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#### Notes and Comments

#### Editorial

Members will now be fully aware that our Fred has had to reluctantly relinquish the reins of office and an appreciation of his work for the society appears elsewhere in this issue. His mantle has fallen on my shoulders, fortunately broad ones, and I hope to serve you all as well as my predecessors have done. I have already sampled some of the fortunes, or should it be misfortunes of office. My personal mail has gone up tenfold and it is pitiful to see the postman struggling up to the front porch with my daily issue and now to clinch the whole matter a certain gentleman arrived to see me recently in ye old bus, rear springs well down, tyres puffing every ten yards, finally depositing in my humble home piles and piles of back numbers and printing blocks galore. After combined efforts at porterage I seemed to observe a secret sigh of relief. Can't remember whether it was from the car or the ex Ed. However I would like to thank you all for those messages of encouragement and also for promises of articles for future issues of the journal.

May I take this opportunity of sending to all members at home and all over the world my most sincere good wishes for a very happy Christmas and the best of good health and fortune for 1958.

#### The New President

On behalf of our readers we extend a sincere welcome to Geoff. Harper as our new President. A member of long standing and with a great enthusiasm for B.N.A. stamps. At one period he was cajoled into the office of Secretary. Eventually moving to the London area, he has done much spade work to help the smooth working of the London Group. In the collecting field he has done much useful work on the Edward VII and Map Stamp issues and his election to the office of President is a fitting reward for his unfailing interest in the Society.

#### London Reunion

Another London Reunion is to be held on December 14th and it is to be hoped that all those members who can get to it will make it a bumper occasion. These meetings have been very popular in the past, where one can air those problems and see what the other member has in his or her collection. Further details are to be found elsewhere in this issue and we look forward to meeting old friends and making the acquaintance of new ones.

#### Binding

An index, prepared by one of our lady members, Miss Ann Dorian, will be included as an inset to this issue, which covers all the contents of Vol. 6, For

those members who wish to have their copies bound we have made arrangements with Messrs. Elvy Bros., 11, Best Lane, Canterbury, Kent, for members to send them along to them.

Please forward your orders to them DIRECT and not to the Editor, and

make sure that you enclose the sum of 15/- to cover cost and postage.

#### **Back Numbers**

Though stocks of certain numbers are dwindling we still have a reasonable stock of back numbers. Is your set complete? If you would like to make it so please drop us a line letting us know of your requirements. Don't forget that a complete set of the journal is getting as scarce as some Canadian stamps.

#### **Publicity**

Our thanks to the Australian Stamp Monthly and the Quarterley Bulletin of the U.S.A. Specialists Society of Australia for including in their recent issues some very excellent publicity for the Society. Already there are good signs of the articles bearing fruit as we are now getting quite an influx of new members from "Down Under."

#### First Day Covers

Many thanks to our Canadian members. Hedley Hollands, Alan Christensen and Bob Duncan who very kindly sent me first day covers of the recent Mining and Royal Visit issues. They were very much appreciated. Incidentally Hedley gives me a most graphic description of the scene out there and he has recently been appointed captain of the bank Bowling team. Congratulations Hedley may you manage to knock all those pins over. Those of you in Canada who would like to hear more about us and are considering joining just drop a line to Hedley, the address is in this book and you will find that he is willing to champion our cause as good as all our contact members do over there.

#### Subscriptions

Have you yet paid that subscription which became due on the 1st October. Please send it along right away and make the life of our Treasurer, Jim Macaskie, a little less hectic. By doing this now you will save the Society many shillings on postage for reminders which we find we have to send out each year.

#### Golden Jubilee

Congratulations to the Croydon Philatelic Society on their 50th Anniversary. The occasion was commemorated by an exhibition held at Croydon Town Hall and those of us who managed to pay a visit were richly rewarded by a feast of material to cover all tastes.

#### Forthcoming Issues

A notice in the philatelic press recently gave us news of some more issues in prospect for Canada. The Commonwealth Economic Conference and the Centenary of British Columbia as a province in 1958. There is also to be two new designs by Carl Mangold for 1959. One will be for the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway which is to be performed by H.M. The Queen.

#### Stop Press-Convention 1958

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Arrangements have now been completed for the next Convention to be held at Eastbourne, the venue being the Burlington Hotel. Dates 1st - 5th October inclusive. More details will be announced in our next issue. In the meantime book these dates in your diaries.

#### **Postal History**

On December 9th next the Society of Postal Historians are holding a meeting at the Kingsley Hotel, Bloomsbury Way, London, W.C. at 8 p.m.

The subject at this meeting will be a showing of part of the collections of Vincent Greene and Gerald Welburn of Canada and papers will be read on behalf of these members.

It has been suggested that some of our members would like to attend and the Postal History Society have very kindly extended an invitation to those who are interested. If you would like to go please contact the Secretary, Mrs G. Uehlinger, 103, St. George's Drive, London, S.W.1. who will make arrangements to see that you will be met at the hotel entrance.

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With pleasant memories of Scarborough fresh in mind, the inspiration created by the sincerity and keenness of both Members and Executive Officers makes one only too appreciative of the honour and responsibilities associated with the Presidential Office. May I, in thanking Members for the confidence shown in my election, express the humble assurance that I will serve the Society to the best of my ability and endeavour to maintain the high standards achieved by my predecessors.

Dr. Willan must indeed look back with pride on his year of office, culminating, as it did, so successfully in what can only be described as a thoroughly delightful convention which provided a feast of wit and wisdom sufficient to suit the most varied and jaded of palates. Continued progress in all activities with the possible exception of certain local groups bears witness to the efficiency and capability of our hard-working executive officers to whom the Society owes so much and it is with sincere pleasure that one can take office knowing he has the support and backing of such a competent team.

Resulting from the change in Secretaryship during the year we now have Charles Hollingsworth well established in this important and arduous vote, whilst Hedley Hollands continues to serve the Society by carrying the flag in distant Toronto. All Members and particularly those who are privileged to know him personally will learn with regret of the resignation of Fred Tomlinson who has so skilfully guided the policy of this magazine for the past five years. In expressing our appreciation for his outstanding services we offer congratulations to Jim Woods, the new Editor who, if enthusiasm is any criterion, will prove a very worthy successor. Reference to the Society Officers would be grossly lacking without mention of the valuable services rendered by Jim Macaskie, who combined the office of Treasurer of long standing with that of Vice-President, John Hannah, Exchange Packet Secretary, and Roland Greenhill, Librarian, all of whom perform their respective duties in an effective and unassuming manner.

Thanks should also be duly accorded to the many members who by vigorous support of the Society's activities so greatly assist in our general well-being. In this connection I would respectfully draw the attention of all to the facilities offered and point out that in so many cases the benefits that can be personally derived solely on the effort the individual is prepared to make. Participation in local group meetings, in contributions to the exchange packet, in assistance with specialised study groups and attendance at convention will, I can assure you, bring ample reward. The Society provides the facilities,

make the most of your membership by using them.

Our best thanks are also due to Mrs Barratt who has so graciously offered the presentation of a cup to be awarded annually for the best 20th Century display exhibited at the Convention, thus providing a fitting complimentary award to the Godden Trophy and also to Arnold Gabbitas who in response to the plea by the Librarian in the last issue of Maple Leaves, has offered to bind a set of B.N.A.P.S. "Topics."

Whilst at the time of writing it is too early to include details of the next

Convention, plans for its organisation are well under way and if possible, information in some form will be included in this issue. The timing will be approximately that of previous years and in forecasting a programme to suit all tastes I would ask you to reserve the dates in your next year's diary and make attendance a MUST for 1958. Your attention is also drawn to the London Reunion, particulars of which are announced elsewhere in this issue. Ladies, please note, if you are not interested in stamps please bring your husbands (or sweethearts) to town on a pre-Christmas shopping spree.

Talking of Christmas, may I take this opportunity of wishing all Members a Happy Christmas and a Very Prosperous New Year; may you be lucky in finding just that specimen that has been so elusive and the best way; well . . . try contributing to the exchange packet and benefit from the priority the contribution brings.

Sincerely yours,

GEOFF. HARPER.

#### LONDON RE-UNION

In continuance of these popular meetings which in the past have attracted members from all parts of the country including Scotland and Wales, arrangements have been made for the next event on Saturday, 14th December, 1957, at the Shaftesbury Hotel, Monmouth Street, London, W.C.2., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

As in the past the meeting will open with a display of Sheets by various members which will continue until 4 p.m. when tea will be served, followed by an invited display presented by Mr Anthony Bailey. During the proceedings there will be ample opportunity to chat, get your queries cleared and voice your opinion to the various officers of the Society. After the close of the meeting it is the custom, for those who wish, to withdraw to other parts of the Hotel where discussion of individual interests continues.

Facilities for lunch are available at the Hotel and one usually finds a group of enthusiasts foregathering in an appropriate place from noon onwards.

This function is self supporting and it is the practice therefore to hold a small auction of items donated by members during the meeting to defray expenses. It is hoped that all attending will bring along some small item to help in this matter.

To assist with the organisation, the number of teas required, etc., a note to Geoff. Harper confirming your attendance would be greatly appreciated.

The keynote of these meetings has always been an informal, intimate and friendly atmosphere. If you have not yet managed to attend, make this one your first and bring your friends along.

MAKE A NOTE OF DATE, SATURDAY, 14th DECEMBER. RENDEZVOUS, SHAFTESBURY HOTEL.

## NOTES ON THE "SQUARED CIRCLE" POSTMARKS OF CANADA

By WINTHROP S. BOGGS, F.R.P.S.L.

#### Introduction

The group of Canadian postmarks aptly termed "Squared Circle Marks" have attracted a number of students of Canadian philately. The results of their studies have appeared in an attractive booklet "The Squared Circle Postmarks of Canada" by Alfred Whitehead, a distinguished Canadian musician.

It was the publication of this booklet by Dr. Whitehead (published on behalf of the British North America Philatelic Society by Gordon P. Lewis Brampton, Ont. 1954) which prompted me to examine the notes I gathered in 1944 when working on "The Postage Stamps and Postal History of Canada," that were the basis for the brief discussion of this type of postal

marking on page 625 of that work. Had this data been presented in detail it would have made an already large book even more unwieldy.

