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NOTES AND COMMENTS

1959

A Happy New Year to you all. We in the South greeted it with some very mild weather. Later on hopes were dashed as high winds, rain and snow left their mark on us. This year heralds another centenary in the history of Canadian Stamps. The Decimal Issue of 1859. An issue which has caused much controversy in the field of philatelic study. We note that to date no announcement has been made regarding a commemorative issue.

Handbooks

Word has reached us via Miss Ann Dorian that the Sub. Committee appointed at the A.G.M. last October to look into the possibility of publishing handbooks on selected subjects is doing some very fast work. A report is to be read elsewhere in this issue and we cannot stress enough on members to give the Society all the encouragement it needs in this bold enterprise. Although several articles have appeared on the various subjects chosen we feel that one point should be emphasised. The subject has been brought right up to date. It is hoped to make the sales world wide.

London Re-union

A meeting of about 40 members and their friends had a very good time at the Kingsley Hotel last December. The room placed at our disposal was delightful, plenty of room and the displays put on by various members was followed after tea by a viewing of some of the philatelic treasures in the collection of our new Fellow, Mr J. J. Bird. Thank you, John, for entrusting your pages to us which gave us all a most enjoyable time.

Auctions

Glancing through the programme of forthcoming sales one can see the B.N.A. specialist is well catered for. Harmer's are disposing of two. The "R. T. Bowman" and "Rear Admiral P. W. Brock" collections. Robson Lowe have a very fine sale coming up. This being the "C. F. Bowman" collection. From the short accounts available at the time of writing the postmark specialists are in for a treat. Judging by prices realised at the "E. M. Gould" sale disposed of by P. A. Wilde there is ample proof of the stability of the market.

Cotswold Stamp Exchange

Since our brief notes on this newly formed club we have had the opportunity of seeing the first B.N.A. packet distributed. The material was very fine with a choice of material to suit all tastes. We noticed a copy of the $7\frac{1}{2}$ d imperf with a very fine example of the re-entered imprint. All in all a good show and well worth showing an interest in.

Our President

A few words with our President on the phone recently, who we have not yet had the pleasure of meeting, when he assured us that he is making fair progress to better health in spite of the very bad weather that Scotland was suffering at the time. He wishes to be remembered to all his friends and hopes to see you at Convention.

Convention

Our new Fellow and Past President, J. J. Bonar has been very hard at it arranging accommodation for the next Convention, which this year will be at Edinburgh. A brief announcement can be noted in this issue and we will be grateful if you will make a note of the dates in your diaries. Thank you J.J. for stepping into the breach at such short notice.

Cancellations

A letter from Mr Willcock on the Postmaster's Initial cancellations. We published last August an article by Mr Willcock on the "E.M." cancel. As a footnote he added some remarks on the "W.J.B." cancellation. Mr Willcock now informs us that the initials should have read "W.G.B." Please amend your copies accordingly. Incidentally Mr Willcock has sent along some very interesting unfinished Flag Cancellations which we hope to report to members in the next issue or so.

London International 1960

The prospectus is now with us and a most admirable booklet it is. The frontispiece is a lovely coloured portrait of H.M. the Queen under whose patronage the exhibition is being held. We would ask members to give their whole hearted support to this exhibition. To aid publicity a set of five sheets of exhibition labels has been prepared. These can be obtained from the London International Stamp Exhibition, 1960, 41, Devonshire Place, London, W.I. at the small cost of 2/6d for a set.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am deeply conscious of the honour that you have done me in electing me as your President. No doubt you will have been wondering why I did not have a message in the issue for December 1958, so a short note of explanation is called for.

During the summer of 1957 I had the misfortune to suffer a sudden stroke which laid me up for several months. After the initial recovery my wife and I set off for a trip to Australia in the hope that the sea voyage and the sunshine of "down under" would completely restore me to full health and strength and I am glad to report that I did make considerable headway along the right road.

Just on the eve of my departure for home I was considerably heartened to receive your cable announcing my election, all the more so to know that I retained your confidence whilst absent from Convention. Many kind friends have written accounts of Eastbourne. Thank you, Geoff and Margaret Harper, for a job well done.

I am more than glad to know that my task during 1959 is going to be

made so much easier by the continuance in office of Charles Hollingsworth as Secretary and Jim Macaskie as Treasurer. It is with real personal regret that I learn that John Hannah has relinquished the highly unpaid post of Packet Secretary after bringing the Packet up to a "high" in organisation and profit for the Society. I am delighted that David Gardner has re-employed himself on the task. Thank you, David, and will members please support by sending a flood of material up to Airdrie.

I regret that I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting Jim Woods but to our Editor and Librarian sincere thanks on behalf of myself and the large majority of members who do not have an opportunity of meeting them.

I am most grateful to my friend John J. Bonar for standing in during my absence and making all the preliminary arrangements for the 1959 Convention. John will be publishing the details himself as, although he comes from Edinburgh, I know that he can write.

Whilst in Australia I had the pleasure of meeting two of our Melbourne members, Mrs M. Gates and Mr E. G. Creed, both very well known in Australian Philatelic Circles. I also managed to recruit some members in Western Australia so I left the Island Continent with my tail well up. Just as I was leaving Colombo I unfortunately suffered a second stroke so spent the remainder of the voyage home to Tilbury in the ship's hospital.

> Yours very sincerely, DUNCAN McLELLAN.

