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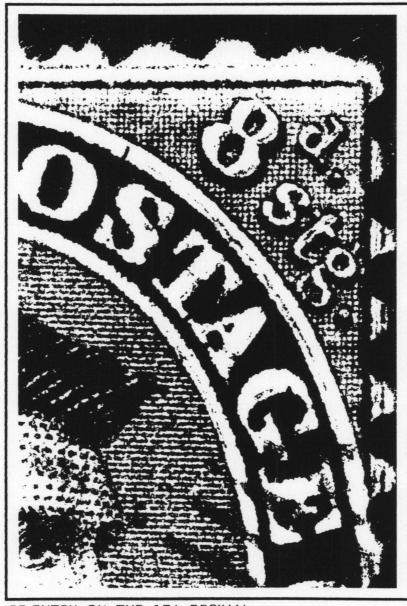
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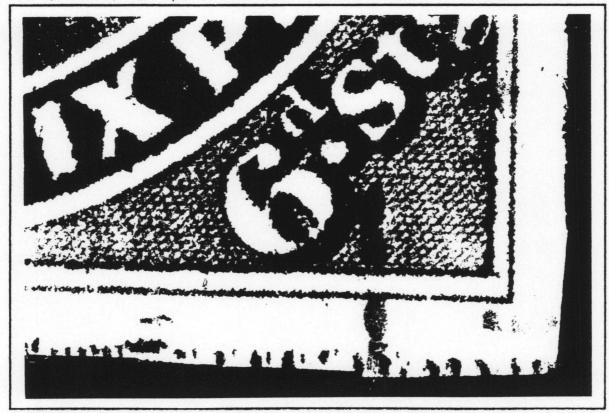
by R. Trimble

Steven Hosmer recently sent me an outstanding example of a Major Re-entry on the 17¢ Decimal that I have never seen nor heard of before. Above you see the U.R. corner of this stamp, showing evidence of a strong shift or twist upwards. Doubling is found in, above and below 'STAG', in '8d. stg.', and between the inner and outer right framelines (visible here only on the perfs). The details, I believe, are too sharp to be the result of a slip or kiss print, yet it is odd that such a re-entry would go undiscovered for so many years. However, after the re-entries I reported discovering on a proof sheet of the  $12\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ in Issue #62, I suppose anything is possible! §

ANOTHER PAIR OF RE-ENTERED IMPRINTS ON THE PENCE ISSUE by R. Trimble (Scott #12, 3d Perforated, Position #3 or #8, Pane 'A'?)



(Scott #9, 7½d Imperf., Position #25 — \*Photo is turned - should be vertical.)



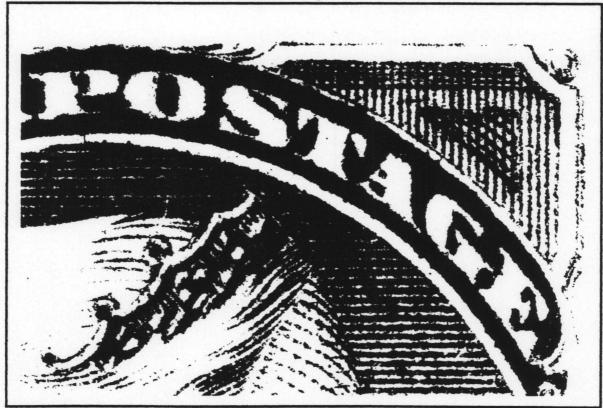
The last Re-entered Imprint I showed you was the documented one on the 71-d in Issues 58 & 62. Above are two that I have not seen listed anywhere else. The 71-d photo is turned to save space, and its plate position was determined by the position of the imprint in relation to the design. §

ANOTHER 5¢ S.Q. MAJOR RE-ENTRY — Plate 1, Position #18/200 by R. Trimble

(U.L. - Note doubling in 'CANADA P' & ball in corner.)



(U.R. - Note doubling in 'POSTAGE'.)



Here we have another strong/major re-entry on the 5¢ S.Q. This, I believe, is Reiche and Sendbuehler's #5–17. It has since been identified by me as Plate 1, Position #18, (Cont'd)

ANOTHER 5¢ S.Q. MAJOR RE-ENTRY (Cont'd)

by R. Trimble

(L.L. - Note doubling in '5' and inner & outer framelines.)

