

THE FLAG POLE



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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

By the time many of you read this BNAPS Toronto '93 will be history and I hope all of you leave the convention with many happy memories.

We have been asking for input from members for many years and I am delighted to be able to say that we are getting it. Charles King sent in a very useful photostat of 50-10 North Battleford dated May 12th which must be rare as nothing for this date has ever been reported (illustrated later, ed.) and David Sessions sent in a whole list of comments which will be discussed in the Flag Pole.

EDITOR'S REMARKS

A year has gone by since I agreed to take on the Editor's job. My sincere thanks to all those who have contributed their input to the Flag Pole during the past year. Without your input there would be nothing to report on. Special thanks to John for putting up with my many phone calls and questions during the preparation of each issue.

A note to Peter McCarthy "TOPICS" study group reporter, it is not unusual for someone to write an editor with comments to an article that was not written by the editor. In fact I think it is the life blood of study group newsletters and not "BUCK PASSING". With the Flag Pole, if you write John you may get an answer from Bob or if you write Bob you may get an answer from John. This is the beauty of having Chairman and Editor so near to each other. All members please keep the cards and letters coming to either John or myself and I will try to continue to put out 8 pages on Flags every quarter.

CHECKLIST ERRORS, QUESTIONS & UPDATES

The Checklist was sent out with the June Flag Pole. This was prepared by the Editor from the data reported in the Flag Pole and there are a few errors that have been noticed by members along with some questions and updates. It was hoped that the checklist would spur members to comment. John has heard from 2 members and I have memos from Tom Almond, Jeff Switt and Preston Pope.

Errors and updates are listed so you can change your copy of the checklist.

There are numerous questions arising from this correspondence regarding confirmation of dates, numbering systems, pricing, etc. which will be discussed by the Group meeting at the convention in Toronto. I will report these following the convention.

The following are changes that should be made to the Checklist.

FLAG REVISION

ERRORS (typos)

1-8	LKD should be Jun 9/96 not Jun 9/97.
2-1	LKD should be Apr 22/96 not Apr 22/96.
6-1	EKD should be Apr 13/98 not Apr 13/97.
	LKD should be Apr 18/98 not Apr 18/97.
6-2	LKD should be Mar 2/98 not Mar 2/97.
6-2A	EKD should be Feb 18/98 not Feb 18/97.
TYPE 51	Heading should read "CORONATION COURONNEMENT H.M. KING GEORGE VI S.M. ELIZABETH MAY 12 MAI 1937"
TYPE 83	Heading should be "ELIZABETH" not "ELIZEBETH"
111-1	LKD should be Mar 15/76 not Mar 16/76.

This list received from David Sessions who took time to go over the checklist very carefully.

UPDATES

53-13 EKD should be Aug 11/41 not Aug 16/41.

Tom Almond noticed this date which was reported to Doug before the last Flag Pole but was not included in the checklist.

NOTES ON 1937 CORONATION



Mr. A. C. Sasche,
964 105th St,
Edmonton, Alberta.



From Charles King the first report of May 12 use from North Battleford

A brief note from John Robertson:

With the purchase of an accumulation of 1937 Coronation covers there was this very yellowed clipping from a newspaper dated April 18, 1937.

At first glance nothing seems unusual here but what about the missing towns of Fort William, New Westminster, North Battleford, Port Arthur and Windsor?

With the exception of Windsor all these towns are the scarce ones. Does this mean that the 5 unlisted towns were an afterthought and maybe this is the reason they are scarce.

