

MAP STAMP

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NEWSLETTER Nov.-Dec. 1989

Here it is only 32 shopping days till Christmas, where has the time gone since last March when we got #19 in the mail? Anyway I made the Canadian border at Windsor in time to mail my Income Tax return and have it cancelled on April thirty, just in time. In a couple of days we were on the island in Georgian Bay, and opening our summer home for the next six months. There was no significant damage over the winter. I usually try to get a Newsletter out in July but when you read on you'll see that it just was "no dice". June was eaten up by a 45th University reunion weekend and two fishing trips and three ball games at Toronto to see the Blue Jays in the new Domes Stadium. For once they really did things right! (the stadium, not the Blue Jays!)

July and early August fell by the wayside, as you'll read later. On August 10th a severe twister "roared" through our property, as well as others in the area (oaks and pines 18'-24" in diameter were tipped over or twisted off) We lost 7 mature trees and many small ones went with them, one falling against the house, taking off our TV aerial. We've got lots of firewood now, but it will keep sons with chainsaws busy for a long time!

August 21 saw Marjorie and I drive to Vancouver to visit our daughter. While there I felt ill enough to spend six days in the Vancouver Hospital after a Helicopter Ambulance trip for 92Km. over the mountains from Whistler. Diagnosis was "unstable Angina". The Doctor said - slow down. Then came the trip back to Ontario, BNAPS Convention in Hamilton and trip to Ottawa to view new material at the Postal Archives. Then early November meant the drive back again to Florida.

BNAPS CONV. HAMILTON, Ont Sept. 21-24th

This definitely was one of the best run shows it has been my privilege to attend. Mike Street and his committee deserve a real hand for their efforts. The Map Study group met on Sat. morning Sept 23, with an attendance of 14 (not bad really)

The first item of business was the election of a Chairman and a Secretary. I am pleased to inform our group that Jim Brown of Calgary was nominated for Chairman and agreed to take the post. I was then re-appointed as editor of the Newsletter, for a while at least. Despite troubles with an unfamiliar slide projector, Jim presented a series of slides and described many of his RPO covers and other varieties of the Map Stamp. I thought it was an excellent meeting.

These BNAPS get-togethers are something special. They are the only times you can match up a familiar name with its face. This year I met, for the first time, several long time correspondents, particularly Ralph Trimble, Jim Felton and Jon Johnson and renewed friendships with many more.

THE CANADIAN MAP STAMP OF 1898 - A PLATING STUDY

Finally this handbook has been published and is available from the Book Dept. of BNAPS, but lets back up a little and review what happened.

Last March, I reported that the project was stalled and I was going to retrieve all the material and park it on a back shelf. However Mike Street never gave up, he had done an outstanding job of organizing the material and editing it. Somehow or other he got Lew Ludlow, Pres. of BNAPS to look it over and Lew, I think, made the decision to discuss the publication of it with the Board of Directors with a view to proceeding. The GO signal was given and by early June, Mike was in touch with me to redo the page layouts so that two positions per page would fit on the appendix sheets. This meant removing everything from the original sheets and re-gluing them in the appropriate spots. Let me tell you, the Priority Post System between Honey Harbour and Ancaster was severely taxed. The deadline was 15 Aug. if the volume was to be ready for launching at the BNAPS Convention on Sept. 22. Marjorie & I plunged into the project, scraping, cutting and gluing - and talking to Mike on the phone frequently. Photography and printing had to be arranged but finally on Aug 14 I mailed everything to Ancaster. We made it, and at the opening of the convention on Friday, it was launched with appropriate fanfare along with two other volumes.

Some Bouquets have to be handed out:

The biggest to Mike Street for his persistence.

To Lew Ludlow for his confidence.

To Lawrance Covert of Hay River NWT for the splendid colour reproduction of the ocean colours on Page 3. I have had 3 letters from collectors stating that page is the finest they've seen depicting true ocean colour varieties.

