

**CANADIAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY  
OF GREAT BRITAIN**

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## *Notes and Comments*

### **Convention**

Whilst this issue contains what, we hope, is the usual variety of interesting articles, it is mainly directed towards the coming of Convention at Stirling at the end of September. We are looking forward to seeing many members there, and to meeting a number of friends who have previously only been acquaintances through the post.

### **Frank W. Staff**

The book on which Frank has been working for so long, "The Transatlantic Mail," is now at the printers. Publication is hoped for in November. We have been waiting to see this for some time, and congratulate Frank on having almost reached his difficult goal.

### **London Group**

Whilst the programme for the coming session has not yet been finally agreed, it should be ready for inclusion in the next issue. May we quote from a recent letter:—"London hopes that all C.P.S. members will note the dates and endeavour to arrange their visits to Town to coincide with these meetings. It is always a pleasure to welcome others to Cockspur Street where, through the kindness of the Commercial Counsellor for Canada, we are privileged to hold our meetings."

### **First Day Covers**

Thank you to Messrs. Christensen, Purvey and Duncan for F.D.C.s of the new 20c and 25c stamps. Also to Hedley Hollands, Charles Hollingsworth and Belinda for Congress Souvenir Envelopes, and to C. W. Meredith for a card from Congress.

### **Cyril Purvey**

Our members will be sorry to learn of the loss sustained by Cyril in the recent passing of Mrs. Purvey, his partner for over forty years. We offer our sincere sympathy and condolences.

### **Messrs. J. E. Lea**

From the 2nd July the Manchester office of the business was moved from Exchange Street to 6, Albert Square, Manchester, 2.

## Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly

We are very much attracted by the revised form of production of this ever-attractive bi-weekly magazine, and would like to offer our congratulations on the improvements effected, the interest of the articles, and the unfailingly high standard of the publication. Get a copy if you don't see it regularly!

### Letters to the Editor

We are informed by some of our contributors to this column that they receive quite a number of direct replies to questions they ask and on subjects which they raise. There is no harm in this, of course, but we like to complete the discussion in our columns for the benefit of other readers and to make the journal the full record it should attempt to become. So, if you write direct, do please let us have a copy also.

### C. N. Richardson

The delay in answering letters in the months of June and July, an unusual occurrence in this efficient business, has been due to the arrival of a daughter, which has divided the attentions of Mrs. Richardson from her secretarial duties. We hope Mrs. Richardson is now quite well again and that everything progresses just as it should.

### Bill Lea

A cutting from "The Gazette," Montreal, of the 26th May, tells us, amongst other things, of Bill's visit to a meeting of the Westmount Stamp Club, when over 100 guests and members were present. Bill was asked to address the meeting, when he took the opportunity of regretting that there hadn't been the comprehensive showing of the stamps of Canada at "Fipex" which the occasion should have merited. Bill spoke of the popularity of the stamps of Canada in the United States and particularly in Great Britain, and extolled the virtues of the C.P.S. of G.B.

### Convention—Air Travel

R. B. Hetherington tells us that he has had no response to the query he put forward recently, arising from suggestions made at Selsdon Park, that a party booking for flying up to Convention at Stirling might be arranged. It appears, therefore, that there is no demand for this arrangement and the idea has been dropped.

### H. R. Harmer, Ltd.

A press release tells us that sales for the past season totalled £327,522, the second time in the firm's history that £300,000 has been exceeded. No sign here of any recession in the world of stamps!

### Unnecessary Service—The Cost

We were very interested in a paragraph in "The American Philatelist" for June, where the President of the American Philatelic Society explained the administrative costs caused by members who are late or reluctant in paying their dues or subscriptions. Applied to about one-sixth of the total membership, the cost of postage, printing, typists, etc., amounts to \$250 to \$300—all wasted money if members would pay promptly.

We cannot apply these figures to our own Society, because so much of our labour is voluntary, but it does seem senseless to pay part of your sub. towards the cost of recovering it from you!

Subscriptions are due on 1st October, 10/- or \$1.50, so let our Treasurer, J. P. Macaskie of 23, Thornhill Avenue, Lindley, Huddersfield, have yours by or before that date, and don't let's waste 1/- or 1/6d of your subscription in sending you reminders that it is due!

### Our Next Issue

This is due to come out on 1st October, but as many members will be leaving for Convention two or three days before then, we propose to try and get it out and in readers' hands about the 25th September. Copy for the issue should therefore be sent to us by not later than 1st September.

Convention news and reports, year book details, etc., will all appear in the issue following the October one, i.e., the December number.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is my last opportunity to report on Convention arrangements. The programme for the four days appears elsewhere in this issue. If it attracts any member who has not sent in a booking he should write at once to Mr. E. M. McGuigan, 26 Morley Crescent, Borestone, St. Ninians, Stirling, who will be pleased to fix him up.

The Committee hopes that Sunday's Coach Tour will be a popular item. It is a grand chance to see some of the finest scenery in the Central Highlands. Coaches have to be booked, and I would ask all intending passengers to send a booking to Mr. James S. Merrylees, 5 Williamfield Avenue, Stirling. The all-in charge for the outing will be 24/-.

We are fortunate in having a large room at our disposal for the dinner and shall welcome any guests, members or non-members, imposing no limit of numbers. We assume that all residents will attend the dinner. Will local members and all who propose to bring guests, please inform Mr. Merrylees so that catering arrangements can be made in time.

Lots for the Auction are coming in slowly. I hope, however, for a good response before the list closes. I do not repeat the details of the Competition arrangements which appeared in last issue. If you are making an entry, let me know at once at 30 Greenhill Gardens, Edinburgh, 10, and send your sheets to Mr A. Bruce, Auckland, Ythanraig, Currie, Midlothian, to reach him between 15th and 25th September.

The principal business for the Annual General Meeting will be the proposed new Constitution. The draft is printed on another page along with a revised set of rules for the Fellowship Sub-Committee. Please give it careful consideration before the meeting.

The first message I sent to Maple Leaves contained the news of an enforced change among our office-bearers. Unfortunately this message has to report another such event. This time it is our Librarian, Mr. George, who finds that the pressure of business prevents him from giving the time needed for the duties of that office. We are much indebted to Mr. George for undertaking the task last year, and I would convey to him the thanks of the Society for his efforts. The Society has been fortunate in finding a successor in Mr. R. S. B. Greenhill, who is well known for his interest in our affairs. Mr. Greenhill is removing from Wallington to Buckinghamshire in September and proposes to take over the Library after his removal. His new address will appear in the October issue. Until then, enquiries for books should be sent to Mr. George.

Once again I have a word of thanks to all who have helped to enrol new members. Applications are still coming in at this late date in our year, and this year's intake is well above those for the half dozen preceding it.

J. J. B.

## THE CANADIAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held in the Golden Lion Hotel, Stirling, on Saturday the 29th September, at 11 a.m.

H. J. HOLLANDS,  
Hon. Secretary.

### NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS

Members are reminded that nominations of officers, together with proxies, if any, should be in the hands of the Secretary one month prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting (Rule 16).

### CONVENTION PROGRAMME

#### GOLDEN LION HOTEL, STIRLING, 1956

##### Thursday, September 27th :

- 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. - Arrival of Members and Reception by the President.
- 8 p.m. - - Paper and Display. Mr. J. Millar Allen. Some aspects of the 1859 Issue.

##### Friday, September 28th :

- 11 a.m. - - Civic Reception in the Municipal Buildings.
- 2.30 p.m. - - Motor Coach Tour to Aberfoyle and the Trossachs.
- 8 p.m. - - Paper and Display. Mr. Nicholas Argenti. The Cents Issue of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

##### Saturday, September 29th :

- 10 a.m. - - Committee Meeting.
- 11.30 a.m. - - Annual General Meeting.
- 2.30 p.m. - - Convention Auction.
- 7 p.m. - - Reception, Annual Dinner and Presentation of Awards.

##### Sunday, September 30th :

- 10.30 a.m. - - Motor Coach Four via the Sma' Glen to Pitlochry, Aberfeldy, Loch Tay, Lochearnhead and Callender. Approximately 135 miles. Lunch will be provided at Pitlochry and tea at Strathyre.
- 8 p.m. - - Paper and Display. Colonel D. McLellan. Large and Small Cents Issue.



