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The town of Lake Louise was originally known as Holt City and in 1883 Lord Strathcona changed the name to Laggan, after a village in Scotland. The cover above shows the Laggan town cancel, but no Holt City cancel is known to the writer. In 1916 the town name was changed to Lake Louise and covers after the change bear either Lake Louise or Chateau Lake Louise cancels.

Your BNAPEX-60 convention itinerary includes a trip to Louise and the neighboring Valley of the Ten Peaks. We doubt if you will find any Laggan cancels, but the view will make up for the disappointment. The days in Banff are warm and sunny, but the mountain air and glacier-fed lakes bring on chilly evenings, so don't forget to pack a warm coat or sweater for sightseeing comfort while you take your pictures.

# The Reply Coupons of Canada and Newfoundland 

## Part I-Introduction

$A^{N}$N EXAMINATION of the first 16 volumes of BNA TOPICS will disclose articles or notes on every possible phase of B.N.A. philately, with one exception: the Reply Coupons of Canada and Newfoundland. The purpose of this article is to attempt to fill this gap, and to bring these interesting varieties of postal stationery to the attention of the members of the Society.

Before the founding of the Universal Postal Union in 1874, the international mail service was in a state of chaos. The exchange of mails between the different countries of the world was based on separate agreements with each country, with no uniformity. Postage rates and weight units varied, not only between one country and another, but also within each individual country, according to the route used. The postage paid on each article was shared by the various postal administrations through which the article travelled, making for a very complicated accounting system. As the traffic increased, so did the confusion, until it was realized that only an entirely new system would bring order into chaos.

The Berne Congress of 1874 introduced the needed simplifications. It was agreed that the contracting parties would form a single postal territory for the exchange of mails, with a schedule of rates fixed within clearly defined limits. Each country was to keep the postage it collected, and was to settle with the other countries of the Union for their services on the basis of the weight of mails transported.

The resulting simplification in accounting procedures and generally lower rates led to a substantial increase in the volume of correspondence exchanged. It was not long before there were many demands for the introduction of a method by which a person could prepay the reply to a letter sent to another country. Sending a postage stamp would not do, for it could not be used to pay the postage on a letter mailed in a foreign country. The reply-paid postcard (carte postale avec réponse payée) was introduced, but did not fill the need completely. International reply stamps were suggested, but for a number of reasons were not ecceptable to the members of the Union. Of the many proposals that were made, that of Great Britain was adopted at the Rome Congress in 1906. International Reply Coupons were to be sold to the public by the different countries of the Union; these could be exchanged in any other country of the Union for a postage stamp that would pay the postage on a single weight letter to any country of the Union.

Prepared under the supervision of the International Bureau of the Universal Postal Union, these International Reply Coupons were made available to the various postal administrations at cost. (These coupons are the only postal values sold or redeemed throughout the world that are prepared by a single authority.) They are now sold in most of the countries of the world, the minimum selling price being regulated by the Universal Postal Union. The country that redeems them is reimbursed by the country that originally sold them under con-


FIGURE 1-CANADA INTERNATIONAL REPLY COUPON OF TYPE INT VII. The design on the front is typical of the Rome types. Type Int VII was prepared from Type Int VI by the addition of the overprint in red on the back of the coupon.
ditions laid down by the Convention in force.
(It is interesting to note that the idea of an International Reply Stamp was revived at the Congress held in Ottawa in 1957. The main reason is to eliminate the great deal of accounting that is involved in the redemption of the millions of coupons sold each year. It may well be that the International Reply Coupon will be abolished at the next Congress.)

The International Reply Coupon was an immediate success. In the 50 years since its introduction it has been issued by over 200 postal administrations; there are probably over 2,000 varieties available to collectors. Similar coupons have been issued by other groups of countries. In 1927 Imperial (now Commonwealth) Reply Coupons were issued for use within the British Commonwealth. The Postal Union of the Americas and Spain issued coupons in the period 1936 to 1956. Other types that have been introduced include: Japan-Manchuria (1936-1945), Jap-an-Ryukyu (1956 to date), French Colonial (1926 to date), Spain-Spanish Colonies (? to date), and the Arab Postal Union (1956 to date).

