

# BNAPS FANCY CANCEL AND MISCELLANEOUS MARKINGS STUDY GROUP NEWSLETTER 49

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## • Group news

May I take this opportunity to wish all of you a Merry Christmas, and the best in the New Year. Now the bad news, it is dues time, there will be a dues notice included with the newsletter if applicable. Dues are \$7.00 per year, for which you receive three newsletters. I try to break even each year, each newsletter costs about \$125. The total raised last year (incl. a few donations) was \$438. Thank you.

We have four new members, and one "returned to the group". New members are: Mr. M. Barber, 301- 10 King St. East. Toronto ON, M5C 1C3; Mr. A. F. Janson, 343 Rankin Drive, Burlington ON, L7N 2B2; Mr. R. Poore, 2210 Del Ray Ct., Arlington, TX, 76013; and Mr. J. Wiseman, P.O. Box 216, Perce QC. G0C 2L0. Welcome aboard gents.

We had a nice meeting at the Halifax BNAPS Convention, about 15 members were present. It was nice to be able to put some faces to the names. Oh yes, much ado about my use of "Saint John's" N. B. in Newsletter 48... should be "Saint John" NB. If this was the biggest error in the Newsletter, I should be happy. I hope to be at the Kingston, Ont. convention, but it is a bit early to say right now.

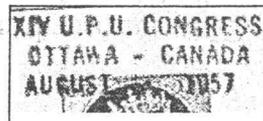
I am writing this from my rather isolated Vancouver Island cabin (Port Alice, then about 18 KM East). Generator hums in background, pot of ravioli bubbles on the wood stove. Last night the genny was not operational, I was actually preparing my notes by light from an old (100 years?) coal oil lamp with the laptop on battery power. Given our collecting era, the juxtaposition of old/new technology seems strangely apt!

## REVISIONS TO PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS

Newsletter 35, the fake Masonic cancel (L1318, D5946). One of our members has sent in what appears to be another example. This one is a bit different, as it is not mailed to the same company in Hamilton Ont., and, the CDS and cancel inks seem to match. Similarity of use (1880, also Canada Post Card) and very similar design make me believe it is another example of this fake. For the record, it is from Garden Island, Ont., July 1880 to Sorel(?) Quebec.



Newsletter 46, the odd double cancel on a 1956 CKEY (Toronto Radio Station ) pair of covers to a contest. PHSC Journal Mar. 2008 had another CKEY contest item, postal stationary cancelled as illustrated (XIV U.P.U. CONGRESS etc.) with a CDS three months later! Does anyone have an appropriately dated use of this cancel, or is it just a philatelic marking?

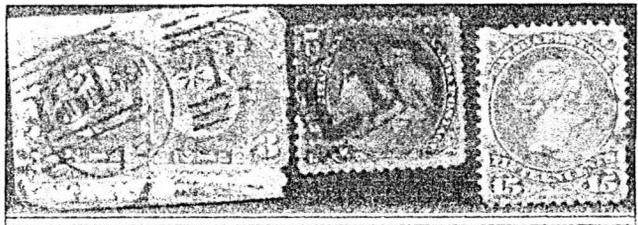
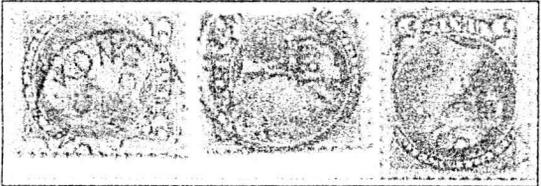


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Newsletter 46, Foreign Cancels on Canada. (See also the insert with this newsletter). Three items have been sent in. Firstly, the USA "Kicking Mule" cancel on Canada. I have recently discovered a photo of the other example of this. There are two known strikes on Canada (on 1, and 3 cent S.Q.'s), and one example as backstamp. Does anyone know of any further Canadian uses?



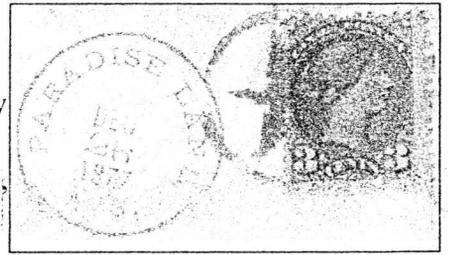
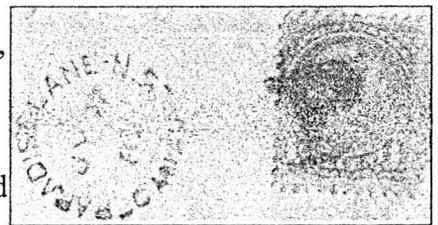
Secondly, Garfield Portch has sent in this interesting "NANG" 95 CDS. It is not a usual Canadian design. PENANG is a possibility, Penang Island, and State became a British Possession in 1786, and independent in 1957 as part of Malaysia. Some other examples from my collection, of overseas "treaty" or other Asia ports such as Hong Kong, Yokohama, and Fiji, are in the cut at left below..



