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FROM THE ASSISTANT EDITOR

Members will be sorry to learn that our editor has been confined to hospital following an operation. At the time of going to press I am glad to report that he is progressing favourably, although obviously unable for the time being to undertake the editorial duties that he has so recently assumed. In the interim, therefore, I am once more holding the fort, and will be grateful if articles, reports and other matters relating to *Maple Leaves* are sent to me at the address in the officers panel which appears on the inside of the back cover of this issue. In this connection I would stress that upon my resignation as editor I intimated that it was my intention to act as assistant editor *for a limited time only*. Eric's unfortunate illness, therefore, only serves to underline the urgent need for someone to offer his or her services as assistant editor. I need hardly add that every possible help and advice will be afforded to my successor, and I look forward to any enquiries from potential applicants who will receive full details of the work involved. In broad terms this means the preparation of material for publication, corrections, where necessary, of manuscripts, proof reading and the pasting-up (using a back number of the journal) of the prospective issue. In this, either Eric or myself, will supervise the work and I am confident that after a brief "apprenticeship" my successor will be fully equipped to undertake responsibility for the publication of *Maple Leaves* should any future emergency arise. Please give this matter your serious thought, bearing in mind that no one will be "thrown in at the deep end and left to sink or swim". By the time that this appears in print it is hoped that Eric will be

able to resume his duties within a reasonable period. All members, I know, will wish him a speedy recovery to full health and vigour. The best tonic for him will be the knowledge that someone with the best interests of the society at heart is ready, willing and able to help him through his convalescence. One last thought: when Eric was asked to undertake the duties of assistant editor he willingly agreed to do so, knowing how essential it was for the well-being of the society that its journal should continue to appear with the regularity that members have come to expect. *Now* is the time for someone to emulate his example.

FELLOWSHIPS

COLIN BANFIELD,

The award of a Fellowship of the Society to Mr. Colin Banfield at the Buxton Convention in October, 1984 was a fitting acknowledgement of the many services which he has rendered during the past fifteen years. As a stalwart of the London Group, acting as Secretary/Treasurer, as organiser of the very successful cocktail party held during the 1980 Earl's Court Exhibition and as an office-bearer in the successive capacities of Publicity and Librarian he has served the Society devotedly and well. Behind the scenes he has also been responsible for the handling of material for three Society Convention Auctions, an onerous and time-consuming task which no one without experience of such duties can fully appreciate in all its complexities and difficulties.

In 1975-1976 as President of the Society he organised the very successful Society Convention in Cambridge, and among his many collecting interests are included the Jubilee Issue, London, Ontario Postal History, Victorian Postal Stationery and Governmental and Official Postal History. The Society is also indebted to him for the provision of many Convention Competition Displays and Study Group Sessions. Colin continues to act as Society Librarian and the well-merited award of a Fellowship is a timely recognition of his many services to the Society.

MISS BETTY STEPHENSON

The award of a Fellowship of the society to Miss Betty Stephenson at Convention in Buxton was a well-merited one as those who have attended Convention over the years will readily testify. A Convention without Betty is unimaginable and numerous Presidents have had occasion to be thankful to her for her many services, *all* of them designed to ensure that everything is properly organised and runs smoothly. Coach parties, visits, theatre arrangements, banquet organisation, these and much else have fallen to Betty's lot. That she has undertaken the work willingly merely serves to underline her devotion to the interests of the society. "Never at rest," as the Porter said in "Macbeth"; while others are enjoying the delights of convention Betty is always there to see that they do so. One last thought: Betty was President of the society in 1976. How did she manage it all?

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FROM TOM ALMOND

I am writing this message on a windswept autumn morning in Reading and I cannot help thinking of those all too few happy and stimulating days spent at the 1984 Convention in Buxton. Those of us who were lucky enough to attend owe a great debt to Brenda and John Parkin who, together with their small band of helpers, were responsible for what was surely one of the most successful conventions ever.

One of my greatest pleasures in Buxton was in meeting the many new members attending, either for the duration or for just one day. If you have not come before why not come to the NEWBURY convention in 1985?

Convention will take place between 28th August and 1st September at the CHEQUERS HOTEL, NEWBURY, BERKSHIRE. The hotel is a small Trust House and Newbury is about 50 miles west of London with excellent road and rail links.

A booking form is enclosed in this copy of *Maple Leaves*, please complete it and return it to me as soon as possible. If you have any queries do not hesitate to write to me.

Preparation of the programme is well in hand. Provisionally, there will be displays of Maps (stamps and postal history), Pre-stamp material and the Registry System, together with other goodies. A full social programme is also being arranged. A full programme will appear in the April issue of *Maple Leaves*.

An important feature of convention each year is the competition. Full details of this will be found on the back of the enclosed booking form. Even if you have not entered before, why not begin preparation now? Entries are limited to eighteen sheets and they may be submitted by post.

For many people, our annual auction is the main event of the society year. Both you and the society will benefit if you support it by submitting lots and bidding. Details of how to submit material will be found elsewhere in this issue.

This seems a good opportunity to mention two other points.

Firstly, as you will have seen from *Maple Leaves*, our roll is slowly falling. It is crucial that this trend is arrested. I would like to think that each of us will seek to recruit at least one new member in the coming year. Blank application forms can be obtained from the secretary but, if you do not have one, send the prospective member's name and address to David Sessions who will take the necessary action.