To Russell Bell of Standard Forms for a clutch job of printing the book under an almost impossible deadline.
To Dave Clare of BNAPS Book Dept for the arduous task of distribution.

To various writers and philatelists for the positive reviews that were produced,

And to perhaps the one letter, among many, that pleased me the most: I felt an obligation to send a copy to Frederick Tomlinson at his home in Canterbury, England. This brought the following letter:

28Oct. 1989

Dear Mr. Bradley:

"Thank you very much, indeed, for sending me a copy of your really splendid production - it surpasses all my expectations!

I am also very grateful, indeed touched, by the dedication and the kind references to me.

What a magnificent work it is, a real triumph at the end of all that study - I shall treasure my copy very much indeed.

Thank you once again

Sincerely,

Fred.

THERE: IT IS DONE!

NOW - This probably is the most interesting Map item to come to light in recent years! In late May, Ken Johnson phoned me to tell me, in an excited voice, that the Archives had just received a transfer of material from Canada Post Corporation, 8 sheets of Map Proof material that apparently had lay hidden in somebodies filing cabinet in Treasury Operations for about 50 years. A week or two later, he sent along a copy of the inventory sheet that accompanied the transfer, which they were now cataloging. As he said in the follow-up letter "The newly acquired pieces are interesting and will undoubtedly provide you with some new questions".

I found time to go to Ottawa with Marjorie as the guests of Fern & Jim Kraemer for 3 days to spend time at the Archives with Jim and Ken looking this stuff over. The day went too quickly and I have about a dozen pages of notes. All I can do here is reproduce the inventory sheet and say that Ken is thinking about the possibility of more photos. In the next Newsletter we'll go into each of the 12 items, some don't seem to be on the inventory sheet, they must have been earlier transfers. Maybe we'll have a few photos, if not I'll try to do a few sketches.

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✓01	Press Proof MAY 15 1989	Sheet Backer B/W - 4-on	With comment "Information card (183)" - Stained & damaged, No. 2. Four single images - in black.
✓01	Press Proof MAY 15 1989	Sheet 100-on	ABN Co. Pl. #2, B/W Engraved, stained & damaged No. 23
✓01	Press Proof MAY 15 1989	Sheet 100-on	ABN Pl. #2, B/W with more engraved detail, with illegible signature & date, taped & damaged No. 24
✓01	Press Proof MAY 15 1989	Partial Sheet 60-on	Plate #3 ABN Co. Sheet has been cropped with comment "60-on April 17, 1903", B/W engraved with lavender background, stained & damaged No. 72 (left half of sheet)
✓01	Press Proof MAY 15 1989	Sheet 100-on	ABN Plate #5, stained & damaged. Engraved B/W, No. 41
✓01	Press Proof MAY 15 1989	Sheet 100-on	ABN Pl. #5, B/W engraved with red typography indicating British Empire Colonies on world map, stained & damaged No. 579
✓01	Press Proof MAY 15 1989	Sheet 94-on	With comments "6-stamps taken for experimenting J.E. Gooddie March 23/31" - Stamps were returned & stuck down to left margin, engraved in B/W with red typography indicating British Empire colonies & light blue for oceans, ABN Co. Stained & damaged No. 55. Pencil notation - '4'
✓01	Others MAY 15 1989	Plate Layout (Pencilled Grid)	With 2-on facsimiles of Christmas stamp, with (orange/black) comments & marked dimensions, No. 1, stained & damaged

Is Plate V a re-entered Plate IV and are there two States to Plate V

This study is continuing although the past year has not seen much progress. As reported in the March-April Newsletter, I have had great co-operation from the officials of the National Postal Archives, Cimon Morin and Ken Johnson. I now have photos of 40 different plate positions from Plate IV and soon will embark on a study to show that Plate V is not a re-entered plate IV. I already think this is true, but some confirming detail is necessary. To help me in this study, Sandy Mackie and Dr. Charles Hollingsworth were kind enough to send me their holdings of plate V material. Wayne Curtis, a CPS of GB member happened to be in Ayr, Scotland for their convention in early Oct. I sent over a copy of the Plating Handbook for Sandy Mackie which he delivered. He very graciously brought back the two packages of Plate V material and there only remained the problem of picking them up in Oakville, no problem. Sometime this winter I'll get all the stuff out and look it over for re-entries vs No re-entries; and a glance or two to confirm that Plate five is not a re-entered plate four. Keep tuned!

