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## EDITORIAL

### Our Contributors

Frequently, and all too frequently, many of our readers will say, appeals are made in our columns for members to take up their pens and write. Sometimes we suggest that we are not merely thinking in terms of "articles", but that letters, reports and indeed anything that may be of general interest and worthy of publication will be equally acceptable. To what extent such appeals are successful can be gleaned by glancing through back numbers of *MAPLE LEAVES*. Such an exercise will not provide any suggestion that these appeals have been overwhelmingly successful; but it would be equally wrong to say that we have not touched a few hearts. SOME consciences have been stricken; SOME members have been aroused from their apparent lethargy and have made an effort. If they have not yet met their due reward they can rest assured that they will. But they are few in number, all TOO few.

We hasten to add that we do NOT include among their number those who find time, very easily apparently, to write to point out an occasional mis-spelling or our very evident lack of the benefit of a classical education. The only satisfaction that we derive from such criticism is the knowledge that we can include some readers among our members!

More acceptable, by way of complaint, is the oft-repeated comment that our pages do not include more articles on STAMPS, or that the articles are too "specialised", or that we publish too much "postmark" material, or that there is nothing for "the beginner", or that we have some kind of an obsession for postal history. To all such charges we plead guilty "under extenuating circumstances".

Entering a plea of guilty, however, does not exclude the right of the defendant to answer the charges laid against him and to promise to reform. More appositely we should say TRY to reform, TRY to please everybody, with, of course, a little understanding from our readers of the problems involved in attempting the impossible.

Occasionally, for example, we publish a light-hearted contribution from one of the dying race of humorists in our ranks. We do so expecting the charge that we are becoming too flippant. Our expectations are realised! The protesting letters duly arrive, together with others of an entirely different cast. How pleased their writers are that we are in their camp, that we uphold the principle that philately is a hobby and that we have no time for those who make such a business out of what should be a pleasure.

We know that whatever we publish will be a source of irritation to some, and a pleasure to others. We know that what some will seize upon eagerly and read avidly will be a matter of complete indifference, if not animadversion, to others.

And if our readers are so hard to please, what can we say about some of our contributors upon whose heads we lay such well-merited encomiums? If we alter their work by so much as a single word, or correct some rather bizarre spelling, or remedy some esoteric form of punctuation so that it conforms to what is usually regarded as standard practice, we know what is coming to us: we are too pedantic and are urged "to get with it"!

If we publish "as received" we are told that we are getting slack, we are not doing our job and we do not know what editing is all about; we ought to be hanged and should be grateful for being pilloried.

All this adds up to a feeling that, in the modern idiom, "we cannot win". And so we plod along, half the time on foot, the other half walking. We do our best. Contributors and readers, please copy!

### **Convention 1977**

The usual hotel booking/competition entry form is enclosed with this issue. Members who intend to attend Convention and to stay in Southgait Hall are asked to note that there are only 17 double rooms, all with single-bedded accommodation. Rates are £7.50 per person, per day, with full board, irrespective of whether single or double bedded rooms are booked. Please book early and forward the necessary form to Miss Stephenson as directed on the form. Details of competition entries should be sent to Mr. Grant (see form for address) and unless entries are brought to Convention personally, exhibits MUST reach him NOT LATER THAN 14th SEPTEMBER, 1977.

### **"Specimen" Stamps**

It has been drawn to the attention of the Canada Post Office that "Specimen" overprinted Canada and Newfoundland stamps are being offered to philatelists as coming "from a post office archives". The many enquiries have prompted the Canada Post Office to advise that these stamps were *not* overprinted "Specimen" by the Canada Post Office and that the reference stamps did not originate from the Canada Post Office. It is noted that the same Specimen overprint is found on both Canada and Newfoundland stamps which were issued at a time when both were separate countries and generally procured their stamps from different sources. (*You have been warned — Editor.*)

# Prince Edward Island: The Early Years

## The Island of St. John

### (PART 1 OF A SERIES)

By G. Douglas Murray

Before the official appointment of a postmaster for Prince Edward Island, there was a postal service, of sorts, functioning in Charlottetown.

Charlottetown had been founded as the capital of the colony, known then as the Island of St. John, in 1768 and the nearest post office was Halifax, about 120 miles away, through which the colonists could keep in touch with relatives in the homeland. Governor Patterson made some sporadic attempts beginning in 1775 towards a regular service across the Northumberland Strait, during the summer. This was a formidable task requiring travel of rivers or Indian trails through many miles of forest. Many years were to pass before any regular service was successful.

The second governor of the island, General Fanning, saw a need for the many services lacking in the new colony. Not the least of these was the need for publishing the journals of the House of Assembly, and about 1787 he succeeded in obtaining the services of a printer, James Robertson.

Robertson had reportedly been a soldier in the Revolutionary War and a printer in Shelburne, Nova Scotia before coming to the island. He provided the few colonists with their first newspaper, "The Royal American Gazette and Intelligencer of the Island of St. John", published September 15 to October 6, 1787. This paper and a semi-official journal, "The Royal Commercial Gazette and Intelligencer" published first by him in October 1787 contained local, British and foreign news as it arrived by ship and a few local advertisements and of course the proclamations of the Lieutenant-Governor.

The following notices appeared in the former publication:

"Post Office, Charlottetown Sept. 29 His excellency, the Lieut. Governor having appointed the Subscriber Deputy Post-Master, he intimates to the public that a mail will be made up for Halifax on Monday next. The Post-Office, which is kept in the same House as the Printing Office, will be open for the Reception and Delivery of Letters at all reasonable Hours. J. Robertson".

"POST-OFFICE — Charlottetown, Sept. 29 His excellency the Lieut. Governor having appointed the Subscriber Deputy Post-Master, he assures the Public that the strictest Attention will be paid to all letters he may receive. The Post-Office, which is kept in the same House with the Printing Office, will be open for the Reception and Delivery of Letters at all reasonable Hours. J. Robertson".

The duration of Robertson's tenure as official printer is not known exactly however he left the island about 1790 supposedly for Quebec. His position was filled by Wm. Alexander Rind who had worked for Robertson as a journeyman from 1788.

Little is known of Rind, however he had married one Elizabeth Bagnall, whose brother, James had made reference in a petition to Rind being postmaster in 1795 and before.

It is my assumption that Rind took over as postmaster from Robertson about 1790 and that he continued as such until he left for Virginia in 1798.

The next reference is the official appointment of Council Clerk, John Ross as postmaster on July 23, 1800 by George Heriot, Deputy Postmaster for the provinces of Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and their dependencies.

No postmaster or printer is known for the Island of St. John (which became Prince Edward Island in 1799), from 1798 until 1800.

Ross is generally regarded as having been a sinecure as postmaster but it may be that he filled the job during these two years prior to his appointment. He served until Benjamin Chappell was appointed on October 14, 1802 beginning 40 years in which he and members of his family served in this capacity.

