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Notes and Comments

Catching Up

Looking at the mass of paper by which we are surrounded, publication date only three weeks away and nothing done, we wonder how we ever found the time to make the Stirling trip and what on earth we can have done since we got back to be in such a mess as we now appear to be.

Several articles will have to be re-written to bring coherency out of chaos, much of what happened will have to be told in one way or another, and some of the jobs which were pushed on to us will have to be pushed on to someone else.

Stirling, 1956

To get to Convention something always has to be foregone, special arrangements have to be made, work has to be got out of the way earlier, instructions have to be formulated for things we should have been able to deal with ourselves, and so on. There comes at some stage the inevitable question, is it worth the trouble? We admit we had our doubts.

A thousand times YES, it was worth every minute of all the trial and preparation. It was almost worth the sight—heartrending—of the Harrased Harris, after your Editor had sorted out the aforesaid Harris's gearbox and jettisoned two of the four forward gears! It was certainly well worth the journey there and back, in spite of the doubtful company on the trip South.

We haven't been to all the Conventions, but many who are more experienced in these annual affairs than we, said that Stirling would go down as one of the very best, if not THE very best. A fine tribute to J. J. B. and his merry men—McGuigan and Merrylees, not forgetting our David.

For all those who never managed to find the time to say it, or for those who have not the necessary eloquence—when confronted by the taciturn Scot—a very sincere "Thank you all" for the very fine arrangements and welcome which we all received and enjoyed.

Prevent Fires

For First Day Covers of the new stamps we would like to thank Frank Campbell, Bob Duncan, Cyril Purvey and Allen Christensen. Allen's wasn't quite, his P.O. didn't get them till the second day, but it came and was welcomed just as much. Thank you also, Alan, for the cover from the Montreal Exhibition, with cachet and "slogan postmark."

The Canadian Philatelic Society (Canada)

In October notes we mentioned 1957 Convention at Ottawa and went on to briefly mention the 1958 ideas. Unfortunately we got it wrong—and put

Vancouver instead of Victoria for 1958. It was done from memory, just shows how we fail as we grow older. There is an Empress Hotel at both places, but we gather they are not quite the same type of place. If someone lands up at the wrong one—in two years time—no doubt we shall be blamed.

London Stamp Exchange—Croydon Auctions

Member and Dealer C. N. Richardson, one of our regular advertisers and specialist dealers in Canada, is now involved in the above series of auction sales. The catalogues have a good general run of material with a fair specialised Canada section. Drop a line to 52, North End, Croydon, for a specimen catalogue (3d.). There are 42 Canadian lots in the December 8th sale.

London Re-union

Make a note of the date, Saturday, December 15th, at the Shaftesbury Hotel, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Informal lunch arrangements for any who care to come along beforehand, displays, discussions, tea, auction of gift lots to cover expenses. This is a MUST. A chance of meeting lots of friends, a happy occasion without ceremony or fuss, a get-together for a real good "natter." We are looking forward to seeing you there. Make a note of the date NOW.

And don't forget to let Hedley Hollands have a small gift lot to be auctioned to pay our expenses of the day!

Trevor Edwards

It was with great regret and a real personal sense of loss that we heard of the passing of Trevor Edwards. A member of the staff of H. R. Harmer, Ltd., he had a wide contact over the whole philatelic field, and he will be mourned by innumerable people who regarded him as a friend. The personal appeal of his character cannot be reduced to writing, his vitality and versatile humour endeared him to all he met. The world is better for his having passed this way and we are poorer by his loss.

Heffie

Heffie, or Captain R. B. Hetherington to you, has been in trouble for some while, and went into Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, on the 15th November for an indefinite period. His many friends, as well as his pre-cancel pals, will wish him a speedy return to health. We look forward to seeing his bulk again loom solidly on the horizon. He asks us to express his apologies that he will not be allowed to continue his voluminous correspondence in hospital, but he will do his best to catch up when he is permitted to resume his activities.

T. R. Highton

Congratulations to T. R. H. on his being elected to Fellowship of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, undoubtedly a very well deserved honour.

Convention Auction

David tells us that the final total is £327 5s. plus £6 18s. for gift lots towards Convention expenses. We think this a splendid result and would again congratulate David on a grand piece of work.

Rumours

A clipping from an unidentified paper tells us that Canada is planning two new series of stamps in the not too distant future. One is to depict the many attractive tourist resorts, and the other a series of Canadian sports. Presumably the Hockey stamp is the first of the second series. If they are similar, or better, than that stamp, and not like those two monstrosities of the 7th June last, we may be better pleased with them. Quite frankly, the last three items have been atrocious—the 20c paper industry, the 25c chemical engineering, and the 5c fire prevention—and can have done nothing at all to raise Canada's prestige.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is with mixed feelings of pride and anxiety that I write this message,—pride at the honour which you have done me in electing me as your President, and anxiety lest I fall short of the high standard which has been set by my predecessors. Fortunately we have an excellent team of executive officers, and in thanking them for the great work they have done during the last year I am confident that their enthusiasm and competence will cancel out any shortcomings of my own.

Mr. Bonar and his Committee must have felt well repaid for all the work they had done by the unqualified success of the Tenth Convention at Stirling. Each Convention has had its highlight, but from a comprehensive viewpoint I think all who were at Stirling agree that this was the best ever. We in the north of England, however, while according all thanks and praise to our Scottish members, are determined that they shall not retain this championship title for more than a year. We shall do our best to wrest it from them at the 1957 Convention. This will be held from September 26 to 30 at the Crown Hotel, Scarborough, where the charge will be 42/- per day. The Hotel is finely situated on the South Cliff, and is in every way suitable for our gathering. It is of course too early to give details of the arrangements, but I can promise you a very happy and enjoyable time.

We shall not try to compete with the Glasgow Exhibition of 1953,—that, I think, will always remain the Society's highest achievement in Exhibitions,—but we intend to give you a philatelic feast the equal of anything which previous Conventions have produced. Those who were at the Stirling dinner will understand that I am not likely to be allowed to forget the ladies, but I realise how very important they are to the success of a Convention. Adequate arrangements will be made for their entertainment, and I think it possible that some of the men may find it difficult to decide whether to stick to stamps or to join the ladies. You will have plenty of reminders before next September, but make a note of the date now. Those who have attended Conventions will need no persuasion, but I should like to urge those members who have not previously attended to make a start in 1957. You will not regret your decision.

In case any member is deterred from coming to Convention by the expense, let me make a suggestion. Instead of wasting time pondering over your football pool coupons and hoping, delve into your stamp accumulations, sort out your duplicates and surplus, send them along to John Hannah for inclusion in one of the packets, and make your philatelic hoards pay for your philatelic pleasures.

This being the last number of "Maple Leaves" for 1956, I take the opportunity of wishing all members a very happy Christmas and the best of everything, both personal and philatelic, in the New Year.

R. WILLAN.

PAST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The countless messages of congratulation which have reached me since our Stirling Convention show that the fare provided met with unanimous approval. This is a gratifying thought but I cannot forget that the smooth running of the events of the week-end was due in no small measure to the wholehearted efforts of those who helped me to organise it. No task was too much trouble for any of them, and I must put on record my indebtedness to each and all of them. If I mention only two by name it is only to spare the Editor's space. Our unflinching stand-by David Gardner tackled the auction yet again with all his inimitable verve. I know that he was disappointed with the lots sent for sale, but I am sure that the result, which is not yet to hand, will keep the Convention Fund on an even keel. Eddie McGuigan provided the liaison with the Hotel. Throughout our stay, whether cajoling members to join the bus queue or to buy

a Dinner Ticket he was never at rest. Our thanks are also due to the Hotel management and staff who spared no effort to meet our needs and did so with such outstanding success. But no Convention can be a happy one without the co-operation of the members, and I think that no small part of the pleasure was due to the determination of everyone, obvious to me from my first appearance, that they were going to enjoy themselves. And so I take farewell of my Presidential duties, and for the sake of my successors I add the old wish: "Will ve no come back again".

J. J. BONAR.

NEWFOUNDLAND CORNER

Conducted by Dr. R. WILLAN (437), F.C.P.S.

The Caspari sale in New York has shown once again the great interest there is in the classical stamps of Newfoundland. Catalogue prices mean nothing when really fine material is offered. The strip of three 2d scarlet vermilion on cover sold for £4,400 and a superb mint corner copy of the 6d orange vermilion with gum and sheet margins brought £450. These were two of the items which Bill Lea purchased for customers in this country. This is rather gratifying, as for some years there has been a flow of fine material from Europe to America.

These great rarities, however, attractive though they be, are only of academic interest to the ordinary collector who can never hope to possess them. He may be able to find the material, but he cannot afford to buy it. Fortunately, there is much of interest in the modern issues where the converse is the case. The difficulty is in finding the material, and only a long patient search will enable one to make an attractive and interesting collection. Consider, for example, the 1932 issue, Gibbons 209 to 228. Gibbons catalogues a considerable number of varieties, but by no means all that may be collected.

The catalogued varieties fall into two groups. The first group includes all the imperforate and part perforate stamps, and I think the 20c and 25c perforated 14 line. These are of doubtful status. I know no evidence that they were ever sold over the Post Office counter or used other than philatelically. They usually occur in pairs or blocks, are obvious at a glance, and can only be bought at a relatively high price.

The second group were sold and used in the ordinary course of business, and to these may be added a number of varieties and items which are not catalogued. While blocks of some of these are readily recognisable and are probably recognised by the dealer, who charges accordingly, mint singles frequently and used copies almost invariably are mixed with the general stock, and are much more likely to be found by a careful hunt through the stock-book than by enquiry over the counter.

Numbers 209b, 210a, 211c, 211d, 222c and 223d are all booklet stamps and used copies are found mixed with the ordinary

comb perforated stamps. The same also applies to the 15c stamp No. 217a, which shows a curious mixture of small and large holes. I know no interesting varieties of Nos. 212, 213 or 214, but I have a sheet of the 10c value with inverted watermark. I have the 14c imperf and also imperf between the stamps and bottom margin, but these are, of course, obvious varieties.

I have not found Nos. 222b or 223c in used state. In single stamps it is difficult to distinguish between large and small holes, but actually there is a recognisable difference in the gauge of the two perforations. The small-holed booklet stamps measure 13.9, whereas the others are 14.1. A few weeks ago I picked up quite by chance a mint pair of the 4c carmine with and without watermark. This is not catalogued by Gibbons, though a similar variety is shown for the two preceding stamps. Two different perforations are included in 224c, the 4c carmine line perf. 14. Both have the ordinary large holes, but one measures 13.7 and the other 14.1. Neither is rare, and both are found apparently commercially used. The 7c red-brown is catalogued as occurring imperf. between. This variety is perforated 14.1 line, and it presumably occurs fully perforated, but I have not seen it thus.

Gibbons mentions the existence of two dies for the 2c stamp No. 223, but does not give the die with the varieties as he does in the case of the 5c value. The normal stamp of course occurs from both dies, a and e are die II, c and d are die I, and b, which is a sub-variety of c, is die I, but the normal comb perf. in die II occurs imperf. between the stamps and the right margin.

There are such freaks as badly misplaced perforations and offset printing on the gummed side, but more important are the plate numbers which appear on the five lower values, of which no mention is made in the catalogue. These can be picked up occasionally. Marginal copies with the margin on the short side of the stamp are interesting as showing the number of spur holes. Several machines were used to perforate the normal stamps, all comb, all measuring the same, but having two, one or no spur holes beyond the pane from the

base of the comb. Some values were only perforated by one machine, while others, presumably at different printings, appear with more than one type.

I have made no mention of shade varieties, but enough has been said to show the variety of material which is waiting to be found with patience and observation at

relatively little cost. Nor have I written of post-marks, which of themselves offer a wide and interesting field for collection and study. These stamps had a long life, and if as is logical you add on the stamps printed from the same plates from 1941 you find more varieties and get a postal history covering more than eighteen years.

WITH A SASSENACH IN SCOTLAND

By THE EDITOR

*'The way was long, the wind was cold
The minstrel was infirm and old . . .'*

Doubtless better brains could think of a more direct or easy route from Whitstable to Stirling than by way of Portsmouth, but needs must when the Slogan Specialist drives, and it was in Portsmouth that your long-suffering Editor was deposited by the Southern Region of British Railways on the afternoon of Tuesday the 25th September.

There was nothing outwardly noticeable to indicate that this was a day of great occasion, a day when an itinerant stranger was to be received into the bosom of a warm, hospitable and impulsively generous family. My friends would not wish me to tell you of their kindness and of the warmth of their reception, and I would not wish to embarrass them by attempting to recount it all, suffice it to say that a bond of friendship was established that evening which is strong and enduring, and which, I trust, will last with me all my days. Mabs and Leonard, John and Victor, thank you most humbly for making me so welcome and for adding me to your family.

Bed, eventually, about midnight, to be followed by breakfast at 4 a.m. Can you imagine any family all turning out to see the guest depart at such an unearthly hour? It was typical of them all. And then Leonard and I were speeding through the deserted streets of the darkened town, and into the countryside beyond. Mist, thinly scattered here and there, added to the chill of the early morning and, as we climbed the Downs, became patches of fog, quickly cutting our rapid cruising down to stumbling hesitancy till we were through, when 3½ litres of Jaguar engine restored the car to swooping grace. The conditions deteriorated, the pace declined, we groped along. Ideas of satisfactory progress had to be revised with the changing conditions, thirty miles in the first hour was remarkable for the conditions, but we had expected fortyfive!

By about half-past seven, when it was well light, we had only 100 miles to our credit, and our target of breakfast at Doncaster was decidedly improbable. The fog was now clearing, and I changed over to the driving seat. It always takes a few minutes to get the feel of an unfamiliar car, and I progressed quietly to enable this to be done. A little bit of 'sorting out the gears' at a round-about and, lo and behold, there wasn't any 'top' any more. It took me perhaps half a mile to lose 'second', and there we were, 350 miles to go and only first and third gears available. Into Lutterworth we crawled, dejected and depressed, our minds full of expensive thoughts! We kept our spirits up by joking, talking of hiring a couple of push-bikes, the mechanic kept on taking more and more to pieces.

When we were really gloomy, and the mechanic was talking about the train service to the North from Rugby, the trouble was suddenly found. Half an hour more, and we were starting off again. Out of Lutterworth I was again shoved into the driving seat, if the gears had gone again I would have wept, and I couldn't help feeling that Leonard was testing fate in his action! All was well however, and in a few minutes we were settling down to a steady seventy miles an hour gait. An attractive roadside cafe with 'Breakfasts' sign caused

rapid braking, and we were soon making short work of a really excellent breakfast—my, were we hungry !

