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EDITORIAL

New Stamp Issues

Elsewhere in this issue we publish details of the revised 1978 Canada Post Stamp Programme. In all it is intended over the year to issue no less than 25 commemorative stamps and 7 definitives. Additionally it is proposed to issue a souvenir sheet of 3 stamps (with a top value of \$1.25) to mark the International Stamp Exhibition in Toronto.

From time to time we have in these columns expressed the opinion that an excessive number of new stamps is being, and has been issued by Canada Post to an extent which we believe is inimical to the interests of Canadian philately. This is, of course, a viewpoint which is not necessarily endorsed by the Society, and we have no way of knowing the degree to which it is shared by members.

In the near future, therefore, it is proposed to cease publication of details of new issues, apart that is from the publication of the proposed annual programme and any revisions that may be made. Members as a consequence will continue to be informed of the nature and purpose of any new stamps and their date of issue. Beyond this it is not proposed to give further details unless there is sufficient indication from members that this is contrary to their wishes.

Silence will mean consent to the proposal. If, however, members have serious objections to this proposal and wish them to be taken into account it is absolutely necessary for these

objections to be raised with us in order that an assessment may be made of the strength of feeling among the membership.

No firm decision will be made about this matter, therefore, until the publication of our October issue by which time we shall be able to judge whether or not the proposal is an acceptable one to the majority of our members.

Finally we would emphasise that this proposal has been carefully considered by the Editorial Board. It remains a tentative one until every member who wishes to do so has made his objections known.

OBITUARY

R. W. T. Lees-Jones, R.D.P., F.R.P.S.L., F.C.P.S.

It is with deepest regret that we record that Mr. R. W. T. Lees-Jones passed away peacefully in his sleep on the 25th of March 1978 in his 86th year. Although badly shaken by a motor accident six years ago and not able to do all he would like to have done, he was able to keep in contact with the hobby through the monthly society magazines.

He has outlived most of his contemporary collectors and few remain who remember the energy he put in to the study and searching for information that was one of his outstanding characteristics. He was the first collector in England to put scientific study into the first four issues of Canadian stamps. He had deep knowledge of the printing method and recognized the effect a plate repair had upon the appearance of a stamp. His whole collection was built up around the variations found on stamps which was backed up by having so many on dated covers. He was responsible for the complete replating of the 12½ cents stamp of 1859 and for the correct assembly of the E & G. BOTHWELL watermark. His work and his writings have proved to be the backbone to the more recent researches into Canadian philately.

He was elected a Member of the Royal Philatelic Society of London in 1920 and in 1971 was rewarded by being appointed one of the very few Honorary Fellows. In 1950, at Tunbridge Wells, he was invited to sign the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists. In 1948 he was elected a Fellow of our Society and in 1950 he held the office of President. For many years he has been the 'Expert' adviser on early Canadian stamps both for our Society and for the Royal.

He disposed of his collection many years ago but still had the interests of the Society at heart by attending Convention as often as possible. We shall sadly miss such an authority but the memory of him will always be with us.

Convention Programme

32nd Annual Convention

VIKING HOTEL, NORTH STREET, YORK

27th to 30th September, 1978

Wednesday, 27th September

- Arrival of members
- 8.15 p.m. Display — Covers showing rates from Canada, other than to the U.S.A. - Yorkshire Group
- 8.15 p.m. Ladies — Talk on the City of York.

Thursday, 28th September

- 10.00 a.m. Study Circle — Precancels on the Admiral issue — Bob Cheshire.
- 8.00 p.m. Display — Large Queens — S.F. Cohen F.C.P.[^]S.
- 8.00 p.m. Ladies — Talk on Antiques by Mr. Peter Brears of the Castle Museum.
- 10.00 p.m. Auction material on view.

Friday, 29th September —

- 10.00 a.m. Study Circle — Thoughts on collecting the Maple Leaf and Numeral issues - Dr. M. W. Carstairs F.C.P.S.
- 2.00 p.m. Coach Tour — Castle Howard, Hutton-le-Hole, Helmsley, Ampleforth.
- 8.00 p.m. Display — 5 cents Beaver — Geoffrey Whitworth, F.C.P.S.
- 8.00 p.m. Ladies — Theatre outing — to be arranged.
- 10.00 p.m. Auction material on view.

Saturday, 30th September —

- 9.15 a.m. Meeting of Fellows.
- 9.30 a.m. Meeting of the Committee.
- 11.15 a.m. Annual General Meeting.
- 2.30 p.m. Auction to be conducted by Geoffrey Manton.
- 7.00 p.m. Reception by the President.
- 7.30 p.m. Annual Banquet and Presentation of Awards.

LLOYDS COLLECTOR'S SCHEME – IMPROVED BENEFITS FOR 1978

Harmers of London announce that following negotiations with Lloyds underwriters, benefits applicable to their Stamp Collectors Insurance scheme will be improved from 1st January, 1978.

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LISTING TO START AT £750

The level at which underwriters require advice of individually valuable items is being raised from £500 to £750.

