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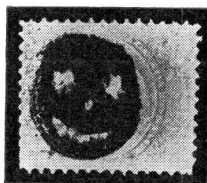
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299	2/-	1/3	354	2/-	3d	395	1/-	9d	422	1/-	10d
306	1/3	10d	368	8d	4d	396	1/6	1/-	422a	7d	6d
307	1/6	10d	369	10d	4d	397	2d	4d	422b	2d	4d
308	10d	6d	370	1/3	4d	397a	3d	4d	423	4d	6d
309	1/3	6d	389	4d	4d	398	5d	6d	423a	9d	9d
326	5d	7d	390	5d	4d	398a	6d	8d	423b	8d	7d
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Notes and Comments

Elusive Summer

Cold and chilly, rain from a grey sky is driving across the windows of the office, and the sea beyond the harbour looks forbidding in its tones of sombre grey-green. The few remaining holiday-makers are mainly found trudging wearily past the shops in the main street, in the no longer busy cafés, and sitting in the lee-side of the shelters. The summer-which-never-came is dying on its feet, and the atmosphere is one more appropriate to November than to the end of September. Pessimism prompts the pervading notion that there is nothing better coming than we have already had, and that those glorious autumn days which so often bring Christmas before winter in these parts of Kent are also to be denied to us this year. It may be that our philately will benefit, but we sadly mourn our sunshine.

Holidays

Although now only a memory, we made our proposed trip west with the caravan behind the Rover, and with three days or so spent in travelling in each direction we had just over two weeks in the Duchy of Cornwall. We had promised ourselves that we would look in on such members as we chanced to be near, but intentions are frail at holiday times, and we became so involved in our own enjoyment that we never seemed to be in the right locality when we had time to stop. To our many friends we didn't see may we say that we will do our best another time.

Belinda

In Penzance, however, it was inconceivable that we could miss the opportunity of conveying our compliments to our only Lady Fellow of the Society. We had never met her, although we have had correspondence from time to time, and this was an omission to be remedied without delay. We are exceedingly pleased to report that we found her lively and well—that is as well as she can be—and that she still has that outstanding charm and welcome of which we had heard so much. The permitted time for the visit passed much too rapidly; we look forward to the next occasion with real pleasure. It is typical of Miss B. Lynhurst Ogden that she immediately produced her Map stamps, including a complete pane from Plate 2, refusing to believe we had come to see her and not on our normal errand! Our command of words is not adequate to convey a proper impression of this grand person.

Convention

This number is delayed by waiting for the preliminary reports from Buxton, where everyone appears to have had the usual marvellous time now inevitably associated with the Convention of the Society. We gather that the organisation and the results came well up to everybody's expectations, and that proper appreciation and thanks to the organisers, led by the out-going President, was both expressed and recorded. We now have Leo Baresch in the Presidential chair, Geoff. Harper was elected as Vice-President, and all the existing gang of Officers were committed to another year of worry, toil and trouble. We hope someone is at work training replacements for the existing officers—our advancing age, senility, and much reduced enthusiasm as years go by will make at least an editorial replacement essential ere long! Our congratulations and best wishes to both Leo and Geoff.

Subscriptions

Did you know that your subscriptions became due on the 1st October? Do you also know that ALL the Society's revenues are expended on the services given to the members, and that if you require the Treasurer to expend time and money in sending you a reminder, or generally chasing-up your subscription, it merely means less in the kitty—YOUR KITTYY? So please DO IT NOW, and send your sub. right away to our Treasurer, J. P. Macaskie. His address can be found with those of all the other principal officers on the inside of the back cover each issue. Please don't forget, just a humble miserable 10/- is all that is required, and please get it off now! The officers give all their time and effort without fee or reward, merely for the joy of maintaining our Society, which we think is second to none, so please help them where you can and made unnecessary labours obsolete. Thank you.

The Next Issue

Should be in your hands just before Christmas, will be the January and Year Book Issue. Don't forget your Greetings advert. this time. We want these please by not later than 1st December, and again suggest you SEND IT NOW. Cash with instructions saves trouble all round, a quarter page costs 17/6d or an eighth page costs 10/-. The number will contain the full membership, the usual rules and regulations, a galaxy of articles to suit all tastes, and will—we hope and trust—be with you in time to be included in your reading when you are relaxing over Christmas (or resting in anticipation of the New Year if you are one of those unfortunates unlucky to be born a Scot!) We apologise for *this* number not being the Year Book one as previously announced, but unforeseen difficulties have caused us to have to alter our plans.

Binding Service

We are pleased to announce that we have been able to arrange for the binding to complete sets if these are sent, together with index and a remittance of 14/-. to Messrs. Ridouts, Harbour Street, Whitstable. The result is a neat volume in blue cloth, lettered in gold on the spine, like that appearing in the picture on page x of this issue. Please DO NOT send them to the Editor.

Newsletters

Again we draw the attention of our readers to these excellent sources of information and of bargains. The two particularly appropriate to Canada are those of Norman Todd—we understand this is the original one commenced by F. Jackson of Rochdale—and that of C. N. Richardson. Both come out each month, and the latest issues contain valuable and new information about Postal Stationery, Coils, Numerals and Pre-cancels, and of a new Queen Elizabeth 5c. coil Re-entry and a new booklet variety respectively. Have you seen them?

Another London Meeting

Mention will be found elsewhere of details of a get-together meeting to be held in London on Saturday, the 6th November. Once again it will be at the Shaftesbury Hotel, and the arrangements will be under the direction of Leo Baresch, our new President. Lunch and dinner can be provided, but the hotel will want prior notice of this (tell Leo) and the room will be available from 2 p.m. till teatime for informal chats. After tea there will be a display, but the details of this have not yet been arranged. Altogether it will be similar to that held last autumn and promises to be quite as great a success. Roll up and meet old and new friends.

Finds Can Still Be Made

We receive, as we go to press, preliminary details of a find of over 10,000 unused stamps of the U.S.A. 1893 Columbus issue. They will be sold by Harmers as one lot on the 30th November. Realisation is expected to be about £7,500 (\$20,000). Quite a few values exist in SHEETS! There are 20 sheets each of the 1c. and 2c., down to two sheets each of the 50c. and \$1. These stamps are often compared with the Canada Jubilee issue of 1897, and the realisation will be watched with interest. A find such as this restores the Editor's confidence that some day someone will turn up with a sheet or so of Maps, and allow him the pleasure of completing his studies of this stamp!

Winnipeg Philatelic Society

From T. R. Burr, the President of the Winnipeg Philatelic Society, and member 505 of the C.P.S. of G.B., we receive a copy of the Year Book for 1954. The slim yellow-backed volume is an attractive credit to any society and contains, apart from domestic details and adverts., articles entitled "Carrying the Mails," "O.H.M.S.," and "Stamps as a Teaching Aid." A copy can be borrowed from the Library and would be worth the effort. Jack (J.C.C.) Cartwright is an Honorary Member of the Society—Can we say more to their credit?

New Discoveries and Varieties

Dealer and Member C. N. Richardson sends us copies of two items which he describes and offers in his newsletter dated July. These are the old type 1c. Queen in a clearly different shade of light brown, and the 4c. mauve of the present set on unusually thin paper. Members who are trying to keep abreast of current issues and varieties as they come out or are discovered, will want these now—before they become either hopelessly too expensive or alternatively unobtainable. Alert specialist dealers can be most helpful in assisting collectors generally by keeping their eyes on the material which passes through their hands in quantity and where they have a huge advantage over the ordinary collector, who has not the same opportunity for comparison. We are pleased that our specialist dealers are alert to the help they can give to us.

Philatelic Literature Review

We get a quarterly copy of this publication from the Editor, Daniel W. Vooy's, P.O. Box 300, Canajoharie, New York. Amongst other items of interest there is a reprinting of the article "Cataloguing a Philatelic Literature Collection." Subscription to the Review is included in Philatelic Library Association membership, which costs \$1.00 per annum. A specimen copy can be obtained on application to Mr. Vooy's.

U.S.A. Publications

We are continually being asked how members may obtain copies of publications where dollar exchange is required. There are two ways: one is that any relatively current item is almost bound to be handled by the bigger London dealers (you can get nearly anything from Robson Lowe—I see the Royale

Stamp Co. are advertising Nelson Bond's book on the Postal Stationery of Canada). The second is to make application to your bankers for the necessary foreign exchange, which will readily be granted provided you only apply for the cash for one copy of the book required.

The Market in Canada

There is no sign of any recession in the sale of Canadian items, whether in the dealers' shops and offices or in the auction houses. We are reminded of this by Vessey's catalogue, which lies open on our desk. Sale 659 on the 30th October is obviously going to make Canadian philatelic history for Vesseys. It includes what they describe as "one of the finest collections of Pence issues ever to pass through our sales"—there are, for example, no fewer than four copies of the perforated sixpenny. The Large Cents are equally worthy of scrutiny. Send 3d. and 1½d. postage—total 4½d.—and secure your copy in time to bid.

Presentation Albums

It is not often that any of these come on the market over here, but Norman Todd had five in his September issue of the Canadian News Letter, prices varying from £1 7s 6d up to £7. We cannot imagine that there are any of our readers who don't take Mr. Todd's monthly, which is always full of information and offers—2/9d post free for a year's supply. (We must renew our expiring sub. right away or we shall be missing it!)

Wrapper Trouble

We have had two complaints from the same member to say that his copy of this Journal often arrives in a rather dishevelled condition, and he suggests we embark on a larger and more fully protecting wrapper. This would increase distribution costs, and we are loth to do this if only one out of some 500 is affected. Please drop us a line if you, too, think that we should wrap our magazine more securely.

Small Advertisements

We would like to point out the great advantage of using the small-ads. column inside the back cover, and to say, that relatively poor use is made of this column. Advertising is the life-blood of the Journal, and further advertising revenue must be found if we are to come onto a bi-monthly production. Are you playing your part in helping the Society all you can? Or are you one of the many who puts nothing in?

Seasonal Greetings

We always look to our Christmas Number to contain a page or two of seasonal greetings, and commend this practice to our members and to the different groups. The next issue will be the January one, and printing and press days will be brought forward so that it can be in the post to at least our members in Great Britain (and J. Millar Allen!) to arrive before Christmas Day. Send us your copy for your seasonal greetings ad. right away—DO IT NOW! If you want inspiration look at last year's copy to see how it is done.

OUR NEW PRESIDENT

Leopold Baresch—Leo to everyone—has been a tower of strength to our Society for many years. An inveterate globe-trotter, whether for business or pleasure, he is perhaps better known to members than any other office-bearer. An Austrian by birth, he established a Scottish connection by marriage, and rumour has it that as the President of a Society of Scottish origin, he is now engaged in tracing a Scottish ancestor!

He has a very fine collection of Canada in which his pages of 19th Century

postmarks, displayed at Convention, form an outstanding section. He has, or has had, very many other philatelic interests. At the moment of writing, members who have for disposal copies of the classic issues of Western Europe would find him an interested enquirer, but such is his assiduity and success in tracking any variety which takes his fancy that he has frequently to take up a new line to provide scope for his energies. Wherever he goes, and whatever the reason for his visit, the local dealers are sure to have their stocks searched at the first opportunity.

