

FLAG CANCEL BULLETIN

VOLUME 4 #1

FLAG CANCEL STUDY GROUP REORGANIZED

Well we have sixteen of the original members of the study group that want to continue with the group. I really thought there would be more as there still seems to be quite a bit of buying activity of the better flags from the dealers that I know and buy from in Canada. As I'm trying to put together this first issue, I really feel that once the bulletin starts getting to members again maybe more will want to join. We will have to wait and see.

It seems to me that there must be quite a bit of interest in the Canadian flag cancels as I haven't noticed the prices going down but are still on an upward trend in value for the better material. I am going to try my hand at putting together the bulletin but am going to need help from you guys as I have only so much material in my own collection. Am going to need help on dates, new finds, and articles to help fill up the bulletin. I would like to try to put together four pages or more every other month.

Am going to keep the list of the original members and any new members will be issued membership numbers after the last old member with the first new member being #73.

I would like a want list from each member with their main wants of about eight or ten items and will start printing one want list each issue starting with the lowest membership number. If the membership has any suggestions on what to do with the bulletin, as to articles or features, really I am open to any suggestions because at this type of thing I'm a "babe in the woods". Well am going to get on to other things for this first issue at hand and see what I can do. If there are any complaints on the bulletin I will try my best in the future to correct them.

STUDY GROUP MEMBERS

Listed below are the members that have decided to help and try to keep the Flag Cancel Study Group active. As more members renew or new BNAPS members join the study group, their names will be listed in the bulletin unless they request not to be listed. The study group membership numbers are from the original listing.

# 3	Wayne R. Curtis	#24	Gordon S. Veith
# 7	Ted L. Kilish	#26	Charles W. Hollingsworth
# 9	Larry R. Paige	#34	Horace W. Harrison
#11	Wilmer C. Rockett	#37	Gene W. Frampton
#12	Allan L. Steinhart	#40	Willard E. Baker
#14	W. L. Gutzman	#47	Lawrence A. Walker
#17	William G. Robinson	#56	William J. Murphy
#20	Vincent G. Greene	#66	Theodore Kerzner

FINANCIAL REPORT

	Balance
12-15-80 - Balance on hand	\$ 20.00
12-24-80 - Postage - \$13.00	\$ 7.00
12-24-80 - Envelopes - \$2.00	\$ 5.00
1-15-81 - Dues and donations - \$50.00	\$ 55.00
2-15-81 - Dues and donations - \$70.00	\$125.00

REPORTED DATES

THE DATE PERIOD OF USE OF MOST OF THE TYPES OF FLAG CANCELS CHANGE FROM TIME TO TIME AS SERIOUS COLLECTORS ARE LUCKY ENOUGH TO FIND DATES EARLIER OR LATER THAN THE HANDBOOK HAS LISTED. THIS, IN MY OWN PERSONAL OPINION, SHOULD DEMAND A SMALL PREMIUM ON THE COVER BUT NOT A GREAT DEAL BECAUSE IT IS ALWAYS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS THERE IS NO REAL EVIDENCE BY THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT AS FAR AS DATES THE FLAG CANCELS WERE PUT INTO AND TAKEN OUT OF SERVICE. THIS IS A PREMIUM PERCENTAGE THAT HAS TO BE WEIGHED BY EACH COLLECTOR AS TO THE VALUE OF THIS PREMIUM. I KNOW THAT OVER THE YEARS I HAVE PAID MORE FOR EARLIER AND LATER DATES AND I'M SURE IN THE FUTURE I WILL DO THE SAME AGAIN. I HAVE LISTED BELOW THE EARLIEST AND LATEST DATES, KNOWN TO ME, FOR THE TYPE 1, 2, AND 3 FLAG CANCELS. IF ANYONE HAS ANY INFORMATION AS TO EARLIER AND LATER DATES, I WOULD APPRECIATE A XEROX COPY TO BE SHOWN IN A FUTURE BULLETIN.

