

MAP STAMP

STUDY GROUP

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The last part of February has arrived and with it Major League Baseball - Spring Training. We're lucky here in the West Palm Beach area of Florida in having two National League teams tuning up for the season. Montreal Expos and Atlanta Braves share the Municipal Stadium just eight miles from us, so it is a relatively simple matter to catch a Baseball game during March. My beloved Toronto Blue Jays will play three games on the East coast early in March and I already have tickets. They play the hated Yankees in Fort Lauderdale, 35 miles to the south, on March 11 and by the time you get this letter the result will be history! GO - JAYS - GO!

Kamloops, B.C. Squared Circle Cancellation on Map...Sorry this is a year late, but... Jim Miller of Kamloops, B.C. is working on his Kamloops postmark collection and needs to know the dates of usage of the squared circle cancell on the Map stamp. He already has -/Ju 20/99 and -/Ju 24/99, and wishes to find out the range of dates that the hammer was used on the Map stamp. You may write him at P.O. Box 90 Knutsford B.C. V0E 2A0. He will answer your letter with a dollar face value in some nice Canadian stamps in return for your assistance.

B.N.A.P.S. '86 The Dearborn Inn, Dearborn Michigan.
Aug. 29,30,31, 1986.

It is not too early to start thinking about this meeting and I should note it is over the Canadian Labour Day weekend. Gary Arnold of the Squared Circle Study Group has sent me details of a raffle which the sponsoring Detroit-Windsor Regional group is holding to partially offset their expenses and an information sheet is enclosed. Please help!

What about the Map Stamp Study Group? Will we have a formal meeting or not? The results of the last two, as far as attendance was concerned, weren't healthy! (San Fransisco & Calgary). Would it suffice to have a bull session of three or four in my room? Will I arrange for an allocated hour on the program, or just wait and see who shows up and put my room number on the information board at the last minute? Let me know if you plan to attend and what you'd prefer.

Two States of Plate #5

One of the side effects of plating is being able to contribute to a final conclusion to the question of Plate #5 - was there two states to the plate - before and after re-entering? A firm conclusion to this question can only be reached by a comparison of the black engraving on copies from the same plate position. This is only possible by finding two copies with exactly the same varieties in Red Plate "B" so as to be sure you are comparing 'apples with apples'. There are a few positions on the sheet that are pretty automatic - some of the major re-entries, the centre line crosses and the cable retouches in the bottom row, etc. - also large pieces that have selvage attached with corners, or plate numbers and inscription wording. You'll be a pretty lucky collector if you can find "before and after" copies of position #91, one of the more readily identified major re-entries. The vast majority of 'finds' will be those that come from comparing ordinary copies from the same plate position, and that's where plating comes in.

I have been concentrating on used copies of Plate #5 for some years now and I have my album set up with a page for each plate position described by the Red Island & Colony varieties of Plate B. These number 5 - 10 copies of each now, - a minority with lav(Gray) ocean. When I come across a pristine, clear cut copy with no 'fuzziness' in the cables or evidence of re-entry any place else, I immediately assign it a plate position number, look up the page and compare. Usually, if there is no fuzziness, the copies on my album page will be likewise, but in the last few years I have had 7 copies that are 'clear cut' that match up with their Plate "B" opposites in the album, ~~and~~ which have the fuzziness of a re-entry or retouch. See table:

5 - B - 23	minor re-entry	Blue-green Ocean	
5 - B - 35	minor re-entry	Blue-green Ocean	
* 5 - B - 42	major re-entry	Blue-green Ocean	
* 5 - B - 54	minor re-entry	Blue-green ocean	
5 - B - 56	minor re-entry	Blue-green ocean	
5 - B - 63	minor re-entry	Blue-green ocean	
5 - B - 92	major re-entry	Blue-green ocean	* ADAMS

Is it significant that there are no Lav(gray) ocean copies on my list? Was the first state of the plate (before re-entering) only printed with the blue-green colour of ocean? I note that Col Adams and I both identify Plate positions 42 & 54 as existing in the first state (not re-entered). Could it be possible that these are the same stamps or just how many sheets were printed before the plate was re-entered. If different stamps, at least two sheets exist. I wonder if Adam's copies were blue-green ocean? I should also note here that when I purchased a large lot of Maps from a dealer in London 5 years ago and in which I found a set of old plating notes, I had a suspicion they were from Adams old collection. But I have no way of knowing now, (see Topics, July/Aug 1983) because the stamps are interspersed with others in my albums.

