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COMPETITION

This is written as the Olympic competition nears its end. There is much inspiration to be drawn from the efforts of the competitors, and not all from the winning performances, although those are mostly what is shown. For most of the athletes who participate, a medal is not even remotely possible, yet they joyously compete after months or years of preparation. Is it wasteful time? I think not.

Competition is a complex yet fundamental part of personality. As with all human characteristics, the degree of competitiveness varies from individual to individual, from nearly non-existent to extremely intense. We all have known the person who goes all out to win, laying waste friendships or family relations in the extreme case. Competition can be destructive, yet we often admire the tenacity and singlemindedness, even though we rarely share its perspective. Competition exists in almost every area of human affairs, in its varied intensity, and that is also true in stamp collecting. Sorting it out can help us to grow in our hobby.

The most obvious and early form of competition probably hit us all as kids - how many stamps do you have? I remember counting them all in my Global World Album or whatever it was, getting to 5,000 after a few years. It never seemed quite as important to have more than the next kid than to improve on my last count by at least a thousand. At the same time the old catalogue valuation competition was going strong. What's your most valuable stamp? I remember a kid down the block who got the U.S. Zeppelin set from a relative. That

certainly outstripped anything I could come up with, even though I had received from my old maid great aunts (as they were always referred to then) a suitcase full of late 1930's and early 1940's used commemoratives, including many dozens of famous Americans, resulting in quite a few complete sets to trade or sell to the local stamp dealer. Now stop and review how you view your collection. Do you not rate it in terms of such competition: 300 different squared circles, valuation exceeding \$10,000, or the like? It's a form of self-competition. Obviously, there are others.

Philatelic exhibitions are the most visible between-collector competitions. While multiple medals may be given at a specific level, there is only one Grand Champion of ANYPEX. I see the same exhibit year after year at some of our shows here in Texas, trying to gain the top award. What is amusing is that some of the exhibits don't seem to ever change. The owner doesn't seem to realize that a static exhibit will probably never win the Grand. The judges become familiar with it and look for something new, jaded by the now too-familiar material. Early on, I decided that I would not show an exhibit again at a show unless I had added enough new material to upgrade it to the next level. I might not get that better award, but at least I tried. The competition is not against other exhibitors but with my last attempt.

A few exhibitors do compete head-to-head in a very real sense, if they collect the same area. It is often tough to have a good collection on display and be compared in the same exhibit, or against a recent international, with the best one ever formed. Such is the lot of some of my

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friends. I think they do suffer a downgrading under such circumstances. Who said it would all be fair?

Other philatelic competitions are more subtle. Who's the best expert on Lower Slobovian postal rates of the mid 1920's? Almost no one cares except the two persons both studying and writing about it. That may seem silly, but there certainly is some of this competition in the U.S. Read some of the important journals and stamp newspapers and you will get some sense of it. Honors and prizes await those who are perceived as the best.

The competition to outdo someone else, a dealer or fellow collector, has been discussed in recent issues under the topic of selling material. There is a thin line between being savvy and taking advantage. We all know collectors who delight in crowing about the last steal they got. Somehow it seems O.K. to do it at the expense of the professional, who is in the business of knowing, but not O.K. from the lady who wanders in with her deceased husband's collection and receives 2% of fair market value. I have heard full-time dealers say that the only way they stayed in business in the old days was through such buys, but that now the buys are few and far between. How sad it is.

Ultimately, competitions that put others down are not healthy. I hear a lot in the education business about instilling the competitive drive in our children, but most of those who say it do not really understand what drives competition in humans. While a few receive gratification from the reduced circumstances of others, most really compete against themselves. That desire to exceed what we have previously done is by far the healthier form.

Everyone can be a winner under such conditions, and we can all cheer for the Grand at the same time.

BNAPEX 92

By the time this is in print the competitions of Chicago will be over - financial, philatelic, and intellectual. Those who did not go will have missed an annual exercise in friendship and communication that simply cannot be matched through our journal, or even the Study Group newsletters. Regional group meetings are certainly a step in the right direction, but if you really want to stretch yourself philatelically, to move from where you are to a higher level, nothing will replace attending a BNAPEX. The wealth of information, material, and people will really add something to your collecting that you do not now have if you don't attend. General exhibitions are great also, but if you really love BNA philately, they don't hold a candle to BNAPEX meetings. Plan now to attend the 1993 meeting in Toronto at the Royal York. Join the competition.



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The President's Corner

William G. Robinson, OTB



This column is being written before receiving the July-August issue of *TOPICS*, and a month before the convention at St. Charles, but you probably won't read it until after

the convention. News about that event and all the Officers reports should appear in the November-December issue.

As mentioned last time, your President flew to College Station, Texas, on July 31 to August 3, to attend the summer meeting of the Texas Prairie Beavers Regional Group. This visit was in furtherance of a goal to attend a meeting of each of the active Regional Groups during the current term of office. The trip had an elapsed time of about ten hours each way (neglecting time zone changes), and was relatively trouble-free. The commuter flight between Houston and College Station was cancelled because of mechanical problems - but there was another an hour later, so it wasn't serious. The Group members were already at dinner when the later flight arrived, but the President caught up. Eleven members of the Group attended the sessions on Saturday, August 1. The President spoke on the state of the Society, and presented his Boer War seminar which had already been seen by the Pacific Northwest and Calgary Regional Groups this year. There were active trading sessions, an interesting clothes line exhibit, and a benefit auction which raised over \$100 for the Group. A dinner at the Texas A & M University Faculty Club ended the day for members and ladies. You couldn't find a more interesting or well-presented meeting - what

do we have to do in order to increase attendance and participation?

During Sunday there was opportunity to discuss Society business with *TOPICS* Editor Vic Willson, Librarian Clint Phillips, and Membership and Convention Coordinator Jeff Switt, as well as to visit Washington-on-the-Brazos - where the Texas Declaration of Independence from Mexico was signed in 1836. Here there is a fine museum with even some stampless letters of the period.

The Library is becoming better organized, and a good index of books should be available soon. The periodicals and articles are somewhat harder to index, and further work is needed. The work of Librarian Clint Phillips, Editor Vic Willson and Secretary Chris McGregor in this indexing is to be commended. It's amazing what we have there. Give it a try when you need information.

This trip marked the first time that I had taken an exhibit across the border by air since the introduction of the Goods and Services Tax (G.S.T.) in Canada last year. A green Customs Form E.15 was completed in duplicate and certified by a Canada Customs Officer prior to departure. On re-entering Canada, the form was presented to the Canada Customs, and there was no problem at all.

The flights back on Monday were unremarkable except for a delay of a half hour at Denver because of an electrical storm right at the end of the runway which backed up all departing flights. This was an extension of the strange summer weather we have had throughout North America this year - with the west coast and the south having high temperatures and generally fine weather - while the east had record low temperatures and high precipitation. I hope it changes before the convention.

All comments I've heard about last year's Canada's River Heritage stamps have been very positive. The second booklet in this series has now been issued, and lives up to the reputation of its predecessor. The theme this time is waterways of industry and commerce.

The other stamp released since the last *TOPICS* commemorates the 50th anniversary

of the Alaska Highway.

The data on these two issues are listed in the following table. Stamp sizes, perforations and number of teeth are my own measurements, and are given as (HORIZONTAL) x (VERTICAL). The other data have been taken from Canada Post's booklet Canada's Stamp Details. Abbreviations are listed at the end of the table.

Issue:	River Heritage	Alaska Hwy
Value:	5 x 42¢ s-t	42¢
Type:	Commem.	Commem.
Issued:	22 April 1992	15 May 1992
Printer:	A-P	CBN
Quantity:	15MM stamps	15MM
Size (mm):	48 x N/A	30 x 40.5
Gum:	PVA	PVA
Paper:	C1S,L (CP)	C1S,L (H)
Process:	5CL	5CL
Pane:	booklet of 10	50
Tagging:	G (4 sides)	G (4 sides)
Perf.:	12.5 x 12.7	13.3 x 13.3
Teeth:	30 x N/A	20 x 27

All stamps in each River Heritage booklet have one straight edge top or bottom, so the height and number of teeth vertically depend on how the individual booklets were trimmed.

ABBREVIATIONS: 5CL = five colour lithography; A-P = Ashton-Potter; C1S,L = coated one side, litho; CBN = Canadian Bank Note Company; (CP) = Coated Papers; G = general tagging; (H) = Harrison; MM = million; N/A = not applicable; s-t = se-tenant.

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LUBKE SALE at R. MARESCH & Son of Toronto. The June 17-18, 1992, auction sold the first portion of the extensive Henry Lubke collection. Hank formed the best 4 ring numeral collection on cover ever developed, as well as the most extensive accumulation of pence covers. He at one time reported owning approximately 1,000 Pence covers, perhaps 40% of all recorded. In addition over 50 other owners' material was sold, including extensive selections of Pence, Large Queen, and Small Queen items. In the Pence material a superb used half penny stamp sold for \$1,100 (all realizations with

the 10% buyer's premium), and a pair of three pence went for \$1,155. A hard paper six pence with imprint used sold for \$3,850.

In the Cents issue a first day of issue of the 10 cent chocolate brown on cover reached \$7,425, while a pair of the 12½¢ to Victoria, Vancouver Island went for \$3,575. A 23¢ rate cover to Australia finished at \$5,500, and a 10¢ rate to the U.S. paid with five 2¢ stamps sold for an exceptional \$3,575.

In the Large Queen issue a rejoined imprint block of 8 of the ½¢ made \$742, and a 1¢ laid paper used with light corner crease but well centred achieved \$4,125. The 5¢ used with perf. 12, a great rarity, sold for \$1,700, while the 2¢ major re-entry on cover made \$1,155.

Small Queen items did extremely well; a 10¢ rate to Switzerland, 1872, sold for \$1,155, and never hinged mint stamps went high, such as Sc. 41 for \$220. The Sc. 45 n.h. reached \$575. Similar results were obtained for n.h. Jubilees (20¢ for \$467, 50¢ for \$330) and Edward (50¢ for \$1,100). Maresch reports that the second part of the Lubke material will be auctioned in the fall. Information is available from R. Maresch & Son, 330 Bay St., STE. 703, Toronto ON CANADA M5H 2S8, tel. 416-363-7777.

Once again George LeMesourier, Allan Steinhart, and Arthur Leggett are sponsoring BYPEX '92 at the Embassy West Motor Hotel, 1400 Carling Ave., Ottawa. No admission is charged at the show Nov. 14-15. Stamps, covers, and postcards will be sold by 25 dealers, and exhibits will also be shown.

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OCTOBER 9-10, VICTORIA, B.C. - VICPEX '92. Greater Victoria and Vancouver Island Philatelic Stamp Societies. Will be held at the Garth Homer Achievement Centre, 813 Darwin Avenue, Victoria, British Columbia. 100 - 6 page frames. Adults \$2.00 per frame. Juniors \$1.00 per entry. Admission by donation. 16 dealer bourse. Hours: Friday - 5:00 - 9:00 PM, Saturday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM. for further information please contact Don Shorting, Box 5164, Stn. B, Victoria, B.C. V8R 6N4.

OCTOBER 24, LONDON, ON - MIDDLEPEX '92. White Oaks Mall, 1105 Wellington Rd. S., London, ON. Sponsored by Middlesex Stamp Club of London. Saturday only, 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM, free admission and parking. Information: Pat Delmore, Box 234, Mt. Brydges, ON N0L 1W0. Phone: (519) 204-2507.