**THE CANADIAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN**  
**PROPOSED CONSTITUTION AND RULES**

- TITLE.** (1) The name of the Society shall be "The Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain."
- OBJECTS.** (2) The objects of the Society shall be:—
- (a) To associate those interested in the study of the postal history and postage stamps of the Dominion of Canada and Newfoundland or the Pre Confederation Colonies of British North America and to encourage such study *inter alia* by the holding of meetings, reading and publication of papers and the arrangement of private and public displays and exhibitions.
  - (b) To provide facilities for the disposal of Members' surplus material.
  - (c) To provide a library of philatelic literature relating to British North America for the use of members.
  - (d) To hold an Annual Convention which shall meet in rotation in Scotland, in the North of England and in the South of England.
- MEMBERSHIP.** (3) Candidates for admission as Members of the Society must be eighteen years of age or over. All applications for membership must be made on the official form. Candidates must either be proposed and seconded by members of the Society or furnish to the Secretary such references as he may reasonably require.
- (4) Candidates shall be admitted at the discretion of the Secretary, who may refer any application to the Committee. If the candidate is accepted, the Secretary shall notify him and shall send him a copy of the Rules, by which he shall then be bound. On payment of his subscription he shall be admitted to membership.
- (5) The Annual Subscription shall be Ten Shillings (\$1.50) or such sum as the Annual General Meeting may decide, payable in advance on the first day of October.
- (6) Any member who shall fail to pay his subscription by the 30th of April following the date it fell due, shall be liable to forfeit his membership. The Secretary and the Treasurer acting together shall have discretion to apply this rule.
- (7) Every member shall be liable for his subscription for the ensuing year unless his resignation has been tendered in writing to the Secretary on or before 30th September.
- (8) Members may compound their subscriptions and become Life Members on payment of the following fees:—Age up to and including 50 years, £5 5/-; age over 50 years, £4 4/-, or the equivalent in other currencies as may be fixed by the Committee. The number of Life Subscriptions accepted shall be subject to such limits as the Committee may decide from time to time.
- HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS.** (9) Individuals of outstanding merit may be elected Honorary Life Members of the Society by the Committee for reasons of exceptional service in the field of British North American Philately. Honorary Life Members shall have all the privileges of Members, except that they shall have no vote in the affairs of the Society.
- FELLOWS.** (10) Members may be elected Fellows of the Society by a majority of two-thirds of those present at a meeting of the Committee. No member shall be so elected except on the recommendation of the Fellowship Sub-Committee in accordance with the separate rules governing the award.

## OFFICERS.

(11) The officers of the Society to be elected by the Society in Annual General Meeting shall be:—

- (a) A President, who shall hold office for one year and shall not be eligible for re-election for one year thereafter.
- (b) Three Vice-Presidents, who shall hold office for three years, and of whom the senior shall retire each year and shall not be eligible for re-election for one year. One Vice-President shall be chosen from members resident in Scotland, one from members resident in the North of England, and one from members resident in the South of England.
- (c) A Secretary.
- (d) A Treasurer.

The Secretary and Treasurer shall hold office for one year and shall be eligible for re-election. All officers shall serve in an honorary capacity.

(12) The President shall have power to fill any vacancy occurring among the officers. The appointee shall hold office for the remainder of the term of his predecessor and shall be eligible for re-election.

(13) The Committee shall appoint a Librarian, an Editor of Maple Leaves and a Packet Secretary, and may make such other appointments as it shall think necessary from time to time. These appointments shall be at the discretion of the Committee.

## MANAGEMENT.

(14) The Management of the Society shall be vested in a Committee composed of:—

- (a) The Officers of the Society.
- (b) The immediate Past President (*ex officio*).
- (c) The Founder President (*ex officio*).
- (d) The Editor of Maple Leaves.
- (e) The Packet Secretary.
- (f) The Librarian.
- (g) Nine members elected by the Annual General Meeting, three to represent each of Scotland, the North of England and the South of England, of whom the senior representative of each region shall retire each year and shall be eligible for re-election.

The President, whom failing the senior Vice-President present shall be chairman. Six members present in person or by proxy of whom the President or a Vice-President shall be one, shall form a quorum. The Chairman shall have a second or casting vote. Seven days' notice of meetings of Committee shall be sent to all members along with an Agenda of the business. Any member of the Committee may appoint another member of Committee as a general or specific proxy for the meeting.

## NOMINATION AND ELECTION.

(15) Nominations of officers and members of the Committee for election at the Annual General Meeting shall be made in writing by two members of the Society to the Secretary not later than three months prior to the meeting and shall be published in Maple Leaves in an issue previous to the meeting. Failing receipt of nominations the Annual General Meeting shall make its own appointments.

## ADMINISTRATION.

(16) The Financial Year of the Society shall commence on 1st October in each year. Officers shall take office at that date or at the close of the Convention for the year if held later.

(17) The Annual General Meeting shall be held not earlier than nine months nor later than fifteen months after the preceding Annual General Meeting. The President or, in his absence, the Senior Vice-President, shall preside and shall have a second or casting vote. At least two months' notice of the date, time and place of the meeting shall be given by an official notice in Maple Leaves.

- (18) Every member entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting shall be entitled to appoint another member as a general or specific proxy. Instruments appointing proxies must be lodged with the Secretary before the commencement of the meeting.
- (19) Maple Leaves shall be the official organ of the Society. Publication of a notice in Maple Leaves shall be deemed to be sufficient intimation to all members.
- (20) The Annual General Meeting shall appoint two members to audit the Annual Accounts, which shall thereafter be published in Maple Leaves.
- (21) The Treasurer shall maintain an account in the name of the Society with a Bank approved by the President. All uninvested funds of the Society which are under the Treasurer's control shall be deposited in this account. Any investments shall be held in the names of two Trustees, who shall be appointed by the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office for a period of five years, or for such shorter period as they may remain members and who shall be eligible for re-election. The Treasurer shall be required to take out a bond of fidelity insurance for such amount as the Committee may decide, the premium being payable by the Society.
- MISCELLANEOUS.
- (22) Regional Groups may, subject to the approval of the Committee, be formed to carry out the objects of the Society, such groups to be self-supporting. Each group shall appoint a Contact Member to maintain liaison with the Society.
- (23) Study Groups for research in particular branches of British North American Philately shall be encouraged. Each such group shall appoint its own Secretary. The Committee shall have power to contribute towards the reasonable expenses of such Study Groups. The findings of Study Groups receiving such contributions shall not be published otherwise than in Maple Leaves without the consent of the Committee.
- (24) The Committee shall have the right to suspend any member for a definite period from his rights and privileges in the Society or to expel him without cause assigned.
- (25) In construing these Rules, the dividing line between the North and the South of England shall be a line from Gloucester to the Wash. Wales shall be included with the North of England and Ireland with Scotland.
- (26) Amendments to these Rules shall only be made by a majority of two-thirds of those voting in person or by proxy at the Annual General Meeting. Notice of proposed amendments shall be sent the Secretary not less than three months prior to the Annual General Meeting and published in Maple Leaves in an issue previous to the meeting.
- (27) The Committee shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of these Rules and the decision of the Committee thereon shall be final.

### **RULES GOVERNING THE AWARD OF FELLOWSHIP**

1. Members of the Society may be elected as Fellows
  - (a) For outstanding research in the Postal History and/or Philately of British North America, or
  - (b) For outstanding services in the advancement of the interests of the Society.
2. No Officer shall be elected a Fellow under head (b) while holding office in the Society. Nominations for the Award shall be made to the Secretary by two members of the Society on a form to be obtained from the Secretary and shall be submitted at least two months prior to the Annual General Meeting.
3. All Nominations shall be passed by the Secretary for scrutiny to a Fellowship Sub-Committee to be nominated by the President consisting of three Fellows who have held office of President.

4. The Fellowship Sub-Committee may
  - (a) Recommend the nomination to the Committee of the Society.
  - (b) Reject the nomination.
  - (c) Withhold the nomination until such time as they consider it acceptable.
5. Nominees recommended to the Committee may be elected as Fellows by a majority of two-thirds of those present at a Committee meeting.
6. The names of nominees rejected by the Fellowship Sub-Committee may not be re-submitted for the Award for a period of three years.
7. All communications relating to Nominations for the Award of Fellowship shall be strictly confidential.