#### The makers of the cancelling devices

At the time these markings were adopted the contractors were Messrs Pritchard & Andrews, of Ottawa, Ont. This firm was contractor to the Government, and supplied the various departments with their stamping devices. The records from which the data on these cancellations was taken as well as the data on the Northwest Territorial markings listed in the above mentioned Canada book, is a book of proof impressions of marking devices which this firm supplied in response to requisitions from the various departments. The impressions begin early in 1876 and go to the end of April, 1895. Owing to the fact that the book was rescued from a pile of rubbish which was to be destroyed there are a few damaged pages, but none of any consequence. This book is now in the archives of The Philatelic Foundation.

#### The Dates

In this proof book each device is clearly struck, and the date is that when it was finished and ready for delivery to the Post Office Department. Thus with the possible exception of Ottawa, it is unlikely that a device could be placed in use until at least a day later, and in the case of far distant offices it would probably be at least a week before use was possible. In the lists following, the dates are those of the proof impressions, and are therefore the earliest possible dates that such a marking can occur as well as an accurate list of what was supplied prior to the end of April when the book terminates. Earlier dates than these may be due to the following:

1. Typographical errors in the booklet.

2. Postal clerks' errors in day, month or year. These are more frequent than realized. Also many clerks would use "Jy" as the indication for "January" instead of "Ja", or they might use "Ju" for "July" instead of "Jy". They were also sometimes careless as to the day and year.

3. Misreading of a poorly struck "3", "5", "6", or "8". These can easily be mistaken one for the other, especially in the mind of an over-enthusiastic collector.

#### Types, varieties, and listings

As is well known there were two types of these devices easily distinguished by the thickness of the horizontal lines or bars respectively. Where more than one device was supplied to the same office they can almost always be told apart by minor differences, as they were all hand cut. Such differences in the devices from the same office are termed "varieties." After the device had been delivered various alterations might occur whether by accident or design, resulting in various "states" of the device. These "states" are not the concern of this article, except to observe that the proof impressions show all the devices to be sharp right angled squares, none of them having rounded corners such as those on "Formosa, Ont." or any other alteration.

In the listings we follow the arrangement of Dr. Whitehead's booklet. Where two or more dates follow the office name it means that a device was delivered on each of those dates. The fact that in some instances a small office such as Acton, Ont., received two such devices is probably because the first device was either lost or so seriously damaged as to be useless. The devices were supplied as requisitioned, and a requisition might include other types of markings along with those offices for which "squared circle" marks were asked. In fact in some cases the same requisition would include two devices for the same office, one being a "squared circle" and the other being the usual circular date stamp. The comparatively small distribution of the "squared circle" type of marking may have been due to the additional cost of this form of canceller. They were supplied at \$5.00 each, whereas the usual cancelling device was supplied at from \$3.00 to \$4.00 each. Anyone interested can, by

arranging the lists according to the date supplied, determine which offices

were included in each requisition.

In the lists the lack of a date indicates that such an office was supplied with a "squared circle" device sometime after the month of April, 1895, and those dates in brackets are from the damaged pages mentioned before. An asterisk indicates an office not listed in the booklet.

The Type I list

The first requisition for this type was filled on April 26, 1893, and a total of twenty-five offices were supplied with twenty-six devices, London, Ont., being the only one to receive two of this type. The offices were as follows:

Aldergrove, B.C. May 6, 1893. Beaverton, Ont. April 26, 1893. Beeton, Ont. May 18, 1893 Brockville, Ont. April 26, 1893. Byng Inlet North, Ont. May 6, 1893. Coleman, Ont. April 26, 1893. Cumberland, Ont. April 26, 1893. Dutton, Ont. April 26, 1893. Grimsby, Ont. May 18, 1893. London, Ont. April 28, 1893. April 9, 1894. London East, Ont. May 31, 1893. Montreal, Canada. May 19, 1893.

Mansonville, Que. June 9, 1893. Mount Forest, Ont. May 16, 1893. New Germany, Ont. May 20, 1893. Ottawa, Canada. May 5, 1893. Ottawa, Canada, May 5, 1695.
Point St. Charles, Que. May 3, 1893.
Rat Portage. April 28, 1893.
St. Ann's, Ont. May 31, 1893.
St. Hilarion, Que. April 26, 1893.
Shannonville, Ont. May 31, 1893.
Spring Hill Mines, N.S. April 26, 1893.
Tarrebonne, Que. April 26, 1893. Terrebonne, Que. April 26, 1893. Three Rivers, Que. May 18, 1893. Westville, N.S. April 26, 1893.

Type II

First supplied June 15, 1893, and eventually to over 285 offices.

NOVA SCOTIA

Annapolis. June 9, 1894, Antigonishe. June 15, 1893. Arichat. Oct. 9, 1893. Baddock. Dec. 20, 1893. Canning. Sept. 14, 1893. Canso. April 5, 1895. \*Freeport. Oct. 3, 1893. Great Village. Aug. 25, 1894. Halifax. June 29, 1893.

Aug. 23, 1893. Jan. 12, 1894. Kentville. Oct. 2, 1893. Macean. May 26, 1894.

\*Maitland. Nov. 9, 1894.

Newport. Nov. 13, 1894.

Newport Landing. Nov. 2, 1894. \*Noel. Oct. 16, 1893. Northport. July 21, 1893. North Sydney. Pictou. June 16, 1894. Port Maitland. Nov. 9, 1894. Port Williams. Oct. 26, 1893. Spa Springs. Springhill.

Springnili.
Stellarton. Jan. 26, 1895.
Sydney. May 19, 1894.

Jan. 9, 1895.
Truro (July 26, 1893).
Whycocomagh. Nov. 13, 1894.
Windsor (Sept. 6, 1893).
Wolfville. Sept. 29, 1894. Yarmouth. May 26, 1894.

NEW BRUNSWICK

Milltown. Oct. 9, 1893.

Baie Verte. Aug. 21, 1893. Butternut Ridge. Aug. 21, 1893. Clifton (probably Kings Co.). June 15, 1893. Fredericton. Jan. 19, 1894. Indiantown. Jan. 19, 1894.

Newcastle Creek, June 24, 1893, Petitcodiac. Oct. 26, 1893, River Louison. Oct. 16, 1893, Rothesay, June 15, 1893, Sackville, Jan. 30, 1894, St. John. Mar. 29, 1895, Shediae, Oct. 30, 1894, Woodstock. Aug. 23, 1894. PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND Charlottetown (Sept. 6, 1893). Georgetown. Nov. 21, 1894. Summerside. Nov. 11, 1893.

**OUEBEC** 

Acton Vale. Nov. 19, 1894. Aylmer East. Sept. 29, 1894.
Bellerive, Montreal. July 5, 1893.
Clarenceville. Jan. 16, 1895.
Danville. Dec. 20, 1893.
Eastman. Avg. 31, 1893. Eastman. Aug. 21, 1893. Farnham.

Granby. Hochelaga. Apr. 19, 1894. Hull. Nov. 30, 1893. Jan. 29, 1895. Iberville. Sept. 12, 1893. Laurentides. June 9, 1893. Lennoxville. Mar. 9, 1894. Levis. Feb. 13, 1894.

Longueil. Lotbiniere. Aug. 23, 1893. Magog. Feb. 26, 1894. Matane. June 20, 1893 Melbourne. Jan. 12, 1894. Montreal. June 28, 1893. Jan. 12, 1894. Montreal, Notre Dame St. W.

Pointe A Pie. July 21, 1893. Richmond. Sept. 29, 1893. Riviere Du Loup Station. June 16, 1894. Ste. Anne De Beaupre. Jan. 26, 1893. Ste. Cunegonde. Sept. 6, 1893.

\*St. Gabriel De Montreal. Jan. 9, 1895. St. Gregoire. Jan. 29, 1895. St. Hyacinthe. Nov. 9, 1893. St. Hydelithe. Nov. 9, 1895.
St. Johns. Apr. 9, 1895.
St. Polycarpe. July 21, 1893.
Sherbrooke. June 20, 1893.
Dec. 21, 1894.
Stanstead. Mar. 29, 1894.
Sutton. Oct. 23, 1894.
Victoriaville. Dec. 28, 1893. Waterloo. Oct. 16, 1893. Windsor Mills, Feb. 13, 1894. ONTARIO Acton. Sept. 20, 1894. Dec. 15, 1894. Alma. Sept. 23, 1893. Almonte. Aug. 19, 1893. Angus. July 19, 1894. Arnprior. Dec. 28, 1893. Arhprof. Dec. 25, 1895. Athens. July 16, 1894. Aurora. Oct. 9, 1894. Aylmer West. Nov. 28, 1893. Beamsville. Dec. 15, 1894. Belleville. June 15, 1893. June 28, 1893.
Berlin. Sept. 6, 1893.
Blue Vale. July 21, 1893.
Blyth. Nov. 2, 1893.
Bobcaygeon. Nov. 28, 1893. Bowmanville. Dec. 2, 1893.
Bracebridge. Jan. 30, 1894.
Brampton. Sept. 2, 1893.
Brantford. July 28, 1893.
Burford. Dec. 20, 1893.
Cache Bay. Sept. 20, 1894.
Cardinal. Feb. 9, 1894.
Cardinal. Feb. 9, 1894. Cheltenham. July 21, 1893. Chesley. April 6, 1894. Chesterville. Mar. 14, 1894. Cobden. Jan. 12, 1894. Coburg. Sept. 2, 1893. Coldwater. Comber. Sept. 14, 1893. Cornwall. Oct. 9, 1894. Dundas. Apr. 6, 1894. Dunnville. Feb. 1, 1895. Durham. May 26, 1894. Flesherton. April 23, 1894. \*Fonthill. June 20, 1893. Forest. Formosa. Aug. 21, 1893. \*Fort William West. Oct. 16, 1893. Galt. Aug. 23, 1893. Georgetown. Jan. 30, 1894. Glammis. Oct. 23, 1894. Glencoe (July 26, 1893). Goderich. Jan. 25, 1894. Gore Bay. Grafton. Nov. 21, 1894. Gravenhurst. Sept. 12, 1893. Guelph. Feb. 26, 1894. Hagersville. Jan. 16, 1895. Hamilton. Dec. 15, 1894. Harriston, Aug. 23, 1893. Hawkesbury. Jan. 25, 1894. Humberstone. Dec. 16, 1893. Huntsville. Oct. 25, 1894. Ingersoll. Aug. 23, 1893. International Bridge. June 20, 1893, Iroquois. Dec. 19, 1894. Kincardine. Oct. 30, 1894,

