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LATENT RE-ENTRY ON THE 2¢ SMALL QUEEN

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Above is a photo of an incredible copy of this rarity owned by Bill Burden. (Photo by Bill.) Article on the next page.

2¢ Latent Re-entry (cont'd)

The latent re-entry with the markings visible in the bottom margin has been recognized for many years. Boggs devotes half a page of information to it (p.295) plus a full page photo of the stamp in the middle of a strip of three (p.296 fig.33). Robson Lowe and John Hillson also mention it.

However, surprisingly absent from all of the above is the second latent re-entry with the markings found in the upper margin. Hans Reiche in his 'Constant Plate Varieties of the Canada Small Queens' is the only reference I have found anywhere that includes this re-entry. (How Hillson could ignore this when preparing his recent booklet on the Small Queens, I do not know.) The latent of the first type is Reiche #2 and the second type is his #3. It is this re-entry that is the subject here.

Both are, in fact, greatly misplaced entries, similar to the 10¢ Decimal 'Double Epaulettes' variety and the 5¢ Edward that I discovered (TOPICS, Sept.-Oct. 1982, p.16-18). Some collectors and dealers, most recently R.Maresch & Son in their auctions, have erroneously assumed that these two stamps occurred together vertically on the plate and thus were the result of one misplaced entry. However, this is not the case. Both are separately occurring varieties that resulted from two misplaced entries on the plate. (Perhaps at the same time??) Hillson assigns the first type to the Ottawa Format Plate, Row 9, No.8 (position 88). The position of our subject, the second type, to my knowledge is not yet known. However, I have it on good authority that the first type is known in at least one block with no evidence of the second type in the position below it.

As you can see, our subject can be recognized by the marks in the upper margin, most predominant over the scroll work above 'ANAD' of CANADA. The shape of the marking above 'D' is quite distinctive. There are also marks above the right scroll above the 'T' of POSTAGE. A large constant dot is also found in the left centre margin.

Having seen some terribly centred copies of Small Queen stamps due to problems with perforating, a rather whimsical thought crossed my mind. Of course, considering the tremendous rarity of these stamps, the likelihood of this happening to those particular sheets containing the latents would be slim indeed, but, theoretically ---- What if the horizontal perforations were applied too high on the first type latent or too low on the second type? Then, indeed, the distinguishing marks of these re-entries could end up on the adjacent stamps! That is, the marks in the lower portion of the first type latent could end up at the top of the stamp below, and conversely, the marks in the upper portion of the second type latent could end up at the bottom of the stamp above. Unlikely, I will admit! But possible?? That would certainly be an interesting find, would it not?

Footnote: A pair of covers with copies of each of the latents recently sold in an R.Maresch & Son auction. The pair was given an estimated value of \$500+, and they realized \$350., a surprisingly low amount considering the scarcity of the stamps alone.

WANTED: RE-ENTRIES ON PRECANCELS. All kinds of re-entries on all kinds of precancels. Send material or description with asking prices.
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ON THE ADMIRAL FRONT...

*** Hugh Laurence reports finding a nice mint copy of the 10¢ blue in a BNAPS Sales Circuit with doubling of the bottom shading line, 'TS' of CENTS, and the '1' of the right 10.

*** Hans Reiche sent along two recent discoveries to show me and below are two mats with the main details. Both are on the 3¢ brown. The left one shows doubling only in the bottom portion, but it is the strongest doubling I have yet seen on this stamp. It's a real beauty! The right one shows a twisted re-entry with doubling mainly in the U.L. and L.R., although there is slight evidence of doubling in the other two corners as well.



*** Come on Admiral collectors! Let's keep this column a regular one.

SPECIAL ENCLOSURE #7

To help encourage the Admiral collectors out there to send in their reports, this issue's sheet of mats is of the Admiral Issue. I hope you will find it useful. (If I can squeeze it in without going 'over weight', I'll also enclose a sheet of the blank value Admiral.)

NOTE: If you find my "Special Enclosures" useful, be sure to 'check out' the article elsewhere in this issue for extra copies.

WANTED - ADMIRAL INFO - Regards to re-entries and retouches other than ones listed in Marler's book.
 JOHN F. LYNE, 302-7840 Lochside Dr., R.R.1, Saanichton, B.C.
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CATHLEEN JONES REPORTS TWO 1¢ NUMERALS

Cathleen Jones of Halifax N.S. reports finding two very nice 1¢ Numeral re-entries on covers. She also has copies of both off cover that she sent me to examine.

