

# THE 1898 CHRISTMAS MAP STAMP NEWSLETTER

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## Editorial *by Dr. John T. Anders*

More members are contributing to our Newsletter. Is there a positive side to this? Yes. This is wonderful and exciting. Not only will the members you are sharing your knowledge with appreciate your time and effort, but you yourself will find a rejuvenation in your hobby. A considerable part of the pleasure of our hobby comes from the fact that it allows us a choice of what we want to collect, be it simple or complex. We all enjoy our hobby albeit at different levels. The choice is personal. Pleasure and enjoyment must be an integral part of our collecting hobby.

Likewise, our Newsletter must be a tool that all members can use and enjoy. The opportunity to be exposed to material at all levels of interest and expertise should be the expectation of our members. We must also be aware of the danger of falling into the trap of primarily catering only to groups or individuals that specialise in specific, focused area. You ask - How can we achieve this? Well, let's start by maintaining a large and varied range of contributors. Remember, the fewer the participants, the more specific and focused the contents will be. So, get out that ballpoint or fire up the computer and let us hear from you.

## Bisect Map Covers

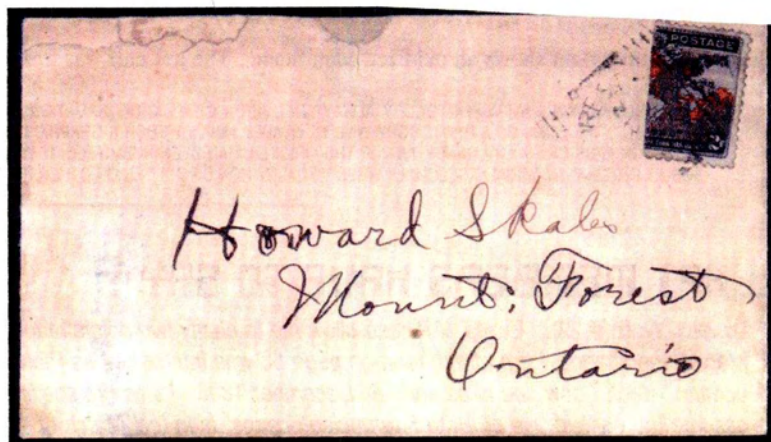
*By Dr. John T. Anders*

Bisecting of stamps, although not officially sanctioned, was allowed in the Maritimes especially Nova-Scotia and New-Brunswick.

Stamps were usually cut in half to create values that the Postmaster did not have on hand.

**Figure 1.** Unofficial vertical bisect. One cent drop letter rate tied by Mt. Forest ON Type 1 square circle.

**Note:** Unfortunately, the upper right corner of the cover was not shown on the photocopy provided. R.B. A-Ed.



Full Covers are required as proof of genuineness.

**Figure 2.** Unofficial diagonal Map stamp bisect pays one cent drop letter rate and appears to be accepted without any postage due. Tied by Toronto 'D' Flag cancel - Dec 20/1899.



# « Muddy Waters » Alive and Well

by Fred Fawn. The President of our Study Group can also be joined by email at: [thefawnfamily@yahoo.com](mailto:thefawnfamily@yahoo.com)

Dr. John Milks' article (Newsletter Whole # 6, pp.49-50) must have touched the nerve of not only Map collectors, but also that of other specialists'. The most amazing report came from one of our members shortly after Dr. John Milks' ( # 28) « Comments on the Muddy Waters 1898 Map Stamp » article was published. I received the following email from Ralph Trimble ( # 25) (Past President of the Re-Entry Study Group) on January 7, 2002:

« I've been meaning to drop you a line or two about Maps. Has any chemical solution been found to correct 'muddy' oceans on the Maps? I was horrified a couple of weeks ago to open my Map album to check something out only to discover that a number of my Maps have 'suddenly' changed to muddy colors from their beautiful blues! Some of them look so bad, it almost appears someone with black ink on their fingers has been touching them. I am especially upset about my beautiful lower left mint corner block from Plate 5 with the Major Re-Entry. My other used copies of the Major have also 'turned'. I house my collection in Lighthouse post binders and black pages with the stamps inside single pocket Leuchttum 3x6 sleeves. I « thought » that they would be safe! This is extremely upsetting to say the least ! »

Members are kindly requested to respond to the questions posed by Ralph.

## Editor Dr. J.T Anders' comments :

There are several areas that Ralph Trimble should check:

1. Heat and humidity in the storage area;
2. Air access and air circulation around his material;
3. Chemical composition of mounting paper and sleeves.

