a question that has long posed a philatelic problem.

Letters to the Editor

Congratulations on the fine articles appearing in the TOPICS. You are really getting in some very interesting material even for the serious collector.

I was very interested in W. W. Chadbourne's article on the Prince Edward Island covers. I'd like to write to him and compare a few notes. He did not say anything about bisects or registered covers. Here's something I just discovered while going over some stampless covers.

I have a stampless cover from Queenston, C. W., addressed to Charlotte-town with the PAID 3, Jarrett's No. 606, in black and Queenston paid in black, on the face of the cover. Backstamped: Clifton, Ont., June 26., St. John, N. B., June 29....Charlotte-town, P.E.I., July 1. The letter contained in the envelope is acknowledging a post office order for 6-9-7, apparently issued at Charlotte-town P. O. on May 27, 1872.

Two questions naturally arise: why were they using the PAID 3 up in Ontario in 1872 when stamps were being used since 1857 (I know this was a common practice, but why?). Secondly: Why was the Postmaster at Charlotte-town issuing money orders in pounds, shillings and pence when that province had adopted the decimal system on April 17, 1871, and the post office was selling the cents value stamps over the counter since January 1, 1872. I have several dated covers for the year 1872, one of them February 20 bearing the cents value stamps. Maybe someone can provide the explanation for these questions.

L. Crosby...Banff, Alberta

There have been many opinions expressed in the various stamp magazines about the possibility of the Canadian Government issuing a "Victory" set to acclaim the event. Such a set was not issued after the first war and it is reasonable to venture the opinion that the same precedent will be followed. Personally, I feel that those affected by this war will not need or want any reminder of what preceded the victory.

If a new series of stamps will be provided to replace the present issue, I would offer the suggestion that our Society sponsor the idea for such an issue as was set forth in our magazine some time ago by "Quebecca"; that is National Parks depicted on stamps. Canada has its "National Parks" and these are located in the different provinces. A set portraying a park from each of the provinces will symbolize this beauty of Canada as found throughout the whole dominion. Such pictured beauty will more readily help to forget the war than a set of stamps which will in any way refer to the war.

I cannot presume that all the members are in full accord with my attitude but if such is the consensus of opinion, I would suggest that those members who do agree, should evidence their expression in a letter to the President, Mr. Hoffman. Then, our Society could submit our suggestion to the proper authorities. I do not hope to be premature, but I feel as most of us feel, that the victory is inevitable, and post war planning is in order.

J. Levine, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Since the object of our Society is to learn as much as possible about the stamps of British North America, and since it is altogether too much to expect that one or two or several diligent students should do all the research, all the writing, and all the reporting on these, I have a suggestion to make.

I should like to see each member of the Society "assigned" ONE STAMP as his "annual project." This need not be a rare or valuable stamp....In fact, I believe much more work has been done in the past upon these acknowledged rarities than upon the common stamps.

But each member should accept one stamp as his "project" for the year. He should then go to work on this stamp. He should grab it, shake it, twist it, worry it as a dog worries a bone, until he has extracted from it every last scrap and particle of interesting information. He should specialize on this item; in fact, he should "super-specialize" on it....finding out how many copies were issued, when, why, where, how, by whom first conceived, drawn, engraved. He should give us all the varieties, real and fancied, even down to such minutiae as shades of inking and gum. In short, he should finish the year with a comprehensive report on this stamp. His report, placed into the files along with the reports of a couple of hundred others, should one day enable us to prepare a

final and authoritative handbook on Canadian stamps.

I would suggest that a Committee appointed by the President to assign a stamp to each member, and to work out the details of this plan. Naturally, all of us would cooperate with each other, to the point of lending notes, knowledge, or even stamps themselves for study.

Hoping some merit will be found in this proposal.

N. S. Bond., Roanoke, Va.

Precancel News

PRECANCEL COMBINATION BLOCKS

by Twenty

In my block collection of precancels of Canada there are eleven that are in combination as follows:

Three where two stamps are precanceled and two of the other stamps are not precanceled. For instance, one is V-106. The left pair are not canceled, but the right pair has bars.

Four blocks where the lower pair are double and the upper pair single cancellations.

Two blocks where the upper pair is double and the lower pair is single cancellation.

One block where the right pair is double and the left pair is single cancellation.

One block of Bridgeburg where the right pair is precanceled BRIDGEBURG and the left pair has the correct spelling.

To my list of oddities should be added the Carleton Place precancel as described by Jack Levine in the December TOPICS.

New Brunswick Numeral Cancellations

W. W. Chadbourne

In the January 6, 1940 issue of **Stamps**, there was published an article of my authorship in which I advanced the theory that the New Brunswick numerals were allotted to the postoffices in alphabetical order, with the exception of St. John, which was given number one, and Grand Falls, which was listed as number nine. This brought into question some of the numerals in the Jarrett and Poole lists, and at that time I set forth the reasons why I believed some of their numeral listings to be in error. I also stated that I could not account for the out-of-place position of Grand Falls.

Since that time I have had correspondence with other collectors and have added covers to my own collection confirming my theory. I am now prepared to make one more assertion, namely, that no number nine was issued and that the ascription of this number to Grand Falls was an error on the part of Jarrett or Poole, who had so listed it. This is advanced after reading J. R. Barraclough's "Incomplete Notes" in B.N.A. Topics, of September, 1944, where, in his list of Canada numerals taken from Jarrett, the notation is "9 (not issued)."

Why not issued? Because it would be confused with six!

The complete list, as it appeared in **Stamps**, with the amendment, follows. If any are wrong, the author would be glad to receive information that would set the record straight.

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| 1. St. John | 11. Dorchester | 23. Richibucto |
| 2. Andover | 12. Edmunston | 24. Sackville |
| 3. Bale Verte | 13. Fredericton | 25. Salisbury |
| 4. Bathurst | 14. Gagetown | 26. Shediac |
| 5. Bend of the Petitcodiac
(now Moncton) | 15. Hampton Ferry | 27. St. Andrews |
| 6. Campbellton | 16. Harvey | 28. St. George |
| 7. Campobello | 17. Hillsborough | 29. St. Martins |
| 8. Chatham | 18. Kingston | 30. St. Stephen |
| 9. (not issued) | 19. Memramcook | 31. Sussex |
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