TYPE 1 MONTREAL
HUB "X" IMPERIAL MACHINE

	EARLIEST	LATEST
1 -	March 21 - 96	March 21 - 96
2 (A)	June 6 - 96	June 19 - 97
3 (B)	June 4 - 96	July 9 - 97
4 (C)	June 9 - 96	July 9 - 96
5 (D)	June 8 - 96	July 8 - 96
6 (E)	June 8 - 96	June 17 - 97
7 (F)	June 6 - 96	June 18 - 97
8 (K)	Sept. 3 - 96	Sept. 9 - 96

NOTE: ONLY THREE COVERS AND ONE CUT SQUARE IS REPORTED FOR 1 - 1 ALL FOR MARCH 21, 1896 FOR THREE DIFFERENT TIMES OF 5, 7, AND 9, P.M. WITH THE PROOFING DATE OF MARCH 18, 1896 FOR 3:30 A.M.

TYPE 1 OTTAWA
IMPERIAL MACHINE

9 Hub X	April 1 - 96	June 11 - 97
10 Hub Z	Aug. 2 - 97	Oct. 26 - 97

NOTE: 1 - 9 HUB "X" IS ON A 2X4 CUT SQUARE. THE EARLIEST REPORTED COVER IS FOR APRIL 2, 1896.

TYPE 2 MONTREAL
HUB X IMPERIAL MACHINE

1	April 11 - 96	April 22 - 96
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NOTE: THIS FLAG WAS IN USE FOR ONLY TWELVE REPORTED DATES OF USE. I HAVE TEN OF THESE TWELVE DATES AND NEED APRIL 14TH AND APRIL 18TH IF ANY MEMBER HAS EITHER OF THESE DATES AND WOULD TRADE. I HAVE A VERY FINE DUPLICATE I WOULD LIKE TO TRADE FOR EITHER DATE. I HAVE BEEN TRYING FOR OVER FIVE YEARS TO GET THE FULL RUN OF DATES AND WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM ANYONE WHO HAS THESE DATES.

TYPE 3 MONTREAL
HUB X BICKERDIKE MACHINE

1	Dec. 2 - 96	Jan. 3 - 97
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NOTE: TYPES 4, 5, AND 6 WILL BE LISTED IN THE NEXT BULLETIN.

NEW DATES ON THE WAR FLAGS

SOME NEW DATES OF USE HAVE BEEN REPORTED BY BILL ROBINSON OF VANCOUVER.

TYPE	EARLIEST	LATEST
23 - 11	Feb. 26 - 17	Oct. 3 - 17*
35 - 10	Mar. 4 - 17	Apr. 2 - 17*
37 - 9	Oct. 19 - 18*	Nov. 20 - 18
53 - 23A	Oct. 16 - 41	May 6 - 42*

ANY NEW EARLY OR LATE DATES OF THE FLAGS TYPE 1 TO DATE WOULD BE APPRECIATED SO THEY CAN BE LISTED IN FUTURE BULLETINS.

THE CANADIAN FLAG CANCEL BULLETIN

I HAVE LISTED BELOW THE BULLETINS FROM MY COLLECTION, OF WHICH I HAVE ONLY ONE SET. IF ANYONE HAS ANY ISSUES NOT LISTED I WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING FROM YOU ON WHAT ISSUES I MAY BE MISSING. I WOULD LIKE IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO CHECK INTO WHAT IT WOULD COST TO REPRODUCE A COMPLETE SET FOR FUTURE MEMBERS.