Back on the road, through Leicester and on through the Dukeries, Sherwood Forest, and to Ollerton, Bawtry and Doncaster. A fast road, the powerful car simply eating up the miles, fifty miles and more to our credit in each hour, and easy conversation on all topics imaginable.

Again a change of driver at Scotch Corner, and after two or three more miles on the road now over the Pennines towards Appleby and Penrith, we drew up at the Fox Hall Inn, where a couple of pints of shandy apiece and an hour of easy discussion on the affairs of the world with mine host, Mr. Norman Spyvee, made a very welcome break. We can recommend this place as one you should never pass without a call, and it was about 3 o'clock when we left, promising to look in on the return journey.

Four hours of steady motoring, a little more tired perhaps, but with renewed zest as we crossed the Border after negotiating Penrith and Carlisle, and helped by wonderful colours in the evening sun on the traverse of Beattock Summit, and we were soon running into Stirling.

For all our vicissitudes, we were only ten minutes behind schedule in the end, and it was just ten minutes past seven when we were greeted by Geoff. and Margaret Harper on the steps of 'The Golden Lion'. Dinner, and a bottle of Reisling, and our miles were forgotten, and it was nearly two a.m. when we made off in the direction of our beds.

Thursday found us, with Charles Hollingsworth, at Gleneagles. Using an assortment of clubs borrowed from Geoff Harper, and playing in rain after the fifth or sixth hole, we accepted Charles's undoubted superiority and a crushing defeat, but enjoyed every minute of it nevertheless. Lunch at the Club, back to Stirling, a bath, some tea, and then Convention really began.

J. J. Bonar and Stevie were there to welcome everybody, and the crowd grew and grew. Eddie McGuigan came and told us regretfully of the salmon which had just evaded him, and of how well his roses bloomed on the blood-stained soil of Bannockburn. He could quote poetry about it too ! More and more arrived, and after dinner we all settled down to Millar Allen and the 1859s. What a show ! We hope to have his paper to print for you in this or a later issue. Bed was even later than the previous day.

Friday morning we spent looking at the displays, the auction lots, attending the civic reception by the Provost of Stirling, and trying to find the presents to take back home. In the afternoon there was the coach trip, which was very popular, also a committee meeting, much less popular. Playing truant, we went again with Charles and Leonard to Gleneagles, this time to borrow a set of clubs from the pro. These, with the encouragement of Leonard, and with Charles not playing so well, enabled the staging of a good recovery from a losing position, and it was all on the last putt. It wasn't anywhere near the hole as it happened, but it was a really enjoyable game. Next year I'll have my own clubs !

Friday evening the show was in the hands of Nicholas Argenti, who conducted his audience through a magnificent display with an unexpected humour, and who was, perhaps, the hit of the Convention. Again a two o'clock bedtime for the stalwarts.

Saturday was a day of work. A few odd jobs, a committee at 10 a.m., the Annual General Meeting at 11.30., and the auction immediately after lunch. It was a mixed sale, David Gardner excelling himself as auctioneer, and a total realisation of over £300. The audience showed little interest in either pre-stamp material or in precancels, postmarks were the things the bidders sought. And then, a cup of tea, a bath, a change, and the banquet. Don't ask me what we ate, or what the other Sassenachs thought of the piper and the Highland Dancing. The speeches varied, some were brilliant, some were not. It was all of a very high standard, and the Golden Lion and J. J. B. and his local committee must all be congratulated on really excellent arrangements.

The groups gathered in the lounge afterwards formed two or three big circles, and the atmosphere became so easy that the Editor got up and told what he thought were a couple of funny stories—even this was forgiven him !

Sunday dawned dully and with rain sweeping across the town from the hills, what happened to the all day coach tour we don't know (we write this shortly after our return home) but we breakfasted at 8 o'clock and started our homeward journey about a quarter to nine. This time we had two passengers, Hedley Hollands and Jimmy Macaskie, and Leonard had some very strict instructions about preserving the safety of the crew from our new President, Dr. Willan, who was rather fearful he might have to do the jobs of all his officers if they got 'written off'.

In driving rain, over flooded roads, and in shocking visibility we set off southwards. It wasn't long before we were on the wrong road and were re-tracing our steps. Leonard made the best time he could whilst I read the Sunday papers and tried not to be too concerned with the slipping car. After Beattock Summit things improved gradually and when I took over at Carlisle it was nearly fine.

At the Fox Hall Inn we stopped as promised, and had a brief respite for beer and sandwiches. I left my cap behind, so now I have an excuse for going back ! (Cap since returned—thank you Mr. Spyvee !) Hedley and Jimmy agreed it was a good place to stop and no place to go by.

A little later we were in Wetherby, just in time to put Jimmy on the 2.30 bus for Leeds. A little example of traffic jumping in Doncaster—Hedley and Leonard have not my advantage of local knowledge of these parts—and Leonard was taking the wheel again just through Newark. A cooked tea at a cafe a few miles south of Grantham, horrible crawling traffic on the Great North Road to Alconbury Top and then relief as we took the Huntingdon, Royston and Ware road.

After Royston however, we commenced to encounter the returning traffic caused by the attractive sunny day in the south, and patches of speed were alternated with infuriating hold-ups. Our target was the 8.35 train from Victoria to Whitstable, after which Leonard was to go on home after dropping Hedley. I took over somewhere near Royston as it was getting dark, I knew the road, and Leonard would have to drive the last stretch anyway. 63 miles and just two hours, 23 miles and still an hour left, and then we hit it. In Ware and Hoddesdon we queued and waited, sometimes 5 minutes to move at all, eventually we got to Enfield where traffic lights caused two huge jams. Shaking free at last, we plunged into London, it was obvious the train had beaten us except for the faintest hope. Pinning our faith to the Cambridge Road right to the Mansion House, then down Fleet Street and the Strand, Trafalgar Square, the Mall and Victoria, we motored. All the tricks, all the dodges, a thorough apprenticeship of driving in London's traffic, paid their dividends. It was just 8.30 at St. Pauls, would the lights be kind ? They were, except an indescribable one half-way across Trafalgar Square. Hedley was getting my cases ready, Leonard my coat, loose things were being stuffed in my pockets. We said our farewells in a rapid gyration round Buckingham Palace, I slammed on the brakes at the Grosvenor corner, fell out of the car, grabbed my things from Hedley and bolted. When Leonard and Hedley had moved the car a few yards to where it might be left for a couple of minutes, they ran into the station to see the train moving out—with me aboard.

I gather that strong refreshment was necessary to restore their shattered nerves. Hedley was dropped about 9.30 and Leonard was rousing all the household about 11.30. My train brought me into Whitstable about 10.15, I should have said, of course, that it was the last that night.

And so ends Convention for another year. The memories will last longer than that. And now I must catch up on my sleep!

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This opened with the President, J. J. Bonar, in the Chair and with 45 members present. The President welcomed the members and after a few words from him all stood in silence for those who had passed away during the year. Apologies were reported from many not able to be present.

The Editor reported the recommendations of the small sub-committee who had considered advertising rates, the meeting adopted the recommendations and these rates will go up from the February 1957 issue.

Reports were submitted by the President and each of the officers in turn. Hedley reported 125 new members, a wastage or loss of 40, and a new total of 635. Especial mention was made of the recruiting work of Allan H. Christensen, our new Liaison Officer with the Canadian Philatelic Society (of Canada).

John Hannah reported 20 completed packets, sales £692 and profit (net) £33. He asked for more contributors. The Editor reported 163 pages of matter in the six issues as well as the ads. He attributed any success of the journal to the contributors. He explained how the increased membership had caused a run on early copies of this last year and appealed for any spares in either Volumes Five or Six to be returned to him.

The Librarian submitted a written report, the Convenor of Study had something to say as well, the Treasurer reported on the state of the petty cash. All these reports were accepted and adopted.

The new Constitution was adopted without demur with a minor drafting amendment in rule 15. Election or appointment of officers did not bring any fireworks, generally speaking you've got the old gang back. Vice-President Willan moves up to President, Jimmy Macaskie comes in as the new V.P., R. S. B. Greenhill becomes Librarian. We now have two Trustees in whose names the Society can invest funds or hold securities, they are Stevie and J. J. Bonar. The Committee? Scotland—David Gardner, Millar Allen and John Anderson, England North—Messrs Hollingsworth, Bird and Brayshay, England South—Messrs Cartwright, George and Argenti.

Awards? Fellowships—Editor Tomlinson and Bill Lea (I can understand the latter but not the former—Ed.) Aikins Trophy—G. Whitworth. Founders Trophy—Mrs. Barratt. Class displays—Research and Study—E. A. Smythies, Group Display—West Riding. Contributors Displays—Messrs Manley and Fraser, and Mrs Barratt.

Under other business, Bill Lea asked if Convention dates for BNAPS and CPSGB could be kept apart as he liked to go to both. Someone else asked for all Maple Leaves to be in envelopes in future, they will be from the February issue. The Committee was told to start thinking about the part we should play in the International Exhibition to be held in England in 1960.

The meeting concluded with thanks to the President, J. J. B., for all he had done during the year, and a similar vote to Philip Marsden for all he did as Secretary up to a year ago.

There had previously been a meeting of the Committee, adjourned from a previous occasion when the Editor found the call of the golf-course too strong. The only matters of importance which did not feature also at the A.G.M. were: 1. The suggestion of a Society Seal, which Hedley is to look into. 2. The question of Society handbooks on specialised subjects, here the Editor is to get further information and supply it to the Committee.

OUR NEW FELLOWS

**Fred Tomlinson**

A very happy choice was sponsored by the Aberdeen Group, and the Fellowship Committee was delighted to recommend Fred, who as Number 74 has been one of our earliest members and has put much into the Society. As one of the stalwarts in the Kent and Sussex Group, he pioneered the Group newsletter "Canadian Comments," and contributed much to many of their delightful informal meetings. An afternoon with him and Jack Cartwright is an education and a thoroughly entertaining time. If you have never had this experience you should avail yourself at the first opportunity.

Coming to the Editorship after the excellent start made by Bruce Auckland, he has carried Maple Leaves forward until it occupies a universally recognised position as the leading example of a specialist society journal, and is regularly quoted by leading personages in the philatelic world as a classic example of what can be done in this connection.

A busy Town Clerk, it is a marvel to those who know him well that he finds the time, with innumerable committees, council meetings, and social occasions, to get through the work in connection with the magazine. He does this, however, in addition to many family interests—he is very much a family man—and gardens, golfs, and caravans! He still finds time after all this to collect stamps, and to look at them with an enquiring mind.

He has a remarkable general knowledge, partly through his editorship, of all topics of B.N.A. and has done a lot of original work culminating in his very complete study of the Map stamp of 1898. It is in this field of research that his work is recognised by the award of Fellowship, an honour most worthily earned.

**W. E. Lea**

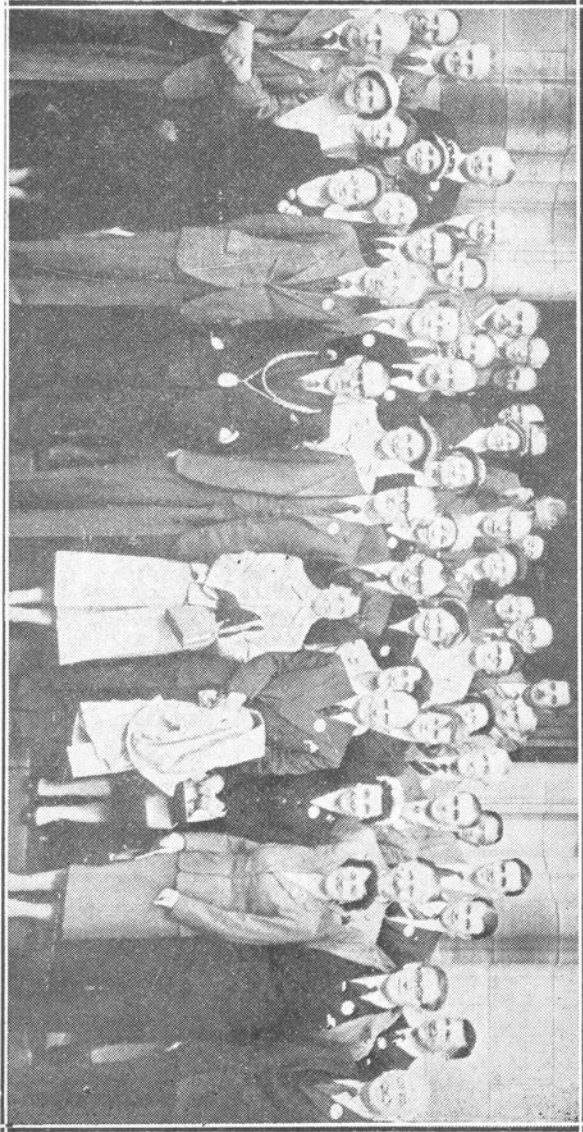
The second name added by the Society this year to the honoured group of Fellows is "Bill" Lea.

For years he has been interested (deeply) in the early stamps of Great Britain, coupled with study of how the plates were made, and how they were repaired, and how often repaired, etc. This in particular with the Perkins Bacon line engraved issues. With this very full and sound knowledge he took a deeper interest in Canada, applying the basic knowledge of stamp production to the early issues of Canada and opened up new fields of study thereby. Much work had been done by such great philatelists as Pack, Worthington, Lichtenstein, Reford and Calder, but the theories that Bill brought to Canada widened the field of research very wide open and thereby created the further desire for knowledge mainly owing to his deep knowledge of plate study—adding to which the multitudinous side tracks which offered themselves as good lines of study and research.

All past students came to a brick wall which they could not cross; Bill's study of G.B. demolished the wall. I have spoken of Canada, and I must add equally that in his studies all B.N.A. has received his attention, and he has helped to elucidate knotty problems hitherto unsolved. He has a superlative collection to substantiate his researches.

He is a great student worthy of the highest honour C.P.S.G.B. have to offer, always happy to keep one interested verbally, by writing, or through some journal—the first if you are lucky, for he has become a globe trotter of the highest order—B.N.A. has found a great student and C.P.S.G.B. are proud to have him as one of their Spotlights. We sympathize with his friends at his Golf Club, who have lost an equally fine member—enthusiastic, keen, and no mean exponent of a none too easy game. Hail! Lancashire's "C.J.P."

