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BAR PRECANCELS: WHEN WERE THEY ISSUED?

by Hans Reiche

A review of some of my correspondence with various collectors of precancelled stamps shows some interesting suggestions of the dates when the early bar precancels were issued.

Suggestions have been made that certain styles actually belong together and are not separate styles. This review appears to indicate that most likely the majority of styles now listed in the catalogue are unique and do not combine with other styles. One of the correspondent Mr. Guess, who passed away some years ago, as well as K. Blleski have had information about these bar styles. Walburn himself never had the same interest in the bars as he had for the



rest of the precancels.

Here is some of the data that I located in my files. Style with the 21 roller was likely used already in 1880. This is evident from the very early Small Queen stamps that carry such cancels.

- Style A started in 1887
- Style B, C and D are around 1889, each one

- with only one year of life.
- Style E came out in 1890
- Styles K to N started early in 1891 and probably finished late that year.
- Style I and J most likely between 1890 and 1891, almost the same time as the K to N.
- Style R was issued in 1892
- Style S came out in 1894 and Style T in 1895

It is not clear when Styles F, G and H were issued. Maybe some covers with both precancels and normal cancels can shed some more light on all this.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT ON THE STUDY GROUP

by Andy Ellwood

The Study Group continues to settle into a regular routine. Members of the Executive are most busy and e-mails appear in our four in-boxes more than once a week. The use of electronic mail is a real boon to small, remote groups such as ours and provides a very effective means to conduct the business of the group. I would encourage other members who have e-mail and Internet access to use it often.

Elsewhere in this newsletter, you will find a couple of new features. One of these is a standing list of **Research Projects** (page 5) which are underway and the name and address of the person

coordinating it. If you are interested in one of these areas, the onus is on you to contact the Coordinator and assist him in the research activity. Research is the backbone of any Study Group and it only happens if the members participate in it. **Coordinators are reminded that they are expected to supply the Editor with an update for each newsletter.**

There is also a new feature dealing with **New Precancels** (pages 4 & 8). It is intended to provide members with information on Precancels which are unlisted in the Standard Canada Precancel Catalogue and which have not been discussed in the Precancel Handbook.

Hopefully, it will become the standard forum to record new "finds" and to describe them so that other members may be aware of their existence. Should readers dispute the "newness" of the find, comments should be sent to the owner or to the Editor with an explanation. In this Newsletter, I am pleased to be able to talk about my own new "Find" and I hope to read of those of other members in future Newsletters.

Members of the Executive have expressed an interest in being able to publish a list of members, along with their addresses and biographies. As this is a subject which has been known to raise the hackles

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A WORD FROM YOUR EDITOR

by Larry Goldberg

Welcome to the third issue of *Precancels/Canada*.

We need articles. We are very fortunate to have some superb articles from Hans Reiche, Duncan MacDonald and Andy Ellwood. While these three gentlemen represent a wealth of knowledge about our specialty, we cannot expect them to support this publication by themselves, issue after issue. Again, I will offer my services to ghostwrite for you. You supply the 'meat' and I'll do the cooking. And no one

will know but you and me. **Growth.** Recently, we were going over our mailing list. It's interesting to note that we've increased in size by nearly 50% in our first eight months. We now have 31 members. Andy and Duncan deserve congratulations for the great job they're done in spreading the precancel gospel. Let's all pitch in and try to increase our size by another 50% in the next six or seven months!

BNAPS Annual Meeting. As you probably know, the Annual Meeting will be held in Schaumburg, IL (about 10 minutes from my house). Hopefully, you'll receive this newsletter prior to the meeting and that many of you will attend our study group

session there. **Get involved.** One of the best ways to learn is the 'hands-on' method. Get involved in a research project. No need to be an expert; pick something that you find of interest, contact the project leader and find out how you can help. (See listing on page 5 of this issue.)

If you don't see an area of interest, perhaps it's time to initiate a project of your own. **FREE Want Ads.** All SG members are entitled to free want ads in this publication. Ads are run on a first-come-first-served-space available basis. Once your ad has been run, you go to the end

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RE-ENTRIES

by Duncan Macdonald

One of the areas I have a particular interest in is re-entries on precancels. I have agreed to co-ordinate this project for our study group and would like some members to volunteer to help in this area.

I have written an article (page 6) on the re-entry on Scott 162 and 163 and

would like to make this a regular feature of this newsletter.

