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NOTES AND COMMENTS

August Issue

We regret the short delay in getting the August issue to you. The printing dispute threw schedules to the wind. We have been fortunate in obtaining the services of local industry, The Colmore Press, and we thank them for finding it possible to help us out. The opportunity has been taken to make some changes. The size overall has been cut, this necessitated the termination of Volume 6 and commencing a new volume. Arrangements for binding and the publication of an index to this volume will be announced in due course. We hope that you all like the new layout?

Personalities

Mr A. E. Stephenson and Dr R. Willan have recently had heart trouble and we take this opportunity of wishing them a speedy recovery to normal health.

Mr. David Gardner our hard working Packet Secretary has recently been honoured by Her Majesty the Queen by the award of the M.B.E. Many congratulations David.

Canadian Philatelic Society

Several of our Canadian members advised us of the great honour that has been bestowed on this Society. The prefix "Royal" has been granted to the Society by Her Majesty the Queen. To its President, Dr. Geldert, we extend our congratulations on behalf of all our members.

Exchange Packet

David Gardner has been having trouble with the users of the Exchange Packet recently. A postal list has been lost, advice slips have not been filled in for purchases made and spaces have been unsigned. We want to emphasise that members using the Exchange Packet must abide strictly by the rules. It makes for hard work if you don't. Any infringements in the future by members may result in them being removed from the distribution lists.

Canadian members are sending over material for sale. Grateful Mr. Gardner is for your contributions but please price your material a little more reasonably.

Convention

We are publishing as much as possible of the programme as arranged. As usual bookings are very slow in coming in. We ask those of you who can manage a visit to inform Mr J. J. Bonar as soon as possible. Even if you can only manage a couple of days you will be just as welcome as the others who attend regularly.

The Handbook

Our long awaited "Duplex" handbook is now ready for sale. We hope that you will all give your support to this venture by the Society. The price has been kept low, 7/6d. (\$1.00), so send your orders along *now*.

1960 Stamp Collectors' Annual

The 1960 edition of this popular publication is now being prepared, and will be off the press in September. The Annual will again have a wide appeal and will cover a multitude of subjects. The price, just right, 3/6d., true value in these days of high prices. We are going to order our copy through the Secretary now. What about you? The small profit involved will be of benefit to the funds of the Society. So give your support to us and order now.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends and Members,

Soon we will be reading that "it is only so many shopping days to Christmas". I now take the opportunity of reminding you that it is only 63 swopping days to Convention. Mr. Bonar has been doing some sterling work in making all the arrangements to make an enjoyable visit for those who will be attending. My thanks to him.

Our membership is now at 805. Make it vour duty to enlist a new member before Convention. I should like to see the figure stand at 1000 when my Presidential Year ends

The Editor has recently had a most harassed time in coping with the publication

of a handbook and having to face a printing dispute. The issue of this number are the results of his labours. We should be grateful to him.

Across the Atlantic a new edition of Dr. Whitehead's book on Squared Circle Postmarks will soon be published. I have been invited to subscribe a short article on "Squared Circle Postmarks and their collectors in G.B." Will collectors—please write to me stating their holdings of A. type I and B. type II, if they include a short list of "Wants" and provide a S.A.E. I shall be glad to help out from my duplicates.

DUNCAN McLELLAN.

CONVENTION NOTES

Since the June issue some progress has been made in Convention plans but several gaps have still to be filled and the complete programme must be held over until the October issue.

PROGRAMME

A bus tour to the Border country has been booked for the afternoon of Thursday and another to some of the sights of Edinburgh for the following afternoon will interest visitors from the South.

The ladies will have an opportunity on Friday forenoon to visit the old Church at Corstorphine and see the relics preserved there.

A study circle on the Admiral issue has been organised and steps are being taken to arrange another. It would be a great help to the leaders if members who have interesting material on the chosen subjects would bring it with them.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Bookings are coming in at the same slow rate as in previous years. Will members who have decided to come please help by filling up the booking form and posting it to me at 30, Greenhill Gardens, Edinburgh, 10, as soon as possible. A rush of bookings at the last minute can play havoc with organisation.

EXHIBITION ENTRIES

This is another matter in which a little co-operation will play big dividends. Frames are available for 500 sheets. Up to date

only 36 sheets have been promised for exhibition. If members will send intimation of their intention to exhibit either to me or to Mr J. A. Grant, 11, Gordon Road, Edinburgh 12, the exhibition can be planned. If the first notice is the arrival of sheets on the morning of Convention there is little time to bring order out of chaos.

The classes for competition are as formerly:—

(1) Research and Study.

(2) Group Displays.

(3) Contributed Displays:(a) British North America to 1900 (including the Numeral Issue);

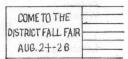
(b) British North America from 1902.

Entries may be of 6, 12 or 18 sheets.

J. J. BONAR.

SLOGAN CANCELLATIONS OF CANADA By the Slogan Study Circle of the C.P.S. of G.B. PART XVIII







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CELEBRATION
JULY 30-AUG 9







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The number of Slogans recorded for 1950 were as prolific as the preceding few years. Annual Exhibitions, Fairs and Shows were advertised, with the "Canadian International Trade Fair" receiving publicity from many widely dispersed offices. Charity Appeals were in use throughout the year, as were Postal Directives and National Appeals, both the latter being used from a number of new offices.

In 1950 Slogans were used for Dartmouth's Bi-centenary, Gananoque's Diamond Iubilee, and North Bay's Silver Jubilee.