Although negated by the Dr. John Milk's article, I have had success in reversing oxidation by careful application of 3% Hydrogen Peroxide - with a camel hair brush - for a period of 3-5 minutes, see illustration on the right. I have not tried all the degrees of change of color and so must limit my comments. Great care must be taken with mint specimens. I would also suggest Mr. Trimble reviews the pertinent sections of « Dealers Guide to Chemical Restoration of Postage Stamps » issued by the National Stamp Service.

Illustration on the right shows an oxidized Map Stamp. The left half was treated with hydrogen peroxide (H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>) and the right half was left oxidized as found. \*

\* **NOTE:** IT IS WELL KNOWN THAT A PHOTOCOPY ALWAYS DELIVER A GRAPHIC DEGRADATION WHEN COMPARED TO THE ORIGINAL. DUE TO TECHNICAL LIMITATIONS OF MY EQUIPMENT, THE SCAN OF A PHOTOCOPY WILL INEVITABLY AMPLIFY SUCH A GRAPHIC DEGRADATION. THIS IS THE REASON WHY THE COLORS OF THE FIGURE ABOVE MAY LOOK LESS CRISP AND DECEPTIVE. IF THE ORIGINAL HAD BEEN SUBMITTED, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN MUCH BETTER. THIS IS WHY WE ENCOURAGE AUTHORS TO SUBMIT ORIGINAL MATERIAL, ESPECIALLY WHEN VISUALIZATION OF COLORS OR OTHER SUCH TECHNICAL DETAILS ARE INTENDED TO BE HIGHLIGHTED. R.B. Asst. Ed.



## WHAT MEMBERS HAVE TO SAY ?

- **Dr. Jim Watt ( # 22 ) :** Errata. « Please allow me to clarify two points made in the last Newsletter (Whole No. 7). My second letter about Map stamp shades, I am afraid, read on page 58 was interpreted as Plate 5 but I was much more novice and just questioning turquoise oceans, which I now see is as early as December 1898. I was not specific in regards to the Plate. Therefore, for the moment, we must assume the earliest use of Plate 5 turquoise oceans\* is in fact March of 1899. I have no Plate 5 copies that would dispute this finding, although I have not plated all my Map stamps yet. »

\* **NOTE:** FIRSTLY, I WANT TO APOLOGIZE IF MY COMMENTS PROVIDED A WRONG INTERPRETATION. SECONDLY, DR. WATT'S « TURQUOISE » COLOR IN THE ABOVE COMMUNICATION CORRESPONDS TO THE BRIGHT BLUE GREEN (BBG) COLOR WHICH IS THE CONVENTIONAL NAMING THAT IS GENERALLY RECOGNIZED BY THE PHILATELIC WRITERS AS WELL AS THE PHILATELIC COMMUNITY FOR THIS TYPE OF COLOR THAT IS FOUND ON PLATE 5 OF THIS STAMP. PERSONALLY, I AGREE THAT THE COLOR NAMING IS QUESTIONABLE BUT I AM NOT EXPERT ENOUGH IN COLOR TO LEAD ANY CHANGE TO THE ISSUE. FOR THE MOMENT, I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT EVERYBODY SHOULD STICK TO THE ACTUAL NAMING AS SHOWN IN BRADLEY BOOK ON PAGE 3 SO WE ALL CAN MAINTAIN A CAPACITY TO COMMUNICATE AND UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER WHEN TALKING ABOUT A SPECIFIC COLOR ON THE MAP STAMP. R.B. Asst-Ed.

- **Donald L. Krause ( # 10 ) :**

**NOTE:** THE GOAL OF THIS NEWSLETTER IS TO SHARE INFORMATION AND PLEASURE THAT WE HAVE WITH OUR PREFERRED STAMP. WE HAVE ENCOURAGED OUR MEMBERS SEVERAL TIMES TO CORRESPOND TOGETHER IN ORDER TO CREATE A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THEMSELVES. WE THINK THAT THE FOLLOWING NICE STORY IS THE KIND OF RELATIONSHIP THAT WE FULLY ENCOURAGE ALL TO DEVELOP. R.B. Asst-Ed.

« I was intrigued by the article from Mr. Voss on the finding of two more positions of State 1 from Plate 5. Must be an exciting moment when one makes such a discovery. Concerning my previous request for Position 1-A-54, the person who responded was none other than Mr. Harry Voss! I was more than surprised by his letter because by mere chance I had met with him at the Denver ROMPEX last May. While waiting in the crowd for the show to open, I struck up a conversation with the person in front of me who was busy noting from the program of show events which dealers had Canadian material. It was obvious he was a Canadian collector and when he introduced himself, it was confirmed. Now I have another Map stamp that has a story to tell on how it came to be a part of my collection. » BRAVO!