Kingston. Oct. 6, 1893. Dec. 28, 1893. \*Kingsville. Jan. 29, 1895. Lakefield. Feb. 2, 1894. \*Lambton Mills. Jan. 6, 1894. Lanark. Dec. 20, 1893. Leamington. Aug. 6, 1894. Lindsay. Sept. 23, 1893. Listowel. July 21, 1893. Little Current. May 22, 1894. London. Jan. 29, 1895. L'Original. Jan. 25, 1894. Lucknow. Manitowaning. Sept. 1, 1894. Markdale. Sept. 2, 1893. June 6, 1894. Marmora. Feb. 9, 1894. Martintown. June 20, 1893. Mattawa. April 6, 1894. Merrickville. Sept. 12, 1894. Merriton. Nov. 29, 1894. Metcalf(e). Milton West. Jan. 29, 1895. Mitchell (Oct. 6, 1893).
Mount Brydges, Sept. 12, 1893.
Nassagaweya, Sept. 23, 1893.
Newmarket, Mar. 29, 1894. Niagara, Mar. 9, 1894. Niagara Falls South, Aug. 25, 1894 North Bay. Oct. 9, 1893. Orangeville (July 26, 1893). Orillia. Dec. 20, 1893. Oshawa. Dec. 28, 1893. Owen Sound (Feb. 26, 1895). Oxford Mills. Aug. 23, 1894. Paisley. Mar. 9, 1894. \*Palmerston. Sept. 20, 1894. Paris, June 29, 1893. Paris Station. Sept. 23, 1893. Pembroke. Mar. 8, 1894. Perth. Jan. 30, 1894. Peterborough. Oct. 9, 1893. Petrolea. Feb. 9, 1894. Picton. July 28, 1894. Pontypool. July 21, 1893. Port Arthur, Feb. 13, 1894 Port Dover, Dec. 16, 1893. Port Hope, Mar. 16, 1895. Port Perry. Dec. 6, 1894. Powassan. Prescott. July 26, 1893. Ripley. Aug. 6, 1894. Rockton. June 16, 1893. Rodney. Dec. 2, 1893. Roseneath. July 5, 1893. Rosseau. Aug. 29, 1894. St. Thomas. Jan. 12, 1894. Sarnia. Sault Ste. Marie. Oct. 9, 1893. Schreiber. Oct. 6, 1894. Seelys Bay. Aug. 23, 1893. Shakespeare. Aug. 25, 1894. \*Simcoe. Feb. 26, 1895. Smith's Falls. Aug. 23, 1893. Stirling. Mar. 29, 1894. Stouffville. Strathrey. Oct. 9, 1893. Sudbury. April 9, 1895. Sutton West. Tara. Feb. 26, 1894. Tavistock, Mar. 29, 1895,

Teeswater. Oct. 16, 1893. Thamesford. Oct. 26, 1893. Thornbury. Sept. 29, 1894. Thornhill. Feb. 1, 1895. Tilsonburg. Oct. 16, 1893. Toronto. June 16, 1893. Toronto, Bleeker St. Jan. 9, 1895. Bleecker St. Toronto, Parliament St. Oct. 16, 1893. Toronto, Queen St. East. May 12, 1894. Toronto, Spadina Ave. Sept. 29, 1893. Toronto, Strachan Ave. Sept. 29, 1893. Toronto, York St. (Jan. 12, 1894). Vienna. May 12, 1894. Wallaceburg. Aug. 23, 1894. Warina. Warkworth. Dec. 20, 1893. \*Waterdown. Feb. 26, 1894. Waterford. Sept. 12, 1893. Waterloo. Nov. 2, 1893. Watford. Feb. 13, 1894. Wellington. Dec. 8, 1894. Weston. Aug. 19, 1893. Whitby. Dec. 28, 1893. Wiarton. Apr. 6, 1894. Wikwemikong,
Williamstown, Aug. 21, 1893, (Note)
Windsor (Sep. 6, 1893),
Wingham, July 21, 1893,
Winona, Feb. 9, 1895. Woodstock, Mar. 9, 1894. Woodville, Oct. 16, 1893. Wooler, Sept. 1, 1894. Note.—Williamstown used "quaker" dates. The earliest date in the handbook is 7th of September, not July 9. MANITOBA Birtle. Nov. 30, 1893. Brandon, Aug. 21, 1893. Deloraine. Elkhorn. Oct. 26, 1893. Gretna. Mar. 16, 1895. Hartney. Aug. 12, 1893. Manitou. Sep. 29, 1894. Mc.Gregor Station. Sept. 23, 1893. Minnedosa. Aug. 23, 1893. Morden. Mar. 29, 1894. Mortell, Mar. 29, 1894.
Neepawa. Mar. 22, 1894.
Pipestone, Sept. 23, 1893.
Portage La Prairie. Oct. 16, 1893.
St. Boniface. Oct. 9, 1893.
Selkirk. Oct. 9, 1893.
Souris. Sept. 23, 1893.
Winnipag. Aug. 23, 1893. Winnipeg. Aug. 23, 1893. Aug. 23, 1893. Dec. 28, 1893.

Jan. 9, 1895 (Canada). ASSINIBOIA Estevan. Jan. 16, 1895. Grenfell. Jan. 29, 1895. Maple Creek, Aug. 23, 1893. Medicine Hat. July 28, 1894. Moose Jaw. Oct. 16, 1893. Regina. Sept. 23, 1893. Wolsley, Mar. 29, 1894. Wolsley. Mar. 29, 1894. SASKATCHEWAN Prince Albert. Jan. 12, 1894. ALBERTA Calgary, Oct. 16, 1893. Edmonton. April 6, 1894. Innisfail.

Lethbridge. April 23, 1894. Macleod. Feb. 26, 1894. Red Deer. Sept. 20, 1894. BRITISH COLUMBIA Ashcroft Station. Donald. Mar. 3, 1894. Golden. Sept. 29, 1894. Kamloops. Sept. 2, 1893. Kaslo. Nov. 13, 1894. \*Mission City. June 20, 1893. Nanaimo. July 26, 1893. \*Revelstoke. July 21, 1893. Rossland. Sandon. Union. Jan. 30, 1894. Vancouver (Oct. 6, 1893). Vernon. Victoria. June 29, 1893. RAILWAYS Que. & Camp. M.C. Local No. 20. April 6, 1894. No. 5. Sept. 19, 1894. Napinka & Winnipeg M.C. No. 1. Jan. 16, 1894. No. 2. Jan. 16, 1894. Souris & Winnipeg M.C. No. 1. Jan. 16, 1894. No. 2. Jan. 16, 1894.

#### "AN APPRECIATION"

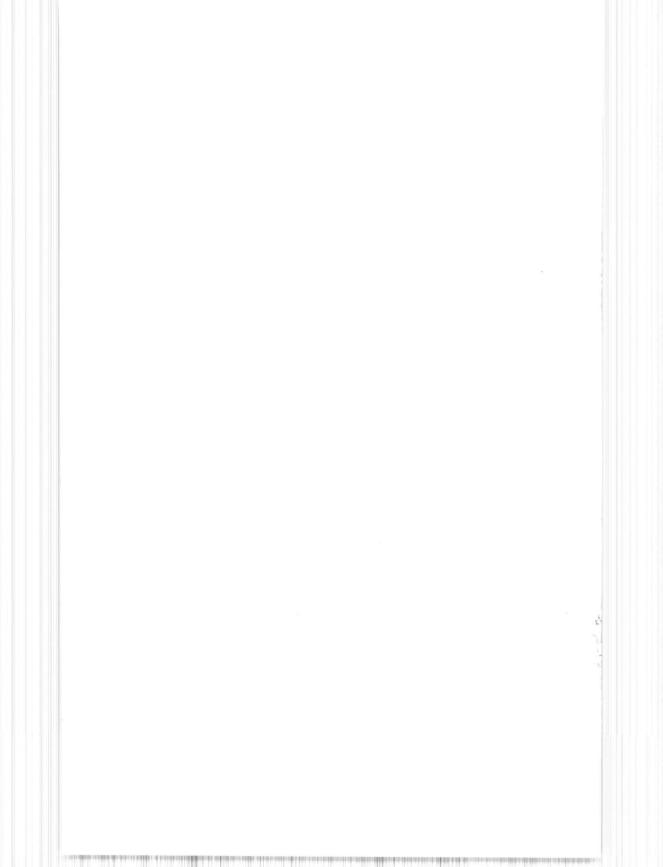
The whole wellbeing of a Society such as ours depends on effective contact with all members. This is partly achieved by our Convention, our local and special subject study groups, the exchange packet, and by personal and individual correspondence, but none of these can fully cater for every member. The essential link is, and can only be provided, through the medium of our journal "Maples Leaves".

The adequacy of the journal to fulfil this important role in turn depends on the ability and industry of the Editor who, to satisfy the needs of all, must cover a wide diversity of tastes from both a technical and social aspect and so create by words, that intimate and friendly atmosphere so necessary for a happy and satisfied membership.

Continued growth in our membership and the international reputation achieved by our now famous "Maple Leaves" bears witness to the competence and popularity of our Editor, Fred Tomlin-son, who, over the past five years, has so successfully and effectively guided the destiny of the journal, no mean achievement when one takes account of Fred's activities and responsibilities in other fields.

All members, I am sure, fully realise and appreciate his efforts and it is with extreme regret that we learn of his decision to resign for personal reasons. It needs no eulogy to describe his services. The well deserved reputation he has gained and the success of his efforts stand as a lasting memento to his work and all we need say is simply "THANK YOU, FRED."





#### **OUR NEW FELLOWS**

It was with great pleasure we hear of the Committee's decision to award the following with the Fellowship of the Society.

