

BNAPS FANCY CANCEL AND MISCELLANEOUS MARKINGS NEWSLETTER 51

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• Group News

Hopefully you are all enjoying pleasant summer weather. I am again writing this from my northern Vancouver Island cabin, 50 kilometer long lake outside my window, snow on some of the mountain tops. and about 30 degrees C. with not a hint of a breeze!

* I am trying to be able to make BNAPEX (Kingston, Ont.) this year, however I am still uncertain whether I can, or not, for a variety of reasons. Can any of you volunteer to host a Study Group meeting if I cannot? The meeting is booked for Friday Sept., 11, at 3:00. ✓ *

I am very pleased to state that this newsletter has contributions from 17 (!) different people. Our study group is now 20 years old, and this continued enthusiasm is GREAT. We must be doing something right. Please don't read this as a 'sour grapes' comment, however in retrospect I find it interesting that the newsletter has never won an award, or even mention in the annual BNAPS awards. Obviously philatelic judging is not the same as popular judging. Please people THIS IS YOUR NEWSLETTER, please continue to send in material. And thank you (17 X) for the current material.

Should we be distributing this newsletter by Email? Opinions please. I should be able to convert to .pdf format quite easily, and would of course need the your Email addresses. There is a logical contradiction with this, a newsletter regarding postal cancellations not being posted!

Free to a good home. The item at right (see also Newsletter 29) remained after I had disposed of my foreign cancels on Canada" items. It is an unusual Canadian fancy "T" (L803) cancel on foreign. It appears to be a signet ring. The P.M. of Wellington Ont. was very conscientious, and cancelled items received by him if they were poorly, or not cancelled when sent. This cancel is found on covers from several other (not so conscientious) P.O.'s, as well as on stamps from St. Helena and Chile. Surely someone would like this as a collateral item in their fancy cancel collection.



We have five new members; Mr. K. MacKay, 5669 Victoria Road, Halifax N.S., B3H 1M9; Mr. D. McNally, P.O. Box 1372, Nanton AB, T0L 1R0; Mr. M. Marchant, 309-3767 Brown Road, Westbank BC, V4T 1V1; Mr. T. Nieforth, P.O. Box 3331, Pasco, WA 99302 USA; and Mr. R. Villeneuve, 2021 Quincy Ave., Ottawa, Ont., K1J 6B4. Welcome to the group.



After great deliberation, shaking of the wallet, smashing of the piggy bank, lifting couch cushions, starving the cat, (I exaggerate a tiny bit...) I have decided to do my roadtrip this year. I will be at the convention.

REVISIONS TO PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS

Newsletter 50, pg. 2, illustrations four and five are in reverse order.

Newsletter 50, pg. 4, "...fraudulent character" marking. This has been written up in Canadian Stamp News, Mar. 31 & Apr. 13, 2009. Mr. Janson would like to obtain any other covers with this Jarrett 826 marking.

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IS BELIEVED TO BE EN-
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CORRESPONDENCE AND QUERIES

Mr. Marchant (one of our new members) has an interest in two ring numeral cancels. These were issued in 1869 to about 60 P.O.'s based on P.O. revenues. Some were rarely used. Some of these hammers were modified later to become fancy cancels or, the number was retained and used as a fancy cancel. The examples below are from Toronto (2), Ottawa (8) note also "VR" for "Victoria Regina", Kingston (9) and Port Hope (14). There are many others.



Mr. Mackay, another new member has an interest in the "street" cancels of Halifax. He has asked me to run the following:

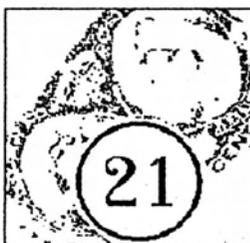
WANTED:- I would like to accumulate examples of the cancellations of the Gottingen Street and Morris Street post offices of Halifax, N.S. (on stamps, cards & covers) in the period 1894-1910. The cancellations (CDS and roller of both offices) may be found on the issues of that period, namely: Small Queens and Widows Weeds, Jubilees, Victoria Leafs and Numerals, the Map and Special Delivery stamps of 1898, Edwards and Quebec Tercentenaries (i.e. Scott Nos. 41-103). I would be interested in either purchasing, or trading for, any number (singles or accumulations) of examples. Keith MacKay, 5669 Victoria Road, Halifax NS B3H 1M9 Tel: 902-421-1376 keithmackay@eastlink.ca

Halifax is a fascinating area to collect due in part to the "collusion/cooperation" between the local P.O.'s and some early stamp dealers, notably Henry Hechler. The illustration in my book 'L488' is an example. Hechler produced these unnecessary bisects, (presumably the 1 cent 'local' rate) then had them cancelled with the genuine Halifax hammer at the P.O. The official hammer has a small defect, the bottom right of the "X" is deformed, as it also is here. Note, also "ON" for "NO", did Hechler also set the date?

