



The Canadian Flag Cancel Study Group

This is the newest of the BNAPS study groups, organized at the Williamsburg, Va. convention during the Flag Cancel Seminar conducted by Ed Richardson, author of the new publication "The CANADIAN FLAG CANCELLATION HANDBOOK, 1896 - 1973". Also present was the illustrator of the handbook, Ted Kilish.

Larry Paige, 1069 Shillelagh Rd., Chesapeake, Va. 23323 was made Secretary-Treasurer of the new group, and dues were set at \$2.00.

The Study Group will attempt to issue a number of Bulletins during the year, keeping members up to date as to new discoveries, new dates, etc. Also we will attempt to have an occasional article on Flag Cancellations appear in BNA TOPICS where new information does warrant.

Present membership includes the following BNAPSers:-

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| #1 Ed Richardson | #7 Ted L. Kilish |
| #2 Ray A. Peters | #8 W.L. Millman |
| #3 Wayne R. Curtis | #9 Larry R. Paige |
| #4 Voorhis Ditmars | #10 John Payne |
| #5 Clifford Guile | #11 Wilmer Rickett |
| #6 Glenn Hansen | #12 Allan Steinhart |
| #13 Fred Stulberg | |

Are You Helping to Bring the Handbook "Up-to-Date"?

So far Ed Richardson has heard from 23 different collectors who have supplied new data regarding early and late dates, etc. All this information is being recorded, and will be reported to the membership from time to time. The first such report is included in this Bulletin.

However there are a half dozen members of the Study Group from whom Ed has had no report - Does this mean your collection has not a single item to report?

Handbook Sales

As far as we have been able to learn, sales of the Handbook have been exceedingly brisk. We understand that somewhere in the range of 750 of them have already been sold by the BNAPS Handbook Department.

National Literature Award

According to press reports, Richardson's Flag Cancellation Handbook was awarded a VERMIL Medall (one level above Silver), at the National Philatelic Literature Competition in Chicago this past October.

Larry Paige Wins BNAPS Medal

Showing a beautiful exhibit of Canadian Flag Cancellations at BNAPEX '74 in Williamsburg, Va., Larry Paige won the BNAPS Bronze Medal. Congratulations Larry, and we hope that others will show their prize Flag Covers in future Exhibitions.

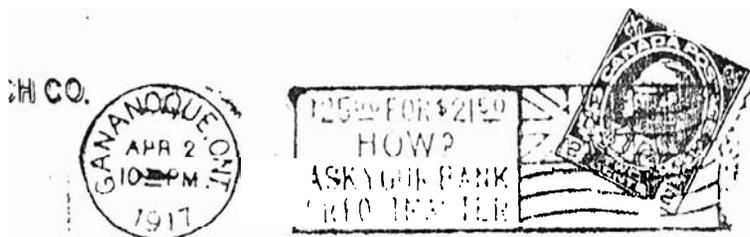
An Invitation to Join the Study Group

A number of copies of this issue of the Bulletin is being sent to non-members. These are mainly persons who have sent in new data - new information, new early or late dates. If they are members of BNAPS - then all it takes is \$2 to join the Study Group.

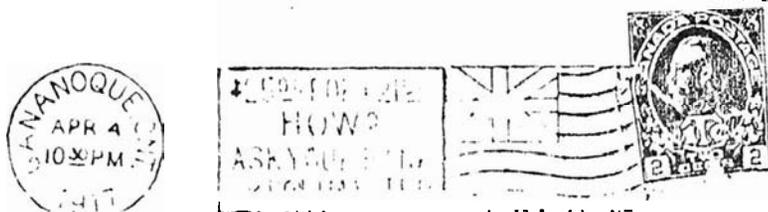
NEW DISCOVERY!

Type #29 supposedly was used only at Vancouver, and on page 46 I state "It was used for a long period of time at Vancouver, and it is not likely that it was ever used elsewhere!" Famous Last Words!

We now discover that the Die was originally used at Gananoque, Ont. - perhaps for a very short stay of only a few days. But before it was sent out to Vancouver, it was used for a few days at least at Gananoque!



The earliest date so far known is that shown here - April 2nd, the latest, April 4th.



The old McCready handbook listed a Flag of this type - #124 with a ? and showing no dates reported. It was dropped from the listing as none had been seen or reported.

This new discovery will be listed as follows:-

29-2	Gananoque	April 2 (R)	April 4(R)	6.00	30.00
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The Source of Day's Fancy Cancel #290A

While the Handbook does not include handstamps, they are often included by some collectors and make interesting introductory pages to one's collection of the Machine Types.

The cover illustrated here is from the Larry Paige collection, and shows the source of the Fancy #290A Flag Cancel as listed in Day's Handbook.

CANADA POST CARD

THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE



Note that it is a P.O. Cancel at all but is a HOTEL PRIVATE RECEIVING MARKING! None-the-less a most interesting item.

Will Fancy Cancel Collectors please note.

Handbook Page 45 Typo Error

26-2 should read "VICTORIA" not Vancouver as per heading above. So when you find a Victoria it is not a new variety! It is 26-2. Vancouver is unknown in this type.

