

MAP STAMP

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BACKGROUND

A few years ago, after joining BNAPS, I was able to attend my first Convention (Ottawa 1981) and participate in the activities of several Study Groups. My interests have always centered around the Map Stamp of Canada - Imperial Penny Postage - issued in Dec. 1898, and this has occupied me to varying degrees for 40+ years. As a result of retirement two years ago I now have ample time to devote to this aspect of Philately.

At the convention I sat in on the Squared Circle and RPO seminars and soon realized that these were areas of overlapping interest in my study of this stamp. I met several other Map enthusiasts there - Nels Pelletier, Ray Horning and Dave Hanes, as well as the RCPS President, Beverlie Clarke and a little discussion with them resulted in the resolve to seek out authority for a "Map Stamp Study Group" within BNAPS. Larry Paige, the Study Group Co-ordinator, was most co-operative and with the necessary five names we were off and running. Mike Street, Editor of Topics, helped immeasurably in my efforts, by inserting a note in the July, Aug./82 issue of Topics to the effect that we would hold an initial seminar at the 1982 Convention at Virginia Beach, Virginia. He helped me get in touch with Marva Paige who was organizing events at Virginia Beach (an outstanding job) and we were allotted a slot on the Program for 2:30 to 4:00 pm on Saturday afternoon. With some trepidation, I was at the appointed place waiting to see who would come. Lo and behold, ten people came, and two or three more drifted in and out of the room during the hour and half we discussed Maps. Jim Kraemer was one of the group and he kept us enthralled with Mulock stories for part of the time. Stu and Beverlie Clarke were also there and provided many interesting anecdotes. Pres. Jim Lehr was present and provided the respectability to the group that comes from the Presidents office. In all it looks as though a Map Stamp Study Group will 'fly' and plans are already underway for a more detailed seminar in Winnipeg next year.

NEWS LETTER

As I am spending the winter in Florida, I will have ample opportunity to produce at least one and maybe more newsletters before the Winnipeg convention (Sept. 1-3/83) next year. As with any publication we need contributors to flesh out our newsletter as well as provide exchange of information. Many of us have our own specialties with respect to Maps, whether it be Squared Circle Cancellations, Flags, Railway Post Offices or others. Many of these interests are paramount and include other stamps and often there will be philatelists who can contribute from their particular specialty to the time period that encompasses the Map Stamp. After all there were over 19 million of them issued and they were quite common for about a two year period.

My special interest is "plating" and when one realizes that with the four Black Plates, two Red Plates and five different colors of ocean, over 800 varieties can be collected. Included in this are the many retouches, re-entries and island variations that contribute to the special thrill you feel when a long sought after plate position turns up, especially if it has an interesting cancellation. I have been discussing the possibility of authoring a series of articles in TOPICS on plating with Mike Street and the first three of these are in his hands now in draft form. Hopefully these may appear progressively in issues of TOPICS next year.

Some of the areas that could be studied and reported on are:

- Squared Circles on Maps, Possible cancellations
- RPO's on Maps, Possible cancellations
- Calendar collections
- Earliest dates and periods of use of each plate
- Split ring and CDS cancellations
- Flags on Maps
- Literature available
- The British Empire in 1892 - Names of Islands etc.
- Additional Recut Cable links (other than those in Tomlinson!)
- Studies on numbers issued of each plate and color of ocean
- Registry of Map Stamp data and collections
- Prices realized and Current Values
- Upcoming auction material
- Specialties of each member

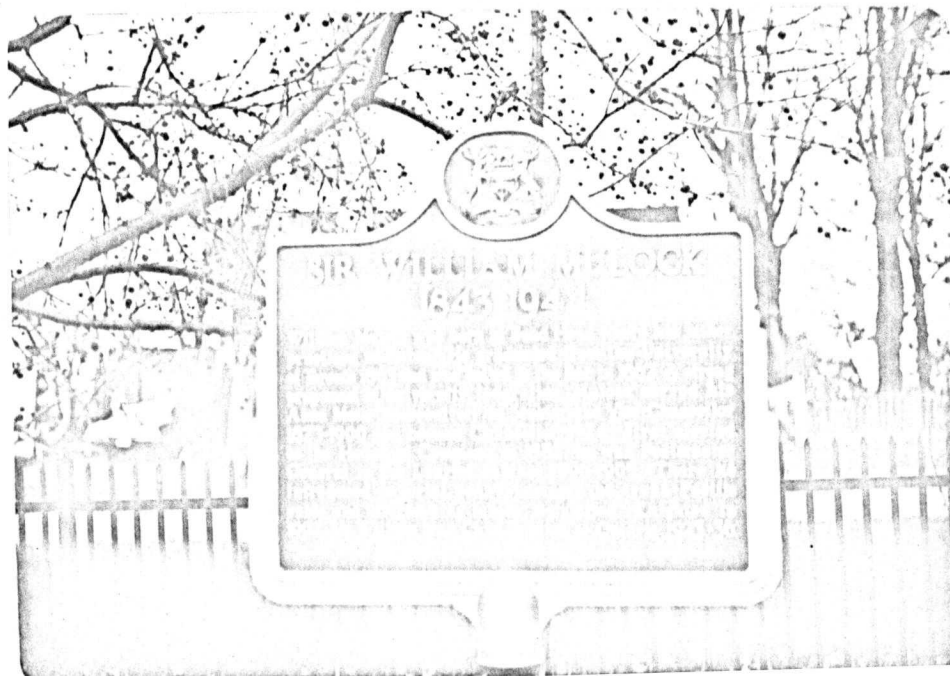
So here is our first Newsletter and hopefully it will not be our last nor will too much time pass before the next. Send me your anecdotes, trivia, stories, serious articles and letters for inclusion in the next issue. Tell your friends about the Map Study Group and BNAPS and encourage them to write me at 122 Sherwood Ave, Kitchener, Ont. N2B 1K1 for information - the price is right, it doesn't cost anything to join our Study Group!

TRIVIA FOR THIS ISSUE

Did you know that there is a memorial plaque to Sir William Mulock in the public park, next to the community centre in the little town of Bondhead just north of Toronto on #27 Highway? It was erected by the Ontario Archaeological and Historic Sites board. The wording reads:

"William Mulock was born in Bondhead where his father practiced medicine. He graduated from the University of Toronto in 1863 and was called to the bar in 1867. A strong proponent of University Federation, Mulock served his Alma Mater successively as Senator and Vice Chancellor 1873-1900 and became Chancellor in 1924. First elected to the House of Commons in 1882, he was Postmaster-General in the Laurier Cabinet 1896-1905. There he introduced Imperial penny postage, the Trans-Pacific cable and far-reaching labour legislation. Knighted in 1902, Sir William was Chief Justice of Ontario 1923-36."

It is interesting that there is another plaque adjacent, to Sir William Osler, also born in Bondhead, who is commemorated on another Canadian stamp as the founder of insulin - Scott #495.



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