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EDITORIAL

The Book of Scottish Philatelists

The Scottish Congress meeting of 10th April witnessed the signing of the Book of Scottish Philatelists by two Fellows of the Society who will need no introduction to our readers, A. Bruce Aukland and A. E. Stephenson. The citation states that the former receives this high honour in recognition of his work and research on Scottish postmarks and for his work as first editor of *Maple Leaves*. Stevie has been honoured for his contributions towards the cause of Scottish philately in general and in particular for his promotion of the Association of Scottish Philatelic Societies and the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain. We are sure that all our readers will join with us in offering congratulations to these two most worthy recipients of the high honour which has now been accorded to them. In passing it is interesting to note that of the first seven names in the Book *five* are those of members of our Society.

The Postal History of the Yukon Territory

Congratulations to member R.G. Woodall on the award of the Silver Medal at the British Philatelic Exhibition in London. Notice of this work, which is the result of many years' research into the neglected postal history of this remote part of Canada, appeared in our June issue (No. 89).

Convention Auction

The last date for the receipt of lots for inclusion in the Auction catalogue is 16th July, little more than a month after this notice appears. Now is the time, therefore, for action. The catalogue will be circulated to *all* members in order to ensure that the right material, sensibly valued, will find a purchaser. This is one way in which members can help themselves and the Society as well and we confidently look forward to your help and co-operation. This year's Convention will be supported by a record number of members, and with your assistance, we can be sure of its success in every way. Please send your lots to Mr. J. H. O. Gilbert at Mermaid House, 34, New Street, Plymouth and mark the envelope or parcel at the bottom left "C.P.S. of G.B." Lots received after 16th July cannot be

included in the catalogue. Please refer to Page 261 of the April issue for further details.

Convention, Coach Tours

There is every likelihood of more than usual demand for seats on the coaches which have been booked for Thursday (21st October) when an itinerary has been planned to include industrial developments at Grangemouth, views of the Old and New Forth Bridges and a circuit of Loch Leven. During the tour the new Forth Road Bridge will be crossed and tea will be taken at the Green Hotel, Kinross. An inclusive charge of 11s. will be made.

On Friday afternoon the tour will include a visit to Lake of Menteith, Aberfoyle, Dukes Pass, the Trossachs, Roman Camp (where tea will be taken), Callander, Loch Lubnaig, Loch Earn and Crieff. At an inclusive charge of 12s. 6d. this must be about the best value for money available. One final note: "Jack Canuck" assures us that the fares are inclusive of gratuities. Thanks are due to member J. S. Merrylees who is responsible for all the arrangements and the best way in which these can be accorded is to take advantage of his enterprise by making advanced bookings with him now at 5, Williamfield Avenue, Stirling.

First come will be first served and late applications may have to be refused.

Convention Exhibition

Mr. J. J. Bonar is now prepared to take bookings for displays. An entry form is enclosed and this should reach him not later than 31st August. For other details please refer to the entry form and Page 285. Modern issues as well as others will be welcome.

Allan Water Hotel

By the time this notice appears it is more than likely that all of the block booking of rooms at Convention H.Q. will have been taken up. Arrangements have now been made to requisition two further hotels nearby. A hotel booking form is enclosed with this issue and Mr. E. McGuigan has asked for an early notification of your requirements. A last minute rush is always to be expected if previous experience is anything to go by. Please help to avoid this, if possible, and thus lighten the very heavy burden of work which he has to carry in this connection. *Verbum Satis Sapienti*, which *freely* translated means one word from us and no one takes any notice unless they are *with it*.

Corrigendum

Mr. E. A. Smythies notifies us that his display at Convention will be entitled *Three Handbooks Illustrated* and not *Cancellations* as stated on Page 246 of our last issue. ("Jack Canuck" please note that you have a *Gremlin* in your house *too!*) Incidentally Mr. Smythies informs us that most of his display will be taken up by mint blocks of the Registered stamps and will deal with shades, perforations, plate varieties, re-entries, etc.

Exchange Packet

The summer holidays are approaching so please don't forget to notify Mr. Bielby of your holiday dates so that packets can be diverted during your absence.

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CANADA AND COMPULSORY REGISTRATION

by
**GEORGE R. C.
SEARLES**

The only reference to Compulsory Registration was the letter from W. H. Griffin, Deputy Postmaster General of Canada, dated 24th September, 1867. This instructed the Postmasters of the Canadian Offices of Exchange that Compulsory Registration would be enforced from 1st October, 1867. The Postmasters of Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa, Kingston, Toronto, Hamilton, the Offices of Exchange, received this letter:

P.O.D. 24th September, 1867

Sir,

In accordance with the terms of our understanding entered into between this department and the G.P.O. England, the Postmaster General desires me to inform you that, on and after the first proxo. any letters found to contain coin, as well as any having the word "Registered" written upon them which may be posted in the U.K. for Canada without registration, which will be forwarded to Canada, charged with the double registration fee, credit will be taken by the Imperial Post Office for one half such double fee, and I am to instruct you, after the date named to deal in a similar manner with all such letters addressed to the U.K. which may be posted at, or received in the Mails for transmission through your office.

(Signed) Wm. White

A cover from Canada that had positively been Compulsorily Registered came into my possession twenty years ago. Photographs of the front and back of this cover gave the complete picture (see over).

