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### *Notes and Comments*

#### **Christmas Greetings**

To all our readers, at home and overseas, we wish a very happy Christmas and all good fortune, prosperity and good health in the coming New Year. Once more we are attempting to get this number to our home readers before Christmas, and hope all find in it something of interest and enjoyment.

#### **This Number**

Reports of the Glasgow Convention take up, together with the Year Book features, a large proportion of our space. Nevertheless we have managed to include a variety of articles on differing topics. Some contributions have had to be held over for the time being—a state of affairs to which we are not accustomed.

#### **Convention**

David Gardner has been a real stalwart and a tower of strength to the Society from the very beginning, indeed from before even that, and we are sure that he reached a fitting climax in his Presidential Year with the superb arrangements at Glasgow. Everyone we meet tells of a wonderful Convention and a marvellous time. Congratulations, David!

#### **Our New President**

Our readers would wish us to extend, as we do most cordially, a sincere welcome to Wm. C. Hinde in his office as our new President. Correspondence with him culminated in meeting him a few days ago. All we had been told was true, another grand leader has been found for the Presidential chair, a Lancastrian this time. When we found he came from Blackburn we couldn't help but pull his leg a little—Yorkshire always does—but he held his own without difficulty. We can see a real good year in prospect.

#### **The New Year**

Twelve months ago, we set out a few New Year Resolutions "for those of our readers who are not particularly good at thinking up their own." They appeared at the top of page 122, January 1953 issue. There were seven of them—can you think of what they might be? We're willing to bet you fifty used stamp hinges that you fell down on three out of seven at least. There should, of course, have been eight "8. Never forget your Editor collects Map Stamps!" was an obvious omission!

## Robson Lowe's Encyclopædia

Looking back we see we were asking as to when this was to be ready in respect of Canada and British North America. Twelve more months, and still no sign or news. Tell us, Robbie, is it still a long way off?

## Strand Stamp Journal

H. E. Wingfield & Co. have revised the size and presentation of their house organ, now running into its fifth year. It is well worth seeing a copy of this monthly publication, which contains interesting articles, new issues and special offers.

## Group Activities

A recent letter from Frederick Walker mentions that the **Hants., Dorset and Wilts. Group** are too scattered to do much, but that four of their members combined to give a talk and display to the Bournemouth Philatelic Society on the 9th November.

The **East Anglian Group** have been trying hard to arrange suitable dates and places. Beset with illness and bad fortune, once Mr. Shipton was ill on the day proposed, and once a visiting member was carried away by the train to the next town, Ipswich, instead of being allowed to alight at Bury St. Edmunds; they are now trying to work on the basis of two meetings a year.

May we remind our readers that, in addition to the localised study groups, we have also groups studying special subjects. These groups know no boundaries, but correspond with each other through the post, circulating notes, theories and specimens in order to try and solve their problems and evolve a solution satisfactory to all. Founder-President A. E. Stephenson is the officer entrusted with the general oversight of these groups, and the formation of new ones. Each has its own Secretary and Correspondent, and anyone interested can share in the operations and join the group or circle. A list of those in being is given in the Year Book section of this issue. We would like to add to the subjects receiving this intensive attention. Why not promote a group for your pet subject? "Stevie" will give every assistance to those willing to make a start. These thoughts are prompted by the news that Member Darnell has started one for New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Will anyone interested please get in touch with him.

**Aberdeen** have a new contact member—Mr. George Beverley of 14, Holburn Road, Aberdeen. The remainder of their syllabus and a report of their first meeting this season appear on a later page.

## Correspondents

Frank W. Campbell told us of the Tornados in the late Summer which killed 5, 12, and 300 persons in successive storms. He asks us, amongst other things, to remind readers he is anxious to get markings of items before 1860 and that the information he can supply when readers tell him what they have can be of real value to them also.

Robert W. Lyman tells us that the other day he sold what he believes to be the largest block of the 5c black Seal of Newfoundland—a piece 4 x 4. Does any reader know of a larger piece?

A. H. Christensen tells us that the Canadian Philatelic Society Inc., has suggested to its Chapters that they hold Auctions of stamps and philatelic material to help the Westminster Abbey Appeal. Readers will remember that in respect of the flooding of this country and in Europe, a similar appeal by the C.P.S. raised over \$1,000. Some information as to the results of the appeal appear later.

F. B. Eaton, of the Stanley Stamp Company, Vancouver, tells us of stable financial affairs out there which sound almost too good to be true to listeners on this side. He thinks there is a real hope of the dollar situation easing at some future date. We certainly hope he's right.

### **The Secretary**

Hanging our head in shame, we apologise to Philip Marsden for printing an incorrect address in the list of officers which has appeared in the back cover of recent issues. The number of his house is **164** and not 146 as previously shown. If any of you have this address written down, please check that you have the number right. Sorry, Philip, you have enough to do without having to chase your mail. Now we know the origin of the recent "verify your address" slogan!

### **Holmes Catalogue—A New Edition in Prospect**

In a letter to us, Dr. L. Seale Holmes tells that he is calling together his staff of co-editors to produce a new edition of the famous Holmes Catalogue of Canada and B.N.A. He tells us that they are hard at work revising the last edition and making the necessary additions, corrections, etc. Also that when the catalogue has been cleared, he hopes to revise and bring to date the famous Handbook. The co-editors are working in sections, and Mr. Holmes says it will be the best and largest staff ever to work on such a publication. The catalogue, like the handbook, has a fine reputation as an extremely valuable work which is indispensable to the serious student of B.N.A.—we would not like to be without our copy which is always to hand—and we look forward to this new edition and will make further announcements regarding it nearer to the date it may become available.

### **Harmer's Annual Résumé**

Once more this fascinating volume, giving both a summary and a bird's eye view of the International Auction World has arrived on the Editorial desk. Including reports from London, Sydney and New York, an introduction to the fantastic sale to be held in Cairo in February, various items of news, examples of prices realised, Private Treaty Department reports, the volume closes with the twelve points of the famous Harmer service. At 2/- post free, this fine record of the past season should be wanted by everyone.

