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EDITORIAL

FELLOWSHIPS

John Parkin, F.C.P.S.

Three years have elapsed since the society last awarded a fellowship to one of its members. At that time, in April, 1980, the recipient of that honour, Hans Reiche, was referred to as one who had established himself as a prominent leader in contemporary B.N.A. philately. In that sense he needed no introduction to members; his numerous contributions to *Maple Leaves* and his authorship of authoritative works, particularly in the difficult field of the Admiral issues, had made his name one to be reckoned with whenever discussion (or controversy!) centred upon his favourite stamps.

Nothing of this kind can be said of John Parkin, however. In awarding a Fellowship to him the Fellowship Committee had other considerations in mind. Frequent reference has been made in these columns to the work that goes on behind the scenes by 'backroom boys' who dedicate themselves to the well-being of the society in complete anonymity, without recognition and certainly without reward. Those who attend the society's annual conventions may associate him with the display and safe-custody of auction lots when these are previewed every day or night prior to the auction on the following Saturday. Little thought may be given to the time-consuming and arduous nature of such a task, and even less to the responsibility it involved.

We can also hazard a guess that as members thumbed through their auction catalogues that few of them were mindful of the work involved in receiving the lots, checking the vendors' descriptions, collating them into their various groups, typing out the details for the printers and checking the proofs before publication. More often than not, and for more years than he cares to remember, this work has devolved upon John's shoulders, or more accurately, he has shouldered the burden voluntarily and uncomplainingly. For every year that we can remember his too has been the shirt-sleeved figure who has handed out the lots to successful bidders at the auction, and segregated those destined for successful postal bidders. He too, has parcelled and despatched them. Nor is this all: there is much more to tell. For many years the humdrum work of compiling the Members' Handbook, drafting out the details for the printers, checking the details, noting the changes of address and interests of members, bringing it up to date and ensuring its accuracy with meticulous care, all this has fallen to John's lot. Once would be enough of such work for most people, twice would be too much and more would be unthinkable to lesser mortals. Whoever coined the phrase 'enough is enough' was certainly not thinking of him at the time, however. 'Enough' is a word foreign to John's vocabulary, and how he found the time to contribute articles to *Maple Leaves* and actively support the Lancashire and Cheshire Group of the society only he knows. As we write these words we can think of no more deserving of the honour conferred upon him, and all we can add is the thought that as long as the society can command the support and help of such members as he, it will continue to flourish.

David Sessions, F.C.P.S.

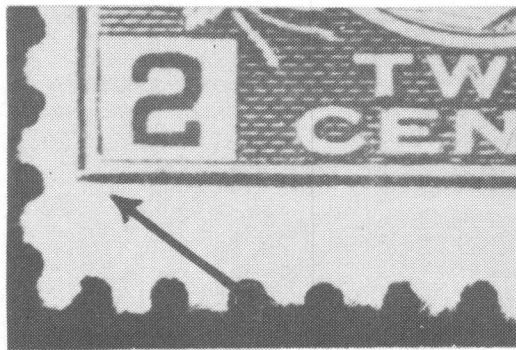
One day, perhaps, someone will think of a better word to describe a secretary of a society or organisation. Great or small though the latter may be their secretaries share one thing in common; broad shoulders. These have to be so, for on their desks problems have a habit of landing themselves. "Committees", it has been said, "talk about problems; secretaries solve them". Passing the buck to the secretary is such a time-honoured tradition that only a masochist would undertake the work, work for which there are more kicks than halfpence as a reward. David Sessions is undoubtedly such a one, a rare breed in a world where "none will sweat, save for promotion". When David inherited Charles Hollingsworth's mantle in 1976 he did so with his eyes wide open. He suffered from no illusions about his future; there was toil and trouble in store, and no one was better equipped to deal with that kind of remit. Trouble-shooter, organiser, diplomat, administrator, propagandist, all these roles, sometimes separately, often collectively, devolve upon miscalled secretaries. Wrongly selected they very quickly foul things up; there were no such fears when David was appointed as Secretary of the society. In his predecessor he had an example to emulate, a reputation to live up to and well and truly has he done so. Many there are now who can testify to that; but space does not permit the publication of unsolicited testimonials received from members. Let it suffice that in our secretary we have a 'workaholic', and dare we add, a philatelist to boot!

To write this about someone who is known to every member of the society by virtue of his office, by virtue of his numerous contributions to *Maple Leaves* and by virtue of his research into an unknown field of postal history is a privilege. More often than not those who assume office in the society rarely find much time for the pursuit of their hobby, at least to the extent that they would wish. Somehow or other our Secretary has managed to do so. To his other qualities, therefore, that of a 'workaholic' is added advisedly. In all his endeavours, in so many fields, the award of a Fellowship has been richly earned. It is an honour that he will cherish; we can be sure of that. We are also sure, however, that his greatest reward lies in the satisfaction he derives from his work on behalf of members. Long may it continue!

ADMIRAL NOTEBOOK (Part 4)
by J. Hannah, F.C.P.S.

