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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

In the October 1944 issue of the *Topics*, there was published a listing of the various phases of BNA collecting and noted for each category were the names of those members who had expressed their willingness to effect exchanging or corresponding about the phase for which their name was listed. From the comments made by some members, it is quite evident that this program has proven very successful to those who participated and accepted the possibilities offered. Many exchanges of material have been effected and the personal results have been satisfactory to all parties. A very important possibility is provided by such listings...The exchanging of information and knowledge between members with the same specialty or preference. I do not have to emphasize the pleasure to the member from such exchanging of knowledge, but I must emphasize the possible advantage to our Society and Hobby from such collaboration. The eventual and inevitable results from such combined research and study are of the greatest importance to all of us. The publication of your findings for all to read and learn is of the greatest importance to the future of our Hobby. You must appreciate how necessary it is for you to participate in this program. Our Society wants to encourage the study of the Postal Issues and Postal History of British North America. That is one of our endeavors and this manner of approach is one of our best means of developing such study. Please cooperate for the benefit of your Society, your Hobby and yourself. If the Secretary doesn't already have your postcard with the listing of your specialty and preferences, write to him and ask for one.

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The Perkins, Bacon & Co. "Cancelled" Overprint on the Early Stamps of Newfoundland

by Dan Meyerson



The Specialist in Newfoundland who is always on the lookout for the odd and interesting from that country can readily do himself and philately a favor by examining his used copies of the early Newfoundland #'s 11-23 inclusive in relation to the ensuing article.

In the May 1929 issue of the 'London Philatelist' there is a report of a paper that Sir Edward Bacon, K. C. V. O. read before the Royal Philatelic Society of London May 9, 1929. It is entitled "The Stamps of Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co's Printing obliterated with a handstamp showing 'CANCELLED' between Bars." In this report the author takes up the history of these stamps and their origin. This article is drawn entirely from the report mentioned and a subsequent follow-up written by the same author in the January 1935 issue of the London Philatelist.

In the course of some research that Sir Edward Bacon was doing amongst the early records of Perkins, Bacon & Co., he came across the following correspondence and I quote "In April 1861, Mr. Ormond Hill, of Somerset House wrote to Perkins, Bacon & Co., to inquire whether they could let him have a few specimens of postage stamps they printed other than those of Great Britain, for himself and two or three friends who were collectors. In August of the same year a similar request was received by the firm from Mr. Pearson Hill, the son of Sir Rowland Hill.

On the fifteenth of August Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co., forwarded six copies of each stamp they possessed specimens of to Mr. Pearson Hill with a letter in which they said that one of each kind was for himself and his father respectively, and they asked him to forward to Mr. Ormond Hill the remaining four copies of each description.

The specimens were obliterated in deep black ink with a handstamp bearing the word 'CANCELLED' as per illustration herewith.

As the specimen shows, the obliteration was generally struck across a pair of stamps, and only part of the word 'CANCELLED' and a portion of the bars appear on a specimen.

Among the Newfoundland stamps reported with this obliteration by Sir Edward Bacon in May 1929, were the 4d Orange, #12, the 1 shilling Orange, #15, and the 5d red brown, #19. Specimens of the 1 sh and the 5d were in the Royal Collection, and the 4d had been offered at auction in the first sale of the Ferrari collection held in Paris on June 23, 1921.

In the same May 1929 issue of the London Philatelist there is a report of the April 11th meeting of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, before which Alfred F. Lichtenstein exhibited his early Newfoundland, and amongst the items mentioned in the exhibit were a 4d Orange and a 1 sh Orange with the 'CANCELLED' obliteration.

In the January 1935 issue of the London Philatelist, Sir Edward Bacon writes of the appearance at auction of an extraordinary collection which contained sixty-two stamps with this 'CANCELLED' obliteration. Amongst them were two previously unlisted Newfoundland, namely the 6d Rose, #20, and the 6½d Rose, #21. Both were purchased and added to the Royal Collection.