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PUBLICATIONS REVIEWED

THE CANADA PLATE BLOCK CATALOGUE, 4th Edition

Published by K. BILESKI LTD., Station B,

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

Price \$2.00 (about 14s. 6d.)

Those who already know this important reference work will expect and find this up-to-date edition to be as useful and informative as its forerunners. This handbook is now published by Member K. Bileski in the same format as before, the only change, as might be expected, being the general upwards pricing throughout. A few prices have been lowered—some of them rather unexpectedly — but generally the price changes reflect the continuing upward trend of the market. To a non-collector of plate blocks, the leap in price of some items seems incredible—for example, a plate strip of three One Cent George VI 1937 moving from \$60 to \$125 and \$140 respectively. Other changes have been made to bring the work up to date-some items have been deleted, others have been added, or like the George V 1935 issue, made more detailed.

If there is anyone who is not acquainted with this handbook, he or she is lacking a most useful, almost indispensable aid to collecting. Its primary purpose is to assist the plate block collector, but it is equally useful to the general collector, since it includes dates of issue, numbers issued, descriptions of shades peculiar to certain plates, details of lathework and marginal imprints, etc., as well as much useful information about pre-Confederation issues. And all at a price to appeal even to the

budget-conscious.

We are always pleased to see any publication which increases our knowledge of Canadian issues, and especially one which keeps as up-to-date as this.

PRICED CATALOGUE AND ALBUM SHEETS FOR MANITOBA LAW STAMPS

Published by K. BILESKI LTD., Station B. Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

Price on application to the publisher.

The collection of Canadian revenue stamps has not reached the same level here as it has done in Canada—yet. This field of interest is complicated but fascinating, and indeed pre-dates postage stamp collecting by many years. The growth of interest in this branch of philately is reflected in another of Mr. Bileski's publications, along the lines of and an improvement on his well-known Canada Catalogue and Basic Album, (Those not acquainted with the latter will find it described in "Maple Leaves", Vol. VI, page 319).

The visual appeal of these publications is better seen than described. The latest is a set of punched leaves in horizontal format which fit into a special binder provided additionally by the publisher.

The eye-catching frontispiece is a charming little water-colour reproduction — a Manitoba lake scene—which leads to the introductory notes, and thence to a section of photographs in colour, printed on luxurious coated card, of all the 114 varieties of these stamps so far known. Then follows the priced catalogue and check list, and finally the album pages with spaces for each stamp.

Those who may gather that this is one of those over-decorative or over-colourful productions should have a careful look at these album sheets. The album section is simple, with delicate frames for the stamps, and with plenty of space around and between, the colour reproductions are attractive and compelling, and the whole is an example of imaginative good taste.

Supplementary or replacement sheets are issued from time to time. We have no information as to the price of the sheets or the binder, but further details can be obtained from the publisher.

This reviewer would like to add the comment that Mr. Bileski is providing—and hopes to continue providing—a unique and worthy service both to general and specialist collectors which should be encouraged and supported by us all,

A.L.S.

ANOTHER REMARKABLE RE-ENTRY

by J. J. BONAR, F.C.P.S.

In a recent issue I recorded a remarkable double re-entry on the 2 cts. carmine of the Numerals Issue.

This article features another re-entry on the same stamp, again on a copy with the Type II or three line border. It was first noted by Dr. Alfred Whitehead more than a dozen years ago but, so far as I am aware, has never been described in print. It is one of the most remarkable re-entries on any Canadian stamp.

The most obvious sign appears in the right hand numeral box where a thick line of colour extends from the foot of the figure 2 to the space between the inner and outer frame lines. Closer examination shows a small spur at the other end of the figure and reveals that these marks are a duplication of the numeral about 1.75 m.m. too low. Traces of a similar displacement of the other figure appear just inside the outer frame. Any traces of the second entry which

may have shown outside the frame have been burnished off. Looking higher up the stamp traces of duplication will be found all over the bottom half. They are very clear in the white oval on both sides, in the letters T W and in the right hand numeral box. The necklace and pendant show marks which have no counterpart in a normal copy.

While I was preparing this note I received a letter from Dr. Whitehead who tells me

that he found eight copies of this re-entry, the only dated one was used in May, 1903. I have two copies of which the one illustrated is dated 6th July, 1903. Mr. H. H. Brown tells me that he also has a copy. It is obviously a rare item.

In his letter Dr. Whitehead says that he has five copies of the re-entry illustrated in October, including two dated in May, 1903. I have not heard of any others.



AUCTION REPORT

Through the kindness of the Canada Stamp Co. we hope to maintain a regular corner of prices realized at their auctions. This will give our home members a picture of the market in Canada. Copies of their auction catalogues will be gladly sent to members free upon request to 33, Pheasant Road, Willowdale, Ontario, Canada.

In recent sales containing over 2,000 lots which featured over 8,500 plate blocks, 104 different 2 and 4 ring numeral cancellations on the 5c Beaver and 3c Small Queens, 2,000 Squared Circles and 530 fancy cancels on Small Queens, Highlights of the prices realized of which we publish a few.

Squared Circles, on covers.

Aldergrove, B.C.—\$86, Richmond, Quesuperb—\$218, Double Athens and Port Hope on same cover—\$46, Superb Double Rosseau—\$72. Donald, B.C. registered cover—\$68, Pipestone—\$122 Napinka RPO and Souris RPO on one cover—\$66, Souris RPO showing both directions on same cover (East and West)—\$62.

