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Marjorie & I are finally (middle of July) settled into our Island in Georgian Bay after a number of delaying circumstances. On our way home from Florida, we detoured through Nashville Tenn. and spent two days taking in the sights and sounds of "the Grande Ole Opry". That's a visit that everyone should take in at least once, even if you aren't a fan of Country Music! When we got out to the island we found our docks ruined, due to high water and wind driven ice last winter, as well as a broken water intake pipe and two splits in our plumbing and I'm not even mentioning all the little problems that I expect to find! Then we were overjoyed to be presented with our 8th grandchild and MB had to undertake her grandmotherly duties for our daughter for ten days. Two fishing trips in June and STAMPEX further took time from newsletter preparation, also I was asked to be a judge at the Kitchener Stamp Club Exhibition "Grandpex" on Sat. May 11/85. However - our new dock has been installed, our boat is in shape and our two small fishing boats have been repaired (fibreglassed) and painted and are running. Now I can turn my attention to Map Stamps and the mail.

STAMPEX - Sheraton Center Hotel Toronto May 24, 25, 26/85

As usual this was a great show and I spent all of Saturday the 25th there. I lunched with Bev. and Jack Wallace and Ed. Harris. During the day I ran into a lot of old friends - Mike Street, Dick and Kathryn Lamb, Jim Hennock, Allan Steinhart, Bob Lea to name a few. Again, we had discussions with Alan Steinhart and Mike Street about the handbook on "Plating the Map Stamp", which looks as if it could be a reality over the coming winter. BNAPS has finished a beautiful handbook in colour on "Patriotic Postcards" and it looks as if ours is next. However I have a few more sketches to finish and the text must be re-written. Get to Work!

BNAPS CONVENTION Calgary, Alberta Sept 12-14/85

The time for this show is drawing near and Jim Brown, our resident Calgary Map enthusiast, and proprietor of the Philatelic Software Corporation, will be taking over the Study Group meeting. I think he is planning a slide presentation on Map Varieties. I'm sending him 12-15 of my best, so I know it will be an interesting meeting. It looks as if the pressure of other events in Sept. will preclude our attending but who knows what will happen at the last minute?

SIR WILLIAM MULOCK This gentleman is well known among Philatelists and it would be repetition to list all his accomplishments here. He lived over 100 years (Jan 19, 1844 to Oct. 1, 1944)! I asked Jim Kraemer to record some of the lore that surrounds the old gentleman, especially that pertaining to Philately and the Map Stamp.

"The Story of a Missing Imperforate Sheet of Map Stamps" by Jim Kraemer.

One of the many interesting items that I discovered in the vaults of Canada Post in the fall of 1973 was a large beautiful presentation book containing two mounted sheets of 50 imperforate Map stamps. Sir William Mulock's name was on the maroon cover in large gold letters. I had discovered a special presentation book given to Sir William Mulock probably by his friend Warren L. Green, President of the American Bank Note Co. Ltd., in Ottawa. (Some years later the firm changed its name to The Canadian Bank Note Company). Each sheet was mounted on a heavy board with a heavy board matting on top. They were then bound into the book. A third sheet had obviously been bound into the original book since part of the heavy board was still in the book. It had been neatly cut along the hinge. Of the two sheets in the presentation book, one was a proof sheet imperforate in black from the engraved plate, - the other imperforate sheet was a beautiful blue green. Missing was the imperforate sheet of 50 stamps of the lavender shade. The question was, "What happened to the missing sheet"? It seemed that the answer would never be known.

Approximately two years later, I believe it was in 1975, I attended a Canadian Specialists Society dinner in Toronto. The guest speaker was Harry Martin, the owner of Empire Stamps Ltd., Toronto, Ontario. Harry gave a most interesting discourse, - he reminisced about his boyhood and his interest in stamps. I remember he told about living near the Toronto home of Sir William Mulock. The Mulock home had no occupants. Sir William passed away in 1944 in his 101st year. Harry made friends with the building's custodian. Being a bit averse to labour the custodian would get young Harry to clean the rooms in return for stamps and other items. Eventually the custodian was considerably indebted to Harry and when asked for recompense offered Harry the old photos in an old bureau drawer. Harry agreed, put the photos in a box and took them home.

As Harry went through the old photographs he made an amazing discovery. To my surprise Harry described the missing imperforate sheet of map stamps that had originally been in Sir William Mulock's presentation book. Eager to demonstrate to his father that he was a shrewd stamp dealer and knew the business, Harry removed the card frame and sold

the stamps in blocks of four etc. There were many eager buyers and Harry Martin made a neat profit.

