The Newsletter of the BNAPS Flag Cancel Study Group

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

The excitement of CAPEX is over, but what a show we had. As far as our group was concerned, I feel we exceeded our expectations with not one but two genuine flag cancels. We submitted both many months ago and I actually only found out about three weeks before CAPEX that they would be used at the show.

A photo of the two machines is in this edition of the FLAG POLE and the opportunity was there to cancel your own covers.

Congratulations are due to Bob Heasman (whom I finally met) and David Sessions for their wonderful flag exhibits. Our dinner on the first Saturday evening was a great success with 11 members and 8 guests attending.

This will be Bob Thorne's final FLAG POLE as editor. Bob has done a wonderful job these past few years for which I wish to thank him. At the end of the year Michael Rixon is taking over as editor and I welcome his input.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT with Photostats of unusual finds, questions or whatever, but we must have something from each of you at least once a year!!

EDITOR'S REMARKS

Thank you for your input to the FLAG POLE these past few years. Please keep the material coming to make Michael's job as pleasant as you have made it for myself.

Maybe, now I will find time to update the Checklist.

GOOD LUCK MICHAEL.

THE CANCELLATIONS

The Imperial Type 1 replica was submitted by the Editor to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Flags "1896-1996" This was placed in a Pitney Bowes Model K machine serial # 3402.

The BICKERDIKE Type 3 replica was submitted by Chairman John with the original request and by Doug Lingard when actual designs were requested by the show committee it was used in an International Peripheral Systems model HD2 machine serial # 5017.

These are illustrated along with the possible Hub Die combinations that could be prepared by the manipulation of machines. None are expected to have any historical value as unusual strikes but they sure look as they belong on the Victoria Jubilee Cards.

THE EXHIBITS

ROBERT HEASMAN - CANADA'S BICKERDIKE MAIL MARKING MACHINES

Bob showed the Bickerdike cancellations of Canada from their introduction as experimental use in 1896 to the final use in 1902. I was really pleased to guide one of the security guards through the exhibit before the opening of CAPEX. Yes, it was good enough to interest the non-collector. A great showing of unusual uses including all the tough non-flag cancels. **Bob received a LARGE SILVER.**

DAVID SESSIONS - CANADA - CLASSIC FLAGS AND ASSOCIATED CANCELLATIONS

David showed the entire period from the Imperial machines to the end of the Bickerdike's in 1902. David had the unusual experience of being able to write an explanation of the history of machine cancellations for the CAPEX '96 Catalogue and then submit the source of his research. The exhibit was like a text book with all the good stuff illustrated. **For the first time in international competition David received a taste of gold - a VERMEIL.**

