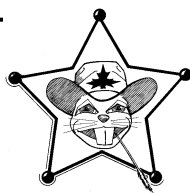


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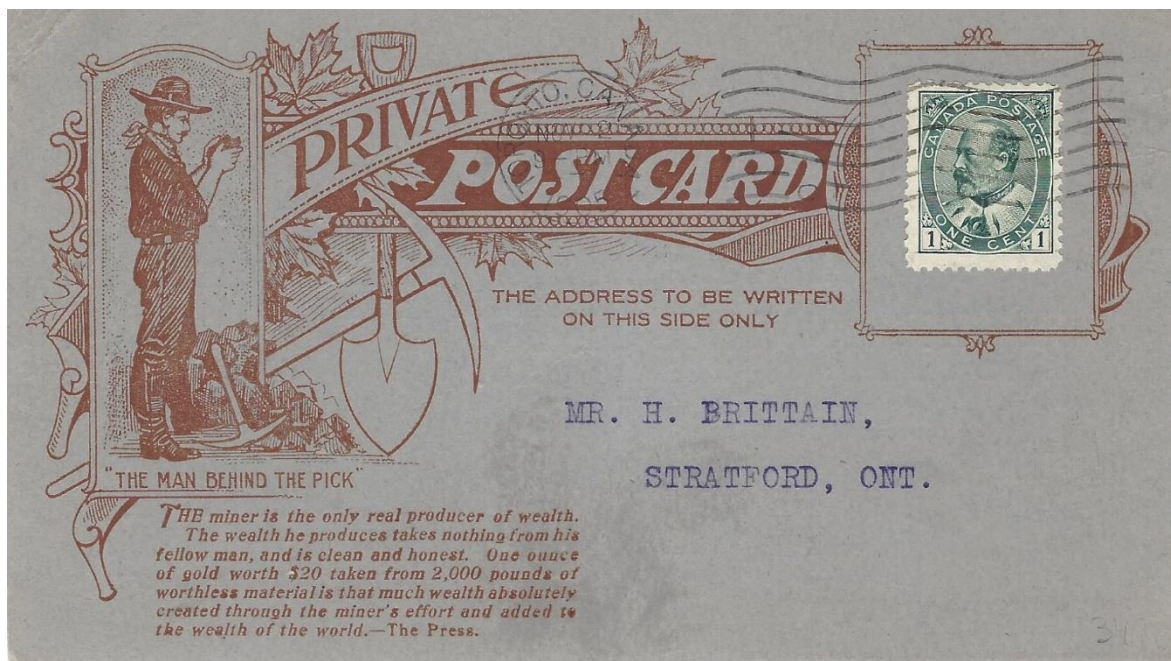
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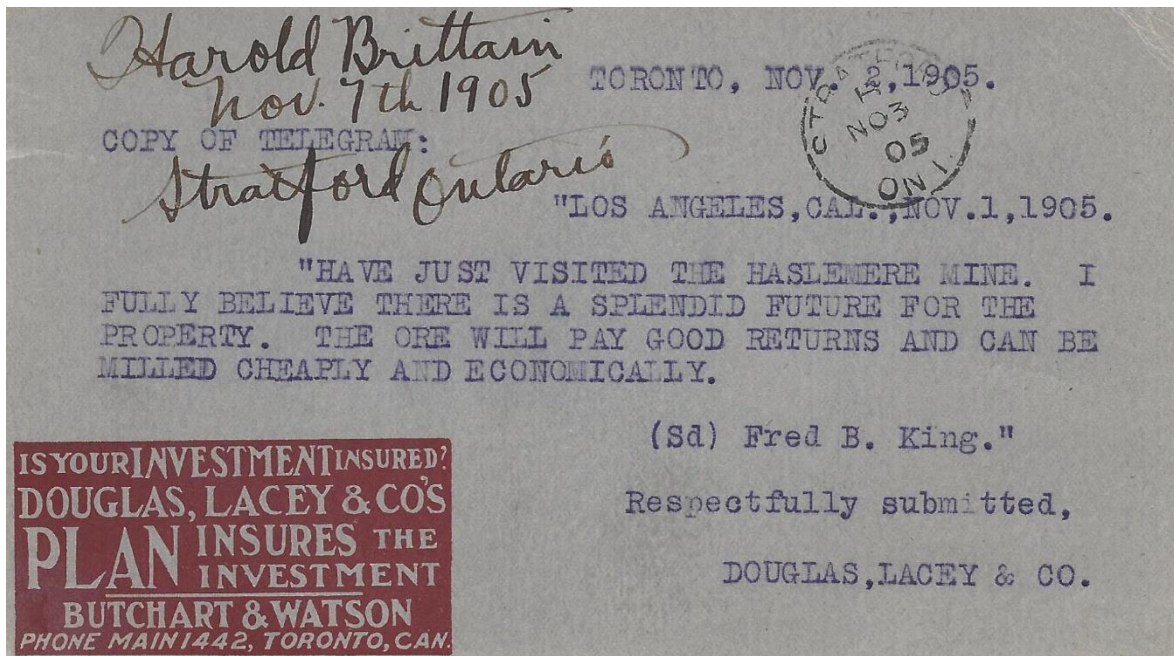
## NO MEETING UNTIL FALL