The collection of Reply Coupons has been much neglected. A preliminary catalogue of International and Imperial (Commonwealth) coupons was published serially in "L'Entier Postal"; the listings were based on the holdings of a small group of collectors in France. French Colonial coupons are listed in the sixth edition of the ACEP "Catalogue des Entiers Postaux de France . . . (1949)". On this continent a small but active specialist society, the Society of Reply Coupon Collectors, was organized in 1954. Although the membership stands only at 40 , the society issues a monthly bulletin, holds mail auctions three or four times a year, and, most important, has issued four catalogues, listing the coupons of the Postal Union of the Americas and Spain, Imperial and Commonwealth coupons, Japan-Manchuria coupons, and the French Colonial (French Postal Union) coupons. Work is beginning on a catalogue listing International coupons.

The collecting of Reply Coupons is a most interesting sideline. Many new items are discovered almost daily. 'Used Abroads' abound. In short, it is an almost unexplored field. True, coupons are hard to find, but this makes the 'chase' the more inter-
esting. If any member of BNAPS would like more information, drop a note to the author of this article at 4078 West 37th Ave., Vancouver 13, B.C., or to the secretary of the Society of Reply Coupon Collectors, Dr. Allan Hauck, 1640 North Monroe St., Fremont, Nebraska. We will be glad to help you.

## Part II-The International Reply Coupons of Canada and Newfoundland

Since the introduction of the International Reply Coupon in 1907 (about a year after the Berne Convention was signed), 18 different types have been issued, differing in some way in the design or inscription on the front or back of the coupons. These types fall into two main groups, differing in the design on the front of the coupons. Figure 1 shows the front and back of a coupon issued by Canada of Type Int VII, typical of the Rome design. Figure 2 is a reproduction of a Canadian coupon of Type Int XVIIn, typical of the design used since the London Congress of 1929.

The 18 types are different in many ways. Enough of these differences are tabulated in Table I to enable anyone to classify the coupons into the various types. A check list of the coupons issued by Canada and Newfoundland is presented in Table II. (It should be noted that many of the coupons issued by the various countries of the world have been revalued. The form of the revaluation varies considerably: revaluations by letterpress, rubber stamp, manuscript, cheque-writing machine or by the addition of a postage stamp, have all been used. Canada and Newfoundland have used only revaluation by manuscript.)

## Part III-The Imperial and Commonwealth Reply Coupons of Canada and Newfoundland

Two main designs have been used for the Reply Coupons used within the British Commonwealth. These may be divided into 12 different types, differing from each other in some detail of the design or watermark in the paper. Table III lists enough of these differences so that the coupons may be properly classified. Figure 3 shows the design of a Canadian coupon of the Type Imp III, and Figure 4 illustrates a coupon of Type Com XI.

A checklist of these coupons appears in Table IV.


Dieser Schein wird in allen Ländern des Weltpostvereins gegen ein oder mehrere Postwertzeichen im Gesamtwert der Gebühr für einen einfachen gewöhnlichen Auslandsbrief umgetauseht.
This coupon is exchangeable in any country of the Universal Postal Union for a postage stamp or postage stamps representing the amount of postage for an ordinary single-rate letter destined for a foreign country.


Este cupón podrá ser canjeado en todos los Paises de la Unión Postal Universal por uno o varios sellos postales que representen el importe del franqueo de una carta ordinaria de porte sercillo destinada al extranjero.
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FIGURE 2-CANADA INTERNATIONAL REPLY COUPON OF TYPE INT XVIn. Type Int XVIn differs from Type Int XVIu in that the period at the end of the English paragraph on the back is under the " n " of "amount"; in Type Int XVIu, the period is under the " u ".