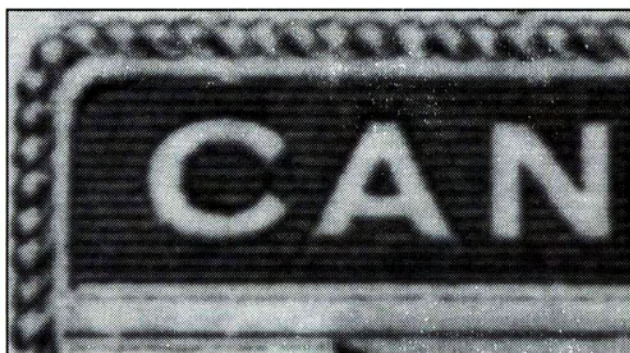
- **Dr. J.E. Milks ( # 28 ) :** « I have been very busy with a study of the printings of the 3c Large and Small Queens between 1868 and 1873. There will be a lull while waiting for some spectral data from Stanford Conn. Perhaps I'll be able to give some (...) to the printing inks for the Map stamp. At this stage I think I know something about the materials used in the oceans leading to a Lavender, Grey and Blue type



stamps. What puzzles me is why Green is not included in catalogues and in publications by Frederuck Tomlinson and Whitney L. Bradley. Unitrade lists Lavender, Grey and Blue. I know I am not colour blind. **Do you know of anyone in our Study Group who has lots of Map stamps who could write something on the subject?** My supply is very limited. The Post Office ordered 10,000,000 blue and 10,000,000 green. Something is wrong somewhere. »

**NOTE: CAN ANYBODY REPLY TO THIS CHALLENGE? Let's hear from you!** R.B. Asst-Ed.

- **Francis Au (# 2)** : « Received your letter today and learned that my name appeared twice in the letter due to my annual fee not updating in time. This is due to my 'on and off' in town in the last couple of years. I would like to pay and continue my membership. The present situation of my 'Map' collection is a steady one but slow in program. As you understand, that good postal historical covers are very difficult to get. **NOTE:** I WAS VERY HAPPY TO HEAR ABOUT MR. AU. HOPEFULLY THAT WE WILL READ OTHER ARTICLES FROM HIM IN THE NEXT FUTURE! R.B. Asst-Ed.
- **Joe Smith (# 27)** : « Now for something different, I have 2 examples of orbs on Maps, one each of # 85 & 86 OTTAWA Orb type 3-01 (as per Jim Miller) respectively dated 20/FE 8/07 & 10/MR 23/07. » **NOTE:** THIS IS A NICE LATE USAGE DISCOVERY! THANKS FOR REPORTING ITS EXISTENCE TO OUR GROUP. I'M SURE **BILL PEKONEN** WILL BE INTERESTED TO ADD IT TO HIS ORBS POSTAL USAGE ON MAPS COMPILATION. R.B. Asst-Ed.
- **Ken A. Kershaw (# 32)**. After ordering the complete set of back issues of our Newsletters for year 2000 and 2001, the following email was sent to our President who forwarded it to me after. « I have thoroughly enjoyed the past publications of the Group received from Roger. I hope to make some contributions along the road. » **NOTE:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND WORDS. WE ARE LOOKING READING YOU IN A FUTURE ISSUE OF THIS NEWSLETTER. R.B. Asst. Ed.
- **Harry Voss (# 21)** : « I am pleased to report the finding of two Plate 5 State 1 singles. The first one is Position 5-B-23 which was already previously reported by Roger and Mr. W.L. Bradley. The new find is for position 5-B-74. Also I am enclosing copies of two pages of the Re-entry Study Group Newsletter showing positions 44 and 64 with used singles of each Plate 5 State 1 and State 2. I am working on a 96 page exhibit for the Royal that will be in Edmonton March 22-24. It is a re-entry exhibit with 12 pages of the Map stamp (44 stamps and 3 covers) with re-entries plus one page with two Plate 2 State 1. I can expect silver, the same as in the past, although I have just added 16 more pages. The judges have stated in the past this would as high that a traditional exhibit of this type can expect but I do enjoy exhibiting. »
- **NOTE:** As requested by Mr. Voss, I have certified again his findings with zoom-in enlargements. Harry appears to be a true researcher of Plate 5 State 1 material. Position 5B-23 highlights were previously shown on page 45, Whole Number 5, Vol. 2, No. 2 of this Newsletter. For the pleasure of the reader, some enlargements of the main features for Position 5B-74 State 1 are provided downbelow. Thanks to Harry for reporting it to me as well as to this Study Group. We also wish Mr. Voss all the best with his exhibit at the Royal in Edmonton. Please keep us posted so we can report on result in the next newsletter! R.B. Asst. Ed.



