

First - A Word From Your Editor

Having now passed on the Sales Manager's job to John Payne (finally!), my New Year's resolution is to get out four issues of this Newsletter yearly - January, April, July and October. The only restriction will be getting enough material. Let's hear from you all - new finds, questions on existing listings, material for sales or swap, historical data of interest, etc. I got two responses (favorable) from Fred Seaman's proposal in the last Newsletter, so everyone can start by responding on that question.

Convention Doings

We had a good Study Group meeting at Williamsburg and picked up five new members there. A number of decisions were made:

1. Lew Ludlow should finish his Topics columns on the Maritime Provinces by mid-1975 and he will then arrange to publish this material as a stapled printed booklet. It was agreed that we should publish this specialized handbook in sections (rather than waiting to publish a single volume some years in the future) and that it should be bound rather than loose three-hole sheets. He has a photo-offset shop which will do it reasonably.
2. With the many new additions and corrections, Shaw's 1963 edition is greatly out-of-date. Lew will explore with Shaw a new printing of just the chronological listing of the Route Identification Tables, bringing this up-to-date but using the old RF factors. This would also be printed by "Lew's printer" and it was agreed that the price could go as high as \$5 if necessary. Once we cover our costs, the remaining copies could be donated to the BNAPS Handbook Department.
3. The old RF factors will be updated and changed where necessary in the printed Maritime and other sections as they issue. Lew discussed his thoughts for expanding the factor number range to more adequately cover the relative scarcities.
4. Lew then discussed his latest measurement studies on the Camp & Levis Express R.P.O. cancellation, demonstrating how helpful this approach is with partial strikes as well as in identifying the various hammers. The only real problem is getting started and doing sufficient copies to get over the "initial hump". After that, it can be used fairly quickly. A copy of his M-12 results is attached. Incidentally, one result of Lew's measurement study on M-36 was a new find - a strike without the letter b in Campbellton. It had been in his duplicates for years!

From the Members

A nice letter from Hugh Aitken (#29) with a copy of a special cover prepared by the mail clerk for the last run of the Mont. and Tor. R.P.O. and autographed by him. A copy of this very attractive piece is attached. He has also found a new item, listed 0-152D, LONSON and OWEN SOUND, T-17, RF 200. The D is an S and O is a reversed D.

Horace Harrison (#27), way back in March (my apologies for such a delay, Horace), sent Xeroxed examples of two unrecorded specimens. One is a variety of R-113B with the extra-circle 27 above the C.E. of Central rather than below the M.C. as in type 21D. This is too faint on my copy to reproduce. The second is a new registered R.P.O. on a piece given him by a member in Saskatoon on his way through there to the R.P.S.C. Convention in Edmonton in 1972. As shown in the attached copy, it is a Prince Albert and North Batt. variety, a boxed [R] P.A. and NO. BATT. R.P.O. rubber-stamped violet black no. and line under it in purple indelible pencil, along with several regular W-109 strikes.

I have an unlisted variety of M-85 with a W at the bottom, below but apparently attached to the rim. Part of the top of the strike is missing. I have another copy of M-85 with the full top, but ending just above the bottom rim. Both these strikes appear to be from the same hammer, but it is different from the M-85 hammer strikes Lew has. How about checking all your M-85 strikes and let's see if anyone else can confirm this W.

Annual Report of Secretary-Treasurer

I'll plan on giving this status report in each January issue as of 12/31. Membership is now 36, with the death of one member, Al Kessler. A new membership list is attached. The Treasurer's report is as follows:

Income		\$116.09
dues	- \$111.00	
interest	5.09	
Expenses		10.40
Balance		105.69

This report covers income and expenses for the period from our start at the 1973 Convention through 12/31/74.

JIM LEHR

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