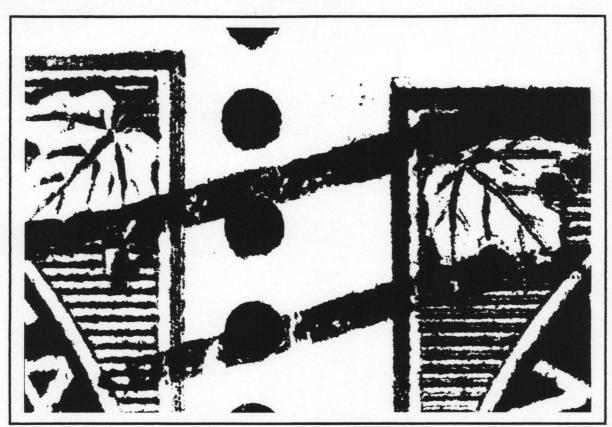


(L.R. - Note doubling of inner & outer right framelines & corner ball.)

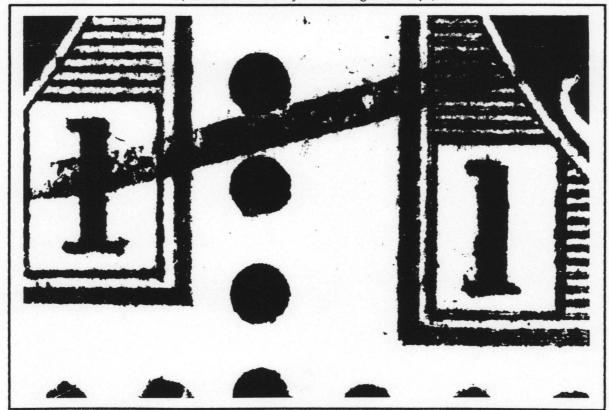


on the Plate of 200 from 1889. This is the same plate that contains THE Major Re-entry in Position #196 that I showed you in Issue #56. Thanks to Bill Simpson for his position pieces. §

## MISALIGNMENT OF TRANSFERRED IMPRESSIONS



(Note the re-entry on the right stamp.)



In our many discussions of misplaced entries over the years, some collectors have found it difficult to believe that the siderographer could be 'so far off' in his alignment of subjects. Above is a prime example of a pair of 1¢ Numerals showing a significant displacement between them. §

THE SECOND NICEST MAP STAMP MAJOR RE-ENTRY - 1A89

by R. Trimble



My, it's been ages since I showed you anything in the Map Stamp, and here we have something two issues in a row! Well, this article was prompted by seeing an ad in a dealer's catalogue recently for a vertical pair of Maps, the upper one showing a "minor re-entry". There was a photo of the pair, and a closer examination revealed to me that this was not at all a "minor" re-entry, but indeed what I personally consider to be the Major Map re-entry that is second only to THE Major from 5B91. (See Issue #16, p.1 for a photo of that classic.)

The stamp I am referring to is 1A89 - that is, Plate 1, Red Plate 'A', Position 89. Above you see the delightful doubling in 'CANADA', showing a strong shift to the left, being particularly noticeable in the centres of the first two A's. All of the letters show doubling, but the 'pairs of triangles' in the A's is especially pleasing to my eye. Doubling is found over much of the entire design: in 'POSTAGE'; both numeral boxes and 2's; and of the surrounding cable. The left side of the cable is particularly clearly doubled into the margin.

The 'clincher', however, for the identification of this plate position is found in the red island group in the centre of the Pacific Ocean. Island #3 in the 'square' of islands is completely missing and is the sure-fire confirmation of this position. Interestingly, the above advertised pair was a vertical pair, and the stamp below it, Position #99, is known to have a very tiny red island #3, compared to the size of the other islands in the group. I own a similar vertical pair, and examination of the dealer's photo indeed showed a very tiny red island #3. Identification confirmed!

This is the sort of 'detective work' that we re-entry collectors have to do if we are going to find the 'bargains' out there. There are plenty of fabulous re-entries being sold either as 'normal' stamps, or as 'minor' re-entries. We just have to be diligent in our searching. One person's 'minor' is another's 'major'!