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NOVEMBER 14-15, OTTAWA, ON - BYPEX '92. Embassy West Motor Hotel, 1400 Carling Ave., Ottawa. 25 dealer bourse and exhibit, free admission. Stamps, covers, postcards. Sponsored by George LeMesourier, Allan Steinhart, and Arthur W. Leggett. Information: 613-729-7100

NOVEMBER 13-15, CALGARY, AB - CALTAPEX '92. Marlborough Inn, 1316 33 St. NE. Annual philatelic exhibition of the Calgary Philatelic Society. Fri: 4 pm - 8 pm; Sat: 10 am - 5 pm; Sun: 10 am - 5 pm; competitive exhibit and bourse. Information from CALTAPEX Chairman, Box 1478, Calgary AB T2P 2L6.

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APRIL 17, WATERLOO, ON - KITCHENER-WATERLOO STAMPFEST '93. Albert McCormick Arena, Parkside Dr., Waterloo. 20 dealers Bourse, 100 frame Exhibition, Youth Activities area. 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Information: Betty Martin, Box 1676, Kitchener, ON N2G 4R2. Phone: (519) 578-7782.

APRIL 24, CALGARY, AB - CALGARY REGIONAL GROUP - BNAPS Regional Meeting - Marlborough Inn, 1316-33 Street NE, Calgary, Alberta. A full day of BNA seminars, stamp trading, cloths line exhibit, socializing and annual banquet. The Calgary Philatelic Society Stamp Day is on the following day - April 25 (Dealer Bourse and Exhibits). Information from Chairman: J.R. Taylor, 2335 Paliswood Road SW, Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2V 3P6.

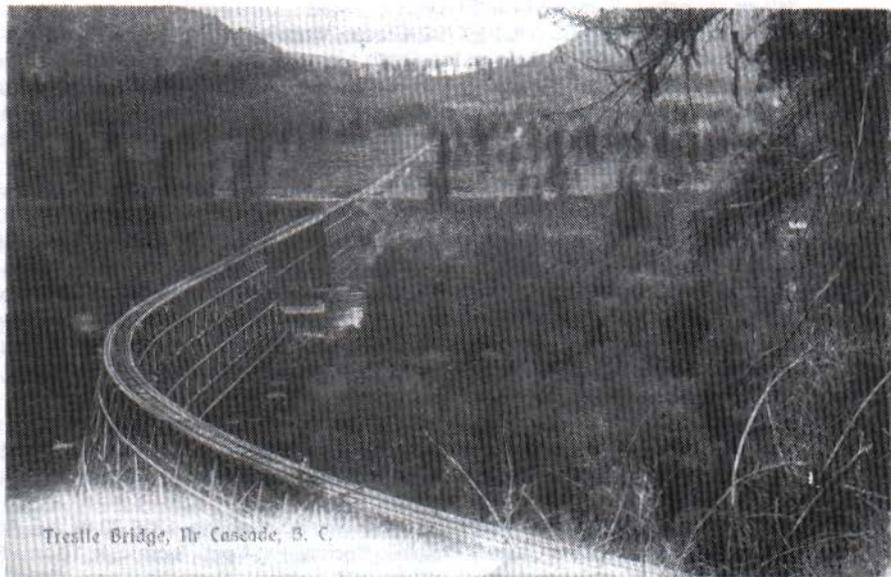
MAY 7-9, VANCOUVER, BC - PIPEX '93. Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs. Information from: William J. Davidson, PIPEX '93, P.O. Box 60009, 6417 Fraser Street, Vancouver B.C. V5W 3A0.

SEPTEMBER 3-5, TORONTO, ON - BNAPEX '93. The Royal York Hotel. Information: Al Steinhart, 35 Church Street, Toronto, ON M5E 1T3.



The RPO Cowcatcher

A Guest Column by William G. Robinson, OTB
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Trestle Bridge, Nr Cascade, B. C.

Last time we discussed the numerous hammers used on the Medicine Hat & Nelson section of the C.P.R.'s southern Trans-Continental line. Today we will consider the next RPO run west from Nelson to Midway. This section was completed by the C.P.R. in early 1900, but the earliest known R.P.O. marking on this run is W-95, NELSON & MIDWAY R.P.O., 25 November, 1903. There is no proof strike of this hammer, which was used until 1930. Other hammers were used until service ended in 1957.

This railway runs through extremely rugged country, and an example of the heavy construction is shown in the accompanying photo of the trestle bridge near Cascade, B.C.

Two of the hammers used on this run (W-96 and W-98A) contain the abbreviation *BRIT.-COL.* rather than *B.C.* for the provincial designation. This use is unique among R.P.O. hammers.

Two steel hammers (W-98a and b) and a large diameter rubber hammer (W-98c) contain ornaments - in this case the musical sharp # on both sides of the *B.C.* The first of these was proofed December 29, 1908, but an example was not found until almost 80 years later. It is scarce! Examples are now known from January 8, 1909 to April 13, 1910. The hammer then disappears, and W-98b was proofed December 3, 1913. It is not known in use until November service ceased on September 30, 1957. Where was this hammer for the fourteen years from 1913 to 1927? The rubber hammer was proofed January 25, 1919, and one strike is known dated April 30, 1920, from Train 12. Two other rubber hammers with ornaments were proofed about the same time, but examples have not been reported as yet.

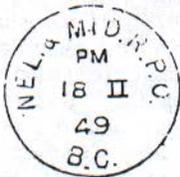
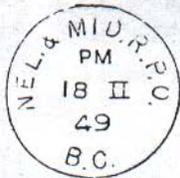
Some nine private clerk hammers have also

been reported on this run. Several of the names are well known from other runs - for example, F.D. Dingwell, R.G. Spence, and E.G. Kane. These markings were used on facing slips to indicate which clerk had made up the bundle of mail. They were also sometimes used as back-stamps on registered letters when the steel hammer of the run was not handy, or perhaps was in use by another clerk cancelling mail posted on the train.

Examples of those hammers included in the

proof books are shown below. Unfortunately, these records are far from complete and the proof dates of many hammers aren't known.

Next time we will consider the mail service from Midway west to Hope, Ruby Creek, Agassiz, and Vancouver along the Kettle Valley Railway through the infamous Coquihalla Pass - where very heavy snowfall and heavy run-off caused monumental blockages and washouts, and eventually forced abandonment of the route.



THE FIVE CENT LARGE QUEEN - PAPERS AND PERFORATIONS

William L. Simpson and George B. Arfken



Fig. 1. A portion of the British American Bank Note Co. trade sample sheet, printed in May 1869. Note the three 5¢ Large Queens on the right. Photo of the entire trade sample sheet from Jim Hennok.

A careful study of the 5¢ Large Queens in the Simpson collection has yielded some new information about the papers and perforations of these unusual stamps. To put the information in context, some background information is in order.

The 5¢ Large Queen, issued October 1, 1875, was a provisional stamp. This was a temporary issue, rushed into production because the time available was too limited to produce the 5¢ Small Queen [1]. The Treaty of Berne, signed October 9, 1874, established the General Postal Union (later the Universal Postal Union), effective July 1, 1875 [2]. The immediate admission of Canada into the Union was blocked by French and Spanish objections [3]. In response, the U.K. extended the new GPU/UPU 5¢ per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. rate to Canada for Canadian letter mail to the U.K. The rates to the U.K. had been 6¢ via Canadian packet and 8¢ when sent via the U.S.

The new 5¢ rate was announced in Department Order No. 15, dated September 1, 1875. The new rate was to become effective just 30 days later, on October 1, 1875 and Canada had no 5¢ postage stamps. In a letter dated September 3, the Post Office officially requested the British American Bank Note Co. to prepare a plate for printing 5¢ stamps and to submit colors for the Postmaster General's selection. The time available, less than one month, was far too short a time to engrave a new 5¢ Small Queen die, lay down a plate, and print stamps.

What happened next is not completely clear. We know that a die for the 5¢ Large Queen was prepared in 1867 along with the other Large Queen dies. The presence of the 5¢ Large Queen on the 1869 trade sample sheet is clear evidence of this. A part of this trade sample sheet is shown in Figure 1. A plate was also prepared. Fairbanks has illustrated a block of 5¢ Large Queen proofs with a type III imprint



Fig. 2. From Toronto, Ont., NO 22 75, to Scotland. The 2-fold 5¢ preferred rate was paid with a pair of 5¢ Large Queens. The 5¢ Small Queens had not yet been issued. Endorsed Via New York, the cover was carried on the Cunard Bothnia that sailed from New York on November 24.

[4]. No 5¢ Large Queens were printed at that time. The 5¢ pre confederation domestic rate was scheduled to be reduced to 3¢ and there was no longer any need for 5¢ stamps. Because the plate actually used for printing the 5¢ Large Queens in late 1875 had a type V imprint, it was generally assumed that a second plate was prepared in September 1875. DiCiommo has argued persuasively that there was not enough time to prepare a new Large Queen plate, submit trial colors and print stamps [5]. He pointed out that much time would have been saved by correcting flaws on the 1867 plate, erasing the old type III imprint and rolling in the type V imprints and a FIVE CENTS counter. We are inclined to agree with DiCiommo that there was only one 5¢ Large Queen plate. However they did it, the British American Bank Note Co. did have the 5¢ Large Queens ready on October 1, 1875.

Some 1,250,000 5¢ Large Queens were issued over a period of four months, October 1875 through January 1876. They were replaced by the 5¢ Small Queen in early February. As indicated above, the reason for issuing the provisional 5¢ stamps was to pay the new 5¢ preferred rate to the U.K. Figure 2 shows a double rate cover to Scotland dated NO 22 75. This is one of a series of covers sent by George Brown, Editor of the Toronto Globe and a Father of Canadian Confederation, to his wife in

Scotland. Mrs. Brown was visiting her mother. The 2-fold 5¢ rate was paid with a pair of the 5¢ Large Queens. Presumably the 5¢ Large Queens were more readily available than the 10¢ Small Queen. The cover was carried on the Cunard *Bothnia* sailing from New York on November 24. The new 5¢ preferred rate was the same for Cunard steamers sailing from New York as for Allan packets sailing from Québec.

The 5¢ Large Queens are olive green ranging from light olive green to deep olive green. An examination of the 5¢ Large Queens in the Simpson collection has disclosed four different types of paper used for printing these stamps and at least three different types of gum. In order of date according to a small number of dated copies, we find:

1. Rough paper with a faint vertical mesh, 0.0034" - 0.0036" in thickness, with a shiny, thick yellowish gum. Boggs type Y.
2. Paper with a strong vertical mesh, 0.0034" - 0.0035" in thickness, with streaky gum, Boggs type W.
3. Thinner paper with medium vertical mesh, 0.0030" - 0.0032" in thickness, with thin white gum. Boggs type V.
4. Smooth paper with medium horizontal mesh, 0.0034" - 0.0035" in thickness. The gum was not observed but it was probably streaky or thin white.

Two comments: 1. The small number of dated copies do not definitely establish the time sequence of these four papers. Further study may suggest changes. 2. The appearance of four distinct types of paper on a stamp issued for only four months is somewhat surprising. Probably the printing and perforating of these 5¢ Large Queens was a rush job. The use of four different types of paper and the appearance of four different perforations may have been a consequence of the pressure to produce these stamps in a very short time. Adding to the pressure, the British American Bank Note Co. was supposed to have three different registered letter stamps ready by the same October 1, 1875 date. The 5¢ Large Queens were ready. The registered letter stamps were not ready.

