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EDITORIAL

Six years and 34 issues ago Jim Woods took over the Editorship of 'Maple Leaves' from Frederick Tomlinson and at that time he expressed the hope that he would be able to serve the Society as well as his predecessor had done.

Those of us who know the work which 'our Fred' had put into the production of this journal will not need to be reminded that Jim Woods had set himself no mean task, but no one now needs reminding of the success which has attended his efforts.

Today, more than ever, 'Maple Leaves' is an example of its kind which continues to draw tributes from philatelists and postal historians all over the world. That this should be so is, of course, a magnificent tribute to Jim Woods and his predecessors in the Editorial Chair.

Both they and he have deserved well of the Society and now that the time has come when Jim must lay aside his editorial cares and the numerous chores which are so much a part of the job, it would be most remiss of us not to acknowledge our indebtedness to him. In many ways his success will make our task the comparatively easy one of building upon foundations which have been well and truly laid in past years.

A tribute to his work appears upon another page. Here it only remains for us to express the hope that the help, sympathy and understanding that members have so readily extended to him in the past will be equally forthcoming in the same generous measure in the future.

Contributions

At this point it will be appropriate if to this tribute we add our thanks to the many contributors who have helped to make our journal an authority on British North American Philately and Postal History to which everyone can refer with confidence and pride. The painstaking research and study which they have obviously applied to their work is manifest in every issue which has been produced, and even a cursory glance through back numbers of the past ten years will leave no one in any doubt as to the extent to which the advancement of knowledge in this field has been brought about.

That we shall be able to continue to rely upon past contributors exclusively would be a vain and unreasonable hope, however, and to their support we hope to add that of the many members who must have much to offer in both general and specialised fields of study, but who have not yet 'revealed their hands.' It is to the latter that we make a special appeal at a time when 'the barrel is nearly dry.' We hope to see in future issues not only new names but fresh developments in the many aspects of Canadian philately which have so far been comparatively neglected. There is still much to be done in a well nigh inexhaustible subject, and everyone has a part to play. Please do not leave it to 'the other fellow.'

Advertising

Much of the success of this journal in the past has also been due to the support and encouragement which we have received from our friends in the trade, amongst whom can be numbered those whose names are household words among philatelists throughout the world. In return they expect our support as well. 'Maple Leaves' is an unrivalled medium for the sale of B.N.A. material of all kinds. Good class material can only be obtained from reputable dealers, and only reputable dealers are accepted by us. The name of any dealer in 'Maple Leaves' is a guarantee of a fair deal and if you do not see what you want write to them for help, and when you write please mention this journal.

Convention

Elsewhere in this issue we report the proceedings of the 17th Annual Convention and the election of G. F. George as President of the Society for the forthcoming year. Those of our members who were fortunate enough to be present on this occasion and who have experienced at first hand the good fellowship and hospitality that is so much a part of this outstanding event in the Society's year will need no reminding of the feast of good things that made up their happy lot. Junketing apart, and no one would wish to discount its attractions, it was very evident that the philatelic fare was of the kind which no superlatives can adequately describe. That all the awards were well-merited it goes without saying. We would add to our congratulations to those who eventually carried off the Convention Awards a word of sympathy to the judges who, as so often on these occasions, have to make distinctions of a most invidious kind between entries of such a uniformly high standard.

Dr. C. W. Hollingsworth

Just how a busy professional man with more than ordinary claims upon his time has managed during the past year to preside over the affairs of the Society and at the same time carry on as Secretary as well is a mystery only known to himself. That he has succeeded in carrying this dual burden so well and has crowned a year of Presidential office with the faultless organization of Convention is indicative of a devotion to the interest of the Society which it would be very difficult to match. On behalf of all members we wish to pay him an especial word of thanks for all that he has done and for all the time and energy that he must have devoted to his manifold tasks.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is usual for newly elected Presidents, and I'm not only referring to this Society, to acknowledge the honour that has been done them by their appointment. Many people may regard this as purely a polite opening gambit, but I should most certainly like to disabuse any of you who may be of this way of thinking when I say that, as far as this Society is concerned, it is in fact a great honour and that I am proud to be your representative. I only hope I may be able to live up to the standard set by my distinguished predecessors.

I regard myself as the first "unknown" President, one who is not well known in general or even Canadian philatelic circles. To my regret I have made no useful contribution to the study or knowledge of Canadian stamps or postal history.