In October, 1955, I wrote the Post Office Records, London, in an effort to get the full story of Compulsory Registration. Mr. G. W. P. Devonport of the Record Office very kindly offered to help. It took well over a year, so after I gave information which gave the lead, he was able to complete the picture. Thanks are due to him and the Record Office which enables me to quote from Official letters and documents, copies of which he supplied to me, from the first proposal of Compulsory Registration dated 17th January, 1862 until it was introduced throughout the Colonies 1st October, 1867.

17th January, 1862

Suggestion to the Treasury of the necessity for making a regulation that all letters unquestionably containing coin etc., etc. should be compulsorily registered.

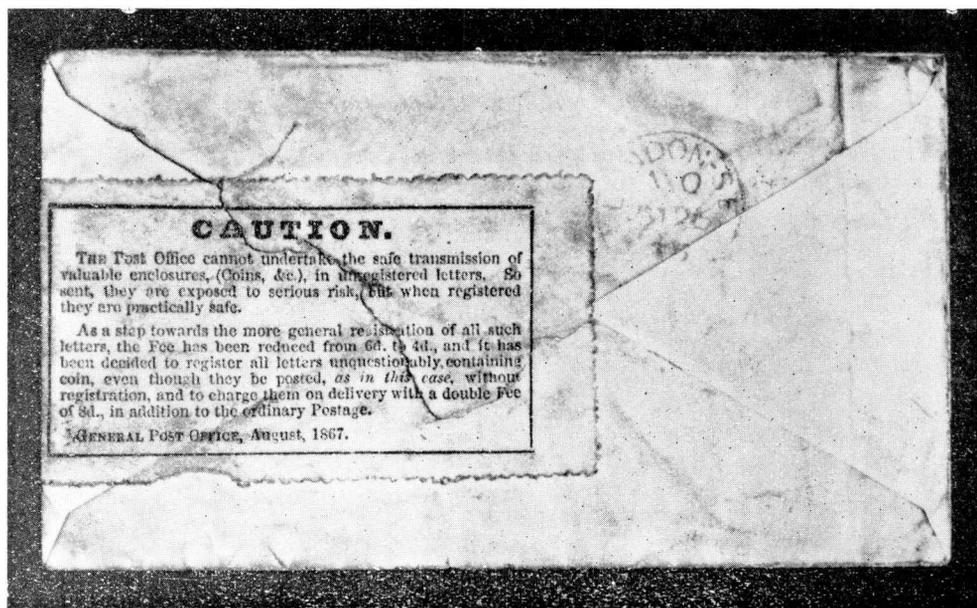
1st August, 1862

This was adopted and came into operation for Inland Letters only passing through the Chief Office, London.

9th April, 1863

Extended to include Dublin, Edinburgh and all provincial Head Offices.

The first reference to Compulsory Registration being extended to Canada



and the Colonies, also Foreign Countries, is dated 24th February, 1865. Treasury Chambers—to the Postmaster General and is signed W. Peel.

24th February, 1865

Recommending that the system now in force in regard to letters containing coin passing through the Chief Office in London, the Dublin and Edinburgh

Post Offices, and all the Provincial Head Offices should be extended to letters addressed to British Colonies and Foreign Countries. "I am to state that, my Lords, in compliance with your recommendations, sanction the said extension being carried into effect, and authorize you to make the necessary proposals to the several Colonial Governments, through the Colonial Office, and direct to the heads of the various Foreign Post Offices with which arrangements exist for the registration of letters."

3rd March, 1865

Post Office letter to Sir F. Rogers, Bart. regarding approach to be made to the Colonies—"In order to put a stop to the frequent loss of letters containing coin forwarded through the post without the security of registration, and to remove from the officers of the Post Office the temptation to dishonesty offered by the passage of such letters."

13th March, 1865. Downing Street

Circular referring to the letter of 3rd March, "I should wish to be informed at as early a period as may be practicable, whether your Government are prepared to concur in the adoption of this arrangement."

The following letter which I quote in full is the most important. It gives the information I was seeking and the complete reason for the first letter I have quoted written by the Postmaster General of Canada, instructing the Postmasters of the Exchange Offices regarding Compulsory Registration.

The letter from W. H. Griffin to Mr. Godley the Governors' Secretary is as follows:—

Post Office Department,
Quebec, 6th April, 1865.

Sir,

With respect to your reference dated the 3rd instant, received this morning, of a circular from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies transmitting a proposal from the Imperial Post Office, that letters passing between Canada and the United Kingdom which may contain coin and have been posted without registration should be compulsorily registered and charged with a double registration fee—I am directed by the Postmaster General to state very respectfully for His Excellency's information that there can be no objection to concurring in the extension of this system to such letters passing between Canada and the United Kingdom and that such a regulation might indeed be expected to have a very salutary effect.

This department will be prepared to give effect to the system proposed from whatever date it may suit the Imperial Post Office to select.

I have etc.,
(Signed) W. H. Griffin,
Dy. P. M. Gl.

The above letter was dealt with the same day by Viscount Monck and a copy sent to the Right Honourable Edward Cardwell—from Government House—Quebec.

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22nd January, 1866

By command of the Postmaster General, instructions were issued to Postmasters that on 1st February, 1866 the Registration fee would be reduced from sixpence to fourpence.

2nd July, 1867

Treasury Warrant giving date of Compulsory Registration for the Colonies as 1st October, 1867.

31st August, 1867

Circular from G.P.O. London sent to the Colonies giving notification of this date.