When I met him years ago my first impression of Leo was of the beaming smile of welcome; my second of his willingness to talk endlessly when he can find a listener! Further acquaintance disclosed the energy he devotes to everything he takes up. These are all qualifications for a successful President, and I have no doubt that he will make a worthy successor in a distinguished line.

J. J. B.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It being the first time that I am addressing you under this heading, may I thank everyone of you for the honour you have given me by electing me as your President. I promise honest endeavour in this task, but I cannot promise hard work. Everyone of our officers being such a glutton for work, I can only hope they will leave me something to do. Seldom, if ever, has a philatelic society had such a splendid and industrious set of men dealing with its work, at great personal sacrifice and frequently without even a "thank you."

Only few of us had the privilege of seeing our Secretary and our Treasurer at work during the Convention. Even a casual visitor could not help being impressed by the efficient way in which they transacted their business, and thanks are particularly due to "Mac," who has brought order to the chaos which he found on assuming the Treasurership. As you will see from his report, our finances are now on a sound basis and kept in a way which has brought high praise from our two auditors—both of them qualified accountants.

I can add little to what you can see for yourselves every time "Maple Leaves" is published about our Editor, Fred Tomlinson. Every new copy is better than the previous one, and we wonder how he can keep this up. Now he has asked for authority—and received it at the Annual General Meeting—to increase the number of publications to six per annum, which will be pleasing news to you, particularly as we can see our way of doing this without an increase in subscription.

Our Librarian—a modest fellow who works like a beaver, but shuns the limelight—has now completed the colossal task of sorting out, classifying and even binding all the material at his disposal. On his recommendation the A.G.M. has also abolished the loan charges for all but the most expensive books.

Next time you receive a packet, just give some thought to how much work there is in preparing one, seeing it safely through its circulation, and finally breaking it up. Then multiply the work by some thirty—the number of packets Oswald Fraser puts into circulation every year.

Finally, the Convention auction so ably handled year after year by our past-president, David Gardiner. Professional auctioneers need a large staff to do a fortnightly or monthly auction, and our David does it all single-handed in his spare time.

I am sure you will all wish to join me in giving thanks to all of them. At the same time let us make a firm resolve to assist them in their onerous task.

A few suggestions as to how this can be done : paying subscriptions without reminders ; more material for the packets, and sending advices and remittances promptly ; careful treatment of borrowed books ; more contributions to "Maple Leaves," etc., etc.

A matter of special interest to everyone has been decided at the A.G.M., viz. to set up a small committee to revise the rules governing the conduct of our Society. From a small local body we have grown into a large society with members in all parts of the world. Some of the original rules, whilst most appropriate in the early days, are somewhat out of date now and need redrafting. In this connection the method of voting will also be considered, and some members may feel that a secret postal vote is preferable to the present form. If you have any suggestions as to improvements or changes in our constitution, please write either to our Secretary or myself and we shall place the matter before the committee for consideration.

I should also like to use this opportunity to make a most insistent appeal to you on a matter in which everyone can help. We need more active regional study groups and postal study groups on special subjects. What better opportunity for those of you who live far away from other members than to join the postal study groups of your favourite issue, or better still, to become its secretary and recorder. Make an effort and write to me what you can and would like to do.

One more appeal : let us bring into the fold all those friends and members of your local philatelic societies who are interested in B.N.A. If each one of us recruits only one new member, we shall be the largest specialist philatelic society of the world. Surely an aim worth the effort? I will add to this my promise to send to the first member (officers and contact members excluded) who during my term of office recruits six new members a nice crown cancel.

Finally, there is the news that we shall hold next year's Convention in London. We are in contact with several suitable hotels, and I shall give you full particulars in the next issue of "Maple Leaves."

Let me close with the wish of good hunting, and may the present season bring you that elusive little stamp for which you have been hunting so long.

THE CANADIAN 2 CENTS MAP STAMP OF 1898 (continued)

By F. TOMLINSON (74)

PART III

I now propose to attempt to deal with the constant varieties of the first three plates, namely, Plates 1, 2 and 3, and of the red plate used in conjunction with these plates.

BLACK PRINTING—PLATE 1

The engraved (black printing) plate used and numbered as Plate 1 bears all the regular plate markings found on each of the four plates (Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 5). These constitute (A) the plate number which appears at the top of the plate only over the gutter between stamps 5 and 6 ; (B) the imprint in four places AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO., OTTAWA (BOGGS type X) above Nos. 3 and 8 and below Nos. 93 and 98 ; (C) the marginal markings half-way along each side—a thick heavy guide line in the margin **at the edge of the sheet** between rows and columns 5 and 6 (not near the stamps, only in the margin) ; (D) a cross with arms about $4\frac{1}{2}$ mm. long in the middle of the sheet, in the perforation gutter between stamps 45, 46, 55 and 56. The perforations always remove part of this cross, but some of it is usually visible at the lower right

corner of stamp 45, the lower left corner of stamp 46, the upper right corner of stamp 55, and the upper left corner of stamp 56.

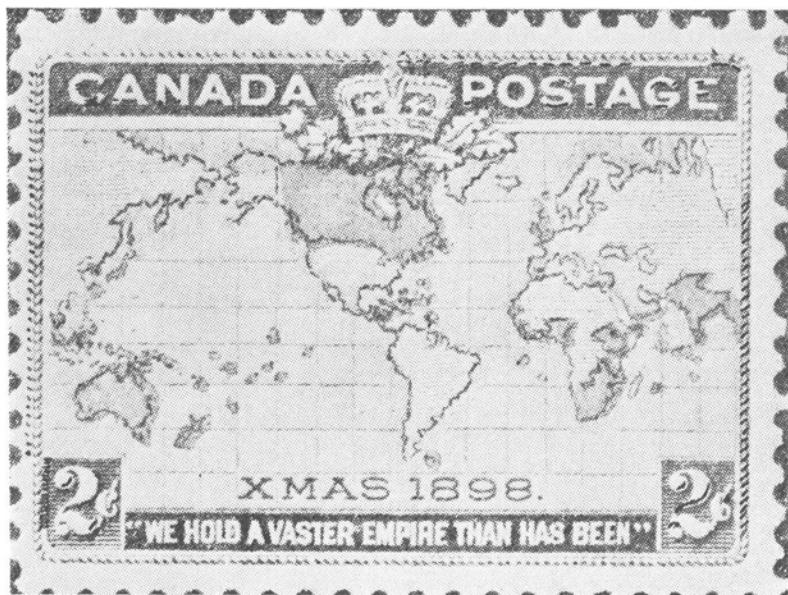


Plate Number One—Stamp No. 3

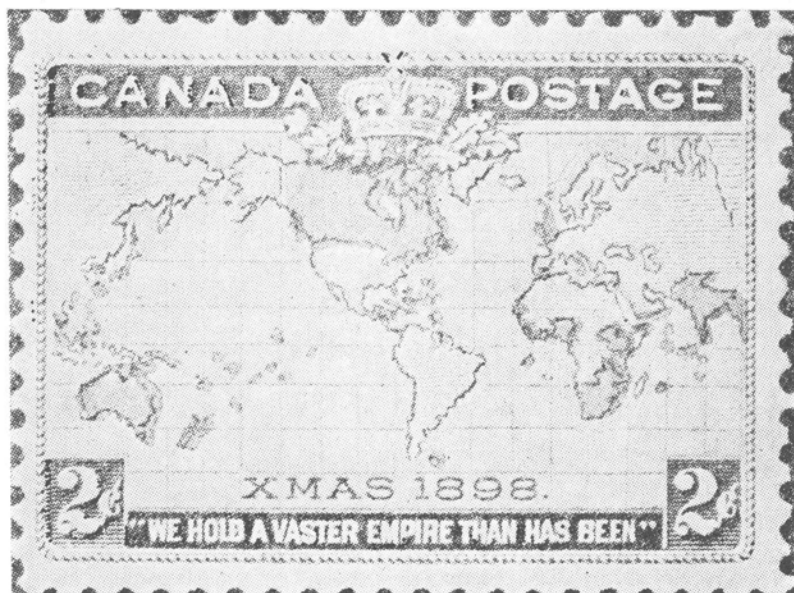
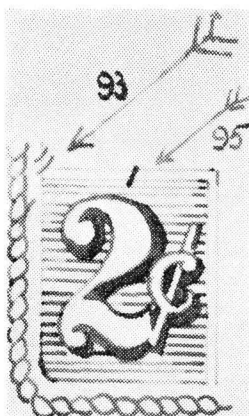


Plate Number One—Stamp No. 89

Two stamps from this plate show re-entries, Nos. 3 and 89. These are illustrated here. Care should be taken in identification; there is a Plate 5 re-entry rather similar to No. 3 of Plate 1. Stamp 93 shows the peculiar "arc"



marking above the left value tablet, and stamp 95 a tool mark, both as illustrated. Otherwise the production from this plate is very uniform. Many compass arcs were rubbed down and virtually eliminated, but plenty are still left. Both horizontal and vertical guide lines—faint—can be found; the horizontal ones sometimes through the centre of the stamp (don't confuse with the standard dotted marking of the tropics), sometimes above or below the stamp; and vertical ones usually outside the cable frame, but sometimes well inside the stamp.

Copies identifiable by the attached margin as from the bottom row, can be allocated to this plate if the base cable of the stamp bears no retouch; Plate 1 was the only one where the base of the bottom row was not retouched.

THE CARIBOU ISSUE OF NEWFOUNDLAND

(Re-printed from "The American Philatelist")

Few nations have more graphically portrayed their history and their characteristics on their postage stamps than has that far northern island of Newfoundland. Beginning with her fourth issue of stamps, in 1866, every new series has been pictorial in nature, and in their sum may be seen the story of Newfoundland from its discovery down to the present day. For their dramatic value if for nothing else, the stamps of Newfoundland would have surely been favourites the world over.

The Caribou issue of Newfoundland, is in reality a victory issue similar in nature to those special stamps issued by so many of the Allies shortly after the Armistice in 1918. This particular series of stamps is not as handsome as some, nor does it portray such diversified subjects as is the case with almost every series of stamps issued by that dominion, but even so, the Caribou stamps, or, more properly speaking, the Trail of the Caribou issue, has its points of interest.

Early in 1918, stamp supplies in Newfoundland were running short, and it was evident that either a reprint of existing values must be made, or else an entirely new issue designed. With four years of warfare behind her, and with a great percentage of her manpower lying under French and Near-Eastern sod, and especially as almost every able-bodied man in the Newfoundland Posts and Telegraph Department had joined the colours overseas, it was logical that any new series of stamps should bear some patriotic motif. Note that at the time the Caribou stamps were designed the war was still on with unabated fury, so the stamps reflected not so much the joy of victory as the determination to "carry on." That they were actually issued shortly AFTER the end of the war was mere fortuitous circumstance, although most appropriate.

The official desire for stamps of a patriotic design brought results in the form of two sketches from a Newfoundland artist,

Mr. J. H. Noonan, who also happened to be close to the Department in the capacity of First Clerk and Cashier of the Newfoundland Customs Department, at St. Johns. One of these pictured the Canadian moose, while the other portrayed the Caribou. From available records it appears that the first design was much more attractive, but as the Caribou was the official insignia of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment it was adopted regardless of appearance. As a matter of fact, the resulting picture is a cross between the moose and the caribou, being an animal never seen on land or sea. But to the average spectator that means nothing, as few have ever seen either animal closely enough to judge the fine anatomical differences.