What I've been thinking about for a long time:

In Tomlinsons Book (Pages 8-9) he implies that no records of quantities per plate were ever recorded but that the percentages shown were based on an examination of about 5,000 copies by Col. Adams thus:

Pl.1	26%
2	31%
3	24%
5	19%

The rarest "colour of Sea" is indicated as the lavender of Pl 5. as 6% of the total. Also the earliest date found of each variety is given.

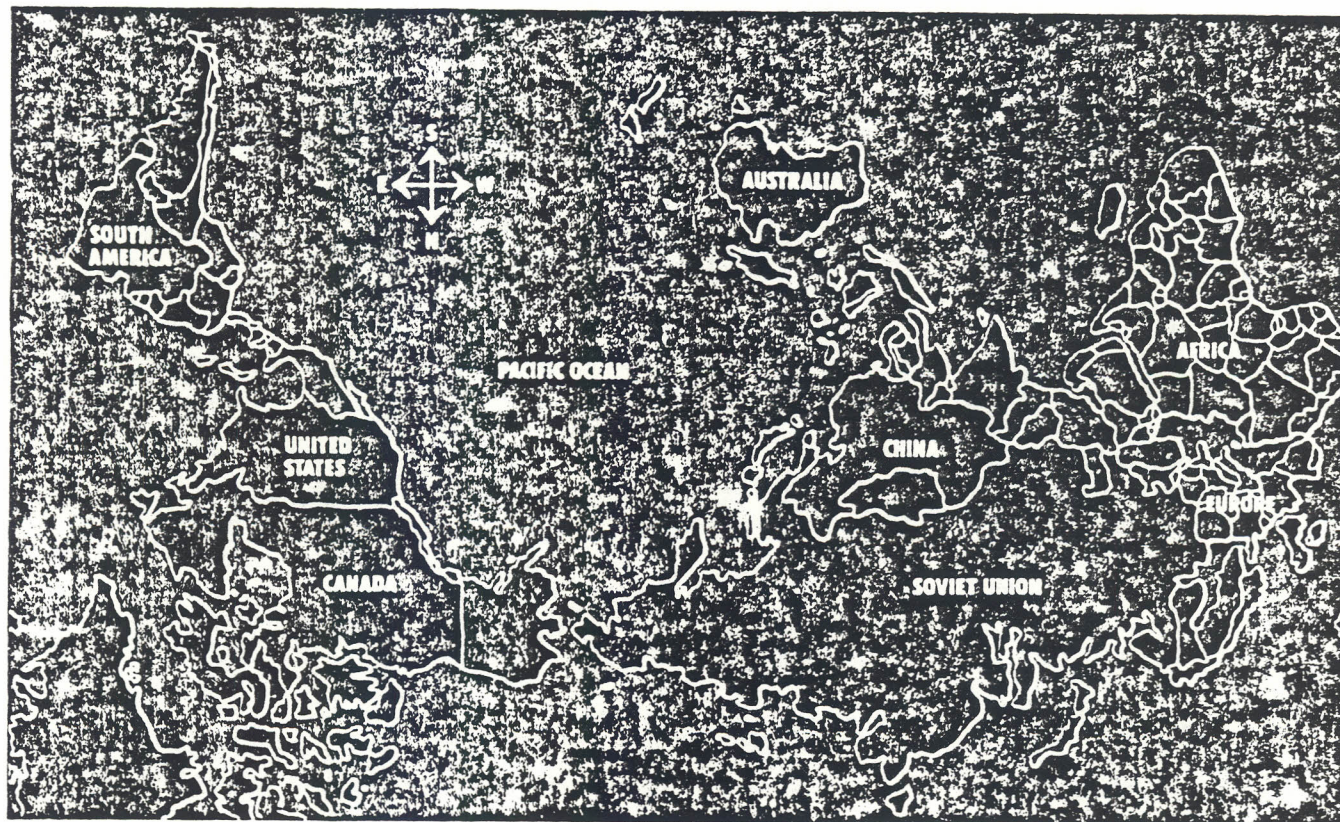
I have absolutely no quarrel with this data, but over 20 years I have recorded similar data from about 10,000 copies. I plan to co-relate the two sets and see how much the percentages change, if any. Again - don't change channels!

