

MAP STAMP  
STUDY GROUP  
BNAPS



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The leaves are all gone and everything is getting ready for winter here on Georgian Bay. Usually about now, (late Oct.) we see a winter wren who doesn't know enough to head south, but not this year, although a white crowned sparrow, who summers in Canada's arctic, spent a few days last week at our bird feeder. We're leaving too - next weekend my two sons are joining us, with two grandchildren, for a work party of wood-cutting, clean-up, and boat and motors storage and help with the rest of the packing. This year has been unusual with extremes in water levels on the Great Lakes. By actual measurement, on the same day, at the same point of reference, I measured the difference in level from year to year at 37½ inches. You can imagine the problems this creates for boaters and others users of the waterways. We all wonder what next spring will bring. I'll finish this letter in two weeks from Florida!

BNAPS CONVENTION    Sept.17-20/87 at Charlottetown P.E.I.  
This was a tremendous show at a very elegant hotel. The organising committees did themselves proud! Marjorie & I combined our visit with a motor trip around Gaspé and Cape Breton Isld. as well as 4 days in Newfoundland, a tour of P.E.I., New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Then we took the ferry to Maine and returned home via New England, U.S.A., 5700 miles and seven ferry trips!

MAP STAMP STUDY GROUP                      Our group met as planned on Thurs. morning, the 17th and it turned out to be one of our best get-togethers. The Map - R.P.O. project received a tremendous boost from Lew Ludlow and Bill Robinson who attended. Lew had produced a computer listing of all the R.P.O. runs that you might expect to find on the Map Stamp during a use period of about 14 months (7 Dec. 1988 to 31 Jan. 1990.) So we're now ready to go on the establishment of a Rarity Factor (R.F.) for various cancels on the Map. If you have hundreds of Map RPO cancels please write and ask me to send you a copy of the computerized listing. If you only have a few, please send me the Ludlow number and details of the cancel. If the Ludlow numbering system is unfamiliar,

*Ed: It's always  
good to see the  
progress you're  
making!*

*P.E.I.  
was  
a  
good  
meeting*

just describe the wording and I'll look it up.

How do you identify a R.P.O. cancel? Well, it will have the following letters or words somewhere in the CDS circle - R.P.O., M.C., No 1 - 2 etc. 2 Cities eg. Tor. & Mont., usually there will be a set of directional letters above the date - as N, S, E, W, NW, SW, or T.I.S etc. There are a very few that will be in a Squared Circle Cancel. (usually WPG or Souris, Napinka, will be noted). Just watch for the symbol & joining the two cities - You have found one!

Lew was good enough to spend an hour with me telling me about "hammer identification". I always thought that if an R.P.O. CDS had a No. 2 etc. in the bottom part of the circle, it represented the train No. - not so - that identifies the handstamp of a particular clerk, and now we get into identification of various clerk's hammers. More later, but please send me your data. Those also present were Jim Karr, Bob Lee, Ray Horning, Jack Wallace.

Incidentally Lew Projects 257 possible R.P.O. Strikes on the Map. of which between Lew, Bill & myself 134 or 52.1% are confirmed.

Re-Entry Study Group I was privileged to look after the meeting for the Re-entry Study Group in the absence of Ralph Trimble, their genial leader. Six of their group attended and as I had my slides of the Re-Entry details on the Map, I showed them, as well as described how the plate position could be identified. I think it proved interesting. Other study groups meetings, that had overlapping interest with the Map stamp were the R.P.O., Squared Circle, and the Duplex. They were well attended.

Duplex Study Group One of the advantages of interest in the Map Stamp (also the 3¢ Jubilee) is its size - twice as big as any of the small Queens and others of the period. Thus more of a cancel can be squeezed onto the stamp with the resulting ease of identification. Several years ago, I became aware of this and its application to the Canadian Duplex Cancel. This resulted in a new album set up and the scouring of all my material for identifiable cancels. I found an old copy (for \$20.00) of the 2nd edition of E.A. Smythes handbook of "Canadian Duplex Cancellations of the Victorian Era 1860 - 1902" and away I went.

Now Bob Lee of Vernon B.C. has produced a computerized listing in Catalogue form identifying 6,000 cancels from 1860 to date. (flyer enclosed). Bob went a step further for me and picked out those that you could reasonably expect to find on the Map stamp in the use period (7 Dec./98 to 31 Jan.1900) There are 75 different, so it is not too difficult a group to get together, as most of them are the larger cities of the time. More later after I've gotten my feet wetter!

