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# Message from the President 

DR. ROBERT V. C. CARR, 117 Robin Hood Way, Youngstown, Ohio

As the membership knows, our former editor, John Young, had remained on to assist the Editorial Board until a new editor could take over. It has now become impossible for John to continue due to the press of business. We are most pleased that our immediate Past President and the Chairman of the Editorial Board have now assumed the duties of acting editors-our dear Bob Woolley and Vinnie Greene, with an assist from Russ McNeil handling mail. This is a most welcomed message as said job requires a man of real vigor-an almost thankless task, rewarding only that it is in the best interest of BNAPS. We thank you, Bob, Vinnie and Russ.

We hope, soon, to announce our new permanent editor. This is a most difficult task as it requires time, energy, and the
proper knowhow. We hope that the membership will bear with us during this time. We have had problems of mailing, getting articles, and printing difficulties. This has caused confusion with some of our advertisers which we exceedingly regret. We will do our best to correct this situation and ask the patience of all BNAPSers.

As of March 31st we will no longer enjoy second class mailing privileges. We must therefore use third class with an increase in mailing costs. Further, we find that a proposed increase of $\$ 1.00$ in our dues would not cover the cost of mailing Topics by first class mail. So, you can see that we have our problems, too, but have faith in us - we will do our darndest to continue improving Our Topics.

Robert V. C. Carr

## THE Editer'© MAILBAG

## SPECIAL COVERS <br> AT THE "ROYAL" CONVENTION IN TORONTO

Dear sir:
The 41st Annual Convention of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada taking place in Toronto on June 13, 14, 15 coincides exactly with the 50th Anniversary of the first non-stop Atlantic flight from St. Johns, Newfoundland to Clifden, Ireland by Capt. John Alcock and Lt. Arthur Whitten Brown.

A special stamp is scheduled for issue by the Post Office Department of Canada to mark this historic event. The day of issue will take place on one of the Convention days and special covers are being prepared that will reflect both events. Other special exhibition covers with special cancellations will also be available.

Envelopes will have a reproduction of Alcock and Brown with a 15 c Trans-Atlantic commemorative item and a special postal die cancellation. Cost per envelope50 c plus 25 c bank charges on cheques.

For further information contact Major R. K. Malott, 16 Hardwick Cres., Ottawa 6, Ontario.

THE 1968 CHRISTMAS BOOKLET
PANE (TAGGED) VARIETY PANE (TAGGED) VARIETY
Dear sir:
There is a curious constant variety on one of the panes: first lower left stamp has a color spot in the margin to right of stamp. These have not been yet established for scarcity but believe one in 40 panes will have this variety.

But it has been possible to pinpoint where it comes on the plate. It is on the bottom lower left stamp of one of the 100 units i.e. stamp number 91.

Exactly the same variety appears on the Tagged 5c sheet of 100 stamps in the same position proving that the same plate that printed the regular panes of 100 also printed the left and right handed booklet panes. The printer pressed buttons, removed the middle vertical row of perforations and the alternate horizontal rows and presto we have the same plate used for booklet printing. One can see how it happens left and right handed booklet panes came about.

This variety does not exist on the Nov. 1 5 c untagged stamp proving that a new
plate was used to print the 5 c Tagged stamps that came out Nov. 15, 1968.

## THE CHRISTMAS BOOKLET PANE (PLAIN)

At least the 5 c untagged booklet pane as issued Nov. 1, 1968 has one constant variety also with a scarcity of 1 in 40 (?). This is a blue spot of color on stamp number 10 in the blue color right over the D of Canada.

## Sincerely,

DONALD JEAN, BNAPS 2156

## AUCTION NOTES

Dear sir:
The earliest known Byng Inlet North squared circle cancellation on a 3-cent small queen issue sold for $\$ 77.50$ in the Middlesex Stamp Auction of Hyde Park, Ont., sale in November. It went to a Hamilton BNAPSer.

The clear date was for July 25, 1893, nearly five months earlier than the previously recorded earliest date of Dec. 21, 1893. The stamp went to a Hamilton, Ont. collector, over a good half dozen mail bids in excess of $\$ 50$.

Another interesting item was an unhinged very fine copy of the 8 -cent registration stamp which was knocked down to a London collector at $\$ 45$ by Auctioneer Stan Shantz, who operates the Middlesex Stamp Auctions.

A Siberian Expeditionary Force stampless cover dated Dec. 14, 1918, with a censor marking by Censor \# 5 went to another Hamilton collector at $\$ 27.50$.

## STAN SHANTZ

Dear sir:
I was very interested to learn some of the details surrounding the preparation and printing of the new design booklets in Mr. Reiche's article in the January issue of "Topics". I would like to share with readers some additional information which I have obtained from correspondence with the Post Office Department in Ottawa.