The next appearance of a Newfoundland stamp bearing this obliteration was at the recent 'Pack' sale held by Harmer, Rooke & Co., on December 6, 1944. At this sale a copy of the 4d Orange was offered for sale and purchased by Mr. Alfred F. Lichtenstein.

Only recently, since the turn of the year I came across still another value with the 'CANCELLED' obliteration, the 3d Green on thin paper, #11a, which copy is reproduced in the above illustration. As far as I can ascertain, this is the first time that this value has been reported with the 'CANCELLED' obliteration. The story of its discovery is rather interesting.

While examining the individual lots that were being offered at an auction, I had time to spare and decided to look at the large lots of British America on album pages included in the same sale. I collect only the stamps of Newfoundland so I idly turned the pages past Barbados, Bermuda, Canada, Dominica, etc., until at last I came to the page of Newfoundland stamps. There were perhaps ten stamps of the early issues from 1861-1876 inclusive, and none of them were of any interest except the copy of the 3d triangular stamp. My eyes actually bulged, here it was, the stamp whose existence had been suspected but not reported, and it was included in a lot for clearance. There was no doubt as to the genuineness of the stamp so for three weeks until the day of the sale I trusted myself to talk to no one, afraid lest in my exuberance I would divulge what the lot contained. Finally after what seemed to be years of impatient waiting the day of the sale arrived and I made it my business to be in attendance. This was one lot which I intended to buy. With bated breath I waited for that lot to be put up for sale and when the time finally did arrive I was really in a cold sweat. However I resolutely put my hand up to signify that I was bidding and my relief knew no bounds when the lot was 'knocked down' to me at a price that I considered reasonable for the lot even if it had not included the 3d with the rare 'CANCELLED' obliteration. I anxiously waited until the end of the sale, picked up the lot, and did not rest easy until I reached home and added that one stamp to my collection. The balance of the stamps were sold to a dealer the following week for exactly what I paid for the entire lot.

There is still pioneer work and research to be done if any article written by Sir Edward Bacon in the November 1894 issue of the London Philatelist is used as a guide, and it is checked with the stamps known to exist with the 'CANCELLED' obliteration, we have two alternatives. Either the handstamp was applied to all of the values included in the shipments to Newfoundland made on June 15, 1860, and again on July 11, 1861, or just a single set of the different denominations was obliterated and this set would include both the Orange shade and the Lake shade indiscriminately. The shipment of June 15, 1860, has been recognized as the Orange shade while the shipment made on July 11, 1861 has been recognized as the Lake shade. However when Perkins, Bacon & Co. invoiced these two shipments to the Colony, they were all invoiced as Red. The shipments were as follows:

June 15, 1860	July 11, 1861
5,000 2d Orange	5,000 2d Lake
6,000 3d Green	20,000 3d Green
5,000 4d Orange	15,000 4d Lake
20,000 5d Reddish Brown	20,000 6d Lake
10,000 6d Orange	5,000 6½d Lake
1,000 1sh Orange	10,000 1sh Lake

A recapitulation of the copies known to exist would indicate the following:

3d Green 1 copy	4d Orange 2 copies
5d Reddish Brown 1 copy	6d Lake 1 copy
6½d Lake 1 copy	1sh Orange 2 copies

If we are to follow the first premise and assume that all of the stamps in both shipments were obliterated, then we still have to prove the existence of the handstamp on the 2d Orange, the 2d Lake, the 4d Lake, the 6d Lake and the 1sh Lake. However if we assume that only one complete set of different denominations was obliterated, then we have only to prove the existence of the 2d value in either the Orange shade or the Lake shade.

All of the other values are known with the exception of the 1d and the 8d, and since no stamps of these denominations were included in the 1860 and 1861 shipments, we may reasonably assume that the handstamp does not exist on these values.

As the reader can see, a good deal of the theories advanced in this article are based on assumption or deduction, and any further information on the subject would be greatly appreciated.

