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105a	1c Yellow (4) 2.25	217a lc Green (4)
105b	1c Yellow (6) 1.00	217b 1c Green (6)
106a	2c Carmine (6)	
107Ь	2c Green (4) 2.25	218a 2c Brown (4) 15.00
		218b 2c Brown (6) 1.00
107c	2c Green (6) 35.00	219a 3c Carmine (4) 1.50
108Ь	3c Brown (4) 5.00	
109a	3c Carmine (4) 1.25	
149a	1c Orange (6)	231b 1c Green (6)
150a	2c Green (6) 1.00	232a 2c Brown (4)
153a	5c Violet (6) 6.50	232b 2c Brown (6)
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163c	lc Green (6) 2.25	249a lc Green (4)
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165b	2c Carmine (6) 1.00	249c 1c Green (3)
166a	2c Brown (4) 10.00	250a 2c Brown (4)
166c	2c Brown (6) 1.50	250b 2c Brown (6)
167a	3c Carmine (4) 3.00	251a 3c Carmine (4)
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	1c Green (4) 9.00	
195Ь	1c Green (6)	251c 3c Mauve (3)
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NEWFOUNDLAND PROVISIONAL, 2c on 30c

After a seven year hiatus, a provisional appears again in Newfoundland, a worthy companion to the 1897, 1920, and 1929, and 1939 provisionals. While it is still too early to know all the fact regarding this latest issue, the following information is at hand:

Due to a shortage of 2c stamps, the 30c Memorial College stamp was overprinted TWO CENTS to serve as local postage. It was overprinted in sheets of 50, and as far as is known at present, both the right and left hand panes were overprinted. No errors have come to light as yet, though a study of the sheet will clearly show that stamp #26 boasts a broken T. While the settings are fairly consistent, the specialist can easily manage to discern varieties if he is so minded.

The provisional was publicized in advance in the Newfoundland press and a great crowd was at St. Johns' post office on March 21, 1946, the first day of sale. Mr. E. H. Hiscock, #234, writes to say that the issue was virtually bought out that day, and that from then on, until April 1, 1946, the Postal Authorities refused to sell any mint stamps over the counter but required that the letter be handed in to have the stamp affixed to it. He adds that the arrival of the 2c stamp and the subsequent withdrawal of the provisionals on April 1, 1946 were publicized in the Newfoundland press. Since no information is available to the contrary, it is assumed that these provisionals were available only at St. Johns. We know from Mr. H. E. Wyatt, #205, that as late as March 27th the provisional was not available at any post office in Heart's Content.

Charles F. Foster, #184, volunteers the information that 500,000 of the provisionals were issued, most of which were corraled by a number of local speculators. He adds that very few were legitimately used as postage, and that great quantities of the stamp are being offered to Canadian dealers at 10c per stamp.

If my memory serves me right, there is a rumor around that the overprint was tried on the current 5c stamp but was abandoned because it was not sufficiently clear. Where are these essays?

What are the odds that the ubiquitous invert will rear its ugly head one of these days?

WILLIAM S. MEYERSON, #11

ANNOUNCING BOND ON CANADIAN POSTAL STATIONERY

I have finally completed the catalogue of Canadian Postal Stationery on which I have been working for more than four years. This catalogue lists and prices all proven varieties of Canadian post cards, letter cards, envelopes, wrappers and post bands issued by the Post Office Department for general use. In addition there are supp'ements on Official pictorial post cards, railway pictorial post cards, Dead Letter Office seals, International Reply coupons, postaal note stamps and kindred items not commonly catalogued.

The manuscript of this catalogue which I honestly believe to be the most comp'ete and accurate ever compiled—is ready for printing. Issued as a private venture, its publication represents a considerable expenditure, wherefore I should like to assure myself of a market for the book before giving the printer the "go ahead" sign.

It is estimated that the catalogue, issued in an attractive hard binding and copiously illustrated, must retail at approximately \$2.00 per copy. I am therefore bringing the query squarely to you, the collecting public. Is such a catalogue worth that much to you? If so, I should appreciate receiving your firm order for a copy of the volume, to be delivered when off the press—probably this summer.

