

Canadian Re-entry Study Group

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RE-ENTRIES ON THE HALF CENT NUMERAL

by R. Trimble

Above you see a photograph of the Major Re-entry on the Half Cent Numeral. This beautiful re-entry is from Plate 1, Right Pane, Position #18. This position is verified by blocks in my collection: one a partial imprint block of 12 and the other a corner block of 9. It is easily identified by the strong doubling of the letters 'CANASTAGE' in CANADA POSTAGE. Doubling is also found in the jewels of the tiara, various lines in the veil, and slightly in the hair. Apparently it is a fresh entry appearing on all printings. I have it on cover in the black shade dated Jan. 23, 1899, and also on cover in the grey shade dated May 13, 1902. Being a fresh entry on the plate which was never repaired allows us to calculate the total number that ever existed as 30,400. (Almost as rare as the \$1 & \$2 Jubilees.)

I know of only three or four other re-entries on this issue, all quite minor when compared to the Major. Two of these have been identified as also being from the right pane. The first, position #13, has a curved line in the oval under 'AN' of CANADA. The second, position #6 (which places it under the 'No-1' of the imprint), shows an extremely minor doubling of the centre of the top frame line.

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Half Cent Numeral (Cont'd)

I also have two other re-entries that as yet have not been plated by me. Both are similar in that they show signs of doubling in letters of CANADA. The stronger of the two has marks in the letters 'CANA' and a distinctive line in the oval above the middle 'A' of CANADA just out from the centre tip of the maple leaf. I have found three of these. The second has marks only in the 'CA'. I would be very tempted to surmise that these two are also from the right pane. Recently I had the opportunity of examining a complete left pane. Although I did not have the time to examine each stamp as carefully as I would have liked, I could find no obvious signs of re-entry at all on this pane.

I know a number of our members have a keen interest in the Numeral Issue and I would greatly appreciate anything they could add to this information on the Half Cent.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We are pleased to note that our membership is now up to 23 ! Most of you have responded promptly with your fees and interest forms and we would like to extend our sincere thanks. A hearty 'Thank You' to those of you who included donations with your fees. This added revenue will help to cover the costs of publishing and mailing larger issues of the Newsletter. (I'm sure you all noticed the extra postage that was required on issue #3, not to mention the added photocopy costs.) All donations will be acknowledged in the Newsletter. (See elsewhere in this issue for those already received.)

We are very pleased to note that a couple of our members are already recruiting new members for our group. Thank you ! We are going to re-do the fees and interest form you all received into an application form. If you have any friends that may be interested in joining and you would like extra copies of the form, just drop us a line and we'll send you a couple. (We would appreciate a SASE.)

SPECIAL ENCLOSURE # 1

You will notice that there is a special enclosure included at the end of this Newsletter. (Not numbered.) This is the first of several that we plan to send you as an addition to the Newsletter.

The first is a page of 12 Q.V. Numeral designs that member Bill Burden had printed up for himself to record re-entries, etc. Bill has a supply of these printed on very heavy stock (much heavier than the one included) punched for a three-ring binder that he has offered to make available to Study Group members for 12¢ a page or \$10. per 100 sheets plus postage. Any member interested in purchasing a supply of these may write to Bill at the address you will find on the sheet.

Bill donated the copies that are attached to the Newsletter.
Thanks, Bill.

++NEW FINDS++

from Ian Hodge, Brossard:

Scott #184 3¢ Admiral Perf 12 x 8 - a re-entry on the U.L. stamp in a mint fine NH block of six. There is doubling in the bottom of both numeral boxes, most of THREE CENTS, and the bottom of the portrait oval.

ADMIRAL RE-ENTRIES WITH A DIFFERENCE

by Hans Reiche

Re-entries normally show very clear doubling of certain lines. In the Admiral Issue one can find a type of re-entry which does not show doubling of certain lines but which exhibits traces of short lines and a large number of dots which form the outline of a part of the design. These traces usually show up about one or more millimetres from the design lines. For example the outline of the bottom part of the oval in the Admiral stamps may be repeated in the form of small dots about 3 mm below the actual oval. Similarly the outline of the bottom frame line may appear again in the form of very short horizontal lines in the bottom margin of the stamp. Extensive entering of this kind of variety can be found on a few values such as the 1¢ green, the 2¢ red and the 3¢ brown. Are these re-entries? It appears that an attempt was made to enter a subject, then the wrong position was noted and the minor traces were not erased before entering the final subject. Another possibility may be that the first entry was partly erased but not completely.