R. W. T. L. J.



AFTER THE CIVIC RECEPTION
(Illustration by courtesy of "Stirling Journal")

WHAT STIRLING THOUGHT

The following paragraphs are taken from the "Stirling Journal and Advertiser," dated 4th October, where our activities were given front page featuring together with a photograph of the group after the Provost's reception. We have only room for extracts, and are grateful to the "Stirling Journal" for permission and for the loan of the block.

"Praise for Stirling as a Conference Centre was expressed by Mr. J. J. Bonar, Edinburgh, President of the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain, whose members held their annual Conference here during last weekend. He was replying to the civic welcome extended to the members by Provost D. W. Duncan.

It was always a pleasure, said Provost Duncan, to welcome a conference to Stirling. "We in Stirling share the instincts of a good Scot in the matter of hospitality, and for that reason we are pleased to have you." On behalf of the Council and citizens of Stirling he gave them a very cordial welcome.

A company of over 90 ladies and gentlemen assembled in the Golden Lion Hotel for the annual dinner. The chairman and his party were piped in by a piper from the Depot, A. & S.H., Stirling Castle. After dinner, the company were entertained by eight dancers from the Queen Victoria School. The items performed included sword dance and the Highland Fling.

The account continues to give details of the speeches and of the awards which took place, of the social occasions and of the papers in the evenings, and concludes—

"This, the tenth Congress of the Society, was voted by all as the best and most enjoyable of the lot. All the local arrangements were in the hands of Mr. J. S. Merrylees, B.Sc., and Mr. E. M. McGuigan."

THE SLOGAN CANCELLATIONS OF CANADA

By the Slogan Study Circle of the C.P.S. of G.B.

PART 2

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From 1901 till 1912, no Slogan Cancellations have been recorded, but in the latter year, sixteen towns advertising Exhibitions, Fairs, Celebrations and Congresses of local or national interest, started the "SLOGAN ERA." 1913 and 1914 showed a considerable increase in the number of towns using postal advertising, again mainly confined to local and national events. Machine control letters or numbers are to be found in the line box to the right of slogan, in particular those emanating from the Toronto offices. One 1914 "Prophetic" Slogan which proved sadly inaccurate was that advertising the "Canadian National Exhibition, PEACE YEAR, Aug. 29-1914-Sep. 4," which was put into use early in June, and was still in use after World War 1 had commenced. 1915 and 1916 show a decline in the number of Slogans used, probably due to a curtailment of many local Shows, etc., but with the introduction of the Patriotic Appeals in 1917, the number of towns of use increased rapidly. These latter Slogans usually incorporated a Flag design, and McCready lists no less than thirteen different Flag types used for the six differently worded Slogans of this year.

1901

Canada's Exposition, Toronto, Aug. 28 to Sep. 17
Provincial Exhibition, Victoria, Oct. 1 to 8

Toronto
Victoria

1912

Broadview Boy's Fall Fair, Sept. 19-21, Toronto Y.M.C.A.
Brockville Fair and Horse Show, Sept. 3-6, 1912
Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto, Aug. 24, 1912-Sep. 9

Toronto
Brockville
Toronto

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Celebration of Cityhood, Berlin, Ontario, July 15-20, 1912 (Made in Berlin Exhibition)

Child Welfare Exhibition, 1912, Montreal, Oct. 8/22	Berlin
Dominion Exhibition, Ottawa, Sept. 5-16, 1912	(Bil.) Montreal
Edmonton Exhibition, Aug. 12-17, 1912	Ottawa
Exposition de la Vallée du St. Laurent, Trois Rivières (19-24 Aout 1912)	Edmonton
Exposition Provinciale de Quebec 24 Aout-1912-3 Sept.	Trios Rivières
Help the King Edward Memorial Fund for Consumptives	Quebec
Montreal	Toronto
International Dry Farming Congress, Lethbridge, Alta, 1912	Lethbridge
Lindsay Central Exhibition, Sept. 19-21, 1912	Lindsay
Provincial Exhibition, Halifax, Sept. 8-16, 1912	Halifax
Provincial Exhibition, New Westminster, B.C., Oct. 1-5, 1912	New Westminster
Provincial Exhibition, Regina	Regina
St. John Exhibition, Aug. 31-Sept. 7, 1912	St. John
— Selkirk Centennial, Winnipeg, July 10-20, 1912	Winnipeg
Vancouver Midsummer Fair, Aug. 10-17, 1912	Vancouver
— Victoria Fair, Sept. 24-28, 1912	Victoria
Western Fair, London, Canada, Sept. 6-14, 1912	London

1913

Alberta Winter Fair, Calgary, Nov. 25-28, 1913	Calgary
Broadview Boy's Fall Fair, Sept. 18-20, Toronto Y.M.C.A.	Toronto
Brockville Fair and Horse Show, Aug. 30-Sept. 1-3	Brockville
Business Men's Convention, Regina, May 5, 6, 7, 1913	Regina
Calgary Industrial Exhibition, Calgary, Alberta, June 30, 1913-July 5	Calgary
Canada's Great Eastern Exhibition, Sherbrooke, Aug. 30-Sept. 6	Sherbrooke
— Canadian Forestry Convention, Winnipeg, July 7-10, 1913	Winnipeg
Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto, Aug. 23, 1913-Sept. 8	Toronto
Cape Breton Island Exhibition, Sydney, Sept. 30-Oct. 4	Sydney
Central Canada Exhibition, Ottawa, Sept. 5-13	Ottawa
Cobourg, Ont., Horse Show, Aug. 12-16	Cobourg
— Dominion Fair, Brandon Man., July 15-25, 1913	Brandon
Edmonton Exhibition, Aug. 11-16, 1913	Edmonton
Exposition Provinciale de Quebec 23 Aout-1913-2 Sep.	Quebec
Fredricton Exhibition, Sept. 15-20, 1913	Fredricton
Galt Horse Show, June 5, 6, 7, 1913	Galt
Guelph's Old Home Week 1913, July 28-Aug. 2	Guelph
Hamilton Centennial Industrial Exhibition, Aug. 11-16, 1913	Hamilton
Help the Hamilton Mountain Sanatorium for Consumptives	Hamilton
Help the King Edward Memorial Fund for Consumptives	Toronto
Help the Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives	Toronto
International Dry Farming Congress, Lethbridge, Alta., 1913	Lethbridge
Kingston Township Fair, Sept. 17-18, 1913	Kingston
Lethbridge Exposition, June 24-28, 1913	Lethbridge
Lindsay Central Exhibition, Sept. 18-20	Lindsay
Nelson Fruit Fair, 1913, Nelson, B.C., Sept. 23, 24, 25	Nelson
Ontario Christian Endeavour Convention, Hamilton, Sept. 18-20, 1913	Hamilton
Ottawa Horse Show, May 13-17, 1913	Ottawa
Provincial Exhibition, Halifax, Sept. 3-11, 1913	Halifax
Provincial Exhibition, Sept. 30-Oct. 4, 1913, New Westminster, B.C.	New Westminster
Provincial Exhibition, Regina, Sask., July 28-Aug. 3, 1913	Regina
— The Stampede, Winnipeg, Canada, Aug. 9-16, 1913	Winnipeg
— Toronto Horse Show, April 29-May 3, 1913	Toronto
Vancouver Midsummer Fair, Aug. 30-Sept. 6, 1913	Vancouver
Victoria Carnival Week, Aug. 4-9, 1913	Victoria
Western Canada Irrigation Convention, Lethbridge, Aug. 5, 6, 7, 1913	Lethbridge
Western Fair, London, Canada, Sept. 5-13, 1913	London
Windsor Fair, Sept. 15-18, 1913	Windsor

1914

Annual Citizens' Celebration, Belleville, June 3, 1914	Belleville
Brantford Old Home Week, Aug. 9-14, 1914	Brantford
Broadview Boy's Fall Fair, Sept. 17-19, Toronto Y.M.C.A.	Toronto
Brockville Fair and Horse Show, Aug. 31-Sept. 1-2	Brockville
Calgary Industrial Exhibition, Calgary, Alberta, June 29, 1914-July 4	Calgary
Canada's Great Eastern Exhibition, Sherbrooke, Sept. 5-12, 1914	Sherbrooke
— Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto Peace Year, Aug. 29, 1914-Sept. 14	Toronto
Cape Breton Island Exhibition, Sydney, Sept. 29-Oct. 3, 1914	Sydney
— Cartier Centenary Celebration, Montreal, Sept. 6-13, 1914	(Bil.) Montreal
Central Algoma Exhibition, Sault Ste Marie, Sept. 30-Oct. 1-2	Sault Ste Marie

Central Canada Exhibition, Ottawa

Chahko Mika, Nelson B.C., July 13-18, 1914

Cobourg Ont. Horse Show, Aug. 18-22, 1914

Dominion Exhibition, Victoria, B.C., Sept. 21-26, 1914

Edmonton Exhibition, Aug. 10-15, 1914

Exposition de la Vallée du St. Laurent Trois Rivières, 24/29 Aout 1914

Exposition Provinciale de Quebec, 31 Aout, 1914-5 Sept.

Exposition Provinciale de Quebec, 31 Aout, 1914-5 Sept. L'Année de la Santé Publique

Fort George Fair Sep. 24-29-1914

Ottawa

Nelson

Cobourg

Victoria

Edmonton

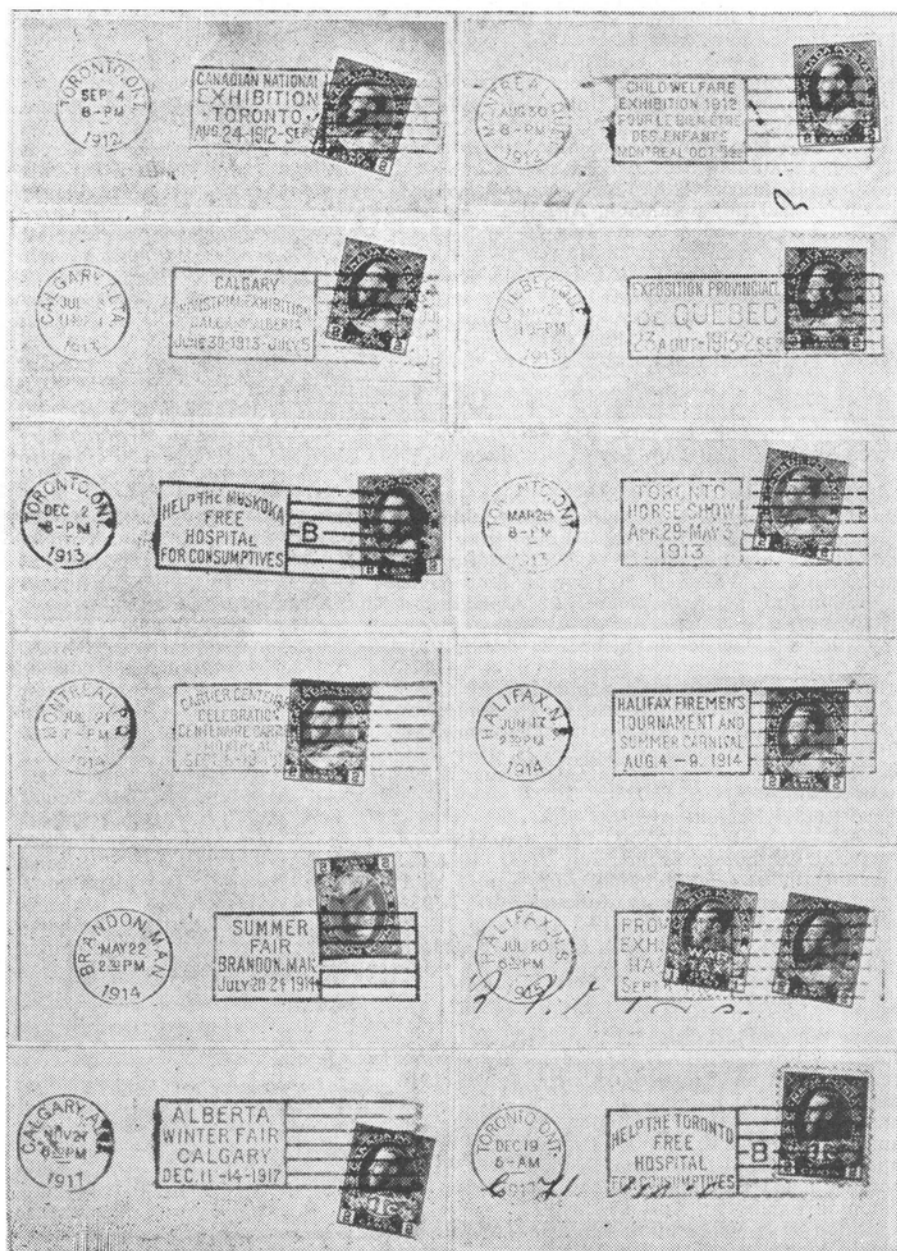
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Galt Horse Show, June 11, 12, 13, 1914

Galt

Golden Jubilee Confederation Conference, Charlottetown, Aug. 18, 19, 20, 1914

Charlottetown

Guelph Show

Guelph

Guelph Winter Fair, 1914, Dec. 5-10

Guelph

Halifax Firemen's Tournament and Summer Carnival, Aug. 4-9, 1914

Halifax

Hamilton Horse Show, June 18, 19, 20, 1914

Hamilton

Hamilton Industrial Exposition, July 6-18, 1914

Hamilton

Help the Hamilton Mountain Sanatorium for Consumptives

Hamilton

Help the Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives

Toronto

International Irrigation Congress, Calgary, Canada, Oct. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 1914

Calgary

Kingston's Only Fair—City Fair Grounds—Sept. 30-Oct. 1, 1914

Kingston

Lindsay Central Exhibition, Sept. 17-19, 1914

Lindsay

Ottawa Horse Show, May 12-16, 1914

Ottawa

Prince Rupert Exhibition Opens Sept. 30

Prince Rupert

Provincial Exhibition, Sept. 29-Oct. 3, 1914, New Westminster

New Westminster

Provincial Exhibition, Regina, July 27-31, 1914

Regina

Provincial Horse Show, Calgary, Alberta, April 14-18, 1914

Calgary

Provincial Winter Fair, Regina, Mar. 10-13, 1914

Regina

St. John Exhibition, Sept. 5-12, 1914

St. John N.B.