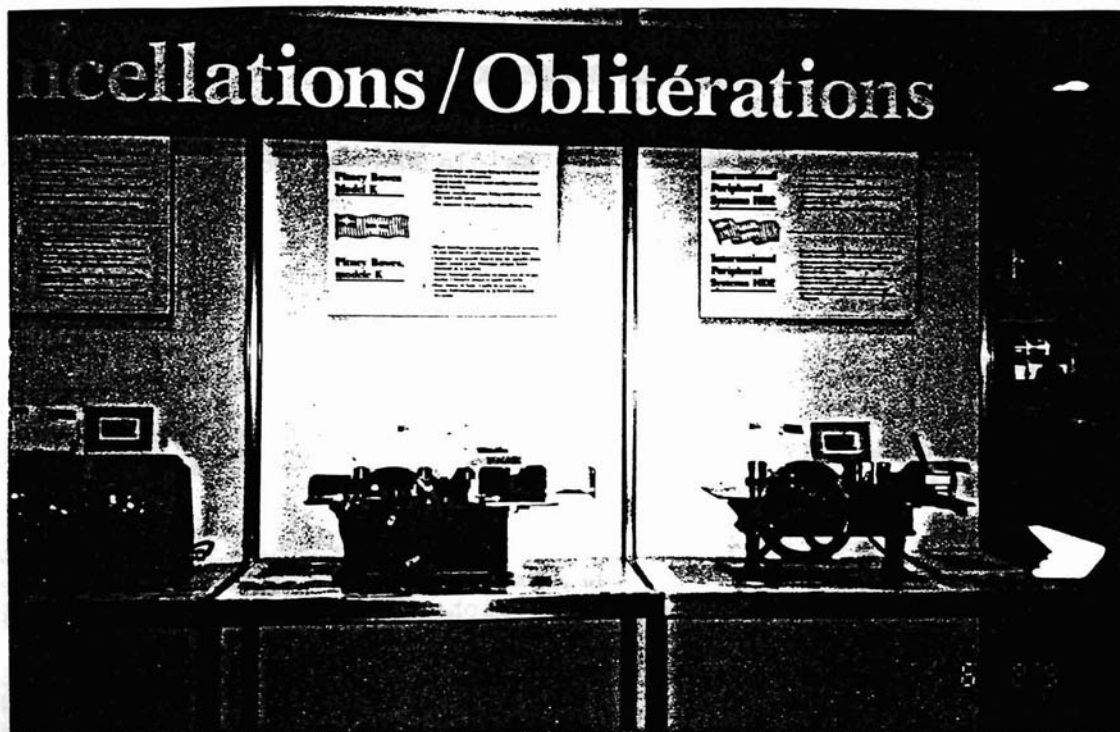**DOUG LINGARD - CANADIAN FLAG CANCELS - 1896-1919**

The second edition of Doug's book was entered in the literature category and as most of us know, it shows the exhibit that Doug has put together along with some updated notes. **His efforts were rewarded with a LARGE SILVER.**

Doug Lingard and Geof Newman were contributors to the GEMS of Canadian philately exhibit in the Canadian Pavilion. Doug got to show his lovely Type 1-8, the first experimental Bickerdike flag cancel, on a Copeland & Company illustrated advertising cover. Geoff had the chance to show his early Bickerdike proof impressions. Although no awards went with showing in the GEMS, it was a major honour to have two of our group contribute to this exhibit.

Other group members showed material but this is a Flag newsletter.

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BNAPEX '96

Don't forget our study group will be meeting at 1:00 PM on Saturday August 31st. If you are attending BNAPEX in Fort Worth, Texas, try to be there that day.
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THE DINNER

A group get together at an International show is difficult since many of the members could not attend due to other engagements and the dealer members have to worry about business first. Also many members could not make it to the show on the first weekend so we only had eleven actual members in attendance.

Member Ron Kitchen acted as official picture person so he has all the negatives to prove we were there. Marva Paige and Julia Konacs supplied charm and grace to the evening. Incoming BNAPS President Vic Willson was on hand to assure BNAP's decorum was maintained. Since there was the possibility of some heated discussions we imported Chicago muscle, military presence and good old northern Canadian toughness to maintain order. Mark Issacs from Chicago, John Frith of the Military study Group, Northerners Harry Machem, Arne Weiland and Kevin O'Reilly all showed up.

David Sessions supplied the Overseas input.

Wayne Curtis, Larry Paige, Bill Angley, Chairman John and myself all were in attendance. Bob Heasman and Michael Rixon were there to referee and record the real story if the situation would get out of hand.

Geoff Newman and Doug Lingard sat opposite each other. Would there be any repeat of the Perth Incident.... No, they are good friends the story in the March FLAG POLE WAS WRITTEN AS AN APRIL FOOL PRANK if anyone thought other wise please reread the article for the real meaning.

We all had a great time and I hope to be able to repeat at the next CAPEX.

The Flag cancels have probably been researched as thoroughly as any aspect of Canadian postal history, and other than the likelihood of finding the occasional day or two earliest or latest recorded use, there is not much prospect of further significant discoveries. However, there does remain one area of challenge which, with enough cooperation, seems probable of yielding a very nearly complete solution.