- 2 and 4 Ring Numeral Cancellations—No. 27 (cover)—\$38 No. 1 (on piece)—\$12, No. 24—\$16, No. 41—\$12.
- 3c Small Queens, Fancy Cancellations— Fancy letter 'A'—\$14, Double 'B'—\$18, Bogey Face—\$6, Pansy Flower—\$14, Skull and Cross Bone—\$24.

CONVENTION AUCTION, 1959

Owing to the delay in publishing "Maple Leaves" and my own arrangements for removal from Airdrie some rearrangements in regard to the Auction may have to be made.

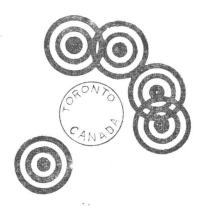
Will all members who intend submitting lots for auction, kindly let me have them as soon as possible. Those lots which

arrived up to 8th August, 1959, will be included in the Auction Lists. If sufficient lots are received after this date endeavours will be made to prepare a supplementary list. This list and the main list will be issued on request to those who include a remittance of 6d. to cover the charges involved.

DAVID GARDNER.

DUPLEX CORNER

by E. A. Smythies, F.R.P.S.L.



Readers who have obtained or at least seen and studied the recently published Duplex Handbook, will recognise the "Trail of the Sputnik", as this illustration has been called, and will realise what these notes are about. For the rest, we would advise them to skip these notes and all similiar notes in future as they will find them unintellegible.

The Editor has promised an occasional page for the recording of new information about Duplex until a second and revised edition becomes possible. The trickle of new

information has already become a stream, and we hope that it may become a flood.

First I must congratulate and thank our Editor on the excellent way he has edited and produced the handbook, and I am sure all readers of it will agree it is a first rate job.

At a recent Toronto auction, a large quantity of Canadian postal stationery was sold, this included cards with several dozen strikes of the Toronto L type of Duplex (serial 14), which was recorded in the P.F. Book in September 1888. It was noticed, however, that several of these strikes had earlier dates, and also that there were three

- (a) September, 1885 to December, 1887.
- (b) October, 1888 to January, 1889.
- (c) October, 1889 to November, 1892.

Of these, (b) is probaby the one recorded in the P.F. Book, it has a slightly larger date with 2 small dots, and the positions of the day and hour indicia are interchanged; (c) has two small crosses in the dater, while (a) has neither dots or crosses.

This clears up one point that was left uncertain in the Handbook; it is now evident that Pritchard and Andrews did not record all their hammers in the Proof Book —here are two for example.

Dr. Gordon of Halifax, N.S., has dis-

covered yet another early duplex of the 2 part-ring type used in the Maritime Provinces — see Handbook, Chapter V, Serials 12 to 18, and Plate IV fig. 8. This new one comes from OSSEKEAK, N.B., dated 1873, and has the usual oval killer with 10 bars.

He also records interesting confirmation of one of the rarest duplex, the crooked New Glasgow duplex of 1873 (Chapter V, Serial 35). He writes that four covers with this rare duplex, one of them again in orange, were recently found in an attic, all identical with the description and illustration in the Handbook, and also two or three covers with the killer separate, i.e. not used as duplex. This is further evidence in support of the theory that local postmasters made up their duplex hammers by fixing together separate daters and killers in their stock. One wonders why the New Glasgow postmasters fixed this killer permanently in such a freak position!

Mr. Arnold Banfield of Oakville, Ontario, has unearthed a cover with an interesting duplex error. It is a Montreal duplex, Serial No. II of the Montreal list, with 12 bars in the killer and small dater, of approx. date 1888-92. By mistake all the time and date indicia were omitted from the dater when this strike was made, so that the da'er shows a complete blank centre! Has anyone found examples of similar mistakes?

Item 3Q of Chapter V of the handbook is **Toronto** E in 11 thick bars. This is not illustrated on Plate VIII owing to lack of room, and and earlier illustration published was incorrect. The correct illustration is shown now, which was made by a tracing of the **only known copy** in the Kemp collection.

In the table on page 10 of the handbook, the headings of the last three columns omitted and should read:—

Plate I R.F. Remarks fig. no.

Maple Leaves has one regular feature already, i.e. "Newfoundland Corner", it is now up to Duplex fans to make this



"Duplex Corner" another regular feature and report new discoveries, new date, new features. Please send your queries and suggestions to me at Castle Morris, Tralee, Ireland.

EARLY BRITISH COLUMBIA POST OFFICES by W. M. C. Willcock

In Lovell's Gazetteer B.N.A. 1895 one comes across the following paragraph.

"In 1870 the Government of the Dominion was extended over the North West Territories (out of which the Province of Manitoba and Keewatin were erected) in 1871 over British Columbia and in 1873 over Prince Edward Island".

This conjures to one's mind an astounding picture of the early growth of Canada as a nation.

As in 1958 British Columbia celebrated its Centenary the following list of Post Offices opened prior to 1891 may be of interest to collectors of this Province's early postal cancellations.

The listing for which no claim is made that it is complete is from a set of the Canadian Almanac, the pre-confederation dates having been kindly supplied by Mr. Frank Campbell of Royal Oak, Michigan, whose knowledge of Canadian postal markings and assistance so freely given has helped so many collectors. Slight differences may occur in the dates concerned, as up to 1877 the Almanac shows a monthly date list, July to October, after which only the year is listed.