Secondly, following popular request, we have re-introduced Life Membership. For details of this, contact our new Assistant Treasurer, Eric Burchell.

Finally Jean and I send you our best wishes for a happy and prosperous 1985. Do try and join us in NEWBURY.

FROM THE SECRETARY

The following are edited highlights from the Annual General Meeting held on 6 October, 1984, at the St. Anne's Hotel, Buxton. The full minutes have been sent to Officers and Committee Members and a copy will be on display at Convention 85, any member requiring a copy meanwhile should write to me.

Following a decision at the previous A.G.M. the Packet Secretary had agreed to run a postal sale and due announcement was made in *Maple Leaves*, requesting suitable material. At the date of his report, no material had been received; members present were asked to submit material by the end of October in order that the proposed sale could proceed.

A sample medallion, mounted on a marble plinth, was displayed; this being the agreed form of the "Bill Williams Medallion". A number had been cast following a donation by the late Bill Williams' daughter and it was agreed that Medallions should be presented as keepsakes to Trophy winners in the philatelic display competitions at Convention.

Lionel Gillam, Assistant Editor, agreed to produce the January and April issues of *Maple Leaves* following the sudden hospitalisation of Editor, Eric Killingley.

Packet Secretary, Roger Grigson, reported that he was quite unable to satisfy all the members desiring to receive the Packet as the amount of material submitted was quite inadequate. Matthew Carstairs, Handbooks Manager, reported sales of over 100 volumes, valued at approx. £760. Advertising Manager, George Bellack, reported revenue just in excess of £400 for the year.

Detailed accounts can be obtained from the Treasurer in exchange for a SAE. He was able to report a satisfactory surplus of £589 but forecast deficits for the next two years. As a result John Hillson recommended that Life Membership be increased from £120 to £140 from 1 March, thus allowing anyone contemplating taking such membership to do so at the old rate. Furthermore, the annual subscription should be raised from £6 to £7 from 1 October, 1985, with the proviso that £1 discount will be allowed for payment prior to 1 December, 1985. Thus, for prompt payers, the subscription will have been held at the same level for 4 years. It is suggested that U.K. members who have not already taken advantage of the direct debit facility ask the Treasurer or myself for a form of mandate. The recommendation was accepted by the meeting.

Officers were elected as follows :—

President — T. Almond	Secretary — D. F. Sessions
Vice-President — Dr. D. Sanderson	Treasurer — N. J. A. Hillson

Committee members elected were :—

A. S. Mackie (Scotland), D. G. Manton (North), G. N. Prior and L. Warren (South).

Committee appointments reported to the meeting were :-

Librarian – C. Banfield	Advertising Manager – L. G. Bellack
Editor – E. Killingley	Publicity Officer – M. Cusworth
Packet Secretary – R. Grigson	Asst. Treasurer – E. Burchell
Handbooks Manager – Dr. M. W. Carstairs	Asst. Editor – L. F. Gillam

Members are particularly asked to note that Tom Almond has relinquished the post of Assistant Treasurer owing to business commitments, coupled with the Presidency; subscriptions should now be forwarded to Eric Burchell.

An announcement was made concerning 'MANPEX 85', a major provincial stamp show to be held in Manchester from 24-27 October, 1985. It was agreed that the Society should support the venture as far as possible and members are urged to consider submitting entries to the Competition to provide a good showing of B.N.A. material. Further details will be published in due course, meanwhile preliminary details can be obtained from me. It is planned that the Society will run a table at the Show for recruitment purposes and as a focal point for members attending; volunteers will be needed to operate a shift system so members likely to attend are asked to offer their services for a short spell. I should welcome a preliminary note from anyone prepared to help, it will greatly assist the forward planning.

With Stanley Cohen's departure to foreign shores it became necessary to reorganize the Handbooks Publications Sub-Committee and it was agreed that Geoffrey Whitworth and Matthew Carstairs should serve, with the power to co-opt additional qualified member(s) to consider specific manuscripts. If any member is working on or contemplating a manuscript likely to be suitable for publication in handbook form it would be worth while contacting Geoffrey Whitworth with brief details.

It was also agreed that a new Assistant Editor for *Maple Leaves* should be recruited in order that Lionel Gillam, after so many years of sterling service, may gracefully bow out. A notice appears elsewhere in this issue.

Competition Results :-

Class 1	1. G. Whitworth	–	1859 Issue – Beaver Plating
	2. R. Grigson	–	Registered Mail Rates.
Class 3a	1. G. Whitworth	–	Postal Rates from 1859.
	2. L. G. Bellack	–	Money and Registered Letters
Class 3b	1. F. R. Lockyer	–	1967 Centennial Issue – 6c Value.
	2. J. M. H. Parkin	–	Varieties in the 1930-31 Definitive Issue.

Trophies :-

Godden – G. Whitworth	Lees-Jones – F. R. Lockyer
Bunny – F. R. Lockyer	Members – R. Grigson
Admiral – J. L. Bacon	Aikens – G. Wallace

Founder's Trophy – N. J. A. Hillson Published work on the Small Queens Issue.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

A notice regarding subscriptions was published in our last issue (page 198). Members who have not yet paid their 1985 subscriptions are asked to note that these should be sent NOW to the new Assistant Treasurer: Mr. E. Burchell, 46 Russells Close, East Preston, Littlehampton, W. Sussex, BN16 1BT. Cheques or postal orders (£6) should be made payable to 'The Canadian Philatelic Society of G.B.'. Overseas members are reminded of the facilities available for payment in Canada and the U.S.A. (for details please refer to page 198 of the last issue). All members who have not yet paid their subscriptions are reminded that failure to do so will result in termination of membership with effect from April, 1985. Please help the society by paying outstanding subscriptions NOW, thus avoiding the need for reminders and the postage charges incurred by the Society.

