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1. BNAPEX 82 - VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA

It is hoped that an informal seminar of the Small Queen Study Group will be held. All being well, we will look forward to seeing you there.

2. NEWSLETTER SUMMARY:

- Re-Entries of the 8¢ Small Queen - Jack Weatherwax.
- The 3¢ Blotting Paper Variety - George Arfken.
- The Dotted Inner Circle Cancellation - Wally Gutzman.
- Membership Roster - 1982.
- Treasurer's Report 1980, 1981.

3. NEWSLETTER:

Articles are urgently required for this Study Group!

The Well is Run Dry!!! Comments on previous articles would be appreciated.

BACK ISSUES

All back issues can be borrowed from BNAPS Library.

THE RE-ENTRY



THE RE-ENTRY DIFFERENCES ARE LINED IN RED.

The major part of the re-entry is in the oval surrounding H.M.'s head - but only beneath the bust. The left 8 is badly misshapen, CENTS has extra lines at the bottom of each letter. The tablet above and below CENTS shows lines. Several letters of CANADA POSTAGE have a flattened appearance at top or bottom esp CAN OST E. The top line of the design is cloudy over AP and thin over OS. The white tablet above CANADA POSTAGE shows numerous irregularities. Extra lines and spurs appear on the left side beside the Top Tablet and down the design to a point opposite the Queen's nose tip.

Jack Weatherwax

The 3¢ Blotting Paper Variety

1. It may be of interest to Small Queen enthusiasts that at least one block of four of the 3¢ thick, soft, opaque, blotting paper variety exists, Figure 1. This is Shoemaker's¹ Group "C" paper, stamp class #4. As emphasized by Elliott² the stamps are definitely not well centered and many of the perforation disks remain attached.

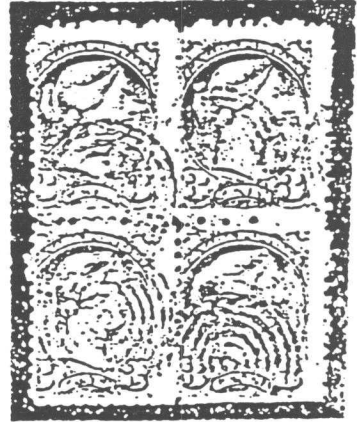


Figure 1.

2. This 3¢ blotting paper variety is catalogued as 37i in the Canada Specialized Catalogue. (It is listed in the new Scott Specialized Catalogue of Canada but without any identifying letter.) Figure 2. shows two copies of 37i. The stamp on the left is the typical off center Shoemaker #4. The color is a dark rose and the paper is 0.0041 inches thick. The stamp on the right, still 37i, is beautifully centered. The color is slightly deeper than the stamp on the left. The paper is thinner, 0.0034 inches in thickness. However the stamp on the right has been expertized by Wm. H.P. Maresch as 37i and has been initialed by him. Mr. Maresch asserts that this variation in thickness could occur over a single sheet and that (in his words) "the hairs that are easily seen at the perfs are the distinguishing mark".



Figure 2.

¹L.D. Shoemaker, Stamps, March 8, 1941 P. 341-6. Reprinted in BNA Topics 7, 96-102 (1950).

²Keith Elliott, The Small Queen Newsletter of the Canadian Small Queen Study Group (BNAPS) Vol. 3, No.2, May 1978.

We illustrate a cancellation which I submitted, with an enquiry, to BNA Topics back in January 1967. At that time only one member answered, to add information concerning a strike which he had, on card, in his own collection.

The reply from England reads: "The Dotted Inner Circle was used at Toronto in OC and NO, 1886. I have a Toronto on card, dated OC 11/86."

Since that time I have managed to find five more copies and have learned of another in an Ottawa collection.

OTTAWA	3/JA	19/85	TORONTO	AU	30/86
OTTAWA	2/JA	22/85	TORONTO	SP	22/86
OTTAWA	3/JA	24/85	TORONTO	OC	7/86

Thus, we now know that the Toronto canceller was used at least between AU 30 and OC 11, 1886, but the period of usage in Ottawa was indeed an extremely short one, presently five days JA 19 to JA 24, 1885.

In order to more closely define the period of usage, readers are requested to report all dates of this cancellation, that they know of, either to the writer or to the Study Group Chairman.

Note that in the second illustration, the core of the canceller is not lined up with the outer ring containing the city name.



Wally Gutzman #1300.