A New Checklist of the Airmail Stamps of Canada

By Nelson Bond

The preparation of this checklist revealed some surprising and — to the compiler, at least — inexplicable facts. If the sources of information were accurate, it is to be noted that 8,000,000 of the first issue stamps were issued. This stamp currently has a net retail value of 10c mint, 7c used. Yet of the second issue, it is reported that only 401,000 were issued...approximately 1/20th the total of the first issue. On a basis of comparative rarity, the current net retail value of this stamp should, therefore, be \$2 mint, \$1.40 used. We find, however, that its customary net retail price is 30c, either mint or used!

There is obviously something amiss here! Two answers present themselves. Either C2 is grossly undervalued...A true "sleeper"...or C1 has "over-saturated the market"; i.e., there are more copies available than collectors need. If this be the case, C1 is overvalued. Your compiler suspects the latter to be the case. However, in the preparation of these lists it is not my concern to attempt a correction or revision of current net values. Whatever my personal opinions, I conceive it my task merely to set forth the facts. Nelson Bond.

FIRST ISSUE: Sept 21, 1928.

Engraved by the Canadian Bank Note Co., Ottawa. Recess printed on flat bed machines from Plate Nos. 1 and 2, in sheets of 200 cut into issue sheets of 50. Perf. 12. 8,000,000 issued. (10,000,000 printed; 2,000,000 subsequently overprinted to make C3.)

C1 5c clay brown

C1.1 dot to L of A in AIR (9UR2)

C1a imperf pair

C1a.1 Same, plate variety

C1b imperf horiz. pair

C1b.1 same, plate variety

C1c imperf vert. pair

C1c.1 same, plate variety

SECOND ISSUE: Dec. 4, 1930

Engraved by the British American Bank Note Co., Ottawa. Recess printed on flat bed machines from Plate No. 1, in sheets of 200 cut into issue sheets of 50. Perf. 11. 401,000 issued.

C2 5c brown

THIRD ISSUE: Feb. 22, 1932.

New value and cancellation bars surcharged on C1 in jet black. 2,000,000 issued. Both Plates used.

C3 6c on 5c clay brown

C3.1 dot to L of A in AIR (9UR2)

C3a inverted surcharge

C3a.1 same, plate variety

C3b double surcharge

C3b.1 same, plate variety

C3c triple surcharge

C3c.1 same, plate variety

C3d pair, one unsurcharged

C3d.1 same, plate variety

C3e diagonal surcharge

C3e.1 same, plate variety

C3f ink penetrates stamp

C3f.1 same, plate variety

Note: Of variety C3f, it is said that but one sheet of these was found. The variety is most unusual, showing the complete surcharge jet-black (but re-

versed, of course) on the gum side. This is not an offset. The ink penetrates the stamp.

FOURTH ISSUE: July 12, 1932.

New Value, two line inscription reading "OTTAWA CONFERENCE-1932," and cancellation bars surcharged on C2 in blue. 500,000 issued Plate No. 1.

C4 6c on 5c brown

FIFTH ISSUE: June 1, 1935

Engraved by the Canadian Bank Note Co., Ottawa. Recess printed on flat bed machines from plate or plates unknown, in sheets of 200, cut into issue sheets of 50. Perf. 12. Number issued unknown.

C5 6c red brown

C5.1 diag line parallels leg (14LR1)

C5.2 flaw in UR "AIR" panel (10LL1)

C5a pale red brown

C5a.1 same, plate variety 1

C5a.2 same, plate variety 2.

C5b red brown, imperf vert pair

C5b.1 same, plate variety 1.

C5b.2 same, plate variety 2.

Note: Holmes' Handbook notes existence of a "pair, imperf between horiz." This is believed to be erroneous, as Holmes does not list C5b, above.

SIXTH ISSUE: June 15, 1938.

