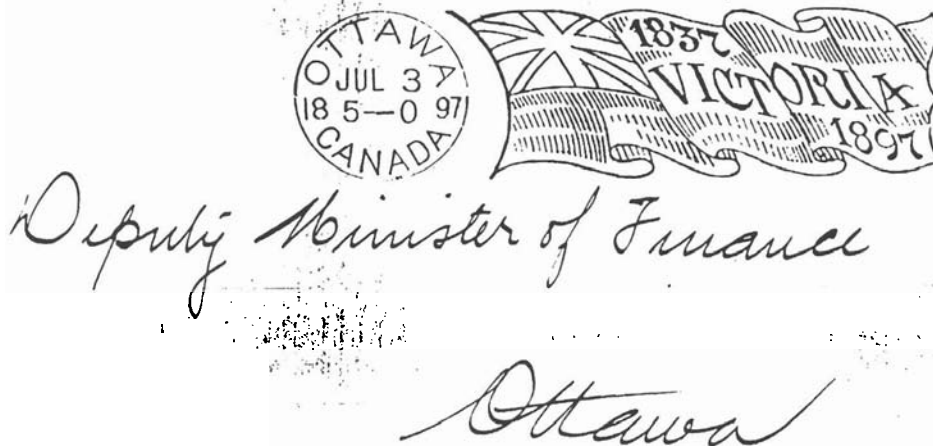


THE FLAG POLE



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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

We have received new material for Flag Pole but we need more to maintain the momentum. So get those letters and articles into Tom right away.

We also need a new Secretary-Treasurer. Doug Lingard has done this job for 12 years now, but his other duties with BNAPS are taking all his time and he needs a replacement. Please contact John if you are willing to help us.

There is a new BNAPS Study Group for Pre-Cancels, if you collect these contact:-
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EDITOR'S REMARKS

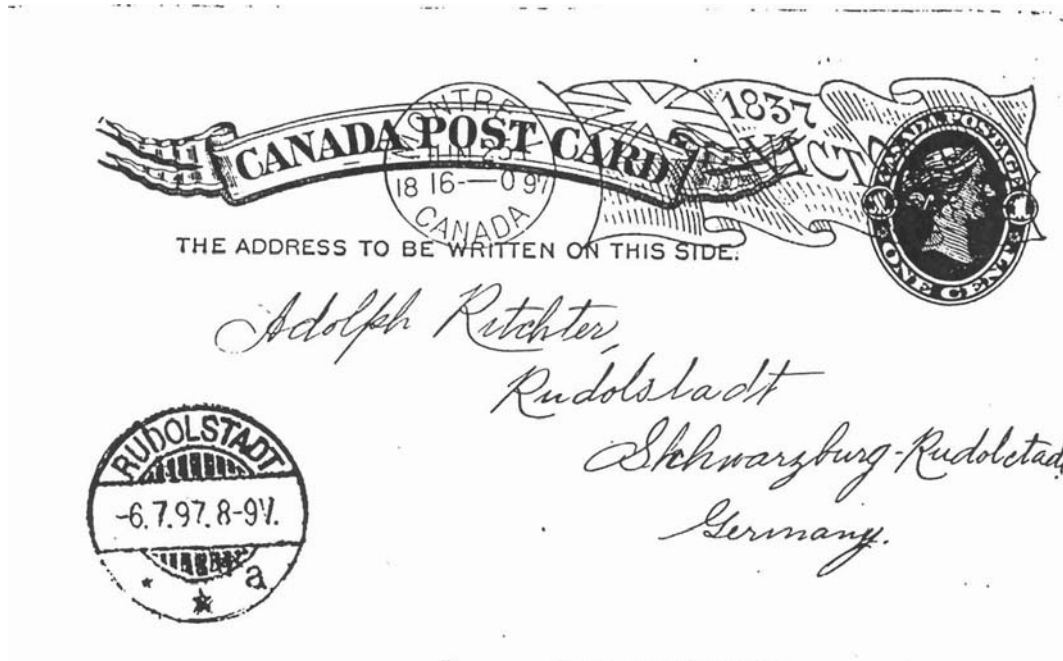
I apologise for delays in the production of this volume of the Flag Pole. Unfortunately I no longer have the resources to produce the Flag Pole effectively and I have written to the Chairman to say that Volume 11, Number 4 will be my last.