Thirdly, Wayne Smith mentioned that he had about 17 foreign numeral cancels on Large Queens, most of which were British, and most have only the British cancel. Some were from rather small towns. These are either "favour covers", probably mailed on ship, or not cancelled by the British P.O. as they are foreign. (There are also examples of UK forwarding postage added beside Canada stamps, and both cancelled in UK. However, there is usually a Canada cancel also in these cases.) The cut at right above has a rather extreme example of a forwarding charge, the UK stamps are put on top of the Canadian. Two examples of foreign on L.Q.'s from my collection are also in the cut. The "L1" (with weak other cancel) is another forwarding example, it stands for "U.K. L(ate) 1 (pence fine) for transit to Continent", and Wells Fargo to San Francisco. It seems odd my collection has only two L.Q. foreign cancels, yet has seven from the earlier Cents issues.

### CORRESPONDENCE AND QUERIES

Guy Vadeboncoeur has sent in three items, all from the thriving megatropolis of Paradise Lane N.S. The first is L707, a "town initial" type, used Apr. to Nov. 1885. The ink is blue/black, which results from using both ink pads in succession. The second item is L 983, in blue ink. This star cancel was produced by Pritchard and Andrews in Ottawa, and used by at least seven different P.O.'s . The Paradise Lane strikes were three years earlier than the P&A, proofs however. Guys example clears up this confusion, his item is very similar to L983 in design, and does precede it. Our fancy cancel book will need a revision. His third item is a new fancy (it will probably not illustrate well as it is blue on blue), similar to L1549, and should be listed as a new fancy from Paradise Lane N.S., Dec. 1877. Note also, the last two items use a U.S.A. style CDS with blue ink, which was replaced with a more typical CDS after 1879. The same PM (Mr. H. W. Langley) was in place during the use of all three of these.



Brian Hargreaves has sent in two items, firstly a strike of L385. Day and Smythies had this listed as both a "9", and an "E". I examined the one in the Smythies collection, it looked more like an "E" to me. The examples reported as "9's" looked more worn,

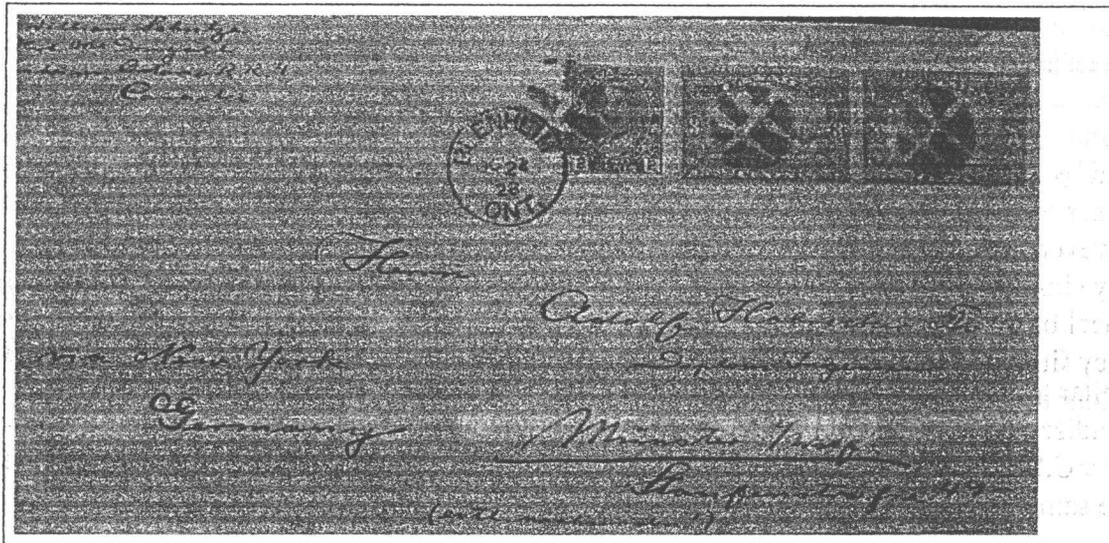


There is also a possibility that the example shown is a fake based on the D&S "9" illustration, however for various reasons I doubt this. The PO of this cancel is still unknown. Brian's second item is L786, a very heavy strike. The PO for this is also unknown.