1977 – A YEAR OF EXPANSION

1977 has seen the Collectors Insurance scheme expand dramatically – percentage growth this year will exceed 70% in value terms. Total sums insured now approach the £6,000,000 mark. Overall stamp insurance business now handled by Harmers of London exceeds £11 million – this figure includes a number of substantial traders policies.

Commenting on the Scheme's success Mr. Ray Haffner, Harmer's Director in charge of Insurances, made the point that collectors appreciated a policy arranged by philatelists, for philatelists and one handled by a broker who is also a philatelist.

AVON CALLING

An exploratory meeting was held, in Bristol, on the 26th January with a view to forming a local group of the Society.

Sufficient support was forthcoming and, by the time this note appears in print, a second meeting will have taken place. We are fortunate in having obtained the use of a room in the centre of Bristol which makes for easy access for those "out of town".

It is likely that at least one further meeting will be called for this season and that a full programme of meetings will be possible for 1978/79.

Local members have been canvassed but there are no geographical barriers – all are welcome.

If you are not already in contact and are likely to be able to come, even occasionally, please write for details to David Sessions, 32 Bayswater Avenue, Westbury Park, Bristol, BS6 7NT.

POSTAL BEGINNINGS AT BRANTFORD

by Max Rosenthal

Except for Oakland and Burford, all of the townships in Brant County originally belonged to the Six Nations Indian Tract along the Grand River. Although all of Brantford Township remained in the ownership of the Indians until 1830, some portions were leased by their leader Joseph Brant, acting as their agent, to various white settlers. The earliest settlements were made on the slopes of Fairchild's Creek, east of the Grand River.

In 1804 Thomas Perrin, the future founder of Mount Vernon, arrived at Brant's Ford, on the Grand River. It consisted of one log hut, in which Alexander Westbrook kept some merchandise. When the Hamilton Road was cut through in 1810 there were still only Westbrook's and Perrin's buildings near the present bridge on the main street.

James Racey settled at Mount Pleasant, on what is now Highway 24, not far north of the Oakland Township boundary, in 1816, where he was to hold various public positions. One of these was postmaster of Mount Pleasant, when it got that facility in 1822.

Brantford gets a Post Office

By 1824 there were more settlers on the site of Brantford. John Burwell had just opened a post office at Ancaster and Brantford was on the direct route to Burford and west so the post office at Mount Pleasant was closed, to be replaced by one at Brantford. In the post office account book of William Allan, the postmaster of York (now Toronto) in the Toronto Reference Library, is a copy of a letter Allan wrote to Edmund Burton on June 21, 1824 on the subject.

"I read your letter of the 25th, on the subject of establishing a Post Office at the Village of Brantford, as well as some other matters, recommending you as a fit and proper person to be appointed as Deputy there. I accordingly represented it to the Deputy Post Master General, who has authorized the same. Therefore if you will transmit me the necessary security by bond signed by yourself, and two other persons, Mr. Burwell will inform you of the particulars as to form, etc. of the bond. Upon your transmitting it, I will send your commission so that you can commence after the end of this quarter say 5th proximo."

On July 12 Allan followed this up by writing Burton:

"I have duly received your letter of the 9th from Ancaster enclosing your bond for the usual sum of £200 stg., and I herewith transmit your commission in order no time may be lost in opening the post office for the accommodation of the Public, and also a Key for the patent lock on the Post Office bag which you will please acknowledge the receipt of. It is of the utmost consequence to take care of it and you should have transmitted the usual oath of office, which you can do hereafter."

In 1827 Robert Biggar of Mount Pleasant, became the second postmaster of Brantford. He owned land at the river ferry in Brantford. When the bridge at the ferry was carried away, he got another structure erected, called Biggar's Bridge. He wanted the community called Biggar Town after himself, but a public meeting rejected this proposal. In 1830 the townsite of Brantford was surrendered by the Indians for sale.

Courier from Vittoria to Ancaster

On February 6, 1826 York postmaster Allan had written to Ancaster postmaster Burwell:

"I am in receipt of your last letter of the 20th some time ago, and pay due attention to its entirety. It is well you received the post bag I sent you. I now send you another in case it is refused anywhere along the route now or hereafter. I do not recollect if the courier between Vittoria and your place is engaged at the former place or where. What does he get? He goes from Ancaster to the Grand River, Brantford and return. That way I believe there are frequent complaints of delay in receiving letters from Vittoria. It is said the courier takes his own time between Brantford and that place, and much delay takes place at the latter. I have written long ago to Mr. Burton the Post Master there but he has been ill a long time and as yet has given no explanation. Does this courier come into Ancaster or does he meet the Western Mail before that?"

The first mail stage through Brantford was advertised in the Farmers' Journal, of St. Catharines on July 1, 1828.

"New Line of Mail Stages from Niagara to Sandwich, three times a week, through in four days."