TABLE I. ABBREVIATED TYPE CHART FOR INTERNATIONAL REPLY COUPONS


TABLE II. CHECK LIST OF THE INTERNATIONAL REPLY COUPONS OF CANADA AND NEWFOUNDLAND

| Type | Value | Probable Date of Issue |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| PART A: CANADA |  |  |
| I | 6 cents | 1907 |
| II | 6 cents | 1908 |
| VII | 9 cents | 1925 |
| VIII | 9 cents | 1926 |
| IX | 7 cents | 1930 |
| XI | 12 cents | 1937 |
| XII | 12 cents | 1939 |
| XIII | 12 cents | 1940 |
| XIV | 12 cents | 1941 |
| XV | 12 cents | 1948 |
| XVa | 12 cents | 1954 |
| XVIu | 12 cents | ? |
| XVIn* | 12 cents | ? |
| XVIn | 15 cents | April 1, 1959 |
| PART B: NEWFOUNDLAND |  |  |
| XIV | 12 cents | 1941 |

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FIGURE 3-CANADA IMPERIAL REPLY COUPON OF TYPE IMP III. Note the last line of the redemption paragraph reads "THE EMPIRE."


FIGURE 4-CANADA COMMONWEALTH REPLY COUPON OF TYPE COM XI. Note that the French inscription is a translation of the English inscription that appears on Type Com XII. This is typical of the many errors that are to be found on Reply Coupons of all kinds. There is nowhere near the same kind of care taken with Reply Coupons as in the printing of other postal values.

# TABLE III. ABBREVIATED TYPE CHART FOR IMPERIAL AND COMMONWEALTH REPLY COUPONS 

| Type | Watermark | Last Line of Redemption Paragraph |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Imp I | Small GvR up | OF THE MONTH OF ISSUE |
| Imp II | (as above) | THE EMPIRE |
| Imp III | Large GvR horiz. | (as above) |
| Imp IV | as type Imp III, but | (h violet rubber stamp overprint beginning 'EXCEPTIONALLY' |
| Imp V | Large GviR horiz. | THE EMPIRE |
| Imp VI | (as above) | VALUE IN INDIA IS $21 / 2$ ANNAS. |
| Imp VII | (as above) | VALUE IN INDIA AND BURMA IS $21 / 2$ ANNAS. |
| Imp VIII | (as above) <br> (as above) | VALUE IN INDIA AND PAKISTAN IS $21 / 2$ ANNAS. the exchange value in India is $21 / 2$ annas and in Pakistan |
|  |  | anna 9 pies |
| Com XI | Large EiiR horiz. | the exchange value in India and Pakistan is $21 / 2$ annas. (as above) |
| Com XII | (as above) | the exchange value in India is 16 naye paise and in Pakistan $21 / 2$ annas. |

TABLE IV. CHECK LIST OF THE IMPERIAL AND COMMONWEALTH
REPLY COUPONS OF CANADA AND NEWFOUNDLAND


Special Note: The dates listed are, with the exception of Canada Com IX 6 cents, the years when the coupons of the various types were first printed. The years of issue for Canada will likely be later than these dates.

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## Trail of the Caribou' In

|RWIN HEIMAN (BNAPS 869), the New York dealer, has submitted a very interesting variety of the 12c Caribou, Scott No. 123, for our examination. The stamp in question has a doubling and slight shift of the entire lower left corner and it is particularly noticeable in the numeral " 12 " with traces through the "UBIQ" of the word UBIQUE. Certainly an interesting variety, and the first time it has come to our attention.

A new Newfoundland proof may have made its appearance at the Nov. 12 sale of H. R. Harmer held in New York. Offered for sale were six values of the first issue, the $1 \mathrm{~d}, 2 \mathrm{~d}, 3 \mathrm{~d}, 5 \mathrm{~d}, 6 \mathrm{~d}$ and 8 d in black but on india mounted on card. Previously the only plate proofs known of this issue were printed on thick white card. It is extremely probable that these have been offered previously but no distinction was made as to whether they were on card or on india mounted on card. In any event they are the first that we have seen. At the same sale, a complete set of the Guy issue in imperforate pairs was sold at $\$ 230$. While these are sometimes considered imperforates of the stamps themselves, they are in reality plate proofs of the issue as they are printed on paper measuring .055 thick while the normal stamp is printed on paper measuring .035 thick.