### **The London Meeting**

We are sure that all those who were able to be there thoroughly enjoyed the London meeting on the 14th November. The attendance must have been in the neighbourhood of fifty, a very fine general display was given by many contributors, and after tea a magnificent show was put on the frames by our genial President, Wm. C. Hinde. Altogether it was a wonderful opportunity, not only for study, meeting new friends and renewing old friendships, but also for a real good philatelic gossip. Members came from as far afield as Aberdeen and Glasgow! The main question at the end was "When is the next?" Congratulations, London, on a fine bit of organisation and a very successful occasion.

### **Volume One**

Nearly two years ago we suggested it might be a good idea to reprint this issue, which was of four duplicated numbers in quarto size, in the octavo size and style we now use. This would enable those of us who have a full set to bind the first four volumes in a single cover, and have under our hand and in one book a most valuable collection of B.N.A. knowledge.

This has now been done, and Volume 1 is available from your Editor, price 5/- post free. An index for the whole of the first four volumes has also been prepared. This, if you want it, will cost you an extra sixpence. Send 5/- for Volume 1, 5/6d. for Volume 1 and the cumulative index to date, or sixpence plus postage 1½d—7½d—if you want the index only.

A limited number of back issues are still available for those who wish to complete their sets. These cost 2/- per copy up to No. 28 and 2/6d per copy thereafter.

## PAST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It has been hard work, but well worth the effort. Convention and Exhibition have been an outstanding success, and no doubt the Society will, in the long run, benefit substantially from the newspaper publicity received, and the fact that 24,979 visitors attended the Exhibition. I confess now that earlier on, and particularly in view of the opinions I had from some of our members in the South, I had doubts as to Glasgow being a suitable venue for our Convention. I have none now, and the many congratulatory messages received from members have satisfied even my own doubting self. This message must be my own expression of thanks to all who helped to make 1952-53 Convention a memorable one. This list is a long one, but all mentioned are well worthy of inclusion. Mr. J. J. Bonar, your Vice-President, earns my particular thanks. He not only made repeated visits to Glasgow from Edinburgh, both before and after the Exhibition, but spent four full days with me making sure that everything was in order before the 9th October. To the Glasgow Group, and in particular Messrs. Hannah, Pirrie and King, who did a pile of work. To Councillor Ritchie of Glasgow Corporation, and Museum Director, Dr. S. M. K. Henderson and his staff, curators, maintenance, attendants and tea room (male and female). To the Head Postmaster of Glasgow, Mr. A. B. Holland, his assistants and staff, all of whom showed that Post Office co-operation can be 100 per cent. effective. To the Grand Hotel management and staff, who made us comfortable and did everything to show us we were welcome. To the Exhibitors, who so generously, and at substantial cost to themselves, loaned us so much valuable and interesting material. To the Contributors to the Convention Fund, and to those who supplied or bid for auction lots, whether present or postal. To every one of our visitors, who, by their presence and obvious appreciation of our arrangements, amply repaid us for our hard work; and, finally, to Mr. A. Findlay of P. M. Young, Ltd., and his two assistants, Helen and May, who had the difficult task of coping with Convention envelopes. To those members who are not aware of the fact, it is extremely difficult to obtain permission for a Special Cancellation, and when obtained, it has to be paid for, and is costly. The envelope design was, I think, outstanding, and a credit to the Society. We have still a few thousand to sell—a reminder to those who have so far done little to help us. The financial loss on this venture is substantial, but once more we have to thank Mr. Findlay and P. M. Young, Ltd., for their generosity in guaranteeing to cover this loss.

To Mr. W. C. Hinde, your new President, and to Dr. R. Willan, the new Vice-President, I renew my promise of such assistance that I can give them, and I wish them and the other Officers a very successful year.

DAVID GARDNER

## OUR NEW PRESIDENT

William C. Hinde has been a pillar of the Manchester Philatelic Society and of the Manchester Central Philatelic Society for many years. He has a very fine collection of Canada which is the despair of the many friends he has who are Canadian specialists, as they not only envy him the material he has acquired and the flair he has for picking up rare items, but they have been unable to drag him down to that detail degree of study which they believe his material deserves!

A collector of many interests, he is a Past President of the Manchester Society and was awarded the Albrecht Prize of the Manchester Central Society in 1933-34 for his "Postmarks of the Boer War."

Is reputed by his friends to be "a queer bird"—some hotel guests certainly

thought him so on an occasion not so long ago—and has a strong Lancashire trend of both generosity and understatement.

Is alleged also to be very fond of the stamps of Nepal, and those of Egypt and the Sudan are also said to stand high in his affections. He met many new friends at the London Re-union a few weeks ago; they could not fail but to be impressed most favourably. For a man born on the wrong side of the Penines, he will undoubtedly make the Society a very fine President, and we are sure that all the members will give him every support in the months ahead.

F. T.

### PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

I gather it is hoped to have the January number of "Maple Leaves" out by Christmas, so I take the opportunity of wishing all members the Seasonable Greetings for Christmas and the New Year.

After a lot of enquiries, visits and consideration, the local committee decided on Buxton for the next Conference, to take place from Tuesday to Friday, September 21st to 24th next.

We thought that members would prefer to travel home on the Saturday instead of Sunday, so arranged for Tuesday to be the day of arrivals, with something after lunch and in the evening, and the Conference to finish on Friday with the banquet, for which a charge of £1 1s will be made, with an allowance for the normal hotel dinner not taken.

For the best type of hotel, prices have stiffened, or in this case they are normally higher, unless booked through the C.P.S., which is £2 2s per day per person (no B. and B. terms), and it will be worth it.

I have been to very many Congresses, and "The Palace Hotel" at Buxton is better than most, and at least equal to the best I have ever stayed at.

They have accommodation for over 1,000 delegates, so there is room under the same roof for everyone.

At the Glasgow Convention I did not walk outside the hotel more than 200 yards, so the right hotel comes first, even if the cost is a little more.

Buxton, being 1,000 feet above sea level, it can be bracing, so there is no danger of a very important lady from Glasgow being half asleep all the time, as could happen at another venue which was suggested.

Whilst it has been suggested that we make a "Booking Charge" as is done by many other small conferences to help to pay for the expenses, I think this is better left on a voluntary basis, and though free gifts to the Conference Auction is not an ideal procedure, we have to pay our way (with a 10/- subscription), so I feel we shall have to carry on, on the old lines, as there is no doubt an auction is one of the amenities of the Conference.