The suggested designs were sent to the firm of Whitehead, Morris & Co., Ltd., of London, England, who held the contract for printing the stamps of Newfoundland. By May, 1918, proofs of the completed designs were back in St. Johns. During the same month an appropriations bill was passed by the Newfoundland Assembly allocating the sum of \$50,000.00 for the new series of stamps. Final orders were placed with the London printers shortly afterwards, and production was under way. Several delays put off the arrival of the stamps in Newfoundland, and it was not until Dec. 31, 1918, that they arrived on the steamer Graciana, of the Furness & Witherby Line. Unpacked and checked immediately, the stamps were at last placed on sale at St. Johns at the General Post Office at 3.30 p.m., Thursday, January 2, 1919.

There are twelve stamps in the series, all bearing the same central design of the Caribou (?) head, but each bearing on a scroll beneath the design either the name of some military engagement of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment or else the name of the Royal Naval Reserve, with the Latin word "Ubique," which means "Everywhere," indicating the extensive operations

of the marine contingent of the Newfoundlanders. The values, covers, and scroll phrases of the series are as follows; with the number issued as shown:

- 1c. Green (Suvla Bay)—5,000,000
- 2c. Scarlet (Ubique)—4,000,000
- 3c. Brown (Queudecourt)—6,000,000
- 4c. Violet (Beaumont Hamel)—250,000
- 5c. Ultramarine (Ubique)—1,000,000
- 6c. Gray (Monchy)—50,000
- 8c. Magenta (Ubique)—50,000
- 10c. Dark green (Steenbeck)—250,000
- 12c. Orange (Ubique)—50,000
- 15c. Dark Blue (Langemarck)—50,000
- 24c. Bistre (Cambrai)—50,000
- 36c. Olive Green (Combles)—50,000

The above figures represent the original print orders, and are fairly accurate. Of the 4c., 5c and 10c. there were a few more furnished, while of the other values there were slightly less. The 6c. and the 8c. values were the first to be exhausted, not because they were more heavily used than any other values, but because there were far less of them than of any of the lower values. They naturally were the first to rise in cata-

log value, and were quoted at a dollar or more long before the higher values caught up with them. Today, the old law of supply and demand has ironed out temporary scarcities, and the catalog values more truly reflect the relative scarcity of the twelve values. The series is not rare, but is just scarce enough to make its acquisition a minor triumph. The series sold rapidly, and several values disappeared quickly, but by September of 1920 all values had been exhausted except a very few of the 1c., which lasted slightly longer due to its limited use.

Jarrett reports that two values, the 4c. and 8c., have been forged, and very well forged, but the forgeries are really scarcer than the originals, so they may be forgotten except by the specialist.

The 3c. value was also overprinted to the tune of 200 stamps for the Hawker air stamp of 1919, and the 36c. was overprinted fifty cents. in 1930 for the Columbia flight, a few of that value having been saved for some unexplained reason. These air stamps, however, are another story.

CANADIAN RAILWAY POSTMARKS

LISTED ON A GEOGRAPHICAL BASIS

By P. R. GREY (607)

(Blocks for map and postmarks illustrating this section kindly loaned by "Stamp Collecting")

PART VII



CALGARY AND EDMONTON TO THE PACIFIC COAST

This section takes us through the Rockies to the west coast of Canada. The two transcontinental lines, from Edmonton and Calgary respectively, meet at Kamloops, and from there run together to terminate at Vancouver. The C.P.R. operates Railway Post Offices from Calgary to Vancouver, but from Edmonton the C.N.R. takes the R.P.O. service to Prince Rupert.

The Squamish and Quesnel line, on which there is one passenger train a

day in each direction, is isolated from other railways, but the Union Steamship Company operate a service each day from Vancouver to Squamish connecting with the outward and inward trains and linking the mail service with Vancouver.

The "Blaine & Vancouver R.P.O." was a continuation of the "Seattle & Blaine R.P.O." of the United States Postal Transportation Service.

PART VII

1. C.N.R. MAIN LINE. EDMONTON, PRINCE GEORGE, PRINCE RUPERT. (956 miles)

TRAINS 195, 196

Edmonton & Prince George.	W.41-43.
Edmonton & Edson.	W.39.
Prince George & Prince Rupert.	W.110-112.

2. C.P.R. TRANSCONTINENTAL LINE. CALGARY - VANCOUVER. (642 miles)

Calgary & Vancouver. (C. & V.)	W.25-30.
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3. C.P.R. MAIN LINE. NELSON, MIDWAY, VANCOUVER. (513 miles).

Trains 11, 12

Nelson & Midway.	W.94-98.
Agassiz & Vancouver.	W.O.
Hope & Vancouver.	W.57.
Ruby Creek & Vancouver.	W.132.
*Huntingdon & Vancouver. (HUNT. & VAN.)	W.59-60.
*Huntingdon & Mission City. (HUNT. & M.C.)	W.58A.

4. C.P.R. BRANCH LINES.

(a) ROBSON, ARROWHEAD, REVELSTOKE. (154 miles)

Robson & Arrowhead.	W.131.
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(b) PENTICTON, KELOWNA, VERNON (OKANAGAN LANDING).

SICAMOUS. (124 miles)

Kelowna & Sicamous. (KEL. & SIC.)	W.64.
Penticton & Okanagan Landing. (PEN. & O.L.)	W.104-106.
Okanagan Landing & Sicamous. (O.L. & S.)	R.101-102.
Sicamous & Okanagan Landing. (S. & O.)	W.147, R.157.

5. NORTHERN ALBERTA RAILWAYS.

EDMONTON, McLENNAN, SPIRIT RIVER, WEMBLEY, DAWSON CREEK. (495 miles)

Edmonton & Dawson Creek.	W.37-38.
Edmonton & Wembley.	W.45-46.
Edmonton & Spirit River.	W.44.
*McLennan & Hines Creek.	W.72.

6. PACIFIC GREAT EASTERN RAILWAY.

SQUAMISH - QUESNEL. (347 miles)

Squamish & Quesnel (S. & Q.)	W.153, R.158.
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7. ESQUIMALT & NANAIMO RAILWAY (VANCOUVER ISLAND.)

VICTORIA, NANAIMO, WELLINGTON, COURTENAY. (140 miles.)

Victoria & Courtenay. (VIC. & COURT.)	W.161.
Victoria & Wellington. (VIC. & WEL.)	W.162-166.
Nanaimo & Esquimalt.	W.93.
*Victoria & Port Alberni. (VIC. & P.A.)	W.161C.

8. GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY. (U.S.A.)

BLAINE - VANCOUVER. (36 miles)

Blaine & Vancouver.	W.3, 4.
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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A "POPULAR" REPORT

Owing to the very full agenda, after very brief words of welcome by the President, Mr. Hinde, and apologies for absence, the 27 members of the Society present got down to the business of the ninth Annual General Meeting of the Society on Wednesday, 22nd September, at 11.00 a.m. in the Palace Hotel, Buxton.

The minutes of the previous meeting had been made available to members before the meeting and were therefore taken as read.

The reports of the Officers of the Society were presented and accepted by the meeting. These are published elsewhere in this issue. The meeting recorded its appreciation of the work of the officers during the year.

A financial report was presented by the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. P. Macaskie, who considered that the financial position was sound. The report was adopted by the meeting. A proposal that the Organising Committee for the Convention should be authorised to draw up to £10 from the General Fund was agreed.

After the election of Officers for the ensuing year, the meeting agreed to the amendment of Rules 11 and 12. Those governing the award of the Founders' Trophy, as published in "Maple Leaves" July issue, were adopted. In this connection it was agreed that the whole question of the Constitution should be reported on by a Sub-Committee, whose terms of reference should include consideration of the possibility of electing the Officers by postal ballot. The views of all members are invited on all aspects of this problem and may be forwarded to the Secretary for the consideration of the Sub-Committee.

A number of important resolutions were put to the meeting and agreed. These were:—

(a) That all loan charges, except those decided by the Librarian, be abolished and that the running expenses and buying of new books be met by a grant from the General Fund to be voted annually. The sum voted for this purpose this year is £25.

(b) That the Editor be authorised to arrange for bi-monthly publication of the Journal in future, this to commence from a suitable date to be decided by the Editor.

A Sub-Committee was appointed to consider the appointment of an advertising manager and advertisement rates.

After the announcement of the names of the new Fellows and those receiving the Awards, the remaining items on the agenda were dealt with, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the President and his organising committee for the excellence of the arrangements for the Convention.

P. M.

THE NEW FELLOWS

H. C. V. Adams, Esq., R.D.P., F.R.P.S.L., for outstanding work on behalf of the Society in advancement of B.N.A. philately.

Robert J. Duncan, Esq., for outstanding work in the advancement of the Society.

George C. Marler, Esq., for outstanding research in the "Admiral" (1912) issue of Canada.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBER

Fred Jarrett, Esq., R.D.P., F.C.P.S.

ANNUAL AWARDS

AITKIN TROPHY awarded to Ernest Whitley, Esq., for his article in "Maple Leaves," Vol. 5, p. 115, entitled "Quebec Tercentenary Issue of 1908—Notes on the $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Value."

FOUNDERS' TROPHY awarded to R. W. T. Lees-Jones, Esq., F.R.P.S.L., F.C.P.S.

DIPLOMAS—Research and Study Class—

First—Mrs. M. Wressell.

Second—Mr. A. E. Stephenson.

Third—Mr. H. H. Brown.

Group Display Class—

First—London and Home Counties Group.

Second—Newcastle-upon-Tyne Group.

Members or individuals of outstanding merit may be elected by the Executive Committee as Honorary Life Members of the Society for reasons of exceptional service in the field of B.N.A. Philately.

Candidates for admission as members must be eighteen years of age or over, and must be proposed and seconded by members of the Society. Such members under the age of twenty-one shall not receive the Exchange Packet.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Office	Member Elected	Proposer	Secondor
President	L. Baresch	Wm. C. Hinde	R. Willan
Vice President (Scotland)	J. J. Bonar	A. E. Stephenson	P. Marsden
Vice President (N. England)	R. Willan	A. E. Stephenson	J. J. Bonar
Vice President (S. England)	G. B. Harper	E. T. E. Lloyd	J. P. Macaskie
Secretary	P. Marsden	L. Baresch	J. J. Bonar
Treasurer	J. P. Macaskie	A. E. Stephenson	J. J. Bonar
Librarian	E. T. E. Lloyd	L. Baresch	J. J. Bonar
Editor	F. Tomlinson	L. Baresch	J. J. Bonar
Exchange Secretary	O. A. Fraser	L. Baresch	J. J. Bonar
Convener Exhibits	S. Godden	L. Baresch	J. J. Bonar
Convener Expert Committee	R. W. T. Lees- Jones	L. Baresch	J. J. Bonar
Convener Study	A. E. Stephenson	L. Baresch	J. J. Bonar

SECRETARY'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER, 1954

Although the number of new members enrolled this year has been somewhat fewer than was the case last year—59 as against 65—the net increase in membership has been greater—39 as against 28. Whilst the decrease in enrolment is a matter of some slight concern, the improvement in the net increase for the year indicates that fewer members are resigning or defaulting through non-payment of their subscriptions.