THE EXCHANGE PACKET

Members are reminded that contributions to the exchange packet are urgently required by the Packet Secretary, Roger Grigson. These should be sent to him at the address in the officers panel on the inside of the back cover of this issue. Once more it is stressed that far more members wish to avail themselves of the packet than there are those who are prepared to contribute towards it. If you are one of the latter please make a New Year's resolution to send Roger at least one booklet a year. There is a ready market for good B.N.A. material, reasonably priced, and a few hours spent on making up a booklet from your surplus material can be rewarding in a dual sense: you help the society and help yourself at the same time. Please do not leave it to the few who alone make the limited circulation of the packet possible. The more contributions there are, the more packets Roger will be able to circulate, and do not forget that those who contribute have the first opportunity to see the packet in return. Needless to say, if you have no blank booklets, these will be readily and promptly supplied upon application. It is regretted that the packets can only be circulated within the United Kingdom; but overseas members are reminded that *contributions* from them will be gratefully received.

POSTAL SALES

Inset with this issue will be found the first postal sale list issued by the society. This is essentially an auction sale list and bids for the material offered should be sent to the Packet Secretary as indicated. It should be noted that, unlike the exchange packet, ALL members, at home or abroad, are eligible to participate in the auction. In the event of "tie bids" lots will be awarded on a "first come, first served" basis; the watchword, therefore, must be *send your bids in now!!*

CONVENTION AUCTION 1985

The annual auction will be held at the CHEQUERS HOTEL in Newbury on the afternoon of August 31st, 1985. Lots for inclusion should be sent to:— Mr. B. T. Stalker, 3 Rutherford Way, Tonbridge, Kent, TN10 4RH.

Lots should be accompanied by a description and a valuation and any reserves should be clearly shown. Note that only BNA material is acceptable.

Lots must be received before the middle of March to guarantee inclusion in the sale. Please send your lots as early as possible to smooth the considerable work load.

1985 STAMP PROGRAMME

Issue Date	Programme	Denomination
Feb. 8	International Youth Year	Domestic Rate
March 8	Therese Casgrain	Domestic Rate
March 15	Canadian Space Programme	Domestic Rate
May 6	Gabriel Dumont (Northwest Rebellion Centennial)	Domestic Rate
June 21	Definitive — Banff National Park	\$2.00
June 28	Canada Day — Forts Booklet	10 x Domestic Rate
Aug. 1	Additions	Domestic Rate
Sept. 4	Girl Guides — 75th Anniversary	Domestic Rate
Sept. 12	Trains — (Last Spike)	2 x Domestic Rate 1 x U.S. Rate 1 x International Rate
Oct. 3	Lighthouses	4 x Domestic Rate
Oct. 24	Christmas	1 x Domestic Rate 1 x U.S. Rate 1 x International Rate
Nov. 8	Royal Canadian Navy — 75th Anniversary	Domestic Rate
Nov. 22	Expo '86	Domestic Rate

CANADA POST MAIL ORDER SERVICE — CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Canada Post Corporation's Philatelic Mail Order Service moved from Ottawa to Antigonish, Nova Scotia on October 1, 1984.

The Antigonish Philatelic Mail Order Centre has been specifically designed and built to expand and improve its services to customers. This new building, equipped with the most up-to-date furnishings and equipment, will assist it in achieving its goal of client satisfaction.

NEW STAMP CANCELLATION DUE FOR NATIONAL POSTAL MUSEUM

The National Postal Museum, which opened in 1974, marked its 10th anniversary on September 27 last with the introduction of a new design for its stamp cancellation die.

The new design will be of particular interest to philatelists because of its unique reversal of the die-and-flag cancellation currently in use by the museum.

For the first time in the museum's history, the mechanical stamp cancellation will have the postmark to the right of the flag and advertising slogan.

The current cancellation, from a Pitney Bowes model DDU machine, was used for the last time on September 26. The museum's new cancellation machine is a Klussendorf model 280/5.



(Last day of usage (Pitney Bowes) 26th Sept., 1984)



(First day of usage (Klussendorf) 27th Sept., 1984)

ADMIRAL NOTEBOOK (Part 11)

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

2 Cents – Plates 17(part) and 18

For this group in these Notes my remarks are confined to that part of Plate 17 with the subjects showing two breaks in the vertical line of the right numeral box along with a short spur line at the top (Fig. 1).

As stated in Marler, this plate variety first appears as illustrated above, in the first stamp of the 6th vertical row of the lower right pane of 100 and for the remainder of the subjects of that pane. It continues throughout the entire upper right pane and on into the upper left pane until the bottom subject of the 6th vertical row when thereafter, the short spur line disappears. From Marler's work we now know precisely the extent of this well-known plate variety in half the lower right pane, in the whole of the upper right, and in half of the upper left panes of Plate 17.

Marler reports to have found no re-entries in Plate 17 and four retouches. I would add a fifth minor retouch of which I have two examples with one dated December 3 1912, and which also comes within the part of Plate 17 referred to in this Note (Fig. 2).

I trust the enlarged print shows clearly that the vertical line in the left box has been redrawn with thickening of the line.



