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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

As I write this, BNAPEX 94 in Burlington, Vermont is just around the corner. I hope our study group meeting will be on the Saturday Afternoon but this is not yet confirmed. The guest speaker also is to be confirmed.

Our "FOR TRADE" idea has not produced enough response from you, our members. To date three members have sent material and two of these are from the U.K. This means that members who have sent material will have to wait until we get something to send them. We need at least 10 more participants for this to work. So, lets look into your traders.

The recent May show in Toronto produced some nice Flag material and one especially nice find for very little money. We hope to illustrate this cover soon if the member sends us a photostat!

EDITOR'S REMARKS

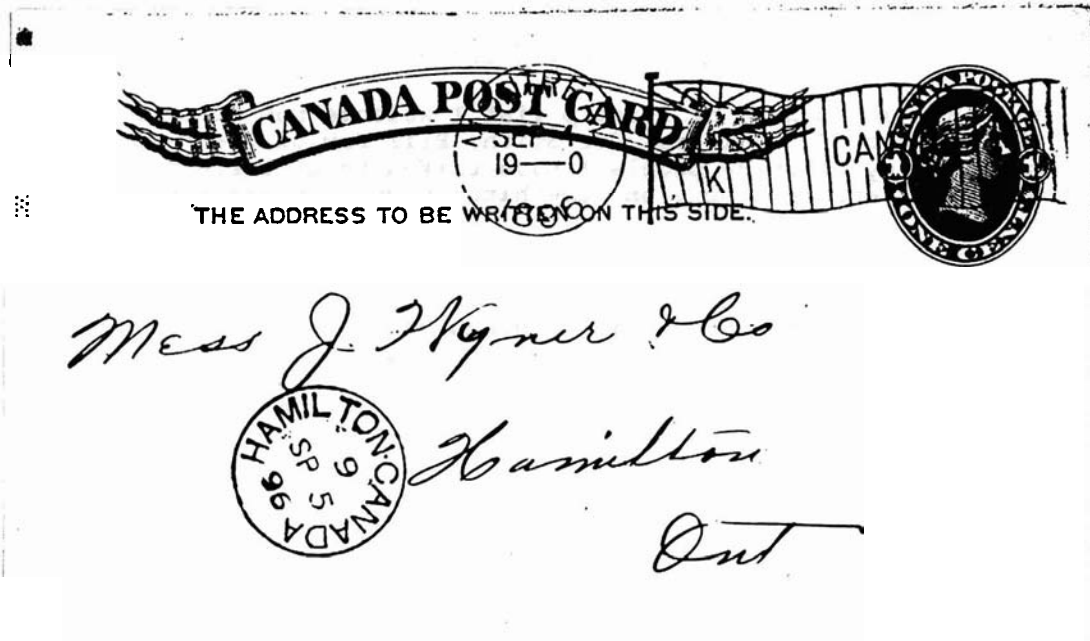
This edition has an updated membership list I welcome new members Bill Longley, Leigh Hogg, Dan McInnis, Joe Smith, Bill Pawluk, Jean-Guy Dalpe and Barry Domber. Many of these people I have talked to or corresponded with to those I have not send me a note on something in your collection and contribute to the Flag Pole.

Also in this edition is the Treasurer's report. As you can guess if the treasurer put in a report he wants money. Please forward \$ 5.00 in Canadian or U. S. funds depending on your mailing address (postage costs more to the USA so we spend the exchange on additional postage to U.S. addresses). US and Canada send to Doug Lingard UK send to Tom Almond (Tom to advise Sterling Equivalent). To save service charges members may wish to send \$10.00 for two years.