I am informed that the two $\$ 1.00$ booklets were designed to replace the cello-paqs of 4 c and 5 c stamps, and the then existing $5 \times 5 \mathrm{c}$ booklets. The $\$ 1.00$ booklet of 5 c stamps were first issued to postage stamp depots in April, 1968 and the $\$ 1.00$ booklet of 4 c stamps in June, 1968. My examples of both these booklets reveal the presence
of minute cuts horizontally along certain rows of perforations. I quote below the explanation supplied:
"The minute cuts referred to occur along the row of perforation pins in the direction of paper travel. In platen perforating the pins are in varying lengths in order to meet the paper at slightly different times. In this case, the pins are longest at the centre and slightly shorter in each successive row towards the edges. These marks have occurred when the setting of the platen had not been adjusted to enable the longer pins to leave the paper at the proper time. The pull or advance of the paper web has created pressure against the pins resulting in the minute saw-tooth marks which you have noticed."
The explanation for the perforations on the vertical edges of the booklet of $25 \times 4 \mathrm{c}$ stamps is due to the fact that the machinery cannot be set up to provide straight edges in a 3 -row format.

The combination booklet, also printed by the British American Bank Note Company, of $5 \times 1 \mathrm{c}$ and $5 \times 4 \mathrm{c}$ was first issued to depots in September, 1968.

To Mr. Reiche's list of "firsts" I would like to add that these are the first booklets printed without postal rate information; the first panes with more than 6 subjects, the first with comb perforations and the first to have perforated outside edges.

Yours truly,
M. B. DICKETTS, No. 2115

Re Recommendation for Commemorative Postage Stamp-50th Anniversary of First Crossing of Canada by Air - 7 to 17 October 1920
Dear sir:
Your Department is to issue a commemorative postage stamp on 21 May 1969 to commemorate the conquest of the Atlantic by Air 14-15 June 1919. I am most pleased with this decision. May I, however, recommend for your consideration the commemoration of the conquest of Canada by air 7 to 17 October 1920.

The Canadian Air Board sponsored this event starting at Halifax, N.S. and terminating at Vancouver, B.C. The period was from 7 to 17 October 1920, eight different personnel and six different aircraft were used, and the mileage covered was 3,265 in 45 hours of flying time. Aircraft mal-
functions and extremely bad weather held up the indomitable Canadian aviation personnel. The successful completion of this flight indicated to all that Canada's vast regions would be brought ever closer together as aircraft and allied facilities were improved. The advantages of faster communication by airmail, faster delivery of material and passengers, and closer bonds between all Canadians were appreciated by many Canadians who from that day, 17 October, worked to steadily improve Canadian aviation.

The development of Canada without Canadian endeavour in aviation would be much less than it is today if such bold projects as the first cross Canada air flight in October 1920 had not been undertaken. The issue of a commemorative stamp to this event in October 1970 is therefore respectfully recommended.

For an excellent historical account of
this event may I refer you to Mr. Frank Ellis's "Canada's Flying Heritage", pages 180 to 185 inclusive. Those participating in this event and who are still alive are, I believe, the following: Air Vice Marshal Robert Leckie, Air Marshal G. O. Johnson, Mr. C. W. Cudmore; and all these gentlemen are retired.

As a design I would recommend for your consideration the excellent painting of Mr. Robert Bradford, Curator of the Aviation and Space Division, Museum of Science and Technology, Ottawa, which depicts the most challenging aspect of the flight, the crossing of the Rocky Mountain Range by Captain G. A. Thompson and LieutenantColonel Arthur Tylee in the De Havilland 9 aircraft No. G-CYBF.

Your consideration of this request is appreciated.

Yours truly,<br>R. K. MALOTT, Major

## The New Canadian Booklet Stamp

By Hans Reiche

EDITOR'S NOTE: Unfortunately a sketch which was part of the article in the January issue, on page 15 , was omitted and Mr. Reiche has been good enough to
supply another diagram to show the makeup of the panes on the printing cylinder which is now reproduced here along with the following additional notes by Mr. Reiche.


Scott Catalogue will list these booklet stamps and point out that the perforation is 10 , thus differing from the regular postage sheets. I should have mentioned that the Christmas booklets come in two formats. One which opens on the left side the other one on the right side. Both tagged and untagged can be obtained in this form. By the time this appears in print some booklets may have been issued with the new perforation of 12 , because the coarse perforation has given trouble when separating stamps. You may also have noted
on many booklet panes that entire horizontal perforation rows show vertical small cuts going from the bottom of the design of one stamp through the perforation and on to the next stamp. These cuts were caused by some misalignment of the machine. Some of the 25 cent panes with the 1 plus 4 cents show nice offsets on the back, especially from the red printing. A number of booklets appear to have the panes not pasted to the inside cover and are loose inside.

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## No. 127 WILLIAM ELLIS TOPPING No. 949

Well, it's back to the West Coast of Canada and this SKETCH is of the Chairman of BNAPEX-69 in Vancouver, William Ellis Topping.

Wellburn, Johnstone, and Pike-the Holy three of B.C., accepted the invitation for our convention in ' 69 and it is Bill who gets the nice "easy" task to run the show! But, if the above three state that he can do it, Bill can, and will.

A native of Tacoma, Washington, Bill was transplanted to Vancouver as a baby and has been there ever since. His education consists of his B.A. at the University of British Columbia, his M.A. in geography there, and another degree there in history. At the present, after much teaching, came the job of Vice-Principal of a large elementary school in nearby Richmond, B.C.

His education in history and geography whetted his appetite for British Columbia history which resulted in its Postal History and thus another philatelist was born. His specialty is collecting B.C.'s town cancellations and we hear that it is the largest around. He collects post Confederation B.C. but says that the competition of the Holy Three plus yours truly make it rough for him. His latest is B.C. Coastal Ship Markings which he will show next fall at our show - another good reason to be in B.C. next October.

