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"You will find many changes in the 8th Edition and you will also notice some new sections have been added. First you will notice the section on Early Covers and Cancellations. To many this will be most welcome. True, it is brief, but on close study, you should find it very interesting and helpful.

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### *Notes and Comments*

#### **Newfoundland**

When we took over the Editorship we tried to get a regular column or page running on this popular country. Dr. R. Willan has now undertaken to provide this in future. We hope he will have the full support of all interested members.

#### **London Get-together**

It was promised at the last of these that there would be another in the Spring, and we now hear from Geoff. Harper that it has been arranged for Saturday the 2nd April. As before, it will be at the Shaftesbury Hotel, and there will be lunch for those who tell Geoff. in advance. The starting time for the programme will be 2 p.m., so lunch will be at 12.30. Don't miss this if you are at all interested in the Society—it's a "proper do!"

#### **Pre-Cancel Study Group**

In the Year Book Section of the January number we gave the Secretary of this Group as George Manley. We should have given it as in the President's list on page 170—Capt. R. B. Hetherington is now in that office. In the same list, that of the President, should have been the R.P.O. and T.P.O. Group—see foot of page 197—and in the Year Book list on page 197 should have been all those which the President set out and which do not appear on that page. Apologies also to Frank Staff for calling him "Frاند."

#### **The Weather**

The severe weather in January was a fairly effective showing of what Winter could do to us. Then came a spell almost of Spring which made us think, prematurely, that Spring was about to come and that we could once more think of gardens and outdoor recreation. Just as we were settling down to enjoying ourselves, back came old man Winter again, this time worse than the January showing. At the time of writing this there seems hope that the bad spell is terminating.

#### **Scotland**

Undoubtedly the worst impact of both spells came to the North of Scotland. George Beverley writes from Aberdeen:—"We are having a severe winter here as far as the weather is concerned—continual frost or snow with little respite. Still we are very fortunate compared with the folks further north in Caithness and Sutherland, where the planes and helicopters are kept busy dropping relief rations for the unfortunate folks in that area, and also for the cattle and sheep. According to information coming through, there are hundreds of sheep and lambs dead, and a few thousand missing in the hills and high country for lack of fodder. I sincerely hope that the official total will be considerably less than expected, but the figures will not be confirmed until the thaw sets in. The loss, however, will undoubtedly be considerable."

## **New South Wales**

As we write, the radio is trying, in inadequate words, to give some picture of the terror, desolation and devastation caused by the torrential flooding "down under." The "Daily Mail" today bears photographs of a woman being hoisted by a helicopter from a garage roof just above water level, and the "Times" and other papers show horrible pictures of flooded Maitland, and of messages for help marked on roofs at Narrowmine. Member D. G. Cox lives at Tighe's Hill, Newcastle, N.S.W. We sincerely hope he is all right. An air letter is on its way to Donald; we'll report to members in the next issue.

### **Precancels**

In George Manley's article last issue, page 179, the re-assembly of the type lost a complete line in the information about setting No. 4. The third line has been dropped out, which should have read "were any, they," and the whole note under this heading No. 4 should read: "No essays are known for this type, but if there were any, they were probably unidentifiable from the normal postal issues." Please correct your copy.

### **Payments to Canada**

In several issues we have repeatedly stated the formula which must be followed to send cash to Canada in order to receive publications from there or from the States. Once more we repeat, there is an embargo on dollars and you can't send cash out of this country or import items from Canada or U.S.A. **WITHOUT FILLING IN FORMS.** It is no good sending cheques over there; you must send International Money Orders or Bank Drafts in Canadian or U.S.A. dollars according to which country is concerned. For these you should apply to your local bank, who will tell you how they are obtained. There is no difficulty in obtaining them to pay for the import of a single copy of any work published overseas.

### **Norman Todd**

Although his registered office still remains at Happisburgh, the business is now being carried on from 30, Church Road, Southbourne, Bournemouth. Don't forget to alter his address on your list.

### **Stitched Booklets**

The following statement is taken from Norman Todd's C.N.L. The stapled normal booklet is sold over the counter and is not suitable for use in the recently-introduced vending machine, which requires a smooth upper and lower surface to clear the captive ledges of the machine platform. It therefore became necessary to avoid the projections of the wire staples, which increased the thickness of the booklet, by the introduction (as in this country and for the same reason) of stitched articles. It is true that there are at present a few only of the machines, but the number is likely to grow and the stitched variety is not going to be a rarity.

### **Support Our Advertisers**

We have frequently re-iterated the necessity of maintaining a sound advertising revenue if this our Journal is to flourish. With the advent of six issues a year instead of four this becomes even more necessary. A lot of work is put in to attract and keep our advertisers; from time to time it becomes quite clear that the members are not doing their share. One of our newest advertisers offered something for nothing—only write for it—last time and hasn't had a single reply! What are YOU doing to help?

There are four points which, if observed, could materially help in improving this situation. If they are observed, the work of your officers to try and give you the best possible service can be strengthened. If they are neglected, the members can prepare themselves to face carrying the full cost of the Journal in future, and the eventual reduction of issues back to four each year instead of the increase to twelve, one each month, towards which we hope to work.



### What do you want?

The American Philatelist canvassed members of the American Philatelic Society, by questionnaire, as to their likes and dislikes of the contents of their Journal and as to how their preferences ran. We do not feel that the result can of necessity be applied to our readers, but we are curious enough to wonder what result we should obtain in such a similar canvass. Here are some of the A.P.S. figures:—

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We should welcome a postcard from any member similarly willing to express his views on what he likes best in our pages, what he would like more of or less of, and any other comments or suggestions thought useful. We cannot undertake to reply to such writers, but we will summarise their opinions in a review at a later date.

### The Four Points

These are simple enough and can be applied to a greater or lesser degree by every member. Most of us deal principally through the post, and it is in postal purchasing that the four points can be most effectively applied.

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3. When you have to deal with other firms for some special reason, tell them that you do so against your decision only to deal with OUR advertisers, and ask them why they don't advertise in our pages.
4. Regard these principles as being really important and plug away constantly on this theme.

Remember that the bulk of the work of this Society falls on less than half-a-dozen members who without any thought of glory or any reward whatsoever except the success of the Society, give up all their spare time. You who enjoy their efforts are not asked to do much in return. Is it too much to ask you really to try and carry out the above precepts?

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

All those that have known me for some time are aware that I am suffering from an incurable ailment—namely "wandering feet"—and being once more on my travels I am writing these notes some 21,000 feet up in the air in the perfect comfort of a "Viscount." What a beautiful aircraft this is. In the past seven or eight years I have covered well over a quarter million miles by air, and in the progress have sampled most types of planes, but our own "Viscount" beats the lot!

Extensive travelling is not always the unmitigated pleasure imagined by those staying at home, but it does provide the opportunity of meeting many of our friends and members living abroad. Only by chatting with them does one realise what a strong link is our Society Journal—"Maple Leaves"! Many of them, particularly those isolated from other Canadian collectors, such as our solitary Belgian member, Mr. Theuwissen, or his counterpart in France, Mr.

Thirkell, count the days to the next issue of "Maple Leaves," and when it comes they read it—many times—and from cover to cover!

Our Canadian and American friends also enjoy it thoroughly, to which the steadily increasing number of members from abroad bears witness. Many of them have told me, or written, how delighted they were at the news of the impending increase in issues to six a year.

