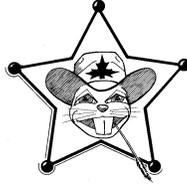


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## November 16 MEETING IN COLLEGE STATION

We will meet at the St. Mary's Catholic Center, Church Avenue, College Station, Texas 77840, meeting wing on the second floor, probably Room 207, but it should be easy to find. Map p.2

## BNAPEX 2013 in Charlottetown, PEI

The Aug. 30-Sep. 1, 2013 BNAPS annual meeting at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island was attended by George Dresser and Vic Willson from the PB contingent. The Board meeting prior to the show included several interesting changes. The First Vice President Ron Majors resigned to assume editorship of BNA TOPICS, indicating he would not be able to do both jobs. George was persuaded to step in and assume the position, with an expectation to assume the Presidency at the next election (assuming no write-in or competing candidate arises). George has served as President before in outstanding service, and currently is on the Society finance committee, charged with investment of the assets of the Society. We extend our thanks to George for his service.

The exhibits were excellent, with a very high level of significant material. The Grand went to a marvelous and very complete traditional exhibit of the Leaf Issue of 1897-98. The Reserve went to Ron Majors' outstanding postal history exhibit of the Canada 1859 issue.

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## EASTERN AUCTION OF OCT. 25-26

This auction includes most of the better material of Vic Willson's Nonletter Mail of Canada exhibit as well as a previously unseen hoard of Small Queen covers of amazing breadth and depth. In addition much material from recently deceased dealer Dick Lamb's stock is in the auction, along with great Admiral material and general material. One of the best auctions of a variety of Canadian material seen in many years.