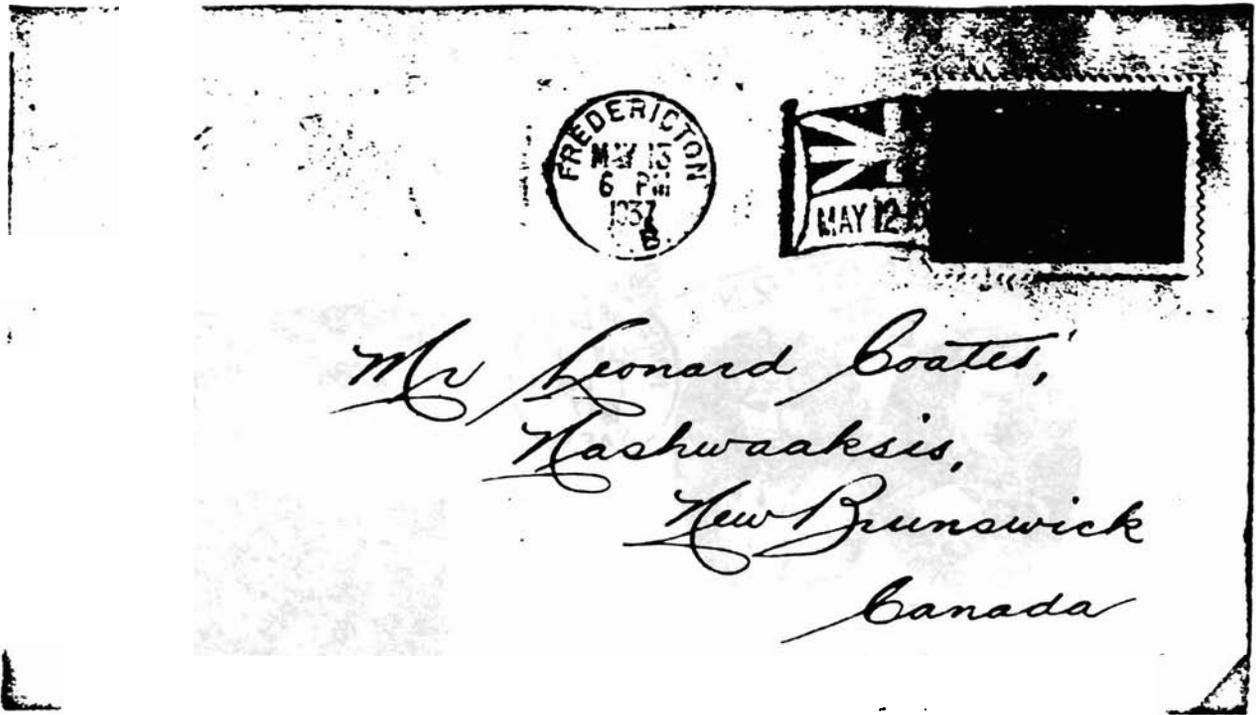
Has anyone out there got any ideas? Comments please.

**Letter Cancellations
To Have Coronation
Design.**

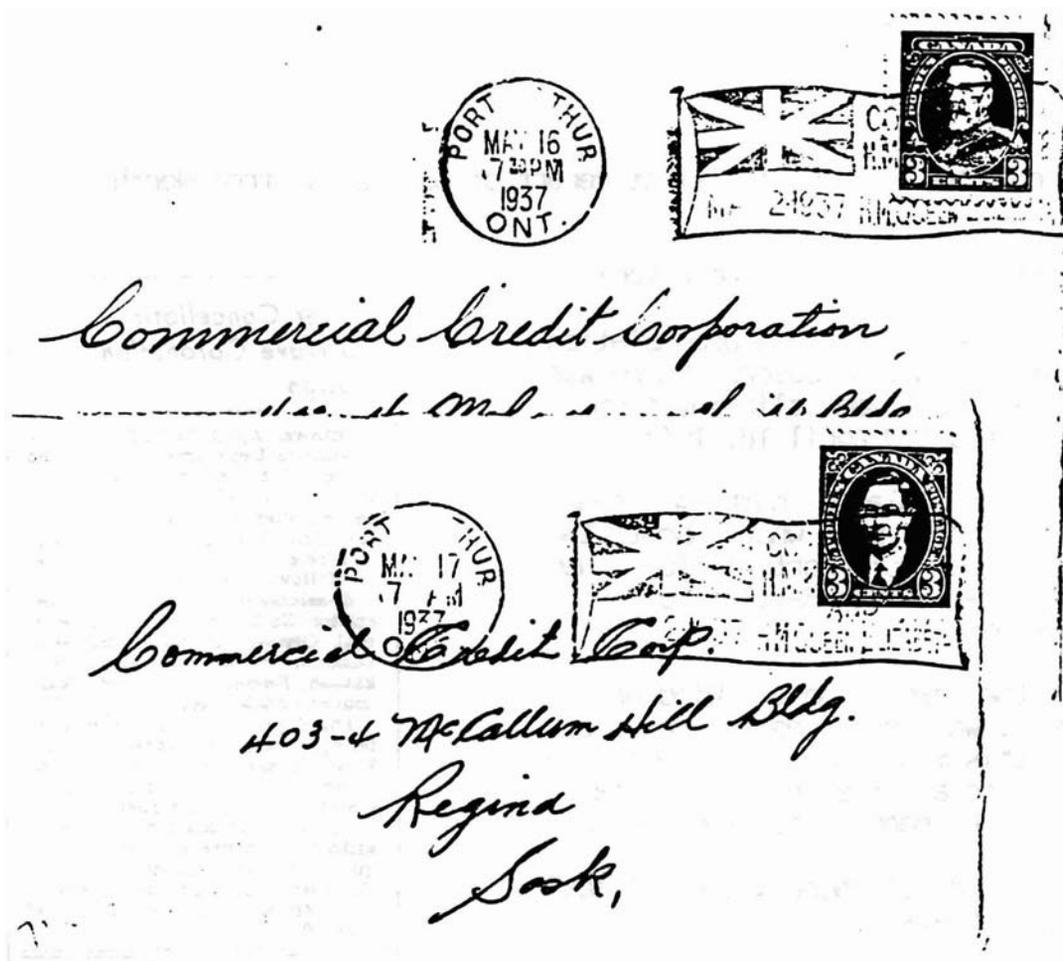
Ottawa, April 18 (CP). — The Postoffice Department announced tonight it intended to use a number of special Coronation cancelling dies bearing a design of the British flag and an inscription relating to the Coronation at the following Postoffices:

Charlottetown, Halifax, Fredericton, Saint John, Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Hamilton, London, Winnipeg, Regina, Saskatoon, Edmonton, Calgary, Vancouver and Victoria.

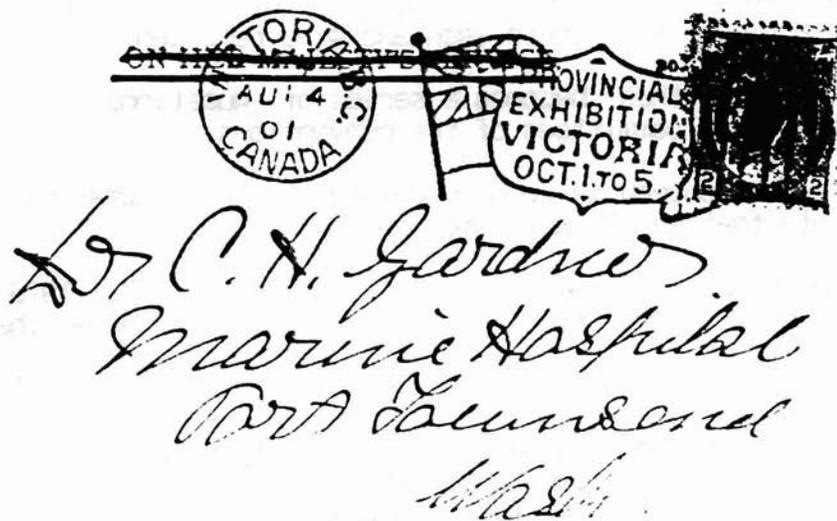
The department said it was intended these dies come into use May 10, same date as the new commemorative 3-cent Coronation stamp. Special instructions will be given Postmasters at these offices to ensure attention to requests for this cancellation and the dies will continue in operation throughout the week of May 10.



50-5 Fredericton Add May 13.



