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FROM THE EDITORS DESK:

In this issue will be the start of the ABC factor Surveys. I will be back on track with the March 1ST issue. This will be the 2nd portion of the survey. In the issues coming up lots of goodies but please don't stop sending in information to your poor old EDITOR out here in the WEST. This is all from my desk.

The Chairman's Chatter

Mark Fennell

We welcome Steven Koning of Toronto as our new secretary-treasurer, having assumed these responsibilities as of January 1, 1993. I asked Steve for a biographical sketch of himself, which he has forwarded, and it will appear in the next issue of the Perforator.

Our sincere thanks is extended to Michael Dicketts who so capably acted as secretary-treasurer for a year, until we were able to find a replacement for Mike Hargraft.

It is gratifying to be able to report that Conrad Tremblay has done an excellent job in completing the 1991 long delayed auction. All lots have been sent to the successful bidders, and any remainders along with monies due for lots sold have been sent to those who consigned material. He will have a detailed report on this, either elsewhere in this newsletter or in the next.

I will not be attending BNAPS annual meeting in Toronto September 3,4,5, 1993, but Jon Johnson has kindly consented to chair the Perfin Study Group meeting and make a presentation, the subject of which he has yet to determine. It is hoped that a number of our Study Group members will be able to attend, which should be relatively easy for those living in eastern Canada or the United States, who are fairly close by.

DUES

" 1993 Perfin Study Group memberships are now due. They are to be paid by cheque, payable to "Perfin Study Group", and to be mailed to:
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NEW NLY PATTERN FOUND ON CANADIAN STAMP

Recently I acquired a Scott #167 stamp, issued in 1931. The partial C.D.S. shows the last letter of the province's name as "K", from Saskatchewan, which was abbreviated to SASK. The last three letters of the town name areMIS, and their position indicates a town name of seven letters. The town in Saskatchewan which fits the bill is NOKOMIS, south-east of Saskatoon, on the railway line to Winnipeg. The date of the cancellation shows the last digit of the year as 5, likely 1935.

The perforator used on this stamp was located in Minneapolis, Minnesota, according to the handbook for U.S. of A. perfins, where there was a branch office of the New York Life Insurance Co.

It appears that Nokomis was located in sales territory assigned to an insurance salesman working out of the Minneapolis office of the New York Life Insurance Co. The three cent stamp covers the rate from Nokomis back to the office in Minneapolis. Other Canadian stamps have been found with patterns made by perforators located in U.S. of A. branch offices such as New York, and Buffalo, indicating that this was a common practice.

As far as I know, this is the first report of this pattern on a Canadian stamp, which will require a new pattern number. For the time being I am using pattern number N22a in reference to this pattern. Unless I hear from others I will assume that it has a rarity factor of "A".

Steve Koning.