Bob Heasman, Larry Paige and Doug Lingard have sent illustrations of scarce and interesting items from Montreal, Hamilton and Toronto. I am pleased to show the Montreal items below. The remainder will be something to look forward to in the next issue.

TYPE 4 MONTREAL

DATER HUB "Y" AND DIE I
"PRINTED MATTER RATE"
IRREGULAR COMBINATION

A VERY SCARCE USE OF THE TYPE 4 FLAG CANCEL, PROBABLY THE ONLY REPORTED POST CARD, PAYING THE ONE CENT PRINTED MATTER RATE. POST CARD TO GERMANY WITH PRINTED COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING WITHOUT A "WRITTEN MESSAGE". TYPE 4 WITH DATER HUB "Y" FIVE STROKE FLAG IS DATED JUNE 25, 1897 16-0 (4 P.M.). ONLY TWO OR THREE REPORTED EXAMPLES OF THIS VARIETY ON THIS DATE JUNE 25, 1897, WHICH IS THE FLAG DIE THAT WAS MISTAKENLY MISMATCHED WITH THE TYPE 1 ENSIGN DIE "B" DATER HUB A COUPLE OF HOURS LATER AT 18-0 (6 P.M.), THIS IS THE VERY SCARCE "IRREGULAR COMBINATION". CUT SQUARE SHOWING THIS VARIETY OF WHICH ONLY A FEW EXAMPLES ARE REPORTED.



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And hundreds of others some of
them probably in your locality.

SEND A STAMP FOR INVENTOR'S GUIDE
AND "200 INVENTIONS WANTED."

DEAR SIR.—We beg to remind you that according to
Section 37 of The Patent Act, goods manufactured under your Canadian
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mine." Under Sub-Section 3 the Commissioner of Patents is, however,
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stating why you wish to import; and the matter will have careful atten-
tion.

Yours truly,

Marion & Marion

Back of type 4

Date June 25

MONTREAL

TYPE 4 AND TYPE 5
CHANGE OVER

THE IMPERIAL CANCELLING MACHINES REMAINED IN SERVICE AT MONTREAL UNTIL LATE IN THE DAY ON JULY 10, 1897. THE IMPERIAL MACHINES WERE WITHDRAWN FROM SERVICE LATE IN THE DAY AT 18-0 (6 P.M.). THE IMPERIAL REPLACEMENTS WERE THE NEW SUPERIOR BICKERDIKE CANCELLING MACHINES THAT WERE IN SERVICE BY 14-0 (2 P.M.). A PROBABLY ONE OF A KIND COVER SHOWING A TYPE 4 DATER HUB "X" SEVEN STROKE FLAG, ALSO A TYPE 5 FLAG CANCEL. BOTH FLAG CANCELS DATED JULY 10, 1897. THIS GREAT COMBINATION COVER SHOWS THE LAST DAY OF USE OF THE MONTREAL TYPE 4 AND EARLIEST DATE OF USE OF THE NEW TYPE 5, THIS ALSO WAS THE LAST DAY OF USE OF THE OLD IMPERIAL CANCELLING MACHINES AND FIRST DAY OF SERVICE OF THE NEW BICKERDIKE MACHINES. DEFINITELY AN UNIQUE ONE OF A KIND COVER.

