

## **Index to Maple Leaves – Introduction**

### **Author/ Subject Listing**

This is an author/ subject listing of feature articles, selected letters to the editor and selected columns found in the issues of *Maple Leaves*, the journal of the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain.

Individuals may be the subject of articles as well as an author of articles. In duplicate listings of an individual, the first heading will be the individual as the subject of an article, the second heading will be the individual as the author of an article.

Subjects are listed in alphabetical order; this may not always be the logical order, e.g.

**Postal Rates – Fifth Class**  
**Postal Rates – First Class**  
**Postal Rates – Fourth Class**  
**Postal Rates – Third Class**

Under the subject heading articles appear in the chronological order of their appearance in *Maple Leaves*, not in the chronological order of the subject matter of the article.

### **Headings**

Articles in *Maple Leaves* have been assigned multiple subject headings. Some have been assigned as many as ten headings, most have been assigned two or three headings. Where many aspects of a particular stamp are discussed, the article has been indexed under the most general heading available, e.g. an article discussing the colour, plate varieties and cancels for a particular stamp issue would likely be listed under a discussion of the basic stamp not under each available heading. Exceptions do however exist. It will be prudent to check under a variety of appropriate headings to be sure of finding the information available.

It was not always possible to determine from an article the exact year of issue of a specific stamp or item being discussed. To solve this problem, as well as to make the number of subject headings manageable, all articles about a definitive stamp issue (stamp, coils, booklet and booklet panes etc) will be found at the first date of an issue. For example, the Small Queens of Canada appeared over a 27 year period; all articles about the Small Queen issue are listed as:

**Stamps – 1870 – Small Queens**  
**Stamps – 1870 – Small Queens – 1 c**

etc

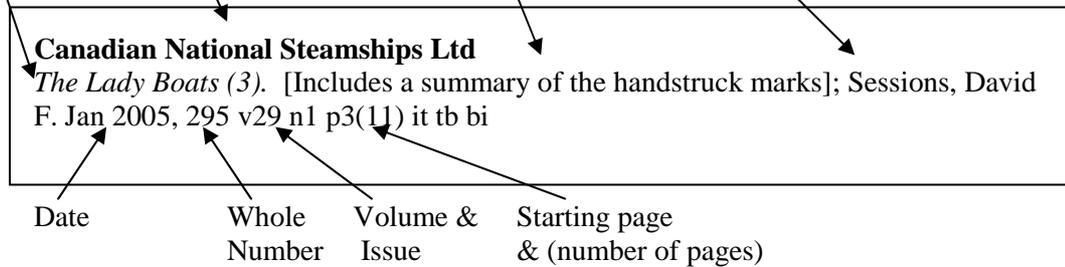
## Explanations

Authors or Subjects as headings are in **Bold**

Titles are in *italics*

Abstracts (when included) are placed in [brackets]

Author(s) follow the abstract or title



Abbreviations at the end of a citation indicate the presence of the following features

bi = a bibliography or referencing footnotes; it = illustrations

tb = tables or graphs

## Abstracts

Article citations adequately described by their title have no abstract. Article citations not adequately described by their title have very brief abstracts. Individuals who wish to suggest changes or additions to these abstracts should contact the compiler of this index. Suggestions are encouraged and will be given serious consideration.

## What articles are indexed?

All feature articles have been indexed. Letters to the Editor have also been indexed. Where Letters to the Editor relate to a previous feature article this is normally noted in the abstract of the article. Significant articles and advertisements reporting named auctions or sales of BNA material have also been indexed (note that some of these may appear to have rather odd page numbers. 'pifc' would, for example, indicate 'inside front cover' etc.) Articles summarising general auctions have generally not been indexed. Book Reviews are not normally included.

## Long running series of articles.

Over the years, *Maple Leaves* has run a number of long running 'serial' articles. In many cases, the numbering of these serials is erratic. Some have no part numbers. Some start with part numbers and then lapse. Some have part numbers in Roman numerals then switch to Arabic or vice versa. Some part numbers simply don't exist (for example you will look in vain for part 17 of the long running series on *Early Canadian Railway Post Offices* by Lionel Gillam. In some cases, standardised part numbers have been applied in the index to make it clear that the articles concerned are, indeed, part of a common series.

### **Date or Issue Errors**

Every now and then errors creep into the best of Journals and *Maple Leaves* has been no exception. A few issues have typographical errors regarding month, year, volume or number issue which may cause confusion. All citations in the index are to the correct whole, volume and issue numbers. This may not be the information on the covers of the following issues:-

October 1959 – whole number 62 is incorrectly labelled Vol. 8 no 1 when it is, in fact, Vol. 8, no 2

August 1973 – whole number 143 is incorrectly labelled whole number 43

Also note that in the April 1988 issue (Vol. 21, no1 whole number 217), the page numbers are incorrect. They are printed as 345 to 376 rather than 1 to 32. This index uses the actual printed page numbers 345 to 376 to avoid confusion. Beware, however, as pages 345 to 376 appear for a second time in this Volume in whole numbers 227 and 228, the issues for April and June 1990.

### **Final Comments**

There are two major problems with producing any index.

The first is to use terms that accurately describe the items being indexed. This is challenging because the same term can be used to describe different things to different collectors at different times.

The second problem is to use subject headings consistently. This is challenging because of the learning curve and the length of time it has taken to produce the index.

To help solve the first problem a number of existing subject lists were examined. The resulting list was distributed to a number of BNA collectors for their comments and suggestions. Additionally, there is the generous use of cross- references which refer to an alternative term or to related terms. In the main, the subject headings used in this index match those used for the cumulative index of BNA Topics 1944 – 1997 allowing the future prospect of combining these two indexes and others on a web based indexing tool for all BNA related material. The compiler is extremely interested in hearing from the users of this index as to additional or alternative headings which might or should have been used. Updated editions of this Index are being considered at ten year intervals. Volume indexes will continue to appear in *Maple Leaves*. Your suggestions and comments will be reflected in these subsequent appearances.

I urge that you glance through the index to gain some familiarity with the terms used to describe BNA subjects. I hope this effort will make the index more rewarding to you.

The second problem was more difficult. This relied upon the diligence of the compiler. Please let me know how successful I've been; and, please offer specific suggestions for improvement in this regard.