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1. BNAPEX '86 - Dearborn, Michigan

The Small Queens Study Group meeting was held on Sunday afternoon, August 31st, with about 20 people in attendance. George Arfken was kind enough to present a slide show on "Letter Mail to France" prepared by Maggie Toms and himself. This presentation is scheduled for publication in Topics some time early in 1987.

Following the slide presentation a short discussion followed. Frank Waite displayed several 3c Small Queen copies with dated errors. The meeting adjourned after a very informative hour.

2. Newsletter Summary

- Chart of earliest reported dates on Small Queen stamps and covers;
- Redirected drop letters - George B. Arfken & Norman Brassler.

3. Earliest Reported Dates Chart

We now have the beginnings of a chart on Small Queens which may in the future prove most beneficial to Small Queen enthusiasts. Both Canada Specialized (new Canadian numbers) and Scotts numbers are used. The description of shades varies only slightly. ie CS #28f, deep orange (Montreal 1871), equivalent to Scotts #35v, deep red orange (Montreal 1871). CS numbers 28k and 29d are not listed in Scotts. Fifteen members to date have participated in this exercise and hope more will contribute.

4. Editorial

At the BNAPS convention in 1975 in Scarborough I took on the editorship of the Small Queen Study Group. Much informative information has been printed in these newsletters over the years and I hope you have enjoyed it as much as I have. We are most fortunate that Bill Burden has offered to edit this newsletter for the coming year. I sincerely thank you all for your support and ask that you continue to support Bill.

5. New Members

I am pleased to welcome to the Study Group -

William Pawluk, PO Box 143, St. Vital Post Office, Winnipeg, MB R2M 4A5
Bill specializes in Small Queen Rate Covers.

6. It is with deep regret that we note the passing of Don Makinen. Don showed great interest in the Study Group and will certainly be missed by all BNAPS members.

SMALL QUEENS OF CANADA — EARLIEST REPORTED DATES (November 1986)

C.S.#	Scott#	Shades & Perforations	Dates on Cover	Dates on Stamp	
½¢	27	34	Black		
	a	i	Grey		
	b	iii	on thick white paper		
1¢	28	35i	Yellow (Montreal)		
	a	35	Yellow (Ottawa)		
	b	iii	lemon yellow (1880, perf. 11½ x 12)		
	c	a	Orange (Montreal 1872)		
	d	ii	Orange (Ottawa)		
	e	iv	red orange (1870)	JU 13, 1870; JY 14, 1870, Hamilton MR 10, 1870, Quebec	MR 24/70
	f	v	deep orange (Montreal 1871)		
	g	d	orange, perf. 11½ x 12 (Montreal)		
	h	vi	deep orange, perf. 11½ x 12 (Montreal)		
	i	vii	yellow, perf. 11½ x 12		JY 18/73
	k		on thick white blotting paper	OC 13, 1871	JU 13/71
2¢	29	36	green (Montreal)	FE 15, 1872	
	a	i	green (Ottawa)	FE 15, 1872; AP 18, 1872, Elora	AP 2/72
	b	d	blue green (Montreal)		
	c	ii	blue green		
	d	e	on thick white paper perf. 11½ x 12	OC 19, 1873	OC 27/74
3¢	30	37	dull red (Montreal 1872)		
	a	a	rose (Montreal 1871)		
	b	b	copper or Indian red (1870)	JA 13, 1870, Reported in "Maple Leafs"; JA 17, 1870, Goderich; MR 2/70; MY 30/70	JA 19/70
	c	c	orange red (1873)		
	d	i	dark rose on thick blotting paper	DE 20, 1870; DE 22, 1870, Montreal	JA 12/71
	e	d	copper red, perf 12½ (1870)	JA 29, 1870; MR 6, 1870	
	f	e	red, perf 11½ x 12		
	g	ii	dull red, perf 11½ x 12		
	h	iii	orange red, perf 11½ x 12		
	i	41	orange vermillion (Ottawa 1888)	MR 14, 1889	
	j	a	rose carmine (1888)	OC 10, 1888; OC 11, 1888 DE 29, 1888	
	k	i	deep rose carmine (1888)	OC 15, 1888	

