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DUES: This is the final issue of Volume 6 of Postal Stationery Notes. If a red "x" appears in this box \_\_\_ your 1988 Study Group fee (CAN\$5.00 or U.S. equivalent) is now due. If sending U.S. funds, please make out the cheque to "Robert Lemire", not to the Postal Stationery Study Group or to PSN. Unless cheques drawn on U.S. banks are made out to me, personally, we incur bank charges of \$2.50 per cheque. There also may be delays in clearing cheques drawn on U.S. banks (a U.S. Post Office money order made out to "Robert Lemire" would be easier to process).

### DOES ANYONE KNOW WHAT THESE ARE ???

Recently two unusual items have been reported. There is no connection between them except that in neither case is it certain the items were issued in the way they now appear.

The first item is what would appear to be a normal used copy of P62d - except the stamp impression is in gray-black, not green. The copy is postmarked London Ont., Mar. 12, 1936 and the back of the card bears an advertisement (in black) for watches and rings at K.G. Seabrook, 346 Piccadilly Street, London. Does anyone have an ordinary copy of P62d from the same mailing or another copy of P62d in gray? Does anyone have a good explanation of how the green could be chemically changed to gray? Has anyone a copy of a similar changeling on a different card?

The second item is even more probably a piece of philatelic foolishness. About fifteen years ago Bill Walton found unusual copies of two George V oval die envelopes, EN28 and EN32. In both cases the printed area of stamp die impression is completely coated with a highly-reflective shellac-like material. The coating is 99% clear of the white embossed head in the centre of the stamp design. It does, however, cover the other white embossed portions of the design including the lettering and the value tablets. This suggests the coating was not applied as part of the printing process, but was applied later. On both envelopes the coating has stained through to the inside, and even through onto the back of the 2¢ envelope. Bill has always felt these "varieties" are almost certainly the result of philatelic game-playing.

<sup>\*</sup> Postal Stationery Notes is the newsletter of the BNAPS Postal Stationery Study Group,

<sup>\*</sup> and is edited by Robert Lemire. All information for the newsletter, and

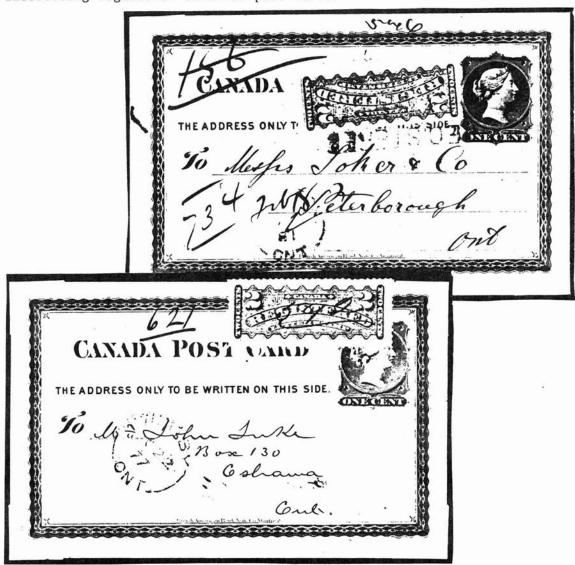
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During the past year, in a proverbial junk cover box, Bill discovered a used copy of the 3¢ envelope, EN32, machine postmarked in Toronto April 20, 1926, and hand addressed to a woman in Mansfield Ohio. The used copy is identical in every respect to the mint copies described above. There is no return address. The used copy does not look philatelic which suggests nothing except that someone may have gone to some trouble to ensure it does not look philatelic. Do any other members have such an envelope or can they recall having seen such an item at any time?

### SOME REGISTERED POST CARDS

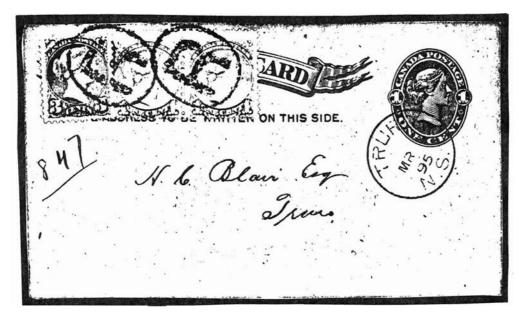
Allan Steinhart and Colin Campbell have submitted photocopies of several interesting registered Canadian post cards.



Cards dated October 22, 1877 and February 17, 1881 - 1¢ post card rate plus 2¢ registration charge (insurance policy cancellation notices).



A registered postal stationery card to the United States dated March 6, 1879 - 1¢ post card rate plus 5¢ registration fee to the United States.



Webb Pll with added 3¢ and two l¢ Small Queen Issue adhesives to pay the 5¢ registration fee. Local usage at Truro N.S., March I, 1895. The card is a notice of suspension of a member from an organisation. At the time this card was mailed registration stamps were no longer being issued.