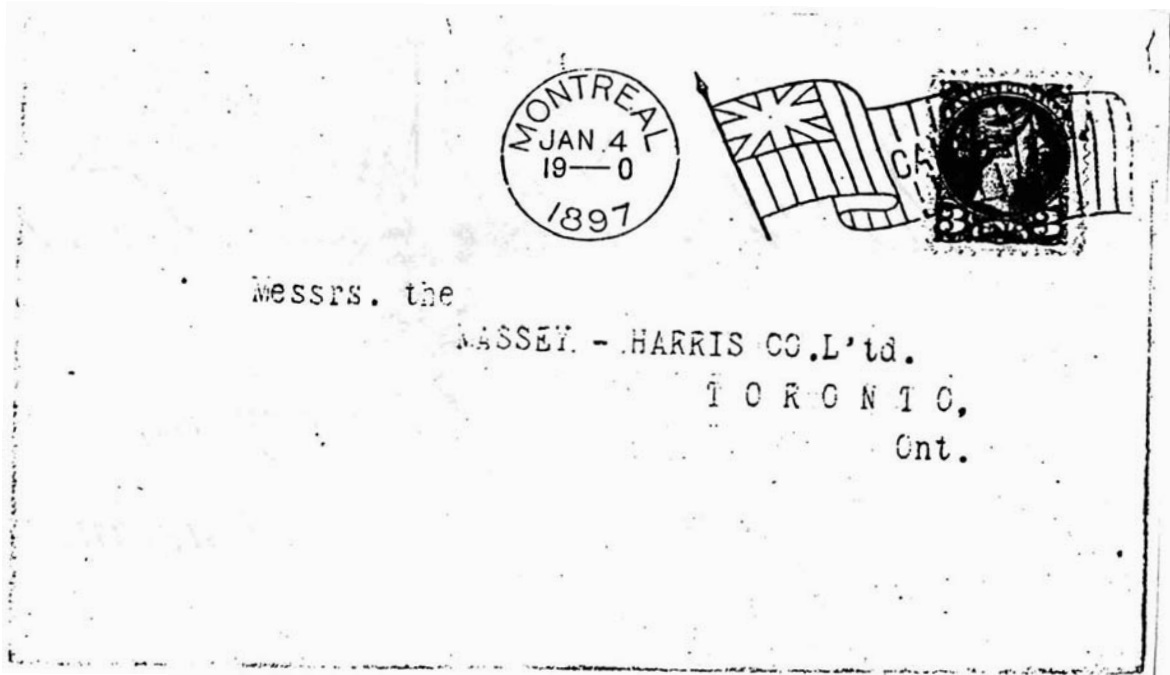
MONTREAL K

The scarce Montreal K on the earliest date Sept. 3, 1896 does not show the break in the dater dial at the bottom left. The break does appear by Sept. 4, the next day as early as 7 PM and continues with the tell tale break until the late date of Sept. 9.