We will review the situation in late summer to see if we can meet in September-November. BNAPEX 2020 in Halifax has been canceled. This issue serves to keep our group connected. Please send news and activities to the editor. See address on the last page.

## Haslemere Mining and Milling Co. – George Dresser

The company property consists of four mining claims and a three-quarter interest in another claim, in all over 100 acres located at Keyesville, Kern County, California, 40 miles from a Southern Pacific railroad. The Transfer agent was Douglas, Lacey and Co. 66 Broadway, New York City. Source: Moody's Manual of Corporation Securities, 1904. The back of the card is a copy of a telegram dated Nov. 1, 1905 from Los Angeles. "The miner is the only real producer of wealth. The wealth he produces takes nothing from his fellow man and is clean and honest. One ounce of gold worth \$20 taken from 2,000 pounds of worthless material is that much wealth absolutely created through the minor's effort and added to the wealth of the world."—The Press





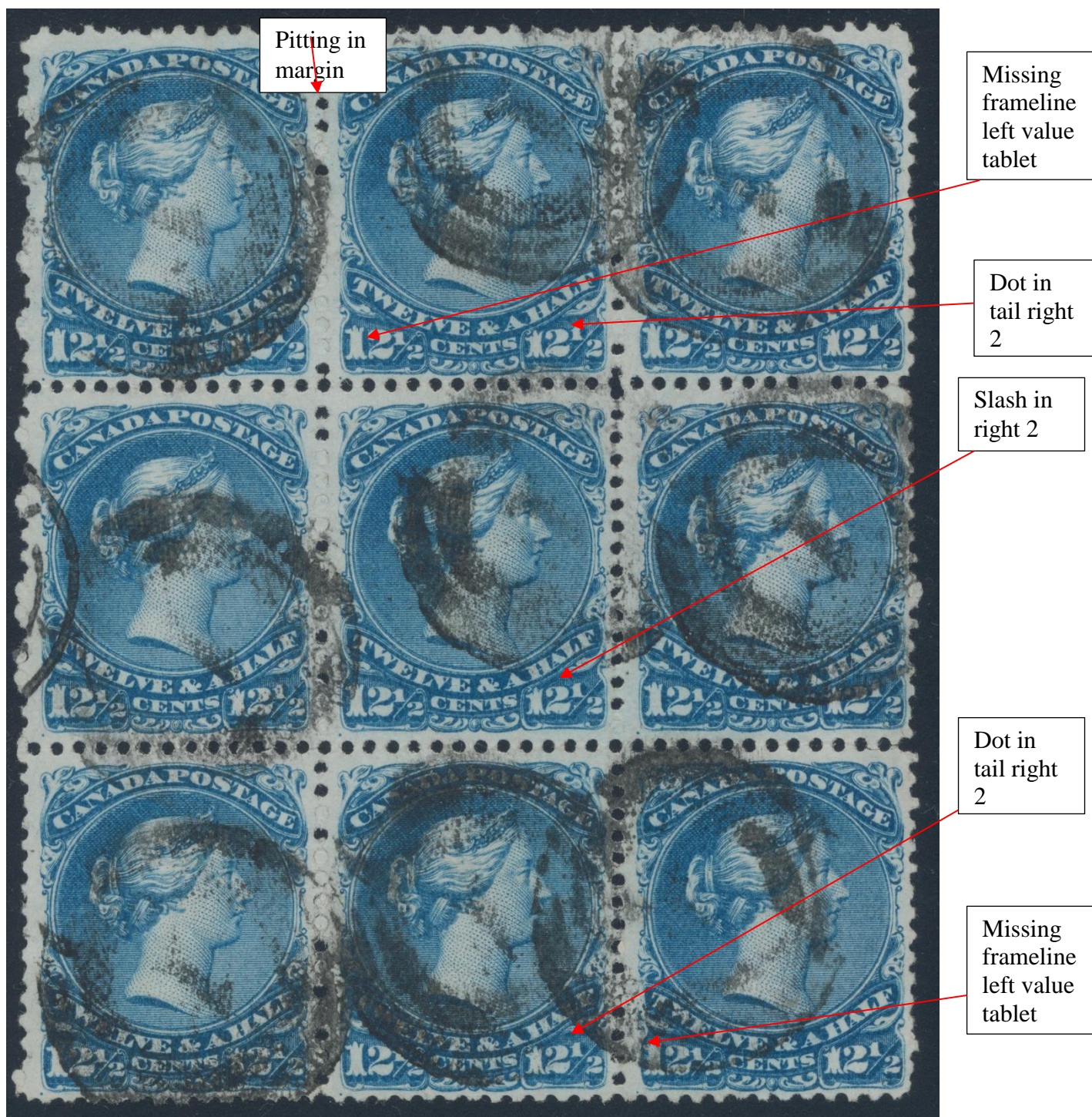
## Some interesting plate varieties on the 12½¢ Large Queen – Vic Willson

At the last PB meeting I showed my initial attempts at plating the 12½¢ Large Queen. Since then I have been collaborating with Dr. Jim Watt, a prominent Canadian philatelist with tremendous holdings in classical Canadian material. As he specialized more in the Pence and Cents periods he has not accumulated the multiple I have had nor focused on the Large Queens except to accumulate many plate flaws in singles and pairs. Between what I put together for you last time and his material we thought we had made significant strides in restructuring the middle of the sheet around