RARE DIE was TRANSFERRED!

Now that the Study Group has had a chance to study the details on Montreal Flag #1-1, - the rarest of Canadian Flag Cancels, - it turns out that the die for #1-1 is the same as that for Ottawa #1-9.

The only cover recorded of #1-1, is dated March 21, 1896. The earliest date of use at Ottawa is still that shown in the Handbook, - April 4th, - which leaves very little room for additional dates at either place - later at Montreal, or earlier at Ottawa.

While discussing Type #1 we report the following new dates:-

1-3	"B"	June 17 '96 (R)	July 9 '97 (P)
1-9	"X"	- - - -	May 14 '97 (R)

TYPE #5 on Blocks of JUBILEE STAMPS

Robert Thomas has a block of 4 of the 3¢ Diamond Jubilee with the Type #5 Montreal Flag, showing the date JUL 13 1897. It also bears the "15-0" time marking, indicating 3:00 P.M.

Ed Richardson has a block of 4 of the 2¢ Diamond Jubilee bearing the identical markings. Can anyone else report similar blocks?

Meaning of "O" and "S"

These two letters shown after time markings have long bothered many collectors. We should have explained their meaning in the Handbook. As explained at Williamsburg:-

"O" - means on the hour
 "S" - means on the half hour

These are usually used in connection with "maritime" time marks. Thus 9-0 means 9:00 am; 12-S means 12:30 p.m.; 17-S means 5:30 pm.

LAMBETH, ONT. Type 50 Flag Cancel a FAKE!

At least two members of the Study Group and one Non-member have copies of the BOGUS "Lambeth, Ont." Coronation Flag Cancellation type 50, dated "MY 10 37". The Dater is an OPEN CIRCULAR HANDSTAMP as per illustration. The Flag is that of LONDON, Ont. A beautiful fake.



(hand drawn reproduction)

The Dater in addition to being the wrong type for a machine cancel, was neatly placed 15 mm from the flag staff, whereas most of the Coronation Daters are spaced at 8 mm.

We will not go into detail as to how this FAKE was accomplished, it is sufficient just to warn members as to their true character.

KITCHENER #53-7 has TWO HUB Dies.

As in the case of Winnipeg and Montreal, Kitchener used a "wide" provincial abbreviation ("ONT") at first and then changed to the smaller or "narrow" type later. The new listing:-

53-7 Kitchener-hub I	Aug. 19 '41 (R)	Jan. 5 '42	.30	1.50
-7A	-hub II Mar 23 '42 (R)	May 19 '42	.30	1.50

EARLY DATES of the VICTORIA Type #13

We have had several reports of dates earlier than August 8th. Upon inspection we note traces of a figure "1" before the supposed "5" making it a "15" instead. So study your examples closely. There seems to have been a great deal of trouble with this figure in the cancel, - when not out of alignment, it is often over or under inked. New Late Date on this is August 22nd.

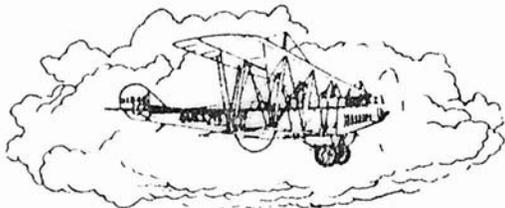
There are now at least TWELVE known copies.

ORAPEX '74 FLAG CANCEL

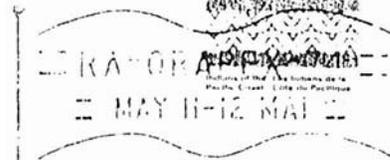
Long before this most collectors have been aware that there was another ORAPEX FLAG Cancel in 1974. Except for dates the design is

ORAPEX 74

MAY 11-12



Canada 8



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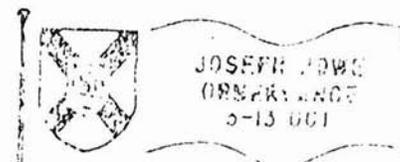
50th ANNIVERSARY

Royal Canadian Air Force

similar to #82-1. We are therefore now assigning the new flag with the #82-2. Type #82 now lists as follows:-

82-1	1973	March 9, 1973	1.00
		May 5, 1973	.50
82-2	1974	Apr. 29, 30, May 1 1974	.75
		May 11, 1974	1.00

JOSEPH HOWE '74 FLAG CANCEL



Original Die
With Vertical Line

Altered Die
Vertical Line Removed

Yes it happened again! It's like seeing double! While the circumstances were somewhat different, the results were the same, and the remedy used, was similar to last year.

The new listing:-

85-1	Original Die	October 1, 2 '74	.75	1.25
-2	Altered Die	Oct. 3 and 13 '74		.75
		Oct. 4 thru 12 '74		1.00

Quantities cancelled (approx.) 3rd (500), 4th thru 12th (125 each), 13th (375).

Sorry but we will have to hold over the early and late date record for the next issue of the Bulletin, when we doubt if we will be loaded with other Flag Cancel news. Our limit is 4 pages per issue.