This concludes part 1 of a series. Readers having data or comments on this topic, are invited to contact the author at Box 693, Charlottetown, P.E.I. C1A 7L3. Correspondence requiring replies should be accompanied with a stamped return envelope.

*(With acknowledgments and thanks to the Author and Editor of the  
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## **Convention at Manchester Airport**

The North-West of England Federation of Philatelic Societies is to hold its 16th Annual Convention at Manchester Airport's Brabazon suite. The hosts are the South Manchester Philatelic Society and the event will take place on Saturday, 23rd April, 1977. There will be a major exhibition from North-West philatelists, several Federal Convention trophies being at stake; additional features include an excellent auction, a first class luncheon, and the issue of a special flight cover. Light refreshments will also be available at the airport. Admission to the exhibition will be free.

The Special Flight Covers are to be issued in a limited edition of matched pairs, one set being flown on 21st April, 1977, from Ronaldsway, Isle of Man, to Ringway Airport, Manchester, and the other on the return flight. A special airmail etiquette, a special Ronaldsway Control Tower Handstamp and other relevant official backstamps will endorse the covers, together with the cachet "SILVER JUBILEE FLIGHT" in celebration of Her Majesty's 25 years on the throne. Design is by Jim Booth. A matched pair will cost £1.50; orders should be sent to:—Keith Harrop, 34 Kingsfield Drive, Manchester 20. (Cash with order please).

The function will be attended by several dignitaries including the Lord Mayor of Manchester. A special souvenir pamphlet will be available.

*(We are indebted to Mr. G. Wewiora, Publicity Officer for the South Manchester Philatelic Society for this report — Editor.)*

# The Stamps of Canada with a Reference List

By Donald A. King

## PART I

*(How many collectors keep a scrap book and for how long does one hold on to the cuttings? Our late member J. J. Bonar had a very comprehensive scrap book dating back to July 1896. The first article was written by Donald A. King, who, it is understood, was a Canadian stamp dealer. The article was published in the Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal of that date. The factual information in this series is quoted in great detail and although sections have been used in more recent writings many readers will never have seen such a compact collection of information. As a dealer King must have handled more early Canadian stamps in a week than most collectors handle in a year and consequently his Reference list of the issued stamps will be enlightening to today's readers. More recent and more scientific researches into Philately have revised many of these early classifications and discovered the repaired impressions, but it is interesting to find that in 1896 such a detailed study of the stamps was being undertaken.)*

*Part I concerns the 1851 Pence issue of Canada. The text is not commented upon but readers are reminded that from 1851 to 1857 all the papers used were hand made and purchased from various sources. There were no set specifications as to type or thickness of paper and probably the quoted price determined the selection.*

*On the question of the perforation gauge it is now known that the original Bemrose machine imported into New York in 1858 was a rouletting type and that experiments were carried out on it. These were not satisfactory and a pin perforating machine was purchased from a local maker and was used to perforate the last printings of the Pence value stamps. This machine produced perforations which had a slightly variable gauge ranging from 11.6 to 11.7. Notes on this subject will be found in the booklet 'Early American Perforating Machines and Perforations' by W. S. Boggs (1954) and in Maple Leaves Vol. 6 pages 113, 151, Vol. 7 P. 31 & 122.)*

In common with the other British North American Provinces, Canada had the administration of its own postal service granted in 1850, and in the same year an Act was passed to provide for the change. There is very little of this statute that would be new, or that has not, in one form or another, been given in the preceding papers on the North American Colonies.

I shall quote only what is absolutely necessary. This is as follows:—

“CAP. XVII.

“An Act to provide for the transfer of the management of the Inland Posts to the Provincial Government, and for the Regulations of the said department.

“I. Whereas by the Act of, &c. . . .

“II. And be it enacted, that the Inland Posts and Post Communications in this Province shall, so far as may be consistent with Acts of the Parliament of the United Kingdom in force in this Province, be exclusively under Provincial management and control; the Revenues arising from the duties and postage dues receivable by the officers employed in managing such Posts and Post Communications shall form part of the Provincial Revenue, unless such moneys belong of right to the United Kingdom, or to

some other Colony, or to some Foreign State, and the expenses of management shall be defrayed out of Provincial Funds, and that the Act passed in the Eighth of Her Majesty's Reign, and entitled An Act to provide for the management of the Customs, and of matter relative to the collection of the Provincial Revenue, shall apply to the said Posts and Post Communications, and to the officers and persons employed in managing the same, or in collecting or accounting for the duties and dues aforesaid, except in so far as any provision of the said Act may be insusceptible of such application, or may be inconsistent with any provision of this Act.

"VIII. And in conformity to the agreement made as aforesaid between the Local Governments of the several Colonies of British North America, be it enacted that the Provincial Postage on letters and packets not being newspapers, printed pamphlets, magazines, or books, entitled to pass at a lower rate, shall not exceed Threepence currency per half-ounce, for any distance whatsoever within this Province, any fraction of a half-ounce being chargeable as a half-ounce; that no transit postage shall be charged on any letter or packet passing through this Province, or any part thereof, to any other Colony in British North America, unless it be posted in this Province, and the sender choose to prepay it; nor on any letter or packet from any such Colony, if prepaid there; that Twopence sterling the half-ounce shall remain as the rate in operation as regards letters by British mails, to be extended to countries having Postal Conventions with the United Kingdom, unless Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom shall see fit to allow this rate to be changed to Threepence currency; that the prepayment of Provincial Postage shall be optional.

"That all Provincial Postage received within the Province shall be retained as belonging to it, and that all Provincial Postage received within any other Colony of the British North American Colonies may be retained, as belonging to such Colony. That no privilege of franking shall be allowed as regards the Provincial Postage.

"That Provincial Stamps for the prepayment of postage may be prepared under the orders of the Governor in Council, which stamps shall be evidence of the prepayment of Provincial Postage to the amount mentioned on such stamps; and that such stamps, prepared under the direction of the proper authorities in the other British North American Colonies, shall be allowed in this Province as evidence of the prepayment of Provincial Postage in such other Colonies respectively, on the letters or packets to which they are affixed, and which have been mailed there."

In accordance with the authority given in this Act, the Government issued a series of postage stamps in April, 1851. In a Departmental circular of that year, they say:—

"POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT. (Order No. 4.)

"TORONTO, 1st April, 1851.

"*Stamps for the prepayment of postage on letters.*

"Postage stamps are about to be issued, one representing the beaver, of the denomination of 3 pence, the second representing the head of Prince Albert, of the denomination of 6 pence, and the third representing the head of Her Majesty, of the denomination of 1 shilling, which will shortly be transmitted to the postmasters at important points."

