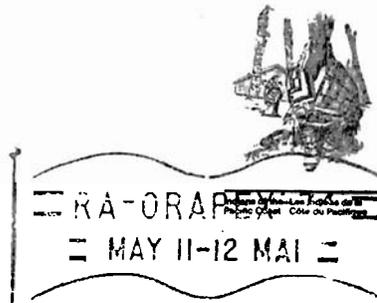


# THE FLAG POLE



Newsletter of the BNAPS Flag Cancel Study Group

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## EDITOR'S MESSAGE

This is the first issue of my second year as editor. I would like to say how much I have enjoyed preparing the last four issues and thank those of you that have supported me with articles, reports and photocopies of interesting items. Please keep the material coming in, the cupboard is now virtually bare.

This issue concentrates on the modern flags with brief articles about those of Fredericton, Smith's Falls, the 1953 Coronation and the modern exhibitions. Hopefully these articles will stimulate reports so that we can begin to consolidate information on the modern period.

I also include a statement of revenue and expenses for the twelve months to 31 May 1989. As you will see we are in a fairly good shape financially and this should continue while photocopying can be carried out below commercial rates.

Doug has asked me to remind you about several matters. Subscriptions for 1989-90 are now due, they are US\$5 and CAN\$5 respectively. In order to save bank charges members might wish to pay 1989-90 and 1990-91 dues together, (\$10 in the currency of their own country). Our study group meeting will be held at BNAPEX in Hamilton at 3.30pm on 22 September. Try and keep that evening free as we plan to arrange a dinner. Is there anyone out there who would consider standing for Chairman of the study group? If you might be interested, or merely want to know what the job entails, contact Doug Lingard.

I am pleased to welcome three new members, unfortunately I have no record of their collecting interests:

37. Richard G. Ericson, 1313 Como Park Way, Modesto, CA 95350 (USA).
38. George M. Dass, P.O. Box 850597, Richardson, TX 75085 (USA)
39. Robert K. Thorne, 6 Milford Crescent, Brampton, ON L6S 3E4, Canada.

USAGE OF THE FREDERICTON CENTENNIAL FLAG

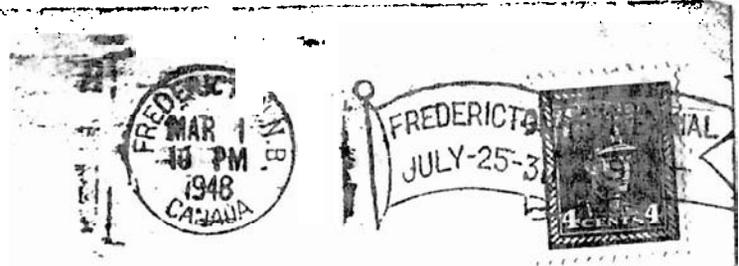
David Sessions and Tom Almond

The special flag die to commemorate the Centennial of Fredericton was supposedly used for intermittent and short periods between 29 February and 31 July 1948. Two daters were used: a normal one with CANADA at the base and one with N.B. at the base. The normal dater is alleged to have been used during the following periods:

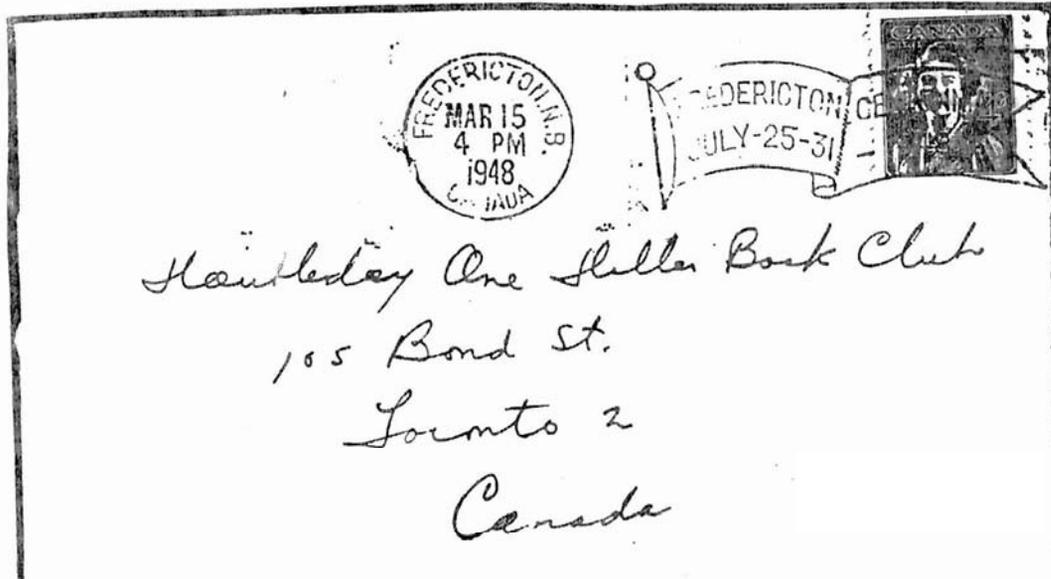
29 Feb to 10 Mar  
15 Apr to 1 May  
23 May to 5 Jun  
20 Jun to 3 Jul  
18 Jul to 30 Jul