Of the 59 new members it is of interest to note that nearly half of these reside in Canada (20) or the U.S.A. (5). It is very gratifying to find that so many of our colleagues on the other side of the Atlantic are joining our ranks. Since the main benefit they derive from the Society is the Journal, this is a very real tribute to the quality of "Maple Leaves" and the efforts made by the Editor to improve it still further.

Some 20 memberships ceased during the year. Of these, 14 were due to resignation of members, five due to the deaths of members, and one member was removed from the register under the provisions of Rule 13.

The net increase in membership results in the new total membership of 527.

It was with regret that the deaths of the following members was recorded during the year:—

Crawford, H. D. Donaldson, S. G. Hornal, Charles,
Richards, R.A. Roberts, J.

P. S. M.

REPORT OF THE PACKET SECRETARY

On the whole, the past year has been a reasonably happy one for the Packet. I hold the view that this is a service to members rather than a means of making money, consequently my relationship with packet members has been a most pleasant experience.

From the beginning of September last year till the end of August of the present one I have been able to issue no fewer than 24 packets. The gross value of these 24 being (round figures) £2,964. Sixteen of these packets having completed their normal circuits have been broken up and the owners paid. The gross value of these 16 packets was £1,960, from which sales amounting to some £562 were made. I think this is a very satisfactory percentage. The value of the packets still on circuit is £1,004, and from a cursory check of sales so far, I would forecast that they will bear a similar ratio.

Out of the profits I have (at the beginning of this month) sent to our worthy Treasurer a cheque for £25. When I did so I took the liberty, perhaps wrongly, of suggesting to him that this sum might be earmarked for special purposes, putting forward the idea that, at least part, might be used to purchase some of the books so badly needed for the Society's Library. I most warmly commend this suggestion for your consideration and, may I hope, acceptance. Regarding the general running of the packets—I have had the usual crop of unsigned spaces or spaces marked with pencil bearing initials or hieroglyphics, some most difficult to decipher. Short payments, too, have been more common than usual. All these add up to a lot of unnecessary work on the part of the Secretary.

Recently I had to make a claim from the Insurance Company for the loss by burglary of some books from a packet. Here I should like to pay tribute to Messrs. Philatelic Insurances, Ltd., for the help and guidance given in this matter and for the prompt settlement of the claim. I must also give thanks to all those good folks who have supplied books for circulation, and an especial thanks to those who are now making it a habit—I only wish there were more of them. The supply of good saleable material is still difficult, and the packet can usefully absorb all that comes along.

Demands for viewing packets have increased considerably in recent months, and in an attempt to meet this I have had to have recourse to increasing the circulation lists. The only satisfactory way is for members to supply more books of higher value, when more packets could then be issued.

To all the office-bearers, too, my sincere thanks for help and so much encouragement in a somewhat exacting office.

O. A. F.

THE SOCIETY'S LIBRARY

Another successful year. The printed "Wants List" brought a deluge of requests and I am still trying to clear them. Please do not think I have forgotten you: the books will turn up when you least expect them. We have now an almost complete range of B.N.A. literature, but the difficulty is that most requests are for a limited number of books. Boggs and Jarrett appear on every list, and most members keep them for the maximum period of four weeks; this restricts the number of times I can send them out and often leaves you wondering what has happened to your request.

I have one serious complaint to make. There are members who deface books by writing in comments, making alterations and ticking items which they may or may not have. While we appreciate there must be inaccuracies in most books, the addition of any notes is purely a personal observation and may be equally inaccurate. The correct procedure is through "Maple Leaves," write a letter to the Editor and invite comments on the substance of your letter. This lack of care on the part of some members has caused us considerable concern.

B.N.A. Handbooks are not cheap, but what is far more important to your Librarian, the books are almost unobtainable. I appeal to all members to take the greatest care of all books borrowed from the Library.

We have decided to make changes in the policy of the Library. In future Jarrett, Boggs and Holmes are the only books for which a charge will be made; all other books are free on payment of postage BOTH ways. The leaflet section is to be withdrawn and will be reorganised. All existing articles taken from "Maple Leaves" will not be included in the revised list; if a member needs an article from a back number, the Editor will supply him with the copy on the usual charge for back numbers. I hope to have Topics bound into volumes and an index published. No leaflets will be sent out until the new list is published in the next issue of "Maple Leaves."

Each year I appeal for B.N.A. literature or information that will enable me to buy the books we need. Has any member copies of Topics he would like to give away or sell? What about that article you have studied so often that you know it by heart? Pass it on so that other members can share the information.

Our sincere thanks to Miss Ogden, J. S. Reid, Sq. Ldr. Grey, B. Howe, Stanley Godden and Bruce Auckland for their gifts of books and literature, and to Messrs. Wingfield for a copy of their monthly publication. To Geo. E. Foster, Trenton, U.S.A., Bury Binks, Vancouver, and to our "Old Faithful," R. J. Duncan of Armstrong. To our friends across the water we thank you for the thoughts and wishes behind your gifts.

I would like to thank the Officers and all members of the Society for their help and co-operation.

E. T. E. LLOYD, Librarian.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EDITOR OF THE SOCIETY'S JOURNAL—"MAPLE LEAVES"

The normal four quarterly issues were published during the year, each showing the tendency of the size of the issue to increase, and the whole constituting a record of philatelic print for any one year. In addition, the whole of Volume One, previously existing as four cyclostyled issues, was reprinted in format the same as all the subsequent issues of Maple Leaves have been. Furthermore, a cumulative index for the whole of Volumes One to Four has also been prepared. Sales of the reprinted Volume One and of the Index have been most encouraging. As no statistics have been kept by me, only the Treasurer is likely to be able to say when these two items are likely to have paid for themselves.

A binding service for members possessing complete sequences has been arranged, and an announcement regarding this will appear in the next issue.

Contributors have continued to provide authoritative, informative, and provocative articles for the Journal, and the correspondence columns have been by no means the least interesting feature of each issue. In addition to the ready flow of new material, there is also a vast quantity of information previously recorded elsewhere, which should be made readily available to our members. Much of this has never been printed in this country, and the assistance and inspiration which it might give

are lost until this is done. With this in mind, there is no problem in increasing the number of issues—at least as regards material.

Advertisers have kept pace with the increasing pages, but not as well as we would have wished. Proposals for dealing with this are also on the agenda. The meeting might wish to record its appreciation of the 'stalwarts' in our advertisers, they are a solid support to the Society.

Our printers, too, are deserving of some very kind remarks, always helpful, nearly foolproof, not quite Editorproof!, and always tolerant. The promptness of publication is a constant mark of their efficiency.

Distribution also means addressing 500 odd wrappers and envelopes. To Jim Woods, who took this work over when a certain nameless lady member had to give it up, a large measure of thanks for doing a thankless task so well. I would also wish to extend my thanks to the lady mentioned. I am most grateful to you both.

Increasing size and larger printing bills made it necessary to cut the quantity printed, and the present numbers are barely sufficient to cover normal distribution and a few reserves, so back numbers of some of the newer issues will be scarcer than the older ones—always with certain exceptions.

It cannot be emphasised enough that one

of the finest investments in the B.N.A. philatelic sphere will always be a bound complete copy of the volumes of Maple Leaves. Certain back numbers are now out of print and out of stock, but most issues will remain available for some time yet. The Treasurer's accounts will show the quantity of sales of back numbers.

Finally, I would wish to express my personal appreciation to all those who have assisted to make my job a pleasant one, and to assist and encourage me in every way. Foremost of these must come the President and the Officers of the Society, secondly my own staff and my family, and

lastly, but by no means least, all the contributors and correspondents. To all of you I am extremely indebted, and if the result of my work has been to afford some pleasure and interest to the members of the Society, it is only through your support, assistance and encouragement that this has been possible.

F. TOMLINSON,

Editor.

Coombe Leigh,
Chestfield Road,
WHITSTABLE.

7th September, 1954.

THE 1954 EXHIBITION

By FREDERICK WALKER (350)

Back to normal again after the very special effort at Glasgow, last year, but the only regret I have to express about it this year, is, that so few people have been able to see it, and I must, therefore, try to convey as clear an impression as possible to all Members of the C.P.S. of G.B. who have not been able to come to Buxton.

About 250 Album Sheets were on view and, except for the Group Displays and the Research section, there was no indication of ownership, so I can restrict my remarks to description. The first direction arrow brought me to Newfoundland Essays, Die and Plate Proofs, with mint and used copies of the 1857 Pence issues. Examples on Covers shewed the use of the rare 8d. and 1/- Bisects. The 1d. Brown Purple was in a Mint Block of 15 with original Gum. A lovely piece. There were large Mint Blocks of the 1860 issue. The new colours of 1861-62 were represented by Mint Sheets, and there was a copy of the very rare 1d. Red Brown (S.G. 17A). Covers of this Issue shewed the 4d. rate to Nova Scotia. The 3d. green stamp being sold for 2½d., and there was a Cover franked with 3d. green and a 2d. rose lake; and another with a 3d. and 2 penny Chocolate Brown. The 1866 issue was shewn by lovely Die Proofs both in Black and the issued colours. A jump to 1897 gave us the 1 ct. on 3 cts. Provisional with double surcharge. The 1911 Coronation Issue was represented by the Artist's Hand-painted designs of the young Royal Family, and in different style we had Artist's sketches and Hand-painted designs of the 1933 Gilbert Issue. There were several pages devoted to the Air Mails. A 1919 Hawker, two 1927 De Pinedas, and a 1930 Columbia, all on flown Covers, whilst the later overprinted Air Stamps were in large Mint Blocks shewing the different variety positions.

Canada started with some interesting Pre-Stamp Covers, selected apparently to shew the difficulty in those early days of charging the proper postage rates and exemplified by rates entered and repeatedly crossed out, but always increasing before finally reaching their destination.

There were many pages of the Pence

Issues of 1851-57 Issues imperf. Die and Plate Proofs and specimens and a good range of fine used copies, on and off cover of all values except the 12 cts., but of this great rarity there was a Proof Block of 4 and a fine used single ex the Reford Collection. Beautiful margins, and what a bargain it would be at its 1873 price of 10/- in a Dealer's catalogue I saw recently. There was a 3d. Beaver, Major Re-entry on an 1854 Cover. A lovely strip of 4 of the 10d. Cartier on Cover, and I also noted a mint vertical pair of this fine stamp. There was a page of fine copies of the ½d. rose.

Two or three pages were devoted to these Pence Issues, perforated in 1858-59, again with nice Covers.

Changing to cents currency in 1859 there was a choice selection of all values. The 10 cent. Purple was worked out in the different printings with some lovely copies of the 10 cent. Black Brown, even on Cover. Amongst the Covers I noted a fine strip of 4 of the 12½ cents, green on Cover from Oakville, Decr. 1862. This is the scene of the Jalna Novels and must have been a very small place then, for it is not a big place even now.

The Large Queens of 1868-78 began with Plate Proof Blocks, and there were pages of fine used, for shades, and on Cover. A most interesting Cover from St. Pierre-Miquelon to Granville, Normandy started by Fishing Boat to Nova Scotia unstamped, received a 15 cts. purple to take it to England and then a number of manuscript markings and postmarks of various types applied in France got it to its destination.