Until 1955, collectors thought that all of the 5¢ Large Queens were perforated 11½ x 12. In 1955, Hurst announced finding a 5¢ Large Queen perf 12 [6]. In 1976, Lussey showed that the 5¢ Large Queens exist in three perforation forms, the first three forms given in Table 1 below [7]:

Table 1. Perforations on the 5¢ Large Queens

Kiusalas perforation	Metric Gauge equivalence	Abundance
66 x 65	11.93 x 12.11	scarce
67 x 65	11.75 x 12.11	"normal"
68 x 65	11.58 x 12.11	scarce
67 x 66	11.75 x 11.93	very scarce

The most common perforation, usually mislabeled 11½ x 12, is actually 11.75 x 12.11. The

perf 12 variety is 11.93 x 12.11. The fourth perforation listed, 67 x 66, was discovered in the Simpson collection. It should be noted that perfs 65 and 66 are different perforations made by different machines and that neither of them is perf 12. One caution, if you are offered any of the scarce perforation varieties, the perforations should be checked carefully. Reperforated fakes are known. The Canada Specialized Catalogue lists an imperforate pair of the 5¢ Large Queen and adds that only one pair is known. This unique imperforate pair was illustrated on the cover of the September-October 1982 BNA TOPICS (vol. 39).

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MISSPELLING OF SOCIETY NAME

Lately I have noticed an increasing incidence of the misspelling of our society name. The full and proper name of our esteemed organization is *British North America Philatelic Society with Ltd.* recently added to comply with an administrative change. The spelling error occurs in the third word *America* which must be spelled with an *a* as the final letter, not an *n*.

It is easy to understand how our members south of the border can make this error, but Canadian members too, frequently make this mistake.

I treat the correct spelling of our society name as a very important point and I hope this letter will start an awareness among members to ensure correct spelling of our society name in all publications, documents, and notices.

Edmund A. Harris
Calgary, Alberta

INFORMATION REQUESTED

Your help and that of the readers is needed please. With our continuing research into the stamps of Newfoundland for the Newfoundland Specialized Stamp Catalogue, we (Walsh & Butt, authors) would like to receive information on the following subjects. Readers have written to us suggesting that this information, if known, would be beneficial.

We are looking for the numbers printed of the following stamps and the earliest date cancelled. Please forward a photostat of your cancelled cover or stamp. Information is requested of the 1868-75 Second Cents Issue; the 1876-79 Rouletted Issue; the 1880-98 British American Bank Note Co. Issue which contains the 1/2¢ Dog, 1¢ Prince of Wales in its multiple colour shades, 2¢ Codfish, 3¢ blue, umber-brown Vickie; the 1890 3¢ slate Vickie; the 1897 Royal Family Issue; 1908 Map Stamp and the 1905 Officially Sealed as well as the 1873-1933 Post Cards.

With the John Guy Issues of 1910 and 1911 the numbers printed are requested. In the 1928 Publicity Issue the earliest date cancelled of the 28¢ General Post Office is sought. With the 1929 Re-engraved Publicity Issue the numbers printed are required with the date of the issue of the 15¢ Flight being requested. The 1931

Publicity Issue requires numbers printed with the issue dates of the 1¢-5¢ values being sought.

For the 1932 Resources Issue; 1933 Gilbert Issue; 1937 Long Coronation Issue; 1938 Royal Family; the 1939 Royal Visit and overprints; 30¢ Memorial College and overprint; 1939 Postage Due Issue and the 1943 7¢ Airmail Issue the numbers printed would be of benefit if known.

This seems like a tall request for help, but with all those active Newfoundland stamp collectors many of these unknown (to us) will cease to be hidden. Possibly employees and ex-employees of the printing firms may be able to find the requested information in the company archive files that is not readily accessible to the average collector.

We thank you for your interest and cooperation.

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NEWFOUNDLAND REVENUE INFORMATION REQUESTED

For the past several years there has been a problem regarding a Newfoundland revenue item and if you can run the following it might bring some vital information to the fore.

The 5¢ printed overprint on Newfoundland 25¢ value received this overprint in 1963 when the supply of the 5¢ ran out and there was a surplus of the 25¢ value available. The basic 25¢ stamp, which was overprinted, was printed in sheets of 50 with a gutter separating the two panes of 25. Complete sheets of this stamp were available and such a sheet of 50 would have 5 gutter pairs available. These gutter pairs are recognized in the Revenue Catalog and command a premium. The Catalog also lists further pairs of this stamp with the 5¢ printed overprint at \$250.00 each.

The problem is that while this overprinted gutter pair is listed I have never been able to locate an example and I don't know of anyone who has positive evidence that such an item exists. Perhaps this letter will attract some proof, one way or the other.

My own feeling is that any printer being

My own feeling is that any printer being called upon to overprint a sheet of 50 which was divided into two panes of 25 would recognize the advantage of setting up an overprinting plate for 25 positions and then cut the sheet into panes of 25. It would be more economical and panes of 25 would be easier to handle than a sheet of 50. This, however, is merely a theory. Is there anyone out there who can HELP?

H.W. Lussey
Atlantis, Florida

they have given their blessings to the proposal. Fellow BNAPSers, the ball is now in your court. I look forward to receiving your responses.

Bob Marcello
Chairman

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NEW REGIONAL GROUP PROPOSED

Calling all BNAPSers in the Northeast ... Are you interested in joining a New England Regional Group of the BNAPS? If so, please let me know.

I understand that past attempts to start a regional group in New England fizzled out. Perhaps the prospects for forming such a group are more promising now.

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The firmest recommendation from those attending the *Meet the Editor* session at BNAPEX '91 was to begin a series on fundamentals of Canadian philately. Most suggested that a primer on cancellations would be an excellent place to start, as new BNAPS members might not have ready access to such information. Here goes - I will do part of it and will invite other specialists to do others. These will be roughly chronological, although early cancellations will be put off until later.

BRITISH NORTH AMERICA CANCELLATIONS - PART I: CANADA, 1851-75 (sources: Jarrett, 1929 and Richardson, 1978)

Cancellation: a mark intended to indicate that a postage or revenue stamp has paid a tax or fee and render it not reusable (alternate term: cancel). Until the late 19th century these were all struck by hand using a long handle (wood or metal) with the metal, wood, or cork cancel at the end. The face of the cancel was touched or struck on a pad filled with ink and then struck to the face of the letter, either on the stamp or on the paper.

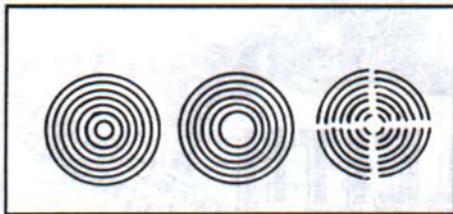


Fig. 1

Target Cancellations, April, 1851 - late 1800's (Fig. 1).

These were officially ordered metal devices intended to obliterate the new stamps issued for use in the spring of 1851. Since new cancellers were made up as ordered, they are not uniform (Jarrett, 1929). They can be found most commonly in black ink, followed by blue, and much less commonly red, green, and brown (not to be confused with red that has oxidized into a rusty red-brown color). Most bigger cities abandoned the target cancellers as they received others, but smaller towns often kept them for many years.



Fig. 2

4-Ring Numeral Cancels, March 1, 1857 - late 1800's (Fig. 2).

This cancel has a numeral inside four concentric rings or circles. While a thousand numbers were apparently ordered, following the example of the British Post Office in its use of numbers for many towns, only numbers 1-52, omitting 6 and 9, were issued alphabetically to the largest post offices. Two others, 516 and 627, have also shown up. Many numbers are uncommon to rare, especially on cover, and the existence of 48 (Thorold) is still under debate among 4-ring collectors. Number 21 (Montreal) is the most common. While all but number 48 are conclusively reported on some pence and 1859 stamps, not all numbers were used with the Large Queen issue, and fewer still are found with the Small Queens.



Fig. 3

Berri Duplex Cancels, May, 1860 - 1900's (Fig. 3).

A duplex cancel combines in one device both a circular town/date/province mark, intended to indicate when the letter or item was processed, with a stamp killer or obliterator, usually a circular grid. The killer almost always appears at 3 O'clock, i.e. to the right of an

upright dater, no more than about 4 mm. distant. The bars of the grid are usually horizontal, occasionally vertical in later versions. Most of the original devices were abandoned before 1870. The British firm of Berri of London constructed at least 57 such devices, recorded to date, after being ordered in 1860. Between 1867 and 1876 the Public Works Dept. of Canada supplied devices, some of which may have been duplex cancels. Twenty-two towns have been recorded with Berri duplex cancels between 1860 and 1875.



Fig. 4

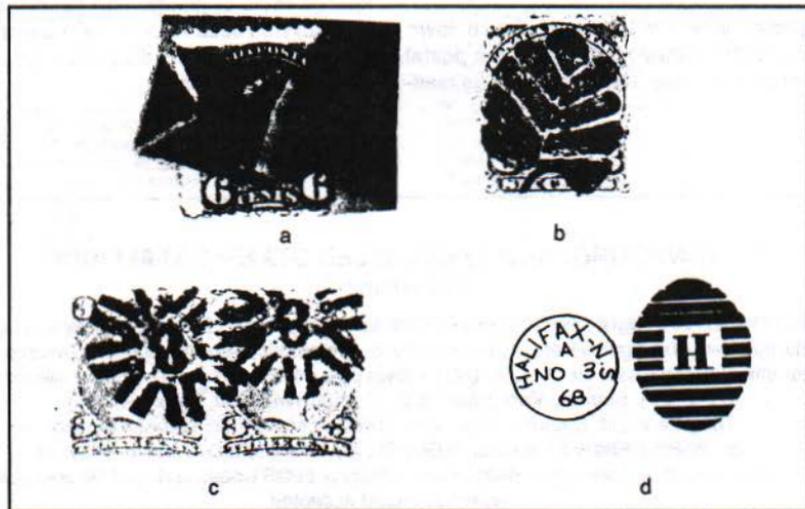
2-Ring Numeral Cancels, March, 1869 - 1930's (Fig. 4).

The 4-ring numeral cancels proved troublesome due to the clogging of the rings with ink, and, not wishing to abandon the numeral cancel yet, the Post Office ordered 60 hammers numbered from 1 to 60. These were assigned to cities in order of their postal receipts, with 1

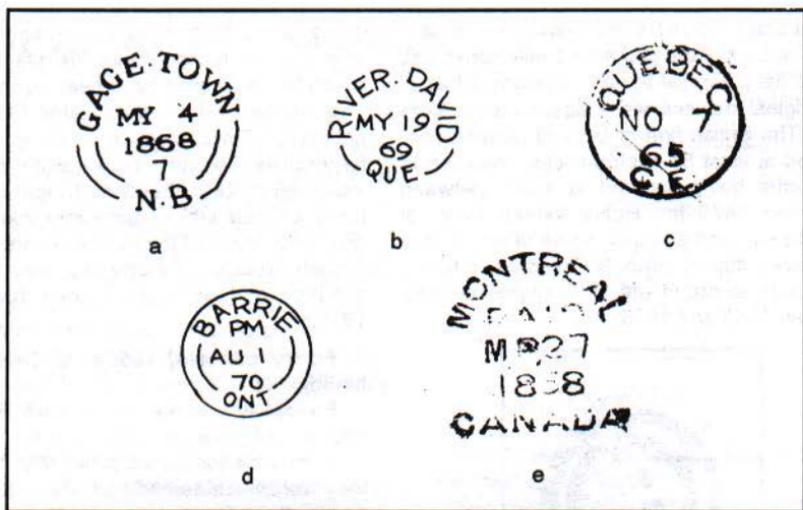
going to Montreal and 60 to Newmarket. The only number not positively identified is 17, of which few examples have been even reported. The numbers all occur on Large Queens, but not all on Small Queens, since some of the larger cities (Toronto, Ottawa, and Kingston, for example) quickly abandoned them in favor of fancy cancels which came into vogue during late 1869. Many of the numbers continued until the late 1890's, and one (40) was somehow acquired and used by a small town in the 1930's.