CONVENTION 1959

The President has asked me to tell members of the plans for this year's Convention so far as they have taken shape. The venue will be Edinburgh, and although the company will neither look out on the sunlit seas that gladdened us at Scarborough nor the stormy ones we saw at Eastbourne the hotel selected will provide every comfort. It is the Grosvenor Hotel, Grosvenor Street, in the West End of the city.

The dates selected are Wednesday 7 to Sunday, 11th October, and the programme will follow the lines of last year's. The dates are later in the year than for some time. This proved inevitable if we wished to escape the tourist season and to give those of our number who belong to the Postal History Society an opportunity to attend its Annual gathering at Largs earlier in the month.

The charges for rooms will be similar to those in recent years: 40/- to 42/6 per day inclusive with a service charge of 10%. A block of rooms has been reserved for the Society up to 1st September and applications should be sent to me, Mr J. J. Bonar, 30 Greenhill Gardens, Edinburgh 10, as soon as possible.

The usual attractions and amenities of Convention will be forthcoming. Details will be given in subsequent numbers. The room reserved for our meetings will provide ample space for the display of competition entries and I hope that in quantity and quality they will at least rival the show at Eastbourne. Preparation of lots for the auction should be taken in hand without delay. The Treasurer warns me that unless the auction is a good one the Convention Fund will end up in the red. Bus tours provide no problem. Edinburgh's reputation as a tourist centre is sufficient guarantee that variety and interest will be forthcoming.

The stage is now set for another Convention, but it can only blossom into success with the help of members. It is now up to you and each of you to

AN APPROACH TO THE ADMIRALS

By ADANAC

PART VII: CONCLUSION



Imperforates. These are the only Admiral imperforates issued to the public (through the Philatelic Agency), apparently as a "novelty" for collectors. They were of course valid for postage, and genuinely used dated copies—especially of the One Cent Yellow and Two Cents Green—are scarce. They are also seldom found on contemporary covers bearing the correct rate of postage for the destination. They should be collected as mint or used pairs at least, so that no doubt can be cast on their genuineness, although single imperforates on piece or cover properly tied with a dated postmark during period of issue should be acceptable. They were available for some time at face value, and there would seem to be no need to fake them. However, singles off cover, however dated, should be treated with suspicion. The imperforates are of the following types:

One Cent Yellow-S.G. 260. Die I wet.

Two Cents Green—S.G. 261. Retouched die wet. I have frequently seen these faked, and if they are of the correct die type and wet prints, are difficult to detect as fakes, a good argument against buying singles.

Three Cents Red—S.G. 262. The commonest of the three, from Die I dry printing.

Surcharges. When the local and inter-city letter rates were reduced in 1926, a very large stock of the Three Cents Red perf. 12 was on hand which would have taken years to dispose of. Attempts were therefore made to surcharge these stamps by overprinting them "2 Cents," first by the King's Printer, and then by the Canadian Bank Note Co. These attempts were unsuccessful for technical reasons, and the overprinted stamps, except for a certain number put on sale in the Philatelic Agency, were destroyed. Like the imperforates, they were valid for postage, and are similarly scarce in genuine used condition. Both of these stamps—those overprinted in one line by the King's Printer, and those overprinted in two lines by the C.B.N.C., S.G. 264 and 265 respectively—were from plates of Die I printed by the dry method. However, two sheets of the one-line overprint were found to be from Die II, and (according to Jarrett) were "rescued" after nearly half a sheet had been sold to the public. As there are less than 200 of these Die II overprints, they must rank as one of the rarities among Canadian postage stamps.

This concludes the introduction to the main varieties of the Admirals, and you will now have a strong foundation on which to extend your collection.

There are many directions in which to expand your collecting from this point. If your bent is for research, don't think for a moment that there is nothing new to be discovered. There is a tendency to accept the written word as the last word, and this applies, for example, to perforations. You may have seen an exchange of letters in "Maple Leaves," in which a specialist member stated flatly that no perforation variations were to be found in the Admiral issues, because only one single-line perforator was in use. If this is true, there is a job open for someone to explain away the incidence of the perforation 11.75 found in many issues and printings of the Admirals, sometimes as a compound perforation with the regular "perf. 12." (The latter is an inaccurate description, as the true perforation is nearer to 11.9). These variations cannot, I believe, be dismissed as being due to paper shrinkage, and I hope to see this point taken further by serious specialists.

I have referred earlier to the "thick" and "thin" papers of the Admirals briefly, as being anomalous descriptions, and it is high time someone sorted out the subject of paper in such an important issue. There are papers thinner than the so-called "thin" paper, and thicker than the so-called "thick" paper; there is carton paper, "thin, grey" paper (I have also seen thick grey

paper), and so on.

There are a number of major retouches and re-entries on the Admirals which to my knowledge have never been reported; and how often does one hear of the stitch "watermark" on the One Cent Green horizontal coil in collections of Admirals? This variety—otherwise known only on a few early issues—seems to be rare even on this common stamp. Yet it is still possible to find this and other important varieties among common material.

If you like pure collecting instead of research, and like myself, prefer collecting used stamps, it is a fair accomplishment to get together most of the material described so far with circular or dated cancellations on well-centred copies. Even more challenging is the formation of a collection of covers bearing the types and sub-types described, particularly in the coil department. (I am still waiting for a Seven Cents Red-Brown or Fifty Cents Black on contemporary covers—any offers?).