These stamps were procured from and manufactured by Messrs. Rawdon, Wright, Hatch & Co., of New York. The first lot was:—

250,200 3 pence	.	.	.	.	£3127	0	0
100,400 6 pence	.	.	.	.	2510	0	0
51,400 1 shilling	.	.	.	.	2550	0	0



To the year ending the 5th of April, 1852, there were issued for sale to Postmasters:—

217,300 3 pence	£2716	5	0
63,400 6 pence	1585	0	0
820 1 shilling	41	0	0

The small demand for the 1s. value shows that it was not meant, as many think, for the prepayment of letters to the United Kingdom; and this is more clearly shown by the rates of postage to that country as given in the Postmaster-General's report for 1851.

He says:—

“The rates on letters are as follows:—

“On letters not exceeding half an ounce in weight, to any part of British North America, threepence; more than half an ounce, and not exceeding one ounce, sixpence, and so on. On letters between Canada and the United Kingdom not exceeding half an ounce, one shilling sterling (equal to 1s. 1½d. currency). On letters to Newfoundland, Bermuda, and the West Indies, the rate is one shilling per half-ounce.”

As in Nova Scotia, the sale of stamps, even at the reduced rate of postage, was disappointing. The report above quoted says:—

“Postage stamps for the prepayment of letters of the respective values of 3 pence, 6 pence, and 1 shilling, were procured and issued immediately after the transfer, and have been kept for sale to the public at all the principal Post Offices in the Province. The demand, however, has not been great, as will be seen by the following statement; and the sales of the last quarter of the year would seem to demonstrate that the use of these stamps in prepayment of letters is rather diminishing than gaining ground in the community.”

The statement alluded to is the one previously given.

In the report for the year ending March 31st, 1853, there is shown a slight increase in the sales. The stamp account is as follows:—

	3d.	6d.	12d.	Total value.
On hand April 5, '52	32,900	37,000	50,180	£3845 5 0
Since received from Mfr.	250,000	—	—	3125 0 0
Total	282,900	37,000	50,180	£6970 5 0
Issued for sale during year	163,000	2575	100	2106 17 6
Balance on hand, Mar. 31st, '53	119,900	34,425	50,080	£4863 7 6

The next year shows a decided improvement in the sales, the account being as follows:—

	3d.	6d.	12d.	Total value.
On hand March 31st, '53	119,900	34,425	50,080	£4863 7 6
Since received from Mfrs.	250,000	—	—	3125 0 0
Total	369,900	34,425	50,080	£7988 7 6
Issued for sale during year	240,700	10,825	325	3295 12 6
Balance on hand, March 31st, '54	129,200	23,600	49,755	£4692 15 0

From the same report we find that a change was made in the postage rate to the United Kingdom. The report says:—

“In March, 1854, the charge on packet letters between Canada and the United Kingdom and most foreign countries was reduced by the Imperial Government from 1s. 2d. sterling to 8d. sterling the  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz., when sent in the closed mails through the United States, and from 1s. sterling to 6d. when sent direct from a provincial port — Quebec and Halifax. Should no further changes be likely soon to take place in the charges on the correspondence with England, it would promote the public convenience to procure postage stamps of the value of 10d. and 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. respectively, to correspond with the present packet charges.”

Part of this recommendation was adopted, as in the report of the following year the 10d. stamp is spoken of:—

“To promote the general convenience of the public in prepaying letters to the United Kingdom at the new rate, postage stamps of the value of 10d. currency, equal to 8d. sterling, were procured, and issued to the public.”

This must have been before the end of 1854, as the Post-office accounts for the quarter ending 31st December, 1854, have an item of stamps made, viz.:—

“Rawdon, Wright & Co., making stamps . . . . . £42 18s. 6d.”

The stamp sales for the year were:—

	On hand	3d.	6d.	10d.	12d.	Total
March 31st. 1854 . . . . .		129,200	23,600	—	49,755	£4692 15 0
Received during year from manufacturers . . . . .		250,000	50,000	100,080	—	8545 0 0
Total . . . . .		379,200	73,600	100,080	49,755	£13,237 15 0
Issued for sale during year . . . . .		355,000	25,800	16,200	265	5770 15 0
Balance on hand March 31st, 1855 . . . . .		24,200	47,800	83,880	49,490	£7467 0 0

The 10d. stamp was probably issued about the last quarter of 1854, as the bill for making them is included in that date, and the quantity issued for sale is too large for the one quarter of 1855 included in the account.

This is the last year in which the 12d. stamp was issued for sale; the next it was only taken into account as stock, and none sold.

The account is:—

	On hand	3d.	6d.	10d.	12d.	Total.
March 31st, 1855 . . . . .		24,200	47,800	83,880	49,490	£7467 0 0
Received this year from manufacturers . . . . .		600,300	—	—	—	7503 15 0
Total . . . . .		624,500	47,800	83,880	49,490	£14,970 15 0
Sold during year . . . . .		368,700	34,419	12,060	—	6071 14 6
On hand March 31st, 1856 . . . . .		255,800	9381	71,820	49,490	£8899 0 6

This is the last mention of the 12d. stamp in the accounts, the stock being, no doubt, destroyed on its withdrawal.

The next report is for the period of a year and a half, and introduces two new values — the  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., issued in 1857, the smaller value for use in prepaying the rate on single newspapers, the other for the Canadian packet postage. The latter value had been recommended for issue some years previously, but the suggestion had not been acted upon.

The table of stamp accounts is as follows:—

	½d.	3d.	6d.	7½d.	10d.	£	s.	d.
Balance on hand March 31st, 1856 . . . . .	—	255,800	9,331	—	71,820	6,424	10	6
Received from manufacturers in half-year to September 30th . . . . .	—	—	50,000	—	—	1,250	0	0
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>255,800</b>	<b>59,331</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>71,820</b>	<b>7,674</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>
Issued for sale during half-year . . . . .	—	186,200	24,731	—	6,540	3,219	10	6
<b>Balance Oct. 1st, 1856 . . . . .</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>69,600</b>	<b>34,600</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>65,280</b>	<b>4,455</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Received from manufacturers year ending September 30th, 1857 . . . . .	1,341,600	600,000	50,078	100,080	—	14,674	9	0
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>1,341,600</b>	<b>669,600</b>	<b>84,678</b>	<b>100,080</b>	<b>65,280</b>	<b>19,129</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>
Issued for sale during year ending September 30th, 1857 . . . . .	757,320	587,900	60,600	22,860	21,750	12,062	2	6
<b>Balance on hand . . . . .</b>	<b>584,280</b>	<b>81,700</b>	<b>24,078</b>	<b>77,220</b>	<b>43,530</b>	<b>7,067</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>
Received from manufacturers year ending September 30th, 1858 . . . . .	1,258,920	900,000	100,000	—	72,120	19,327	15	0
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>1,843,200</b>	<b>981,700</b>	<b>124,078</b>	<b>77,220</b>	<b>115,650</b>	<b>26,445</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>
Issued for sale during year . . . . .	1,465,440	717,200	82,500	15,090	37,230	16,103	6	3
<b>Balance on hand September 31st, 1858 . . . . .</b>	<b>377,760</b>	<b>264,500</b>	<b>41,578</b>	<b>62,130</b>	<b>78,420</b>	<b>10,341</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>3</b>

