

BNAPS FANCY CANCEL & MISCELLANEOUS MARKINGS NEWSLETTER 82

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Group News. I hope that all of you are having a nice sorta warm winter. Fireplace is snapping in background here on one of our colder nights. This newsletter is a bit earlier than usual this year however I do have information from at least 12 of you. Please send in more. Ron Smith has been busy sorting his “cross” cancels, and I shall run this new material in this and the next newsletters. Part two of Bill Wegmans cancels will also appear here.

The last newsletter included (if appropriate) a dues notice. Dues collected were \$689, of which \$370 were donations or advance payments. (Total last year was \$782.). Two of our members have moved on to other areas, and I had to drop one for non-payment over three years. This brings our membership to about 85.

I ask members to send their dues with “philatelic frankings” (old stamps, many stamps etc.) and I then donate (the cancelled ones) to Oxfam Canada “Help STAMP Out Poverty” program. The item below was one of the better ones this time. Note a stamp from 1922 also note uncanceled, probably out of respect for the two Kings !

Thanks to all for dues and philatelic frankings . The dues will go to renewal of my software for the newsletter, print cartridges, photocopies etc.



A question has been raised. Should “L #’s” be assigned to items reported as “new” in the current newsletter? My personal opinion is “no” as I regard the newsletter as a sort of filter with members possibly sending in comments about authenticity, similar cancels, foreign use, etc. A second reason is that it would be a source of L#’s not listed in our book and could lead to confusion. (I also usually like to see at least two examples of a “new” cancel before assigning a number to it so that random blobs are not interpreted as fancy items.) Please send in any comments on the above. Also “gentle reader” please send in any comments you have regarding any listed items. I do not seek conflict within my hobby and think that I have a rather thick skin. I might also state that I am a researcher and do not have a stamp collection.

REVISIONS TO PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters #68 Apr. 2015, pg.10, #78 (pg. 1), and #79 (pg.5). The “PR” cancel at right had been described as a “Bogus cancel by L. Littlefield”. The cover (next page) indicates that this was actually one of the genuine D&S items copied by Littlefield. Until now the cover below was not reported to me and I assumed all examples were Littlefield fakes. The cover below is in the correct date range and is more similar to the D&S illustration (D&S # 677, Port Royal Ont. ‘89) than to the former #L 727, & D359a illustrations.



Unfortunately there is no sending CDS nor backstamps on the cover. (Closed bag to Halifax?) This also requires a slight revision to Edition 3 of our book. “Appendix 8, pg. 232, The PR (L727) illustration should be in the lowest row of illustrations.” Thanks to Daryl Friedhandler for this newest information.

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D&S # 677



Littlefield (old L#727)

Newsletter #79 Feb. 2019, pg. 2. L 1379, aka D628a another Littlefield fake was presented with two examples of the real cancel. Unfortunately the illustration for L 1379 was based on the Littlefield fake. Ron Smith has sent along two other copies which appear genuine. Note the crack on the left side of the 1 cent, which would be unlikely in a fake. The PO is still in doubt as the reported location (D&S 281, L 1379) was based upon the fake Littlefield cover.



Newsletter #81 Nov. 2019, pg. 1. Ron Lrmires two covers found a good home and will be presented as a stamp club meeting.

Newsletter #81 Nov. 2019, pg. 2. I forgot to ask if any of our members have examples of the Lunenburg NS (D 278) oval parcel design type used on regular (as opposed to parcel) mail. This was the case with a similar Wolfville NS oval cancel D 417a, and can be readily explained by the PM just "grabbing whatever was handy". It also note that the PM dinna bother putting any date in the centre.



Newsletter #81 Nov. 2019, pg. 4. The 1 cent local (Winnipeg) rate with outdated NWT ms may be explained by the letter being hand carried to Winnipeg from some further western location (still in NWT) and then posted in Winnipeg.

Newsletter #81 Nov. 2019, pg. 6. Ooppss, it is Guy Jeffrey, not as I spelt it...

CORRESPONDENCE AND QUERIES

Norbert Hobrath sent in the "Ottawa crown" (L 1284) example at right. My first reaction was that it was a fake as it is on top of another circular cancel (unreadable) and is on a stamp which is too late for this cancel. It is also a rather poor rough looking strike. Closer examination revealed that it appears to be on an early Ottawa printing (say '88 or '89) which would be at the extreme end (AP'80 - JY88) of first use of this cancel. (The hammer was reused in extreme worn condition in '98.) This explains the worn state. Further, this cancel was used for items requiring "special handling" at Ottawa Main PO, and the crown may be deliberately covering up an incorrect circular cancel. (I have seen Government "Free" strikes similarly cancelled when they did not apply.) It also passes several ink, perf hole etc. tests. Neat little beastie. Thanks Norbert

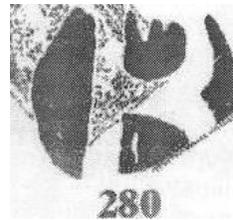


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The following items are part two of Bill Wegman's material which started in the previous newsletter. I have photo cut down all of these covers.