Engraved by the Canadian Bank Note Co., Ottawa. Recess printed on flat bed machines from a plate or plates unknown, in sheets of 200, cut into issue sheets of 50. Perf. 12. Number issued unknown.

C6 6c blue

C6.1 colored dot in right 6 (35UL1)

C6a blue, imperf pair

C6a.1 same, plate variety

SEVENTH ISSUE: dates as given.

Engraved by the Canadian Bank

Note Co., Ottawa. Recess printed on flat bed machines from a plate or plates unknown in sheets of 200, cut into issue sheets of 50. Perf 12. Number issued unknown.

C7 6c blue (July 1, 1942)

C8 7c blue (April 10, 1943)

SPECIAL DELIVERY AIRMAILS

FIRST ISSUE: dates as given

Engraved by the Canadian Bank Note Co., Ottawa. Recess printed on flat bed machines from a plate or plates unknown, in sheets of 200, cut into issue sheets of 50. Perf. 12. Number issued unknown.

CE1 16c ultramarine (July 1, 1942)

CE2 17c ultramarine (April 10, 1943)

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1939-1943

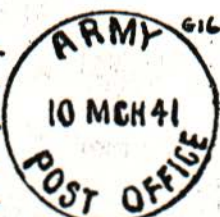
SHEET 1

CHART 4

G2



ARMY
POST OFFICE
A No 6
7 JNE 42



G11

Canadian Military Postmarks

By Ian C. Morgan

British (Royal Engineers, Postal Section) Army Postal Markings used by Canadian Overseas Forces, 1939-1944.

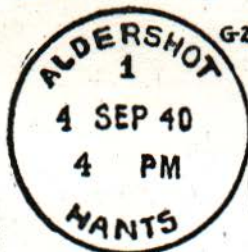
- G-1 As illustrated. There are several numbers in use.
 (a) "No. 6" instead of "6" at foot.
- G-2 Machine cancellation. Only No. 5 seen to date.
- G-3 The main differences are: (3) Smaller lettering, as illustration.
 to (4) Large lettering and tall figures. (5) Wide spacing between words
- G-8 'FIELD POST OFFICE.' (6) Close, even spacing between the words
 'FIELD POST OFFICE.' (7) 'FIELDPOST' almost as one word. (8) Outer
 ring either worn off or filed off. Two types of the figure "4" can be
 found, No. 2 is the lowest number seen and No. 885 is the highest number
 seen.
- G-9 A machine cancellation. Only No. 676 seen to date.
- G-10 There are two or three distinct sub types of this marking which is used
 as a Parcel Post cancellation and sometimes as a backstamp. It is usual-
 ly in Purple, Black not being so common.

**RECEIVED FROM
H. M. SHIPS**

G24



G21



G23



G27

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G25



G29



G26

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G30



G28

**MARITIME
MAIL**



G31

- G-11 These are machine cancellations which are found on mail from Malta to and other points where security regulations have been very strictly applied. I believe that they are applied in London where the normal OFFICIAL paid cancellations are commonly used for the same purpose.
- G-14 These are used by the Home Depot of the British Army Postal Services to in England. They are sometimes found on Canadian mail as transit marks.
- G-19 marks.
- G-20 Found on a letter from a member of the RCAF attached to the RAF.
- G-21 These were used at camps in England during the first year that the Canadians were there, before the use of the F.P.O. G-23 is a rubber handstamp; G-21 is a machine cancellation.
- G-24 These are markings frequently found on mail posted on board transports to and are commonly used by the Navy.
- G-29
- G-30 These are used by Canadians serving with the F.A.F. either as squadrons or attached personnel.
- G-31

Canada's First Airwoman Mail Carrier

by Reg. Barraclough

Extract from "The Calgary Daily Herald" of July 8th, 1918.

"The first mail to be carried by aerial route in Alberta will leave Calgary to-morrow morning for Edmonton, when Miss Katherine Stinson will make the attempt to fly between the two cities.