Fig. 1



Fig. 2



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SOME OBSERVATIONS ON THE PRESCOTT SQUARED CIRCLE

by R. B. Winmill

In a 1977 study by Dr. B. C. Plain, quoted by Dr. Moffatt, 137 Prescott, Ontario, squared circle cancellations were examined and certain conclusions were reached. At that time, Dr. Moffatt queried, "Can anyone add anything to this rather interesting, but limited study?"¹ This rather interesting research note had always proven intriguing, yet until recently, there was no opportunity to accept Dr. Moffatt's challenge.

However, when in December 1980, a horde of many tens of thousands of assorted stamps from the correspondence of a prominent deceased Eastern Ontario lawyer, came on the market, an irresistible opportunity to accept this challenge, arose! Regretably, some thoughtless individual had spent hundreds, perhaps even thousands of hours, removing these stamps from the correspondence and neatly bundling them. Nevertheless, this horde yielded thousands of legible, useful, often full strikes of unparalleled clarity. Amongst these thousands of strikes, was a fair portion of Prescott square circles.²

Due to the sheer numbers available, it is feasible to launch a specialized study of this cancellation, which, while not at all scarce, is nonetheless not normally available in sufficient quantities for a specialized in depth study to be conducted.

However, there are several limitations which circumscribe such a study. To begin this is a legal correspondence. While law offices and other businesses were invariably open on Saturday at the turn of the century, no business was conducted on Sundays – hence figures for Sunday usage may tend to be somewhat distorted. Moreover, those conducting business requiring the services of a lawyer would likely be skewed toward the higher classes, hence the mail (and thus stamps and attendant postmarks) would tend to reflect the mailing habits of business and the upper classes. These habits may in fact, differ considerably from the habits of the broader population. Of the entire sample of strikes, some 10-12% were from other sources, hence to some small extent, this bias in the sample may be minutely influenced. In any event, such potential difficulties are compensated for, by the availability of large numbers of strikes from a smaller centre. Such quantities of material as are required to conduct such a study are only infrequently available where a smaller centre is concerned and accepting these small limitations is justified.

While the student must be aware of the limitations imposed by the source of this material, he ought to also recognize and be prepared to accept the fact that by using such material, a superior understanding of the postal history of this small town, is possible. Such a further understanding would not be otherwise available to the student.

The sample utilised was as outlined below.

Fully dated	312
Partially dated	104
Undated	92
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Total	508

Obviously, all fully dated copies could be employed in all aspects of the study while a limited use could be made of some of the partially dated copies, dependent upon the extent of the missing indicia.

Moffatt and Hansen report usage from Au 2/93 to No 3/00. The earliest example located in this sample was Au 31/93 while the latest was dated February 23, 1901 – a surprising new late date. An indecipherable November 1900 double digit date was also observed: this too, postdates the previous late date. Since most strikes observed (85%) were from June 1897 onward, only a few were earlier, and this no doubt accounts for the relative scarcity of “AM” and “PM” timemarks. The examples studied tended to confirm the findings of Dr. Plain, that “AM” appeared to be particularly scarce.

Moffatt and Hansen’s efforts indicate that from at least March 3, 1894, Prescott invariably employed no time mark. During the course of these researches, two substantially later strikes, bearing timemarks were located. One was AM JY 23/95 and the other was dW OC 25/95 (note the inverted PM). These appear to be isolated revivals of timemark usage.

Five errors of indicia were observed an inverted 8 was observed on strikes of AU 17/98 and De 12/98. These are common enough as it was often difficult to distinguish between a normal and an inverted 8 due to there being only a minute difference. However, three other, more serious errors were observed. One, the inverted “PM” is noted above. On a one cent numeral, of unknown year and day, a clear strike of 00 (inverted October) was found. Finally, Ja 21/99 is obviously meant to be Ja 21/99. For a town not noted for its propensity for indicia errors, this appears to be an abnormally large number of these.

The table below demonstrates that for the last four years of use, this hammer was employed with great regularity as examples were found for most months.

PRESCOTT

	JA	FE	MR	AP	MY	JU	JY	AU	SP	OC	NO	DE
1897	★					★	★	★	★	★	★	★
1898	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
1899	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
1900	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	
1901		★										

Many collectors are intrigued by the frequency and patterns of usage on each day of the week. The following table demonstrates that aspect of this study.

Monday	15%
Tuesday	14%
Wednesday	22%
Thursday	17%
Friday	18%
Saturday	13%
Sunday	2%

No significant distortions of this pattern were observed, during individual years.

Three contemporary cancels were noted. A CDS was regularly employed until at least the end of 1901. From at least 1901, until at least 1911, a nine thick bar duplex was also used and a roller is found on Victorian and Edwardian material.

To conclude, this study was not able to confirm earlier findings of scarce indicia errors, though without doubt, they do exist. However, the sample was able to demonstrate the pattern of postage usage in Prescott at this time and proves beyond any shadow of a doubt that this hammer was employed consistently from 1897 onwards. The fact that literally hundreds of roller duplex and CDS strikes were also observed, demonstrates that the squared circle hammer was not used in isolation but rather in concert with other cancellation devices.

REFERENCES

1. G. F. Hansen and Dr. W. G. Moffatt, Excerpts From the Squared Circle Newsletter, in *BNA Topics*, Volume 34, Number 5, September-October 1977, p.33.
2. Curiously enough a second horde of similar material also originally from a lawyer, was disposed of by a London dealer in late 1982.

