

MAP STAMP

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Number four Newsletter is being written late in Oct. at our summer place in Georgian Bay off Lake Huron (one of the Great Lakes). Winter is approaching and each day I must do something toward closing the place up and getting ready to head south to Florida. The summer birds are gone and those that winter beyond the Arctic circle have gone through on their way to warmer climes. The leaves are mostly down now and the rain and drizzle of autumn occurs daily. This issue will be printed and reproduced in Kitchener but I won't mail it till mid-Nov. from Florida because it takes some^{time} to get it ready for mailing and to enclose a note in some.

BNAPS CONVENTION, WINNIPEG MAN. Sept 1-3/83 -

Marjorie and I attended this meeting and thoroughly enjoyed western hospitality during our visit. Bev Clark and the host committee get a round of applause for all their work and we are already making plans for next year's show in San Francisco. Our group were allotted time on Friday afternoon for our meeting and we had an excellent attendance. You will recall that earlier I indicated that the program would consist of a slide presentation illustrating an "Introduction to Plating Procedures". Looking back on it with 20/20 vision, I think there were too many slides and too much data for such a short time (1½ hours). However 15 persons showed up and most stayed through the presentation. We were rushed at the end and, thus, little time was left for questions and discussion. Much of this occurred, though, during the remaining days of the convention. We also picked up six more members for our group which now numbers 31. During this coming winter we'll have to plan next years agenda a little more carefully - already I've had a questionnaire and other material from John T. Burnett, the Study Group Co-ordinator which will help. I hope more of our members will find the opportunity to come to California next year and get involved. Plan ahead!

RPO Group One of the good things about these conventions is the opportunity to talk stamps over a coffee with others of like interest. One of these discussions took place with Dave McKain, the editor of RPO Newsletter. One of his group's projects (and mine too) is to list the RPO cancellations that one could reasonably expect to find on the Map Stamp. This involved determining and fixing the period of use of the Map Stamp. The earliest date certainly is known - Dec. 7, 1898 (or the 6th?) and you'll find dates as late as Jan. & Feb. 1900 and even later. I feel these later dates occurred on stamps that were 'left over' in private hands after Post Office supplies were exhausted. Dave wanted to know what we would fix as the 'end of period' of general use and sale. As a guess I said Jan. 31, 1900 and he will use that unless he hears from me to the contrary. Any ideas please!

FLAG CANCELLATIONS on MAPS As with Squared Circles and RPO cancellations, there must be a period of use of FLAG CANCELLATIONS that occurred during the MAP period. I've been after the Flag Study Group to write a short article on this aspect of their interest. Geoff Newman wrote me in August and enclosed the following, most complete, summary of "Flags on Maps" - thanks Geoff.

"When our esteemed group leader asked if I could write something on Flag cancellations with the Map stamp, my initial reaction was ho-hum. At first glance the two year period of Dec. 1898 to Dec. 1900 was quiet relative to all the interesting cancellations in 1896, 1897, 1901 and 1902. Having given the matter more thought, I have concluded that forming a collection of all the machine cancellations normally available on Map stamp covers would be a very interesting challenge.

There were 16 different Bickerdike machines in use in Dec. 1898. An Imperial machine was used in Montreal starting in March 1899. Thus during the first four months we have 17 different machine made cancels possible. Between 1, Feb. and the end of April 1900, five changes occurred to the Montreal cancellations. This gives a total of 22 different cancellations available during the first 18 months of the Map stamp's existence. It is doubtful that there were many Map stamps still being used by Feb. 1900, but covers from this period may be available.

From Hamilton we have the type 8 Flag with die letters "A" and "B". The periods of known use for these cancels are 13 March 1898 to 29 Jan. 1902.

Ottawa had Flag type 8 with die "G" and the line type M4. Periods of known usage are 15 April 1898 to 4 Feb. 1902 and 6 June 1898 to 26 Feb. 1902. respectively.

Both Hamilton and Ottawa used their cancelling machines only during hours with heavy work loads. Thus these cancellations are not as common as you might expect.

The easiest combination of Map stamps cancelled by machines should be the six Toronto F-8 dies A to F. These were in use from late Feb. 1898 to early Feb. 1902. Toronto did have six different Exposition flags for four months (May to Sept.) in 1901. An illustrated Exposition envelope, with a Map stamp and Expo flag cancel - hmmm.- wouldn't that be something to have in an exhibit, of such things dreams are made.

The Montreal situation is somewhat more complex. We start with six dies of F-8. They do not have die letters and are sometimes difficult to identify (see Sessions or Richardson's handbooks for details).

There were six Imperial machines in Montreal in 1896 to July 1897. A new improved Imperial was on trial in Montreal from 10 March 1899 to 5 July 1900. There is a significant difference between the hubs used in 1899 and 1900 by this machine. This obliterator is known as M3 die H.

(For those of you who can count, "H" is the eighth letter of the alphabet! But there were only seven Imperial machines in Montreal?? Out of respect for the renowned "Short Foot" there is no die "F". You've never heard of the "Saga of Short Foot!!" And you call yourself a philatelist?? Fear not, this famous tale is expected to appear in Topics in 1984).