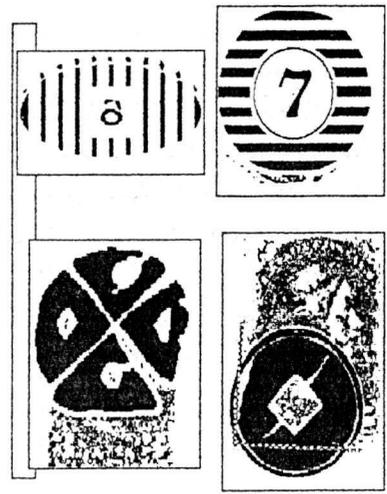
And now for something completely different. A friend of mine in Ottawa, Chris Andrews, renewed his subscription to a British magazine by sending payment in Canadian dollars to an address in Florida - as requested - and received this acknowledgement back in a Royal Mail printed envelope with a German "Prioritaire" label affixed on top of the "Royal Mail", and all inkjet cancelled in Montreal. The Royal Mail symbol is just visible as a blur under the German label. One did not have to live 100 years ago to find strange mail routings!



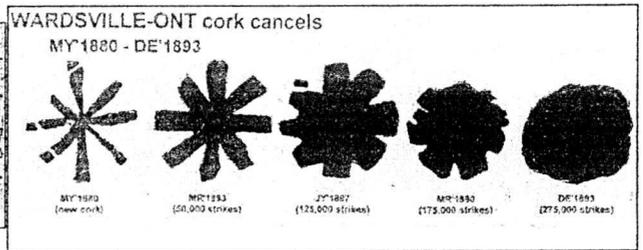
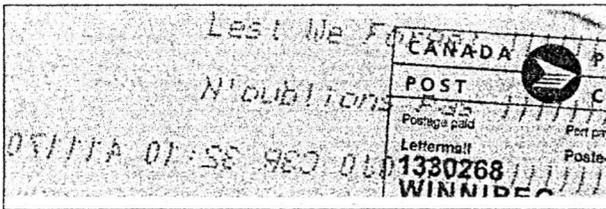
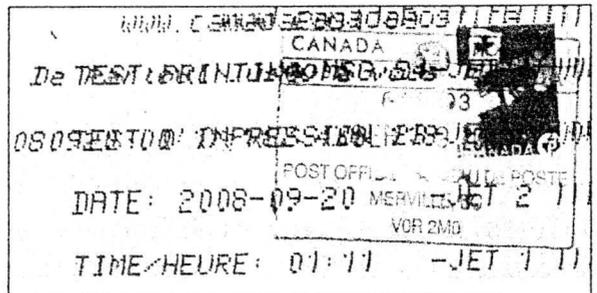
Mike Street has sent in several items, firstly this late use of a cork from Blenheim Ont., Oct. 1928. Blenheim used several other late corks, an "11" (L151), "B" (L267), cross (L1170), and a Masonic cancel (L1320). Some of the uses are philatelic, and I had suspected the P.M. (Mr. W. J. Baird) was probably influenced by Fred Jarretts book 'Stamps of British North America' published in 1929 with 50 pages of fancy cancel illustrations. All the other Blenheim cancels are from 1931 or 1932. This one is from 1928, a year before Fred published. Is there something I am missing here? I invite comments on this cover. Mike also sent along this unusual Dawson Yukon Oval cancel. Kevin O'Reilly has reported that this was proofed on Jan. 25 1934, and it was in use to 1954.



Derek Smith has sent in a batch of Saint John N.B. material, some of which I shall run in the next newsletter. His first item was our D39, which I had thought was a nail head in the middle of a grid cancel. It has been variously described as a "6, 8, 9, 0, or B", and was used in Saint John N.B. May to Sept. 1868, and with the grid reduced Feb. 1872. This hammer was in use at the same time as the scarifying cancel L1596 (May to Nov. 1868), which leads me to believe that it may also have been a scarifying device. The "nail head" was thus designed to cut the paper, provide ink penetration, and prevent reuse of the stamp. Derek also sent in examples of L86, both of which confirmed use within the time range (July 1874 to May 1876) reported in our book. For some reason Jarrett reported this as 1860, and D&S reported it as 1881. Dereks' third item, L1114 is a new late date, May 1875. He has also sent in what appears to be L1564 in worn state. This cancel is thus now located, Saint John N.B. Jan. 1876, it was previously known only from a partial CDS Nov. 1875.



