



BNAPS eLetter

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FROM PHIL

The response to the first email was very encouraging. There were many complementary comments, a few suggestions and some offers for future contributions.

As the first eLetter was distributed early in January I neglected to wish all a happy and successful New Year. It's still early in the year and I wish it now.

COIL MEGA-ROLLS

Stamp at top is from a roll of 100 stamps (curls left to right). Stamp at bottom is from a roll of 5,000 stamps (curls top to bottom). More fascination from modern stamps.

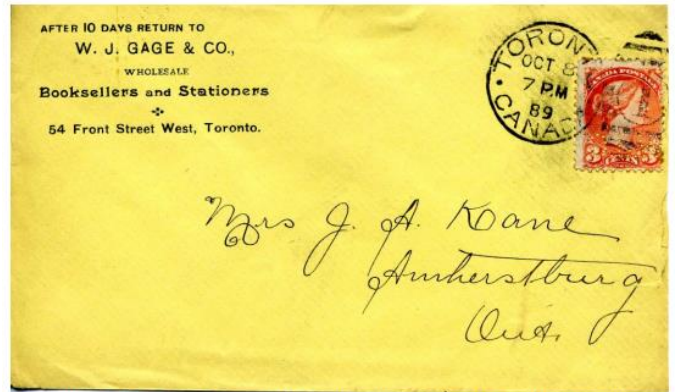


A fuller story is in *Corgi Times* Nov/Dec 2019 p35.

DUES ARE DUE

As of Feb 1 here there are still about 175 members who have yet to pay dues. In past years calls to these members have yielded a number of reasons. One member was subscribing to over a dozen philatelic journals and had to make the cut somewhere. We're sorry *BNATopics* was among the cuts but understand the need for economy. Many simply forgot and were glad we telephoned with a reminder. And, unfortunately, we learned of the deaths of a few members. If you haven't paid yet the easiest way is to pay on the website via Paypal. But however you want to pay – do.

CANADIAN PERFINS



Earliest Reported Canadian Perfin Cover, dated October 8, 1889

<http://www.bnaps.org/PerfinHandbook/PerfinHandbook.htm>

From the above link you can download the complete handbook of Canadian Perfins. The page has updates through October 12 2019, the handbook has all updates through September 1 2015.

FROM THE EXCHANGE CIRCUIT

New items added January 4 2020.

A selection of Newfoundland forgeries is still available. Between *BNATopics* and *Maple Leaves*



there are four articles on Newfoundland forgeries. To find them search SUBJECT for “Fakes and Forgeries” and type Newfoundland in the search anywhere line and under JOURNAL select ALL.

BNAPS ONLINE EXHIBITS

If you are interested in forgeries the ORE section of the BNAPS website has an exhibit by Randall W. Van Someren of forged overprints on the Admiral issue. A link to the exhibit is below:

<http://www.bnaps.org/ore/VanSomeren-AdmiralStamps/VanSomeren-AdmiralStamps-Forgeries.htm>



MEMBER: ROBIN HARRIS

Robin is a life member of the Society and has been a member since 1980

Robin has been a stamp collector for 50 years. His first interest was United States, and, like many collectors, his collection has grown to include other countries and specialties ... including the Great Britain Machins. He developed his Machin website (<https://adminware.ca/machin.htm>) back in 1999 as a means to share information with his father, also a long-time collector. The site has evolved into one of the largest Machin sites. He does not consider himself an 'expert' in this field ... just a *very avid enthusiast* of this fascinating series of stamps.

Robin wears many philatelic 'hats' as editor of the *Unitrade Specialized Catalogue of Canadian Stamps* (since 2005); editor of the *Corgi Times* (bi-monthly newsletter of Elizabethan II Study Group of BNAPS) (since 2001); editor of *The Canadian Philatelist* (from Jan-Feb 2019 issue). He has authored* several books on Canadian definitives, served as website developer for numerous philatelic websites (including the BNAPS website); is a local



and national exhibitor; is a life member of Royal Philatelic Society (and is an RPSC *Fellow*), BNAPS (and recipient of *OTB Lifetime Achievement Award*) and the American Philatelic Society. He was past president and editor of the Winnipeg Philatelic Society and has served as a member of Canada Post's Stamp Advisory Committee.

Robin is married with two university-age children. His company, Adminware Corporation, develops customized database software (using Microsoft Access) and websites (Dreamweaver, PHP, MySQL). He lives in central Canada.

*From an online catalog of books "D. Robin Harris" is listed as the author of 24 books.

