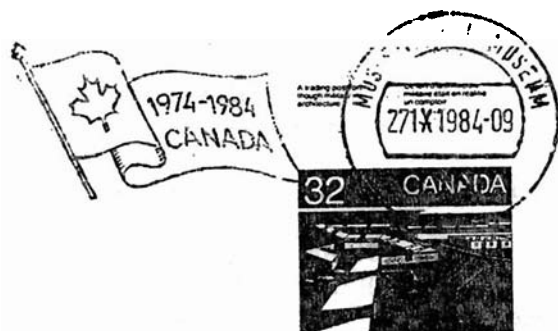


## THE FLAG POLE



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### EDITOR'S REMARKS

As I produce this newsletter I am suffering from post holiday blues, this can only get worse as I return to the real world of work tomorrow morning. I was lucky enough to visit Canada for almost two weeks and to find out for myself what a beautiful and exciting country it is. During my visit I attended the BNAPS Convention in Hamilton and, needless to say, I was welcomed by everybody that I met. It was a great thrill to meet so many BNAPS members that I had previously only known through correspondence. Shortly after my return from Canada, I set off for the CPSGB Convention in Ayr, Scotland. Here I met several BNAPS members who I had last seen the week before in Canada.

Whilst in Hamilton I attended a meeting of the Flag Cancel Study Group and some notes from this meeting are presented below. We decided to begin work on the production of an updated Flag Cancel catalogue. This emphasises the importance of members making returns of their finds.

This issue contains updates on the flags of WWI, 1939, 1942, 1948, 1950 and 1953. Further light is also thrown on the modern flags. Many thanks to Bill Angley, Wayne Curtis, Doug Lingard, John Robertson, Bill Robinson and Bob Thorne for sending information on their finds.

I am pleased to welcome three new members:

40. Albert F. Schrier, PO Box 56, Redwood City, CA 94064, USA.
41. John Thompson, 2356 Lincoln Road, Victoria, BC, V8R 6A4, Canada. John specialises in Royal Train Cancels.
42. \*Ron Leith, Box 430, Abbotsford, BC, V2S 5Z5, Canada.
43. Jim Felton, Box 56731, Little Rock, AR 72215, USA.

Congratulations to Doug Lingard are in order. He entered his volume of Flagpoles into PIPEX at Edmonton and he was awarded a silver/bronze medal. Well done Doug.

**NOTES ON THE FLAG CANCEL STUDY GROUP MEETING, HAMILTON, SEPTEMBER 22 1989**  
**Tom Almond**

Our meeting was attended by 13 members of the group and one non-member, viz:

Tom Almond, William Angley, Stuart Clark (non-member), Wayne Curtis, Jim Felton, Wally Gutzman, Fred Hollenbeck, Doug Lingard, Larry Paige, John Robertson, Wilmer Rockett, Dan Rosenblat, Jeff Switt and Bob Thorne.

In order to conform with BNAPS requirements we are required to appoint at least three officers, the following posts were filled by willing volunteers:

Chairman	- John Robertson
Secretary/Treasurer	- Doug Lingard
Editor	- Tom Almond.

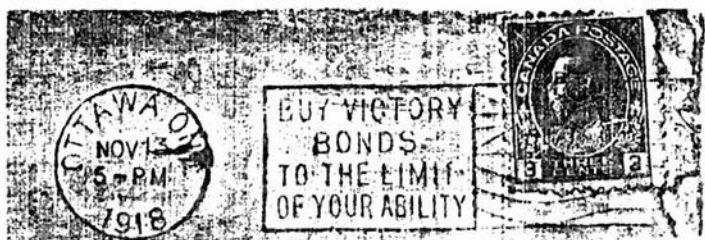
Larry Paige spoke briefly about the new catalogue that he has begun work on. It was agreed that it should cover all flag cancellations from the early days to modern times. In order that patterns of use can be established the following members will consolidate reports for the various flags:

Larry Paige	- Types 1 to 13.
Doug Lingard	- Types 21 to 46 and 53 to 54.
Fred Hollenbeck	- Types 50 to 52, 71 and 72, and modern flags.
Tom Almond	- Types 61 and 62.