There were not many small Queens, but on Covers the 1 cent. and 3 cents. had been selected to shew some extreme shade variations, and there was a 2 cent. on a Louis Real rebellion Soldier's Letter.

The Jubilee stamps were shewn on Cover. One value to each Cover with the Ottawa Flag Cancellation. The Dollar Value's a joy to behold. Alongside was a page of interesting but horrible forgeries of these Dollar Values.

The Maple Leaves and Numeral Issues were shewn Mint with shades and there was a large Mint Block of 10 cents, shewing

how bad centering can occur. It looked as if the Perforating Machine had had one over the 8.

A few interesting pages of Map stamps with a letter from Sir Wm. Mulock, the Designer. I noted imperf. Proofs, with and without the red portions of Empire.

The King Edward VII Issue was represented by Essays and Die Proofs. A mint Pane of 60 of the 2 cents. imperf. and a fine strip of 4 of the 50 cents. Violet.

There was an interesting Frame of Boer War Covers, Wreck Covers and Korea Covers.

Quebec Tercentenary Issue was shewn in Imperf. Pairs, and Blocks of the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. value to shew the re-entries.

The Frame of Registered stamps included 5 mint and 7 fine used copies of the 8 cents. Blue. One on Cover, and the 2 cent. value was compared for shades with small Queens.

George V 1912-26 issues concluded the Canadian Exhibit, but there was a comprehensive Display of Die Proofs, Mint and used Admirals, War Tax stamps, Coils and Booklets, including both Experimental and Toronto Coils.

Our old Member, H. C. V. Adams, shewed 5 or 6 Frames of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. These lovely things deserve an article on their own. I can only mention a few of the gems. Scarce ship letters including a Digby Ship Letter taken coastwise from the West Coast to Port Medway in Eastern Nova Scotia. A Block of 65 Plate Proofs of the 1d. Chalon Head Nova Scotia in Black. New Brunswick O'Connell Proofs in Black and colours. Pages of all issues in superb condition and Covers shewing the use of the Bisects.

In the competitive Displays, Newcastle Group entered a study of the 1897/98 Maple Leaves and Numeral Issues shewing different Dies and Retouches. London Group entered sheets of covers to illustrate the development of the means of Transport of Mail from 1823 to 1950 by Couriers and Stage Coach through Railways and Aeroplanes to Jet Liners.

In the Research Group, A. E. Stephenson shewed his study of Canadian Gums, and their effect on Stamp production. An interesting tale of Gum Arabic, Starch and

Dextrin shewing their results in the wet Process, pre 1922, Paper gummed after printing; and the Dry Process, post 1922, Paper gummed before printing. This latter method tended to make the sheets curl and to prevent this the Gum was cracked, giving a ridged appearance to the back of the stamps, necessitating further experiments to eliminate this. A. E.'s diagrams promise interesting developments in the detection of re-gummed stamps passing off as Mint, but it was most interesting to watch Exhibition Viewers take one look at this Exhibit and dive round the end of the Frames as if they had seen a ghost.

Mrs Wressell shewed an interesting study of the Frame Flaws and doubling of the 1946 Views and Canada Goose Issue with letters from Mr. Carpenter of the Philatelic Division in Ottawa explaining why these are not Re-entries, but simply slight movements or defects of the Transfer Roller.

Two unnamed Entries were one of Mint Blocks of Map Stamps shewing Re-entries, extra islands, scratches and dots. Could our Editor be responsible? And another of 12 sheets of Transatlantic Mails, Canada to United Kingdom and vice-versa from 1761 to 1859, but mostly pre-1840 and all of pre-adhesive use. A most interesting series of markings on these historic Covers.

My readers will realize by now that this year's Exhibition is selective rather than comprehensive, but it contains a marvellous wealth of B.N.A. materials, and the presentation and mounting reflect great credit on every Contributor.

At this stage I was shewn two more Entries which arrived late. 12 sheets of Admiral Issue Mint Coils from H. H. Brown, a very fine shew indeed of these, often rare items. Then 4 sheets of pre-cancels with covers from various town Postmasters shewing their specially worded Postmaster Cancellations used on official Mail. This Exhibit was from Frank Campbell of Michigan, U.S.A.

These entries came to light when the judging was being done of the Group and Research Classes, which are the only competitive ones this year, and I am thus enabled to give their awards as follows:— Group Displays: I, London. II, Newcastle. Research Displays: I, Mrs Wressell; II, A. E. Stephenson; III, H. H. Brown.

THE FELLOWSHIP

Once again it is our very pleasant duty to announce three new names to our jealously guarded Roll of Fellows, one from the Old Country and two from the Dominion itself.

In the past we have been inclined to look upon Fellowship as something purely a matter within the family of the Society; it is to the credit of the Fellowship Committee that they have kept strict control on admission. On looking over the Roll, as it stands to-day, we find we have nurtured something very precious that has now developed into something really international, worth aiming at, and which all possessors are proud to attain.

This year we welcome to the Roll, for Research, George C. Marler, of

Montreal. His work on the Admiral Issues is perhaps one of the finest works of research in Canadian philately, whilst his book on this issue must be one of the most complete works on any Canadian issue. A member of the legal profession and a member of the Cabinet in Canada, we hope his duties will still allow him a little leisure to spend with his stamps.

The name of H. C. V. Adams is very widely known on both sides of the Atlantic, and we are lucky to have a member such as he. One of our early members, with a very keen interest in the well-being of the Society, he is always ready to help its advance. Mr. Adams' knowledge of stamps, and in particular of the Maritime Provinces, has all been to our advantage, and has always been at the disposal of the expert advice committees. His name already adorns the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists, and we feel honoured to have his name added to our own Roll.

The third name is that of Robert J. Duncan, of Armstrong, British Columbia. In Bob Duncan's ascent to Fellowship we feel no name is more popular amongst our Canucks. His indefatigable work on behalf of the Society's interests has not been confined to British Columbia, nor to the Dominion and U.S.A. His knowledge of philatelic literature is unsurpassed, and our Librarian will readily admit that our Library has, in Bob, a guiding hand by remote control. A farmer by following, if his drive at that is like his drive for the C.P.S. we can appreciate why Canada stands as it does. A. E. S.

"BACK FROM BUXTON TO SLEEP"

Having crawled back from Buxton in the usual Convention state of exhaustion, one begins to wonder if Philately really is a nice quiet indoor hobby.

Jack Canuck arrived early to find President Hinde, John Lee, Treasurer Macaskie and Dr. Willan hard at work putting the finishing touches to the preparations for the onslaught about to hit the town. How well they did it; a delightful spot, grand accommodation and the usual happy C.P.S. atmosphere.

Though Tuesday was the opening day, Monday found the Leas, Harper, Clougher and Stevie families established and in possession of the hotel lounge.

Tuesday found the main body of delegates arriving from Scotland, Eire, England North, South, East, and West. Again it was pleasing to meet so many newcomers to Convention, Dr. Hollingsworth, Messrs. Hollands, Avery, etc. Donald Pearson, however, decided he would hold a Symposium instead of a Convention. Fred Walker arrived straight off the Canadian boat having acquired a really bright Canadian accent. Our new President managed to cool his world-toured heels to settle a few days with us.

Tuesday night we were regaled with a wonderful display of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick by H. C. V. Adams, R.D.P., and ably presented by Bill Lea.

Wednesday we had John Lea on a horse, and we had much conjecture as to how we could get Geoff. Harper on as well, but had to give up when we discovered he had forgotten his spurs. (In any case, why waste our time?—he would have only fallen off!) We have, however, now entered John Lea for the next Calgary Stampede.

A most delightful coach tour round Derbyshire, to Haddon Hall, and on to

Chatsworth House where we inspected some of the wonders of famous tapestries, china and paintings under the guidance of tour-conductors.

A very woebegone Stevie arrived outside the building having got his parties mixed a bit and sailed round accompanied by the Buxton Woman's Guild. Was his face red? (We would also like to know who the member was who stood outside the house being asked embarrassing questions by people who mistook his Convention badge for that of one of the house stewards!)

J. C. Cartwright, up early next morning, was disappointed because he could not find the porpoise, perhaps if he had taken less water with it he would have seen shoals!

Tragedy of the Convention was when one of our Scots was invited by one of the V.P.s to have a drink and, having drunk it, his host said: "You might pay for it old man, my wife has my wallet!" Our poor Jock is still unconscious.

In the evening we had a very fine display of Postmarks by Leo Baresch, so many good things we went to bed with spots before our eyes. Our Scots came to the conclusion after seeing so many fine "Corks" it must have been a real good party.

The A.G.M. went over with much work done and no heads broken. Thursday afternoon saw another coach tour to the Famous Blue John Mine. After the party had found their way down a precarious 300 feet to the bottom and then struggled to the top again their theme song will always be "Don't go down the mine Daddy."

Another party accompanied Stevie round T. Kerfoot's Pharmaceutical Laboratories at Ashton-under-Lyme. Dr. Willan, having seen the dope he prescribes pushed out by the million, decided he could not count that quickly and has decided to give up

medicine; whilst Dr. Hollingworth was intrigued to see his signature weighed exactly .0003 milligrams, he says it feels heavier than that when he writes a cheque!

"Oor David" again ran a most successful auction, he had been studying psychology in order to apply that "little extra squeeze" on buyers. The evening found Study Circles with interesting discussions going on led by Dr. Willans on Newfoundland, while, led by Stevie, discussion followed involving Peter Brown, J. C. Cartwright and Col. MacLellan before an array of Admirals, both "Rear" and "Vice." The after-meetings lasted till 2.30 a.m. stimulated by liquid refreshment (tea and coffee).

Friday morning was left for shopping, that is for those left with any money after the auction. Peter Brown was found trying to make his way on a 50 miles return journey to the "Cat and Fiddle" on half a gallon of petrol, he should borrow our Editor's caravan next time and sleep it out in comfort! Friday afternoon, J. J. Bonar led the Study Circle on Victorian Issues from 1870 to 1899, at which many delightful things were shown and much useful information absorbed.

In the evening the Society Banquet was

the usual gay and bright finish to a very happy week, Bill Lea proposing the toast of the Society and was replied to by Stevie. The President proposed the President Elect, this was replied to by V. P. Geof. Harper in Leo's absence. Peter Brown gave the Toast to the Ladies, which was followed by Mrs Barrett with the best speech of the evening. The Presentation of Awards was made by Mrs Stephenson, and of these none was more popular than that of the Founders Trophy to R. W. T. Lees-Jones, who has done so much for research in B.N.A. lately. Thus drew to a close a wonderful chummy Convention.

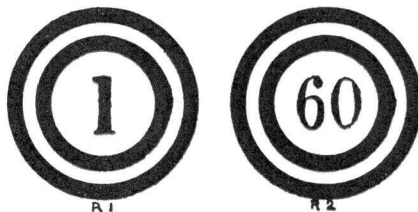
The most disappointed man we found was L. D. Carn, who was deprived of the privilege of sleeping on that "Golden staircase" and had to go to bed via the elevator. It was a sad parting on Saturday morning of many good friends, all with their thanks to President Hinde and his Committee for a grand Convention.