Fancy cancels, 1850's to 1900's (Figs. 5a-5d).

Fancy cancels are locally made killers that have a recognizable design or motif. They may be geometric (so-called corks (Fig. 5a), since they were often carved from the ends of corks or dowelling), letters or alphabetical, numeric, or even pictorial (Fig. 5b). While few have been noted from the 1850's and 1860's, fancy cancels really began wide use in late 1869. This was probably due to the use of fancy cancels in the U.S. by this time. Several postmasters in major towns chose to replace their 2-ring numeral cancels with elaborated fancy numeral-cancels (Fig. 5c). Other postmasters who did not have a numeral cancel created their own, and the practice continued for two decades. The cancels were often fragile and lasted only a few weeks before breaking apart, thus necessitating a new one. With the cheapness of mass-produced metal devices in the late 1800's



Figs. 5a, b, c, d



Figs. 6a, b, c, d, e

and the desire of the Post Office for uniformity, split ring cancels were available to all but the smallest offices and eventually replaced fancy cancels except for an occasional revival. A few fancy cancels were duplexes, the result of either reworking a duplex cancel or replacing the grid killer with a new fancy insert. Well-known examples are the Hamilton 5 duplex, London 6, and Halifax H duplex (Fig. 5d).

Town Postmarks, 1851 - 1875 (Figs. 6a-6de.

Originally, letters were to receive a town mark as proof that they had entered the postal system at a certain date. The date was to be read-

able, thus not intended to cancel the stamp after 1851. That is why town marks on early Canadian stamps are not common. These were continued from provincial times well into Confederation (1867), and can be classified into several types. A common type is the interrupted double circle (Fig. 6a). During the late 1850's a single split circle cancel was introduced (Fig. 6b). For many years various circular date stamp (CDS) cancels (Fig. 6c) were used, some with a second circle or split circle inside (Fig. 6d), and a few without any arcs or circles, often termed circle of letters. The tombstone cancel (Fig. 6e) was used at Montreal. Few other forms occur during the period covered here.

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CANADA JOINS THE EMPIRE AIR MAIL SCHEME

Walter Plomish

In the Jan. 29, 1938, Canadian Post Office Weekly Bulletin it was announced that Canada would participate in the Empire Airmail Scheme effective Feb. 23, 1938. For letters posted in Canada intended to be conveyed beyond England to Empire points in Africa, India, and Malaya served by Empire Air Mail routes the fee was 6¢ per ½ oz.

Transmission by air mail was the normal means of conveyance of all first class mail from England instead of by ship and train, as no al-

ternative means of transmission was to be provided by the British Post Office. This provided an accelerated service for one additional 3¢ stamp and reduced the present airmail rate by 75%. The ordinary first class letter rate to Great Britain and Ireland of 3¢ for the first oz. and 2¢ for each additional oz. would remain in effect. In the February 5th, 1938, Canadian Post Office Weekly Bulletin the service was further described as reproduced below in figure one.

Empire Air Mail Scheme Service beyond England for Letter Mails to certain Empire Countries to be by Air only

All first class mail (letters, postcards and other articles prepaid at letter rate) posted in Canada on and after the 23rd February for the following Empire Countries will be carried exclusively by air BEYOND ENGLAND under the new Empire Air Mail Scheme as the normal means of transmission instead of by surface transport as at present:

Anglo Egyptian Sudan	Zanzibar Protectorate	Malaya
Kenya Colony and Protectorate	Egypt	Federated Malay States (Negri, Semblian Pahang, Perak, Selangor)
Uganda Protectorate	Aden	Unfederated Malay States (Johore, Kedah, Kelantan, Perlis, Trengganu, Brunei)
Tanganyika Territory	Palestine and Transjordan	Straits Settlements
Mauritius	British India (including British Indian Post Offices on the Persian Gulf, in French India and in Tibet, but excluding Portuguese India)	North Borneo
Nyasaland Protectorate		Sarawak
Northern Rhodesia	Ceylon	
Southern Rhodesia	Seychelles	
South Africa	Burma	
Union of South Africa		
South West Africa		
Basutoland		
Bechuanaland Protectorate		
Swaziland		

Under the new arrangements the Postage for the above countries will be:

Letters - 6 cents per half ounce.

Postcards - 4 cents.

Registered first class mail will also be forwarded by air as the means of transmission.

The present air mail rates to the countries mentioned in the list above will be discontinued on the 23rd February. Letters and postcards for those countries should not bear either air mail label or other marking indicating air transmission.

The present air mail rates to countries not mentioned in the above list will be continued.

Figure 1

Under the new arrangements Postage for the above countries was:

letters 6¢ per half oz.

Postcards 4¢ each.

Registered first class mail was also forwarded by air as the means of transmission. The Current air mail rates to the counties mentioned in the list above were discontinued on the 15th of February 1938. Letters and postcards

for those countries were not to bear either air mail labels, or other markings indicating air mail service. The current air mail rates to countries not on the Fig. 1 list were continued. In the March 11, 1939, Weekly Supplement an extension of the empire air mail scheme was announced. Effective April 1st, 1939, the all-up service was extended to Hong Kong, Australia, and New Zealand. The additional destinations are listed in figure two.

Empire Air Mail Scheme extended to Hong Kong, Australia and New Zealand

On and after the 1st April 1939, Hong Kong, Australia and New Zealand will be included in the Empire Air Mail (All Up) service.

Under this extension first class mail will be carried by air beyond England as the normal means of conveyance for :

Australia	New Hebrides
Banks Islands	New Zealand
Cook Islands	Norfolk Island
Fanning Island	Papua
Gilbert & Ellice Islands	Samoa
Hong Kong	(Territory under British
Nauru	Administration)
New Guinea	Solomon Islands
(Mandated Territory)	Tonga

The postage for first class mail addressed to the countries mentioned will be:

Letters - 6 cents per half ounce.

Postcards - 4 cents.

The present rates on letters (3¢ first oz. and 2¢ each oz. after) and postcards (2¢ each) have been discontinued to Hong Kong, Australia and New Zealand and to places served through Australia and New Zealand included in the list above.

The present air mail rates via England (Hong Kong 25¢ per ½ oz., Australia and New Zealand 35¢ per ½ oz.) have been discontinued.

The Department reserves the option of sending letter mails by surface means whenever delivery can be accelerated.

Figure 2

The then present first class letter rates of 3¢ 1st oz. and 2¢ each additional oz. and the 2¢ each postcard rate were discontinued to Hong Kong, Australia, and New Zealand, and to places listed in Fig. 2. The previous air mail rates via England of 25¢ per ½ oz. to Hong Kong and 35¢ per ½ oz. to Australia and New Zealand were discontinued.

Fig. Three Posted March 22, 1938, at Montreal and addressed to Johannesburg, South Africa, this letter had the boxed purple airmail hand stamp applied at the Canadian Post Office, contrary to all-up service regulations. It is paid correctly at 6¢ per ½ oz.

Fig. Four Posted June 14, 1938 to Calcutta, India, and back stamped June 26, 1938, Calcutta B.P.O., this cover has no indication of airmail service as per regulations, but was paid correctly at 6¢ per ½ oz for all-up airmail service.

As always there were problems with the all-up system. Many letters and post cards sent to Empire countries served by the Empire Air Mail Scheme were still being sent pre-paid at the former Empire surface rate, resulting in the addressees being required to pay deficiency in postage on delivery. Postmasters were ordered to display posters in a prominent place in post office lobbies with the proper all-up rates. A

Per "Queen Mary"
via New York.



Air Mail

Mr. Buckeridge
18 Curdigan Road
Parkwood
Johannesburg
South Africa

Fig. 3. March 22, 1938 6¢ per 1/2 oz All-Up to South Africa.

hand stamp was also issued to postmasters with instructions that it be used in lieu of short-paid charges till May 1, 1940. I have seen this marking struck in purple ink, as shown in Fig. 5 and 6.

Fig. five Posted Feb. 26, 1938, Orilla, On-

tario, to Punjab, India, with a Mar. 16, 1938, receiver on rear, this letter was over 1/2 oz and is 6¢ short paid. In lieu of tax it was stamped with the instructional mark indicating the proper postal rate for all-up service. As per regulations no indication of airmail service is evident.

Per s.s. "NORMANDIE"

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Fig. 4. June 14, 1938 note an indication of airmail as per All-Up regulations.

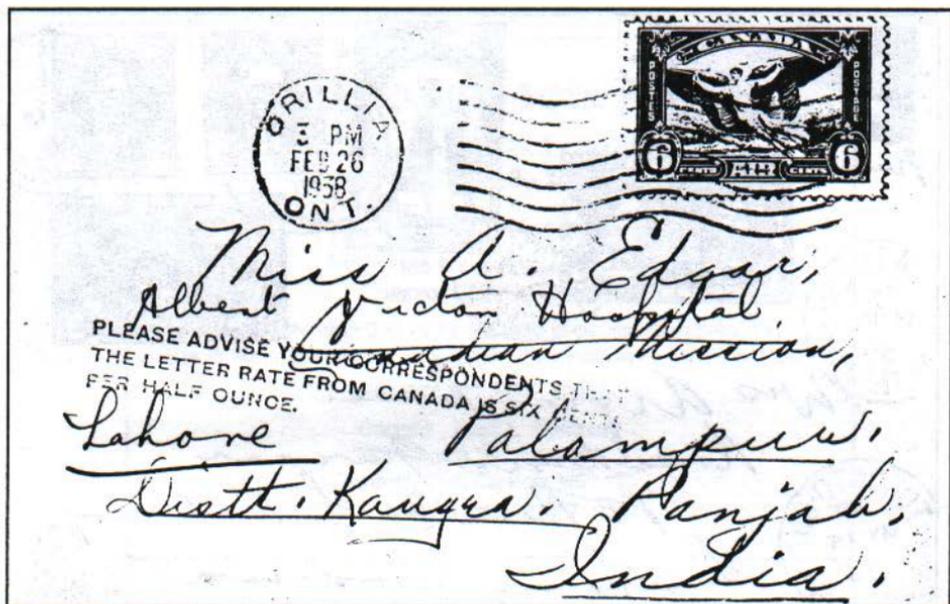


Fig. 5. Feb. 23, 1938 over 1/2 oz and struck with special All-Up instructional.

Fig. 6 Posted on Aug. 27, 1938, at Saskatoon, Sask, to Crandock, South Africa, this letter was not over 1/2 oz. but was short paid on the 6¢ per 1/2 oz. rate by 3¢. It was charged double deficiency = 6¢ due. At 5 centimes to 1 cent, it was hand stamped T30 centimes due.

The addressee paid the 6¢ due charges, with 1D + 2D South African Postage Dues affixed, 3 Pence = 6¢ Canadian. The dues are cancelled Crandock, Sept. 22, 1938. The cover was also struck with the all-up instructional for good measure.