Miss Stinson will carry a limited amount of mail and those who wish to send mail by aerial route may do so by handing it in at the inquiry wicket at the Post Office, and having it marked "To be transported by aerial service".

Miss Stinson has received a permit from the Officer Commanding Military District No. 13 to fly in and about the province until July 31st, and instructions have been received by Postmaster King from the Postmaster General to supply her with a proper mail-bag and authorizing her to carry as much mail as she wishes from Calgary to Edmonton."

Extract from "The Calgary Daily Herald" of July 9th, 1918.

"Eager letter-writers presented themselves at Miss Stinson's automobile this morning when Postmaster G. C. King opened the mail-bag to accept letters for delivery in Edmonton. All of the letters placed in the mail-bag were stamped 'Aeroplane Mail Service, July 9th, 1918, Calgary, Alta.'"

Carrying more than 250 letters in one of His Majesty's mailbags and favoured by a lively breeze from the southeast, Miss Stinson, the youthful aviatrix, opened the aeroplane mail service between Calgary and Edmonton at 1.03 P.M. to-day.

Hundreds of people gathered to watch the take-off. After making a graceful skim along the open prairie, the aeroplane rose gradually from the ground. Miss Stinson circled around to the north and headed for Edmonton. The crowd remained at the starting grounds until the hum of the engine ceased and the dark object gradually disappeared in the misty air.

Meeting with engine trouble almost immediately after starting from Calgary, Miss Stinson was forced to descend at Beddington. Mechanics were rushed there in motor cars and it was hoped the trouble could be corrected so as not to prevent the flight being resumed in time to arrive as planned in Edmonton, in connection with the opening of the Exhibition to-night.

At 3:00 P.M. no further word had been heard of the plane or its intrepid passenger."

Extract from "The Calgary Daily Herald" of July 9th, 1918. (Society Column).

"Miss Katherine Stinson, who is flying to Edmonton to-day has the honor of opening the first aerial mail service in Western Canada.

The young aviatrix prides herself in the distinction of being the first 'female mail' carrier in this part of the country. Most of the letters accepted by Miss Stinson for delivery in Edmonton were not enclosed in envelopes,

but were sheets of paper which were fastened together with stickers supplied by officials of the Calgary Fair Board. Postmaster King affixed stamps before the letters were deposited in the mail bag.

Messages were mailed to the Fair Board Officials at Edmonton, also to Lieut. Gov. Brett, Hon. Duncan Marshall, H. S. Arkell, W. J. Stark, J. Alex Sloane, H. A. Craig, James D. McGregor, Hiss Worship, Mayor H.M.E. Evans, Hon. George P. Smith, Hon. C. W. Cross, Hon. C. R. Mitchell, Hon. J. R. Boyle, Hon. A. J. McLean, Hon. Wilfred Gariepy, Alex Galbraith, W. F. Stevens, E. R. Salter, Henry Meyerhoff, Mrs. Brett, Mrs. Duncan Smith, Mrs. Nellie McLung, Richard Oke, John Sloane, Gordon Stark, W. R. West, J. A. Brockbank, Mrs. E. L. Richardson, V. R. Leighton, Richard Roach, Ike Ruttle, Archie McKillop, Miss Cora Hind, Archie McMillan, M. D. Geddes, Alex Steward and several others."

Extract from "The Calgary Daily Herald" of July 9th, 1918.

"Miss Stinson started out at noon to-day with the same engine in her aeroplane as carried her from Chicago to New York and from San Diego to San Francisco. Before donning her heavy rubber coat and flying helmet, Miss Stinson made a thorough inspection of her plane, testing all the various wires and repeatedly turning over the engine. Finally the engine started with a roar and with the mechanics following along holding down the sides of the machine waiting for the engine to gain momentum, the aviatrix guided the plane over the prairie for several hundred yards, before the machine rose gracefully and winged its way northward."

Extract from "The Calgary Daily Herald" of July 10th, 1918.