I feel I must not let this opportunity pass of offering congratulations from all of us to Charlie de Volpi on being elected President of the British North American Philatelic Society, our friendly rival across the ocean. Charlie is one of the oldest Canadian members of the C.P.S. of G.B., and in the past has brought many of his Canadian friends to our fold. He tells me he is seriously thinking of coming to our Convention this year—and he is likely to be joined by several of our prominent members from Canada and the United States.

You will have seen the "STOP PRESS" notice in the January issue that we have advanced the Convention by one week to avoid a clash with the Postal History Convention scheduled for early October. There is little fresh news about our own show, although a reminder to send your booking to Geoff. Harper as soon as possible is indicated. He already has got a list of bookings, and the number of lower-priced rooms is limited and may soon be taken up.

Some of the new Study Groups mentioned in my previous notes are gradually taking shape, but progress is slow. May I again appeal for more support for these Study Groups. If you are specially interested in a particular section of B.N.A. philately, it will not only help you to learn more about the issue, but may also be the means of acquiring some of those missing items. Interchange of some duplicated varieties may prove to be one of the strongest links in the Study Groups.

(EDITOR'S NOTE.—The above message was received from Switzerland)

### 10c PRINCE CONSORT OF 1859

The Repaired Impressions of No. 97 retouch and of the White Flaw variety on the second position of the plate.

By W. E. LEA (504)

The Retouch and Recut side lines of the 10c Prince Consort issue was first discovered and the plate position given by Mr. R. W. T. Lees-Jones in 1931. The information concerning this extraordinary variety was first published in "The Philatelic Journal of Great Britain" (September, 1931).

Having recently had the opportunity of examining the proof and thirteen copies contained in Mr Lees-Jones collection, I was surprised to make the discovery of an example of a repaired impression which does not show duplications.

As will be seen from the enlarged illustration and from the sketch diagram, the lower right-hand corner of the background has been retouched by the strengthening of many lines both horizontally and vertically. Both the left and right outer frame lines have also been recut from positions level with the N of Canada and the A of Postage, and down their entire length until joining the bottom frame line: here the left-side recut ends, but the right-hand recut continues round the angle of the corner and along the bottom frame lines for approximately  $1\frac{1}{4}$  mm. The cross-lined background in the lower right corner has obviously received the attention of the engraver, because many of the vertical and horizontal lines have been strengthened in several places. One can observe that some of the horizontal lines encroach slightly on the white space between the lateral frame lines.

The retouching is confined to the space below the Roman numeral "X" except for two short horizontal lines immediately above the right-hand extremity of its base.

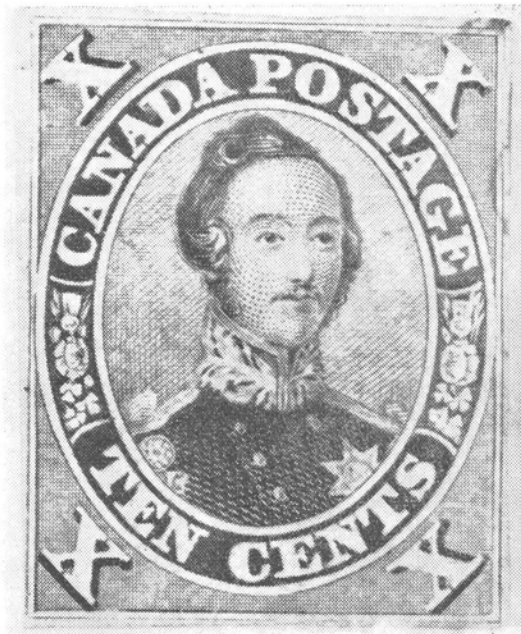


FIG. 1 (Left)  
Enlarged illustration of position  
97 from the proof sheet, showing  
recut corner at lower right.

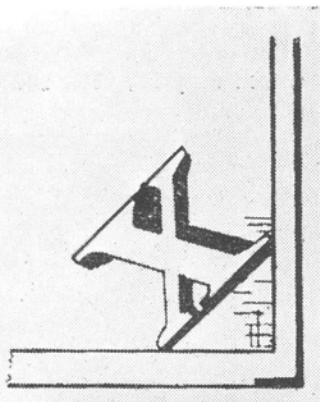


FIG 2 (Above)  
Sketch showing the characteristics  
of the recut.

Mr. Lees-Jones successfully proves it to be position No. 97 in the sheet. The identification is the recut side lines together with a guide dot which occurs in the lower margin immediately below the left numeral X. On sorting the thirteen copies into the printing groups, I found a mint copy of the Black Brown Printing No. 1, four copies Printing No. 3, two copies Printing No. 4, one copy Printing No. 8. The 9th to the 16th printings were not represented,



Fig. 3. A series of ten stamps from position 97 showing the recut on the proof, 1st, 3rd, 4th and 8th printings; whilst the 17th, 19th, 23rd and 26th printings do not show a recut on this position. This would indicate that some time between the 8th and 17th printings, position 97 was re-entered.

but there were examples of the 17th, 19th, 23rd and 26th Printings. Careful examination of the last four printings revealed a philatelic phenomenon, for whilst the evidence of position 97 was there in the recut side, base lines and position dot under the left "X," all evidence of the retouch had disappeared and the cross-lined background had been completely restored (see Fig. 3).

It immediately occurred to me that here was evidence of a co-inciding re-entry and undoubtedly the first proven case in Canadian philately of a repaired impression which does not show duplications. The only possible explanation of this restoration of the background to a complete state is that sometime between May 31, 1862 and July 9, 1864 (the respective dates of the 9th and



*Fig. 4. Note the colourless flaw behind the Prince Consort's head, level with NA of CANADA.*

17th printings) the plate of the 10c had been re-entered or alternatively position No. 97 had been completely repaired by the re-application of the transfer roller.

It is interesting to note that when the side and base lines were recut by hand, the impression on the plate must have been much deeper and wider than the corresponding impressions made by the transfer roller, for whilst the printings subsequent to the 17th show all the frame lines strengthened, the position of the original recut lines is still obvious and can easily be recognised.

As the retouch and recut occur on the first printing and on a proof, I am of the opinion that, owing to a short transfer of position No. 97, the engraver



*Fig. 5. Note absence of colourless flaw behind Prince Consort's head on Position No. 2, No. 8 is the "string of pearls" variety.*

was obliged to strengthen this subject by retouching and recutting before the plate was put to press.

Unfortunately, the rarity of this variety has precluded the discovery of the actual date when the repair occurred, but it must have been between January 23rd, 1862 and July 9th, 1864—the respective dates of the eighth and seventeenth printings. All students of Canadian stamps should examine their copies of the 10c, 1859. If they discover examples of either the first or second state of this variety, they should communicate with me, and if possible send the specimens for my inspection: only in this way can it be established when the repair to the 10c plate took place.

From the writer's own observations it would appear that the line-engraved plates of the 1859 issue were subject to frequent repair—far more frequently than is generally realised, and the incidence of plate varieties on the later printings of the 10c denomination, which are not to be found on the early printings, persuades one to the opinion that the 10c plate must have been re-entered throughout.

Additional confirmation can be obtained from position No. 2 on the plate. This stamp is easily identified by the three dots which occur on the outer frame line above the left numeral "X." On all the early printings one observes a white space or colourless flaw immediately behind the Prince Consort's head at a point level with NA of Canada (see illustration No. 4). This variety occurs also on the stamp immediately below (No. 12). The absence of the three dots on the upper frame line identifies this position.