Allan Steinhart



The card above is a copy of the reply card, Webb P24, postmarked Halifax, February 13, 1911. The sender was the Secretary of the Sergeant's Mess, Royal Canadian Garrison Artillary at the Citadel, Halifax, N.S. The secretary pointed out that the Mess had ceased to subscribe to the Canadian Military Gazette, but copies were still being received. The reason for using the reply card was probably to obtain an acknowledgment of receipt for a minimum fee. This registered card cost 7¢ in postage whereas a registered letter accompanied by an acknowledgment of receipt card would have cost 12¢ (2¢ postage, 5¢ registration, 5¢ for the A-R form). The ploy was unsuccessful as this registered card was found with the reply half (addressed to the Secretary of the Mess) still attached.

Colin Campbell

## THE POSTAL STATIONERY SECTION OF THE SCOTT SPECIALIZED CATALOGUE OF CANADIAN STAMPS

The 1988 edition of the Scott Specialized Catalogue of Canadian Stamps has made its appearance. On opening it to the postal stationery section, one hoped to find a complete revision of the 1987 edition which left much to be desired. At first glance, it seemed to be a duplication of last year's edition but, on closer scrutiny, it was noted that pictures of the official postal card precancels and a few of the surcharge types were added - a definite improvement, but not enough to bring this catalogue up to the standards collectors expect from Scott, a name we associate, in this part of the world, with the "Bible of Stamp Collecting".

A catalogue of Canadian postal stationery, no matter how simplified, must be complete. It must contain, in addition to envelopes, postal bands and wrappers and postal cards, sections on dommestogrammes, aerogrammes and letter cards, all of which were sold over the counter in post offices. Other areas can be left to specialized catalogues. Also, as Newfoundland stamps are listed, why not the stationery? Half a catalogue may be better than none, but is not satisfactory when there are others available.

There are other problems which should be corrected in the next edition. Although some of the overprints are illustrated, others are just described. A cut of the "scrollwork around the numeral" die is shown in the post bands and wrappers section, and the "shieldlike ornament below numerals" die is illustrated in the postal card section, however, the "rosette under numerals" die is not shown anywhere.

One noted error in the illustrations is that of the 2¢ green "line die" Admiral envelope. The colour of this envelope is brown. The 2¢ green is only found on Special Order Envelopes, an area not covered by this catalogue.

The cuts in colour are pleasant to the eye, so why some in black and white. Also, the cut squares on a black background are attractive, so why is one cut round, one octagonal and others "cut to the bone". The overall effect is that the catalogue was carelessly thrown together.

All is not bleak, however. A new section, added to the 1988 edition, on International and Imperial and Commonwealth Reply Coupons, is the most complete listing of these interesting postal items we have seen. This section alone is an important addition to Canadian postal paper collector's library.

There is a definite need for a good general catalogue of this type, as many Canadian stamp collectors have also been adding postal stationery to their collecting interests. Also, it would entice new collectors to the field. If the editor would get a meticulous, knowledgeable postal stationery collector to proof-read the next edition, perhaps Scott can be that catalogue.

#### Mark Arons

Editor's Note: The credit for the Reply Coupon section belongs to Andrew Chung. The blame for the Postal Stationery section lies partially with me and partially with Unitrade (who did not incorporate all of the changes solicited from me a few weeks before they went to press). My sympathy to Jim Webb, as I now know how he must have felt when Unitrade omitted all of the surcharge figures. The blame also lies partially with the economics of the catalogue business. This prevented massive additions and changes between the 1987 and 1988 editions. I hope in the future to help Unitrade improve the Postal Stationery section to the standard described by Mark. John Aitken has already sent me a list of "typographical errors", a useful list as I was given no opportunity to proof-read the section before it went to press). My discussions with Unitrade indicate substantial improvement cannot be expected until the 1990 edition.

### ERPs FOR THE GTR AND CNR RAILWAY VIEW CARDS -- A COMPLETE UPDATED LIST

Recently a large collection of railway cards reached the market, and examination of these cards revealed a considerable number of new ERPs. In the last issue of PSN we presented a complete updated list of ERPs for the CPR cards. In this issue we give the dates reported for the GTR and CNR cards.