David Dawes has sent in two more interesting inkjet items. The first one is an cover from me, firstly cancelled (by hand) with the Merville Box cancel, then a Victoria inkjet, and finally a Winnipeg "Test" inkjet. I talked to our Merville P.M. about this, she was unhappy that it had received any other cancel. I told her that it was now a "philatelic item" and that seemed to make her feel better. The second item is very strange, the third line is in mirror image! This is not some sort of ink transfer from another cover, David has two examples.



Ron Leith has sent in some interesting material. The cut above right (not to scale) shows the wear in the Wardsville Ont. cork L1505 which he has traced to over 13 years of use (275,000 strikes) I did my own guesstimate, 1881 Census shows 108 families x 300 P.O. days (closed Sun.) x one mailing from each family/day X 13 years X one strike per envelope would be 390,000 strikes. This is undoubtedly high, however if each family (average was 5.2 people/family) only mailed every second day, then 195,000 strikes is possible. Given; population increase, rural or other population using the P.O., increasing literacy, and ignoring new technology (that new "Alexander Graham Bell" thing for example), Rons estimate of 250,000 strikes is feasible.

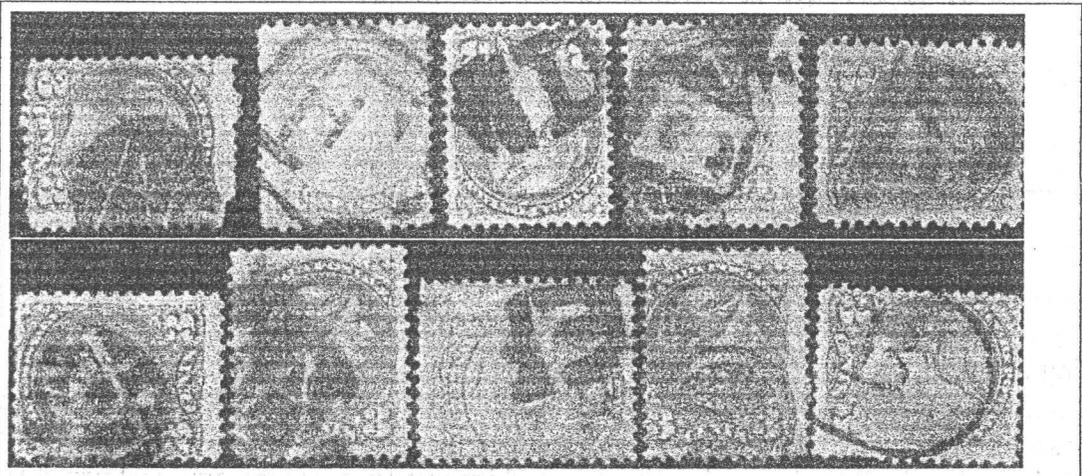
Ron also sent in the other items on the next page. These include an example of L88, a "7", used at Mountain Grove Ont., Oct. 1886, this is a new early date. Ron identifies it as a "T", the P.M.

was Mr. A. Mc Donald, so it would not be an initial. There no reason for it to be a "7" either. Ron's example will not illustrate well, so I have used my stock illustration. His second item may be an example of a (Montreal) Notre Dame West (unofficial) duplex, Jan. 22, 1896. There were several other cancels from N.D.W. (i.e.. L1241, L1462, L1470) which at first appear to be duplex cancels due to the clerks' precise and close placement of the hammers. Rons' third item is my D561. I had thought that the small outer "pieces" had resulted from a smeared or double strike. Rons' example is the same, so this cancel is more elaborate than I thought it was. It should probably be listed as a fancy "flower" type! It was used at Chatham NB. , Feb. 1886). Rons' last item is a more miscellaneous marking item. A "Seedsman" cover with the senders name typeset as in the illustration. I have also noticed this on "Renni Seed" covers, and it seemed like a lot of bother to set the customers name in type. I later found out that one of the companies inducements to the children who sold seed packets to friends, relatives etc. was "your name in type". The company would benefit as it would remove any ambiguity in names, and the kids would have a "WOW" thing.