Republic of Texas Cover to Canada returns to Texas

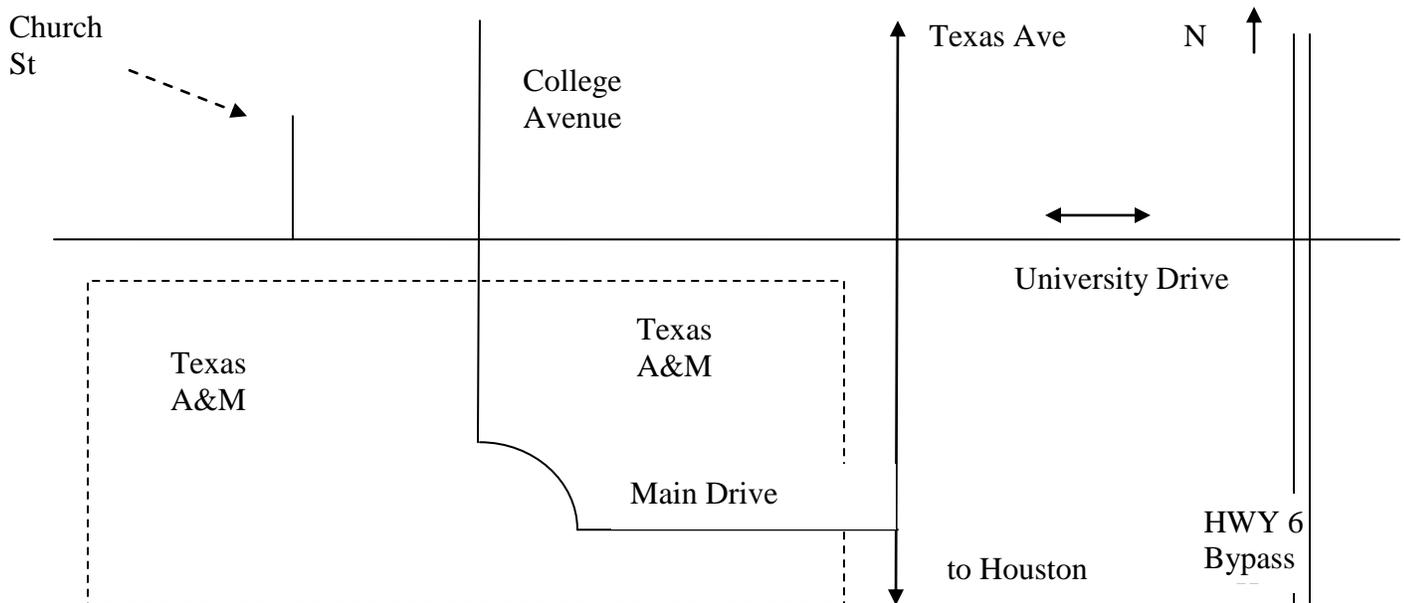


The cover shown above was described in the Texas Philatelist of Jan/Feb 1993 by C. A. Stillions, who resided in the Houston area for many years before moving to Washington DC. At Charlottetown he noted a cover in Vic's nonletter mail not being auctioned and at the convention, suggesting a trade, which resulted in this cover's return to Texas. It was written Nov. 12 datelined Houston, paid cash at the Houston P.O. to New Orleans, where it was charged 12 cents due (10c + 2c ship fee) to the border exchange office Queenston opposite Niagara Falls. In Canada a total of 1S/1½ d was due: 7d to the US, 1 ½ d ferriage fee, and 4½ d inland Canadian postage. I believe there are no more than four RoFT covers to Canada.

**PRAIRIE BEAVER MEETING, November 16, 2013**  
**SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES**

8:45 - 9:00	Coffee, donuts, informal
9:00 - 9:15	Introductions
9:15 - 9:30	Book reviews- new BNAPS books
9:30 - 9:45	Internet review (new sites, Auctions, including Cantor etc.)
9:45 - 10:15	Swap, Sell, Buy, Trade
10:15 - 10:45	Presentation: <i>Canada King Edward VII One-Cent Stationery a Survey</i> : George Dresser
10:45 - 11:15	Swap, Sell, Buy, Trade
11:15 - 12:00	Clothesline Exhibit
12:00 - 1:15	Lunch
1:15 - 1:35	<i>A Canadian Soldier's Story</i> - John Furlong
1:35 - 1:45	Business meeting
1:45 - 2:15	Presentation: <i>Canada to China, 1857- 1941</i> : Vic Willson
2:45 - 3:30	Swap, Sell, Buy, Trade
3:30 - 4:00	Discussion: Cross/multi-country exhibits- issues and problems
4:00 - 5:00	Swap, Sell, Buy, Trade
Wrapup 5:00	Dinner at local venue