## JACK CANUCK BOOKS IN

Having inspected the programme for the Stirling Convention one is impressed by the treat in store for those who will be attending. There is a veritable philatelic feast embracing various angles of B.N.A. Philately, enough to satisfy the most fastidious tastes, in the Invitation Displays, Frame Displays and Study Circles. On examination of the names booked in up to date one can see many happy evenings, or should I say early mornings, in rather controversial study circles. However, make sure you bring your stock of energy tablets with you, from past experience you will need them before Convention ends.

We have a Civic Reception laid on by the Provost, the Mayor to you poor Sasenachs, of this very old historical Scots town, and for Stanley Godden's benefit I am quite sure he will be pleased to explain the significance of that tall tower on the hill.

A most particular pleasing feature on the programme are the coach tours. To so

many of our Southern and Overseas members these trips can make the visit to Scotland a memorable one, they have been well planned and cover in a short time a most comprehensive view of some of the finest scenery in the Central Highlands, including some of the most famous scenic treats such as The Trossachs, The Rob Roy Country, The Sma' Glen, Loch Tay and Lochearn sides.

For the mountain lovers there are Bens Venue, Leddie, Vorlich, Lawers and the majestic Schahallion. In fact, to quote a Churchillism "Never has so much been seen in so short a time".

If you have still delayed your booking get it in quickly and avoid the last minute rush. We would again particularly welcome our Canadian members at present serving with the Forces in Europe, so put in your indents for leave covering the Convention period.

I'll be seeing you all September 27th.

J. C.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA TO BE FEATURED ON POSTAGE STAMP?

An undated cutting from the "Vancouver Sun" which came to us from Bob Duncan carries this headline. Apparently a special Centenary Committee is hard at work in the preparations for the 100th birthday of the Province of British Columbia, and has already approved a slogan:—"A Century to Celebrate, 1858-1958". Slogans in the form of car stickers and unofficial stamps for envelopes (labels to you!) will be printed, also crests to pub-

licize the centenary will be made available to organisations throughout the province. An official history of British Columbia will be compiled.

The Centenary Committee have announced that the Post Office at Ottawa is willing to issue a special stamp to feature the occasion, and it is presumed that this will be based on some British Columbian theme. The stamp can be expected in time for the coming of age in 1958.

## GROUP NEWS

### LONDON GROUP

At the close of another successful season the London Section held their Annual General Meeting, under the Chairmanship of Mr. G. F. George, the Group's Chairman. Owing to pressure of business Mr. T. Hutton was obliged to resign from the position of Hon. Secretary and Mr. R. H. Yorke has taken over those duties. The following were elected to office for the season 1956/57:

Chairman: Mr. G. F. George. Contact Member: Mr. Nugent Clougher. Hon.

Treasurer: Mr. H. D. J. Cole. Council Members: Mr. D. E. Back, Mr. R. S. B. Greenhill, Mr. D. G. Robertson, Major-General D. C. Spry.

The meeting closed with an Auction.

### NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE GROUP

A successful and satisfactory season is reported, attendances being 70% of membership which now totals 15, an increase of one over the previous year.

Several members have given displays to the Group and the Group gave a composite display to the Tynemouth Philatelic

Society. A second place was secured by the Group's exhibit at Convention at Selsdon Park, and Mr. J. F. Bird, the Group's Contact Member, received the award of the Godden Trophy for a display of classic early Canadians.

The Programme for 1956-57 has been arranged as follows:—

**1956**

**Sept. 12th** (Wednesday) Selection of sheets for the C.P.S. competition at the Stirling Convention.

**Oct. 23rd** Slogans & Postmarks, Jas. T. Vasey, Esqr.

**Nov. 27th** B.N.A. Postal History, Covers, J. J. Bonar, Esqr.

**Dec. 18th** (3rd Tues.) Members' Night.

**1957**

**Jan. 22nd** Display Small Cents., provided by J. Hannah, Esqr., Aberdeen P.S.

**Feb. 26th** Maps, G. N. Jeffrey, Esqr.

**Mar. 26th** B.N.A. States, T. V. Roberts, Esqr.

**April 23rd** A. G. M. and Members' night.

**R.P.O. GROUP**

Lionel Gillam tells us that the Group is still very much alive, and with a membership of approximately 25 would welcome some further recruits. Lionel is busy with a monumental history designed to embrace every known R.P.O. It will be submitted to the Editor of Maple Leaves when completed.

**REVIEWS**

A copy of "The Magpie's Nest" No. 23 has been received, together with a Literary Supplement No. 1., these are issued by R. G. Woodall, Forest Cottage, Holtwood, Wimborne, Dorset. The subscriptions are 5/- for Home and 7/- for Overseas.

This interesting publication offers its readers material covering a wide scope of interests, including something for B.N.A. collectors.

The Literary Supplement is very absorbing to read, this is in two parts, the first is for books, directly or indirectly, connected with philately, and is subdivided into countries. The second part is for Maps and Atlases, a most comprehensive list of all types, again shown by countries.

For those who wish to add detailed information to their collection and perhaps show a map or two, these lists will be found to be indispensable.

J. W.

A most informative and exhaustive PRICE LIST OF CANADIAN REVENUES has been received from Harold W. Walker of 670 Mulvey Avenue, Winnipeg 9, Canada. Members interested can consult this through the Librarian or alternatively can write to Mr. Walker for a copy.

F. T.

**RAILWAY POST OFFICE POSTMARKS****NOTES ON SHAW'S "R" SERIES**

By P. R. GREY (607)

The list given below is an attempt at extending the information given in the "Catalogue of Canadian Railroad Cancellations" by T. P. G. Shaw. The history of Canadian Railways is most complicated and the list is not yet complete; any additional help that members may be able to give will be very much appreciated.

Much of the information was given by Mr. Shaw himself, also by Dr. Alfred Whitehead, and our thanks are due to both of these gentlemen.

Lionel Gillam is working on a history of the Canadian Railways and of their R.P.O.s, a phenomenal task, the results of which we shall look forward to seeing in print at a later date. He has added to and corrected the list below, which is now presented as a summarised introduction which may be helpful to members in arranging and writing up their collections.

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|------|-------------------------|---|
| R.1. | ALBERT<br>RAILWAY       | Salisbury to Harvey, N.B. Opened c.1880 45 miles. (Now C.N.R. Salisbury to Albert, N.B.). |
| 2.   | ALT. R. &<br>COAL CO.   | Alberta Rail & Coal Co.   |
| 3.   | ALT. & MEA.<br>BCH. RY. | (Should be "ALL.") Allandale and Meaford. (See 0.3). 52 miles. Now C.N.R.                 |
| 4.   | A.N. & N.W.<br>RWY.     | Probably "MAN. & N.W. RLY." (See R.85).   |