I hope this introduction—necessarily brief—has convinced you that the Admiral issues are worthy of your serious attention. In later independent articles I shall go a little more deeply into some of the points mentioned above for the benefit of those who would like to "promote" their collecting to a more specialised sphere.

LONDON SECTION AT '391'

On Thursday evening, 20th November the Directors of Stanley Gibbons Ltd., invited the members of the London Section to a private viewing of a magnificent collection of cancellations on the Large Head issue which they had recently purchased.

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They felt, and how right they were, that such a number of items is seldom seen in one room at the same time, as they would shortly be dispersed far and wide in many collections those in the London Group should have the opportunity of studying them at close quarters.

The collection, which was contained in five volumes, contained some very fine rarities but there was also the less rare material. One noticed the fine copy of the 1c red brown on laid paper with the

earliest known date, the Port Hope Duplex cancellation, the 1st Day cover of the 1868 with a very rare use of the 2c and 3c to make up the 5c rate. The number of the remarkable 'cork' cancellations were astonishing.

This was the first occasion on which 'S.G.' have held such a gathering and the C.P.S. represented by its London members, felt most proud at being honoured in this way. The firm's Directors and Senior officials were all present and were delightful hosts—for the glass which was missing from the frames was used in more appropriate shapes in another room!

Our thanks to Mr A. Cyril Andrews, who conceived the idea and to his fellow Directors for a most happy evening.

R.S.B.G.

PUBLICATION OF HANDBOOKS

It was decided at the Annual General Meeting that the Society should undertake the publication of handbooks on subjects of growing and general interest to its members and to other philatelists.

Some of the subjects which we think

worthy of such treatment are

Duplex Cancellations of the 19th

Century.

The Map Stamp of 1898. Slogan Cancellations.

Precancels.

though not necessarily in that order.

It has therefore been decided in principle to publish handbooks on these subjects nominally at the rate of one a year, subject to certain considerations, such as cost, interest of our members,

availability of material, etc.

Study Groups and individuals have been working for some time on all of these subjects. Mr Fred Tomlinson's work on the Map Stamp will be wellknown to all readers of "Maple Leaves," and much of Mr E. A. Smythies' work on Duplex Cancellations, and of the Slogan Cancellation and Precancel Groups' work, has already been published.

A Publications Committee has now been appointed, the members being Mr J. J. Bonar (Chairman), Dr. R. Willan, Mr Fred Tomlinson, and Miss Ann

Dorian (Secretary).

Many members will be aware that B.N.A.P.S. have already served the interests of philately and added to their own stature by publishing handbooks on Squared Circle cancellations and on Perfins.

Any handbook which attempts to introduce a little-explored subject to philatelists must necessarily be incomplete, and its main purpose is to encourage further exploration. It should therefore be a co-operative venture, with as many members contributing to it as possible. It has been agreed in principle between B.N.A.P.S. and C.P.S. of G.B. that our two Societies should co-operate in the publication of handbooks, i.e. in exchanges of ideas and information of use to either Society in their respective publication programmes, in publicising the work and needs of the committees and compilers, etc.

It is hoped therefore that members will respond to appeals for information to assist in the compilation of handbooks, etc., on behalf of either Society, and indeed, that they will support these programmes in every way possible.

We think that many members on both sides of the Atlantic will be pleased to hear that the Society has decided to publish (subject to the above considerations) as the first handbook, Mr Smythies' fine work on Duplex Cancellations, and that the handbook has already

been submitted in draft and is now under consideration for publication during 1959.

Any members who feel that they can contribute new or confirmatory information on the subject of Duplex, or who would like to offer comments or suggestions on the programme generally, should contact one of the Liaison Members whose names are given below. These members were appointed to co-ordinate the work of their committees, and to avoid duplication of correspondence and effort.

The Publications Committee would also like members to know that B.N.A.P.S. have already given evidence of their goodwill and readiness to assist us in every way, and it is up to us to reciprocate their courtesy in any way we

The Liaison Members are as follows: B.N.A.P.S. Mr R. J. Woolley, Apt. 11, 2345, Yonge Street, Toronto 12, Canada. C.P.S.G.B. Miss Ann Dorian, 14, St. Andrews Road, Ilford, Essex, England.

CANADA 1868, 15 CENTS— THREE DOT VARIETY



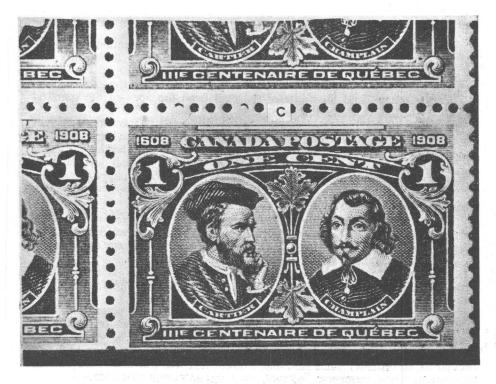
In Maple Leaves, Vol. 4, July 1953, page 193, appeared an article on this variety by Mr G. R. C. Searles. His concluding remarks were, "Who has it on the Clear Deep Violet?"

At the recent London Re-union Mr Jim Cater produced the answer. A beautiful copy of this rare variety which is No. 10 on the sheet (S.G.66). This copy is further enhanced with a superb strike of the scarce Ottawa Crown, Jarrett type 853. To our knowledge this is the only copy on the Clear Deep Violet which has so far been reported. A philatelic gem indeed.