By April 24, 1900 the actual dies "A", "C", "D" and "E" letters were in use. A die "F" is unknown. The sixth die without letter continued to be used until March 1902.

Instead of an F-8 die "B" - the line type M5 with die letter "B" was used from 31 March 1900 onwards. As mentioned earlier there are probably very few Map covers dated as late as the spring of 1900.

Any exhibit showing the use of the Map stamps would be nicely enhanced by showing the various machine cancels. As none of the cancellations mentioned are rare in themselves, it could be fun trying to put such a collection together."



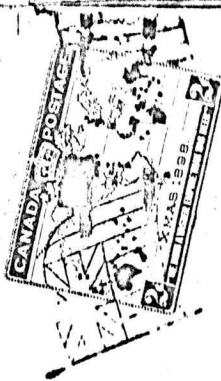
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Top: Ottawa F8(G) Hamilton F8(B)
Bottom: Ottawa M4 Montreal F8(Die?)

I think the above information should inspire a few of us to put together Map collections that show the 22 different and possible Flag cancells that can occur on the MAP Stamp. Ive already looked up a few of mine in Richardsons handbook and they aren't too difficult to identify . My problem is that I don't have enough on cover so that I can see the entire cancellation including the dater hub, but now and then part shows on individual stamps, just enough to identify it. The letter certainly helps! Luckily I have about a dozen maps with Flag cancellations "on piece" which show the dater hub and those will also help. For some reason there seems to be a lot of specimens on piece around which were clipped from covers.

INTERESTING LETTERS

1. Sandy Mackie, Aberdeen Scotland. Sandy feels sure there is more material to be unearthed at the Postal Museum. He recalls the existance of a Plate Proof of Plate 4 which he saw in 1978. He feels that Plate 5 also exists and a comparison might prove once and for all whether two states of Plate 5 do exist. He suggests Ray Horning might take this project on personally and report through the study group newsletter.

2. Ralph Trimble, Scarborough, Ont. Sect. -Can. Reentry Study Group. (with a \$10. donation) Ralph was busy this summer moving into a new house in Markham, Ont. and says he is looking forward to the "plating" articles that will be appearing in "Topics".

3. Jim Lehr (Past Pres. BNAPS) Wilmington Delaware. Jim feels a list of all possible RPO cancels on maps would be worthwhile (Dave McKain note).

4. W.G. Burden, Truro (New Member) Mr. Burden writes that he is interested in Learning more about "The Map" and sent a \$10 donation. Also he has produced a large scale map drawing on which he marks the varieties as he finds them.

5. Jan & Ron Winmill, London, Ont. Ron tells me he has moved to a new house at 355 Stephen St, Byron. I heard also that he is disposing of his Map collection. I hope he retains his interest as he is one of the recognized experts on this subject. Ron - tell us it isn't so!

6. Julian Smith, Cornell, N.Y. Julian sends along a copy of a 1898 Map of the World from Cornell University's Map Collection.

(contd) I plotted the Red portions of the plate "A" on it and the geographical differences mentioned in the last letter are still apparent.

7. Don Fraser, Winnipeg, Man. Don was in charge of the study group seminars at the convention and helped me tremendously.

8. Leo Scarlett, Great Neck, N.Y. The last newsletter mentioned that he sold 5 full sheets at an earlier time. It would be helpful to study these if they are still available. Anybody know where they are?

9. Norman Nicholson. London, Ont. Norm is the Associate Editor of "The Cartophilatelist" and was interested in my study of the geography of the Map stamp in Newsletter #3. He was also doing something similar for his periodical and as a result he combined the two and a fuller and more complete study resulted. If he will send me the finished product, I'll use it in a future newsletter. Norm ; please.

10. Stuart Clark, Winnipeg, Man. Stuart wrote me after BNAPS in Winnipeg and offered several helpful suggestions on the Map study group.

11. Ray Horning, Ottawa, Ont. Ray is always helpful with his comments and help and I'm sorry he didn't make it to Winnipeg. I'm going to ask him to make a project out of finding out what the Postal Museum has in the way of Plate Proofs and other Historical items, such as printing quantities and dates etc.

12. Dave Hanes, Borden, Ont. Dave tells me he has sold his Maps "lock, Stock and Barrel". He still has an interest in them but has moved on to the "8¢ small queen".

13. Hugh D. Westgate, Minnetonka, Minn. Hugh is a new member and we met in Winnipeg. He is trying to find out more about the 1901 Pan American Seal for me.

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Well that's newsletter #4, my thanks to Geoff Newman for this article, which certainly is the highlight of this issue. I'd like to put together something on the printing methods used in 1898 - 1899, eg. Master Dies, Line Engraving, , Electro-type Plates, Transfer Rolls etc, to help me, and possibly others, understand why the variables on this stamp. Any volunteers or suggestions as to sources of information?

Thats all for now!

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P.S. As this is a volunteer and low budget production, I'd like to hear from you as to your interest in the map. Otherwise I'll discontinue sending it.