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EDITORIAL

Maple Leaves, Back Numbers

A note from the Librarian, Mr. R. S. B. Greenhill, reminds us that many back numbers of *MAPLE LEAVES* are now very few and far between, but whether "rarities" or not ALL are still available at 25p each with the exception of whole numbers 1 to 4, 15, 21, 31 to 35, 39 to 41, 44, 46, 58 and 76. In some instances only ONE copy is available for sale and members are urged to take advantage of what could be the last opportunity to obtain back numbers at realistic prices. Members are also asked to note that because of greatly increased printing charges, whole number 157 and subsequent issues will only be available at 75p each. Mr. Greenhill also reminds us that he is anxious to buy in back numbers (where required) at 17½p each from members who have copies surplus to their requirements. In view of the fact that some back numbers are in stock in reasonable numbers, however, members are asked to let him know first what they have to dispose of *BEFORE* sending.

Maple Leaves, Binding

A number of inquiries have been received from members regarding facilities available for binding back numbers of *MAPLE LEAVES*. In this connection we would remind members that EASIBINDERS are available from the Hand-

books Manager at £2.50 each. The original stock is exhausted, but the new supplies have been enlarged to contain 18 issues as opposed to the 12 which could be bound in the old binders. For details please refer to the outside back cover of this issue. We shall also be pleased to hear from readers who know of any available facilities for fast-binding *MAPLE LEAVES*. Details, including price, should be sent to the Editor.

Postal History Society of Ontario

We are indebted to Peter J. Wiedemann for the receipt of the latest issue of the *Postal Histo-Mine*, the journal of the Postal History Society of Ontario. It is accompanied by a reminder that, despite its somewhat misleading title, the Society is devoted to the study of B.N.A. history. The Annual Meeting of the Society will be held on 19th June, 1976, at the Four Seasons-Sheraton Hotel, Toronto, in conjunction with STAMPEX '76. At the exhibition the Society has been allocated 50 sixteen-page frames, and Dr. F. Stulberg will be providing a prize for the best B.N.A. Postal History exhibit submitted by members of the Society. Further details of the Society are available from the Secretary, Mr. P. J. Wiedemann, at Box 564, Cambridge-Galt, Ontario, Canada, N1S 5W1.

Advertising Manager — Change of Address

Will all members and advertisers please note that the address of the Advertising Manager, Mr. G. L. Birch, is now 10 Mountain View, Machen, Gwent, South Wales.

Year Book 1976

The Year Book enclosed with this issue has been checked for accuracy as far as possible. However, members are asked, in their own interests, to check their individual entries and to notify the Membership Secretary, Mr. D. Sessions, if there are any alterations or additions they may wish to make.

Convention 1976

Inset with this issue is the usual Hotel Booking/Competition Entry form. Members are asked to note that the Hotel Booking form should be sent to Mr. Banfield at the address stated on the form. The Competition Entry form should be sent to Mr. A. E. Jones at the address which is also stated on the form. Unless exhibits are being brought personally, members are asked to note that the final date for the receipt of exhibits is 28th August, 1976. All entry forms must be received by Mr. Jones NOT LATER THAN 31st July, 1976.

Convention Auction

The Convention Auction Catalogue also accompanies this issue. Members who will not be attending the auction personally are asked to make their bids NOW on the bid form provided. These should be sent to: Mr. D. G. Manton, The Seven Rakes, Salters Lane, Masson, Matlock, Derby, immediately. DO NOT DELAY — SEND TODAY!

From the President

As I write these few words there are still four months to go to Convention but I am happy to report that more than half the rooms have already been booked, although there are quite a number of "regulars" missing from my list. For those of you who are intending to come to Cambridge, but have not yet put pen to paper, do not delay any longer.

The Convention Programme is taking shape and I can promise some first class displays with something for everybody, including the complex subject of postal rates during the Admiral Period from Mr. Sandy Mackie of Aberdeen and the Pence, Cents and Large Queens on cover from the fine collection of Mr. Bill Lea, Junior.

There will, of course, be a full programme for the ladies as well, and we hope to have an invited speaker to talk about Cambridge, and include an outing to the theatre. The full programme will, however, be circulated with the August issue of *Maple Leaves*.

In conclusion, I would hope that by now you have all despatched your auction lots to Dr. Carstairs, but there is still time to enter for the competition and the Convener, Mr. A. E. Jones, 2 Broadstrood, Loughton, Essex, will be glad to receive your entry forms as soon as possible.

COLIN G. BANFIELD.

Annual General Meeting 1976

Members are reminded that in accordance with the Society's rules nominations for Officers of the Society to be considered at the Annual General Meeting should be sent to the Secretary not later than 10th June, 1976.

The retiring Committee members are: A. S. Mackie, A. F. L. McGregor, J. P. Macaskie and W. Williams.

Nominations for Fellowship, which must be made on the appropriate forms obtainable from the Secretary, must be received by 10th July.

The Placentia Bay Travelling Post Office

By P. R. Grey

In 1888 the railway from St. John's to Placentia was opened, the mail service being tri-weekly at first, becoming daily in 1889. The Newfoundland Year Book and Almanac for 1888 records a packet service by steamer every alternate Friday, after arrival of the American mails, from Placentia to Valen Island, Paradise, Oderin and Flat Islands. It also refers to a similar service every alternate Monday, after arrival of the English mails, from Placentia to Ram's Island (renamed Iona in 1909), Harbour Buffett, Sound Island, Barren Island (renamed Bar Haven in 1912), Merasheen and Red Island. These two services set a pattern which has been followed to the present day, many of the ports still being inaccessible by other means. (See map opposite).

The 1900 and later Almanacs record a weekly "Steamer Mail Service" in two parts. The first, starting on Mondays, was called the Bay Run or North Run which served mainly the island ports in the north of the bay including Harbour Buffet, Bar Haven and Isle Valen then returning direct to Placentia; the second, starting on Wednesdays was the West Run which sailed westwards to Merasheen Island and then to ports between Presque and Lamaline on the far west side of the bay, a four day round trip.