Please send no money now! A post card expressing your willingness to buy a copy when available will give me a key as to the volume's sales potentialities. If a sufficient number of favorable responses are forthcoming, the book will appear. If not, publication will be cancelled. In either case, an announcement of my decision will be made in these pages.

It's up to you. I love laboring in the vineyard of philately—but I can't afford to go broke riding my hobby. So if you want this catalogue, drop a post card to:

NELSON S. BOND

Willow Road Grove Park

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In his column of April 1946 (Bringing News About People and Stamps), the Reverend Bain notes that I would have published some important and enlightening information about the Manitoba Law Stamps.

Mr. I. Pitblado of Winnipeg, Canada, is recognized and accepted as one of the best informed collectors of these stamps. I had occasion to communicate with him regarding the availability of certain varieties of these stamps which have escaped my album pages for many years. To explain away my problem, Mr. Pitblado replied with the following revealing information, and in consideration of a later request, graciously permitted that I have published the advices he so kindly provided.

(Numbers According to Marks)

Einer Pro	VISIONAL ISSUE:	10 110, 110,
	10c signed "E.W. Romans"	Know of only 1 other copy.
2150 250	20c signed "E.W. Romans"	Know of no duplicates.
	25c signed "E.W. Romans"	Know of only 5 copies.
	ovisional Issue:	Know of only 5 copies.
	25c Initialed "D.C."	Know of only 3 copies.
		Know of only 5 copies. Know of no duplicates.
	25c Initialed "E.W.R." & "D.C."	
	25c without signature	Know of only 3 copies
	VISIONAL ISSUE:	T
M 27	50c rubber stamped "C.F."	Know of no duplicates.
	20c Rubber stamped "L.S."	Know of only 1 other copy
M 31	50c rubber stamped "L.S."	Know of only 2 other copies.
M 32	\$1 rubber stamped "L.S."	Know of no duplicates.
M 33	10c "L.S." in indelible pencil	Know of only 1 other copy.
	50c "C.F." in indelible pencil	Know of only 1 other copy.
	ROVISIONAL ISSUE:	
	50c "C.F".' in ink on M 1	Know of no duplicates
M 36	20c small rubber stamp "C.F." on M 2	Do not believe it exists.
FIFTH PRO	VISIONAL ISSUE:	
M 38	50c "C.F." in ink on M 1	Know of no duplicates
SIXTH PRO	VISIONAL ISSUE:	
	20c large rubber stamp "C.F." on M 2	Know of no duplicates.
1886 B.F.	on L.S.:	and it of the autitions
	10c o'print reading 'up'	Do not believe it exists.
	20c o'print reading 'up' or 'down'	Very rare (don't think it exists 'down')
M 50	50c o'print reading 'up' or 'down'	Very rare (don't think it exists 'up')
	\$2 o'print reading 'up' or 'down'	Very rare (don't think it exists 'down')
1886 B.F.		very rare (don't think it exists down)
	50c o'print reading 'up'	Very rare.
	\$2 o'print reading 'up'	Very rare.
1889 BF	ONLY IN RED:	very rare.
	10c o'print reading 'up'	Rare.
	25c o'print reading 'up'	Rare.
1886 J.F.		naie.
	20c o'print reading 'down'	Vour woun
		Very rare.
	50c o'print reading 'up'	Do not believe it exists.
M 72	\$2 o'print reading 'down'	Do not believe it exists.
	F. on C.F.:	No.
	10c o'print reading 'up'	Very rare.
M 76	50c o'print reading 'up'	Rare.
	\$1 o'print reading 'up'	Rare.
M 78	\$2 o'print reading 'up'	Rare.
1892 J.F.	ONLY IN RED OR PURPLE:	
	25c in red reading 'down'	Very rare.

J. LEVINE

ARE YOU A DEALER who wouldn't mind a larger clientele?

25c o'print in purple

50c o'print in purple

M 85

M 86

ARE YOU AN AUCTIONEER who wouldn't mind more buyers for your sales?

ARE YOU A WHOLESALER who wouldn't mind more sources of supply and sales?

ARE YOU A COLLECTOR who wouldn't mind getting items that seem hard to find?