The first, as you can see, is a beautiful strong re-entry with doubling visible in much of CANADA POSTAGE, the two upper leaves (particularly clear in the right leaf), upper frameline, L.L. & L.R. spandrels and the LNB. Her copy of this off cover is in a pair and the misalignment of the two designs is quite apparent. Her copy on cover is dated APR.30,1903. Very nice!

The second is not quite as obvious with subtle little marks found throughout the design. This one looks to me like a 'double' re-entry --- one shifted up and the other shifted down. Her cover is dated MAY (23),1903 (the 23 is not clear).



Cathleen would like to know of any other member owning dated copies of these re-entries and whether the dates fall before or after hers.

Thanks very much for your report, Cathleen.

INTERESTING NEWS FROM HUGH LAURENCE

*** As we all know from Hugh's past contributions, he is deeply involved with the Numeral Issue. (Jan.-Feb.1983, July-Aug.1982.) Hugh notes from his study of the proof sheets in Ottawa that the Major re-entry on the 2¢ purple (Mar.-Apr.1983 p.10) could not be a fresh entry as it does not appear on the proofs.

*** Also, his article on the proofs indicated that plates 1,2,3 & 4 were used for the red printing as well. Therefore, unless repaired, it would seem that this same re-entry should be found in both colours. Does anyone have one in red??

*** Lately Hugh has been working through a large lot of the 5¢ Numeral! Not only has he found sufficient differences to organize them into various types, but he has also come up with some incredible re-entries that I, for one, have never seen nor heard of before. (Hugh recently dropped by for a visit and I had the chance to drool all over them!)

Hugh hopes to find time in his busy schedule (he has just become a lawyer) to work something up for the Newsletter. Numeral collectors

FURTHER THOUGHTS on a MASTER LIST of ALL KNOWN RE-ENTRIES

Following the last Newsletter in which I mentioned that I was disappointed in not receiving more responses to the above project, I received a long letter from friend and member Hans Reiche prompting me to take a more realistic approach to the whole matter.

Following are excerpts from Hans' letter to me and then excerpts from my response to him.

*** --- Should there be a book on all re-entries listing them all?

If one carefully analyzes the situation one is faced first with the question of how many re-entries would have to be listed which are now known. If you add up what you believe this number may be, you will find that about 3000 of them would have to be listed, starting with the Pence issue. What is misleading is that the handbooks do not cover all the re-entries, only the better types. Also, the Marler books cover only those which could be found on the proofs, not on the actual sheets. Take now, for example, the Admirals. On the 2¢ red in the left or right box there are about 80 different types all looking practically the same and often not clearly identifiable. How does one list or show these? The listing would be very confusing and most likely not serve any practical purpose. Even if such a listing is made, it would take considerable funds to produce these for any distribution or even sale. Who would buy it? I doubt if more than 10 people! Even with a simple Xerox --- 3000 pages --- boy !!! This is the reason why most members likely did not bother to answer your question. Young once tried to do this for the Admirals. TOPICS took one installment and that was the end. Cost was too prohibitive. ----***

*** --- I appreciate the time you took to give me your views and your point is extremely well-taken! I admit I tend to get over-zealous about some things and I realize the suggestion of a 'complete' list of ALL re-entries would be impossible, ideally speaking as well as practically speaking. However, I WAS hoping that by making such a suggestion that members might be tempted to report their more 'exotic' re-entries and hopefully some on issues that many (myself included) were not aware existed.

As you know, there are issues that seem to be totally lacking in re-entries ... at least in terms of general knowledge. It is certainly quite possible and probable that there are issues with no re-entries whatsoever. However, there are certainly some which exist but have yet to be published and brought to the attention of collectors. Your re-entry on #219 is a prime example of what I mean. I have never seen this reported anywhere before (except my Newsletter which does not reach many people), so how many collectors are even aware that such a re-entry exists in this issue so they can look for it? Mike (Sendbuehler) has also made mention of a major re-entry you discovered on #135, the 3¢ brown Confederation. Nowhere is this listed! THESE are the types of things I had hoped would 'come to light' by my suggestion. However, as you clearly indicate, I can understand how most people would be too overwhelmed at such a prospect to send in reports.