Another study is of B.C. Air Mails and R.P.O.'s. Bill gets quite a bit of kidding for his local collecting friends as he also collects Lundy Island! In addition, there

is a fine collection of old 78 rpm opera records.

Besides running our forthcoming show, he ran the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs show in 1967 which well qualifies him for '69. Bill is Past President of the British Columbia Philatelic Society and the Northwest Federation. Not only does he have membership in the before mentioned clubs, but also belongs to the C.P.S. of Gr. Br . Not only is he an active stamper, but he is an enthusiastic one-just what the "boys" felt was needed-so-"B.C.ing YOU in '69', Bill!

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# Additional Data on the Stamps of Newtoundland 

by Robert Pratt, BNAPS No. 1982

## I - THE CORONATION ISSUE, 1911

This is the first of a series of three articles which will deal with the latest information on the Newfoundland issues contracted for by Whitehead Morris and printed by De La Rue. The early supporting information has been extracted from the fine series published in the London Philatelist during the months of October, November and December 1958 by Arnold Strange. (Further Information on the Stamps of Newfoundland 1911-1928) and the Notes on Newfoundland 1897-1921 written by Harry E. Huber in 1921.

The reason for bringing this information together has been the recent introduction into collector's hands of certain "record sheets", which came from the original files and reached the market through correct and proper channels. In addition, more information has been gleaned and is now in collector's hands than was previously available, so it is fitting that it be collated in one place.

In order not to stir up the perennial argument over what to call an imperforate, ungummed or gummed sheet (the ungummed sheets never had gum on them) these will be called 'record sheets". There is no doubt that they came from the retained records and these sheets can be appropriately called by that name.

The 1911 Coronation Issue was a combination of the talents of De La Rue as engraver-printer for some stamps, and MacDonald as engraver with Alexander \& Sons as printer for certain values. De La Rue handled the $1 \mathrm{c}, 2 \mathrm{c}, 3 \mathrm{c}, 4 \mathrm{c}, 5 \mathrm{c}$, and 10 c values, while the $6 \mathrm{c}, 8 \mathrm{c}, 9 \mathrm{c}, 12 \mathrm{c}$ and 15 c values were prepared by the second team.

## THE DE LA RUE STAMPS

A beautiful, incomplete set of photographic essays, a part of the initial fifteen suggested values, still exists today. The De La Rue collection in their offices in London had a complete set in 1964. In addition, photographic masters of the six values prepared by De La Rue also remain. In this group there were two 4 c essays, one of which was indicated as, and did become,
the 3 c value while the 3 c essay became the 10 c value. It is interesting to note that the Kings Head vignette of the 2c value was an expanded version of the vignette of the $21 / 2$ d. Union of South Africa stamp of 1910 .

Die proofs in black of all values exist on .0045 thin glazed wove paper as do plate proofs in the same color. In addition, there are also several sets of 13 die proofs of the 2c in various colors which were prepared in 1928 as color trials for the stamps of that issue. Most of them were trimmed to stamp size, but a very few exist with the full impression on the die.

Two perforated sets of record sheets of the $1 \mathrm{c}, 2 \mathrm{c}, 3 \mathrm{c}, 4 \mathrm{c}, 5 \mathrm{c}$ and 10 c stamps survived. Each bore a series of marginal notes in manuscript which are of great interest. Before getting into the details of the notes, a summation of the printings as described by Arnold Strange is in order.

1c-Six or more possible printings (Dates shown are dates of ordering):

| M | 0 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 28 July 1913 | 4,000,000 |
| 16 March 1915 | 3,000,000 |
| 11 January 1916 | 4,000,000 |
| 2 May 1916 | 600,000 |
| 22 September 1916 | 5,000,000 |
| 2 c - Seven or more possible | printings. |
| 25 March 1911 | 5,000,000 |
| 28 July 1913 | 8,000,000 |
| 15 November 1915 | 3,000,000 |
| 29 August 1916 | 2,000,000 |
| 22 September 1916 | 7,000,000 |
| 13 April 1918 | 1,000,000 |
| 23 August 1918 | 200,000 |
| 3 c - One printing: |  |
| 25 March 1911 | 50,000 |
| 4 c - One printing: |  |
| 25 March 1911 | 50,000 |
| 5 c - Two printings: |  |
| 25 March 1911 | 500,000 |
| 22 September 1916 | 500,000 |
| 10c - Two printings: |  |
| 25 March 1911 | 10,000 |
| 7 June 1911 | 10,000 |

The inscriptions on the first set of sheets, with one exception, are all the same. They read "1 stamp color book", and just be-
neath "1 stamp DLR's collection". Obviously these can only have one meaning. The two stamps which were removed went into the record books of the De La Rue Company. In fact, they were in the De La Rue master collection. The one exception is most interesting because it dates the stamps
and because of the contents. It reads, in addition to the notes cited above, as follows: "1 Stamp Sir E.D. 28/7/11." This message is in a different color red ink and was done with a different pen, thus proving it was accomplished at a different date. (Fig. 1).