Oh! How do you identify a Duplex cancel? Well, it is a strike by hand, by a hammer consisting of two parts - a CDS dater and, at the 3 o'clock position, a circular barred (usually 7-13 bars) killer. The theory was that the dater would be on the envelope and the killer on the stamp. This is where the Map and the 3¢ Jubilee, because of their size, become collectable! Both can be on the stamp. If anyone wants a copy of Bob's "Map List" write me.

### The Canadian Map Stamp of 1898 - A Plating Study

This project is proceeding slowly and I must indicate that after 5 years, it is possible to lose interest. Part of the problem has been the departure of Don Wainwright from Unitrade to teach school. However just before I left Canada I spent an evening with Mike Street, Editor of Topics, BNAPS, and his printer and perhaps things might speed up. Publicity releases from Unitrade are saying 'available 1987' and then 'Spring 1988' - Who knows?

### ORBS on MAPS (Jim Felton)

In whole No 14 (March /87) I included an article on this subject to introduce "Orbs." Jim had indicated that two or more might be necessary to cover the subject, but the study on 'London' was received in July /87 too late for inclusion with #15. It is reproduced here for your further study of this cancel. Jim also sent me the 3rd segment in Oct., and as a bonus I am including it in this issue.

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1898	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
1899	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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1901	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
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1903				X								
1904						X						
1905	<u>USE OF "LONDON ORB"</u>											
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(7 JUNE 1916)

### USE OF THE "HAMILTON ORB" DURING MAP PERIOD

- 1898 - DECEMBER: 6, 10\*  
 1899 - JANUARY : 1\*, 11\*, 18\*  
 - FEBRUARY: 1\*, 2\*, 5\*, 25\*  
 - MARCH : 13\*  
 - APRIL : 5\*, 25\*  
 - AUGUST : 9  
 - OCTOBER : 20, 30  
 - NOVEMBER: 20  
 - DECEMBER: 11  
 1900 - JANUARY : 13

Two copies of JA 11/98 on Map are known, time marks 17 and 18.

\* indicates use on Map.

## MAPS AND ORBS: A GLOBAL REPORT

PART II -- LONDON

by Jim Felton

Last time out we presented a lengthy overview of the large 2- and 3-ring Canadian cancellations called orbs and their known usage on Map stamps. What I will give here is a detailed report of recorded usage at London, of both the orb in general and examples on Maps specifically. We hope you will contribute data from your own collections, whether on Map or any other stamp, so that the fuller story will be told.

I keep two charts for the London orb. First I have a chart showing the months and years of known use. This compact chart then indicates whether usage is continuous or broken into several periods. Next I keep a year-at-a-glance chart to log each date known for the cancel. Actually my worksheets hold two such calendar charts; I have seen other's forms less condensed which would allow more information, such as time marks, to be recorded within the space for each day. For our purposes here I think my charts will suffice. Within the square for each day I will use codes to signify what I have learned about usage that day, in a way that can be kept updated by additional reports.

The London 3-ring orb was put into use in July 1896 and saw continuous usage through December 1901. Though I have no examples dated November 1901 I will assume continuity at this time. I hope to receive reports from you to confirm my suspicions! Use is concurrent with the squared circles at London, and I have noted dates when the orb and one or the other or both of the squared circles were used. It looks like this new orb device supplements the squared circle cancels.

The orb saw extensive use on whatever issues were current, though rarely on any but the lowest denominations. It is usually well struck. While any London orb cancel must be considered common, some time marks are by no means ordinary.

The timemarks normally range from 9 to 24. There are two reports of 6, which may be inverted 9's. A report of the timemark 7 throws some weight to the argument that these may in fact be 6's. I have a single reported example of the timemark 1. There are also known errors of 81 for 18 and 61 for 19.

More dramatic is the long period when the year shows 10 for 01. It started on March 26 and lasted until April 30. Surely someone must have noticed. Perhaps the slugs were jammed.

The normal arrangement is TM/MM DD/YY. I show only three deviations from that pattern: 24/26 AP/99, 18/27 AP/00, and 22/16 MY/00.

Sunday dates are known, from the first month of use.