24th September, 1867

Deputy Postmaster General W. H. Griffin wrote to John Tilley, G.P.O. as follows:—

Post Office Department,
Ottawa, 24th September, 1867.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge your letter No. 569, dated 31st ultimo, with respect to the future compulsory registration of all letters found to contain coin or which may have the word "Registered" written upon them but which have been posted either in the United Kingdom or Canada, without Registration, and I have the honour to inform you that instructions relative to the future treatment of such letters will at once be issued to the Postmasters of the several Canadian Offices of Exchange.

I am, Sir

Your very obedient servant,

W. H. Griffin,

Deputy Postmaster General

These instructions were issued on the same day to the Canadian Office of Exchange Postmasters. The first letter quoted in this article is a copy of the letter sent.

The photographs of the cover illustrating this article are exact in size to the original cover.

The front shows the double fee 8d. on manuscript—initialled by post office, with the boxed registered dated mark on the right and the circular dated registered mark on the left. The most interesting is the label affixed at the back which proves beyond any doubt this letter was compulsorily registered. Dated General Post Office, August 1867.

The Records Officials who so successfully unearthed the information I have recorded, failed completely to find any reference to the label stuck on the back of envelopes. Photographs identical to those illustrated are in the archives of the Post Office Records. Mr. Devonport of the Record Office acknowledged receipt of them 9th March, 1956.

This cover is probably unique. Even if all the information it gives were not enough the two 6c. Small Heads would make it so. They are an unrecorded variety. The perforation on the two single 6c. stamps on the cover measure $12 \times 11\frac{1}{2}$ —not the catalogued $11\frac{1}{2} \times 12$. As to the rarity of this variety there is no doubt. In the 1930s Small Heads in bulk were easy to obtain. After going through many thousands only one copy was found measuring $12 \times 11\frac{1}{2}$. Many years later I found another copy so with those on the cover—just four copies in all. There are many more copies of the 3c. Indian Red $12\frac{1}{2} \times 12\frac{1}{2}$ known than this 6c. variety.

For this reason I think the cover illustrated is unique.

How did it happen that the perforation came $12 \times 11\frac{1}{2}$? I found no other Small Heads from the 1c. to the 10c. with this perforation variety. The earliest dated copies of the $11\frac{1}{2} \times 12$ perf. are 1873.

Brig. M. A. Studd who made a wonderful study of the Small Heads and recorded the results of his research in the *Philatelic Journal of G.B.* in 1932 gives the date for the earliest 6c. $11\frac{1}{2} \times 12$ as 5th November, 1873. This cover was posted early in June 1873 so it could be from one of the first 6c. sheets perforated which could account for it being $12 \times 11\frac{1}{2}$ instead of $11\frac{1}{2} \times 12$.

As the illustrations of this cover are reproduced to the exact size of my photographs, members of the C.P.S. of G.B. can measure the perforations for themselves.



Changes of Address

Please don't forget to notify the Secretary if you change your address. Copies of *Maple Leaves* are frequently returned by the Post Office marked 'gone way,' 'not known,' etc. To obviate confusion please quote your membership number in all communications.

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THE EDWARD VII ISSUES

By Dr. C. W. HOLLINGSWORTH, F.C.P.S.

The stamp bearing the portrait of Edward VII consisted of seven values—1, 2, 5, 7, 10, 20, 50 cents. The first six denominations were issued in the same colours as the previous (Numeral) issue, which did not include a 50 cents value. The lower five values were issued on 1st July, 1903, the 20 cents on 27th September, 1904, and the 50 cents on 19th November, 1908.

The chief use of the various values was as follows:

- 1c. Domestic postcard to U.S.A., drop letter from 1908.
- 2c. Domestic letter, letter to U.K. and U.S., U.P.U. postcard.
- 5c. U.P.U. letter.
- 7c. Registered letter (2c. Postage, 5c. Registration).
- 10c. Parcel post, postage and registration to U.P.U. countries.
- 20c. Parcel post, double rate U.P.U. Registered letter.
- 50c. Parcel post.

The 1 cent was printed from 72 plates (1,470 million stamps); the 2 cents from 86 plates (2,160 million stamps); the 5 cents from 6 plates; the 7 and 10 cents from 2 plates, and the 20 and 50 cents from one each.

The issue abounds in varieties, particularly the lower values, and can be put in the following groups:

Guide lines and dots

These are the lines and dots which were used to align the impressions on the printing plate, and should have been removed before printing took place. They are chiefly found in the margins of the stamps, although occasionally they pass through the design.

Hairlines

These are irregular horizontal lines running across the margins and through the design of the stamp, and are caused by cracks across the plate into which the ink has run. Similar lines are found on the 1 cent Quebec, and the 1c. green and 2c. red Admiral. They occur not uncommonly on the 1c. and 2c. stamps and to a much lesser and fainter extent on the 5c. They have not been noted on any other value.

Plate wear

Wear of the design through normal use of the printing plate occurs on all values, and paves the way for the extensive retouching and re-entering (q.v), but there is a particularly marked variety of wear which occurs on the 5c. involving especially the vertical lines in the cross-hatching at the top of the stamp and which is believed to be due to the damaging effect of the ink on the plate.

Relief break

This shows as a break in the design due to imperfections in the relief of the transfer roller being transferred to the plate. A good example occurs on the 1c. which shows as a progressive break in the left numeral box and the right inner frame.

The 10c. shows a constant additional vertical line outside the top left frame due to a transfer roller defect.