Figure 1


Figure 2

This date would postdate the shipment of the last part of the first order, which was required by "Wednesday, June 28". Sir E. D. could only have been Sir Edward D. Bacon, and the stamp, which showed the face of King George V, could only have been meant for his collection. A fitting recipient. The dates determine that these stamps were from the first printing as no further orders with the exception of the 7 June 1911 order for the 10c were received until 1913.

The second set of inscriptions again are all the same. They read " 6 stamps Whitehead Morris Dec. 21/17." Why these were given to the contractor at this late date is uncertain. The blocks consist of all values printed by De La Rue. Obviously the 3c and 4 c must be from the first and only printing. The 5 c and 10 c could be from the first or second printings of each, and the 1 c and 2 c from one of many printings. After I have discussed the imperforate "Record Sheets" we will be able to come to a conclusion about the 5 c and 10 c . (Fig. 2).

The imperforate "Record Sheets" are now considered. These consisted of full ungummed sheets of the $1 \mathrm{c}, 2 \mathrm{c}$ and 5 c . They are interesting because of two facts; (1) the stamped dates in the lower left corner of the sheet, and (2) the marginal notes on the full sheet of the 2 c . In the top margin it reads as follows: "The paper shrinks this way of the sheet" with a double arrow the width of the stamps". In the right vertical margin it reads: "The way the paper travels from the machine," (the perforating machine?) with a double arrow the height of the stamps.

The stamped dates are as follows:
1c
2c
16 October 1916 H.C. 22 April 1918 H.C. 6 Oct. 1916 H.C.
It is, therefore, apparent that the 1c and 5 c were from the last printings of each, and that the 2 c was from the next to last printing of that value. (Fig. 3).

What can be told from all of this?
Comparing the colors of the 5 c , which I had noted came in two shades, it is apparent that the last printing is the lighter of the two. The two perforated blocks were from the first printing. The last printing of the 1 c is in a definite shade of apple green, much lighter than the first printing. The late printing of the 2 c is in a rose shade


Figure 3


Figure 3
of red, while the first printing is much darker.

I had also seen that there were two different shades of the 10 c , both dark green but one darker. Comparing the colors of the two perforated blocks indicates that the darkest color came from the last printing of 10,000 , and the lighter shade came from the first printing of 10,000 .

The marginal notes on the sides of the 2c sheet also help formulate certain conclusions. One should note that the shrink of the paper was from side to side and not vertical. I carefully measured the gauge of the perforated blocks and the following table resulted:

## 1st Printing 2nd Printing



It therefore appears that two perforating heads were used horizontally, 13.5 and 13.8 , and that the vertical head was a constant 13.8. The catalogues call these $131 / 2 \times 14$ and $14 \times 14$. It is interesting to note that the direction of paper shrink can have an effect upon the gauging of the perforations. Consider the 3 c and 4 c , which had only one printing, where the horizontal perforations measure 13.8 and 13.7. There does not seem to be enough evidence to allocate printings to perforations.

The blocks containing the inscriptions from these remainder sheets are undoubtedly unique.

## THE MacDONALD-ALEXANDER STAMPS

The story about the Coronation Issue would not be complete without a mention of the $6 \mathrm{c}, 8 \mathrm{c}, 9 \mathrm{c}, 12 \mathrm{c}$ and 15 c values, which were undoubtedly printed for Whitehead Morris by Alexander \& Sons. Comparison of the engraving work on the die proofs and plate proofs of these values can only lead one to the conclusion that the work was performed by MacDonald, who also prepared dies for the Guy Issue and the 1911 Issue of Greece.
The die and plate proofs of this group are particularly interesting. Die proofs in black on board about .01 thick exist without an identifying number above the impression. This is the same thickness board used for the Guy Issue proofs. These are
very scarce. In addition, and scarcer, are trimmed dies proofs, in color, on thick wove paper. The 6 c is red, the 9 c green and the 8 c brown - none of which are the issue colors. They could be color trials as the colors are the same as those used for certain Guy Issue proofs.

More intriguing and still undecipherable are the series of large die proofs, in color, of the $8 \mathrm{c}, 9 \mathrm{c}$ and 12 c on thin wove, each of which has the inscription 2 over 18-23 stamped into the die above the stamp. Each die has a slightly different placement of the figures, showing that they were individually placed on the die. One can only conclude that this numbering was a job number or a die number placed on the die by the engraver.

The 8 c die exists in a steel blue color, the 12 c in orange red and indigo and the 9 c in dark brown, (in an incomplete state) and in red violet (with the mss 'approved 9 cent') in the complete state. The incomplete state is identifiable by the fact that the shading in the upper and left outer border is very weak. In the approved state, these areas have been strengthened.

Two unique sheets of 100 plate proofs in black on yellowish wove stamp paper also exist. On the 8 c sheet, the upper left (NW) corner of all of the stamps is broken, as earlier reported by the late Dr. R. Willan in Maple Leaves 1955. It is possible to prove from later plate proofs on .01 board, from known positions, that this was an initial state of the plate and that all the broken corners were corrected by hand reentry. The 9c sheet can easily be seen to be from the incomplete state of the die, and therefore, was never used. It is a plate essay. Also it was so poorly entered that it would have been extremely difficult to properly clear it for stamp printing.

In addition, all values were plate proofed in black on .01 board in the final state.