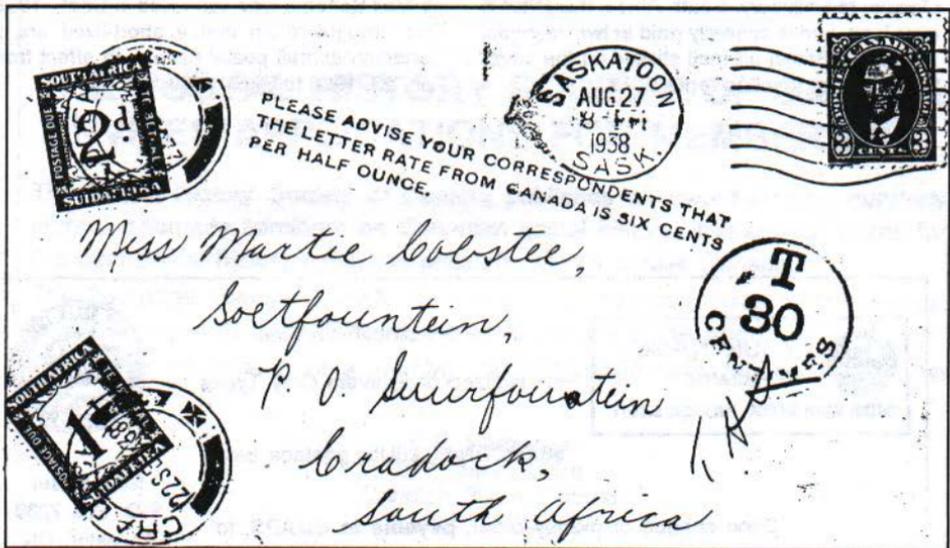


Fig. 6. Aug. 27, 1938 6¢ per 1/2 oz All-Up shortpaid 3¢ and taxed. 3 pence South Africa dues pay double 3¢ due.



Fig. 7. May 15, 1939 double weight All-Up cover to Southern Rhodesia, South Africa.

Fig. Seven. Posted May 15, 1939, Toronto, Ontario, to Salisbury, South Africa, this letter is over $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. and is correctly paid at twelve cents. There is a British air mail sticker on the cover front contrary to all-up regulations.

With the war in Europe, the All-Up Empire Air Mail Scheme was cancelled in Sept., 1939. This brought to an end a short-lived era in Canadian airmail postal history, in effect from Feb. 23, 1938 to Sept. 1939.



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FIRST DAY COVERS OF THE CLASSIC ISSUES OF CANADA

Part 3 - First Day Covers of the Imperial Penny Postage Issue of 1898

Melvin L. Baron and Stan Lum

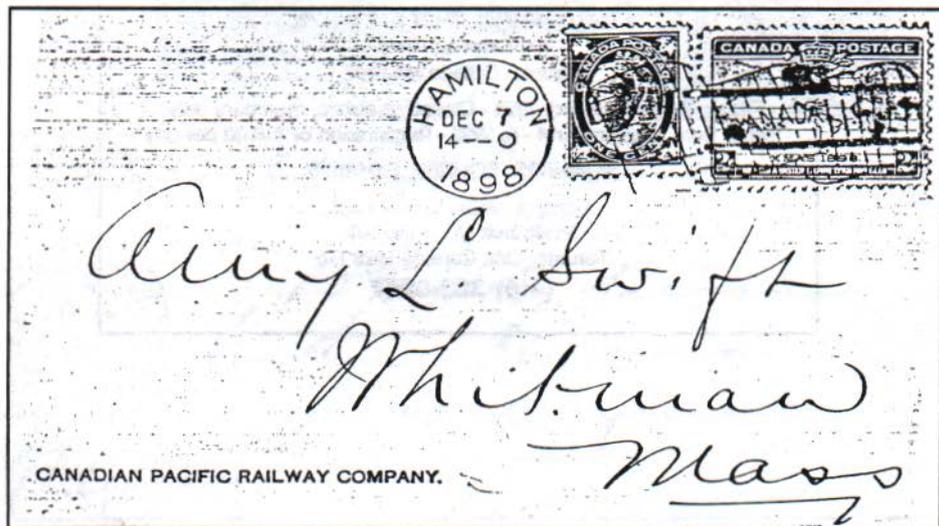


Fig. 1 First Day Cover From Hamilton, Canada. The one cent Queen Victoria stamp is affixed to produce the required three cent rate to the United States.

In July 1898, an Imperial Conference on postage rates was convened in London. While the aim of the conference was to adapt a uniform postage rate for mail within the British Empire, this rather grandiose ambition was not realized. Rather, a scheme was adopted for a uniform two cents postage rate for mail between Great Britain, Canada and a number of participating British Dominions and colonies. The foremost Canadian proponent of Imperial Penny Postage (two cents) was the Honorable William Mulock, the Postmaster General of Canada.

As a prime mover in the active adoption of Imperial Penny Postage, Mr. Mulock was instrumental in issuing a special postage stamp with the new two cent rate and at the same time, emphasizing the vast size of the British Empire. A decision was made to utilize a map as the stamp design [1].

It is interesting to note that while the Imperial Penny Postage rate of two cents for each one-half ounce of first class mail between Canada,

Great Britain and a number of participating British Dominions and colonies was to go into effect on December 25, 1898, the cost of sending such a letter to the United States, or for that matter to other cities interior to Canada, remained at three cents. A further decision to reduce the rate on such postage to the same two cents was made, this rate change taking effect on January 1, 1899.

The Imperial Penny Postage stamp design shows a map of the world (Mercator's Projection) with the parts of the British Empire in red. The basic outlines are in black and the oceans are either lavender (Scott 85) or blue (Scott 86). The printing *XMAS 1898* appears below the map and across the bottom of the stamp is the text *We Hold a Vaster Empire Than Has Been*, a line from the poem *A Song of Empire*. This poem was published in June 1897 as the Jubilee Ode by Sir Lewis Morris.

Howes [2] notes that a dispatch to the Toronto Telegram dated December 2, 1898 indicates that the printing of the stamp began on

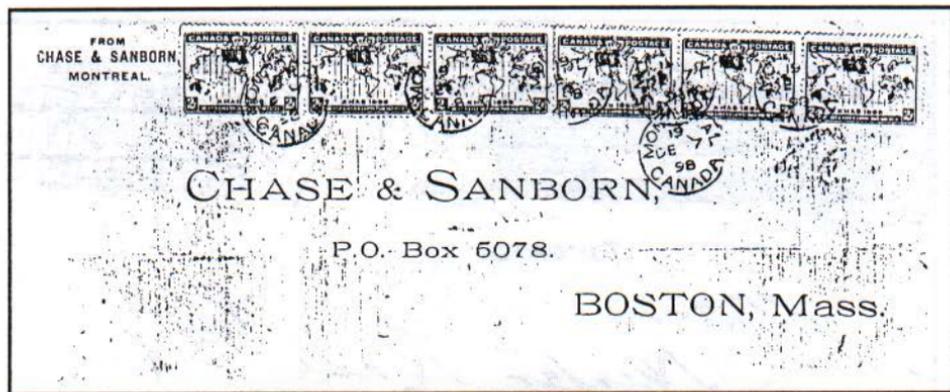


Fig. 2 Commercial First Day Cover from Montreal, Canada with two strips of three stamps tied to cover. This is the only known First Day Cover with multiple stamps affixed.

December 1, 1898: The Governor-General and Hon. William Mulock, Postmaster-General, presided yesterday at the printing of the first copies of the new imperial penny postage stamp. On December 5, 1898, a newspaper clipping reported in Meekel's Weekly Stamp News (Meekel's XII: 213) indicated a statement by the Postmaster General that although it was the original intention of the department that the

new stamp should not come into use until the 25th inst., the demand from the public for it has become so pressing that the department has decided to issue it at once, and permit its immediate use to the extent of its face value for all postage purposes... The stamp could therefore be put in use as supplies were received at each post office.

In Weekly Philatelic Era, (Era, XIII: 105), the

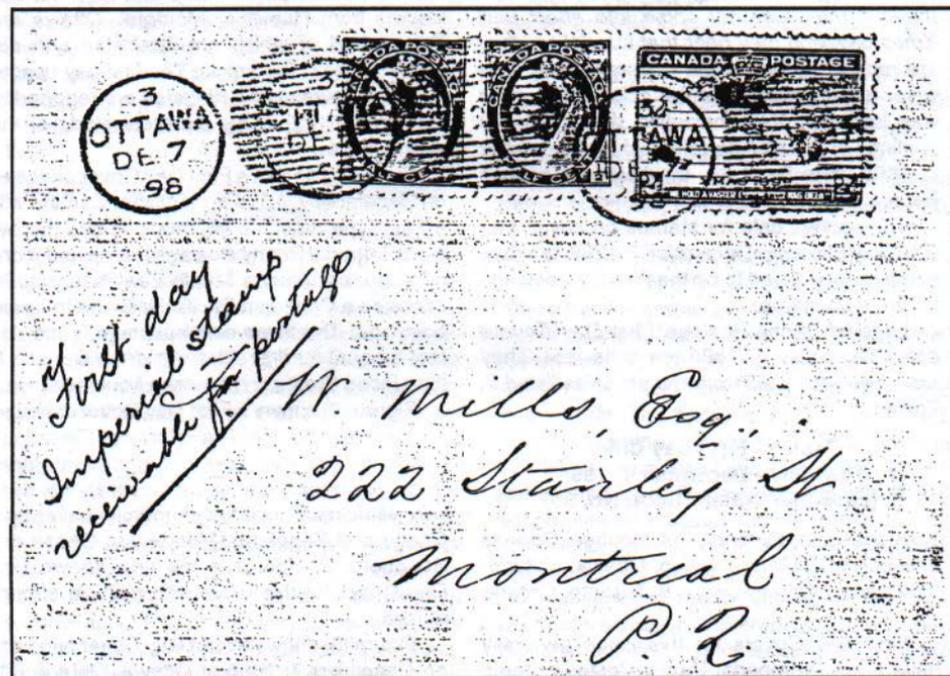


Fig. 3 First Day Cover from Ottawa, Ontario. The two half Cent Queen Victoria Stamp are affixed to produce the required three cent rate to other Canadian cities.

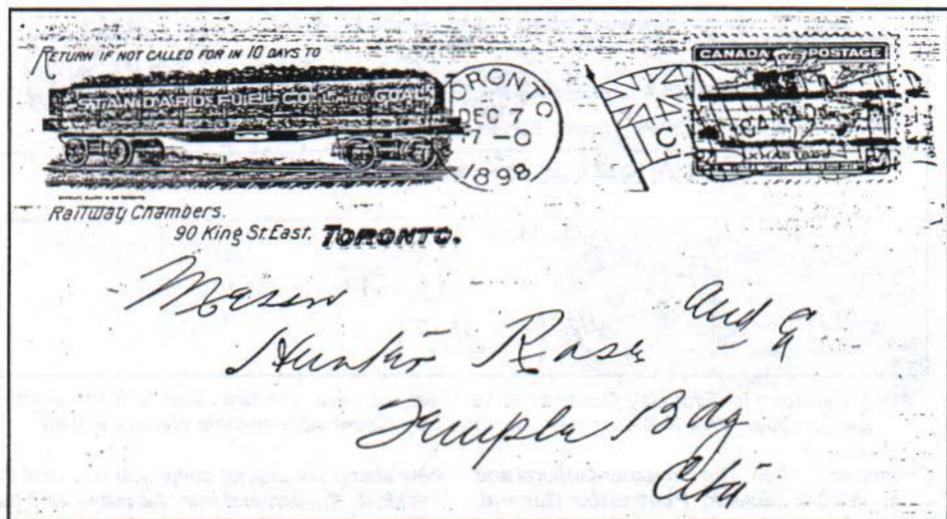


Fig. 4 First Day Cover From Toronto, Ontario on Standard Fuel Co. limited corner envelope. Note the two cents local postage rate.

Canadian correspondent under the date of December 7, 1898 notes: *The new Imperial stamps referred to in past numbers of the Era were issued this morning, and although the new Imperial rate does not come into effect until Xmas-day, and they bear that inscription, they are receivable for ordinary postage now.* The writer further states that the color of the seas was lavender, thus indicating that the initial printings of the stamps released on December 7, 1898 were Scott 85, the lavender oceans issue.

