

BNAPS FANCY CANCEL AND MISCELLANEOUS MARKINGS NEWSLETTER 46

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• Group News

Oh my, I have a file for this newsletter which is 1 inch (2 ½ cm) thick! Thank you for the contributions sent for it... There were about 10 people at the Study Group meeting during the BNAPS convention in Calgary. Our newsletters up to the end of 2003 (#34) are now available online at the BNAPS site.

It is dues time again. I have had to increase them to \$7.00 per year to cover increased costs, the main one of which is postage. If you owe dues there will be an insert with this newsletter. I may have to drop four members for nonpayment of over two years.

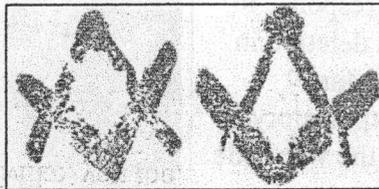
Just an idea - some of the other study groups have auctions, ways to sell surplus material, and/or advertisements. Do we want to "go" any of these routes? I am open to any feedback on this, please respond.

We have five new members ; Mr. J. Burnett, 754 SW 10th Ct., Oak Harbor WA 98277; Dr. D.J. Ecobichan , RR#1, Elgin Ont., K0G 1E0; Ms. A. O'Reilly, P.O. Box 444, Yellowknife NT, X1A 2N3; Mr. M. Street, 73 Hatton Dr., Ancaster Ont., L9G 2H5, and Mr. D. Thompson, 3114 Leduc Cr., Calgary AB, T3E 5W9. About 20 years ago John Burnett snuck up behind me at a BNAPS Convention, put me in a "headlock", and suggested (in no uncertain terms) that I should start a fancy cancel study group. It's about time he joined! Mike, you too.

REVISIONS TO PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS

Newsletter 1, Crown Wax Seals. New entry; Dead Letter Office, Vancouver B.C., Type 2, as seal, Feb. 1937.

Newsletter 7 and 35, pg. 3. "proof strikes" from Masonic corks. The Masonic cancel formerly listed as L1318 has been determined to be a bogus item, however it was not derived from either of the two corks struck in Newsletter 7. L1318 is at the left, the next two are other bogus strikes of L1318, and the proofs from Newsletter 7 are at right.

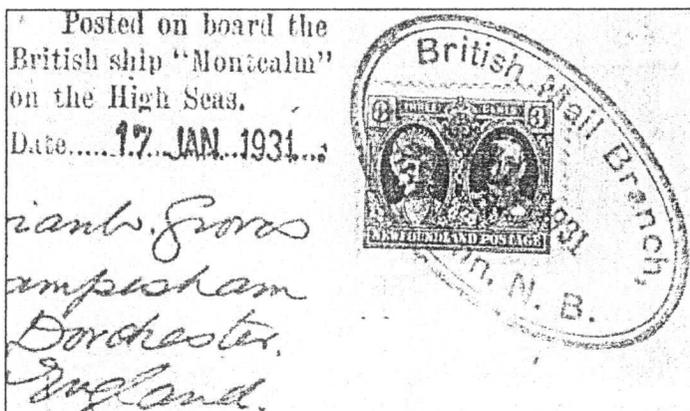


Newsletter 25, "Public Works Branch" marking as cancel. I have finally located my photocopy of the (only?) example of this as a cancel, see the cut above. All other strikes have been non cancel postal (or filing?) markings.

Newsletters 44 and 45. I have been referring to Inkjet cancels in these newsletters, however I was not aware of the BNAPS publication "Canada Inkjet" (Jet Spray) Cancels by Dr. J.H. Weiner Feb. 2006. Oops. It is available through Ian Kimmerly Stamps, 62 Sparks St., Ottawa Ont. K1P 5A8, as are all in print BNAPS publications. www.iankimmerly.com/books/

Newsletters 44 and 45, British Mail Clerks. Mike Street has written in with more information, including the two scarce Barrel Cancels below. This office was still in Montreal until about 1960. Wally Gutzman has sent in a 1931 example as in the cut. Note, the cover was posted on the "High Seas" with a Newfoundland stamp, and went first to St. John N.B., then was redirected back to England by the British Mail Branch. There are no Canadian postal markings, thus one of the uses of the B.M.B. was the redirecting of "stray" mail.

I also might mention that there were British FB, and FS (Foreign- Branch/Service) cancels applied in Britain to various colonial or foreign stamps up to about 1907. These oval examples from Canada date from 1912, so perhaps they are 'descended' from these British offices.



