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Is Topics Too Specialized—Continued

It was with considerable amazement that I read Dr. Mercantini's letter in the Mailbag section of the July-August edition of BNA TOPICS.

Just what it is that our fellow member expects from a publication representing a fraternity of specialists, seems difficult to determine. Any collector worth his salt knows that the chief function of BNA TOPICS is the publication of new and pertinent information which is not to be found in the standard handbooks and catalogues, information which contributes to our increased knowledge of the background and problems of our specialty—Canadian postal emissions and postal history.

Inevitably, we all have our interests and areas of indifference, since tastes are as individual in our hobby as they are in any pursuit involving human beings. For some time now, I have concentrated on 19th century Canada, with heavy emphasis on the Small Queens. Nevertheless I enjoy just about every article featured in each issue of BNA TOPICS, be it first flights, revenues or World War I cancellations.

The complaint that the reading matter published in this magazine is overly specialized might roughly equal a physician's castigation of a contemporary medical journal featuring data, experiments or conclusions not contained in Gray's "Anatomy." Let Dr. Mercantini practice tolerance or learn eclecticism, while my thanks and compliments go out to the editor of BNA TOPICS for a thankless job exceedingly well done—now and in the future.

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ACK in the July-August issue of BNA TOPICS for 1954, the late Prof. R. DeL. French, former editor of the Revenue Group News Column, made a request that he hear from all BNAPSers "who have covers on which Canadian revenues really paid the postage or appear to have done so. This bars out all made-to-order covers on which postage due was collected."

Since that time, a goodly number of such covers have been reported, and it is the intention of the writer to bring together in this article a listing of those previously reported, plus others known to exist. Only such covers as appear to have fully prepaid postage, without postage due stamps or markings, are included.

Should any BNAPSer have additional examples to report, the writer would like to hear from them, with full description of the covers. Should there be sufficient additional covers reported, a supplemental listing, as fully illustrated as possible, will be made.

Covers are listed in chronological order, in accordance with the date of use.

COVER No. 1—1868, June 4th. 3c Bill Stamp of 1865 (FB20), advertising cover, tied SENECA, C.W., to Vittoria. Lot No. 219 of Caspary Sale No. 5, Oct. 9, 1956. Illustrated. (\$57.50). Present location unknown.

COVER No. 2—1884, Nov. 18th. 1c Nova Scotia Bill Stamp of 1868 (NSB1), postmarked and addressed to Halifax. Reported in October '54 TOPICS by L. H. Dodd (BNAPS 1190).



FIG. 1—Late use of the 2c Bill Stamp of 1868 (FB39) prepaying postage on local delivery cover, Montreal, Feb. 24, '30. Cover No. 10 in List.



FIG. 2—Another combination of postage and revenue stamps prepaying postage. Edmonton to Toronto. Cover No. 6 in list.

COVER No. 3—1895, Jan. 9th. 2c Bill Stamp of 1868 (FB39), postmarked Kinlough, Ont. Backstamped London, Ont. Reported in November '54 and February '55 BNA TOPICS by E. L. Piggott (BNAPS 629).

COVER No. 4—1915, May 12th. 1c postage WAR TAX stamp (MR1) plus two copies of 1c revenue War Tax (WT7) and a 5c "WAR TAX" overprint (WT1). On registered cover, Powassan, Ont. to Toronto. Reported by V. E. Howes (BNAPS 771).

COVER No. 5-1916(?) May (date indistinct). 5c "WAR TAX" overprinted (WT1) tied with Toronto postmark, to Arnprior, Ont. Writer's collection.

COVER No. 6—1918, Sept. 12th. 1c green Admiral postage, plus 2c revenue War Tax (WT9). (Fig. 2). Edmonton, Alta. to Montreal. Writer's collection.

COVER No. 7-1919, Jan. 23rd. 20c "WAR TAX" overprinted (WT2). Toronto (Spadina Ave.) to Warnerville, N.Y. Writer's collection.

COVER No. 8-1919, Jan. 23rd. 50c "WAR TAX" overprinted (WT3). Companion to cover No. 7. Writer's collection.

COVER No. 9—1929, Dec. 3rd. 2c Excise, two-leaf (FEX21). (Fig. 3). Tied with Santa Claus slogan cancel, Montreal—local delivery. Writer's collection.

COVER No. 10-1930, Feb. 24th. 2c Bill Stamp of 1868 (FB39). (Fig. 1). Tied with Montreal slogan cancel. Local delivery. Addressed same as cover No. 9, but different sender. Writer's collection.

COVER No. 11—1935, Dec. 9th. 1c and 2c King George 1935 postage stamps, plus two 5c revenue War Tax (WT12). Registered cover, Winnipeg to Toronto. Reported in the September '55 BNA TOPICS by F. W. L. Keane (BNAPS 565).

COVER No. 12—1946, Nov. 19th. 3c Excise, three-leaf (FEX64). (Fig. 4). Tied with slogan cancel, Ottawa. Local delivery. Reported in the January '57 BNA TOPICS. Writer's collection.