The Flag Slogan ENLIST NOW is quite unique in that it involves a pre-scheduled rotation of a restricted number of dies. With the exception of OTTAWA, which retained its Pitney-Bowes die without rotation, the initial usage, prior to later replacements, consisted of one other PB die and ten Perfect dies, which were each rotated over a one year period between two or three offices. Accordingly, no less than thirty offices were able to make use of these twelve dies.

The number of rotations between the office groups appears to have varied somewhat, together with the length of time for which each office retained the die, with the larger office usually retaining it longer than for the smaller offices.

The rotation between TORONTO and HAMILTON is quite well established, since impressions from these two offices are quite common, but in the case of such minor offices as TRURO, MONCTON, BRANDON, NORTH BATTLEFORD and LETHBRIDGE, from which impressions are much less common, the usage badly requires enhancement.

The presently available data is indicated on the following pages, together with probable, but as yet unrecorded use. If all members would check their holdings against this data, and indicate to the Editor any use outside of the dates indicated, then a much clearer picture of at least the number of rotations and their duration should emerge.

It should be noted that during the 1941-42 period of use, there was concurrent use of some other slogans, notably BUY VICTORY BONDS, which had priority over this slogan. That was not a problem for major offices with more than one machine, but many of the using offices had only a single machine, and therefore could not make use of all, or even any, of their originally scheduled use from time to time.

"*There'll Always Be An ENGLAND*"

Mr. Jack Hannaford,
821 N. 7th Street,
Beatrice, Nebr.,
U.S.A.

English PB die A - OTTAWA use only. Recorded JUL.41 to JUL.42. with non-continuous use in a series of separate periods.

Office	Hub	Usage
OTTAWA	I	JUL 29-AUG 7
	I	AUG 12-16
	I	AUG 25-SEP 2
	I	SEP 9-14
	I	NOV 30
	I	DEC 8-14
	II	DEC 22-JAN 4
	II	JAN 19-25
Used slogan 890 FEB 7-MAR 6		
	II	MAR 8-15
	II	APR 20-MAY 3
	II	JUN 1-JULY 6

English PB die B - TORONTO-HAMILTON
The die was unbroken through AUG 25, shows stage I break from AUG. 26 to OCT. 16 and stage II from OCT. 17 on

Office	Hub	Usage
TORONTO	I	JUL 30-AUG 12
HAMILTON	I	AUG 14-20
TORONTO	II	AUG 22-SEP 4
HAMILTON	I	SEP 6-12
TORONTO	II	SEP 15-27
HAMILTON	I	OCT 1-9
TORONTO	II	OCT 10-24
HAMILTON	I	OCT 28-NOV 5
TORONTO	II	NOV 6-20
HAMILTON	I	NOV 21-28
TORONTO	II	NOV 29-DEC 12
HAMILTON	I	DEC 15-22
TORONTO	I	DEC 27-JAN 12
HAMILTON	II	JAN 13
	I	JAN 14-19
TORONTO	I	JAN 21-FEB 4
HAMILTON	I	FEB 5-6
	II	FEB 10
TORONTO	I	FEB 13-25
HAMILTON	I	MAR 6
TORONTO	II	MAR 8-23
HAMILTON	II	MAR 25-APR 1
TORONTO	I	APR 2-16
HAMILTON	II	APR 18-25
TORONTO	II	APR 27-MAY 9
HAMILTON	II	MAY 14-20
TORONTO	I	MAY 22-JUN 4
HAMILTON	II	JUN 6-12
TORONTO	I	JUN 15-JUL 2
	II	JUL 4-6
HAMILTON		New PB die use JUN 22-JUL 4