REGIONAL GROUP MEETINGS

Calgary – 12 Feb – 7pm. Chateau Renoir Retirement Residence, 9229 16th Street SW, Calgary

Edmonton – 19 Feb - Third Wednesday 7pm - Temple Beth Ora, 12313-105 Ave, Edmonton

AMERICAN AIR MAIL SOCIETY

Those interested in Canadian air mail may be interested in the free online publications available from the AAMS, *Canada Air Mails Rates from 1925 to 2019* and *Newfoundland Post Office Circular Airmail Sections 1937-1949*.

<https://www.americanairmailssociety.org/resources/publications/air-mails-and-rates-of-canada-newfoundland-1st-edition/>

POSTAGE INCREASES FOR BOTH CANADA AND THE U.S.

On Jan 13 postage rates increased in Canada. Here is a link to the new Canadian rates.

<https://www.canadapost.ca/cpc/en/personal/sending/letters-mail/postage-rates-2020.page?fbclid=IwAR1JAcUiSV39Tmq23VJQw87NP1VMnv7Bn7kIq8KsG6doyUw3TRdujeONhJ4>

Postage increases for the U.S. have been approved and were listed as going into effect on Jan 26 but they don't seem to have been implemented as of this mailing. Here is a link to the new U.S. postage rates.

<https://www.pitneybowes.com/us/support/rate-change-home/latest-usps-announcements.html>

SPEAKING OF POSTAL RATES

In the most recent issue of *The PHSC Journal* Bill Longley wrote a short article in which he included a postal rate chart from 1790 which is available on the PHSC website (members only). Also available is a great collection of early post office documents which have a wealth of information. You can join the PHSC, receiving an electronic copy of their journal, for an annual fee of \$15.00 CDN - a bargain.

I did a Google search for a table of distances and found an 1825 Quebec Almanac which had an early table of both distances and rates. Here's the web address:

<https://ia801906.us.archive.org/21/items/quebecalmanackbr1828unse/quebecalmanackbr1828unse.pdf>

To find the Table of Distances within the almanac press Control-F and search for the word – distances.

So I wondered what else was out on the internet that was free and came upon this site.

Timeline of Philatelic Literature, 1830–1875.
<http://www.cse.psu.edu/~deh25/post/Timeline.html#1840-Table> . There is much beyond rate here that you will find useful.

NEW SQUARED CIRCLE HANDBOOK

The BNAPS Squared Circle Study Group has announced the publication the new 6th Edition Handbook, titled “Squared Circle Postmarks of Canada” It builds on the information in the 2001 Edition, adding data from the Study Group’s Roundup Annex newsletter, as well as information gleaned from auction catalogs, internet sites and information submitted by Study Group members. Here is a link to the publication:
<http://www.bnaps.org/ore/SCSG-SquaredCirclePostmarks/SCSG-SquaredCirclePostmarks.htm>

each section of the handbook can be downloaded as a pdf file. This format will allow for updates to be easily incorporated on a periodic basis.

BOB VOGEL ELECTED PRESIDENT PSSC

Bob Vogel (BNAPS member for over 15 years) has been elected President of the Philatelic Specialist

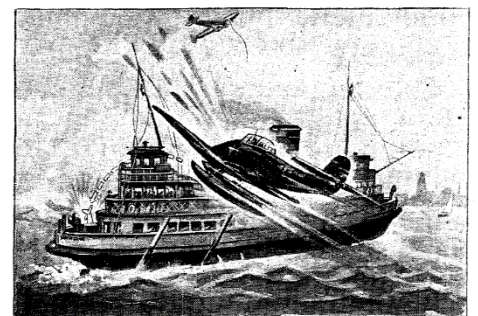
Society of Canada. Here’s a link to the PSSC website: <https://philatelicspecialistsociety.com/> Where many of their monthly presentations are available for viewing. Congratulations Bob.

KATHY HARTLEY LEAVES GREENE.



Kathy had been a researcher/librarian at the Greene Foundation for many years. In December she announced she was leaving to follow other paths. She was not a member of BNAPS but attended a number of conventions and regularly assisted members with their research.

Above is a picture of Kathy (under the red parasol) leading a tour of philatelic Toronto before a Postal History Society Symposium. She offered countless insights into buildings and neighborhoods offering histories and anecdotes on their philatelic importance. She learned of my interest in Toronto and of Little Norway and within a week I had several stories and illustrations from the Toronto Star. Philatelic researchers will miss her talents and her dedication.



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