"Miss Katherine Stinson left Beddington at 6:00 P.M. last evening and flying at an altitude of 6000 feet, over a mile high, she covered the distance to Edmonton in slightly less than 2 hours. Miss Stinson traveled at times, as fast as 120 miles an hour and averaged 95 miles per hour for the trip.

The people living along the Canadian Pacific Railway line between Beddington and Edmonton turned out to watch the flying machine pass, several thousand feet up in the air, and wondered how it must feel to be travelling so high and at such astonishing speed. One minute the aeroplane would appear as a speck on the horizon and in such a few minutes it would have passed overhead and disappeared in the misty air to the north. The roar of the engines, the frailty of the machine itself and the heroism of the young aviatrix as she sped along, left a lasting impression on all who watched.

After leaving Beddington, Miss Stinson had no further trouble and the engine was working perfectly as she circled the Edmonton Fair Grounds, before landing in front of the grandstand. The enthusiasm of the large throng of spectators which crowded the fairgrounds knew no bounds, as Miss Stinson brought her plane to rest, to mark a new epoch in the History of the City of Edmonton,—the beginning of aerial mail service for the Canadian West."

The Post Office Department, according to Mr. H. Beaulieu, Director, Administrative Services, gave permission to Miss Katherine Stinson to carry mail and for the purpose, supplied her with a special mail-bag and arranged for the active co-operation of the Calgary Post Office, under Postmaster King.

This flight was considered by the Post Office Department as rather of the nature of a Trial Flight, undertaken with the object of stimulating public interest, rather than as an Experimental Flight for Aerial Mail Purposes.

The mail carried by Miss Stinson was of an unusual type, as from reports received by the author, being sheets of paper with printed matter relative to the Calgary Exhibition on one side, folded and sealed by a sticker so as to leave the blank side out, for the address. These folded sheets are the covers so greatly in demand, because so few of them have survived. Major Ian Morgan reports 380 covers carried, all stamped and with the regulation cachet in violet.

Aeroplane Mail Service July 9th, 1918 Calgary — Alberta

The Author wishes to express his thanks to Mr. C. H. Francis and "The Calgary Daily Herald" for the information which made this story possible.

Precancel News

Unlisted Varieties

In the January Issue of **Topics**, I noted some unlisted varieties of Canadian Precancels and asked to be advised of any additions. The response was excellent, and I express my thanks to Mr. C. W. Boetter, Mr. F. W. Campbell, Reverend D. H. Woodhouse and the others who so graciously provided me with their listings of the 1942 issues. I have noted with an asterick those of the 1942 issue which I have available, at face, for any member writing for them.

"V"—171bx 1c Green (triple)
 Beamsville—1:153 2c Carmine
 Calgary—1:143b 1c Orange (dble)
 Coburg—2:301 1c Green
 Edmonton—5:301 1c Green **
 Halifax—4:301 1c Green **
 Hamilton—4:106b 1c Yellow (dble)
 132b 2c Green (dble)
 6:302 2c Brown **
 Kingston—3:301 1c Green **
 302 2c Brown **
 313 3c Purple **
 Kitchener—1:86b 2c Carmine (dble)
 2:301 1c Green
 Moncton—1:143b 1c Orange (dble)
 Montreal—7:151c 1c Green (dbl inv)
 Moose Jaw—3:301 1c Green **
 N'gra Falls—2:74a 1c Green (invert)
 5:301 1c Green **
 Oshawa—3:302 2c Brown **
 303 3c Carmine **
 Ottawa—1:86c 2c Carmine (dbl inv)
 3:92c 10c Plum (dbl inv)
 Peterboro—3:302 2c Brown **
 Quebec—3:111b 5c Violet (dble)
 4:191b 1c Green (dble)
 5:302 2c Brown **
 Regina—4:301 1c Green **
 302 2c Brown **
 St. John—4:301 1c Green **
 St. Thomas—1:131b 1c Orange (dble)
 171b 1c Green (dble)
 2:202 2c Brown
 301 1c Green **
 Sackville—1:201 1c Green (X 945)
 Saskatoon—3:301 1c Green **
 302 2c Brown **
 Toronto—5:76c 5c Blue (dbl inv)
 85bx 1c Green (triple)
 12:107a 2c Green (invert)
 Vancouver—1:76c 5c Blue (dbl inv)
 2:131b 1c Orange (dble)
 4:191b 1c Green (dbl)
 5:301 1c Green **
 303 3c Carmine **
 Weston—1:171b 1c Green (dbl)