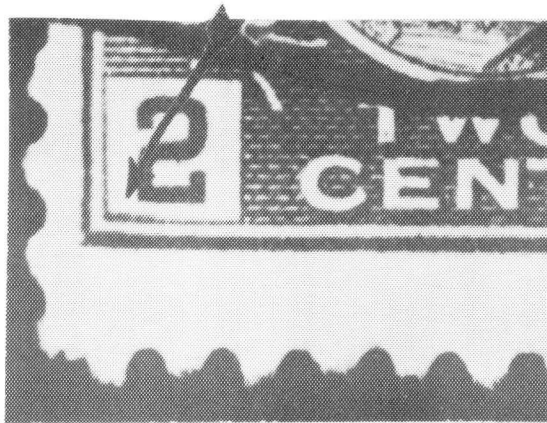
2 Cents – Plate 5

To continue the notes on this plate two final examples of repair work in the lower left corner of the stamp are illustrated below.



(Figure 1)

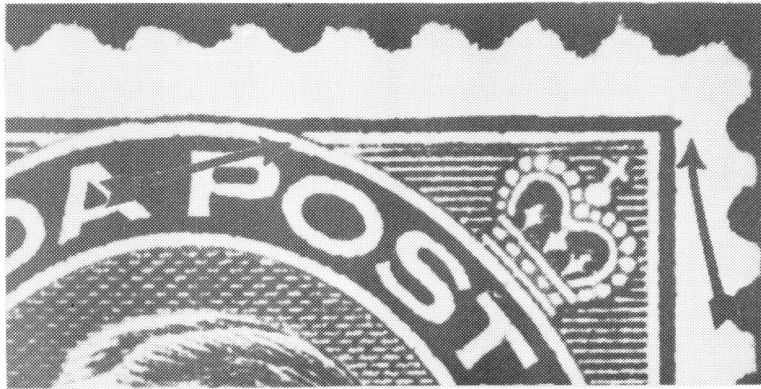
In the first, the vertical line in the box is clearly re-cut but the bottom box line appears to be untouched. As usual the frame lines have been retouched but the repair still left a gap at the corner where the outer vertical line does not meet the horizontal frame line. (Fig. 1)



(Figure 2)

In the second example the noticeable retouching is to the bottom horizontal line of the numeral box as shown, along with thickening of the bottom frame in the corner. (Fig. 2)

I have three copies of this plate variety one of which is dated June 1912.



(Figure 3)

Retouches in other areas of stamps from Plate 5 should not be neglected and in this case the repair work includes the top right outer frame line which has been re-drawn so that it is extended beyond the vertical at the corner. The first two horizontal lines in the spandrel have also been retouched with the top line shorter than the other lines of shading and along with this there is retouching of the top right frame junction line as shown. (Fig. 3)

As we know in the rocking-in of a subject on the plate, the guide dot is sometimes not covered by the stamp design and may appear as a dot of colour in the white border round the portrait oval in a left or right central position. Plate 5 has a number of outstanding examples of this type of plate variety which of course is not the result of any kind of repair work after the plate has been laid down, but arises from the rocking-in process.



(Figure 4)

In the first example, the dot is so placed on the left that it appears to cut into the lines of shading in the portrait oval as illustrated. (Fig. 4)



(Figure 5)

In the second example the dot now appears to cut into the solid band of colour below the "C" of CANADA. (Fig. 5)



(Figure 6)

In the third example of which I have two copies, the guide dot is the largest I have seen and almost amounts to be reckoned as plate damage but is in the proper guide dot location. As shown it breaks well into the lines of shading of the portrait oval. (Fig. 6)

It is hoped these notes are found to be useful to those interested in this stamp and in Part 5 we will proceed to consider Plates 6, 7 and 8 as a group.

CONVENTION AUCTION 1983

All lots for the Convention Auction, to be held at the Grand Hotel, Bristol on Saturday 20 August, 1983, should be sent to :—
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No responsibility will be accepted for loosely mounted or badly packaged material.

From the President

As I write this message on a wet November evening, those few balmy days at the 1982 Convention in Guildford seem an all too distant memory. But memories do remain nevertheless, of new and renewed friendships and of gentle philatelic instruction; each Convention has its own special flavour. I am sure that all those who attended were grateful to Charles King and his small team for the work they put into making it a success, particularly as the period of notice was shorter than usual.

As one Convention fades so another looms and a provisional programme has been prepared for 1983; in addition to Small Queens there will be displays of the Jubilee Issue, Military Mail, Postal History and Precancels as well as the usual competitions and the auction. A trip to the historic city of Bath has also been arranged. A full programme will appear in the April issue, along with booking form (for U.K. members). Booking forms will not be inserted in overseas copies of *MAPLE LEAVES*, any overseas member who is contemplating a visit should write to me if he has not already received a brochure giving details of the event. Similarly, any U.K. member requiring fuller details before April should drop me a line.

One of the highlights of Convention for many people in recent years has been the auction. To ensure that 1983 is no exception please look out some material now. Details of what to do next will be found elsewhere in this issue.

Convention dates again . . . 17 to 20 August 1983, Grand Hotel, Bristol.