Aberdeen 1883; Agassiz (formerly Ferney Coombe 1884-88) 1888; Ainsworth 1890; Alberni (formerly Sayward Alberni 1886-91) 1891; Aldergrove 1885; Alert Bav 1885; Alexandria (formerlv Alexander 1859-1861) 1877; Alkali Lake 1881; Antlers Creek 1873-74; Ashcroft 1865; Ashcroft Station 1886; Balfour 1891; Barkerville (formerly Williams Creek 1864-72) 1872; Beaver 1890; Beaver Creek 1890; Beaver Point 1885; Big Bar Creek 1881; Boston Bar 1885-86; Brownsville 1891; Burgoyne Bav 1880; Burrard Inlet 1869; Cache Creek 1868-1877 re-opened 1879; Canoe Creek 1873-78; Cassiar 1874-1880; Cedar 1888; Chemainus 1872; Chilcoten 1886; Chilliwack (formerly Codville Landing 1864-66) 1874; Clayoquot 1890; Clayton 1889; Clinton 1864; Clover Valley 1884; Cobble Hill 1888; Colwood 1881; Comox 1868; Coquitlam 1890; Corfield 1887; Coutlee 1885; Cowichan 1872; Cowichan Lake (formerly 1890 Sutton Green) 1891; Cranbrook 1886; Departure Bay 1891; Dewdney District—then Dewdney (formerly Johnsons Landing 1884-1890) 1890; Dog Creek 1873; Donald 1886; Douglas Lake 1885-87 re-opened 1870;

Drynoch 1883-85; Duck and Pringle 1870; Duncan Station 1890; Dunkeld 1872-76; Eagle Pass 1883-85; East Sooke 1890; East Wellington 1888; Elgin 1886; Emory 1882-89; Empire Valley 1890; Enderby 1887: Errington 1891; Esquimalt 1864; Fairmont Springs 1888; Farewell, (then Revelstoke) 1883-84; Ferney Coombe, (then Agassiz) 1884-88; Field 1889; Fort Simpson 1886; Fort Steele 1888: French Creek-Kootenay 1866-1871: French Creek, Vancouver Island -1886-1888; Gabriola Island 1885; Galena 1890; Genoa 1891; Glenora 1875-1886; Golden 1887; Goldstream 1886; Grand Prairie 1886; Granite Creek 1886; Grantham 1889: Granville 1874-1885: Grohman 1888-89; Grouse Creek 1873-74 re-opened 1884-85; Halls Prairie 1884; Hanceville 1889; Harrison River 1884; Aar'sons Hot Springs (later Harrison Hot Springs) 1889; Harvey Creek 1873-1880 re-opened 1884-86; Hatzie Prairie (Hatsic or Hatsie) 1889; Hope 1858; Hornby Island 1891; Illicillewaet 1888; Irving 1891; Johnsons Landing, then Dewdney 1884-1890; Kamloops 1870; Keithley Creek 1870-78 re-opened 1884; Keremeos 1887; Koksilah 1886; Kooteney (Sub)-Changed to Kooteney South in 1890) 1866: Lac La Hache 1864; Ladners (1867) changed to Ladners Landing 1875; Langley Langley Prairie 1883; Lilloet 1859; Lower Nicola 1884; Lulu Island 1885; Lytton 1859; McPherson's Station 1887. Maple Bay 1871; Maple Ridge 1877-86; Matsqui 1875 later Mission City after 1891; Metchosin 1881: Metlakatla 1890; Moodyville 1874: Mount Lehman 1884: Mud Bay 1881; Naas Harbour 1890; Nanaimo 1858; Nanoose Bay 1885; Nelson 1889; New

Westminster 1858; Nicola Lake 1872; Nicomin 1891; North Arm 1883; North Bend 1887; Northfield 1891; North Saanich 1884; Okanagan 1872; Okanagan Mission 1872; Omineca 1872-76; 150 Mile House 1871; Osoyoos 1884; Otter Point 1887; Parksville 1887; Pavillion 1872; Pender Island 1891; Penticton 1889; Plumper Pass 1881; Popcum 1875-76; Port Hammond 1885; Port Haney 1884; Port Moody 1883; Priests Valley, (then Vernon) 1884-88; Princeton 1889; Quadra 1877; Quamichan 1885; Quesnelle (Quesnel) 1864; Quesnelle Forks 1873-78 re-opened 1884; Quilchena 1885; Revelstoke, (formerly Farwell) 1886; Riverside 1881; Rock Creek 1859 (closed sometime later and re-opened 1888); Rockford 1888; Rogers Pass 1888; Salmon Arm 1890; Salt Springs Island 1875; Sandwick 1889; Sapperton 1891; Sardis 1888; Savona's Ferry 1856; Sayward Alberni, (then Alberni) 1886-1890; Sea Island 1886; Shopland 1889; Shuswap 1885; Sicamous 1888; Skeena, (formerly Skeena River 1871-74) 1874; Soda Creek 1864; Somenos 1873; Sooke, (1854-66 re-opened) 1872; South Saanich 1887-90; Spence's Bridge 1868; Spillamacheen 1881; Sproat 1890; Steveston 1890; Sumas 1871; Sunnyside 1890; Surrey Centre 1889; Sutton Green, then Cowichan Lake 1890-1891; Trail Creek 1891; Union 1889; Upper Sumas 1885; Vancouver 1886; Van Winkle Vernon (formerly Priests Valley) 1888: Victoria 1852: Wellington 1879: West-holm 1891: White Valley 1889: Whonnock 1885; Windermere 1888; Yale 1858.

GROUP REPORTS NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE

In presenting my tenth annual report covering the session 1958-1959. I am sorry to say it is not so satisfactory as last year. There has been a slight falling off in the attendance, which shows only 6.3 per cent.