- 5/8. B. & L.H. Buffalo & Lake Huron. Fort Erie to Brantford and Gode-  
rich. Now C.N.R.
9. B. & O.R.R. Brockville & Ottawa. Now C.P.R.
- 10/13. CANADA ATLANTIC RY. Ottawa to Parry Sound, with  
branches.
- 14/15. CA. SOUTH-ERN R. Fort Erie to Windsor, and Fort Erie  
to Amherstburg.
- 16/18. CAN. CEN-TRAL RWY.. Brockville to Ottawa, and Carleton  
Place to Callander.
19. CAN. NOR-THERN RY. Port Arthur, Winnipeg, Edmonton  
(via Portage, Gladstone, Dauphin,  
Kamsack and Saskatoon). Now  
C.N.R.
28. C.P.R. B. & O. DIV. Brockville & Ottawa. (See R.9. above).
29. C.P.R. N.B. DIV. New Brunswick. To Saint John, N.B.
- 30/1. CENTRAL ONT. RWY. Trenton to Picton.
32. COLONIAL EXPRESS MAIL "Favor's Express." A ship running  
from Boston to Saint John via  
Calais, Me. and Eastport, Me. Post-  
mark is of American origin. (See  
also R.38).
33. CREDIT VAL-LEY RWY., ELORA BR. Cataract Jct. to Elora. 29 miles.  
Now C.P.R.
34. do. MAIN LINE. Toronto to St. Thomas and Lon-  
don. Now C.P.R.
36. E. & N.A.R. European and North American. Saint John, N.B. to Bangor, Maine.  
Extended to Moncton and Shediac,  
N.B. Now C.N.R.
37. E. & N. RWY., B.C. Esquimalt & Nanaimo Ry., British Columbia. Vancouver Island. C.P.R. since 1912.
38. EXPRESS MAIL. See R.32.
39. F.W.P.T.P.L. & V. RYS. ("F" should be "P") Port Whitby,  
Port Perry, Lindsay and Victoria.
- 40/41. G.B. & L.E. RY. Georgian Bay & Lake Erie.
- 42/43. GRAND JUNCTION RWY. Peterborough to Belleville. 63 miles,  
and branch.  
North Hastings to Madoc, Ont. 15  
miles. Now C.N.R.
- 44/45. G.T.P. W. OF WAINWRIGHT. Grand Trunk Pacific. Now C.N.R. Transcontinental line.
- 46/49. G.T.R. T. & S. Toronto & Sarnia. Now C.N.R.
- 50/51. T. & K. Toronto & Kingston. Now C.N.R.
52. T. & M. Toronto & Montreal. Opened 1856. Now C.N.R.
59. G.W.R. Great Western Ry. Niagara to Hamilton, London and  
Windsor. Now C.N.R.
- 56/57. .. SARNIA BRANCH. London to Sarnia.
58. .. H. & T. Hamilton & Toronto.
62. .. AIR LINE. Buffalo to Glencoe.
63. H. & A.R. N.S. Halifax & Annapolis Ry. Now Dominion Atlantic Ry. (C.P.R.)
64. & 71. H. & N.W.R. Hamilton & North Western Railway. Hamilton to Lake Nipissing. (Amal-  
gamated with "Huron and Erie."  
See R.72).
65. BEETON BCH. Allandale to Beeton.
66. COLLING-WOOD BCH. Port Dover to Collingwood.
67. H. & P.R.
68. H. & T.R. Hamilton & Toronto Ry.

69. HALIFAX & S.W. RY. Halifax & South Western Ry. Now C.N.R. Halifax, Bridgewater, Yarmouth. Opened 1901.
70. HAM. & LAKE ERIE. Hamilton to Jarvis.
72. HURON & ERIE. (See R.64 and 71).
73. I. & N.W.R. Probably "H. & N.W.R." See R.64.  
74/75. INTER-COLONIAL RY. Montreal and Quebec to Moncton, Halifax and Sydney. Opened 1867. Now C.N.R.
76. INTER-NATIONAL RY. Sherbrooke to Lac Megantic. Now C.P.R.
77. K. & P. RWY. Kingston & Pembroke. Now C.P.R.
78. L.H. & B.RY. London, Huron and Bruce Ry. London to Wingham. Now C.N.R.
79. L. & P.S.R.R. London & Port Stanley Ry. 25 miles. Part of G.W.R., but now London Ry. Commission.
- 80/81. LAKE MAN. RY. & C. CO. Lake Manitoba Ry. & Canal Co. Gladstone to Dauphin. Later Can. Northern Ry.
82. LEVIS & KENNEBEC RAILWAY. Opened 1874. (Never reached Kennebec). Sold to G.C.R. 1881.
83. McADAM RY. (Error: Should be McAdam Ry. Station, N.B.)
- 84/85. MAN. & N. W. RLY. Manitoba & North Western Ry. Portage la Prairie to Yorkton.
- 86/88. MASSAWIPPI VALLEY RY. Sherbrooke to Stanstead. Now Quebec Central. Bus Service.
90. MIDLAND RY. Port Hope to Orillia. Formerly Port Hope, Lindsay and Beaverton Ry.
91. MON. & CHAMP. JN. RWY. Montreal & Champlain Junction Ry. Dundee to Brosseau, connecting with Champlain and St. Lawrence Ry.
92. MUSK. BR. Muskoka Branch. Allandale to Gravenhurst. Part of Northern Ry.
93. N.O.R. RAILWAY. ? Northern Ry.
94. NOR. & P. JN. RWY. Northern & Pacific Junction Ry. Gravenhurst to Callender.
95. NOR. PAC. RWY. Northern Pacific Ry. (U.S.A.) Emerson to Winnipeg. 65 miles. (Through route via Emerson to Minneapolis, St. Paul and Chicago).
- 96/97. NOR. RAILWAY. Northern Ry. Toronto to Collingwood and Meaford. Now C.N.R.
98. NORTH SHORE RY. Quebec to Montreal. C.P.R. since 1885.
99. NORTH SIMCOE BRANCH RY. Allandale to Penetang (Part of Northern Ry.)
- 100 & 103. ONTARIO-SIMCOE & HURON RY. Toronto to Lake Huron and Barrie.
- R.101/2 O.L. & S. Okanagan Landing & Sicamous. Now C.P.R.
104. ONTARIO & WESTERN.
- 105/7 P. DOVER & L. HURON. Port Dover & Lake Huron. Port Dover to Listowel. Now C.N.R.
- 108/110. PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND. Georgetown to Tignish, P.E.I. 161 miles. Government-owned, with Intercolonial Ry., now both C.N.R. (O'Leary road is the Summerside-Tignish section).
111. P. & P. JN. RWY.

- 112/5. QUEBEC  
CENTRAL RY. Originally Sherbrooke to Thetford  
Mines. 68 miles. Now part of  
Q.C.R. Sherbrooke-Quebec line.
116. Q.M. & O. Quebec, Montreal & }  
RWY. Ottawa. }  
117. Q.M.O. & O. Quebec, Montreal, Ot- }  
RWY. tawa & Occidental. }  
Via North Shore of Ottawa River.  
C.P.R. since 1882.
118. Q.R.R.  
121. C.S.R. Canada Southern Ry. See R.14/15.  
122. F.W.P.T.P.L. & }  
V. RYS } See R.39.
143. T. & N. Toronto & Nipissing. Toronto to Cobocok. Now C.N.R.  
150. ST. CLAIR (Canada Southern Ry.) St. Thomas to Mooretown (Court-  
BCH. C.S. RLY right). 67 miles. Now Michigan  
Central, St. Clair Div.  
151. SHEFFORD ?Stanstead, Shefford and Chambly  
RY. Rwy. Later C.N.R.  
152. ST. L. & O. St. Lawrence & Prescott to Ottawa, 53 miles. Now  
R.R. Ottawa. C.P.R. (Originally the famous "By-  
town and Prescott.  
153/4. ST. LAW- Montreal to Portland, Me. Now  
RENCE & C.N.R. via Richmond and Island  
ATLANTIC R.R. Pond. (The first Canadian Railway  
to use postal markings—1853).  
155/6. SOURIS C.P.R. Souris, Manitoba. C.P.R. Winnipeg,  
SECTION. Souris and Regina line.  
R.157 S. & O. RY. Shuswap & Okanagan Sicamous to Vernon. 46 miles.  
B.C. Ry. British Columbia. C.P.R. since 1892.  
158. S. & Q. B.C. (Squamish & Quesnel). Pacific Great Eastern Ry.  
Not a railway name.  
159. T.G. & B. RY. Toronto, Grey & Harrisburg to Southampton. (Grey  
Bruce Ry. and Bruce are counties).  
160/1. T.G. & B.E. Extension. Toronto to Owen Sound.  
RY.  
162. T.G. & B. Orangeville to Teeswater.  
WEST. EXT.  
163. TEMISCOUA- Connors to Riviere du Loup.  
TA RY.  
164. TOR. M. & I.  
165. TOR. & R.I.  
RY.  
166. VERMONT St. John's, P.Q., to St. Albans, Vt.  
JUNC. RY. 42 miles. Now C.N.R. from Mont-  
real via Rouses Point.  
167. VICTORIA Lindsay to Haliburton. 56 miles.  
RAILWAY. Now C.N.R.  
168/70. W.G. & B. Wellington, Grey & Harrisburg, Guelph, Palmerston and  
R.Y. Bruce Ry. Southampton.  
169. W.G. & B. do. Kincardine &  
K. & P. Palmerston.  
171/2. WEST MAN (Should be "W. & Whitby &  
P.O. CAR. MAN.") Manila  
173. W. ONT. RY. Western Ontario Woodstock to London.  
Pacific Rly.  
174. W.P.P.L. & W. Whitby, Port Perry, (Last "W" should probably be "V."  
Lindsay & Victoria. See R.39 and 122).  
175/7. WELLAND Port Dalhousie to Port Colborne.  
RWY.  
92B. N.B. & C. New Brunswick and  
RAILWAY Canada.  
PASS'R  
TRAIN.  
162A. T.L. & S. (Toronto, London &  
Sarnia). Not a railway  
name.