I believe firmly in personal contacts in our hobby, for after all that is what it is to most of us really. I shall endeavour to visit some of the Groups' meetings during the year and try to get to know more of our members. I've no doubt that wherever there are meetings it is becoming more of a problem to keep the attendance from falling away, though this is easily the most fruitful and pleasant way of learning and collecting. I'm convinced that if every active member would try during this winter season to seek out other (inactive) members and infect them with some of their own enthusiasm, the results would be really rewarding. I myself have on a number of occasions found members of other philatelic societies interested in B.N.A., but who had not joined, either through ignorance or diffidence. The reason often given was "I'm not advanced enough to join a specialist society. What could I gain by it?" The answer lies, of course, in the friendliness and helpful attitude of our members, which has struck me most particularly ever since I joined. Therefore I should like to ask everyone who has the interests of the Society at heart to make a special effort to revive active participation in its doings and help to make our Silver Jubilee year a really successful one.

I cannot conclude without a reference to our Conventions. Many of us have just returned from enjoying the last one at Llandudno, where Dr. Charles Hollingsworth combined in his own special way the double burden of President and Hon. Secretary. Needless to say it was a great success. The 1964 one will be at the Burlington Hotel, Folkestone. Members may be glad to know this now so that they can have it in mind when planning next year's holidays.

Finally, by the time this appears in print it will be time to wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year. With your support I shall do my best to try and make it a successful one for the Society.

Graham George

The Nicaragua Coat-of-Arms Cancellation

By E. A. SMYTHIES F.C.P.S.

This is one of the most intriguing fancy cancellations of Canada, which has led to some difference of opinion amongst the Authorities. Jarrett in his 1929 catalogue had an enlarged illustration ($\times 2$), made from an obviously heavily inked strike, and the following description:—

“An interesting cancellation is illustrated by type 1425. It consists of a Coat-of-Arms design with draped flags extending from right and left sides of a triangle in which is contained a tree, an Indian head or sphinx, and other figures. Crossed cannon are pendant from the base of the triangle.” Colour bluish-black, date 189?

Boggs in his 1944 book of “CANADA” took a different view of it, and I quote:—

BOGUS CANCELLATIONS

“We are very doubtful of some types of fancy cancellations, reported on the Small Queen stamps, particularly the 3c. Two in particular which have been examined by us: the Coat-of-Arms of Nicaragua and a cartoon-like figure of a small policeman.



In our opinion both of these are the results of playfulness: the results of using a set of rubber stamps on a few 3c. Small Queens. Nearly every stamp magazine in the period 1880-1900 carried advertisements of rubber stamps of various kinds, and sets of Coats-of-Arms etc. were frequently offered."

It is evident that neither authority had seen this cancellation on cover or knew where it was supposed to originate. With the passage of years further evidence has come to light, including a cancellation on a very fine cover which I illustrate and describe below. It has the R.P.S. certificate of genuineness No. 56076.

On the evidence of a large piece of original cover which showed part of the P.O. of origin, it was included in Day and Smythies handbook No. 316, and the P.O. of origin was recorded as St. Genevieve-de-Batiscan. P.Q. Strikes are now known in blue-black, purple, and red, and dates of use 1893-95.

It is quite possible, as Boggs suggests, that the Postmaster of this small French-Canadian P.O. acquired a rubber stamp showing this Coat-of-Arms, but if so the evidence now available shows he put it to a better use than mere playfulness, and used it over a period of years to cancel mail, thereby removing from it the stigma of a bogus cancellation. It has long been a puzzle to specialists why this little P.O. should have adopted the Coat-of-Arms of Nicaragua for a cancel. Boggs' suggestion that it was a purchase at random of a rubber stamp being advertised in the early nineties gives at least a plausible explanation.

That this interesting cover is genuine there can be no doubt. It is perhaps worth noting that sea-mails in those distant days took 10 days from Canada to France. Nowadays they take 4 to 5 weeks!

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New York's auction contribution of £415,575 included the new world record sum of £14,600 for a single stamp. Private Treaty added a further £81,331 giving a total for the leading trans-Atlantic House of £496,906.

Harmer's Bond Street auction turnover was the second highest at £441,350 plus a much increased Private Treaty figure of £99,996 lifting the London total to £541,346.

LONDON SECTION

The 1963-64 season opened in September with an evening devoted to discussing members' problems. Although he modestly dismissed the appellation we had asked Leo Baresch to join us as Expert Adviser, and of course his experience and knowledge were of great value. The topics covered ranged from classics to modern and enabled most of those present to contribute their share.