The Report of the Postmaster-General for 1859 contains the last pence stamp account, bringing it up to June 30th, 1859, on which date the decimal series was issued. It is as follows:

	½d.	3d.	6d.	7½d.	10d.	dol.	cts.
Balance to October 1st, 1858 . . . . .	377,760	264,500	41,578	62,130	78,420	41,367	05
Received from manufacturers to June 30th, 1859 . . . . .	850,100	449,900	70,000	—	—	36,579	16
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>1,227,860</b>	<b>714,400</b>	<b>111,578</b>	<b>62,130</b>	<b>78,420</b>	<b>77,946</b>	<b>21</b>
Issued for sale during about nine months . . . . .	1,167,200	692,700	94,000	44,160	47,220	67,189	16
<b>Balance on hand June 30th, 1859 . . . . .</b>	<b>60,660</b>	<b>21,700</b>	<b>17,578</b>	<b>17,970</b>	<b>31,200</b>	<b>10,757</b>	<b>05</b>

The remainders were destroyed, and probably with them the stock of 12d. stamps that had been withdrawn from circulation some years previously. The total number of each value issued is as follows:—

½ penny	.	.	.	.	.	.	3,389,960
3 pence	.	.	.	.	.	.	3,528,700
6 pence	.	.	.	.	.	.	402,900
7½ pence	.	.	.	.	.	.	82,110
10 pence	.	.	.	.	.	.	151,500
12 pence	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,510

This includes the perforated series, issued about the end of 1857; and as the sale of stamps from that date was heavy, the quantities of perforated stamps must have been quite large. The first lot of ½d. was probably the only imperforate supply, as in the Postmaster General's report for 1857 he says:

“To facilitate the prepayment of letters passing from Canada to England by the Canadian steamers, a new stamp, bearing value of 6d. sterling, or 7½d. currency, being the Canada packet rate, was procured and put in circulation. A new stamp has also been introduced, of the value of one half-penny, to serve as a medium for prepaying transient newspapers. Moreover, the Department has been led by the increasing use of postage stamps, to take measures for obtaining the Canada postage stamps on sheets perforated in the dividing lines, in the manner adopted in England, to facilitate the separation of a single stamp from the others on a sheet when required for use.”

The last two lots received from the manufacturers were probably perforated, though it is odd that the 10d. was not, unless a theory to be spoken of later is correct.

*(To be continued)*

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## **James Alfred Grant, F.C.P.S.**

One cannot think of a member more worthy of our highest honour than in the person of James Alfred Grant. It was one of the highlights of the Annual Banquet at Cambridge in 1976 when "Alfie", sponsored by Roland Greenhill, was presented to sign the Roll and receive the award of Fellow.

Mr. Grant was Exchange Packet Secretary from 1960 to 1963 and was appointed Treasurer to the Society in 1968. Since then we have become accustomed to rely on his wise guidance of our financial affairs, particularly in these recent difficult years—but not so accustomed as to allow his significant contribution to the life and future of the Society to go by unnoticed. We have been fortunate in a succession of very able Treasurers. Mr. Grant continues this tradition as all can testify who attend our Meetings, where he deals with our problems in finance with the precision and the assurance of the man who knows his job.

For his work in this field and for his service in the advancement of the Society's interests in Edinburgh and the East of Scotland we welcome "Alfie" to the company of Fellows.

J.H.

## **Convention Auction**

Members are asked to note that lots for the 1977 Convention Auction should be sent to Mr. J. Hannah at 4, Hammersmith Road, Aberdeen, AB1 6NB as soon as possible AND NOT LATER THAN 1st June, 1977. It will NOT be possible to include details of any lots in the auction catalogue if they are received after that date.

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## **Back Copies of "Maple Leaves"**

The Editorial note of June 1976 brought forth a number of requests for available back copies with the result that even more are now "out of print". The present list of those unavailable is

Whole Numbers 1-6, 8, 11-15, 22, 25, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 35, 40, 41, 43, 47, 51, 56, 58, 61, 75, 77, 93, 111, 113, 116, 119, 126, 133, 149.

Many of the remaining numbers are reduced to one or two copies.

Members with any spare copies are urged to advise the numbers to the Librarian and if they are required he will buy in at 17½p each. This has happened recently with the result that several who had been waiting for missing copies for lengthy periods were pleasantly surprised to find them coming to hand.

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## Cambridge 76

A first impression of Cambridge was that rain must have fallen there this summer, if nowhere else, as the view from the window of a comfortable bedroom at the University Arms Hotel was one of luscious greensward, so different from the parched brown seen elsewhere this summer.

As usual there was little time to contemplate verdant pastures there being an abundance of philatelic goodies on display in the Exhibition room throughout the Convention. Add to this the evening displays, the study circle, social outings, the auction, business meetings, squeeze in a little time for intake of a first class menu and for imbibing liquid refreshment and there was no time for a second impression.

We have come to expect high quality displays at Convention and this year the hors d'oeuvre was presented by the London Group with a mixed bag which must have provided something for all. Sandy Mackie once again showed his mastery of the Admiral Issue in leading us through the intricacies of the various rates; it was probably a surprise to many just how scarce some of the examples could be. When it comes to quality there could be little to surpass the magnificent covers displayed by Bill Lea. The illustration of many by means of a slide projector was a most welcome innovation as it enabled discussion to take place with everyone able to see clearly the item under review.

The presentation of a study circle is always a tricky problem, relying as it does upon audience participation. The subject, "Legislative Assembly Postmarks", did not seem at first glance a promising one but the framework was admirably produced by Colin Banfield—taking time off from Presidential duties—and a fine response from the "floor" enabled real progress to be made. One hopes the results will appear in due course in "*Maple Leaves*".

The ladies found relaxation in browsing around Anglesey Abbey, inspiration (or expiration) in a brisk trot around the colleges of Cambridge and stimulation in a closely fought Mastermind quiz. (*Mastermind?*, no sign of Women's Lib here!)

The battlefield moved to the Auction room on Saturday afternoon where brisk and sometimes heated bidding saw 375 lots come under the hammer and change hands for approx. £4,850.

SEE PAGE 151  
FOR IMPORTANT  
CONVENTION AUCTION NOTICE

We were all friends again in the evening when over 70 members and guests sat down to the traditional Banquet where the twin highlights were the investiture of Alfie Grant as a Fellow of the Society, a well merited reward for many years of work on behalf of the Society, and the presentation of a magnificent desk set to our retiring Secretary, Dr. Charles Hollingsworth, as a small token of recognition of 19 years unstinting labour.