John Jamieson of Saskatoon Stamp Centre has donated a complete set of back issues of the re-entry study group newsletter. These contain much valuable information on major re-entries.

The objective of the project, as I see it, is to develop a listing of precancelled stamps that could have

major re-entries, provide an example illustrating the re-entry and recording the details of any stamps that have the re-entry. This could expand to include "re-entries" in the precancel as well.

If you would like to help with this project, please send an email to duncan@camacdonald.com or write me at P.O. Box 37013, Lynwood Postal Outlet, Edmonton, Alberta, T5R 2Y9.

BNAPS EXCHANGE CIRCUIT

The BNAPS Exchange Circuit is up and running.

It is a good way to sell those specialized items that no longer interest you. Do you have some Squared Circle cancels that you haven't looked at in years? How about that old collection of

RPOs or Facny Cancels on Small Queens? Are you ever going to do anything with those 2-ring numeral cancels that has been in the cabinet for four years?

Let me know if you need Sales Sheets or Books - no charge for Books until the

end of June. Your cost is simply 2% for Insurance and 10% of anything that sells. Plus the effort of mounting them up. Contact **Andy Ellwood** at the e-mail address or at the snail mail address listed in the opposite column.

GET INVOLVED ... SIGN UP TO ASSIST IN A RESEARCH PROJECT! SEE PAGE 5 OF THIS ISSUE,

KING EDWARD EXPERIMENTAL PRECANCELLED COILS

by Hans Reiche

The purpose of this article is to explain the possible events that has led to the appearance of fairly large quantities of the King Edward experimental precancelled coils with the Style T precancel. Other precancelled experimental coils of the King Edward stamps are not discussed here.

Over the last few years, precancelled Style T experimental coils have come on the market. The King Edward stamps have been fully described in detail by G.C. Marler in his handbook and with this information one can identify the characteristics that apply to certain plate groups. This information is important for this discussion because it is possible to identify from which plate group of the King Edward stamps some of the experimental coils may have come from.

At the present time most of the coils offered on the stamp market have been expertized by one of four expertizing authorities. The coils were made up from stamps of the 1c and the 2c value overprinted Style T. These precancels are listed in the Precancel Catalogue as T-89 for the 1c green and T-90 for the 2c carmine. A number of full sheets of 100 stamps of both the 1c and the 2c precancelled Style T have been recorded in the

philatelic literature for some time and some new finds of such complete sheets have been noted. Since these sheets that have been recorded did carry each a plate number on the top margin, it is possible to identify these with their peculiar characteristics from the data in the book by Marler.

We now have to examine the time period in which the actual experiment was carried out to produce these special coils. The experiment was conducted in 1908 but was stopped and declared unsuccessful. The King Edward plates that were available at that time period were from the 1907 period (as will be explained shortly). We know that some of the following plates were used for the experiment.

- For the 1c green Plates 25, 26, 29 and 30 appeared to have been used.
- For the 2c carmine Plates 53 and 54 appeared to be used.

The reason for stating the above stems from the examination of coil strips from the original find and the time period when these plates were available.

The characteristics of these plates can now be shown and described.

For the 1c green, four plates, 25, 26, 29, and 30 were used. The key feature of these plates is the break in the oval lower right between the two horizontal bottom

shading lines as shown in the illustration.

For the 2c carmine plates 53 and 54 the identification is the break above line 13 of the upper right vertical spandrel line, as shown in the illustration. No other breaks can be noted on these plates.

We now must examine the characteristics and plate numbers of the full sheets of 100 stamps that have been recorded so far. All the plates from these full sheets indicate that these come from a 1909 period that is after the coil experiment was finished.

The 1c green plate 48 shows a dash that touches the lower right frame junction line and a dot and another dash that does not reach the spandrel line, as shown in the illustration. Plate 51 and 52 have no breaks at any of the engraved lines. For the 2c carmine plates 71 and 72 these plates show a break of the upper right spandrel between second and third from the top, plus a break in the right frame line just opposite the tip of the leaf.

The above information leads to the conclusion that the original find of these coils differ from those that appeared on the market over the years and that these coils appear to have come from cut up complete sheets after the actual experiment had been finished and declared unsuccessful.