Pleasant Visits

In mid July we were favoured by a visit from Carol and Mike Street with daughter Allison. While there, Mike and I worked on handbook problems but found time to observe a family of Ospreys with one chick and 3 loons (family or otherwise). Mike is an ardent birdwatcher and was up at dawn to observe and listen, identifying some 26 species! In mid Aug. Linda & Mark Larkin came for stamping and relaxing. Linda loves canoeing and swimming, so was in her element there.

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Paging through an old issue of "Omni" July, 1988
this summer, I came across the Map below - Interesting
eh!



AS THE WORLD TURNS

We were all taught that the earth rotates counterclockwise on its axis and that it also orbits the sun taking a counterclockwise path. That seems to be the case, however, only when viewed from the North Pole, at "the top of the world".

The earth, you see, is just a sphere spinning in space and has no objective "top" side. We think of the North Pole as being at the up of the world, because the first mapmakers drew it that way. You could just as easily observe the movement from the South Pole and argue that the planet is traveling in a clockwise direction. Published in Australia, McArthur's Universal Corrective Map of the World demonstrates how we might think of our planet had the first cartographers lived in Adelaide rather than Athens. In the seemingly upside-down map--as in our interpretation here--Australia is the central focus, and most other landmasses are "down under". Italy becomes a high-kicking boot, and Florida juts out from the northwest corner of the United States. The twin spires of Africa and South America crown the design, and the unbroken Pacific basin dominates the scene. Published by Rex Publications, 413 Pacific Highway. Art-armon 2064, Australia.

MAPS AND ORBS - A Global Report Jim Felton
PART V TORONTO - 3 Rings

(Editors note)

Jim first started this series of five articles in March 1987. Of necessity it had to include data on Orb Cancels during the period of their use, which did not necessarily coincide with the Map period. Because of this and because some students joined us later or have not kept the earlier issues, I have gone back over the first four and a brief summary follows: In Whole #14 March 1987 -- Jim introduces the subject with a general review of earlier literature. He notes that LONDON (3 ring) is the most common ORB and was used continuously from July 1898 to Dec 1901.

Hamilton (3 ring) comes next and was used sporadically from mid April 1896 to mid Dec 1897, then from Dec. 1898 to March 1899 - Aug. 1899 - Skipping then from Oct. 1899 to Jan. 1900. There are only 12 reported on Maps. Toronto used three 2 Ring Orbs - the first two differing as to whether there were dots or no dots at the side of the circle. Hammer D, with side dots is the most common. The 3rd which was a converted Duplex cancel was used well outside the Map period.

The 3 ring ORB had four hammers which are tough to identify (#3 appears the most common) now read on:

MAPS AND ORBS: A GLOBAL REPORT

PART V -- TORONTO 3-RINGS

by Jim Felton

When one includes its postal stations Toronto used the greatest number of the orb cancelling devices. By the time the Map stamps were issued, machines had taken over the primary cancelling duties at Toronto. Those two facts -- the many orb devices and the dominance of the machine cancellers -- present the potential for individual rarities. In fact I am able to present data from 4 contributors which totals a mere 10 examples!