English P die C - HALIFAX-SYDNEY-TRURO

HALIFAX	I	AUG 4-10
SYDNEY		AUG 12-17
TRURO		AUG 21
HALIFAX	II	SEP 1-3
	I	SEP 4-6
SYDNEY		SEP 11-13
TRURO		SEP 21-24
HALIFAX		Prob. late SEP use
SYDNEY		OCT 4-7
TRURO		OCT 16-20
HALIFAX	II	OCT 25-30
SYDNEY		Prob. early NOV use
TRURO		Prob. mid NOV use
HALIFAX	I	NOV 22-28
SYDNEY		DEC 1
TRURO		DEC 11-22
HALIFAX	I	DEC 26-JAN 8
SYDNEY		JAN 15
TRURO		JAN 21-26
HALIFAX	I	FEB 2-5
SYDNEY		Prob. early FEB use
while HALIFAX used 890 in FEB 8-23		
TRURO		FEB 19
HALIFAX		**Prob. late FEB use**
SYDNEY		Poss. skipped a use
TRURO		MAR 3-10
HALIFAX	I	MAR 12-19
SYDNEY		MAR 23-27
TRURO		Prob. early APR use
HALIFAX	I	APR 15-21
SYDNEY		APR 27-28
TRURO		MAY 5-12
HALIFAX	I	MAY 27
SYDNEY		JUN 6
TRURO		JUN 12-14
SYDNEY		JUN 19
HALIFAX	I	JUN 22-JUL 5

English P die D - ST. JOHN-CHARLOTTETOWN-MONCTON
also 1943 NORTH BAY use

ST. JOHN	I	AUG 5-8
CHAR'TOWN		AUG 12-19
MONCTON	I	AUG 20-23
ST. JOHN	I	SEP 2-7
CHAR'TOWN		SEP 11-17
MONCTON	II	SEP 19-26
ST. JOHN	I	OCT 1-5
No usage between OCT 7-11 as all 3 offices used slogan 7195 in that period		
CHAR'TOWN		OCT 21
MONCTON	II	OCT 29-31
ST. JOHN	II	NOV 10-17
	I	NOV 18-22
CHAR'TOWN		NOV 27-DEC 4
MONCTON	II	DEC 10-12
ST. JOHN	II	DEC 24
	III	DEC 29
CHAR'TOWN		**Prob. early JAN use**

English P die D - ST. JOHN-CHARLOTTETOWN-MONCTON cont'd

MONCTON	I	JAN 14-16
ST. JOHN	II	JAN 22-29
CHAR'TOWN		FEB 3-7
No usage between FEB 7-early MAR as all 3 offices used slogan 890 in that period		
MONCTON	I	MAR 9-13
ST. JOHN	II	MAR 23-APR 2
CHAR'TOWN		APR 11
MONCTON	I	APR 20-21
	II	APR 21-24
ST. JOHN	III	APR 28-MAY 4
CHAR'TOWN		Prob. early MAY use
MONCTON		Prob. mid MAY use
ST. JOHN		Prob. late MAY use
CHAR'TOWN		Prob. early JUN use
MONCTON		Prob. mid JUN use
ST. JOHN	III	**JUN 24-JUL 4**
NORTH BAY		Prob. continuous use MAR 2-APR1, 1943

English P die E - LONDON-WINDSOR-KITCHENER

LONDON	I	AUG 1-8
WINDSOR	I	AUG 11-16
KITCHENER	I	AUG 19-26
LONDON	I	AUG 27-SEP 3
WINDSOR	I	SEP 4-11
KITCHENER	I	SEP 12-17
LONDON	I	SEP 20-26
WINDSOR	I	SEP 29-OCT 6
KITCHENER	I	OCT 7-10
LONDON	I	OCT 16-23
WINDSOR	I	OCT 25-30
KITCHENER	I	NOV 4-10
LONDON	I	NOV 13-18
WINDSOR	I	NOV 20-28
KITCHENER	I	DEC 3-8
LONDON	I	DEC 10-17
WINDSOR	I	DEC 19-23
KITCHENER	I	DEC 31-JAN 7
LONDON	I	JAN 9-16
WINDSOR	I	JAN 17-24
KITCHENER	I	JAN 27-FEB 3
LONDON	I	FEB 5-11
Both LONDON and WINDSOR used slogan 890 from FEB 7 to early MAR		
WINDSOR	I	MAR 3-15
KITCHENER	II	MAR 18-25
LONDON	I	MAR 28-APR 4
WINDSOR	I	APR 10-14
KITCHENER	II	APR 16-22
LONDON	I	APR 25
	II	APR 27-30
	I	**APR 30 PM-MAY 3**
WINDSOR switched to a PB machine on MAY 1, so had no further use of this die		
KITCHENER	II	MAY 19-26
LONDON		Prob. MAY-JUN use
KITCHENER	II	JUN 12-18
LONDON	I	JUN 22-JUL 4