Saskatoon Industrial Exhibition, Aug. 4-7, 1914

Saskatoon

Stratford's Old Boy's Reunion, Aug. 1-8, 1914

Stratford

Summer Fair, Brandon, Man., July 20-24, 1914

Brandon

Toronto Horse Show, Apr. 28-May 2, 1914

Toronto

Twelfth Annual Nelson Fruit Fair, 1914, Nelson B.C., Sept. 23, 24, 25

Nelson

Vancouver Exhibition, Sept. 3-12, 1914

Vancouver

West Algoma Agricultural Association, Sept. 15-18, 1914

Fort William

Port Arthur

Western Fair, London, Canada, Sept. 11-19, 1914

London

1915

— Alberta Winter Fair, Calgary, Dec. 14-17, 1915

Calgary

Broadview Boy's Fall Fair, Sept. 16-18, Toronto Y.M.C.A.

Toronto

Brockville Fair and Horse Show, Sept. 6, 7, 8, 1915

Brockville

Calgary Exhibition, Calgary, Alberta, June 30, 1915-July 7

Calgary

Canada's Great Eastern Exhibition, Sherbrooke, Sept. 4-11, 1915

Sherbrooke

— Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto, Aug. 28, 1915-Sept. 13

Toronto

Edmonton Exhibition, Aug. 9-14, 1915

Edmonton

Exposition de la Vallée du St. Laurent, Trois Rivières, 23-28 Aout, 1915

Trois Rivières

Exposition Provinciale de Quebec, 28 Aout, 1915-4 Sept. L'Annee de L'Elan

Agricole Quebec

Exposition Provinciale de Quebec, 28 Aout, 1915-4 Sept., L'Annee de la Sante,

Publique Quebec

Help the Hamilton Mountain Sanatorium for Consumptives

Hamilton

Help the Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives

Toronto

Help the Toronto Free Hospital for Consumptives

Toronto

Lindsay Central Exhibition, Sept. 23-25, 1915

Lindsay

— National Patriotic Week, Winnipeg, Canada, July 4-10, 1915

Winnipeg

Owen Sound Fair, Oct. 6, 7, 8, 1915

Owen Sound

Prince Rupert Exhibition Opens Sept.

Prince Rupert

Provincial Exhibition, Halifax, Sept. 8-16, 1915

Halifax

— Provincial Exhibition, Regina, July 26-31, 1915

Regina

Saskatoon Industrial Exhibition, Aug. 3, 4, 5, 6, 1915

Saskatoon

Spring Stock Shows, Calgary, Alberta, April 21-23, 1915

Calgary

Summer Fair, Brandon, July 19-23, 1915

Brandon

Western Fair, London, Canada, Sept. 10-18, 1915

London

1916

Alberta Horse and Cattle Shows, Calgary, April 10-15, 1916

Calgary

Alberta Winter Fair, Calgary, Dec. 12-15, 1916

Calgary

Broadview Boy's Fall Fair, Sept. 21-23, Toronto Y.M.C.A.

Toronto

Brockville Fair and Horse Show, Sept. 4, 5, 6, 1916

Brockville

Calgary Industrial Exhibition, Calgary, Alberta, June 29, 1916-July 5

Calgary

Canada's Great Eastern Exhibition, Sherbrooke P.Q., Sept. 2-9, 1916

Sherbrooke

— Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto, Aug. 26, 1916-Sept. 11

Toronto

Cape Breton Island Exhibition, Sydney, Oct. 3-6, 1916

Sydney

Central Canada Exhibition, Ottawa, Sept. 9-16, 1916

Ottawa

Edmonton Exhibition, Aug. 10-15, 1916

Edmonton

Exposition de la Vallée du St. Laurent, Trois Rivières, 21-26 Aout, 1916

Trois Rivières

Guelph Winter Fair, Dec. 1-8, 1916

Guelph

Help the Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives
 Help the Toronto Free Hospital for Consumptives
 Lindsay Central Exhibition, Sept. 21, 22, 23, 1916
 Moose Jaw Stampede, July 11-14, 1916
 Owen Sound Fair, Sept. 12, 13, 14, 1916
 Prince Rupert Exhibition Opens Sept.
 Provincial Exhibition, Regina, July 24-29, 1916
 — Provincial Winter Fair, Regina, Mar. 14-17, 1916
 Saskatoon Industrial Exhibition, Aug. 1-4, 1916
 Summer Fair, Brandon, Man., July 11-22, 1916
 Vancouver Exhibition, Aug. 14-19, 1916
 Western Fair, London, Canada, Sept. 8-16, 1916

Toronto
 Toronto
 Lindsay
 Moose Jaw
 Owen Sound
 Prince Rupert
 Regina
 Regina
 Saskatoon
 Brandon
 Vancouver
 London

1917

Alberta Winter Fair, Calgary, Dec. 11-14, 1917
 Broadview Boy's Fall Fair, Sept. 22-22, Toronto Y.M.C.A.
 Brockville Fair and Horse Show, Aug. 20-23, 1917
 Calgary Industrial Exhibition, Calgary, Alberta, June 28-July 5, 1917
 Canada's Great Eastern Exhibition, Sherbrooke, Aug. 25-Sept. 1, 1917
 Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto, Aug. 25, 1917-Sept. 10
 Help the Hamilton Mountain Sanatorium for Consumptives
 Help the Hamilton Patriotic Fund, July 17, 18, 19
 Help the Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives
 Help the Toronto Free Hospital for Consumptives
 — Help to Win the War. Buy War Savings Certificates.

Brandon	Brantford	Calgary	Charlottetown
Gananoque	Halifax	Hamilton	Kingston
Lethbridge	London	Montreal	Ottawa
Port Arthur	Prince Rupert	Regina	Saskatoon
Sherbrooke	Sydney	— Toronto	Vancouver
Windsor	Winnipeg		

Patriotic Motor Show, Jan. 15-19, 1917
 Provincial Exhibition, Regina, July 23-28, 1917
 Provincial Winter Fair, Regina, Nov. 27-30, 1917
 Ranchers' Fair and Live Stock Show, Moose Jaw, July 16-20, 1917
 Red Cross Exhibit War Trophies, Halifax Armouries, Oct. 17-24
 Saskatoon Industrial Exhibition, July 31-Aug. 4, 1917
 — Save, Save, Save and Buy War Savings Certificates

Hamilton	London	Renfrew	— Winnipeg
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Save Your Money. Buy War Savings Certificates.

Brandon	Brockville	Fredricton	Medicine Hat
Moncton	Nelson	North Bay	Saskatoon
Stratford	Winnipeg		

Save Your Money. Lend it to Your Country.

Calgary	Edmonton	Guelph	Montreal
Saskatoon	Toronto	Vancouver	Victoria

\$25.00 for \$21.50 Buy War Savings Certificates.

Edmonton	Montreal	St. John	Toronto
Victoria			

\$25.00 for \$21.50. How? Ask Your Bank or Postmaster.

Fort William	Gananoque	Kitchener	Montreal
New Westminster	Orillia	St. John	Sault Ste Marie
Toronto	Vancouver		

\$25.00 pour \$21.50. Comment? Demandez a votre Banque ou au Maitre de Poste.

Montreal	Quebec	St. Hyacinthe	Trois Rivières
			Regina

Winter Fair, Regina, Sask., Nov. 27-30, 1917

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STIRLING, WHISKEY AND BAGPIPES

D-Day minus one, Jack Canuck makes his landing at Stirling to find he has already been beaten to it by Member Argenti and his charming wife, who in their eagerness took their car with them in the train North to get to Convention more quickly. Others who jumped the gun in their anxiety to be there early were Mr. and Miss Blease, the Harpers, Fred Tomlinson and Leonard Harris. By early Thurs-

day morning we find Hedley Hollands, complete with minutes of the last meeting, desperate to get on with the A.G.M. We also find the Fortnum family and the Stevies. Meantime our Editor, Charles Hollingworth, and Len Harris are doing their best to drown themselves on Gren-eagles Golf Course, and by lunch time members have so increased to make us realise we are heading for a record,

In the Exhibition room glass is broken, but the frames go up, and the high standard of exhibits is a foretaste of the good things to come. President J. J. Bonar is early on the scene directing operations. Invitation displays by Miller Allan (1859 issue), N. A. Argenti (Maritime Provinces), and Duncan McLellan (Large and Small Heads) set forth many problems in which all three show profound knowledge of their subjects. During these displays many members enter into interesting discussions, although some points go to the extreme. When perforations are measured to the second decimal point of a millimetre, well I ask you, chums, what do you think?

Many happy sidelights are seen during the course of the gathering. We find our small boy Heffie Hetherington doing his best to link up with his Scots ancestors and thus complete the family tree; he is partly successful. Jack Canuck did the same thing once, but has been spending lots of hard-earned cash since in "hush money." We are delighted to welcome five members from Ireland, plus Honorary Member Bunny and Sister. Also contingents from North Scotland and South of England. It was a great pleasure for us to welcome two of our real Canucks in the persons of William Marshall of Winnipeg and Stan Lum from R.C.A.F., Europe, Stan doing his second Convention.

On a visit by all delegates to the Town Hall for a Civic Reception on Friday, we are welcomed by Provost Duncan, who gives us coffee and some delightful humour. On visiting the Council Chamber we had difficulty in restraining Fred Tomlinson from thinking himself at home and taking the minutes of a Council meeting.

Friday afternoon a party set off on a sight-seeing tour of Aberfoyle, the Trosachs, and the "Rob Roy" Country. Here we witnessed the tragedy of the Convention, a Scot who did not know what a corkscrew was! Poor Eddie McGuigan will long try to live that one down. What has now become a tradition with C.P.S. Convention is the sight of L. D. Carn trying to negotiate hotel staircases. This time he tried the elevator with pathetic results, always finishing at the ground floor instead of the fourth.

On Saturday came the historic arrival of

the Aberdeen party headed by Ossie Fraser, boots worn out with the walk, being welcomed under a triumphal arch of crossed haggis and auld kail. The Annual Committee followed by the Annual General Meeting took place with no broken heads. In the afternoon David Gardner did his stuff as our perpetual auctioneer.

The Banquet went off in a blaze of colour and good spirits, but the looks of alarm on the guests' faces were pathetic to see, when a long, wailing sound was the fore runner of the top table party entering headed by a piper. Again the look of alarm on the ladies' faces betrayed their feelings when the President poured out the traditional large tassie of whiskey for the piper to greet the gathering. To allay the fears of the doubters, we have never seen a piper die of this form of poison; they grow up on it. The display of Highland dancing and piping by the boys of the Queen Victoria School added colour to the evening with their kilts and dress uniforms, and delighted the audience.

At the Ceremony of Initiation of Fellows the Roll was signed by Oswald Fraser, Bill Lea and Fred Tomlinson, all three most popular and worthy of the honour.

The after-dinner speeches were humorous, with Provost Duncan in good fettle, as was Captain Durand, but both were knocked for six by Mrs. Willan, replying for the ladies. A great evening and a great show.

Sunday brought no rest after the hilarity of the night before, some members were out on the golf course, some continuing with study circles, but most were on a coach tour of the Highlands, where much fine scenery was seen, including Ben Leddie and Ben Vorlich outside the coach, and Ben "Heffie" inside. Night brought more displays and discussions, followed by the farewells during the next day. The last we saw of the Convention was "J. J." clutching his last stroke of glory and, like Cassibianca, he stood there when all had fled.

Congratulations, "J. J.," for a very happy Convention, and all support for our new President, Dr. R. Willan. Where do we go from here, Yorkshire, Lancashire or where?

SOME ASPECTS OF THE CANADA 1859 ISSUE

By J. MILLAR ALLEN (422)

An abbreviated version of the Paper read at the Society's Convention at Stirling 1956

PART I.

Most of the details of this issue can be read up from such authorities as the works of Mr. W. S. Boggs and the books and articles of the late Senator J. A. Calder and our Past-President Mr. R. W. T. Lees-

Jones apart from the many articles that have appeared from time to time in "Maple Leaves" and the B.N.A.P.S. magazine "Topics". I only intend to touch on a few of the aspects and possibly make some small additions to the knowledge we may already glean from the books and articles to which I have referred.

It is generally acknowledged that the Dies

CANADIAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN

YEAR BOOK SECTION

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.

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

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

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.

No Officer shall be elected a Fellow under head (b) while holding office in the Society.
2. 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.

Rules Governing the Award of the Founder's Trophy

1.—The Trophy shall be awarded only to members of the Society. It will be held by the winner for one year.

2.—The Trophy will be awarded for work considered by the Judging Committee to be the best subject of ORIGINAL or INTENSIVE research in any branch of British North American Philately.

3.—The Judging Committee will comprise the President, the Immediate Past President,

5. Stamps must be priced net, with the price plainly marked in ink above the stamp. The use of ballpoint pens for this purpose should be avoided.
6. The Packet will circulate only to members resident in the British Isles and Eire.
7. No one under 21 years of age will be placed on the circulation lists.
8. Any change of address, or an absence from home for a period on holiday or for other reasons must be notified to the Packet Secretary at the earliest.
9. The Packet Secretary reserves the right to remove any member from the circulation list without assigning any reason.
10. The contributors head the circulation lists for Packets in which they have material.
11. Members purchasing stamps from the sheets must use a rubber stamp or sign their FULL NAME in ink on the space from which stamps have been removed. The use of initials only for this purpose should be avoided.
12. The number of books comprising the Packet should be checked against the number given on the Postal List sheet.
13. Books should be examined for unsigned spaces. Any unsigned spaces should be marked as such and the Packet Secretary notified. The prompt observance of this rule will greatly assist in tracing defaulters.
14. A Purchase Advice, along with the Certificate of posting, must be completed and returned promptly with remittance to the Packet Secretary. It is essential that this Advice and Certificate be sent whether purchases are made or not.
15. Credit transactions are not permitted, neither is it permissible for a member to set off his purchases against prospective sales.
16. All remittances sent to the Packet Secretary should be MADE PAYABLE TO THE SOCIETY.
17. Any remarks made relating to stamps must be signed by the writer.
18. Subject to week-end and public holiday delay, the Packet must be sent to the next member within 48 hours.
19. Members may, if they wish, send the Exchange Packet by ordinary post provided a certificate of posting, stating the destination of the Packet, is obtained at the time of posting—such certificate to be sent to the Secretary with the normal purchases advice slip. Failure on the part of any member to observe strictly this rule will render that member liable for any loss the Exchange Packet may sustain. Should delivery be made by hand, obtain a signature for the Packet.
20. Commission is charged on sales at the rate of $7\frac{1}{2}\%$, and deductions are made in respect of the share of Packet insurance on the full value of each book, and for poundage, and return postage.
21. These rules are subject to alteration from time to time should the Exchange Packet Secretary deem it expedient.