In addition to the above-listed covers, French reported that he owned one franked with an Excise stamp. However, details are missing. There have also been a few covers offered at auctions, which this writer has not seen, and they are not listed, since we have no way of knowing whether or not they had postage due stamps or markings.

It is interesting to note that with the exception of the understandable 1915-19 period, there was no concentration of use in any period. Also contrary to French's guess, the points of use were mostly large cities! While covers No. 5, 7 and 8 may have been

philatelically inspired, it would appear that the rest were not.

Postage stamps have long been used in Canada for revenue purposes. It is logical, therefore, that some persons may have expected the reverse to be true. Also it may be hard for a philatelist to understand, but most non-collectors take very little notice of the designs of their postage stamps. To them a stamp is a stamp! Therefore, in a business



FIG. 3-A single Excise stamp prepaying local postage. Montreal, Cover No. 9 in list.



FIG. 4-Single 3c Excise stamp prepaying local postage. Ottawa. Cover No. 12 in list.

house where both postage and revenue stamps were regularly carried, it is quite natural that an occasional error be made. But what makes a collector more happy than the possession of an error?

Happy hunting, but please report your bag! ★

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(COLUMN 2)

N THE FIRST column of this series, reference was made to the earlier publication in BNA TOPICS of a series of articles by R. J. Duncan, our Librarian. In these articles, which appeared over a 10-year period, rather detailed information was given about nearly 50 B.N.A. periodicals and their B.N.A. contents. As it is planned to continue this series, it seems desirable to list the titles that have already been covered. In the list that follows, the name of the periodical is listed first (followed in parentheses by the place of publication). This is followed by the reference to BNA TOPICS where the journal was described. Thus, 137 Nov 1946 means that the article may be found on page 137 of the November 1946 issue of BNA TOPICS.

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Constant Plate Varieties of the

CANADA SMALL QUEENS

PART TWO (Part One appeared in the September issue)

THE 3 CENTS

THE 3 CENTS STAMP is the most common stamp and the quantity issued exceeded all the other denominations. For this reason, more constant plate varieties have been found on this stamp than on the others. One leading collection contains no less than 31 constant plate varieties.

The 3 cents has been reported to exist with two different watermarks, in addition to the so-called "stitch" watermark. The first type shows the letters "CA POD", and the second the words "Alex Pirie and Sons." The writer has not seen either of these, but two sources have mentioned them, so it must be assumed that this watermark exists.

Only three or four of the re-entries can be called major but many are very fine examples. There is one entry which has been called a double strike, double print, or kiss print. Boggs shows a photo of such a stamp in which the entire design has been doubled. A similar copy has been seen by the writer, cancelled in Ottawa 1894. Another copy with a similar entry has been reported by Jarrett. Here the entire lower portion of the stamp is deeply shaded upwards. Of course, all these must be classed as printing varieties and are not constant, as opposed to plate varieties.





A nice re-entry is shown in Fig. 14. Here the letters CND POSTGE and ENTS, as well as the right "3" and both top ornaments, are doubled. One copy in Dr. Day's collection is cancelled Edmonton, Alta., 11 March 1895, and comes from the Ottawa printing. It is of interest to note a second copy with exactly the same entry but showing a guide dot right centre. This copy is dated 11 June. No similar re-entry has been reported by any other collector, as far as is known.

Another re-entry, not as pronounced, is on an earlier Ottawa printing (Fig. 15). The re-entry is in the letters CANAD POSTAGE and in both top ornaments. Slight doubling can be noted on the top left side; the stamp also has a strong guide dot below the left "3". One dated copy seen has a railway cancellation, Mont . . . RY July 1893. Copies noted are of a deep vermillion shade. Jarrett also reported a similar re-entry.

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Fig. 16 shows a re-entry in the letters CANAD and CEN, and in the left "3". A slight doubling can be seen in the top left ornament as well. This stamp is from the Ottawa printing and a dated copy from Quebec is cancelled 5 May 1891. This re-entry is reported by Shoemaker (Ref. 13) as his number 10.

A re-entry similar to Fig. 15 is shown in Fig. 17. Here the entry is in the letters CND POSTGE and in both top ornaments. Shoemaker refers to this re-entry as coming from the Ottawa printing, 1894 (his number 13). Copies seen are cancelled 26 April and June.

One of the best re-entries can be seen in Fig. 18. Here the entire bottom part of the circle, the letters, CENT, the left "3", the entire bottom portion, the letter N in CANADA, and the top left ornament, have been doubled. The stamp comes from the Ottawa printing and Shoemaker stated the year as 1894 for his number 8 (Ref. 13). Jarrett mentions this re-entry as a line through CENTS and partial doubling. A very similar re-entry has been recorded by Shoemaker as his number 15 (Ref. 13) but here no doubling of the letter N in CANADA is indicated. Additional entry can be noted on the left side. It is the belief of the writer that both Shoemaker's No. 8 and No. 15 are the same. Copies of this stamp have been seen with the following cancellations: 20 May 1896, 22 Aug 1894, 2 Apr 1894, and 3 Oct 1894. This variety is also mentioned in Stamp Collecting (Ref. 22 to 27).