The membership has improved to 13, as a result of the enrolment of two new members

and one resignation.

The Newcastle Group were greatly favoured by the personal visit of the Past President of the Society Major G. B. Harper who gave a very interesting talk and display of the "Maple Leaf and Edward VII Issues". We also had the great privilege of seeing Mr. Leo Baresh's fine 1859 Canadian Issues. These were the out-

standing displays of the Session. Thank you again Major Harper and Mr. Baresh.

Thanks to several of our own members who have provided interesting material for the various meetings throughout the session.

Your Contact member Mr. Bird felt that he was greatly honoured when at the Eastbourne Convention he was awarded the Fellowship of the Society and signed the Fellowship roll.

The Exhibition of B. N. A. stamps held during the Convention was of the highest quality and most satisfying, and once again the Convention proved a most enjoyable gathering.

JOHN A. BIRD.

LONDON

Since the last notes appeared the Annual Meeting has taken place at which several changes in Officers were made. Mr. D. G. Robertson is Chairman, Mr. R. S. B. Greenhill is Secretary/Treasurer, the indefatigable Nugent M. Clougher continues as Contact Member, and the new Council consists of Mrs. N. M. Clougher and Messrs. N. Argenti, J. D. M. Harvey, M. S. Helliwell

and R. H. Yorke.

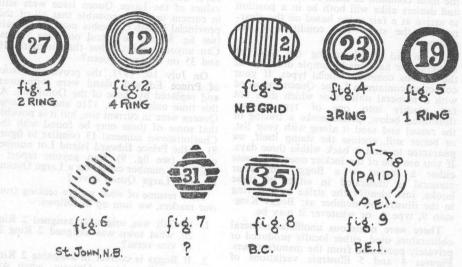
The Section now enjoys a paid up membership of over 30 with an average attendance of 18.

The 1959/60 programme is nearing completion and a cordial welcome is extended to C.P.S. members to visit us and, if possible, to join us in active membership.

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NUMERAL CANCELS ON THE 1868 "LARGE QUEEN" ISSUE OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA

by H. W. Harrison (U.S.A.) and S. F. Cohen (G.B.)



Much has been written previously on the subject of these fascinating numeral obliterators, principally by Fred Jarrett in his 1929 edition of "British North America"; and by Winthrop S. Boggs in his exhaustive study "The Postage Stamps and Postal History of Canada", published in 1944.

Certainly, the thorough work of these two autnors and much to foster the present tremendous interest in the field of Canadian cancellations. It is because of this interest that we think the time is ripe to attempt, in view of later discoveries, a comprehensive revision of what has been published in various sources. We hope by this method to elicit new information from a host of new sources created by the work of the pioneers. This is, of course, a mammoth task, though small in comparison to that of the trail-breakers.

We have selected the numeral cancels found on the Large Queen issue as our departure point. To many it will seem that we have begun in the middle, and so we have; but this is owing to the fact that the stamps of this issue are found with the vast majority of all the official numeral obliterators, both provincial and Dominion, and some or all were current as the Dominion expanded.

The Dominion of Canada issued its first postage stamps on 1st April, 1868. These replaced the provincial issues of Canada, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Concurrent with this issue, a set of numeral

obliterators from 1—60 within two concentric circles, (see fig. 1), were placed in use in the 60 large Post Offices within the Dominion. These official 2 Ring Numeral obliterators replaced the 4 Ring Numeral obliterators, (see fig. 2), of Upper and Lower Canada; and the numeral within grid obliterators, (see fig. 3), of New Brunswick, at least for those post offices which were assigned and issued the new Dominion 2 Ring type.

The history of the assignment of 2 Ring Numerals 20, 22 and 34 is somewhat of a mystery to us. In order to help clear up these problems it is hoped that all collectors of Canada, including dealers having any stock of covers for the period 1868-1880 will examine them carefully and if possible let us have a sight of covers bearing 2 Ring 20, 22 and 34 cancels. We should also like to see any covers franked with Small Queens as well as Large Queens which also bear these cancels. Should you not wish to send them perhaps it would be possible to send detailed information.

Having checked for these covers we now ask you to examine all your 1868 "Large Queen" issue, (including 1c yellow and the 5c olive green) both on and off cover, and list those with numeral cancels on a form, an example is included in this article, and send it along to us. Even if you only have a couple of items in which we may be interested, please send details along.

We are interested as to the relative

scarcity of these various numerals. We will not attempt to establish a timeless formula for valuing these strikes, but we will attempt to establish their scarcity relative to the most common of them so that collectors and dealers alike will both be in a position to arrive at a fair value based on the clearness of the strike and condition of the stamp.

As an aid in identifying the types of numeral, we have made sample drawings of the various common official types. If your collection contains a Large Queen cancelled with a numeral obliterator which does not fall readily into one of type groups illustrated below, please make a tracing of the cancel and send it along with your list, or better still, enclose the stamp itself, we guarantee to send it back within three days. If you are one of the luckier ones to possess either a Jarrett or a Boggs, and your numeral is illustrated in either of these books, just identify the strike by referring to the illustration number as: Boggs Kingston 9, type 6, or whatever it may be.

There were numerous unofficial numeral obliterators used, either locally produced or privately purchased from the manufacturers. Figures 4 and 5 illustrate variations of fig. 2.