One other point – membership. In the Secretary's corner you will find a number of new members have joined us and they are cordially welcomed. However, you will also see that increasing years, recession and loss of interest have taken their toll and the exits outweigh the new members. To maintain a healthy Society the numbers must at least be replaced during the year so I ask you all to make an effort to enrol at least one new member in 1983. Blank application forms can be obtained from me but a note of a prospective member's name and address is normally sufficient; I shall be pleased to take it from there.

Good hunting in 1983.

CONVENTION AUCTION 1982 PRICES REALISED

Members are asked to note that details of prices realised at the 1982 Convention Auction can be obtained from Mr. C. Banfield, 32 Coolgardie Avenue, Chigwell, Essex. A foolscap self-addressed envelope will be appreciated.

THE SMALL QUEENS PROOFS

by N. J. A. Hillson

This is a somewhat esoteric subject; because of their rarity examples are not often offered for sale, and I do not believe that a complete listing has yet been published. With the break up of the Simpson collection last year it seemed to be an opportune time to update the scanty information that exists and to give a more complete picture of the proofs that are known, although additions may yet come to light.

Notes: Die Proofs are said to exist on India Paper, Laid Paper and Water-marked Paper. I have not attempted to show what exists on what as at least one catalogue description turned out to be wrong. Plate proofs are known on card, India paper, and Wove paper, but again few values are known on all three.

An Essay Die Proof of the 3 Cents value in vermilion on card is known where the only difference from the issued design is larger ornamentation under the word 'Cents'. I have never seen the 2 Cents and 6 Cents Essay Die Proof, but again the difference from the issued design is reported by Holmes to be different ornamentation.

A Die Proof of the vignette of the Queen's Head only exists in black.

The ½ Cent Die Proof is inscribed 'British American Bank Note Co. Montreal/1A' in upper and lower case letters underneath the design.

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The listing of the 5 cents die proof is based on published information. However, no copy of this proof in any colour was offered in any of the recent major sales, and this must indicate its particular rarity – if it exists. A copy was offered in the ‘Simpson’ sale as a die proof, but appeared to the author to be a corner copy from a plate proof sheet.

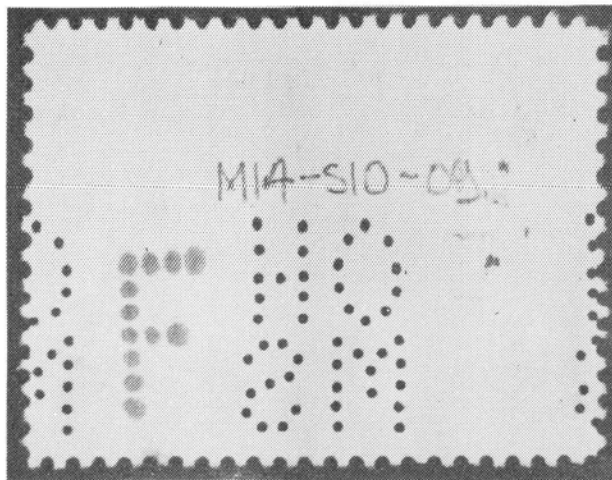
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 ** Large die proof with lathe work
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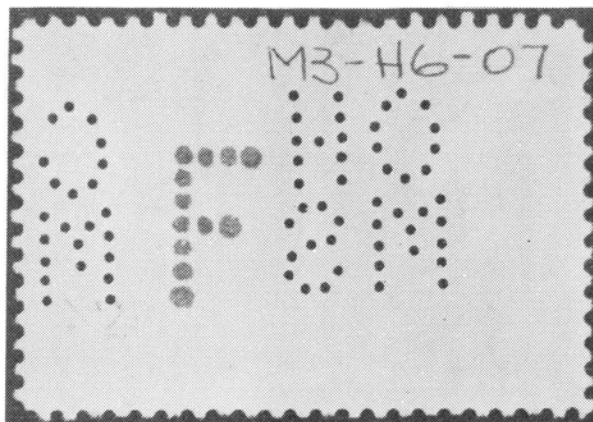
NOTES ON FIVE HOLE OH/MS FAKES

by Gary Tomasson and Jon Johnson

(Illustrated hereunder are further examples of faked OH/MS perforations kindly supplied by the authors of the article on this subject which appeared in whole no. 186 of MAPLE LEAVES – Editor.)