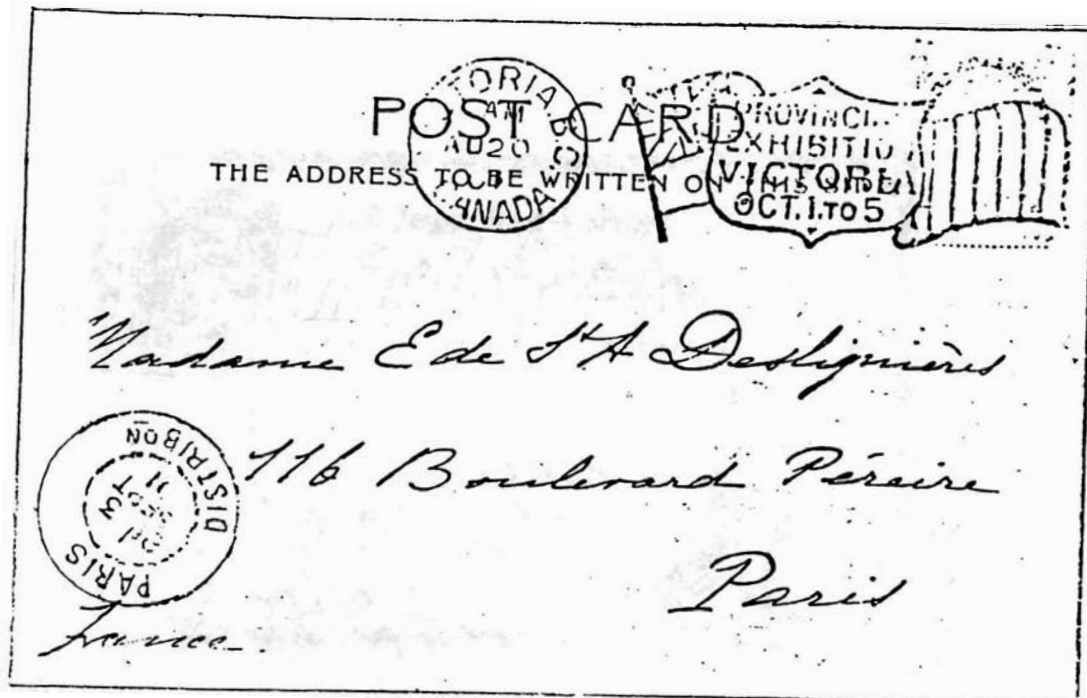


U.P.U. Post Card dated December 8, 1896, the last day of use during the first period of use. Very unusual use; originally mailed to London, England then forwarded to Rome, Italy. Possibly the first foreign destination reported for Type 3. Dater Dial 'A'; note the break at 8 O'clock.



Type 3 showing the new reported late date of January 4, 1897. A more usual destination but still the 'A' dater dial; with a less pronounced break.

UNUSUAL DESTINATIONS



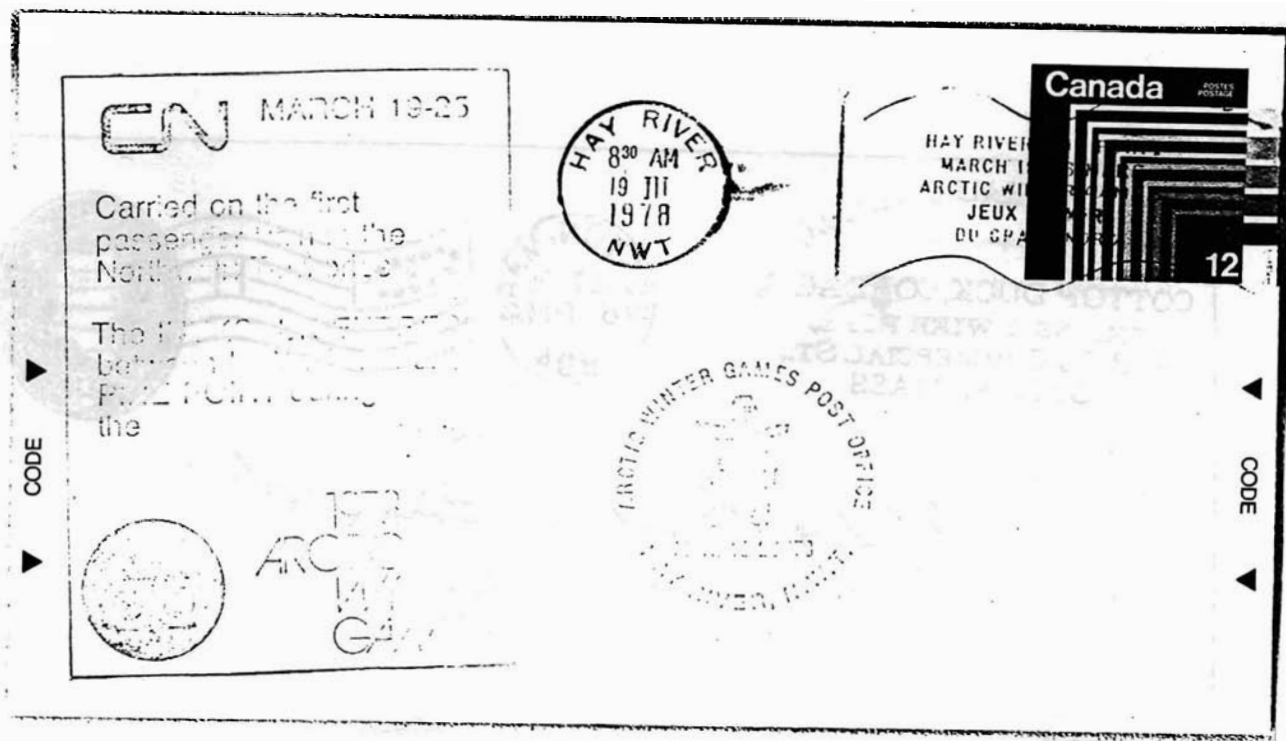
Type 13

In period use of the rare Victoria Rocker/Roller to Paris France proves that finds could be made during your trips to the Continent.