I hope this enriches your Map stamp collecting, and that you will share with the rest of the Study Group reports of orbs on Maps that you have. You can reach me at Box 56371, Little Rock, AR 72215.

Next time Hamilton orbs on Maps.

DAY BY DAY USE OF LONDON ORB, ESPECIALLY ON MAP STAMPS

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KEY:

X usage known this date

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\* usage known on Map stamp this date

+ multiple timemarks known this date

MAPS and ORBS: A GLOBAL REPORT  
Part 3 - "HAMILTON"

by Jim Felton

It was questions I had concerning Map stamps with Hamilton 3-ring orb cancels that brought me to the Map Stamp Study Group. I am very glad I did contact Whit Bradley and become involved in your activities. Otherwise I would not be able to write an article like this one, because until then I had no record of Hamilton on Map, and had very spotty data regarding orb usage from late '98 onwards.

The 3-ring orb was put into use in mid-April 1896. Lew Ludlow detailed the earliest examples in his "Random Comments - Hamilton Squared Circles," The Round-Up Annex of the BNAPS Squared Circle Study Group, volume 9 number 3 (October 1986), pages 346-347. He gives April 13, 1896 as the earliest date for the orb at Hamilton, and time marks 15 and 19 for that date. The major point Lew makes from my perspective is that the orb is evidently the replacement for the squared circle at Hamilton; he shows the latest squared circle as 12/AP 13/96. We do not have a proof date for this hamper, as there are no known surviving Proof Books for 1896.

Once the orb was placed into service we find uninterrupted usage through the rest of 1896 and throughout 1897 until December 13th. From that point the Hamilton orb sees only occasional use. I show usage in just 13 of the next 25 months, and usually the data has single examples for the particular month.

The exceptions have been reported to me by several of the Map Study Group and thus I am able to better document the period from December 1898 - April 1899. As I write this I notice that it is only during that period, DE 98 - AP 99, that I have recorded any of the Map/orb combinations.

At this time I have recorded only 12 examples of Maps with the Hamilton orb. While this for the most part represents only three collectors, I have very few examples on other stamps after 1897. Thus I conclude that the late Hamilton orbs are to be acquired when presented, especially on the Map stamp. This comes from collecting orb cancels about 15 years.

Why so scarce? I think the answer is the introduction of machine cancellers. The earliest date I find for a Hamilton machine is December 16, 1897. Looks like I will need



Post Office, Hamilton, Canada.