I will not here give the individual characteristics of the various 3-ring Toronto orbs, given so few examples known on Maps, but rather general details. Toronto used four 3-ring orbs and all saw use during the Map period. Two of the hammers are so similar that I was leaning towards doubting the existence of the 4th until I made transparencies of a number of Toronto cancels then overlaid them to detect the differences. While the Toronto orbs are plentiful on the Small Queens they do become scarcer from 1897, thus the mentioning of the new machines, and my records of usage are spotty, with long periods between examples typical.

The data below was provided by study group members Blair, Bradley, Horning and myself. The roman numerals are hammer numbers determined for examples personally examined; question marks for those I have not had that opportunity.

III	JAN 12/4 PM/99
?	JAN 16/7 PM/99
?	APR 17/4 PM/99
?	MAY 30/10 PM/99
III	JUL 18/_ PM/99
III	JUL 29/3 PM/99
?	JAN 23/2 PM/00
IV	FEB 16/??/00

Surely there are more examples right in your collections.

By the 1890s Toronto had grown to the point where branches or stations were needed to serve the expanding city. At first they were given descriptive names, the so-called street post offices like York Street, but by the turn of the century stations lost those names and were given alphabetic designations: Station B for example. It was at that time that several of the stations received orb cancels. That occurred after the heyday of the Maps but our contributors report single examples from two of the stations.

Station B replaced York Street in the later part of 1900 and was issued an orb; the earliest date I have recorded is NOV 7/00. Through January 1903 usage was continuous and examples are usually well inked, clearly struck, and usually socked on the nose.

On several occasions during 1901, the year has been reversed, '10' for '01.' So far I note the dates MAY 31, and DEC 16, 17, and 31.

The Toronto Station B 3-ring orb cancel is very common--my collection contains over 200 copies--yet thus far only 1 has been reported on a Map stamp: 21/AP 2/01. In contrast the York Street squared circle on Map is known in excess of 200 examples. The likely answer is that by the time Station B opened the Maps were out of stock.

Station C opened some time later and was a most prolific user of orb cancels, with 6 or possibly 7 different hammers. The earliest usage of a Station C orb cancel I have noted is JUN 25/03, fairly late in the life of the Maps yet not so late that we do have the sole example dated 20/FEB 10/04, hammer I.

Stations A, E, and F are also known to have used orb cancels but long after typical use of the Maps; the earliest of these three stations orbs is not until 1907.

None of the 10 cancels reported are on cover to the best of my knowledge. Those whose hammers I can't give because I haven't personally examined could be on cover, but that was not mentioned in the contributed reports. In any instance Maps with a Toronto or Toronto station orb cancel are not at all common, and are perhaps a lot scarcer than uses elsewhere which are considered 'exotic.'

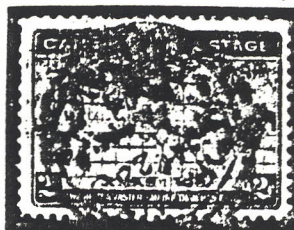
SERIES CONCLUSION

When I originally planned this multi-part series I had figured in a separate Conclusion in which I could report any additional orbs on Maps turned up after the appropriate segment appeared. Unfortunately hardly any have been reported to me while the series ran (with a couple of greatly appreciated exceptions), and I have added another Hamilton use and maybe a couple more London. Nothing which changes what has appeared materially has turned up. Given the unusually high level of co-operation among the members of the Map Study Group I am leaning towards a positive interpretation of the profound silence, that examples of the orb cancels on Maps just aren't that common instead of a more negative interpretation that you are all sandbagging the contents of your collections.