The 15 c value is known on stamp paper, imperforate, gummed and ungummed in slightly different shades. It was also proofed in issue color on thick yellowish board .009 thick.

The 6 c and 12 c are believed to exist in color of issue on stamp paper, imperforate and gummed.

In Arnold Strange's article, he clarifies the so-called "Aniline" stamp and explains that it came about through too much thinning of the ink. This article also indicates
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# Canadian Revenue Study Group News 

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## QUEBEC ASSURANCE LICENSE STAMPS

John T. Pratt, BNAPS No. 1055 reports the find of the $\$ 3.00$ and $\$ 5.00$ values in uncancelled, unpunched and with full gum. Since these stamps could be and still are redeemable at face value by the Quebec government they are difficult to come by in the above condition. Since neither Holmes' nor Sissons' prices these in mint condition, there can't be too many of these in collector's hands. Our feeling is that once in a while these stamps show up and if you happen to be in the right place at the right time you come up a winner.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA LAW STAMPS

As reported by Ed Richardson in the "Canadian Philatelist" a few years ago, British Columbia has not discontinued the use of Revenue Law Stamps. In fact new issues have been appearing over the past few years. Like the 1958 Commemorative Law Issue, the new stamps are printed on gum impregnated paper. Black control numbers appear in the upper right hand margin on corner pairs.

As of 1962 the following values had been reported:

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\begin{array}{ll}
\text { 10c Grey } & \$ 1.00 \text { Blue } \\
\text { 50c Sepia-grey } & \$ 2.00 \text { Violet } \\
& \$ 3.00 \text { Yellow }
\end{array}
$$

In 1968 a $\$ 10.00$ Carmine was reported. Now Jack St. Laurent reports a $\$ 20.00$ value in a Bright-possibly Royal Blue.

The design on these stamps is the familiar figure of Justice. Jack also supplies the following interesting information regarding "Bisects". Those of you at BNAPEX '68 had a chance to see some of these in Jack's exhibit.

While skepticism has been shown regarding the vertical bisects Jack now has copies with the bisected portion tied to the document with the circular embossed seal: "County Court of Cariboo".

So with the old refrain we might say that sooner or later something new or of note is bound to turn up.

## CONSULAR AND VISA FEE STAMPS

In the Nov.-Dec. 1968 issue of the "Canadian Philatelist", Ed Richardson brought up to date his notes on the above issues which were first mentioned in Ed's column the Hollow Tree in "Popular Stamps".

The consular fee issue of 1949 consists of five values as follows:

| 25 c Bright Blue | $\$ 1.00$ Orange |
| :--- | :--- |
| 50 c Deep Red | $\$ 2.00$ Brown |
| \$5.00 Deep Green |  |

At this time there are two complete sets known and two other sets which lack one value, so they are beginning to show up.

For reasons not completely known the listing of these issues was dropped from Holmes' catalogue and they never were in Sissons' Revenue Handbook. They belong in the catalogues and collectors need to know more about them.

All are striking shades and the Consular Fee stamps is the only one used to date.

In the 1962 Revenue Yearbook, Ed called collector's attention to what may have been a forerunner issue. This is the $\$ 2.00$ Visa Fee stamp. It is the only value that Ed has seen. It is the only value that Ed has seen. It is printed in black on a pink wove paper, perforated $121 / 2$. Date of issue is unknown. Ed knows of no other copies and regrets that his fine collection still lacks this stamp.

## WAR TAX STAMPS

Since some of these stamps were "Admiral Issues" with overprints, does anyone have some of these with lathe-work on margin edges? It would be interesting to see what might be turned up in this area.

Many thanks again to all who help in keeping this column supplied with information regarding new finds, etc. It is sincerely appreciated.

# SEE THE DOGWOOD PROVINCE You Have a Date For BNAPEX-69 Bayshore Inn - Vancouver, B.C. October 1-5, 1969 

# Postal Service in Simcoe County in the 1840's 

By Max Rosenthal

Penetanguishene in 1830; Barrie, Coldwater, Orillia, and Oro in 1835; Bond Head and Flos in 1837; Bradford in 1840; Adjala, Innisfil, Nottawasaga, Sunnidale and Tecumseth in 1841 - these were the first post offices in what is now Simcoe County, some of them named after the townships they served.

## Mail Services

The first weekly newspaper in Simcoe, the Barrie Magnet, began publishing in 1847. On October 1 appeared this advertisement:

ROYAL MAIL STAGE! Between Barrie and Holland Landing.

The subscriber respectfully informs the travelling public, that the above stage leaves Barrie, for Holland Landing, on the mornings of Monday and Friday, at eight o'clock precisely, and returning leaves Irwin's Hotel, Holland Landing, the same evening, on the arrival of the Toronto mail stage.

The subscriber further begs to state, that immediately on the laying up of the steamer "Beaver" for the season, he will run three times a week between Barrie and Holland Landing, viz., will leave Barrie on the mornings of Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and returning will leave the Holland Landing the same evening, on the arrival of the Toronto mail stage.

Passengers travelling by this conveyance proceed direct to Penetanguishene, as there will be a stage in readiness for that place on the arrival of the Mail Stage from Holland Landing; thus forming a direct line from Toronto to Penetanguishene and back. Thomas McCausland, Mail Contractor, Barrie, 1st October, 1847.