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR
THE APRIL ISSUE ARE
URGENTLY REQUIRED BY
THE ASSISTANT EDITOR**

C.P.S. OF G.B. POSTAL SALE TO BE HELD ON 1.4.85. CONDITIONS AS IN MAPLE LEAVES APRIL 1984 PAGE 134 – ALL PRICES ARE IN POUNDS STERLING.

Lot	Price
1	Stampless cover to Quebec, manuscript 3 & St Paschal 18 Janvier 1852 B/s Quebec 3.00
2.	Stampless cover, Paid 3D in circle in red, Chatham UC Mr 24 '54 broken circle c.d.s. B/s Port Sarnia Mr 24 8154 in red. 6.00
3.	Stampless cover from Stratford to Toronto Ja 28 '65, straight line large type Unpaid 7 handstamp. 8.00
4.	1859 5c Beaver clear 4 ring numeral cancel of Bowmanville, scarce. 15.00
5.	Cover, London UC My 6 1859, double split ring FREE v.f. strikes. 7.50
6.	Cover, Vankleekhill CW Jy 29 1861, double ring broken circle, FREE v.f. Blue strikes. B/s Quebec Jy 31 '61. Attractive. 7.50
7.	Cover, pair of 3c s.q. within Quebec. Purple No. 1886 cancel. 2.00
8.	Cover, 5c s.q. somewhat tatty, Lindsay square circle cancelling the stamp, Little Current square circle b/s. Fe 12 1897. 3.00
9.	Cover, three 1c s.q. cancel Halifax square circle, 4/Sp 14/93. 6.00
10.	Cover, 2c s.q. drop letter, Halifax square circle, 2/No 22/93. 6.00
11.	A similar cover, 2/0c 4/97 3.50
12.	A similar cover, 3/Jy 13/94 5.00
13.	1c s.q. strip of 5 cancelled fine Winnipeg square circle No. 23/95 10.00
14.	1c s.q. strip of 2 and a strip of 3, Winnipeg square circles Ap 10/95 and Jy 1/96. 5.00
15.	1c s.q. 4 pairs with square circle cancels, Winnipeg, Kingston Toronto and Prescott. 5.00
16.	2c s.q. pair cancelled Victoria square circle My 17/97 3.00
17.	3c s.q. strip of 3 and 2 pairs, with square circle cancels, Brandon, Winnipeg and Aylmer West. 5.00
18.	5c s.q. strip of 3 dated Jy 13/93. 10.00
19.	1c post card, London type I square cancel 5/No 27/97. v.f. 4.00
20.	Square circle cancels, St John NB, 32 clear, fully dated copies. 6.00
21.	Square circle cancels, Kingston Ont, 24 Clear, fully dated copies. 6.00
22.	Square circle cancels, Hamilton Ont, 28 clear fully dated copies. 10.00
23.	1c blue postal stationery envelope, Selkirk square circle, NOT CALLED FOR & RETURN TO handstamps. 15.00
24.	Cover, 3 x 1c s.q. to Toronto cancelled Winnipeg screwed duplex Jy 2/1882 20.00
25.	Cover, 3c s.q. Kaslo square circle cancel Sp 3 1895, the cover has three faint ink splash stains. 45.00
26.	1c ps. card Annapolis NS square circle No 7 1896. 2.50
27.	1c ps. cards used in 1880, 1883 and 1884 4.50
28.	Covers, 3c s.q. Brantford duplex My 19 1882 3.00
29.	3c s.q. Sydney Mills cancel in green, 5c s.q. Mont. Print. dated My 17/83, 5c s.q. Ottawa print. St. Catherines St West LCD Ja 10/95. 4.50
30.	Cover, Stratford CW Mr 8/70 single split ring FREE, letter to MP. 5.00
31.	Cover, Ottawa Sp 23/78, single ring FREE, facsimile signature & initialled. Black-embossed brown coat of arms - Dept. of Justice Canada. B/s Montreal 1 Sep 24 78. Attractive. 10.00
32.	Cover, 3c s.q. with neat 2 ring cork cancel of Fenlon Falls and a neat carrier's mark of Toronto, Sep '85. 5.00
33.	3c s.q. 19 stamps and 1 piece with a selection of flag cancels. 2.00
34.	Morris Street Halifax c.d.s., 14 different dates on s.q. and numerals 6.00
35.	Jubilee Issue, SG 123/4, 1 & 2c lightly mounted mint copies. 4.00
36.	Jubilee Issue, 1c and 3c precancel T31u & T33 10.00
37.	Jubilee Issue, 1c and 3c 5-ring and 7-ring target cancels 6.00
38.	Jubilee Issue, 1c and 3c both with GB square circle cancels (transit) 6.00
39.	1898 Map, 4 average used copies 4.00
40.	1898 Map, 3 used slightly better copies 5.00
41.	1898 Map, Picton square circle Ap 25 '99 4.00
42.	1898 Map, Goderich square circle Ja 24 '99 6.00
43.	1898 Map, Goderich square circle Ja 1 '99 3.00