There is some wonderful scenery round Buxton, and with Chatsworth and Dovedale in the vicinity I think we can arrange some short trips worth while, and then there is "The Hotel" and also philatelic displays which should strike a new note.

As I have to get this off to-night to be in time for "Maple Leaves," I will defer further details for a subsequent issue of the journal of which we are so proud.

WM. C. HINDE

### OUR NEW FELLOWSHIPS

1. In welcoming Frank W. Campbell, Royal Oak, Michgan, U.S.A., to our most coveted Fellowship it is only too fitting it should be given in the West of Scotland, from whence his forebears crossed the Atlantic from Paisley.

Frank's research into the Postal History of Canada is well known to most of us, and it is with great pleasure we see this fellowship so well and worthily earned going to one of our overseas members for outstanding research.

Parliament passed an Act for the establishment of a letter post; in 1710 the first post office was opened in Glasgow; and in 1711 the post office in Scotland, which had been independent of England, was taken over by the G.P.O.

A mail service between Edinburgh and Glasgow was begun in 1715 by foot runners, who left at midnight and arrived at their destination 40 hours later.

2. A. Bruce Auckland, Edinburgh. One of our original band of pioneers. His chief interest is mainly Postal History, but to use his own words, he was "press ganged" into being our first editor. He willingly, but with a very great struggle, and a complete lack of material to work on, created what has now grown into the finest club journal in this country.

It is only fitting that he should be accorded the highest honour we can bestow for his outstanding services in the advancement of the Society's interests.

3. Stanley H. Godden, London, was amongst our early members in "beating a trial." It was greatly due to Stanley's efforts our early expansion overseas materialised. His work also in touring the country from end to end with exhibits, showing the stamps of Canada, did much to put the Society on the map, and it is with great pleasure the Society has placed him on the Roll for outstanding services in advancement of the Society's interests.

## THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Society, attended by some 35 members, was held at 10.15 a.m. in the Grand Hotel, Glasgow, on the 10th October, 1953. The Chair was occupied by the President, Mr. David Gardner.

After a brief address of welcome, Mr. Gardner ably directed the attention of the meeting to the business of the day. The minutes it was agreed were taken as read and signed by the President. There being nothing to discuss arising out of the minutes, the reports of the Society's officers were next considered. (These are set out elsewhere in this issue). Appreciation was expressed of the work done by the Editor of the Journal, Mr. F. Tomlinson, and by the Librarian to the Society, Mr. E. T. E. Lloyd.

The item "Finance" provoked discussion. Some considered that, in spite of the present sound financial position, the subscription rate should be increased. The question of an entrance fee was also discussed, but these propositions received only limited support. It was decided to set aside a sum of up to £10 from subscriptions towards the Convention Fund. This has previously been allocated on the basis of a per capitum charge of 3d., levied on the total membership.

A sub-committee was set up, under the chairmanship of Mr. Lees Jones, with authority to act immediately, to consider the most satisfactory way of recovering expenses incurred when material was submitted for expert opinion, and to re-organise this service rendered by the Society. Hitherto Mr. Lees Jones has met most of the expenses himself as a donation to the Society.

It was decided to invest a certain sum of money in the Halifax Building Society. It was also decided that the sum standing to the credit of the Founders' Fund was to be used to purchase a plaque made of Canadian Maple to be awarded annually for genuine research.

The various officers of the Society, duly nominated, were elected as set out elsewhere in this Journal. There were no alterations to the rules of the Society. It was left to the new President, Mr. Wm. C. Hinde, to appoint delegates to represent the Society at next year's Philatelic Congress of Great Britain.

## OPENING OF THE EXHIBITION

### GROUP DISPLAYS :

First ... ..	NEWCASTLE
Second... ..	WEST RIDING
Third ... ..	NORFOLK and SUFFOLK

### CONTRIBUTED CLASS :

First ... ..	R. G. WOODALL, Esq.
Second... ..	R. ALLISON, Esq., U.S.A.
Third ... ..	F. J. BURROUGHS, Esq.

### RESEARCH AND STUDY CLASS :



took 15 days to travel 131 miles, and evokes a picture of iceberg studded sea, winter storms and the isolation of those early days.

I must not omit to mention Mrs. Ashworth's plate proof block of four of the Canada sixpence with re-entered printer's imprint—an item to be admired, and it was certainly envied.

Leo Baresch showed the re-entries of the 1859 issue : 10, 12½ and 17 cents excellently illustrated by enlargements, and his frames of the cancellations on the small cents Q.V. were most attractive. J. Millar Allen had some of these, but also took care of the large cents' issue, likewise.

The 1897 Jubilee stamps were on first-day covers, complete, with the Montreal flag cancellations, shown by R. Kirby—great foresight, definitely, on the part of the original owner.

J. J. Bonar with assistance from W. White took care of the Q.V. Maple Leaves and Numerals issues, including essays, colour trials, imperf. blocks, and even complete mint sheets to show re-entries and surcharge settings. J. J. also had a fine study of the registration stamps, with many covers.

Our new President, W. C. Hinde, had two frames of essays, plate proofs and specimens of many issues, recalling the thrills we got at Harrogate two years ago.

Our Editor, Fred Tomlinson, likes map stamps, and apparently still needs more, but on viewing his display of large mint blocks with different coloured oceans, one almost wondered why, until it is remembered that there must still be discoveries to be made in this remarkable stamp.

Early Canadian stationery items formed the display of our Secretary, P. Marsden, who is also an expert in early English lettering for his write-ups.

Major Harper and H. H. Brown have a common talent. They produce most exquisite drawings to illustrate the varieties in their respective studies, Edward VII issue and Q.V. 2 cents Numerals—both prize-winners in our competitive exhibitions previously. Incidentally, J. J. Bonar showed complete booklet panes of this Q.V. 2 cent, the first booklet issue and a rare item nowadays.

The Admiral's issue were shown by J. I. Gammie and included a fine lot of early coils and booklets. Norman Fox had sent a special page of the Toronto Coils. H. F. Bleas showed the Officials, both perforated and overprinted, with some quite scarce items including the no stop varieties.