During the evening our past Chairman, Jack Harvey, presented to the Section a gavel made of Canadian rock maple in a similar box veneered externally with birds eye maple, and lined with Canadian hornbeam ebonized. The box is completed with an engraved silver name plate—truly a most appropriate and excellent gift.

R.S.B.G.

*Xmas Greetings
and
Best Wishes
for
the New Year*



George Williamson

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Christmas and
New Year*

Early Canadian Railway Post Offices

by LIONEL F. GILLAM

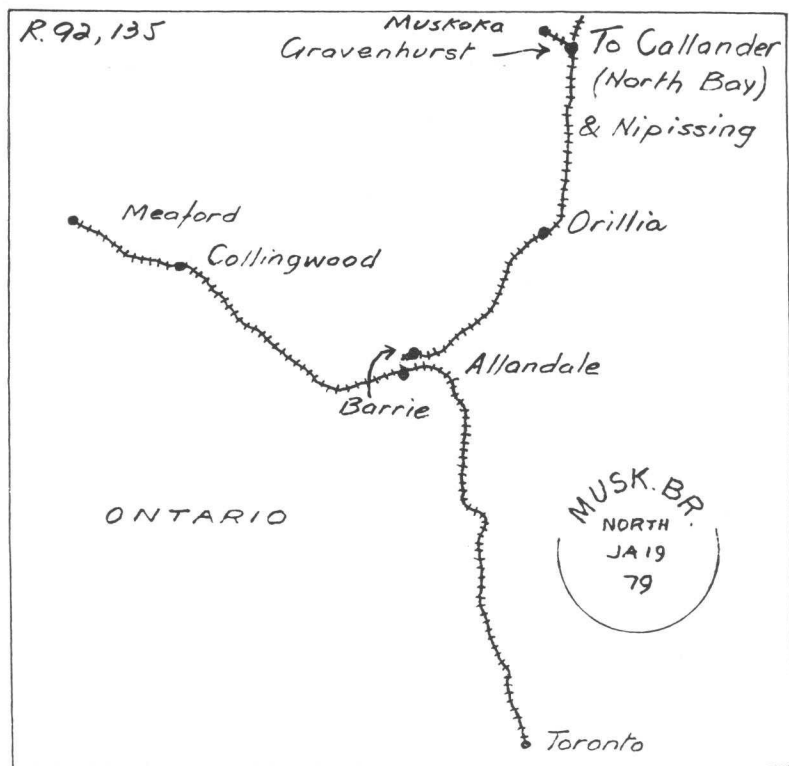
Part XXIX: The Toronto, Simcoe and Muskoka Junction Railway

This railway was incorporated in 1869 to build from Barrie, the terminus of the Northern Railway, to an unnamed terminus on Lake Muskoka some thirty miles to the north.

From the very first it was really a subsidiary (along with the North Grey Railway) of the Northern Railway which undertook to lease both lines upon completion.

Before this came about, however, both lines were amalgamated under the name of the Northern Extension Railways (1871).

The line from Barrie to Orillia was opened on 1st April, 1872 and extended to Washago on 8th August, 1873. The remainder of the line was completed as far as Seven Rivers in September, 1874, to Gravenhurst in August, 1875 and finally to Muskoka Wharf on Muskoka Lake in November of the same year. Shortly



before this, in the June of 1875, the Northern Extension Railways were amalgamated with the Northern Railway, whereupon the line from Barrie to Muskoka became known as the Muskoka Branch.

Railway post offices appear to have been introduced on this line at the time of its completion to Muskoka Wharf when postmarks reading 'Musk. Br.' or 'Registered Muskoka Branch' were used. These appear to have continued in use until 1893 when the whole of the Northern Railway system was absorbed into the Grand Trunk. Thereafter postmarks reading 'Tor. & Gravenhurst' or 'Toronto & North Bay' were introduced. Both of the latter served the Barrie to Gravenhurst section of the former Muskoka Branch. The Toronto & North Bay R.P.O. still operates as one of the largest and busiest railway post offices in Canada.

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The purchase of this remarkable collection by Mr. Stanley Cohen has been a matter of considerable interest to members both at home and overseas. In a message to 'Maple Leaves' Mr. Cohen has this to say: "this collection is now with me in England where it will stay. The main collection is to be preserved intact in memory of the late Arnold Banfield whose work on the colours and printings still has to be completed."