Fig. 19, from the Ottawa printing, is a re-entry on the right side of the stamp. The top right ornament, the right portion of the circle, the right "3" and the bottom portion, including the letters NS, are doubled. One dated copy is cancelled 8 Aug 1891. The same re-entry is No. 9 in Shoemaker's article (Ref. 13) and is mentioned in Stamp Collecting (Ref. 22 to 27).

The re-entry in Fig. 20 is on the top left side. The ornament and portions of the left design are re-entered. In Ref. 13 this entry is said to come from the Ottawa printing, 1895. One copy noted is dated 31 Dec 1896. (Shoemaker's No. 11.)

The re-entry in Fig. 21 shows a pronounced doubling of the right top side, the left top ornament, and at the bottom of the right "3". A very tiny dot appears in line with

the eye of the Queen in the right margin. Copies are from the Ottawa printing and two are dated 18 May 1896 and 27 Jan 1897. This is Shoemaker's No. 12 (Ref. 13).







Another re-entry in the Ottawa printing is shown in Fig. 22. The re-entry consists of doubling on the entire right side including the top right ornament. A cancelled copy is dated 24 Feb 1895. Shoemaker's article (Ref. 13) and his No. 14, do not show the re-entry at the bottom below the right "3" but it must be assumed that both stamps are the same.

The writer's collection contains one more re-entry from the Ottawa printing (Fig. 23). The stamp is re-entered in the letter E of POSTAGE and below the letters TAGE. Dated copies are 10 and 16 Nov 1896 and 20 Mar 1897.

In the Montreal-Ottawa printing we note one re-entry (Fig. 24) in the letters ENTS and the left "3". There is a similar entry in the top right ornament. No dated copy is available but the shade indicates the stamps come from a printing around 1876. There is also a minute entry below the right "3" but the stamps have no guide dots. This is Shoemaker's No. 5 (Ref. 13). *

(To be continued)



"SECRET DATE" OR DATED DIES OF CANADA

No. 8 of a Series

1935—First "Secret Date" Issue

1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c and 8c: June 1, 1935

"1935" to the right of the maple leaf above the left numeral panel. "19" above the point of leaf, "35" below—in the frame of the vignette; reads down. The date is the same for all six values. *

CANADA: UNSTAMPED AIR LETTERS

OLLECTORS of the postal stationery of Canada are generally aware that the Canada Post Office Department issued unstamped air letter forms for a number of years before the first stamped air letters were made available late in 1947. According to Nelson Bond (in his book The Postal Stationery of Canada), these unstamped forms were first issued on June 15, 1942. When first issued, the use of these forms was restricted to correspondence to members of the armed forces, but later this restriction was removed. When these forms were used, postage had to be paid through the use of postage stamps. There are a number of varieties of these unstamped air letters, differing in many respects.

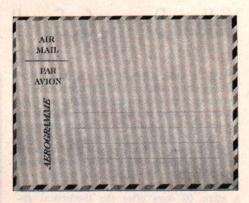
It is probably not realized that most of the various types of stamped air letters (or aerogrammes) that have been issued since 1947 were also available without the postage stamp impression: The writer first became aware of this when I read the following notice published in the Post Office Weekly Bulletin of May 14, 1960:

UNSTAMPED AEROGRAMMES: For many years the Department has sold aerogramme forms printed without the ten-cent postage stamp impression. These forms are sold only in lots of 1000. The organizations buying these forms usually have their name and address printed on the form. When the form is to be mailed ten cents in postage stamps is affixed to the form, or the postage is prepaid by means of a postage meter impression.

Supplies of unstamped forms of the newly designed aerogramme will be available from 4 July, and will sell for \$8.78 per thousand. These forms will not be stocked by the Postage Stamp Depots, and patrons interested in procuring them are to be advised to forward their orders to the Postage Stamp Division, Financial Branch, Ottawa 4, Ontario.

In response to a letter asking for further information about the issuing of these unstamped aerogrammes, I received the following reply dated June 8. The boldface type is the writer's.

During the second world war, Canada first entered the aerogramme field with unstamped forms which were given out free from all post offices. The aerogramme with a postage stamp impression commenced [sic] in 1947. As the supplies of free aerogrammes became depleted, the demand for



these forms from commercial firms increased. Originally those inquiring about unstamped aerogrammes were referred to the printing firm that held the contract for the manufacture of aerogrammes for the Government. This printing firm would sell unstamped forms in lots of 1000.

When the current design aerogramme was introduced in 1953, the Post Office Department accepted many thousands without postage stamp impressions and sold them to commercial firms in lots of 1000. The commercial firms had their corner card address printed in the return address portion or their letterhead in the inside. These stampless aerogrammes have been sold ever since and the present charge is \$8.78 per 1000 forms. We should emphasize that these forms at present are not sold singly.