In addition to these variations which incorporated both the assigned numeral and the circular format, there are other obliterators, probably locally produced, which incorporate the assigned numeral but both the circular form—using barred squares, squared circles and barred ovals as a surround for the numerals. Boggs listed 8 different numerals of the provincial Canada series with surrounds varying from the official 4 Rings: 13, 15, 16, 17, 19, 21, 23 and 37. We are particularly anxious to have reports of varieties with other numerals.

There is only one variety that we know of in the provincial grids of New Brunswick, (see fig. 6).

The greatest variety of the unofficial, locally, produced, obliterators incorporating the assigned numeral in a fancy surround are those of the Dominion series of 1868. Boggs illustrates 16 various designs incorporating the numeral 2 assigned to Toronto, and we have noted four additional ones. Boggs shows 13 various of the numeral 9 assigned to Kingston and we have noted three others. He shows 6 different of the numeral 8 assigned to Ottawa and we have noted one other. He also shows two types of the numeral 5 assigned to Hamilton and the numeral 6 assigned to London (these were the killer portions of Duplex) and one each for the numeral 11 assigned to Fredericton and the numeral 14 assigned to Guelph. We have noted a variety off cover in which the numeral 31 is surrounded by a barred diamond (see fig. 7). We make a guess that it is from Oshawa, but we seek

confirmation from the lucky fellow who has this strike on cover.

Postal service in British Columbia was assumed by the Dominion on August 20th, 1871. Since the ½c, 2c, 6c, 12½c and 15c values of the Large Queen issue were still in current use, it is possible that all of the provincial British Columbia numeral cancels (see fig. 8) can be found on these values. Can anyone report other than numeral 10 and 35 on a Large Queen?

On July 1st, 1873, the provincial issues of Prince Edward Island were withdrawn and replaced by those of the Dominion. At this time only the ½c, 12½c and 15c Large Queens were in current use, but it is possible that some of these may be found with the Charlottetown numeral 13 (similar to figure 8) or the Prince Edward Island Lot number cancels (see fig. 9). Can anyone report a P.E.I. Lot number cancel on a Large Queen? or on a Large Queen cover?

As a resume of what we are seeking from our readers, we sum up as follows:—

- If Galt was originally assigned 2 Ring 20, what town was assigned 2 Ring 22 or vice versa?
- 2. If Boggs is correct in assigning 2 Ring 34 to Branchton, Ontario, when was the numeral reassigned to Chatham, N.B., and what number was then assigned to Branchton?
- 3. Why was the numeral 5 removed from the Hamilton duplex in 1876? If it was not because of the abolition of the 1 through 60 series, then what city was assigned numeral 5 and what was Hamilton's new number?
- 4. Were any of the 1 through 60 series obliterators assigned to cities and towns of British Columbia after August 20th, 1871, and if so, how were they shuffled?
- 5. War Charlottetown, P.E.I. assigned a number in the 1 through 60 series after July 1st, 1873, and if so, which one, when, and what was the assignment allignment at that time?
- 6. What was the official date of withdrawal of the 2 Ring 1-60 Dominion series of obliterators, or was the series merely allowed to expire with the advent and increased use of Duplex and/or other obliterators?
- 7. What is the relative scarcity of numeral cancels on the Large Queen Issue? (This last question is the one which we hope to be able to answer as a result of your replies to our census of numeral cancels).

It has been our intention, in this article, to cover in a rudimentary fashion the basic knowledge of numerals cancels on the Large Queen Issue. In responses that we hope that we shall get from readers we shall try to

build up a comprehensive and detailed study based on those replies. We will try, to keep those, who assist us in any way, informed of our progress and to furnish them with a mimeographed copy of the final article in advance of publication. All letters will be acknowledged and any postage incurred in writing to us will be refunded. Those who are really interested in this project can, for the asking, obtain from either of the authors, a list of all the towns which were assigned numeral obliterators during the period 1857-1880, including the British Columbia numbers as well as the provincial numerals of Canada, New Brunswick and the Prince Edward Island Lot Numbers, as far as we, at the moment, know them.

There is so much to be learned about this transitory period of the Canadian Post Office when the Dominion was growing by leaps and bounds as more and more Provinces joined the Confederation. If each of us, who has a little knowledge of what occurred or a stamp or cover which gives a clue, will help out by letting us know about it we can then assemble a clearer picture. Those of you in the Western Hemisphere please communicate with Horace W. Harrison, Box 5780. Pikesville 8, Maryland, U.S.A.; and those located elsewhere with Stanley Cohen, 51, Westfield Road, Egbaston, Birmingham 15, U.K. We need your help now to continue our studies of the problems facing us.

"HANDY NUMERAL CENSUS FORM"

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- 46. Dundas
- 47. Napanee
- 48. Simcoe
- 49. Prescott
- 50. St. Andrew's, N.B.
- 51. Picton
- 52. Caledon, Ont.
- 53. Three Rivers
- 54. Truro
- 55. Berlin (Kitchener)
- 56. Brampton
- 57. St. Thomas
- 58. Avlmer
- 59. Clinton, Ont.
- 60. Newmarket

- * V. G. Greene reported 2 Ring 31 as from Oshawa, Popular Stamps, October 1947.
- ** A. K. Grimmer reported 5 covers with 2 Ring 34 from Chatham, N.B., dated between March, 1873 and December, 1874; Popular Stamps, April, 1955.
- *** Recorded as such in 1954 edition Holmes BNA Catalogue.

All others from covers in the authors' collections or the 1929 edition of Jarretts BNA or the 1944 edition of Boggs PS & PH of Canada.