The original presentation book and its two imperforate sheets are at the National Postal Museum in Ottawa.

In 1974 the University of Toronto presented the Postal Museum with a historically significant piece of furniture. It was a magnificent wooden stand on four legs with a hinged top over a silk lined chest. It appeared to be intended to house a chess set but upon recollection perhaps it housed Sir Williams' presentation book of Map stamps. Attached to the top of the stand is a sterling silver plaque depicting an envelope complete with Sir Williams name and address, a stamp and cancellation. The beautiful furniture piece was presented to Sir William Mulock by Canada Post employees in 1905 when he retired as Postmaster General of Canada. It is hoped that the museum will exhibit this item at some future time.

J.E. Kraemer

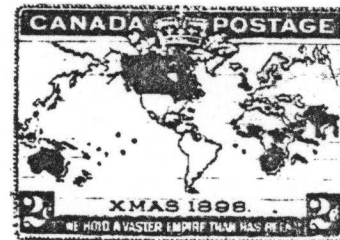
Fred Tomlinson

Author

"The Canadian Map Stamp of 1898"

Some time ago I asked Dr. Charles Hallingsworth, one of our members from Walsall, West Midlands in Great Britain, if he could help me with a little Historical data on some old-time 'Mapers'; i.e. Frederick Tomlinson, Col. C.C. Adams, A.S. Deaville (or Deauville?) and R.W.T. Lees-Jones, all of whom wrote early articles on the Map. A while ago Charles sent me a short run-down on Fred Tomlinson which I will now reproduce in an abridged form:

"Fred is an old friend of Dr. Hallingsworth, although he has not been attending conventions of the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain since he retired. He is a very longstanding member of the Society - #74 and was editor of Maple Leaves from 1952 to 1957.



The Canadian Maps Stamps of 1898
by Frederick Tomlinson

This handbook is another very detailed study of one of Canada's more popular issues. The Canadian Map Stamp is often referred to as the world's first Christmas Stamp. An excellent work, it features: Historical Data; The Plates (differentiating between the Black, Lavender/Blue/Green, and Red Printings; Quantities and Shades; Constant Varieties including re-entries, retouches and other varieties; Forgeries; Essays, proofs, precancels, imperforates. 47 pgs. \$4.95

He started his series of articles on the Map stamp in the April 1954 issue and continued them until the June 1956 issue. The first issue of the handbook appeared in 1960 and was reprinted in 1972. He was made a Fellow of the Society in 1956 for his work on the Map Stamp"

"He was the Town Clerk of Whitstable in Kent for many years until his retirement. He was a keen golfer and we always used to have a round or two at the conventions. I first met him, I believe, at the second convention I attended which was at Selsdon Park in 1955 and then we met regularly for many years at convention and at the London meetings of the Society. I have not seen him for a long time."

Anybody know of his present status (a letter of mine two years ago was unanswered)?

How about C.C. Adams, Deaville or Lees Jones, anybody in G.B. know about these fellows? Their history should be recorded as they made significant contributions to Map literature.

TRIVIA BERLIN C.D.S. on MAP STAMPS

I have a special interest in this cancellation as Berlin was the early name of Kitchener, Ontario where I laboured for 32 years in the City Hall. It was changed to Kitchener during the First World War when anti-German feelings ran high! Therefore it was natural that I hoarded Map stamps with the Berlin C.D.S. to the point where I thought it might be possible to put together a calender collection of them. The project is continuing! However I noted the time marks A.B.C.D. appeared on them - presumably to mark the time of shift work in the post office. I am guessing (based on the time marks used in the Halifax P.O. on the Squared Circle cancells - See Doull Page 5, Newsletter #6) but probably:

- A indicates 9a.m. to 1p.m.
- B " 1p.m. to 6p.m.
- C " 6p.m. to 12 a.m. (midnight)
- D " 12 a.m. to 9 a.m.

So far, all is OK, but interestingly enough, of the 32 cancells I have, 7 have the C time mark but it is inserted backward "3". I do not have a C cancellation that is proper!


Also I note that the last date I have a C.D.S. for is June 7/99 and then the cancellation changed to a DUPLEX and I have 15 of these stretching into 1905.


Two other interesting observations. One cancellation - a C.D.S. of all things - is dated April 17, 1902 with the year date as "02" (inverted)!

The other is an inverted "E" for May 1/99. How did "E" get in there?