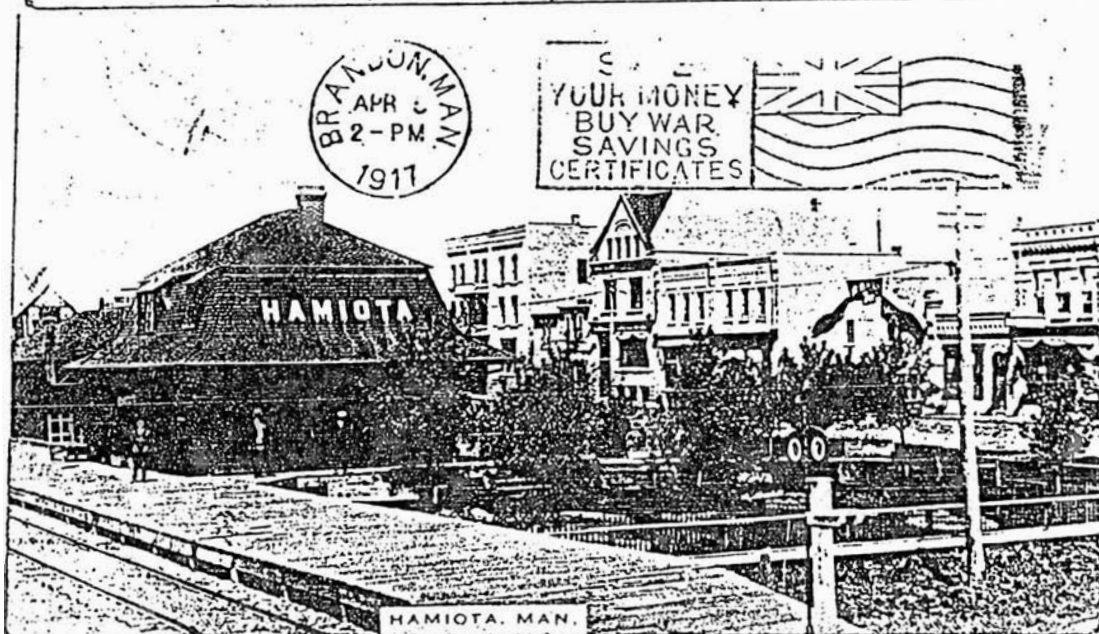
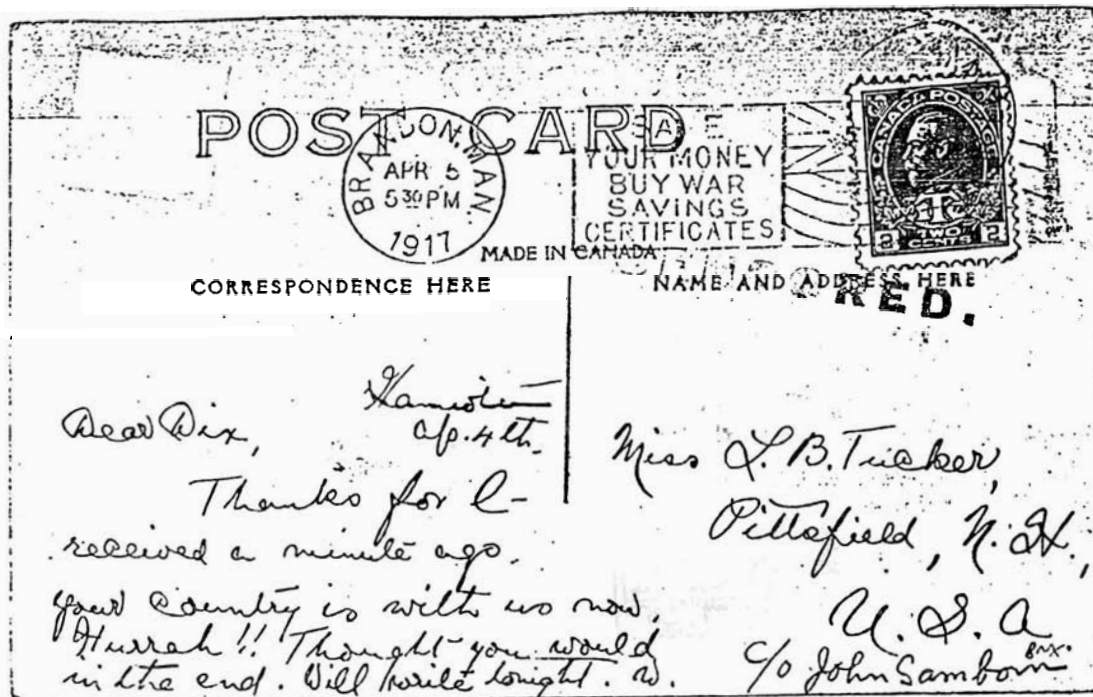
[It is possible that the consolidators will produce questionnaires etc. in order that they can collect specific information. In the meantime note that reports for publication in Flagpole should continue to be sent direct to the editor. - Ed.]