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C.S.#	Scott#	Shades & Perforations	Dates on Cover	Dates on Stamp	
5¢	31	38	Slate green (Montreal 1876)	FE 28, 1876	NO 20/76
	a	i	deep olive green		
	b	a	slate green, perf. 11½ x 12	MR 6, 1876	JU 30/76
	c	42	grey (Ottawa 1888)	OC 17, 1888	
6¢	32	39	Yellow Brown (1872)	JA 15, 1872; JA 18, 1872	MY 20/72
	a	i	brown (1875)	FE 9, 1872	
	d	b	yellow brown, perf. 11½ x 12	JU 30, 1873	
	e	43	red brown (Ottawa 1888)	AU 2, 1890	
	f	i	chestnut (1890)		
	g	a	chocolate (1890)		DE 21/91
8¢	33	44	grey (Ottawa 1893)	OC 4, 1893; OC 17, 1893	OC 22/93
	a	a	blue grey	NO 28, 1893	NO 7/93
	b	b	slate		
	c	c	violet black		
10¢	34	40	dull rose lilac (Montreal 1877)		JA 18/77
	a	i	light rose lilac		
	b	a	magenta (1880)		
	c	b	deep rose lilac		
	d	c	pale milky rose lilac, perf. 11½ x 12 (1874)		
	e	ii	magenta, perr. 11½ x 12		
	f	iii	dull rose lilac, perf. 11½ x 12		JA 18/77
	g	45	brown red (Ottawa 1891)	JA 23, 1893	JY 9/92
	h	a	dull rose		
i	b	pink			

REDIRECTED DROP LETTERS

Evidence

George B. Arfken and Norman Brassler

In a recent issue of the Small Queen Newsletter (BNAPS) the regulations for rating redirected drop letters were reviewed [1]. For a drop letter prepaid 1¢ and redirected the postage due was:

Apr 1868 - Sep 1875	5¢ (unpaid letter) - 1¢ paid = 4¢ due
Oct 1875 - Sep 1879	6¢ (double 3¢ rate) - 1¢ paid = 5¢ due
Oct 1879 -	(3¢ rate - 1¢ paid) doubled = 4¢ due.

Examples of redirected drop letters for the first and last periods are scarce but they are known. The problem was with the middle period, Oct 1875 - Sep 1879. In reference [1] the literal interpretation of the regulations calling for 5¢ due was termed "hard to accept". But there was also: "The real questions are - What were Canada's postmasters and postal clerks actually doing? Specifically, were they stamping redirected drop letters MORE-TO-PAY 5?"

Evidence has been found: two covers that support the literal "hard to accept" interpretation that the rating was indeed 5¢ for this Oct 1875 - Sep 1879 time period. One cover bears the postmark TORONTO, ONT., NO 4 79. Redirected to Parry Sound there is a large, bold 5 (due). Technically Nov 4, 1879 does come after Sept 30, 1879 but it is quite possible that the October 1879 Postal Guide was a little late. It is also possible that the Toronto postal clerk didn't read the Postal Guide carefully and did not note the change in rating redirected drop letters.

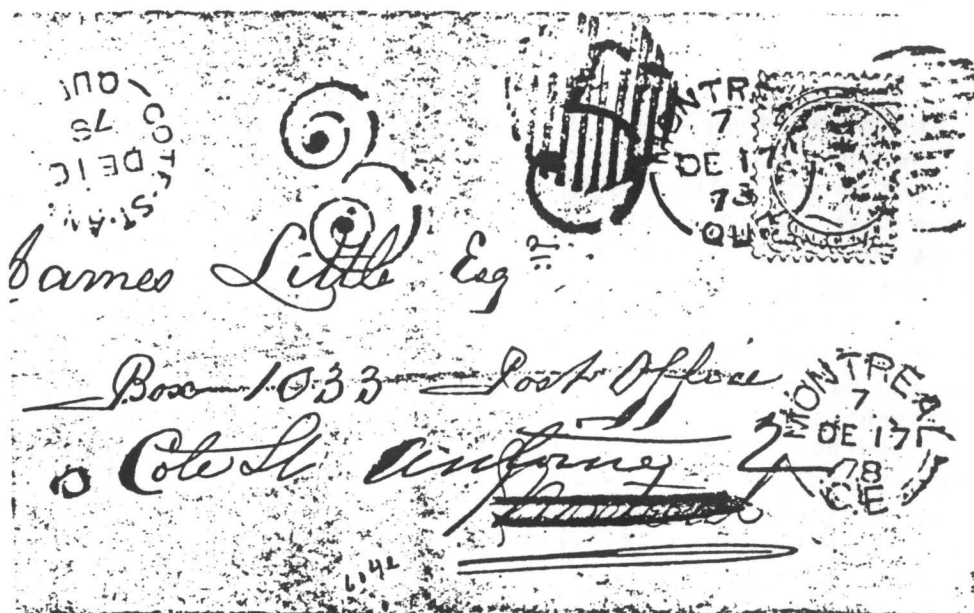
The second cover, shown here, is especially interesting. The postmark is MONTREAL, QUE., DE 17 78. within the middle time period. Redirected to Cote St. Antoine the cover was stamped 5. This 5 was then cancelled and the cover stamped 3. What's wrong with 5? Why 3? Cote St. Antoine is not shown in the 1875 Miles - Walker Atlas of Canada but it is listed in the 1879 Canadian Almanac - in the Hochelaga electoral district. This was along the St. Lawrence side of the island that is now Montreal. Cote St. Antoine was therefore a suburb of Montreal and eligible for the 2¢ per 1/2 oz. suburban rate [2]. The calculation of the postage due was 4¢ (double 2¢ rate) - 1¢ paid = 3¢ due.