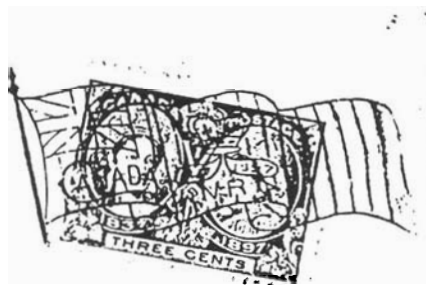


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JULY 17, 1897

THE TYPE 5 FLAG CANCEL WAS NEVER SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL OR AUTHORIZED BY THE POST OFFICE. J. BROOKS YOUNG APPARENTLY HAD THE FLAG DIE MADE FOR A DEMONSTRATION OR FOR TEST PURPOSES. THE UNAUTHORIZED USE WAS PROBABLY THE REASON FOR SUCH A SHORT PERIOD OF SERVICE. THE USE DURING JULY, 1897 WAS FOR ABOUT ONLY ONE WEEK. THIS SHORT PERIOD OF SERVICE WAS WITH TWO DIFFERENT DATER DIALS, WHICH WERE LATER PAIRED WITH THE MONTREAL TYPE 7, DIES III AND V. EXAMPLES SHOW THE TWO DIFFERENT DATERS. USE WITH DATER DIAL III WAS DURING JULY 10TH - 15TH, DATER DIAL V USE WAS FOR ONE DAY ONLY JULY 17TH. ONLY SIX OR SEVEN EXAMPLES ARE REPORTED.

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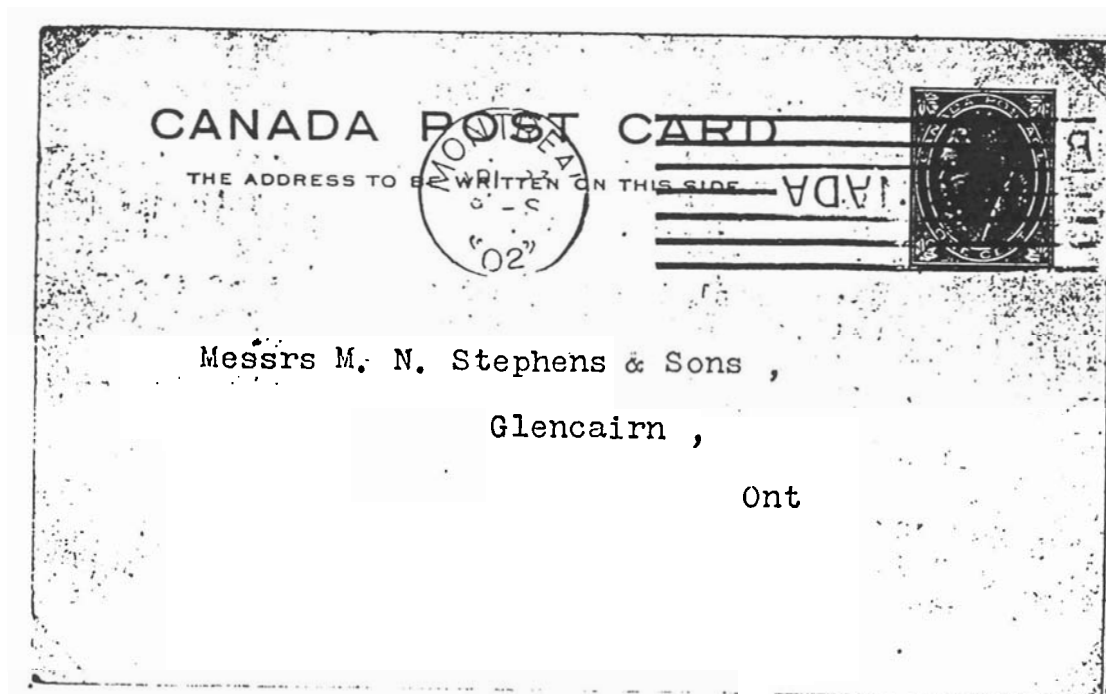
MACHINE CANCEL

M-6

INDICIA. "B"