Very rare.

Very rare.

Bringing News About People and Stamps

By REV. JOHN S. BAIN

We have all received the BNAPS 1946 Year Book by now, and I'm sure we are all proud of it. To one man especially goes the credit for editing, composition, make-up, etc. Long hours of faithful work were put in for the BNAPS by Dick Hedley to make the book possible. You have done a swell job Dick, and I know from comments that the members appreciate it.

BNAPS

I made a bad guess in last month's column about the printing on the membership cards 'Ye Editor', Jack Levine, is the one responsible for the nice job.

BNAPS

While on the subject of the Year Look, it is the duty of this columnist to report to the Board of Governors that they have a serious problem on their hands over the publication of the photographs of the officers of the Society. What was done as a serious contribution to philately has turned into a 'heart throb'. Walt H.1. mann has been designated as "My Philatelic Fancy". Take another look at that picture boys. Eh? What did I tell you!

BNAPS

Harmer Rooke & Co. advise that they can supply photographs of the Canada proof sheets sold at their sale of February 19th at \$11 the set. Those interested can write directly to them.

BNAPS

Met some of the members of BNAPS at my old club, the Windsor Stamp Collectors, Windsor, Canada. A special meeting was held and a sound film from the Post Office Department showing the delivery of mail by dog-sled, plane, buggy, etc. was part of the program. Mr. R. C. Hunter of Detroit, Michigan, BNAPS #44, gave a fine talk on the complete booklets of Canada, and showed his highly specialized collection of them. Also in attendance was Henry Gates, BNAPS #114, a keen collector of early Canada, imperfs, Small Queens. It broke my heart to turn down an invitation to spend a philatelic week-end with him. Another time, Henry. We renewed friendship with Ivan DeLisle, BNAPS #144, a contributor to BNA Topics and a specialist in Canada stampless covers and postal history.

Since this column has been almost devoted to the BNAPS, let me add a further note. Why can we not have more BNAPS chapters throughout the States and Canada? I am calling especially the following: Detroit and Windsor. This should prove ideal. Next, Toronto and Montreal. Last but not least, Chicago. Organize a chapter, use *Topics* for your articles on research and new discoveries. Write to this scribe, % the Editor, and we will attempt to bring your opinions, questions, criticism, etc. before others who are interested in the BNAPS field.

BNAPS

Criticism: This writer was asked why "Click" does not use his own name when writing for a club magazine. Certain members think he should. However, I'll ask "Click" to give his own answer. some of us have a good idea who he is. (Ed. Note—For many sound reasons important to himself and recognized by the Editor as necessary considerations so that he contribute to this magazine. "Click" must use a 'nom-de-plume' as his by-line to articles. The Scott Publications, target of his "Grate Scott!" series, know who he is, have seen the entire series, and are reviewing the suggestions offered.)

BNAPS

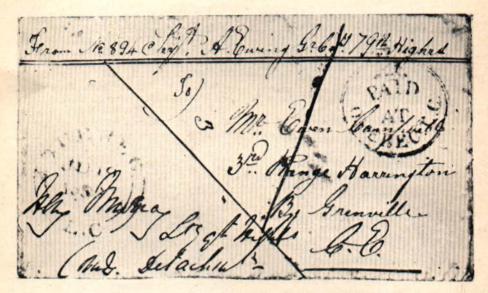
Latest word has it that F. Walter Pollock may do a column on B.N.A. which will appear regularly in the *Western Stamp Collector*.

BNAPS

As I read the historical sketch of the BNAPS on page 3 of the Year Book, I thought what a great satisfaction must belong to Jack Levine to see the organization grow and take its place among the finest specialist groups in existence today. A 12 penny black to our BNAPS #1, Jack Levine! This column suggests that the Board of Governors take steps to confer on Jack Levine an honorary life-time membership in recognition of his founding the British North America Philatelic Society, and thereby making a valuable contribution to philately in general.

INFORMATION PLEASE!

CANADIAN SOLDIERS' LETTERS 1795 то 1885



In 1795, Great Britain passed an Act of Parliament authorizing the transmission of Soldiers' and Sailors' letters at the rate of 1d each, provided the letter did not exceed 1/2 oz. in weight; regardless of the location of the troops or ship. Commissioned officers paid full rates.