English P die F - WINNIPEG-BRANDON

WINNIPEG	I	AUG 5-9
BRANDON		AUG 12-18
WINNIPEG		Prob. late AUG use
BRANDON		SEP 1
WINNIPEG	I	SEP 8-OCT 5
BRANDON		OCT 9-12
WINNIPEG	II	OCT 15-17
BRANDON		NOV 20
WINNIPEG	I	NOV 24-28
BRANDON		DEC 7-8
WINNIPEG	III	DEC 18-27
BRANDON		JAN 3
WINNIPEG	II	JAN 13
BRANDON		JAN 23
WINNIPEG	IV	JAN 31-FEB 5
BRANDON		FEB 13
WINNIPEG	IV	FEB 22-24
BRANDON		MAR 3-7
WINNIPEG	IV	MAR 19-27
BRANDON		Prob. early APR use
WINNIPEG	I	APR 15-27
BRANDON		MAY 2-6
WINNIPEG	III	MAY 13-15
BRANDON		MAY 30
WINNIPEG	IV	JUN 22-JUL 6

English P die G - REGINA-MOOSE JAW

REGINA	I	AUG 5-9
MOOSE JAW		AUG 11-17
REGINA	I	AUG 19-22
MOOSE JAW		Prob. AUG-SEP use
REGINA	I	SEP 8-9
MOOSE JAW		SEP 12-16
REGINA	I	SEP 22-23
MOOSE JAW		Prob SEP-OCT use
REGINA	I	OCT 4-8
MOOSE JAW		OCT 11-13
REGINA	I	OCT 20-25
MOOSE JAW		OCT 29
REGINA		Prob. early NOV use
MOOSE JAW		Prob. mid NOV use
REGINA	I	NOV 27
MOOSE JAW		Prob. early DEC use
REGINA	I	DEC 14-16
MOOSE JAW		DEC 22-23
REGINA	I	DEC 30-JAN 3
MOOSE JAW		JAN 8-10
REGINA	I	JAN 16-22
MOOSE JAW		JAN 30
REGINA	I	FEB 4
MOOSE JAW		FEB 21
REGINA	II	FEB 25
MOOSE JAW		MAR 5-10
REGINA	I	MAR 17-19
MOOSE JAW		APR 1
REGINA	I	APR 6-10
MOOSE JAW		APR 20
REGINA	I	APR 25-28
MOOSE JAW		MAY 3-6
REGINA		Prob. mid-MAY use
MOOSE JAW		MAY 22-25
REGINA		Prob. MAY-JUN use
MOOSE JAW		JUN 12-15
REGINA	I	JUN 25-JUL 6

English P die H - SASKATOON-NORTH BATTLEFORD

SASKATOON	I	AUG 2-10
N. BATTLE.		AUG 11-17
SASKATOON		Prob. late AUG use
N. BATTLE.		Prob. early SEP use
SASKATOON	I	SEP 12-17
N. BATTLE.		Prob. late SEP use
SASKATOON		Prob. SEP-OCT use
N. BATTLE.		OCT 6
SASKATOON	I	OCT 23-28
N. BATTLE.		NOV 14
SASKATOON	I	NOV 24-28
N. BATTLE.		DEC 8
SASKATOON	I	DEC 19-26
N. BATTLE.		JAN 13
SASKATOON		JAN 26
N. BATTLE.		FEB 6

SASKATOON used slogan 890 from FEB 7 to early MAR, so the die was either retained at N. BATTLEFORD or not used until