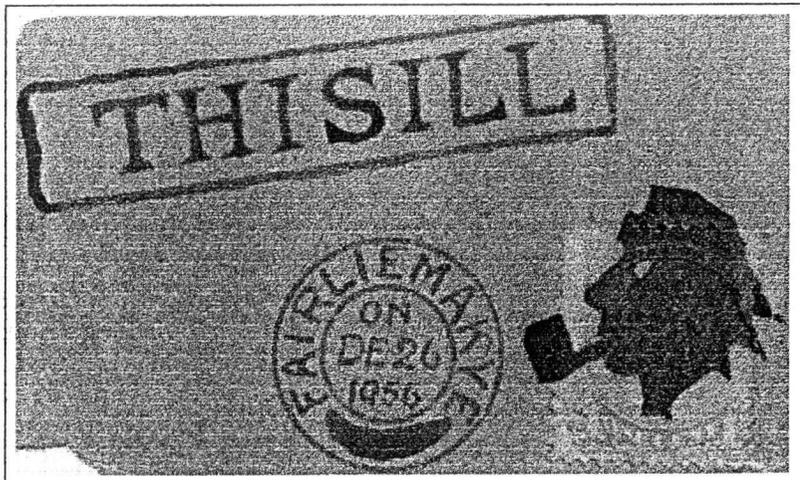
Newsletter 45, AO Mail. Robert Lemire has sent in this definition from the Canada Post web site, *AO Mail. A term meaning "Autres Objets" which is an international term used by the Universal Postal Union to define terms such as Small Packets, which do not meet the normal size limits of items such as letters, postcards, parcels, etc. (AO).*

FANTASY OR JOKE CANCELS

The following items are in a unique class. They were produced (probably) as jokes between stamp collectors, with no real intent to defraud or (seriously) fool. Unfortunately over time, sometimes the "joke" part is lost. I probably should be preparing this as an April 1st newsletter.

1. Thisill (a.k.a. Lacelle D620a). This item arrived recently in response to my listing this item as a deletion in the second edition of our fancy cancel book. It is self explanatory. Pronounce the name of the wee little place out loud.

"...and can tell you of the history of Thissill, the town of origin, or to give it its full title 'Thissillnaedae'. A village in Aberdeenshire it was cursed for all eternity by a fourteenth



century oil prospector who it is said actually named the place, but cursed it after being turned down by the local barmaid - a most unusual occurrence as that was the first time she had ever been known to turn down anybody. Anyway the curse meant that the village would disappear and only reappear once every 60 years - a bit like Brigadoon, but 60 years was the said oil prospector's life span. So it appeared for example in 1836, in 1896 when the postmaster pinched some current Canadian stamps of a prominent Aberdeenshire stamp collector, one Mr. Mackie by name, again in 1956 when these stamps were used, and it is of course due to reappear in 2016. To see it, all one has to do is to travel to the centre of Aberdeenshire, down a bottle of Highland malt in one go, and it will be amazing what will be revealed to you."

2. Indian medicine man mask (a.k.a.. Lacelle 1363). The only example of this I have seen was sold

"with letter re. legend about Indian Medicine man boasting that he could walk towards a mountain and it would move aside. It didn't, and the collision resulted in his nose being pushed to one side."

I suspect this was a prize in some children's scavenger hunt, or similar game.



3. Snowmobile (not listed anywhere). The first one or two person snowmobiles were mass produced in the late 1950's. While some would say this was a wonderful Canadian invention (others would disagree), 1935 is a tad too early. The "cancel" is a strange joke by someone.



4. Atlantic City Bedbug (a.k.a. Lacelle D661). This wee little mite was created at the BNAPS Convention in Atlantic City (196?), and was facetiously presented to "Doc Day" (1/2 of Day and Smythies fame) as a new finding. His comment has been recorded; "Too good to be true. Sigh".



5. Marvelous Modern "M" made in Merlin Ont. (a.k.a. Lacelle D280). This cancel was probably produced as a joke in late 1931. A cover addressed to Fred Jarrett (Author 'Stamps of British North America', 1929) has survived. Fred was the first to write extensively about Canadian cancels and postal markings, his comments about this cover are unknown, but can be imagined. There are unfortunately a few other strikes, one of which is on a three cent Small Queen. The "joke" is less funny when on an out of period stamp from the fancy cancel era. (This is probably coincidental, however "Merlin" was the magician (mentor?) to King Arthur of yor.)