These two covers lend support to the 5¢ due interpretation given by "one of Canada's most knowledgeable and most illustrious postal historians" who can now be identified as Allan L. Steinhart [3].

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- [1] "Redirected Drop Letters, A Plea for Help", George B. Arfken, Small Queen Newsletter (BNAPS), vol.10, p.3-4, Nov-Dec 1985.
- [2] "In Old Canada - The Adjacent Post Office Rate", Fred Stulberg, BNA Topics vol.35, p.11-13, Nov-Dec 1978.
- [3] "Postage Due and Redirection", Allan L. Steinhart, BNA Topics vol.36, p.39-42, Jan-Feb 1979.

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MONTREAL, QUE., DE 17 78 to Cote St. Antoine.
A drop letter, redirected at the suburban rate.

TO ALL STUDY GROUP MEMBERS :

When Don asked me to consider the job of newsletter editor, it was thought that it might be appropriate for me to introduce myself before I actually start the job. Well here goes.

Personally: I am married to Valerie and we have daughter, Katherine, who will be 4 in mid February. I teach grade 11 honours chemistry and grade 12 computer science at the local high school. In addition to stamps, my pastimes include tennis, weight lifting, reading, computer related activities, photography. If I could currently be considered a philatelist, then I am rapidly becoming an audiophile as well.

Philatelic: Like many people, I started collecting early, but set my stamps aside during my college years. After graduating, I became more and more interested in less and less until I got to the point where for a short time I was only really interested in re-entries on small queens. I now collect Canada, both mint and used and have a particular interest in the small queen to admiral era. I have interest in each denomination of the small queens and try to maintain at least one album for each. While I would love to put together a set of "Shoemaker" varieties, I never have, but I am quite certain that I have all the necessary material. Still my favourite addition is one to my re-entries on small queens book. I also have a small collection of provinces and another of Canadian constant plate varieties.

The additions to my small queens have been quite slow in coming lately and it might be time to expand my areas a bit. I have been giving thought to either the cents or the large queens. The large queens would be more logical but the cents would have more to offer in terms of constant plate varieties.

Since moving to Truro, I have been quite active in the Truro Philatelic Society, and am currently ending the 1st year of my second term as president.

This summer I purchased a small local business from a good friend and now am the owner of Mac's Stamps. Although the business does own some U. S. and British Commonwealth material, Canada will be far and away the major area stocked.

As for the study circle, it is my hope to have to pick and choose from among the many fine articles submitted from members each year. (I gather from Don that this has not been a problem in the past, but I do try to be optimistic.) I hope to have lots of data from the survey on earliest reported dates to pass along. I would also hope that past contributors will see fit to continue to let us know what they have been up to from time to time.

In the form of a veiled threat, let me mention that if there are not sufficient material for me to publish a bulletin every so often, I will be very much inclined to simply include pictures of varieties in my collection and ask for help in each case.

The first newsletters of the small queen study circle of the CPS of GB were generally based upon a number of answers to 'current' questions. I cannot imagine a small queen collector who would not like to have one or two opinions expressed upon a matter that has been a concern to him for a time. Could we please have some nominations for "Current Question" status sent to me as soon as possible?

My address is W. G. Burden, 20 Aspen Court, Truro, N. S., Canada, B2N 5S1. That is my home, we still have carrier delivery and sometimes my mail gets wet. The following would be a better address if you want to be sure the mail is dry (and somewhat more secure):

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I look forward to an interesting experience and with your help, I hope to approximate the fine bulletins that Don Fraser has provided the study circle for these past years.