"Leave Niagara on Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays at 3 o'clock a.m., pass through Queenston at 4; St. Catharines at 7; Ancaster at 3 p.m. and arrive at Brantford the first night. Leave Brantford at 4 a.m.; pass through Burford and Oxford (Ingersoll) and arrive at Westminster (Byron, southwest of London) the second night. Leave Westminster (Byron, southwest of London) the second night. Leave Westminster at 4. and arrive at Arnold's Bridge, River Thames (10 miles east of Chatham, a little east of Kent Bridge), the third night. Leave the Thames at 4 and arrive at Sandwich the fourth night, in time to cross over to Detroit the same evening."

"Returning: Leave Sandwich at 4 o'clock a.m. every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday, stopping at the same places as in going up and arriving at Queenston and Niagara on the 4th day in time to cross the River."

Inconvenient Hours

In 1841 a Commission of the Legislature was investigating Post Office affairs, inviting interested people to write their complaints and suggestions. F. T. Wilkes, who gave his address as "Advocate, Brantford, Gore District", wrote on January 8:

“A very inconvenient arrangement prevails at many offices with regard to the hours for closing the mails. I may now receive the Western letter at 12, while my answer to it by the Stage, which leaves for the West at 1 or 2 ought to have been mailed at 11 a.m. the fixed hour for closing the mail. This evil might be remedied by varying the hour closing the mails to suit the arrivals and departure of the coaches on different days instead of having a fixed hour as is presently the case, and at the same time using a little more speed and method in distributing and preparing the contents of the bags. The present hours at Brantford, and I presume at many other Offices, are scarcely fixed on good grounds. The mail from the East, once or twice during the year arrives at a ¼ before 12, or earlier, and in such cases does not leave for the West till 1 p.m. It seldom arrives during the best of travelling before ½ past 12; 1 or 2 p.m. are the average periods and very often lengthened to 4, 5, 7 and 8 p.m. yet the hour for closing the mail for the West at Brantford is fixed at 11 a.m. throughout the year.”

“It was formerly a common practice, and for ought I know still obtains, to receive letters at the Post Office for half an hour after the fixed hour for closing the mail, on a gratuity of 3d currency for each letter, paid to the Post Master at time of mailing by the sender. Whether this was a pre-requisite of the office, or part of the revenue, I am unable to say.”

In 1840 the second settler of Brantford, Thomas Perrin, moved to what is now Highway 53, in lot 3, Brantford Township. Five years later he erected a flour mill there, founding the village of Springfield. However, when a post office was opened in 1851, it was called Mount Vernon. Perrin was postmaster.

Mount Pleasant got back a post office in 1836, but with the name Mohawk, Abraham Cook being postmaster. Its residents were to continue calling the village Mount Pleasant, while its post office was named Mohawk.

British Philatelic Exhibition 1978

The British Philatelic Exhibition 1978 will be held at the Seymour Hall, Marylebone, London, W.1. from October 18th—21st. The times of opening will be from 10.30 a.m. to 8.00 p.m. except on the final day (Saturday 21st) when the Exhibition will open at 10.00 a.m. and close at 6.00 p.m.

Intending exhibitors are reminded that entry forms for Literature entries must be received by the Secretary not later than 11th August, and Literature Exhibits (both copies) not later than 25th August. The deadlines for all other entries (forms) and (exhibits) respectively are 18th August and 8th September.

All communications regarding the Exhibition should be sent to:

The Secretary, The British Philatelic Exhibition Ltd., Room 26, No. 1 Whitehall Place, London, SW1A 2HE.

THE MARITIME LIVERPOOLS

by F. W. Campbell, F.C.P.S.

On page 333 of Vol. V of the Robson Lowe Encyclopaedia there is illustrated a Liverpool handstamp with a query as to whether it was possibly a mistake for Liverpool, Nova Scotia.

In my book 'Canada Post Offices to 1895' under Richibucto I had a similar query, as 'possibly about 1833' the office had been changed to Liverpool N.B.

In the catalogue of the Vincent Greene auction (1975) on page 36 were illustrated two covers with the Liverpool N.B. strike, one of which sold for \$375. In some old records I had a note about an 1833 Liverpool N.B. strike but was suspicious about it being a mistake for Liverpool N.S., a much older office.

Now I am quite sure that Richibucto N.B. in the early 1830's for a short period had its name changed to Liverpool. My old note said the letter in question was from the Richibucto area to Fredericton, thus the letter had not been sent out of the province. So I am satisfied that the two lines illustrated herewith are accurate postal history.

The Richibucto office was established in 1825. About 1830 it was furnished with a round postmark, Richibucto N.B., and on page 36 of the Vincent Greene catalogue is illustrated a Richibucto straight line postmark, possibly dated 1830. This sold for \$500.

The Liverpool N.S. office was established in 1802. Also on page 333 of Lowe's encyclopaedia is illustrated a two line St. Andrews/New Brunswick (sic) serif type mark, dated 1827. I had the original find of this cover and the handstamp was undoubtedly a metal carving. The stike was in brilliant red and the cover sold for \$220.

On page 338 of the encyclopaedia is illustrated a squarish New Bk/1d/Claim. I had the original instrument on loan for two years. It was made of brass and represented a fine piece of craftsmanship.