SASKATOON	II	MAR 8
N. BATTLE.		Prob. mid MAR use
SASKATOON	II	MAR 17-24
N. BATTLE.		APR 9
SASKATOON	II	APR 20-29
N. BATTLE.		MAY 6
SASKATOON	II	MAY 28-JUN 5
N. BATTLE.		JUN 19
SASKATOON	II	JUN 22-JUL 4

English P die I - CALGARY-LETHBRIDGE

CALGARY	I	AUG 4-9
LETHBRIDGE		AUG 11-16
CALGARY	II	AUG 19-24
LETHBRIDGE		AUG 25-29
CALGARY	II	SEP 2-8
LETHBRIDGE		SEP 12
CALGARY	I	SEP 17-22
LETHBRIDGE		SEP 25
CALGARY	I	SEP 30-OCT 3
LETHBRIDGE		OCT 11
CALGARY	I	OCT 18
LETHBRIDGE		Prob. late OCT use
CALGARY	I	OCT 31-NOV 4
LETHBRIDGE		Prob. early NOV use
CALGARY	II	NOV 14
LETHBRIDGE		NOV 22
CALGARY		Prob NOV-DEC use
LETHBRIDGE		DEC 10
CALGARY	II	DEC 18-20
LETHBRIDGE		DEC 23
CALGARY	II	JAN 2-6
LETHBRIDGE		JAN 12
CALGARY	II	JAN 16-22
LETHBRIDGE		JAN 26-28
CALGARY	III	FEB 2
LETHBRIDGE		FEB 9
CALGARY	III	FEB 16-17
LETHBRIDGE		FEB 28
CALGARY	I	MAR 2-5
LETHBRIDGE		MAR 16-29
CALGARY	III	APR 2-8
LETHBRIDGE		APR 15

English P die I - CALGARY-LETHBRIDGE cont'd

CALGARY		Prob. mid APR use
LETHBRIDGE		Prob. late APR use
CALGARY	III	MAY 2-7
LETHBRIDGE		MAY 13
CALGARY	II	MAY 26
LETHBRIDGE		MAY 29-JUN 2
CALGARY	II	JUN 6-10
LETHBRIDGE		JUN 16
CALGARY	II	JUN 22-JUL 23

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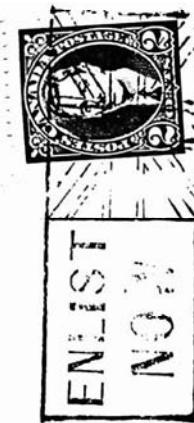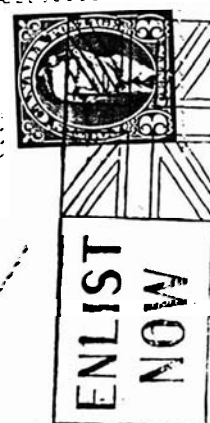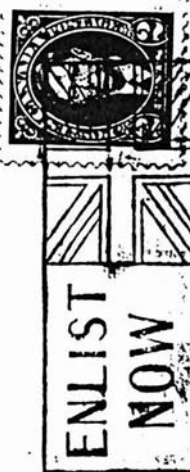
English P die J - EDMONTON-PRINCE ALBERT

EDMONTON	AUG 14-16
PR. ALBERT	AUG 19-25
EDMONTON	SEP 3-6
PR. ALBERT	Prob. mid-SEP use
EDMONTON	SEP 20-27
PR. ALBERT	Prob. early-OCT use
EDMONTON	OCT 15-20
PR. ALBERT	OCT 28
EDMONTON	NOV 4-6
PR. ALBERT	NOV 14-22
EDMONTON	NOV 27-DEC 3
PR. ALBERT	DEC 11
EDMONTON	Prob. mid-DEC use
PR. ALBERT	Prob. late-DEC use
EDMONTON	JAN 3-6
PR. ALBERT	JAN 16
EDMONTON	JAN 27-31
PR. ALBERT	FEB 11
EDMONTON	Prob. mid-FEB use
PR. ALBERT	Prob. late-FEB use
EDMONTON	MAR 2
PR. ALBERT	MAR 11
EDMONTON	Prob. mid-MAR use
PR. ALBERT	Prob. late-MAR use
EDMONTON	APR 8
PR. ALBERT	APR 16-18
EDMONTON	Prob. late-APR use
PR. ALBERT	MAY 2
EDMONTON	Prob. mid-MAY use
PR. ALBERT	MAY 22-23
EDMONTON	Prob. late-MAY use
PR. ALBERT	JUN 5
EDMONTON	JUN 20-JUL 4