Lot		Price:
44.	1898 Map, Merrickville square circle No 15 '99	7.00
45.	1898 Map, London East Square circle My 9 '99	4.00
46.	1898 Map, Plate 3 stamp no. 91, fine mint full vertical & horizontal sheet margins, tiny hinge mark	15.00
47.	1898 Map, Plate 1 stamp no. 5 margin and part plate no. f. unused margin has a thin.	10.00
48.	1898 Map, 3 used copies, Victoria BC 1899 dates AM, PM, Nt.	10.00
49.	1898 Map, 4 used copies, Vancouver BC c.d.s. indicia 2, 3, 4, 6.	12.00
50.	1898 Map, 4, Brockville, Cornwall, Sarnia, Victoria square circles	30.00
51.	1898 Map, 8 different Ontario c.d.s. cancels	30.00
52.	1898 Map, 3 St Catherine Ont. c.d.s. indicia 1, 5, 7.	9.00
53.	1898 Map, 9 misc. pmks. inc. streets and London 3 ring.	28.00
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JOTTINGS FROM BUXTON

Our venue for this year's Convention was the St. Ann's Hotel, in a beautiful Georgian crescent in the Spa town of Buxton. There, waiting to greet us all, were John Parkin our President, and his wife Brenda.

On this Wednesday afternoon, the lounge with its large comfortable chairs, was soon full with members having a substantial afternoon tea – they needed this as it was all the peace they would get, as before long Betty was bombarding everyone for money for the Coach Tours etc. – As a good Scot she is never far away from the money!

While members watched Wednesday evening's display, the ladies caught up on each others' exploits during the past year.

On Thursday morning at breakfast, we found we had a culinary and numerical expert in the form of John Gatecliff, who discovered that if he disclaimed his wife Margaret, and became single again, he would receive more portions of toast than he would as one of a pair. He may be no Toast Master, but he was certainly a Master of Toast!

The hotel being a complete crescent, it made the corridors rather long, but the bedrooms interesting. I hope John and Jess Donaldson enjoyed their "Four-poster" and that Margaret McGregor eventually found her private bathroom which the management insisted on hiding from her!

Thursday afternoon saw a full coach load off to the Wedgwood Factory, this proving to be a most interesting visit, and a fair bit of "The housekeeping" was spent in the factory shop.

A very interesting slide-show on a unique Derbyshire Festival – that of Well Dressing – was seen by the Ladies on Thursday evening.

It was discovered at breakfast on Friday morning that we had yet another culinary expert: Colin Banfield had no difficulty in determining that he was eating Apricot Jam and not Marmalade. This was soon rectified by a kind waitress who penetrated the depths of the cellar to find the Marmalade. This done Colin was happy once more!

Members are now becoming experts on visiting Stately Homes. Friday was no exception, with a visit to Chatsworth, the home of the Duke of Devonshire. All but a few members went to Chatsworth, these few, four to be exact, tested the local Golf Course, Colin amongst them. But this time he was not to win as easily as at breakfast. The game was won by Neil Prior, and with hired clubs. What heights would he rise to with his own clubs? Well done! Are we soon to have a Society Challenge Cup?

On Friday evening the Ladies visited the recently refurbished Opera House, for a performance of "The Beaux Stratagem" – and on their return all 20 of them retired to Brenda's room for a glass of Sherry – No gentlemen invited – they had to content themselves with viewing the Auction lots.

Saturday morning was as usual very busy for some, with the Fellows Meeting, Committee Meeting and then the Annual General Meeting. The Members were told how sorry we all were to hear of the illness of our new Editor, Eric Killingley, and all expressed a wish for a quick recovery, to be sent to him and his wife Joyce.

Once again Geoffrey Manton ran a very efficient Auction, finishing precisely as he had predicted at 4.33 pm.

As usual the culmination of the Convention was the Reception and Banquet on Saturday evening. This proved a very successful evening with the President replying to the Toast to the Society by Mr. W. Holt, Chairman of the Matlock Society.

Dorothy Hollingsworth was quite a match for our ever versatile Geoffrey Manton who proposed the Toast to The Ladies. Jim Bacon welcomed all our Overseas (Canadian) Members in his own inimitable way, and was replied to by Wayne Curtis.

Our usual Trophies and Certificates were presented by our President's Lady, Brenda. There was also the introduction of two new Fellows, a very worthy recipient in our Librarian Colin Banfield, and a rather overwhelmed Betty Stephenson, though highly delighted by the honour.

Lionel Gillam was as usual our very good Toast Master, but he nearly brought on the dancing girls, and boys, before the handing over ceremony to the in-coming President, Tom Almond!

Sunday morning started wet but soon cleared up as we all loaded our cars for home. We shall all hope to meet again at Newbury, Berkshire, next year. We might even go to the races! Please do come and join us!

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THE TYPE 5 JUBILEE FLAG – A RE-APPRAISAL by D. F. Sessions, F.C.P.S.

The Type 5 Bickerdike flag cancellation used at Montreal in 1897 (Fig. 1) is a particularly attractive item and on page 46 of the Handbook (1) it is suggested that it is somewhat scarcer than the 5 weeks of apparent use implies. With material in short supply it is dangerous to draw too many conclusions but with 32 photostats or originals to hand and a couple of other reports, an interesting pattern emerges. Of the 34 examples reviewed, only 6 are reasonably certain to be commercial usage with one other possible, 11 are covers addressed to 'B. Baker' and the rest are cancellations on blocks or pairs of Jubilee stamps, some on piece some not.