Pos. 5B-74. State 1 on left, State 2 on right. Upper left cable and 'CAN' of Canada are clearly distinct.



The lower part of « WE HOLD » in State 2 demonstrates that the re-entry did not really improve the quality of the graphic representation in this case. Meridians and parallels are also significantly thicker on the re-entry. R.B. A-Ed.



# Secretary-Treasurer's Year 2001 Annual Report by Roger.Boisclair@sympatico.ca

As promised in last Newsletter, I am again taking the opportunity to deliver members with our Study Group year 2001 annual report.

**Annual dues.** Unless further notice to the contrary, annual dues remain the same as last year, i.e. \$10.00 in Canada, \$8.75 for USA residents and \$15.00 for any other foreign country. Four (4) Newsletters have been edited during calendar year 2001. Again, I found difficult to collect annual fees. **In order to minimize costs, the request for incoming annual dues are always included within the body of the Newsletter.** Later when necessary, I include a friendly recall to those who haven't yet responded. 16 members haven't yet paid their annual dues for 2002 and are hereby requested to pay attention to the payment of their annual subscription.

**Membership.** In calendar year 2001, the Study Group membership breakdown can be reported as follows. Of a total of 28 contributing regular members, one (1) is from Switzerland, four (4) are from United States and 23 are Canadians residents. The Newsletter must also be sent to seven (7) additional addressees who are needed to fill the complimentary list required by BNAPS authorities. Copies of our Newsletter are also provided free to two (2) great honorary members, **Harry Sutherland** and **Kenneth Rowe**. This makes a total mailing of 37. I am also happy to report that our colleague **Francis Au (#2)** responded to our multiple recalls and was finally reinstated retroactively for 2001. I also want to warmly welcome the following three (3) new members who have been recruited by our President:

# 31- **A.M. Clark**, BNAPS # R-2766, P.O. Box 44, Pubnico, Yarmouth County, Nova-Scotia B0W 2W0

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**Gift to the Study Group.** Ron Brigham, Donald L. Krause and John P. Wynns have altogether donated about \$20.00 in Canadian postage stamps during year 2001, which minimized as much our mailing cost. Extra money was also gifted by John. P. Wynns and Donald Krause while paying their annual due. On behalf of our Study Group, I wish to thank them for their generosity.

**Workload and resignation.** In addition to assembling the material sent by members and Editor for publication and to prepare the Newsletter itself, I personally have decided at the end of year 2000 that I would run the experience to distribute the Newsletter in year 2001 with only original prints for all pages forming the Newsletter. My rationale was based on the fact that a lot of the Map stamp material is sensitive to the quality of printing. Indeed, we all know that in many cases the maximum graphic precision to the eye can make a real difference between understanding what the author is talking about or not. However, this way to proceed has a significant impact on the amount of time that must be spent to accomplish the task. As a result, each Newsletter represented in average between 30 and 50 hours of work. In addition to administering financial aspects as Secretary-Treasurer, this is too much a workload to me as it prevents me writing articles that I would so much like to prepare. Some will argue that my way of doing things is questionable and I agree. For this reason and for health personal reasons, I regret to report that effective immediately, I need a break with my involvement as Assistant-Editor as well as Secretary-Treasurer within the Study Group. Therefore, I have informed our President **Fred Fawn** and Editor **Dr. J.T. Anders** that effective immediately, I am stepping down for a while of these responsibilities. However, please note that I do not mean to give-up on the Study Group as it is my intent to collaborate and help the Editor from time to time and to submit articles as a writer.