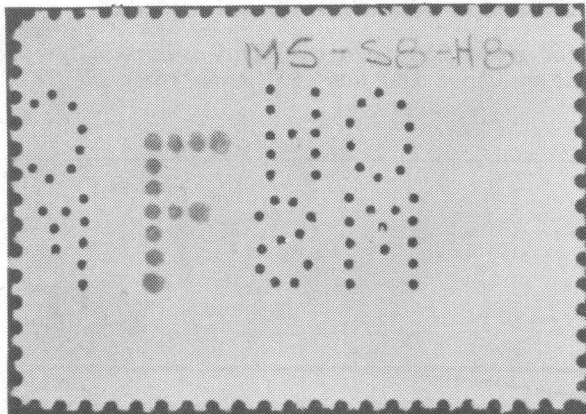
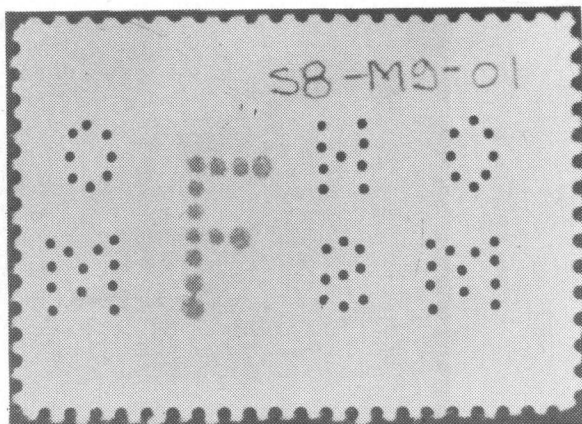
This fake is from a three die machine and is on a 13c 1935 King George V Jubilee stamp.



In this fake on a 1938 Airmail stamp note the missing hole at 03.

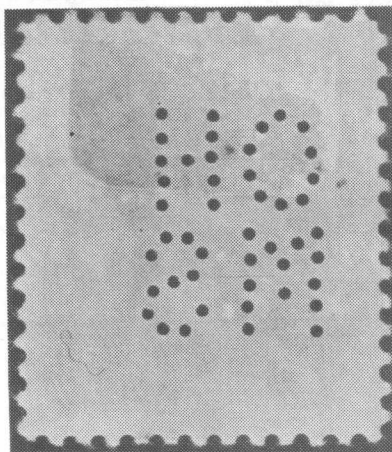
*This fake four hole
'OH/MS' is on a \$1.00
1938 pictorial issue.*

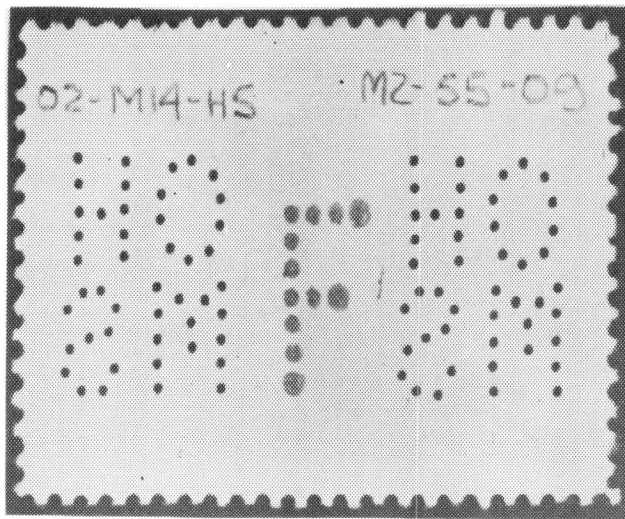
*Note the distance
between 01 and 02 in
both dies.*




*This fake on the \$1.00
1938 pictorial issue has
missing holes in the
(3, 4) and the 'M' (10,
12, 13 and 14). The
authors have assumed
therefore that this
comes from a one-half
die machine.*

*One forger did not even remove
all of the hinge on this mint 2c
1937 King George VI stamp
before perforating it.*





This fake on a 10c green King George V scroll issue is a two die machine with holes that are about 0.08 mm smaller than they should be.

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Queen Elizabeth II — 30 cents

This is the latest in a long series of Canadian stamps featuring the sovereign. Although the very first Canadian stamp was the famous Three-penny Beaver of 1851, the second and third postage stamps, issued the same year, portrayed Prince Albert and Queen Victoria respectively. Queen Elizabeth II first appeared on a definitive stamp in 1953, following her accession in 1952.

The stamp was designed by Heather Cooper, based on a sculpture by Jaroslav Huta. It will be printed on a continuous basis by the British American Bank Note Co. Ltd. in one-colour steel engraving and two-colour gravure.

Maple Leaf Stamp — 30 cents

The maple leaf symbolizes Canada. People began to make this association very early in the country's history. Early travellers admired the bright colours of maple leaves in autumn, and in the spring delighted in maple syrup, which the Indians introduced to the Europeans.

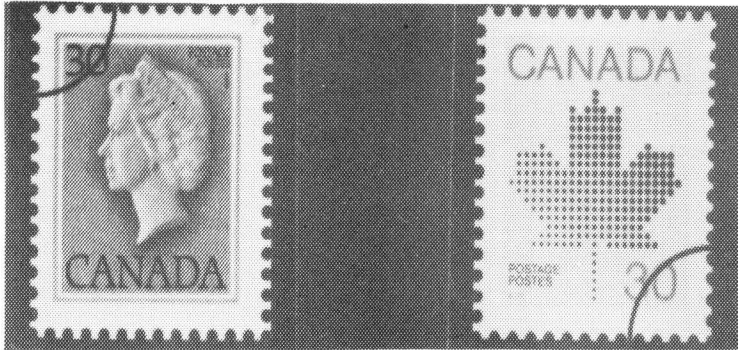
In 1805 a newspaper called the *Quebec Gazette* described the maple leaf as the symbol of French Canadians. A year later *Le Canadien* spoke of it as an emblem for Canada as a whole. In 1821 the maple leaf's prime competitor, the beaver, suffered a major setback as a national symbol. The Hudson's Bay Company, operating from Hudson Bay, and the North West Company, based in Montreal, had long fought for control of the fur trade. In 1821 the Hudson's Bay Company absorbed its rival the North West Company, and consolidated operations on Hudson Bay. Thus, for the first time since the sixteenth century, what was then known as Canada ceased to be the hub of the traffic in beaver skins, and the beaver lost significance as a national emblem.