From postmark evidence the Placentia Bay Travelling Post Office commenced to operate in 1899 and continued until 1948. S.S. "Argyle" is the steamer named in the Almanac for 1905, 1915, 1920 and 1931 as working the two weekly runs but the Newfoundland Railway time tables for 1936 show that the sailings were fortnightly, both commencing on the second Tuesday in the month, so two ships must then have been employed. The only other ship name recorded for the Placentia Bay T.P.O. is S.S. "Home".

The services have been operated from Argentina since about 1942. Argentina is five miles from Placentia and has a separate harbour.

During the period of operation of the T.P.O. the direct rail service with St. John's included a railway post office. The railway postmarks may be distinguished by the wording "Placentia R.P.O.", "Placentia Ry. T.P.O." and from 1942 "Argentina T.P.O."

Canadian National Railways' ships continued the weekly mail runs from Argentina from 1949 but without a T.P.O. on board; ships' names recorded are M.V. "Burin" in 1954 and M.V. "Petite Forte" in 1966. The commencing railway post office did continue from 1949 under the title "St. John's and Argentina R.P.O."

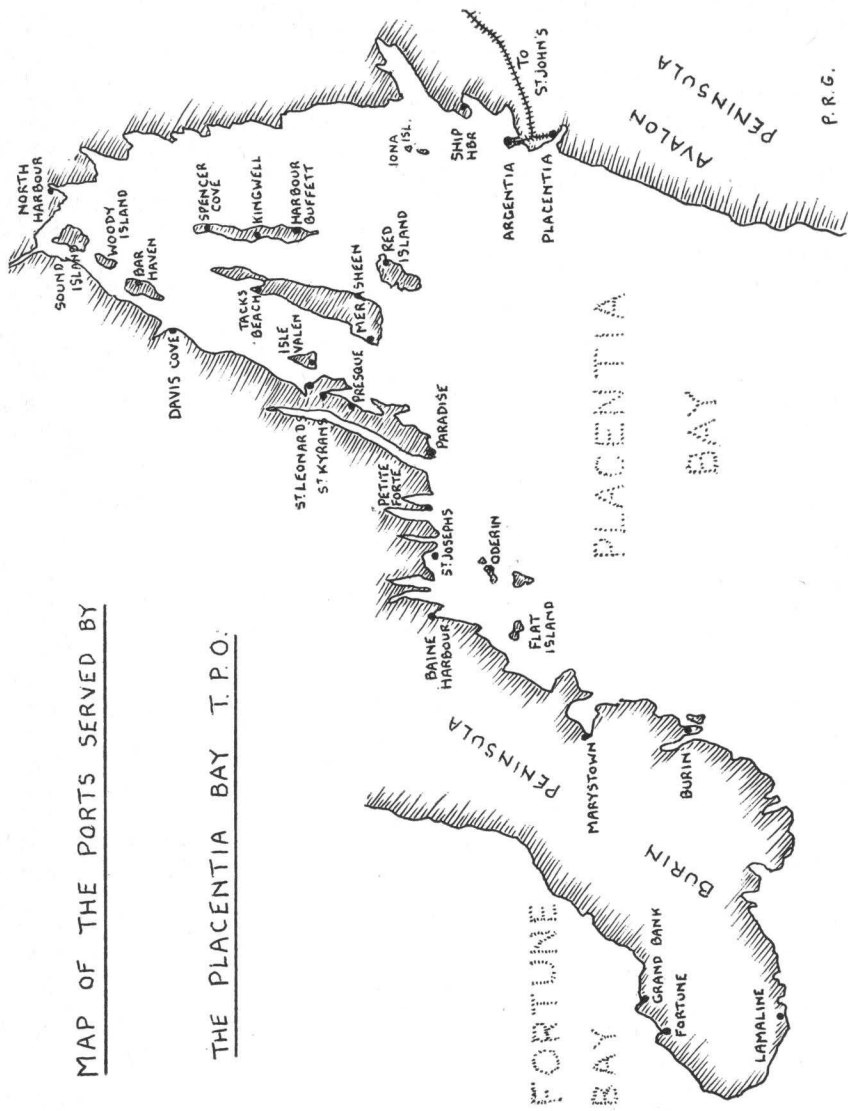
THE T.P.O. POSTMARKS (ALL ARE WORDED "PLACENTIA BAY T.P.O.")

Meyerson No.	Shaw No.	Shaw Type	Description	Dates Recorded
			No outer ring; "NEWF'D" at foot:—	5.11.99 to 11. 5.38
87	N.69	4J	{ (a) Central dot after "Bay" (b) Stop (tall) after "Bay"	2. 3.06 to 7. 4.17
88	N.69	4J	(c) No Stop or dot after "Bay"	

(Continued on page 34)

MAP OF THE PORTS SERVED BY

THE PLACENTIA BAY T.P.O.



<i>Meyerson No.</i>	<i>Shaw No.</i>	<i>Shaw Type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dates Recorded</i>
93	N.67	7B	Double outer ring, 28 mm.; "T.P.O." at foot; letters sanserif.	18. 4.35 to 22. 2.44
94	N.70	7B	Double outer ring, 32 mm.; "Nfld" at foot; letters with serifs.	4. 4.47 to 1.12.48

NOTES:

1. Hammers (a) and (b) of No. 87 were grouped together in earlier records. Hammer (b) has now been separately recorded from 1930 to 1936 so it seems possible that the three hammers of this type were in use consecutively: (a) from 1899, (c) from 1906 and (b) from 1930. More postmark evidence is required.
2. A separate datestamp similar to No. 93 was earlier recorded with a single outer ring but it has been established that these were heavily inked impressions of the double ring datestamp.
3. No. 94 was previously recorded as having "No. 1" at foot but this was a misreading of "Nfld" due to poor impression.

It will be obvious to members that the information in this study is far from complete; research over the last three years has been most frustrating. It is hoped that publication in its present state will encourage members to submit further dates and other information. Meanwhile I am most grateful to Captain D. Campbell and other members of the Newfoundland Study Group, also Dr. M. Carstairs and Dr. C. Hollingsworth, for their encouragement and assistance.

References: "Newfoundland Specialised" by Daniel O. Meyerson.

"Canadian Transportation Postmarks" by T. P. G. Shaw.

Special Olympic Cancellations

The Canada Post Office has announced that varied services will be available to philatelists, collectors and the general public who wish to collect special cancellation marks to be used during next July's Summer Olympic Games in Montreal.