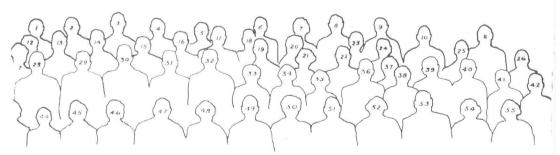
Leo Baresch (263) for most outstanding services to the Society. Leo joined the Society first as a member of the Leicester Group. From there he migrated to the London area where he worked hard to keep the C.P.S. very much alive, but London was not big enough for him and we find him plying the Society interests during his travels in different parts of the world. Having held various offices he became President of the Society in 1954. A well earned award.

Herbert Buckland (26) for outstanding services to the Society. Herbert Buckland, to use an Irishism, was perhaps in the Society before there was a Society. In the early days he was in contact with the few who formed the first unofficial study group. On the forming of our predecessors the Scottish Study Circle he was still in touch with us. On the renaming of the Society as the C.P.S.G.B. he was the first member resident in Canada to join us. He continued to help us in our early days recruiting and advancing our interests in the Dominion.

A. H. Christensen (169) for outstanding services to the Society. Alan Christensen has been an old member of the Society who has done much for Philately in general throughout the Dominion. A Vice-President of the Canadian Philatelic Society and a member of many societies here and overseas he has done much recruiting for us throughout Canada where he has acted as our Liaison Officer to the C.P.S. Inc., of Canada.

#### CONVENTION PHOTOGRAPH

For the lucky ones who managed to make Convention this year we are publishing as an inset to the issue the results of the camera's work. And a happy lot you all look, too. One realizes what fun those who did not attend missed. Now is your chance to put matters right, by making up your mind to attend in 1958.



1 Mr G. Whitworth, 2 Mr Bill Lea, 3 Mr J. Cater, 4 Mr Cyril Harmer, 5 Mr David Gardner, 6 Mr J. J. Bonar, 7 Miss C. Gardner, 8 Mr Fred Walker, 9 Mr John Hannah, 10 Mr E. H. Pattinson, 11 Mr John Lea, 12 Mrs Whitworth, 13 Mr David Fortnum, 14 Mr Leonard Harris, 15 Mr P. G. Walker, 16 Mr Ernest Whitley, 17 Major Stanley Barratt, 18 Mr E. R. Gill, 19 Mr H. H. Brown, 20 Mrs Gardner, 21 Miss Stephenson, 22 Mr John F. Bird, 23 Mr J. C. Cartwright, 24 Mr L. D. Carn, 25 Mr J. P. Macaskie, 26 Mr Herbert Buckland, 27 Mrs Harris, 28 Mr E. A. Smythies, 29 Mr D. Avery, 30 Dr. Chas. Hollingsworth, 31 Mr Leslie G. Tomlinson, 32 Mr Fred Tomlinson, 33 Mrs Bird, 34 Mrs Jeffrey, 35 Mrs Gabbitas, 36 Mr G. N. Jeffrey, 37 Mrs Carn, 38 Miss Bottomley, 39 Mr S. Brayshay, 40 Mr B. Howe, 41 Miss McGuigan, 42 Mr Macaskie, Junior, 43 Mrs Macaskie, 44 Mrs Fortnum, 45 Mrs Godden, 46 Mrs Harper, 47 Mr A. E. Stephenson, 48 Mrs Willan, 49 Dr. R. Willan, 50 Mrs Stephenson, 51 Major G. B. Harper, 52 Mrs Barratt, 53 Mr Arnold Gabbittas, 54 Mrs Pattinson, 55 Mrs John Lea.

#### **NEWFOUNDLAND CORNER**

By Dr. R. WILLAN

The modern film industry has set a fashion of using superlative adjectives for mediocre productions—a fashion which unfortunately seems frequently to be followed in stamp descriptions, so that "superb" often implies only fairly good, and "unique" means that only a few dozen exist. With this debasing of the meaning of adjectives it is difficult to find words to satisfactorily describe the truly amazing wealth of Newfoundland classics which was provided at our recent Convention in Scarborough.

This being the centenary year of the first stamp issue a special effort was made to give an adequate presentment of prestamp covers and the pence issues. The result was much more than adequate; it was overwhelming. The exhibition had a combined display, mainly from the collections of Mrs Barratt and Mr H. Goody, which was a revelation to most members. When to that was added Mr A. J. Stott's collection for the paper on the Thursday evening, there was probably the finest accumulation of early Newfoundland which has ever been gathered together under one roof. Condition throughout was superb in the true sense of that adjective. Only those who have tried to collect Newfoundland pre-stamp covers can appreciate the rarity of some of the items in the remarkable display of this material. Almost every type of early postal marking was included with the exception of Simon Solomon's "Post Office Newfoundland" stamp with the Royal Arms. I have since seen even this in the collection of one of the contributors.

The stamp material on show began with the three known pence essays, of the 3d, 6d and one shilling values. There were original die proofs of all values followed by the plate proofs, mostly in blocks of four. It was, of course, to be expected that all the issued stamps should be present both mint and used.

What could not have been anticipated was the astonishing condition of the exhibits. In other company a fine mint sheet of the 8d scarlet might have been impressive, but it became commonplace by comparison with the copies of some of the rarer values, the king of which was probably the wonderful mint corner copy of the one shilling orange with full sheet margins. In case one's attention was begininng to wander, the shilling orange on laid paper was there, and surely five mint copies of the one penny red-brown were more than one could reasonably expect. Incidentally, as we were examining some of these, Mr Cyril Harmer raised doubts in my mind as to the truth of certain opinions I have hitherto held about them. I am carrying out some investigations, and hope to give the results in another issue of Maple Leaves.

All the values of the 1860 and 1861 issues with the paper-maker's watermark, and some unusual used strips and blocks, were an interlude before what was to me the highlight of the whole show-the stamps on cover. The 3d of both issues; the 4d scarlet; the 8d scarlet bisected in various ways, with or without a 3d in addition; these were all beautiful, but one sees them not infrequently. The 61d scarlet, 6d scarlet, 4d orange, 4d rose-claret are less often seen, and the one shilling rose-claret bisected is an extreme rarity, but what fascinated me most of all were the combinations and multiples. These included the 1d with 3d, the 1d with 10c (dated 1868), a pair of 2d scarlet, another pair of 2d with a single, and to crown the fantastic galaxy Mr Stott's incredible strip of three 2d scarlet.

In my first paragraph I said it is difficult to find words satisfactorily to describe this show. Having now come to the end, I should like to delete the word "difficult" and substitute for it "impossible". Certain it is that to the Newfoundland collectors who were present the Scarborough Convention was a memorable event.

#### THE SCARBOROUGH CONVENTION

"'Ear all and say nowt, sup all and pay nowt.

An' if th'ever does owt for nowt, do it for thissen."

Your wandering reporter, nearly four weeks later, casts back his mind to those memorable but few days what were their highlights? Who, out of the sixty

to seventy who attended, would recall the similar haphazard thoughts? Meeting up with "Leslie G." at last, the famous and fabulous Herb. Buckland—quite different from and yet somehow just as expected, the camaradie and good fellowship, a certain young lady in dire distress (I'll never forget that one!), Ernest Whitley in search of a "sneck

lifter" . . What a kaleidoscope of

humour, colour and memory.

A taxi to the station, the London train caught by the skin of the teeth, golf clubs and valise eventually on the rack above a comfortable seat, and Charing Cross just five minutes late at 9.35 a.m. In the station yard, chivvied by the police from spot to spot, is the imperturbable Jim Cater esconced behind the wheel of his vintage Austin, and a few minutes later we are bowling along the Strand, Fleet Street and up Ludgate Hill, past St. Paul's, to Bishopsgate and then by the Cambridge Road through Ware and Hoddesdon to Royston. Huntingdon, the Great North Road at Alconbury roundabout, and the miles are steadily eaten up as we move northwards.

Under Jim's competent and easy control the car forges on its way. We turn off the Great North Road at Brotherton, just north of Ferrybridge, and at Tadcaster come onto the Leeds-York-Scarborough road. Already we have made two stops for drinks and light refreshments, and we halt for ten minutes in Tadcaster for your scribe to have a word with an old friend in his emporium in the main street. Soon the miles are again disappearing, and we arrive, after a most pleasant and uneventful journey, at the Crown Hotel just after 6 p.m. Good going for a twenty years old smallish car. Thank you, Jim, for a very good trip and your most enjoyable company.

Greeted by the President on our disembarkation, and hailed by all and sundry, it is nearly an hour before we can get away to join our luggage in our rooms. It is also necessary to explain to th hotel staff why we didn't arrive on the previous day—apparently everyone sat up all night for your reporter and a search party was nearly sent out. There is no explanation to this riddle.

Dinner time saw our course set for the dining room, when we found the hotel had two—one more or less reserved, as the numbers grew, for the Conventioners. A space had already been kept for Freddie—with a most formidable set of toughs—and in no time we were back in last year's argument of what we were going to drink and who was going to pay for it!

After dinner, after several introductory parties to meet the V.I.P.s, we all settled down in the lounge reserved for us to look at the display by Mr A. J. Stott, which was ably presented and compered by Bill Lea. The subject was "Early Newfoundland" and took the form of as fine a display of postal history items of that country as is ever likely to be gathered together at one time. Bill Lea's explanations and showmanship were of the highest order, up to the quality of the material he was presenting, and the

story of the Conception Bay Packets was so told as to keep us all enthralled. It was quite a shock at the end to realise just how long we had been looking and listening, a great testimony to the success of the session. The usual discussions and groups carried on afterwards in the lounge till it was almost too late to go to bed.

Friday, like the previous day, was sunny, warm, and only slightly autumnal. A glance out of the bedroom window just after morning tea (7.15 a.m.) showed J.C.C. taking the air on the promenade below. We got back to bed and read the papers till we could be sure there was some breakfast ready! A brief rush to the shops with Len Harris and then we were in for the Study Circle on the "Small Cents". Owing to the illness and unfortunate absence of Duncan McLellan, this was taken by J. J. Bonar and proved a great success. The room was packed with enthusiasts and we had to be dragged out to get us to the dining room for lunch.