The later printings of the 1859 10c position (No. 2) no longer show this colourless flaw; the cross hatching behind the head has been completely restored, careful examination rules out the possibility of a hand retouch because the restoration has been so well executed that only the three dots on the top frame line identify the position, further proof of a co-inciding re-entry.

Whilst I have so far been unable to ascertain with any certainty the approximate date when this plate was repaired by re-entry, examination of the Printings have shown me that whilst the stamps of the 11th Printing order appear always in a worn state, those from the 12th order do not show any signs of wear; indeed the lines of the cross hatched background have a firm and clear appearance, which would indicate that some time between December 17th, 1862, and February 27th, 1863, the respective dates on the 11th and 12th orders, every subject on the 1859 10c plate was repaired by re-entry, and because the transfer roller was fitted with a side point, the siderographer was able to obtain co-incidence on the majority of the positions on the plate.

It is well known that varieties which occur on later printings do not always occur on the early printings; Illustration No. 5 shows an unused pair which are identified as position No. 2 and 3. Position 3 is interesting because it is the so-called "String of Pearls" variety: one observes a row of dots in the white space of the outer oval of the vignette which start just above the final A of Canada and extend through the right numeral "X." So far I have found this variety only on stamps of the later printings, in all cases subsequent to the 12th order: consequently, I would greatly appreciate the co-operation of other Canadian collectors in an endeavour to discover whether copies of this variety appear on stamps from Printing orders prior to the 12th. At present I am of the opinion that this variety was due to a slight damage to the plate during repair.

For those readers not initiated into plate study, I would define a repaired impression as a subject on a plate that has been restored by the re-application of the transfer roller after the plate has been put to press and been used for printing stamps.

Consequently, where a repaired impression has been identified, the stamps printed from that position would be found in two states—the original state before repair and the second state following repair.

## GROUP NEWS

ABERDEEN continue with their successful season. The December exhibition was by J. Millar Allen and dealt with the 1859, 1864, 1868 to 1872 issues of Canada. The report tells of "scarce re-entries and postmarks, numerous entires in perfect condition, strips and singles of the scarce watermarked issues." For January, the members were the guests of two Canadians, Dr. and Mrs. Orkin, and the exhibition was from Mrs. Orkin's collection. This contained many fine early imperforates, but maintained its strength right through an excellent display of later and modern issues. In February, exhibits were given by "Stevie" and by Daniel Gardner. "Stevie" gave an exhaustive and provocative display of the philatelic study which can be lavished on the "Admiral" issues. Daniel Gardner provided a display of entires from Arctic Circle post offices—many little known places where the mail is only collected once or twice a year—and other items of unusual interest from the frozen North.

LONDON Section has been holding monthly meetings since September.

On the 16th September, the members entertained themselves with a "Six Sheets or Sixpence Fine" night, and an enormously wide range of material was shown.

One of the largest gatherings on record appeared on the 14th October to see with watering mouths the President's display of the Fifty-Niners.

An unusual departure from the normal

kind of meeting took place on the 11th November. Mr. T. J. Edwards, of H. R. Harmer's, gave his talk, "Leaves from an Auctioneer's Diary" with enormous verve.

On the 9th December, Mr. H. L. Darnell, the Secretary of the Nova Scotia and New Brunswick Study Group, gave a most comprehensive display of his countries from his own collection, reinforced by some very choice material indeed from the astonishing collection of Mr. N. Argenti recently shown at the Royal.

More Provincials were shown on the 13th January; this time they were modern Newfoundlanders belonging to Mr. T. R. Hutton.

WEST RIDING have held two meetings so far during the winter, and a third has been arranged for March 22nd. At the first meeting three new members were enrolled.

The displays for each meeting were given by one of the new members. Mr. Godfrey Mellor, who showed his collection of Colony of Canada at the first meeting and the Dominion issues of Canada up to 1911 at the second meeting. Both displays contained many unusual items, notable amongst which was an unused copy of the 12d., one or more copies on *each* type of paper of the 3d Beaver showing the major re-entry, a fine range of proofs and essays, and many examples of the Large Cents issues on watermarked and laid papers.

### Railway and T.P.O. Study Group

After two years' existence the R.P.O. Group boasts a study circle of some 24 members. Our chief aim is to amplify the data given in Shaw's catalogue, and to this end it is vitally necessary to obtain the fullest possible collaboration of C.P.S. and B.N.A. members. With this purpose in view, Mr. J. Millar Allen has made an appeal to the latter Society, and as a result we hope shortly to establish worth while contacts with B.N.A. specialists who are so eminently able to further our knowledge of this particular branch of B.N.A. philately.

For my part I should like once more to appeal to our members to come forward, if they have not already done so, and join

us in our endeavour to put R.P.O.s "on the map."

I should also like, if I may, to pay an earnest tribute to Squadron-Leader P. R. Grey, who has done so much painstaking work on our behalf as evidenced by our own journal and the wider philatelic press. It is almost exclusively due to him that we have made any progress at all, and I am sure that I can say on my own behalf, and on behalf of all our R.P.O. members, "Very well done indeed, and thank you!"

Finally, may I re-iterate to all members of our Society who have not yet caught up with the R.P.O. band-wagon this appeal—"The R.P.O. Study Group needs YOU!"  
C. F. G.

### King Edward VII Issue Study Group

It is proposed to organise the running of the Group as follows:—

- (a) Information will be circulated to members of the Group in the form of news sheets issued at intervals, depending on the availability of suitable material.
- (b) To facilitate study and the recording

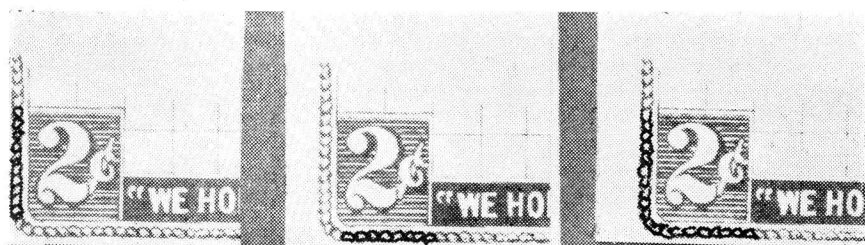
of information, the news sheet will be issued in the following sections:—

1. Historical—i.e., general data, quantities issued, etc.
2. Plates, plate markings, guide lines, etc.
3. Paper.
4. Perforation and perf. varieties.



PLATE TWO—The two-line retouch to the base cable

- 97 Left—Heavy, half way up '2.' Right—level of Ceylon. Base—strong under N, a little too deep a cut downwards. The bottom of the two lines extends, at left, perhaps  $\frac{1}{2}$  mm. beyond the cable. Top line right angles to become left side.
- 98 Left—Heavy, to bottom of Canada level. Right—to top of figure '2.' Base—projection at left outside rope. Extension as 97 but perhaps 1 mm. There is a horizontal scratch on this stamp, above Australia.
- 99 Fairly heavy. Left side recut to top. Right—nil. Base—left to right, fine line ends at right, then a second line ending in apparently two fine lines. An extra third line appears as a tangent to the top line, below VASTER.
- 100 Retouched. Special dot under rope immediately below A of HAS. Dot below HAS.



2/5 and 2/60

2/78

2/80

The recut cable links of Plate 2. Stamps 5, 60, 78 and 80.