In the June issue of TRAIL we discussed the plate numbers found on the Caribou Inland Revenue stamps perfed $11.9 \times 11.9$. And at that time we were able to report that the $\$ 1$ stamp was known with Plate 2a, the $\$ 2.50 \mathrm{stamp}$ with Plate 2, and the $\$ 5$ stamp with Plate 2a. In the November issue we were able to report the existence of Plate 2 in the $\$ 1$ stamp and can now report that the $\$ 2.50$ value is known with Plate 2 a and the $\$ 5$ value with Plate 2 . To summarize, all values up to the $\$ 5 \mathrm{stamp}$ in the perf $11.9 \times 11.9$ are known in Plates 2 and 2 a , and the $\$ 20$ stamp is known in Plate 2.

Welcome to the ranks! George M. Tuttle (BNAPS 1565), Youngstown, N.Y., has just written to advise that he intends to specialize in the Newfoundland Seal, Scott Nos. 53-55. We've given him all of the help that we can but we are certain that George would appreciate hearing from fellow members interested in the same stamp and also from dealers who can offer the stamp in quantity, large blocks particularly. Write George and encourage this refugee from Canadian collecting.

At the recent ASDA show held in New York, Bill Russell (BNAPS 587), Ken Minuse (BNAPS 67), and the writer sat down for a bite to eat. Now Ken is primarily interested in proofs and essays so that our talk often turned in that direction. I added that I had just purchased a proof of the 13c, Scott No. 30, in issued color on india. That in itself was not strange, but the fact that this proof had a rubber handstamped "SPECIMEN" on it in black surprised me. Whereupon Bill came up with the observation that he thought he had a copy of the same variety back home in Melrose, Mass., and he promised to send it down to me for comparison. Well, the proof or specimen got here the other day, and it is exactly like the copy in my collection, even to the position of the handstamp: it is in the lower left hand corner directly over the word "THIRTEEN" and the handstamp measures $111 / 2 \mathrm{~mm}$. $\times 21 / 2 \mathrm{~mm}$. It would be interesting to learn if any of our readers have any further examples of this handstamp on any other values of the 1865 issue.

Back in April 1954 we recorded the fact that the $1 \mathrm{c}, 2 \mathrm{c}$ and 3 c values of the Caribou issue existed in Plate No. 3 all opposite stamp No. 41 in the sheet of 100 . We are now pleased to report that the plate numbers that we reported at that time are found on the comb perforated stamps. $\star$


# REVENUE GROUP Neme 

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THIS MONTH'S installment will be devoted to reviewing and reporting on the Revenue Section of

## Holmes' 9th Edition (1960) Specialized Catalogue of Canada and British

 North AmericaIn spite of some attempts at space saving, the revenue section has grown from 60 to 66 pages. This forms a considerable and valuable portion of this handbook. The section alone is worth the price of the entire catalogue.

The revenue section has considerable new listings, and drastic price changes. While a great many portions of this were completely revised, other portions admittedly had to be lightly skipped over. There will be some of these later portions which no doubt many collectors will find disappointing, in that prices may not have been increased to their liking. However, generally speaking, the prices are in line with retail prices. It must be remembered that these catalogue prices are net retail prices! It was not intended that they be priced so' that the better items could be sold at a discount off.

The Federal Revenues-New Listings. We find for the first time Canada's Consular Fee stamps listed and priced, and the Postal Note and Postal Script issues have been given separate recognition. The Excise and Petroleum Seals, and Medicine stamps have been moved to a separate section.

The Federal Revenues-Price Revisions. Bill Stamps do not show a great deal of revision except for the scarcer perf, part perf, and imperf varieties. These all show good strength, and the trend is not likely to be reversed. As advanced collectors give their attention to Canadian revenues, these varieties enjoy a strong demand. The \$2 Third Issue inverted centre advanced from $\$ 400$ to $\$ 450$.