After lunch, the coach trip departed for York, and Geoff. Harper, Bill Lea, Chas. Hollingsworth and yours truly made our way to Ganton, taking Len. Harris and Margaret Harper as referee and stakeholder respectively. Bill had a very good round, and as your scribe was his partner we were able to enter one or two more auction bids when we got back!

The evening saw Leslie G. Tomlinson justifying his first visit to one of our Conventions with a paper and display on Prince Edward Island. To say that it was a success is to reach the extreme of understatement. It was not only edifying, interesting and most attractive, but the delightful way in which the tale was told and the harmony between the teller and his audience-words of mine cannot do justice to such things. Few of the listeners had any real knowledge of the subject, it was new to most of us, but we were really gripped in enjoyable enthusiastic interest. Leslie obviously enjoyed it too, we are sure he is now enrolled as a permanent and regular in the Convention party. Once more, no one had any thoughts of bed for several

Saturday, again warm and sunny, was even busier. A study circle on the Map stamp again was conducted to a crowded room—members even stood for it—and your journalist was told that his efforts had been deemed successful and of some enjoyment to, at least, a few. We detected a slightly sinister difference in this session over which we presided. Never were the questions put with a preamble:— "Can you tell us . . . Have you any idea why . . . Have you ever encountered or heard of . . ." No—this time there was

none of this—they just wanted the answers, and EXPECTED to get them! Great are the uses of publicity!

From the final stages of Map study we were dragged into the Committee meeting, leaving some unfortunate to clear up our mess, and at 12 noon this had reached its later stages. The Annual General Meeting then began. The President, Dr. Willan, ably conducted affairs and a heavy agenda was completed in good time. He reported a successful year and thanked everybody who had helped, the Secretary reported 122 new mem-bers (66 from overseas), a loss of 31, making a net gain of 91 and a current total of 707. The Exchange Packet Secretary reported 23 packets circulated, sales of £790 and that he thought everyone had seen at least 2 packets in the year. He again said, "Contribute to the packets and you'll see more!" The Editor told of 200 pages of print and articles as against 163 last year, that Volume 6 had now closed and there would be an index for it in the next issue, and that a comprehensive index of everything to date—by courtesy of Ann Dorian—was also planned. This would be sold separately. On his retirement from office he was most kindly thanked for his services to the Society.

The Librarian reported 150 issues to some 70 members and emphasised the need for more of the better and more expensive books to be obtained. The Convener of Study said his piece, apart from the Slogans Group all else seemed in decline, he had no proposals for future improvement to put before the meeting. The Treasurer put forward his usual statement, showing the probable outcome of the closing year and an estimate for the coming one. There was a probable deficit for the year about to close of £4 and a forecast surplus for the coming year of £34. The accounts were adopted with the usual tribute to our Treasurer's services.

Officers were elected as follows: President—Major G. B. Harper; new Vice-President for South—Stanley Godden; Secretary—Charles Hollingsworth; Treasurer—Jimmy Macaskie; Auditors—Fred Walker and George Whitworth. The retiring members of the Committee were re-elected en bloc. (Incidentally the other officers, appointed by the Committee, were as follows: Librarian—Roland Greenhill; Editor—Jim Woods; and Exchange Secretary—John Hannah.) New Fellows were announced as follows: Herb. Buckland, Leo. Baresch, and Allen Christensen, these choices were received by the A.G.M. in a very popular manner. The principal trophies were awarded: Aikins Trophy—E. A. Smythies; Founder's Trophy—Leslie G. Tomlinson; Stanley Godden Trophy—Harry Goody. In connection with the exhibits at Con-

vention, diplomas were awarded to Mrs Barratt and George Whitworth in the Research and Study Class, to J. J. Bonar in the Contributed Class, and to the Slogan Study Group in the Class for Group Display. Delegates were appointed for Congress and the Scottish Association. It was rumoured that the next Convention might be in Eastbourne. Dr. Willan was thanked by the President-Elect for the successful year through which he had led the Society and for the extremely satisfactory way in which all Convention arrangements had been made and conducted. That closed the meeting.

In the afternoon the Convention Auction took place, we can't comment on this—except that our bids were successful—as with another officer who shall be nameless we stole away to Ganton for

another round of golf.

The dinner that night—sorry, the Society Annual Banquet to you—was a great success, certainly it reached even greater heights than those of former years, no mean achievement. The food, the company, the speeches (few!), the little bit of ceremony, all combined in moving an ordinary occasion into the superlative. Certain other members had arrived that day, and added to the already extremely happy party were such essentials to our success as the David Gardner entourage, the Michaels and quite a few others. It was, to use a Yorkshire term, "a reet do!" There was one little incident almost at the very end, shared by three people only, which will long be remembered by those three! We nearly had to turn out the Fire Brigade!

And so, after the usual small hours party, a reluctant creeping off to bed. Sunday dawned wet and showery, the first indication that we weren't in high summer, and for some of us it was also dismal for it meant we must now return home. This account does not therefore include the items featured on the programme for the Sunday as we were saying our farewells as most people came down to breakfast.

Len and Mabs Harris, and your now one-time Editor, climbed aboard the Jaguar and set off across the hills to Pickering, Thornton le Dale, Sutton Bank and Richmond, where another passenger had to be collected. Soon we were back on A.1. and forging South. Another uneventful journey in most pleasant company, no ultra-fast motoring or excitement, and your scribe was deposited at Victoria about 6.30 p.m. when Leonard took over the wheel for the last lap to Portsmouth.

A wonderful occasion, magnificent company, philately on the highest level, altogether an event to enrich the memory of all who were able to participate.

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#### AN APPROACH TO THE ADMIRALS

By ADANAC

#### PART I

While casting about for a suitable title for this article, among the titles imagined and rejected were "How Not to Collect Stamps" and "Confessions of a Catalogue Illustrator". As this effort is more than an introduction and less than a technical study, I can safely say that the final title is brief, appropriate, and in harmony with the subject matter—particularly as it was suggested by our former Editor. In fact, the idea itself was suggested by him. Perhaps "suggested" is hardly the right word—what really happened was that I had written to the Editor, deploring the lack of articles on the Admiral issues, to which he replied, "Very well, you write them" or words to that effect.

This almost discouraged me from writing future letters to the Editor, and I did not then consider taking this proposal seriously. I thought that perhaps the lack of articles implied a lack of interest in these issues—but I knew better. At least, almost every time I put in a sound bid for Admiral auction lots, I saw them lost to more determined bidders, and I am all too aware of how difficult it is to pick up some of the specialist items at times—even the cheaper ones.

The answer must be that there are a number of specialists but few writers, and thus a lack of that invaluable argument and discussion which arises out of attempts to put one's findings on paper. It is only necessary to study the back numbers of "Maple Leaves" (a worthwhile and recommended exercise) to see how often a subject crops up for the first time, only to be commented upon or criticised, added to, and generally brought to life in the following numbers. This is just as it should be, and even the experts can be certain of challenge or cross-examination the moment they appear in print.

I hasten to point out that I am not an expert on Admirals or any other issues. Rather, my purpose in deciding to put my ideas into writing is fourfold. Firstly, I hope to encourage others to venture into print, as I know many members are Admiral enthusiasts already. Secondly, I hope to stimulate discussion and to receive criticism. Thirdly, by sorting out my own ideas, I shall be able to stand off, as it were, and assess the value of my own collecting. Finally, as the title suggests, I will try to outline a systematic method of approach to collecting these complex issues, as I feel that many would-be devotees have been discouraged from entering the field because it contains such an embarrassment of riches. Others may have plunged boldly into it, only to fail because they have set themselves too big a task,

I was a general collector of Canada in the beginning, but I finally settled on collecting Admirals for two main reasons. For one, they fall nicely between two stools—they have more "glamour" than the issues which follow, and are easier on the pocket than the classics while offering just as much variety. The latter is an important consideration if one's collecting has to be fitted into a budget. It is true that the Edwards and the Maple Leaf or Numerals issues, etc., come more in this category, and they have considerable variety — but not to compare in any way with the infinite variety of the Admirals. The second reason is that I had felt for some time a yearning towards some form of specialism because of my inability to "cope" with the divided loyalties of general collecting, and the inevitable patchy look of my collection.

Let us turn then to the attractions of the Admiral issues. It is to be expected that an enthusiast will plead the charms of a favourite issue, but a plea on behalf of the Admirals is not merely a matter of aesthetic bias. They are of course pleasing to look at, with their attractive, well-balanced and dignified design, and there is only one design for all values, which is of course a useful factor in research. A high degree of craftsmanship in production was reached, but, as "flyspeck philately" was still a thing of the future, perfection in production was generally limited to what would pass the naked eye. Under the magnifier lies a world as interesting as that found by a microscope in a drop of water.

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Because of the long period over which the Admirals were in use, very large numbers were printed, requiring in some cases more than one primary die and hundreds of plates. A change in postal rates resulted in a change of colours, which adds to their attractiveness. A separate issue of "War Tax" stamps was made during the war years, making in all three separate issues. With such wealth of material, it is not surprising that the field of varieties is extremely fertile—there are varieties of perforation, paper, gum, colour, dies, overprints, plate retouches and re-entries, etc., to satisfy a regiment of collectors. As a result, the Admirals lend themselves to every possible form of study.

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Collecting "by the catalogue", though possibly unadventurous, is a good and logical step to learning about any issue. In the case of the Admirals, there are

sufficient varieties listed in, say, Gibbons' catalogue, to make a very attractive showing, even if one excludes the more "difficult" varieties. The major shades are listed, and the primary dies of the War Tax issues; but of course no catalogue could begin to list the myriad of varieties in any complex issue, and the catalogue is only the beginning.

Coils were first introduced officially with the Admiral issues, and continued in use throughout. No other issue is as rich in coil types and varieties, nor, I think, were coils so widely or badly faked! This lends a fillip to collecting, especially in these issues, where it is generally an easy matter to "show up"

these fakes.

Plate varieties are of course legion, because of the large numbers of plates used over a long period of time, and a lifetime could easily be spent on plate

research.