### CABLE LINK RETOUCHES

Stamp No.

Details

- 5 and 60 The links of cable in the left vertical section, outside the left side of the left value tablet have been recut by hand. They are almost identical, but can be separated by:  
Stamp 5—has no compass arc.  
Stamp 60—has a strong compass arc.  
(See sketch on page 131 of July 1954 issue for compass arc.)
- 78 The links of cable immediately below the left value tablet have been recut by hand.
- 80 The links of cable surrounding the left value tablet, at the left and below, have been recut by hand.

### NEW ISSUES FOR 1955

The new 10c design "Eskimo Hunter" was issued on the 21st February; thank you, Herbert Buckland and Cyril Purvey for First Day covers. The stamp was also available overprinted "G" from that date. Plates 1 and 2.

On the 4th April will be issued a new 5c blue illustrating two Whooping Cranes in flight and a 4c purple with the head of a Musk Ox. These are to call attention to Canada's National Wildlife Week, April 10th-16th. The 5c will be in the standard large horizontal format and in panes of 50. The 4c will be small size vertical and in panes of 100. These stamps will not be overprinted with the letter "G." Both from two plates, 1 and 2.

We are also to have two special commemoratives this year, for the Jubilee of the Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan, and for the first International Boy Scouts' Jamboree to be held in Canada. There will also be two more Prime Minister series portraying the Hon. Sir Charles Tupper and the Rt. Hon. Richard Bedford Bennett. Dates for these are not yet announced.

The following plates have so far been used for the current Q.E. issue:—

1c, 3c, 5c	Plates 1 & 2
2c	Plates 1 - 3
4c	Plates 1 - 5
5c	Plates 1 - 6



## THE TRAVELLING POST OFFICES OF NEWFOUNDLAND

In the table of sea route T.P.O.s on page 172 of the January 1955 issue of *Maple Leaves* the ships' names were printed out of alignment with the routes. The table is therefore re-printed below.

Although it would seem possible that the ships allocated to the various routes might vary; they have in fact, it appears, so far faithfully remained on the same routes year after year, and the table is a fairly reliable guide in this respect.

Exact lettering of postmarks.	Notes.	Ships' Names.
ARG. & N. SYD. T.P.O. ROUTE A.	(Argentia and North Sydney.)	S.S. BURGEO. S.S. BACCALIEU.
ARG. & N. SYD. T.P.O. ROUTE B.		S.S. BAR HAVEN.
ARG. & P.A.B. T.P.O.	(Port aux Basques)	S.S. BACCALIEU.
LABRADOR T.P.O.	(St. John's to Hopedale, etc.)	S.S. NORTHERN RANGER.
LEW. & C.BK. T.P.O.	(Lewisporte and Corner Brook.)	S.S. SPRINGDALE.
LEW. & FOGO T.P.O.		S.S. CLYDE.
LEW. & SHOE COVE T.P.O.		S.S. SPRINGDALE. S.S. KYLE.
PLACENTIA BAY T.P.O.	(Argentia and Isle Valen.)	M.V. BURIN.
ST.J. C.H. & C.BK. T.P.O.	(St. John's, Cooks Harbour and Corner Brook.)	S.S. NORTHERN RANGER.
ST.J. & HOPEDALE T.P.O.		S.S. KYLE.
ST. JOHN'S & LEWISPORT T.P.O.		S.S. GLENCOE.
ST.J. & LEW. T.P.O.		S.S. GLENCOE.

(AMENDMENT TO THE RAILWAY P.O. TABLE ON PAGE 171—  
THE LAST ITEM SHOULD BE TYPE 17F.)

## QUEEN ELIZABETH 4 CENTS COIL VARIETY

By ERNEST WHITELEY (543)

I set out the above photo-micrograph to show in the centre stamp a recently discovered variety which I purchased, as such, from a well-known Leeds dealer the other day. It occurs on the 4 cents value of the current Q.E. coils.

On the left side, the cypher between the letters 'E.R.' and the currency symbol "c" are both definitely doubled. It looks a lot better on the stamp itself than the Photo-micrograph shows it.

I saw two examples in the dealer's shop, but bought only one. The other was not exactly the same as this but the differences were very minute and I didn't consider it worth while buying both.

There is a noticeable difference in the left side of the oval to the vignette, the engraving looks thicker and not nice clean lines as on Number One.

Can anyone throw any more light on this variety?



*Q.E. 4 cents Coil Variety (left side of second stamp)*

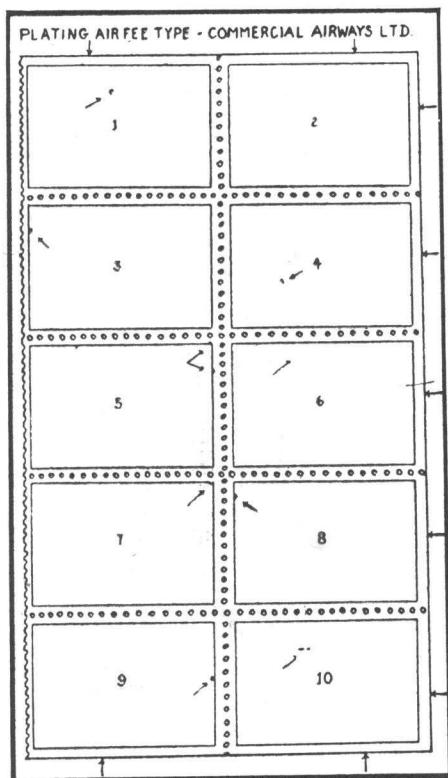
## CLIPPINGS FROM B.N.A. MAGAZINES

### 12. PLATING A SEMI-OFFICIAL AIR STAMP

By G. H. FAY

It is my humble opinion that the majority of aerophilatelists start their hobby with a multitude of cheap and medium priced mint sets, generally trying to reach a goal of say, a thousand varieties. Unless one has sufficient means to acquire these at once, it will take two or three years to assemble them. During this period one accumulates many aeronautical items—flown covers, used airmails, par avion labels and probably some semi-officials.

Having assembled a representative collection of airmail stamps, with additional material showing the development of airmail service, and having studied his



stamps to pick out varieties, the collector generally has the desire to try plating.

With the official air mail issues, this is almost impossible, as the sheets are too large and have too small a variety of slight constant markings to make plating possible or where a stamp might be plated

from the various settings of the surcharge, a complete sheet to check by is generally beyond the resources of the collector. However, some of the semi-official airmail stamps offer an ideal solution, especially those of the Commercial Airways Ltd. of Canada, now obsolete, but still available through certain Canadian dealers and thru auctions. The stamps were issued in sheets of ten (2 x 5) so one can make a plate at a small outlay.