PREVIOUS EDITIONS

VOLUME 1 #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
 VOLUME 2 #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
 VOLUME 3 #1

TYPE 1 OTTAWA DATE DIAL X

THE EARLIEST REPORTED DATE OF USE FOR THE TYPE 1 OTTAWA DATE DIAL X IS FOR APRIL 1, 1896 WHICH IS IN MY COLLECTION. UNFORTUNATELY IT IS ON A 2 X 4 CUT SQUARE. THE PREVIOUS EARLY DATE WAS FOR APRIL 4, 1896 WHICH I ASSUME WAS ON A COVER. I HAVE JUST RECENTLY ACQUIRED A COVER DATED APRIL 3, 1896 WHICH WILL NOW BE THE EARLIEST USE I HAVE FOR THIS FLAG ON FULL COVER. WHAT SOME OF THE EARLIER COLLECTORS DID TO COVERS WE THINK IS UNFORTUNATE FOR US TODAY BUT FOR SURE COLLECTORS WILL THINK THE SAME OF USE A HUNDRED YEARS FROM NOW.

THE FREDERICTON CENTENNIAL

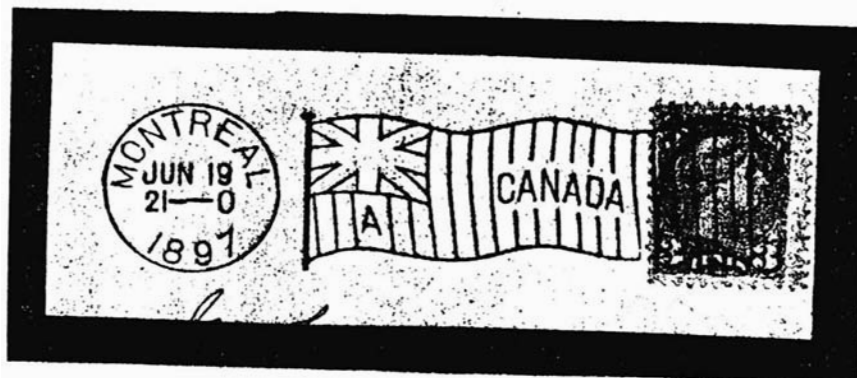
A NEW DATE FOR TYPE 61 - 1A HAS BEEN REPORTED FOR JULY 3, 1948. THE DIE B HUB IS REPORTED USED FOR ONLY ONE DATE ON JULY 31, 1948 WHICH I FIND TO BE VERY UNUSUAL. UPON COMPARING THIS ONE TO THE JULY 31, 1948 EXAMPLE FROM MY COLLECTION IT APPEARS THE 3 IS A GREATER DISTANCE FROM THE END OF THE "L" OF JULY THAN THE 3 OF 31 ON MY COVER. THIS IN MY OPINION IT IS NOT A USE ON THE 31 WITH THE 1 MISSING. I CAN SEE NO EVIDENCE OF POSSIBLY A 1 OR 2 BEFORE THE 3 OF JULY 3 TO MAKE ME THINK IT IS FOR JULY 13 OR 23. BY ALL INDICATIONS I THINK THIS IS A NEW EARLY DATE.

	EARLIEST	LATEST
61 - 1 Die "A" Hub	March 1 - 48	July 30 - 48
61 - 1A Die "B" Hub	July 3 - 48*	July 31 - 48

THE NEW DATE OF DIE A HUB IS IN MY COLLECTION AS A NEW ADDITION RECENTLY.

IT IS BUT IT'S NOT

THREE CENT SMALL QUEEN ON A CUT SQUARE FOR JUNE 19, 1897. AN INEXPENSIVE STAMP AND AVERAGE DATE. THIS COULD HAVE BEEN A VERY VALUABLE CUT SQUARE BUT IT'S NOT. JUNE 19, 1897 WAS THE FIRST DAY OF USE OF THE JUBILEE STAMPS AND NOT THE OFFICIAL LAST DAY OF USE OF THE SMALL QUEEN ISSUE AS THEY ARE LEGAL POSTAGE TODAY. THE ONE GOOD PART ABOUT THIS CUT SQUARE IS THAT IT IS A LATEST REPORTED DATE OF THE TYPE 1 INDICIA A FLAG CANCEL.