**THE WORLD WAR I FLAGS**

Doug Lingard reports Lethbridge 23-5 used on March 16th 1917, an EKD that is only four days after the die was shipped out from Ottawa. He also reports an LKD for Ottawa 37-5, November 13th 1918.



Bill Angley has submitted details of a postcard with 2 strikes of the rare Brandon 35-10. His postcard is a real gem and I have shown both sides of it. For flag collectors it is a LKD of April 5th 1917. For railway buffs it has a picture of an obscure (unless you live there!) station. For military collectors it bears a civilian censor's mark and a message about the entry of the USA into the war.



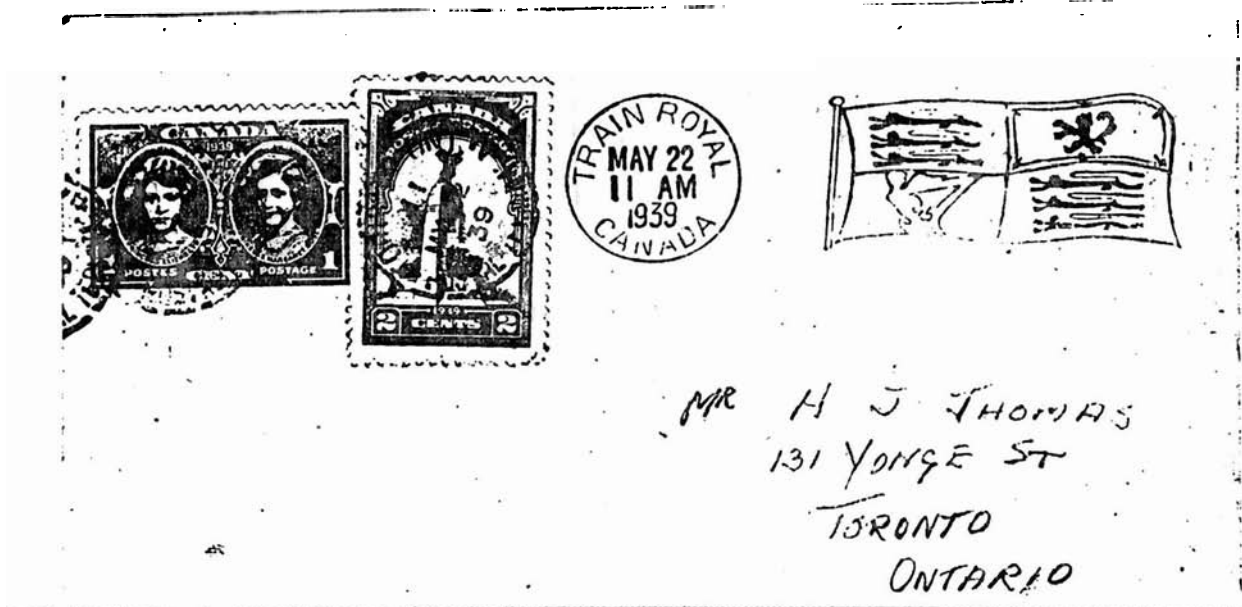
This recent find for Flag 35-10 is only the third reported. Of interest are the two strikes on front and back of a postcard, with different time marks. Previous speculation that the die was later sent to Moncton now seems dubious as the EKD for Moncton 35-5 is 04-06. Now that's too prompt a delivery even for yesteryear's mail service!