the known marginal pieces I showed (more on that below). One by-product has been closer scrutiny of various constant plate varieties known either through plate proofs or many examples across printings through dated copies. One new result I have discovered is with the “Dot below PO of POSTAGE”, or as we call it “the Blob.” By careful examination I am able to show that in fact there are two different blobs, one smaller than the other. We have multiple examples of both, These are shown below.





A key block owned by my friend Bill Radcliffe has upon close examination yields a trove of varieties beyond the major “missing frameline in left value tablet” for which the block was known. Shown below are some of the additional elements that are known as constant from other stamps. Whether they were entered after plate layout remains a question, however, for many such marks. It is possible that several states of the plate exist, with four printings ordered by the Canadian PO between 1867 and 1872 (Duckworth & Duckworth, 2008). Many other plate varieties are now available at this point as well, so keep tuned.





While we thought we had pretty much plated the stamp, we were able to get a good scan of an upper row part imprint block owned by Jack Forbes of Nova Scotia. That block did not exhibit the missing frameline flaw in the top stamp of the block above (pos, 17) on which our whole plating was based. Given other constraints we have now concluded there had to be two plates manufactured, which appears to be the case with all the other stamps, and our plating efforts are now at a standstill. It may not ever be possible to plate both as there are not enough dated multiples to differentiate possible plate differences. So it goes.