Mr. Cohen goes on to say that he is working in close collaboration with Mr. Geoffrey Whitworth, the well-known authority on the 1859 issue, in order to complete the study. In due course it is hoped to produce a handbook on the subject, but many problems still remain to be solved, not least the major one of reproducing the 10 cent shades in print.

For the consolation of the envious it may be added that there are a large number of duplicates, and some of these that are over-duplicated will ultimately be disposed of. The main items in the collection will NOT be disposed of, however.

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1963-64

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Nugent M. Clougher, F.R.P.S.L.

With the passing of Nugent Clougher on the 31st August our Society has lost one of its very early members. As No. 40 on the Roll he had seen the Society grow from infancy to maturity, and from an early date he had been the Contact Member for London.

Not content merely to hold this title he formed the London Section in 1948 and was its Chairman until 1953, giving so well of his time and energy that this child of the Society is now full of health and vigour.

Nugent Clougher's philatelic interests were wide, but to all of them, Canadian classics, postal history, Prince Edward Island, France and doubtless more besides, he brought that attention to detail which had its reward in his word always being accepted when queries were raised.

Justly proud of his Fellowship of the 'Royal' and the Presidency of the Postal History Society, Nugent Clougher had also a deep concern for the C.P.S. of G.B. and for those who strove to further the interests of Canadian philately.

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 ity of the Postmaster General.



POSTAL BI-CENTENNIAL

The establishment of a regular postal service between Quebec, Montreal and Three Rivers in 1763, formed the nucleus of the Canada Post Office land mail service as it is known today, and established the Post Office as one of the first branches of the Canadian Civil Service.

Benjamin Franklin, the Deputy Postmaster General in North America, came to Quebec from Philadelphia to set up the organization. There was no general mail service before this time, but Mr. Franklin did find a system of post houses along the post road. These served as a foundation which he expanded and developed. Hugh Finlay, a Scot who came to Canada in 1760, and served as Post Office Surveyor, was placed in charge of the Quebec office. The Post Office made use of horses, runners and boats for dispatch and delivery.

Citizens of this area, and especially those who had worked in the old post houses, were requested to give all necessary aid to the new postal organization. Ralph Burton, Governor of Three Rivers and its dependencies, directed that saddle horses should be rented at a fee of six cents a league to carry mail to and from Quebec. Boatmen were to ferry letters and post office personnel. On delivery, the boat captain was paid one cent per letter by the postal clerk. Colonel Burton threatened punishment to those who caused hindrance or delay.

There was little mail traffic between the settlements of the colony, later known as the Province of Canada. Travellers, and members of the clergy in particular, continued to carry news from one community to another, as they had for many years.

Those who did use the mail service were assessed a fee, payable on delivery. In fixing the amount of this charge, distance and weight were the factors considered. Most of the mail carried between these post offices was to or from Europe, and crossed the Atlantic in mail packet steamer.

During the winter months, mail service was halted. For the remainder of the year, the people could depend upon a fairly regular monthly service.

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FELLOWSHIP AWARD 1963

The election of Daniel C. Meyerson to the Fellowship of this Society will have the enthusiastic approval of all students of the stamps and postal history of Newfoundland. For many years he has been the foremost student and writer in this field of philately, and his wide knowledge has always been freely at the disposal of his fellow collectors.

Working originally with his brother, Bill, he continued his labours alone after Bill's untimely death. Dan has never been very interested in "fly-speck" philately, but he has made great contributions to our knowledge of modern stamps of Newfoundland, and his plating of the 1880 1c. postcard was a fine example of patient and painstaking work which brought an interest in postal stationery to many of us for the first time.

His outstanding work, however, has been in the problems of postal history. His series of articles on pre-stamp and stampless covers form a work of reference for all students, and from that period to 1949 his researches into postal services, postal rates and postal markings of all kinds have been of the greatest value. He is a member of the Board of Governors and an ex-President of B.N.A.P.S., and most of his work has been published in "Topics" and the journal of the Collectors' Club of New York.

How he has found time for all this in a busy business life is a mystery, but in addition his prompt and invariably helpful replies to his many correspondents are an example of courtesy all too rare in these days.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1963

The Secretary reported a big drop in Membership during the year, the net loss being 60. This was accounted for by less new members—24 in the year, and a larger number dropped for non-payment of subscriptions. An unusual item was an application for membership from Kharkov, U.S.S.R.