QUEBEC TERCENTENARY ISSUE

Re-entered Impression to Damaged Plate of the 1C Value By H. J. PRICE (414)

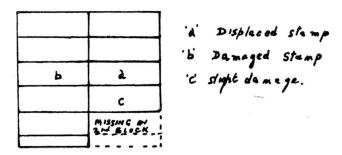




A fortunate purchase of some blocks of the 1C value of the above issue has brought to light a variety which I have not seen recorded before. The purchase of stamps included:—

Two vertical unused blocks of the 1C value, one 2 x 5 and an identical

block (as to locality), but with the lower left stamp missing.



Examination of the blocks revealed that the right stamp of the centre pair was noticeably displaced downwards in respect to the left stamp. Further observations proved that both blocks were from the same place on the sheet as the following varieties are common to both; dealing first with the right stamp—

1. There are two Guide Dots in the left margin opposite the value scroll, the upper dot being much fainter than the lower, the distance between the dots is equal to the amount of downward displacement in respect to the left stamp.

2. In the figures 1608 and also the left 1 there are traces of former

background lines.

3. C of Canada has a stroke of colour in the lower part of the curve

which is the remains of the C of the first impression.

4. The termination of the inner three lobed leaf decoration under the left 1 has additional lines; these are the lower edge of the former leaf decoration.

5. The background lines forming the spandrel below the oval around Cartier extend into the white of the oval from the apex of the spandrel for eight lines towards the base.

6. Retouching has been carried out at the north-east corner, the right vertical frame line stops three lines down from the top frame and the

first three horizontal background lines extend into the margin.

7. The inner end of the lower scroll leaf enclosing the left 1 is flattened and does not end in a graceful curl as on the normal impressions, also background lines extend into the scroll where they form a small spandrel.

The Left Stamp of the Middle Pair

This impression shows signs of the damage which occurred to the plate. Strong retouching has been made to the background lines over AG of postage. This can easily be seen by the unaided eye. There are also dots in the margin above this retouch—further evidence of damage.

The stamp 'c' immediately under the displaced one 'a' is also slightly damaged. There is a streak of dots in the 'd' of Canada which extend into

the margin above.

From these observations I have concluded that the plate had been damaged, the impression burnished out and a new impression rolled in. Damage in the left margin evidently caused a slight mark to be taken for the original guide dot for this impression. The mark does not appear to be as circular as an ordinary guide dot, and I doubt if it was put in as such for this impression. Some members, however, may disagree with this idea.

Again, was the damage to stamps 'b' and 'c' caused at the same time as the trouble that necessitated 'a' being burnished out, or during the process of hammering up the plate after burnishing? On the strength of a first discovery, and an attempted explanation, I sent the blocks to our last Editor-Mr. Tomlinson—and asked for his opinion. He was good enough to put me in touch with member Ernest Whitley. E. Whitley, who is making a study of this issue, was very nelpful. He concurred with me in my conclusions and drew attention to the marks on stamp 'c' which I had overlooked. Incidentally, we are indebted to him for the excellent photographic reproductions. He also pointed out some other retouches in this issue on some singles that I had sent him. As the blocks show margin at the bottom, the fault occurs in the eighth row, i.e. between numbers 71 and 80. The position in this row, however, remains to be discovered. Perhaps some member can help?

THE SLOGAN CANCELLATIONS OF CANADA By the Slogan Study Circle of the C.P.S. of G.B. PART XV

Among the Special Event Slogan Cancels recorded for use during 1945, are the following:- "Calgary Exhibition and Stampede," "International Rodeo Lethbridge," "Exposition Provinciale Quebec," and "Visit the Stampede Kamloops Dominion Day." Not a large number of illustrated Cancels have been recorded, but the "Share Your Home" slogan from Ottawa, showing in a circular format of black relief the roof and base of a house is very attractive. Air Mail directives were still used extensively, as well as the more usual Postal Appeal slogans. National Appeals such as "Help the Red Cross," "Observe Sunday," "Support National Clothing Collection," "Stamp Out V.D." and others were used on a nation wide basis, but it is interesting to note that only three towns used Christmas Appeal Slogans. The War-time precautionary Black-Out cancels finally ended in September of 1945.

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SUPPORT IT STAMP OUT SYPHILIS IN
SASKATCHEWAN SYMPHONY WEEK IN TORONTO

1945

Air Mail. Safe, Sure, Speedy Coburg Air Mail Speeds Business Fort Erie North

Air Mail Saves Time

Fort Frances

Leamington

Toronto Glace Bay Guelph Coleman

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Vote as You Please but Vote	
Brantford Sarnia Saskatoon	Toronto
Write Often and Keep the Family Together	Timmins
Your Friend Will Appreciate a Letter. Write Today	
Coburg Huntsville	
Your Postman Sells Stamps	Timmins

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT New design Postage Stamps for 1959

The Honourable William Hamilton, Postmaster General, has announced the subjects of six postage stamps to be issued by the Post Office Department during the calendar year 1959. At the same time he stated that other subjects may be selected during the year.

On the 23rd February, a special postage stamp will be issued to commemorate the golden anniversary of the first flight of a powered machine in Canada, the "Silver Dart." The pilot of this machine was Mr J. A. D. McCurdy. The flight took place over the ice of Bras d'Or Lakes near Baddeck, Nova Scotia. The Post Office Department joins with the rest of Canada in saluting the achievements of the early pioneers of aviation.