Although final details are not expected to be announced before April, the Post Office Department said that more than 40 cancellation marks will be available and can be obtained by various means.

The cancellation programme will be supplemented by sets of special cancellation covers pre-packaged for those collectors not planning to attend the Games, where on-site cancellations will be available.

The Post Office said mail orders for various groupings of, part or all, cancellations will be accepted from philatelists either submitting their own special cancellation covers or ordering the covers directly from Canada Post.

Special cancellations will be available at local sites on the dates events are held.

Canada Post stated that the complete programme will be announced before the end of April, giving philatelists plenty of time to place their orders for Olympic cancellation marks.

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Part XXIV

By S. F. Cohen, F.C.P.S.

The Day Collection

There can surely be no field in 19th Century Canadian postmark collecting so vast as that which was used by the postmasters between 1870 and 1895. In this era the smaller post offices were given a virtually free hand as to how they obliterated the stamps on their mail. The Canadian Post Office was barely able to supply enough of the town date stamps to satisfy the needs of the growing country, and these were not supposed to be used to obliterate the stamps, but to be used as a date stamp elsewhere on the envelope.

Even so, the vast majority of postmasters were unimaginative when creating devices to indelibly mark the used stamps. One has only to go through a few thousand off-cover specimens of 3 cent small queens to discover that the vast majority are targets, corks, and, quite often, manuscript ink markings.

The Fancy Types

The official 2-Ring Numeral obliterators were mostly abandoned by the mid-seventies, and even these had only been designated to a number of the larger post offices. The rest were left to their own devices, and comparatively few postmasters had the imagination to use symbolic treatment when considering how best to obliterate the stamps on their mail.

Of these, however, the range of devices is still astoundingly large. All types of symbols, from Maple Leaves, Town Initials, the Postmaster's own name or initials, the Province, the Year date, the Masonic or Fraternal emblems, are but a few of the types that spring to mind. Each group of these is highly collectable and none more so than on cover where the town date-stamp helps to identify the strike and, usually, to explain it.

The Day Collection

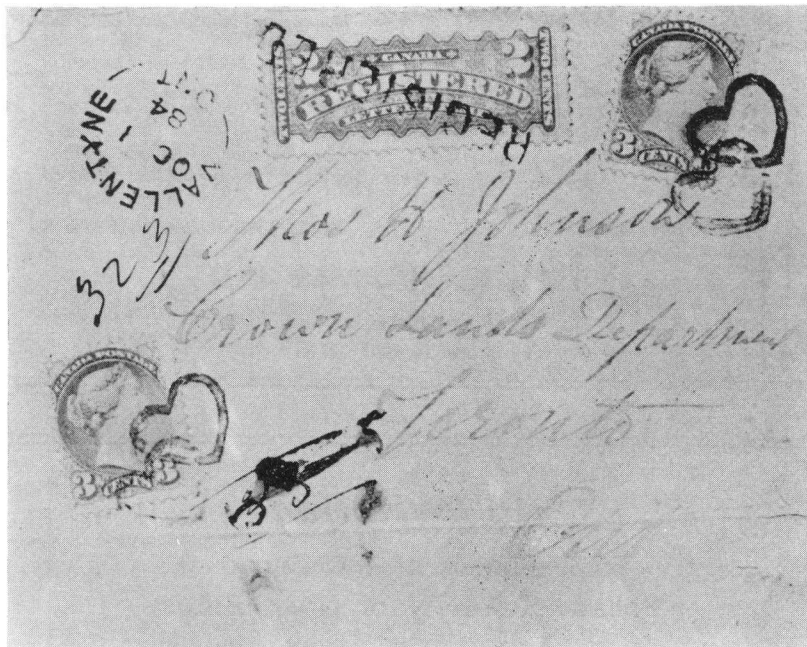
The vast task of assembling all known types of Fancy cancellations of the period was undertaken by the late Dr. K. M. Day and Mr. E. A. Smythies as published in their Handbook some few years ago, and since reprinted, such was the demand for the book. Almost immediately after its publication, very many more examples were reported and many were illustrated subsequently in *B.N.A. Topics*.

When I had the privilege of meeting Dr. Day at Niagara in 1963, he proudly showed me some of his own volumes of Fancy postmarks and, as anyone would have been, I was very impressed indeed, with the remarkable range and variety, particularly on covers that he had assembled.

Unfortunately the good doctor passed away a few years ago, and his collection came on the market, but, strangely enough it failed to reach the required

reserve when offered by auction as one lot in Toronto. The estate retained the collection intact until 1973, when it was offered to me, and I purchased it in its entirety.

I have subsequently learned that a great part of the collection was, in fact, formed by another collector in Canada, from whom Dr. Day had acquired a number of volumes. Other material from the first owner's collection, accordingly identically written up, appeared for sale in the C.P.S. auction at the last Perth Convention.



(Vallentyne, Ont. 1884. Appropriately "entwined hearts").

The Unusual Covers

In the next few articles in this series, I shall be showing a number of the more unusual covers which emanate from this famous collection. Meanwhile, when co-author of the Handbook, Mr. E. A. Smythies decided to dispose of his Canadian collection a couple of years ago, he kindly gave me first refusal to purchase it, which I gladly accepted. It now transpires that the Fancy Cancellations collections of both co-authors of the Handbook have augmented my own collection of these fascinating issues, so there will be ample to show.

Here, then, is a Registered cover from the Day collection, emanating from Vallentyne, Ontario, dated Oc. 1st 1884. With a name like that, what more appropriate than the "entwined hearts" as a cancelling device befitting the town? It is S/D 291, of course, but doesn't the cover look a whole lot more exciting than the little sketch on Plate XXIII of the Handbook?

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Canada Complete Booklets

Part I

By P. Harris

This is a listing of all the complete booklets issued by Canada but much more information is needed, especially concerning pre-KGVI booklets. It is intended to keep the Basic Numbers unchanged, but there may be changes in the Variety numbers as more information becomes available. This listing has been prepared with the aid of publications of "Holmes", "Bileski", "Hansen", "Canada Specialized Cat.", "Robson Lowe", "Reiche", "Gibbons" and "Work".