Imprinted Cheque Stamps show remarkable strength for a non-adhesive issue. We are glad to report that old No. FCH5 has
been dropped from the catalogue. Two examples of the spectacular upward price trend in these issues are old FCH 6 and 7 (new FCH 3 and 4) increased from 5 cents and 20 cents respectively to $\$ 3.00$ each!

Gas Inspection issues also show good strength and a remarkable adjusting of prices, four important ones being FG1 from $\$ 5$ to $\$ 10$; FG5 from $\$ 5$ to $\$ 9$; FG6 from 75 cents to $\$ 5$ FG10A from $\$ 3$ to $\$ 10$.

Match Tax Impressions, another non-adhesive group, also shows that there is exceptional demand for these interesting issues. Here there is one new listing; four are priced for the first time; two are revised downwards, while 14 are revised upwards.

Supreme Court Laws reflect generally a strong demand with substantial upward price revisions the general rule. There are several new listings, including some shade, paper, perf and re-entry varieties. The "IN PRIZE" items are priced for the first time.

Unemployment stamps have been completely revised and brought up to date as of last spring. More important, all are priced both mint and used. We sincerely feel that this section will show tremendous price revisions in the future. There are a number of true rarities which will be evident as these are given more study. Perhaps four or five may turn out to be overpriced, but on the whole this group will probably never be listed any lower.

Thrift and War Savings issues were brought together under the one heading. The various complete booklets are listed and priced for the first time. The English $\$ 5$ War Savings dropped from $\$ 200$ to $\$ 175$ in light of additional copies coming onto the market in recent years.

Postage, Overprinted War Tax issues show good demand as these are collected by both postage and revenue collectors. Prices up steady, and it is notable that the 20c
sage green from Plate No. 3 is now listed in both the WAR TAX and INLAND REVENUE issues.

WAR TAX Strip Stamps also reflect the steady demand, and it is quite probable that these are still priced too low.

Weights and Measures with 45 upward price revisions again appear to be in strong demand. The strength is mainly concentrated in the first type with RED controls, $31 / 2 \mathrm{~mm}$. high, across centre (FWM13-21) and the 1930 issue.

Proofs and Essays. While this section can still stand a number of additions, it has been greatly improved over previous editions. The co-operation of all revenue collectors owning unlisted varieties is needed to make this section of complete value as a reference. The cataloguer can only list what has been reported.

Provincial Issues also show tremendous revisions and additions. In the additions we note principally that the Alberta Holiday Pay stamps, the Manitoba Vacation Pay, the Newfoundland beer excise, and the British Columbia Centennial Law stamps of 1958 have been added. We note in this last that the 50 c value with the missing background color is listed at $\$ 75$.

Alberta issues show strength and general price increases.

British Columbia, some new additions, particularly in the minor varieties. Price revision spotty.

Manitoba shows some good increases among the provisional issues, and also some new varieties listed for the first time.

New Brunswick. Here the revisions are notably in the Tobacco Tax issues; again another non-adhesive group! These have been tremendously expanded, with price revisions upwards throughout.

Newfoundland shows one of the most complete jobs of price revision, all consistantly upwards. A few examples will suffice to illustrate the tremendous increases, reflecting the new interest in these issues since Newfoundland became a province of the Dominion of Canada.

NIR9 from $\$ 18$ to $\$ 140$; NIR14 from $\$ 25$ to $\$ 100$; NIR35 from $\$ 17.50$ to $\$ 75$; NT1 from $\$ 12.50$ to $\$ 100$; NT2 from 15 to $\$ 120$; NT3 from $\$ 17.50$ to 150 ; NS1 from $\$ 2$ to $\$ 11$.

Nova Scotia and Cape Breton stamps also show the result of tremendous new information. While the "NS" overprinted Bill Stamps show little revision, the Cape Bret-
on and Halifax Law Library issues are completely revised, and prices are up substantially.

Prince Edward Island. The Tobacco Tax issues-once again, non-adhesive issueshave been expanded and prices are generally up.