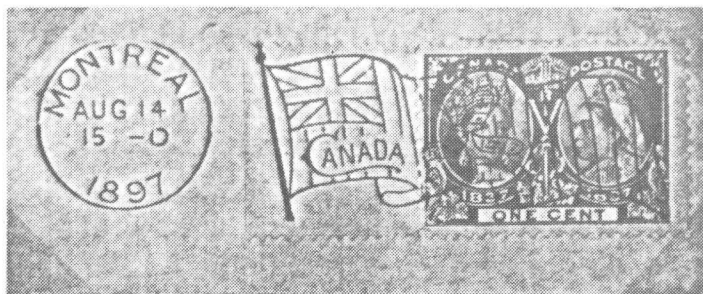


Fig. 1

Piece dated 14 August, almost certainly a 'Baker' item. Note the dater differs from the 'Baker' cover illustrated; it matches that which accompanied the Type 7 Die II flag. Main difference will be seen in the '8' and '9' of '1897'.

The 'Baker' covers (Fig. 2) are all confined to the short period 14 August and 16-18 August, 1897, 15 August was a Sunday. No commercial use has been noted in this period. The impressions on Jubilee stamps are confined to 13 and 23 July, no commercial use has been noted on 23 July. Commercial use, as presently recorded, is confined to one cover on 10 July, three on 13 July and two on 15 July. A front dated 17 July is something of an enigma as we shall see.

The flag due was obviously delivered with the first Bickerdike machines installed in Montreal P.O. on Saturday 10 July, 1897; one assumes that the balance of the six machines was installed on Monday 12 July and that a full complement of six Type 7 flag dies were made available. At least two of the Type 7 flags were in use on the Saturday, Dies I & IV having been recorded. The reference in the Handbook to Die III having been used on this date is incorrect at present, the cover in question being an example of Die IV. The earliest confirmed report of Die III is now 16 July (22-0) and reports of any

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Fig. 2



'Baker' cover dated 16 August. Dater matches that seen with the early Type 5 flag and then Die III of the Type 7 flags.

earlier use are earnestly solicited. This is significant in that the dater accompanying the Type 5 flag (Fig. 3) between 10 and 15 July matches that in use with the Type 7 flag, Die III, from 16 July onwards.

Fig. 3

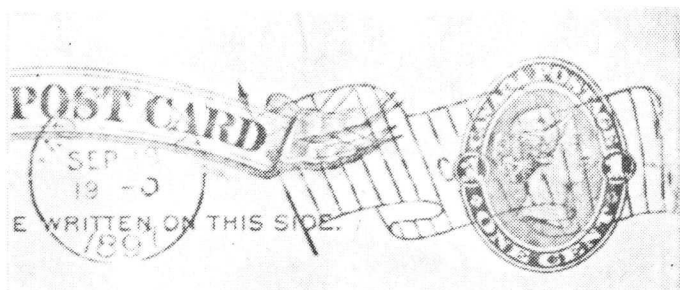


Commercial example of Type 5 flag dated 13 July. Dater matches that with Type 7 flag Die III.

The dater accompanying the isolated 17 July example appears to be that normally found with Type 7 flag Die V, whilst the 23 July examples accompany the original 'Die III' dater. All the 23 July examples seen carry the time mark 12- - 0, i.e. with an additional bar between the '12' and the '0'; this is not seen on any of the contemporary daters but the additional bar is assumed to be an integral part of the '12' slug. The 'Baker Era' commenced on 14 August with a Die II dater but from Monday to Wednesday of the following week (16-18 August) the 'Die III' dater was again in use.

On studying the available cancellations an interesting point emerges concerning the time marks. One would expect the majority to be evening marks, this expectation is strengthened by casual study of a number of Type 7 flag markings of 1897 which are nearly all evening cancellations with a peaking at 18-0 to 20-0 (Fig. 4). However, of the 29 recognisable time marks noted in conjunction with the Type 5 flag, all bar two are

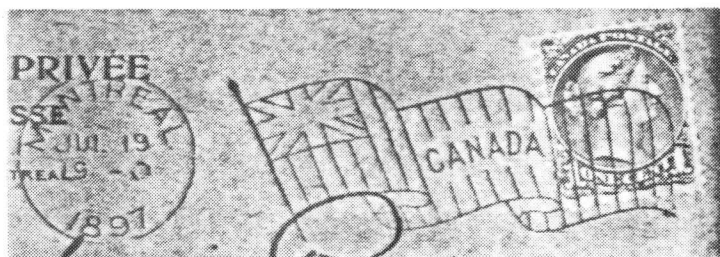
Fig. 4



Type 7 flag, Die III; dater matches that seen with early examples of Type 5 flag.

morning or afternoon marks! One of the exceptions is the commercial example here illustrated, timed at 19-0 on 13 July (Fig. 5) the other is 22-0 on the same day. This is not so surprising when one considers the high proportion of 'philatelic' examples; one would expect these to be run off during the slacker periods. The earliest of the Type 5 cancellations noted is timed at 15-0 on 10 July and is a Bank cover, this could well be from the initial run put through the newly-installed machine which would account for the 'early' time. The other 'commercial' covers noted are 16-0 on 13 July and 10-0 on 15 July (2), with the isolated example on 17 July (15-0) a possibility. The fact that the latter example has a different dater from the earlier ones suggests that the flag die had been removed — probably to be replaced by Type 7 flag Die III which is known to have been in use on 16 July, if not earlier. This could indicate an unauthorised replacement for philatelic purposes. Illustrations of the cover and piece from 15 July (10-0) indicate commercial use even if the early time mark is unusual.

Fig. 5



July 1897 example of Type 7 flag, Die II, dater of which matches the one which accompanied the Type 5 flag on 14 August.