A THOUGHT DOWN MEMORY LANE

I CAN REMEMBER WHEN I FURST STARTED TO COLLECT THE CANADIAN FLAG CANCELS QUITE A NUMBER OF YEARS AGO. I REALLY STARTED TO COLLECT THE U.S. FLAG CANCELS FIRST, JOINED THE FLAG CANCEL SOCIETY, AND STARTED GETTING THEIR PAPER THAT WAS PRODUCED BI-MONTHLY. I SOON REALIZED THERE MUST BE 10,000 DIFFERENT U.S. FLAGS WITH NO POSSIBLE WAY OF EVER COMPLETING THE COLLECTION. THIS IS WHEN I SAW AN ARTICLE BY ONE OF OUR STUDY GROUP MEMBERS, TED KILISH, ON A SERIES IN FLAG CANCELLATION ON THE CANADIAN FLAG CANCELS WHICH REALLY IMPRESSED ME VERY MUCH. I WROTE TO TED AND HE SENT ME A FEW DUPLICATES TO HELP ME GET STARTED. HOW LITTLE DID I REALIZE WITH THOSE FEW DUPLICATES TO START WITH HOW FAR I WOULD EVER GO IN THE FIELD OF THE CANADIAN FLAG CANCELS. I USED TED'S NOTES FROM FLAG CANCELLATION FOR A WHILE AS REFERENCE UNTIL SOME COLLECTOR, I REALLY DON'T REMEMBER NOW, MADE A XEROX COPY OF THE McCREADY HANDBOOK REPRINT OF 1956. THIS I USED UNTIL 1973 WHEN THE PRESENT HANDBOOK WAS PUBLISHED. I HAVE BEEN VERY FORTUNATE OVER THE YEARS, AS A LOT OF THE COLLECTORS AND DEALERS WERE VERY FRIENDLY AND HELPED ME GET GOING IN A DIRECTION WITH THE FLAGS ON COVERS TO WHERE I HAVE OVER THE YEARS BUILT A PRETTY FAIR COLLECTION OF WHICH I'M REALLY PROUD. MY FIRST TRIP TO CANADA WAS A MEMORY I'LL NEVER FORGET. I MET BILL MARESCH FOR THE FIRST TIME AND IT WAS A HOLIDAY IN CANADA BUT HE JUST HAPPENED TO BE AT THE OFFICE WHEN WE ARRIVED. THE SHOP WAS CLOSED BUT HE LET US IN THOUGH WHEN HE FOUND OUT WE HAD COME ALL THE WAY FROM VIRGINIA AND WE WERE ONLY GOING TO BE ABLE TO BE IN TOWN FOR THE DAY. AFTER AN HOUR OR SO TALKING HE TOOK US TO LUNCH AND HELPED LINE UP A ROOM FOR THE NIGHT. THAT EVENING HE CALLED AND TOOK US TO DINNER, WHICH WAS A GRAND EVENING AT A GERMAN-HUNGARIAN RESTAURANT. THE NEXT DAY WE STOPPED AT BILL'S SHOP AND THIS WAS WHEN I BOUGHT MY FIRST OF THE SCARCE FLAG CANCELS - THE MONTREAL K TYPE 1. I KNEW THEN THAT I WAS REALLY ON THE WAY TO COLLECTING THE CANADIAN FLAG CANCELS. I THINK THE ONE THING THAT HAS HELPED ME THE MOST IN MY COLLECTING OF THE CANADIAN FLAG CANCELS WAS WHEN I JOINED THE B.N.A.P.S. IT SEEMED TO OPEN THE DOOR TO FRIENDLINESS, TO COLLECTORS, AND TO DEALERS, WHETHER YOU KNEW THEM OR THEY WERE STRANGERS. I HAVE OVER THE YEARS ACQUIRED FLAG CANCELS FROM COLLECTORS AND DEALERS AND EACH AND EVERY SINGLE COVER THAT GOES INTO MY COLLECTION HAS A MEMORY THAT I DON'T WANT TO EVER FORGET. SOMETIMES I JUST FIND MYSELF OPENING THE ALBUM, SITTING THERE, AND LOOKING AT A COVER. THE MEMORIES ARE FANTASTIC LIKE A WEEKEND AT A SHOW WE ATTENDED, THE LATE HOUR DISCUSSIONS AFTER DINNER, AND THE BOURSE, THESE ARE MEMORIES I DON'T EVER WANT TO FORGET.