OCTOBER, 1956.

ATTENTION IS PARTICULARLY DRAWN TO RULES 14 AND 19.

THE ROLL OF PRESIDENTS

Sept., 1946—A. E. STEPHENSON.
 May, 1950—R. W. T. LEES JONES.
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234 MEYERSON, D. C., 69, Fenimore Drive, Harrison, N.Y., U.S.A. C.N.B.
20 MEREDITH, C. W., Drumaston, 7 Bayfield Gdns., Broughty Ferry, Dundee, Angus. C., N., U.O.
29 MERRYLEES, J. S., 5, Williamfield Avenue, Stirling. C.
765 MICHAEL, Albert L., 7, Woodbury Close, Croydon, Surrey. C., B., N.
445 MIDDLEMAS, R. J., Roseworth, Kelso, Roxburghshire. C.
720 MILLER, Dr. James H., 32, Kingslynn Rd., Toronto 18, Ont., Canada. C.
628 MILLER, A. W., 13 Auriol Drive, Bedhampton, Hants. C.
927 MILLER, Ridley R., 57 Seacrest Ave., Cullercoats, N. Shields. C.
691 MILNE, Norman P., 22, Caxton Avenue, Norbreck, Blackpool, Lancs. C.N.B.
47 MITCHELL, Mrs. G. Croal, 17, Seymour Street, Dundee. C.
46 MITCHELL, Dr. T. J., 41, Kelly Street, Greenock. C., V., P.
109 MOIR, J. Isles, 234, Arbroath Road, Dundee. C.
836 MOMY, J. G., R.C.A.F., Beaver Barracks, 424 Metcalfe St., Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. C.N.
515 MONRO, H., M.A., 140, Gray Street, Aberdeen. C.M.

- 692 VAUDREUIL, David, Cmdr., R.N.V.R., Hollocombe, Strete, Nr. Dartmouth, South Devon. C.N.B.
- 423 VAN SICKLE, W. P., 61, Fursecroft, George St., London, W.1. C., N.
- 939 VIZZARD, Kenneth C., Wheatley, Ontario, Canada. C.
- 832 WAINWRIGHT, Richard William, 51 Victoria Street, Aberdeen. C.
- 177 WALBURN, H. G., R.R.3, Kelowna, Brit. Columbia, Canada. C., P.C.
- 400 WALKER, Alan R., Orchard Gate, Church Lane, St. Marks, Cheltenham, Glos. C.
- 350 WALKER, Frederick, June Cottage, North Street, Petworth, Sussex. C.
- 289 WALKER, P. G., Long Spinney, Cragg Lane, Huby, Nr. Leeds. N., E.P.
- 912 WALKER, Harold W., 670 Mulvey Ave., Winnipeg 9, Canada. PE. R.
- 917 WALKER, James G. B., Kilronan, Kenilworth Rd., Bridge of Allan, Scotland. C.
- 473 WALLACE, R., "Eildon," Old Edinburgh Road, Inverness. C., B., N.
- 609 WALLIS, L. A., 56a, High Street, Whitstable, Kent. C.B.N.
- 535 WALLWORK, E. C., Avalon, St. Bede's, East Boldon, Co. Durham. C.N.B.
- 715 WALTERS, Edwin P. F., The Dormy House, Ripon, Yorks. C.
- 763 WARD, Murray John, 11125, 60 Street, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. - C.U.O.P.C. PER.
- 110 WARDHAUGH, John B., C.A., Dalcapon, 3, The Grove, Giffnock, Glasgow, C., N., B.
- 908 WASSERMAN, David, 160-55 Willets Pt. Blvd., Whitestone, 57 Queens N.Y.C., N.Y.S., U.S.A. C.P.V.
- 932 WATMOUGH, W. W., 118 Balmoral Ave. S., Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. C.
- 506 WATSON, J. C., 35, Woodburn Avenue, Airdrie. C.N.B.
- 129 WATSON, Dr. V. M. M., 3, Albyn Terrace, Aberdeen. C., N.
- 868 WATSON, R. J., R.R. 1, St. Marie Road, St. Anne de Bellevue, Quebec, Canada. C.P.S.
- 929 WATSON, Major Robert M., 7004 Somerled Ave., Montreal 29, Canada. C.
- 519 WAY, C. B., Miss, Garthmyl Hall, Montgomery. C.
- 921 WEATHERHEAD, Douglas J., 44 Shakespeare Ave., New Southgate, London, N.11. C.
- 795 WEBB, David N. A., 87, Eastern Avenue, Micheldean, Glos. C.
- 948 WEISS, Harry L., 5615 Monkland Ave., Montreal 28, Canada. C.
- 493 WETHERED, J. Graham, Byng Hotel, Folkestone, Kent. C.
- 254 WELLBURN, Gerald E., R.D.P., F.R.P.S.L., F.C.P.S., Deerholme, Duncan, B.C., Canada. C., N., B., G.B., P.H.
- 848 WELLESLEY-ASH, H., 5 Bouverie Mansions, Bouverie Rd. West, Folkestone. C.
- 81 WHITE, W., 82, Mitchell Street, Glasgow. C.
- 529 WHITE, W. T., 6312, Marguerite Street, Vancouver, 13, B.C., Canada. C.B.
- 611 WHITEHEAD, A. (Dr.), 52, Havelock St., Amherst, N.S., Canada. C.P.V.B.N.
- 894 WHITEHOUSE, Ivor F., Dixville, P.Q., Canada. C.
- 543 WHITLEY, E., 25, Harker Terrace, Stanningley, Leeds. C.P., C.Q.
- 100 WHITWORTH, Geoffrey, Westfield, Greetland, Halifax, Yorks. C., CR.2.
- 364 WIDDOWSON, H. J., Clinton Hse., Pelham Rd., Sherwood Rise, Nottingham. C.
- 681 WILDE, P. A., 36, Alfreda Road, Whitechurch, Cardiff. P.
- 784 WILDING, Harold W. S., 135, Traill Avenue, Winnipeg 12, Man., Canada. C.P. CS.
- 437 WILLAN, Dr. R., F.C.P.S., Oak House, Shaw, Lancs. N.
- 599 WILLCOCK, W. M. C., 4086 Marcell Ave., N.D.G., Montreal, Canada. C.
- 940 WILLCOX, Frank, 184 Stanley Ave., St. Lambert, Montreal 23, Canada. C.
- 738 WILLIAMS, Ronald M., 12224 125th St., Edmonton, Alta., Canada. C.D.C.O.
- 570 WILLIAMS, D. J., 105, Upper Tooting Road, London, S.W.17. C.
- 620 WILLIAMS, Wm., 53, Central Road, Wembley, Mddx. C.P.
- 890 WILLIAMS, Philip David, 4 Blenheim Ave., Old Basing, Basingstoke, Hant. C.P.C.
- 636 WILLIAMSON, Sir George A., Investment House, 6, Union Row, Aberdeen. C.N.P.
- 574 WILLINGTON, K., 13 Elmhurst Close, Lowestoft Road, Gorleston, Norfolk. C., CR-CO.
- 410 WILLMOTT, Mrs. M. L., 28, Park Hill Rise, Croydon. C.
- 879 WILMAN, P. D., Bre Ogar, Sittingbourne, Kent. C.
- 856 WILSDON, J. F., Box 458, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. C. P. PB.
- 781 WILSON, George H., 1, Cromwell Road, Penwortham, Preston, Lancs. C.
- 551 WILSON, R., Oaklands, Cresswell Road, West Hartlepool. C.
- 785 WITTS, James R., 120, Franklin Road, Kings Norton, Birmingham, 30. CR-CE.
- 792 WOOD, Dr. Arthur Brian, 19, Southbourne Road, Bournemouth East, Hants. C.P. (R.P.O.S.)
- 415 WOOD, Stanley A., 1, Dorset Street, Grey Lynn, Auckland, W.2, New Zealand. N.
- 192 WOOD, Eustace, Westward Ho, 5, Cypress Road, Newport, I. of W. C.
- 496 WOODALL, R. G., Forest Cottage, Holtwood, Wimborne. C., B., N., P.H., P.A., P.
- 895 WOODMAN, Murray M., P.O. Box 20, Dixville, P.Q., Canada. C.
- 663 WOODS, James Edward, 2, Hengrave Road, Forest Hill, London, S.E.23. CR. CR2. CL. CS. CO.
- 877 WOOLLEY, Robert J., 359 Ellis Park Road, Toronto 3, Ontario, Canada. C.
- 858 WORLOW, Alan, 90 Haven Road, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire. C.
- 585 WORSSELL, J. M., The Nutshell, 7 Princess Gdns., Cliftonville, Margate. C.G.C.
- 646 WORWOOD, W., 1404, 13th Avenue West, Charny, P.Q., Canada. C.
- 536 WRESSELL, M., Mrs., 1, Beech Street, Paddock, Huddersfield. C.
- 758 WRIGHT, G. H., 23, Palmerston Road, Boscombe, Hants. C.
- 705 WRIGHT, John Charles, "Lapley," Mason St., Coseley, Staffs. C.
- 801 WRIGLEY, Roy, 2228, Bellevue Avenue, West Vancouver, B.C., Canada. C.R.P.S.O.
- 684 YARROW, Sir Harold E., Overton, Kilmacollm, Renfrewshire. C.
- 774 YEATON, Vinton R., 8, Third Street, Dover, New Hampshire, U.S.A. C.N.B.U.O.
- 619 YORKE, R. H., 45, Wychwood Avenue, Canons Park, Edgware, Mddx. C.B.N.
- 863 YUILE, J. Watson, 3445 Cote Des Neiges, Montreal, Canada. C.

for the Pence issues were used to lay down the Dies for the 1859 values with the suitable amendments required to alter the values in words and figures from pence to cents. The correspondence between the Canadian Post Office and the engravers and printers, the American Bank Note Co. of New York shows that the Post Office required the Company to use the same devices for the Cents values as were used for the Pence values referring, of course, to the vignettes of the respective values and the Company agreed to make the Dies to correspond accordingly.

There is clear evidence of the use of the original dies in e.g. the 1c. and 17c. Amongst other characteristics, in the case of the $\frac{1}{2}$ d the die flaw of a dash between the top frame lines over the O of POSTAGE is repeated on all copies of the 1c and in the case of the 10d the die flaw of the line in the white oval above the OS of POSTAGE is repeated on all copies of the 17c.

When we come to study the 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c we are presented with some difficulty as the only portion that corresponds with its predecessor the 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d is the oval with the wording round the vignette. The four spandrels are altered by the substitution of new figures of value. The vignette differs materially from that of the 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d in numerous respects, e.g. the shape of the eyebrows, the shading on the Queen's face and the differing background lines to her head. Again there is the difference in the length of the format as the 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c is slightly shorter than the 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. While an entirely new die may not have been engraved, yet the extensive changes from the 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d give grounds for belief that the die was regarded as a new one at the time of making. Further evidence has now come to light.

The first impression to be laid down on the new plate of the 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c was in the north-east corner as Mr. Lees-Jones deduces in his study of this plate which appeared in the "London Philatelist" in 1947. This impression would be No. 1 on the sheet and so the impression on the north-west corner of the plate would become No. 10 on the sheet. The early prints from position No. 10 on the sheet show a very interesting phenomenon as outside the top frame lines above the letter K of PACKET, and just under the guide line running horizontally across the top of the sheet, there will be seen markings that appear to be initials and could be the initials of one of the engravers of the stamp. On close examination, as they are rather minute, they might be deciphered as JM standing for James Major, one of the principal engravers of the American Bank Note Co. at that time. This name is merely a suggestion, but I do think they must be the initials of an engraver who was probably claiming credit for the design of the 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. My attention was drawn to the mark by member George Macnamara of Dublin. Such a mark is not found on any other

of the values as far as I am aware. It disappears in the later prints.

With reference to the various markings to be found on the plates, the sequence of the laying down of the impressions on the 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c and 17c plates are of importance in plate studies. Mr. Lees-Jones stated he was of opinion that the first impression laid down was No. 1 on the sheet in the north-east corner of the plate, and from that point the vertical rows were laid down in turn, ending with the 10th vertical row, i.e. of the sheet. I have a strip of three 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c from positions 38, 39 and 40 which shows in the wing margin attached to No. 40 the two guide gots common to most of these stamps of which two the nearer dot to No. 40 was used to lay down the impression in that position. Mr. Lees-Jones has already suggested that the further and larger dot usually found inside the rim of the medallion on the stamp was first entered on the plate and found to be about 1 mm. out of position, and was then replaced by the dot usually found in the C of CANADA. I will here augment his argument by drawing attention to the guide line and dots which appears just inside the design of the stamps in the tenth vertical row of the sheet unless they are in some instances superimposed by the stamp design. Evidently this guide line was placed there to indicate the west boundary for the placing of the impressions on the plate and the dots in the line to show the approximate centre of the single impressions. The line was slightly overlapped by the impressions, thus forcing us to the conclusion that the tenth vertical row was the last to be laid down. Such an error in placing could not have occurred in the first row.

The same argument applies to the 17c, where again we have the guide line and dots in the tenth vertical row of the sheet. We note, however, that there are only faint traces of the line in position No. 100 as this is the Major Re-entry, and the probability is that the first impression in this position was almost entirely burnished out and entered again. For the reasons stated, I am here in disagreement with Senator Calder, who states in his Study of the 17c Plate that the first vertical row of the sheet was the last to be rolled on the plate.

At this point, I would like to emphasise that the dots, known as travelling dots, in different positions on each of the ten vertical rows of the 17c were not used as guide dots for the transfer roller. No satisfactory explanation has so far been advanced for their presence on the plate, but they have been most useful as a basis for the plating of this stamp. The transfer roller guide dots appear in the left hand oval ornament except in the first vertical row of the sheet and where they have been covered in some instances by the design.

(To be continued).

STIRLING TO LONDON—OR THE FURTHER EXPLOITS OF FLYING FRED—THE DEADLY ED.

Mixed feelings greeted the news at Stirling that Len Harris was taking the Secretary, Treasurer, and Editor of the Society back to England in his 3½ litre Jaguar on Sunday morning, the last-named acting as co-driver. Several members offered to pay the cost of a new car if Len would guarantee to eliminate all three officers in transit. On the other hand, many expressions of sympathy were received by Hedley and Mac who were unaware of the reputation of the two drivers in the sphere of motoring, including performances at Brooklands, the Monte Carlo Rally and the T.T. Races. It was thought that the trip now contemplated was just a practice run for the Mille Miglia or Le Mans, and it was remarked that, although many members would be going home by road and one by air, it was now apparent that some were trying to do both. In view of the above it is thought that the following log-book of the journey may be of interest.