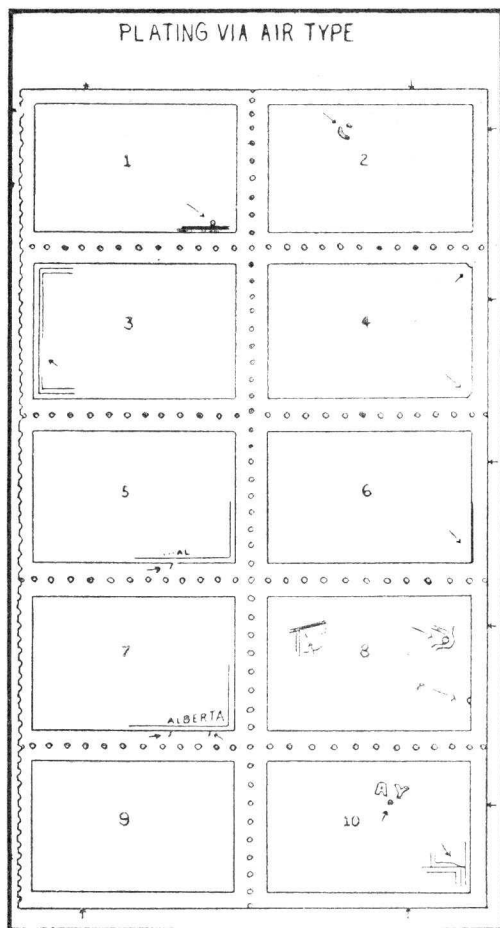
Having secured two complete mint sheets of the Commercial Airways Ltd., black "Air Fee" type stamps, from different sources, as well as covers bearing the stamps and cardboard proofs, I had material enough to pick out the constant variations for each position in the sheet, which for the benefit of those interested, are as follows:

- No. 1. Straight edge at top; small white circle below AL of Commercial.
- No. 2. Straight edge at top and right side.
- No. 3. White dot on outer frame line upper left side.
- No. 4. Straight edge at right; small black line at upper right of B.C. on map.
- No. 5. Black bumps on outside of outer frame at upper right corner and upper right side.
- No. 6. Straight edge at right; white dot over second C of Commercial.
- No. 7. V break in outer frame line in upper right corner.
- No. 8. Straight edge at right; broken outerframe line, upper left side.
- No. 9. Straight edge at bottom; black dot between frame lines near centre of right side.
- No. 10. Straight edge at right and bottom; broken line under second C of Commercial.

From *The Air Post Journal*, April, 1934.

### 13. FURTHER PLATING OF A SEMI-OFFICIAL AIR STAMP

By G. H. FAY



which appear in the first, or "VIA AIR" type:

No. 1. Straight-edge at top. White spot on bottom inner frame line  $3/16$ " from the right.

No. 2. Straight-edge top and right. Broken top of second "C" in "COMMERCIAL." Nick in bottom frame at left of "AIR."

No. 3. Break in inner vertical frame line at left of "AIR" in left hand "VIA AIR" extending from cross-bar of "A" to bottom of circle enclosing the "VIA AIR."

No. 4. Straight-edge at right. Both upper and lower right corners broken.

No. 5. Single colored dash from outer frame line at bottom under dot to left of "A" in "ALBERTA."

No. 6. Straight line at right. Lower right outer frame thick.

No. 7. Colored dashes from outer frame line at bottom under "A" and under "RT" of "ALBERTA."

No. 8. Straight-edge at right. Nick in outer right frame line about  $1/4$ " from base. White dot in ribbon below period of "D" of "LTD." Added vertical dash in upper left-hand cloud effect.

No. 9. Straight-edge at the bottom.

No. 10. Straight-edge at bottom and right. White dot below "AY" of "AIRWAYS." Line over right bottom ornament bent.

From *The Air Post Journal*, June, 1935.

Supplementing my article on plating the second, or "AIR FEE" type of stamps of the Commercial Airways, Ltd., which appeared in the April 1934 issue of the "Airpost Journal," I offer for the benefit of those interested, the constant variations

### 14. COLOR FORMULA FOR CANADA 1851-1859 STAMPS

A handwritten manuscript on old legal size laid paper, recording the color formula of Rawdon, Wright, Hatch & Edson from about 1849(?) to 1858, and their successors the American Bank Note Co. has just been shown us by J. Herbert Monds. The formula for bank note, bond and certificate colors will be published in a future JOURNAL, but those for three Canada postage stamps during this period are appended. It was found in a Brooklyn,

N. Y. house formerly occupied by Mr. Cassin, of the American Bank Note Co., who died about 1935. When found, there were mint top sheet margin pairs of the respective stamps lightly attached, by the stamp gum, opposite each color record. Under each pair was noted the U.S.A. value translation into cents, thus—"5 cent stamps," "12 cent stamps," and "1 cent stamps."

<i>Three Pence Canada Post Office Stamps</i>		1 Orange Mineral
3 Venetian Red		2 Oxide of Zinc
1 Orange Mineral		Patent Dryer, to suit
1 Trieste Vermillion (left out at pleasure)	at $\frac{1}{2}$ <i>Penny Canada Post Office Stamps</i>	2 Purple Lake
1 American Vermillion		2½ Carmine Lake
1 Patent Dryer		8 White Lead
<i>6 Pence Canada Post Office Stamps</i>		3 Kremnitz White
6 Rose Pink		3 Patent Dryer
2 Purple Lake		2 Pearl Ash
1 White Lead		From <i>The Essay-Proof Journal</i> ,
$\frac{1}{2}$ Prussian Blue		April, 1945.

## TREASURER'S REPORT ON THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS TO 30th SEPTEMBER, 1954

The statements given below show the receipts and payments for the General, Founder's and Life Membership Funds for the year ended 30th September, 1954, together with comparative figures for 1952-53 for the General Fund only.

The General Fund shows that current subscription income is slightly lower than last year, but this is largely accounted for by the greater number of advance payments received in 1952-53 than in 1951-52. Furthermore, the number of unpaid subscriptions carried forward was slightly higher than usual, but many of these have been collected subsequently.

During the year a number of long-standing advertising arrears have been paid, leaving only a small balance outstanding. Current advertising income—a very important item in the accounts—has been maintained at its previous level, whilst the sale of back numbers has reached a new record total. Magazine costs this year include the cost of re-printing Volume 1 and providing an index. Sales of these two items have covered almost half of the expense incurred, and it seems probable that almost the whole cost will be recovered by the end of the current year. Printing costs have risen again, this year by £21, but this is partially off-set by a reduction in the cost of blocks. Administrative expenses are slightly higher in all cases.

Not without some qualms, I have this year given my support to the proposal to issue *Maple Leaves* six times a year instead of four. Naturally this will increase considerably our annual expenditure on the magazine, but some of this will be recovered from advertising and the steadily rising membership of the Society should soon provide the extra income necessary to cover the balance.

The Founder's Fund is now closed. The deficit on the fund, after all expenses incurred in preparing the trophy have been paid, has been met by a grant from the General Fund.

The form of the Convention Fund account has been altered this year to show the full cost of the Buxton Convention and the balances in hand before and after that event. In order to do this, some receipts and payments after the 30th September have had to be taken into account, but this makes the account more informative than one closed at the year-end.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking all my fellow-officers for their kind assistance during the year, as well as all those members who send kind thoughts but to whom I rarely have time to send a personal reply.