**Celendar year 2001 Annual financial statement** is included downbelow. Please note that I am not a professional in accounting and I beg everyone to keep it in mind. **This is a report about cash flow only.**

REVENUE	DETAIL	TOTAL	NOTES & COMMENTS
Membership revenue	(27 x \$ 10) + (1 x \$15)	\$ 285.00	1xSwitzerland and 4xUSA
BNAPS Stipends for year 2000		\$ 87.00	
Money gift made by members		\$ 13.00	Approximately. Due to US currency exchange
Sale of Newsletter to new members		\$ 40.00	
Bank cash carried from last year		\$ 34.49	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 459.49</b>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Editing cost: printing of drafts, paper, office supplies, reproductions costs, etc.	paper, envelopes, mailing stickers, etc.	\$ 300.96	Cost for printer's ink cartridges are the most expensive items
Mailing cost		\$ 156.44	Postage stamps
General correspondence cost		\$ 30.84	Between BP, FF, JTA, RB & other members
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$ 488.24</b>	
<b>Cash balance as at DE-31-2001</b>		<b>(\$ 28.75)</b>	See thoughts offered downbelow

The negative cash balance is counterbalanced by the three following factors that impact very positively on our Study bank account:

1) BNAPS stipends are always received during the following year. Given that four (4) Newsletters were released during year 2001, an amount of  $4 \times \$ 29.00 = \$ 116.00$  is expected to be received;

2) During year 2001, I have always printed 50 copies for each Newsletter. I also did it for all Newsletter numbers released during year 2000. On a cash basis, the possible value of this inventory (13 complete sets) can be considered as equivalent to their sale price, minus their associated shipping and mailing costs. When a new member is joining by paying its annual due for the incoming year, I have



costs included. On a mid term basis and considering such a type of sale in the future, the actual inventory should have a value of \$273.00. If we deduct the cost for shipping and mailing, say \$5.00 each, I figure that this inventory should have a net value of approximately \$208.00 that can potentially materialise in the future.

3) Canadian Postage stamps in inventory. At the end of year 2001, I also had an inventory of 16 booklets of 8x47¢ 3 pence beaver commemorative stamps, which represent a net value of \$60.16.

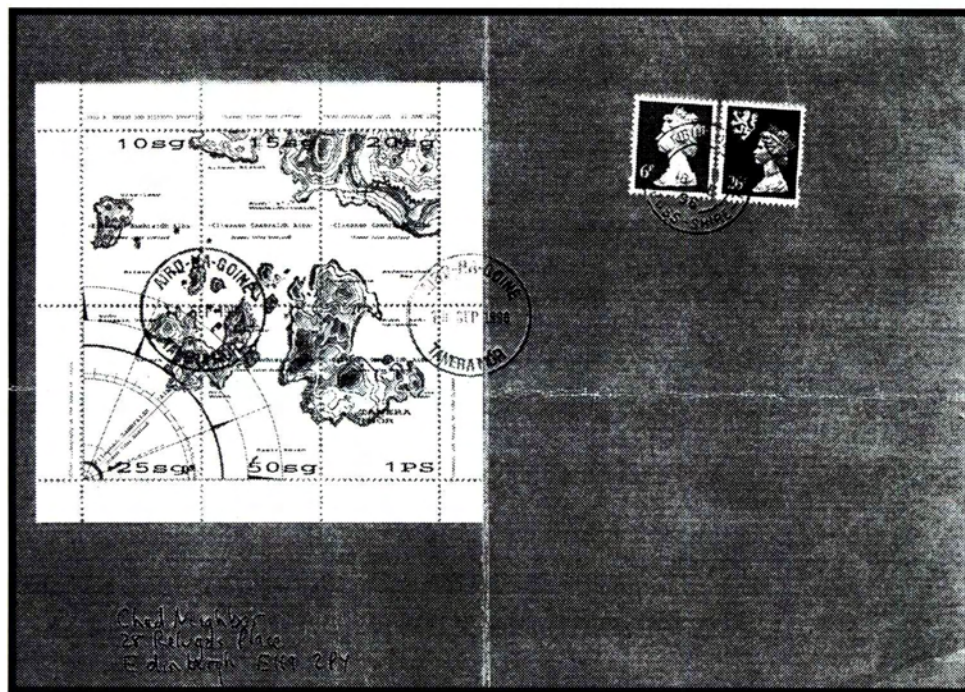
**Colour copies.** As mentioned in Newsletter # 7, I was under the impression that our Study Group finances would be in a much better shape than last year. Even if it is a lot better than last year, it is not as good as what I was expecting. Please also note that expenses encountered by our President **Fred Fawn** as well as by our Editor **Dr. J.T Anders** are not accounted for because they were not claimed. For sure, B&W photocopies would definitely improve our financial constraints. Even if we want to improve our bank account cash reserve, the option to increase the annual dues is ruled out in my opinion. While maintaining the actual quality of printing as well as improving our bank cash reserve at the same time, I feel that we would need to increase our membership to the level of 50 or so. Unless members decide on a consensus basis to the contrary, I suggest to revisit our present printing policy by adopting the usual B&W photocopies pattern as most other Study Groups do. This would mean one or two pages in colour only, i.e. by adopting this policy, original printings in colour would still be retained but would be restricted only when deemed absolutely necessary. Please also note that colour photocopies are even more expensive than the cost of purchasing colour cartridges for producing original colour printings. Discussion is open to all members. Please note that the Management Board is invited to make a final decision sometimes during the summer so the new policy can be implemented prior to editing Newsletter Whole Number 10. Members' opinions are then hereby formally solicited concerning the policy of original colour and B&W laser printings -VS- simple B&W photocopies. In order to facilitate a decision that should represent as much as possible members' opinions and consensus, please provide your input in a timely fashion to the Editor Dr. John T. Anders who will be your new Secretary Treasurer for the time being and who will from now on also fully edit this Newsletter.