NEWFOUNDLAND CORNER

by Dr. R. Willan, F.C.P.S.

At the time of the issue of adhesive stamps in 1857 the 24 offices outside St. John's were each equipped with a name and date stamp, an undated "paid" stamp and a "ship letter stamp", but no device for cancelling the adhesives. The problem, however, was less urgent than at St. John's, as initially the new stamps were not issued to the outports. Certainly by 1858 they were available at some of the larger offices, but it seems doubtful whether some of the smaller offices ever did have the pence stamps, and stampless paid covers are the rule until well into the era of the cents stamps.

However, sooner or later all offices had adhesive stamps and it is interesting to see the differences in the normal practice between the outports and St. John's. As we noted in the last issue of Maple Leaves, at St. John's special obliterators were used, first the small oval of 10 thin bars and later the various types of "cork" cancels. In addition on the face of the letter was struck the St. John's paid stamp of 1849 in red, and even after 1874 when this ceased to be used the new name and date stamps were until 1876 struck in red. The outports, when adhesives were used, struck on the face of the cover the ordinary name and date stamp in black. I have never seen a cover from any outport with an adhesive showing the "Paid" handstamp. Of course it should be remembered that the outport stamps, unlike that of St. John's, were not dated.

I believe that for the first few years of the new adhesives the outport offices did not use any obliterating instrument. The bulk of their mail went to or through St. John's, and the stamps on these letters were left to be cancelled on arrival at the Capital. In the case of letters from one outport to another not passing through St. John's, of course the stamps had to be cancelled, but they have an amorphous blob of ink apparently applied with a thumb or a bit

of rag. I have never seen a cover earlier than 1870 with the stamp cancelled by anything other than a St. John's obliterator or shapeless blurr. It is possible that some offices did have obliterators, but I have no doubt that the above was the normal pro-cedure. Even with stamps off paper those up to the first cents issue are very rare with any recognisable obliteration which is not St. John's, and it must be remembered that as far as Newfoundland itself is concerned stamps on mail to St. John's were far more likely to survive than those from St. John's to small outports. Of the few contemporary obliterations on early stamps one must include the Atlantic Mail Boat numeral cancels (A 92 and A 95) on rose-claret pence and 1866 stamps; the curious circular Lapoile date stamp on the 1866 stamps, and various foreign cancels. All these are very rare, but foreign cancels are relatively more common than on later stamps, due I think to letters from outports going abroad and which have not passed through St. John's. Newfoundland stamps were never demonetised and stamps of which there were remainders are found with late cancels, being "philatelically used". Mention may also be made of the rose-claret pence stamps with the Greenspond date stamp, many of which, if not all, are fakes.

Towards the end of the century the outports, like St. John's, began to use their date stamps as obliterators, so the period with which we are concerned is from about 1870 to about 1897. In the early years of this period, apart from Lapoile already mentioned, the Trinity and Bonavista date stamps are found on the 3c blue stamps of 1873 and 1880. Some of the offices used circular bar obliterators, especially after 1885. These are very similar to St. John's and are almost impossible to distinguish, particularly as many are of rubber. Apart from these, some offices used small ovals of thin bars similar to the first St. John's obliterator. No. 28 of the illustration in

of 21 mm has two rings and a 41 mm the June issue of Maple Leaves is such an oval with 9 bars used at Bay Roberts towards the end of the century. Greenspond and Fogo between 1870 and 1876 were both using a 10 bar oval 21 by 16 mm, but the bars of the Greenspond killer are rather thinner than those of Fogo.

Referring again to the illustration in June Maple Leaves, No. 11 was used at Burin about 1873 to 1880 and No. 12 at Hearts Content from 1875. No. 24 is one of two rather similar obliterators (in the other the circle is completely divided into two) which were used on Hall's Bay Railway in 1894. The covers, I have suggested that they were both from and to points on the railway during its construction. No. 25 is a cork cancel used at Twillingate in 1873-77. For an apparently unringed cork it lasted very well, but the right side gradually broke up in use. This office in 1890 was using a circular blob. No. 26, 19 mm diameter with three rings and a solid centre 4 mm diameter was used at Rose Blanche from before 1890 to 1902. I have two other cancels of this type on stamps off cover which I cannot identify. The first, diameter 22 mm has three thicker rings and a centre the collaboration of many collectors.

2 mm diameter. The other, with a diameter centre. No. 27 is very characteristic and was used at Seal Cove, Bonavista in 1898. No. 29, used at Whitbourne in 1899 is rather curious. At first I thought it was a roller, but as I have three copies and each shows 13 short vertical strokes, this seems unlikely.

Some obliterations which can easily be recognised are almost impossible to draw. For example there is a most curious cancel of Kings Cove in 1898 which is an oval 30 by 22 mm and is composed of irregular spots looking as if it had been dabbed on by a piece of sponge. Bonne Bay from 1890 to 1899 had a mottled circular cancel, and in 1900 Harbor Britain used a hexagon of tiny dots. A ring 31 mm thick with an outer diameter of 23½ mm and containing three rectangles each 5 mm by 3 mm was in use at Harbour Grace in 1873.

A number of obliterations which I have on stamps off paper I cannot identify until I find them on cover, but I will send tracings to anyone interested. This is only a beginning. There are scores of other cancels, but identification can only be achieved by

CLIPPINGS FROM B.N.A. MAGAZINES

Contributed by R. J. Duncan

No. 56—Admiral Issue—Some Notes on the 20c Olive by H. Reiche
According to dates published by the

Philatelic Agency this stamp was issued on the 23rd January, 1912. A total of 91,966,000 stamps were issued. This stamp was four plates showed the lathework on the bottom of the sheets, the rest had none. Two distinct shades can be recognized. The early printings show a grey olive shade which is darker than the later printings which appear in a practically pure olive green shade.