The first one is a new listing, Middlemarch ON, Feb. 1878, and could – with a bit of imagination - be described as a “flag” design. A month earlier Middlemarch had used a simpler design, similar to L 1129 at right. The second cover is also new, the CDS is hard to read, but is probably Hoberton UC, ? 1870. Bill doesn't mention any backstamp which would show the month, but this might also be an early on cover example of the Indian Red SQ. I note also that the stamp is upside down – which in “the language of stamps” can mean “I Love You”, however it is also on the wrong corner of the envelope , so is probably just an OOPPs. (For the record, the cover is to Mr. A. James Tea(?cher?), Millbrook S(?chool?) Ont. and is physically cut down at right.



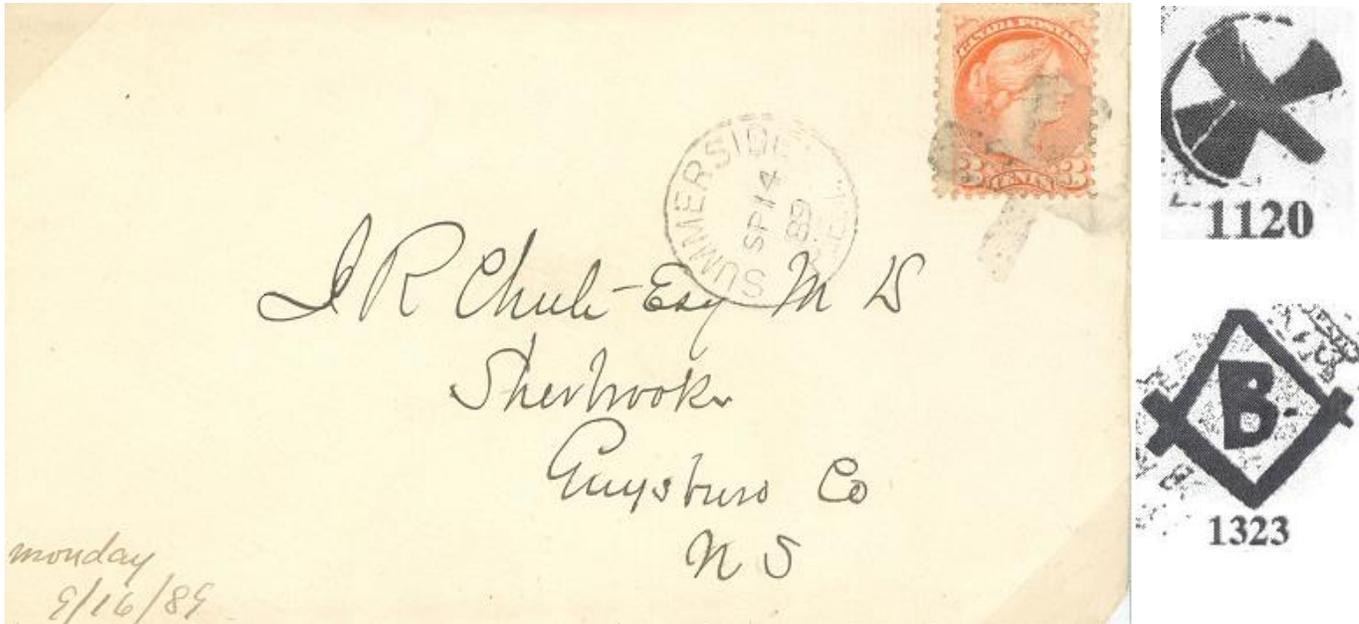
Cover three above is L280, a fancy “B” from Brookfield Station Ont., Mar. 1898. The CDS is unreadable, but does not appear to be Brookfield. It may be “Campden Ont.” and if so would indicate that there is some mix up in our book as Campden is reported as “similar to L 279” and used in 1886. Backstamp information might again clear this up.



The last item is L1175, used Stella Ont., Apr. 1889.

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Ron Smith sent in a ton of material, mostly from the "Fancy Crosses" part of his collection. Some of his material will also be in the next newsletter.



The item above is very intriguing. I first thought that this was some special meaning religious or fraternal group cross. When I Googled "crosses" however I found several hundred types, none of which were similar to this. When you think about it, if this is intended as a Christian cross, then replacing Jesus with a stylized triangle would be somewhat improper. A similar impropriety (see NL 81) occurs with God's "G" being replaced with a "B" in L 1323. The cancel has some similarity to L 1120 which is somewhat smaller and was used eight years earlier. (L 1120 also has a break in the wide part of the cross indicating this may just be poor carving of the cork.) Details of the cancel, used Summerside PEI, Sept. 1889, and both the CDS and cancel appear to be in writing ink rather than the official cancel ink. The CDS is slightly double struck which probably rules out a 'modern' photo shopped use. The CDS is just after the rose shades of the 3 cent SQ, '87-'89, so the stamp shade fits. Any comments on this cover would be appreciated.