Happy hunting! §

## SOME COMMENTS ON

## "WHERE ARE ALL THE ADMIRAL RE-ENTRIES?"

by Randall Van Someren

(I received the following comments from member Randy Van Someren after my article in the last newsletter. It's SO nice to receive some feedback or responses to articles for a change! R.T.)

Your article on the Admiral re-entries got me to wondering too ... where are they all? So, I got out Marler's book and did some figuring. In your article, you seem to say or imply that there are lots of Admiral re-entries "roaming around out there" waiting to be discovered by a re-entry collector. I set out to determine just how many re-entries there actually were and/or just how many stamps one had to search through on the average in order to find a re-entry. I came up with some figures, but until someone can come up with an estimate of what percentage of the total issue survived, I don't think we'll get any closer to answering your question. I do think, however, that my figures prove that re-entries on the 2¢ red Admiral (and from there to all Admirals) are not as common as would first appear by looking at Marler's book.

Marler says that 3,043,500,000 2¢ red Admirals were printed. It took 160 plates of 400 subjects each. That makes 64,000 different plate positions! Now, Marler lists about 285 reentries on the 2¢ red between pages 227–292. So, 285 out of 64,000 works out to 0.0044531% which would have re-entries which are "sufficiently significant to list" (Marler's words). Or, to put it another way: 1 out of every 224.5 stamps. Or, still another way: 4.45 out of every 1000 stamps. Certainly not a lot of the stamps would have re-entries. Incidentally, out of the 2500 1¢–3¢ Admirals I recently went through, I found 11 re-entries (not counting the questionable ones). At the same ratio for the 2¢ reds (4.45 per 1000), I would be expected to find 11.125 in 2500. So, perhaps this ratio is somewhat constant in the low value Admirals. More research is necessary here. Marler also says that to print 3,043,500,000 stamps, an average of about 47,500 impressions would be needed for each plate. He also says (for the 1¢ green) that the number of impressions varies from 15,000 to about 150,000, with an average of 47,500 (again). It would be interesting to estimate what percentage of the 2¢ reds survived. From that it would be possible to estimate the number of re-entries that survived.

It is tempting to compare the average of 47,500 with stamps that were issued in numbers of about 50,000 — such as the high value Caribou stamps of Newfoundland. However, survival rate for these would be much higher since they are face different stamps, and collectors would have been after them right from the start. For another comparison, take the 20¢ Quebec Tercentenary stamp, Scott #103. If only 304,000 of them were issued, as several of my sources say, and if the re-entry was one out of 100, then only 3,040 of the major re-entries could exist. In spite of its high catalogue value, enough #103's survived so that anyone who wants to but one would probably have several to choose from at any stamp show. The re-entry regularly comes up for sale too. I believe that at \$225 and \$600 these stamps are way over-valued. Compare them to Newfoundland #128, of which only 3,000 were printed. Its catalogue value is \$300. So much for the theory that supply and demand determine prices.

Another interesting question would be how many collectors are there out there really interested in obtaining re-entries? Such a collector would probably be fairly specialized already, and likely to be a BNAPS member. We have 55-60 in our study group. (Actually, 79, as of the time of this issue. R.T.) Suppose there are 100 more worldwide who would be interested in reentries too. That still is a pretty small number. Maybe the theory of supply and demand works, and in this case there is no demand! I don't know.

What is the point of all this? I'm not sure. Except that perhaps re-entries are scarcer on Admirals than it may first seem when one looks through Marler's book. Out of the 600 or so 2¢ Edwards I looked through, I found 37 re-entries and 11 re-entries on booklet stamps. That seems like much more. But then my lot may not have been a representative sample, since the latest date was 1908. Food for thought, I guess.