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## Summer Isles of Scotland by Chad Neighbor

Fred Fawn did me a favour recently, and all he asked was that I do a short article for this newsletter. So here it is.

*« I collect postally used joined se-tenants (different designs attached) and this is a format that lends itself well to the reproduction of maps. When one stamp is too small to do justice to a detailed map, six can do the job admirably. A perfect example of this is the 1996 mini-sheet of private issues stamps from the Summer Isles of Scotland, which are in the northwest some ten miles from Ullapool. I*



*acquired this MS on a hot and sunny day in September, when my wife and I took a mini-cruise to the islands. The island cafe was closed but the post office was opened, and the postmaster Bill Wilder (who also owns the main island), chatted to me about the stamps, which pay the fee for his short daily trip by small boat to the mainland at Achiltibuie. Like many visitors to the islands I wanted a philatelic souvenir, and the se-tenant map MS did the job perfectly. Whenever I look at the cover that was waiting for me when we returned home, I think of the seals and seabirds we saw, the perfect weather and the fish and chips we ate so hungrily in the sun at Ullapool after our voyage -- possibly the most perfect stamp day I have ever enjoyed. »*

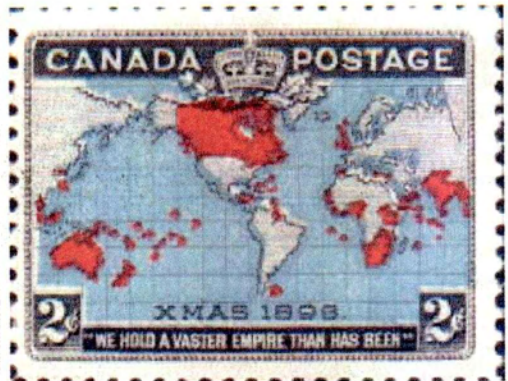
Foreword to Chad Neighbor's article, by Fred Fawn, President.

Chad Neighbor is a well known philatelic writer whose articles appear in many publications around the world. A frequent reporter to The Canadian Stamp News, Chad wrote « English Finally Get Their Own Stamps » in the April 10, 2001 issue. He also authored a very comprehensive description of the LONDON STAMPSHOW 2000, where he viewed the Canada Map stamp exhibit with great enthusiasm. As a memento, Chad kindly sent our Study Group this unusual Map mini-sheet from the summer Isles of Scotland.



# About Plate 4. The joy and pleasure of hunting!

By Roger.Boisclair@sympatico.ca



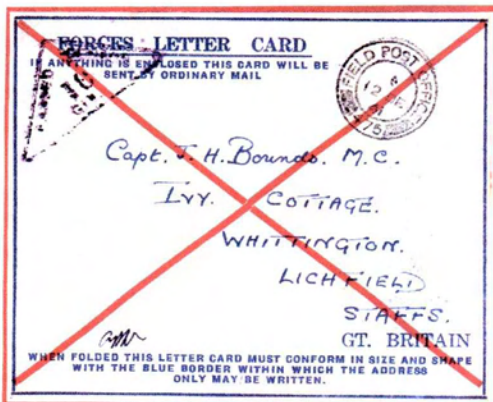
It was a sad day for me as a Map Stamp collector on October 14th, 2000.