## NEWFOUNDLAND CORNER

By DR. R. WILLAN

Mistakes, provided they are made by other people, are always interesting. When they occur in publications by recognised authorities it is sometimes difficult to see how they arise, but they do encourage the student to verify for himself whenever possible statements which he reads.

This was brought to mind a few days ago when reading the handbook on the Postage Stamps of Newfoundland by Poole and Huber, written in 1921. This little book is a mine of information on Postal History and the various Acts and Regulations relating to postal matters. In Poole's description of the stamps of 1866 he states:—"The 10c denomination, which is perhaps the handsomest of the whole series, shows a portrait of the Prince of Wales (afterwards King Edward VII)." Even if the writer was not familiar with the features of the Royal Family, one would think he would have been struck by the fact that the moustached man of 1866 became a young boy two years later on the 1c stamp of 1868.

An equally incomprehensible error creeps into Bogg's Newfoundland book. Writing of the imprints in the margins of the sheets of this same 1866 issue he says: "The foot of the letters are towards the stamps so that no matter which way the sheet is turned two of the imprints are right side up". This is, of course, not correct, as the pair of imprints in the bottom margin has the foot of the letters away from the stamps.

A fortnight ago there was an article in one of our stamp magazines on printing from engraved plates. Dealing with the subject of cracked plates, the author takes as his example the NFW variety on the 1c Guy stamp of 1910, and after describing the flaw states:—"This is positive evidence that the plate is cracked." It is unfortunate that he should take as his example—duly illustrated—a stamp which was never printed from an engraved plate, but was lithographed.

Philatelic writers, however, are not the only people who can make mistakes. Even Post Office records can be erroneous, as instance the 35c Cabot stamp of 1897. 1000 sheets (100,000 stamps) were printed, and the plate, together with the die and transfer roll, was destroyed on 23rd June, 1897, the day before the stamps were first placed on sale.

According to the Post Office, 55,000 remained in stock on 10th September, 1897. They continued on sale until 1920, when

50,000 were surcharged 3c to help meet the shortage of low values in September of that year. That is sufficiently surprising, but the fact that in the following year a further 14,000 were overprinted for the Halifax Air-Mail creates a truly interesting mathematical problem!

In an entirely different category are mistakes in the stamps themselves. I am not referring to the errors and varieties which are so prized by collectors, but to mistakes in the design or caption on the stamp. Some of these are due to lack of care, but some are more or less deliberate. The seal engraved by Jeens for the 5c stamp of 1866 has always been controversial. The Grey Seal, which on the western side of the Atlantic is found only on a very limited area between Nova Scotia and the Strait of Belle Isle, has well developed claws but has not really paws such as are here portrayed. I like to think that the artist in Jeens made slight modifications on nature in the interests of beauty, and he certainly produced a far more attractive animal than the more orthodox beast which succeeded it in 1880. Similarly the "Caribou" of 1919, which is admittedly a composite of caribou and moose with slight modifications, is more handsome than either of nature's productions.

The Cabot set provides us with two examples of deception which are more or less excusable. No contemporary portrait of John Cabot is known, so the 2c stamp is taken from Holbein's picture of Sebastian Cabot, his son. The designer saves his conscience by labelling it merely "Cabot", but "Hym that found the new isle" is definitely John. The same lack of contemporary pictorial record faced the designer in portraying Cabot's ship the "Matthew" on the 10c value. Working for the American Bank Note Co., he copied their picture of the "Santa Maria", the flagship of Columbus, on the 3c value of the Columbus issue which they printed for the United States in 1892. He did change the flag at the masthead, but I wonder why he liquidated the entire crew, or at least banished them below. Surely some mariners should have been on deck as the ship set sail.

Mistakes due to sheer carelessness appear on two stamps of the 1911 Guy issue. The 2c value shows arms which are stated on the stamp to be those of the London and Bristol Company for Colonising Newfoundland. Actually, they are the arms granted to the Colony by Charles I, the use of which (complete with supporters and motto) was revived by the Government in 1928, and which provided the watermark in the stamps from 1931. The other value is the 6c which shows a portrait of Sir

Francis Bacon but labels it "Lord Bacon". This was never his title. Actually, he was not raised to the peerage until 1618, eight years after Guy's expedition, when he was created Lord Verulam, and subsequently in 1621 he became Viscount St. Albans.

Regarding the 1c stamps of 1928 and 1929, Cape Bauld and Cape Norman are both in the same latitude, being at the north-east and north-west tips respectively of the northern peninsula. This is shown on the 1929 stamp correctly, whereas the 1928 stamp suggests that Cape Norman is on the east coast, south of Cape Bauld. The missing rope from the mast of the

steamer on the 2c Perkins Bacon stamp of 1929 is, of course, merely a slip on the part of the engraver, but the caption on the 8c stamp in both the 1928 and the 1931 watermarked sets is incorrect. The first trans-Atlantic cable came ashore at Bay Bulls Arm, Trinity Bay, and was completed in 1858, but it only operated for a short time. A new cable was laid to Heart's Content and completed in 1866.

There are probably many other mistakes in the stamps of Newfoundland and writings concerning them, and their discovery is an interesting by-product in the study of more strictly philatelic details.

## RE-ENTERED IMPRINTS ON NOVA SCOTIA CENTS ISSUE

By NICHOLAS ARGENTI, F.R.P.S.I.

*Photo-Micrographs by Ernest Whitley*

When I read Mr. J. Millar Allen's interesting article on the re-entered imprint on the 7½d Canadian plate (Maple Leaves June 1956 — pages 94 and 95), I was prompted to disclose similar occurrences on the imprints of the 8½ cents and 10 cents plates of the Nova Scotia 1860 issue. (100 subjects 10 x 10).

In order that there should be no confusion when I use the term "left" and "right" in this article, the term refers to the left or right of the printed sheet and **not** to the engraved plate.

On the 8½ cent sheet, the original top left imprint, between stamps Nos. 2 and 4 of the sheet, was evidently placed too far to the left by 3½ m.m. Since the original imprint was not entirely burnished off the plate before the new imprint was rocked in, the first three letters "Ame" of "American Bank Note Co. New-York" are plainly visible. The next two letters of the original imprint, "ri", were not completely erased and can just be seen under the first two letters (Am) of the new imprint.

(See Fig. 1 below).

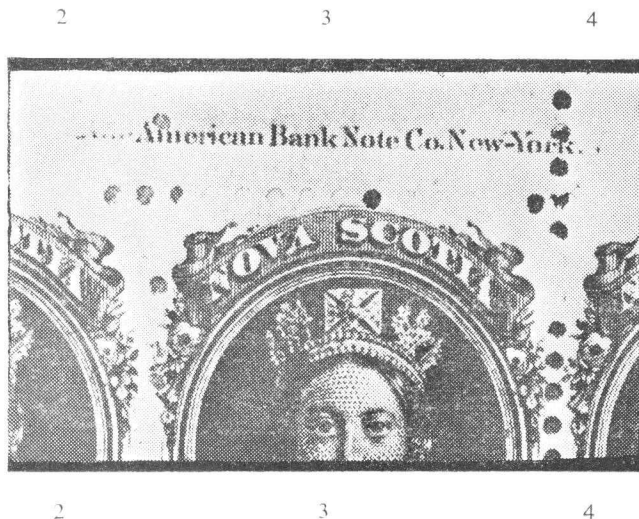


Figure 1 showing top left imprint of the 8½ cents.