<i>Basic No.</i>	<i>Issue</i>	<i>Variety No.</i>	<i>Description</i>
1 QUEEN VICTORIA			
	2c. red (die I) numeral. 2 panes of 6. SG. 155b/CS. 77b. 1900	1a. 1b. Other	Tape inside cover. Tape outside cover. (i) short wide stamps. (ii) at least 7 different rate texts inside or on covers. (iii) shades.
KING EDWARD VIII.			
2	2c. carmine. 2 panes of 6. 176/90b.	2a. 2b. Other	Tape inside cover. Tape outside cover. (i) short wide stamps. (ii) at least 9 different rate texts: undated, or with one of 11 Mar. '07; 1 Jun. '07; 1 Nov. '07; 7 Jul. '08; 1 Dec. '10.
KING GEORGE V. ADMIRALS:			
3	1c. green. 4 panes of 6. 197/104a. 1913, spring.	3a. 3b. 3c. 3d. 3e. 3f. 3g. 3h. Other	Cover green on light green. Short wide stamps (18¼ × 21 mm.), deep blue grn. Horizontal wove paper. English. as 3a but French. as 3a but stamps 18 × 21¼ mm., blue green. English. as 3c. but French. Cover green on yellow green. Tall narrow stamps (17¾ × 21½ mm.), yellow green. Vertical wove paper. English. (1916). as 3e but cover stamped "Notice change . . .". as 3e but French. as 3g. but cover stamped "Avis". (i) shades. (ii) War tax rate info, inside cover.

<i>Basic No.</i>	<i>Issue</i>	<i>Variety No.</i>	<i>Description</i>
4	1c. yellow (die I). 4 panes of 6. 246/105b. 1922, summer.	4a.	Cover black on orange with red binding. War tax rates inside. English.
		4b.	as 4a but French.
		4c.	Cover black on yellow. Slogans inside in large letters. English.
		4d.	as 4c but French.
		4e.	as 4c but slogans in small letters. English.
		4f.	as 4e but French.
		Other	(i) shades pale and deeper. (ii) dry printing? (Normal is wet.)
5	2c. carmine. 2 panes of 6. 203/106a. 1912, early.	5a.	Cover red on pink. Stamps 17.9 × 21.5 mm. Pale rose. Horizontal wove paper. English.
		5b.	as 5a but French.
		5c.	as 5a but stamps 17.7. × 20.7 mm. English.
		5d.	as 5c but French.
		5e.	Cover red on pink with bright red binding. Stamps 17.5 × 21.5 mm., carmine on vert. wove. English.
		5f.	as 5e but French.
		5g.	as 5e but dark red binding. English.
		5h.	as 5g. but cover stamped "Notice . . .".
		5i.	as 5f but cover stamped "Avis".
		Other	(i) vertical wove in rose red or deep rose red shade. (ii) pane with inscription on tab.
6	2c. green. 2 panes of 6. 247/107c.	6a.	Die Ia (rounded LR corner). Wet printing. English.
		6b.	as 6a but French.
		Other	(i) Die Ib (LR sharp angled + projection), either wet or dry printings. (ii) pyramid lines on selvage.
7	3c. brown. 2 panes of 4. 204/108a. 1921, late or 1922, early.	7a.	Brown on brown covers. English.
		7b.	as 7a but French.
		7c.	Black on brown covers. English.
		7d.	as 7c but French.
		Other	(i) stamps grey-brown shade. English.
8	3c. carmine (die I). 2 panes of 4. 248/109a. 1923, late or 1924 early.	8a.	Greenish black on brown cover. English.
		8b.	Black on orange-red cover. Slogans inside in large letters. English.
		8c.	as 8b but small letters.
		8d.	as 8b (large letters) but French.
		8e.	as 8c (small letters) but French.
		Other	(i) tabs ungummed or fully gummed.

<i>Basic No.</i>	<i>Issue</i>	<i>Variety No.</i>	<i>Description</i>
9	1c. yellow (die I) 2c. green (die Ia), 3c. brown. 1 pane of 4 each.	9a. 9b.	English. French. 1922, summer. (panes SG. 246, 247, 204/CS. 105a, 107b, 108a.)
10	1c. yellow (die I), 2c. green, 3c. carmine (die I). 1 pane of 4 each. 246/105a, 247/107b, 248/109a. 1923, late or 1924 early	10a. 10b. 10c. 10d. 10e.	English. French. Slogans in large letters. English. as 10c but French. as 10c. but small letter slogans. (English). Other (i) 2c. exists both dies Ia and Ib. (ii) tabs ungummed or fully gummed.
1928 KGV "SCROLL" ISSUE			
11	1c. orange. 4 panes of 6. 25 Oct. 1928.	11a. 11b.	English. (panes 275/149a). French.
12	2c. green. 2 panes of 6. 16 Oct. 1928.	12a. 12b.	English. (panes 276/150a). French.
13	1c. org. 3 panes of 6. 2c. grn. 2 ,, ,, 6. 5c. vio. 1 pane ,, 6. 6 Jan. 1929	13a. 13b. 13c.	Plain manilla covers. English. as 13a but with Agency handstamp. as 13b but with serial number. (panes 275, 276, 279/149a, 150a, 153a.)
1920 KGV "ARCH & MAPLE LEAF" ISSUE.			
14	1c. green (die I) 4 panes of 6. 300/163c. 21 July 1931.	14a. 14b. 14c. 14d. 14e. 14f.	English. as 14a with "PLATE" on tabs. as 14a. ,, "NO. 4" ,, French. as 14d ,, "PLATE" ,, as 14d ,, "NO. 4" ,, Other (1) gum white, yellow or brown?
15	2c. green. 2 panes of 6. 289/164a. 17 June 1930.	15a. 15b. 15c. 15d. 15e. 15f. 15g. 15h. 15i. 15j.	English. as 15a with "PLATE" on tabs. as 15a ,, "NO. 5" ,, as 15a ,, panes perforated at right. as 15a but rotary printed. French. as 15f with "PLATE" on tabs. as 15f ,, "NO. 5" ,, as 15f. ,, panes perforated at right. as 15f but with rotary printed. Other (i) gum white, yellow or brown?