We were all very sorry that our old friend, J. C. Cartwright, was unable to attend the Convention this year through indisposition, but he did his bit with a fine show of mint modern blocks, each showing a known variety, and booklet plate numbers. By the time these notes appear we all hope he will be fully recovered in health.

The writer was entrusted with issues from 1935 to date, and I wonder if this school-boy effort was what caused one young visitor to tell his Dad that he had got practically every stamp on show in one frame, but if so, I am consoled somewhat that he seemed to be very proud of the fact, and anyway I am quite sure he did not have the fine range of water-colour enlarged drawings of the "Secret Dates."

The large wall displays of Electron photographs, radiographs, etc., were provided by W. H. Cheavin, and I particularly noticed that scientifically-minded youngsters paid special attention to these, and they asked questions which proved a keen interest.

Postal History was included in the advertised title of the Exhibition, and was illustrated by many rare and interesting exhibits.

Our newly-elected Fellow of the C.P.S., Frank Campbell of Detroit, showed

arranged to our Annual Do, all were of the opinion Glasgow was really "No Mean City," with its proverbial generosity and friendliness.

Jack Canuck wanted a pre-view of the Exhibition, so sailed in a day or two ahead of time to the Art Club.

Dr. Williams' Study Circle on Newfoundland held many entranced by his wonderful knowledge of the subject and the wealth of material.

The auction held on Saturday again was a wonderful success, with Mrs. Stanley

a fine study on covers of the various types of cancellations (official) used from 1771 to 1893. Col. McLellan showed rare pre-adhesive covers; Nugent Clougher, a Boer War Canadian cover. J. J. Bonar had trans-Atlantic mail markings, and Miss B. Lyndhurst Ogden (our Belinda) carried us across the Continent with representative R.P.O. markings. J. J. Bonar had the very first R.P.O. marking, St. Lawrence-Atlantic on a cover from Montreal to Portland, Maine, October 1853, the centenary of which occurred during the Exhibition. Other covers from J.J. were a Quebec letter 1761 by private hand to London, and a Canadian to Kintyre with dated back stamp, Iona steamer 1885.

Apart from strictly Canadian, our Member, C. W. Meredith, had a display of outstanding interest of Scots local cancellations and relics, pictures and wreck covers of the 1879 Tay Bridge disaster.

The Glasgow Philatelic Societies showed Arctic and Antarctic mails covering various expeditions, but including such poignant items as the last letter of Captain Scott and Lieut. Bowers, written as they awaited death in that fatal blizzard of 1912. One may read, unmoved, these letters printed in a book, but to read the actual pencilled lines is something very different. It touches the heart.

The Caledonian Philatelic Society co-operated with a display of all the new Queen Elizabeth stamps, which we hope will attract many new collectors to the fold.

Dr. B. N. Watson had an interesting frame illustrating philatelic terms, with actual stamps and drawings. Mr. Handford showed the original drawings by R. H. Gollop of the Indian runner, used for the design of "Capex" first-day covers.

In the display by Francis J. Field and G. E. Hoyle, every form of air transport was covered by examples from balloon and pigeon post to rockets, jets, helicopters and parachute.

P. A. Wilde exhibited nine letters of the 17th Century of intense historical interest.

Some items being required by their owners for other displays, changes were made on the 13th, and it was then possible to show Dr. McNeill's semi-official air mails of Canada, and Dr. Mitchell's sheets with original letters written by Robert Wallace of penny post renown and Captain Bligh of the "Bounty."

In order to show what other people had contributed, our President, David Gardner, hadn't a single item of his own in the Exhibition, but I do know that he offered others the loan of anything they might need to complete their own displays, which means he could have filled many more frames, had we had them.

Finally, to show the wide scope of the Exhibition, we had a birch-bark cover from the far North, franked with a 2 cent Map stamp, shown by R. S. Greenhill; methods of sealing, seals, balances and stamp boxes from Nugent Clougher; a fine show case of old postal balances, weights, scales, etc., from R. K. Wortley; scale model of early mail coach from Arthur Hall; a mail coach horn from Ramsay Stewart; models of modern mail steamers and air-planes, and even an example of the Tin Can mail; old Post Office uniforms; post carrier's blunderbuss; photographs of old pillar boxes, etc., supplied by the G.P.O.

Captain R. B. Hetherington filled a case with philatelic literature, hand-books and articles which are invaluable to the serious student of Canadian or

battleship to take back to Portsmouth.

At night, with J. J. Bonar making an ideal chairman for the "Family Dinner Party," the stories ran their rounds, and we trust that Dr. Willan can be depended on to know whether a perforation is part of stamp, or an operation.

During the whole Convention the two most patient and contented fully fledged Honorary Members (Badges and all) were

"Granny" and "Bunny" Barrett, two lovely poodles, which made ideal mascots for the show.

"Well, David, you gave us a wonderful and happy Convention, and we all congratulate you and wish you a good rest, but not too long!

To our new President, W. C. Hinde, we wish you a very happy year. We are all with you."



1859 issue as a whole, upon mentioning the idea of "Corner stamps as a means of identifying the number of plates used" to Senator Calder, a favourable reply was received with his blessings on the study. This was coupled with all the corner stamps to be found in his own collection, together with those in Mr. Lichtenstein's, lent to help in the study. Brigadier Studd's copies were also made available. Senator Calder had already made a study of the stamps with Imprint found on the 5c value.

The notes that follow are not a Final Answer, but are given as a basis on which further findings may eventually add up to the solving of the question as to the number of times that the plates were re-entered. They can be added to, subtracted from, or serve merely as a basis for further study and research.

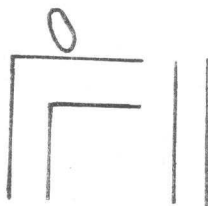
I would like to stress the importance of evidence from Proofs and their colour. I have the idea that "Proof Pulls" were made before, during and after an "order" was being printed, and much evidence can be gained from studying Corner pieces from such material.

To further this study, students must pool their findings—it is impossible nowadays for any one collector to amass the requisite material, which is in collections all over the world.