60 cents street scene.

The design of this definitive depicting an Ontario city street scene has been identified as Yorkville Avenue in Toronto.



30 CENTS DEFINITIVE (Plate 2)



It is rare that a plate used to print Canadian stamps becomes damaged and collectors are advised of the fact while the stamps are still on sale.

This did happen recently, when philatelic counters were advised by a routine departmental circular that there would soon be released a new Plate 2 of the current 30-cent Queen definitive issued May 11 1982.

That in itself is a commonplace event (quite often two plates are issued on the first day of sale), but in this instance the information also was given that Plate 1 had been damaged.

The item went on to state that the exact description of the damage would be advised in the next *Philatelic Bulletin*, the free journal distributed to Philatelic Service mailing list subscribers.

I won't try to second-guess the reason for the damaged plate, as I haven't seen the evidence yet.

The item also states that Plate 1 produced a small number of acceptable "philatelic quality" sheets, and from this we can assume that damaged or not, the field stock was produced from the damaged plate.

It may be possible to locate sheets showing this damage, and if that is so I'll pass on the news in a later column.

Patrons of philatelic counters learned about the shortage of Plate 1 inscription blocks in mid-July. Within a few days, there was a veritable run on them, and supplies were not available.

The design of this definitive depicting an Ontario city street scene has been identified as Yorkville Avenue in Toronto.

30 CENTS COIL STAMPS

The "30" coil was promised for May 11th but not seen until May 20th at Philatelic counter in Ottawa. First Day covers came out on 20th also but dated May 11th.

The "A" coil stamp came out December 29th 1981 with sheet stamps. In pairs USED are seldom seen.

Looking back to early coil issues of 1954 we find –

345	2c	pairs	.55c	singles	.20c
347	4c		1.25		.35c
348	5c		1.00		.20c

Most issues since show pairs at .50c and singles at .10c.

(Our grateful thanks to Stuart Clark for this information – Editor.)

NEW DEFINITIVE STAMPS

The Canada Post Corporation issued a new set of six definitive stamps on 19th October last. Designed by Jean Pierre Beaudin and Jean Morin the 1 cent, 2 cents, 3 cents, 5 cents, 10 cents and 20 cents stamps feature the following Canadian artifacts respectively: a decoy, a fishing spear, a stable lantern, a wooden bucket, a weathercock and a pair of skates. The artifacts chosen stand for various aspects of 18th and 19th century Canadian life such as hunting, agriculture, domestic labour and recreation.

Printed by Ashton-Potter Limited, Toronto, the stamps are in the small dimension of 20mm by 24mm (vertical), and are perforated 13 plus with P.V.A. gum. The paper type is coated one side, litho and the multi (four) colour stamps are printed by the lithographic process in panes of 100. The plate inscription is in the side margins opposite the four corners. The 10 and 20 cents stamps are general tagged, the four lower values untagged.

POSTAGE DUES

Although Canada Post has now stopped issuing and using postage due stamps, they still represent a fascinating sideline to a Canadian collection. If you do collect these issues, make certain you have a copy of the 12c value with flat (PVA) gum and comb perforated 12½ x 12 (Lyman's & Canada Specialized #J48, Scott #J36a). This stamp was released to post offices in early 1977, and was available from the philatelic service only from mid-1977 to mid-1978. Stocks were not replenished when the rise in the 3rd class rate to 15c on April 1, 1979 made the value obsolete. The pre-pack of postage due stamps issued by the Philatelic Service in mid-1979 (and recently removed from their list) contained the other eight values issued with perforations 12½ x 12 and PVA gum but did not contain the 12c. This stamp is now selling considerably above its catalogue value. If you want a real search, try and find all of the values of this postage due issue properly used on cover.

JULES LEGER ISSUE

Three different shades used for the background in the Jules Leger stamp have been noted by local collectors. The background appears in, 1) purple; 2) red-purple, and 3) brown, the last of these apparently being the scarcest.

KLUANE PARK ISSUE

Missing colour varieties seem to be turning up more frequently on Canadian stamps. The \$2.00 Kluane Park stamp has been found in Edmonton with the denomination and country name missing. A similar error on the 20c Douglas Fir issue was discovered in Victoria.

