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1. 1986 Goal

It was agreed upon at BNAPEX '85 Calgary, that our study group should have some definite goal for 1986. One suggestion was to study "The Earliest Dated Small Queen Covers". I think this is an excellent idea and I hope you will all participate in filling out the chart below at your leisure. We hope to eventually have the results of this exercise in topics. If you have only time to do one issue, please do so and perhaps at some later date you can finish the remainder.

	<u>* CAT. #</u>	
1/2¢	27	black
1¢	28e	red orange
	28g, h, i	perf 11.5, 11.6 x 12, any shade
2¢	29	green
	29e	perf 11.5, 11.6 x 12
3¢	30b	copper red, indian red
	30d	thick, blotting paper
	30e	perf 12.5
	30f, g, h	perf 11.5, 11.6 x 12, any shade
	30j, k	rose carmine
	30i,	orange vermilion (FLUORESCENT)
5¢	31	slate green, olive green
	31b	perf 11.5, 11.6 x 12
	31c	grey
6¢	32	yellow brown
	32d	perf 11.5, 11.6 x 12
	32e	red brown, etc.

* Canada Specialized Numbers

	<u>* CAT. #</u>	
8¢	33	blue grey (any shade)
10¢	34d	perf 11.5, 11.6 x 12
	34	dull rose lilac, etc.
	34g, h, i	brown red, etc.

*** Canada Specialized Numbers**

2. Newsletter Summary

- Chart for earliest dated Small Queen Covers;
 - Variety diagram of 1¢ Small Queen - Scotia Stamp Studio & W. G. Burden;
 - Postal Rates to U.S.A. - First Class Mail
 - Postal Rates to U.S.A. - Registry Fee
 - Postal Rates to the U.K. - First Class Mail
 - Postal Rates to the U.K. - Registry Fee
- George Arfken

3. New Members

We extend a warm welcome to the following new members:

Robin Harris, Michael Redwood, Dr. Jim Watt, Richard Wendt

4. Back Issues

These are available from Don Makinen - BNAPS Librarian.

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Postal Rates to the UK - First Class Mail

1 Jan 1870 6d/ 1/2 oz., via Canadian Packet, stamps or cash
8d/ 1/2 oz., via New York (Cunard rate) stamps or cash
Notice to the Public 30 Dec 1869

The 2¢ per 1/2 oz. Cunard surcharge was imposed to pay a US transit fee. The 2¢ surcharge continued until 1 Aug 1878 on mail via New York that went beyond the UK.

1 Oct 1875 5¢/ 1/2 oz., "preferred rate", all routes.
Dept. Order No. 15 1 Sep 1875

Prepayment recommended but not required. Any deficiency was doubled.
Oct 1875 Postal Guide, p.vii.

1 Aug 1878 5d/ 1/2 oz., Universal Postal Union rate. Postage to be paid by stamps but UPU regulations permitted underpayment and nonpayment. The deficiency was doubled.

Dept. Order No. 23 15 Jul 1878
Aug 1878 Postal Guide

25 Dec 1898 2d/ 1/2 oz., Imperial Penny Postage
Boggs, p.339

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Postal Rates to the UK - Registry Fee

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| July 1869 | 8¢ registry fee; stamps or cash
"List of Post Offices in Canada",
Tables of Rates of Postage |
| 1 Oct 1875 | 8¢ Preliminary announcement of registered letter stamps
Notice to the Public 1 Oct 1875 [Boggs p.471]

The registered letter stamps were required by the
Oct 1875 Postal Guide, p.xvii, but did not become
available until mid November. [Boggs, p.469] |
| 8 Nov 1875 | 8¢ 8¢ registered letter stamp announced, intended
specifically for registered letters to the UK.