I mention having certain instruments. About twelve years ago a stranger brought to my gate about 40 pounds of old Canadian postmark instruments dated from 1842 to about 1884. I 'borrowed' them for about two years. It was probably the greatest happening in my on-and-off philately that started with the Queen's Jubilee as a boy in 1897, in Tilbury, Ontario. I have a knowledge of metals and admired the fine workmanship of the steel gouging, brass ferrules and finely turned handles.

In that loan was the original brass '27' (Spences Bridge B.C.) as usual finely made. But the great find was a straight line Lytton used in British Columbia. This was electro-plated, backed with lead and had an amateurish wooden handle. (See illustration). Possibly others made from the same type are Lilloet, Quesnelle and Grand Bend of the pre 1871 era of British Columbia.

1824-1826 ✓
LIVERPOOL, N.S.
LIVERPOOL:NB
1833 ✓

LYTTON B.C.
damaged



Years ago I sold my adhesives in order to be able to acquire atlases, guides, P.M.G. Reports, photos of old documents etc. to get together my 30 year job of listing all Canada post offices to 1895. Not one criticism of the book has reached me. The thought has occurred to me, however, that there are many more 'Assa' postmarks illustrated than 'Sask'. The explanation is simply that up to 1895 Saskatchewan was north of Assiniboia, with only 33 post offices in 1895. Hence the scarcity of Saskatchewan strikes prior to this date.

EDITOR'S NOTE

At the 1977 Convention the author of the following article, Frank W. Campbell, was made an honorary life member of the C.P.S. of G.B. in recognition of his outstanding researches into Canadian postmarks over very many years. In his elation at receiving such an honour he sat down, drafted and typed the following article. At the age of 91 this is no mean feat and he must surely rank as the most senior philatelist in the world today.

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Book Review

Lyman's Canada B.N.A. Postage Stamp Retail Catalogue 1978 Spring/Summer Edition

Robert W. Lyman (Canada) Co. are breaking new ground with the latest issue of their Canada B.N.A. Postage Stamp Retail Catalogue. This 27th Edition is not only in a completely new format, but the grading system has been modified in an attempt to provide a more reliable guide to the way in which the condition of stamps (especially of the early issues) ought to correspond to their retail prices.

It is a good attempt as far as it goes, which is not meant to damn it with faint praise; it is just a recognition that the factors which go to make up the condition of stamps, particularly the first (pence) issue, are such that the permutations and combinations are almost illimitable.

For example, the condition of the "mint" stamps are classified as very fine, fine, very good and good, in descending order of quality. Very fine mint stamps of this period may have no gum, or part original gum, they will have retained their freshness of hue, be free of all defects, the impression will be clear and crisp and (in the case of the pence issues) there will be four clear margins.

A stamp which lies between very fine and fine condition, because one or the other of the above criteria has not been met, is valued at the median price between that of a very fine stamp and one that is merely 'very good'. What happens when a stamp has two of the qualities of a very fine stamp, one of the qualities of a fine stamp and one of a very good stamp is anyone's guess! Of course the publishers are not to be criticised on this account, or at least only in so far as, in attempting the impossible, they ought to know better!

We are pleased to see that some of the defects which marred earlier editions have been eliminated. Perhaps in the edition which is due later in 1978 it might be as well *not* to convey the impression that the 1963 Cameo coils are perforated 12 as well as 9½ by imperf!

Much more importantly, as far as the Centennial issues are concerned anyone who is new to the hobby, or for whom the Centennial issues are a closed book which he or she is about to open for the first time, will have to be forgiven if they think that the 1c, 2c, 4c, 6c, 8c, 10c and 15c stamps are ONLY available with general tagging. Something has gone very wrong here which must be put right at the first opportunity, not for the reputation of the publishers (which is established enough) but for the many new collectors just taking up the hobby or those who are about to plunge into the Centennial whirlpool. Life here is difficult enough without having the problems compounded unnecessarily. To mislead such collectors from the very beginning is a pity in the extreme.

Having said all this, what is the writer grumbling at? What does he expect for \$2.50? If the reader does not know and wants to be pleasantly surprised as well, he should order the catalogue from the Handbooks Manager NOW (address on outside back cover).

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Revised Stamp Programme

Readers are asked to note that the four Inuit Travel stamps scheduled for release on 6th September, 1978 (see page 295 of our last issue) will now be issued on 21st September instead.

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Some Notes on Imperial Penny Postage and the 1898 Map Stamp

(PART 1)

By R. B. Winmill

The map stamp has been the subject of considerable study because it is inexpensive and because of the printing process employed in its manufacture (engraved and typographed), which results in no dearth of varieties. Despite this, unfortunately, there is rather limited literature associated with this stamp.¹ What literature does exist, does not dispute the fact that four black plates were laid down and were used. They were numbered 1, 2, 3 and 5. Speculation had been advanced that a fifth plate (numbered '4') was laid down but was never used. No competent authority has ever claimed to have examined material from this plate — it is simply unknown.² Unfortunately, even less is known about the plates utilized to print the red and blue portions of the stamp, although it is known that two plates were employed for the red printing.³ Little has appeared in the literature concerning the blue printing.