CENTENNIAL ISSUES

If you collect the Centennial Issue of Canada, you will probably be interested in learning that the first recorded copy of a MINT 6c orange centennial definitive stamp, Winnipeg tagged on hibrite paper, has been discovered. The stamp was known to exist from used copies, but no mint copy had ever been reported which had not proven to be a fake. The copy which has been found passed through a Toronto auction house as part of a large lot, and it is doubtful if either the buyer or seller realized the significance of the stamp at the time of the auction. The stamp has been examined by Jim Hennok, a Toronto dealer, and by members of the British North America Philatelic Society Centennial Definitives Study Group. All who have seen it apparently feel it is genuine.

1983 STAMP PROGRAMME

Issue Date	Subject	Denomination
Mon. 10 Jan.	Definitive — Point Pelee National Park	\$5.00
Thur. 10 Mar.	World Communications Year30c
Mon. 14 Mar.	Commonwealth Day	\$2.00
Fri. 8 April	Definitives — Heritage Artifacts35c, .45c .50c, .60c
Fri. 22 April	Authors — E. J. Pratt and Laure Conan.	2 x 30c
Thur. 23 June	St. John Ambulance30c
Tue. 28 June	World University Games30c .60c
Thur. 30 June	Canada Day (Miniature Sheet of 16 stamps)	4 x 30c
Wed. 6 July	Boy Scouts World Jamboree30c
Wed. 3 Aug.	Sir Humphrey Gilbert (Newfoundland, 1583)	.30c
Fri. 12 Aug.	Nickel Discovery (Sudbury, 1883)30c
Fri. 16 Sept.	Cure F. Labelle30c
	Josiah Henson30c
Mon. 3 Oct.	Trains — Early Locomotives	2 x 30c .35c .60c
Fri. 28 Oct.	Dalhousie Law School30c
Thur. 3 Nov.	Christmas30c .35c .60c
Thur. 10 Nov.	Canadian Army	2 x 30c

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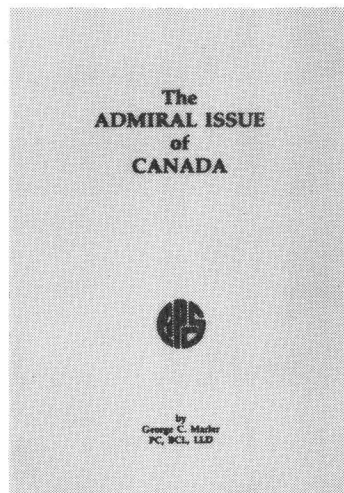
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CATALOGUE OF CANADIAN RAILWAY CANCELLATIONS AND RELATED TRANSPORTATION POSTMARKS by Lewis Ludlow, F.R.P.S.L.

In 1944, when T. P. G. Shaw published his "Catalogue of Railroad Cancellations", he expressed his appreciation of the help and co-operation of a number of collectors of Canadian railway postmarks who had pioneered this field in pre-war days. They were few in number and scarcely known outside the small band of disciples who followed them and shared their enthusiasm. Today their names are household words: Professor A. V. Richardson, the Reverend F. W. Gedye and Dr. Whitehead need no introduction to postal historians or railway postmark collectors, least of all the latter who can now be numbered in many hundreds.

The catalyst which changed the few into many was the work referred to above, for experience has proved that there is nothing like a serious study in handbook form to stimulate interest in a new field of philately or postal history. For this reason alone Canadian railway postmark collectors will always owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to Tom Shaw whose name is inseparably linked with this facet of postal history in the same way that Dr. Whitehead's is with squared circle postmarks.

How many collectors will have been bitten by the postmark 'bug' in the years which followed the publication of Shaw's and Whitehead's works is incalculable. What is certain, however, is that railway postmark and squared circle postmark collecting enjoy a popularity second to none, and despite the many counter attractions, there is no reason to doubt that things will remain that way.

For nearly 20 years Shaw's catalogue (and it was much more than a mere listing of known Canadian railway postmarks) remained the sole guide for the growing host of enthusiasts whose numbers quickly exceeded the supply of the only source of information available. Thereafter it was only possible (and that with difficulty) to beg or borrow, to buy it was virtually impossible and the only other alternative was a criminal offence! There would, of course, have been an easy way out: the catalogue could have been reprinted. Within a few years, however, it quickly became apparent that it needed to be updated to include all the many new postmarks that came to light as a result of the interest stimulated by Shaw's original work. Despite the pressure and the temptation to yield to it the compiler determined to ensure that when a second edition was published it would be as comprehensive and as up-to-date as possible. And so, in 1963, when at last it saw the light of day it represented the better part of twenty years of research and collaboration with hundreds of collectors and the many members of study groups in the B.N.A.P.S. and the C.P.S. of G.B.

Again history repeated itself; within a few years "The Handbook and Catalogue of Canadian Transportation Postmarks" went the way of its predecessor, and once more there was a void. This time it was filled by Lewis Ludlow and the R.P.O. Study Group of B.N.A.P.S. With Tom Shaw's willing co-operation and that of many others too numerous to mention, Lewis Ludlow and his collaborators produced in 1975 a third edition incorporating refinements and further additions, not least of all those revealed in the previously closed pages of Pritchard & Andrews proof books. These he went through with a fine tooth comb and for good measure he ransacked the National Archives in Ottawa.