<i>Basic No.</i>	<i>Issue</i>	<i>Variety No.</i>	<i>Description</i>
16	2c. red (die I) 2 panes of 6. 301/165b. 17 Nov. 1930.	16a. English. 16b. as 16a with "PLATE" on tabs. 16c. as 16a. ,, "NO. 4" ,, 16d. as 16a. ,, "NO. 5" ,, 16e. French. 16f. as 16e ,, "PLATE" ,, 16g. as 16e ,, "NO. 4" ,, 16h. as 16e ,, "NO. 5" ,, Other (i) gum white, yellow or brown?	
17	2c. brown (die I) 2 panes of 6. 302/166c. 23 July 1931.	17a. English. 17b. as 17a with "PLATE" on tabs. 17c. as 17a ,, "NO. 4" ,, 17d. French. 17e. as 17d ,, "PLATE" ,, 17f. as 17d ,, "NO. 4" ,, Other (i) gum white, yellow or brown?	
18	3c. red. 2 panes of 4. 303/167a. 13 July 1931.	18a. English. 18b. as 18a with "PLATE" on tabs. 18c. as 18a ,, "NO. 1" ,, 18d. as 18a ,, "NO. 2" ,, 18e. French. 18f. as 18e ,, "PLATE" ,, 18g. as 18e ,, "NO. 1" ,, 18h. as 18e ,, "NO. 2" ,, Other (i) gum white, yellow or brown?	
19	1c. green (die II), 2c. brown (die II), 3c. red. 1 pane of 4 each. 300a/163a, 302a/166a, 303/167a. 13 Nov. 1931.	19a. English. 19b. French. Other (i) 1c. pane, "PLATE", "NO. 1" or "NO. 2". (ii) 2c. pane, "PLATE", "NO. 1" or "NO. 2". (iii) 3c. pane, "PLATE", "NO. 1" or "NO. 2". combinations of (i)-(iii)? (iv) gum white, yellow or brown?	

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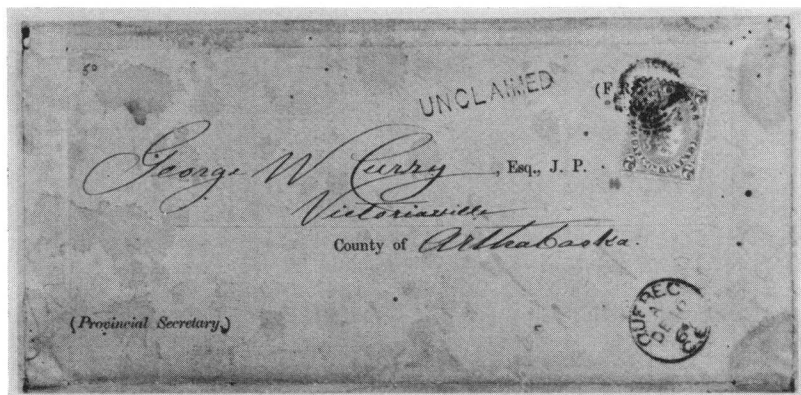
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The above cover is one of a virtual twin pair emanating from the office of the Provincial Secretary, Quebec, dated DE 17 67 and stamped with a 2c. 1864. Although the handwriting on the two covers is different, both stamps are affixed upside down at the identical askew angle, as if they were both part of a batch being stamped by one clerk. The covers call for an annual return of receipts and expenditure from local officials, but neither of them was ever delivered, one being marked UNCLAIMED and the other (in manuscript) "dead".

The puzzle was this. Why a 2c. stamp or even a stamp at all, as the covers were official circulars marked "FREE"? Over a period of some years I have had many suggestions to account for this, but none of them seemed entirely convincing. Now however the Expert Committee of the R.P.S. has given a rational explanation.

The "FREE" was a standard marking on official stationery, but this by itself had no validity unless franked by an authorised official, and this was only permissible during a session of the Legislative Assembly. At other times postage stamps had to be used. From the context of the inside of the cover it is clear that two report forms (now missing) were enclosed, bringing the weight to over 1 oz., and thus requiring double printed circular rate of 1c. per oz.

This is an interesting example of red tape. These were routine official circulars, and the question of whether the Legislative Assembly was in session or not had no possible relevance. Yet by the Postal Regulations it made all the difference.

The 5 Cent

“Feather in Hair”

Variety



*(The 5 Cent Small Queen
“Feather in hair” variety).*

Shortly before the last Convention, a member enquired whether we could help him identify the above Variety, which he believed he had been lucky enough to acquire but was unable to compare it with any other copy or find any illustration in the well known Reference Books. It would appear that this variety was not known or recorded at the time the standard reference works were published and even in the recently published Robson Lowe's Encyclopaedia Vol. V (page 195) we only find a brief reference under “5c. Varieties — other Plate flaws — ‘Feather in Hair’” (not illustrated).

However, upon referring to “Constant Plate Varieties of the Canada Small Queens” (by Hans Reiche. B.N.A.P.S. Handbook No. 4) we find. . . . “It is a constant variety and comes from the Montreal-Ottawa printing period” (but no illustration). Upon checking the references given we find that the variety was reported by A. L. Pemberton in the Philatelic Journal of G.B. (Jan.-Mar. 1951) and reprinted in B.N.A. Topics (July/Aug. 1951) with a fairly clear photographic illustration and detailed description. The report goes on to say “I am able to illustrate a prominent variety on the 5 cents small head type of Canada. This is quite new to me and I am unable to say whether it is constant or not. The flaw, which might aptly be described as the ‘Feather in Hair’ variety, is most marked. It consists of a diagonal mark, which is heavily printed, extending from the centre of the Queen’s head at the top, through the ‘D’ of Canada, where it is most clearly visible, to the thin white line above the letter ‘D’”.

In the Sept. 1951 issue of “Topics” two further copies were reported, to prove the variety constant. No stamps were dated, but it was quoted that one stamp was found in an unsorted lot, where dated copies appeared to be around 1887-89.

Having obtained the above information, we were able to arrange an informal “get together” at the Convention where not only were we able to inspect two of the very few known copies but also to co-opt the experts from Canada and G.B. who were attending the Convention and obtain confirmation that the member’s stamp was the correct variety.