TYPE 1 MONTREAL INDICIA K

XEROX OF ONE OF THE TYPE 1 MONTREAL INDICIA K FLAG CANCELS FROM MY COLLECTION. THE USE ON SEPTEMBER 3, 1896 WHICH IS THE EARLIEST REPORTED DATE OF USE OF THIS VERY ELUSIVE FLAG CANCEL. THE INDICIA K IS REPORTED IN USE FROM SEPTEMBER 3 TO SEPTEMBER 9, 1896 WITH BOTH DATES BEING IN MY COLLECTION. THIS IS THE FIRST INDICIA K I HAVE SEEN ON COVER TO ENGLAND, ALL THE OTHERS I HAVE SEEN OVER THE YEARS HAVE BEEN MAILED WITHIN CANADA. THIS COVER HAS TWO FIVE CENT SMALL QUEENS WHICH WAS FOR A DOUBLE RATE BUT THERE IS A MARKING IN THE UPPER LEFT CORNER OF THE COVER WHICH I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT IT REPRESENTS WHICH I HAVE CIRCLED. IF ANYONE CAN TELL ME WHAT THIS MARKING REPRESENTS I WOULD BE GRATEFUL. HOPING TO HEAR FROM SOMEONE.



WANT LIST - LARRY R. PAIGE

IN THE TYPE 7 AND 8 OF MONTREAL AND HAMILTON, THERE ARE TEN LISTED INVERTED USES OF THIS FLAG NOW. WHEN THE HANDBOOK WAS PRINTED THERE WERE ONLY FIVE LISTED FOR MONTREAL USE, OF THE TEN NOW LISTED I STILL NEED FIVE TO COMPLETE THE COLLECTION OF FLAG CANCELS LISTED BY RICHARDSON'S HANDBOOK. OF THE FIVE NEW LISTINGS I HAVE ONLY SEEN ONE WHICH WAS AT THE FLORIDA BNAPS CONVENTION. LISTED BELOW ARE THE ONES I NEED AND WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING FROM ANYONE THAT MAY HAVE THESE.

7 - 6A DIE IV
8 - 2A HAMILTON "B"
8 - 7A DIE III

8 - 9A DIE IV
8 - 11A DIE V

A COMMENT

WELL NOW I HAVE MADE MY FIRST REAL EFFORT AT TRYING SOMETHING OF WHICH I AM REALLY SCARED, AS I DON'T WANT TO MAKE ANY MISTAKES. I HOPE TO IMPROVE WITH TIME AND EXPERIENCE AT THIS. I HOPE AS YOU HAVE READ THE DIFFERENT ARTICLES THEY HAVEN'T RUNG WITH A SOUTHERN ACCENT. I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM EACH OF YOU TO TRY TO HELP ME KEEP THIS THING GOING. IT TAKES ALL OF THE SPOKES IN A WHEEL TO KEEP IT FROM GOING FLAT AND EACH SPOKE HAS TO HELP WITH THEIR SHARE OF SUPPORT. WE SOUTHERN FOLKES IN THIS PART OF VIRGINIA WILL PROBABLY NOT BE ABLE TO BUY MANY FLAG CANCEL COVERS FOR OUR COLLECTION FOR A WHILE BECAUSE WITH THIS DROUGHT VERY SOON A CUP OF WATER MAY COST MORE THAN A NICE FLAG CANCEL. I WISH EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU LUCK IN YOUR PURSUIT OF CANADIAN FLAG CANCELS AND LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU.

Larry