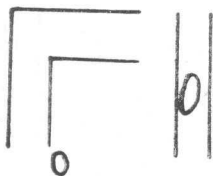
### THE ONE CENT VALUE

Diagram shewing Guide Dots at the N.W. corner and also Guide Dot in the West frame line, halfway in the frame line.  
North West Corner

Type A  
Perf.  $11\frac{3}{4} \times 11\frac{3}{4}$   
3 copies



Type B  
 $11\frac{3}{4} \times 11\frac{3}{4}$   
1 copy



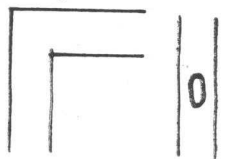
Type C  
 $12 \times 11\frac{3}{4}$   
1 copy



Type D  
 $12 \times 12$   
1 copy

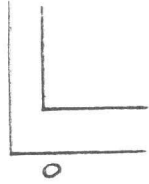


Type E  
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4 copies



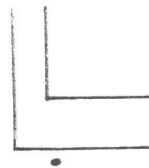
## South West Corner

Type A  
 $11\frac{3}{4} \times 11\frac{3}{4}$   
 3 copies



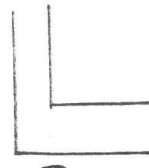
Weak entry in N.E. corner.

Type B  
 $11\frac{3}{4} \times 11\frac{3}{4}$   
 1 copy



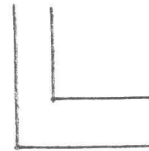
Oval line retouched in front of chin.

Type C  
 $12 \times 11\frac{3}{4}$   
 4 copies

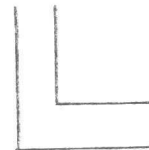


Base line at S.E. corner weak, almost broken.

Type D  
 $12 \times 12$   
 1 copy

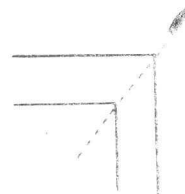


Type E  
 $12 \times 12$   
 1 copy



## North East Corner

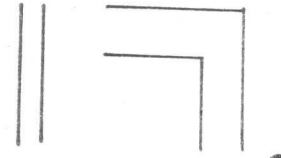
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 3 copies



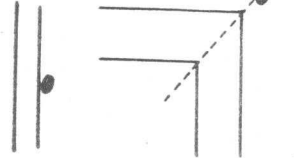
Type B  
 $11\frac{3}{4} \times 11\frac{3}{4}$



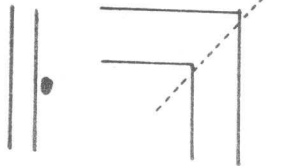
Type C  
12 x 11 $\frac{3}{4}$



Type D  
12 x 12  
5 copies

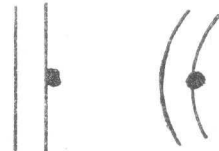
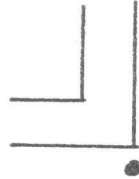


Type E  
12 x 12  
5 copies

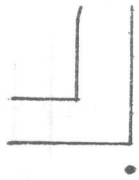


### South East Corner

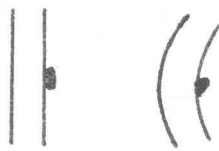
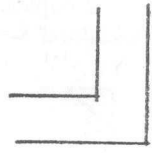
Type A  
11 $\frac{3}{4}$  x 11 $\frac{3}{4}$   
3 copies



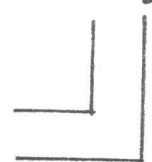
Type B  
12 x 11 $\frac{3}{4}$   
1 copy



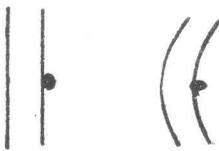
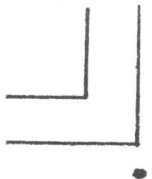
Type C  
12 x 12  
1 copy



Type D  
12 x 12  
1 copy



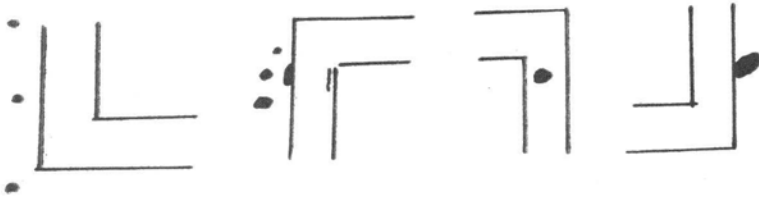
Type E  
12 x 12  
1 copy



### North East Corner

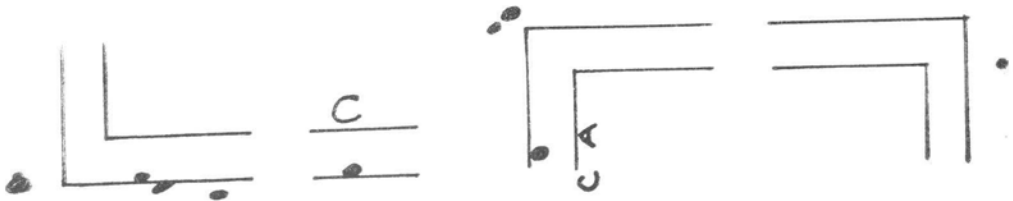
## THE FIVE CENTS VALUE

## North West Corner



Type A    3 copies.    Two dots in C of Cents.

## South West Corner

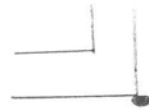


Type A    Perf.  $11\frac{3}{4} \times 11\frac{3}{4}$ .    5 copies.

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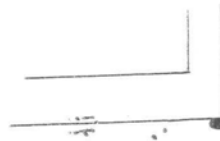
## South East Corner

Type A  
3 copies



Type B    Similar to A but  
no "C" dot.

Type C  
1 copy



Type D  
 $11\frac{3}{4} \times 11\frac{3}{4}$   
2 copies





in mid-air one might say. The pictures are not to size, the enlargement shows in better detail how the stamp ceases, and also the dot on the nose, which is the only obvious variety as between the six copies illustrated.

If we knew the answer to this riddle, we might almost be prepared to make it a competition. We are in the dark, however, as much as anyone. A comprehensive search of all the accepted works fails to produce any information. We shall welcome both opinions and guesses from our readers.