English P die K - VANCOUVER-VICTORIA-NEW WESTMINSTER

VANCOUVER	I	AUG 4-16
VICTORIA		AUG 18-22
NEW WEST.		AUG 24-28
VANCOUVER	I	AUG 31-SEP 5
	II	SEP 6
VICTORIA		SEP 7-13
NEW WEST.		SEP 15-18
VANCOUVER	II	SEP 21-27
VICTORIA		SEP 28-OCT 11
NEW WEST.		OCT 13-18
VANCOUVER	III	OCT 20-25
VICTORIA		OCT 29-NOV 3
NEW WEST.		Probably omitted
VANCOUVER	I	NOV 5
VICTORIA		Probably omitted
NEW WEST.		NOV 7-10
VANCOUVER	II	NOV 12-17
VICTORIA		NOV 22-29
NEW WEST.		Prob. early-DEC use
VANCOUVER	I	DEC 11-13
VICTORIA		DEC 16-17
NEW WEST.		Prob. midy-DEC use
VANCOUVER		Prob.DEC-JAN use
VICTORIA		JAN 5-12
NEW WEST.		JAN 16-19
VANCOUVER	IV	JAN 21-FEB 2
VICTORIA		FEB 5-6
NEW WEST.		FEB 9
VANCOUVER	IV	FEB 16-22
VICTORIA		MAR 8-13
NEW WEST.		MAR 19-21
VANCOUVER	II	MAR 28-APR 5
VICTORIA		APR 9-23
NEW WEST.		APR 28-29
VANCOUVER	I	MAY 4-7
VICTORIA		Prob. early MAY use
NEW WEST.		Prob. mid MAY use
VANCOUVER		JUN 3-8
NEW WEST.		JUN 10-16
VICTORIA		JUN 22-JUL 6
VANCOUVER		PB die use
		JUN 22-JUL 4

Biling. P die L - MONTREAL-QUEBEC-TROIS RIVIERES

MONTREAL	I	AUG 1-8
QUEBEC	I	AUG 12-18
TROIS RIV.		AUG 20-21
MONTREAL	II	SEP 2-10
QUEBEC	I	SEP 13-19
TROIS RIV.		SEP 22-26
MONTREAL	III	OCT 2-14
QUEBEC	I	OCT 17-23
TROIS RIV.		OCT 28-31
MONTREAL	I	NOV 6-17
QUEBEC		NOV 29
TROIS RIV.		DEC 3-5
MONTREAL	I	DEC 13-19
QUEBEC	II	DEC 23-29
TROIS RIV.		DEC 31-JAN 7
MONTREAL	IV	JAN 12-15
QUEBEC	I	JAN 23-FEB 2

QUEBEC and TROIS RIVIERES used slogan 7190 from FEB 7 to early MAR

TROIS RIV.		MAR 9-16
MONTREAL	V	MAR 17-27
QUEBEC	I	APR 2-8
TROIS RIV.		APR 11-14
MONTREAL	VI	APR 21-27
QUEBEC	I	MAY 2-9
TROIS RIV.		MAY 11-18
MONTREAL	II	MAY 20-28
QUEBEC	I	JUN 2-4
TROIS RIV.		JUN 11-17
MONTREAL	VII	JUN 22-27
	III	JUN 29-JUL 4
QUEBEC		New P die use
		JUN 22-JUL 5