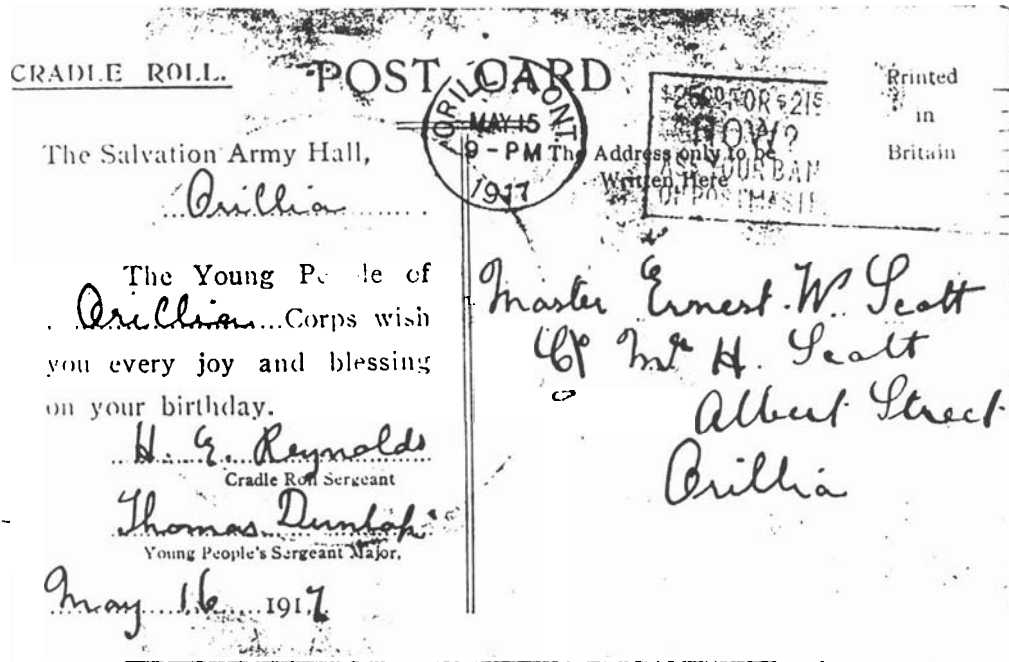
"INVERT"

MACHINE CANCEL M-6 IS RECORDED WITH DIES "A - F" IN SERVICE AT MONTREAL DURING MARCH 10, 1902 UNTIL OCTOBER 31, 1902. THE ONLY ERROR REPORTED DURING THIS SHORT EIGHT MONTH PERIOD WAS THIS INVERTED USE OF THE DIE "B" DATED APRIL 23, 1902. EXAMPLE SHOWN IS STILL THE ONLY REPORTED EXAMPLE TO DATE.