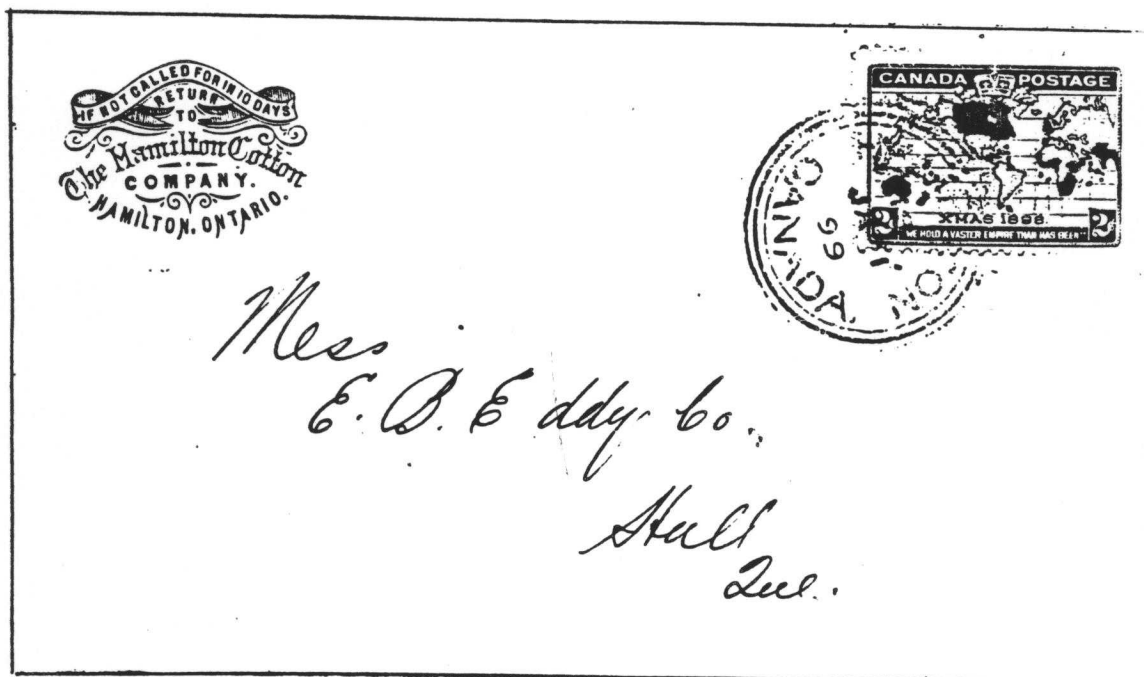
The Hamilton Post Office

to begin collecting yet another category of data in order to understand how the orb was used at Hamilton--machine cancels! The early date I gave was from Ed Richardson's Canadian Flag Cancellation Handbook 1896-1973, page 19.

Hamilton used numeric time marks from 7 to 24. By far the most common is 18. I have found that time mark present on 36.5% of my sample. The adjacent time marks 17 and 19 amount for 14.5% and 10.8% respectively. Collectively the time marks 20 - 24 account for only 3.3%. At the other end of the day, time marks 7 - 10 total less than 3% of my sample. That sample includes all periods of use. For the Maps I note only the time marks 16 - 20 inclusive: two each for 17, 19, and 20, and three for 16 and 18. Could that range of time marks tell us anything of what was occurring in the Hamilton post office?

Another enigma is the near absence of Sunday dates. Until recently I knew of no Sunday use, until the cover below from the Don Makinen estate, lot 376 in Sissons' auction February 17, 1987. Ray Horning reports the second: 16/FE 5/99.

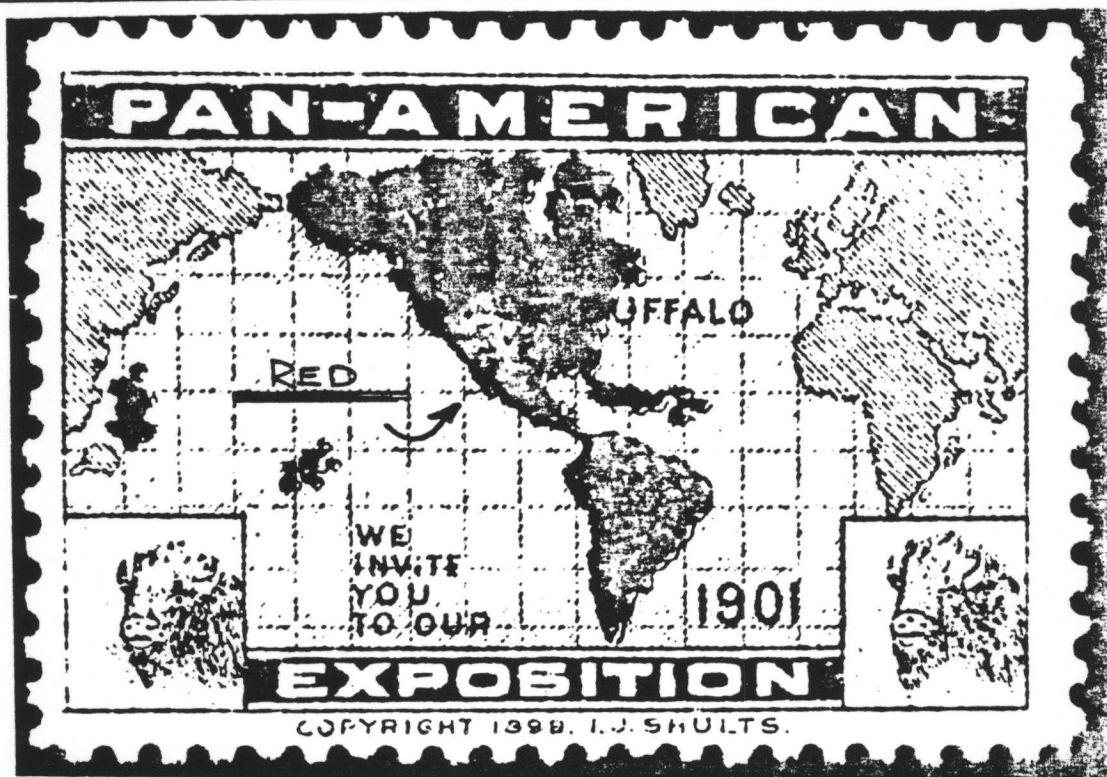
So far I have recorded no indicia errors or variations from TM/MM DD/YY.