- 8.40 a.m. Departure. Len at the wheel. Fred at his side calmly reading the morning paper. Hedley and Mac huddled together apprehensively on the back seat.
- 10.0 a.m. Short halt at isolated spot. Len and Fred got out. Hedley and Mac discussed advisability of driving away whilst there was still a chance of escape.
- 11.15 a.m. Fred took the wheel. Fine weather at last—having now crossed the Border.
- 11.30 p.m. Passed through Carlisle at a respectful 40-45 m.p.h.
- 12 noon Mac enquired if speedometer was out of order as needle appeared to have been stuck at 70 for at least 15 minutes.
- 1.05 p.m. Foxhall Inn, near Scotch Corner. Having taken a quantity of fuel on board the journey was resumed at 1.30 p.m. with Len at the wheel.
- 1.45 p.m. Fred realised that the new cap he bought at Stirling now reposed on the bar counter at the Foxhall Inn.
- 2.15 p.m. Held up for a few minutes whilst the remains of a road accident were photographed. Hedley and Mac convinced it will be their turn next.
- 2.30 p.m. Mac, alighted at Wetherby, expressing grateful thanks for his "deliverance," and continued his journey by bus.
- 3.00 p.m. Ferrybridge, Fred, who likes to orate, gave a running commentary of places of interest at seventy-five miles an hour.
- 3.25 p.m. Doncaster. Courtesy went by the board as Fred sped past a long line of traffic to beat the lights.
- 4.15 p.m. Len took the wheel, started counting the grey hairs as another accident was passed.
- 5.00 p.m. Reprieve, while Ham and Eggs were taken at Nicks Transport café. Proceed once more with Len at the wheel.
- 5.50 p.m. Still making good time. Hedley now chain smoking (not his own).
- 6.15 p.m. Red light on dash-board heralds stop for two gallons of petrol.
- 7.10 p.m. More petrol. Deadly Fred now at the wheel.
- 7.30 p.m. Twelve miles to go, solid line of traffic. Fred starts to car hop (literally), another coat of paint gone.
- 7.45 p.m. Enfield. Hedley takes over as navigator. Fred thinks he will miss the train.
- 8.32 p.m. Victoria Station, one mad rush. Fred gets his train with one minute to spare. Len and Hedley decide that two halves make a whole and compliment each other on a safe arrival, and so ends another Convention.

DUPLEX MARKINGS OF THE VICTORIAN ERA

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Part 3

Explanatory Note

In my previous articles published in "Maple Leaves", I mentioned that Duplex markings can be divided into two broad categories, i.e. (i) the standard type A (circular killer* with unbroken horizontal bars), and (ii) the exceptional types, B, G, H, L, which occur only in a comparatively few towns and post offices. The latter were described and listed in part 2 (October, "Maple Leaves"), leaving the lengthy standard type A for a further instalment.

This standard type A was used in a large number of towns, starting with 20 in 1860 (vide Boggs p. 573), and increasing to probably well over 100 by 1900. The bars vary in number and may be thin or thick; the daters* are of two main types, i.e.

I With no complete outer circle,

II With a complete outer circle.

In the tables that follow details are given of over 150 Duplex, which can conveniently be divided into four subtypes, as follows :—

- (a) I.A. with numerous thin bars ("Maple Leaves" fig. 11). These are characteristic of the earliest Duplex, of the period 1860-1875.
- (b) About 1870-1872 however, a number of I.A. Duplex were brought into use with fewer and thicker bars ("Maple Leaves" fig. 1), and there was also a change in the dater from the letters CE or CW to QUE, ONT, etc.
- (c) II.A. with numerous thin bars ("Maple Leaves" fig. 2). These are characteristic of the middle period 1880-1895.
- (d) II.A. with fewer thick bars ("Maple Leaves" fig. 3), characteristic of the latest period, and particularly 1899-1902.

A rough idea of the distribution between these four subtypes is given by the analysis of the first 150 Duplex of A type to be recorded, i.e. (a) 29 (b) 10 (c) 34 (d) 77. These figures bring out an interesting point. In the 1893-1898 period, with the introduction of Squared Circles, Flags, etc., the use of Duplex was temporarily reduced, but there was evidently a marked recrudescence of Duplex markings in the closing years of the century, as the number of different Duplex of subtype (d) already recorded are more than double that of any other type. This is explained by an analysis of all Duplex recorded in use between 1899 and 1902, which shows not only that a large number of new post offices had received subtype (d) Duplex, but that nearly all the older post offices had by then given up the earlier types of Duplex and also been supplied with this newer subtype (d).

In the tables that follow, Duplex have been classified as different which show:

A. In the dater,

- (a) different letters, e.g. C.W., ONT., or CANADA;
- (b) year or no year;
- (c) appreciable difference in size (obvious to the naked eye).

[To avoid undue complication, differences of time (A.M., P.M., NT.) and clerks' numbers have been deliberately ignored, as there are so many variables already to be kept in mind. This is a departure from the usual practice of which some specialists may disapprove, but they can elaborate further as they feel inclined.]

B. In the killer, appreciable differences in :—

- (a) number of bars,
- (b) thickness of bars,
- (c) size.

These killer variables, of course, combining with the dater variables to form

* I propose to use the transatlantic terms "dater" and "killer" instead of "post-mark" and "obliterator," as this will tend to uniformity.

new varieties of Duplex, which, I venture to suggest, justifies the exclusion of still more variables.

Six more drawings of Duplex illustrate this article, bringing the total number of "Maple Leaves" figures to sixteen, of which numbers 11, 1, 2, 3 are the four subtypes of A type, while numbers 4 to 10 and 12 to 15 are the exceptional types B. G. H. L. Number 16 is a freak A type, which breaks the 3 o'clock rule, as the killer is at 6 o'clock.

In a short supplement to the tables, two new Duplex of B type are entered, with dater of Jarrett's type 230; one of these is illustrated (fig. 13). No other new Duplex of the exceptional types have come to light in the last two months.

A rough idea of the relative scarcity of different *types* of Duplex may be attempted (based on the examination of between one and two thousand). A number of different factors have to be considered. For example, the earliest Duplex (M.L. 11) is seldom seen except on covers of the 1859 issue, which *ipso facto* makes it scarce, while the latest (M.L. 3) occurs chiefly on the cheap Q.V. leaves and numerals of 1899-1902. Again later subtypes of A type *as types* tend to be commoner than the exceptional types, since they were used for many towns, but a particular town may be quite rare.

If we give factor 1 for the commonest types, and factor 10 for the rarest, we can, I think, provisionally divide Duplex into three broad classes of relative scarcity, as follows :—



Fig 11 Type I.A



Fig 12 Type II G 8c



Fig 13 Type I.B.10

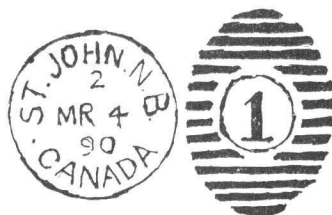


Fig 14 Type II.H.14a.(1)



Fig 15 Type II.L.7.a.(4)



Fig 16 Type II.A.9.

Class	Factor	"Maple Leaves" figures
Common	1 - 3	2, 3, 6, 7, 8
Medium	4 - 7	1, 4, 5, 13, 14, 15
Rare	8 - 10	9, 10, 11, 12, 16

Some day we may hope that this very broad classification will give place to a more detailed one, analogous to that of the Squared Circles handbook, but a great deal of study and research will be necessary before that day arrives.

Entries in the tables marked * are incomplete or require checking. The entries are based on the classification originally proposed four months ago, and it is gratifying to note that so far it has proved comprehensive, readily understood, and is apparently being generally adopted. Its utility in correspondence is well established, and it has facilitated the exchange of duplicates.

Once again I gratefully acknowledge the co-operation and assistance of numerous members of the C.P.S. of G.B. in two continents, in supplying data on new Duplex, and swelling the record given in the tables that follow. That many Duplex, especially of the later period, remain to be recorded is certain, and it is my earnest hope that all members of our Society will cooperate and send details of any Duplex not yet recorded or incorrectly recorded, so that the record may become as complete and accurate as possible.

Name of Post Office	Dates	Classification	Details of Dater	Details of Killer	'Maple Leaves' No.	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Type A. (Like "Maple Leaves" 1, 2, 3, 11.)						
Aylmer			mm.		mm.	
(West)	1900-04	II. A. 9	23/Ont.	9 thick bars	22 3	
Barrie	1861	I. A. 13	21/C.W.	13 thin bars	21 11	
Bathurst St.						
Toronto	1888-99	II. A. 9	25/Toronto	9 thick bars	25 3	In blue.
Belleville	1862-63	I. A. 13	21/C.W.	13 thin bars	21 11	
*	1882	I. A. 12 (?)	20/Ont.	? 12 thin bars	21 11	
	1883	II. A. 12	25/Canada	12 thin bars	? 2	
*	1898	I. A. 13	21/Ont.	13 thin bars	24 11	(Very late date)
	1897-1901	II. A. 12	24/Canada	12 thick bars	26 3 type	
	1902	II. A. 9	23/Canada	9 thick bars	24 3	
Berlin	* 1891-94	II. A. 11	22/Ont.	11 thin bars	24 2	
	* 1896	II. A. 12	22/?	12 bars	25 3 type	
	1902	II. A. 9	22/Ont.	9 thick bars	22 3	
Brantford	1863-77	I. A. 13	20/C.W.	13 thin bars	21 11	1877 in blue.
	1880-85	II. A. 11	23/Canada	11 thick bars	25 3 type	
	1886-1901	II. A. 12	25/Canada	12 thin bars	25 2	
Brandon	1901	II. A. 9	23/Man.	9 thick bars	22 3	
Brent	* 1902	II. A. 8 or 9	?	8 or 9 thick bars	? 3	
Brockville	1868	I. A. 13	21/C.W.	13 thin bars	21 11	
	1888-98	II. A. 12	25/Canada	12 thin bars	25 2	
	1902	II. A. 9	23/Ont.	9 thick bars	23 3	
Buckingham	* 1894	II. A. ?	23/Ont.	?	? ?	
Campbelltown	1901	II. A. 9	23/N.S.	9 thick bars	22 3	
Cayuga	* 1898	II. A. 10	25/Ont.	10 or 11 thick bars	? 3	
		or 11			?	
Charlotte-town	1899	II. A. 11	24/P.E.I.	11 thick bars	24 3 type	
Chatham	(a) 1870-80	I. A. 13	21/C.W.	13 thin bars	21 11	} Difference in date.
	(b) 1882-83	As above.	21/Ont.	As above.	11	
	1887-92	II. A. 12	22/Canada	12 thin bars	22 2	
Cornwall	1890	II. A. 10	23/Ont.	10 thick bars	24 3 type	
	1902	II. A. 9	23/Ont.	9 thick bars	22 3	
Cobourg	1885-89	I. A. 13	21 1/2/C.W.	13 thin bars	21 1/2 11	
	1888	II. A. 11	23/Ont.	11 thin bars	23 2	
*	1900	II. A. 8 or 9	?/Ont.	8 or 9 thick bars	3 type	
Dundas	1866	I. A. 13	21/C.W.	13 thin bars	22 3	
	1902	II. A. 9	21 1/2/Ont.	9 thick bars	22 11	
Dunnville	1902	II. A. 9	22/Ont.	9 thick bars	22 3	
Fort William	1900	II. A. 11	25/Ont.	11 thick bars	25 3 type	

Name of Post Office	Dates	Classification	Details of Dater	Details of Killer	'Maple Leaves' No.	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Frederic- ton *	1889	II. A. 9	mm. 25/N.B.	mm. 9 thick bars 25	3	
Galt	1861	I. A. 13	21/C.W.	13 thin bars 22	11	
	1891	II. A. 9	24/Ont.	9 thick bars 24	3	
Glance Bay *	1902	II. A. 8 or 9	23/N.S.	8 or 9 thick bars ?	3 type	
Goderich	1864	I. A. 13	21½/C.W.	13 thin bars 21	11	
	* 1899-1902	II. A. 8 or 9	25/Ont.	8 or 9 thick bars 25	3	
Granby	1902	II. A. 9	23/Que.	9 thick bars 21½	3	
Guelph	1867-69	I. A. 13	21/C.W.	13 thin bars 22	11	
	1899-1902	II. A. 9	25/Ont.	9 thick bars 26	3 type	
Halifax	1887-90	II. A. 10	26/Canada	10 bars 22	2 type	
	1893-1900	II. A. 9	25/Canada	9 thick bars 24	3	
	1901-02	As above.	23/Canada	As above. 21½	3	Smaller size.
Hamilton	1860-75	I. A. 13	20/C.W.	13 thin bars 21½	11	
	1877-81	I. A. 11	21/Ont.	11 thick bars 23	1 type	} Difference in number of bars.
	1882	I. A. 10	21/Ont.	10 thick bars 23½	1 type	
	1881-91	II. A. 13	24/Canada	13 thin bars 24½	2	} Difference in number of bars.
	1883-86	II. A. 14	24/Canada	14 thin bars 24½	2	
Hull	1901	II. A. 9	22½/Que.	9 thick bars 21½	3	
Huntingdon	1891	I. A. 10	21/Que.	10 thick bars 19	—	
	With diagonal cut of bars from 11 to 5 o'clock. Very unusual.					
Ingersoll	* 1883	II. A. 14	25½/Canada	14 thin bars ? 23	2	
	1889	II. A. 11	23½/Canada	11 thin bars 23½	2	
	* 1901	II. A. 8 or 9	23/Ont.	8 or 9 thick bars ?	3	
Kaslo	1901	II. A. 9	23/B.C.	9 thick bars 22½	3	
Kingston	1861	I. A. 13	22/C.W.	13 thin bars 22	11	
	* 1901	II. A. 8	25/Canada	8 thick bars 24½	3	
Listowel	* 1902	II. A. 9	23/Ont.	9 thick bars ? 22	3	
London	(a) 1861-72	I. A. 13	21/C.W.	13 thin bars 22	11	} Change in dater.
	(b) 1875-78	As above.	22/Ont.	As above. 11	11	
	1881	II. A. 14	24½/Canada	14 thin bars 24½	2	} Change in number of bars.
	1881-91	II. A. 15	24½/Canada	15 thin bars 24½	2	
	1902	II. A. 11	25/Ont.	11 thick bars 25	3 type	
Lucknow	1901	II. A. 9	22/Ont.	9 thick bars 22	3	
Mitchell	1901	II. A. 9	21½/Ont.	9 thick bars 21½	3	
Montreal	1860-75	I. A. 13	20/C.E.	13 thin bars 22	11	
	(a) 1875-80	I. A. 11	21½/Que.	11 thick bars 23½	1 type	No year in dater.
	(b) 1877-79	As above.		As above.	1 type	With year in dater.
	(a) 1881-91	II. A. 13	23/Canada	13 thin bars 25	2	No year in small dater.
	(b) 1883-87	As above.	26/Canada	As above.	2	No year in large dater.
	(c) 1894-96	As above.	25/Canada	As above.	2	With year in dater.
	* (a) 1889	II. A. 12	23½/Canada	12 medium bars 25		
	(b) 1889-96	As above.	25½/Canada	As above.		Small dater.
	1901	II. A. 9	23/Canada	9 thick bars 20	3	Large dater.
Montreal, St. Catharine's Street *	1899-1902	II. A. 9	24/?	9 thick bars 22	3	
Nepawa	1900	II. A. 9	23/Man.	9 thick bars 22½	3	
Newcastle	1901	II. A. 9	23/N.B.	9 thick bars 22½	3	
New Glasgow	1879	I. A. 12	23/N.S.	12 thin bars 23	11	In blue.
	1895-99	I. A. 13	22/N.S.	13 thin bars 22½	11	Late date.
New Hamburg	1900	II. A. 9	23/Ont.	9 thick bars 23	3	
Newmarket	1901	II. A. 9	24/Ont.	9 thick bars 22	3	
North Sydney	1901	II. A. 9	23/N.S.	9 thick bars 23	3	
Ottawa	1861-66	I. A. 13	21½/C.W.	13 thin bars 21	11	
"House of Assembly"	1881-86	II. A. 9	25/Ontario	9 thin bars 18	16	J. 1516 X

Five identical strikes in blue (3 in the Baresch collection and 2 elsewhere) confirm this very abnormal duplex, with killer at 6 o'clock and slightly crooked, the only recorded exception to the "3 o'clock rule" and "parallel to axis rule."