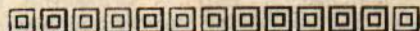
Windsor—3:171b 1c Green (dbl)
 5:301 1c Green **
 Winnipeg—4:122a 10c Lt. Bro (inv)
 6:153 2c Carmine
 171c 1c Green (dbl inv)
 7:301 1c Green **
 302 2c Brown **
 303 3c Carmine **

Unlisted Varieties

C. B. D. Garrett

"B"—180 3c Verm (dbl: 1 vert)
 "L"—18v 3c Verm (vert.)
 "T"—31vx 1c Orange (trip. vert)
 58bx 3c Carmine (triple)
 65vb 2c Car & Lav (dbl vert)
 65b 2c Car & Lav (dbl. not clear)
 "U"—46bx 1c Green (Trip. not clear)
 Moncton—2:109b 3c Carmine (dble)
 Oshawa—3:191b 1c Green (dbl)
 Peterboro—1:89 5c Blue
 St. Thomas—1:121b 8c Blue (dbl)
 Walkerville—1:86b 2c Carmine (dbl)
 Toronto—3:76ui two inv; 1 normal
 8¢ on hairlined stamp
 Vancouver—4:172b 2c Brown (dbl)
 I believe the following also exist:
 Bridgeburg—1:106b 1c Yellow (dbl)
 Lindsay—1:92 10c Plum

On Types L, M, N, O, & P, the dashes of the lines are angled N. E. & S. W. I have found on the 1c Yellow (5). Types K & L, that the dashes angle N. W. & S. E., and also that they are much thicker.

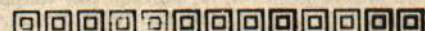


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Editor, BNA Topics,

Dear Sir:

It was suggested that the cover showing the registered use with a 2c and a 1c stamp would make an interesting story for the Topics. I am therefore enclosing the cover together with the story written appertaining thereto.

Michael Miller



(Back of cover is postmarked 'RECD AT DEAD LETTER OFFICE. CANADA. SP 7, 88, in a 1 & 1/8 inch circle. Also 'DEAD LETTER OFFICE. CANADA. SP 18, 1888, in a similar size circle)

Dear Mr. Miller,

Now about your registered cover

You can never be quite sure about the transit of a letter by the Postmarks, but my guess is that this cover was sent out by the Bank containing a notice of a 'past due bill' to either the maker of the note or the endorser. That is what they used to do if no attention was paid to the first which was not registered, and would be mailed a few days before the paper matured.

The Drop Letter rate at that time was only 1c for a sealed letter mailed and delivered at the same P. O. The registered rate was 2c until it was raised to 5c on May 8, 1889.

Now it is clear that the addressee did not call for his mail and the letter should have been returned to the Bank in 3 days, but being registered, the Postmaster apparently held it until September when instead of having one of the Bank officials come and sign for it, sent it to the Dead Letter Office, who in turn sent it to the Bank under one of their Free Register covers. This would account for the Deal Letter cancellation on the back and the fact that no further Woodstock Postmarks appear—they would be on the new manila envelope from the D. L. office.

Your ad in Topics approaches directly those interested in what you have to offer.

The N. Y. group meets regularly the first Tuesday of each month at the Collectors Club, 22 East 35th Street.