(Thanks, Randy! You've made some good points. Anyone else wish to comment? R.T.) §

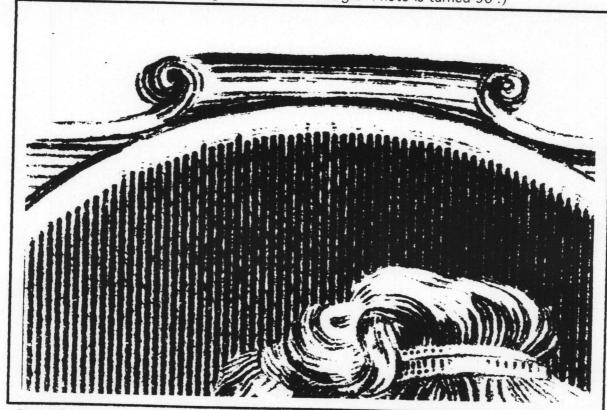
# A RE-ENTRY ON THE 2¢ CANADA POST CARD UX4

by R. Trimble

(Note doubling of the upper framelines.)



(Note doubling of left side of design. \*Photo is turned  $90^{\circ}$ .)



Our Postal Stationery expert, Steven Whitcombe, sent me the above 2¢ 'Universal Postal Union' Canada Post Card, Scott #UX4, Plate 2, Subject #7, second state, showing a re-entry of the stamp design. §

## THE BUSINESS SIDE

#### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

It is once again my most unpleasant duty to report the passing of another of our members, Mr. Gene W. Frampton of Seattle. Gene was one of our earliest supporters, joining the group in 1982. He was member #18. On behalf of the group, I would like to extend our sincerest sympathies to Gene's family.

I would like to welcome FIVE new members to the group:

- #94 William F. Fisher, Bryan, Texas, U.S.A.
- #95 Ian R. Bett, Willowdale, Ontario
- #96 Robert A. Blake, Riverview, New Brunswick
- #97 John D. Elves, Red Deer, Alberta
- #98 William Coates, Dundas, Ontario

#### SORRY THIS ISSUE IS LATE!

My apologies for this issue being so very late! — It should have been out by around the end of March, rather than May, but due to ill health, as well as some 'alterations' to my computer set-up, I am running rather late in keeping to my normal schedule. Sorry about that!

## 'MEDAL ANNOUNCEMENTS - HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THEM???' • RESULTS

In a nutshell, the response from the membership to the above question that I posed in the last issue was OVERWHELMINGLY IN FAVOUR of my continuing to announce whatever awards our Newsletter may win in future Philatelic Literature Exhibitions!! I must admit that I myself was rather surprised by the number of responses I received, AND by how STRONGLY some of you expressed yourselves on this matter! Thanks to all of you who wrote to express your opinions and for your very hardy support! I'm pleased that you're pleased by these reports, and from your many comments, rest assured that I WILL continue to share any results with you here!

As an aside, I can't recall any other question that has been put to the membership over the years receiving such a heavy response as the above! I can't help but wish that more of you would take the time to write and express yourselves about other things when requested, particularly in stamp-related matters. — Questions, Comments, Suggestions for Articles, Responses to Articles, Reports, etc., etc., are ALL appreciated. PLEASE try to take an active part in our group's workings. And thanks again to all those of you who took the time to respond.

## SENDING STAMPS FOR ME TO EXAMINE - A POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE

Many of you don't hesitate to ship me packets of stamps to examine that you have acquired, and I always enjoy seeing the kinds of things members are finding. There are times, however, when a member will write to tell me about a 'find', but they quite understandably are hesitant to trust their stamps to the mails. One idea for a possible solution to this predicament recently came to me when I was examining some enlarged photocopies that John Jamieson had sent me of a Major Re-entry he has on the 10d blue. The stamp was in a block of four and the enlargement on the photocopy was so great that the block filled almost an entire page. There was an even larger 'close-up' on which the re-entered stamp filled almost the entire page! This may even have been an enlarged photocopy of the originally enlarged photocopy. The details were surprisingly clear! So, if you are hesitant to send me a stamp, but you have access to some of the new 'hi-tech' photocopy equipment out there (in malls, Business Depot, print shops, etc.), why not try enlarged photocopies??? Even if all the details don't show up, at least I'll have some idea of what you are describing in your letter.

#### E-MAIL

I know a number of you out there have computers and if any of you also have modems and have access to the INTERNET through Compuserve, or some such service, please feel free to drop me a line. I'd be happy to receive electronic mail from any of you! My INTERNET ADDRESS is:

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(Note that that is an 'underscore' between my first and last name.)