The earliest date for stamps on cover, i.e., *First Day Covers* is December 7, 1898, the date which is considered to be the First Day of Issue for the map stamp.

Imperial Penny Postage First Day Covers dated December 7, 1898 are quite rare. They have been reported from the six cities listed in Table I.

Table I - First Day Cities
First Day - December 7, 1898
(Lavender Water - Scott No. 85)

- | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Bridgewater, Ontario | 4. Montreal, Canada |
| 2. Hamilton, Ontario | 5. Ottawa, Ontario |
| 3. Kingston, Ontario | 6. Toronto, Ontario |

First Day Covers for this issue generally have a single Imperial Penny Postage stamp affixed, together with extra postage when required. Only one First Day Cover is known with multiple copies of the stamp affixed - this is

shown in Fig. (2) of this Section. Blocks of four or plate blocks on First Day Cover have not been recorded.

The authors are familiar with the First Day Covers from Hamilton, Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto, all of which are illustrated and discussed later in the article. The first day usages from Bridgewater and Kingston are reported by R.B. Winmill [2] in his excellent study of this stamp issue.

Figure (1) shows a First Day Cover canceled on December 7, 1898 at Hamilton, Canada with a Flag type machine postmark. It has the two cents Imperial Penny Postage stamp and a one cent Queen Victoria Maple Leaf issue stamp and is on a Canadian Pacific Railway Company envelope. The three cents postage is the correct amount for first class mail from Canada to the United States, in this case Massachusetts.

Figure (2) shows a First Day Cover canceled on December 7, 1898 at Montreal Canada. It bears two strips of three of the Imperial Penny Postage stamps, tied to the cover by six hand cancellations. This is a commercial cover from Chase and Sandborn, Montreal to Chase and Sandborn, Boston. It is the only known First Day Cover for this issue with multiple stamps affixed.

Figure (3) shows a First Day Cover canceled on December 7, 1898 at Ottawa, Ontario with hand cancellations. It bears the Imperial Penny Postage stamp and two one-half cent stamps of the Queen Victoria Numeral issue. The total of

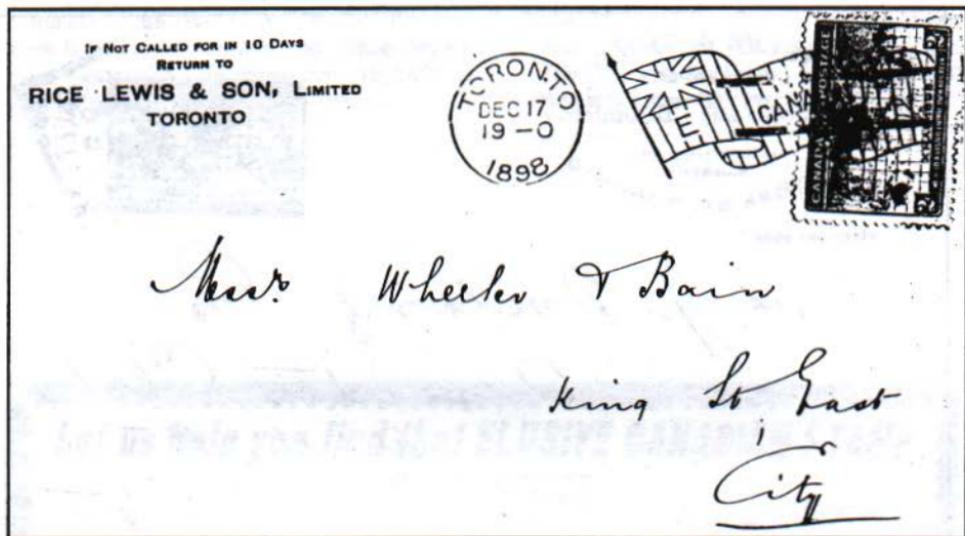


Fig. 5 Early usage of Sc. 86, the "blue water" stamp, at Toronto, Dec. 17, 1898.

three cents postage is correct for first class mail between Canadian cities.

Figure (4) shows a First Day Cover canceled on December 7, 1898 at Toronto, Canada with a flag type machine postmark. The stamp is affixed to a Standard Fuel Co., Limited corner envelope showing a picture of a railroad car filled with coal. The single Imperial Penny Postage stamp pays the local rate for first class mail to points in the same city, in this case Toronto.

Sc. 86 - The Blue Water Imperial Penny Postage Stamp

The issue of Sc. 86, the Imperial Penny Postage issue with the seas and oceans colored blue, occurred later in December, 1898. Howes [1] quotes a correspondent of the Weekly Philatelic Era (Era XIII: 121) who wrote under the date of December 20, 1898: *A government official of Canada states that the 2 c Imperial postage stamp is to be changed in color from a lavender to a blue...* Under the date of December 29, 1898, another correspondent for the same paper (Era XIII: 129) writes: *The first issue of these geographical stamps, on the 7th instant, had the sea coloured a light lavender. About the 20th, I cannot fix the exact day, a second supply had the sea coloured a light blue, as nearly as I can judge Prussian blue...* Thus it appears that Sc. 86, was issued in the vicinity of December 20, 1898.

A recent important find by Robert Lunn of

Toronto, Ontario confirms this late date of issue for Sc. 86 [3]. It consists of a Department of the Interior memorandum, dated December 20, 1898 which states: *You will notice the difference in color of the Sea in the new edition of stamp placed on sale in Ottawa today. It is a great improvement I think...*

It is quite likely that this is the government official's statement referred to by the Weekly Philatelic Era (Era XIII: 121). Thus, this memorandum indicates the first day of issue of Sc. 86, the blue water Imperial Penny Postage stamp, in Ottawa, Canada to be December 20, 1898.

It appears however, that these stamps were available in Toronto, Ontario several days before the December 20, 1898 date.

The authors can illustrate two commercial covers with Sc. 86 affixed, cancelled on December 17, 1898 and December 19, 1898 respectively. The first, Fig. (5) shows Sc. 86, tied by a flag type December 17, 1898 machine cancellation to a Rice Lewis and Son, Limited, corner envelope. The second, Fig. (6) shows Sc. 86, tied by a squared circle December 19, 1898 hand cancellation to a Reeve and Child, Wallpapers etc. corner envelope.

To summarize, the Department of the Interior memorandum discovered by Robert Lunn indicates the first day of issue of Sc. 86, the blue water Imperial Penny Postage stamp at Ottawa, Ontario to be December 20, 1898. This of course explains why only the lavender water

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Fig. 6 Early Usage of Sc. 86, the "blue water" stamp at Toronto, Dec. 19, 1898.

stamp, Sc. 85 is found on First Day Covers dated December 7, 1898. Apparently, the Sc. 86 blue water stamps were used in Toronto several days before the December 20, 1898 date as illustrated by the covers shown in Figs. (5) and (6) of this paper.

First Day of Rate Covers

In addition to First Day Covers, collectors of the postal history associated with the Imperial Penny Postage issue are often also interested in First and Last Day of Rate covers associated with this stamp. The following four dates are significant in this respect:

- (1) December 24, 1898 - Final Day for the application of the Universal Postal Union rate for mail dispatched from Canada to Great Britain and other colonies. Such covers are very rare. In fact they are probably scarcer than the December 7, 1898 First Day Covers.
- (2) December 25, 1898 - First Day for the application of the new two-cent Imperial Penny Postage rate from Canada to Great Britain and those colonies which concurred in the Imperial Penny Postage scheme. Such First Day of Rate covers are somewhat scarce, particularly when sent from Canada to one of the participating colonies other than Great Britain. They should not be confused with the rare First Day of Issue covers with the December 7, 1898, cancellation.

- (3) December 31, 1898 - Final day for the three-cent rate for single weight first class letters from Canada to the United States, and internally between Canadian cities.
- (4) January 1, 1899 - First Day for the new two-cent rate for single weight first class letters from Canada to the United States, and internally between Canadian cities.

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Addendum: First Day Covers of the Classic Issues of Canada

Part 1 - First Day Covers of the Queen Victoria Diamond Jubilee Commemorative Issue of 1897

The following reference was inadvertently omitted from the original article which appeared

in the May-June 1992 BNA TOPICS. The reference is for the EP Stanton Post Office Department letter which established June 19, 1897 as the First Day of Issue for these stamps.

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Where possible, I've used the *Scott numbering System* as set forth in *UNITRADE Specialized Catalogue of Canadian Stamps*, 1992 edition. Where a stamp has not been listed, I have used *N/L* and have guessed at the possible number to be assigned. Further, I have relied on information from *George S. Wegg Limited* circular GM-154, November 1991. I have also used Canada Post's *Collections of Canada*, the Spring 1992 Edition. Most of the stamps in the following listing are in my collection so I know in fact they do exist.

Some notes on the listing:

#1 - Perforations were measured using Stanley

Gibbons' *Instanta* perforation gauge, with horizontal perfs being listed first then vertical.

#2 - Papers listed are (S) = Slater, (P) = Peterborough, (C) = Coated paper and (H) = Harrison.

#3 - Printers are APL = Aston-Potter Limited and BABN = British American Bank Note Company.

#4 - Plate Block Inscriptions are (P1) = Plate #1, (Insp) = Inscription only, no plate number and (Blk) = Blank corner block, from Post Office stock.

#5 - Values from 10¢ to 80¢ are tagged on four sides.

Checklist

Perforations	(12x12.4)	(13x13)	(13x13.5)	(13.3x13.3)	(14.3x13.8)
1¢ Flying Squirrel			APL (S) 1155 (Insp) APL (C) N/L* (Insp)		* could be 1155i
2¢ Porcupine			APL (S) 1156 (Insp) APL (C) N/L* (Insp)		* could be 1156i
3¢ Muskrat			APL (S) 1157 (Insp)		
5¢ Varying Hare			APL (S) 1158 (Insp)		
6¢ Red Fox			APL (S) 1159 (Insp)		
10¢ Skunk			APL (S) 1160 (Insp) APL (C) N/L (Insp)		(see note 1)
25¢ Beaver			APL (S) 1161 (Insp)		

43¢ Lynx	APL (H) 1170 (Insp)			
44¢ Walrus				APL (H) 1171 (Insp) APL (S) 1171i (Insp) (see note 2)
45¢ Pronghorn		APL (S) 1172i (Blk)		APL (S) 1172 (Insp)
46¢ Wolverine		APL (P) 1172Ai (Insp)		APL (P) 1172A (Blk)
57¢ Killer Whale	APL (F) 1173 (Insp) APL (H) 1173i (Insp)			
59¢ Musk-ox		APL (S) 1174ii (Insp)		APL (H) 1174 (Insp) APL (S) 1174i (Insp) (see note 3)
61¢ Timber Wolf		APL (?) 1175i (?) (see note 4)		APL (S) 1175 (Insp)
63¢ Harbour Porpoise		APL (P) 1176i (Insp)		APL (P) 1176 (Blk)
74¢ Wapiti	APL (H) 1177 (Insp)			
76¢ Grizzly Bear		APL (S) 1178ii (Blk) (see note 5)		APL (H) 1178 (Insp) APL (S) 1178i (Insp)
78¢ Beluga		APL (S) 1179i (Blk)		APL (S) 1179 (Insp)
80¢ Peary Caribou		APL (P) 1180i (Insp)		APL (P) 1180 (Blk) (see note 6)

Notes:

#1 - In UNITRADE's catalogue the 10¢ Skunk [1160i (13 x 12.5)] is listed as a *perf. change*, whereas, in George S. Wegg's GM-154, they list it as Coated paper with no *perf change*.

George Wegg does list the Coated paper stamp as 1160i.