Grand Trunk Railway the Victorian cards GTR-A5 Aug. 18, 1898

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GTR-A35 Oct. 26, 1898
                          GTR-A45 Nov. 19, 1898
                                                      GTR-A46 Aug. 19, 1898 *
GTR-A57 Nov. 5, 1898
                          GTR-B1 July 9, 1901 *
                                                      GTR-B3 Sept. 16, 1898
GTR-B18 Mar. 25, 1899 *
                          GTR-B23 Mar. 3, 1899 *
                                                      GTR-B32 May 20, 1899
GTR-B36 May 23, 1899 *
                          GTR-B38 Apr. 20, 1901
                                                      GTR-B39 Aug. 27 1899
GTR-B60 Feb. 13, 1899 *
1903 Edward Issue - views in green
GTR-D1 Oct. 22, 1903 *
                          GTR-D3 Dec. 12, 1903 *
                                                      GTR-D18 Oct. 4, 1904
GTR-D24 Nov. 19, 1903
                                                      GTR-D38 Oct. 29, 1903 *
                          GTR-D36 Dec. 17, 1903
GTR-D39 May 23, 1904
                          GTR-D60 May 15, 1905
1904 new views in sepia
GTR-C4A July 13, 1905 *
                          GTR-C6 Mar. 10, 1905
                                                      GTR-C10 Dec. 28, 1904 *
GTR-Cl2 July 14, 1905 *
                          GTR-C34 Apr. 18, 1905
                                                      GTR-C40 Sept. 22, 1904
GTR-C43 Aug. 15, 1905
                         GTR-C44 Nov. 16, 1904
1907 views in green
                          GTR-D6 Feb. 18, 1907 @
                                                      GTR-D10 Apr. 30, 1907
GTR-D4A n.d.r.
GTR-D12 June 18, 1907 *
                          GTR-D34 May 28, 1908
                                                      GTR-D40 Nov. 23, 1907 @(1)
GTR-D43 Mar. 19, 1907
                          GTR-D44 July 19, 1907
the 1907 new views
                          GTR-D11 Jan. 21, 1908 @
GTR-D7 Mar. 10, 1908
                                                      GTR-D22 June 19, 1908
GTR-D30 Aug. 30, 1907
                          GTR-D31 Oct. 3, 1907
                                                      GTR-D40A Aug. ? , 1907
GTR-D48 Dec. 30, 1907
                         _GTR-D49_July_30, 1909_
1910 views in green
GTR-D8 Aug. 11, 1910 (1) GTR-D20 Mar. 10, 1911
                                                      GTR-D21 Oct. 25, 1910
                                                      GTR-D47 Aug. 16, 1910
GTR-D29 June 2, 1911
                          GTR-D37 July 12, 1911
GTR-D55 July 25, 1911 *
                         _GTR-D58_Oct. 27, 1910_*_
1912 views in green
GTR-D2 Dec. 2, 1912
                          GTR-D9 Mar. 24, 1914
                                                      GTR-D13 Nov. 11, 1912
GTR-D14 Dec. 5, 1913
                          GTR-D16 Apr. 8, 1913
                                                      GTR-D17 July 18, 1913
GTR-D41 _ n.d.r. _ _
                          GTR-D55A June 27, 1913
1914 series - views on P28c
GTR-E2 Apr. 29, 1914 *
                          GTR-E9 Apr. 27, 1914
                                                      GTR-E13 May 26, 1914
GTR-E14 July 30, 1915
                          GTR-E16 Dec. 14, 1914
                                                      GTR-E17 July 6, 1915 *
GTR-E41 June 11, 1914 *
                          GRT-E55A July 28, 1914
1914 series - views on P28d
                          GTR-F9 July 24, 1914
                                                      GTR-F13 n.d.r.
GTR-F2
         n.d.r.
GTR-F14 May 25, 1915
                          GTR-F16 Mar. 24, 1914
                                                      GTR-F17 Aug. 14, 1915 *
GTR-F41 \underline{n.d.r.}
                          GTR-F55A Dec. 29, 1914
1915 series - views on P33c (die I)
                          GTR-H9 Nov. 4, 1915 @
GTR-H2 Dec. 10, 1915
                                                      GTR-H13
                                                               n.d.r.
GTR-H14 Nov. 9, 1915
                          GTR-H16 n.d.r.
                                                      GTR-H17
GTR-H41 n.d.r.
                          GTR-H55A n.d.r.
1915 series - views on P33n (die Ia)
GTR-K2 Dec. 13, 1915 @
                          GTR-K9 Nov. 2, 1915
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         n.d.r.