J. P. MACASKIE,

**CANADIAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN**  
**Financial Statements, Year ended 30th September, 1954**  
**(a) General Fund**

Previous Year		RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS		Previous Year	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Subscriptions:				Printing and Stationery ...			
8	16 11	8	5 11	Affiliation Fees:		3	3 0
212	0 11	198	1 11	English Congress ...	1	10 0	
28	9 3	30	9 9	Scottish Association ...	1	10 0	
249	7 1	236	17 7	Magazine:		4	13 0
Arrears:				Printing Quarterly Issues ...		212	15 8
1	10 0	17	0 0	Re-printing Volume I ...		40	1 0
88	14 2	88	12 2	Printing Index ...		3	11 10
1	0 0	2	15 0	Blocks ...		49	10 11
24	10 2	29	3 1	Distribution ...		18	12 8
—	—	17	15 0	Administration:		6	8 11
—	—	1	13 0	Secretary ...	11	7 3	
115	14 4	156	18 3	Treasurer ...	15	7 0	
1	14 0	Donations, Expert Fees, etc. ...		Editor ...			
366	15 5	1	0 1	Other Payments:		33	3 2
TOTAL RECEIPTS		394	15 11	Grant to Library Fund ...	—	—	
Balance brought forward at 1st October ...		161	15 4	Overhaul of Typewriter ...	—	—	
129	4 2	TOTAL PAYMENTS		Grant to Founder's Fund ...	8	2 4	
		334	4 3	TOTAL PAYMENTS		395	11 0
		161	15 4	Balance carried forward at 30th September		161	0 3
		£495	19 7			£556	11 3
		£556	11 3				

**(b) Founder's Fund**

<i>RECEIPTS</i>		<i>PAYMENTS</i>	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance brought forward at 1st October, 1953	11 18 8	Canadian Maple	0 13 10
Donations received during the year	1 16 10	Making and Engraving Founder's Trophy	21 4 0
Grant from General Fund	8 2 4		
	<u>£21 17 10</u>		<u>£21 17 10</u>

**(c) Life Membership Fund**

<i>RECEIPTS</i>		<i>PAYMENTS</i>	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance brought forward at 1st October, 1953	50 0 0	Transfer to Subscription A/c...	2 7 0
Life Memberships granted during the year	8 19 0	Balance carried forward at 30th September, 1954	56 12 0
	<u>£58 19 0</u>		<u>£58 19 0</u>

**(d) Convention Fund**

<i>RECEIPTS</i>		<i>PAYMENTS</i>	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
1954 CONVENTION:		1954 CONVENTION:	
Coach Tours—Net Profit	7 8 6	Exhibition. Net Cost	3 17 3
Souvenir Envelopes. Net Profit	2 2 11	Banquet. Net Cost	6 12 0
Auction. Net Profit (including donations)	46 14 8	Gratuities	6 14 0
		Rent of Hotel Rooms	6 0 0
		Convention Badges	3 1 7
		Postages, Stationery and Miscellaneous	6 8 0
	<u>£56 6 1</u>		<u>£32 12 10</u>
		Surplus on 1954 Convention	23 13 3
			<u>£56 6 1</u>
Balance in hand after 1953 Convention	31 8 9	Balance in hand of 1954 Convention	55 2 0
Surplus on 1954 Convention	23 13 3		
	<u>£55 2 0</u>		<u>£55 2 0</u>

J. P. MACASKIE, *Hon. Treasurer.*F. WALKER  
D. R. GREENHALGH,  
*Hon. Auditors.*

## NEWFOUNDLAND 1911 CORONATION ISSUE

By Dr. R. WILLAN (437)

On June 14, 1911, the daily press of St. John's announced the impending issue of a new series of postage stamps to commemorate the Coronation of King George V. The handsome set of stamps was duly issued on Coronation Day, June 19, comprising eleven values. Of these, ten depicted members of the Royal Family, while the remaining value showed the Seal of the Colony, not the Arms as stated in the Post Office announcement.

The order for the stamps was placed with Whitehead, Morris & Co. Photographic essays exist of some values. Dies were engraved and plates laid down, one of each denomination, consisting of one hundred subjects (10 x 10). There is no definite information available as to who actually did this work, and the statement that the printing was done by Whitehead, Morris & Co. is open to doubt, at least in part. Die proofs of some values exist in colour, in the nature of colour trials, but these are rare. The only plate proofs in colour which I have seen are of the 15c value in colour of issue. Plate proofs of all denominations, however, are found in black. The 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c and 10c values appear on stout wove paper. The remaining values—6c, 8c, 9c, 12c and 15c are on thin card.

The stamps of the original order quickly exhausted, and only the 1c, 2c and 5c values were re-ordered. Further supplies of these three values were ordered as required, and they were on sale until 1918. In the original order, two perforations appear. The 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c and 10c were issued with comb perforation 13½ x 14, while the 6c, 8c, 9c, 12c and 14c are line perforated 14. The gum on the first group is slightly more yellow than than on the second group.

It will be seen, then, that the stamps fall into two groups. In the first group of six the plate proofs are on paper, the stamps

are comb perforated, and the gum is yellowish. In the second group of five values the plate proofs are on card, the stamps are line perforated, and the gum is whiter. This seems to me fairly definite evidence that two printers were involved in the production. Which group, if either, was printed by Whitehead Morris? The only evidence on this point which I can produce concerns the perforation. After very careful examination, I am satisfied that the line perforation of the second group was done by the same machine as was used for perforating the 1911 recess-printed stamps of the Guy series. As the catalogue states, these stamps were printed by Alexander & Sons, but they were perforated by Whitehead Morris & Co., in proof of which fact I have in my possession the works sheets referring to the job.

The suggestion is that the 6c, 8c, 9c, 12c and 15c values were printed by Whitehead Morris & Co. themselves, and that the printing of the remaining six values was sub-let to some other firm. Later printings of the 1c, 2c and 5c values appear with the 14 gauge line perforation, which seems quite reasonable, as Whitehead Morris, no longer rushed by the urgent requirement of the complete series, may well have preferred to supply these later orders in their own workshops. These re-printings include the well-known war-time "blurred" printing of the 2c stamp, and the official excuse for this poor work, blaming shortage of materials and skilled labour, makes no suggestion of anyone other than themselves being responsible.

This set of stamps was unjustifiably highly priced prior to 1949. Since the union with Canada the prices have dropped very considerably, and the tendency is rather to under-valuation in comparison with some other issues. The numbers issued of the higher values—above 5c—are very little more than of the 1911 engraved Guy stamps, and the same as the 24c stamp of 1923. Certainly in fine used condition it is a very desirable set.

## " SOUVENIR OF CANADA "

By FRANK W. CAMPBELL

In past years I at times saw colored reproductions in mixtures of Canada stamps, which I used to buy per-100 lbs. One piece was die printed exactly like the 3 cent vermilion Small Queens. When I got Boggs' book that piece was soon traced as a cut-out piece of the sample cards which agents of the British American Bank Note Company used in their selling campaign. Similar cards are illustrated in Boggs' book on pages 223 and 225.