Perhaps this start at the final decision of whether or not there were two states to Plate 5 will inspire others to do a similar search and comparison. Let me hear from you, especially Sandy and Doc H in England. Now some back-up information!

(SCOTLAND)

From "An Introduction to the Study of the Map Stamp of Canada" Page 202 Vol. XL (469-480) Oct. 1930. by R.W.T. Jones, Philatelic Journal of Great Britain.

He is discussing Position #46 in which the #1 island of the Pacific Ocean appears out of place and the fact that the variety appears on Plates #1,2,3 but not on #5.

"I surmise that Plate #4 may have been made and printed from, used in conjunction with, the old litho stone, and owing to defects in the stone, the material produced was discarded and destroyed. The plate may have been good or not. If it was not, then it may have been discarded, on the other hand it may have been good and used, but in being put into use again, may have had the "4" erased and a "5" re-engraved in its place. This latter theory I rather favour as I understand there were two plates numbered "5". To me this is all surmise, as I have now only a half sheet of Plate #5, whereas to solve the problem, several sheets are necessary."

From Jim Kraemer, formerly of the Postal Museum and now Pres. of R.C.P.S.-with copies of the identifying literature that accompanies the exhibits of the "Imperial Penny Postage 1898" in the museum. It describes what is in Frame 1 "Plate 4 Proof Sheet engraved in Black on .009" card Plate engraved 10 December 1898. It was found unsuitable and was not used to print stamps." Frame 4 Plate 5 - Black engraved Proof sheet on .009" card. Plate engraved 1 January 1899.

I use these two bits of evidence to show that both Black Plate #4 and Black Plate #5 existed separately and therefore the substitution of "5" for "4" as suggested by R.W.T. Jones in 1930 is in doubt. (Sandy MacKie reports seeing this proof sheet during Capex)

From I note the following: a. Top of Page 341 (Boggs) Chapter XVIII
 "The Special Issues of 1898 - 99"
 A. Imperial Penny Postage Issue
 1898

He writes: "The numerous re-entries on Plate 5 indicate that the plate was probably entirely re-entered."

From Col. Adams writes on Page 45 London Philatelist - March 1946. Stamps 42 and 54 show the "Normal surrounding rope and also with the rope and engraved part on the left side of the stamp doubled." "Evidently after use, the engraving showed signs of wear and was re-entered on the plate."

Much of this information is repeated in Fred Tomlinson's series of articles on the Canadian two cent Map Stamp of 1989 which appeared in "Maple Leaves" over a three year period 1954-56 and which seems to indicate that, once and for all, the black plates used were #1, 2, 3 and 5 - #4 was made but never used, other than to produce the proof on .009" card and then destroyed in 1928 (no certificate of destruction could be found - Hans Reiche writing to Tomlinson circa 1954).

What has all this to do with our Newsletter? From all this information (and others not reproduced here) I conclude there is two states to Plate #5. Col. Adams identifies two plate positions in his article. I have identified not only those two, but five more!

Oh! One more thing (thought about after all the above was typed). I wondered if there were dates on any of my State 1 copies - Tomlinson says Plate #5 began to appear about 27 March /99.

For the record, three of mine have dates:

5 - B - 56	23 March 99 (indistinct)
5 - B - 63	Kenora 2 Dec 99
5 - B - 92	Ingersoll 24 April 99

I would have thought that any State 1 copies would be dated early in the use period - i.e. just after 27 March '99 because presumably they were early copies produced in the first printing runs, before the plate was re-entered. I don't know what to think now - anybody got any ideas?

Membership List (Feb. 1986)

The note in the last Newsletter in Nov/Dec '85 about cleaning house in our Membership list brought a predictable flood of mail during Jan. & Feb. There are those who do not want to be deleted but I didn't hear from 9. So here is the new list with a brief tabulation of each member's collecting interest.

1. W.L. Bradley P.Eng. 122 Sherwood Ave. Kitchener Ont.Can. N2B 1K1 - Interested in Maps for 40 years - plating technique, Cancellations, Squared circles, R.P.O.'s, C.D.S. covers and calendar collections for larger cities.

2. Ralph E. Trimble P.O. Box 532, Sta "A" Scarborough, Ont. M1K 5C3 - Specializing in re-entries for all the early Canadian stamps, especially the Map. Ralph is editor of the Re-entry Study Group Newsletter. We exchange them for our mutual benefit.

3. The Winmills (R.B. & J.E.) near London, Ont. Ron was very interested in Maps, but sold most of them. He is an extremely good source of information on Penny Postage. Jan runs a Philatelic book business.