An interesting personal item is that the Architect for the City Hall in 1921 was one W.H.E. "Bill" Schmalz who was a avid philatelist and who personally generated thousands of Berlin cancells (Maps and others) and who was using Map stamps for his personal mail for many years after 1899. If you have a 1904 date on a Map it probably was one of Bill's! I knew Bill very well, he was an enthusiastic Kiwanian, as I was, and at one time he held the record for perfect continuous attendance at 37 years!

This is only the beginning of my Berlin Study and I would welcome additional information, dates and comments, especially from Kathryn Lamb who is the Sect. of our Historical Society. Perhaps Bob Lea can help on the change-over date from C.D.S. to Duplex in June /99. (I've already looked at Page 21 of Smythies Book, Bob!) How is it, Bob, that you don't seem to get a Duplex Berlin cancell on the Map stamp prior to about June 1899? yet Smythies lists 3 over the period 1885-1902?

Goderich  on Map

I have nine copies of the Goderich  on the Map Stamp dated between Jan 21/99 and Feb. 5/99 all of which show the year date as a single "9". Moffats book "The Squared Circle Postmarks of Canada" indicates that, for all stamps the "9" is missing for the period - JA, FE, MR, and at least to AP 4. How about you Map collectors looking over your Goderich cancellations and establishing the outside dates for the Map Stamp? They should be the same for it as for the others, but it would be helpful to find one outside the period. It would most likely be on a Map because they constituted the bulk of the 2¢ stamps used in 1899. Have a look!

MORE TRIVIA

Bob Doull, writing in the "Round-Up Annex" which is the  Newsletter, in August 1977, recorded a study of the "BROKEN 9" in the year date in the cancellation for Brandon, Manitoba, for the period JA/99 - AP/99, and asked other collectors to check their copies. While this cancel variety would appear on all stamps cancelled in that period it most probably would appear on the Map stamp.

"From JA/99 until AP/99 the first 9 in the year date is broken as "9" - also the 9 used as the day in AP19/99 is similar. Sometime between AP/99 and NO/99 the broken "9" has been moved to the second "9" of the year date and on the 16th of NO/99, the second "9" is missing altogether.

If possible could other collectors check their holdings of Brandon Squared Circles on Map Stamps to try to determine when the broken "9" was moved from the first to the second position in the year date. It would also be interesting to know if the "9" is missing until the last known day of usage (DE 12/99)"

I looked over my Brandon cancels, albeit 8 years later, 20 copies, most in the period JA 3/99 to FE 11/99 and all have the broken "9" in the first position of the year date. The remainder, MY to NO /99 are normal. I could find no evidence of the broken "9" being moved in five copies in the later time period.

Interesting Letters

Two address changes:

1. J.E. & R.B. Winnill to P.O. Box 6152 Sta. J.
Ottawa, Ont.
2. John Neff to P.O. Box 331, Sta. "A"
Prince George B.C. V2L 4S4

Ron Winnill - Four letters during April & May. Ron periodically sends lists and copies of books and articles on Map Postal History that I find interesting.

Leo Scarlet, Flushing, N.Y.. Leo sends me Map items from time to time and in this letter he tells me he is off to Scandinavia in June for a 2 week trip.

L. Frederick Moose, 7177 E Costilla Dr. Englewood, Colorado. 80112 wrote inquiring as to membership in the Study Group. He has been assigned No 39. I mailed all 8 back copies of the Newsletter so he should be up to date!

Mark Larkin - Editor of "Carto Philatelist". Mark's letters are always interesting as he describes his difficulties (like all editors) in getting "Carto" out on time. He will be visiting Norway etc in June-July this year.

Don Maniken Librarian of BNAPS Don asks that I publish a list of all the articles and books that are in the BNAPS library that pertain to the Map Stamp, they are:

A3-11 The Canadian Map Stamp of 1898 - Tonlinson

F394 The "MAP" Stamp by H. Yost 1956

F293 Canada's Christmas Stamp by B.W.M. Poole

F639 Canada for the Specialist - Map Stamp by R. Mason

Sandy Mackie - Aberdeen, Scotland Sandy sent me a commemorative cover of the Association of Scottish Philatelic Societies 56th Annual Congress which marks the 75th Anniversary of the Aberdeen and North of Scotland Philatelic Society, who are the hosts this year.

Gary Arnold - Editor of the Squared Circle Newsletter.

I sent him a copy of the St. Anne de Beaupre Strike on the Map.

Not much else this Summer!