Our new Editor, Lionel Gillam, stressed the need for material for publication and asked for help from potential contributors. He asked also for more help from members in obtaining advertisements.

The Librarian, R. S. B. Greenhill said that only 28 members out of 500 in G.B. had borrowed books during the year, the lowest since he took office seven years ago. It was recommended at the meeting that a full list of the publications available should be published in *Maple Leaves* to encourage members to make use of the facilities.

The Convener of Study, G. Whitworth, reported that only three members during the year had contacted him with a view to being put in touch with other members of similar interests. The publication of reports by local and study groups was urged.

Mr. Stanley Cohen in his report on Handbooks informed members that the Smythies-Day book on fancy cancels was a best seller, and the new Shaw book was proving popular. The second edition of the Duplex handbook was published in July and was completely up to date. Sales were satisfactory. He also said that we should make plans for our next book. From the point of view of advertising, the year had been difficult and several advertisers had dropped out for no specific reason, and it was difficult to replace them. He said that members were not supporting the "small ads" section, and asked that more use be made of this facility, which was not expensive.

The Exchange Secretary, J. A. Grant said the year had been most successful, and the surplus had increased from £33 to £53. 20 packets were issued valued at £2,475 compared with 18 valued at £2,075 the previous year. Sales for packets completed increased from £550 to £860. He said that the year had been exceptionally good on account of unusual and expensive material.

Non-payment of subscription

On account of an increase in the number of members being dropped for non-payment of subscription, the following plan would be adopted next year. The treasurer would issue a list of members owing their subscription in March 1964 (i.e. overdue from 1st October 1963). Instead of the April issue of *Maple Leaves*, these members would receive instead a printed reminder in the *Maple Leaves* envelope. No more copies would be sent out until the amount was paid, when the back numbers would be sent on. If the subscription was not paid after one year, the member would be removed from the list.

Regional meetings

In an attempt to get more members of the Society together it was decided to try to hold a one day meeting each year in each region, in addition to Convention, on somewhat similar lines to the present London Reunions. If these were successful, the idea would be developed further.

Review of Constitution

A sub-committee under the chairmanship of Mr. J. J. Bonar would review and revise the Constitution during the year. The Life Membership subscription would be raised to £10 for those up to 50 and £8. 8. 0 for those over 50.

Convention Auction

Only 28 members had sent in Lots for Sale in the Auction, whereas over 100 postal bids had been received. Catalogues had been sent to every member of the Society, but only 10 had sent the 6d. asked to help defray the cost of printing.

It was pointed out that the total value of the Lots rather than the number was the real issue, and to this end a differential commission was suggested for next year, i.e. 15 per cent on prices realised up to £2. 10. 0 and 10 per cent on prices realised over £2. 10. 0.

Election of Officers 1963-64

	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
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	(North) J. A. Lea	Dr. R. Willan	G. Whitworth
(Scotland)	Sir George Williamson	A. E. Stephenson	J. J. Bonar

Election of Fellows

D. C. Meyerson (234) of Harrison, N.Y. was elected to the Fellowship of the Society for his outstanding research into the Philately of Newfoundland.

1963 CONVENTION AWARDS

Founder's Trophy—no award

Godden Trophy—G. Whitworth, F.C.P.S. (*Canada Pence Issues*)

Bunny Cup—Dr. W. M. Carstairs (*Canadian Forces Mail* 1900-19)

Admiral Cup—J. L. Bacon (1 cent. *Admiral Coils*)

Lees-Jones Trophy—J. M. Macaskie, F.C.P.S. (*Elizabethan Postal Stationery*)

Aiken Trophy—J. J. Bonar, F.C.P.S. (*Canadian Postal History*)

DIPLOMAS:—

Research and Study Class

J. L. Bacon—(1 cent *Admiral Coils*)

W. Rorke—(*Edward and Admiral Experimental Coils*)

Contributed Classes

(a) G. Whitworth, F.C.P.S.—(*Canada Pence Issues*)

Dr. Carstairs—(*Ottawa Cancels* 1854-97)

(b) Dr. Carstairs—(*Canadian Forces Mail* 1900-19)

Mrs. M. Wressell—(*Modern Canada*)

GROUP DISPLAYS:—**The London Group**—(*The 5 cents Small Queen*)**OTHER EXHIBITS IN THE COMPETITIVE CLASSES WERE:—**

1 cent green Admiral—D. G. Robertson

Registration stamps—G. Searles

The designs of E. O. Hahn—The West Riding Group

Fancy cancels—G. F. George

Early Newfoundland—Mrs. S. Barratt, F.C.P.S.