On the sheet of the 10 cents, it is the two bottom imprints on the plate which have suffered by misplacement. In both cases the imprints were originally about 2 m.m. too high. The original imprint which appears at the bottom left of the sheet, between stamps Nos. 93 and 94 in the sheet (fig. 2) has been burnished off rather more successfully than the bottom right imprint of the sheet between stamps Nos. 97 and 98 (fig. 3). The remains of the original imprint between Nos. 93 and 94 might almost pass unnoticed, since only faint traces of the lettering are visible; here the "A" of "American" is the easiest part of the original imprint to detect. But the ori-

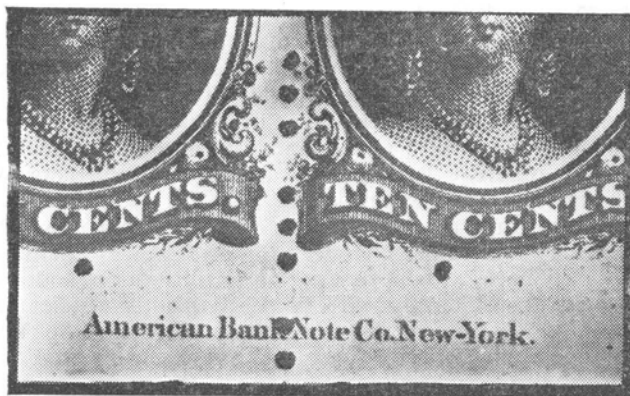
ginal imprint between stamps Nos. 97 and 98 more clearly shows the top of the word "York" as well as traces of other parts of the imprint, as will be seen from the photograph below. (fig. 3).

Whilst I do not think that the discovery of these re-entered imprints of Nova Scotia has previously been published, I know that Mr. J. J. Bonar had also detected the re-entry on the 10 cents since he wrote to me about it last year.

I can offer no reasonable explanation why these original misplacements occurred, and therefore conclude that they were simply due to human error.

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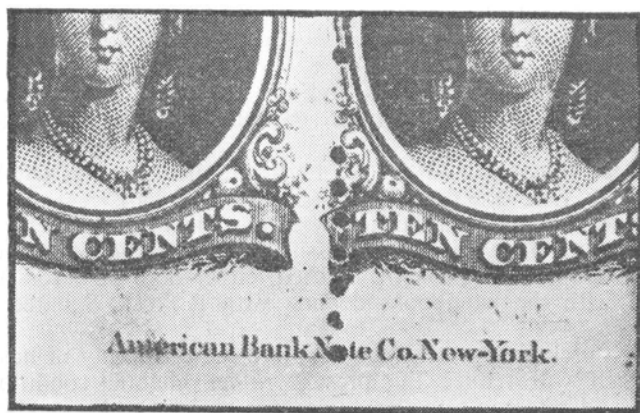


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Fig. 2

Fig. 3

Figures 2 & 3 showing the two bottom imprints of the 10 cents.

## CANADA DUPLEX MARKINGS OF THE VICTORIAN ERA

By E. A. SMYTHIES, F.R.P.S.L. (840)

### Introduction

When the prepayment of postage by stamps was adopted, the cancellation of every cover required two operations, one to obliterate the stamp (to prevent re-use), and the other to postmark the cover, to show the post office of origin and the date. With the rapid increase of postal material, the advantage of doing both operations simultaneously became obvious, and the Duplex was born. This is a hand instrument with the postmark and obliterator side by side, which thus postmarks the envelope and obliterates the stamp at one stroke.

Duplex instruments were first introduced in 1860, and issued to 22 important post offices. *xi*.

In 1870-72 special Duplex markings were issued to a few post offices, e.g., London (J.160 and 161) *xii*, Hamilton (J.162), Port Hope (J.926a) and others, which will be described later. Gradually the habit spread, and by 1880 the use of Duplex had become general. They continued in use until replaced by the later "Squared Circle" type of cancellation from 1893 (although they lingered on at some post offices until the turn of the century). During that period many different varieties were developed, and there was renewed activity in the last years of the period (1900-1902).

At the present time, the information available about these Duplex markings is fragmentary and rather chaotic. Boggs dismisses all those introduced after 1870 in a few lines, without description or illustration, and it is impossible even to recognise them! In Jarrett's book, frequently no clear distinction is made between those which are Duplex and those which are not, while the occasional references to Duplex are widely scattered in his book, as the following summary shows:—

Page	
409, 410	Illustrations 160-163 are described as Duplex. On the other hand, illustrations 164-171 are not described as Duplex, although undoubtedly several of them are.
439, 501	Illustrations 362, 367, 917, and possibly others are Duplex, but not not described as such.
440	Another Duplex (J.339 and 367a) is mentioned, which comes after 1900.
502 - 505	Only illustrations 920xx and 924 are shown as Duplex, but a number of other illustrated barred circles are also Duplex, although not described as such.
515, 532, 557.	Illustrations 1028 and 1516x are mentioned as Duplex, and also 1302 (the first Toronto Duplex of 1860).

This brief summary explains why it is difficult at present to recognise Duplex marks, let alone attempt to classify them! No handbooks or brochures dealing with Duplex have been published, either here or across the Atlantic, comparable with the handbooks dealing with R.P.O.s, Squared Circles and Flags.

This is a preliminary attempt to explore the possibility of having a classification which will reduce the present rather chaotic conditions, simplify recognition and references to the different types of Duplex, and perhaps lead the way to a more comprehensive pamphlet, if the co-operation of others interested in the subject is obtained.

*xi*. See Boggs, page 573.

*xii*. J before a number refers to the illustration or description in Jarrett's catalogue 1929.



Fig. 1. Type I.A.



Fig. 2. Type II.A.



Fig. 3. Type II.A.

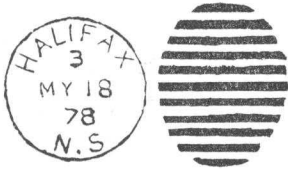


Fig. 4. Type II.B.



Fig. 5. Type I.G.



Fig. 6. Type II.G.



Fig. 7. Type II.H.



Fig. 8. Type II.H.



Fig. 9. Type III.G.



Fig. 10. Type I.G.

### A Tentative Classification

Let us first clearly understand what is meant by Duplex, and what the classification is intended to cover. The definition of Duplex, given in the Introduction above, is:—"an instrument with the postmark and obliterator **side by side.**" Here the operative words are "side by side." Under this definition the Jubilee Flags cancellation of 1897 could be included, but as they have already been exhaustively studied and described in McCready's handbook "The Flag Cancellations of Canada," they are omitted from the scope of this article. Squared Circles do not qualify as the postmark and obliterator have been amalgamated, and are no longer side by side. (In any case, these also have been thoroughly described by Whitehead in his published handbook). Nor do the various types of barred obliterator (circular, oval or square) qualify which were used independently of the postmark (e.g. J.364, 365). Finally, as the heading to this article indicates, all markings introduced after the Victorian era are eliminated. Thus the classification is intended to cover only side-by-side Duplex of the period 1860-1902.

In studying Duplex markings, we must realise that the two halves which make up the whole could be (and were) varied independently, and it is therefore necessary to consider each half separately.

**For variations of type of postmark we shall use Roman numerals, while for obliterations we shall use capital letters.**

Throughout the period, all postmarks recorded to date (with one exception) were circular, but varied in size and details. There are two main types:—

- I. No complete outer circle (J.254-256, 924), measuring usually 20-22 mm. diameter, and used chiefly in the 1860-1880 period.
- II. With one complete outer circle (J.311, 314), measuring usually about 23-25 mm., and used chiefly after 1880.
- III. Any other type. An example of this is the remarkable Toronto Duplex of 1901 (J.339 and 367a).

Both types I and II show the post office of origin, usually the date of posting, an indication of the Province or County, e.g. CW, ONT, CANADA, etc., and sometimes (not invariably) some indicia above the date, e.g. A.M. or P.M., or clerks' numbers, etc. To avoid undue complication at this preliminary stage, some of these variations of postmark have been recorded but ignored for the present in making the classification of Duplex described below.

The obliterator varied considerably in size, shape and details, and it is on these variations that the following tentative classification is based. It is designed to cover all possibilities, even though at present some of the sub-heads are blank, i.e. are not required to classify any obliterations recorded up to date, and which may, indeed, not exist. (Such sub-heads could be ignored later, if thought fit).