The Tenth Anniversary of the found-

organization will be celebrated on the 4th April and Canada will join other member countries in event by issuing a commemorative postage stamp. This international organization of governments is an important part of the co-operative efforts of countries striving for peace.

In May there will be issued a special stamp commemorating the Associated Country Women of the World, the concept of which originated with a Canadian woman. The Federated Women's Institutes of Canada of which the first provincial institute was founded in 1897, and The Cercles de Fermières organized in Quebec in 1915, with their mottos "For Home and Country" and "La Terre et le Foyer," are affiliated with the

Associated Country Women of the World. Some years after the Canadian groups were established a Canadian woman carried the movement to the United Kingdom from where it spread throughout the world. The Associated Country Women of the World finally became a reality in 1933 at a conference in Stockholm, Sweden. Today this worldwide Association directed to the betterment of all mankind has membership in more than thirty countries of the world.

Two postage stamps will be issued in June to mark the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway. One stamp will portray Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, who will open the Seaway officially. The other will be a joint issue by Canada and the

United States using the same basic design in each country. This joint stamp will commemorate the Seaway as a monument to practical international co-operation.

The circumstances which in 1759 led to the partnership of two races and the founding of our nation will be honoured by the issue of a postage stamp. It was on the Plains of Abraham at Quebec two hundred years ago that two great heroes, Montcalm and Wolfe, gave their lives in a struggle which marked the beginning of a chapter in our history probably with few parallels in the course of human progress.

Further details of these stamps will be announced during the year.

THE STORY OF A REGISTERED LETTER

By J. J. BONAR, F.C.P.S.



The cover illustrated herewith is attractive not only for the varied colours of its adornments but also because of the history of its journey which can be spelt out of the postmarks and adhesives appearing on it.

Early in April 1899 a Canadian Senator, of French extraction as I guess from his handwriting, addressed a letter to a correspondent in Paris, franked it by writing his name in the bottom left corner and presented it for registration at the Post Office of the Legislature in Ottawa. The clerk who received it, paying no attention to its destination, stamped the cover with his personal

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name stamp, the crowned circle Senate stamp of date 6th April and the word 'Registered' all in brilliant magenta and added, in black, the rectangular Registered Ottawa Free stamp of that date—a marking not recorded by Jarrett or Boggs—and an R in oval.

At this point he, or perhaps a brother clerk, perceived that someone had blundered. The Senator could send letters free of charge in Canada but his franking privilege did not extend to letters going farther afield. Adhesives had to be affixed the 5 cents Small Head superimposed on the oval registration mark and the 5 cents green Registration

Label all but obliterating the names of the Senator and the clerk. I wonder who

paid the ten cents.

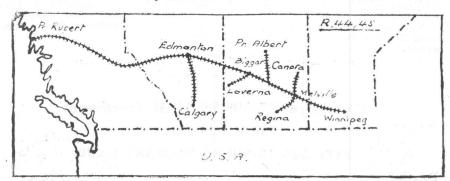
The cover now proceeded on its way and appears next at Liverpool where it acquired the oval Liverpool Registered stamp of 17th April and, probably, also the blue crayon lines. The blue lines are a device introduced into the British Postal Service ten years earlier to draw attention to registered mail an effect produced in Canada by the long registration labels. On the following day the letter passed through London as testified by the brownish red oval Registered

stamp of that day, crossed the Channel and received in black the circular stamp of the Calais to Paris T.P.O. The only other marking on the cover is a very indistinct one on the reverse, apparently the Paris Date Stamp of 19th April.

For the benefit of those collectors to whom 'the stamp's the thing' I may add that the Registration Label is in an unusual pale yellow green shade. It would seem that there was a printing in this shade early in 1889. I have two other copies on cover both dated in June 1889 one even paler in tint.

EARLY CANADIAN RAILWAY POST OFFICES PART XIII

By LIONEL F. GILLAM



THE GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC RLWY

This railway might be described as the western section of the Grand Trunk Railway, since its construction was jointly financed by the latter and the Canadian Government. The project was largely conceived out of the desire to break the monopoly of the Canadian Pacific Railway in the Western Provinces

vinces.

Construction began in 1905 westwards from Winnipeg and eastwards from Prince Rupert, the rails being connected on April 9th, 1914, at a point 374 miles east of Prince Rupert. The route chosen lay between the Canadian Northern Railway on the north and the Canadian Pacific Railway on the south, and ran westerly from Winnipeg via Portage la Prairie, Qu'appelle, Watrous, Saskatoon, Wainwright, Edmonton, through the Yellowhead Pass to Fort George and Prince Rupert. Branch lines were also constructed from Melville to Canora, Melville to Regina, Young to Prince Albert, Calgary (via Mirror) to Edmonton, and from Sioux Lookout on the National Transcontinental to Fort William.

As a result of heavy construction costs, and the trade depression which preceded



the Great War, the Grand Trunk found itself in considerable financial difficulties, and after the completion of the line was unable to operate it effectively without government aid, which was refused. As a consequence the system was taken over and run by the Canadian Government (1919), and thus today forms a part of the Canadian National Railway.