NEW PRECANCELS: QUINTUPLE PRECANCEL DISCOVERED TYPE U VERTICAL ON 50 CENT JUBILEE

by Andy Ellwood

This section of the newsletter provides members with information on precancels which are unlisted in the Standard Canada Precancel Catalogue (SCPC) and which have not been discussed in the Precancel Handbook. It is intended for use by members to record new "finds" and to present them so that other members may be aware of their existence. Should readers dispute the "find", comments should be sent to the owner or to the editor with an explanation.

A recent purchase from Charles Firby's auction has turned out to be a spectacular new find in Precancels - the first known QUINTUPLE. The story behind this find is worth recording as it contains several interesting aspects and lessons.

The stamp was listed in the auction as a 50 cent Jubilee with a double vertical, type U precancel (U-60-V) with a serious feather thin. As such, the stamp did not appear to have any significant value and was estimated at \$75.

However, a closer examination of the catalogue photo indicated that the stamp was probably a triple vertical, which was unlisted in the SCPC. Consequently, I submitted an aggressive bid and was

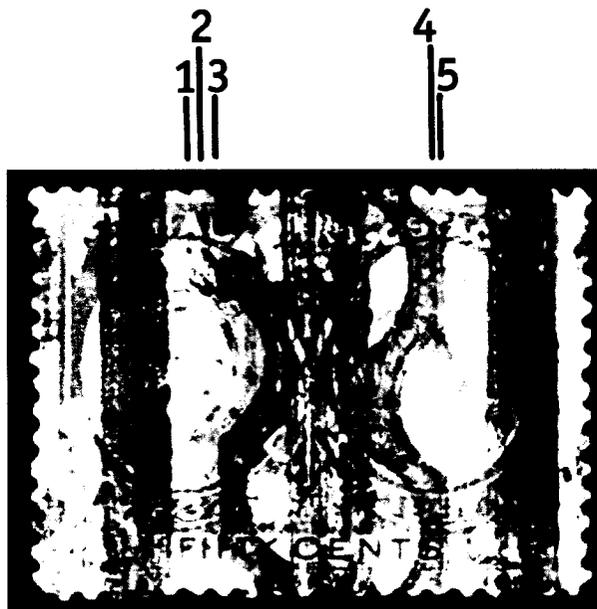
rewarded with the successful purchase. However, this was just the first chapter in the story of a very unique find. When the stamp arrived, I was dismayed to find that the lower left corner was torn off the stamp and was found jammed (folded over) in the corner of the conveying envelope. After tearing my hair out at someone's lousy handling of an unlisted precancel, I prepared an envelope to return it for a refund.

But for some reason, I first called Firby's and spoke to Chuck Firby. Once his anger at the person who damaged the stamp abated somewhat, we had a discussion of the problems of poor handling, especially during auction lot

viewing. After we calmed each other down, Chuck's salesmanship came to the fore and he convinced me to keep the stamp at a reduced price and we both hung up quite satisfied.

As I was sure that the stamp was an unlisted triple vertical, I proceeded to examine it in more detail. Sure enough, there were 3 clear precancels, two of them underneath a much stronger third one. As I also collect varieties, I was further happy to see that the third and strongest precancel had a definite break in two of the bars, a definite Broken Bar variety.

However, as I looked closely at the stamp under a lighted magnifier, it became obvious



that there were several impressions of the precancel. As can be seen in the attached image, there are 3 distinct impressions at the left and 2 more at the right.

The most obvious areas to view are the curved portion of the precancel. There may even be a further impression on the left, but it is too indistinct to say for sure. Besides, 5 impressions are enough, I think. The numbers are intended to identify the 5 impressions, with the lines showing the left side of the center bar on the first 3 impressions and the right side of the center bar on numbers 4 and 5.

Hans Reiche has since examined the stamp and he has confirmed all 5 impressions. According to Hans, this is the **ONLY** precancel he has ever seen with 5 impressions. He was stumped in trying to decide how to adjust the numbering system to accommodate it.

So the bottom lines are **"Don't ever give up in looking for the unusual"** and **"Don't ever throw a lousy spacefiller away until it has been examined in detail."** I hope you all enjoy such a rewarding and thrilling find some day.

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RE-ENTRIES ON THE KING GEORGE V 'LEAF' ISSUE

by **Duncan MacDonald**

Re-entries appear on both the 'leaf' (or 'arch') and pictorial issue. It is not known how many of the re-entry sheets were precancelled or if the re-entry occurs precancelled for certain towns that were not major precancel users.