Sunday usage, 18/JA 1/99

In summary the Hamilton orb offers significant challenge, especially with regards to the Map stamp period. Thanks go to Don Blair, Whit Bradley, and Ray Horning for reporting their examples. Reports from the rest of you gratefully accepted!

1901 PAN-AMERICAN EXPOSITION      BUFFALO N.Y. U.S.A.



copyrighted in 1899 by I.J. Shults!

Did you think this was a Map stamp?!!!

— OF ALL THE NERVE!

I first came across this seal many years ago and subsequently have acquired a few more, thanks to John Jamieson at Saskatoon Stamps. Obviously it was "pirated" from the Canadian Map Stamp. Several years ago I wrote to the two Public Libraries in Buffalo (Buffalo and Erie County Public Library and Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society). They responded with what they had :

" I spoke to a local gentleman who has a major collection of Pan-American memorabilia. He is familiar with the stamp and has seen all five designs. They were made to awaken interest in and to publicize the 1901 Exposition and were meant to be used much as we use Easter and Christmas seals today. They have very little monetary value. Enclosed is a brief description of them from the Pan-American Herald magazine for December of 1899. "

" While I tried a number of reference sources, I could find no biographical information on the designer of your stamp, I. J. Shults. "

" We have extensive materials on the Pan-American Exposition of 1901, but could find no information on the seal you inquired about.

Two seals were produced, one by Raphael Beck, showing the Western Hemisphere, and the other by George Cary, showing an Indian and buffalo. I was not able to get good prints from the newspaper microfilm, but the enclosures should give you an idea of what these seals looked like. They were not stamp-type seals. "

### PAN-AMERICAN STAMPS.

One of the most effective ways of advertising the Pan-American is to attach Pan-American strickers to mail matter. 275,000 pieces of mail matter leave our city every day. This does not include matter delivered in the city. These figures are official and if the volume of this flood of matter is comprehended it will readily be seen that there would be wonderful possibilities in the way of booming the Exposition if a Pan-American stamp would be attached to every piece leaving the city for the next year or so. There is hardly a town in the country that is not reached by some of this mail, and these Pan-American stamps are so novel and interesting that they attract attention wherever they go. There are five designs, some of them being printed in two or three colors and they can be attached to any mail matter along side of the regular stamp or they can be used on the flap of any envelope as a seal. They are gummed and perforated so that they can be used very handily, and every one living in Buffalo or having an interest in Buffalo should turn in and do his share towards making their general use a public movement. The Raynor Hubbell Stamp Co., of Ellicott Square, have handled great quantities of these stamps since getting them up and they certainly have been the means of starting a very effectual scheme for the booming of Buffalo's Enterprise.

PAN  
AMERICAN  
HERALD  
P. 17  
DEC 1899

Curiously enough, in the Journal of the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain for April 1987, the following appeared with no further explanation:



I am anxious to buy any of the above cinderella labels, especially the SPG labels. Stan Lum, 19 Bamber Court, Don Mills, Ontario, Canada, M3A, 2N5.

Pleasant Visits In August Marjorie & I flew to New York City to spend four days with Linda and Mark Larkin of "Carto Philatelist". We got to cheer the Cleveland Indians to a win over the N.Y. Yankees in Yankee Stadium, climbed the refurbished Statue of Liberty, at eight in the morning, toured art galleries and dined superbly. Another highlight was a tour of United Nations, guided by Miklos Pinther, the Chief Cartographer. One afternoon Mark laid out his Map Stamps on the dining room table, never saw so many Scott 85 & 86's in my life!

Next occurred one of the highlights of my philatelic life!! In early November, Marjorie and I drove to Ottawa to spend three days with Fern & Jim Kraemer. Jim is an old buddy from years ago in Kitchener and is the ex-curator of the National Postal Museum and currently President of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada. The first night I feasted on his St. Helena collection, but the next morning we were off to the museum to view its Map material. Jim had arranged a special showing for us, thanks to the courtesy and special kindness of Mike Moore, the Administration Officer, and Roger Baird, the Registrar. I'll go into their material later in #17, but there in front of my eyes was a proof sheet of Plate#4 engraved in Black on .009" Card on 10 Dec. 1898. "IT WAS FOUND UNSUITABLE AND WAS NOT USED TO PRINT STAMPS" reads the caption!