*(Left to right, Mrs. C. W. Hollingsworth, Dr. C. W. Hollingsworth, Mrs. C. G. Banfield and Mr. C. G. Banfield, President, on the occasion of the presentation)*

It was extremely gratifying to see a number of new faces this year and it is to be hoped that they will become very familiar in years to come. We were also delighted to greet our overseas members, Wayne Curtis (enjoyed that celebration champagne, Wayne), Cliff Guile, Gordon Benson, Clayton Huff, Ian Taylor and Bob Woolley (glad to see you looking so well Bob) and their charming wives. They came a long way to be with us and we hope they found it all worthwhile. The fact that some were already familiar faces suggests that they do.

To Colin and June Banfield, for the hours of preparation and worry, we offer our thanks and congratulations on a job well done and extend those thanks to the band of "volunteers" so necessary on these occasions.

D.F.S.



# Precancels on the Admiral Issue

Saskatoon

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

		<i>Precancel</i>
		<i>Type 1</i>
<b>1c. green</b>	Original die. 1912. ... ..	
	Original die retouched. 1913. ... ..	n a
<b>1c. yellow</b>	Original die retouched, wet. 1920. ... ..	n a
	Original die retouched, dry. 1926. ... ..	
	New die, dry. 1925. ... ..	n
<b>2c. red</b>	Original die. 1912. ... ..	
	Original die retouched. 1913. ... ..	n a
<b>2c. green</b>	Original die retouched, wet. 1922. ... ..	n a
	Original die retouched, dry. 1924. ... ..	n
	Original die re-engraved, dry. 1925. ... ..	n
	Thin paper. 1924. ... ..	
<b>3c. brown</b>	Original die, wet. 1918. ... ..	n a
	Original die retouched, dry. 1922. ... ..	u
<b>3c. red</b>	Original die retouched. 1923. ... ..	n a
	New die. 1924. ... ..	n
<b>5c. blue</b>	Marler Type 1: Reiche Type 1. 1912. ... ..	
	Marler Type 1A: Reiche Type 1a. 1913 (?). ... ..	
	Marler Type 2: Reiche Type 2. 1914. ... ..	
	Marler Type 3: Reiche Type 3. 1916. ... ..	
<b>5c. violet</b>	Marler Type 4: Reiche Type 1. 1922. ... ..	
	Marler Types 5 & 7: Reiche Types 2 & 4. 1922-24. ... ..	n
	Marler Type 6: Reiche Type 3. 1923. ... ..	
	Marler Type 8: Reiche Type 5. 1925. ... ..	
<b>10c. plum</b>	Marler Type 1: Reiche Type 1. 1912. ... ..	n
	Marler Type 2: Reiche Type 2. 1920. ... ..	
<b>10c. blue</b>	West. 1922. ... ..	a
	Dry. 1925 (?). ... ..	n
<b>20c. olive</b>	Marler Type 1: Reiche Type 1: wet. 1912. ... ..	
	Marler Type 1: Reiche Type 1: dry. 1924. ... ..	
	Marler Type 2: Reiche Type 2: dry. 1925. ... ..	
<b>50c. black</b>	Original die, wet. 1912. ... ..	
	Retouched die, dry. 1925. ... ..	

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# Letters to the Editor

Miss A. E. Stephenson writes:

## Postal History

Would it be possible for one of the Society's Postal Historians to do a series of articles on the historical characters depicted on the Canadian stamps? This must obviously have been done but perhaps not for some time, and so often the description is lost behind plate-numbers, perforations and watermarks. For the less experienced of us in the society a "potted" history of the lives of, for example, Cartier, Champlain, Montcalm, Wolfe, Thompson and La Verendrye would be welcomed.

Incidentally, is the "scar-face" Cartier from a painting in a Canadian gallery or is it the "composition" of the stamp designer?

Mr. L. Asquith writes:

## Barred Cancellations

From the list of barred cancellations published in the June, 1976 issue of *MAPLE LEAVES* two strikes appear to have been omitted: "Toronto Ont. C.D." and "Montreal P.Q. B. & F.R.".

The former appears to be scarce and was used as a cancellation; but the latter is perhaps scarcer and does not appear to have been used other than as a transit mark on the reverse of such covers as have been seen by me.

Dr. J. G. Byth writes:

## N.W.T. Postmarks

On page 101 of *MAPLE LEAVES* for October, 1976, Mr. F. W. Campbell gives Tungsten in the Yukon. Perhaps this is a misprint? In my collection of N.W.T. postmarks I have the handstruck cancellation of Tungsten post office which was opened in April, 1968. Tungsten ore is mined for about 4½ months a year. Tungsten is located 10 miles from the Yukon — N.W.T. border, about 180 miles north of Watson Lake, Y.T. The post office has the postal code: XOH OAO.

I am also wondering if the postal code for Sanikiluaq is correct. My notes give the post office as having the postal code JOM IVO. Perhaps this is an earlier postal code number?

# 1977 Stamp Programme

The Canada Post Office Department will issue 38 new stamps in 1977. The programme includes 24 commemorative stamps and 14 definitive issues.

New low-value definitives ranging in value from 1 to 25 cents, for use with letter mail, feature Queen Elizabeth II as well as Canadian trees and wildflowers. Medium-value definitives from 45 to 75 cents, for small parcels and registered letters, depict Canadian street scenes.

The commemorative stamps highlight several anniversaries, including the Silver Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II, the tenth anniversary of the founding of the Order of Canada, and the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Peace Bridge between Fort Erie, Ontario, and Buffalo, N.Y.

Famous Canadians honoured in the 1977 programme include painter Tom Thomson, engineer Sir Sandford Fleming, and explorer Joseph-Elzéar Bernier.

Details of the programme are outlined below:

4 February	Queen Elizabeth II, 25th Anniversary of Accession to Throne	1 stamp
1 March	Low-value Definitives — Wildflowers — Queen Elizabeth II	6 stamps 1 stamp
30 March	Low-value Definitives — Trees	3 stamps
22 April	Endangered Wildlife — Eastern Cougar	1 stamp
26 May	Tom Thomson	2 stamps
30 June	Canadian-born Governors General — 25th Anniversary Order of Canada — 10th Anniversary	4 stamps 1 stamp
3 August	Peace Bridge — Fort Erie, Ontario and Buffalo, N.Y. — 50th Anniversary	1 stamp
16 September	Fleming/Bernier	2 stamps
19 September	Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference	1 stamp
5 October	Medium-value Definitives — Street Scenes	4 stamps
26 October	Christmas	3 stamps
18 November	Inuit Ships — Sailing Vessels	4 stamps 4 stamps

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# Canadian Tribute to Robert Service

By Graham J. Noble

On August 17th 1896, gold was discovered in Bonanza Creek, a tributary of the Klondike River in the Yukon Territory. Eighty years later, on August 17th, 1976, Canada issued an 8c. commemorative honouring Robert Service, the poet whose internationally acclaimed works immortalized the exploits of the "men who moiled for gold".