GTR-K14
                          GTR-K16 n.d.r.
                                                      GTR-K17 Nov. 27, 1915
                          GTR-K55A n.d.r.
GTR-K41 Dec. 16, 1915
1916 series - views on P33d
GTR-I2 Mar. 27, 1917 @
                          GTR-I9 July 17, 1916
                                                      GTR-I13 June 8, 1916
                          GTR-I16 Oct. 12, 1916
                                                      GTR-I17 June 26, 1916
GTR-I14 Aug. 10, 1916 @
                          GTR-I55A May 25, 1916
GTR-I41 July 26, 1916
1916 series - views on P33a
                          GTR-G13 Oct. 5, 1916 @
                                                      GTR-G14 Sept. 23 1916
GTR-G9 Aug. 28, 1916
GTR-G16 Nov. 18, 1916
                         GTR-G41 Nov. 13, 1922 GTR-G55A Aug. 14, 1916 _ _
1916 new views
                          GTR-G29 Nov. 24, 1916 *
                                                      GTR-G33 Oct. 16, 1916
GTR-G27 Jan. 8, 1917
                          GTR-G51 Apr. 10, 1917
                                                      GTR-G35 Mar. 2, 1917
GTR-G42 Dec. 12, 1916
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	_GTR-G59_Nov. 2,_1916 *	
1920 new views		
GTR-G4 Dec. 9, 1920 *	GTR-G15 July 29, 1920	GTR-G19 Nov. 1, 1920 *
GTR-G28 Aug. 4, 1920	GTR-G50 May 20, 1920 *	GTR-G52 June 21, 1921
GTR-G54 July 8, 1920 *_	_GTR-G56A Mar7, 1921	
1922 series on P34d		Wallet and Publish Trade in Printing United Parallel Andrews Co.
GTR-J4 Oct. 2, 1922	GTR-J15 June 21, 1922	GTR-J19 May 28, 1923
GTR-J28 Mar. 12, 1923	GTR-J50 Apr. 20, 1923	GTR-J52 Aug. 29, 1922 *
GTR-54 n.d.r.	_GTR-J56A June_7, 1922	
Canadian National Railway		
first set - 1923		
CNR-Cl Aug. 7, 1923	CNR-C4 June 27, 1923	CNR-C6 Apr. 3, 1924 *
CNR-C13 Aug. 20, 1923 *	CNR-C16 Apr. 1, 1924	CNR-C17 Oct. 4, 1924
CNR-C22 Oct. 17, 1923	_CNR-C25_June 26, 1923	
new views on P34d - 1924		
CNR-C2 n.d.r.	CNR-C7 ? , ? , 1924	CNR-C12 Nov. 6, 1925
CNR-C21 Mar. 20, 1925	CNR-C24 Dec. 3, 1924	CNR-C28 n.d.r.
<u>CNR-C30</u> <u>Sept.</u> 6, 1924 *(2)		
views on P34 - 1925		
CNR-A2 Sept. 28, 1925	CNR-A7 Jan. 27, 1927	CNR-A9 Jan. 20, 1927
CNR-A12 Aug. 8, 1925	CNR-A14 Oct. 14, 1926	CNR-A17 June 24, 1926 *
CNR-A21 Feb. 19, 1926	_CNR-A24_Jan. 31, 1927	
same views on P34b - 1927		
CNR-B2 Nov. 5, 1929 *	CNR-B7 Nov. 20, 1928	CNR-B9 Oct. 25, 1927 *
CNR-B12 Mar. 20, 1930	CNR-B14 Nov. 19, 1927 *	CNR-B17 June 19, 1928
CNR-B21 Oct. 6, 1928	_CNR-B24_May_10,_1928	
new views on P34b - 1929		
CNR-B5 Nov. 6, 1929	CNR-B10 May 30, 1929	CNR-B12B Mar. 31, 1929 (3)
<u>CNR-B19</u> <u>Jan. 19, 1929</u>		
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- \* new ERP
- @ first report of a dated copy for this card.
- (1) manuscript date on a card of which neither a postmarked copy nor a copy with a text date is known
- (2) only copy known. Date previously reported was in error.
- (3) CNR-12B, height in text "12972" feet (CNR-12, "13068" feet)
- (4) not including the cards reported by Horace Harrison in the last issue of PSN (Vol. 6, pg. 40-42) for which catalogue numbers have not yet been assigned

Bill Walton

### THE ADMIRAL ISSUE FOURTH 1¢ DIE

Arnold's 1965 list, "The Post Cards of Canada" notes four dies for the Admiral Issue post cards. Die C is the same as Webb die III, while die D is described "as Die C, except "CENT" rests on first line; thin line between oval and "N". The two different varieties are only mentioned as occurring on Arnold PC85 and PC86 (i.e., Webb P29a), but they can also be found on the lc wrapper, Webb Wl3e. The different types of P29a have also been mentioned by Mike Anderman (Postal Stationery 20, 125) and George Manley (in his precancelled stationery handbook). The types are relatively hard to distinguish, being roughly printed in orange on buff-coloured stock. The differences are similar to those between the two dies of the lc Admiral Issue adhesive (Marler, p. 100, Boggs, p. 362-363). As far as I know there are no illustrations in the philatelic literature of the Arnold lc dies C and D. The photocopies and sketches below are based on my copies of Webb "Wl3e".

Robert Lemire





Arnold lc die C
"CENT" rests on second line
from the bottom





Arnold l¢ die D
"CENT" rests on the first line
from the bottom

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