TORONTO ORBS2-RING : TYPE D(SIDE DOTS & NO PERIOD AFTER CANADA)

1-A-13

7 P.M. JAN 4 '99



2-A-55

7 P.M. JAN 23 '99



2-A-15

7 P.M. JAN 24 '99



2-A-36

7 P.M. FEB 2 '99

2-A-19
REENTRY

(INV) & P.M. FEB 2 '99



2-A-69

7 P.M. FEB 22 '99



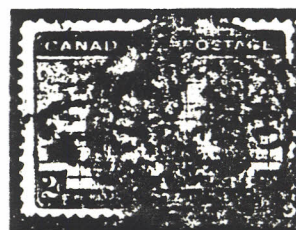
2-A-76

4 P.M. MAR 2 '99



2-A-40

10 P.M. MAR 31 '99



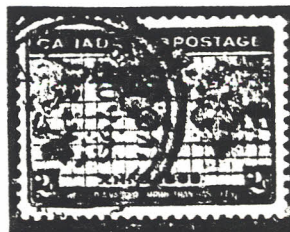
5-B-4

7 P.M. MAY 8 '99

NO USAGE RECORDED: MAY THROUGH TO NOVEMBER.

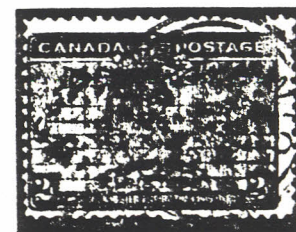
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2 P.M. NOV 28 '99



5-B-13

8 P.M. NOV 29 '99



5-B-10

4 P.M. NOV 30 '99

TORONTO ORBS.

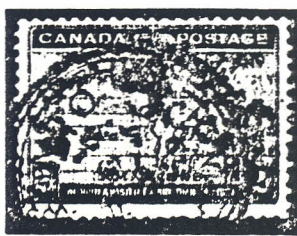
3 RING



1-A-4

4PM JAN 12 '99

HR III



2-A-93

6 P.M. - FEB 4 '99

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1-A-12

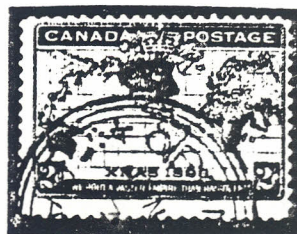
23 MAY 4 '99

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1-A-86

10AM - MAY 30 -



3-A-41

7 - JUN -

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2-A-25

5 P.M. JUL 7 '99

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1-A-26

3 P.M. JUL 29 '99

HR III



3-A-54

2 P.M. JAN 23 '00

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STATIONS: A.B.C.



3-A-40

TORONTO CANADA
21 APR 2 '01
STATION B

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(FORMERLY YORK ST.)



3-A-60

TORONTO CANADA
20 FEB 10 '04
STATION C
HR I

Clearly the London orb is the most common to be found on Maps, and any display of cancels on the Map issue should contain one. Hamilton is considerably scarcer but not impossible to find. Toronto in any form--2-ring and 3-ring plus station 3-rings --is tough, according to the data so far accumulated. Any collection with more than one type of Toronto orb must be considered outstanding. Did you pass up these Toronto cancels as being 'ordinary?'

Anyone having any orb cancellations, on Maps or other stamps as well, I encourage to share the information with me so that I can continue studying these cancels. I will gladly identify the hammer if enough evidence is present. Perhaps you have a unique example just sitting there in your album. And you don't even know it! Contact me at Box 56371, Little Rock, AR 72215. Your help I do appreciate.

If anything significant is learned I will communicate that to the Study Group.

Interesting Letters

1. Ken Johnston, Ottawa, National Postal Archives, in June & July telling about the new Map material that had arrived from Canada Post Corp.

2. Ron Winmill, London, Ont. Over the last six months I have had 4 letters from Ron. He is now a research consultant and author and is presently working on a number of publications. He tells me he has recently become a grandfather!

3. Sandy Mackie, Aberdeen, Scotland, five letters covering the Handbook, Plate V material and various philatelic matters.