The "B" day Jan 1st "cancel" (a.k.a. Lacelle D142) was apparently another joke on "Fred" done by the members of the Toronto Stamp Club later in Fred's life (born 1889). At the time he was the president of the club



Palmer Fox Brownie (a.k.a. Lacelle 1454). This one may be genuine, I have seen the one strike used for the illustration in our fancy cancel book, and another as a back stamp with Toronto Oct. 1896 CDS. The stamp example looked "good" in that, ink penetration was OK, there were no other cancels, and it was a poor strike. This item was first reported in "Postal Markings" Oct., 1934, (as in the cut), did not appear in Jarrett (1929), and was panned (as bogus) by Boggs in 1945.



Boggs used the same illustration (cleaned up a bit) as in Postal Markings. Boggs also declared the "Nicaraguan Shield" cancel L1453 bogus, yet a postally used cover does exist, as illustrated in Newsletter 45. For the record, Palmer Cox was a soap company which sponsored the "Brownies" newspaper cartoon strip in the 1890's. There were about 40 different "Brownies", children could buy various Brownie items such as rubber stamps, pictures, etc. They were the "Mickey Mouse" characters of their day. The character on L1453 (a policeman) is called "Officer Moveon".

CORRESPONDENCE AND QUERIES

Mr. Alex Hadden has asked if anyone has any "Canadian Scout or Guide" cancels, including slogan cancels (the Brotherhood and Fraternite series included), and hand cancels for Jamborees, camps and other events." I know nothing about these, can anyone else help? His address is 19-7651 Francis Road, Richmond, B.C. V6Y 1A3.



There is a typo in both the first, and second edition of the Fancy Cancel Book. L1347, text should say "...found on S.Q.'s from the early 90's.". (NOT '70's).

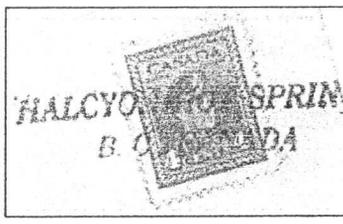
There have been a few comments in "Confederation", (the newsletter of the BNAPS Large and Small Queens S.G.), as well as in our last newsletter regarding out of period use of 2 or 4 ring numeral cancels. The information below is from our previous newsletters.

News 28, 2R2, and 2R9 "morphing" into fancy cancels in their late use as in; L38, and L108. There is also information on 2R mimics such as L69, or L135. See the cuts at the end of this paragraph.

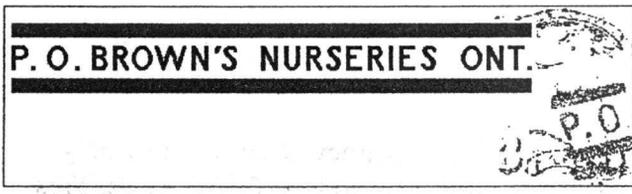
News 29, Late use (or reuse) of 2 rings #'s 14, 19, 30. 38. 40. 43, 45, 49, 50 and 59.

News 31, late use of 4R's, also information on 4R627, 022, 516, and 807. I note this confirms Wayne Smith's research in BNA Topics Apr.- June 2007 regarding 2R627 used by the Ottawa and Prescott RPO. He has recorded 14 covers, our research only included 6!

News 32, 4R027, or 024 reported.