## CANADIAN RAILWAY POSTMARKS

By P. R. GREY (607)

The second of the lists of railway postmarks, arranged geographically under the main and branch lines of each of the railway systems, is given below. This part covers the area north of the St. Lawrence as far west as Toronto, North Bay and Cochrane.

I am grateful for the encouragement received from other members after publication of Part I in the October 1953 issue of *Maple Leaves*. As a result

of suggestions, the mileage of each R.P.O. heading has been added, where known, as an aid to writing up. Train numbers have not, however, been included as, over a period, these are subject to variation and can also be misleading because the C.N.R., C.P.R. and other railways each have their own series of train numbers and duplication therefore arises.

The arrangement suggested in these lists lends itself admirably to the use of C.N.R. and C.P.R. maps, which are easily obtainable. These can be cut up into appropriate areas and the "R.P.O. towns" underlined in red.

The following minor amendments are necessary to Part I:—

Para. 2 (a) Second line : Lunenburg.

Para. 4 (a) Insert asterisk before "St. Stephen and Edmundston."

Para. 4 (d) Insert asterisk before "Sorel and Sutton."

## PART II



### QUEBEC AND MONTREAL TO TORONTO, NORTH BAY AND COCHRANE

(The town names are given in full, but in the postmarks they are often abbreviated. The references are to Shaw's Catalogue for the benefit of those who possess a copy. An asterisk indicates a branch or sub-branch of the route given in the heading).

1. C.N.R. TRANSCONTINENTAL LINE. MONTREAL, COTEAU, OTTAWA (118 miles).  
 Montreal, Coteau and Ottawa Q.73-75.  
 Ottawa, Coteau and Montreal Q.215.
2. C.N.R. MAIN LINE. QUEBEC, GARNEAU JCT., MONTREAL. (186 miles).  
 Montreal and Quebec, Grand Trunk Ry. Q.125.  
 Quebec, Garneau Jct. and Montreal Q.206-208.  
 \* Rivière à Pierre and Montreal Q.256-257.

- (b) MONTREAL-MONT LAURIER. (158 miles)  
 Montreal and Mont Laurier Q.115-118.  
 Montreal and Nominingue Q.119.  
 Montreal and Labelle Q.107.  
 Montreal and St. Agathe des Monts Q.132.  
 Montreal and St. Jerome Q.134-136.
- (c) OTTAWA-PRESCOTT. (53 miles)  
 Ottawa and Prescott O.250-253.  
 Prescott and Ottawa O.296-297.  
 Bytown and Prescott O.52.
- (d) OTTAWA, CARLETON PLACE, SMITHS FALLS, BROCKVILLE. (76 miles)  
 Ottawa and Brockville O.210-211, 213,  
 Brockville and Ottawa O.42.  
 Brockville and Carleton Place O.40-41.
- (e) OTTAWA-MANIWAKI. (82 miles)  
 Ottawa and Maniwaki O.233-235.
- (f) OTTAWA-WALTHAM. (80 miles)  
 Ottawa and Waltham O.264-267.  
 Ottawa and Fort Coulonge O.219-220.
- (g) RENFREW, SHARBOT LAKE, KINGSTON. (104 miles)  
 Kingston and Renfrew O.126.  
 Renfrew and Sharbot Lake O.298.  
 Sharbot Lake and Renfrew O.315-317.  
 Kingston and Sharbot Lake O.127-130.  
 \* Kingston and Tweed O.134-135.  
 \* Kingston and Pembroke O.125.  
 \* Tweed and Kingston O.423.
13. NEW YORK CENTRAL SYSTEM (U.S.A.)  
 Cornwall and Ottawa (57 miles) O.64.

## PRECANCELS

### A SUMMARY OF ERRORS AND VARIETIES

By G. E. L. MANLEY (327)

For some time now it has struck me that there are quite a number of varieties of Precancels besides the usual "inverteds," "doubles," etc., and the different shades of the stamps themselves. Some of these are listed in Hoover's Catalog, while others have been reported by various collectors. It seems that it might be of interest to gather together all the known information, and these notes are therefore written in the hope that others will correct and add to them.

They are arranged for the sake of clarity in somewhat arbitrary groups as under:—

#### Major Printing Errors.

##### BRIDGEBURG

An extra "b," i.e. Bridgeburg. On all stamps of the right-hand vertical row. This appears on all issues of Type 1/U-206, and was used for 21 years.

##### LONDON

Type 5/U-215. On the 1c. and 2c. of 1937 there was a printing of '3070' instead of '3470.' 3070 was the num-

ber for Green Valley, Ont., a city not authorised to use precancels. Complete sheets of this Number were printed. There are said to have been 50,000 of the 1c., but the quantity of the 2c. printed, though less, is unknown.

##### TORONTO

On the 50c. Q.V. there is a double, one impression being of the normal Type 2, while the other is Type 3/U-200 inverted.

##### WINDSOR

- (1) K.E. 1c. A double, one being Windsor Type 1/U-200 and the other impression Bridgeburg Type 1.
- (2) K.E. 1c. A double inverted, one being Windsor Type 1/U-200 and the other impression London Type 1/U-200.

##### WINNIPEG

K.G.V. 1912, 1c. A double inverted, one being Winnipeg Type 3/U-201, and the other impression Brandon Type 1/U-200.

the 2c. carmine Geo. V. first issue. If you will refer to the Holmes Handbook, either 1st or 2nd edition, you will see on page 128 a complete description of these coils. This is as per statement of Mr. Norris who was the party who rubber-stamped the strips be-

stamps in 1935, the year of engraving the die is shown on every postage stamp issued since that date.

These dates, especially of the low values of the 1935 set, 1c. to 5c., are very minute and require a strong light to be seen.

### Blue Ink.

This ink appears to have been tried out for clarity, and not in the form of an error, though this is perhaps controversial. It was used on Bridgeburg Type 1 K.E. 1c. (including "b" error), Montreal Type 2/U-200 K.E. 1c. and 2c., and Toronto Type 3/U-200 Q.V. 1c., and K.E. 1c., 2c. and 5c.