Name of Post Office	Dates	Classification	Details of Dater	Details of Killer	'Maple Leaves' No.	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
			mm.	mm.		
"House of Assembly P.O."	1906-08	II. A. 9	25/Ontario	9 thicker bars	18 3 type	J. 1516 XX
Jarrett's illustration of this later type of "House of Assembly P.O." duplex appears to be correct, with the killer in the normal 3 o'clock position.						
Paris	1901	II. A. 9	26/Ont.	9 thick bars	26 3 type	Large size.
Parkdale	1900	II. A. 9	23/Ont.	9 thick bars	23 3	
Parrsboro	1902	II. A. 9	22½/N.S.	9 thick bars	22½ 3	
Pembroke	1899		26/Ont.	9 thick bars	25 3	
Peterboro	1867-70	I. A. 12	20/C.W.	12 thin bars	20½ 11	
	1895-1902	II. A. 11	27/Ont.	11 thick bars	26 3 type	Very large size.
Peter St., Toronto	1890-98	II. A. 10	24½/Toronto	10 thick bars	26 3 type	Large killer.
	1891	II. A. 9	24½/Toronto	9 thick bars	24 3	
Petrolea *	1891	II. A. 10	23/?	10 thin bars	24 2 type	
	1900	II. A. 9	23/Ont.	9 thick bars	23 3	
Port Hope	1860-64	I. A. 13	22/C.W.	13 thin bars	22 11	
	1864	As above.	20/C.W.	As above.	20 11	Small size in purple.
Prescott	1901	II. A. 9	22½/Ont.	9 thick bars	21½ 3	
Quebec	1860-75	II. A. 8	20/C.E. or none	8 thick bars	20 3 type	Very early date.
	1877-79	I. A. 12	21/Que.	12 thin bars	25 11	
	1882-85	II. A. 13	24/Canada	13 thin bars	23 2	} Change in number of bars.
	1882	II. A. 14	As above.	14 thin bars	24 2	
(a) 1887-1902	II. A. 9	24/Canada	9 thick bars	24 3		
(b) As above.	As above.	As above.	As above.	As above.	3	With 2 dots in dater.
						With 2 small Maltese crosses in dater.
Regina	1899	II. A. 9	27/ASSA.	9 thick bars	25 3	Large dater.
Ross and Sackville St.	1901	II. A. 9	24/B.C.	9 thick bars	24½ 3	
	* 1891	II. A. 9	25/?	9 thick bars	? 3	
Catharine's	1868	I. A. 12	21/C.W.	12 thin bars	21 11	
	1881-96	II. A. 13	25/Canada	13 thin bars	25 2	
	1899-1901	II. A. 9	23/Canada	9 thick bars	21½ 3	
St. Hyacinthe *	1901	II. A. 8 or 9	25/Que.	8 or 9 thick bars ?	3	
St. John, N.B.	1880-83	II. A. 13	24/Canada	13 thin bars	24 2	} Differ in number of bars on'y.
	1880-83	II. A. 14	As above.	14 thin bars	24 2	
	1880-83	II. A. 15	As above.	15 thin bars	24 2	
	* 1902	II. A. 8 or 9	24/Canada	8 or 9 thick bars ?	3	
St. Stephen, N.B.	1899	II. A. 12	25½/N.B.	12 thick bars	25 3 type	
St. Thomas *	1881	I. A. 13	23/Ont.	13 thin bars	24 11	
	1885-92	II. A. 14	25/Ont.	14 thin bars	25 2	
	1889-1900	II. A. 9	23/Ont.	9 thick bars	22½ 3	
Sarnia *	1879-80	I. A. 10	22/Ont.	10 or 11 thick bars	1	
		or 11				
	1882-83	II. A. 13	26/Canada	13 thin bars	24½ 2	
Sherbrooke	1902	II. A. 9	22/Que.	9 thick bars	22 3	
Spadina Ave. (Toronto)	1889	II. A. 10	25/Toronto	10 bars	25 2 type	
Stratford (a)	1882-99	II. A. 12	25/Canada	12 thin bars	25 2 type	No AM or PM
(b)	1897	As above.	As above.	As above.	2 type	With AM or PM
Strathroy	1894-99	II. A. 11	24/Ont.	11 thick bars	22 3 type	
Sudbury	1901	II. A. 9	24/Ont.	9 thick bars	22 3	
Sydney	1900	II. A. 9	22/N.S.	9 thick bars	23 3	Large killer.
Three Rivers *	1902	II. A. 9	?	? 9 thick bars	26 3	
Tillsonburg	1891	II. A. 9	25/Ont.	9 thick bars	25 3	
Toronto	1866	I. A. 13	21/C.W.	13 thin bars	21 11	} Different letters in dater.
	1874-75	As above.	21/Ont.	As above.	11	
	1875-81	I. A. 13	22½/Ont.	13 thick bars	24½ 1	
	1878-80	I. A. 11	21/Ont.	11 thick bars	24 1	
	1878-79	II. A. 11	25/Ont.	11 thick bars	25 3 type	
Truro	1900	II. A. 9	22½/N.S.	9 thick bars	22½ 3	
Union Ry. St., Toronto	1882	II. A. 13	22/Toronto	13 thin bars	22 2	

Name of Post Office	Dates	Classification	Details of Dater	Details of Killer	'Maple Leaves' No.	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Vancouver, B.C. *	1898-99 1900-02	II. A. 11 II. A. 9	mm. 25/B.C. 23/B.C.	11 thick bars 9 thick bars	mm. 25 21½	3 type 3
Victoria, B.C.	1900-02	II. A. 9.	23/Canada	9 thick bars	25	3
Waterford *	1893	II. A. 9.	25/?	9 bars	25	2 3
Watford	1899	II. A. 9.	25/Ont.	9 thick bars	26	3
Windsor, Ont.	1882-93	I. A. 13	21/Ont.	13 thin bars	22	11
Windsor, N.S. *	1901-02 1889	II. A. 11 II. A. 11	25/Ont. 21/N.S.	11 thick bars 11 thin bars	25 ? 24	3 type 2 type
Winnipeg	1881-91 1883-90 1885 1900-02 1900	II. A. 11 II. A. 13 II. A. 14 II. A. 9 II. A. 9	25/Canada 24/Canada 24/Canada 25/Canada 22/Canada	11 thin bars 13 thin bars 14 thin bars 9 thick bars As above.	25 24 26 25 22	2 type 2 2 3 3
Woodstock	1889	II. A. 9	24/Ont.	9 thick bars	23	3
Yarmouth	1901	II. A. 9	24/N.S.	9 thick bars	23	3
Type B. (Like "Maple Leaves" 13.)						
Chatham	1882	I. B. 10	23/N.B.	10 thick bars	13	Dater J.230
Moncton	1885	I. B. 10	23/N.B.	25 x 21 22½ x 19½	13	type. Dater J.230 type.

GROUP NEWS

ABERDEEN

The Aberdeen Group of the Society had an excellent send-off for the 1956-1957 session when the members were favoured with an exhibition of the early stamps and pre-stamp covers from the collection of Mr. J. F. Bird, Newcastle-on-Tyne. The stamps exhibited extended from 1851 to 1893 and proved of great interest to the Group. In addition to being one of the finest collections shown in Aberdeen, the "writing up" of the collection was the subject of very favourable comments. Mr. Ossie Fraser as usual proved an excellent compère.

Mr. John Hannah, who was in the chair, spoke of the philatelic treat Mr. Bird had

given the Group and called for a hearty vote of thanks.

LONDON

No reports to hand, but don't forget the special Re-union and get-together on December 15th at the Shaftesbury Hotel, Monmouth Street, W.C.2. The programme starts at 2 p.m. and tea is included, for which a charge will be made. There will be lunch for those who wish it and arrive in time—rendezvous in the lounge, ground floor, by 12.30 p.m. For the 2 p.m. and later arrivals, the room reserved for the meeting is downstairs. Displays, discussions, friendly chatter—a very pleasant afternoon is guaranteed.

CLIPPINGS FROM B.N.A. MAGAZINES

Contributed by R. J. DUNCAN

37. IMPERIAL PENNY POSTAGE COVER

By ED. RICHARDSON

I guess it was Walt Bayley of Toronto who ran into the lot,—and they are lovely indeed. The covers come in two colours, light rose and light green. The over-all design is somewhat similar to the Mulready envelop with the legend at the top "To Commemorate the Inauguration of Imperial Penny Postage" with the words "Christmas Day 1898" at the bottom. They are 5½ x 4½ and bear the imprint at the bottom "Entered According to Act of Parliament

in the Year 1898 by the Review Ptg. Co., at the Department of Agriculture"—all in one line in small caps.

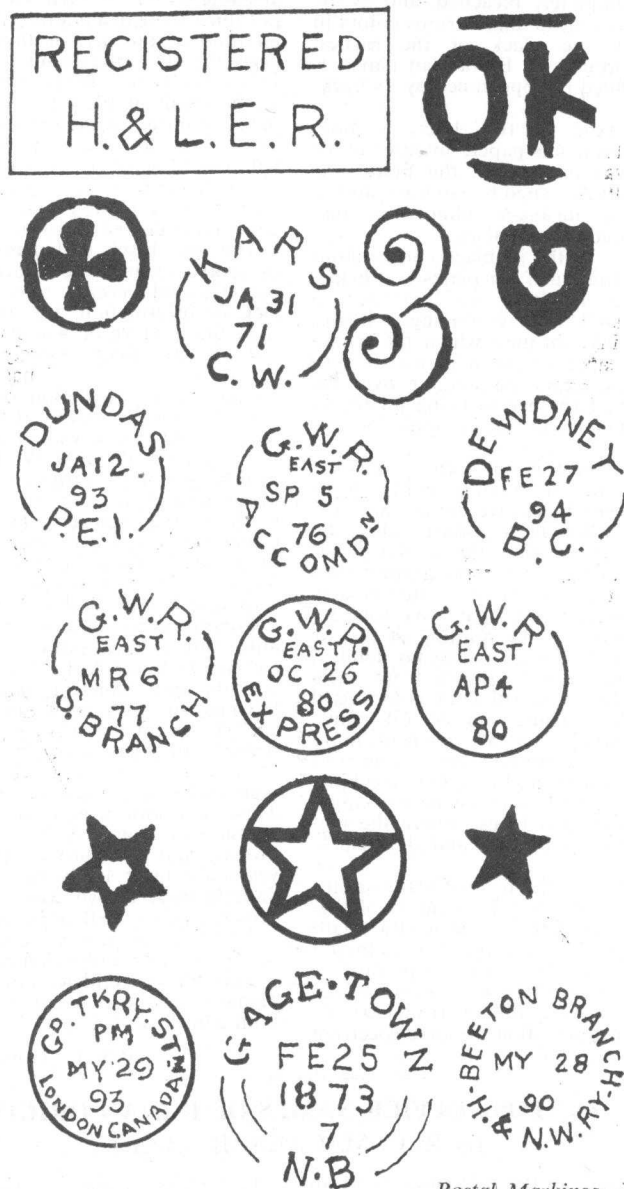
Those I have seen are unaddressed, all bear the Penny Postage commemorative of 1898 cancelled Berlin, Ont., Dec. 25, 1898. Very nice.

What a silly question! Of course I have one of each in my collection,—think I'd miss up on anything as nice as these?

Popular Stamps—October, 1950.

38. CANADA 3c SMALL CENTS

All in Black : Rankin Collections—P.L.D. RANKIN's TRACINGS



Postal Markings—May 20, 1935.

39. THE 50 CENT BLACK OF 1912

By F. WALTER POLLOCK

The human eye is most fallible, and no better proof is needed than the misconceptions that have been perpetuated in print, concerning the shades of the 50cent black of 1912.

The fault of even the most perfect eye is that the facts which it observes and trans-

mits to the intelligence are based upon relative observances, rather than absolute—in other words, it can not analyze a given color apart from the surroundings which influence it.

Thus, for example, the grey-black shade of this stamp is generally credited with

having appeared before the jet black. As a matter of fact, the paper used for the Edwardian issues was a shade of off-white, not being completely bleached, and as the eye tends to blend or mix various colors in juxtaposition, the black of the earliest Georgian printing, on Edwardian paper, is slightly modified in appearance by its background.

When, a year or two later, a more thoroughly bleached paper, intense in its whiteness, was introduced, the black was sharpened and deepened by contrast, and so developed the mistaken impression that grey-black preceded jet-black.