4. Jim & Fern Kraemer, Ottawa, Ont. Arranging for our visit to the Postal Archives in Nov. and telling me about his visits to Paris and Brasil where he acted as Canadian Commissioner for two Internationals shows.

4. Ed. & Kay Harris, Calgary, Alberta. A nice note and an invitation to the BNAPS Calgary group Christmas party! Attached was a number of photo copies of Map Stamp Covers with Dec. 25th cancels for several years.

6. Mark & Linda Larkin, New York City, N.Y. Numerous notes and cards and clippings on Map items. Several deploring the fate of the Blue Jays.

7. Ralph Trimble, Scarborough, Ont. Ralph illustrated a Map stamp in the Newsletter of the Reentry Study Group #35 P.20, that seemed to contain an undiscovered reentry. I identified it as Black Plate 1, Position #94. There is clear doubling of the border line at the lower edge of the right value tablet, as well as the upper border line of the lower rope border. Add it to your list. I also sent him photos, before and after reentering of position 14 on Black plate V for his opinion. "Yes", it adds to the certainty of two states of Plate V. These will be illustrated, as well as others in the March newsletter.

8. Fred Bauman, Linns Stamp News. His publication was doing a speciality issue on BNAPS Study groups. My submission was too late as the original request went to my Ontario address. Next time!

9. Michael Behm, Waterloo, Ont. Mike is editor of the Newsletter of the Perfin Study Group, asking for a survey of our members as to what Map Perfins exist. Let me know.

10. Colin Campbell, Kelowna, B.C. He recently purchased a number of slides in auction, some of which were Map oriented and one was of a map signed by William Mulock. He'll send me a copy. There are others (RPO's, squared circles, perfins etc) and came from the Fred Stulberg collection.

11. Ray Horning, Ottawa, Ont. Several letters, one of which dwelt on the subject of scanning. It involves the production of a computer program to analyze and print out the results. Dave Lacelle is spearheading the study for the Fancy Cancel Group. I must admit the computer age has passed me by - somebody help!

12. David Sessions, Bristol, England. Editor of Maple Leaves of the CPS of GB, acknowledging receipt of 3 Map pictures I sent to help illustrate a letter to the Editor (see June 1989).

13. Jon Johnson, Calgary Alberta, with new regulations and application for membership forms for BNAPS, as well as data on the Hamilton Convention.

14. Bob Lee, Kelowna, B.C. Acknowledging receipt of several Duplex cancels on Map varieties which I sent him. See next Duplex Newsletter.

15. Charles King, Claygate, Surrey, Eng. tells me details of several Map auction lots in England this year. One set of large pieces sold for £4 a stamp as singles, reasonable!

16. Dr. Charles Hollingsworth Walsall, West Midlands, England. Charles sold a major part of his collection, but kept the Maps. As noted earlier he has sent me his Plate V material for examination -the before and after re-entry study.

17. Don Blair, Bloomfield Hills Mi. A four page letter on his new word processor! Lots of detail, too much to even be summarized here. He certainly is one of our members who is up to his neck in Maps etc. He has said good-bye to Mass USA.

18. Palmer Moffat, Tucson, Ariz. We sat with the Moffats at the BNAPS banquet in Hamilton.

19. J.R. Baker, Lindenwold, N.J. - enquiring as to the why of the "muddy water" Map stamp variety

20. Frank Waite, Newberry, Mi. Frank & I tell each other fish stories! But he brought me some nice Map stamps to Hamilton.

21. Leo Scarlet, Flushing, N.Y. Very often Leo sends me Map stamps, as he is clearing out his stock after a lifetime of dealing, some of which was spent on Madison Ave. N.Y.C.

22. Various Newsletters

- a. Duplex Group Bob Lee (2)
- b. RPO Group Bill Robinson (3)
- c. Squared Circle Group Gary Arnold (1)
- d. Reentry Group Ralph Trimble (2)

That's all

W.L.B.