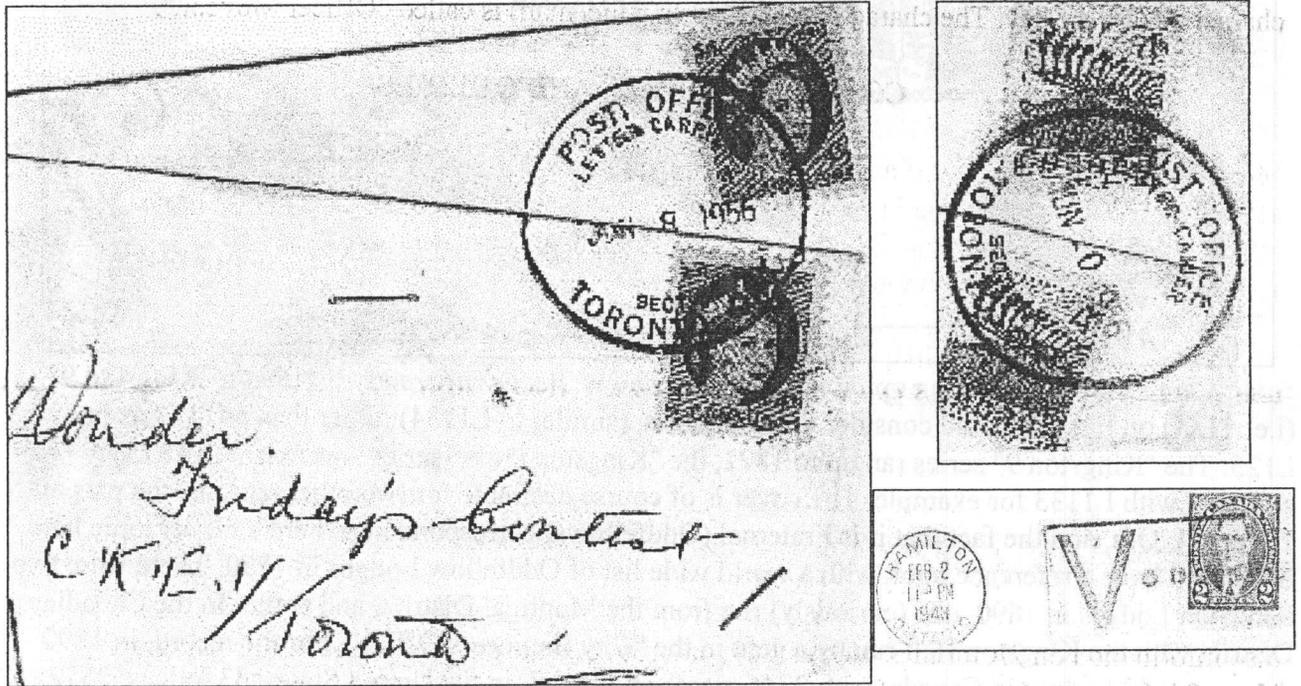


The item at right above is on cover (see Topics Jan.- Mar. 2007) Sept. 25 1949, with Halcyon Hot Springs B.C. CDS, and cancelled with what is apparently the Hotels' return address stamp. This mix of P.O. and private business is somewhat similar to L723 below.



Don Fraser has sent in the item at right. I have to conclude that this is the item D&S described as D&S 160, and is correctly used from Fort Garry Man., Mar. 1875. It probably should have been a new entry in the fancy cancel book as L1051. (Ooops).

David Oldfield has sent in an interesting item, a modern Letter Carrier Cancel. Note how the covers are overlapped so that both can both be cancelled at once. All are addressed to "Wonder, Mondays (or Fridays) Contest, CKEY, Toronto", (Wonder Bread Co.?) and all are 4 cent drop rate. The best guess is that these were dropped at a sub station near CKEY radio station and had to be cancelled in a hurry by a cooperative letter carrier due to contest deadlines. Any comments on these?