Keith also had a query about this item, our D371, a magenta receival marking from New York City "S" depo. It is usually a backstamp, however I had one as a cancel on a 2 cent S.Q.

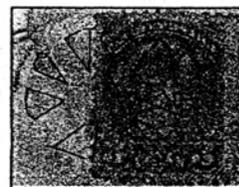
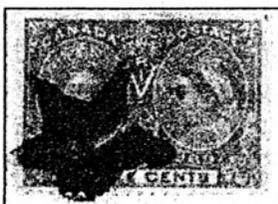


There was a recent query in PHSC regarding the marking below left, which appears on a cover (as backstamp) to Belgium. It is apparently a receival mark for the month, roman numeral "V" for May. This explanation does not however agree with the Brussels CDS for Dec. The next mark, a '21 in a circle' is apparently also a postmark from Belgium. I have seen it on four covers to Belgium over about a ten year range of use. It has also in the past been described as a sorting clerks mark from Montreal, and is listed as D&S 66. I showed another Belgium cancel, item three below in Newsletter 50. It is curious that the Belgium P.M.'s were so diligent with regards to cancelling foreign stamps!



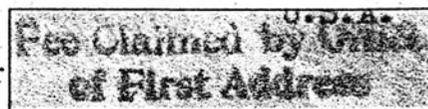
Now, for something completely different (Monty Python fans will get the joke), please note the spelling of "Philaletic" in this U.K. cancel! There are many examples of mixed up Canadian French and/or English translations with modern inkjet cancels, the Brits however do not have this excuse! Thanks to David Dawes, and Des Connor for this item.

Wally Gutzman has sent in the items below. Firstly, this neat "heart", L1410 now located Peterboro (old spelling) Ont., Apr. 1873. Our book had suggested '72 - close enough. There are five other Peterboro/borough fancies listed between 1872 and 1878, the P.M. was H.C. Rogers 1871-1909 who "resigned", after only 38 years. His second item may be the "P" cancel, L709 from Perth Centre N.B. "Perth Centre" was officially changed to "Perth" in 1902, the cancel was used from Jan. 1897 to ? 1902. Wally's example is undated. The last item is L960, used at Barkerville B.C., Aug. 1897. This may be the same as L66 (4th illustration), Wally's example (as does L960) has a weak area in the middle where the 3 would have been.



Darrel McNally has sent in an Avonport Station N.S. cover from June 1896 with a 10 point sectional cork in purple, as in the cut above right. I have slightly enhanced the illustration as it will not print well otherwise. This type of cancel is more commonly 8, or 16 points (L1536, L1540) as this is easier to carve. Note also the outer ring, which is the edge of a metal collar the cork was fitted into.

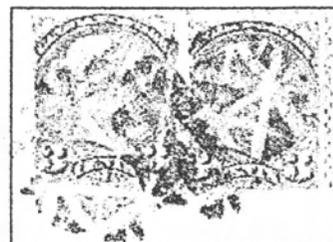
Arnie Janson has asked about this marking. "Fee Claimed by Office of First Address". We think we have this figured out, but... The marking is American, the cover had a fee claimed for Special Delivery at the custom/border USA P.O. It then went to its' USA destination, where the fee should not have been duplicate collected.



Doug Murray has sent in a photocopy of a terribly damaged cover from Montague Bridge, P.E.I. Aug., 1876 with our L1506 (type) cancel. This radial cancel has been reported from seven other P.O.'s between June 1880, and ? 1890. The P.M. was C.D. Poole (1875 -1888), the P.O. opened in 1854. I note also that the first six P.M.'s (up to 1873) were all listed as "Dismissal, Political Partisanship". There must be some sort of story related to this. Oh yes, one bit of trivia, the first bridge in the 1800's cost the princely sum of \$55.00.



George Pond has sent in a cover with what appears to be L894, a "W" from Waterford Ont., Aug. 1892. The strike will not photocopy well, so I have presented my 'stock' illustrations of the three Waterford "W's", L894 (Aug. 1892 - Dec. 1892), L879 (Nov. 1888 - Aug. 1892), and L897, (June 1882).

