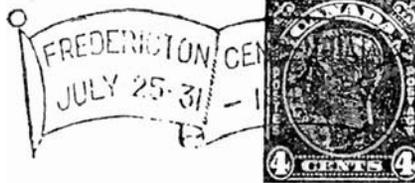


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EDITOR'S REMARKS

One of my New Year's Resolutions was to keep my EDITOR'S REMARKS down to the minimum and I propose to carry this out in at least one issue of FLAG POLE.

Once again we have a small but varied issue. If you send me more material, the next issue will be larger and more varied and I will keep my remarks even shorter. Over the past year we have seen a pleasing increase in the size of our Study Group. This has bucked the trend of falling rolls in Philatelic Societies. Our flags are particularly attractive and collectable and, no doubt, this contributes to our success. Even so, it is down to all of us to seek to enrol new members into our group.

This issue features notes on the Bickerdike flags, the WWI flags, a nice GVI item and new information on the Enlist Now Flags.

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

I recently learned that the David Proulx Slogan Catalogue, which includes all our Flag Cancels, has been updated. My copy is on order and I will review it in the next newsletter.

Doug Lingard and myself are having a "mini-meeting" on March 23rd to discuss the progress on our Flag Book which is coming along well.

I would suggest that all of you subscribe to at least two Auction Houses that cater for BNA collectors. Postal History is getting hopeless and auctions seem to be the best place to find new material.

NOTES ON VARIOUS FLAGS
David Sessions

The Ottawa Bickerdikes

On page 49 of the **Early Rapid Cancelling Machines of Canada**, there is a discussion as to just when a second Bickerdike machine was delivered to Ottawa. Also the probability of concurrent use of two machines is considered in the light of the relative scarcity of flags type 6 and 9. At the time of writing, no report had been received of the two flags in use on the same day other than the first.

The latest recorded Imperial use at Ottawa is the type 1 flag at 6pm on Thursday 28th October 1897; the incoming Bickerdikes are recorded at 4pm (F9) and 6pm (F6) respectively on Saturday 30th October. In a letter dated 21 October 1897, the Chief P.O. Inspector, W. Sweetman, indicated that two Bickerdike machines would be placed in the Ottawa Post Office "in the course of a few days" and that Mr. F.B. Dole of Boston was to be paid for the outgoing machine up to 31 October. This seems to clear up the question of "one or two machines". I am now able to report flag F9 used at 9pm on 18 February 1898 and the unique F6 invert used at 7pm on the same day. Both are illustrated below.



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NOTES ON VARIOUS FLAGS - CONTINUED

Broken "L" of Montreal

Page 16 of the above handbook makes reference to the broken foot of the "L" of "MONTREAL" in the dater with the M2 canceller, immediately before the introduction of the "Straight Jack" flag (F2). Specifically the reference is to an example timed at midnight on 10 April. I am now able to illustrate a new early usage at 11am on 9 April.



The Witching Hour!

Finally, I am pleased to show another little gem, a new variety previously unreported for type 1 flags - an inverted time mark for midnight on 26 June 1896.



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NOTES ON VARIOUS FLAGS - CONTINUED

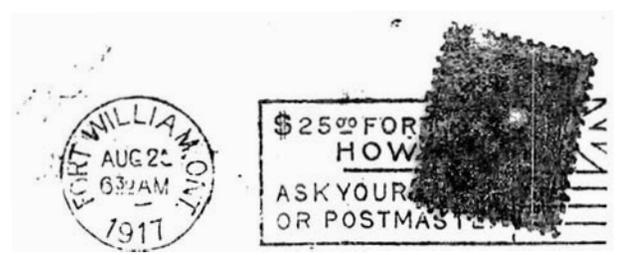
George VI Coronation Flags

The cover shown below is very unusual as it shows the use of the two different Toronto dies.



WWI FLAGS

John Robertson has found a nice copy of the very scarce Fort William (30-1) flag on card. Jeff Switt has reported a new early date, 20 March for Medicine Hat (35-04).



ENLIST NOW FLAGS
Tom Almond

Recently, Len Harris, a member of the Slogan Study Group was showing me the Flag section of his huge slogan collection when I spotted this nice example of the Halifax flag used on 2 September 1941. On inspection it turned out to be Hub II which had been previously recorded for a only few days in October. This leads me to wonder what other dates are lurking out there. Check your copies carefully.

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There is some doubt about Richardson's last date for Lethbridge 53-8. An extension of the confirmed period of use to 15 Apr 1942, is shown below.