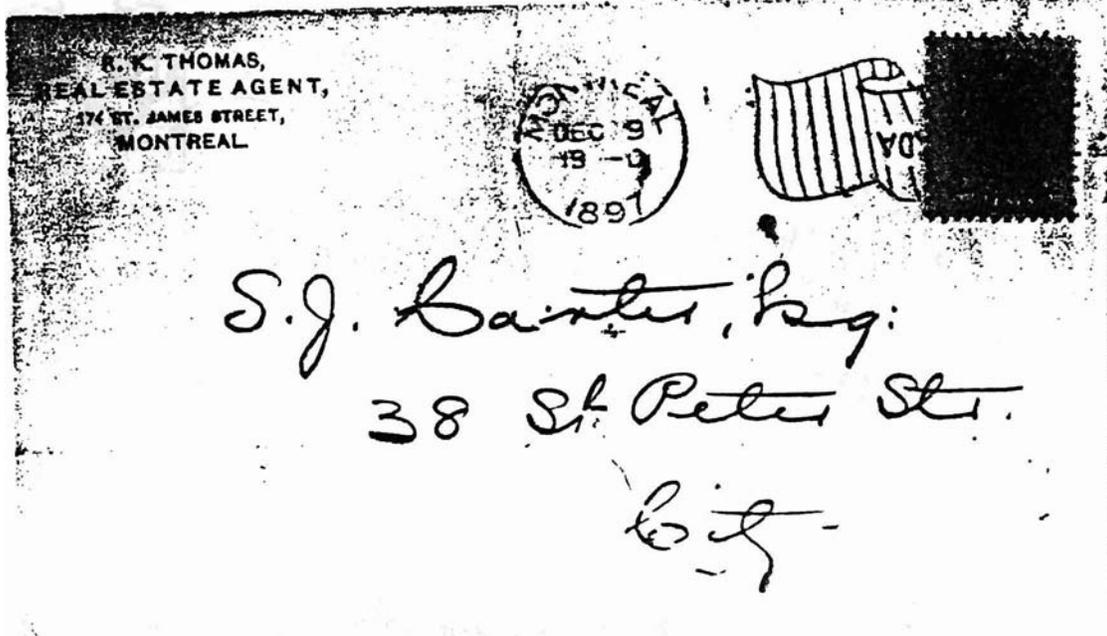
50-12 Port Arthur Add May 16 and May 17. Preston Pope picked these covers up in the Richardson Sale.



Type 13

The Victoria Exhibition "Roller" is the only non-machine cancellation included in the Checklist. I will not be the one who excludes this very rare Classic Flag from a listing. Richardson listed and numbered it so it belongs with the Classic Flags. As a roller, it is not the standard handstamp, but perhaps an early attempt at rapid cancellation of mail in a smaller office.

The Illustration, courtesy of Larry Paige, is not an early or late date but a true superb example of the scarce "Victoria Provincial Exhibition" Flag Cancel. This has to be as nice an example as exists. A complete strike cancelling the current stamp on a cover that went through the mails.



INVERTS

The Checklist shows an early and late date for invert. I hope everyone understands they are errors and only exist for one or two dates. Illustration shows a new EKD for 7-4A Dec 9, 1897. The time mark is 19-0 (7PM) Larry also sent an upright flag dated Dec 9 but time mark 13-0 (1PM). I was unable to reproduce the normal flag as it cancelled a block of six 1/2c leaf issue.

Since I am writing this just before "BNAPEX '93", we will continue our series on modern flags with the "BNAPEX" Flags of 1973-1981. I was not a member of BNAPS when these were used so have no first hand knowledge. I can offer little except illustrate each and give reported dates of use.

This article thus becomes a series of questions to those who were with the organization committees of the conventions.

My first concern is what happened in 1975? Was there not a Convention in Toronto that year? How come no Flag?

Secondly who obtained the flags for 1973, 1977, 1979 and 1981. Was it the BNAPS executive or the local organization who hosted the event.

Third concerns the periods of use. Were there any "trials" similar to the strikes on facing slips found with the 1973 Orapex Flags? Were there any errors like the "INVERTS" found on the 1976 Kapex flags. If you were involved, or know someone who was, please dig out the story. The stories are worth preserving. If for no other reason than to avoid mysteries like what happened with "Royal Train - Train Royale" in Toronto on May 22, 1937.

Finally, will there be another BNAPEX flag in the future? Today's post office seems in tune to the idea of promoting events through the use of slogans again and perhaps could be persuaded to?

BRITISH NORTH AMERICA
PHILATELIC SOCIETY
Founded 1943



TYPE 90-1	CALGARY	EKD Sept 20/73	LKD Sept 22/73	Value Sept 20	\$ 1.50
				Sept 21 or 22	\$ 3.00

The reported period of use is within the dates for the convention itself but oddly not reported Sept 19, yet the text includes Sept 19. I assume the show and bourse were only open from Sept 20-23. Sept 20 covers are more common as this was the first day of issue for Scott # 623 & 624 promoting the 1976 Montreal Olympic Games. No commercial use has been reported.