Three postmarks are known to have been used by the railway post offices which accompanied the construction

gangs, viz: 'G.T.P.W. of Wainwright'

'End of Steel G.T.P. West B.C.' and E. of T.P.R.R.P.O.' (End of Track

and Prince Rupert)

The following R.P.O.'s appear to have commenced operation upon the main transcontinental route as soon as the construction of its various sections made this possible:

Winnipeg & Rivers, Rivers & Saskatoon, Rivers & Watrous, Rivers & Wainwright, Saskatoon, Wainwright &

Edmonton, Edmonton & Prince George, Prince George & Prince Rupert, Edmonton & Edson, Rivers & Biggar, Prince Rupert & Winnipeg, Saskatoon & Edmonton, Watrous & Rivers, and Watrous & Wainwright. Of these only the first two named are still operating.

R.P.O.'s which have operated over the branch lines of the G.T.P. include the Biggar & Loverna, Regina & Canora, Calgary, Mirror & Edmonton, Melville & Regina, and Regina & Melville. Of these again, only the first two named are still operating.

The Yorkton & Swan River R.P.O. and the Regina & Hudson Bay R.P.O. operated over the system between Yorkton and Canora, and Regina and Canora respectively.

The Prince George & Prince Rupert R.P.O. has been superseded by the Jasper & Prince George, Prince George & Smithers and Smithers & Prince Rupert R.P.O.'s.

CANADIAN FORCES MAIL (continued)

By R. H. WEBB

TYPE 2.06—DUNDURN MILITARY CAMP

Description

Impression—steel hammer Dimensions—circle 28mm

F.P.O. —3mm Time and date—2mm

Earliest known date—Jul 7'36

Latest —Oct 21 '40



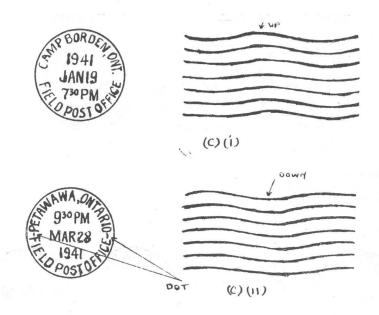
Notes

This postmark is singular in that it seems to have been used only at this one camp. No other varieties are known to the author.

TYPE 2.07—TRANSITIONAL PERIOD—1937-1941







Description		
(a)		(b)
Impression—steel hammer Dimensions—circle 30mm	ste	eel hammer 24mm
letters —outer ring 3mm inner ., 2mm		3mm
(c)(i)		(c)(ii)
Impression—machine		machine
Dimensions—circle 22mm		22mm
letters 2½mm		$2\frac{1}{2}$ mm
bars—length 54mm	,	54mm
height 19mm		19mm

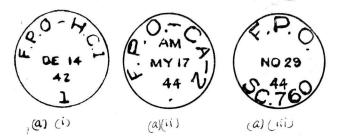
Notes

Cancellations of this type appear to have been an interim measure covering the period between the outbreak of war and the establishment of "Military Post Offices" (Group III). The examples indicated are the only ones known to the author, however, others no doubt existed, e.g. back stamps.

CHECK LIST

	CHARLET E	AND A	
F.P.O.		IETY c(i) c(ii) Earlies	DATES t Latest
CAMP BORDEN ONT	X	x ?	(b) 28 Jan 41 (c)(i) 19 Jan 41
CONNAUGHT CAMP ONT	X		
PETAWAWA CAMP ONT		x ?	(c)(ii) 28 Mar 41
SARCEE CAMP ALTA	X		
SHILO CAMP MAN	X		
SUSSEX CAMP NB	X		6 Jul 37

TYPE 2.08—SECOND WORLD WAR—EUROPE



Description (a)

Impression—steel hammer

Dimensions (a)(i) (a)(ii) (a)(iii)

circle 23½mm 23mm 23mm
letters 3mm 3½mm 3½mm



Description (b)

Impression—rubber hand stamps

Dimensions—circle—approximately 35mm letters— ,, 4mm 2mm

F.P.O. C.M.H.Q.

(i)

HC1F.P.O. F.P.O. C.A.-1

(iii)

Decription (c)

d

Impression—rubber hand stamps
Dimensions—length—varies according to designation
letters—approximately 6-7mm x 1mm

○ 「たっぱ 自然の事からなっぱを担け着からい この事がを持ちに、すかし 本 のの事を 事業 自然の主要を はなり 事業 を はましま 事業 はない はんしょう にない はんしょう しゅうかい またい はんしゅう はんしゅん はんしゃ はんしゃん はん



Description (d)

Impression—machine
Dimensions—circle—20½mm
letters—2mm
bars—length—50mm
height—20mm

Notes

As in the First World War, the CPC obtained their postal equipment for use in the FPOs in Europe from the British Army Postal Service. Initially, the British type of 'grab handle' steel stamps for cancelling and rubber hand stamps for back stamping, registration etc. were used. The steel stamps were not favoured by the Cdn postal clerks so the CPC requested the P.O. Dept in Ottawa to supply the normal hammer type stamps. The first of these (variety (a)(i)) were distributed to FPOs in England on 11 Jun 42. Each FPO except those using variety (d) were designated according to a code which contained the letter 'C' (for Canadian) in combination with other letters and numbers. Some FPOs were supplied with several hammers, each of which was indicated by a number at the bottom of the circle e.g. SC2 had six hammers for use as follows:

1-RCAF Registration Section

2— , Letter Section

3- .. Parcel Section

4—Army Registration Section

5— ,, Letter Section 6— ,, Parcel Section

Similar hammers were provided at later dates for the FPOs with the armoured brigades (variety (a)(ii)), the lines of communication units (variety (a)(iii)) and the Occupation Force (variety (d)). Some doubt exists whether variety (d) hammers were in lieu of c(iii) for FPOs 765, 6, 7, 9, 70 or in addition.