The study of paper and perforation is wide open too, as very little seems to have been done, although the paper used varied greatly in thickness and type. There are bound to be variations from the standard perforation 12 when literally millions of stamps are printed, but I have seen no study along these lines to date.

The separation of "wet" and "dry" printing is quite fascinating, as some values were printed by one method and some by the other—also some values were printed by both methods. A knowledge of which coils, for instance, were printed by which method is the best insurance against being "had" by faked coils, some of which are not cheap.

Part of the "glamour" I mentioned

Part of the "glamour" I mentioned earlier is that—because of the large numbers of plates in use—retouches and reentries are abundant enough to please

the most avid researcher.

Not much research has yet been done on the War Tax issues, and a study of these alone is a project for the brave.

The Admirals were widely precancelled, for those who prefer this form of collecting; and they were the first issues to be perforated "OHMS" for official use.

For the postmark enthusiast, there is a great variety—one sometimes finds "corks" or other early cancellations still in use during the period; and machine slogan cancellations made their first serious appearance with these issues.

These were the only Canadian stamps to have the band of engine turning (popularly known as "lathework") on the plates of some values, and there is no more attractive sight than a collection of mint blocks or singles showing the types of lathework used. It is, needless to add, "deluxe" collecting!

There is also plate block collecting for those who thrive in a more rarified atmosphere, and interest is added because of the variety of plate markings to be found.

Finally, there are the booklets and booklet panes, imperforates and proofs.

A word here about availability of material. There is generally speaking sufficient material in quantity for research in the low values, but like most issues, it is not exactly easy to find numbers of fine used copies of all values, and some of the coils are difficult to find at all. The person who is starting to collect Admirals should have no great difficulty in making a good showing of the catalogue stamps. There is a lot of material about, but there are enough elusive items to please the vanity which is part of the enjoyment of collecting!

It is easy to see that the Admiral issues really do offer an exhausting array of possibilities—so much so that one is perhaps tempted to shy away for the sheer impossibility of tackling anything so complicated. It is a challenging prospect, but one which offers rewards and satisfactions out of proportion to mere intrinsic value. This is not to suggest that the Admirals have only nominal intrinsic value—make no mistake, they are popular, and the fact that we do not see much written about them is offset by the fact that good lots never go begging. Even philatelic snobbery can have its day! as the issues range in price from a penny to umpteen pounds.

To summarise then, my intention is to enlarge as I go along on the various aspects mentioned above, for the benefit of those who, like myself, have felt the urge to specialise, or perhaps for some who may have decided that the Admirals are too complex. A bit of direction and encouragement is a help to anyone, and I feel that it is possible to outline a logical method of starting a basic nontechnical collection from which to branch out into other lines of study according to individual taste or limitation.

#### **GROUP NEWS**

The Aberdeen Group had a successful opening meeting for the new season when exhibits were shown by local members ably sponsored by Mr A. F. L. Macgregor. Stamps and items of Postal History were shown by Messrs O. A. Fraser, John Hannah, George Beverley, in addition to Mr Macgregor. The exhibits ranged from pre-stamp covers to the latest 1957 issues and included many unusual postmarks and various re-entries in addition to stamped envelopes with foreign and West Indian and other Colonial postmarks.

In a racy vote of thanks Mr A. S. Mackie remarked on the excellent material owned by the members of the

Aberdeen Group.

#### 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."

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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. beket Secretary, and may make

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 sub-scription he shall be admitted to membership.

The Annual Subscription shall be Ten Shillings (\$1.50) or such sum as the Annual General Meeting may de-

cide, payable in advance on the first day of October.

Any member who shall fail to pay his subscription by the 30th of April following the date it fell due, shall be (6) liable to forfeit his membership. The Secretary and the Treasurer acting together shall have discretion to apply this rule.

Substant active and (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. 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. (8) State of Land days Committee may decide from time to time.

HONORARY LIFE (9) MEMBERS.

Individuals of outstanding merit may be elected Honorary Life Members of the Society by the Committee for reasons of exceptional service in the field of British North American Philately. Honorary Life Members shall have all the privileges of Members, except that they shall have no vote in the affairs of the Society. FELLOWS.

(10) Members may be elected Fellows of the Society by a majority of two-thirds of those present at a meeting of the Committee. No member shall be so elected except on the recommendation of the Fellowship Sub-Committee in accordance with the separate rules governing the award.

OFFICERS.

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

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

- (12) The President shall have power to fill any vacancy occurring among the officers. The appointee shall hold office for the remainder of the term of his predecessor and shall be eligible for re-election.
- (13) The Committee shall appoint a Librarian, an Editor of Maple Leaves and a Packet Secretary, and may make such other appointments as it shall think necessary from time to time. These appointments shall be at the discretion of the Committee.

MANAGEMENT.

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

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

NOMINATION AND (15) ELECTION.

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

ADMINISTRATION.

- (16) The Financial Year of the Society shall commence on 1st October in each year. Officers shall take office at that date or at the close of the Convention for the year if held later.
- (17) The Annual General Meeting shall be held not earlier than nine months nor later than fifteen months after the preceding Annual General Meeting. The President or, in his absence, the Senior Vice-President, shall preside and shall have a second or casting vote. At least two months' notice of the date, time and place of the meeting shall be given by an official notice in Maple Leaves.
- (18) Every member entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting shall be entitled to appoint another member as a general or specific proxy. Instruments appointing proxies must be lodged with the Secretary before the commencement of the meeting.
- (19) Maple Leaves shall be the official organ of the Society.

  Publication of a notice in Maple Leaves shall be deemed to be sufficient intimation to all members.
  - (20) The Annual General Meeting shall appoint two members to audit the Annual Accounts, which shall thereafter be published in Maple Leaves.
- (21) The Treasurer shall maintain an account in the name of the Society with a Bank approved by the President. All uninvested funds of the Society which are under the Treasurer's control shall be deposited in this account. Any investments shall be held in the names of two Trustees, who shall be appointed by the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office for a period of five years, or for such shorter period as they may remain members and who shall be eligible for re-election. The Treasurer shall be required to take out a bond of fidelity insurance for such amount as the Committee may decide, the premium being payable by the Society.

MISCELLANEOUS. (22)

- (22) Regional Groups may, subject to the approval of the Committee, be formed to carry out the objects of the Society, such groups to be self-supporting. Each group shall appoint a Contact Member to maintain liaison with the Society.
- (23) Study Groups for research in particular branches of British North American Philately shall be encouraged. Each such group shall appoint its own Secretary. The Committee shall have power to contribute towards the reasonable expenses of such Study Groups. The findings of Study Groups receiving such contributions shall not be published otherwise than in Maple Leaves without the consent of the Committee.
- (24) The Committee shall have the right to suspend any member for a definite period from his rights and privileges in the Society or to expel him without cause assigned.
  - (25) In construing these Rules, the dividing line between the North and the South of England shall be a line from Gloucester to the Wash. Wales shall be included with the North of England and Ireland with Scotland.
  - (26) Amendments to these Rules shall only be made by a majority of two-thirds of those voting in person or by proxy at the Annual General Meeting. Notice of proposed amendments shall be sent the Secretary not less than three months prior to the Annual General Meeting and published in Maple Leaves in an issue previous to the meeting.
- (27) The Committee shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of these Rules and the decision of the Committee thereon shall be final.

#### RULES GOVERNING THE AWARD OF FELLOWSHIP

1. Members of the Society may be elected as Fellows

(a) For outstanding research in the Postal History and/or Philately of British North America, or

(b) For outstanding services in the advancement of the interests of the Society. 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

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(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.
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- All communications relating to Nominations for the Award of Fellowship shall be strictly confidential.

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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, and the Fellows of the Society.

4.—A quorum of this Committee shall be four, and the Committee's decision will be final.

5.—Throughout these Rules the word "Committee" shall mean the Judging Committee 6.—The Committee may withhold the Trophy in any year when they feel the intended standard of original or intensive research has not been reached.

7.—The Committee may make the award in any year for outstanding research in previous years, providing the member concerned is still alive.

8.—Any winner of the award will understand his subject of research will be made available for its initial publication in the Society's Journal, for the benefit of all members.

9.—Nominations for the award, proposed and seconded, may be sent in through the Secretary, or brought up by the Committee themselves.

10.—All nominations, and discussion in Committee, will be treated as strictly confidential.

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1. Booklets of stamps, covers, etc., may be sent to the Packet Secretary at any time.

2. Only B.N.A. material can be accepted for circulation.

- The Secretary reserves the right to refuse any undesirable material without assigning any reason.
- Stamps must be affixed to the sheets by means of hinges on one side of the sheet only, using standard booklets.
- 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.
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- 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.
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- 21. These rules are subject to alteration from time to time should the Exchange Packet Secretary deem it expedient.

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#### CANADIAN "SCREWED" DUPLEX

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

In an article on Canadian duplex cancellations in "Maple Leaves" August, 1956, three rules were suggested for recognising true duplex, i.e.

(i) The killer and dater should not be more than 3 or 4 mm. apart.

(ii) The killer should be at approximately 3 o'clock from the dater.
(iii) The bars of the killer should be parallel to (or in one type of

Toronto duplex at right angles to) the axis of strike.

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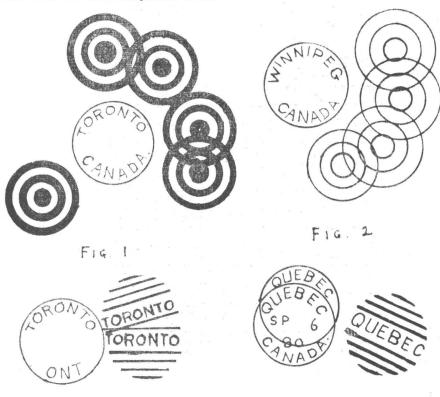
At the same time, the one recorded exception to these rules, i.e. the Ottawa "House of Assembly" duplex (1881-1900) was mentioned

Since then, some more exception to rules (ii) and (iii) have been discovered, some confirmed as duplex, others still doubtful. A striking and unique feature of most of these is that the detachable portion, i.e. the dater, was screwed on instead of being fixed by a bayonet joint. In consequence, the dater, in contravention of the 3 o'clock and parallel to axis

rules, may be found at any hour and any angle. On the other hand, the spacing apart (3 or 4 mm) is a fairly constant feature, which would only be so for duplex.