Indeed, it was the day when I missed the opportunity to obtain a 'presumably' (as described) colour Die Proof of the Map Stamp at auction. This lot was offered on that day by Eastern Auction Ltd. in Halifax, N.S. through lot 587 (sold \$725.00 + 15% commission). As usual, I presume that no one was aware of the gem that was offered on that day... Even **Gary Lyon (# 14)** didn't know! As I said in a previous article in this Newsletter, Vol. 1, No. 2, Whole Number 2, May 2000, pages 10-23, the colour photograph immediately caught my eye because of the red layer being significantly shifted South-Westerly which is characteristic of the Plate 4. In fact, the southern tip of Tasmania in Australia that is almost touching the upper right Left Numeral Box offers a quick typical 'visual' clue of a Plate 4 Plate Proof. Given the reasonable quality of the photograph as shown in the catalogue, it was then pretty easy to plate it as being Red Plate A, position 8. Even if only a close examination of the entire black layer would allow to be conclusive, I have a reasonable certainty that it would be from Plate 4. If it is so, I therefore speculate that it would then be the very first clue of a specimen that would originate from the missing upper right quarter in that sheet which contained the large quarters that were offered through lots 1831, 1834 and 1835 during the American Bank Note Co. Archive auction held in New-York on September 13, 1990. The probability is also high that the collector who owns it doesn't even suspects the uniqueness of what he owns! **If it is one of you, it would be so nice to let us know in this Newsletter.** If my speculation is right, it would not then be a true die proof! I wanted to contact the succesful bidder to let him/her know about it. Confidentiality oblige, even after Gary Lyon sent him a note to contact me, unfortunately I never heard about the succesful bidder. Given that, I then decided again to warn the Map lovers community about the existence of such material on the market and this is why I decided to write this article with the goal to help other Map collectors paying more attention on what is offered on the market as well as helping them identifying such rare material. For easier comparison, an enlargement of the proof as well as the one for a Plate 2 stamp for the same position are included above. Enjoy the pleasure of hunting!

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## CHRISTMAS POSTAGE FREE ISSUE by Fred Fawn, President

In December 2000, Dr. Michael Dixon, FRPSL, Chairman of the WASHINGTON 2006 F.I.P. show, was the speaker at the annual Christmas dinner of the Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada. His presentation was most interesting in that it revealed a special Military Postal usage for Christmas mailings specially issued to certain British Forces during WWII. The FORCES LETTER CARD was printed with a traditional BLUE St. Andrews cross during the year. For Christmas, the colour was changed to a RED St. Andrews Cross, indicating the Christmas Postage Free Despatch. This is unique, being neither a Christmas stamp nor a Christmas card but nevertheless designated as a special Christmas involvement. By the way, the Toronto dinner's main course was a Grilled Medallion of Caribou with Canterell mushrooms.



Produced as a Christmas 1941 Postage Free Issue for use by forces stationed in Gibraltar. Front printed with red St. Andrews cross to indicate the Christmas Postage Free Despatch. Measures 253 mm by 204 mm. Inside front and back panels covered with an ornamental design in blue. Production concept based on issues for West African forces.

### Forerunners: Forces Air Letter 1941

Used to Lichfield, Staffordshire, cancelled with FPO 475 c.d.s. of 12 December, 1941. FPO 475 was in use in Gibraltar from 27 August, 1940 until 8 December, 1957. Violet triangular PASSED CENSOR GIB 16 handstamp. Writer states: « I thought perhaps, you would like this special Forces letter card, as this is the only time we have been issued with them, and there is only about 30 altogether been issued. »