ROYAL TRAIN FLAGS

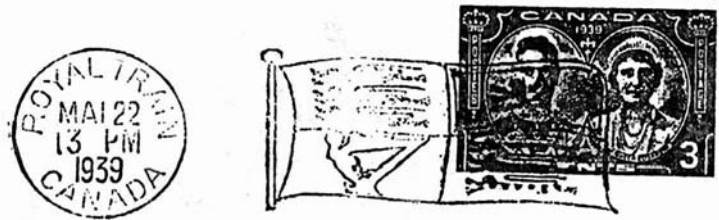
As a result of David Sessions' note in the June Flagpole two more Anglo-French hybrids have been reported. Bob Thorne has submitted a cover with the French flag and French dater containing "MAY 22". Wayne Curtis has submitted a cover with the English flag and English dater containing "MAI 22".

Why was the French canceller being used in Toronto? It really does look as if somebody was messing about. More reports of abnormal and normal use are needed to show some light on this problem. Can anybody through any light on the addressees of these letters, do they have philatelic connections?

Note that the French and English Flags may be differentiated by the size of the boss on the top of the flagpole. The French version is small, the English version is large.



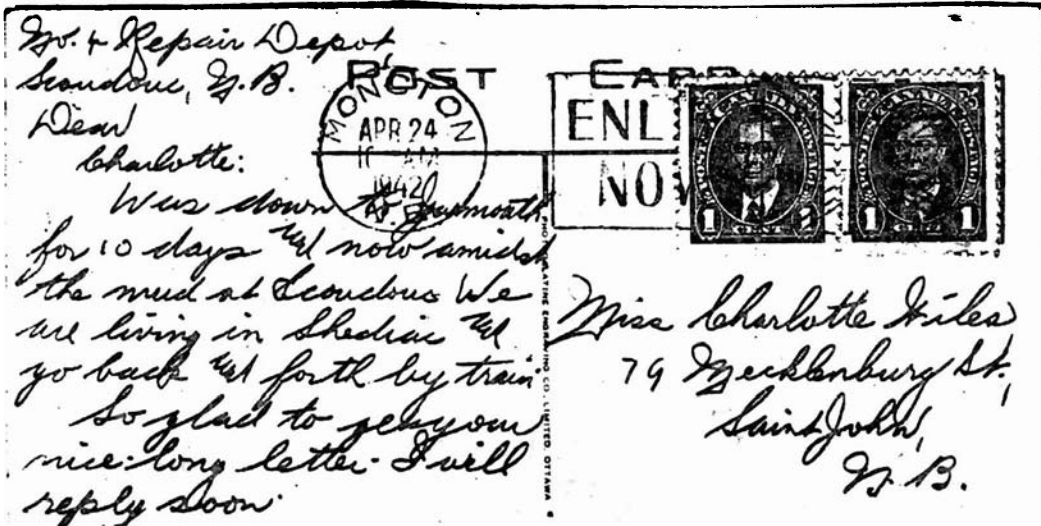
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ENLIST NOW FLAGS

Tom Almond reports a copy of 53-8, used on April 15th 1942, this is before the unconfirmed LKD but it extends the confirmed period of use from 24th March. Doug Lingard has sent a photocopy of a strike of 53-10A with a new LKD of 24th April 1942.