4. Dave Hanes, c/o Military Police, Windsor Park FMO, Halifax N.S. B3K 2V0. Dave switched his allegiance from Maps to 8¢ S.Q. but continues to be interested, especially in R.P.O.'s

5. L. Ray Horning REng. 515 Denbury Ave. Ottawa, Ont. RAY IS A CHARTER
K2A 2N8. Study group, as are the first four. He has recently MEMBER OF
retired from R.L. Crain and is interested in all phases of the THE ---
Map stamp collecting.

6. Mr. & Mrs. Stuart Clark (Berverlie) 924 North Drive,
Winnipeg, Man. R3T 0A8 Stu and Bev. are also old "mappers",
but her duties recently with B.N.A.P.S. & R.C.P.S. has preven-
ted her from being as active as she'd like in Map matters.

7. Nels Pelletier (Deceased) Nels was one of the first
to get me interested in sq. circles on maps and was a founding
member of the study group.

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10. Ed Stanway P.O. Box 437, Wadsworth Ohio, 44281 Ed
collects the Map stamp on a general basis and is awaiting the
plating handbook.

11. Jim Lehr 2918 Cheshire Rd., Wilmington, Delaware 19810.
Jim was the president of B.N.A.P.S. when our Study Group was
formed. He is a P.E.I. collector but has an interest in Maps
with R.P.O. cancellations.

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13. Ed. A. Harris 620 - 75 Ave. N.W. Calgary, Alta. T2K 0P9
Ed & Kay are old friends and his interest in Maps is in cancel-
lations.

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15. Jim Kraemer 17 Commache Dr. Ottawa, Ont K2E 6E8
Jim is an old friend from our Kitchener Stamp Club days,
formerly of the Postal Museum and a fountain of knowledge.

16. Geoffry Newman 825 - 50th Ave, Lachine, Que. H8T 2V2
Geoff likes the Flags, and when they occur on Maps - he gets
interested.

17. Don A. Fraser 1183 Warsaw Ave. Winnipeg, Man. R3M 1C5
Don is interested in Manitoba town cancels on S.Q., Jubilees
and Maps.

18. Prov. Julian C. Smith, 711 The Parkway, Ithaca, N.Y. 14850
Julian is interested in Early Canada, including the Map. As
he is a Chemical Engineer I rely on him for advice on "removing
the red color from Maps".

19. Dr. C.W. Hollingsworth 17 Mellish Rd. Walsall, West
Midlands, England UK WS42DQ. The Dr. is a distinguished map
collector and his interest in them includes sorting out the two
states of Plate #5.

20. Paul Burega Box 15765 Stn 'F' Ottawa, Ont. K2C 3S7
Paul has just moved to Ottawa and taken on the job of Circulation Manager of B.N.A.P.S. He promises to do an article for me on photographing stamps.

21. Sandy MacKie 17 Pitstruan Place, Aberdeen, Scotland UK AB1GPQ Sandy has two interests - Maps and Admirals. He also would like to sort out the mystery of Plate #5.

22. Miss Cathleen A. Jones 15 Briarwood Cr. Halifax N.S. B3M 1P2 Cathleen has been interested in Maps for many years, and tells me she is still looking for new ones at the age of 83!

23. Mark D. Larkin 929 Park Ave. Apt. 12C, New York, N.Y. 10028
Mark is editor of "Carto", the newsletter of the International Society of Map Stamp Collectors. His collection includes Maps from every country, and he has a special interest in Scott 85986

#24. Leo Scarlet P.O. Box 448, Fresh Meadow Sta, Flushing N.Y. 11365 Leo is a friendly stamp dealer who keeps me broke by sending me intriguing items.

#25. Norman L. Nicholson (Deceased)

26. Hugh D. Westgate 4731 Gay wood Dr. Minnetonka, Minn. U.S.A. 55343 Hugh has a special interest in the Pan-American Seal (1901) that looks like a map.

27. Charles A. King 10 St. Leonards Rd. Claygate Esher Surrey, England KT10 0EL Charles was Pres. of C.P.S. of G.B. in 1984 and one of the few Map collectors I know in U.K.

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32. W. G. Burden 20 Aspen Court, Truro, N.S. B2N 5S1
Bill is basically a S.Q. man but the constant plate varieties of the Map interest him. As Bill teaches Chemistry, I asked him about the Red color recently.