Dept. Order No. 17 8 Nov 1875
Dept. Order No. 18 7 Jan 1876

Eleven covers and one front have been recorded:
(1) with an 8¢ RLS paying the 8¢ registry fee,
(2) to the UK (intended use) and
(3) during the required period, midNov 1875 - Dec 1877. |
| 1 Jan 1878 | 5¢ registry fee - to be paid by the 5¢ RLS
Jan 1878 Postal Guide, p.xviii. |
| 1 Jan 1894 | 5¢ Registry fee to be paid by regular stamps.
Registered letter stamps discontinued.
Jan 1894 Postal Guide, p.ii.

[The 1889 - 1893 Postal Guides had continued to
specify the 5¢ RLS for paying the registry fee
on letters to the UK.] |

General reference

CANADA'S REGISTRY SYSTEM: 1827 - 1911
Horace W. Harrison
American Philatelic Society Inc. (1971)

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Postal Rates to USA - First Class Mail

1 Apr 1868 6¢/ 1/2 oz. if prepaid; cash or stamps
10¢/ 1/2 oz not prepaid; cash or stamps
Dept. Order No. 2 1 Mar 1868

Underpaid letters were rated as if totally unpaid but credit given for the actual payment.

1 Feb 1875 3¢/ 1/2 oz.; cash or stamps
Dept. Order No. 13 5 Jan 1875
Treaty with USA signed in Ottawa 27 Jan 1875
Wash.DC 1 Feb 1875

"..unpaid or not fully prepaid (cross border letters) must be immediately sent in to the Dead Letter Office ..."

1 Oct 1875 3¢/ 1/2 oz.; stamps required
Oct 1875 Postal Guide, p.vi

April/May 1881 "Insufficiently prepaid (cross border) letters ... shall be forwarded charged with the amount of deficient postage..." [No doubling.]
Amended Article of the April 28/May 3, 1881 Treaty

13 Feb 1888 Official correspondence entitled to pass free in Canada may be sent free to the US.
Dept. Order No. 31 13 Feb 1888

8 May 1889 3¢/ 1 oz.
Notice to the Public 8 May 1889
Dept. Order No. 35 20 May 1889

1 Jan 1899 2¢/ 1 oz.
Act of Parliament 13 Jun 1898

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Postal Rates to USA - Registry Fee

- 1867 5¢ registry fee; cash or stamps
1867 Canadian Postal Guide p.39
- 5 Jan 1875 5¢
"The registration charge on Letters addressed to the United States will continue to be 5 cents, which must be prepaid by postage stamp in addition to the ordinary letter postage."
Dept. Order No. 13 5 Jan 1875
- 1 Oct 1875 5¢ Preliminary announcement of registered letter stamps
Notice to the Public 1 Oct 1875 [Boggs p.471]
- 1 Oct 1875 5¢ payable by stamp. 5¢ registered letter stamp specified but not available until midNovember. [Boggs, p.469]
Oct 1875 Postal Guide, p.xvii
- 8 Nov 1875 5¢ green registered letter stamp for use on letters to USA
Dept. Order No. 17 8 Nov 1875
Dept. Order No. 18 7 Jan 1876
- 1 Jan 1876 "The Registration fee to the United States is 5 cents, to be prepaid by Registration stamp."
Jan 1876 Postal Guide, p.xxxii
- 1 Mar 1888 2¢ registry fee
Dept. Order No. 31 13 Feb 1888

This anomalous registry rate lasted just two months: March and April 1888. While scarce, covers to the US during these months properly franked with the 2¢ RLS are known.
- 1 May 1888 5¢ registry fee
Dept. Order No. 32 26 Apr 1888
- 1 Jan 1889 Relaxation of requirement for 5¢ RLS for letters to the US.
"..letters fully prepaid will not be detained on account of the use thereon of ordinary stamps in payment of the registration fee."

The same language appeared in the 1890, 1891, 1892 and 1893 Postal Guides.
- 8 May 1889 The Notice to the Public of this date did not include letters to the US in the authorization for use of the 2¢ RLS as part payment of the 5¢ registration fee.
- 1 Jan 1894 "Discontinuance of special registration stamp."
Jan 1894 Postal Guide, p.ii

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