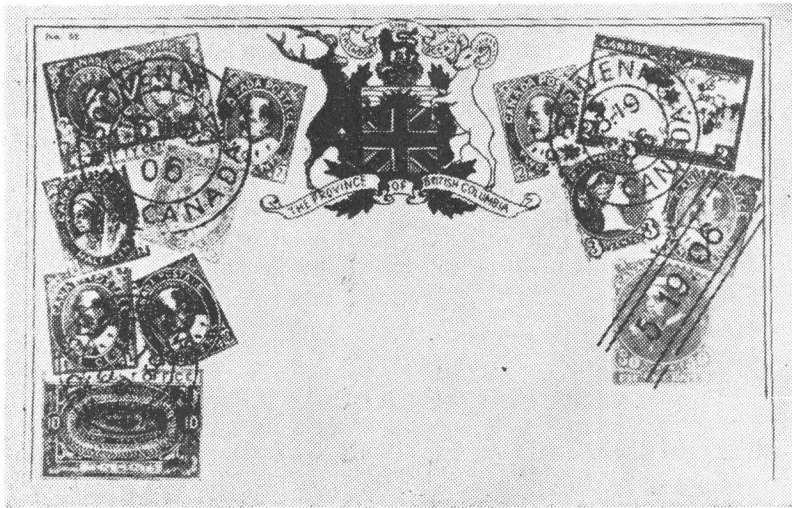
Other pieces found in mixtures were cheap lithographs, but well colored,



and just lately I found their origin. A postcard in a mixture of Canada cards had the coat of arms of British Columbia, centred at top, with 11 Canada stamps, very slightly reduced in size, at ends. The stamps were the special delivery, map stamp, 3 cent Small Queen, 50 cent large blue Queen, 50 cent Jubilee, and Edward issue 1 to 10 cent inclusive, and ½ cent black numeral. On the reverse of my card was a Bremen, Germany address, with three stamps of what seem to be a Berlin local post, cancelled indistinctly.

By chance in the frame at a local show I saw other countries used in this same manner of stamp illustrations, with the data that they were printed for many countries by Ottmar Ziehler, Munich, Germany, in 1905.

Evidently Ziehler had a series that he sold to the many countries with additions of local interest, because I have seen this same British Columbia



design with the addition of a picture printed in blank space on reverse entitled "Steamer Princess Victoria entering Victoria harbor," and the name T. N. Hibben, Victoria, imprinted also on the card.

No. 52 appears on the top left in the lithograph, indicating Ziehler may have had that many, or more, to his series. A black "cancellation" in a double circle worded Souvenir of Canada was printed three times on the lithograph stamps.

Thus I accounted for the colored imitations of stamps found in mixtures.

## PACKET CHATTER

Speaking to you, through the medium of our magazine, I feel not a little apprehensive at being asked to follow as Packet Secretary in the footsteps of such honoured members as David Gardner and Oswald Fraser.

I am keenly aware that, like them and other office-bearers past and present, I shall have to give a good measure of my leisure time to Society business. In the past our Packet has always been a virile service to members, and I shall do all I can to keep it so.

Oswald told me on handing over the Packet that I would "meet" many new friends and my mail at home, never very great at any time, has in the last

few weeks brought me many kind letters from regular and occasional contributors with books and material for circulation. To these members my sincere thanks; I hope to have their continued support.

I would now like to catch the eye and address myself briefly to those members who never contribute to the Packet. I know many of them are very busy men, but if only one really good book is sent to me it would probably mean that I could assemble another Packet to send out to members whose numbers are ever on the increase. Please do try and help.

Lastly, a word about the matter which, I'm afraid, is going to interfere for a few weeks with the circulation of my first packets. For business reasons I have to change my address, and of all the towns and hamlets in Scotland - or Great Britain for that matter - I find myself removing my household effects to Aberdeen. So, by a combination of unrelated circumstances, all the Packet paraphernalia so carefully despatched to me recently over a period of weeks by Oswald, has now to be as carefully taken back again. I have had to refrain from sending out any Packets until I reach my new home, and have to ask the indulgence of contributors whose books I hold at present, and also members in areas next scheduled to have a packet. My new address, as from the 21st February, will be

150, ASHGROVE ROAD WEST, MASTRICK, ABERDEEN  
and as soon as I arrive there the first packets will go out.

With regret for this unavoidable inconvenience, mixed with anticipation on joining a very active Group in the Granite City, I will say "Cheerio!"

Please make a note of the new address, and remember I do need YOUR book for our packet.

J. H.

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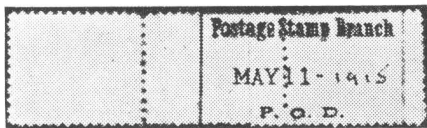
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## Provisional Coil Stamps of 1915



Readers will remember an article on these in the July 1953 issue, and subsequent correspondence in October 1953 and January 1954. By kind permission of Dr. L. Seale Holmes we now reproduce, from

a photograph supplied by him, the original backstamp marking as made by the Mr. Norris originally mentioned.

Readers who subscribe to B.N.A. Topics, the excellent and most informative magazine of B.N.A.P.S., may have noticed that Nelson Bond was advertising the many different varieties of these markings in the May 1954 number. We have never seen them advertised, or even mentioned, anywhere other than in the handbooks previously.

F. T.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Mail Wrappers

DEAR SIR,

The October issue of "Maple Leaves" arrived on the 14th December, in good order and condition, which is the purpose of my letter to you.

I suppose that, in New South Wales, Australia, I am as far away from the mailing centre as any member, something like 10,000 miles, and I have yet to complain of damage to any copy received. For your inspection I am enclosing the wrapper from the October issue. For my part, I am prepared to take the risk of damage to my copy each issue.

In conclusion, I would take this opportunity of expressing my admiration of a finely produced magazine, and you can be assured it is thoroughly read from cover to cover. As Mr. Macaskie assured me in his last letter, I am looking forward to the extra copies this year.

Yours faithfully,  
R. J. TONKIN (626).

### 1859 Group

DEAR MR. TOMLINSON,

I should like to use the columns of "Maple Leaves" to say a few words about the proposed Group to study the 1859 issue of which our President has asked me to take on the leadership.

I would like all those interested to communicate with me, especially members in the United Kingdom, and I shall be pleased to try to answer any enquiries or queries they may have to put.

It will be the aim of the Group to collect all information on the six values of this issue and to record it carefully for future reference. A great deal has already been published in books and articles but there is still plenty to learn and a number of outstanding problems to be solved with

regard to the plates and perforations, etc.

I have for some time past been corresponding with some of the leading specialists in this issue in Canada such as H. Graham Bertram of Dundas, Ont., Peter J. Hurst of Montreal and Major G. A. E. Chapman of Ottawa who have always been most helpful. That is the reason I address this letter more especially to the collectors in Great Britain and Ireland as I feel sure they have plenty of information to impart. Only a few weeks ago I learned of something entirely new to me from one of our Dublin members.

To finish on a lighter vein, please send along for inspection all those copies you have of the 10c. Prince Consort in the original Lilac colour dated in July 1959??

Yours faithfully,  
J. MILLAR ALLEN (422).

### Small Queens Study Group

DEAR MR. TOMLINSON,

As the recently appointed Leader of the above study group I am now appealing for recruits. I would propose guiding our studies under the following headings, which could be dealt with in sequence or concurrently:—

- a. Standardisation of colour terms.
- b. Study of inception of colour changes.
- c. Study of papers and periods of usage.
- d. Study of perforations.
- e. Compilation of list of plates and plate flaws.
- f. Compilation of list of cancellations.

Studies 'c' and 'd' will require liaison with the Large Queens study group. Finally I would hope that the findings of the group might be incorporated in a hand-book.

I will be glad if those interested will write to me at 30, Rostan Road, Hillpark, Glasgow, S.3.