A "Post Office Notice" in the Magnet on August 27 had given the same information plus these details:

Arrival-The mails from the south arrive on Mondays and Fridays at noon, and on Thursdays at eight o'clock a.m. by steamer Beaver.

Departure-The mails for the south leave on Mondays and Fridays at noon and on Thursdays at eight o'clock a.m. by steamer Beaver.

Arrival - The mails from Coldwater, Orillia and Oro arrive on the evenings of Tuesday and Thursday; and from Orillia
at eight o'clock a.m. of Thursdays, by the steamer Beaver.

Departure-For Coldwater, Orillia and Oro on the mornings of Tuesday and Saturday by the land route; and for Orillia at noon on Mondays and Fridays, by steamer Beaver.

Arrival-The mails from Nottawasaga, Sunnidale, St. Vincent and Owen's Sound, arrive on the evening of Thursday.

Departure-The mails for Nottawasaga, Sunnidale, St. Vincent and Owen's Sound leave at eight o'clock a.m. of Saturday.

Mails will be made up for Manatuaning (Manitowaning), La Cloch, St. Joseph's, and Sault Ste. Marie, to go by the steamer Gore, on the 1st and 15th of every month; and for Owen's Sound on the 1st, 11th, 15th and 26th every month.

Mails for Europe will be made up on the 10th and 24th of every month.
J. McWatt, Post-Master, Post Office, No. 10 Dunlop Street, Barrie, 2nd August, 1847.

On September 8, 1848 the editor announced:

We are pleased to learn that a considerable improvement has just been carried out, in the arrangement of the mails, serving this place and Penetanguishene.

The mail which leaves Toronto at three o'clock on the afternoon of Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, is delivered here early in the morning, and at Penetanguishene early in the afternoon, of the following day, and the mail which leaves Penetanguishene in the morning and Barrie at noon, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays is received in Toronto at eleven o'clock the following mornings, in time for despatch by the steamers leaving that city for Kingston, Hamilton, etc., the same day. A whole day has thus been gained in the despatch of the correspondence and papers each way. Orillia, to and from which place there is a land mail twice per week, also participates in the benefit of the acceleration.
Thus, the whole distance between the city of Toronto and this place is accomplished in fifteen hours. We understand that it is in contemplation to connect the line by stage to Penetanguishene. The time thus occupied in travelling between Toronto and Penetanguishene will be twenty-four hours, instead of two days, as heretofore.

Further improvement was noted on May 10, 1850:

The steamer "Beaver" is now running her regular trips between Barrie and the Landing on the West Branch of the Holland River, calling at the intermittent points on Lake Simcoe. She is greatly improved in speed. The "Beaver" leaves Barrie every morning (Sundays excepted) at the hour of five o'clock, meets the stages at the landing for Toronto, (a new line, running exclusively in connection with the "Beaver"). Returning the stages leave Toronto at nine a.m., and passengers arrive at Barrie at about seven o'clock in the evening of the same day. Thus the whole distance is travelled in about ten hours!

On May 23 this advertisement added further details:

Lake Simcoe. The mail steamer "Beaver".
On Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays via Oro and Orillia, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays via Mara, Thorah (Beaverton) and Georgina (Sutton), weather permitting.

December 24, 1850 the Barrie Magnet was able to announce:

On Monday the new postal arrangement, by which daily connection with Toronto will be afforded, was carried into operation. Our old friend McCausland, has, we learn, placed a new line of stages between Barrie and Bradford, in connection with the Royal Mail Line from Bradford to Toronto. Passengers can now leave Barrie every morning (Sundays excepted) and reach Toronto at five o'clock in the afternoon; or on one or other of the stages which leave Toronto at eight o'clock, a.m., can arrive here at the same time in the evening, calling either ways at the villages of Bradford, Holland Landing and Newmarket.

At present, we understand, Mr. McCausland does not receive an additional remuneration from the Post Office Department for this additional outlay and labor; but we feel satisfied that as the arrangement has been made in consequence of the requisition signed by the majority of inhabitants of this town, that this spirited movement will be sensibly appreciated, and that a generous support will be extended to a long time and faithful servant.

For upwards of fifteen years McCausland has toiled through the hardships incident to his station night and day, storm and sunshine, steady, unflinching, punctual discharge of duties of no ordinary nature.

## REQUESTS FOR NEW POST OFFICES

In the Barrie Magnet of September 8, 8, 1848 appeared this letter, written by P.D.K., Essa, on September 6.

It is but 13 or 14 years that the first men that went to settle west of the Nottawasaga River, in Essa and Tossorontio, had to cross that stream on a tree that they felled across it; at present there are upwards of seventy inhabitants west of it. A good frame bridge has been erected over the river. Statute labor and wild land tax are making good roads for us; two or three enterprizing individuals have already availed themselves of our water privileges on which they are building mills at present. In fact the only real grievance we have to complain, is the want of post office communication. The nearest post office is at Bond Head, at a distance of twenty miles from the centre of our settlement. For this we cannot blame ourselves for we have petitioned for a post office repeatedly, but, as often is the backwoodsman's lot, our requests were neglected or forgotten.
P.D.K. appeared in the Magnet, in its issue of November 14, 1850, with a letter written November 11.