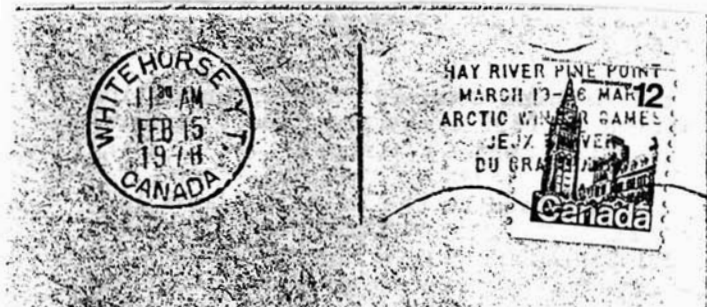
For our UK friends.

Try and find another one like this Type 1 Die 'C' without postage to Liverpool, England mailed without return address thus forwarded to England unpaid with 'T-25' for double the 5c postage rate. In England stamped '5d' which equalled twice the 5 Canadian cents. A very unusual stampless cover.

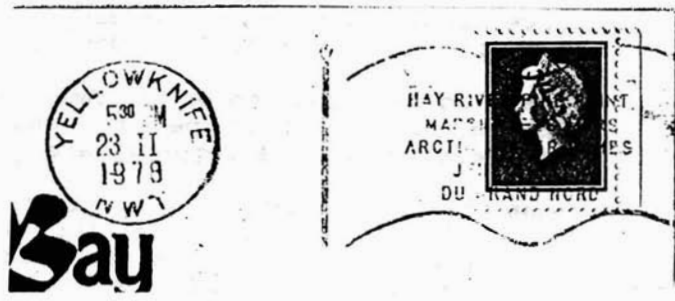


121-1 Hay River

This Cancellation is reported in use Feb 1, 1978 to March 28. Illustrated is a typical philatelic cover cancelled on the First day of the Arctic Winter games. Back stamps are from the Pine Point POCN as well as the Pine Point Arctic Games Post Office Hand stamp.