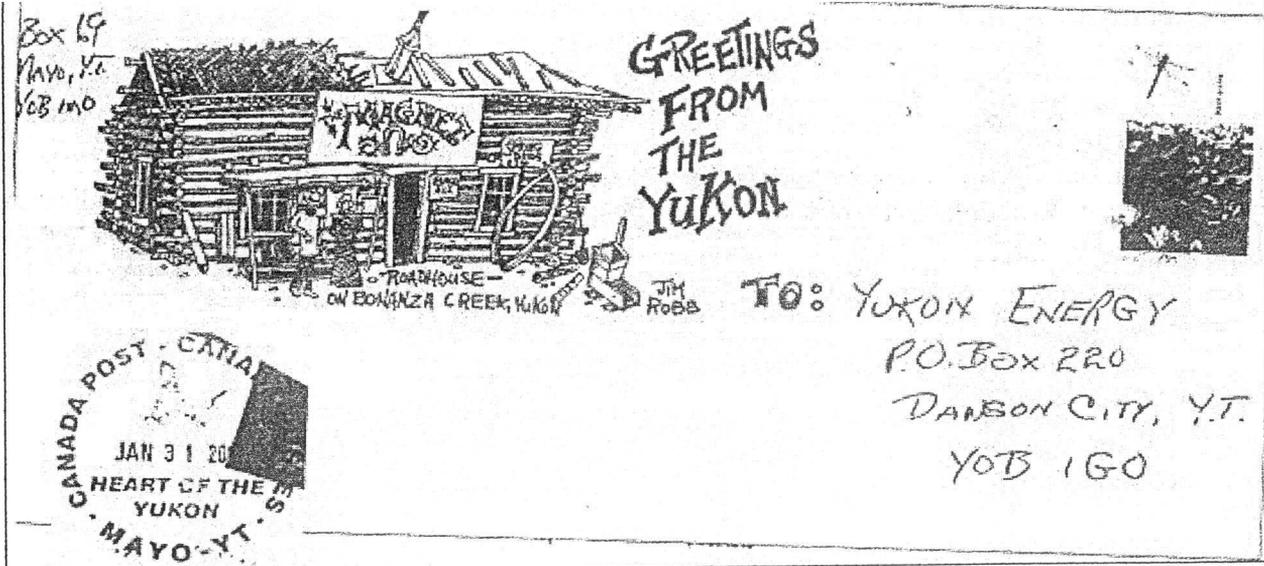


One of our members ("M") possibly Dean Mario, has sent in this example of the "V...-" WWII slogan cancel L864. This is the earliest recorded date for the Hamilton Ont. damaged die two, Feb. 2, 1943.

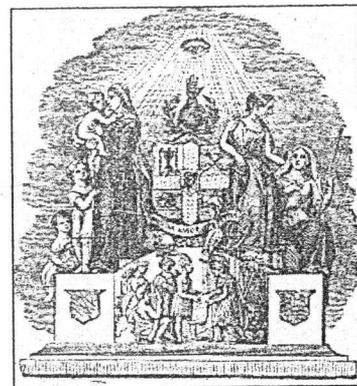
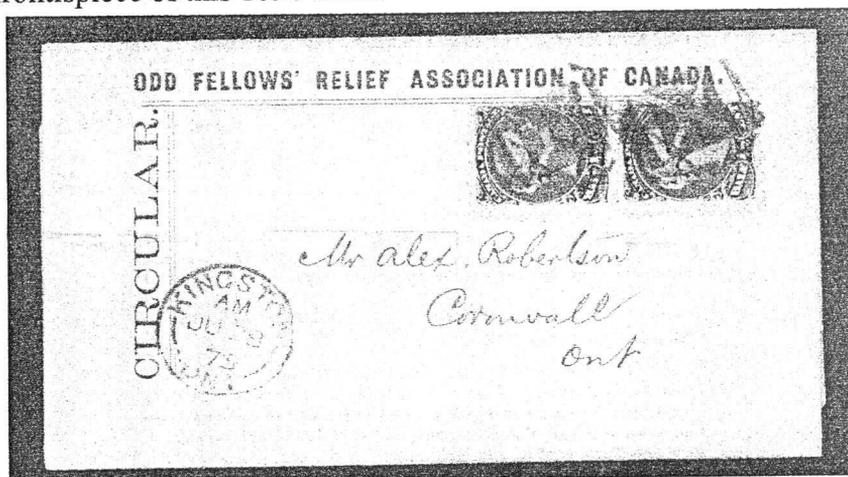
Ron Smith sent in the items below. His first item is L1399, this confirms Jarrett's (J1404) reported use at Kleinburg Ont., however in 1885, not 1883. Ron's second item is a British 210 duplex on a Canadian cover. When foreign envelopes in this era (in G.B.) were redirected, they reentered the mails, and were then re-cancelled. These secondary cancels sometimes hit the foreign stamps, thus UK on Canada. Ron's next three items (crowns) are L1277 (?a very heavy strike?), 1278, and 1279. He also includes this "half moon", which I have seen before, however this is (as far as I know) the only example.



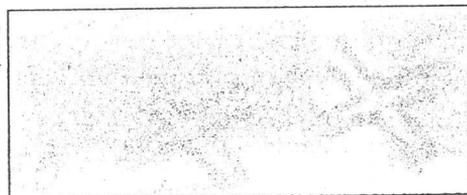
I have received #64 of the BULLMOOSE, the newsletter of PHSC Money Order Office Study Establishment, which documents many "modern" types of postmarks and Post Office I.D.'s. This issue features several modern fancy cancels from the "Great White North" - at least white at this time of year. Examples from Dawson City, Faro, Teslin, and a neat little cover from Mayo YT (see next page) which is from their front page. Contact (Head Moose?) for this group is Doug Murray, Box 693, Charlottetown PE, C1A 7L3. I encourage cross-communication, if any other newsletter editor ever wants to use something from our newsletters, please do. Doug is good with that.