I was able to spend two hours with my magnifying glass looking at every plate position (the whole under a sheet of Mylar and me wearing white gloves). I made detail notes of the visible variances, but really my unprofessional eye could not find any extremely apparent reason why it wasn't used to print stamps! At last we had to leave, but I hope to go back next summer and perhaps arrange to photo, or, to have photo'd every plate position. I really believe that after all the hullabaloo about the existence of Plate 4 or not, this was the first time anyone with more than a passing interest in the Map has seen it! Thanks again to the guys at the Museum and of course, to Jim Kraemer. This material deserves to be written up and/or displayed for the good of philately!

#### Trivia

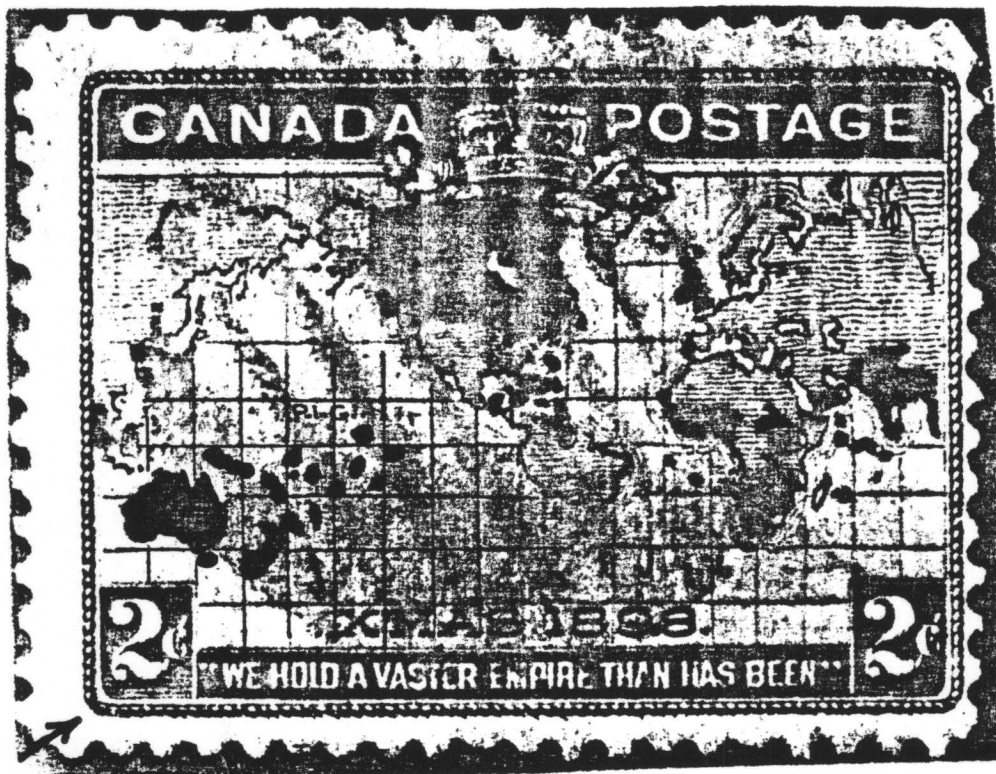
1. About a year ago I was able to add two 'Nude Strikes' to my C.D.S. collection. Why in the world would a little town like this - Aldena, Sask. - use a nude strike in 1899?



2. Over the years, the philatelic press has indicated the ocean colors of the Map Stamp to be Lavender and various shades of Blue. In any writing I've done and in all my albums, I've indicated that the light lavender is really "gray". Now comes three instances where 'Gray' is used:

1. Maresch Auction Catalogue  
May /86 Sale 187/188, lot 758 - 3 blocks of four with Gray Ocean.
2. Sissons June 1987 sale Lot 701 - 24 Gray - 10 fresh copies NH - F/V/F.
3. Two reviews - Topics and Canadian Philatelist of 1987 Scott - Canada Specialized.