Born in England in 1874, Service began his varied career with the Commercial Bank of Scotland. At 20 his quest for adventure took him to North America where he roamed the west coast from Mexico to British Columbia working variously as a farmhand, bank clerk and part-time balladeer.

In 1904 Service was posted to the White Horse, Yukon branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce. Late night walks through the town provided the inspiration for many of his memorable poems. Mining tales spun in the endless string of bars were turned into verse in a whimsical style reminiscent of Kipling, then left to accumulate in a desk drawer.

One of the yarns told of an American fortune seeker from Tennessee, Sam McGee, who met a frozen death on his way to the Klondike and had his last wish, cremation, granted by a travelling companion.

Encouraged by the editor of the White Horse "Star" (for whom he had written several pieces) Service gathered together "The Cremation of Sam McGee", "The Shooting of Dan McGrew" and several other poems that the hosts of a church amateur night (where Service had given a recital) found objectionable, sending them, along with a cheque for \$100, to a Toronto publisher to have a vanity edition of 100 copies of *Songs of a Sourdough* published.

Offered a contract by return mail, Service sold the first edition of 100,000 copies within a year. After his transfer to Dawson City in 1909 he became one of the main tourist attractions in the declining gold rush capitol. Living in a cabin, now a national historic site, Service wrote two more volumes of poetry and *The Trail of '98*, a fictionalized account of the gold rush.

While Sam McGee, Dangerous Dan McGrew and "the lady known as Lou" were being etched into Canadian folklore, their creator left Canada in 1911, travelled through the south seas and later served with the Ambulance Corps in World War One before settling in France. There he continued to write sporadically until his death in September, 1958, at the age of 84.

The Canada Post Office began planning a writers' series in the early '70's with a stamp honouring Service slated for 1974, the centenary of his birth. The commemorative, scheduled for release with one honouring Lucy Maud Montgomery (author of *Anne of Green Gables*) was delayed after some objections were raised that no French Canadian writers were being commemorated. The series began in May 1975 with stamps noting Montgomery and Louis Hémon.

In October, 1975, artist David Bierk of Peterborough, Ontario was commissioned by the Stamp Design Advisory Committee to prepare preliminary drawings for a Service commemorative. After consultation with Pierre Berton, a noted authority on the Yukon, it was decided to portray "Sam McGee". Set against the frozen waters of Lake Lebarge, artist Erik Loder of Peterborough modelled as "Sam". The final painting, done in oil on a two foot square canvas, was presented to the Canada Post Office in December 1975.

Mr. Bierk, 32, has been a professional painter/photographer since graduating from California State University in 1971 with a master's degree in Fine Arts. The Robert Service commemorative is his first stamp design commission. His works have been exhibited widely in both the United States and Canada. The recipient of awards from the Ontario Arts Council and the Canada Council, Mr. Bierk directs Artspace, a Peterborough art gallery, and teaches Fine Arts at Sir Sanford Fleming College in that city.

Each August 17th is celebrated as "Discovery Day" in Dawson City. This year, the Canada Post Office invited Germaine Service, the author's 89 year old widow to the stamp launching ceremonies. Declining the invitation on doctor's orders, Mrs. Service was represented by her granddaughters Anne and Armelle Davies, both of Lancieux, France, making their first trip to North America. After visiting the Wharf Street branch of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce where Service worked prior to being transferred to the Yukon and now preserved as a historic site, they joined Canadian Postmaster General Bryce Mackasey in touring the Klondike gold fields. The official unveiling ceremonies took place at the restored "gold rush" Dawson City Post Office.

To commemorate the occasion, David Bierk has prepared a Designers Limited Edition First Day Cover featuring his cachet drawing of a Klondike prospector and his dog done on Krypton Parchment. An historical enclosure contains photos and biographical data on Service and Bierk and the complete text of "The Cremation of Sam McGee". The covers were flown to Dawson City and cancelled on the day of issue. The covers have been signed and numbered by the artist and are available, postpaid, under separate cover at \$2 each from Klondike Art, P.O. Box 1321, Peterborough, Ontario, Canada. A limited edition of larger signed prints of the cachet drawing and preliminary head study of "Sam McGee" is also available.

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## Nova Scotia Stamp Club

The Joseph Howe Festival Society in Nova Scotia sponsored a re-enactment of the Pony Express that operated from February to November 1849. The original Pony Express which was organized by a group of New York newspapers, who formed an alliance which still exists as the Associated Press, was designed to bring the news from Europe to the United States faster than the steamers could reach New York or Boston. The news dispatches for the newspapers were rushed off vessels as they entered Halifax Harbour, then a relay of fast horses carried them overland to Victoria Beach on the Bay of Fundy. There a swift boat ferried the papers to Saint John where the news they bore was transmitted to New York on the telegraph line that ended at Saint John.

This year's Pony Express left from Province House in Halifax at 10:00 p.m. October 1st and arrived at Victoria Beach by 3:00 p.m. October 2nd using twelve horses and riders. A small quantity of mail was carried, including one hundred and twenty cacheted covers prepared by the Nova Scotia Stamp Club. The covers were postmarked at Halifax with a flag cancel commemorating the Joseph Howe Festival.

The flag cancel was in use from September 30th to October 9th, the period of the annual Joseph Howe Festival. Collectors desiring covers of the Pony Express or the flag cancel may obtain same on a first come basis by ordering them from J. Doug Allen, c/o The Royal Bank of Canada, P.O. Box 10, Halifax, Nova Scotia at the following rates: Pony Express \$2.50; First or Last Days of flag cancel \$1.25; Intervening 8 days 75c. each; a complete set of 10 days \$7.50. Proceeds from the sale of the covers will be used to support organized philately in Nova Scotia by the Nova Scotia Stamp Club that was formed in 1922 and has approximately two hundred and fifty members.

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# The Postal History of Yukon Territory, Canada

By Robert G. Woodall

(Published by Harry Hayes, Batley, Yorks, £13.10 postpaid)

When the author privately published (in 1964) a smaller version of his latest work its success was such that it very quickly sold out. This, of course, was indicative of the interest which postal historians entertained for a little known and even lesser researched area of the vast field, in more senses than one, of the Canadian Northland.

Apart, however, from stimulating this interest, it served the inevitable and welcome purpose of encouraging many researchers to collaborate with the author by submitting to him the results of their own studies and providing hitherto unknown sources of information which Mr. Woodall has fully exploited.