**Map of College Station north side of TAMU**

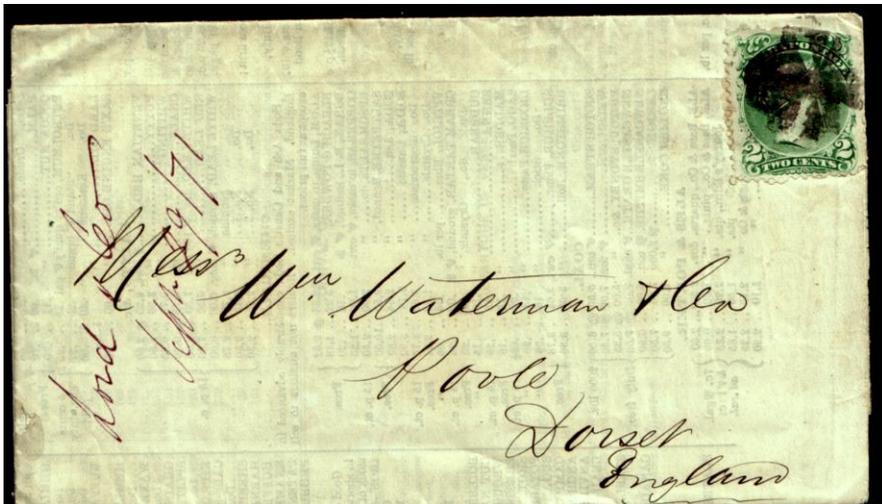


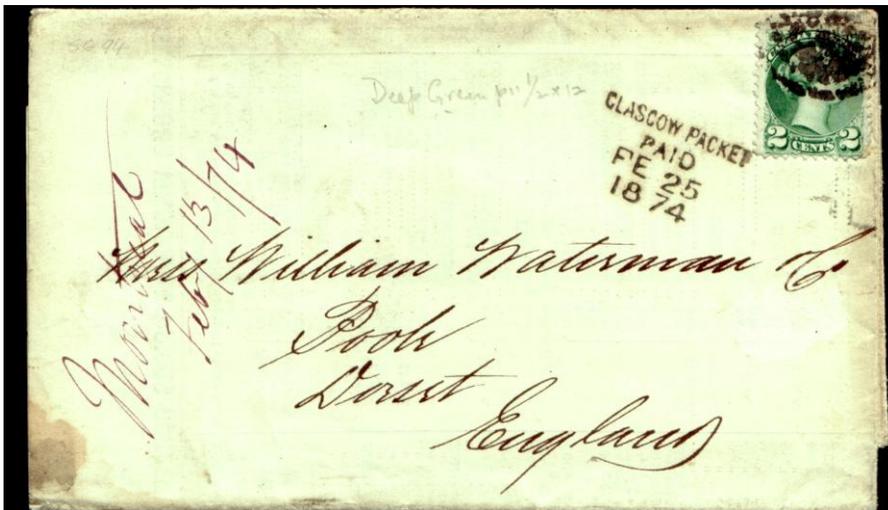
## 2 CENT PRICES CURRENT TO ENGLAND 1868 – 1878

Vic Willson

Prices current had a specific meaning in 1851, intending to be a listing of goods being sold at a particular date. Companies selling agricultural products, raw materials, and the like quoted prices for a period of time, such as a month or week. These could be sent to England for 1d, which on July 1, 1859, became 2 cents. This remained the same until Canada joined the UPU in August, 1878, when they were lumped with all printed matter at 2 cent per 2 oz., reduced to 1 cent per 2oz. in March, 1879.

In the Decimal period there are perhaps 6 or 7 examples of the rate, indicating great rarity. This is also true for the Large Queen period, with perhaps 3 or 4 examples paid with the 2 cent LQ. I show one in the first figure, dated September, 1871. Menich showed one from July, 1871. Virtually all the Large and Small Queen prices current up to UPU are from the same correspondence to the Wm. Waterman & Co. in Poole. The second figure is perhaps the greatest rarity of the period, a pair of 1 cent Small Queens (no printed date) received November 23, 1871. It is the only example not paid with a 2 cent stamp I have ever seen. The third example shows the commonest use with a 2 cent Small Queen, with a nice Glasgow Packet Paid Feb. 25, 1874. Arfken had a similar example sent in 1876. The 2 cent Small Queen usage shows up occasionally, but is scarcer than I think most collectors think. I don't think there are more than 20 examples.





**Sometimes Getting Outbid is OK- Vic Willson**

At the Robertson Sale of Cross-Border mail in New York some years ago I bid against a Canadian collector with deep pockets. He bid against me on every item I went after and kept his hand up until I quit. While I cost him quite a bit on several items, he got one item I really wanted for my nonletter mail, a 4c Small Queen circular rate to Cuba, previously in the Menich collection, a very well-known and comprehensive postal history collection of 19<sup>th</sup> century Large and Small Queens. Then, in an auction of Cuban material, lo and behold, a second example of the circular, not previously recorded, was offered. It did not go cheap, but was 1/3 the price of the earlier one, both shown below. My collection of nonletter mail is gone, but this fits my Small Queen single and multiple franking collection well.



Robertson sale Nov. 21, 1876

Willson example Nov. 9, 1874



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