Recent research has revealed the rather remarkable fact that there were far more plates produced (but not necessarily used) than previously believed. On April 24, 1899, during a debate on the estimates, a question was proposed on behalf of Foster: "... Also the number of plates engraved for the Greater Empire Stamp, and the cost per 1000 stamps complete."⁴ The answer was published on November 14, 1899 and in part read: "The number of plates engraved for the 2c Canadian Imperial Stamp was 12 (twelve). There was no charge made for engraving these plates."⁵

This statement casts doubt on previously held theory. It is an indisputable fact that only four plates were utilized to print the engraved (black) portions of the stamp. It appears most probably that another plate (No. 4) was produced but was faulty and hence remained unused.⁶ This has never been disputed by a competent authority.

Given the veracity of the government's published response, seven plates remain unaccounted for. If these are the plates used for the blue and red portions of the stamps as seems probable, two can be accounted for by the red printing. The red plates 'A' and 'B' are the only ones reported to date. It is highly unlikely that other red plates were employed. Thus five plates remain unaccounted for. This figure probably represents the total number of unused red plates (if any) and all plates connected with the blue printing, both those used and otherwise. In his classic work, Winthrop Boggs stated that: "It is doubtful if more than one typographic plate was used for the lavender."⁷

Assuming that the red and ocean portions of the stamp required a total of three plates, this suggests the conclusion that four additional plates were produced for the red and blue portions of the stamp but that these either proved unsuitable or for some other reason were not utilized. This would be most uncharacteristic of the usually high standards attained by the American Bank Note Company.

Somehow, it would seem peculiar that there were more faulty than good plates laid down for the red and blue portions of the stamp. While no empirical or other evidence can be offered to support the contention, it seems likely that perhaps one or more additional typographic plates were used during the process of printing the blue portions of the stamp. If wear on the red plate 'A' necessitated the utilization of a second plate, the likelihood is that the blue plate also became unsuitable. If two red plates were utilized simultaneously, it is possible that a similar situation would prevail with respect to the blue plate (or plates). Of course, the possibility does exist, that a black plate 6 and/or 7 was laid down, but that no additional stamps were ordered, hence there was no necessity for its/their use. However, this latter suggestion appears most improbable. The entire question remains unresolved, and subject to future speculation. Perhaps further research can clarify the matter!

Footnotes

1. There have been a few articles in *BNA Topics*, especially by the late C. Moore, and in *Maple Leaves* and *Popular Stamps*, but these were for the most part, brief explanations of a particular problem. All of the classics for example Jarrett, Boggs or Holmes, devote some space to this stamp. The one substantial work devoted entirely to this stamp is F. Tomlinson, *The Canadian Map Stamp of 1898*, Brighton: Regency Press, 1960.
2. However, there are unconfirmed rumours that plate proofs do exist.
3. Tomlinson dubs these 'A' and 'B'.
4. Canada, House of Commons *Debates*, April 24, 1899, p. 2028.
5. Canada, House of Commons, *Sessional Papers* No. 106, Volume XXXIII, November 14, 1899.
6. Tomlinson, *Op. cit.*, P. 2—3.
7. See W. S. Boggs, *The Postage Stamps and Postal History of Canada*, Kalamazoo: Chambers Publishing Company, 1945, P. 399—342. Boggs is unclear here. Does he literally mean the lavender? Does he refer to both the lavender and blue? If not, how many plates were used to print the blue?

“MAPLE LEAVES” Back Copies

The Librarian reports that he has available copies of all back copies except:—

1—4 (bound as one): 13—16: 18—20: 23: 27: 29: 31—35: 39—41: 44: 46: 51: 126.

Prices are 35p each for up to No. 156 and 75p each from No. 157.

Of the above out of print issues the Librarian has Xerox copies (at £1 each) of:—

No. 1—4 (1 copy): 15 (4 copies): 21 (3 copies) and 32 (1 copy). Further Xerox copies cannot now be produced.

If any member has spare copies of any of the above the Librarian will buy them in at half the selling price — and will delight a number of members who have been waiting for long periods to complete their sets.

The Vincent G. Greene Philatelic Research Foundation Authenticates A Twelve Penny Cover

Recently, the Vincent Graves Greene Philatelic Research Foundation received a twelve penny black stamp for authentication. The consensus of the panel of experts was that the stamp was genuine although creased. There was considerable doubt expressed concerning the cancellation because it did not appear to be contemporary.

This information was conveyed to the owner, a British dealer, who then sent the cover from which the stamp was said to have been removed. Of course, the expert committee did not know of the existence of the cover until then.

The problem now was to determine whether this stamp had actually been affixed to this cover at the same time as the letter had been mailed. After all, even with the stamp creased, it would be of considerable value if it could be shown that it was part of a genuine mailing. It was decided that if it could be determined that the ink on the stamp cancellation matched that on the Hamilton dater, and they both matched the ink on a cover of approximately the same time from the same place, then a certificate of genuineness could be issued. Such a cover was found in a collection of Hamilton stampless covers owned by a Toronto collector.