Retouches

These are lines of thickening where weak parts of the design have been touched up on the plate. On the 1c. and 2c. these show up particularly at the top of the design and by the numeral boxes, and the 1c. has some very strong retouches at the bottom of the cross-hatching by the words of value. There are two very marked retouches on the 5c. involving thickening of the cross-hatching between the words "Canada" and "Postage" and "Five" and "Cents" respectively. In both these cases there is an associated re-entry.

Re-entries

These show as doubling of parts of the design where the transfer roller has been put back on to the plate a second time to strengthen the wearing design. There are many hundreds of these on the 1c. and 2c., to be found in the numeral boxes, frame lines, and figures and letters of value, but because of the very large numbers of plates used, it is quite impossible to ascertain the position of any of these varieties on the plates.

The 5c. is a much more promising value in this respect. There are only six plates, and the re-entries and retouches were found only in the second half of the stamps' life probably on only two out of the six plates. It is quite possible therefore that if sufficient material is forthcoming, some very definite progress can be made in plating the 5c., which has between 50 and 60 separately identifiable re-entries and retouches.

The 7c. is a very difficult stamp to work with on account of its colour but varieties do exist, as also on the 10c.

Plate scratches

Constant scratches are found on the 5c., occurring as irregular lines of colour in the margins and across the stamp, caused by damage during the manufacture of the plate.

Booklet stamps

The 2c. came out in booklet form, and can therefore be found imperforate on one or two sides. Fake booklet panes are known.

Paper varieties

The whole issue was printed on wove paper, but two varieties occur depending on the direction of the paper mesh. The 1c. was printed exclusively on paper with vertical mesh, as was the majority of the 2c. sheet stamps, but an uncommon variation of the 2c. sheet stamps on paper with horizontal mesh paper has recently been found. The 2c. booklets always occur on paper with horizontal mesh.

The 5c. occurs equally on the two types, the first half of the issue on horizontal and the latter half on vertical mesh paper.

Imperforates

All values up to the 10c. can be found imperforate between vertically.

50 cents variety

A variety occurs where the top left corner of the right figure 5 cuts into the white of the oval.

Acknowledgements to W. S. Boggs *Postage Stamps of Canada* for statistical information and F. W. L. Keane *Notes on Postage Rates, B.N.A. Topics* Vol. 11.

The following articles on the Edward issue have appeared in *Maple Leaves* and give more specialised information on many aspects of the issue.

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BOOK REVIEW**Billig's Philatelic Handbook, Vol. 30**

This, the latest volume of the monumental work undertaken by the author Fritz Billig, fully lives up to the high standards set in the previous books. A large part of volume 30 is taken up with a *Zemstvo Gazetteer* in which historical notes and details of stamps issued form a prominent part.

Of interest to the Canadian specialist are sections dealing with the "phantom" stamps of Canada, Baldwin's Railroad stamps, Bancroft's City Express, Bell's Dispatch etc. Details of these and a very comprehensive list of their notorious and numerous foreign friends from Abyssinia to Germany make this a very desirable book for those who prefer the darker byways of philately.

A note from the author to the effect that he hopes to explore this fascinating field in a later volume, presumably as far as Zululand, leaves one gasping at the amazing industry of a writer who has already contributed so much.

At 7 dollars 50 cents a prospective purchaser may feel inclined to balk—unless he has been fortunate to preview a work which is excellently produced on the finest art paper with illustrations far too numerous to count and an index to this and previous volumes which will prove invaluable to the busy researcher or philatelic journalist.

One unfortunate oversight at the proof-reading stage has led to the transliteration of "phantom" to "panthom" in the reading of every left hand page devoted to phantom stamps, except the last. What ghostly writer had a hand in this is anyone's guess. The book is obtainable from the author at Jamaica, New York, 11432, U.S.A.

PERMIT STAMPS PART IV

By R. B. HETHERINGTON

TYPE 5

CANADA POST (3 circles)

No amount of postage is specified, and this type differs from others, in that the return postage is prepaid instead of C.O.D.

Permit numbers 1, 2, 9, 124, and 2000 have been noted.

Numbers 2 and 124 have 23 mm, electros.

Value—Cents			
5	6	7	8

TYPE 6

POSTES—CANADA—POSTAGE (2 circles)

This type is similar to Type 4, except that the **chevrons** are thin and widely spaced

31mm, electro

A.	12 Chevrons	—	E	—	—
Aa.	11 chevrons, very wide <i>28mm, electro</i>	—	C	—	—
B.	? chevrons. Variety, with no dots or dashes in band. Value is in line with "cents" instead of above <i>26mm, electro</i>	—	E	—	—
C.	22 chevrons	—	C	—	—
Ca.	11 chevrons, standard type <i>25mm, electro</i>	C	E	—	—
D.	9 chevrons	C	—	—	—

TYPE 7

POSTES CANADA POST (2 circles)

In this Type, the letters are all the same size, and are a small square block type, nearly filling the circumference of the band, the chevrons are the same type as in Type 6