Before attempting to explain how or why these exceptions were created, a summary of the examples recorded to date (both confirmed and doubtful) will be useful.

The ball started rolling with Mr Bonar's note—"Is this a Duplex?" in "Maple Leaves" June, 1957, illustrating a 2-ring target cancel apparently used as a duplex at Toronto in 1880. This type was quickly confirmed, i.e. by 3 or more separate strikes, for Toronto, Montreal, Winnipeg, with possibilities for Hamilton and Quebec, vide my article in "Maple Leaves" October, 1957, in which the remarkable relative movement of the killer and dater is recorded, also the fact that at least two such duplex were used simultaneously in Toronto in 1880 (see figs. 1 and 2).



F14. 3

F19. 4

The next type of crooked cancel to be investigated, which showed signs of being screwed, was Toronto type II.G.8c, vide "Maple Leaves" October, 1957, No. 7, and Jarrett Nos. 363 and 366a. This type has been confirmed as duplex, by 3 or more strikes, for Toronto and Quebec (figs. 3 and 4) while a third possibility — Montreal — is recorded in the Proof Book of the Philatelic Foundation, New York. It should be noted that all the above are dated between 1880 and 1882.



Figure 5

Allied to this is the intriguing type of Ottawa, i.e. Jarrett No. 365, which is similar to 363 but with larger letters (fig. 5). Jarrett records that this type was also used in Kingston, Aylmer, St. Catharines, Montreal, and Quebec. (He added Toronto North, East, and West, to his list, but these were in fact of a somewhat different type, vide "Maple Leaves" June, 1957, fig. 8. I think that St. Catharines was also different). There is no evidence as yet to indicate whether this Ottawa type 365 was or was not used as a "screwed" duplex in Ottawa, Kingston, or elsewhere. It is hoped that readers of this article may be able to throw some light on the matter.

throw some light on the matter.

Finally—or at least finally to date—there is the Toronto type (fig. 6) illustrated in "Maples Leaves" October,



Figure 6

1957, No. 15 and Jarrett No. 367, of which one crooked strike is known which looks like a possible duplex, but confirmation is required. For ready reference, the accompanying plate illustrates these types and also the relative movement of several confirmed. There is, of course, one more crooked duplex, which has already been mentioned—the Ottawa "House of Assembly", but it is different in being permanently crooked, and was in use without movement for 19 years!

Now to come to a possible explanation of these crooked freaks. I quote Mr

Bonar:—"Although in all other recorded Canadian duplex handstamps the dater appears to be fixed, long experience of such handstamps employed in Scotland reveals that a large number used there were so designed that the dater was screwed into position and might end up at any angle to the killer." It seems reasonable to suppose that a method of creating duplex in common use in Scotland could also have been used in Canada.

But the question naturally arises, why this outbreak of crooked, probably screwed, duplex in various large towns during a limited period, i.e. 1880-1882?

I suggest the following points are relevant. During the four years 1880-83 the total number of duplex hammers recorded in the P.F. Book, for all Canada, was only 36, i.e. 9 per annum, a totally inadequate number to meet the requirements of the rapidly increasing work of the Post-office. At the same time, postmasters in some of the larger post offices had experienced and appreciated the convenience of duplex, and were perhaps getting rather tired of cutting corks, which had functioned widely since the 1870's. So, following the analogy or example of the Scottish custom, some of the daters and killers in stock were converted into duplex by fixing the killer and screwing on the dater. If the dater had to be removed periodically, e.g. to change the date or the month, and screwed on again, the crookedness and relative movement would be easily explained, in fact would be almost inevitable. But again, the comparatively short period of use of these crooked movable duplex hammers suggests that the idea was not so satisfactory after all!

It is evident that there is a great deal to be learnt about these peculiar crooked duplex, as regards types, times, and places of use, and it is in the hope that it may encourage readers to add to our knowledge that this article is published.

## INTERNATIONAL PHILATELIC EXHIBITION, LONDON

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL, 9th-16th JULY, 1960

As the result of discussions between the Royal Philatelic Society and the British Philatelic Association, arrangements have been made to hold an International Philatelic Exhibition in 1960 at the Festival Hall from 9th-16th July.

The support already promised ensures that such an Exhibition is welcome to both collectors and professional philate-

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#### THE SECRETARY REPORTS

The year has again been one of continued growth of the Society, and the net increase in membership constitutes a new record—91.

It is gratifying to note that of the 122 new members enrolled during the year, over half were from overseas. The Canadian membership increased by 48, and we now have an expanding group in Australia.

Two milestones were passed during the year, namely the enrolment of member number 1,000 (the latest to join is 1,039), and the attainment of 700

current members (the present total is 709).

We look forward to another year even more successful than the last, and hope that we shall have a record attendance at the next Convention at Eastbourne.

CHARLES HOLLINGSWORTH,

Hon. Secretary.

# EARLY CANADIAN RAILWAY POST OFFICES PART VI

By LIONEL F. GILLAM

#### The Canadian Pacific Railway R 20 - R 28

The epic of the C.P.R. will be too well known to readers for it to be necessary to devote much space to a subject which has engaged the attention of more railway historians than any other railway in the world. From the time of its inception as a grandiose, and (then) visionary idea, until today when modern 'miracles' of science and technology are commonplace, it has captured the minds and imaginations of men in a way which bids fair to ensure for it the immortality it deserves.

I will content myself therefore by outlining in the briefest possible way the history of the construction of the transcontinental line from 1871 (when





British Columbia entered the Canadian Confederation on the condition that such a line should be built) until its completion in 1885.

It was soon realised that it was one thing for the politicians in Ottawa to agree to such a stipulation (the threat of the absorption of British Columbia by her powerful neighbour south of the border was a very real one in those days) and quite another for them to command the means to make it effective. As a result it was finally decided to entrust the bulk of the building to a syndicate of railway engineers and financiers, and in 1881 the C.P.R. was incorporated under charter to the Canadian Government to complete a line from Eastern Canada to the Pacific coast within ten years.

No time was lost in starting construction. The 162 miles of line already built by the Government in Manitoba between Selkirk and Pembina and Cross Lake were taken over, and by the end of 1881 trains were in operation

between Winnipeg and Brandon. By February 1882 a service was operating to a point 32 miles west of Brandon, and by October of the same year Regina was reached. By 1883 the line had reached a point 122 miles west of Calgary.

During this time a Government built line from Port Moody, B.C., was being pushed eastwards, and the two lines were finally connected at Craigellachie in the Selkirks on November 7th, 1885, thus bringing about the com-

pletion of the contract—five years before the stipulated time.

The eastern section of the line had also been started in 1881, and by 1882 forty miles of track had been laid between Callander, near North Bay, and Sturgeon River, and in 1884 the line between the former and Port Arthur was completed. In the following year the rails connecting Montreal and Winnipeg were linked at Noslo, west of Jackfish on May 16th. Of this section the line from Port Arthur to Winnipeg was either taken over for completion, or partially built by the Canadian Government.

As has already been seen from the brief history of the Canada Central Railway, the greater part of the eastern section of the C.P.R. between Ottawa and Callander was secured to the latter by amalgamation. In the same way the extension of the C.P.R. from Ottawa into Quebec was secured by the purchase in 1882 of the Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa and Occidental Railway (Ottawa to Montreal), and the transfer of the North Shore Railway (Montreal

to Quebec) in 1885.

In addition to the transcontinental line many other railways, formerly independent, have through purchase, amalgamation or lease become absorbed into the C.P.R. system during the course of its history. All these lines, in so far as they affect the railway postal history of Canada will be dealt with separately.

As one might expect, the Canadian Post Office lost no time in exploiting the new transcontinental line during the time that it was being constructed (when postal services were made available to construction crews) and subsequently.

In addition to numerous baggage car services (where the mail was in closed pouches in charge of railway guards or baggagemen), Postal Car Services (i.e. Railway Post Offices) operated west of Winnipeg via Brandon to Oak Lake in 1882, and were extended to Moosomin and Moose Jaw in the following year.

The needs of the construction crews were met by the establishment of a Post Office and Money Order Office called 'End of Track, Rocky Mountains, Canadian Pacific Railway.' This was housed in a railway car roughly fitted out as a post office, and moved forward as track laying progressed. It is not known what type of postmark was used by the temporary office, but its lengthy official title anticipates the use, some thirty years later of a similar device on the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway: 'End of Steel G.T.P.'

With the establishment of a through service between Montreal and Port Moody on the 25th June, 1886, the R.P.O. service between Ottawa and Port Arthur was extended to the Pacific terminal. The first through train, equipped with mail car, reached Calgary on the 2nd July, and Port Moody on the 4th mail being distributed at all stopping points for the convenience of the many construction gangs along the route, as well as to the few established offices.

Five different postmarks bearing the words C.P.Ry. West of Winnipeg, or variations thereof are known to have been used on this line, together with three bearing the words 'C.P.Ry. British Columbia' or variations thereof. The latter were used on the Port Moody (later Vancouver) to Kamloops B.C. section. It is known from post office records that a regular R.P.O. service was in operation on this extreme western section before a through service to and from Winnipeg was established, in the same way that R.P.O. services between Ottawa and Port Arthur had also been established in November 1885, the

same mail clerks travelling the whole of the run between Ottawa and Port Arthur.

With the turn of the century Railway Postal Services in the Western Provinces were reorganised into three separate runs, i.e. from Winnipeg to Moose Jaw (Sask), from Moose Jaw to Calgary (Alberta) and from Calgary to Vancouver (B.C.). These R.P.O.'s are still operating.

N.B.—The C.P.R. in New Brunswick will be dealt with separately in the

next issue.

#### JACK CANUCK GOES TO SCARBORO

Jack Canuck jumped the gun and arrived at the Crown Hotel one day ahead of time only to find half a dozen delegates in the foyer who had jumped quicker than he could. A very happy party of fourteen had settled down in the lounge for the start of our annual backchat. Thursday brought the main onslaught of delegates and by teatime there was round the seventy mark with more to come.