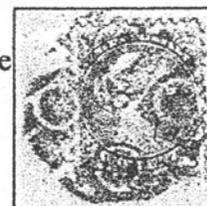


Mike Street has sent in an example of L1551, a fancy radial cork from Toronto, June 1871. (Fourth cut above) The strike is rather heavy and will not print well, so I have used my illustration. The location of this cancel was previously known, however the date had been questionable due to a very weak CDS.

John Burnett sent in this Ottawa Ont. geometric cork used Feb. 1873, (Fifth cut above) which has some similarities to L1044, used Nov. 1872 to Jan. 1873. There are enough differences that I believe this was a replacement for L1044. It is probably L1674 (at right), previously not located ("early 70's"), but similar to other Ottawa geometrics. The book illustration may be from a poor strike.



Hugo Deshayé has sent in the Toronto Ont. geometric cancel. This appears to be L1629, Toronto May 1871 to Mar. 1873. His strike is March 1873. This may actually be two similar cancels, or a recut item. An over two year use in a busy office like Toronto is unlikely. Again, the book illustration could be improved.



The above two items indicate the difficulties of listing fancy corks from these two offices. Both Toronto and Ottawa used a multitude of fancy corks, had many clerks, the cancels wore unevenly, and they may have been recut or cleaned. As an example of one or more studied groups, there were about 36 fancy Toronto Two cancels (L18- L54) used in about 48 months, presumably all by the same clerk. There were many other clerks, and many other cancels during this time frame, 1869 to 1872.

Ron Smith has sent in an example of what I think is L445. a "GR" from Gays River N.S., used in Nov. 1891. This cancel did not age well, and was identified in D&S as "CR".



Harold Hurlbutt has sent in the items below, they are (Ab)erfoyle, see pg. 187 of our book, and Ristigo(uche)?, which is probably an RPO (train ticket) cancel.



Bill Burden sent along this fancy cork on Map Stamps, issued 1898, third cut above. The cancel is not in our book, but looks somewhat familiar to me. While I have not examined the actual stamp, the coloured scan looked "good". There are few fancy cancels on the Map Stamp for two reasons, firstly, the fancy cancel era was mostly over by 1898, and secondly, the Map Stamp was in use for a relatively short time. This item will probably be available in Eastern Auctions October public auction

Bill Radcliffe sent along the example of four ring 48, issued to Thorold Ont., in the 1850's, fourth cut above. According to my records only one strike of it is known. I wonder why they did not want to use this hammer? Thorold was still using the old 1829 hammer up to 1873, see our D391, and M.L. Oct. '53, and PHSC June '87. Some people find it hard to accept change... I note that the PO opened in 1827, with PM Jacob Keefer, who remained PM until his death in 1874.

Confederation, the Large and Small Queens S.G. newsletter had a cover with L1456, a very elaborate fancy grill cancel, see the fifth cut above. This was used in 1872, at Craigleith U.C., the month of use (May) was previously unknown.

FAKE, BOGUS, OR SPURIOUS ITEMS

This is a topic I do not like to dwell upon, however almost every newsletter has something sent in of this genre. Usually the sender has doubts, and asks for my opinion. I try to not attribute a fake item to anyone by name for three reasons. Firstly, unintentional harm can occur when I say "So and So" has a fake cancel, some one else repeats this "has a fake in his collection", next repetition is "collection is full of fakes" etc. Secondly, you do not make friends by telling people and publicizing items they regard as desirable, rare, exotic, etc. are fake. I like to have friends. Finally, I am rarely 100 percent certain of authenticity, and may make mistakes. An example of this is D638 in the first edition of our book, later moved to the regular listings as L1401. I made a collation error, and mistakenly attributed this cancel to an obviously fake cover (with a different cancel) from 1870.

I have added this new section to the newsletter, and moved the items below to it, rather than have them at random in the newsletter. There was some talk about the establishment of a fakes and forgeries BNAPS S.G. If this encourages this, then all the better in my opinion. Any comments on this are appreciated.

"Fake" items are created to mimic genuine fancy cancels mainly previously listed by Jarrett (1928) (Boggs largely borrowed Jarrett's illustrations), Day and Smythies (1961, 1973), or myself (2000). "Bogus" items are new creations, usually described as previously unrecorded, and thus

rare and valuable. "Spurious" items are genuine errors in cancel descriptions. They are usually partial, worn, or poorly inked examples of otherwise genuine items. This topic is better covered in our book, pages 7 and 8. Some items such as, the Hechler bisect (genuine cancel, but...) shown on page 2, item 4 below (a typeset name), or some 'philatelic' (or should that be philatelic?) items do not easily fit into the groupings above.