**Capital Letter for principal type of Obliterator**

- |    |                          |                |
|----|--------------------------|----------------|
| A. | Unbroken horizontal bars | (circular)     |
| B. | .. ..                    | (oval)         |
| C. | .. ..                    | (other shapes) |
| D. | Unbroken vertical bars   | (circular)     |
| E. | .. ..                    | (oval)         |
| F. | .. ..                    | (other shapes) |
| G. | Broken horizontal bars   | (circular)     |
| H. | .. ..                    | (oval)         |
| J. | .. ..                    | (other shapes) |
| K. | Broken vertical bars     | (circular)     |
| L. | .. ..                    | (oval)         |
| M. | .. ..                    | (other shapes) |

There are further details of the obliterator to be recorded:—

Number of lines of bars and types of bars.

The numbers will be shown in Arabic numerals, e.g. 8, 9, 12, etc.

The type of bar, i.e. whether thick or thin, will also be noted.

Small letters for contents of broken bars or other data:—

- |            |                       |
|------------|-----------------------|
| a. Number. | d. Town and Province. |
| b. Letter. | e. Town and District. |
| c. Town.   | f. Any other.         |

Details of the contents of bars, such as number, letter, town, etc., can be given in brackets at the end. Thus, for example, II.A.8 is the Quebec duplex (J.920xx); I.G. 13.a (5) is the 1870 Hamilton 5 duplex (J.162); II.H. 9.a (1) is the 1880 Toronto duplex (J.171); I.G. 13f (cork segments) is the Fort Hope duplex (illustrated in "Maple Leaves," June, 1956).

**Some practical advantages in adopting a classification of duplex**

The following advantages follow:—

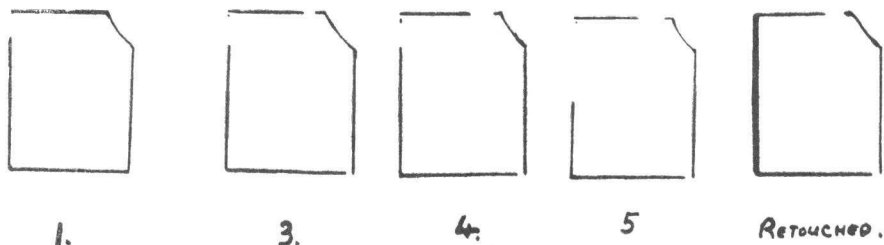
1. All the details of every Duplex, both of postmark and of obliterator, can be given in a concise and convenient form.
2. This enables the different types of Duplex used at any postoffice over the course of years to be concisely tabulated. For the record, the different Duplex





## RELIEF BREAK ON THE EDWARD ONE CENT

By C. W. HOLLINGSWORTH



*Sketches showing the progressive breaks in left numeral box.*

**Definition** (Boggs). 'The relief is the impression of the die upon the transfer roll. Imperfections in the steel of the transfer roll may result in the breaking away of parts of the design; and if the damaged relief is continued in use, it will transfer a repeating defect to the plate'.

During the examination of many thousands of copies of the One cent Edward, a large number were found with breaks in the design. The chief defect lies in the left numeral box, and a much smaller one in the inner frame line on the right, 2½mm above the right numeral box.

I have found the same defect in both stamps of a pair in at least a dozen cases, which strongly suggests that the defect originates in the transfer roll.

Study of the defect shows that a series can be arranged showing progressive wear. I mention five stages, but no doubt intermediate stages between these can be found.

The sequence is :

1. Weakness in the top of the vertical outer line of the left numeral box.
2. Weakness more marked, and a break in the right inner frame line 2½mm above right numeral box.
3. Additional break in the top of the left numeral box, and tiny break at the inner end of the bottom.
4. Break at top larger.
5. Progressive weakness of the outer vertical line of the left box, when never disappears completely in any of its length, in the copies I have examined.

I have copies showing a retouch to the left vertical line of the left box, and in some cases, only one of a pair has been so treated.

Acknowledgement to G. B. Harper for comments and suggestions.

## CLIPPINGS FROM B.N.A. MAGAZINES

Contributed by R. J. DUNCAN

### 31. FIRST PRINTINGS

Charles Bailey, Toronto, sends the following to the Toronto Telegram :

Ottawa, Dec. 2, 1898—(Special)—The Governor-General and Hon. William Mulock, Postmaster-General, presided yesterday at the printing of the first copies of the new imperial penny postage stamp. The design is Mr. Mulock's own, and the central subject is a map of the world in black with British possessions blocked out in red. The Crown triumphant is the top piece of

the design resting on a support of oak and maple leaves, thus symbolizing the unity of the United Kingdom and Canada. As will be seen from the reproduction at the head of these lines, the words "Canada Postage" are clearly lettered, and underneath the map, "Xmas 1898" is recorded, so that the date of inaugurating the imperial penny postage scheme may be a matter of record.

(Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News—  
Dec. 15th, 1898)

### 32. THE TWO VARIETIES OF THE IMPERIAL STAMP

By this time most of the collectors in the West have seen specimens of the new two-cent stamp issued by the Canadian government to commemorate the imperial penny postage scheme. The design, which shows at a glance the position and vastness of the British colonies upon a map of the world, has been admired on all sides. One happy feature of the design is that Canada lies naturally in the center and at the top, right next to the crown, just as she does in

the hearts of the people.

How many of those who have pored over these latest additions to the Canadian album have noticed that there have already been two distinct issues of the imperial stamps? The first batch which came west numbered 5,000. They were put on sale at the Winnipeg office and were quickly bought up in small lots, not only by collectors, but by many people who wanted them for souvenirs or for ordinary use. On



these stamps the sea was printed in lavender or pale blue, and thus have been chronicled by the various stamp journals. The second shipment, which arrived on Dec. 13th, were of an entirely different print, although the fact passed unnoticed for some days. The sea on these stamps—and on all the thousands received since—is printed in pale green! These differences are not merely shades, but distinct colors, blue and green. No one who places the

two specimens side by side can be deceived. The important question, therefore, to collectors is, how many of the blue sea stamps were issued, and will there be any more of them forthcoming? If not, these stamps are bound to become rare and collectors should go through all correspondence since early in the month and procure as many of the coveted blues as they can.—Stamp Column in Free Press, Winnipeg. (Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News—Jan. 12th, 1899)

## THE THREE CENTS OF 1868, THE EXTENSIVELY CRACKED PLATE

By C. N. RICHARDSON (549)



*Photo by Ernest Whitley.*

Illustrated herewith, for I am sure the first time, is probably the answer to the second plate of the 3c. 1868 issue! I have scoured the various authorities carefully, and other than mentions of minor re-entry's, and Bogg's statement that two plates were used, nowhere can I find a reason, or the mention of this variety which must be reckoned with the ranks of the important.

The cracks and flaws are so obvious I am amazed that other copies have not turned up, and can only conclude that the rarity, and rare it must be, is due to the speed that the plate flaw was observed and the new plate introduced.

The cracks are in two major positions. No. 1 extends from "C" of cents right through vertically across the neck, just off the chin, where it thickens considerably, and continues erratically right across the

stamp off through the lower right ornament of "Postage".

No. 2 crack starts at "E" of Three, cuts through the back of the neck and extends to the chignon.

I was most fortunate in so far as the item is tied well clear of the flaws with dated duplex mark Sept. 22. 1869 on a front, so that some idea of date that the damage occurred can be arrived at, though I can find no data to say when the second plate was introduced. Any student having this information could help immensely by publishing it.

I am not a student of this issue, so the full import of this discovery is not open to me, but I am sure many readers will be opening their volumes of 3 cents in the next few minutes!

## LETTERS FROM THE EDITOR

### PATRIOTIC COVERS.

DEAR SIR,

With reference to the Newfoundland Cover which has lately been described by Mr. Woodall, this same cover was at one time in my possession.

Before selling it at auction I examined it

most carefully. I came to the conclusion that it was hand-drawn and handcoloured. An inspection under a strong glass easily reveals this. Doubtless the artist made several, each one differing a little.

Yours sincerely,  
FRANK W. STAFF (693)

**PRECANCEL VARIETY**

DEAR MR. TOMLINSON,

With reference to Mr. Lum's letter regarding the missing "I" in "ONTARIO". I can report the same variety on the 1912 two cents.

