

BNAPS Publications Committee

First, I wish to express my appreciation to fellow committee members Mike Street and Charles Livermore. I also wish to acknowledge the important work of Wayne Smith, our circulation manager, who continues to sort out all problems that occur with missing and misdirected copies, and to look after sales of back-issues.

BNA Topics:

Under the interim leadership of Mike Street and myself, with some editorial assistance from Neil Donen, Neil Philip and Henk Burgers, production of *BNA Topics* has continued to be on schedule. This has only been possible with the continued assistance of Lorraine Street, who does final proof reading, end-stage editing and assembly of the files and ads into master files. We thank all those who have contributed articles, and look forward to the continued submissions by members. We are still searching for a new editor. Mike and I are wearing down.

St. Joseph in Ottawa continues to do a good job of printing our publication, but a new bid will need to be solicited later in 2011, as our latest (three-year) contract with St. Joseph ends on December 31, 2011. Postage costs rise each year. Canada Post has indicated a further increase of approximately 4-5% for next year.

Legally, *BNA Topics* is published by Philaprint, not BNAPS. It is clear that the agreement between BNAPS and Philaprint requires updating, and Ted Nixon (Philaprint) and I have been exchanging ideas on how best to do this. As BNAPS and Philaprint have not yet decided on amendments to the Philaprint agreement (the amendments may need to be submitted to the Board), no attempt has been made to solicit bids for the printing contract for 2012 through 2014. Because of its financial implications for BNAPS, any new printing contract will need to be submitted to the Board.

Circulation

Two actions have been taken this year. With the help of Jean-Claude Michaud and David Jones, we have worked through the list of “free-distribution” copies, and cut back more than ten copies per mailing. Most of those were being sent to libraries that were not really interested in receiving the journal. In a couple of cases libraries opted to continue their subscriptions by paying a regular subscription fee.

Second, we have worked to cut back on the large stock (literally tons) of back issues of *BNA Topics* and *BNAPortraitS* being held by Wayne Smith. Surplus stock was offered to members and libraries at (essentially) the cost of mailing. After consulting several members, we decided to keep:

- Only two complete sets of copies of *BNAPortraitS*. These aren't even needed by the Historian because all copies have been scanned (and backed up).
- Five copies of any issues of *BNA Topics* that are on line (through 2005).
- From 2006 on, the issues were in full colour, and still can be used for distribution at shows. The following stock is being retained:
 - current year, last three issues: keep most of the copies received from the printer for 6 months (in case that there are distribution problems)
 - 6-12 months: 50 copies
 - 13-24 months: 25 copies
 - other years not yet on line: 10 copies.

The remaining stock is being sent to a recycler for shredding on or after October 1, 2011. Shredding is required because many issues contain member information. The expense of the disposal has been authorized by the President from his discretionary budget.

Book Publishing:

A separate report on the Book Department has been submitted by Mike Street, Publishing Coordinator of the BNAPS Book Department. He has continued to do a superb job arranging for the printing of new BNAPS books and of reprints of books that have sold out. Mike has again spent many hundreds of hours on this task. Ian Kimmerly and Brian Wolfenden of Ian Kimmerly Stamps in Ottawa continue to operate

the BNAPS Book Sales Department, and promote our books and BNAPS in general. I would like to thank Mike, Ian and Brian for a job well done.

Respectfully submitted, Robert Lemire

BNAPS Book Publishing Coordinator

Since reacquiring the BNAPS Book Department and its publishing activity from Auxano Publications in 2004, BNAPS has printed 80 different new book titles in 112 editions. (The difference is the number of black and white editions of colour books produced.)

Since the 2010 Victoria convention BNAPS has published sixteen new books and reprinted four previously published books.

We continue to receive good comments on the books and compliments on our program in reviews in the *Canadian Philatelist*, *Canadian Stamp News*, *Maple Leaves* and the *PHSC Journal*. The lack of coverage in the *American Philatelist* continues; although we have had some coverage in the American Philatelic Research Library (APRL) journal.

I expect to be on budget for the calendar year 2011. If all goes well ten new books will be published between now and the Calgary convention. In addition to these, more than fifteen additional titles are either on hand or under consideration for future publishing. A large number of titles will also be reprinted in the coming year.

I would like to thank Robert Lemire, Chairman of the BNAPS Publication Committee, and Ian Kimmerly and Brian Wolfenden of Ian Kimmerly Stamps, for their continuing support in the operations of the Book Department.

Mike Street
Ancaster, ON
22 August 2011

NEW BOOKS SINCE SEPTEMBER 2010

Crotty; Canadian Postage Meter Stamps
Dickinson; AC Roessler's Canadiana
Fleet; Second Bill Stamp
Fraser; Manitoba Postmarks
Harrison; Registration First 20 years
Motson; Newfoundland Air Mail Supplement
Powell; Notes through Barbed Wire
Robinson; PH of Canadians in the Boer War
Rubec; Hunting and Fishing Stamps of Canada
Sayles; Military Postmarks Catalogue Vol. 2
Wallace; BC & VI Supplement

NEW BOOKS SINCE SEPTEMBER 2010

Wilkinson; New Brunswick Postal History
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Willson; Admiral Canadian Letter Rates 1912 - 1928
Kershaw; PEI One Pence
Spencer; Mrs. Brown, 20¢ Numeral

REPRINTS SINCE SEPTEMBER 2010

RPO Catalogue 4th rpt
Fancy Cancels 5th rpt
Willson-Non-Letter-rprt
McNaught-Jubilee-Rprt

NEW BOOKS 2011Q3 – 2012Q2 (TENTATIVE)

Kershaw; Half Cent Small Queen Plating Vol 2
Kershaw; Three Cent Small Queen
Montgomery; Transatlantic Mail
Nixon; Small Queens
Paige; Wilson Patriotics

Rathbun; Annapolis Royal
Street - Postal History of the Peace Issue
Grand Award Exhibit – BNAPEX 2011
Reserve Grand Award Exhibit – BNAPEX 2011