All items were sent to the Ontario Research Foundation with instructions to determine, if possible, the composition of the ink in each case and whether they were identical. Using spectroscopic techniques they were able to show that the ink of the postal markings in question came from the same stamp pad. So accurate was the analysis that traces of zinc were found that came from the brass hammers that struck the marks.

There was now no doubt that the stamp had been genuinely used on that mailing and a new twelve penny cover had been discovered.

Although the fee for expertisation was forty dollars, the cost to the Vincent G. Greene Philatelic Research Foundation was over twenty times that amount. However, the Directors feel that this is money well spent. Accuracy supersedes profit especially when a new, significant item of B.N.A. philately is involved.

The Foundation considers only B.N.A. material. Information and application forms can be obtained by writing to P.O. Box 100, First Canadian Place, Toronto, Ontario, Canada MBX 1B2.

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Annual General Meeting

In accordance with Rule 17, notice is hereby given of the Society's Annual General Meeting, to be held at the Viking Hotel, York, on Saturday 30th September 1978.

Nominations for the following offices are solicited:—

1. Vice President to be selected from members resident in the South of England.
2. Secretary
3. Treasurer
4. Three committee members, one from each region.

The retiring committee members are:—

A. S. Mackie, J. P. Macaskie, P. R. Grey

They, together with the retiring Secretary, are eligible for re-election.

The Treasurer, Mr. J. A. Grant, has indicated a desire to relinquish the post after ten years service so fresh nominations are sought for this office.

Nominations should be sent to the Secretary by 29th June 1978.

Fellowship

Members of the Society are eligible for election as Fellows for:—

- a) outstanding research or b) outstanding service to the Society.

Nominations are solicited for submission to the Fellowship Committee in accordance with Fellowship Rule No. 2. Such nominations must be on the prescribed form which is obtainable from the Secretary. Completed forms must be **returned** by 29th July 1978.

HAVE YOU ENROLLED
A NEW MEMBER
LATELY?

National Postal Museum Cancellation Device Design Competition

If you are a cancellation collector, or an avid philatelist, you may have considered designing a cancellation impression yourself. Canada Post is now offering you the opportunity to design a special cancellation which will be seen internationally by philatelic collectors.

In continuing the practice of offering philatelists a special Postal Museum cancellation, the National Postal Museum of Canada announces a design competition for a new cancellation to be used in the Museum when it moves to its new location at 180 Wellington Street in Ottawa.

A total of eight prizes will be awarded in the competition, which is open to Canadian citizens and/or residents of Canada.

All entries must be rendered in black and white, using pencil or ink.

The design can be any shape, up to 200 mm in size, for eventual reduction to a cancellation to fit within the space of a circle not more than 50 mm in diameter.

Dates should be shown in the design, and must be in the order of year, month, and then day — arabic numerals being used for the day and year, and roman numerals for the month.

The National Postal Museum reserves the right to use one or more of the cancellation designs submitted through this competition.

All entries must be submitted to the National Postal Museum, Confederation Heights, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0B1, not later than 1 September 1978.

All entries will become the property of the National Postal Museum and Canada Post.

The following prizes will be offered to the designers of winning entries in the competition.

First Prize

A National Postal Museum presentation book, (now a collector's item) plus a \$100 credit note for use toward the purchase of philatelic or postal items at the "Pioneer Post Office" in the National Postal Museum.

Second Prize

A deluxe edition of the Marler book on Edward VII stamp issues of Canada. Winner's choice of French or English edition plus a \$50 credit note for use toward the purchase of philatelic or postal items at the "Pioneer Post Office" in the National Postal Museum.

Third, Fourth and Fifth Prizes

Credit notes of \$50 toward the purchase of philatelic or postal items at the "Pioneer Post Office" in the National Postal Museum.

Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Prizes

Philatelic collector's stamp cases with mounting sheets.

New Canada Postal Museum Cancellation

Postal cancellation collectors should note that the National Postal Museum has been using a different cancellation device since 1 May 1978 until a new device, chosen from the design competition, is put into use.

This cancellation is similar in appearance to, although smaller than, the one previously used. The date line is laid out following the curvature of the design rather than in a straight line.



Above: Original National Postal Museum Postmark which ceased to be used on 30th April 1978. We hope to be able to illustrate the new postmark in our next issue.

With effect from 1 April 1978 the following postal rates apply in Canada:

First class postage in Canada, and to U.S.A., Britain and Commonwealth countries is 14c per ounce and 30c to other countries.

New Definitive Stamps

Three new definitive stamps were issued on 7 March.

Two of them, both 14 cents, will carry the same designs as the current first-class regular issue stamps: the Parliament Buildings and a bas-relief portrait of Queen Elizabeth II. The only change in the overall appearance of the two will be in colour, with the blue of the present stamps being replaced by crimson in the new issue. Both will be used for domestic first-class mail. The proposed rate increase will be effective on 1 April 1978.