At this point Lewis Ludlow could have been forgiven if he had rested on his laurels. Not so, having done his best he determined to do better! Like Tom Shaw before him he resisted the importunities of impatient, well-meaning enthusiasts to rush into print before he was satisfied that his second edition was as accurate and comprehensive as possible. Since 1944 many 'misreported' postmarks have come to light. These have been eliminated. Equally importantly some 500 new postmarks have been discovered, many since 1975. These have been incorporated in this latest work; but not before they have been authenticated by the author, who has taken nothing on trust. For the first time, therefore, collectors now have a catalogue that is as near perfection as such a work can be. Contrary to previous editions every known postmark type is illustrated, with few exceptions, by an authentic reproduction of an actual postmark, not a tracing or "artist's" impression. Earliest and latest dates of known usage, the division of postmarks into twelve categories including steamers, ornaments, registered, ticket stamps, emergency, royal trains and statistical data are but a few of the innovations and undoubted improvements incorporated in the work.

The 272 pages in coil binding (*much better than conventional "book" binding for reference purposes, since the catalogue opens out flat*) together with lavish illustrations, make this book a pleasure to handle and a delight to study. To philatelic literature collectors and railway postmark enthusiasts alike this work will be irresistible. If previous publications are anything to go by, and we are sure they are, no one should miss the opportunity to obtain it as soon as possible. A limited number are only available in the United Kingdom from Dr. M. W. Carstairs, Hamilton House, Green End Road, Radnage, High Wycombe, Bucks, HP14 4BZ, price £16.50 postpaid. The best advice that we can offer is to order NOW. Members in U.S.A. and Canada can obtain this catalogue from F. E. Eaton & Sons, 6170-6174, East Boulevard, Vancouver, B.C. V6M 3V6, price \$25.00 (U.S.).

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**THE CHARLTON SPECIALIZED CATALOGUE OF CANADIAN
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The need for specialized catalogues has been expressed by many over the last few years. It is therefore gratifying to see that a number of such catalogues are appearing and are in preparation. Some may argue that the modern issues do not require such specialised attention unlike, for example, the Small Queens or the Admirals, but just a glance at this new catalogue indicates the complexity of specialization in the stamps of the Elizabethan era. To bring together all the information in an orderly manner and to obtain good visibility is a very difficult task. The layout and the numbering system alone are very important to help collectors and dealers find the needed data. A look at existing catalogues shows the inadequacy in such features as layout, numbering and visibility. Thanks to the efforts of Charlton Press these problems have been eliminated. The new catalogue covers the period 1952 to date. With the to be expected information on the stamps themselves, such as the various forms of issues plus the major varieties, it also contains very valuable information on philatelic history and with it the technical data. The technical data is essential to understand the complexity of such issues as the Centennials. Here the editors have just gone as far as the majority may want to go, but not into the very great details of specialization which a handbook would. The balance struck is excellent and avoids cluttering up the catalogue with unnecessary information. The numbering system used is based on Lyman and is far superior to the useless Scott numbers. Each section is clearly identified and the layout is standardized to include information on the coils or booklets together with the relevant sheet stamps. The listing by blocks, which are properly divided for such stamps as used, mint and F.D.C. is very effective and is highly recommended for other catalogues. A few minor typographical errors are noted but care must be taken in handling the catalogue which easily smears the overinked printing. For the information contained in this catalogue the price is very reasonable (\$6.95) and is obtainable from the publishers at The Charlton Press, 299 Queen street West, Toronto, Ont. M5V 1Z9.

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36th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING CANADIAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN

1. **The President**, Mr. Charles King, welcomed the assembled members.
Dr. Ian Taylor conveyed the *greetings* of Mr. Jim Lehr, President of BNAPS, to all present on behalf of that Society.
2. **Officers Reports**
 - a) Secretary, David Sessions, reported a small decline in membership from 623 to 616. Enrolments were slightly up at 44 against 41, but these were offset by deaths, resignations and removal for non-payment of dues. Among the deaths were those of Charles de Volpi, a postal historian of international repute, Bob Woolley, for many years our Contact Member in Ontario, and Roland Greenhill, a stalwart Fellow of the Society who relinquished the Library only two years ago after nearly 25 years in office. The President called for a moment's silence in their memory.
 - b) *Maple Leaves* Editor, Lionel Gillam, pointed out that the stock of back numbers was increasing and recommended that ways be found to improve sales. Agreement had been reached with the new Editor of 'Topics' over the reprinting of articles published therein but the freedom will be used sparingly as a number of Society members are also members of BNAPS.
 - c) Packet Secretary, Roger Grigson, reported that, whilst the number of members seeking to receive the Exchange Packet remained fairly constant and entailed the servicing of ten circuits, the number of contributions had continued to decline. As a result only six packets were circulated during the year. Unless contributions increased it would probably be necessary to reduce the size of each packet in order to spread the material more evenly among the circuits. Although final figures were not available as the financial year had not closed, it was expected that a transfer of some £100 would be made to the General Fund.
 - d) Handbooks Manager, Dr. Matthew Carstairs, reported that in the year ended September 1981, 358 books had been sold for a profit to the Society of £255; a high proportion however related to a bulk purchase by a Canadian distributor. During the current year 107 books had been sold prior to Convention, excluding the newly arrived Handbook, for a profit of £150. He was pleased to report that a further £150 worth of books had been sold during Convention.
 - e) Advertising Manager, George Bellack, indicated that advertising income was in line with last year's, although final figures were not available at the meeting, the year not having yet closed. He was pleased to report that outstanding payments were down to £61 as opposed to £141 this time last year.
 - f) Publicity Officer, Dr. Dorothy Sanderson, was unable to produce reports of the Carlisle Convention for the philatelic press as she had been in Canada at the time. However, the Secretary had reported via 'Stamp News' whilst Mr. Ricky Richardson had included a good write-up in his