I am calling on all B.N.A. collectors to list in detail any such Canadian covers (including those from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island) in their possession. I would appreciate photographs or photostats (where possible) of the face of the covers. Full details of the covers reported will be published in BNA TOPICS.

IAN C. MORGAN, 1455 Union Ave., Montreal, Canada

These covers can be divided into two main groups and each group sub-divided as follows:

GROUP A. Stampless Covers.

(a) From Imperial troops stationed in Canada and usually addressed to points in Great Britain or Ireland.

(b) Local troops raised in Canada. These would apply particularly to the War of 1812-1814 and the troubles of 1837.

GROUP B. Covers prepaid by postage stamps. 1858-1885.

(For illustration see Vol. 2, No. 1.)

(a) 1858 Prepaid by copies of 1/2d Rose.

1858-1868 Prepaid by copies of 1c Rose or 2c Rose. (b)

1868-1870 Prepaid by copies of 1c or 2c. (c)

1870-1885 Prepaid by copies of the 1c yellow or 2c green. This (d) sub-group includes the covers from the North West Rebellion, the last occasion of the use of the 2c rate in Canada.

REPORT OF COVERS SEEN TO DATE:

6th July 1854. From Quebec, L. C., to England. 71st Regiment. GROUP A. (a) Red cancellation "Id PAID AT QUEBEC" in circle and "PAID-QUEBEC.LC" (I. C. Morgan Collection)

21 Nov. 1853 From Halifax, N. S. to England. 76th Regiment.

Cancellation in red, not clear. (Morgan Collection) (Illus. above)
19 June 1850 From Quebec, LC to Grenville, LC. 79th Regiment.
Red cancellation "QUEBEC, LC" and crown circle "PAID AT QUE-(b) BEC" (Morgan Collection)

12 Feb 1842 From Toronto, UC to Vittoria, UC. 93rd Highlanders. (b) Black cancellation "PAID" and "TORONTO, UC" (Morgan Collection)

GROUP B. (b) 21 Jan 1865 From Niagara, CW to Barrie, CW. No. 6 Com 2nd Adm Batt. Prepaid by two copies of the 1c (Illustrated Vol. 2, No. 1.)

(Barraclough Collection)

21 Dec 1865 From Windsor, CW to Hamiton, CW. Service Com, (b) Windsor. Prepaid by 2c Rose. (Illustrated Vol. 2, No. 1) (V. G. Greene Collection)

24 Nov 1865 From Windsor, CW to Hamilton, CW. No. 1 Com, Windsor. Prepaid by 2c Rose. (Morgan Collection) 12 Aug 1864 From Quebeck, CE to Dublin, Ireland. 13th Com, (b)

(b) Royal Engineers. Prepaid by pair 1c Rose. (Morgan Collection) 1 May 1866 From Wardsville, CW to Sarnia, CW (Wardsville Mili-(b)

tia) Prepaid by pair 1c Rose (Morgan Collection)

25 May 1885 From Saskatchewan Landing, N.W.T. to Halifax, N. S. Halifax Battalion. Prepaid by 2c green. Cancelled at Winnipeg, Man. This is a N.W. Rebellion cover. (Morgan Collection)

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By R. J. DUNCAN

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GRATE SCOTT!

By "CLICK"

(Part 5)

Click has little criticism to offer, in this discussion of Scott's catalogue listing of Canada, on the coil stamps of the First King Ceorge V type. His purpose is neither to comment on prices (save where radically erroneous) or suggest the addition of subvarieties of interest only to specialists. For this reason, with very minor alterations, the listings now numbered from #123 to 124 may be made satisfactory to the average collector.

It is recommended that inasmuch as these coils duplicate their sheet stamp brothers in running a rainbow of hues, Scott drop such modifying adjectives as "dark" on the 1c green coil stamps, and "yellow" on the 2c green. As any specialist can testify, these coils range from pale yellow-green to and including dark blue-green shades. However, unlike the similar sheet stamps, no tremendous variation in value accrues to early shades, wherefore a simple listing of "123, 125 and 131 as "green", and 128 and 133 also as "green" would make this section satisfactory.