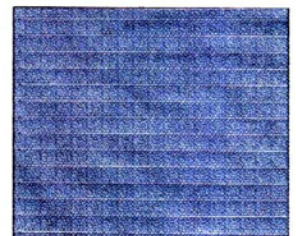
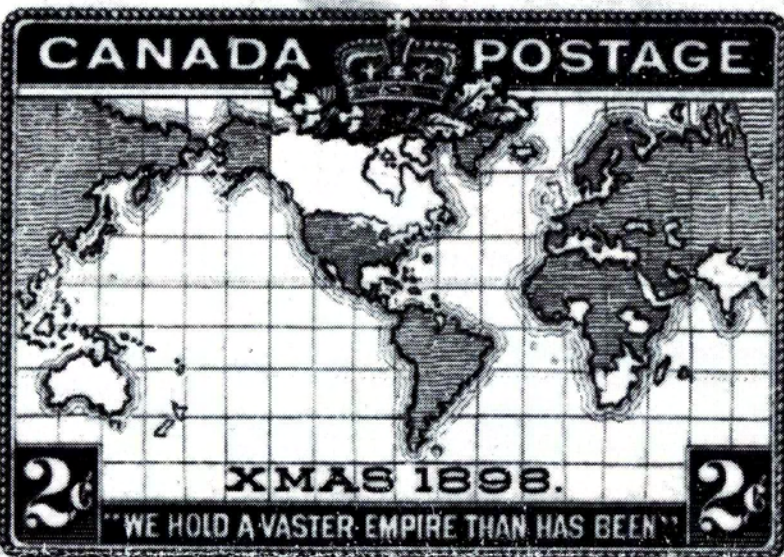
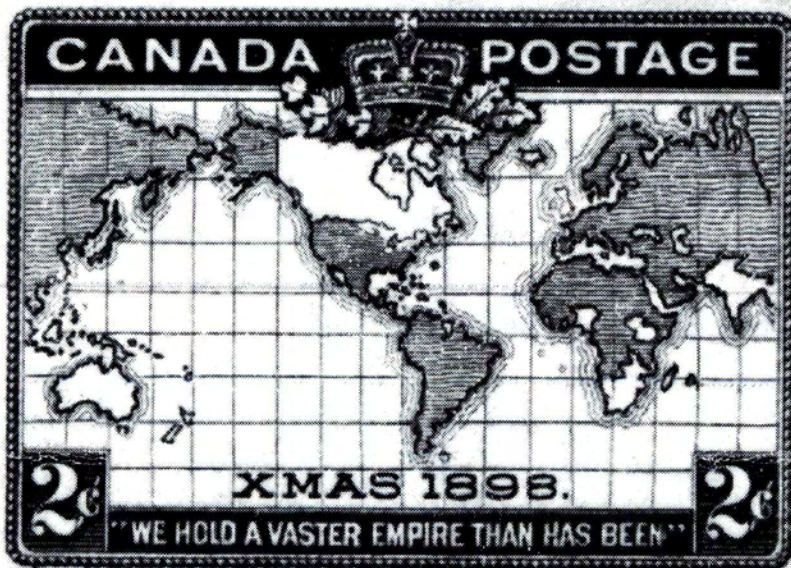


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**Black only  
Plate Proof**

**Plate 5  
Pos.  
85-95**

**The  
RARE  
State 1!**

2001/01/01 Prepared by Roger & Lucie for B&B Postcard



## The re-entered Plate 5: a striking Black only Plate Proof discovery! By Bill Pekonen

I am enclosing copies of an imperforate Plate Proof vertical pair for Plate 5 State 1, position 85/95. See the complete enlargement on the back page. This is in my collection and the provenance is available. According to the information provided to me, this is the first report of the existence of such Plate Proof, and proves Bradley's suspicions. It has been in my collection since, but it was only recently determined that it was indeed State 1.

There are probably other examples of State 1 Black only Plate Proofs sitting out there in someone's collection and the collector may not even know what it is. It was fortunate that this position can be positively identified because of the central guidelines in both stamps and the spur under the LVT on stamp 85. Although Bradley shows 2 spurs on State 2 of this stamp, State 1 has only one spur as can be seen on the attached enlargements. Good hunting to all!

**NOTE:** Some may consider it as 'die proof'. The discussion is open! R.B. A-Ed.

### Plate 5 Position 85 - Demonstration of State 1 !



**Plate Proof  
and its Tonkin  
Gulf dot Area**



**Used Stamp Specimen with its Tonkin Area**

**This is the first ever Black only Plate Proof of  
Plate 5 - State 1 to be reported until now!**

**NOTE:** This Plate Proof does not originate from lot 1832 that was sold in the ABNCo. Archive sale. R.B.A-Ed.



**Plate Proof Black only - State 1**



**Stamp - State 2**

**NOTE:** The whole Plate 5 has been re-entered and therefore, State 1 is defined as BEFORE re-entry while State 2 occurs AFTER the re-entry of the plate. Although the difference is slight, it nevertheless exists. When comparing between the Plate Proof and the Stamp for Plate Position 85 for instance, one can see that a cable node to the right of the Right Numeral Box (see the arrow) is partly missing on the Plate Proof while it clearly shows on the Stamp. One can also see that the definition of the letters in general in the sentence « WE HOLD... » are thicker and larger about an overall ½ mm. on the Stamps than on the Proof. One letter that is particularly striking is the 'H' in 'HOLD' and 'HAS' where the top left leg is showing considerable improvement with the re-entry compared to the one shown on the Plate Proof. **Less than 12 stamp positions of Plate 5-State 1 have been reported until now !** R.B. A-Ed.