The Township of Essa is settled about a quarter of a century, and yet there is not a post office within seven miles of it. One thing of which we are pretty sure is that the rates of postage of a letter mailed at Toronto, as delivered at Bond Head, is four pence, half penny, and at other times seven pence, although such letters do not weigh half an ounce. N.B.-The distance from Toronto to Bond Head is about forty miles.

Essa Township, west of the Nottawasaga River, had to wait for a post office until 1851, when West Essa was opened $21 / 2$ miles northeast of the future Alliston. So did the people of Cookstown, in its very southeast corner, where it adjoins Tecumseth Township. On August 16, 1849 the Barrie Magnet had carried this petition.
To Thomas A. Stayner, Esq., Dep. Post-master-General.

We the undersigned inhabitants of Cookstown, in the Township of Tecumseth and its vicinity, in the District of Simcoe, humbly sheweth:

That the inhabitants of a cleared and well settled portion of the District of Simcoe labour under great inconvenience and disadvantages arising from the want of a post office at Cookstown, or in its neighbourhood.
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that this printing was from the first batch.
Verification of the fact that the "Aniline" printing was the first also comes from a presentation sheet of the issue which has one of these stamps upon it. Huber states the blue-green stamp was received in September.

Five values were printed for Whitehead Morris on 1,500 sheets of paper, which were supplied by De La Rue. One can only assume that the same amount ( 300 sheets of $30,000 \mathrm{stamps}$ ) were printed of each value. On 7 June 1911, 1,000 more sheets of paper were supplied by De La Rue, which would allow for the printing of 200 sheets or $20,000 \mathrm{stamps}$ of each value, thus a total of 50,000 stamps of each value were probably printed, which agrees with the number prepared for the 3 c and 4 c values.

Here again I have noted color differences and perforation variations. All of these values exist in lighter and darker shades and with good and imperfect imperforations. My examinations seem to show that the darker shades were from the second printing of 20,000 each and had the perforations made with what seems to be a dull punch.


Figure 3

The petition is signed by about 700 persons. We cannot too strongly recommend to the Post Office authorities the establishment of post offices, in various parts of the district, where they are much required. We have heard many, very many complaints respecting the distance persons in some of the best settled townships have to travel to reach a post office, and it is well known that a convenient post office is as necessary as a convenient school. If a man is obliged to travel twelve or fifteen miles, which is in the District but too frequently the case, for his newspaper, it is not worthwhile taking one.

In the spring of 1851 the Barrie Magnet was running sketches of villages in Simcoe, by then a county. Of Bond Head, it said on March 26:

There has been a post office established for the last seventeen years (actually 14 years)-the mail arrives from Holland Landing and Bradford every Monday and Thursday at nine o'clock, and returns on the same evening from Mono Mills with letters, etc., from the different post offices on that route west.

There were two post offices on the route
between Bond Head and Mono Mills Tecumseth, just east of the later Beeton, and Adjala, south of the later Keenansville.

On March 19 a review of the Township of Medonte had informed its readers:

There are two offices, one near Coldwater and the other on the Penetanguishene Road. At the latter office the mail arrives three times a week from Toronto, where the Barrie and Penetanguishene stages pass up one day, down the other.

The post office mentioned near Coldwater village was also called Coldwater, but kept by Edmund Moon at that time at the future Moonstone, a few miles west. The post office on the Penetanguishene Road was Flos, north of the future Craighurst.

April 2, 1851, the Magnet featured Newton Robinson, between Bond Head and Cookstown.

We have as yet no post office, but as the Department will soon come under provincial control, we hope shortly to have this remedied.

Later that month Canada took over its Post Office Department from Great Britain,
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# Sales Circuit Comments 

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Sales and earnings were both at an all time high for 1968, as listed below. However, 1969 has started out even better, with sales level with last year's rate but new books $50 \%$ greater than for last year at this time. We are now getting some pretty nice material in the circuits, so why don't you consider using our Sales Departmentas a buyer, seller or both.

## Note to those buying from Sales Dept.

It is quite time consuming for the Sales Manager (Me!) to try to decipher "initials" marked in current books by buyers. Thus the Board has agreed to require those purchasing from the Sales Circuits to obtain and use a rubber stamp. This should include BNAPS and your membership number. It can include anything else you want, some members have one stamp with membership numbers of two groups. By $1 / 1 / 70$ all users must have such a stamp.

## EARNINGS FOR 1968

## Income

Commission on circuit sales at $8 \%$ ..... \$ 538.67
Insurance charges, $2 \%$ of value of books submitted 1968 ..... 360.06
Interest on savings account ..... 286.88
Blank current book sales ..... 24.67
Postage donations ..... 7.04
Total

\$1,217.32

## Expenses

Net postage cost ..... \$ 105.89
Printing and stationery ..... 96.00
Phone calls on late circuits ..... 8.91
Type 1967 annual report ..... 5.00
Total ..... \$ 215.80
Net earnings, 1968-\$1,001.52.

Total current sales were $\$ 6,733.42$.
J. C. LEHR, Sales Manager

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## MD AND ND

Our MD-Militia Department and NDDepartment of National Defence should probably be included in collections of the perforated $\mathrm{OH} / \mathrm{MS}$ stamps. The former is quite difficult to find and our handbook only lists seven stamps with this perforation. The period of use seems to overlap the usage of the ND perforator as we find MD used as late as 1931 on Sc. No. 190 whereas the ND starts with the 1912 issue and continues in use as late as the 1937 issues. The reason for this note is a recent report from Dr. W. C. Horning, Victoria, B.C., adding Sc. No. 162, 231 and 233 to the list of ND perfins, for which many thanks.