When 1 Corps and 5 Armoured Division were transferred from England to Italy in the late autumn of 1943, special security measures were necessary and it seems that FPOs DCA 5, HC 1 and possibly THC 1 were redesignated DCA 6, 7 and 8 respectively. Presumably, the old postmarks continued to be used in England however the whole of this phase is subject to confirmation.

E. M. GOULD AUCTION

The New Year heralded the first of the important sales which will be arriving this year.

On the 7th January, P. A. Wilde auctioned the collection of the late Mrs E. M. Gould. The bidding was very brisk and some very good prices were realised

at the sale which was strong in early

cancellations. Appended are a few of the

items which will give members an idea

Collection of 24 Letter Cancels on

Small heads ... £17
1c Orange Small head, Maple Leaf cancel £7

Every Good Wish to All from Aberdeen Group

"Happy to meet—sorry to part Happy to meet again."

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C.W.H.

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£20

£34

... £15

CANADA, 1868, 2 CENT LARGE QUEEN MAJOR RE-ENTRY

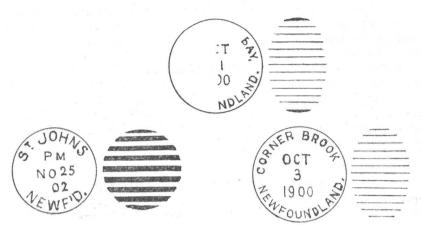


One of our contemporaries. The Canadian Philatelist, has recently concluded a series by Mr R. C. Martin on the 1868 Large Queens. One paragraph of this excellent series dealt with the Major Re-entry. The position on the sheet has up to now not been established. Boggs in his monumental work states that the re-entry has been seen as the fourth stamp in a block of ten.

Through the courtesy of one of our Vice-Presidents. Mr Stanley Godden, we are privileged to illustrate a block of four showing imprint which is in his possession. The top right hand stamp shows the major re-entry and with the layout of the sheet it is possible to position this variety as No. 7 on the sheet. We hope that one of our members may be able to support his finding with further evidence. The block shown is possibly unique and is believed to be one of two in existence.

J.W.

NEWFOUNDLAND CORNER By DR. R. WILLAN, F.C.P.S.



The November and December issues of the "London Philatelist" contain further articles by Mr A. M. Strange on the De La Rue archives concerning Newfoundland stamps which were printed by that firm. They show that the whole of the Pictorial Issue of 1923-24 and of the Publicity issue of 1928 were engraved and printed by De La Rue. The articles make interesting reading, particularly regarding the official hesitations and vacillations over the designs and colours. The printing records are valuable to the student and suggest that the perforation varieties of individual denominations come from different printings, though it is obvious that both comb and line machines were in use simultaneously.

Until recently I was not aware of the existence of duplex postmarks in Newfoundland, but in looking through my used stamps for obliterations I found many of the 2c and 3c values of the 1897 Royal issue with a killer in the form of a vertical oval 25 x 15mm of 13 horizontal lines, and the edge of a date stamp always in the same relative position about 1½mm from the killer. Examining these, it became obvious that I was dealing with a duplex mark. From the portions of the outer circle which I had, I calculated that the date stamp was about 25mm diameter, and I give an illustration of my largest piece which shows the place name to end in BAY, and NEWFOUNDLAND is in full. I took some of these along to Convention, but could get no further information. Shortly afterwards, however, Mr Smythies informed me that the proof book of Pritchard and Andrews in the Philatelic Foundation, New York, shows that they made one duplex hammer for ST JOHNS NEWF'D dated My 9 '88 with indicia AM and with 9 thick unbroken horizontal bars in the circular killer. Scarcely had I begun to search for this additional duplex when Dan Meyerson sent me a cover with a 6c Cabot cancelled by this hammer. As will be seen from the illustration, the date stamp is 22mm diameter and the killer 21mm. Replying to Mr Meyerson I sent him a tracing of the other fragment, and by return received another cover franked with the 2c scarlet King Edward VII and cancelled with a duplex very similar to my first one but emanating from Corner Brook. The date stamp is 25mm diameter. with a layout exactly the same as the first one, and the killer is identical except that in this strike the top and bottom of the oval are thin lines instead of solid arcs.

This seems to open up an entirely new field of Newfoundland postmarks. so look up your covers and used stamps. I should be grateful for any help in identifying the first hammer, for particulars of any others which exist, and for dates of use of any of them. The three illustrated are all used at the turn of the century, but from the information of Mr Smythies that of St John's at least should be found much earlier. The great difficulty in working on the postmarks of Newfoundland is the scarcity of material. No single collection has enough for a comprehensive study, and it is only by a combined effort that it is possible to gather the necessary information on a subject which seems to have much interest for most collectors.

PRECANCEL STUDY GROUP

Committee of the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain have decided to proceed with the publication of the Handbook of Canadian Precancels Precancelled Postal Canadian Stationery.

With reference to the proposed publication of the Handbook, a great deal of information has already been received but still more is required before the

Handbook can be printed.

It is proposed to set out the Handbook in the following sections:

(1) The "Forerunners."