Ontario. The Law stamps show very little change but all other issues reflect the growing interest in Canadian revenues. The Gasoline Tax stamps show considerable upward revision.

Quebec. Here again the Law stamps show very little change. Some issues, such as Assurance, Bankruptcy, Prohibition and Licenses all show major revisions.

Saskatchewan Inspection stamps show considerable upwards revision although not as much as some dealers would like. However, a great deal more needs to be known about existing supplies before prices will find their true level. Some of these are no doubt quite rare, others may be actually overpriced. On the other hand we can see nothing but further increases for the Saskatoon Inspections. While they reflect upward trends, it is likely that these will go even higher. Current catalogue values reflect market prices obtained while the major 'cache' of these was marketed. Now that these have been dispersed, it should mean a steady increase in spite of their being 'City' issues! The Saskatchewan Law stamps show little change.

Yukon and Dawson issues all show a good increase. Here again these reflect a steady demand, and unless some now unknown stock of these comes on the market, these should enjoy good demand at full catalogue prices. These are all listed both in mint and used condition in this edition.

All in all, a valuable addition to any revenue collector's library-a MUST! We feel that collectors generally will be well pleased with most sections. Those who want to quote discounts off catalogue prices will be displeased! Compared with the changes in previous editions, we feel that this is the first major revision in years. No doubt future editions will find still further revisions.

If our comments lead the reader to deduce that prices on Canadian revenues generally have enjoyed a steady increase they would have deduced correctly. It is merely a reflection of the tremendous new demand that has come about in the past five years. $\star$

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

Date of Issue: July 1, 1903.
Printers: American Bank Note Co.
Numbers Issued: $66,210,000$.
Use: Single letter rate (up to $1 / 2 \mathrm{oz}$.) to foreign U.P.U. countries.
Plates Used: Number 1 to 6. Each consisting of 200 subjects ( $20 \times 10$ ), divided by a gutter into two panes (10x10).
Perforation: $12 \times 12$. Imperforates are known.

## PAPER

Blue toned wove, which can be divided into two basic groups: (a) coarse mesh and (b) smooth fine mesh, the former appearing during the earlier part of the issue, i.e. 1903-1905, and the latter 1905 onwards. Unlike other denominations where, apart from the 2 cent booklet, vertical wove predominates, approximately equal quantities are to be found with either horizontal or vertical wove. Further, the variations in thickness and surface finish are generally less than those to be found with the 1 cent and 2 cent denominations.

## PLATE MARKINGS

Guide lines have been noted in the following situations (Figure 1):

1. Horizontal line $1 / 2 \mathrm{~mm}$. above left hand half of top frame.


FIGURE 1
2. Dotted line 2 mm . long between upper left frame and design, just below crown.
3. Dotted line $21 / 2 \mathrm{~mm}$. long outside upper left frame, just below (2).
4. Two vertical lines in outer white of oval at centre left.
5. Vertical line outside left frame just visible at top left corner of stamp, then merging with frame and reappearing by bottom half of left frame, and continuing down to bottom of stamp. Traces of horizontal line crossing this at bottom left corner.
6. Horizontal line 1 mm . below bottom frame, running whole width of stamp.

## PLATE SCRATCHES (Figure 2)

1. Curved line of color running upwards from ' $N$ ' of CANADA, through ' P ' of POSTAGE into top margin.
2. Curved line of color in left margin.
3. Diagonal line of color into upper right frame, by crown.

## HAIR LINES

These are much less common and obvious than those on the 1 cent and 2 cent. Visible as horizontal lines in the margin at the bottom of stamp and around the two figures ' 5 '.


FIGURE 2

Figure 4


FIGURE 6

## PLATE WEAR

In the normal stamp there are clear horizontal and vertical lines in the background of the oval associated with the words CANADA POSTAGE and FIVE CENTS. Many copies can be found, however, with considerable plate wear, particularly showing in this region, where the cross hatching lines have almost disappeared, also corresponding wear associated with other parts of the design, to an extent far in excess of that found with the other denominations. The reason suggested for this pronounced wear is the deleterious effect of the ink on steel for this particular value.