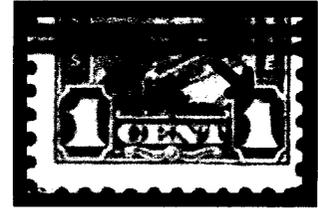
The re-entry only occurs on plate 2 stamp #96, UL pane of 100. The re-entry consists of a doubling of the figure one in the right numeral box and a line running across the top of the word cent.

I have compiled a list of all towns that precancelled these stamps and marked

the re-entries that I have with an asterisk. There is a total of 86 possible precancelled re-entries for these issues and I would appreciate hearing from other collectors who have re-entries on these stamps.

Email: Duncan@camacdonald.com. I would be interested

in purchasing those re-entries I don't have.



1 CENT ORANGE SCOTT #162

TOWN	TYPE	KNOWN
—	V	
—	W	*
Brantford	3	*
Calgary	1	
Edmonton	3	
Galt	1	
Guelph	1	
Hamilton	1	
Kingston	2	
Kitchener	1	
Lindsay	1	
London	1	
London	3	
Moncton	1	
Montreal	4	
Montreal	7	*
Moose Jaw	1	
Niagara Falls	3	
Oshawa	1	
Peterboro	1	
Quebec	3	
Red Deer	1	
Regina	2	
St. Hyacinthe	1	
St. John	3	
St. Thomas	1	
Saskatoon	1	
Toronto	11	
Vancouver	2	
Weston	1	
Windsor	3	
Winnipeg	3	
Woodstock	1	

1 CENT GREEN SCOTT #163

TOWN	TYPE	KNOWN
—	V	
—	W	
Beamsville	1	
Brantford	1	
Brantford	3	*
Brockville	3	
Calgary	1	*
Carleton Place	1	
Coburg	1	
Edmonton	1	
Galt	1	
Guelph	1	
Halifax	2	
Hamilton	1	
Hamilton	4	*
Hamilton (3100)	5	
Kingston	2	
Kitchener	1	
Lethbrdge	1	
Lindsay	1	
London	1	
London	3	
Moncton	3	
Montreal	4	
Montreal	7	*
Montreal (0700)	8	
Moose Jaw	1	
Niagara Falls	3	
North Battleford	1	
Oshawa	1	
Ottawa	3	

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RE-ENTRIES

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1 CENT GREEN SCOTT #163

TOWN	TYPE	KNOWN
Paris	1	
Peterboro	1	
Quebec	3	*
Red Deer	1	
Regina	1	
Regina	2	
St. Hyacinthe	1	
St. John	3	
St. Thomas	1	
Saskatoon	1	
Toronto	11	*
Toronto	12	*
Toronto (4530)	13	
Vancouver	1	
Vancouver	2	
Vancouver	3	
Weston	1	
Windsor	3	
Winnipeg	3	*
Winnipeg (5850)	6	
Woodstock	1	

EDITOR SPEAKS ...

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of the list for ads, but, depending on demand, it is conceivable that your ad could run every issue.

NEW DEPARTMENT. You'll note an article from Andy Ellwood on a new precancel and an article by Duncan MacDonald on 'Unlisted

Precancels.' These are both part of the NEW PRECANCELS Department that will, hopefully, appear in every issue. Again, you can play a part. If you come across a NEW PRECANCEL, please let me know.

POSTSCRIPTS

We call this section Postscripts because it contains additions to articles that have already run in the newsletter. In this issue, Hans Reiche has offered us 'Postscripts' on two articles that appeared in the last issue (Whole Number 1).

POSTSCRIPT: LATHEWORK

ADDITIONS TO THE LATHEWORK INVENTORY

by Hans Reiche

I can add the following to the lathework list:

Bridgeburg	D	1-105
Brockville	B	3-104
Brockville	D	3-105
Calgary	D	1-110 inverted
Edmonton	D	1-117
Estevan	B	1-105
Hamilton	D	1-114
Kitchener	D	1-105 inverted
Lindsay	B	1-104
Moncton	B	1-104
Montreal	D	7-105
St. Thomas	C	1-105
Toronto	D	10-119
Toronto	D	10-104 inverted
Winnipeg	C	4-105

I am certain many more exist.