The item above is also "curious". It appears to be D&S 212a, plate F (July 1964) and is listed as "spurious" D 503 in our book. It has never appeared until now, and I would give this cover only a 5 on my 1-10 scale of authenticity. The stamp has a small blue other cancel (or marking) and is put on top of an ms possibly reading "PM FREE" and is to "Crown Lands". It is cut down at right. The tying is good, and is from Brussels Ont. (I moved the CDS) Dec. 76 with the stamp being a shade several years earlier. These Crown Lands covers (100's) hit the stamp market about 1962 and many were stampless as they were to a Government Agency. Some have been used to produce fakes by adding stamps. **Does anyone know what stamp dealer, or auction house first received these "Commissioner of Crown Lands" covers?**

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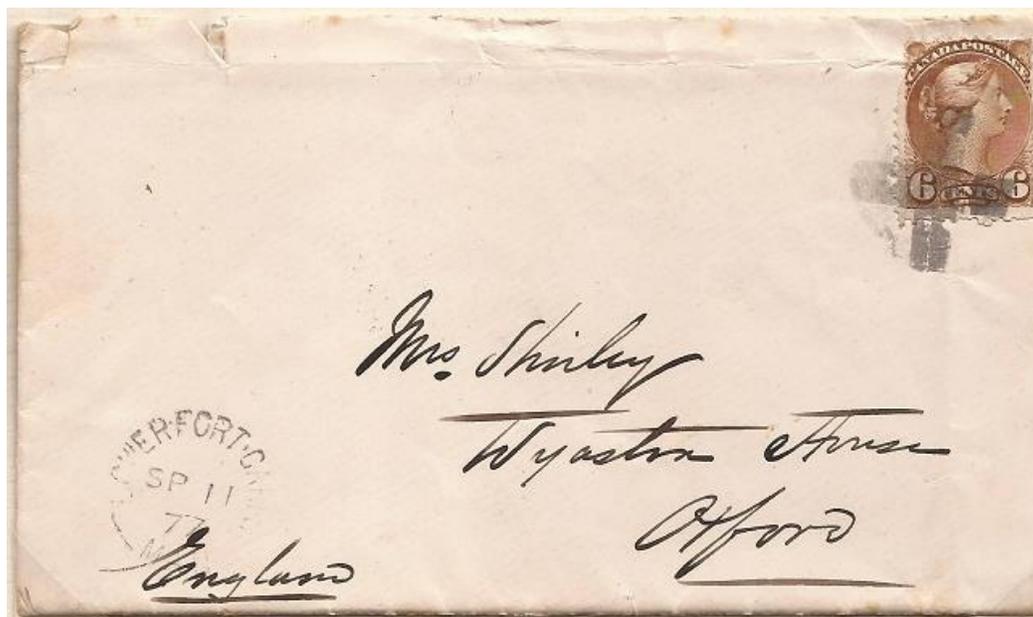


Ron's goodies also included a location for L 1135 Kingston Ont., Aug. 1875. This is another of the group of cancels I referred to as "Kingston Crosses". There may be a (sorta) religious theme to these. The Kingston PM's last name was "Deacon", and the crosses may be a play on the religious meaning of this word. Stamp collectors are famed (? right word?) for seeing miniscule details. It may be just my eyes, but is there not possibly an under cancel with the numeral "9" showing in the centre? See the roughly highlighted enlargement. The "Kingston 9" series of cancels – also by Mr. Deacon – L 99 to L 120 have a great deal of variety, and I illustrate here the last of this series, L 120 used in Feb. 1871. This set of cancels was based on the official "two ring numeral" number assigned to Kingston. The downside of this is that the "9" would have had to have been in a drawer somewhere for four years.



The items above are all similar to L 1129 which was used in many locations. Black Creek UC, ? 1879, Dundas Ont., Dec. 1879, and Napanee Ont. Apr. 1879. The last item is another multi location cancel similar to L 1163, used here Wingham Ont., July 1883. More of ron's material next newsletter. Thanks Ron.

Confederation, the Newsletter of the Large and Small Queen study Group, November 2019 had an article on the correspondence from a Missionary, Reverend Kirby in the York Factory area in the 1870's. Included in this was the cover at right with a fancy cross cancel probably the same as (a better strike) L 1051 a new listing in the 3rd Edition, Fort Garry



Man. Mar., 1875. The cover here is Lower Fort Garry Sept. 1877. I was wondering if the PM had some religious affiliation or if he cancelled Reverend Kirby's letter with a favour cross. Apparently the latter was the case, PM was William Flett, and according to Hudson Bay Co. archives he was (not surprisingly) an "assistant clerk" as well as PM. Thanks Confederation et al.