The current design of the unstamped aerogramme form is out of stock and new supplies in the new design will not be available until 4 July.

It would appear from the above that most, if not all, of the various types of air letters (aerogrammes) issued since 1947 were available in unstamped form. It should be noted that these unstamped forms were sold by the MANUFACTURERS until the Canadian Bank Note Company took over the contract in 1953, when the Post Office Department began selling them.

If any members of the Society have any of these unstamped air letters in their collections, I should appreciate it if they would let me know, for I would like to get together a check list of these items. Incidentally, I have purchased some of those issued on July 4, and will make copies available at 6 cents for one copy or five for 10 cents postpaid. Please address your request to me at 4078 West 37th Avenue, Vancouver 13, B.C.

Two Further Important Examples of the

Yellow-Brown 6c Small Queen Major Re-entry

S INCE THE REPORT in the May 1955 issue of BNA TOPICS concerning a cover and a block containing the 1872 major re-entry of the 6c Small Queen, two other previously unrecorded items of

this variety have come to light.

Of greatest chronological significance is the first item, a single copy very clearly dated February 9, 1872, and bearing the full re-entry. This extremely early datea mere 40 days after the theoretical appearance of the 6 cent denomination on January 1—lends additional, and virtually conclusive, proof to the effect that this reentry was initial, i.e., occurring on the first and earliest state of the plate, and in existence on the first sheet printed of the 6c. This date, incidentally, is nearly seven weeks earlier than the cover illustrated in 1955.

The second item, a horizontal strip of four showing the re-entry as the second stamp from left, came originally from the Reford collection and, in conjunction with the block treated in the article five years ago, narrows down to 32 the number of possible positions on the plate which must have contained this re-entry. Fig. 3 shows these 32 positions as a shaded area within

the plate of 100 subjects.

Barring a stroke of extreme good luck, it is highly improbable that this incomplete plating attempt will be improved upon, although it is by no means impossible. To narrow down further the plate location of the re-entry would demand a horizontal strip of at least six from the left of sheet showing the variety on the sixth stamp, or a minimum strip of four from the right of sheet, with the re-entry being the first stamp. Of greater promise would be vertical strips, since any strip of three containing the variety in a position other than the middle stamp, would contribute to the plating.

However, as any Small Queens specialist who has worked seriously on the 6c value will confirm, larger multiples of the ear-



FIGURE 1



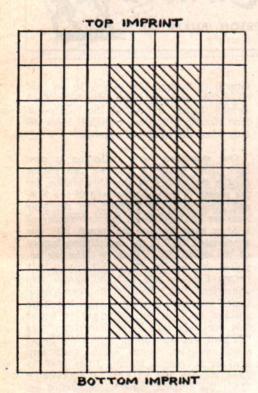


FIGURE 3

liest—or "single dot"—plate are of considerable rarity, so much so that mint or used blocks of the "multiple dots" yellow-brown plate are almost common in comparison.

Quite apart from the above, the entire early era of the 6c Small Queen is shrouded in considerable mystery where the plates involved are concerned, and only intense study of the slim store of material in existence will clarify at least some of the problems surrounding this stamp. *

Moving? Notify the Secretary ...

If you have moved or plan to move, or change your residence or mailing address in any manner, please notify the secretary. Many members overlook this very important data for the records, and for the mailing of BNA TOPICS. Always include postal zone number. Many letters and copies of the journal are returned because an old or improper address has been used. Your cooperation is solicited. *



Trail of the Caribou By DAN MEYERSON (BNAPS L3)

R. W. D. VAN Mess, is in with two Chestnut Hill, Mass., is in with two additions to our specialized Newfoundland listing as published in the January 1950 issue of BNA TOPICS. His first is a comb perf copy of the 4c, Scott 148, but this one is comb perfed 12.5x13.5 instead of the regularly listed example which is comb perfed 12.7x13.5. This is the second example of this perforation in this issue as the 2c value, Scott 146, is known perforated 12.5 along the short side of the stamp. This new variety will be listed as No. 148B. The second new addition occurs in the 3c, Scott 165. This new variety is line perf 14.1x14.1, the sixth stamp in this issue to be found so perforated, as we have previously recorded the 1c, 2c, 5c, 6c and 20c values. This new addition will henceforth be known at No. 165B3. Let's see if we can now discover the 4c, 10c and 15c values in the line perf 14.1x14.1.

A record of recent realizations for the odd and interesting item is important for the specialist regardless of the country he collects. In the July 8 issue of Stamp Collecting, the English firm of M. W. Muscott advertises the 3c Long Coronation, Scott 234, in the Die 2 in a vertical strip of three with one pair imperforate between. The asking price is £80. Our records show that we reported in the March 1960 BNA TOPICS that a vertical pair imperforate between sold for £21. We have just noted that this is Die 2, and we have no record of what the other lot was; it might well have been Die 1, which is listed in Gibbons at a more realistic figure. Our pardons, as they are probably two different items. However, we would still like to know the perforation so that we could record it for eventual use in the specialized listing.