The above illustration was made after a close inspection of the three copies for the purpose of identifying the exact position of the flaw.

It should be noted that there was a slight variation in the “plumage” particularly to the top of the “shaft” which, of course, was due to the splintering of

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Letters to the Editor

"627" Cancellation

K. Willington writes:

The article in April *Maple Leaves* by Lt.-Col. Pritchard on the 4 ring 3 numeral Cancellations was most interesting. I can add a little more information. Not alas from my own collection but from The Auction Sale Catalogues of the Bowman and Hicks Collection of Canadian Cancels.

The 627 Cancel recorded in the first decimal issue as Lot 42 of the Bowman Sale included a strike of this Cancel on a 1c. 1859 issue. This Sale also included 3 516 Cancels all on 1c. or 2c. which tends to confirm the conclusion reached in the article.

In the Hicks Sale, Lot 174 included a nice strike of the 807 Cancel (illustrated) on a 3c. Small Cent. Unfortunately this was a loose stamp so no indication of the P.O. of use can be made.

Mr. D. F. Sessions writes:

International Machines

In view of the surprising response to the listing of the standard International machine cancels in *Maple Leaves* No. 153 (June 75) and following on from the notes on the earlier machines (M.L. Jan. and Apr. 76). I am attempting to carry the International research at least one stage further.

I have prepared a skeleton listing of the International cancellations for each town showing both the standard obliteration and the slogans which began in 1912.

I am sure most of our members have a number of slogans tucked away in various parts of their collection, or even the standard wavy line obliterations. I should be extremely grateful if members would review their holdings and, if they have a few slogans, then drop me a line giving Town, slogan and date. If an extensive collection is held I should be happy to send a set of the skeleton listing for up-dating upon receipt of a request. If a member specialises in the postal history for one (or more) particular town then I could send the relative sheet(s) for completion.

Much of the basic data comes from the files of Ken Barlow (author of "Canadian Machine Cancellations"). With a little help, a first class listing could be prepared for serialisation in later issues of *Maple Leaves*. I might add that willing co-operation has already been received from a number of members but more would be very welcome.

Book Review

The Official Stamps of Canada by Roy Wrigley

This illustrated textbook is the result of 24 years of research into the official stamps of Canada, 1923 to 1963. It is an indispensable reference work for the novice and specialist alike, and together with the section, Canada Official Stamps, undoubtedly says all that there is to say about these fascinating stamps. Now in its 7th edition the book embodies the classification and pricing of all known varieties of the perforated and overprinted official stamps together with details of four new discoveries. The volume is obtainable from the author at 525 Clyde Avenue, West Vancouver, B.C. V7T 1C4 at \$5 postpaid, but the reader should be prepared for unnecessary repetition, typographical errors and some unfortunate "English".

Wilcox Booklet. History of Rural Mail in Canada

This is a reprint of George Wilcox's original publication of 1919 incorporating illustrations not previously published. This should be of considerable interest to postal historians, outlining as it does the early struggles of rural communities in Canada to obtain postal services. It is obtainable from the National Postal Museum, Confederation Heights, Ottawa, Ont., Canada K1A 0B1, price \$1 postpaid.

1976 Lyman Catalogue of B.N.A. Stamps

Aptly entitled Lyman's New Look 1976 Edition of this well known catalogue this latest work features 4,328 price changes in 68 pages (6" by 9") and is profusely illustrated. For good measure it also contains a philatelic dictionary, details of quantities printed, booklets from 1898 to 1937, Official stamps overprinted and perforated as well as stamps of the former provinces. Prices for plate number blocks, complete sets, tagged issues, all in separate sections make this what must be at \$1.75 postpaid a real bargain. Obtainable from the publishers at Box 23, Station V, Toronto, Canada M6R 3A4 or from the Handbooks Manager, Mr. S. F. Cohen, 51 Westfield Road, Birmingham B15 3QE at £1.10 postpaid.

The Postage Stamps and Postal History of Newfoundland by Winthrop S. Bogg

Newfoundland is of interest to postage stamp and postal history collectors for many reasons. Among these are its long, yet bounded, postal history beginning as Britain's oldest colony and ending with Confederation in 1949; and the fact that its postage stamp issues were high in production and artistic standards, comparatively free from complicated varieties (a plus for beginning specialists), and fully reflected the history and economy of the area in their design. Despite these values, little had appeared in the philatelic press about Newfoundland until the publication of Winthrop S. Bogg's *The Postage Stamps of Postal History of Newfoundland* in 1942. Bogg's monograph is a fascinating and scholarly work based on exhaustive study of Newfoundland history and research into Newfoundland's postal records. Subjects discussed include early postal history; regular and commemorative issues from 1857 to 1942; airmail stamps and their overprints;

postage due; postal stationery; and cancellations and postmarks. In addition to the many illustrations, this work also includes a bibliography and a listing of the post offices in Newfoundland and Labrador as of 1940 with their previous names.

This 256-page hardcover Quarterman edition also includes *Postage Stamps of Newfoundland* by Bertram W. H. Poole and Harry E. Huber, one major work on the subject (published c. 1922) to precede Boggs. It consists of two articles: "The Stamps of Newfoundland" by Bertram W. H. Poole and "Notes on Newfoundland, 1897-1921" by Harry E. Huber. A new foreword by A. B. Perlin has also been added to this reprint edition. *The Postage Stamp and Postal History of Newfoundland* contains the two major classic works on the subject — a necessity for all collectors of Canada and British North America postage stamps and postal history. Copies of this latest production can be obtained from Mr. S. F. Cohen, 51 Westfield Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 3QE. Price £10 postpaid.

The 1967-73 Definitive Issue by F. W. L. Keane and J. P. Hughes

It can safely be asserted that no issue of modern Canadian stamps has aroused more interest (and contention!) among collectors than the definitive issues of 1967 to 1973. Widely known as the Centennial issues because they first saw the light of day during the Centenary Year of the Dominion of Canada, these stamps quickly caught the imagination and interest of collectors for a variety of reasons, not least of all the different kinds of papers on which they were printed, the different kinds of gum that was used, the different forms of "tagging" that they assumed over the years, the different shades and perforations and the different denominations in which they appeared. All these and much else added up to the biggest collectors' bonanza that had been known since the days of the "Admirals".