However the cancel appears dated 1 March in the proof book and the earliest reported occurrence, illustrated below, is for that date. Note that the other strike shown below is dated 15 March which is not within the periods of use listed above.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
HORTICULTURAL DIVISION  
FREDERICTON, N. B.



Mr. W. R. Phillips,



Whilst Richardson reports the abnormal dater used philatelically on 31 July, the last day of the celebrations, dates of commercial use have been reported viz. 2 June, 26 June, 29 June and 3 July.

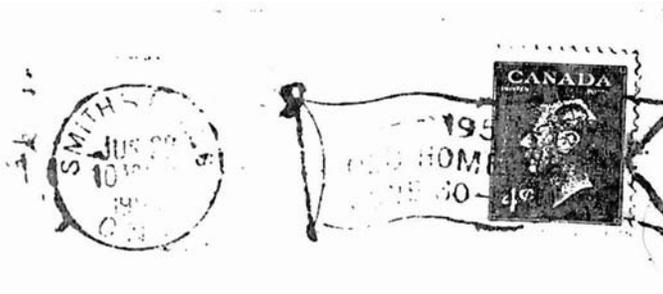


It would be interesting to prepare a tabulation of the use of this cancel. Please send reports of any strikes to the editor, with an indication of whether the "CANADA" or the "NB" dater is used and whether the use is commercial or philatelic.

#### USAGE OF THE SMITH'S FALLS FLAG

Tom Almond

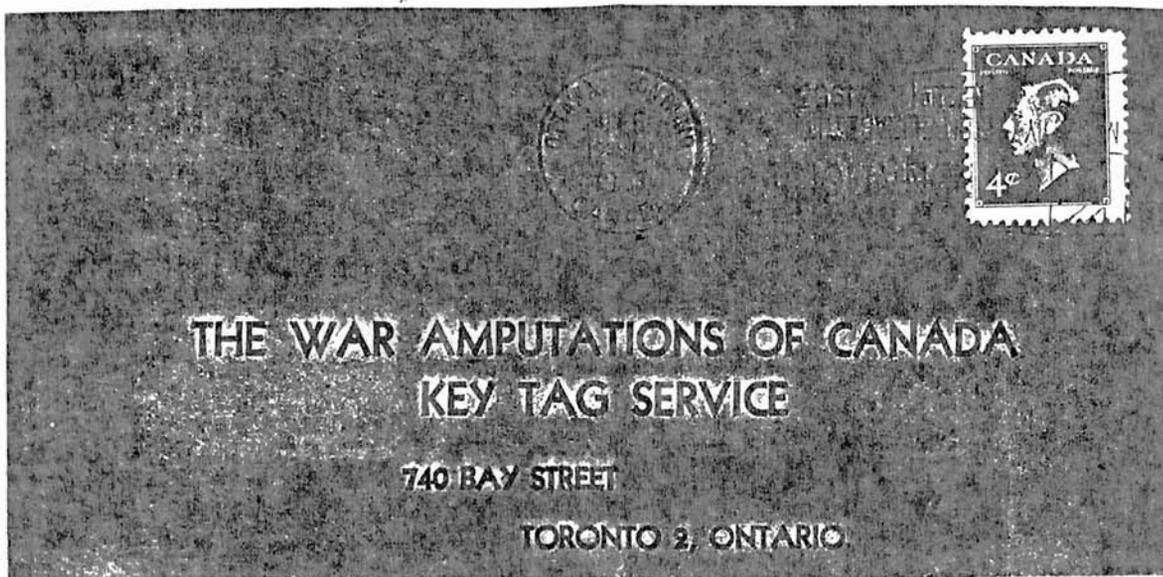
This is a very difficult cancellation to find, it is much scarcer than the period of use would suggest and the known impressions are rather poor. There are reports of its use on 22 May, 6 June, 22 June (illustrated below), 23 June, 30 June, 7 July. Reports of any strikes would be welcome and photostats of good strikes, clearly dated, would be even more welcome.



THE INVERTED OTTAWA CORONATION FLAG OF 1953

Tom Almond

The Ottawa Coronation flag cancel is known inverted on 5 June 1953, it appears to be quite a scarce variety. The inversion is known to exist for 12<sup>30</sup>PM and 13<sup>00</sup>PM, it is also known to exist in its normal state for both of these times. It would be interesting to determine the relative frequencies of normal and inverted examples for both these times. Reports, please, to the editor. The illustrations below show examples of inverts for both the time marks.