The July 23 issue of Stamps contains an advertisement announcing the forthcoming sale by auction of the Tom Matthews airmail collection. The sale is to be held by F. W. Kessler, prominent New York airmail dealer, and all of the Newfoundland airmail rarities are included. More details when the catalogue appears.

Our stampless cover collection is now back from UNIPEX and we can pursue further the matter of the abbreviation for the month of July as discussed in the May and June issues of TOPICS. In the May issue we had questioned the authenticity of a cover party because the month July was abbreviated "JL" in the cancellation instead of the usual "JY." Then in June we reported that one of the Tucker covers sold in the Caspary sale had the month also abbreviated "JL." Both of the covers mentioned were used on July 4, 1860. When we checked back on our collection we found that our only July PAID handstamp was "JY"-it was for July 3, 1850. We found seven examples, though, of the backstamp used at St. John's, ranging from 1847 to 1868, and the first six were all abbreviated "JY"; the seventh, however, cancelled on July 8, 1858, was abbreviated "JL." Further confirmation that the month is sometimes abbreviated in that manner.

Newfoundland a second-rate country, huh! Following up on the success of the four prize-winning entries at UNIPEX, the Newfoundland exhibits did just as well at the London International. Exhibits by Harry Goody and Sidney Harris (BNAPS numbers 1585 and 1500 respectively), repeated their performance and took gold medals. The exhibit of Mrs. Barratt of Eire, which took a silver-gilt at UNIPEX, repeated the performance at London. In addition, the collection of Alan J. Stott, of Hale, England, also took a silver-gilt. This collection includes the famous strip of the 2d scarlet on cover from the Caspary collection, as well as an unused copy of the 1/- orange

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Rounding Up

SQUARED CIRCLES

EDITOR: DR. A. WHITEHEAD, 52 Havelock St., Amherst, N.S.

THREE-LINE DATES. The handbook, p. 20, refers to these, a subject in which I am very interested. Can any collector add to their story? Please write me.

MOUNTING. To those who have advanced collections, certainly those who intend to exhibit at shows or club meetings, this is a most important subject. This page is wide open for a discussion of the matter.

SPECIALIZING. There are many forms of specialization in the squared circle field. Perhaps the most popular is to take up one town, to study its chronology, especially in relation to the hammers used (if a multiple hammer town) and its indicia (see pages 20-24 of the handbook) and many collectors are now busilly engaged in the fascinating pursuit of both normal and abnormal indicia of this favorite town/s. This has been going on for some years and already there are in existence advanced collections of Ottawa, Halifax, Belleville, Hamilton. Kingston, Paris, Peterborough, Winnipeg and Victoria. Much of the history of these squared circles, most of them common and still available cheaply, is now fairly well known.

Other collectors are beginning to look for new towns to study, towns which as yet have not received attention, and we should do all we can to help them.

Brian Milne has lately commenced on LONDON, both types, and my guess is he may be led to include LONDON EAST (Type I) in his scheme.

Mrs. J. A. C. Kirk is dealing with CHAR-LOTTETOWN, a most complex study in spite of only one hammer being used. There is a varied and complex succession of indicia here: A.M., P.M., 1, 2, and for abnormal indicia, 3, 5 and 5-inverted (also 'blank above'). I suggest that duplicates of the above towns should be sent to the two specialists respectively.

Other towns awaiting further special attention are ST. JOHN and LINDSAY. The handbook is fairly explicit about these, but the stories are still incomplete. Who will volunteer for this work? And who is interested in other towns not mentioned here? Let me hear from you.

COLLECTING ON SPECIAL STAMPS. I have referred to this on page 19 of the handbook, but the trend towards this form of collecting is becoming so marked that a word or two here may be useful. At present the favorites are: (1) Small Queens, with the 3c far ahead in the group. It is surprising how many collectors will not look at a squared circle on the 1c Small Queen, despite its excellent yellow color, so good for postmarks. (2) The Jubilees. Here again the 3c is the one in greatest demand. I suppose the larger size of the



Jubilee stamps has led to their present popularity for postmark collecting. There are already at least two collections of 200 towns on Jubilees, and I have heard of one of two other eager collectors (one in England) who are in sight of the magic total. It is being more and more realized that

some towns are almost unattainable on Jubilees. I myself have let such rarities go far too easily, as must be the case with many others. Already it has been proposed that we should have a new and special listing of RFs on Jubilees, and I am sure that many general collectors of squared circles will gasp in amazement at the increased values. (3) The Map Stamp of 1898. This, for obvious reasons, will prove a limited and difficult field. But how chal-



lenging! I wonder if Editor Lewis could be persuaded to tell us of his experiences here. Of course, the handbook RFs would be meaningless for some squared circles on Map stamps.