The result of his labours (and that of more than fifty others) is a work which is truly unique and as comprehensive as any such work can be, having regard to the many years which have been devoted to its compilation.

That more than ten years have elapsed since the publication of the original work must absolve the author from any charge of rushing into print or superficiality. With 267 pages, including an excellent and indispensable index, postmark illustrations, a complete listing of all known post offices, maps and fifty full-page photographic illustrations of outstanding items in the author's collection, it is difficult, if not impossible, to find fault with the contents.

The same must be said of the technical work of the Publisher, Harry Hayes. The quality and the clarity of the print alone makes this book a pleasure to read. Not many works of this kind, which purport to be reference books, are easy to pick up and difficult to put down, but such was our experience. Fascinating is not a common epithet to be used in connection with specialised works of the postal history *GENRE*; but to describe *THE POSTAL HISTORY OF YUKON TERRITORY, CANADA* in any other terms would be an understatement and grossly unfair to the author and the many students who made this worthy addition to the postal history of Canada possible.

One word of warning: this is no pocket edition. With  $6\frac{3}{4} \times 10$  pages, commuters by British Rail or London Underground will find it highly inconvenient reading. They would be well advised, however much they may be tempted to do otherwise, to stick to their usual daily paper or a "whodunit". But it will be a good book to come home to!

## British Columbia Airways, Ltd.

Mr. H. L. Banner of Vancouver has kindly given to our Library a copy of his monograph on the British Columbia Airways, Ltd.

The subject has been very thoroughly researched and includes details of the formation of the Company in 1927 with names of the personnel involved and also those on the first flight in July 1928.

Details then follow of the original machine and the arrangements made to secure a mail contract and to have permission to issue a special stamp. Dates of the various mail carrying flights are included as are examples of the cachets applied to covers.

## Recent Stamp Releases — Canada Post Office

The following data may be of interest to your readers:

On 1 September 1976 Canada Post released a new 50c. booklet at the same time as the regular 10c. Queen definitive. First day cover service was provided for the 10c. definitive but not for the booklet. On 1 September 100 envelopes with a full pane of the new booklet were posted at the Postal Museum and cancelled with the Postal Museum oval Beaver cancellation. The booklets are issued in sets of ten with ten different Canadian aircraft on ten respective booklet covers. The 50c. booklet is composed of 4 ten cents Q.E. II stamps, 4 two cents Sir Wilfrid Laurier stamps and 2 one cent Sir John A. Macdonald stamps. They are arranged as follows: Top and bottom rows, left and right — 1c., 2c., 2c., 10c. and 10c.

The designs on the booklets are printed in purple with descriptive data on the back of each for the respective aircraft—Gibson Twin-plane, 1910; Burgess Dunne, 1914; Nieuport Scout, 1st World War period; Curtiss HS-2L flying boat, post 1st World War period; Junkers W-34, 1930's; Fokker Super Universal, 1928-1038; Stranraer flying boat, 2nd World War to 1957; Mosquito twin-engined fighter bomber, 2nd World War; CF-100 Canuck, 1951-1970's; Argus sub. hunter and reconnaissance aircraft. Fifty sets of ten booklets were prepared by attaching the complete booklet to the envelope and having them cancelled on the 1st September 1976, the first day of official use in Canada.

The 10 cents coil and the 10c. pre-stamped postcard have not been issued as of 20 September 1976. The pre-stamped 10 cents envelopes, size 8 and size 10 with similar postage indicia as the 8 cents envelopes were first released for use at Ottawa Post Offices on 2 September 1976. One hundred envelopes of each size were posted at and cancelled at the Postal Museum on 2 September 1976.

On 21 September 1976 the 10 cents coil and the 10 cents post card were released in Ottawa, Ontario and cancellations obtained. There were 300 pairs and quadruples of coils cancelled and 100 post cards.

Anyone wishing further data on these specially cancelled items are invited to write to R. K. Malott, Major, retired, 16 Harwick Crescent, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, K2H 6R1.

## Queen's Silver Jubilee

A 25-cent stamp commemorating the 25th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth's accession to the throne features a full-colour portrait of Her Majesty and was issued on 4th February, 1977.

The stamp is from a photograph by Peter Grugeon and the typography is by Toronto designer Ken Rodmell. Ashton-Potter Limited, Toronto, have produced the 12 million stamps using four-colour lithography plus silver foil stamping. Marginal inscriptions facing in at the four corners include the names of the printer, photographer, and typographer. The stamp is in the vertical format and measures 30 mm. by 36 mm.

The total production of the stamps will bear the general tagging and will not be available in any other form. PVA gum will be used on the complete production and each pane will consist of 50 stamps.

This stamp introduces a new typeface on Canadian stamps—Cartier—developed by the late Carl Dair and modified slightly to compensate for the effects of miniaturization on stamps.

# Amendments to Membership as at 14th Feb. 1977

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| 5    | AUCKLAND, A. Bruce | 359  | LEA, J. A.       | 1123 | POLLITZ, W. T.  |
| 497  | CANHAM, H. E.      | 1976 | McQUEEN, Mrs. L. | 2038 | RICHMOND, R. A. |
| 1727 | DANIEL, J.         | 765  | MICHAEL, A. L.   | 1928 | SIMON, R. H.    |
| 990  | GOLDMAN, L.        | 1911 | ORMSTON, J. H.   | 2061 | WIKE, R. G.     |
| 1133 | KILPIN, R. M.      |      |                  |      |                 |

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

- 1933 BEAUPRE, M., Casier Postal 129, Cap Rouge, P.Q., Canada GOA 1KO.  
1977 BLANCHE, M. H., 'Malwyn', 15 Burnside, East Boldon, NE36 0LS.  
624 DENT, G. W., 'GOODERHAMS', Snipe Farm Road, Nr. Woodbridge, Suffolk.  
2063 GREGORY, I. S., 9 Logan Drive, Troon, Ayrshire, Scotland.  
1825 HENOK, J. A., 43 Adelaide Street East, Toronto, Ont., Canada, M5C 1J4.  
1590 HOARE, R. J., 19 Bosham Road, Copnor, Portsmouth, Hants., PO2 7LG.  
1766 LAURENCE, H., 905 Central St. South, Whitby, Ont., Canada.  
1720 LEE, R. A., P.O. Box 937, Vernon, Br. Columbia, Canada, V1T 6M8.  
1981 LOVE, A. G., 2310-666 Spadina Avenue, Toronto, Ont., Canada, M5S 2H8.  
1282 MATEJKA, J. J., Ste. 2015, Midland Bldg., 176, W. Adams St., Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A. 60603.  
1900 NORMAN, K. A., 46 Glebe End, Elsenham, Bishops Stortford, Herts, 6M22 6EL.  
1200 POTTS, G. H., 726 Watson Street, Duncan, Br. Columbia, Canada, V9L 2L4.  
1684 SANDERSON, Dr. D., 47 Glenwood Ave., Bassett, Southampton, SO2 3PY.  
1822 SINGER, P., Box 67548, Vancouver, Br. Columbia, Canada, V5W 3T9.  
1969 SMALLMAN, J. R., Baddeck, N. Scotia, Canada, BOE 1BO.  
2021 SMITH, J. I., 6 Cressington Place, Bourne End, Bucks, SL8 5SN.  
1579 SOUTHEY, T. W., 34456, Ascott Ave., Abbotsford, Br. Columbia, Canada, V2S 4V5.  
1663 THOMPSON, Mrs. V. M., 311 5870 Sunset Street, Burnaby, Br. Columbia, Canada, V5G 4A2.  
1565 UNION PHIL. de MONTREAL INC., P.O. Box 398, Station A, Montreal, Quebec.  
2098 WATTERSON, J. A., 46 North Eastern Road, Thorne, Doncaster.  
1817 WEDGWOOD, M., 3 Rosewood Close, Bridlington, Humberside, YO16 5TW.  
1990 WILKINSON, J. L., 1545, Glenarm Place, Suite 406, Denver, Colorado, U.S.A. 80202.