Unfortunately no photo can reproduce this variety. And this brings up the point that photographs of varieties are never good enough to identify clearly a variety. Sketches or enlarged halftone offsets in light grey are about the best with drawn in varieties in black ink. The contrast must be high and the picture of the stamp is only the background not the key.

CLASSIFIED ADS - Free to members.*

**CANADIAN RE-ENTRIES available on a limited basis to group members at Lyman's (to grade) + 10% !

From time to time we do find some nice re-entries amongst our regular stocks of classic Canada, and feel that these should find a home where they can be truly appreciated for their philatelic value, rather than winding up in the hands of the pure speculator. The above offer is therefore extended to all bona-fide members of the Canadian Re-entry Study Group of BNAPS only.

Write to us (don't forget your C.R.S.G. membership number) and we'll try to fill those gaps where possible, or at least keep an eye open for you: - Penny-Black Services, Box 115, Brossard, PQ. J4Z 3J1

** 1898 MAP STAMPS WANTED ** by R.Trimble (Address on front page.)

Positions based on Tomlinson. Used stamps preferred.

Plate 2 No. 5 Re-cut L.L. links
 Plate 3 No. 98 Retouched Base Cable
 Plate 5 Re-entries- No.'s 4, 5, 14, 15, 55, 64, 74.

DONATIONS RECEIVED

B.Burden \$1 / C.Jones \$1 / G.McCleave \$1 / J.Lehr \$1 / I.Hodge \$25 /
 R.Bradbury \$2 / R.Lee \$6 / L.Hogg \$2.40 / W.Bradley \$4 /
 V.Sellick \$2 / R.Traquair \$6

RE-ENTRIES UNDER THE HAMMER --- Auction Report

From Robert A. Lee, B.C. Jan. 16, 1982.

Mr. Lee's auction included 22 lots of re-entry material !
Here are a selected few:

- lot 956- #18 used 12½¢ Q.V./ V.G.
Major Re-entry position #94
Realized \$75. after an est. value of \$100.
- lot 1053- #27 used 6¢ dk.br. L.Q./ lt. ring cancel/ fine
Major Re-entry position #95
Realized \$120. after an est. value of \$150.
- lot 1079- #34 used ½¢ S.Q./ F-VF
Re-entry in 'TAGE' of POSTAGE
Realized \$37.50 (!!) after an est. value of \$25.
- lot 1090- Collection of 19 3¢ S.Q.'s/ 5 defective
All separately described re-entries
Realized \$260. after an est. value of \$250.
- lot 1116- #44b used 8¢ slate S.Q./ dated '97'/ 1 short perf/ fine
Re-entry in 'CANADA POSTAGE'
Realized \$47.50 after an est. value of \$40.
- lot 740- #199 used blk. 5¢ Medallion/ London Duplex/ fine
'Bluenose' Re-entry Pl.2, UL, #79 (incl. close-up photo)
Realized \$12.50 after an est. value of \$25.

From R. Maresch & Son, Toronto Feb. 3 - 4, 1982.

As usual, Mr. Maresch's sale was full of classic material.
Here are just a few.

- lot 574- #36 mint strip of 3/ F-VF
Centre stamp the LATENT RE-ENTRY*** descr. as EXCEEDINGLY RARE !
Realized \$925. (!!!) after an est. value of \$500.
- ***-lot 759- was probably the highlight of the sale to re-entry buffs -
#43 used blk. of 6
The 5¢ on 6¢ Major Re-entry - so-o-o-o RARE !!
- middle stamp in bottom row.
Realized \$2200. after an est. value of \$1000+
- *** Two other copies of this most desirable classic were sold as well.
Lot 757 mint/ almost VF - realized \$1400. after an est. of \$750+
& Lot 758 used/ few short perfs/ otherwise VF - realized \$975 after
an est. of \$500+.

Six copies of the Major Re-entry on #39, 6¢ yellow brown S.Q. were also sold, including two on cover. Selling prices ranged from \$25. for a VG used copy to \$80. for a VG mint copy to \$925. for the earliest known copy on cover. A VF used pair (one normal) went for \$105.