BNAPEX '77
CONVENTION



EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CANADA
SEPTEMBER 15 - 17th 1977

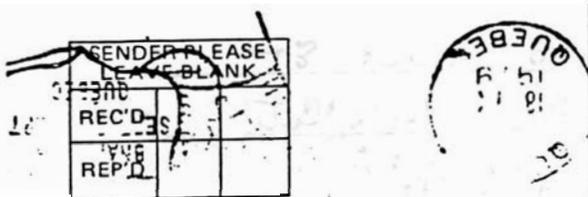


TYPE 91-1 EDMONTON EKD Sept 8/77 LKD Sept 30/77 Value \$ 1.50

The only covers seen have been philatelic prepared for the convention or first day issue for Scott # 738-9 Famous Canadian issue. I have not seen the late date but have seen an early (Sept 8) which is a show cover. No commercial use has been seen, but should be plentiful. Canada Post Public Affairs Branch news release of August 24, 1977 advised that the period of use was "Month of Sept."

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Ancienne-Lorette
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QUEBEC

TO: Richmond W. Longley,
à: 11333 73rd Avenue,
Edmonton,
Alberta. T6G 0C9



TYPE 92-1 QUEBEC EKD Aug 3/79 LKD Sept 18/79 Value \$ 2.00

Only commercial use has been seen. One would assume there are philatelic covers out there. First day of issue for Scott # 835-838 was Sept 13 the first day of the convention, surely the flag exists on FDC. Canada Post Philatelic Bulletin Vol 2. - No. 3 advises period of use Aug. 1 - Sept. 15 1979.

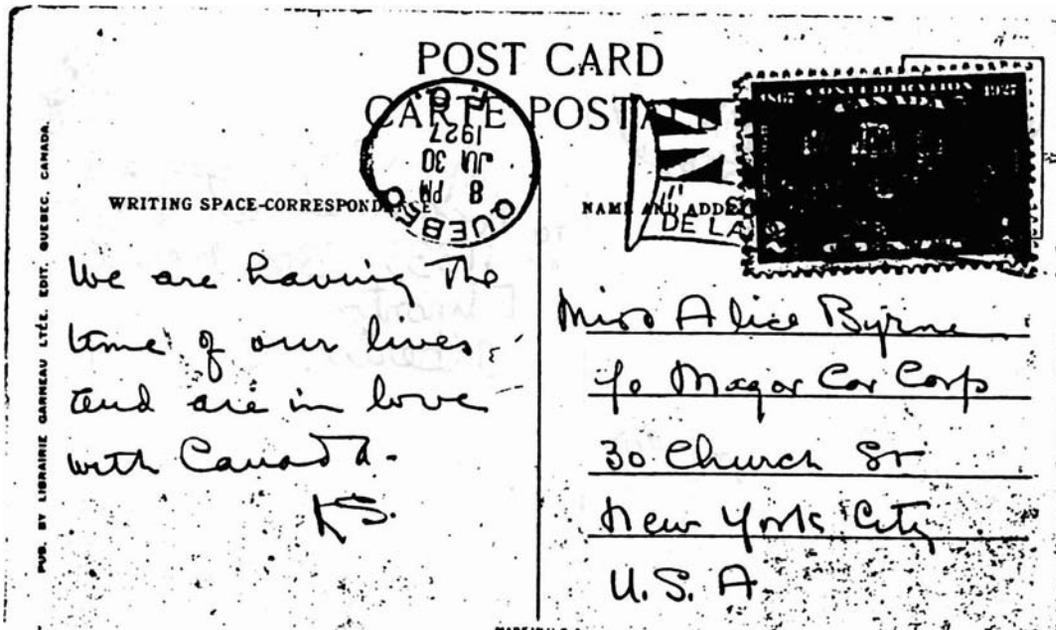


BNAPS CONVENTION OTTAWA
24-26 SEPTEMBER, 1981

TYPE 93-1 OTTAWA EKD Sept 24/81

Value \$ 2.50

The only reported date is the first day of the convention on show covers. It is reported by Doug Lingard that only a couple of hundred show covers were sold at \$ 2.00-3.00. There was no first day of issue during this convention.



TYPE 44-2 QUEBEC Inverted Hub Variety July 30, 1927 Value \$ 30.00

This variety was not listed in the Checklist but will be included in the Handbook. The Photocopy courtesy of non-member Bruce McCallum who picked it up at a Toronto show before Doug and I had a chance. Doug had to settle for a 29-3 from Alan Steinhart's stock the next day.