## AMENDMENTS TO ADDRESS

1818	BRACHE, R. W.	Add Vazon after Castel.
1295	CLIST, L. F.	Add postcode CM2 9PG.
1688	CREW, S. A.	amend to 'Nirvana', Nutcombe Lane, Hindhead, Surrey, GU26 6BP.
2109	MILLER, J.	amend to P.O. Box 160 and add postcode V2C 5K6.
956	HILL	delete zone 10, add postcode T3E 6G2
1735	HISCOCK	Postcode H9S 4V4
1926	HOLETON	.. V7P 1N1
726	HOLLANDS	.. J9H 5J9
1303	HOLMOK	delete zone 29, add postcode H3X 2P8
1049	HORNE	Postcode T0L 1W0
1545	HORNING	.. V8R 3R9
488	HURST	delete zone 25, add postcode H3H 1T5
1827	JAMES	Postcode V8X 1C2
206	JARRETT	.. M5C 2J4
1097	JEWETT	.. M2L 2R7
367	JUDD	.. BN3 2VV
1110	KANEE	.. R3N 0P5
1894	KELMAN	.. M5P 2X7
1104	KEMP	.. M4V 2L2
1905	KERZNER	.. M4T 1N6
1785	LAMBE	delete zone 220, add postcode M5M 2A7
1766	LAURENCE	Postcode L1N 3A8
1829	LAW	.. H3B 3L2
1391	LEACH	.. M2K 1V9
1696	LEGGETT	.. M9N 1H3
1702	LINDER	delete zone 217, add postcode H3Y 1K2
2014	LIPTAK	... Kapus kasing, Ont. CANADA, P5N 2C1
1103	LONG	delete zone 9, add postcode R3N 1R8
1981	LOVE	72, Baycrest Place S.W., Calgary, Alta., CANADA T2V OK6
2041	LUNDBERG	Postcode T0E 0A0
641	McCUTCHEON	.. P7B 3N7
1909	MacDIARMID	.. V6T 1X2
900	MacDONALD	.. B0H 1B0
1198	McLELLAN	.. B2N 2B4
2074	MacLEOD	840 Springland Drive (427), Ottawa, Ont., CANADA K1V 6L6
1765	MacLEOD	Postcode K1J 6H7
1826	McNEY	.. T0E 2G0
1281	MARESCH	delete zone 1, add postcode M5H 1Y4
706	MARLER	Postcode H3B 1N7
1723	MAYEROVITCH	.. H3X 3R9
2046	MESSINGER	.. H9W 1B3
1203	MOORE	delete zone 441, add postcode M2N 3T4
1872	MOULTON	Postcode P9A 2G9
513	NICHOLSON	.. V0N 3G0
1048	NICLE	1208 Belavista Crescent S.W., Calgary, Alta., CANADA, T2V 2B1
1800	NOBLE	delete zone 21, add postcode M8X 1N8
1762	OLIVIER	Postcode J1J 3M7
1792	PEKONEN	.. V3S 4P6
1398	POND	411 Queensway W., Simcoe, Ont., CANADA N3Y 2N4
1200	POTTS	Postcode V9L 3X9
1892	POWELL	.. E3B 4P2
647	REICHE	delete zone 2, add postcode K1M 1E2
1318	REZANOWICH	Postcode H9J 1V9
1030	RIVIERES	delete zone 2, add postcode G1K 4A4
1490	ROBERTSON	Postcode N3T 5M3
884	RUSHTON	.. N0H 2C0
1831	SCRIVNER	delete zone 14, add postcode K2B 7S9
1822	SINGER	Postcode V6B 4B5
1721	SISMAN	Sisco Stamps, 90 Holgate — 404, Barrie, Ont. CANADA L4N 2T9

126	SISSONS	delete zone 7, add postcode M4V 1J4
1717	SQUIRRELL	Postcode P0M 2E0
1439	STEINHART	„ M3J 1B2
972	STOKES	delete zone 365, add postcode M4C 4X8
1851	STUBENS	Postcode M9B 3C6
1693	STULBERG	„ M4E 1R4
1871	STURDY	„ N7A 2V4
1422	TIZARD	„ B3L 1S6
1477	TOPPING	delete zone 14, add postcode V6P 5K2
1046	TRAQUAIR	L5J 2S2
1196	VANCOUVER PUBLIC LIBRARY	amend to Burrard Street, add postcode V6Z 1X5
2065	WAGGETT	Postcode L8V 4L8
1683	WAGNER	„ N2L 3W2
1440	WEGG	delete zone 7, add postcode M5P 1K5
948	WEISS	„ 265, add postcode H4V 1S4
1515	WENTZ	Postcode S7M 0A6
1904	WETTLAUFER	„ N0K 1N0
1895	WIEDEMANN	amend to Cambridge, Ont., add postcode N1R 5W1
784	WILDING	delete zone 12
1532	WIRTH	Postcode H9S 2N3
2051	WOOLCOTT	„ M9W 3C9
877	WOOLLEY	delete zone 10, add postcode M5P 3H3
646	WORWOOD	Postcode G6W 5K5
1999	WRIGHT	„ W4 1BS
1938	WYSE	amend address to P.O. Box 352, Succ. Post. Sillery, Quebec, P.Q., CAN- ADA, G1T 2R5
863	YUILE	Postcode H3G 1M1
377	MACASKIE	„ HD3 3DN

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888	CALDWELL, N. D.	1899	JOHNSON, B. H.
1983	DOYLE, M. A.	1927	MONK, D.
1022	ELLIS, Major W. F.	219	SHIPTON, C. E. C.
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