LATE SPECIAL USE OF SQUARED CIRCLES. See TOPICS, November 1959, for a cover of 1925 with special late use of the Port Arthur squared circle. J. A. McCallum of Dorval, P.Q., has recently reported a cover showing the REGINA squared circle as a backstamp on "returned mail." I shall be glad to hear of other similar covers. Are covers of a different nature known, besides the now well-known use of LONDON II on modern airmail? Let me hear from you.

TRAIL OF THE CARIBOU

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on laid paper. The last Newfoundland entry, the specialized collection of the 5c Caribou entered by Stan Wood, Auckland, New Zealand (BNAPS 221) took a bronze, a singular achievement for the exhibition of a common 20th century stamp. In addition, Dr. J. J. Matejke (BNAPS 1625), of Chicago, Ill., took another silver-gilt with his collection of Newfoundland airmails. It must be a source of great pride to our members to know that three of these exhibits were shown at Atlantic City at BNAPEX-59. The collection of Harry Goody took the Grand, Dr. Matejke a gold and Stan Wood a bronze-rather close to International standards! With tongue in cheek . . . how did the exhibits of Canadian material fare?

Among the lots of interest to the Newfoundland specialist in the July 19th sale of H. R. Harmer, London, were an unused horizontal imperforate pair of the 6c, Scott #192, which sold for \$35 and an unused imperforate block of the 48c, Scott #243, which changed hands at \$112. An o.g. imperf horizontal pair of the 2c, Scott #186, realized \$17.50.

W. E. Fyndem in his column in the July 29th issue of "Stamp Collecting" writes that in his estimation the Newfoundland long coronation set should be on its way up shortly as the previous heavy stocks in the hands of dealers have well nigh disappeared.

A new variety in the Newfoundland long Coronation set has just made its appearance; it is a block of the 3c, Die II, in an ungummed imperforate condition. There might be some question as to whether it is a proof or not but the 48c value is also known only ungummed and sells all the time as the imperforate stamp as both the new block of the 3c as well as the 48c are on watermarked stamp paper. The 3c in the Die II is not known gummed and imperforate.

That indefatiguable collector of all things BNA, Ed Richardson, BNAPS #168, La Marque, Tex., is in with an earlier date of use on C.A.P.O. #4 than has previously been recorded. In the June 1958 issue of TOPICS we had adjusted the early date of C.A.P.O. #4 to Dec. 15, 1942 and now Ed is in with a date of Aug. 20, 1942, almost four months earlier than any previous recording.



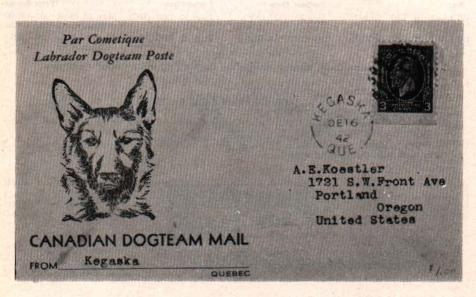
DOG TEAM MAIL OF CANADA

B NAPSer G. M. TUTTLE (No. 1565) has submitted a selection of "dog-team mail" covers and postcards, of which two are illustrated here. Short items on this subject have appeared in BNA TOPICS in the past, but Mr. Tuttle feels that someone should write a comprehensive article so the true picture of these items will emerge.

Admittedly, most of the material seems

to be of a philatelic nature, but this would seem to indicate that this method of carrying mail was at one time used in various parts of Canada and in Labrador.

It would be useful if someone could supply further information on these, including the routes which were in use and dates of use, so that it might be possible to identify covers that were not philatelic and did not bear cachets. Information should be sent to the editor or to G. M Tuttle, Main Street, Youngstown, New York. *



NEW NOTES ON

CANADIAN FLAG CANCELLATIONS

PART SEVEN
(Part Six appeared in September issue)

AUTHOR'S NOTE—Compilers who have assisted with this month's notes are: (AH) A. L. Harris; (A) J. Millar Allen; (AV) Dr. Andrew Visser; (B) Colin Bayley; (F) Keith Forfar; (G) R. S. B. Greenhill; (H) Dr. C. W. Hollingsworth. Others who submitted data include Lloyd Sharpe, C. C. Attenborrow, George Potts and Ray Peters. (R) the writer.



Type 49 (Old Type 32)
The 1939 ROYAL TRAIN FLAG

This flag cancel was used in the Royal Train Post Office during the tour of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth across Canada, Approximately 318,000 covers were so cancelled during the period May 15 - June 15 inclusive.

In the circular date stamp (hub) used with the flag cancel there were two types of wordings: the English "ROYAL TRAIN" and the French "TRAIN ROYAL."

The earliest cancel recorded is May 15 3 am; the latest is 6 pm June 15.

A trial proof of this flag is known with a black ground and uncolored harp in the lower left quarter of the standard. Trial proofs of adopted design are known in purple.