VON G E KORNELSEN

Wally Gutzman sent in the ten initial items below. I was able to identify the top five, comments on the bottom five would be appreciated, especially the last one, "B" which is on an early 1870-1871 shade (foreign use?). The first item is L627 an "N" from Arthabaska Que. 1879, second is L415, an "F" used about 1895, third is L829, a "TD" from Belleville, Ont., Dec. 1896. His fourth item is D127, a worn out Fredericton oval parcel hammer, note the screw heads at the ends, and the base of the wooden handle (variously interpreted as "B, D. O, 8 etc.), and finally, fifth item ( I think) is a very worn out and/or damaged Registered "R" somewhat like L754.

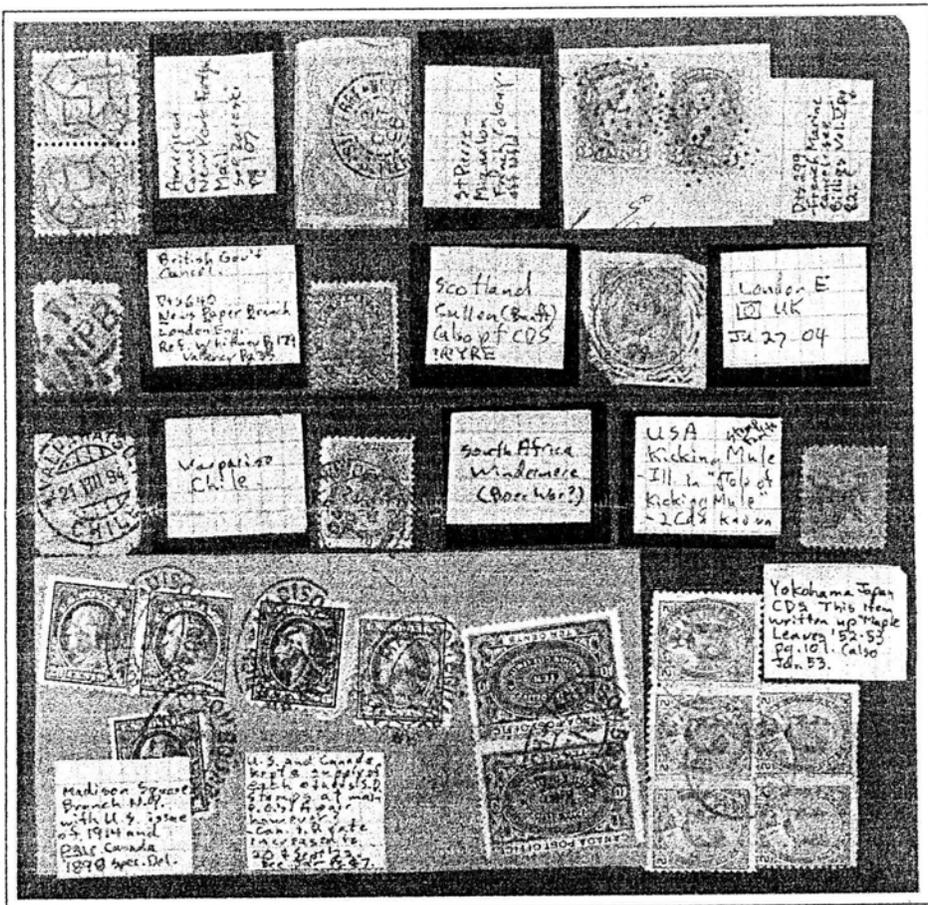


Ron Smith has sent in this "Dominion Bazaar Stamp Co. Toronto Ont." marking. This company was one of Canada's earliest stamp dealers (originally Bazaar pet store!), and operated up to about 1880. This is not a cancel, but was usually used as an ownership marking on the end of a bundle of stamps. It is usually on the backside, however I have seen other on front examples. Sometimes the imprint of the string used to tie the bundle is evident. It may have been used as an "ad" on some S.Q.'s, I have never seen on any other country or issue. I have seen another dealer overprint, however I cannot seem to find my records of it. I think it was "Marks stamp company", and was applied over top of the bundle strings.



I have been unable to sell my collection of "Foreign Cancels on Canada" as one piece, so I am offering it as individual items to anyone interested. The collection consists of about 114 different items, and scans (7 pages) are available at <<fancycancel@hotmail.com>> , snailmail; Box 233, Merville BC, V0R 2M0. The collection is (to say the least) wide reaching, and covers a range of issues and postal history. If anyone wishes to make offers, please contact me. I will consider bidding closed on Feb. 28. **If you don't look, then you don't find!**

I've included a scan of some of these, however the printing here will not be nearly as detailed as the high resolution colour scans referred to above. Hope to hear from you, and good luck.



Still a bit of space left. Best of the Season to all, and Good Collecting,

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