The scarcity of the jet-black comes about because, by this time, the plates had begun to wear, thus resulting in shallower recessed lines and a correspondingly thinner deposit of ink, through which the whiteness of the paper would more readily permeate, and so again we stumble over the imperfection of the eye in being unable to segregate individual impressions or influences.

Black, of course, is not a color; it is the complete absence of all color, and in speaking of the color black, we do so only as a convenience. But there must also be taken into consideration, the special physical qualities of black pigment, as contrasted with pigments of true color. The writer is not informed as to the quantitative formula of the ink used for the printing of this or other stamps of this series, but no doubt a certain analogy can be drawn from facts concerning the composition of colors used in other fields. Thus, colored oil paints will run from 45% to 55% pigment, more or less, with a corresponding volume of vehicle—in general and roughly speaking, pigment and vehicle will be nearly equal. Not so with carbon black, where the pigment will run about 6%, and the vehicle 94%.

Carried over to the field of stamp printing, it will be seen that the quantity of pigmentation in black ink is decidedly small; that the pigment is thus spread more thinly; and that any slight reduction in proportion of pigmentation will show to much greater effect than, say, a reduction from 50% to 45% in the pigmentation of some spectrum color.

Bearing these points in mind, it can be readily understood that the eye will record many variations which do not exist in the absolute sense. A slight change in the proportion of pigmentation, either in the preparation of the ink, or through failure to keep the ink thoroughly mixed; minute variations in the depth of the ink deposit as the result of plate wear; graduations in paper, both as to the extent of the bleaching and as to relative porosity—all these will affect the judgement of the eye, whereas there is really no change in pigmentation, because carbon black is true black, completely devoid of coloration.

The grey-black and grey-brown shades, of course, again demonstrate the defects of the eye, and perhaps also the observer's lack of information, for grey is no more than the mixture of white with black, and thus the grey shades merely prove that the impression of "black" has been modified by the white foundation or surroundings.

In judging this stamp, it must further be remembered that it was in production during and after the first World War, in the beginning imported dyes were used, Germany having to that time supplied the world in that respect. The war obliged Canada to prepare its own dyes and inks, or to obtain them from the U.S.A., which likewise had just been thrown upon its own resources in this field.

Imperfections were, of course, unavoidable, and certain printings, for instance, clearly show the lack of enough drier, so that the oily vehicle spread and, carrying the pigment with it, thinned the latter to such an extent that one can almost see the particles of pigment in groups, rather than as a solid mass, too close together to be separated except under the microscope. This, obviously, would give rise to the impression of a greyish shade. The black-brown and grey-brown shades of later years are most likely the result of some imperfection; brown would indicate the presence of some slight influencing touch of red, and would be most reasonably accounted for by the oxidation of some element present in the vehicle; not of the carbon pigment, as the two oxides of carbon are both colorless.

B.N.A. Topics—May, 1945.

40. POST OFFICE NAMES OF INDIAN ORIGIN

By R. C. MACKENZIE, Regina

We who work in the post office have an interest in place names, since it is our business to remember them. The long lists of post office names that we sometimes have to memorize often contain names of Indian origin. These may have a most interesting background. They may describe the appearance of a place, of its association with some past event. Often they are names that sound in a strange musical cadence, beautiful to say and to hear, as, for instance, Antigonish, Madawaska, Winnipeg, Nanaimo, Wetaskiwin.

Post Office names in Micmac, Iroquois, Huron, Saultaux, Cree, Kootenay, Squamish, and a dozen other Indian languages are common. Canada itself, it is said, originated from the Huron word Kanata meaning a village. Early explorers asking the name of the country, were told, with commendable civic pride, "Kanata", our village. Some dispute this story, but there seems no doubt Ontario, and Ottawa and some say Quebec, originated as Indian words that may have meant the wide lake, the river of roaring rapids and the narrow

place. Winnipeg, named for the nearby lake, is said to mean, grey water; Manitoba, also from the name of a lake, means Western Spirit Lake. Saskatchewan gets its name from its greatest river. The Cree name sounded something like *Saska-kechewan*, and meant Great Rapid River. In Alberta we have such interesting names as Athabasca, Pemukan, and Wetaskiwin. In British Columbia there are Skookumchuk, Kamloops, Kleena Kleene, Kincolith, Matsqui, and Metchosin, the first two are the names of Indian tribes that live in those districts, the other Indian place names and the names of Indian villages.

Such Indian names can be found by the dozen in any list of post office names from any province in Canada. Indian names were sometimes translated into English and French equivalents so we have such descriptive names as Lac La Ronge, Ile a La Cross, Beaver Rivers and Loon Lakes by the dozen, and such combinations as Smooth Rock Falls, Islets Caribou, Moose Jaw, and Medicine Hat. Medicine Hat is supposed to originate from an Indian word that meant, "the place where the Medicine Man lost his hat". Moose Jaw, from the place where the cart was mended with the jaw of a moose.

Miramichi, Madawaska, Chipewyan denote so many fishing rivers, there may be ghosts at Windigo, and pelicans still nest near B-Say-Tah, for this office bears the Cree name for that bird. Loons are still found at Makawa Lake, and that is as it should be, for Makawa means Loon. Kakabeka hints of roaring water, and Mistatim means "big dog", though the Woods Crees that named that particular Post Office when it was a camping place in the forest, gave the same name to horses they had seen in the camps of the Plains Crees

and Assiniboin tribes.

Antigonish in Nova Scotia means the place where bears break the branches from trees. Katepwa in Saskatchewan means Who Calls Lake, or the Lake of He Who Calls, and refers to the spirit voices caused by echoes among the surrounding hills. Nanaimo, that beautiful Vancouver Island town built over a coal mine, is the place of burning stone.

Assiniboia, Kootenay, and Squamish, all refer to Indian tribes that once hunted over all the country surrounding these places, as do Ojibway, and Algonquin. Indian names are found across the country from east to west, Chignecto Musquodoboit, Malagawatch, Kouchibouguia, Caughnawaga, Hochelaga, Ohsweken, Maskinonge, Couchiching, Mattagami, Kapuskasing, Atikokan, Keewatin, Kakawis, Waseca, Petaigan, Masinasin, Ceepeecee, and Bella Bella.

There is a musical cadence to many of these names, a beauty of sound. That brings up the question of what is the most beautiful Indian place name in Canada. This could be anyone's choice. Certainly many names from east to west would be in the running. Some I can think of are Niagara, Mirimichi, Pikwitonei, Moosemin, Wetaskiwin and Nanaimo. Perhaps the choice would fall in the east. Ontario itself is a beautiful word, but we have Minahico, Keewatin, Manigotagan, Minesing, Quetico, Kinistino, Waseca and Wasagamung. I might favor Spillimacheen or Similkameen, for to me these hint of the music of running water in mountain rivers, and of moonlight gleaming on rapids and falls. Whatever our final choice may be, I think we will all agree that among our Indian names will be found many beautiful words. (*The Postmark*—July/Aug., '55.)

SQUARE CIRCLE POSTMARKS

By Dr. LORNA COOKE (459)

Here is a list of Square Circle Type 2 early and late dates sent to me by enthusiasts from literally all over the world.

I hope by now that all those who have written to me on this subject have received my answers. I apologise once again for the delay in replying to correspondents.

It is impossible to thank them all personally (the list of names is longer than that of the list of Square Circles !) so please accept my thanks in this short article.

All the dates which follow are earlier or later than those mentioned in the Handbook. Some of the strikes I have seen personally, notably Hammer 1 VICTORIA MR 14/1895.

Province	Town	Early Date	Late Date
N.S.	Arichat	DE 21/93.	
	Lunenburg	NO 12/94.	
	Springhill		JA 27/02.
P.E.I.	Charlottetown	3/JY 25/97.	
QUE.	Melbourne		JY 15/99.
ONT.	Alma		OC 25/04.
	Dunnville	FE 15/95	
	Grafton	FE 25/95	

	Huntsville	OC 29/94	
	International		
	Bridge		JA - -/95
	Iroquois	AP 22/95	
	Lucknow	OC 20/95	
	Marmora	AU 29/95	
	Mitchell	NO 10/93	
	Mount Brydges	MR 22/94	
	Petrolea	AP 15/94	
	Rodney		DE -4/99
	St. Thomas		PM/DE -5/99
	Sutton West	DE 17/95	
	Toronto		
	Queen St. East	AU - -/94	
	Bleecker St		
	Hammer II	AP 14/95	
	Wiarton		On Q.V.2c numeral so 1898 +. DE -6/99.
MAN.	Birtle		
	Deloraine	OC -1/95	
	Hartney	MY 15/94	
	Elkhorn	FE -8/95	
	Neepawa		DE -3/00
T/ ALBA.	Calgary	AP -7/94	FE 28/00
B.C.	Donald		OC -4/97
	Victoria		
	Hammer I		MR 14/95.
RPO.	Souris and	DE 22/95	
	Winnipeg		
	MC No 2 East		

Dr. Whitehead is hoping to produce a monthly page in BNA Topics on Square Circles, so in future will those who have earlier or later dates please send them direct to him. His address is, Dr. Alfred Whitehead, 52 Havelock St. AMHERST, Nova Scotia.

A. H. CASPARY AUCTION—B.N.A. SECTION

Leading dealers from many parts of the globe gathered together in the Trianon Room of the Ambassador Hotel in New York for the auction by H. R. Harmer of another section of this fabulous collection.

Great Britain was represented by Mr. Michael and Mr. Lea, both of whom managed to bring back to England some of the exceptional pieces, indeed it can be said that a good percentage of the lots came over the water to various parts of Europe. In spite of the fact that the results of the National Ball Games were announced during the sale a record number of prices were obtained. The whole sale realized the sum of \$130,848.00.

The following are a few pickings from a host of materials :—

1851. Laid paper.	
3d Red, used, very fine, portion of red "paid"	\$65.00
3d Red, two singles used on cover	\$210.00
6d Grayish Purple, used, superb	\$350.00

6d Grayish Purple, horiz. marginal pair	\$675.00
12d Black, bottom sheet margin copy, full O.G.	\$10,000.00
1851-55. Wove Paper	
3d Orange Verm. O.G. very fine	\$190.00
3d Red, horiz. left marginal pair, fine used	\$140.00
3d Red, used in combination with U.S. 1851 3c Red on small envelope, Dundas U.C. to New York	\$800.00
1851-55. Wove Paper	
3d Brown Red, horiz. block of 6, used, very rare	\$725.00
1855	
10d Blue O.G., extremely fine	\$850.00
10d Blue, tied to small mourning cover	\$420.00
1857	
4d Rose, full O.G. superb	\$130.00
7½d Green O.G. A beautiful copy	\$950.00

1859			
10c Purple Brown and 5c Verm. tied to small neat cover	\$40.00	4d Scarlet Verm., used and a very fine copy	\$700.00
12½c Yellow Green, block of 4, used, very fine	\$210.00	6½d Scarlet Verm. Full O.G. Bottom sheet margin copy	\$1050.00
VANCOUVER ISLAND		NEWFOUNDLAND	
1865		1857. Thick Wove Paper	
5c Rose, unusually fine condition, used	\$1150.00	8d Scarlet Verm. Complete sheet of 20, full O.G. Very rare, in full sheet	\$1,300.00
NEW BRUNSWICK		1s Scarlet Verm. Light and neat cancellation	\$700.00
1851		NOVA SCOTIA	
3d Dark Red, neatly cancelled, very fine	\$65.00	1851-53.	
6d Olive Yellow, full O.G.	\$500.00	1d Red Brown, horiz. strip of 3, scarce used	\$130.00
1s Bright Red Violet, very fine used	\$500.00	6d Yellow Green, nearly full O.G.	\$230.00
NEWFOUNDLAND		1s Reddish Violet, used, and a very exceptional copy	\$575.00
1857. Thick Wove Paper			J. W.
2d Scarlet Verm. superb used in every respect	\$950.00		

REVIEW

At last we have a copy of "The Transatlantic Mail" by our member Frank Staff (Adlard Coles Ltd—45/-), and we can say right away that it has been worth waiting for, and justifies all our hopes. This is not a cheap publication, but at the price it is marvellous value as it is beautifully produced, lavishly illustrated, and most comprehensively documented. There is no doubt whatsoever, that here is the last word on the subject.

Mr. Staff takes us through the fascinat-

ing paths of history, from the early 17th century and the beginnings of the post in North America and the famous "Coffee House System", right to the time of Imperial Penny Postage in 1898 and to penny postage with the United States in 1908. Over this period, the story of development and set-back held us with such a grip that it was hard to put the book down, it is a tale of adventure thrilling and holding, one chapter more always tempting the delaying of bedtime..

F. T.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

C.P.S. Convention (Canada), 1958

DEAR MR. TOMLINSON,

Shame on you . . . Allen told me about it, but I could not believe it . . . Your crime? Simple, my dear Watson, placing the '58 Convention at the Empress Hotel, Vancouver. If you don't hear about this from the stalwarts of the Greater Victoria Philatelic Society and the Vancouver Island P.S., I'm a Dutchman.

The Empress Hotel in Vancouver . . . Phew! What will the dear old ladies who have their afternoon tea there every day say . . . Oh horrors! The Empress is in VICTORIA, and confusing Victoria with Vancouver is like confusing well, shall I say, Frinton-on-Sea and Yarmouth? or Boston and New York?

Joking apart, the Convention and Exhibition is slated for VICTORIA and not Vancouver, so you had better put in a correction if you don't want the Victoria crowd breathing fire and brimstone down your neck!

Congratulations on a very fine "rag," one of the most readable of all those I see, and I see quite a few in the course of a year. All the best, keep up the good work

with "Maple Leaves." I wonder you don't have ten times as many subscribers in Canada.

Yours sincerely,

LOUIS M. LAMOUROUX
(President, Canadian Philatelic Society, Canada).

(NOTE.—We bow our heads in shame, and have donned the sackcloth and ashes.—Ed.).

Jubilee Flag Cancellations

DEAR MR. TOMLINSON,

In the article on Slogan Cancellations in the October issue there is an error which doubtless other cancellation collectors have pointed out. With regard to Fig. 2, the illustration of the dated Jubilee Flag, it is stated that this marking was used by Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto.

As far as I am aware, this flag cancellation was only in use at Montreal and Ottawa.

Yours sincerely,

W. M. C. WILLCOCK (599).

(NOTE.—The Slogan Study Circle agree with Mr. Willcock, the inclusion of Toronto was in error.—Ed.).

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