Cancel No.	Earliest Date	Latest Date	Price Range
197 (—) ROYAL TRAIN	May 15, 1939 (AV)	June 15 1939 (HC)	May 15 dates .35—\$1.00 Other dates .50— 2.00
198 (—) TRAIN ROYAL	May 15, 1939 (R)	June 12, 1939 (HC)	May 15 dates .50— 1.25 Other dates .75— 2.50

Notes: (HC) refers to H. Caddick reported in Pollock's "Canada Corner" in Stamps for Sept. 16, 1939.

Other dates include:

"ROYAL TRAIN"—May 16 (AH), 17, 18, 19 (AH), 20, 22 (HC), 23, 24 (HC), 25, 26, 27 (HC), 28 (HC), 29 (HC), 30 (HC), 31 (HC), June 1 (HC), 2, 3 (HC), 4 (HC), 5, 6 (HC), 7 (AH), 8 (HC), 9 (HC), 10, 11 (HC), 12 (R), 13 (HC), 14 (HC), 15 (HC). "TRAIN ROYAL"—May 17, 18, June 12 (HC).

Where no initials are indicated in the list of other dates, these were supposedly reported to McCready, Confirmation wanted.



Type 50 (Old Type 33)
"ENLIST NOW"—Came out in 1941, but used in some offices during 1942, and as late as 1943

TYPE 50—GENERAL USE

				A	
220	(220)	Brandon	Aug. 12, 1941	May 6, 1942 (AH)	.2035
221	(221)	Calgary	Aug. 7, 1941	June 11, 1942 (B)	.2035
222	(222)	Charlottetown	Aug. 18, 1941	April 17, 1942 (H)	.3560
223	(223)	Edmonton	Oct. 15, 1941 (H)	Jan. 30, 1942 (AH)	.50- 1.00
224	(224)	Halifax	Aug. 5, 1941	April 21, 1942 (R)	.3560
225	(225)	Hamilton	Aug. 15, 1941 (AH)	June 29, 1942 (F)	.2035
226	(226)	Kitchener	Aug. 19, 1941	April 21, 1942 (H)	.3560
227	(226a)	Lethbridge	Oct. 25, 1941	March 10, 1942 (AH)	.3560
228	(227)	London	Aug. 5, 1941	June 29, 1942 (B)	.2035
229	(228)	Moncton	Jan. 19, 1942 (AH)	March 9, 1942 (H)	.50- 1.00
230	(229)	Moose Jaw	Aug. 13, 1941 (AH)	May 21, 1942 (H)	.50- 1.00
	(230)	Montreal	-DELETE-See Type	51.	
231	(231)	New Westminster	Sept. 16, 1941	March 18, 1942 (AH)	.3560
232	(232)	North Battleford	Oct. 6, 1941	Nov. 16, 1941 (AH)	.50- 1.00
233	(232a)	North Bay	Mar. 11, 1943	March 27, 1943 (F)	.50- 1.00
234	(233)	Ottawa	July 29, 1941 (R)	June 24, 1942 (B)	.2035
235	(234)	Prince Albert	Aug. 25, 1941 (F)	Sept. 16, 1941 (AH)	.50- 1.00
	(235)	Quebec	-DELETE-See Type	51.	
236	(236)	Regina	Aug. 8, 1941 (H)	Jan. 2, 1942 (AH)	.3560
237	(237)	Saint John	Aug. 7, 1941 (F)	May 4, 1942 (R)	.3560
238	(238)	Saskatoon	Sept. 13, 1941	April 29, 1942 (H)	.3560
239	(239)	Sydney	Sept. 8, 1941	April 28, 1942 (H)	.3560
240	(240)	Toronto	July 30, 1941 (AH)	June 15, 1942 (AH)	.2035
241	(241)	Truro	Sept. 21, 1941 (A)	May 6, 1942 (H)	.3560
242	(242)	Vancouver	Aug. 4, 1941 (G)	July 2, 1942 (AH)	.2035
243	(243)	Victoria	Aug. 22, 1941 (F)	June 29, 1942 (R)	.3560
244	(244)	Windsor	Aug. 12, 1941 (A)	July 3, 1942 (F)	.3560
245	(245)	Winnipeg	Aug. 9, 1941 (A)	July 3, 1942 (G)	.2035

Notes

Regina (No. 236) reads "Terminal A."

In Toronto there are at least two minor varieties of the circular date stamp (hub). Variety No. 1 measures 7½ mm. between the last letters of Toronto and Ontario. Variety No. 2, with a smaller "Ontario", measures 9½ mm. They were apparently used on different machines, concurrently.

In Vancouver there are at least three varieties of hubs. Variety No. 1: "British Columbia" spelled out (reported by Lloyd Sharpe). Variety No. 2: Wide "B.C.", measuring 9½ mm. Variety No. 3: Narrow "B.C.", measuring 7½ mm.

Winnipeg may also have some hub varieties.