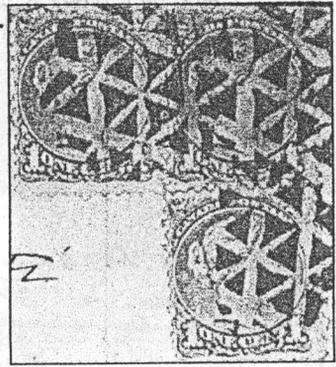
Brian Hargreaves asked for an opinion of the item below. It was apparently listed as a "Kingston 9" (i.e.. "IX") on Ebay. I would consider this as a cross, (similar to L1134) rather than an "IX" as in L125. The "Kingston 9" series ran up to 1871, the "Kingston cross" series was extant in 1875, compare with L1133 for example. The cover is of course desirable for two other reasons, the pair of 1/2 cent L.Q.'s, and the fact that it is Fraternal (Oddfellows) correspondence. I am a bit off topic here, however I have a reference book with a world wide list of Oddfellow Lodges in 1890. There were two Kingston Lodges in 1890, one (curiously) run from the Montreal District, and t'other in the Canadian District with the Kingston Hall run by a gent in the "City Engineers Office". For the record, in 1890 there were 59 Lodges in Canada, with 2746 members in total, in the United States, 33 lodges, 2572 members. If anyone has any questions about Oddfellows lodges, or covers from around 1890, (i.e. are the sender or recipient in this book?), I may be able to help. Cornwall Ont. did not have a lodge in 1890, so we can not gain any further information on Mr. Robertsin. The cut at right is from the frontispiece of this 1890 book.



Mike Street sent in a cover with L1162 Owen Sound Mar, 1879, however it is somewhat deformed (flattened). Owen Sound used three similar cancels around this time (L1161- L1163, 1876-1880), this example is two months later than L1162 (Apr. 1877- Jan. 1879), it is probably an example of L1162 in "damaged" (late) condition. Did someone step on the cork?

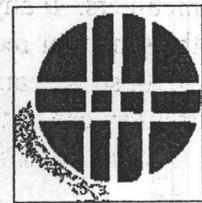
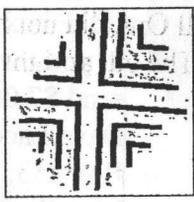


The last five items here were sent in by Ron Leith. His first item is a new "Kingston Cross" with CDS Apr. 1877, it is somewhat similar to L1111. His second is a very interesting cover (apparently a legal packet) with nine 3 cent S.Q.'s all cancelled with this "sorta" L or 7 from Kingston Ont., Apr. 1876. The third item is somewhat similar to L1606, with St. Prosper Que. CDS Sept. 1884, unfortunately I have only a photocopy, and cannot compare the CDS, and cancel inks. His fourth item now locates L1099, Port Cockburn Ont., Oct. 1876. The fifth item is L1008, with CDS May 1876, and indicates that the book entry for L1007 "and Dundas Ont." is accidentally transposed.



Ron's material consisted of about 30 pages, 3 covers per page, it is difficult to summarize so much here. PLEASE KEEP THIS MATERIAL COMING GENTS. I have used stock illustrations for the items below due to the large number of items.

Other information in Ron's 30 pages are: New early dates: L1075 Summerside PEI, May 1883; L1172, Elora Ont., Dec. 1874; L1494 Lakefield Ont., July 1887. New late dates: L983, Stewart Bay Ont., Feb. 1892; L1075, Summerside PEI, Aug. 1883; L1107, Perth Ont., Aug. 1878; L1403, Garden Hill Ont., Nov. 1881; L1483, Mill Brook C.W., Dec. 1871; L1515, Bracebridge Ont., Nov. 1876; L1515 (again) Lindsay Ont., Apr. 1876; L1603, Stayner Ont., Apr. 1876; and L1605, Elora Ont. Sept. 1881.