(2) Early 'Bar Types" until the end of the Edwards.

(3) The "City Types."

(4) Later "Bar Types" George V to Elizabeth II.

(5) The "Numeral Types."(6) The unofficial provisional issues. such as the "Brampton."

(7) The Precancelled Postal Stationery. (8) "PERFINS" precancelled, a list of any holdings of these items with Initials and Noble Type Nos.

(9) "Precancelled Revenues."

With regard to the above, I should be much obliged if you could send me any information you can, especially follows:-

(1) "Forerunners"

Especially wanted is information of the use of the Ottawa Type (19 lines and numeral 1) on Cover with photographs if possible. Ditto for St. John, N.B. (14 lines and numeral 1). Any record of the 'Pen Precancels' Toronto used on

Cover. It would also be of assistance to receive a list of copies of the Montreal "21's," especially of its use on the 2, 3, 6 and 10 cents, "Small Heads." (See Jarrett Pages 588-590).
(2) Early "Bar Types"

Any varieties of the early "Bar Types"

not so far recorded.
(3) "City Types"

Any constant varieties of the "City Types" such as "Missing Letters," "Missing Names," "Broken Letters," "Cut off Letters," "Nail Heads" and any other varieties not so far recorded.
(4) Later "Bar Types"

Any unrecorded errors on the "Bar Types" of George V, George VI and

Elizabeth II. (5) "Numeral Types"

unrecorded the "Numeral Types."

(6) "Unofficial Provisional Issues"

Any information regarding the "Unofficial Provisional Issues" such as the "Brampton," etc.
(7) "Precancelled Postal Stationery"

A list of any copies of "Precancelled Postal Stationery" with envelope sizes and Name of user, when known. Also P.C.'s and Wrappers. Quoting "Bond's" Nos., if known.

It is hoped that all members who are interested will co-operate in this matter and let me have their lists as soon as

possible.

Yours sincerely,

R. B. HETHERINGTON, Leader, Precancel Study Group.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A QUEBEC POSTMARK

I have two copies of an unusual Quebec C.D.S. where the year, 1902, is shown contracted and in inverted commas, thus "O2." Is there an explanation, and was it confined to 1902 only? JOHN ANDERSON (7)

CANADIAN POSTMASTER INITIALS CANCELS

Dear Mr Woods, In the August 1958 issue you published an interesting item from Mr Willcock giving the origin of the well-known EM cancel of 1881 as the initials of the Postmaster of West Arichat, N.S., Mons. Emile Mouchet.

Another example, i.e. Y.K. in purple, is also well-known, but apparently has not yet been located. I recently saw a cover with a small 1 cent postmarked YK in purple (as usual), which showed a c.d.s., also in purple, reading—

"St. François-du-lac QUE"

and dated 17 Jan. 1881. Can any reader carry the information a little further and give the name of the Postmaster of this place at this time?

Yours sincerely,

E. A. SMYTHIES.

PLATE BLOCK CANCELLATIONS

Dear Sir,

I should like some information on some Plate Blocks which are at present in my possession. They are cancelled with a rubber stamp as follows:—

0899 Montreal Sub No. 108 Aug. 13 1955 P.O.

This cancellation appears in colours, red and black and cover a period of 1954-56. All have original gum and do not appear to have been used. I would be grateful if a member would help me over this problem.

Yours sincerely, A. E. KING,

CANADIAN "CORK" CANCELLATIONS

Dear Mr Woods,

In the "Maple Leaves" for October 1958 there was a very interesting article by Mr Smythies in which he refers to a Dr. Ryerson.

Dr. Ryerson was the founder of the Church Publishing House in Toronto which is now known as The Ryerson Press. The Ryerson Press is owned by the United Church of Canada and as such they do all the church printing.

Dr. Eggerton Ryerson made many trips to England and had a wide correspondence which Mr McMurrich was most fortunate in acquiring.

I remain,

Yours truly,

W. H. POLLARD (1082).

COIL STAMPS

Dear Editor,

I have recently acquired a mint strip of three of the 3 cent scarlet 1935 Coil Stamp (S.G.354).

The mint strip is considerably split into two distinct layers or "films." The top "film" carries the print of the stamp and the lower one carries the gum.

Is this a "trial paper"? Has anyone an explanation?

Sincerely yours,

G. REEVES-BROWN (1119).

? IMPROVISED DATESTAMP





Dear Jim,

In the course of collecting the large 2 and 3 ring c.d.s. of the late 1890's and early 1900's, I have recently acquired copies of a most unusual Toronto type, characterised by very large lettering of the date (4mm tall) and by the presence of indicia lines. Whilst there are numerous fairly common 2 and 3 ring c.d.s. of this period, this one would appear to be scarce. The dates of my copies are 1902.

In his articles on Duplex, Mr Smythies has mentioned a very scarce and unusual Toronto type, the dater of which has no surrounding circle. The settings and measurements of the letters and figures of the date in these two postmark types are identical. Dates so far noted for the Duplex are 1901.

In contrast to numerous reported examples of improvised Duplex could this be the reverse—the duplex dater being inserted into the outer part of the c.d.s.

I should be interested to hear from any members having examples of these postmarks.

Yours sincerely.

CHARLES HOLLINGSWORTH.

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1062. Van Ness, Capt. W. D., 248, Gerry Road, Hancock Village, Chestnut Hill 67.
575. J. G. BARBOUR (not J. B.).

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