### Minor Printing Errors.

#### HAMILTON

- (1) Type 5/U-213. Instead of "3100," there is a variety that appears as "310G," which has been found on the 1c. and 2c. of 1933, and 1c. of 1935. This would seem to be a broken "O" rather than an actual printed "G." It is the 99th stamp on the sheet.
- (2) Type 1/U-200. A variety in which the first "O" of "Ontario" is narrower than the last one, has recently been reported. It appears in more than one position on the plate, and probably on all issues of this Type for Hamilton.

The same variety exists on Bridgeburg Type 1, Brockville Type 1/U-206, London Type 1/U-200, Ottawa Type 1/U-200, Toronto Type 3/U-200 (including K.E. 1c. Blue Ink), and Windsor Type 1/U-200.

Type 3 for Toronto would appear to have been set up two or even three times, and it is only on the first of these impressions that the narrow "O" is to be found.

#### QUEBEC

- (1) Type 1/U-200: all values of K.E. and K.G.V. This consists of a variety where the "Q" and the "E" of QUE are very close together, due to wrong font type. In a horizontal end pair the second stamp shews this, while in a count of 300 stamps one in ten was the variety. It therefore seems probable that the entire second vertical row of the plate was of this spacing.
- (2) Type 3/U-201. There is a large "E" variety in this Type, but for myself I find them difficult to separate.

#### NUMERALS

Type U-215. There appear to be two types of the figure "3" in some of those towns, e.g. Guelph 3080, Hamil-

that it was possible to find pairs, one normal, one inverted. This was soon corrected.

- (2) Toronto Type 13/U-213. K.G.V. 1933 1c.

### Omissions.

#### BRANTFORD

Type 1. K.E. 1c. "Ontario missing.

#### CARLETON PLACE

- (1) Type 1. 1931 1c. (Die II). "Ont missing.
- (2) Type 1. 1933 2c. Place-name missing. In a block of 20 from the left-hand bottom corner of the pane (four rows of five stamps) the third row up shews the defect with the 4th and 5th stamps completely without the place-name.

#### HALIFAX

Type 1. K.E. 2c. and 5c., both inverted, without the lines. This precancel was made from loose type which was left standing. The brass rule was probably borrowed, and a printing carried out, without it being replaced.

#### QUEBEC

Type 1/U-200 K.G.V. "QUE" missing. So far found on 1c. 2c and 5c., and 1c. inverted.

### Defective and Dirty Plates.

Many constant flaws in lettering and/or lines can be found due to this, especially in Montreal, Quebec, Regina and Toronto.

It is not known for certain how the lines came to be bent in Toronto Type 7, but it is thought that a cheap zinc rule used in moulding electro may have bent under pressure.

### Precancels on Varieties of K.G.V. Stamps.

- (1) 1912. 1c. and 2c. with fine horizontal lines across stamps. These have been found precancelled.
- (2) 1916. War Tax 2c.+1c. Only one rec'd one has been seen which is Die 1, while precancels have so far only been found on Die II of the brown stamp.
- (3) 1924. 2c. and 5c. Thin experimental paper. A large number of precancels appear on this paper, only some of which are listed in Hoover's Catalog.
- (4) 1931. 1c. and 2c. Precancels appear on both Dies of all three stamps, though those on Die I of the 2c. brown are extremely rare.
- (5) 1932. Medallion. 3c. Precancels so

### CORONATION FLAG CANCELLATION





## CANADA 1859 10c. BLACK BROWN

Dear Sir,

Having read with interest all the articles and correspondence recently published in "Stamp Collecting" on the question as to whether this 10c. stamp is a "changeling" and having also read the article by Mr. Harry Lussey, President of the British North American Philatelic Society, in a recent issue of their magazine, "Topics", I have come to the conclusion or, should I say, satisfied myself, albeit somewhat reluctantly, that this stamp in this colour must indeed be a changeling. I do not need to refer to the various arguments and evidence adduced for and against which have already appeared but I now wish to put forward a further argument which concerns a parallel case and which, I consider, substantiates my view.

At the time and immediately before the Black Brown was printed, there were negotiations going on between the Canadian Post Office and Messrs Rawdon, Wright, Hatch & Edson (which firm became the American Bank Note Company during the course of the negotiations) for a supply of stamped envelopes. On the 16th March, 1859, the Post Office wrote to the printers as follows: "the Post Master General desires also to have provided as an experiment, a supply of stamped letter envelopes—of ordinary letter size of two values—5 cents. and 10 cents.—of device and color corresponding to the same stamps in the ordinary shape".

Further letters passed between the parties regarding shape and device and on the 15th June, 1859, the Post Office again wrote: "I am to request that you will prepare dies for the purpose of the denomination of 5 cents. and 10 cents. using the Head of the Queen as you propose for a device and the colors of the ordinary stamps of corresponding values", and on the 12th September the printers sent a proof impression and promised sample envelopes "the die printed in red and lilac, as requested." On the 5th November

the stamped envelope samples were sent to the Post Office "prepared in accordance with your order" for their approval and this approval was accorded on the 15th November.

All the correspondence referred to appears in the second volume of Boggs and refers to the stamped envelopes that are well known as the "Nesbitt" dies. No objection was raised by the Post Office to the colour of the 10c. and they received 100,000 of them. The colour, as we have seen, was specifically mentioned as Lilac.

However, and the point of the argument is, all the copies of these envelopes that now exist are in a dark brown colour and Boggs in his first volume lists the impressed stamp as being Black Brown. It would appear to be more than likely that a similar mixture of ink was used for both these envelopes and the ordinary 10c. now also listed as Black Brown and that the same set of circumstances applied to both with the result that both became changelings.

Yours faithfully,

J. MILLAR ALLEN (422).

## STUDY GROUP FOR NEW BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA

Dear Sir,

I should be very interested to contact any members who may be interested in the stamps and postal history of the above Colonies. Mr. Baresch has started the ball rolling with his excellent article on the numbered grid cancels of New Brunswick. I know that all possible help will be forthcoming from our friends across the Atlantic. Mr. Stephenson, Convenor of Group Studies, has asked me to act as Secretary to the Group and I shall be pleased to do so. Please drop me a line immediately if you are interested.