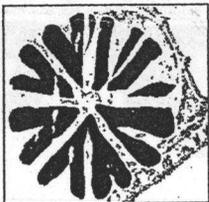
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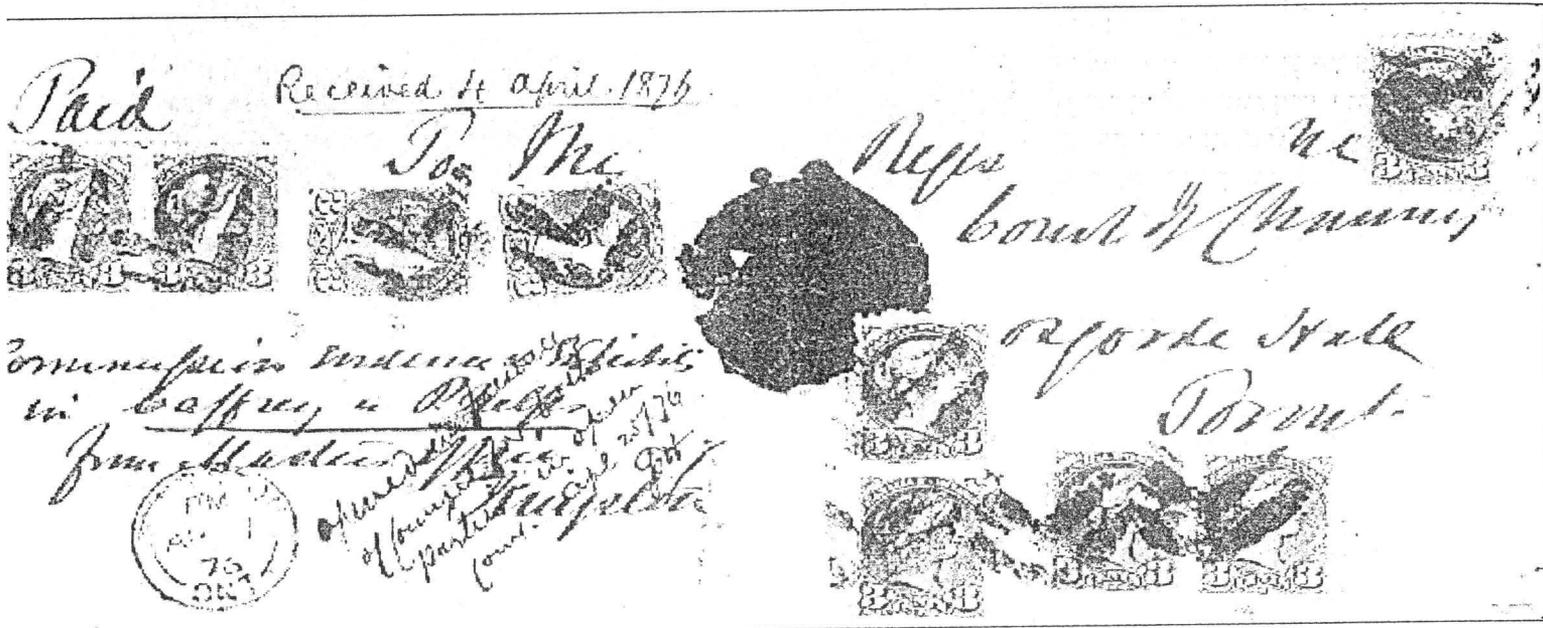
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It is unfortunate that the Longley Auctions Catalogue Sale #15 arrived a bit too late (Ar. Dec. 3) to be mentioned before I print this. This will be printed Dec. 7, the sale is Dec. 8. It has a very impressive collection of "official post office inspector and otherwise examined mail" with many unusual markings which would be of interest to our Miscellaneous Markings members. I hope you have received the catalogue. I do not know how long Bill Longley keeps the site up, but for research purposes it is www.longleyauctions.com.

I have a bit of extra space, so shall include a full scan of that neat (and very "busy") legal cover referred to on the previous page sent in by Ron Leith. Ron has two sales a year, next one should be February March '08. E-mail; ronleith@uniserve.com viewing at www.StampAuctionNetwork.com



Now that I have your attention, and you are thinking of money... If the box below has a tick in it, you owe dues. If so, please send \$7.00 to: Dave.Lacelle, Box 233, Merville BC, V0R 2M0 Thanks. (Ps they are 'groats', silver four pennies, from somewhat before our collecting period. Note (or so I'm told) Billy The Conqueror at bottom left. If things could talk...)

Still a bit of space left over. I am thinking of selling my "Foreign Cancels on Canada" collection. This is undoubtedly the most extensive collection of this category. If anyone is interested, give me a dingle at fancycancel@hotmail.com.

May I wish a Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year to all of you. Thank you for your contributions to the newsletter, and,
Good Collecting,
Dave.Lacelle