Our last glimpses were of some of our Scots trying to convince our Yorkshire Treasurer that he should pay their train fares home, and David Gardner, with John Hannah on the back step, trying to pedal his bike back to Glasgow

THE "FIRST KILLER" OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA

(Reprinted from "The Philatelic Contact")

By C. F. BOWMAN



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Of all the varied Cancellations which appeared during the decade immediately following the formation of the Dominion of Canada by the British North America Act of July 1st, 1867, combining the territories of the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, the first Cancellation to be issued, the 2-Ring Numeral Cancellation, offers an interesting as well as an instructive study.

This Cancellation, which appeared simultaneously with the first Dominion issue of Stamps in March 1868, is accordingly found principally on stamps known as the large Head issue, as well as of its immediate successor often referred to as the small Head issue. This description, in point of fact, is rather misleading, the head in both issues being identical; the description large and small applying only to the size of the stamp itself, the smaller design presumably having been issued in the interests of paper economy.

Unlike the 4-Ring Numeral Cancellation found on the pence and cents issues of the Province of Canada (1851-1867) and whose numerals were allotted to 52 offices in alphabetical order, the numerals in the case of the 2-Ring Cancellation were allotted to 60 offices in accordance with their relative size and importance. For the benefit of those collectors not in possession of a copy of a specialized B.N.A. Catalogue, the following is a nearly complete list:—

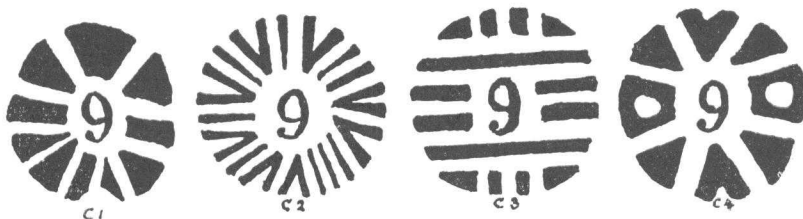
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|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Montreal | 20. | 40. Cornwall |
| 2. Toronto | 21. Goderich | 41. St. Marys |
| 3. Quebec | 22. | 42. Acton Vale, Que. |
| 4. Halifax | 23. Woodstock Ont. | 43. Windsor N.S. |
| 5. Hamilton | 24. Stratford | 44. Owen Sound |
| 6. London | 25. New Glasgow N.S. | 45. Perth |
| 7. St. John N.B. | 26. Windsor | 46. Dundas |
| 8. Ottawa | 27. Ingersoll | 47. Napanee |
| 9. Kingston | 28. Sarnia | 48. Simcoe |
| 10. Sydney, N.S. | 29. Cobourg | 49. Prescott |
| 11. Fredericton N.B. | 30. Pictou N.S. | 50. St. Andrews N.B. |
| 12. St. Catherines | 31. | 51. Picton |
| W. Ont. | 32. Barrie | 52. Caledon |
| 13. Belleville Ont. | 33. Sherbrooke | 53. |
| 14. Guelph Ont. | 34. Branchton | 54. Truro N.S. |
| 15. Brantford | 35. Lindsay | 55. Berlin |
| 16. | 36. St. Johns C.E. | 56. Brampton |
| 17. St. Hyacinthe P.Q. | 37. | 57. St. Thomas |
| 18. Yarmouth N.S. | 38. Bowmanville | 58. Aylmer |
| 19. Peterboro Ont. | 39. | 59. Clinton |
| | | 60. Newmarket |

A study of their chronological order, therefore, casts an interesting historical sidelight on the economic development of the Dominion since those early days, when Montreal was No. 1, Toronto No. 2, Quebec No. 3, Halifax No. 4, Hamilton No. 5, London, Ont., No. 6, St. John, N.B., No. 7, Ottawa No. 8, Kingston No. 9, etc., etc.

It is of this period that, to quote from Fred Jarratt's B.N.A. book (which, although over 20 years has now elapsed since its publication, is still regarded as the most comprehensive and illuminating work on the subject of Early Canadian Cork Cancellations): "It is a conservative estimate to state that a thousand postmasters satisfied their artistic desire, and everyday requirements, in the matter of Cancellations by using a cork." The reason for resorting to this practice of home production instead of awaiting official supplies of Cancelling devices was probably the same as that prevailing in the United States of America at this same period, namely, the inability of the authorities to keep pace with the replacement of worn killers for existing offices, as well as the supply of new ones to a large number of offices opening up in all parts of the Dominion, to cope with the mailing requirements of the rapidly increasing population.

My reference to the question of Cork Cancellations is due to the fact that at an early stage of their appearance some of them were closely associated with the 2-Ring "Killer" in that a number of postmasters, after producing a cork killer, inserted in the centre the number allotted to their home town by the authorities when issuing the 2-Ring Cancelling devices.

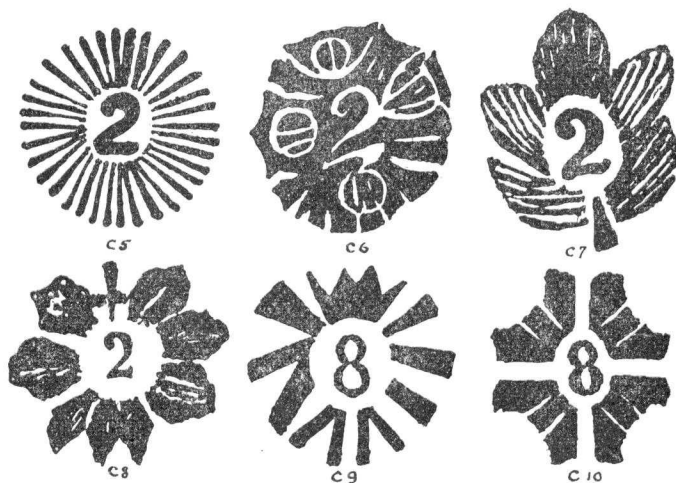
The town most prolific in the production of such Cork Numeral Killers appears to have been Kingston, Ont., the Cancellation now known as the "Kingston 9," and of which a few examples are here shown. (Figs. C 1—C 4).



"Kingston 9" (C 1 to C 4)

Second in order of the number of different designs of Cork Numeral Killers produced was probably Toronto, with Ottawa in the third place; these Cancellations now being known as "Toronto 2," and "Ottawa 8" respectively. This order of merit is based upon nearly 30 years' experience as a collector of early Canadian Cancellations, as I have in my own collection 21 different "Kingston 9s," 18 different Toronto 2s, including 7 in leaf design (a unique speciality of Toronto Postmasters and now known as "Toronto 2 in Leaf"), as well as 8 different "Ottawa 8s."

A few efforts of Toronto and Ottawa postmasters are here shown
(Figures C 5 to C 10)



"Toronto 2" (C 5 and C 6). "Toronto 2 in Leaf" (C 7 and C 8).
"Ottawa 8" (C 9 and C 10)

Among my earliest Kingston 9s I had a number of the type shown below (R3b), and although in their irregularity of design, and this applies particularly to the later, worn impressions, they have all the appearance of Cork Cancellation, and have been recorded and classified as such, I promptly changed my opinion when one day I acquired the Cancellation shown adjacent to it. (R3a).

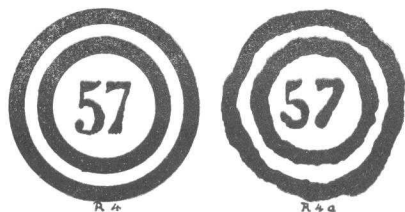


A careful examination of the two cancellations left no doubt in my mind that R3b was not a cork cancellation at all, but was a mutilation into 13 sections of the 2-ring Numeral Killer (R3), probably by means of cuts with a file, and that R3a was the missing link, namely the first stage of such mutilation, into seven sections.

I have, accordingly, now classified these two types as "Mutilated 2-Ring" cancellations, and although I have half a dozen examples of the 13-section variety in various stages of wear, I have during the whole period of my Canadian collecting, only seen the two examples I possess of the 7-section variety.

Whether the mutilation of the 2-ring cancelling devices may have inspired postmasters to go one better with artistic cork designs, or whether artistic cork designs may have prompted the mutilation of the 2-Ring Numeral Killer, I am unable to suggest, and would welcome any information in this connection.

Regarding other varieties of the 2-Ring Killer: Montreal 1 often shows a mottled appearance, the Killer having been impressed through cheese-cloth; Toronto 2 sometimes has its numeral reversed, several numerals come in blue, and very rarely in red; No. 57 has often a very worn appearance (R4a) quite inconsistent with the wear to be expected in so small an office.



A variety of "Toronto 2 in Leaf" shows leaf design C 7 complete with aperture, but with missing numeral.

Finally the subject of Canadian Cancellations covers such a vast field that, to keep within the prescribed limits of this article, I have confined my remarks strictly to the 2-Ring Numeral Cancellation, together with such of the contemporary Cork Cancellations as have a close connection with the "Dominion's First Killer." (All the illustrations shown are tracings from stamps in my own collections).

SUPPLEMENTARY



In my article which appeared on pages 44-47 of the last issue of the *Philatelic Contact* I dealt with the 2-ring numeral Cancellation, together with the contemporary Cork Cancellations, with which they are associated by reason of the inclusion in the design of the numeral allotted to their township.

In connection with "Toronto-2-in-leaf" I mentioned a variety of type C7 (page 46), complete with aperture, but with missing numeral. I have noted another "missing numeral" variety, illustrated above (C11), the leaf design of which is very similar to one of the "Toronto-2-in-leaf" cancellations (C12).

As Toronto appears to have been the only town incorporating their numeral in a leaf design, I think it is reasonable to presume that both these varieties represent the artistic efforts of Toronto Postmasters.

CANADIAN POST OFFICE

ANNOUNCEMENT—NEW POSTAGE STAMP ISSUES

(Kindly air-mailed to us by Herbert Buckland)

4c and 5c. Prime Ministers Bowell and Thompson Commemorative Issues

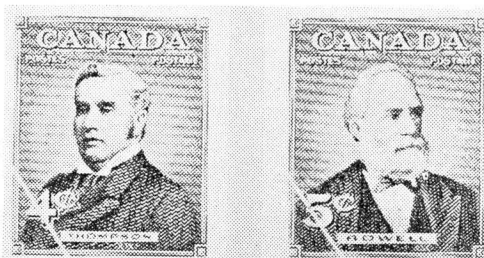
On Monday, the 1st November, two newly-designed postage stamp issues will be available for purchase by the public in Post Offices throughout Canada. The two stamps will be additions to the series commenced several years ago issued to commemorate former Prime Ministers of Canada. A 4c. stamp in purple will portray the Rt. Hon. Sir John Sparrow David Thompson, Prime Minister of Canada from the 5th December, 1892, to 12th December, 1894. A 5c. stamp in blue colour will portray the Hon. Sir Mackenzie Bowell, Prime Minister of Canada from the 21st December, 1894, to the 27th April, 1896.

These two Postage Stamps are being issued to commemorate the contribution made by these outstanding men to the development of Canada. The stamps will be small size and will be distributed in panes of 100 stamps each.

First Day Covers

All patrons who desire to have First Day Covers prepaid with the new issue Postage Stamps specially cancelled on the date of issue are required to forward self-addressed covers to the Postmaster, Ottawa 2, Ontario, *not to the Philatelic Section*, prior to the date of issue. The covers must contain "fillers," and must be sealed or have the flap turned in. To avoid errors, the patrons should mark on the cover, upper right-hand corner, the quantity and denomination of stamps to be affixed to each cover. Do not fold covers when forwarding through the mails. Enclose all covers in an outside cover marked "First Day of Issue." All covers will be returned by ordinary mail unless it is specifically requested that they be returned by registered or air mail. Orders for first day cover service must not include orders for mint or unused stamps. Remarks or enquiries not related to the order for first day covers should be written on a separate piece of paper.