30mm, electro

A.	11 chevrons	R	—	—	—
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TYPE 8

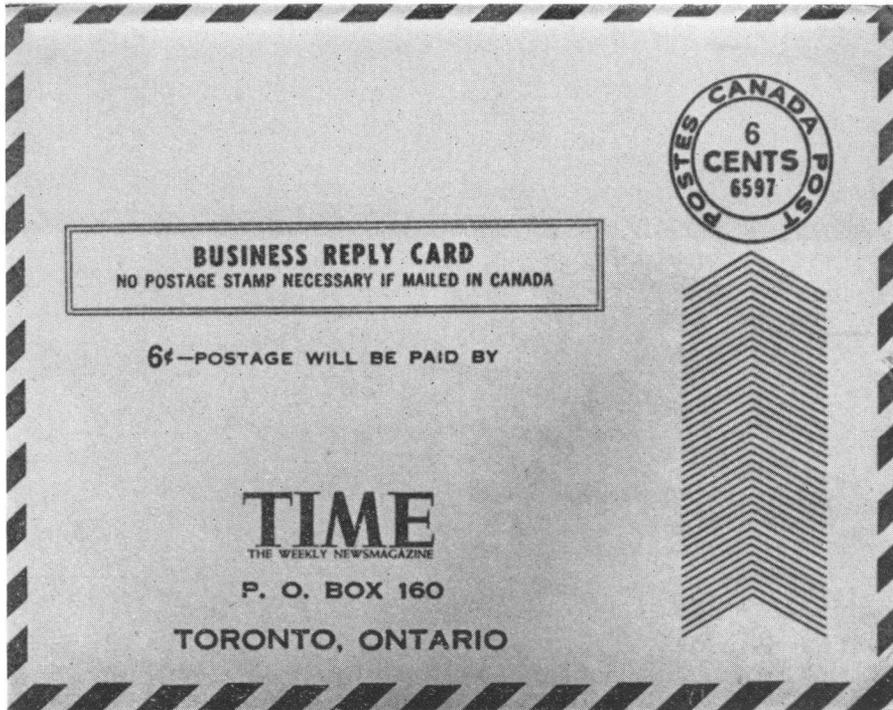
POSTES CANADA POST (2 circles)

This type is the same as Type 3, except the chevrons which are very thin and very closely spaced

30mm, electro

A.	53 chevrons	R	—	—	R
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	23mm, <i>electro</i>			
B.	41 chevrons, standard type (see illus. below)	C	C	— —
Ba.	37 chevrons	C	—	— —
	21mm, <i>electro</i>			
C.	19 chevrons	—	C	— —
	17½mm, <i>electro</i>			
D.	19 chevrons	C	C	— —

**TYPE 9**

POSTES CANADA POSTAGE (2 circles)

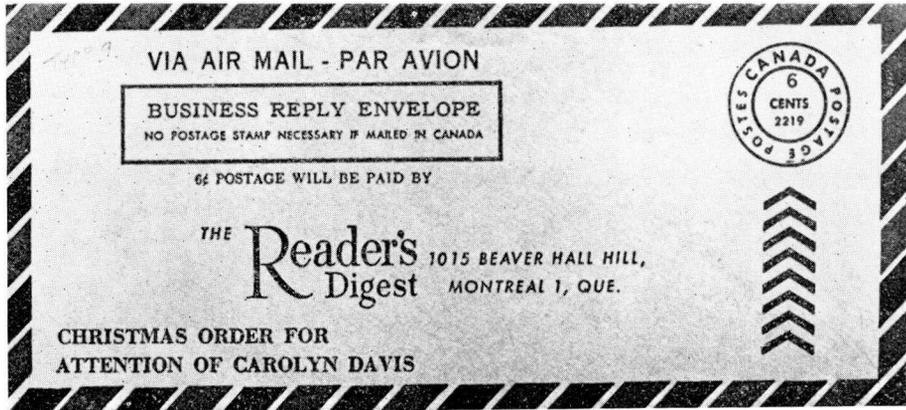
In this type the inner circle is very heavy. The letters are widely spaced, and the words fill the band

	29mm, <i>electro</i>			
A.	8 chevrons, standard type	C	E	— —
	28mm, <i>electro</i>			
B.	8 chevrons	—	E	— —
Ba.	6 chevrons	C	E	— —
	25mm, <i>electro</i>			
C.	8 chevrons (see illus. over)	C	E	— —
	23mm, <i>electro</i>			
D.	8 chevrons	C	—	— —

TYPE 10

POSTES CANADA POST (2 circles)

In this type the band is similar to Type 3, and the centre to Type 4. The inner circle is thin



31mm, *electro*

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|-----|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| A. | 11 chevrons | — | E | — | — |
| Aa. | 10 chevrons, standard type | — | E | — | — |
| Ab. | 7 chevrons | — | E | — | — |
| Ac. | 5 chevrons | — | E | — | — |
| | 30mm, <i>electro</i> | | | | |
| B. | 12 chevrons | — | E | — | — |
| Ba. | 10 chevrons | — | E | — | — |
| | 29mm, <i>electro</i> | | | | |
| C. | 12 chevrons | — | E | — | — |
| | 25mm, <i>electro</i> | | | | |
| D. | 8 chevrons | C | E | — | — |

TYPE 11

POSTES—CANADA—POSTAGE (2 circles)

All letters and figures are heavy in this type, and the circles are thin. The distinguishing part about this type is that all the chevrons are split in the centre

29mm, *electro*

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|----|---------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| A. | 8 chevrons, standard type | — | C | — | — |
|----|---------------------------|---|---|---|---|

TYPE 12

POSTAGE—CANADA—POSTES (2 circles)

In this type both circles are thin lines, letters of CANADA are heavy block, while those of POSTAGE and POSTES are of similar type, but about half the size. Entire impression is very sharp

29mm, *electro*

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|----|---|---|---|---|---|
| A. | 9 chevrons | C | — | — | — |
| | 25mm, <i>electro</i> | | | | |
| B. | 9 chevrons, thicker circles different type form | C | — | — | — |

(To be concluded in our next issue)

A REAL FIND

We illustrate here an item of extreme interest which was first published in *The Canadian Philatelist* in March.