A strenuous contradiction is offered, however, to the footnote beneath #130—a footnote, with important bearing on #s 126a, 128a and 130a. This footnote, in its present form, is only a half-truth. Peing so, it is also half false.

This note reads: "Nos. 126a, 128a and 130a were supplied to the Postal Agency in sheets. They exist on thick and thin paper."

Unfortunately, this is not altogether true. Actually, an extremely limited supply of the early perf 8 coil printing of the three stamps involved escaped the vigilance of the postal authorities, and reached the public in unsevered form: which is to say, in part perforated sheets. The Government ever on the alert against such mishaps, attempted to break up an incipient corner on these rarities by reissuing the errant denominations in quantity. However, the reprinted #s 126a and 128a can be told from the first emissions in a number of ways, while the plate for #130a was no longer available—for which reason there was no reissue of 3c part perf sheets. Thus the footnote errs in two respects: (a) #130a was not supplied to the Postal Agency in sheets, and (b) #130a does not exist on both thick and thin papers.

Dealers can verify the fact that Canadian specialists willingly pay good prices the early (i.e. "thick paper") varieties. This being the case, Click believes room should be made for these in the catalogue listings, and suggests (in accordance with his principle of never offering anything but constructive criticism) the following revisions to this section.

First—A rewording of the footnote to greater accuracy. Second, sublistings as below:

126	A43	1c yellow ('24)	.03	.03
		a. Vert. pair, imperf		
		between, thin paper	.50	
		b. Vert. pair, imperf		
		between, thick paper	5.00	
128	A43	2c green ('24)		
		a. Vert. pair, imperf		
		between, thin paper	.20	.03
		b. Vert. pair, imperf		
		between, thick paper	5.00	
130	A43	3c carmine	.45	.12
		a. Vert. pair, imperf		
		between thick paper	20.00	

Click privately believes the suggested values for the newly added #s 126b and 128b to be too low but they are (for the benefit of Scott) the current market quotations. Let these rarities once be given catalogue recognition and in no time flat their true worth will be realized; their values will rise to match that of #130a.

On the surcharged types #139 and 140, Click would be happy to see the sub-varities eliminated from Scott's Encyclopedia of Philately. All of these have a definitely piscine odor. The very fact that they cannot be valued in used condition is evidence of their—shall we say "erratic"?—origin. It is a trifle inconsistent to merely footnote the existence of numerous inperforates down the years, then assign sub-variety numbers to printer's waste material which got into the open market.

The tagline, "INSCRIPTION IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH" preceding #s 141-5 is just about the silliest way of wasting space Click has yet encountered in his pilgrimage through

Scott's Canada section. To begin with, the fact is obvious. Furthermore, it is inconsistent to bother noting it when the same thing was true of the earlier Quebec Tercentary issue. Click assumes it is intended to point out that at this period the bilingual principle was adopted definitely and finally—but he'll be darned if he can see what difference this makes in a catalogue avowedly prepared for non-specialists. Click recommends that Scott save a line or two of space by dropping this useless slug.

No demurrer on the 1928-9 Issue save to comment in passing that the title-writers at One West 47th Street alternately display an excess and a lack of imagination. Cut A47 is labeled "Parliament Building at Ottawa"; another similar design, A58, becomes plain, "Parliament Building." Scott might interpolate here a note that beginning with this issue, the Dominion of Canada adopted a general policy of "recognizing" its constituent provinces on the higher value stamps of each set. Thus, in the 1928-9 issue we have the 10c value dipping the head in deference to the Mountain provinces (B.C. and Alberta), the 12c honoring Quebec, the 20c recognizing the Prairie provinces (Saskatchewan, Manitoba), and the 50c obliging the Maritime provinces (N.B., N. S. and P.E.I.) and the highest \$1 value waving cheerful greetings to Ontario. The same principle may be observed in subsequent complete issues, up to the time of the specially prepared War Effort designs.