33. R.M. Doull PEng 5209 Upland Dr. Tsawwassen B.C. V4M 2G3
Bob is a distinguished Map collector from the Old School. Iost bought most of his collection some years ago, but he maintains an interest in Squared Circles on Maps especially ~~HALIFAX N.S.~~

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35. Jack Wallace PEng 802 -670 Dallas Road, Victoria B.C. V8V 1B7 Jack is an old army buddy. He's not really interested primarily in Maps, but he has a nice bunch, especially the imperforates. So he stays on the list!

- # 36. J.P. Neff P.O. Box 331 Sta 'A' Prince George B.C. V2L 4S4 John's interest is the Postal History of the Map and then the Registered Letter stamp and its postal history. Also Barred Circles of 1892.
- # 37. Jim Brown 1027 Sydenham Rd. S.W. Calgary Alta. T2T 0T3 Jim is a relative new comer to Maps but he is progressing quickly. His primary interest is putting the data of a collection on a computer program. Watch for an article soon.
- # 38. David Oatman 315 St. John St. Bathurst, N.B. E2A 1E8 David is editor of a new publication "IN TOUCH" and hopefully will publish data on our Study Group in the near future.
- # 39. L. Frederick Moose 7177 E. Costilla Dr. Englewood, Col. 80112 Fred is just starting in the Map field and, as he said in a letter "My eyes are opened."
- # 40 Fred Tomlinson (address withheld) I recently made contact with Fred. but he no longer has an interest in Stamps. He should be on our list anyway in an emeritas capacity.
- # 41. Charles D. Blair 402 E. Circle Dr. N. Muskegon, Mich 49445 Dons primary interest is Canadian Plate & Die varieties and from this he likes the Map stamp. He is waiting for our handbook.
- # 42. Graham McLeave 186 Willingdon St. Frederickton, N.B. E3B 3A5 Graham has been collecting Canadian stamps for many years, mainly Large & Small Queens with N.S. & N.B. postal History.
- # 43. Cyril Youll 50 Graydon Hall Manor W. Apt 415 Don Mills, Ont. M3A 3A3 Cyril has collected for fifty years and has decided to specialize in the Map stamp.
- # 44. Harry Voss 320 Witney Av So. Saskatoon, Sask. S7M 3K5 Interested in Plate #5, also re-entries, coils, perfins. He recently sent me a complete list of the ASSA Post Offices.
- # 45 H.C. Acheson 6915 91 AV, Edmonton, Alta. T6B 0R5 John Jamieson told him about our Study Group and he now is showing a growing interest in Maps.
- # 46. T.S. Chen P.O. Box 1651 Regina Sask. S4P 3C4 Tom's interest in the Map stamp is being re-kindled.

OTHERS

- 1) Mike Street BEng. P.O. Box 7230 Ancaster, Ont. L9G 3N6 Everybody knows Mike! Editor of B.N.A. TOPICS.
- 2) Gary D. Arnold 5509 East St. Joe Hwy. Grand Ledge Mi. 48837 Gary is editor of the Squared Circle Newsletter and we exchange them for our mutual benefit.

- 3) John T. Burnett 757 Parkwood St. Sidney, Ohio 45365
Study Group Co-ordinator of B.N.A.P.S.
- 4) John Jamieson Saskatoon Stamp Center Box 1870 Sask-
atoon Sk. S7K 3S2 John is an interested stamp dealer.
- 5) Dick Lamb P.O. Box 573 Kitchener, Ont. N2G 4A2
Dick and Kathryn are old friends and interested stamp dealers.
- 6) Jim Hennock 185 Queen St. E. Toronto, Ont. M5A 1S2
Jim is an interested stamp dealer.
- 7) William G. Robinson PEng 5830 Cartier St. Vancouver,
B.C. V6M 3A7 Bill is Editor of the R.P.O. Newsletter and we
exchange them for our mutual benefit.
- 8) Allan Steinhart 45 Dunfield Apt 1910, Toronto, Ont.
M4S 2H5 Allan is an interested stamp dealer.
- 9) Edward J. Whiting 25 Kings Circle, Malvern Pa. 19355
Ed is president of B.N.A.P.S. W.L. Drayley
- 10) Robert A. Lee P.O. Box 937, Vernon B.C. V1T 6M8
Bob is editor of the Duplex Newsletter and we exchange them
for our mutual interest. He is also an interested Stamp
Dealer.
- 11) Frank Waite 110 E. McMillan St., Newberry Mi. 49868
Frank edits the Study Group feature "CENTERLINE" and frequently
gives us a plug.

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