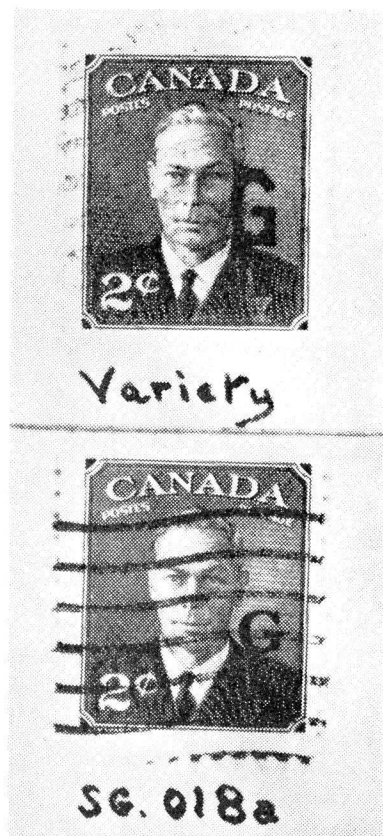
Yours sincerely,  
DUNCAN MCLELLAN (480).

### "G" Overprints

DEAR SIR,

On looking through a friend's collection the other day I noticed a stamp overprinted with a "G" in a type I have not seen used before.

The stamp was SG 018a and I enclose a



photograph hoping that you may find it of sufficient interest to include it in the next issue of "Maple Leaves".

Information and comments will be welcomed.

Yours sincerely,

L. D. CARN (167).

### Members' Interests

DEAR MR. TOMLINSON,

May I make the suggestion that all members check the code letters of their interests in the membership list which appeared in the last (January) issue, and notify the Secretary accordingly. Many members who collect pre-cancels only have themselves down as 'C'. Perhaps they do

not realise that the object is to allow members with similar interests to get in touch with one another.

Yours sincerely,

GEORGE MANLEY (327).

### Montreal Postmarks

DEAR MR. TOMLINSON,

I recently acquired an early letter sheet of the C.P. Railway bearing the above scarce and unusual postmark of Montreal (Fig. 1) as a backstamp and I thought it might interest some of our postmark collectors. The "N. R. H." stands for Northern Route House and has been noted marked on a map of Montreal for the year 1895. I understand there is also in existence a "Montreal—E. R. H." (Eastern in this case) but I have never seen it.

I obtained this information from the doyen of postmark collectors, Mr. Frank Campbell of Royal Oak, Michigan, who is

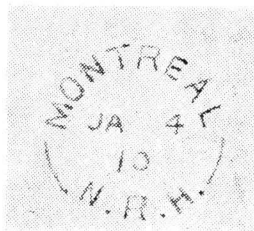


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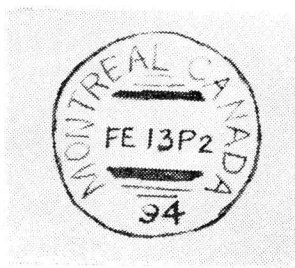


Fig 2

always most helpful in solving queries of this sort.

Another scarce Montreal postmark (Fig. 2) used only as a backstamp is the circular date stamp cum obliterator issued in 1892 to about eight towns which was the forerunner of the Squared Circle. While used to cancel stamps in the other towns, the Montreal hammer is only found later than 1892 used as a backstamp. I have examples used as such in 1894.

Yours faithfully,

J. MILLAR ALLEN (422).

**King Edward Booklets**

DEAR SIR,

I was much interested to read in "Maple Leaves" for January 1955 Mr. Richardson's notes on the 2c King Edward Booklets 1903-12. In his comments on the Plate Layout he quotes Mr. Cryderman's statement that these booklets were printed in sheets of 120, 20 x 6, and adds that the Edward booklets were actually printed in sheets of 240 with a wide vertical gutter separating the two panes of 120. This, of course, was merely an inference drawn from the matching of the two imperforate blocks illustrated by the photograph. These blocks, however, established only the total number of subjects in each horizontal row of Plate 1: they do not indicate how many horizontal rows there were on the plate. Having seen the plate proofs, I can say that in fact there were 13 plates laid down for the booklets between 20th May, 1903, and 28th June, 1911, and each of them consisted of two panes each of 84 subjects, arranged 6 x 14, so that there are 168 subjects on each plate and not 240 as Mr. Richardson believed. This means that there might be 14 imperforate tête-bêche booklet blocks of 12.

Yours very truly,

G. C. MARLER (706).

**5c Registration Perf. 12 x 11½**

DEAR EDITOR,

In an article published in 1953 in the July number of Maple Leaves I was privileged to announce the discovery of the 12 x 11½ perforation of the 5c. Registration stamp. Since that time sixteen copies have been recorded from various points in Canada and the United States, but I have heard of none of these compound perforations having turned up on your side of the "Pond", which is somewhat surprising since the 5c. denomination was used from 1878 for mail to Great Britain.

The copies I have personally examined variously gauge from 11.5 to 11.6 vertically and, with two exceptions, are a true 12 horizontally, the exceptions being 11.9 and 11.8. Other copies have probably been found over here and not been reported, but I would very much like to learn, Sir, whether any of our members in the British Isles have yet run this elusive item to earth.

Wishing all my colleagues of C.P.S. of Gr. Britain "good hunting" throughout 1955.

Yours sincerely,

W. T. WHITE (529),

**Emergency Precancels**

DEAR MR. TOMLINSON,

Following Mr. Manley's article in the October "Maple Leaves" regarding the Brampton emergency pre-cancel, it may be of interest to other pre-cancel enthusiasts to know that it has occurred again—in January 1955.

My copy of Dr. Whitehead's "Squared Circles" was mailed from the BNA Topics office and the cover bore the 1953 3c. Q.E. as already described. Fortunately the covers bears also a rubber stamp:—

Received damaged at Reçu avarié à	MONTREAL P.Q.
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Above this rectangle is written in ink "4.1.55" and initials which, for the future, confirms its use as within the first few days of this year.

Yours sincerely,

ROLAND GREENHILL (446).

**Packet Rates**

DEAR SIR,

I was very interested in J. J. Bonar's notes and the Circular of 1784. One can well understand the bothersome accounting arrangements involved in Britain claiming repayment of packet charges collected in U.S.A. at a time when the latter's own currency was so confusing that their own domestic postal charges were assessed in pennyweights of silver!

The remark about the packet charge being 1/- but later altered to 2/2d intrigues me because I, too, cannot find the date when this occurred. The 2/2d packet rate is referred to by more than one writer, but I have not yet found the source of origin, and I am beginning to wonder if the whole thing is a myth!

Nearly all my letters to and from Canada are Ship-letters, but I have a letter written at Boston and sent by the packet from Halifax in June 1814 which is only charged 2/2d in all, which includes inland carriage to Birmingham—leaving the 1/- rate for the packet charge. Another letter from England to Montreal in November 1814 is very similarly rated.

Can anyone quote the original order which raised the packet charge from 1/- to 2/2d, or produce covers which show this packet rate being made? Of course one often sees covers with the figure 2/2d but that usually includes inland transit at either end, and what I am looking for is evidence of the 2/2d Ocean Postage or Packet Charge. Can anyone help?

ROBERT WOODALL (496).

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### CORRIGENDA

- 744 BRUMWELL, John C. H., alter from Brumell, John C., make interests read CL—  
 CGE. N from 1937, UO.PC.  
 411 HAWLEY, C. C. T., interest to read "A.C.P."  
 313 HILL, E. L., correct address to read "29 Gorge Road East" not George.  
 445 MIDDLEMAS, R. J., not Middlemass.  
 604 ROUS, Miss O., add interests "O."  
 268 SAUNDERS, H., correct address to read "43 Bothnia House."

### RESIGNATIONS

- 573 HAUXWELL, B. H.  
 295 WIGGINS, H. F.

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