The final stamp in the trio, a 30-cent value to correspond with the proposed new international airmail rate, will feature the foliage of the red oak tree.

The oak design continues in the theme introduced for low-value definitives in 1977, with the trembling aspen, the Douglas fir, and the sugar maple. Heather Cooper of Toronto prepared the designs for both the oak tree and the stamp picturing Her Majesty. Reinhard Derreth, a Vancouver designer, prepared the Parliament Buildings stamp.

XI Commonwealth Games

Two stamps commemorating the eleventh Commonwealth Games scheduled for Edmonton, Alberta, 3 to 12 August 1978, were issued on 31 March 1978. Both stamps were designed by Stuart Ash of Gottschalk and Ash, Toronto. The 14-cent stamp features the symbol of the Games and the 30-cent carries a graphic of badminton players. A total of 43 million of the 14-cent stamps and 23 million of the 30-cent stamps were printed in five-colour lithography by Ashton-Potter Limited, Toronto.

Marginal inscriptions, including the designer's and printer's names, will appear on the four corners of each pane of 50 stamps. The total production will bear the general tagging, and PVA gum will be used throughout on coated-one-side lithographic paper.

Captain Cook

Canada Post issued two 14-cent stamps on 26th April commemorating Captain Cook's explorations of Canada's Pacific coastline and his landing at Nootka Sound.

Both stamps measure 30 mm by 36 mm in the vertical format. A portrait of Captain Cook is featured on one stamp and a painting of Nootka Sound on the other.

The Cook portrait was painted by Nathaniel Dance and the Nootka Sound watercolour by John Webber, a member of Cook's crew. Toronto designer William Reuter prepared the stamp designs and typography.

A total of 28.5 million stamps are printed se-tenant in four-colour lithography by Ashton-Potter Limited of Toronto. The stamps are available in panes of 50, commencing with the James Cook design in the upper left corner.

Lithographic paper coated on one side and P.V.A. gum has been used in the production and all stamps will bear the general tagging.

Resource Development Stamps

On 19 May Canada Post issued two 14-cent stamps commemorating resource development in Canada.

A total of 32.4 million stamps were printed by Ashton-Potter Limited of Toronto in six-colour lithography on litho paper coated on one side. Each stamp measured 40 mm by 24 mm in the horizontal format and will be available in panes of 50, printed se-tenant.

Will Davies of Toronto designed the stamps and prepared the illustrations in a loose gouache. Mr. Davies has shown both underground hardrock mining as it is conducted in the pre-Cambrian shield in Northern Ontario, and strip mining above ground, the method used in mining the tar sands. Silver mining in Cobalt, Ontario and oil extraction from the Athabasca Tar Sands of Alberta are depicted.

Marginal inscriptions, including the designer's and printer's names, appear in the side margins facing in at the four corners. All stamps bear the general tagging and are not available in any other form.

Does your Collection take you seriously?

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Where copies of listings and catalogues are not available we will track down copies for clients and will meanwhile readily provide from our own library copies and extracts of relevant lists, details and other information relating to the stamps in which we deal.

As a collector of Canada why not find out about the revival of interest in this much neglected and for so long undeservedly ignored aspect of specialised philately?

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Letters to the Editor

Mr. A. D. Hanes writes:

Cancellations on Map Stamps

I presume many of you are familiar with the handbook "The Canadian Map Stamp of 1898" by Frederick Tomlinson. It has been 17 years since the publication of this intense study of the Map Stamp. It is proposed to publish a second handbook on the Map Stamp. In this book, it is hoped to study and list all of the various known types of cancellations used throughout Canada during the period of major use of the stamp. Considering the vast numbers and many varieties of cancellations, no one collector or group of collectors could hope to accumulate all those known to exist. Therefore a request is being made to all collectors to check and compile lists of all cancellations on the Map stamp, in their collections, of the following types:—

Squared Circles	Railway Post Offices
Rollers	Duplexes
Fancy Corks	Perfins
Precancels	Coloured Cancels

Any other unusual cancels, forged cancellations, or forgeries of the stamp.

It would be greatly appreciated if this information and the names of the owners could be forwarded to one of the following persons:—

Mr. & Mrs. R.B. Winmill, PO Box 4691, Stn "C" LONDON, Ontario.	OR	A. D. Hanes, Box 43, CFPO 5056, KOK 3RO, c/o Belleville, Ont.
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All information about members' holdings will be kept confidential unless permission is granted in writing, to permit release of data. With everyone's co-operation, a new and complete study can be made of the 1898 Map Stamp.

Mr. L. G. Bellack writes:

Victorian Patriotic Covers & Postcards

So far I have been unable to find an article or publication dealing with the above subject. I am wondering if any members reading this might be able to help me by indicating any sources of information that might be available. I should be grateful for any help that might be forthcoming as a result of this enquiry.

Mr. S. A. Clark writes:

New Postage Due Stamps

Take note that Canada Post released a new issue of Postage Due stamps during the last quarter of 1977, including a 5c stamp in November. Beware of buying the new 5c stamp as the old 5c issue of 1969. The old issue is very scarce and hard to find and is now cataloguing at \$22.00 mint or used.