POSTSCRIPT: BRANTFORD SHEET

ADMIRAL PRECANCELLED BRANTFORD SHEET

by Hans Reiche

As mentioned, the sheet that was illustrated came from either plate 186 or 187. Both plates are said not to have lathework entered. Looking at my correspondence with Marler, I find his letter to me explaining that one or both sheets did actually carry the lathework. D. Marler must have found this after he had prepared his book.

There are a few such sheets around, one came from the collection of Walburn and is now with Izzett, one sheet from Walter Bileski, one from Lussey, and one from Liberty.

This sheet is from the retouched Die in dry printing. The overprinting plate that was used was an electroplated one. Each row was entered photographically, then etched to form the final plate. It was not clamped row by row as it was not a litho process. Of interest, of course, is that now some of the varieties can be identified by the plate position. Certain features require additional copies to make them constant, as many flaws that have been reported have yet to be identified as constant. In addition it must be made clear that any plate varieties must come from the plate not from the printing.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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of some, I think that the best way to proceed is to have members provide the information and authorize its publication. Wayne Walton will send a notice of membership renewal for 2001 to each member this Fall and will enclose a small form which deals with this subject.

I would also remind members of the availability of our own web site and encourage those of you who can use it, to do so. I haven't seen much new activity there for some time, not even on the Bulletin Board. This is an excellent way to dialogue with other members and to search for missing stamps in your collection or to sell those duplicates that you no longer want. Certainly, the sale of the bar type stamps that I held last Spring was very successful, mainly because of the use of the web site. If you have any difficulty in using the site, don't hesitate to call on Duncan MacDonald as he is very knowledgeable and always ready to help.

Finally, I would be remiss not to mention that Larry Goldberg did a magnificent job in producing our last Newsletter. His efforts have brought praise from many quarters and he is now in the "unfortunate" position of having to continue to meet the standard that he has set. Please do your part by supplying him with articles or notices or anything else that can be of interest to members. He is very skilled in turning your prose into professional articles and is also always ready to help members. Let's give him our support.

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**PLEASE SEND RESEARCH
REPORTS, ARTICLES
AND YOUR WANTS ADS
TO LARRY GOLDBERG
NO LATER THAN
15TH NOVEMBER 2000.**

UNLISTED PRECANCELS

by Duncan Macdonald

One of the areas I am interested in is trying to establish a record of unlisted style of precancel on both the bar and town stamps. I have about 20 town types that are not recorded including Vancouver 2-162-M 1c Orange Leaf double with one invert that I was able to purchase at the last Lee auction. It would be interesting to find out whether many of these unlisted stamps are unique.

When one looks at the various auctions it appears that unlisted varieties are showing up fairly frequently. I do not usually collect the unlisted bars as I have a terrible time identifying the normal bars, never mind the unlisted!

An excellent example of the problems with identifying the bars is the article Chicken Tracks by David



Marasco. (available for viewing on the study group's website). Sure glad I didn't have to figure them out.

I would like to know if there are any other collectors who are interested in pursuing this area? We will need a "volunteer" to co-ordinate collecting data on both bar and town unlisted types and to produce an article for inclusion with each newsletter. I would also be interested in purchasing any unlisted precancels both town and bar types.

WANT LISTS

You can have your own want list published here. See A Word from Your Editor on page 2.

PRECANCELS ON THE 3c SMALL QUEEN ISSUE.

Ron Ribler, chairman of the LQ/SQ Study Group, is interested in buying precancels on the 3 cent SQ issue. He has the A, I, J, R, S, and T and is looking for the others. Send pics and prices to him at laudron@yahoo.com or P.O. Box 22911, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33335.

PRECANCEL LATHEWORK & ANY MAJOR PRECANCELLED RE-ENTRIES.

I am also interested in trading or purchasing for the more expensive \$100+ town type precancels I need. I can be reached by e-mail at duncan@camacdonald.com or at Duncan MacDonald, P.O. Box 37013, Lynnwood Postal Outlet, Edmonton, Alberta T5R 5Y2, CANADA

TOWN PRECANCELS ON KGV1 REVISED & UNREVISED ISSUES.

Larry Goldberg is looking for town precancels (other than the more common ones) on the KGV1 revised and un-revised issues. What have you got for sale? Email editor@kg6.com or by snail mail at Box 7170, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089-7170