Just as we can safely say that the last word has yet to be written on the latter, so we can be equally certain that much more yet has to be discovered about the "Centennials".

What *has* been discovered so far, and this represents a very great deal indeed, is conveyed by Messrs. Keane and Hughes in a work which far surpasses other works which have so far appeared on this subject. By not "rushing into print" at the first provocation the authors have ensured that their work is as "definitive" as it is possible to be. No stone has been left unturned: check lists, booklet covers and panes, cello-paq envelopes, shades, grades of fluorescence, the controversial 6 cents black, plate number blocks, "migration", counterfeits and fakes to name but a few.

This is very definitely a work which will stand on its own as the authoritative source of information about an issue the like of which we are not likely to see again.

It is a pity that it is not hardbound; it certainly deserves to be. But there is one consideration at least, the cost. At \$7.25 no one can say they have been priced out of the market. If this book does not sell out very shortly the writer will eat his hat and so will George Wegg, the publisher. The work can be obtained at the moment from the sole distributing agent: David M. Verity, Box 849, Burlington, Ont. L7R 3Y7, Canada.

Canada Postmarks —

Barrel Type Cancellations

<i>Post Office</i>	<i>Earliest Date</i>	<i>Latest Date</i>
BRANTFORD ONT.	25 I 1957	30 I 1961
CALGARY ALBERTA	15 VII 1955	13 V 1962
EDMONTON ALBERTA	10 IX 1959	19 IV 1961
EDMONTON ALBERTA TERM — A	16 VIII 1955	6 IV 1958
FORT WILLIAM ONT.	6 IV 1957	10 V 1958
FREDERICTON N.B.	5 IX 1957	9 IV 1958
GUELPH ONT.	8 XII 1958	12 XI 1962
HALIFAX N.S.	22 VII 1955	22 VI 1961
HAMILTON ONT.	11 II 1957	11 XII 1962
KINGSTON ONT.	20 VII 1956	12 IV 1958
KITCHENER ONT.	10 IV 1957	11 VI 1962
LETHBRIDGE ALBERTA	26 XII 1956	3 VIII 1961
LONDON ONT.	7 III 1957	27 VII 1961
MONCTON N.B.	28 III 1958	
MONTREAL P.Q.	28 II 1958	
MONTREAL P.Q. A.M.S.	25 I 1957	15 IV 1957
MONTREAL P.Q. S.D.	13 XI 1957	18 XI 1958
MOOSE JAW SASK.	29 IX 1955	26 XI 1962
NEW WESTMINSTER B.C.	12 IV 1956	30 IV 1961
NIAGARA FALLS ONT.	19 XII 1957	6 III 1958
OSHAWA ONT.	27 VII 1956	
OTTAWA ONT.	21 X 1955	12 VII 1960
PETERBOROUGH ONT.	8 XII 1956	11 IV 1960
PORT ARTHUR ONT.	4 IX 1959	30 V 1961
QUEBEC P.Q.	25 VIII 1956	4 VII 1958
REGINA SASK.	30 V 1955	31 III 1959
REGINA SASK. STN. A	6 II 1956	25 XI 1958
ST. CATHARINES ONT.	5 III 1958	24 I 1962
SAINT JOHN N.B.	26 XI 1957	20 IV 1960
ST. JOHN'S NFLD.	5 III 1958	19 IV 1961
SASKATOON SASK.	2 III 1956	22 XI 1960
SHERBROOKE P.Q.	9 VIII 1956	9 V 1961
SUDBURY ONT.	15 VII 1955	2 III 1961
TORONTO ONT.	24 X 1957	4 IV 1962
TORONTO ONT. A.M.S.	5 III 1958	17 II 1960
TORONTO ONT. TERM A.	28 XI 1960	19 IV 1961
VANCOUVER B.C.	4 VIII 1955	28 XI 1962
VICTORIA B.C.	6 IX 1955	17 XII 1962
WINDSOR ONT.	6 XII 1955	27 III 1958
WINNIPEG MAN.	4 V 1956	? 1963

(*Mr. K. Barlow, the compiler of the above list, would be grateful for any additions that members might be able to make. In particular, he would appreciate details of a clear, legible MONCTON strike. The only copy of this in his possession appears to have two indecipherable letters after "N.B."—Editor.*)

Precancels on the Admiral Issue

Moose Jaw

By R. B. Hetherington and F. W. L. Keane

		Precancel
		Type 1
1c. green	Original die. 1912.	
	Original die retouched. 1913.	n a
1c. yellow	Original die retouched, wet. 1920.	n
	Original die retouched, dry. 1926.	n
	New die, dry. 1925.	n a
2c. green	Original die retouched, wet. 1922.	
	Original die retouched, dry. 1924.	a
	Original die re-engraved, dry. 1925.	n
	Thin paper. 1924.	
3c. brown	Original die, wet. 1918.	
	Original die retouched, dry. 1922.	n a
3c. red	Original die retouched. 1923.	n a
	New die. 1924.	
5c. violet	Marler Type 4: Reiche Type 1. 1922.	
	Marler Types 5 & 7: Reiche Types 2 & 4. 1922-24. ...	
	Marler Type 6: Reiche Type 3. 1923.	
	Marler Type 8: Reiche Type 5. 1925.	n
	Thin paper. 1924.	
10c. blue	Wet. 1922.	n
	Dry. 1925 (?).	

The 5 Cent "Feather in Hair" Variety

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the surface of the Plate leading from the two heavy diagonal marks and gives the "feathery effect". However the position of the two heavy lines as illustrated would remain constant.

If we had a set of transparencies we would be able to follow the growth of the feather and deepening colour of the plumage as the surface splinters gradually break away.

Although we have not been able to trace any dated copies, the shades appear to indicate that 1888 may be the year.

The Secretary of the Small Queens Study Circle is Mr. W. Williams, 53 Central Road, Wembley, Middx., England HA0 2LQ.