Thank you for helping me to put things into clearer perspective. I did not really intend to be able to list every single possible re-entry. I suppose I am really more interested in compiling a list of all issues on which re-entries do indeed exist and perhaps be able to give details or photos of the stronger, more interesting ones. I'll try and clarify this to the members in the next issue. Again, thank you!! Once again your vast experience and knowledge have been a great help to me! ----***

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FURTHER THOUGHTS (Cont'd)

As you can see, I have decided to 'wake up and smell the coffee' as it were. My proposed task really was an overwhelming one and I am therefore prepared to withdraw the proposal. Consider it done!

However, already with this issue we are starting to see the sort of thing I had really hoped for..... The two mats each from Hans and Cathleen are perfect examples of the type of sharing I had in mind. So how about the rest of you? How about sorting out a couple of your more 'exotic' items and reporting them for publication? If YOU wish to draw the mats (carefully, please) and submit them, great! If it is easier for you to send me the stamps and I'll draw them up, fine! I'm quite willing to do that. However, please limit your submissions to a few stamps at a time if you wish me to do the mats. It does take time. If you send in mats and your stamps are dated, it would be helpful if you included this information.

This could prove to be very interesting, could it not? After all, as I mentioned on page one of the very first Newsletter, one of the prime functions of our study group should be the exchange of information. This is certainly one way to do it.

(Please allow me a reasonable amount of time to make the mats and return your stamps. It IS time-consuming and I have found myself very short of time lately. Also, it would be much easier if you allow me to keep any mats you may submit - that way I can just glue them on to my original when preparing the Newsletter for copying. If you want your mats returned, then I will have to take time to make copies of them to use when I 'cut and paste' the Newsletter together.)

Well, this has been rather lengthy, but I feel we have cleared up some important concerns and that we are now headed in a more realistic direction. Thank you again Hans for your very meaningful input. I'm sure we shall all benefit from it.

MORE MATS ???

by R. Trimble

(Another service from your friendly, neighbourhood Editor.)

A number of members have complimented me (Thank You) on the photos I run in the Newsletters and many members have indicated that they really appreciate the 'Special Enclosures', i.e. the sheets of mats/photos that I try to include with each issue. As you are aware, the idea is that you can re-photocopy these as many times as you wish to cut up and use to illustrate your re-entries. (I find that an ultra fine tip red marker works best for me.)

However, depending on the equipment you may have available to you, you may have found that the photocopies I send you don't re-photocopy as well or as clearly as the 'original' photocopy. Therefore, I would be willing to supply any member with copies identical in quality to those I send you with the Newsletters. (They are not all that great, I know, but they are suitable for most people's purposes.) The cost will be 10¢ per page plus postage and handling. No huge requests, please.

NOTE: I do NOT intend to 'sell' these copies for personal profit!! I will not keep 1¢ of any money sent in for copies. Whatever is left over after I pay photocopy costs, postage and handling (Manilla envelopes, tape, etc.) will go into the group's funds.

NOTE: The copier I am presently using will soon be replaced by one that should give even better copies. I hope so anyway!

BNAPEX '84

I will not be able to attend the yearly convention in San Francisco this year, but in case there are some of you who are attending, the Re-entry Study Group has been allocated a meeting time of 1:30-2:30 on September 7th. I hope some of you will take this opportunity to get together. Should any member wish to take charge of this meeting or wish to make a presentation (slides, etc.), please let me know and I will publish the info next Newsletter. Thanks.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

I am extremely pleased to welcome five new members to our group.

- #34 John F. Lyne, 302-7840 Lochside Dr., R.R.1, Saanichton, B.C.
VOS 1M0
- #35 John C. Tannahill, c/o Montreal Engineering Co. Ltd., P.O.Box 309
KBY, Jakarta, Selatan, Indonesia (as of May 1,
1984 - formerly of Atikokan, Ontario).
- #36 Harry Voss, 320 Witney Ave. So., Saskatoon, Sask. S7M 3K5
- #37 Robert E. Gagnon, B.P. 284, Ste. Therese, P.Q. J7E 4J4
- #38 Don Fraser, 1183 Warsaw Ave., Winnipeg, Manitoba R3M 1C5
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TRIMBLE'S TREASURES

I had a little space left to fill, so I thought I'd show you a couple of my Beavers.