Firstly, (Spurious) this is on a post card, July 1888, and is the late state of L481, the Weymouth Bridge N.S. fancy initial "H" (P.M. was E.J. Hoyt) used Apr. 1882 to July 1888. This somewhat broken cancel, after six years use, has been imaginatively (and erroneously) described as a "drawbridge", our D232a. The residents of Weymouth Bridge may be somewhat amused to know they had a drawbridge in 1888!



Secondly, (Spurious) on a Jubilee, our D415. which I have seen described as a "N", or "W". I believe it is really just a cork which is splitting. For the record, found on late Small Queens, or Jubilee issue.



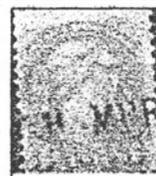
Thirdly, (Bogus), our D78, on a late S.Q. A fairly modern bogus item.



Fourth, (Bogus) unlisted, probably made by the same as above. Note, four different ink types!



Fifth, (W).H. MUR(RAY), one of those interesting semi-legitimate items. I have seen this before, and suspect it is a P.M.'s typeset name, possibly used on poorly cancelled (from elsewhere) items. A second possibility is, the "Star Card" company gave its' salespersons (usually children) "your name in type" as a free promotional item. The kids then stamped their names onto the order forms, envelopes, probably the kitchen table, little sister, etc. (Such Fun!) This is a very similar in style, size, etc. to a Star Card item.



Sixth, (Spurious), described as a "Bogey Head" fancy. compare with L1363, middle cut at right. I have not seen this before, and suspect that it is the end of some sort of tool handle "pressed" into use as a canceller. As such, it is a cousin to L1563, 1564, and 1644 (last cut).



Finally, I have a photocopy of "Canada and her Stamp Collectors", 1st Edition, 1892, by L.M. Stabler of London Ont. Some of the early "philatelic" covers (possibly including fancy cancel covers) may have been sent to these collectors. Some of the covers in your collection may be addressed to these 1892 collectors (next page). Please advise if you find anything "interesting" to these gents. I note, H. Hechler of Halifax is not listed, and some of the "collectors" are also probably small time stamp dealers (Quell surprise!)

*And... collecting
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1892 List of
Canadian Stamp
Collectors.

Name	City	Status	Notes
Sorted by name.			
Allen, CA	Winnipeg Man.	Collector	na
Beatty, WJ	Ottawa Ont.	Collector	"Old time" collector.
Bernstein, J	Montreal Que.	Collector	na
Clark, TS	Peterborough Ont.	Dealer	Teller with Bank of Montreal.
De Wolf, ABS	Halifax N.S.	Collector	na
Dickson, HS	London Ont.	Collector	Librarian, Phil. Soc.
Graves, SM	Summerside PEI	Collector	na
Grenny, FJ	Brantford	Dealer	P.M., Brantford, Morrisburg, St. George, Military
Hall, WK	Peterborough Ont.	Dealer	Also a law student.
Hannington, RW	Dorchester N.B.	Collector	na
Harding, F	Kamloops BC	Collector	na
Hooper, JR	Ottawa Ont.	Collector	Savings Bank Br. Of P.O. Dept., aka "Canadensis".
Jacques, EH	Montreal Que.	Collector	Librarian, Phil. Soc.
Ketcheson, HF	Belleville Ont.	Dealer	Railway P.O. Clerk, publisher
Liddencourt, WH	London Ont.	Collector	Principal "London West" schools.
Lowe, GA	Toronto Ont.	Dealer	Principal "Lowe's Commercial Academy".
McMahon, W	Toronto Ont.	Collector	Dry goods and gents furnishing business.
McRae, RF	Montreal Que.	Collector	"Counterfeit Detective", Phil. Soc.
Miller, L.	Toronto Ont.	Collector	na
Milligan, AH	London Ont.	Dealer	A new dealer.
Mooers, HF	? Ottawa Ont.	Collector	na
Parker, EY	Toronto Ont.	Dealer	"Old time" collector.
Pauley, EJH	Halifax N.S.	Collector	na
Phillips, EJ	Toronto Ont.	Collector	na
Robertson, JS	St. Thomas Ont.	Collector	Lawyer, "McDougall & Robertson".
Staebler, JM	London Ont.	Dealer	Publisher.

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