regular column in 'Stamp Monthly'. Publicity material was supplied to the organisers of the Solihull Stamp Fair and opportunity was taken to publicise the Society during Philatelic Congress which was held in Southampton during June.

g) Librarian, Colin Banfield, reported that during the year only 16 members had taken advantage of the Library, borrowing 53 books and files between them. A number of requests for an up-to-date library list had been made but good stocks of the existing list are still held. In the circumstances a supplementary list was included in the June *Maple Leaves*. A valuation of the Library stock will be made during the year with a view to arranging insurance. A number of obsolete catalogues and magazines will be offered for sale in the 1983 Convention auction.

3. **Financial Statement.** A balance sheet and statement of income and expenditure for the year ended September 1981 was produced at the meeting together with estimates in respect of Y/E 1982 and 1983. A surplus of approx. £300 was shown on the year's working whilst the auction at Edinburgh in 1980 ensured a Convention 'profit' of approx. £272. Provisional estimates for the current year indicate a working deficit of approximately £150, which will be offset by the successful auction held in Carlisle in 1981, whilst 1982/3 could show a surplus of some £300 on the basis of the increased subscription of £6 p.a. provided any fall in membership does not exceed 25.

The Society's investment in War Loan has been transferred to medium dated stock, £700 maturing in 1988, whilst a guaranteed rate of 12½% over 4 years was secured for £100 on deposit with the Leeds Building Society.

There has been an encouraging response to the newly inaugurated direct debit scheme with 62 U.K. members having opted to take part so far. Whilst copies of the accounts were not available for general distribution to members, the Treasurer indicated that a copy could be obtained by direct application to him.

4. Election of Officers

	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
President	D. F. Sessions	C. A. King	A. F. Judd
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– South	W. Williams	S. Lum	C. W. Hollingsworth

5. **Committee Appointments.** The meeting was advised of the following appointments by the Committee :-

Librarian – C. G. Banfield	Advertising Manager – L. G. Bellack
Editor – L. F. Gillam	Publicity Officer – Dr. D. Sanderson
Packet Secretary – R. Grigson	Assistant Treasurer – T. Almond
Handbooks Manager – Dr. M. W. Carstairs	Assistant Editor – E. Killingley

6. **Fellowship Committee.** The meeting was advised that the Committee had unanimously ratified the recommendation for election to Fellowship of John Parkin and David Sessions. No recommendation was made this year regarding award of the Founders' Trophy.
7. **Auditor.** Mr. Eric Killingley was duly appointed.
8. **Subscriptions.** An increased rate of £6 p.a. from 1 October 1982 having been accepted at the last AGM, the Treasurer felt able to recommend that this rate should be held for the year commencing 1st October 1983.
9. **Next Convention.** The President Elect, David Sessions, announced that Convention 1983 would be held at the Grand Hotel, Bristol, from Wednesday 17th to Saturday 20th August.
10. **Other Business.**
 - a) The Secretary advised that he had names and addresses of several Canadian collectors seeking exchanges for G.B. stamps.
 - b) The Secretary announced that BPF Congress was to be held in Bath from 3rd to 8th October, 1983 and that Study Circle facilities would be available. The Society has in the past run study circles at this annual function although not in the last few years. Dr. Sanderson, our BPF delegate, offered to act as Convenor if the Society so wished. There was general assent and it was agreed that the Secretary should liaise with Dr. Sanderson on this matter.
 - c) John Hillson raised the question of providing an 'expertisation' service to members. He stressed it would need to be on an informal basis with one experienced member of the Society to act as convenor in receiving material and passing it, where necessary, to an acknowledged authority in the field. All expenses of submission and return would be the responsibility of the owner and no written certificates would be given. The suggestion found favour in the eyes of the meeting and Dr. Matthew Carstairs agreed to accept the post of convenor.

Appendix to the Minutes

Results of the 1982 Competitions

The number of entries was disappointingly small and the judges felt unable to make any awards in classes 1 and 3.

Class 2 was won by the London Group with "Government (House of Parliament) Markings".

The only trophy to be awarded was the Aikins Trophy to John Hannah for his series in *Maple Leaves* entitled 'Admiral Notebook'.

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