Yours sincerely,

J. S. PARSONAGE (509)

**RED FEATHER**

DEAR MR. TOMLINSON,

I must apologise for the error which I note in the last Maple Leaves in my letter to you. Obviously the Red Feather Campaign is for the Community Chest and not the Cancer Society, but I must have crossed up my letters, since on the same day I was writing something about the Cancer Society.

Yours sincerely,

H. REICHE (647)

**UNUSUAL VICTORIA B.C.  
POSTMARK.**

DEAR MR. TOMLINSON,

I note the letter in your June issue and the picture of this mark. I have seen bits of it before but not a whole one, and thought of it somewhat suspect until now. Victoria had a lot of funny bits, and I have never found any source of information.

Yours truly,

MARJORIE HARRIS.

(too new for a number! Ed.)

**FROM "DOWN UNDER"**

DEAR MR. TOMLINSON,

Many thanks for your letter which arrived about 10 days ago, together with parcel containing Vol. 2.

With the arrival of this volume, I will now be able to have Volumes 1-4 bound as a ready reference. Incidentally, a friend of mine has just loaned me the last three issues of B.N.A. Topics, and after a quick glance through them, excellent magazines that they are, my first choice will still be Maple Leaves.

About four weeks ago on a Sunday, I had the pleasure of having Don Cox here for the day, for the purpose of showing me his prize-winning semi-official air stamps. It is a side of Canadian collecting that to date I have had no interest in and had not previously seen, so that his collection truly amazed me. All the issues were there, except perhaps about 3 stamps, mint and used and on F.D.C. and ordinary cover. Then, after viewing his collection, I then showed him my small cent Queen collection, which is truly small in all senses. In between times we discussed Canadian collecting generally and also ways and means of furthering the membership of the C.P.S.

of G.B. here 'Down Under'. More about this at a later date, when we hope to show some effort being made.

Our new member, Gordon Trevor, has occasion to travel to Newcastle in the course of his calling, and at the last meeting of the Newcastle Philatelic Society, Don Cox introduced himself to Trevor, so we are getting to know one another.

This letter is being typed as I am waiting for the rain to clear at Trent Bridge so that the first Test can begin, as I am somewhat a cricket follower and intend listening until I get sleepy.

In the meantime, some of my correspondence is being caught up with.

All best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

JOHN TONKIN (626)

**CANCELLATIONS**

DEAR MR. TOMLINSON,

A few comments pertaining to Mr. Smythies' interesting little article "Three unusual cancellations", in the June edition.

The Ottawa squared circle of 1880 — 81 has always intrigued me mildly. I dare say it is far rarer than most collectors think, since Ottawa used a number of other cancelling devices simultaneously at that period. Going through my calendar collections of the Small Queens, I was able to advance Mr. Smythies' earliest date to March 30, 1880. The latest copy I found was dated March 8, 1881, i.e. a life span of at least one year.

Regarding illustration No. 4, I feel certain after a long, hard look at it and several stamps in my collection, that this cancel is none other than Jarrett's No. 1402. Since, due to the human factor involved, ideal strikes of the so-called cork cancellations are unusual, one always has to consider when classifying them the possibility of overinking, underinking and the application of uneven pressure when the cancel was struck.

Mr. Smythies is no doubt voicing the sentiments of many collectors when he states that much remains to be learned in the broad field of 19th century duplex markings. Even the recorded information could be elaborated upon to a considerable degree. For example, Boggs (on page 573) gives 1861 as the first year for the London and Kingston cancels, and lists them only under type "A" (without AM or PM annotations). This is contradicted by two covers in my collection showing the following duplexes London, AM, Au. 18, 1860; Kingston, PM, Oc. 31, 1860.

If a group should be ever be formed dealing with this branch, I shall be glad to contribute what small knowledge I may have of the topic.

Yours sincerely,

P. J. HURST (488).

### PRE-CANCELS

(in three instalments — Ed.)

#### First instalment

DEAR FRED,

At the moment I am still waiting to receive Mr. Daggett's revised and amended List of Postal Stationery (Precancelled). I have written to him again today on this subject. I am also still waiting to hear from Member Duncan with reference to the articles which have appeared in B.N.A. Topics on precancels. This matter has been in hand for many months now.

I have to report the following items, which at present are not catalogued in the Official Catalog of Canada Precancels, as edited by Walburn:—

#### 1953 (Elizabeth II) Issue.

231 1 cent, Violet Brown  
(Purple Brown) Type X.  
234 4 cents, Violet Type X.

#### 1954 (Elizabeth II) Issue.

? 1 cent, Purple-brown Type X.  
? 2 cents, Green " X.  
? 3 cents, Carmine-rose " X.  
? 5 cents, Bright blue " X.  
? 2 cents, Green (Coil) Type V.

also 1922 - 31 (George V) Issue.

**REGINA - SASK.,** Type 2, 2-109 (a)  
3 cents, Carmine-inverted.

Of the above a very small issue was made of the 1st Issue Q.E.II, 1 cent and 4 cents, and both are very scarce. I have heard from the Canadian Post Office Department (Mr. Carpenter) that NO Numeral Types have been issued on the 1954 (Q.E.II) Issue, nor are any contemplated.

#### Second instalment

I have now heard from H. G. Walburn with reference to my report of the REGINA - SASK invert. I quote as follows:—

"The Regina invert 2 — 109a has not previously been reported, and so to my knowledge you have the only known copy".

The above is most interesting as this stamp was first issued in 1923 some 33 years ago. It must have been in existence for at least 25 to 30 years and it is rather surprising that no-one has reported a copy before!

The other varieties I reported at the same time as the above are all known to Walburn except the 1 cent, Violet Brown (Purple Brown) Type X of the 1953 issue of Q.E.II. He has never seen this, nor have I, but it is reported as issued by the Director of Financial Services, Canadian Post Office Department, per Mr. Carpenter. I have written to several correspondents in Canada to try and obtain a copy. Mr. Carpenter, in his letter, said it was a very small issue, and it appears it must have been. Anyway, it is rarer than the 4c violet of the same issue which is now selling for £1 over here.

#### Third instalment

I am afraid that there will be a considerable delay in producing Part III, of

the File, relating to Canadian Precancels, and the Precancelled Postal Stationery; I have just heard from Mr. Harry M. Daggett of Vancouver, who is producing the amended and corrected list of the Precancelled Stationery that he has been in Hospital for the past six weeks, having been very ill; he tells me that it will be some time before he is fit enough to recommence work on the list of the P.P.S.

I have received a most interesting letter from Doctor Alfred Whitehead in reference to the varieties occurring on the Edward VII, precancels, and quote as follows:—

- (1) Broken "N" in Montreal - Quebec. Type 2., Late state, appears in the Third Vertical Row.
- (2) Broken "E" (Top bar of letter) in Quebec - Que. Type 1, appears on the Second Vertical Row.
- (3) Small "O" (Or Narrow "O") in Toronto, first "O". Type 3, appears in the First Vertical Row.
- (4) Small "O" (Or Narrow "O") in Toronto, second "O". Type 3, appears on the Tenth Vertical Row.
- (5) Small "O" (Or Narrow "O") in Ontario, on the London - Ontario. Type 1, Third Vertical Row.
- (6) Flat Top — Cut off Letters, of Town Name (Normal) or Province Name (Inverted).  
First Horizontal Row.  
Reported for Quebec, Montreal, Toronto and Regina.

All the above varieties are reported as constant, and appear on the George V issues as well as the Edward's.

Doctor Whitehead is going to let me have a complete list of varieties occurring on the issues of Edward VII, in due course.

As I am not lucky enough to have large Blocks and panes of these stamps precancelled as has Dr. Whitehead, I have written to George Manley asking him for his comments, he has several Blocks and may be able to check the reported varieties on the George V issues. I have a pane of the 1 cent Yellow George V Admiral of REGINA - SASK, showing variety 6. (Cut off letters) and singles showing some of the others.

I have no further news of the 1 cent Violet Brown, Type X, of the first (1953) issue of Q.E.II, as yet. I still cannot get a copy of this stamp from anyone in Canada, nor have I heard anything further from Mr. Carpenter about this stamp. I have written to him again, on this subject.

I have not received any more gifts for the B.R.C.S., "Stamp Appeal" which is not doing at all well, the results of my appeal in the Philatelic Press, appears to have had a NIL result, which is most disappointing.

Yours ever,

R. B. HETHERINGTON (84)

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