It will be noticed that the two left hand stamps are without the "8" surcharge which has been properly applied to the two right hand stamps. The item came from a complete sheet which was ordered (from all places) the Philatelic Agency in Ottawa.

The owner, Mr. W. F. Balcom, of St. John, New Brunswick reports that he looked at the sheet several times before noticing the error.



The Convention Exhibition

The setting for the Exhibition at the 1965 Convention at Bridge of Allan will be better than any the Society has enjoyed for a number of years. I look forward to an entry which will match the setting. We shall have the use of the excellent frames belonging to the Dundee and District Philatelic Society each holding 6 standard sheets. An Entry Form was included with April *Maple Leaves*. So far I have only received two entries and indications of three or four more.

The Trophies for competition are listed on the Entry Form enclosed. There are also Competitive classes for Research and Study, Group Displays and Contributed Displays, the last in two classes down to 1897 and from that date onwards.

Now is the time to put your pet study in order. Start at once and send me your Entry Form before the end of August to 30, Greenhill Gardens, Edinburgh 10. Let us have a worthy Exhibition in 1965.

J. J. Bonar

GROUP NEWS

ABERDEEN

During the past six months or so our group has been as active and diligent as ever, not only with its own instructional meetings but also in propaganda work. The group gave a composite display to Aberdeen Philatelic Society, the material on view being ably handled by Mr. A. S. Mackie who took the opportunity to give the audience of over forty particulars of the Canadian Society's activities.

Our own group meetings have been reasonably well attended and to those unable to be present we would say that the loss has certainly been theirs.

We opened the series of meetings with a display and paper by the courtesy of Dr. C. W. Hollingsworth of Walsall, and it was quite an evening. The sheets of unusual postal markings and directives—many quite modern—were of great interest and at least one new member has intentions of trying to emulate the worthy doctor in this sideline.

November 11th saw members invade the residence of our lady member, Mrs. Orkin, where we thoroughly enjoyed a display from members present and most generous hospitality from Dr. and Mrs. Orkin. A wonderful cake decorated with a Canadian motif, the work of our hostess, was as much admired as the stamps—and need I add enjoyed. Thank you Dr. and Mrs. Orkin for so many kindnesses.

A visit from Mr. J. J. Bonar of Edinburgh is always an enjoyable affair and last December's visit turned out to be a real "Red Letter" occasion. Letters—yes, covers and material of tremendous postal history interest—Mr. Bonar not only has a wealth of such items—many quite unique—but he has a real mastery of this absorbing subject. Items from 1760 onwards covering practically every facet of Canada's perplexing postal history—internal mail, steamboat letters, money letters, way letters, The Cunard Mail, R.P.O. covers, as well as examples of "Paid to the lines" and numerous others of great importance, some of which he had secured ex Burrus Collection, all accompanied by an informed and witty commentary by Mr. Bonar which was quite a delight. We were also favoured with the presence of Sir George Williamson whose interest in, and knowledge of, Canada's postal history is quite refreshing, and he willingly passed round some of his latest finds in stampless covers. An instructional evening's entertainment we shall long remember.

By the courtesy of Mr. Jas. E. Woods of London we were regaled in February with an outstanding, original and brilliant display in the shape of an intensive study of Canada's $\frac{1}{2}$ cent black stamp, mint panes, blocks, strips and what have you with retouches, re-entries and flaws copiously annotated and explained by a most ingenious method. The used section with wrappers and entires, a selection of them bearing practically every Toronto post office cancellation of the period, all the many sub-offices included, was in immaculate condition. Those which we noted were mostly addressed to Denmark and must have been quite a find. Mr. Woods must be congratulated in securing such remarkable material. Truly one of the finest examples of what can be achieved by concentrating on one stamp. Our hearty congratulations to you Jim Woods and our humble thanks for such an informative and masterly display.

The group wish to express sincere thanks to all those members who contributed so much to our season's work with displays and talks. It is most heartening to know that members are so willing to send material for study and entertainment. We are a small company but by your kindly efforts we certainly enjoy the best in so many fields of "collecting Canada."

We must also remember too, to give thanks to our two "backroom" boys—Mr. J. Hannah and Mr. A. S. Mackie—for all the work, time and effort they give so willingly in order that our get-togethers may function so smoothly. As long as young men of their calibre come forward our Society will continue to flourish and improve. Thank you gentlemen.

Kent and Sussex

About a dozen members attended an informal meeting at the home of J. C. Cartwright on 13th March when an attempt was made to solve some of the problems relating to the Small Queens. Our studies proved to be a great success and were continued at our next (50th) meeting on 8th May.

The programme on this occasion also included a display of the Classic Stamps of the Colony of Canada by Major W. F. Ellis, Semi-Official Air Stamps by Mr. G. Reeves-Brown, M.B.E., and Illustrated Secret Dates by Capt. J. E. R. Thompson.