## C31 - CUDAHY

When we went to press with the third edition of the Perfin handbook this design of the Cudahy Packing Company located their office as Chicago. However, the two known copies of this perfin both have a code hole between the letters U and H .

Reference to the Perfin Club catalogue indicates that this design is from the St. Paul, Minnesota office. A feature of these two known copies is that they are both on E1 used during the period when it was necessary to prepay special delivery mail originating in the United States for special delivery in Canada with Canadian special delivery stamps.

This arrangement was reciprocal, of course.

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Some time ago I had a check list from Mr. C. R. McNeil No. 649 with a list of his holding of this Provincial issue and find it very close to completion. From his list I have been able to add Sc. Nos. 206, 400, 443,453 and 458 to the record. As this machine is still in use to a limited extent there are no doubt some recent issues of which I have no listing. Would someone with an extensive collection of the recent issues, say from Sc. No. 410, on care to bring me up to date?

# Alberta Wildlite Issues for 1967-1968 Season 

By the late J. A. Folinsbee

This year some interesting situations came to our notice. The government has issued for the first time to my knowledge, stamps bearing the same color and value as those of a previous year. The three stamps in question are all of the resident issue. The big game stamp ( $\$ 5.00$, pale pink, pink lettering, and red serial number), the whitetail deer stamp ( $\$ 3.00$, pale green, deeper green lettering, and red serial number) and the goat stamp ( $\$ 7.50$, blue, dark blue lettering, red serial number). All of these are the same or similar to those issued in 1965. I am able to identify the $\$ 5.00$ big game because of the different colored ink used in the printing, which is a brighter red than the 1965 stamp. The other two could well be a use of the unused stock of 1965 as there appears to be no difference in the two issues.

Two other departures from previous issues are noted. A $\$ 5.00$ non-resident Canadian game bird stamp was issued. In previous years, the non-resident Canadians were able to use the regular resident stamp and it was placed on the back of the license with the other non-resident stamps. A special $\$ 25.00$ Moose and Bear stamp was also issued for the first time. It carried only the word SPECIAL but entitled the bearer to kill a moose and a black bear. This attracted a great number of hunters to Alberta, many more than the Game Department anticipated. Approximately 9,500 licenses with this stamp on them were issued. It is reported that over 3,000 moose were taken on these licenses. It is doubtful if the Game Department will issue such a license again for some time.

It appears that the space provided for the grizzly bear stamp on the license was put there with the intention of issuing a stamp at a later date. The Game Department has failed to verify my request as to its issue. However, I had my brother purchase a license to hunt grizzly bear in the spring season when they are open. He was issued a special bear license without a stamp, similar to the ones issued the year before. It is therefore my opinion that the Grizzly Bear stamp does NOT exist.

The following data is provided to identify the license and the stamps issued this past season:

The license: Form WA 28 (290) - Pale bluish paper with the Alberta seal imprinted in orange on the one side. Printing is in blue ink, red serial numbers, fee $\$ 2.00$. The resident side contains spaces for eight stamps, the non-resident side for six stamps. The certificate is $81 / 2 \times 35 / 8$ inches and is rouletted at both top and bottom.

The Stamps: There are two sizes, the small which are $28 \times 35 \mathrm{~mm}$., and the large which are $35 \times 42 \mathrm{~mm}$. Two exceptions are noted; the Canadian non-resident Game Bird stamp appears to be a full $281 / 2 \times 35 \mathrm{~mm}$, the special Moose and Bear stamp is $28 \times 35 \mathrm{~mm}$, although the space allowed is for a bigger stamp.

## Resident Issues

Game Bird ....................................... \$2.50
Big Game ${ }^{1}$........................................ 5.00
Whitetail Deer ${ }^{1}$...................................... 3.00
Caribou ............................................... 7.50
Sheep ..................................................... 7.50
Goat ${ }^{1}$................................................. 7.50

| Background <br> pale violet pink | Lettering <br> red violet | Serial <br> red |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Pale pink red | pink red | red |
| pale green | green | red |
| pale orange | orange | red |
| pale blue | blue | red |
| pale grey | black | red |
| blue | dark blue | red |

Non-Resident Issues

Canadian:

Game Bird .................................... \$ 5.00

Big Game ...................................... 7500

Alien:
Game Bird ......................................... 25.00
Big Game ....................................... 150.00
Whitetail deer ….............................. 15.00
Moose and Black Bear-Special ...... 25.00

| Background | Lettering | Serial |
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| brown | dark brown | red |
| light brown | dark brown | red |
| violet | purple | red |
| orange | bright green | red |
|  | green | red |
| lemon yellow | black | red |

[^1]1965 issues and the same value.
The Game Annual Report lists two special hunts in 1966-67 season, and indicates special stamps were issued. These may have been special licenses without stamps
like the spring bear. I am not able to give definite information on this, but am on the trail. I believe the same seasons were open in 1968. They are listed as Non-Trophy Sheep, and Wainright Deer Stamps.
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