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306 rue Nelson  
Ottawa  
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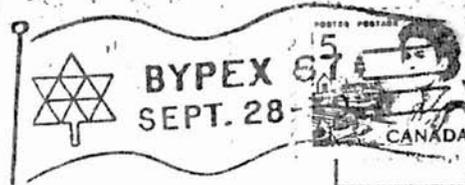
# THE "PHILATELIC EXHIBITION" FLAGS

Tom Almond

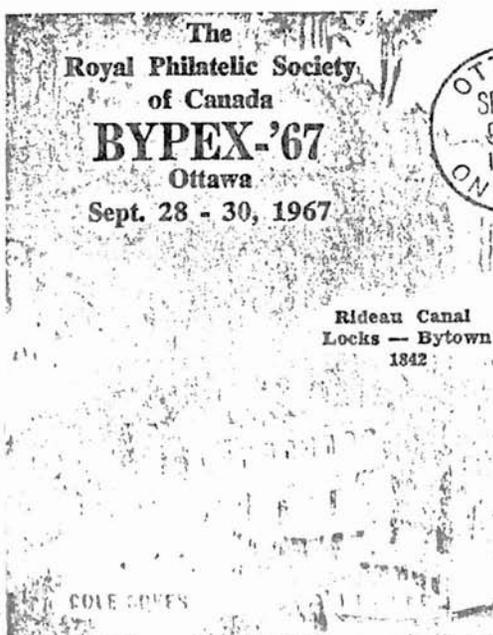
Ed Richardson uses the above title for the final chapter of his seminal flag book. This chapter discusses the flags of 1967 onwards. Perhaps a better title would be THE "PHILATELIC" EXHIBITION FLAGS. For, as he says in his book "they are seldom controlled with any degree of vigilance .... It's the old, old story of letting a stamp collector in on the press runs. Nevertheless there can be little dispute that these items are collectable and I am pleased to show a few below (courtesy of a member who wishes to remain anonymous). I would be pleased to show more from other collections.

BYPEX 1967 (Type 81-1)

Note the different arrangements of the indicia in the two daters of 28 September 1967. There can be no guarantee that the philatelic cover and the commercial cover that are shown below were cancelled on the same day. Knowledge of current practice would indicate that philatelic covers would not have been serviced on the actual first day even though their date might indicate this.

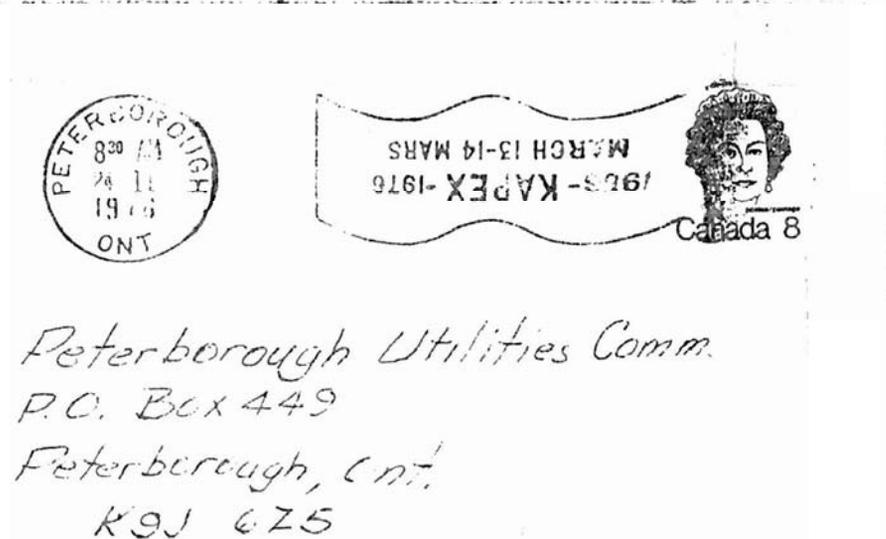
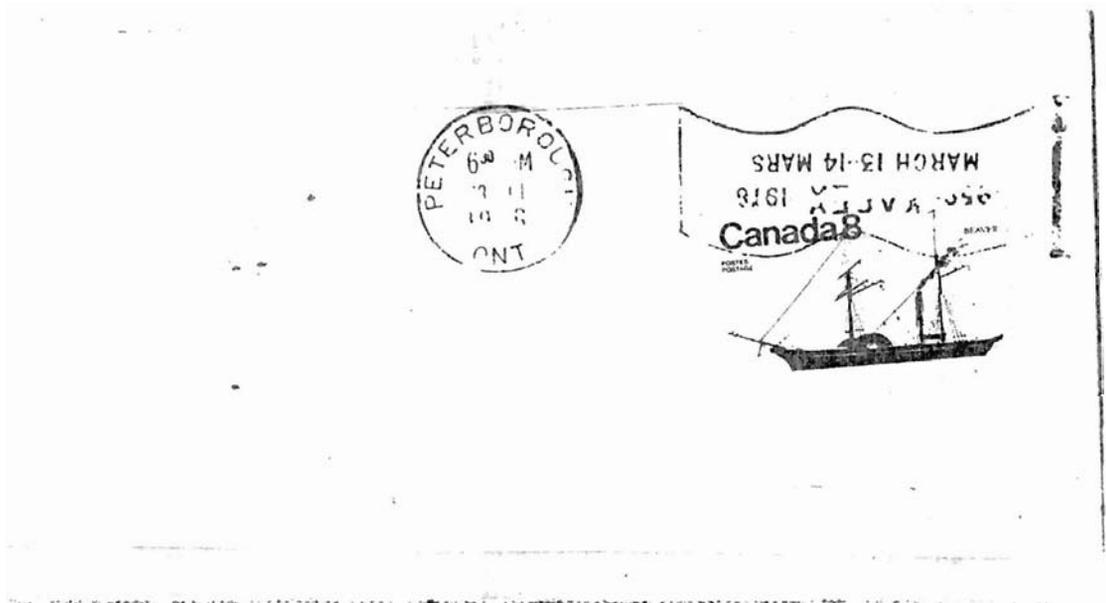