Yours sincerely,

H. L. DARNELL (613).

## THE SOCIETY'S LIBRARY

I have to report a most successful year. The list of books is steadily growing longer, our finances are well on the right side of the line, and many more members made use of the facilities offered by the Library. There is a constant demand for the more popular books, but I am sure you will find something of interest in the revised list published in this issue.

I am often asked, "How can I borrow books from the library?" The answer is simply this. Write to me stating the books you require, and as they become available they will be posted to you. It is as easy as that. Do not send money until you return the books, and please remember that postage must be paid BOTH ways. I emphasise both ways, because recently I have had books returned with postal order sufficient to pay loan charges only.

There is no specific charge for leaflets, except postage each way, but we would appreciate a small donation—postage stamps—to help in purchasing more literature. These articles are taken from Maple Leaves, Topics and other Philatelic publications, and cover a wide range of subjects. If you have any literature or articles for which you have no further use, please send them to me. I would also like to know of books for sale.

I have asked our Editor if a detachable or separate page can be included in this

39. P.E.I. "Lot No." Cancellations. (A. K. Grimmer). 4 pages.
40. P.E.I. Cover Valuations. (W. W. Chadbourne). 2 pages.
41. P.E.I. The Pence Postal issues. (M. V. Quarles). 17 pages.
42. P.E.I. Bibliography. (Study Group). 3 pages.
43. P.E.I. Random notes on the first issue. (L. S. Crosby). 3 pages.
44. New Brunswick, cover valuation. (W. W. Chadbourne). 2 pages.
45. Newfoundland, 5 cent Caribou issue. (A. B. Moll). 5 pages.
46. " Plating of the 1 cent card of 1880. (W. & D. Meyerson). 5 pages.
47. " Plating the 1 cent Guy. (H. A. MacMaster). 12 pages.
48. " Provisional of 1897. (D. Meyerson). 4 pages.
49. " Travelling Post Offices. (W. & D. Meyerson). 12 pages.
50. " " 6 pages.
51. " Pre adhesive P.H. and P. Markings. (W. & D. Meyerson). 47 pages.
52. O.H.M.S. (Various). 8 pages.
53. O.H.M.S. (Various). 16 pages.
54. Revenues. (Various). 11 pages.
55. Revenues, Check list of Newfoundland. (E. H. Hiscock). 2 pages.
56. Canadian Locals. (4 articles). 15 pages.
57. Canadian Locals. (H. W. Hale). 7 pages.
58. Design of the Sixpence Prince Albert. (G. E. Wellburn). 3 pages.
59. First printing of 6d. 1859, and on thin paper. (Wellburn & Sullivan). 5 pages.
60. Hand and Machine Made Papers 1851-1859. (Wellburn & Sullivan). 3 pages.
61. P.E.I. Preconfederation Postmarks. (S. S. Weatherbie). 3 pages.
62. Handstruck stamps of B.C. and V.I. (G. E. Wellburn). 13 pages.
63. A Seaman's letter from Vancouver Island. (G. E. Wellburn). 3 pages.
64. Early use of U.S. stamps in British Columbia. (G. E. Wellburn). 4 pages.
65. Victoria Post Office—Handstruck stamps of 1859. (G. E. Wellburn). 3 pages.
66. Beginning of Postal Service in B.C. (G. E. Wellburn). 3 pages.
67. Postal History of Red River B.N.A. (Dr. M. Campbell). 19 pages.
68. Canadian Military Postmarks. (Ian Morgan). 18 pages.
69. Canadian Postal History. (H. Buckland). 10 pages.
70. Canadian Proofs. (M. A. Studd). 9 pages.
71. "Experimental Coil" 1918. (C. Coleman). 2 pages.
72. Instructions to British Postmasters, 1856-1863. (A. E. Stephenson). 3 pages.
73. Postmarks of Canada. (A. E. Stephenson). 3 pages.
74. Canadian Easter Seals. (Baulch & Armstrong). 3 pages.
75. Canada imperforates are proofs. (C. W. Brazier). 2 pages.
76. Canadian Varieties. (R. M. Bryan). 3 pages.
77. Canadian Postal Slogan Cancellations. (C. B. D. Garrett). 18 pages.
78. Incomplete notes on 2 and 4 ringed numeral cancellations. (R. Barraclough). 4 pages.
79. Wings over Canada. (F. L. Wellman). 8 pages.
80. Main plate varieties of B.N.A. (G. Fairbanks). 3 pages.
81. Canadian Heraldry. (Falconer & Poole). 4 pages.
82. British Columbia Express Companies. (Seven different). 30 pages.
83. Additional data N. Ontario and Keewatin P.O.s, 1895. (F. Campbell). 6 pages.
84. Red River B.N.A. (Dr. M. Campbell). 4 pages.
85. Postal History 1860-1944. (Public Relations Branch P.O.). 10 pages.
86. Jarrett E5 Essay and Riel "Essay." 5 pages.
87. Odd articles. No. 1 (Various half or one page). 6 pages.
88. Odd articles. No. 2 " 12 pages.
89. College Stamps of Canada. (F. W. Pollock). 3 pages.
90. New Frontiers in the Past. (H. W. Lussey). 6 pages.
91. Canadian Transatlantic Mails. (F. W. Staff). 4 pages.
92. Notes on certain Canadian Ship Markings. (Dr. Whitehead). 2 pages.
93. Initial Listing of Presentation Booklets. (Reg Barraclough). 15 pages.
94. X-Rays in B.N.A. Philately. (W. H. S. Cheavin). 5 pages.
95. A brief history of papermaking. 6 pages.
96. Canadian Censor Marks of 1914-1918. (H. E. Guertin). 2 pages.
97. Hairlines on the Edwards, Quebec and Admirals. (G. B. Harper). 6 pages.
98. Fine Engravings on Newfoundland. (Robson Lowe). 4 pages.
99. Folder of cuttings on Newfoundland. 15 pages.
100. "Canadian Topics," ten articles by P. J. Hurst from Philatelic Gossip.  
(A series of articles by J. G. Goodwin from B.N.A. Topics 101 to 112).
101. B.N.A. Pre-adhesives. 2 pages.
102. B.N.A. Pre-adhesives. 4 pages.
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