New Stamps

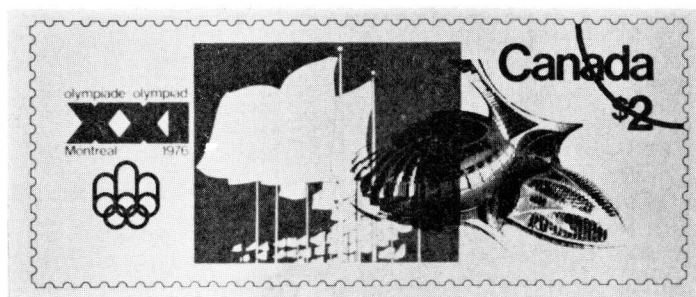
1976 Olympic Games Site

Postmaster General Bryce Mackasey has announced the issue of two Olympic commemorative stamps featuring the 1976 Olympic Games site.

The \$1 commemorative stamp, in predominantly blue and silver colours, features the host city of Montreal. Representing Old Montreal is Notre-Dame Church, silhouetted against Place Ville Marie, a high-rise tower dominating the downtown core of the city, which typifies modern Montreal.



The \$2 commemorative stamp features an aerial view of the Olympic Stadium, with the Velodrome shown in red and the flags of the participating nations billowing against a gold background.



A total of 4,400,000 \$1 stamps and 3,900,000 \$2 stamps, printed by the British American Bank Note Company Limited, Ottawa, were issued March 12, 1976.

The stamps were designed by brothers Jean Mercier, an architectural photographer, and Pierre Mercier, an architect, both of Montreal.

The 1976 Olympic Games Site stamps were cancelled in Montreal, Quebec. Official First Day Covers carry a Montreal, Quebec cancellation only.

The \$1 and \$2 R. Tait McKenzie Olympic stamps (issued March 14, 1975) were available at philatelic counters and through the Philatelic Service only until March 12, 1976. Similarly, the June 11, 1975 Olympic Track and Field stamps will be available only until June 11, 1976.



Habitat Issue

A 20 cents HABITAT commemorative stamp designed by I. A. R. MacLeod of Ottawa and measuring 36 mm. by 30 mm. in a horizontal format was issued on 12th May, 1976.

A total of 11 million stamps were printed in four-colour lithography by Ashton-Potter Limited, Toronto, in order to commemorate the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements which was held in Vancouver from 29th May to 11th June.

Marginal inscriptions, including the designer's name, appear on the four corners of each pane of 50 stamps.

The total production of the stamps will bear the general tagging and will not be available in any other form.

Stamp Collecting Hints

Have you ever considered making your stamp album work more efficiently for you by:

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Many collectors find this order more convenient to work with, and others who may be unable to collect older issues prefer this method to opening their albums and having many unfilled spaces before them.

- (2) When an album is used for more than one country or classification, such as Canada along with the early provinces and Newfoundland, or Canada with airmail, special delivery, registration, postage due, etc., a more convenient way is to place Canada in first, working from the front cover, and then turn the album over and place others in the opposite way, working from the back cover. This effect creates an album with two front sections.

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- 2102 WALKER, Lawrence A., 8844 Notre Dame East, Montreal, Que., Canada H1L 3M4 (C, P).
- P 2103 PRYCE-JAMES, William A., 42 Collum End Rise, Leckhampton, Cheltenham (C, COV, P, RPO).
- 2104 YORKE, Reginald H., "Minsmere", The Ridge, Woodfalls, Salisbury, Wilts.
- 2105 LEAHY, Dr. Jeremiah, 51 Rainbow Crescent, Thompson, Manitoba, Canada R8N 1K2 (C, V, BL, errors).
- 2106 PARAMA, Richard, Box 997, Spruce Grove, Alberta, Canada T03 2C0 (CG, PH, Alberta).
- 2107 GIBBS, The Rev. Kenneth G., 120 Hillside Dr., S. Elliot Lake Ontario, Canada (B, C, O, FDC).
- 2108 TARASCHUK, R. E., Ste. 15-455 Leila Ave., Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada R2V 1M2 (B, C).

Reinstatements

- P 615 MATON, Noel E., 4 St. Michaels, Courtenay Road, Newton Abbott, Devon (B, C, PC).

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- 1843 BURLEY, E. F.
130 JACKSON, A. P. (with effect from 30.9.76).
1712 STRACHAN, K.

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1488 BIRCH, G. L., 10 Mountain View, Machen, Gwent, S. Wales.
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V8V 3H7.
394 CHAPLIN, Dr. R. A., 65 Pepler Ave, Toronto, Canada M4J 2Y7.
1776 CHURLEY, G. H., P.O. Box 895, New Westminster, British Columbia
V3L 4Z8.
1865 CLELAND, F. D., P.O. Box 118, South Durham, Quebec, Canada.
1805 DODWELL, H. K., Middle House, Cruckmeole, Hanwood, Nr. Shrews-
bury, Salop SY5 8JN.
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1763 GRIMSDELL, P. H., 20 Rock Lane, Warminster, Wilts.
806 HILLSON, N. J. A., 7 Windsor Court, Dirleton Drive, Glasgow, G44.
470 JONAS, C., "Ridgeway", Field Edge Lane, Riddlesden, Keighley, York-
shire.
2047 MacPHERSON, V. A., 180 North Street, Strathroy, Ontario, Canada
N7G 1Z8.
1220 MELVIN, G. H., 1308B 45th Street, Vernon, British Columbia V1T 7R3.
1864 MOSS, J. S., 40B Dunfey, Lane, Windsor, CTO6095 U.S.A.
1900 NORMAN, K. A., 35A The Broadway, Elm Park, Essex.
2038 RICHMOND, R. A., Box 1894, Gravenhurst, Ontario, Canada P0C 1G0.
1579 SOUTHEY, T. W., 15 Wellington Place, S.W., Calgary, Alberta, Canada
T3C 3C2.
646 WORWOOD, W., 1606 23rd Street, Charay, P.Q., Canada G6W SK5.

Amendment to Address

- 683 MCGREGOR, A. F. L., amend Postcode to AB1 6LD.
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1969 SMALLMAN, J. R., Add Postcode B0E 1N0.

Amendment to Year Book

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Add Postal History. Dr. Dorothy Sanderson, 10 Leaholme Court, 7 St.
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- 1684 SANDERSON, Dr. D., (B, C, CL, F, PH, PS, RC, RPO).

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