The analysis of Die I and Die II differences in the Arch Issue write-up is deplorable. A case-hardened veteran now, Click can separate Die I and II with a flip of the tongs. But his memory is long enough to recall those fretful days when he strained his eyesight seeking the "small dot in P" and "six or (seven) lines between E of POSTAGE..." offered by Scott as the determining points of these dies.

The truth of the matter is that of the three points offered, only the first is absolutely correct. The "crescent in ball" differentiation exists; the others are highly disputable. It would take a sub-electronic microscope to see any differences in size between the "dot of color in P" in Dies I and II of the 1c denomination, and this same lens would be needed to count a different number of lines below the E of POSTAGE in the 2c denomination.

Click recommends that this section be rewritten for the sake of brevity, clarity and accuracy. Let the "crescent in ball" description remain, then point out that in Die II (if, indeed, we must have more than one differentiating point!) additional lines have been added to numerous parts of the stamp design; notably the beard, and the upper right hand leaf. While it is true that the beard lines do not show up too strongly on the 1c denomination, there is such a striking difference in the 2c that the specialists often refer to these dies as the "white beard" and "dark beard" varieties. Click feels confident these two points will suffice the average collector in his attempt to separate the dies.

A still more grevious pair of errors occurs in the listing of this issue. These errors are painful because they are errors of omission—and when a catalogue purporting to establish true values "omits" an important variety worth at least twenty times the listed variety, someone is going to get it in the neck! This someone is, nine times out of ten, the innocent collector!

#164a—the booklet pane of six, 2c dull (it says here!) green. Incidentally, this green is dull like a razor! Click would like to see what Scott calls "sharp" green. But let it pass. We cant stop to query every "deep", "dull" and "bright" adjective in the book.

This booklet pane comes in "brown" and "white" gums. Okay—forget it! We don't expect Scott to list the color of the goo on our stamps. This pane also comes in a wild variety of "experimental" forms, to wit: perfed down right end; extra row of perfs down left end; pane centered with tab at each end—forget it again! We don't expect Scott to list a stamp manufacturer's experiments.

But this booklet comes in *flat press* and in *rotary press* printings—and this, brothers, we *cannot* afford to forget or overlook! Because the rotary pane is rare, and it is puh-lenty valuable! Therefore, Click recommends the inclusion of #164b—Booklet pane of 6, rotary press—with an initial catalogue listing of \$15.00.

And while we're talking about rotary press printings, let us also hasten to recommend the inclusion of #169a—the 5c violet rotary press sheet stamp, worth about double the flat press price.

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It might be well to point out that similar information pertaining to the perforations of this issue was offered by Jarrett in 1929 who, however, qualified his statement by noting "subject to revision as specialists study more material and report their findings."

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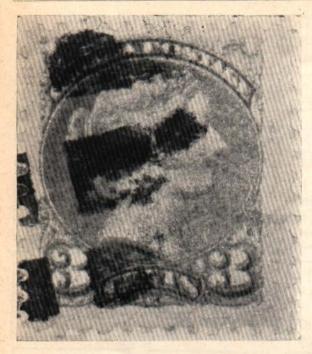
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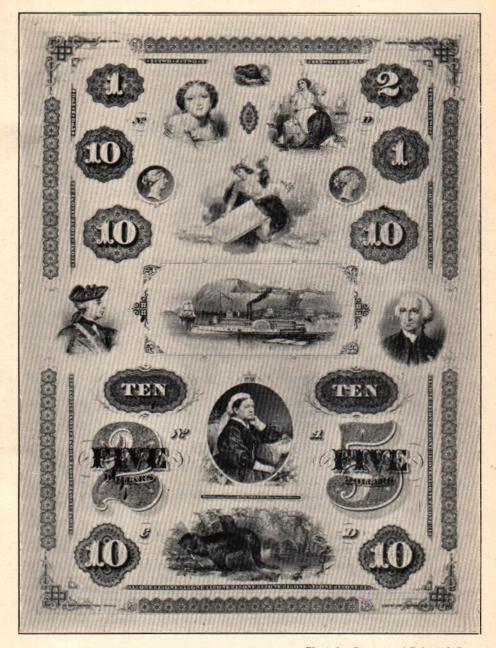


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