In addition to the cost of postage required to be affixed to the covers at ordinary, air mail, or registered mail rates, collectors must include in their remittance sufficient money to pay the Department's cover service fee amounting



to 5c. for each cover returned by ordinary mail and 10c. for each cover returned by air mail or registered mail. The necessary space should be allowed on first day covers if blocks of stamps are ordered. The Postmaster, Ottawa, cannot guarantee to supply plate corner blocks of four stamps which will be distributed as equitably as the supply permits. The Philatelic Section will not handle first day covers.

Postage Rates

The postage rate on first class mail for delivery in North and South America, the British Commonwealth, France and Spain is 5c. The First Class mail rate for Ottawa local delivery is 4c., and for countries not mentioned above is 6c. Avoid covers being spoiled by postage due markings by prepaying sufficient postage.

Remittances

Remittances for first day covers are to be made payable to the Receiver General of Canada, and sent to the Postmaster, Ottawa 2, Ontario.

Remittances for mint stamps are to be made payable to the Receiver General of Canada, and sent directly to the Post Office Department, Philatelic Section, Financial Branch, Ottawa 4, Ontario.

Remittances should be made by means of Postal Money Order or bank draft **in Canadian funds**, payable to the Receiver General of Canada. Patrons from countries other than Canada or the United States should forward remittances by means of an International Money Order. Postal Notes cannot be accepted. If cash is sent, it should be in a registered package. At this time, United States funds are subject to a discount when converted to Canadian funds. Postage stamps are not accepted as a remittance.

Plate Numbers

The new stamp issues will be printed from two plates for each issue, Nos. 1 and 2. Plate number blocks will be supplied only from the Philatelic Section

of the Department with orders for these stamps in mint condition and where they are specifically ordered. 100 stamps, full panes, must be ordered for each plate number block of either denomination. An order form is enclosed for the convenience of patrons. Orders for the new issue postage stamps only will be given preference over mixed orders for both the new issue stamps and older issues. Mixed orders cannot be filled until some time after the date of issue of the new stamps, the 1st November, 1954.

General

During the past summer, the H.M. Queen Elizabeth II 1954 design portrait stamp was issued in rolls (coils) in each of the 2c. green, 4c. purple and 5c. blue denominations. In addition, the 5c. denomination of the same design was issued in a bilingual book of five stamps. No additional books or rolls are anticipated. This ordinary use design will not appear overprinted "G" for many months.

The new 1954 design H.M. Queen Elizabeth II portrait stamp has been issued printed from plates numbering 1 to 4 inclusive for the 5c., and 1 and 2 for each of the other denominations 1c., 2c., 3c., 4c. and 6c.

NOTE.—We reproduce the whole of this notice to show our members how the Post Office in Canada caters for philatelists. A similar bulletin is issued for each new stamp or series. We do not always receive them early enough for them to be news. The information and service given is a complete contrast to what happens over here!—EDITOR.

PRECANCELS—AN EMERGENCY ISSUE

By G. E. L. MANLEY (327)

Mr. George Searles recently sent me a most interesting cover. It was the wrapper that contained the June issue of "B.N.A. Topics" and bore a current 3c. stamp cancelled with a rubber roller postmark of Brampton, Ontario. The interesting point was that the postmark did not carry onto the wrapper, i.e. the stamp was not tied to the cover. It therefore seemed likely that the stamp had been cancelled before being attached to the wrapper, and was an emer-



gency or provisional precancel.

A photograph of one of the stamps and a pen and ink drawing of the roller cancellation actual size are reproduced.

Wishing to discover more about the cancellation, I wrote to the Editor of "B.N.A. Topics", Mr. Gordon P. Lewis,



and received back a most informative letter dated 16th July, 1954. I therefore feel that I cannot do better than quote an extract from it:—

"Regarding your query about the stamps used to mail BNA Topics, these are not precancels in the true sense of the word, although they were certainly cancelled prior to being placed on the envelopes. The full sheets were cancelled with a rubber roller postmark when I purchased them to save the post office the time and trouble of cancelling each piece separately later. This was done because the 3 cent. stamps are not available as precancels.

We have just started printing BNA Topics in Canada after having it done for several years in the U.S.A. Hereafter, the magazine will only take a 2 cent. stamp, and regular precancels are available for this fee. The 3 cent. rate was necessary for the first two issues mailed in Canada because our

application to the P.O. for second class mailing privileges had not been accepted. However, this permit has now come through and the 2 cent. rate will apply."

It will be seen from this explanation that the stamps were in fact precancelled by

the local post office to meet an emergency. It seems probable that about 1,700 stamps were cancelled thus.

Brampton is only authorised to use a Bar precancel, and this is now being used on the 2c. stamp to frank the current sendings of the magazine.

PUZZLE CORNER

What is This?



Readers are invited to tell us what they make or what they may know of the above item. Your Editor saw photographs some time ago, one of which might have been the same item, but the other had the cancellation vertically and not horizontally. Does anyone know anything about this item? No prizes!

The Cornwall Marine Post Office



The Cornwall Marine Post Office is not a travelling post office, but is situated in the Department of Transport building at the eastern entrance to the Cornwall Canal, which is part of the Saint Lawrence seaway connecting Lake Ontario with the city of Montreal.

The post office serves over 6,500 ships during the navigation season from April to December each year. For the remaining months the canal is closed by ice.

The postmaster, in addition to his post office appointment, is a statistical officer in the Department of Transport.

P. R. GREY (607)

Auction Prices

G. P. D. VESSEY, at Liverpool, 24th Sept.

Canada	Item	Realisation		
		£	s	d
1851	3d Laid, fine used, large margins ..	12	10	0
	6d Laid, marginal pair on cover with addtl. 3d ..	53	10	0
	6d Laid, brown-purple, very fine target ..	36	0	0
	6d Laid, slate-violet, very fine target ..	35	0	0
	3d Medium wove, deep red fine used pair ..	11	0	0
	3d Thin wove, very fine on cover ..	11	10	0
1852-57	6d Slate-violet S.G.12, v. fine used ..	28	0	0
	6d Medium wove, slate-violet, fine used, 4 ring "21" p'mk ..	29	0	0
	3d Thick hard wove S.G.15, fine used ..	12	0	0
	6d Thick hard wove, grey lilac, v. fine ..	20	0	0
	6d Very thick soft wove, S.G.17, v. fine used with Royal Certificate ..	40	0	0
	Collection to 1899—162 stamps ..	15	0	0
	Collection O.H.M.S. issues, all 3 types, 149 stamps, estimated valuation £8 ..	16	0	0

When Did You Last See Your Father?

At the moment Stevie is feeling very much like the little boy in this famous picture.

Who is sitting on the Admiral Study Circle File? The file was sent off on its circuit some months ago and has not been seen or heard of since.

Enquiries among members of the circuit show that nobody has seen it. Well who the heck has? Please comb out some of those corners that you keep the Twelve Penny Blacks in and if you find the Admiral File there don't hold on to it, send it on its way, the information in it is too valuable to lose.

The same thing has been happening only too often with the circulation file of the Postal History Study Circle. The last we heard of Frank Staff was that he was running round Europe looking for it.

GROUP NEWS

The LONDON Group have their programme arranged till Christmas, and will meet in the usual premises, the Office of the Commercial Counsellor for Canada, Sun Life Buildings, 2, Cockspur Street, S.W.1. Tom R. Hutton is the Group Secretary, telephone CItY 5634, and he tells us that visitors are always welcome. They must be, we have never felt like a visitor when we have dropped in. The programme so far is:—

- 14th October - 1859 Issue - - - - - Leo. Baresch
 11th November - Leaves from an Auctioneer's Diary - T. J. Edwards
 9th December - Nova Scotia and New Brunswick - H. L. Darnell
 The meetings start at 6.30 p.m.

The NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE Group send us their programme and report a very successful year for 1953-54, well-attended meetings and a membership of 15. Their Secretary (Contact Member—sorry) is John F. Bird, telephone Gosforth 52026, and the meetings are usually held at his house at 6, West Avenue, Gosforth, at 7 p.m. The programme has already started, the remainder is as follows:—

- 26th October - Discussion—Jubilees and Quebecs.
 23rd November - Display—Canada - - - Stanley Dale
 28th December - Open Night.
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 25th January - Discussion—Moderns from 1930.
 8th February - Display of B.N.A. States to the Gateshead Society.
 22nd February - Display—Canada - - - J. H. Sinton
 22nd March - Discussion—Large Cents.
 12th April - - Display of B.N.A. to West Hartlepool P.S.
 26th April - - A.G.M. and Members' Night.

CLIPPINGS FROM B.N.A. MAGAZINES

Contributed by R. J. DUNCAN (94)

8. THE "SAMPLE" OVERPRINT

By ED. RICHARDSON

Several years ago I took a "flier" in an auction and came up with a set of the First Provisional Revenue War Tax stamps bearing a "Sample" overprint. This is the issue which Scott's do not list but which they mention in the War Tax section, after MR2 as follows:

"In 1915 postage stamps of 5, 20, 50 cents were overprinted 'WAR TAX' in two lines. These stamps were intended for fiscal use, the war tax on postal matter being 1 or 2 cents. A few of these stamps were used to pay postage."

This set was originally in blocks of four. The "Sample" overprint is hand-stamped in Script lettering and is in purple. It ap-

pears in the horizontal gutters between the stamps. Sometime ago the blocks were broken and the other set of vertical pairs now resides in the collection of our hard-working secretary, Jack Levine.

In the intervening years no additional copies have come to the attention of this writer. It appears that these might be similar to "Specimen" postage stamps. Do other collectors of Canadian Revenues own copies? In fact, do they own any Canadian Revenues with the "Sample" overprint, and can they shed any light on their purpose?

Incidentally, referring back to that quotation from Scott. They first mention these

War Tax stamps in their 1927 edition. At that time they also continued with the following: "... but we do not catalogue revenue stamps used postally". This extra phrase continued in use up through 1941. How come it was dropped? And since it was dropped, how come they do not now list them as do the Gibbons, Regent,

Michel and Yvert-Tellier catalogs? For our money, marbles or chips they are postage stamps, and were used as such from April 16, 1915 until December 30th of the same year, regardless and notwithstanding the fact they were intended originally to be used only as revenues.

(B.N.A. Topics—Aug., 1947)

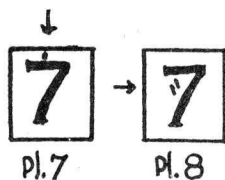
9. VARIETIES 7 CENT RED BROWN ADMIRAL SERIES 1942

By R. M. BRYAN (B.N.A.P.S. 450)

Very little has been written as to varieties in the 7 cent. Red Brown Scott No. 114. There are, however, a number which while similar, occur in several positions, especially on Plate 8 both wet and dry printings.

There were only two plates used for the Red Brown. These were new plates laid down in October 1924, with a total quantity of 16,280,000 issued, according to the Philatelic Agency, making it unlikely that any retouching was done to the plates; at least there is none to my knowledge.