#2 - In UNITRADE's catalogue the 44¢ Walrus is listed as [1171ii (13.5 x 13)] (SP), but George Wegg lists this as (13-3/4 x 13). At present, this *perf change* is not in my collection.

#3 - The stamp listed as 1174i [59¢ Musk-Ox printed on Slater paper with a perforation of (14-½ x 14)] is not in my collection at the present time. I have, however, listed it in my checklist for continuity.

#4 - 1175i - with a *perf change* of (13 x 13) is

not in my collection.

#5 - 1178ii with a *perf change* of (13 x 13) is not in my collection.

#6 - 1180 - UNITRADE lists this as a Pl. Blk., whereas, in my collection it is a Blank Corner block.

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\$2 McAdam Rail Station				BABN (H) 1182 (P1)	
\$5 Bonsecours Market				BABN (P) 1183 (P1)	

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Walrus (5 x 44¢ + Label) BK 104b APL (12.5 x 13)	Back Cover <i>Lunch Saver</i> (S) 4 Side Tagging
Walrus (5 x 44¢ + Label) BK 104c APL (12.5 x 13)	Back Cover <i>Priority Post</i> (S) 4 Side Tagging
Pronghorn (5 x 45¢ + Label) BK 116 APL (12.5 x 13)	Back Cover <i>Priority Courier</i> (S) 4 Side Tagging
Wolverine (5 x 46¢ + Label) BK 128 APL (12.5 x 13)	(see note 1) (C) 4 Side Tagging
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Grizzly Bear (5 x 76¢ + Label) BK 105b APL (12.5 X 13)	Back Cover <i>Lunch Saver</i> (S) 4 Side Tagging
Grizzly Bear (5 x 76¢ + Label) BK 105c APL (12.5 x 13)	Back Cover <i>Priority Post</i> (S) 4 Side Tagging
Beluga (5 x 78¢ + Label) BK 117 APL (12.5 X 13)	Back Cover <i>Priority Courier</i> (S) 4 Side Tagging
Peary Caribou (5 x 80¢ +Label) BK 129 APL (12.5 x 13)	(see note 1) (C) 4 Side Tagging

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ON THE FRINGES

Here we are in mid-July and it still feels like early May. It has certainly been a cool wet summer to date in this part of the country.

We start things off with Ralph Trimble's **Re-Entry** Study Group newsletter. Ralph has had a chance to photograph a major re-entry on the six cents Large Queen which he illustrates and writes up. This thanks to Horace Harrison. Ralph then contributes to the identification of a major re-entry on a two cents Small Queen in conjunction with the newly revised Third Edition of *Constant Plate Varieties of the Canada Small Queens* by Reiche and Sendbuehler. I think there will be some constructive correspondence or discussion between Hans, Mike and Ralph over Ralph's disagreement on a particular major re-entry on a six cents Small Queen. That's what makes things in this hobby interesting though, isn't it? Ralph has become so

enthralled over a major re-entry on a Bill Burden 3 cents Small Queen that he showed ten years ago that he just had to show you the same one again. This time however, the photos are clearer. Don't things like that make you want to dash to your collection just in case you might just possibly turn up such a specimen. Minor re-entries on the one cent Nova Scotia are next illustrated. These are apparently not mentioned in Argenti's book. Ralph shows a major re-entry on the three cents Long Coronation issue that is a continuation from the previous newsletter. Ralph next reports on a minor re-entry on the 3 cents Jacques Cartier and one on the 5 cents blue Parliament Buildings Scott #202. Both are from the Hans Reiche collection. Ralph won't be able to attend BNAPEX '92 which is quite understandable and at the same time he is looking for someone who might volunteer to

chair a re-entry study group meeting at BNAPEX '93 in Toronto. Ralph wants you to take particular note that all the articles in this issue carry his byline. He would like a little more input from the group so that not all is from his own personal likings. If you are a little tired of the same area, then do a little more than complain, send in some material. Anyway, it's another good one Ralph. And Justin, you are most welcome.

From Jack Arnell of the **Transatlantic Mail** Study Group comes a lovely cover sent in by Allan Steinhart with a Private Ship Handstamp. Jack did a little article on it and asks the membership to look through their material and send in photocopies of anything in that area that is available. It's amazing how things sometimes come about. Jack has long hunted for something to explain the exchange rates between sterling and B.N.A. sterling. A shelved book purchased a year ago seems to have solved a problem for Malcolm Montgomery and so it seems that some of Jack's explanation here will also assist some of you. Jack came across a rare ship letter mark which he writes up and illustrates. The marking is STRANRAER/SHIP-LRE. The letter is sent on the *ANN* and arrived at the aforementioned destination while actually addressed to Greenock. In the article *More On Via Queenstown*, it is actually an extension of a previous article on a cover from Jim Lehr which Jack wrote up bringing a correction from J.J. MacDonald. Since, Jack has received photocopies of two more such routings. That is good input. Jack offers an opinion on a cover sent in by Paul Burega seeking some information. Jack would appreciate further opinions from the membership. Malcolm Montgomery sent in an illustration of a cover paying the seven cent book rate and would like an example of the British threepence rate cover to B.N.A. Jack apologizes for having printed a couple of pages of last issue's newsletter upside down. There's a planned study group meeting in St. Charles this year and Jack hopes for a good turn-out. At the loss of a relative or loved one, we don't hesitate to offer sympathies to the family. Seldom do we think of expressing the same gesture to someone who has lost a friend. The first portion of this newsletter is taken up with an obituary of Susan M. McDonald, a close friend of Jack Arnell who passed away on March 17. It's very obvious that this death has caused a void in Jack's life and for that, I'm sure you all join with me in offering Jack our sincere sym-

pathies.

The **Canadian Military Mail** Study Group sends out it's first newsletter under new editor Henk Burgers. While he asks for a little patience from the membership, I'm sure it won't take Henk long to get his feet well soaked. While he speaks of support in eventually acknowledging all correspondence, I hope the membership will be as supportive in supplying material. By the looks of this newsletter, Henk shouldn't have much problem. Jon Johnson supplies an article entitled *More on Canadian Hospital Ships* while J.C. Campbell writes on Canadians in Cairo; #5 Canadian Stationary Hospital. The enclosed cover bears a postmark one month after the arrival of #5 Stationary Hospital arrived in Cairo in 1915. Herb Williams sent in a German Felpost letter form that he is looking for some information on. How about that well travelled cover illustrated on page 35. There's something there for everyone. I hope it finally reached the intended recipient because there was little room left for either a new address or another postmark. It also has a Halifax & Camp. R.P.O. Henk. Ken Ellison is no longer the editor but that hasn't curbed his participation as is seen by the article *The Sea By Your Door*. It's the title of a book with an excerpt that may inspire the membership to look for covers pertaining to the RCNAS or Canadians in the RNAS in WW I. Recent CFPO covers are illustrated with the appropriate explanations. There's always something new showing up in this particular study group. Never a dull moment. Walter Plomish offers information requested on a P.O.W. cover to Chile that appeared in the January CMMMSG. More of these mis-sorted are sought. If you happen to have any, let Henk or Walter know. Two articles are printed here that have a connection with the Chile Mis-sent P.O.W. mail. Unfortunately, in the transfer from Ken to Henk a few things got mixed up. If you recognize the articles and want to receive proper credit, you will have to write to Henk letting him know who you are. The last page is taken up with small ads and an update by J.C. Campbell of the Postage Paid Ottawa. You got through the first issue Henk. Your feet are now wet.

Dave Lacelle sends in two newsletters from the **Fancy Cancel** Study Group. The first is dated December 1991. In it he chats about the Ottawa government strikes and some new membership. There's a few people I am glad to see are expanding within the society. At the

time there was an amateur philatelist by the name of Allan Steinhart contemplating membership. Dave will be at BNAPEX in '92 to tentatively discuss Canada's Letter and Initial Cancels. The book may be ready at that time. Revisions to previous newsletters are published before a few letters from the membership. Norm Brassler commented on the Victoria Crown (D&S 230). There's been discussion with Doug Murray on the P.E.I. cancels. Copies of the illustrated marking are being sought. The VM cancel on a Small Queen sent in by Frank Waite requires identification. Can anyone help? Brian Noble's inquiry about the Vernon V was listed as an A. It has since been revised as a V and all listings have been revised accordingly. John Fretwell and Dave share an interest in fancy cancels on registered stamps F1 to F3. Could you please send Dave a photocopied list of what you have. Joe Smith sent in a few items including a D&S 654 which is sometimes described as a Napanee Doughnut. Finally, a few comments were offered by Dave on his Masonic Corks. The rest of the newsletter is taken up with sample pages from Dave's new book. There is a page of Non-verified letter cancels that Dave would like some information on. I like the Calvin and Hobbes cartoon. In the second newsletter, Number 9 dated May 1992, Dave reports on membership, the cost of reproducing the first eight issues and his new book. He is now watching his *Ps* & *Qs*. The pun Dave, oh, the pun! There has been a fair amount of correspondence in as a result of the query on the fancy cancels on the registration stamps F1 to F3. Thank yous are extended to the persons concerned. Brian Noble wants to trade the Vernon cancel for Newfoundland material. Revisions to previous newsletters are listed. Correspondence and queries has led to some interesting material from Ross Walker and Barry Dales. The Cancellation sent in by Frank Waite looks familiar and seems to me to look like a small bolt. Wayne Smith sent in a CH cancel which is apparently unlisted. Can anyone supply a photocopy of the intaglio H illustrated. Next Dave is looking for examples of multiple fancy cancels on cover. Ray Horning has sent in several pages of fancy and other cancels on the Map Stamp. If you have a pet cancel on the Map Stamp, send it along. It will be appreciated. There's a good article on Fancy Cancels on Registered Stamps. This is Part I of ----. Sailing Ship cancels are featured and comment from the membership is requested.

Dave then has an article on Scanner Details. The last page is taken up with interesting footnotes and illustrations of fancy cancels. I think I'll now go through what I have and try and send something in to you Dave.

The **Flag Pole** editor, Tom Almond apologizes for being late. The newsletter is produced on his PC because of not having access to a photocopier. Doug Lingard reminds you that membership fees are now due. Don't hedge folks. It's not that much for all you get. Tom also reports on the membership. John Robertson's message includes a meeting at PHILEX and welcomes members to a meeting at BNAPEX. You won't read of the time and place here but, John, Doug and the gang won't leave you out in the cold. If Doug is there he'll be rounding up anyone and everyone. John is looking forward to meeting you all there. David Sessions has contributed a major article on the Bickerdike Flags - A Revision and Suggested Pricing Structure. It's sure to bring comments either through the Flag Pole or at BNAPEX. To finish off the newsletter some lovely Bickerdike covers are illustrated. How envious one gets.