**CANADIAN GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY LTD.  
80 BRADFORD ST.,  
BARRIE, ONTARIO.**



KAPEX 1976

This flag has been reported inverted on 23 and 24 February 1976. The poorly inked strikes below show both of these dates.



EDITOR'S POSTSCRIPT

Do not forget to send me some material so that we can start the new philatelic season with a bumper issue. Reports, photocopies, wanted ads, long articles, short articles, letters to the editor or queries will all be welcome

Providing the pound does not depreciate any further, I look forward to seeing many of you at BNAPEX in Hamilton. Please bring your duplicates with you!

BNAPS Flag Cancel Study Group  
Statement of Revenues and Expenses  
For the 12 Months Ending May 31, 1989

Revenues

1888-89 Membership Dues (21) received in 1987-88	\$130.50
1988-89 Membership Dues (11) received in 1988-89	73.18
BNAPS Subsidy	19.50
Virginia Beach Donations (U.S. \$) \$10 from Richardson, Paige and Heasman and \$5 from ?	41.20
Bank Interest	13.03
Sales of Back Issues of the Flag Pole	<u>42.00</u>
Total 1988-89 Revenue	319.41

Expenses

Costs of distributing the Flag Pole:

Volume 2 No. 1	\$ 20.26
Volume 2 No. 2	30.44
Volume 2 No. 3	17.78
Volume 2 No. 4	<u>29.20</u>
Total distribution costs	97.68

Office expenses including photocopying, postage, bank charges, envelopes, mailing sample and back issues of the Flag Pole etc. 42.75

Total Expenses 140.43\*

Net 1988-89 Surplus 178.98

Add:

Deferred 1989-90 membership dues received in 1987-88 and 1988-89 (12 paid up members)	65.20
Deferred 1990-91 membership dues received in 1988-89 (7 paid up members)	35.00
Surplus from 1987-88	<u>89.28</u>

Total Funds on Hand as of May 31, 1989 368.46

Funds on Hand Consist of:

Cash on Hand (Tom Almond)	\$ 44.00
Bank Balance	<u>324.46</u>
Total	<u>368.46</u>

\* Expenses do not show those incurred by Tom Almond. These will be included in the 1989-90 expenses.

*Doug Lingard*

Prepared by  
Doug Lingard (Treasurer)

**DON'T FORGET**

**BNAPS FLAG CANCEL STUDY GROUP MEETING**

**SHERATON HAMILTON, HAMILTON, ONTARIO**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1989**

**3:30 - 5:00 PM**

**AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Election of officers. (John Robertson has agreed to run for Chairman, Doug Lingard for Treasurer/North American distribution, and Tom Almond for Editor).
2. Presentation by Larry Paige on his new publication.
2. Should the Flag Cancel handbook be updated? If so, who, how?
3. Other business.

It has been suggested that we plan to have dinner together after the meeting. Since there should be a good turnout of members eg. Tom Almond from England, please try to attend if at all possible. In case you have never attended a BNAPEX convention before, you will be surprised at the fun you will have. Also, why not bring along a short article, question or photocopy of your favourite cover and give it to Tom for publication in the Flag Pole.