The difference between these two issues are:

1977 issue comb perf 12½ x 12; PVA gum (dull); plate markings on side of sheets.

1969 issue line perf 12; dextrine gum (shiny); plate markings on top and bottom of the sheets.

The complete issue for 1977 so far is: 4c, 5c, 10c, 12c, 24c and 50c. The 50c is for a redelivery charge.

Mr. I. F. Thomas writes:

STAMP VARIETIES

I submit the following stamp variety information which I trust will be of interest to your readers:

Stamp No. B9 (Scott) number 43 on the sheet of fifty has a millimetre sized 'red' sun with a bright yellow halo located above the wrestler's head and to the right of 'XXI'. This is a fine and elusive variety, and refers to the 15 cents plus 5 cents Olympic Combat Sports stamp issued on 6.8.75.

Stamp No. 657 (Scott) the \$2 'Diver' has now been found on a very dull paper, a scarce type, U.V.

Private Railway Stickers have been issued by the British Columbia Dept. of Travel. These consist of two values, the 50 cents depicting the 'Royal Hudson' engine in colour and the 25 cents the 'Royal Hudson' train en route in the mountains. Both stamps and covers are available through Stanley Stamp Ltd., 1096, Richards Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6B 3E1.

RETURNED LETTER MARKINGS

It has been proposed to form a society designed to cater for the interests of collectors of returned letter markings under the presidency of Mon. J.M. Rastorfer of Case Postale 114, Ch.1000, Lausanne 3, Switzerland.

It is also proposed that a journal and exchange packet facilities be established and interested readers are invited to communicate with Monsieur Rastorfer. The provisional annual subscription has been fixed at 10 Swiss Francs; but this may be modified in the light of the support received from interested collectors.



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2202	Schachter, Robert	5710 Royal Mount Ave, Town of Mount Royal, Montreal, Que., Canada H4P1K5	CQ—CGA CR—CL
2203	Winmill, R. B.	P.O. Box 4691, Station C, London, Ont., Canada	
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Reinstatement

1209	Funston, D.	24 Belsize Crescent, Hampstead, London NW3 5PQ	C, SP, O, F
1718	Chinn, S. W.	Hillcroft, Church Road, Woolton, Liverpool 25	

Addition to Year Book

2131	Cameron, Waverley B.	4, Grosvenor Street, Edinburgh	C, CS—CGE, PH, A
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Deceased

119	Lees-Jones, R. W. T.		
1203	Moore, C. A.		

Resigned

1751	Alden, J.		
869	Goldsmith, M.		
1379	Grace, J. P.	2099	Martel, M.
1845	Harris, N. B.	1715	Moubray, J. M.
2073	Hitching, Mrs. H. D.	1900	Norman, K. A.
1541	Houle, L. D.	1640	Stanway, G. E.

Change of Interest

778	Izzett, D. S. T.	Now P,PC,Per,SC
210	Richardson, E. A.	Now C,Cov,CR—CQ, F, MPO,PC,PE,PH,PS,R
1875	Thomas, I. F.	Now C.Cov, CR—CQ,Cen,PH, RPO,V
496	Woodall, R. G.	Now N.W.T. & Yukon only
1676	Woodland, P.	Now C, RLS

Contact Members

806	N. J. A. Hillson replaces the late J. S. Merrylees as Contact Member for West of Scotland and Glasgow.
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1997	Burton, E. G.	Greenbrook Farm, RR No. 2, King, Ontario, Canada LOG 1KO
1887	De Ment, L. C.	L. C. D. Stamp Co. Inc., Sheraton Centre Hotel, Suite 104 Mezzanine, 100 Richmond Street. W., Toronto, Canada, M5H 3K6
1430	Gordon, R. J. C.	3 Cherrymount Park, Bangor, Co. Down, Ireland, BT20 4PS
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778	Izzett, D. S. T.	7 Barberry Road, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, HP1 1SD
2047	MacPherson, V. A.	P.O. Box 25, Strathroy, Ontario, Canada, N7G 3J1
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1914	Mewse, R. A.	17 Cornwall Avenue, Slough, Berks.
2106	Parama, R.	107, 16425—109 Street, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, T5X 2X1
1008	Paterson, J. A.	32 Tynning Road, Winsley, Bradford-on-Avon, Wilts, BA15 2JL
1949	Potts, J.	The Roof House, Grosvenor Close, Ashley Heath, Ringwood, Hants, BH24 2HG
1923	Orr, A.	c/o Whatlings (Overseas) Ltd., YBA. Kanoo, P.O. Box 245, Abu Dhabi, U.R.E.
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2100	Taylor, R.	6 Amyand Park Gardens, Twickenham, Middlesex, TW1 3HS
2157	Taylor-Young, H. S.	Dolphin Cottage, 51 St. Ann Street, Salisbury, Wilts
633	Todd, N.	2 Ellasdale Road, Bognor Regis, Sussex
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