See Figure 3 for normal stamp, and Figure 4 for plate wear.

## RE-ENTRIES

At least 38 different re-entries may be found, in most cases three or four copies of each having been examined. These vary from minor ones affecting very local parts of the design, for example the top oval or one corner, to major ones affecting considerable portions, including outer borders, numerals and numeral tablets, most or all of the lettering, CANADA POSTAGE and FIVE CENTS, even to the head, beard and hair. (See Figure 5 on cover of this issue.)

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In addition to the foregoing retouches, others can be found affecting frame by left crown and numeral boxes. In at least five cases, including the two already mentioned, retouches and re-entries are found combined. See Figures 6 and 7.

Acknowledgements to Messrs. Jarrett and Boggs for the information in the opening paragraph, and special thanks to Ernest Whitley (CPS of G.B.) for the excellent photography. $\star$

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## MORE ON CANADA'S STAMP DESIGNS

pICKING THE BEST DESIGNS each year from the hundreds of stamps issued is a task which we would not like to have thrust upon us. Picking Canada's best always arouses the ire of those who vote for some other stamp, but that is as far as we personally would like to go. However, E. L. Scott bravely publishes his list of the world's best designs each year in The Stamp Collectors' Annual (published by Harris Publications, London, England, and reviewed in this issue). This feature has become very popular and, of course, controversial, but Mr. Scott continues to "stick his neck out" each year with reckless abandon.

We made some comments on Canadian designs for 1959 in the last issue of TOPICS, and now we sadly discover that Mr. Scott doesn't entirely agree with us! We thought the Plains of Abraham stamp was "Hallowe'en-ish", but our English confrere thinks it was one of Canada's better designs last year. We took a second look at the Countrywomen stamp and found we liked it better than at first glance-here both Mr. Scott and the writer are in agreement! But the same Mr. Scott turned thumbs down on the stamp we thought the best from Canada in 1959-the Royal Visit issue. It just goes to show you! At time of writing there has been no time to hear from any of our readers as to their opinions on this subject, but we certainly hope that we do receive some controversial letters.

By the way, we stated that Canada had not had a stamp on Mr. Scott's "best design" list in recent years. We were wrong, as he picked the National Wildlife stamp in 1955. In previous years the Forestry Products was chosen in 1952, Newfoundland Union in 1949, and the Princess Elizabeth wedding stamp in 1948.

## CANADA'S GIRL GUIDE STAMP-A SUGGESTION . . .

The Post Office Department has announced that it will issue a stamp this year to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Girl Guide Movement in Canada. We don't know how far the planning has gone forward for this stamp, but we have a suggestion for the Postmaster General in any case. Back in early December of 1959 there appeared in most Canadian daily newspapers and weekend magazine sections a most fetching photograph of Princess Anne in Brownie uniform (the Brownies being the junior branch of the Girl Guides), which if used as the basis of a design for this event should result in a stamp which would rank with the Newfoundland Princess Elizabeth stamp. The latter has always been extremely popular with collectors, and a Canadian stamp with the Princess Anne portrait mentioned would be just as popular . . . and attractive. May we hope that the department will think about this?

THANKS TO . . . Bert Yapp (BNAPS 259), Windsor, Ont., for an interesting cover bearing a Christmas cancellation (Dec. 25) . . . Rev. John Bain (BNAPS 19), Santa Rosa, Calif., at one time one of the most loyal monthly contributors to the pages of BNA TOPICS, for his always unusual "philatelic" card . . . and to all the other BNAPS members who remembered the editor with greetings over the holiday season. Although we couldn't send cards to everyone, the wishes contained in the December issue of TOPICS were intended for one and all . . . and may this new year be one of great philatelic interest and happiness for all of you! . . . A. R. Bloxham, secretary of the Winnipeg Philatelic Society, for annual presentation of an honorary membership in that society. $\star$


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