It is interesting to note that four towns appear to have been used in one year only, 1941 only-North Battleford

-Prince Albert

1942 only—Moncton
1943 only—North Bay (and no other town is reported using this cancel as late as this)



Type 51 (Old Type 34) French version of ENLIST NOW Flag

TYPE 51—PROVINCE OF QUEBEC ONLY

	Montreal	Aug. 1, 1941 (R)	June 27, 1942 (H)	
247 (247) 248 (248)	Trois Rivieres	Aug. 12, 1941 (H) Aug. 16, 1941	June 23, 1942 (B) Dec. 10, 1941 (H)	

Montreal used at least two varieties of hubs. Variety No. 1: Lettering much wider, "P.Q." measuring 10½ mm. Variety No. 2: Lettering narrower, "P.Q." measuring 7 mm. Trois Rivieres used in 1941 only. *





THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.

POSTAL STATIONERY PANORAMA

EDITOR: MARK L. ARONS, 204 Muriel Street, Ithaca, New York

SCARCITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND STATIONERY

WHILE BACK we got a letter from A. B. Holness (BNAPS 596) of Toronto, asking us for our opinion on the relative scarcity of two Newfoundland items, the overprinted postal card (Holmes 1674) and the "Piggy back" reply letter card (Holmes 1650), both in used condition. All we could tell Mr. Holness was that in our years of collecting this material we had never come across a copy of the postal card used, and had only come across one copy of the used reply letter card at auction. We did not bid enough, and so missed our one chance of adding this item to our collection. But these items are also quite scarce unused. How about the scarcity of some used items which are quite common in the unused state? We have found all the envelopes and postal bands to be very elusive in legitimately used condition. Also, the two varieties of reply cards have eluded us to date. Even the last issue of the 1 cent and 2 cent George V postal cards seem to be much more difficult to find used than unused. In fact, the only stationery which seems to have been used extensively are the few Victorian postal cards.

Has anyone seen a large number of any item that we consider to be scarce in used condition?

SOUVENIR POSTAL CARDS

Usually we ignore what appears on the back of a postal card when considering it for inclusion in our collection. We believe that collecting advertising on the front is stretching things a bit, but we cannot re-

sist these colorful items. We have to draw the line someplace, however, so we force ourselves to ignore the messages on the reverse unless they have direct philatelic value, and then only as items of postal history, much the same as one would keep other related material such as letters, or pictures, or postal horns. Two cards came into our possession recently which forced



FIGURE 1

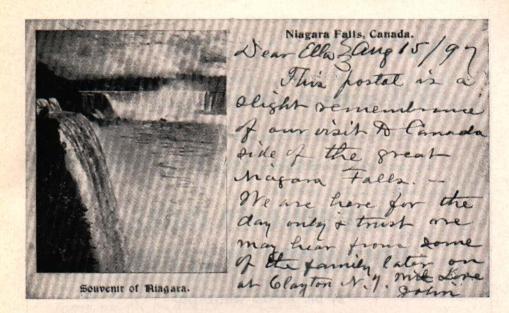


FIGURE 2

us to make an exception to this rule. Fig. 1 shows the reverse side of a Holmes 1413 with an imprinted picture of Niagara Falls. Fig. 2 shows the reverse side of the Jubilee card with a similar scene and the added inscription "Souvenir of Niagara" and "Niagara Falls, Canada." We wish we knew the story on these two early picture cards. Who printed the backs on these cards? Who distributed them? Were they sold for more than face value or were they part of an advertising campaign by the Niagara Falls chamber of commberce or a like organization? Does anyone have any information about these interesting cards?

POSTAL CARD WITH INVERTED STAMP

During this past summer a U.S. auction house included in one of their sales an item listed as follows: Lot #30 Type A59 1 cent green post card Holmes 1447 inverted stamp F.—Est. \$15.00. We have always wondered how some (and we mean only some) auction houses arrive at estimated values. It must be a secret formula

known only to the trade. The inverted Holmes 1447 must have looked like a rarity to this auction house. Actually, the only thing rare was their knowledge of postal cards. If they had read Bond's Catalogue, page 51, they would have noted, under the heading "Multiple pieces" the following: "Canadian Postal Regulations permit bulk purchasers to buy post cards in unsevered sheets of 8, 16, and 32, or in strips of 3. Such multiple pieces are then sometimes cut by the users to unorthodox dimensions . . . or otherwise treated by the manufacturers in such a way as to create abnormal varieties." What Mr. Bond did not add was that anyone having a sheet of these cards can produce inverts by simply turning the sheet upside-down and cutting out cards with the inverted stamped impression in the upper right hand corner. From a sheet of 8, you can get only 3 inverts, the balance of the sheet being waste, but it would be worth the effort if one could pass off the "inverts" as rare errors. We informed the auction house of the true nature of this invented invert, feeling sure that having been made aware of it, they would delete it from their sale. *

Still a best seller!

. . . but are you one of those who is still without a copy of the completely revised Second Edition of

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