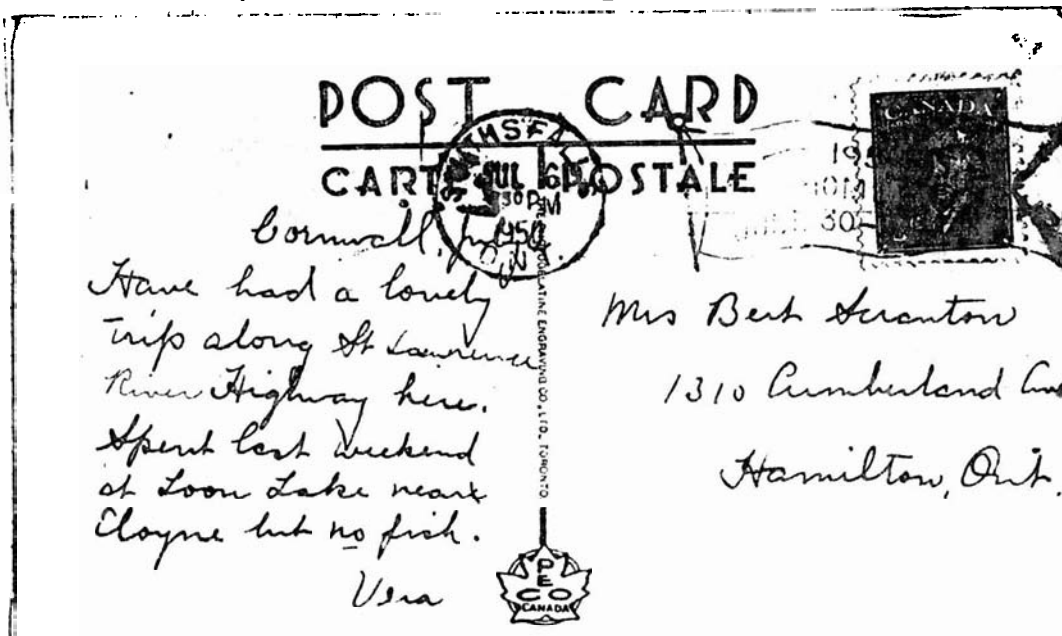


FREDERICTON CENTENNIAL

In the last issue I reported a strike dated 2nd June, Doug Lingard has pointed out that his photocopy, which is better than mine, shows the date as 2nd July. Doug has also sent a copy of the abnormal commercially used on 1st July and a set of reports of the normal including one for 17th March. This extends one of the periods listed in the last Flagpole. Bill Robinson reports the normal dater for 2nd, 12th and 17th March and 25th July and the abnormal used philatelically on 31st July. John Robertson reports the normal used on 13th and 17th March.

SMITH'S FALLS

Doug reports two examples, one is clearly dated 6th July, the other is partially dated 2? June. More reports of this scarce flag would be welcome.



## OTTAWA INVERT

Doug reports that he has just one copy timed at 1230. He suggests that there are probably 8 to 10 of these inverts in existence.

## MODERN FLAGS

The banner for this issue shows the Klussendorf flag used in 1984 to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Postal Museum. The notice below explains the background and how collectors could obtain First Day Covers of this cancellation.

### NATIONAL POSTAL MUSEUM TO ISSUE FLAG CANCELLATION



Last day of usage 26 September 1984



First day of usage 27 September 1984

On 27 September 1984 the National Postal Museum will introduce a new Klussendorf model 280/5 cancellation machine and flag cancellation to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the Postal Museum. The new Klussendorf will replace the current Pitney Bowes model DDU machine which will be removed from service on 26 September 1984.

This event will be of particular interest to philatelists because of the unique reversed design of the new flag cancellation. For the first time in the history of Canada Post the machine cancellation will feature the postmark to the right of the advertising slogan.

Collectors wishing to obtain first day examples of the new cancellation should forward stamped, self-addressed envelopes to:

National Postal Museum  
Canada Post Corporation  
180 Wellington Street  
OTTAWA, Ontario K1A 1C6

to arrive no later than 27 September 1984.

Only envelopes with the proper Canadian rate for first class mail will be acceptable. All others will be returned unactioned. The current Canadian postage rate is 32¢ per 30 grams for mailing within Canada, 37¢ to the United States and 64¢ to all other destinations. All envelopes received which are not suitable for machine cancelling will be cancelled with the current Museum Posthorn hand cancel.

One cancellation only per envelope will be applied. Canada Post reserves the right to limit the number of items serviced per customer.