According to official records the first Bickerdike machines (apart from the trial machine of December 1896) were not delivered to Montreal P.O. until 12 July :— Mr. W. Sweetnam, Chief P.O. Inspector, wrote to the P.M.G. on 21 October, 1897 :—

“Sir/—

I have the honor to state that, in compliance with your verbal instructions the ‘Canadian Postal Supply Company’, of Montreal, placed six of their Bickerdike Mail Marking Machines in the Montreal Post Office, on 12th July last; six in the Toronto Post Office on the 15th August; and two will be put in the Ottawa Post Office in the course of a few days” (2)

One must assume that the Canadian Postal Supply Co. were quick off the mark for, not only were the first machines in operation at Montreal on 10 July, but all six machines were in operation at Toronto on 10 August!

So, in summary, we find that the fairly scarce Type 5 flag exists with three different daters, even the notorious ‘Baker’ covers exist with two different daters, whilst commercial use is probably confined to the period 10-15 July, given that the last Type 7 flag (Die III) was in use at least by 16 July. Of the period 10 to 15 July; 11 July was a Sunday and no usage has been reported, no reports have been confirmed for 12 July, two references to use on 14 July have been noted but the status of the covers has not been confirmed. It can fairly be said that true commercial covers bearing the Type 5 flag are very worthwhile items.

As always, if any member has anything to add to the above findings please drop me a line at 3 Langfield Close, Henbury, Bristol, BS10 7ND. In the case of covers or pieces, a photostat record would be welcomed.

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SHORT PAID TRANSATLANTIC MAIL (Part 1) by Geoffrey Whitworth, F.C.P.S., F.R.P.S.L.

Col. Pritchard has reminded readers that the Canadian Post Office did not use for the transatlantic mail a letter rate of a straight $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. per rate until January 1st 1866. Being so familiar with the simple rate per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. for domestic letters many Canadians did not know that once a letter exceeded 1oz. a $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. difference was not allowed and the next full 1oz. rate was due.

A few covers will illustrate some of the points raised in recent issues of *Maple Leaves*.

Letters weighing between 1 and 2 ounces

A letter from Hamilton to London dated NO 9 1865

(For illustration see reverse, page 247 – Editor.)

This letter was marked '2 important letters' and prepaid 25 cents? At the post office it must have been weighed as 'over 1 oz. 9d' is written in the top left corner. Being winter the mail was sent to Portland and despatched to Liverpool on the Canadian Packet 'Damascus' on the 11th November.

After studying numerous short paid covers it would appear that the ship mail clerk kept account of these so that the correct amount of money could be recorded as due to Canada. Some appropriate mark appears on most of the earlier covers but not so on this one. The circular 'MORE TO PAY' and the handstamped 1/- are of the same greyish black ink and it is assumed they were added at Liverpool. The mark 9d would be cancelled at this time. The statement 'over 1 oz. 9d' would appear to be contrary to regulations if the letter was actually prepaid 25 cents. The only alternative answer is that it was originally prepaid $37\frac{1}{2}$ cents and that one stamp has come off after delivery. There is certainly room for another stamp outside the horizontal duplex cancel lines but there are no indications that one was ever there.

A red ink London receiving mark is on the back dated NO 24 1865. The two letters inside must have caused the black wax seal to break open as it has been resealed with red wax and handstamped :-

*Received open & resealed
at E. C. Office*

BOOK REVIEW:

"NEWFOUNDLAND AIR MAILS. AIR STAMPS AND FLIGHT COVERS FROM 1919 THROUGH MARCH 31, 1949" by C. H. C. Harmer

(an update of 1953 Edition). Edited and Reviewed by Joseph L. Eisendrath. This reviewer has the unique distinction of both editing the book and preparing a review of it.

This is truly a scholarly work, done in a way to interest anyone who seeks a challenge for "something different" in philately. It serves as a bible for collectors of Canadian stamps and is a must for all aerophilatelists.

During the process of editing, the editor had need to refer to the original 1953 edition, and could not help noticing the careful revising done by Cyril Harmer. Our estimate is that no less than a third of the original edition had changes, to say nothing of the new material in this 1984 edition. The format is unchanged . . . the number of pages is the same (176), the chapters remain at thirty-eight, and many new illustrations (especially of stamps . . . such as proofs, essays, etc.) replace others from the 1953 volume. There are about 160 illustrations (photos, portraits, maps, stamps and covers) which are somewhat more in number than before.

The 38 chapters maintain the subject matter found before, and this reviewer finds them fascinating, thorough, explicit, and quite readable. Those on trans-oceanic flights receive complete overhauling. Inland flights get much more thorough coverage than before. Stamp illustrations tie in beautifully with the text and are well placed. New photos provided seem to be clearer and sharper than in the initial volume. (It was the editor's decision to maintain the English terms and spelling, rather than change to American-English — it lends a definite charm to the text, more in fitting with the activities of what was an autonomous dominion of the British Empire.)

The author, C. H. C. Harmer, is considered the number one authority both on the stamps and on the flight covers. His connection with Harmers of London, one of the world's best known philatelic firms, has made available information not found elsewhere in such detail.

The book is an American Air Mail Society publication, and is available from Robert Outlaw, Post Office Box A3960, Chicago, Illinois 60690. Price is \$18.50 per copy (which includes postage anywhere in the world). Cheques and Money—orders should be payable to the "American Air Mail Society".

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