121-2 Whitehorse



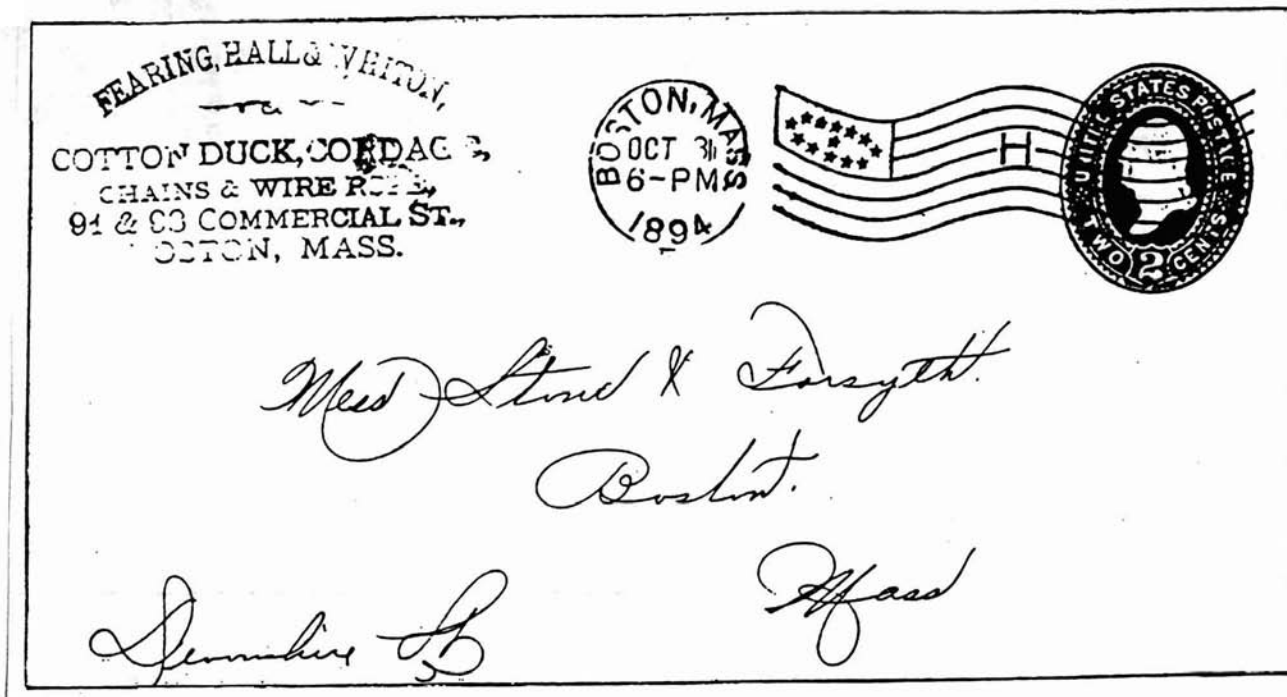
121-3 Yellowknife

Whitehorse is reported Feb. 2 to Mar. 22 and Yellowknife Feb. 3 to Mar. 20.

Canada Post Public Affairs Branch, Co-ordinator of Dies' bulletin of Feb. 22, 1978 reports this Flag was authorized for use in the Month of March at the three locations whereas the Jan. 27 release does not mention these flags. So we must assume that many collectors were not aware of the use in February. The only February use seen by your editor is from normal commercial use.

Does anyone out there have use beyond the dates mentioned, if so please let us know.

CANADIAN CONNECTION FLAGS



The First USA Flag.

Since our southern neighbour has had Flag cancels for 100 years we can illustrate the Earliest report US Flag Oct. 31, 1894 6-PM.

This flag was produced on an 'American Postal Machine Company' Rapid Cancelling Machine. This company opened a Canadian office in 1895 under the name 'Imperial Mail Marking Machine Company' and as they say the rest is history.

I use this to lead into the visit of Frederick Langford to the Editor's home last month. Fred is the Author of the 'STANDARD FLAG CANCEL ENCYCLOPEDIA'. As such he is also an authority on the machines and Cancels used in Canada during the Classic Period 1896-1902. He has an extensive collection to go along with his research into the machines.

Chairman John picked Fred up at the Toronto subway and they came prepared to discuss Flags of any type. We reviewed the "ENCYCLOPEDIA" which includes sections on the Imperial and Bickerdike machines used in Canada. Fred has some theories on the Philatelic Type 4 Cancellations that are contradictory to current published material and will expound on these in the new edition of the "ENCYCLOPEDIA" due out shortly.

We also discussed the Flag Die/Dater Hub combinations used up to 1902 and Fred has much research data that has yet to be published on this subject. In May another member mentioned his interest in this area of research. Hopefully we go into the Die/Dater details similar to our study of the WW II Flags.

BNAPS Flag Cancel Study Group
Statement of Revenue and Expenses
For the 17 Months Ending December 31, 1993

Revenues

Prepaid 1993-94 Membership Dues	\$ 45.34
Current Membership Dues received after July 1992	64.86
BNAPS Subsidy for the <i>Flag Pole</i> and new members	82.00
Bank Interest	8.45
Contribution from Larry Paige (\$20 US)	<u>24.58</u>
 Total Revenues	 225.23

Expenses*

Flag Pole and Check List - Printing and North American distribution costs - 6 issues of the <i>Flag Pole</i>	183.75
Transfer of funds to Tom Almond for publishing and U.K. distribution costs (\$33.60 and \$20.00)	53.60
Transfer to Chairman for expenses (\$12.00 and \$20.00)	32.00
Treasurer's office expenses	17.53
Transfer to Bob Thorne for editor's expenses (\$12.00 and \$20.00)	32.00
Bank service charges	<u>5.00</u>
 Total Expenses	 <u>323.88</u>

Deficit (98.65)

Add:

Deferred membership due payments to be used for 1994-95 membership fees	23.23
Surplus from prior years	<u>482.07</u>

Total Funds on Hand as of December 31, 1993 406.65

Funds on Hand Consist of:

Bank Balance	<u>406.65</u>
Total	<u>\$406.65</u>

* All amounts advanced to study group officers have been treated as expenses for the period in which they were advanced.

In an effort to move towards a December 31 year end, this financial report has been prepared for a 17 month period from August 1, 1992 to December 31, 1993.



Prepared by
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January 29, 1994