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2c. EDWARD IMPERF

Three full sheets of 200 subjects each of the 1903 2c. Edward Imperforate of Canada (Scott No. 90A) have been discovered with plate numbers that have hitherto been unknown. The plate block catalogue lists plate numbers 13 and 14 as the only known plates for the 2c. Imperf. and Jarrett's Catalogue also mentions plates 1 and 2, but these sheets are inscribed with plate numbers 31, 32 and 43 respectively in both upper left and upper right positions. The lot is believed to be part of an old Post Office stock that has been hidden away for many years. There is some speculation that this lot may have been of an experimental nature since all the stamps have been neatly defaced with pen and ink in horizontal lines through the centre of each stamp, although these lines do not cross the centre gutter of the sheets. These lines are in blue on the sheets of plates 31 and 32 while on plate 43 they are in red. The illustration opposite shows part of sheet plate 31 with the defacing lines. A pencil notation in the upper left corner of plate 43 reads "Regular" while a similar notation on plates 31 and 32 states "2nd Lot of Printing." The sheets are with full original gum and have been folded two ways making a crease down the centre gutter and a crease across the sheet. There are also a few other creases, mainly at the edges, but they are in remarkably good condition considering their age. Gutter blocks of this stamp are quite rare and full sheets even more so. With these unknown plate numbers they constitute a major find and a new rarity in the field of Canadian Philately. The owner of these sheets wishes to remain anonymous and has authorised J. F. Webb, 22, Mackay Drive, Thornhill, Ont., Canada, to dispose of them by unreserved auction. They will be included in his 124th sale on 12th July.

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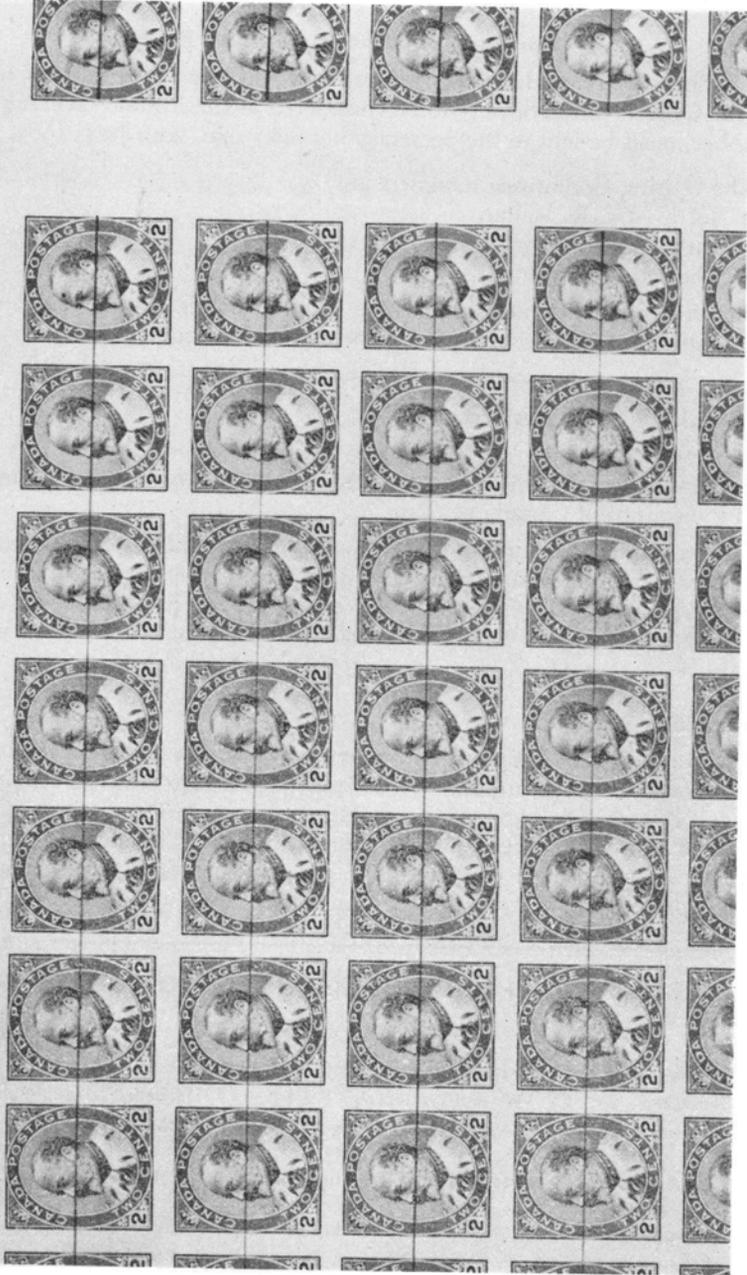
This, together with Hotel Booking Form, is enclosed with this issue. When completed please forward Competition Entry Form to Mr. J. J. Bonar, 36, Greenhill Gardens, Edinburgh, 10 at the latest by 31st August, 1965.

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All members who are attending Convention and who wish to avail themselves of the accommodation available at the Allan Water Hotel are requested to complete the enclosed form and to return it to Mr. E. McGuigan, 26, Morley Crescent, Borestone, St. Ninians, Stirling AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Nominations of Officers and Fellows

Members are reminded that in accordance with the Society's rules, nominations for the Officers of the Society to be considered at the Annual General Meeting in October, must be sent to the Secretary not later than 20th July, 1965.

The retiring Committee members are:

North—Dr. R. Willan

South—C. A. King

Scotland—J. Hannah

Nominations for Fellowship, which must be made on the appropriate forms obtainable from the Secretary, must be received by 20th August.

Dr. Finlay's Stamp Album

In a recent showing of the popular television series "Dr. Finlay's Casebook," the Doctor in one of his spare moments was seen studying his stamp collection, and the stamps of Canada at that.

We would like to think that the Doctor gets so much relaxation and rest, like so many of his colleagues, from Canadian stamps. Perhaps actor Bill Simpson is really a philatelist? If he is, when he is on location at Doune and Callender in October we would be happy to welcome him to our Convention at Bridge of Allan.