B.N.A. AUCTION REPORTS

The prices realized at the second part of the 'Pack' sale were received too late to be printed in the last issue and by this time, you may be familiar with them. However, I shall note some of the outstanding prices and offer the usual suggestion that you write me for any prices you may want. Of particular interest is the price of \$320 paid for the composite Die proof of the 12d Black and 10c Black. A superb used 6d Violet (2) cat \$35 sold for \$63. Superb used copies of the 6d on wove paper (5, 5b) cat \$35 sold at \$70, 61, 55, 54. A superb used 7½d Green (9) cat \$85—\$155. A used blk 4 of the 5c Beaver (15) slight reinforced, realized \$110. Imperf pairs of the small cents went as follows: 1c Yell (33b) cat \$20—\$23; 3c Verm (37b) cat \$24—\$26, 21, 20; 6c Red Brown (39a) cat \$24—\$28; 5c Grey (44a) one thin, cat \$20—\$15; 20c 'Widow' (46a) cat \$20—\$41; 8c Gray (48d) cat \$24—\$28.

Harmer, Rocke & Co.: May 10, 1945. CANADA. A superb unused 50c King Edward (95) cat \$22.50 sold for the new high of \$31.

H. R. Harmer, Inc.: May 9th, 1945. CANADA. An imperf pair of the 8c Blue Gray (48d) cat \$24—\$36. Imperf pairs of the Postage Dues sold as follows: 1c (J1b) 2c (J2b)—5c (J3b) each cat \$20—each realized \$23. Sale May 14th, 1945. Of special interest was the sale of the imperf tete beche booklet panes of 12 of the Victoria and Edward Issues. Each sold at \$195. An imperf tete-beche pane of 12 of the 1c Yellow (105b) sold for \$112. A similar pane of the 2c Yellow Green (107c) brought \$112 and one of the 3c Carmine, pane of 8, 4x2, sold at \$86.

J. Levine.

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AUCTION COMMENTARY

Dan Meyerson

On April 16, 1945, the collector of Newfoundland stamps was treated to quite a show at the offices of the Cosmos Stamp Company. Starting with the Guy Issue most of the imperforate and part perforate pairs and blocks listed in Scott, and many of those still unlisted, were offered for sale.

The gem of the collection was a superb mint block of four, imperf between vertically, with the NFW error, #87c and d, in the 12 x 11 perforation that sold for \$410. This is the first instance of this error in the 12 x 11 perf being sold in the United States at auction in the past five years. Both the Brown and Green collections contained this error in the part perf block, but it was in the 12 x 11 perf.

A mint horizontal pair of the 1c imperf between in the 12 x 11 perf. 87c, sold for \$35 and the same stamp, but this time in a vertical pair imperf. between, #87e, brought exactly the same price.

The Guy set in fine O. G. condition sold for \$27.50, while the engraved set in like condition brought \$29.

Imperf pairs of #114a changed hands at \$18.50 and \$17.50 respectively. The Caribou set brought \$11.50, better than ¾ of catalog.

The 2c on 30c, #127a, with the surcharge inverted sold for \$62.50, while a copy of the 3c on 6c, #160a, also with the surcharge inverted brought \$52.

A vertical pair, O. G., of #163, imperf. between, a variety unlisted by Scott, sold for \$32, and the same stamp in an imperf block of four, also unlisted, sold for \$80.

The 2c, #164a, in a mint imperf. block of four brought exactly \$100.

A superb mint block of four of #183, imperf between horizontally, unlisted in Scott, sold for \$410, and a similar block of the 3c, #187, also unlisted, sold for \$405.

In the Gilberts, mint imperf blocks of four of the 1c, 2c, 4c and 10c, all unlisted in Scott, brought \$260 per block when sold as separate lots.

In the Airmails, a mint copy of the Halifax invert, #C3b, sold for \$240, and a De Pinedo on flown cover sold for \$227.50. A mint Columbia, #C5, in superb condition brought \$310. The DO-X and Balbo stamps brought \$24.50 and \$21.50 respectively.

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