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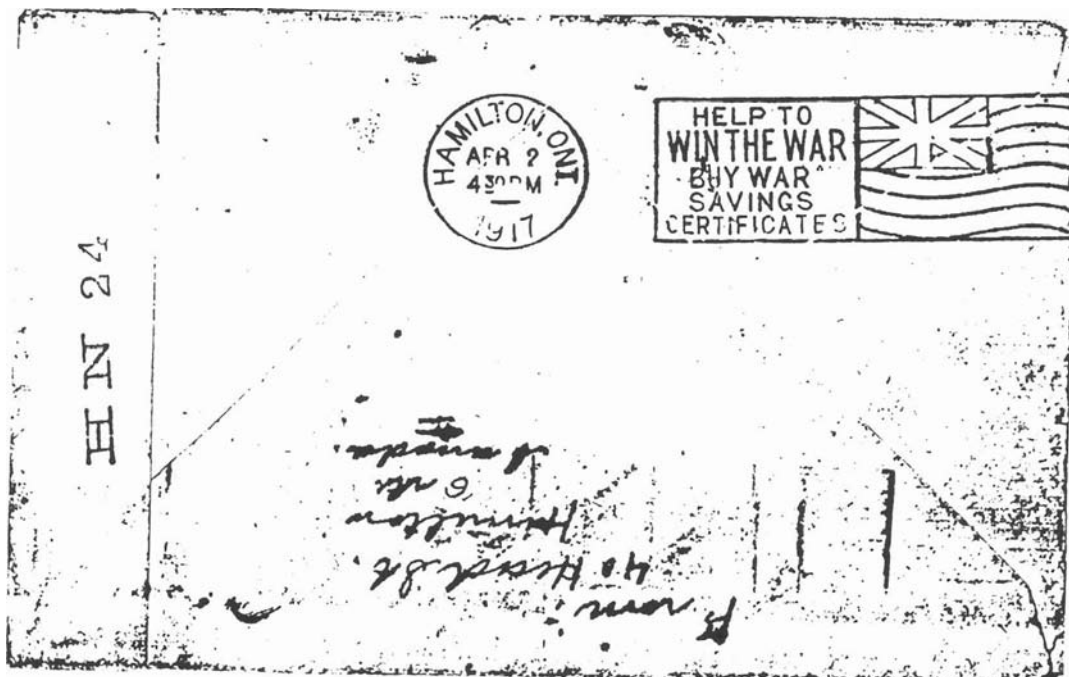
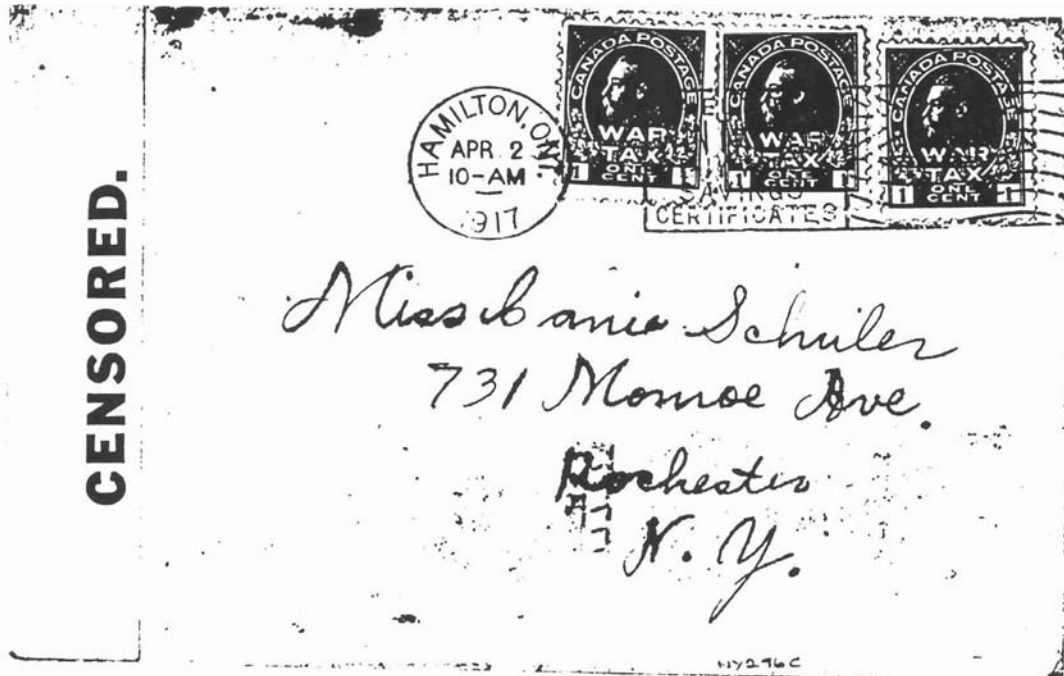
John Robertson has sent in a copy of the very scarce Orillia Flag, 28-2. Unfortunately some hooligan has removed the stamp, thus spoiling a very scarce philatelic item. The post card is interesting in its own right as it celebrates the birthday of a young member of the Salvation Army.



CENSORSHIP DURING WWI

The pair of censored covers which follow were submitted by the Editor. Each of them has several strikes of Flag cancellations as a result of the system of censorship that applied in the Great War.

The Hamilton cover to New York was cancelled with a Hamilton Type 24-1 Flag on April 2nd at 10AM. It was then censored in Hamilton where it was resealed on April 2nd with a censor tape with the HN 24 code for Hamilton. It was then backstamped with another strike of 24-1 at 4.30PM before proceeding on its journey

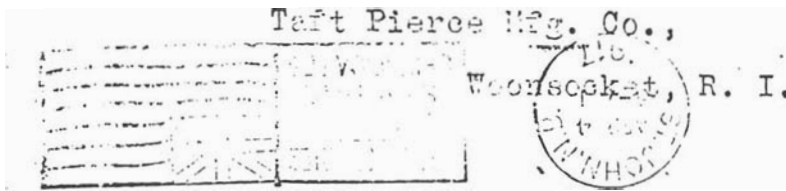


The St John NB cover to Woonsocket, on Rhode Island, was posted in St John NB on April 2nd 1917 and received in Fredericton at 830PM the same day. It was then sent back to St John arriving on April 3rd at 11AM where it was censored as indicated by the No 9-SJ censor tape. It was then posted on from St John on April 4th at 6AM.

It is noteworthy that the cover has two different flag cancels on it, namely Fredericton 35-3, and St John NB 27-1.

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