3. Don Blair presented me with a real conundrum! He sent me a Map Stamp and asked my opinion on its plate position.



(ISLANDS ENHANCED)

There were so many things that indicated Plate 3, Red A - position 92 :

- Lower Cable Retouch ( $\frac{1}{2}$  way up)
- Slash North from Kenya
- Tonkin Gulf Dot & Arc
- Extra small Isld. Between 5.6.9 P.I.G.

and then I looked at the big Island just North of New Zealand. This suggested #14, #66 and #88 but none of these has a retouched lower cable and the other Red clues don't fit. I'm Stymied!

4. The Kitchener, Ont. Stamp Club invited me to speak to them on Oct. 8/87, so they heard, and saw (slides) all about plating the Map Stamp. Notables in attendance were Tony and Rose Shaman, Dick & Kathryn Lamb, Leigh Hoff and 60 others.

5. President Ed. Harris, writing in the President's Corner of the Sept/Oct '87 issue of Topics gives the award for "Congeniality" to the Map Stamp Newsletter!

6. Jim Hennek's Auction Catalogue for Sat. Dec. 5/87 Sale 25-26, lists lot 375 "12 issues of the Map Stamp Study Group Newsletter and 30 B/W Pictures from Winmills book" est. \$35.00. AW COME ON JIM!

7. I spent a lot of Oct. evenings (when I should have gone fishing!) photoing Maps with my Nikon-Macro camera copying equipment. The result was 500 pictures at various stages of magnification of every plate position on plates 1.2.3. & 5. including many cancel details. Now I have to mount them somehow for ease of examination!

New Members      Manfred Eichele      44 Merkurstrasse  
CH - 4123 Allschwil  
Switzerland

Change of Address      Bob Doull      753 Thistledown Pl.  
Delta B.C. Can. V4L 2H5

### Interesting Letters

1. Harry Acheson, Edmonton, Alta. says Summer is no time for stamps but he did attend Calgary BNAPS recent meeting.
2. Jim Felton, Little Rock Ar. two letters with Orb articles telling me about all the 'finds' he made and plans for more items.
3. Bob Carr, Youngstown Ohio hoping to do a sketch for Topics.
4. Sandy Mackie, Aberdeen, Scotland. The usual newsy letters. Sandy was one of over 400 Burma Star Veterans who paraded in Aberdeen in Aug. to help celebrate the victory over Japan 42 years ago in South-east Asia.
5. Jim Brown, Calgary Alta. Jim is our expert on computerized stamp collecting and is getting an "RPO on Maps" exhibit ready for next year that will be a combination of stamps and covers. The computer will be used to set up the print and graphics, to draw map sections of Canada and related railway lines. Should be interesting!
6. Mark Larkin, New York City, N.Y. Letters picking up the pieces after we left N.Y. (and Xerox's of Map Articles), also commiserating with me on how the Blue Jays blew their World Series chance!
7. Charles Hollingsworth Walsall, Eng. He planned to get to Capex '87 but had to cancel at the last minute.
8. Lew Ludlow Kirkland Wa. USA Several letters re the R.P.O. Map rarity factor project, including the break-out of the R.P.O. cancels on Map (see earlier)
9. Bob Lee Vernon. B.C. A note about the 'Duplex on Map' project after our meeting in P.E.I.
10. Manfred Eichele, Switzerland. Letters of enquiry about the handbook and back issues of the newsletter. He's a keen collector of maps and showed he would be a great addition to our group.
11. Ray Horning Ottawa. A note telling us about his plans for BNAPS meeting in Charlottetown. As it turned out we sat at the same table at the banquet with he & Helen.

12. Jim Kraemer Ottawa, Ont. Jim told me about his plans for BNAPS and we were privileged to sit at the same table as he and Fern for the Banquet also.
13. Bill Robinson (R.P.O.) Vancouver, B.C. Two newsletters over the summer. Bill & I touched many of the same bases in the Maritimes looking for lore on R.P.O.'s.
14. Gary ~~Arnold~~ Grand Ledge Mi. Squared Circle Newsletter - August 1987
15. Brian Stalker Tonbridge, Kent, England With a list of 18 R.P.O. strikes on Map.
16. Don Blair, Longmeadow Ma. Several letters over the summer, including an ingenious record keeping scheme - Apple 11c Computer - for filing Map varieties and their cancels. He records 48 R.P.O.'s on Maps in complete detail.
17. And last (today) but not least, a large package of photo-copies from the National Postal Museum of every article written about Map Stamps since the original Bibliography was published in 1976 and up dated to 1983. A wealth of information. Who said we don't have a Postal Museum and Library?

All for now.

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