The Canada Large Queen Issue—G. Mellor

The Birth Certificate of a stamp—J. M. Kitchen

Canadian Industries on stamps—J. Hinchliffe

Roller Cancels—Dr. C. W. Hollingsworth

NON-COMPETITIVE DISPLAYS WERE SUPPLIED BY:—

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British Columbia—Sir G. Williamson

Ottawa Crowns and forgeries—E. A. Smythies, F.C.P.S.

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We had one innovation—a combined display by the Convention Committee and they are to be congratulated on producing a real Pot Pouri of Canadian Philately.

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Wherever it was Jack Canuck was there and you can take it that it does exist even though Dr. Beeching says it does not. As usual when we arrived in Llandudno we found the C.P.S. well and truly in possession. The annual stampede of Scots and Yorkshiremen to be at the head of the queue for the free tickets for whatever was going, helped to enliven the early proceedings.

We found John Gilbert of Plymouth who had tried apparently to make the North West passage to Blackpool, but landed in Llandudno instead.

Charles Hollingsworth was benignly surveying arrangements as much as to say, "look what I've done!" Our treasurer sent us some doleful news so perhaps that was why he was scared to appear. What we were amazed at was the able way the President passed the buck to the Secretary, and the Secretary passed it back!

Out of the turmoil we unearthed a new Editor. For heavens sake send him along plenty of material to publish, otherwise you will have to suffer pages of this drivel for the next twelve months. (Have no fear, you won't!—Editor)

As by usual custom we produced our real live Canadian in Major G. Grenier of Ottawa and Westmount. We hope he took back home a true report of our sanity, and better still will come back again and be infected thoroughly.

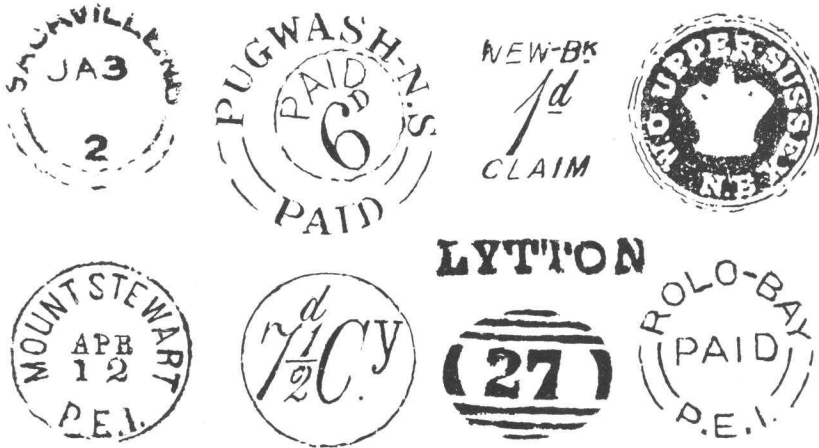
We now take it for granted that Dorland Carn will do something daft with the elevator. Well, he did, but what he was doing down in the basement we don't know. He evidently passed the secret of the art on to J. J. Bonar for he was half way to the roof before he discovered he did not know how to stop the darned thing.

The meeting of Fellows sounded as if the two newcomers were being given the entire works and when the meeting broke up in disorder we were scared of the worst. However as the entire Fraternity were seen huddled together in the bar we breathed again.

Strangely enough we also looked at stamps. On the first evening the Invitation Display given by Mr. G. Mellor of his Pence Issues made all feel very modest. At the same time we wonder why it has taken us nearly twenty-five years to bring such a wonderful collection to Convention level.

We were also entertained with Study Circles on the Numerals by J. J. Bonar, while Charles Hollingsworth and Geoff. Harper regaled us with aspects of the Edwards we did not realise were under our very noses.

We also had the inevitable Admirals with a Macaskie-Stevie combine together with a bit of prompting from Donald Robertson. They discussed Margin Imprints with rather devastating results to one of our members. He proceeded to have a really good lunch and followed it up by a bus trip into the Welsh sheep country. With so many sheep about he started to count them. The heat of the bus did the rest. When he awoke he found all the sheep had Margin Imprints in Manuscript both *Die I (Blue)* and *Die II (Red)*!



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891. J. A. D. Reade
603. R. M. Richardson
929. Maj. R. M. Watson

Change of address

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