This issue was printed by the wet as well as by the dry printing method. The wet printings show the darker shade as usual and are easily distinguishable by their width. These stamps are narrower than the stamps printed by the dry process. The first seven plates were printed by the wet process, but plates six and seven as well have been printed by the dry method, including the last two plates, number eight and nine.

Although a number of collectors believed that this stamp was printed from two dies, this certainly is not so and only one die was used. The belief that a second die was used originated from the fact that some of the stamps show an added vertical spandrel line and other retouches. The added line appears in the top right spandrel. Thus two types exist—one with the added line and one without the line. With the exception of Plate 9, the last plate, this vertical line does not appear in any plate. Numerous

retouches can be noted on this plate including the strongly retouched right vertical spandrel line at the top.

From the variations of this retouched line, all coming from the same plate, it can be seen that the retouch was done on the plate itself and not on the die. If the die had been retouched all subjects would look alike. The writer has in his collection various blocks and strips showing the line to be heavier at the top in one stamp, others showing the line to end almost before the last horizontal line and again some where the line goes up to the top horizontal line. Another one from the same block shows a small inward bend near the crown. As the added line appears only on Plate 9 this stamp can be found only printed by the dry method.

Besides the usual guide dots a small number of re-entries and other retouches are known in Plates 1 to 8. A number of them have been mentioned in Marler's notes on this issue; the rest are of minor significance. Plate 9 has a great number of retouches, but all very similar in character. The writer has in his collection one variety showing a complete break of the bottom right frame line below the numeral box, but it has not been established if this variety is constant or not. The stamp is printed by the dry process and has no vertical line in the right spandrel. It must therefore be from either Plates 6, 7 or 8.

BNA TOPICS, October, 1951.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1959

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held on Saturday, October 10th in the Grosvenor Hotel, Edinburgh.

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE 1959-60

The following nominations for Office have been received.

Office	Nomination	Proposer	Seconder
	J. P. Macaskie	Col. D. McLellan	
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Committee (South)	J. C. Cartright	S. Godden	L. Barefch
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826.	T. Livingstone.				
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963. PICKERING, I. T., "Lynwood", The Crescent, Cleadon Village, Sunderland. 921. WEATHERHEAD, D. J., 44, Shakespeare Ave., New Southgate, London, N.11.

Changes of address

- BARRATT, Mrs. S. G. R., Ballynoe, Ardattin, Carlow, Ireland.
 BARRATT, Major S. G. R., Ballynoe, Ardattin, Carlow, Ireland.
 BETTS, F. E. M., "Perham House", The Triangle, Ludgershall, Andover, Hants.
 BIRD, J. F. F.C.P.S., Gate House, Garleigh Rd., Rothbury, Morpeth, Northumber-
- 1096. CRAWFORD, D. A., 2082a, Queen St. E., Toronto 8, Ont., Canada.

1066. HILL, J. R., 3207-24A, St., S.W., Calgary, Alta, Canada, 1168. JACKSON, W. T., c/o Canada Stamp Co., 33, Pheasant Road, Willowdale, Ont.,

KNOWLES, D., Garthdee Villa, 47, Garthdee Road, Aberdeen.

638. LAW, J., 70. Frank Street, Tilsonburg, Ont., Canada.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ADMIRAL OVERPRINTS

Dear Mr. Woods,

Mr. Reiche has given the impression, in his letter about the 3c Red Die II, that I am responsible for the statement that only 200 of these stamps were issued. I merely repeated the facts as given by Jarrett Boggs, the 1959 Plate Block Catalogue, etc., as your correspondent should know. My only comment is that the few copies known to exist here are certificated, and I would be interested to know if Mr. Reiche's holdings have similarly been expertised.

Mr. Reiche's unqualified statements do not—to quote him—make life easier for

students. Another such is his assurance that perforation variations do not exist on later issues. In "Popular Stamps" of February 1954, there appeared an item recording various compounds of perforations 12 and 11.75 on the 1953 Wild Life and New Queens issues. As this has been immortalised in print as fact, I am sure your correspondent will be only too happy to correct it—with more success, let us hope, than he has had to date.

Yours sincerely.

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LIBRARY NOTES

The past few months have seen some welcome additions to the Society's library and a note is appended for you to add them to your Library List.

We are indebted to many good friends amongst our members—to J. J. Bonar for giving us photographed copies of missing "B.N.A. Topics" so that we are at last complete from No. 1. In this connection Arnold Gabbitas has again arranged for their binding and has promised to do this year by year.

A presentation copy of "Prince Edward Island" by L. G. Tomlinson and N. M. Clougher is now available for loan and our

thanks are due to the Authors.

Mr. Frank Campbell has sent over for us his "magnum opus" on Canadian Cancellations. It will be added to as more sections are finished but even now will delight the hearts of many members.

Mr. Bury C. Binks has given us Senator Calder's notes on the plating of the 17 cents of 1859. The article appeared originally in "Stamp Specialist" but the author's notes are far more detailed and will be greatly prized.

Col. D. McLellan has presented a copy of Billig's latest handbook on the War Tax Stamps.

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Canada War Tax Stamps—Billigs.
Canada Postmarks—Campbell.

Prince Edward Island
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