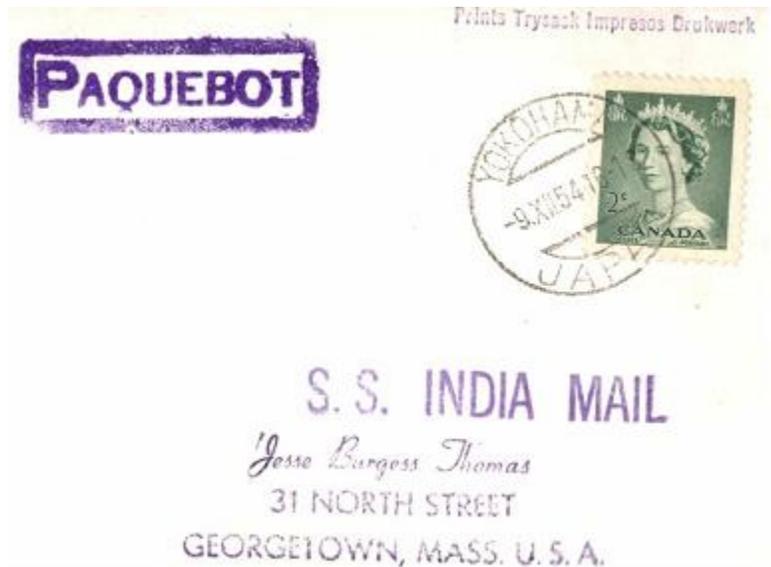
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And now for something completely different... Mike Street has sent in refereces to the foreign cancels on Canada below. I have photo cut down these.

Canada Medallion Issue 1934 with machine bar cancel states "?????UHAM NIPPON" (Japan). Paquebot to USA. (probably YOKOHAMA)



Canada 1953 Issue, SS India Paquebot cancelled at Yokohama Japan to USA



Canada 1935 Issue, France (Le Havre) machine cancel. Both to Windsor Ont. (The "Exposition" primarily featured Modern stylism with emphasis on architecture.)

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Guy Jeffrey sent in these two Summerside PEI crosses. The first is L1075 used May 1883 to Nov. 1883. (This cancel is erroneously double listed in our book as "similar to L 1073".) The second one is not very similar to any listed items, and should probably be a new listing. Used at Summerside PEI Dec. 1889.



Mike Halhed sent in the three items below. The first is L 1617 now located, Victoria BC, Sept. 1882. The second is a new location for L 1007, Paisley Ont., Nov. 1873. (This cancel – or very similar – was used at about five different locations between 1870 and 1875. I wonder if it was really used on a R.P.O. or otherwise uncanceled? Mike's last item is an intersecting geometric from Hawkesbury Ont. Oct. 1879. These designs are very difficult to categorize as you can never really be sure which side is "up", the corks break easy, and they could be partly recut easily.



Mr. D. (David?) Ross sent in the eBay reference to the Newmarket Ont. "N" at right. This is L 640, used between Sept. 1881 and Jan., 1882. Although not tied the cancel is definitely from the correct PO and time. Nice item.

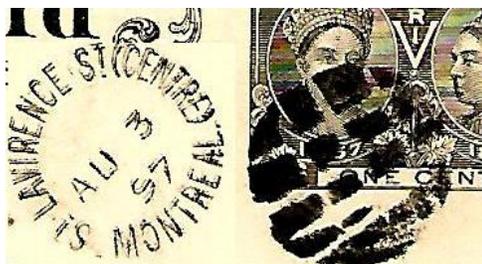


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Gary Steele sent this lovely cover wwith a perfect Hansford NS crown wax seal on back. He is always on the lookout for these seals. Got any?



The item at left below is a late use cork sent in by Joe Smith. The right item is from Luc Freve and was in our last Newsletter. Used Hull Que., June 1876. It has generated some postal history comments. **Any info. on other covers of the two items below would be GREAT.**



Just room for one more item from Vince Chermishnok. This Map stamp has purple "Toronto...ONT" cancel and he is wondering if it is a Sub PO or an RPO CDS. The ONT would seem to indicate a Sub Station. Purple cancels are also uncommon on Maps. Bit outside my area of expertise...



FAKES, BOGUS, AND SPURIOUS ITEMS

This "work of art" (see also NL 80, Aug. 2019) has again appeared on eBay. It is hard to say what has been added, but the CDS is definitely hand drawn. My earlier statement about the ship not being used by CPS 1918-1937 was wrong however.

N' out of space. Best to all. Dave. L.
PS send more stuff..