Before discussing Plate 8, mention might be made of Plate 7 upper left pane, stamp No. 15, in which there is a small perpendicular dash in the right numeral. This is



constant appearing only in the dry printing, several plate blocks in the writer's possession and others examined prove the constancy. Quite possibly it is a small tool scratch; never-the-less it is of interest. (See sketch.)

It is in Plate 8 that some further explanation is needed because the variety or varieties similar in appearance occur in constant and various positions on the wet printings. The upper right pane has been examined but only parts of the upper left pane while the two lower panes have not yet been seen, so whether the same varieties occur in all panes is not yet known to the writer.

These varieties are in the form of two small diagonal dashes below the top bar of the left "7." These are quite fine and have been located as stamps No. 14 and 86, but may occur in other positions. (See sketch.)

So far so good, but the mystery deepens because again two diagonal dashes appear in other positions, either closer together or slightly more to the left of the original position as shown on stamps No. 14 and

86, but always below the top bar of the 7. These will be seen on No's 15, 89 and 90 of the upper right pane. Now comes the upper left pane with 81, 83, 89 and 90 with almost identical dashes; these have been seen in both wet and dry printings.

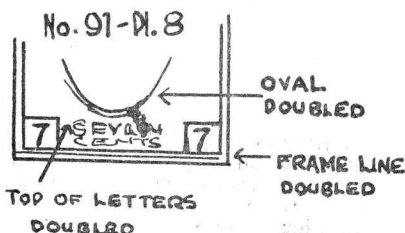
Damage to one position can be understood, but why should identical damage occur in other positions and, again, why should similar damage only slightly at variance occur in still other positions?

Further, why does it occur on the second row from the top and the second row from the bottom of the panes and not elsewhere? Is it possible it is a printer's mark used in lining up the plates as in other stamps on close examination there can occasionally be seen just a trace of these diagonal dashes appearing out of the top bar of the seven? What is the answer?

Re-entries on the 7 cent. Red Brown appear to be of a minor nature, but they do occur, principally showing in the white portion inside the left frame line No's 82 and 92, Plate 8, upper left, but there are others, stamp positions unknown.

There is one that might be called a major re-entry No. 91, Plate 8, upper left, which, in addition to light lines in the upper left white portion, shows a complete

Re-Entries



line below the inner frame from the outside numeral box lines on both sides; also doubling of the bottom oval frame line and to the tops of the letters SEVEN.

Anyone with sufficient of this material on hand may be able to shed some light on these varieties of the 7 cent. Red Brown, and possibly bring to light others.

(B.N.A. Topics—Nov., 1950)

The Founders' Trophy

It was with great satisfaction we learnt that the Fellowship Sub-Committee had decided that the first name to go on the Trophy would be that of

R. W. T. Lees-Jones, F.R.P.S.L.,
R.D.P., F.C.P.S.

His original and intensive studies of the 1851 and 1859 Issues of Canada have, without a doubt, given all students of Canadian stamps a basis upon which to continue the study of these stamps.

No man has given more to our hobby than "Canada Jones." A. E. S.

Local Study Groups

Concern was expressed at the Annual Committee Meeting held at Buxton regarding the inactivity of certain Local Groups.

After further review it is possible that there will be a regrouping in certain areas.

Newfoundland Postal Study Circle

To those who are interested in the stamps of Newfoundland Dr. R. Willan, F.C.P.S. has agreed to start a Postal Study Circuit. All interested please contact the doctor at

Oak House,
Shaw, Lanes.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

London Re-union

DEAR FRED,

I hope that you will be able to get some note into the next issue of "Maple Leaves" about another London Meeting similar to those we have held previously, which will take place on Saturday, 6th November, at the Shaftesbury Hotel. Generally speaking the arrangements will follow the lines of the last meeting (14th November, 1953) at which you were present, with the room open at 2 p.m. until tea time for informal chats. After tea there will be a display, but we have not yet settled who will give it. Lunch and dinner can also be provided at the hotel but advance notice is required for this. Please make as much propaganda for it as you possibly can so that we get a really good crowd along, and I also sincerely hope that you will be able to make it again.

Yours sincerely,

L. BARESCH.

Canada 1859 Cents—10c. Black Brown

DEAR SIR,

With reference to the continued controversy on the so-called 10 cent. Changeling of 1859, Brigadier M. A. Studd very kindly gives the doubters the benefit of "non-fraudulent" changelings. I find myself still to be convinced that the 10c. Black Brown was a changeling, and find my views aligned with Bill Lea, and no compromise.

Having metaphorically "nailed our colour (black brown) to the mast", I trust your readers will pardon me if I restate part of a letter I sent to Stamp Collecting during the discussion which prevailed on this subject last year.

"I may be wrong, but I have always taken a changeling to be a change of colour caused by:—

1. Chemical (a) applied artificially: (b) applied atmospherically.
2. Physically (a) caused by sunlight (or strong light): (b) caused by moisture (water, etc.)

In the case of 1 (a) this could be detected fairly easily. In the case of 2 (a) light would have the effect of paling the colour of the stamp. With regard to 2 (b) constant washing and cleaning a stamp with water would also have the effect of paling the stamp, or lightening the stamp colour. On the other hand, in the case of 1 (b) we could, in some districts, have atmospheric sulphur compounds formed on the surface of the stamp, thus causing a darkening of the colour pigment, but this could be corrected simply by an application of hydrogen peroxide (as done with discoloured G.B. Penny Reds, for instance).

In the case of the 10 cent. black brown 1859, two very dark specimens (damaged copies) were worked upon by myself, in collaboration with the late Keith Macdonald (Radio's Uncle Phil) as far back as 1937, without any impression being made to the colour."

It will be seen that from the above-mentioned cases, I think we can safely rule out 1 (a). While in the cases of 2 (a) and 2 (b) the effect would be to pale or lighten the colour, or the colour lose its brightness or lustre, which would fit Brigadier Studd's suggestion regarding 6d. Red Purple appearing as a "rather insipid Pale Red Purple."

The only case of the stamp being darkened would be as in the case of 1 (b), such as atmospheric sulphur. If this was the case the Hydrogen Peroxide would return such a changeling to a Redder colour, but not the lighter colour of Lilac, as originally suggested by F. B. in his quotation from Boggs on the original order of the Post Office Dept.

I can only come to the conclusion that Black Brown was the colour as issued.

A. E. STEPHENSON. (1).

Edinburgh.

Cancellations on the Small Queen Issue

DEAR SIR,

This letter is written on the off chance that "Canadian enthusiast" might have some reference to "The British North American Philatelic Society's Small Queen Study Group".

I do not know that the Group ever thought of listing all of the circular cancellations and post-marks used on this issue.

I did find that there were about 15 members of the Group particularly interested (apparently) in fancy cancellations found on this issue, and we attempted to get tracings of those not already illustrated in Jarrett's 1929 Book with the name of P.O. and approx. date of use.

Tracings as sent in by members were mounted on sheets, and the sheets photo'd. Each sheet contained about 30 tracings, and 9 sheets were completed and copies sent to the interested members.

Gradually, interest waned, then died.

Tom Boggs exhibited his copies at BNAPEX in 1953 and reports that no-one bothered to look at them. I have had two selections published in BNAP magazine "Topics" and received 3 letters regarding them.

At the present time, I have on hand tracings enough to almost mount up another sheet, but it has taken about a year to collect with no sign of getting more, and I'm too Scotch to have a part sheet photo'd.

So I sit back and hope that friend Leo Baresh will continue his series of articles and eventually accomplish what we started to do.

Copies of all our sheets were sent to Leo, also to F. L. R. Brown (F.B.). If you are interested in what we did, I feel sure Leo would show you his set of copies.

Sincerely,

E. M. BLOIS. (528).

EDITOR'S NOTE.—This is actually a copy of a letter to one of our members and not to the Editor. It is included as being of wider interest than to its recipient only.

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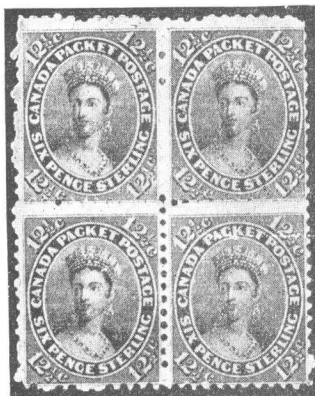
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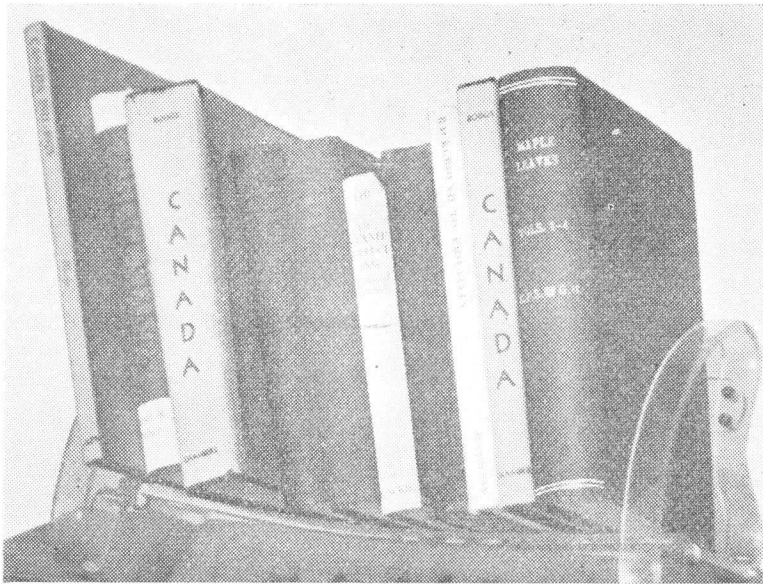
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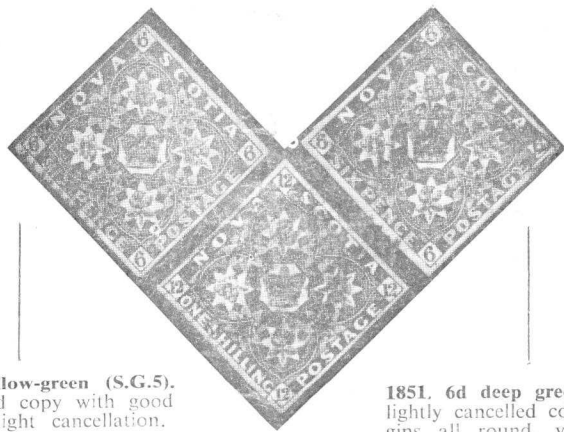
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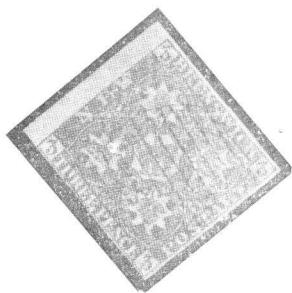
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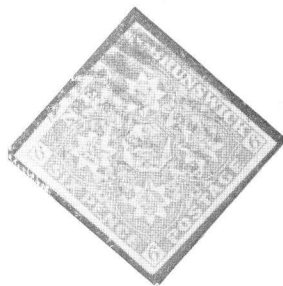
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