## An interesting printed matter item- Vic Willson


I purchased an undated printer matter item on ebay recently with a 2¢ Large Queen canceled by a Halifax 2-ring 4 going to Ghent, New York. It is a will drawn up in 1867 for Rebecca Snyder, sent to her husband Tunis. Rebecca died in 1869. Both names can be found at <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/147063752/tunis-snyder>. The presence of a Canadian Temperance Society handstamp indicates an insurance policy that was paid out, with the will returned some time circa 1869-70. The rate at this period was 1¢ per oz. in Canada, 1¢ to be collected in the US. There are so few examples known from 1859 to 1872 that it is difficult to determine if the US accepted prepayment for both fees, which this would suggest. I have a catalog with 4 x ½¢ Large Queens from 1870 and have seen one other 2¢ printed matter to the US before the 1871 apparent Canada-US agreement for 1¢ per oz., as the Canada Postal Guide no longer notes “subject on delivery to U.S. postage” as in 1870. This suggests to me the will was sent in 1869 or 70, particularly since Rebecca died that year and the husband would presumably want the insurance. The two rings were delivered in March-April 1869.



I Rebecca Snyder of the town of Ghent in the County  
of Columbia State of New York do make and publish  
this my last will and testament in form following That is to say  
I give and bequeath to my son William Edward My  
Bank Stock being in the Bank at Kinderhook in the County  
of Columbia and State of New York, by paying to my son  
Frederick H. Snyder one half of the value of said  
Stock in lawfull money of the United States.  
~~My~~ My wearing apparel to be equally divided  
between my sons Wm. E. & Frederick H.

testator Rebecca Snyder as and for her last will and  
testament in the presence of us who have set ~~our~~ names  
as witnesses hereto in her presence at her request and in  
the presence of each other  
George A. Hisselburgh, Ghent Col. Co. N. York  
Josephine Hisselburgh



I constitute and appoint my sons William E and  
Frederick H. Executors of this my last will and testament  
hereby revoking all former wills made by me  
in witness whereof I have herunto set my hand and  
Seal this 25<sup>th</sup> day of Oct. One Thousand Eight hundred & Sixty  
Seven,  
Signed, sealed, published and delivered by the above <sup>to</sup> Rebecca Snyder   
testator Rebecca Snyder as and for her last will and  
testament in the presence of us who have set ~~our~~ names  
as witnesses hereto in her presence at her request and in  
the presence of each other  
George A. Hisselburgh, Ghent Col. Co. N. York  
Josephine Hisselburgh

Part covered by pasted over top of will



## King Edward VII Illustrated Advertising Manufacturing - Stoves and Stove Polish – George Dresser

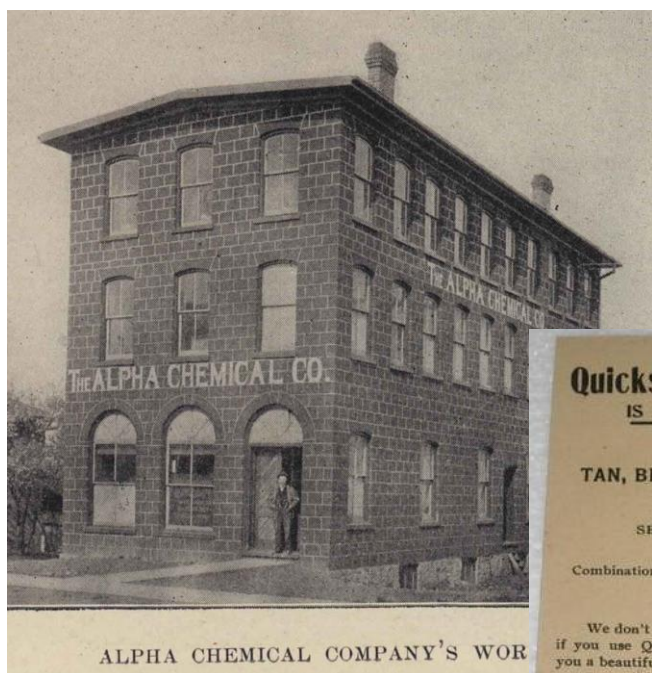


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Rate: 2¢ ≤ 1 ounce

Quickshine Stove Polish,  
Manufactured by the Alpha  
Chemical Co., Berlin, Ontario



The Alpha  
Chemical Co.  
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