It was soon evident that our worthy President had been putting in some very useful staff work and throughout the Convention arrangements seemed to click into place with unfailing regularity. He even had the weather laid on, the best we have had all summer.

The most pleasing aspect of the list of delegates was the number of old members showing up for the first time at Convention, Harold Pattinson, Leslie Tomlinson, E. Whitley, and P. G. Walker and last but not least one of our new Fellows and the first member in Canada to join the Society, Herb. Buckland from Toronto.

Thursday morning's good weather brought a general rush to see the sunshine. Geoff. Harper, having lost his horse three years ago at Buxton appeared to be still looking for it, but why worry about it, he looks awfully nice in his "ganzie" and Newmarket cravat without the blinkin' horse. Then we have the pathetic sight of Dr. Willan and Stevie, neither having been known to walk more than 200 yards, and enticed by the sands two miles away, ultimately being ejected from Scarboro's mountain railway on to the steps of the hotel in a state of exhaustion, they didn't even have strength to ask each other, "What'll ye have." Our three small boys, Len Harris, Dr. Hollingsworth and Fred Tomlinson, were to be seen looking for something on the golf links. Pity Fred's golf doesn't match his clubs, he has such a nice set.

Jack Cartwright as a teetotaler had us worried; he could even tell the colour of the waiter's coat; and L. D. Carn at last found the right way up a staircase.

Displays again were of a very high standard and our President maintains it took him all his time to separate the judges, so close were their opinions on some of the displays. Study Circles also were conducted with very attentive audiences. We regretted the absence of Col. McLellan in the Small Cents Circle and we all wish him a speedy recovery. J. J. Bonar acted as a very able deputy to the Colonel. Fred Tomlinson gave us a treat with his Maps, but he let us see so many Islands we all finished with spots

before our eyes.

In the Invitation Displays we were served up with some wonderful feasts. First night Mr A. J. Stott presented his Early Newfoundland, while Bill Lea

accompanied it with a paper.
Next night T'other Tomlinson (Leslie G.) gave us Prince Edward Island. What a student, what a display. We have waited a long time for this display, Leslie, give us some more, and soon.
Sunday night's display by Mr G. Whit-

worth on the 1859 Issue brought a well thought out theory on the perforating machines used in the issue. A very interesting discussion followed and it was pleasing to see that Mr Whitworth could defend his theory. Hang on to your ideas Geof., we all back them as being right.

John Bird gave us a new angle on displays when he gave us a lantern show of Canadian Stamps and Varieties in colour. Mrs Bird acting as machine operator so ably, we hand the laurels of the show to her.

The bus tour to York again found Eddie McGuigan excelling himself as conductor and commentator. On the Sunday run to Whitby Moors we had the delicious situation of one search party looking for the other search party before Archibald the driver could get going. Oh and that hat of Jim Cater, we were scared in case it became airborne and took the entire bus with him.

The usual Society Auction was held by "Oor David". Poor David, he's a lifer, he can't get rid of the job.

The Annual General Committee sailed along with no tempers lost. This was followed by the A.G.M. of the Society when we discovered we are still solvent, thanks to the very wise guidance in money matters by our V.P. and Treasurer Macaskie. We also learnt of the Committee's decision to bestow Fellowship on three members, one from the U.K. and two from Canada, all most worthily earned.

The Banquet was its usual brilliant success. The toasts kept us entertained, and not sleep making. Sir John Dodds. in a very tantalising manner, proposed the Toast of the Society. So successful was he, that since the dinner Geof. Whitworth has been inundated with requests as to how to perforate wall-paper. Our President in his reply kept the humour going. Fred Tomlinson proposed the Ladies, and Mrs Stephenson replied. The awards were very charmingly presented by Lady Dodds. Geof. Harper, in very good form, proposed The Guests. This toast was replied to by Mr Birch, whose allegiance to the stamps

of Sweden was rather shaken to find so many of Canada's stamps were printed also on Stickney machines. Perhaps he will see the error of his ways and start on the stamps of a real country. Thinking our Society spoke English he was shocked to find it is bi-lingual, speaking Scots and Yorkshire.

Where we will be next year, Tunbridge Wells or Eastbourne, it will have to be good if it can surpass our latest effort, our happiest Convention. Thank you, Doctor.

## A NEW CANADIAN RE-ENTRY ON THE 3d BEAVER

By A. L. MICHAEL



This popular stamp has been studied by many philatelists and its numerous varieties create a fascinating field. A few days ago when examining some of these pieces, the writer discovered a hitherto unrecorded re-entry.

The original plate of 200 impressions was cut into two halves to facilitate handling in the 1856 war and it was probably at this time that the imprint "Rawdon, Wright, Hatch and Edson, New York" was added to each half of the plate, twice on each side.

It has been known for some time that a number of these imprints were reentered and this being due to the fact that they too close to the design of the stamp when originally laid down. On the example shown in the accompanying illustration, part of the imprint shows in the top right corner and traces of the original entry can be seen of this imprint about 1 mm. below the reentered inscription.

What, however, is more important is that the top left corner of the stamp shows very marked traces of re-entry or retouch in which all the shading to the right of the figure '3' is considerably strengthened and duplicated, the lines of the shading progressing through the frame lines at the top of the stamp. As no trace of these have been found on the earleir printings to date, this example which is on the thick hard wove paper rather suggests that this was re-entered at the same time as the imprint was added.

Whether this particular stamp is from Pane A or B cannot at the moment be proved, but the imprint position on each pane is over stamps 2, 3, 4 and 7, 8 and 9 on each pane, therefore this stamp is either No. 2 or 7 from one of the panes. (Reprinted by kind permission of the Strand Stamp Journal).

(Can any of our members throw any light on this very interesting discovery? -Ed.)

#### THE SLOGAN CANCELLATIONS OF CANADA

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

#### PART VIII

Considerable variety of Advertising Slogans, covering Exhibitions, Fairs, restivals, Shows, Charity Appeals, National Events and Postal Directives were used in 1930 and 1931. Toronto was most prolific with some twenty-three different "slogans" recorded in each of these years. Among the Centenary Celebrations are Brockville and Toronto in 1930, and Orillia the following year, whilst Manitoba's Diamond Jubilee was publicized from Winnipeg in 1930. It is interesting to note that Regina in 1930 and 1931 used the slogan "Prepare Now to Exhibit at the World's Grain Show 1932" thus giving two years' advance publicity to this event.

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### HAMILTON DUPLEX CANCELLATIONS



Dear Sir,

Having read Mr Smythies' valuable little treatise on the various stages of the Hamilton Duplex cancellations, I recalled my own fascination a few years ago, when I first noted its evolution by examining a huge number of Small Queens covers emanating from that city. Unfortunately being a tyro at the time, I did not grasp the significance of these covers which were soon dispersed, but I have since made up another study in which the latest date of Duplex No. 2 is March 4th, 1875. The earliest example I have of the mutilated "5" is June 28th,

1876, the latest April 12th, 1877. The illustrated cover is dated July 26th, 1876. The first strike of the new Duplex, without numeral "5" is of November 14th, 1877.

Mr Smythies' analysis proves again the great wealth and variety of study possible within the field of postal cancellations alone, a field which represents but one phase of the most intricate and complicated of all Canadian issues, the Small Queens.

PETER I. HURST.

Montreal, Canada.

#### CANADIAN COLOUR PROBLEM

Dear Mr Woods.

At the recent Scarborough Convention there was available such a wealth of material, to consider colour problems in the 1859 and Small Cents issues, as dreams are made of, and a galaxy of specialists and experts to discuss them.

We had available the material of two leading specialists, Mr Bonar and Mr Whitworth, shown simultaneously, and it was interesting to see how frequently they had given different colour names to the same shade and different shades to the same name! In fact it was agreed that it was impossible to define exactly a colour or shade merely by written description, and the possibility was seriously discussed of the Study Group building up a Reference Collection, showing the range of shades in each main colour group.

When that super-problem, the Indian Red, arose, it became evident that even the leading specialists were sometimes in doubt. Is it surprising that the average collector finds such difficulty?

If it is accepted as an axiom (and it was at the Convention) that a written description of shades and colours is useless by itself but invaluable with a reference collection, could not the suggestion made at the Convention be followed up? Every collector inevitably accumulates poor or damaged copies, unfit for his collection but still useful as a colour guide, which he would surely be glad to present to the Society. The suggestion that a committee of 2 or 3 experts (or one committee for each issue) should try and collect such material, and from it grade, classify and describe a Reference Collection which would be permanently available in the future. If a team of public spirited experts would undertake the job, I for one would gladly contribute an assortment of indifferent copies to it.

Perhaps something of no value at present could thus be converted by expert knowledge into something of considerable value to the ordinary collector.

Yours sincerely,

E. A. SMYTHIES (840).
(Members' opinions would be most welcome on this interesting suggestion.
—Ed.)

#### JARRETT'S CANCEL No. 1022

Dear Mr Tomlinson,

I noticed an article in "Stamp Collecting" on the 23rd August regarding the Post Master's initials in the cancellation for Port Carling. I saw in the note at the end that Mr McCready added a remark when he originally published the article: "Now, will someone come up with a story on Jarrett's 1032 etc. . . . and 1022 with F.B."

I have a cut out Great Britain envelope

stamp with a partial strike of this "F.B." and I also have a G.B. ½d. of 1887 with a forged overprint "Zululand" with the



same cancellation. I understand this is a common English cancel of the 1880/90

period.

I do not think that this cancel was copied and used in Canada. It seems more likely that a letter from Canada to the U.K. had this cancel applied on your side, and was seen by, or reported to, Jarrett; most likely after the stamp had been removed from the envelope.

Yours sincerely,

E. M. BLOIS.

#### A LARGE HEAD CANCELLATION



Dear Mr Tomlinson,

I recently acquired a postmark on a 15 cent large head, grey lilac shade, which I have not seen recorded.

I enclose a tracing herewith and you will see that it consists of an '8' within a cork cancellation—but an unusual feature—the "V.R." in thin white lettering below the '8'. The "V.R." undoubtedly stands for "Victoria Regina" and I would welcome any further information on this item.

Yours faithfully, J. M. LOXSTON (616).

38, Albermarle Road, East Barnet, Herts,

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