Robert Lemire of **Postal Stationery** notes has an excellent reason for the delay in sending out Volume II No. 1. He is in the process of moving some 1,900 km. Projects in Pinawa, Manitoba and Chalk River, Ontario are keeping him busy. Bob says not to expect another newsletter for some time due in part to the unavailability of his computer system over the summer months. While he continues to encourage correspondence, he asks that philatelic material not be sent until he has completely moved. Reports of more priority post envelopes have been sent in by Earle Covert, Owen White and Dick Staecker. Jeffrey Switt does an interesting article on Postal Stationery with Meter Impressions. It was derived from the tail-end of an article by John Aitken. Notes About Show Cachets Printed On Current Envelopes is a report provided by Dick Staecker, Paul Burega and Earle Covert about the Great Canadian Philatelist Series. Niagara Falls backviews is an article of pictures of Niagara Falls on the reverse side of pre-stamped Canada Post Cards. These were forwarded by Emile Hoorens of Belgium. Robert advises the membership that Non-Denominational COS special order items have now been released by the philatelic service. In a continuation from PSN Vol. 10, pg.34 Bob reports on the Abstracts of Archives Files Potentially Related to Postal Stationery. Dick

Staecker reports on a Canadian Pacific Express Advise Card with a SPECIMEN marking. If others have seen or are in possession of such material you can write to Bob or Dick Staecker. Duff Malkin sends in photocopies of privately rouletted cards. The card was rouletted for Poole Construction Company. The last two pages are taken up with the General Index for Postal Stationery Notes, Volume 10. Prior to that however Bob talks of BNAPEX '92. George Manley talks about a Precancelled Stationery Update. In conclusion, it is announced that George Manley has retired from collecting and has generously donated his reference collection to the National Archives of Canada with his study notes going to Earle Covert. This is a most generous consideration to philately.

Philigraphy Canada, the Literature Study Group newsletter edited by Paul Burega welcomes members to the first issue of volume 2 with an opening article by Ralph Michner about Popular Stamps, volume I. Dale Speirs submits an article of the different Philatelic Periodicals In Calgary. The article takes us right back to the beginning of organized philately in Calgary in late 1921. It takes us up to the present Calgary STAMPede whose editor is none other than Dale Speirs. R.J. Duncan has begun the first part of a multi-part series on the Index to Halifax Philatelist. It begins with BNA TOPICS Volume IV number 1 and then it becomes the Canadian Philatelist, BNA TOPICS Volume 11 dated 1954. Paul is looking for further literature articles. I'm sure with a membership of 34, something will come along to assist Paul in this fledgling study group.

The **Newfie** Newsletter edited by C.A. Stilions begins with a continuation of the Bogus Paris labels. David Sessions, editor of **Maple Leaves** has chipped in with an illustration of a six Newfoundland labels with commentary. Will Collie sent in an unusual registered letter that was actually registered at it's destination. If a member has an explanation, Will would like to hear from them. The Newfoundland Specialized Stamp Catalogue is available at the cost of \$28.50 Canadian. This is the 2nd edition and it was written or edited by John Walsh and John Butt. John McCrea sent in an oddity. It's an EFO on a 1987 Provisional. The shift on the surcharge is such that instead of reading one cent, it reads cent one. Randy Van Someren is trying to put together the watermark on the Dead Letter Office stamp and he is asking for your help. C.A. is moving or he should be

moved by the time you read this. His new address is 2010-48th St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007-1552. C.A. is also looking for articles or photocopies of items you would like to show off.

We have two newsletters from the **Perfin** Study Group. Mark Fennel, the chairman caught the attention of President Bill Robinson with his comments in the previous newsletter with regards to exhibition critique. Bill, the good president that he is, took the bull by the horns and corrected policy. Auction number 4 did not take place due to the sudden passing away of Mike Hargraft and the legalities of transfer. Now that the LA perforator is no longer in use, the group is trying to have it placed in the National Postal Museum. It's a difficult task. Mark has taken offence to remarks by Vic Willson as to the validity of perfin collecting and expresses his opinion. A want ad section is being re-introduced as Perfin Potpourri. There is no charge for a word limited ad. Volume 13 Number 4 whole number 77 of the perforator starts off with Floyd apologizing for the lateness of what was intended to be an early newsletter. M. Dicketts sends in a lovely 1915 cover from James Mission Brass with the J9 perfin. It also includes a letter. Jon Johnson sends in an article with the title, *Identification of J6*. Accompanying the article is a nice illustration of a cover bearing the J6 perfin. In the chairman's chatter Mark compares Royal '92 which was held in Edmonton to BNAPEX '91, the pros and cons. Michael Dicketts has agreed to stay on to the end of the year while the search goes on for a secretary-treasurer. Hopefully it will be a short search. Michael will host a perfin Seminar at BNAPEX '92. You will all be happy to learn that Auction 4 is on. All lots and bids are now in Michael Dicketts' hands. Mark thanks you all for being patient. Conrad Tremblay submitted an intense article on the S19 Series of the SUN LIFE Assurance Co. of Canada complete with illustrations to round out the newsletter. To sum up, Conrad is anxious to find out the location of the S19 perforator.

Wilmer Rockett, editor of the **Canadian Revenue** Newsletter advises members of coming events, notably BNAPEX where John Gaudio is expected to exhibit 3 frames of Saskatchewan while Wilmer will exhibit 3 or 4 frames of Colonial Revenues and Supreme Court. R.M. McGuinness send in photocopies of two more B.C. Search Fee Stamps along with a 20 cents excise stamp overprinted Made in

Austria. John Gaudio sent in an imperforated between pair of Saskatchewan ST 9 stamps. The last page is taken up with adlets. The membership might be interested in knowing that G. Hertel Beaulieu passed away in early July. Hertel, who lived a mere twenty-five miles away from me and who was a member of the same stamp club was ill for some time.

The B.C. Postal History study group has recently started and has already issued three newsletters. Their objective is to assist in postal

history research and publication of such research. Anyone who is active in collecting B.C. postal history will find this to be a very useful study group to be involved with. If interested write Bill Topping, 7430 Angus Dr., Vancouver, BC V6B 5K2.

Well, with that we put yet another edition of the CENTRELINE to bed. Enough can't be said for the job you editors do. My knowledge of BNA philately increases immensely with every newsletter reviewed.

Literature Reviews

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If you have been collecting Canadian stamps long enough you have encountered a Canadian Post Office slowdown or strike that interrupted your mail communication. Entrepreneurs over the last 25 years or so have attempted to move mail during these strikes, and this valuable catalogue provides you with a comprehensive listing and illustration of the stickers, labels, and tapes used by the companies employed for courier, local post or strike mail services. They are listed alphabetically, and within listing by year of issue. Both unused and used on cover valuations, in Canadian dollars, are given. Since I had a cover in my duplicates box with a complete sheet of the Juan de Fuca Despatch Carrier Service 25c is-

sues on it, I quickly checked the catalog. My local friends could have had the cover for a couple bucks, but since the stamps list for C\$8.00 each on cover, I decided to reprice the item, upward. The catalog also helped me to figure out what an ugly blue label I had tucked away in my revenues actually was - a strike label issued by Stern Parcel Service of Vancouver in 1968. Are these Cinderellas? No way, and collectors of the byways of Canadian philately will want this catalog.

The numbering system seems straightforward and can easily be adapted or expanded if new items are reported. I have no idea if the prices are reasonable, but they generally seem to reflect relative scarcity. As might be expected, items used during proper period on piece or cover generally are priced higher than unused. The quality of illustrations is good on a good quality paper. A few of the Post Par illustrations suffer somewhat but all are easily discernible. The entire catalog was done on Ventura Publisher from Microsoft Word 5 and ported directly to film for camera-ready output. This shows what can be accomplished with desktop publishing today, an excellent work.

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This column will be a catch-up to some degree. It is good to be back after an unseen ice patch put me out of commission for quite a spell.

The **Prairie Beaver** Group has had three very interesting meetings since my last column. In February, the Group viewed microfilm of the Pritchard and Andrews postmark proof sheets that Clint Phillips has added to the BNAPS Library. The Group discussed purchasing an auction lot of covers that in turn would be auctioned at a meeting. An interesting idea for a meeting. Jeff Switt authored an interesting article, *Saskatoon, Saskatchewan*.

The May meeting again presented a good idea. The Group held a round table discussion on evaluating material you may wish to buy. Erick Middleton gave a talk on *Aspects of Railway Card Collecting*. Other activities rounded out the day.

August first was a nice day to be in College Station, Texas. Bill Robinson was the guest speaker. His topic was *The Canadian Contingent in the Boer War*. Bill is so knowledgeable about military mail, I know that this was a program not to be missed. The latest issue of **Beaver Chatter** contained an article entitled *Some thoughts about Dealer Pricing*. A good article for reprinting in *TOPICS*.

Rick Parama has returned from several years working in Western Australia and has joined the **Prairie Beavers**. This group would make a move to Texas worthwhile.

The **Pacific Northwest** Group has under consideration the starting of a specialist study

group to research and publish articles on British Columbia Postal History. If you have any interest in/or wish to help, contact the group at P.O. Box 430, Abbotsford, B.C., Canada V2S 5Z5.

The **Manitoba** Regional Group, in March, enjoyed a program on methods of mounting covers and booklets. This program was given by Dave Whitely. Dave's program was followed by a show and tell session full of interesting and important items such as Len Kruczynski's work on the pigments used in printing the one cent Small Queen Issue. In May, Fritz Angst presented *Canadian Revenues*.

At the annual seminar meeting of the **Calgary** Regional Group, held April 24 and 25, four speakers presented programs. Jack White gave a talk on *Trans-Atlantic Mail, 1750-1850*. Jeff Switt talked on *General Delivery Markings*. Bill Robinson gave his on the *Boer War*. Gordon Hill presented a program on *Coils*. The meeting included a hospitality suite and a no-host dinner.

The **Mid-America** Group met at the Columbian Show in Chicago on Memorial Day. Reports from the convention committees were given and additional planning rounded out the business meeting. Basil Burell gave a program on *Semi-Official Airmails* that was outstanding. Jack Eisenberg presented a very interesting program on *Foreign Destinations on UPU Postal Cards*. In all a very good meeting in the midst of a huge show.

Hope to see as many as possible at BNAPS '92. It will be a great time, so come and join us!

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We have now had an opportunity of discussing the matters raised in your letters Feb. 7th, March 7th and March 22nd, with our late Head Engraver, who remembers the case perfectly, and explains the matter in a manner which I am quite sure would never have occurred to any of us. You are right in your supposition that the work had no connection whatever with Canadian postage stamps!!

At the beginning of the Century the Italians engraved a head of the King of Italy for typographical reproduction, but copying the intaglio style. It was not a success so we thought we would see what we could do. The head of King Edward was chosen, because he had just succeeded to the Throne and we were engraving his head by Fuchs for the British & Colonial issues. The experiment was as you will see a failure, but we are wondering how a proof, which was pulled on gummed paper, as a purely internal experiment, came into your possession? There is no trace of this experiment in our record of dies, which presumably and rightly, was destroyed on conclusion of the experiment. All proofs also should have been destroyed and it would be interesting if we could trace back how those in your possession reached Canada. The date of this arrival is very important, because the strong room in which single proofs were kept for reference received a direct hit, and such proofs were scattered far and wide.

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Mr. Edw. A. Richardson (contd.)

It is known from the date that some proofs, which ordinarily never leave the precincts of the factory, appeared on the market that they could only have been "released" by the action of this bomb.

This has been an interesting enquiry to us, and we trust clears up finally the ingenious possible "explanations" you propounded.

With kind regards and our grateful thanks for the photographs.

Sincerely yours,



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New members added in this report	6
Reinstated	6
Deceased	1
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New application(s)	9

Canada was one of the few major U.P.U. Members which never issued a U.P.U. Reply Postcard. Post office department order No. 27 which announced the issue of Canada's first Reply Card noted Canada reply post cards, to be used in correspondence with the United Kingdom, will also be supplied at an early date. Such cards were never issued.

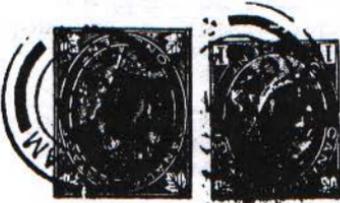
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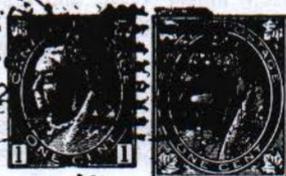
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