Collectors' Pieces?

In a raid on 19th February by Montreal Police, the Post Office Authorities and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, 7,215,000 counterfeited 4 cents stamps with a face "value" of \$288,600 were seized in a garage in Chomedey. The stamps, in sheets of 100, were packed in ten cardboard boxes. They were gummed but not perforated. Also seized in the combined operation were a perforating machine, carmine ink and other supplies. A number of arrests were made.

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Reminders

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CONTRIBUTIONS FOR AUGUST ISSUE

Contributors are reminded that the last date for the receipt of reports and notices (to guarantee inclusion in the August issue) is 30th June. Separate reminders by post have been discontinued.



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R.L.S. CORNER No. 1

The publication of a new Handbook, if it is successful in raising general interest, is invariably followed by a spate of new discoveries as collectors subject their stamps to a closer scrutiny in this context. Examples that come readily to mind are the Squared Circles, where each edition has been considerably larger than the previous one; the Duplex with an enlarged 2nd edition recording new discoveries; the Fancy Cancellations, where already six plates recording 116 new discoveries have been published in *B.N.A. Topics*, and there are more to come.

With these precedents before us, and with the approval of the Editor, we optimistically hope to make the heading at the top of this note a recurring feature of *Maple Leaves*, recording new items of information and new discoveries connected with Canadian Registered Letter Stamps (R.L.S. for short) and cancellations. This will, of course, depend on the co-operation of collectors of these interesting stamps the world over, who, we hope, may be stimulated to study them by the recent publication of the Society's R.L.S. Handbook.

The first item to record is due to Mr. A. G. Fairbanks of Quebec, who very kindly sent a mint block of four registered 5c. blue-green, perf. 12.5×12 , showing the Ottawa imprint of Plate III of 1888, **with the letter B above**, and a guillotine line above all. (See illustration below.)



(Incidentally the letter B is inverted and reversed, and so at first glance looks normal.)

This clearly indicates the lower of two panes. Sissons' Jarrett sale (lot 826 of 25th January, 1961) showed a similar block with the letter A above, i.e. the upper pane. So now we have proof beyond argument that this Plate III of 1888 had two panes, an upper (A) and a lower (B). This was in fact tentatively suggested in the handbook (vide page 13) but there was no certain proof at that time.

It also suggests a further possibility. Boggs recorded that with the 5c. value there were two plates with the normal two panes A and B (5×10), and one plate with one large pane (5×20). In the recently published book *Canada's Postage Stamps* by Patrick, it is recorded that the 5c. value was normally issued in panes of 5×10 but in 1882 it was issued in a single pane of 10×10 . We now know that Plate I

PRECANCEL NOTES

By G. E. L. MANLEY

I have recently become very interested in the precancels to be found on the 15c. Large Queen, and have found the Handbook on this stamp by L. Gerald Firth of very great help.

This stamp was in use for some 30 years and during this time was issued in an enormous variety of shades, besides varieties of paper and perforations.

Towards the end of its use in the 1890's, post office remainders were gradually used up, and it is on these stamps that precancels are found. Thanks to the help of other collectors I have had the pleasure of inspecting altogether 18 copies of these precancels and the variety is both surprising and fascinating. There are four distinct shades as follows:—

- (i) MONTREAL printing of 1886–88, issued 1894–96. Shades: Slate-blue and Slate-grey.
- (ii) OTTAWA printing of 1891–94, issued 1896–1900. Shades: Slate-violet and Slate-purple.

All are perf. 12 × 12 on poor quality paper with vertical grain.

Details of the 18 stamps under review are as follows:—

		Copies seen
GROUP TYPE J. (3 copies)		
(a) 8 Bars per cancel		
Slate-blue	Horizontal	1
Slate-blue	Double	1
(b) 10 Bars per cancel	London, Ont.	
Slate-grey	Vertical	1
TYPE R. (2 copies)		
Slate-blue	Horizontal	1
Slate-violet	Horizontal	1
TYPE S. (1 copy)		
Slate-purple	Vertical	1
TYPE T—Toronto, Ont. (12 copies)		
Slate-grey	Horizontal	1
Slate-purple	Horizontal	7
Slate-purple	Double	2
Slate-purple	Vertical	1
Slate-purple	Double Vertical	1

From the above it will be seen that Type T on the Slate-purple shade is by far the commonest of these precancels and that any others are of considerable rarity. Several of these varieties have only recently come to light. It is therefore well worthwhile searching for them, and I would be most interested to hear of any further copies.

I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation for all the help I have received, including the loan of stamps, to Dr. M. W. Carstairs, Rev. D. Izzett, Messrs. C. W. E. Coles, R. B. Hetherington, A. Judd, and H. G. Walburn.

Letters to the Editor . . .

Mr. E. A. Smythies writes:

8c. Registered Letter Stamps (1875)

Canada's elongated 8c. Registered stamp (Gibbons R 8/9, Scott F.3) is rarely to be found on entires, and in order to gain more information on this scarce used value, it has been suggested that a record of all known covers that can be traced would prove useful.

May I, through your columns, invite any of your readers, who owns a copy on cover, to send me details of the same, including:—(a) date of cover (b) office of posting (c) destination and transit cancels (d) any additional (S.Q.) stamps on the same cover (e) perforation (12×12 or 12×11.7).

Mr. H. Gates writes:

6 cents Maple Leaf Issue

I enjoyed reading your fine article in the February issue of *Maple Leaves*. Some years ago I possessed a block of four containing the 6c. retouch. It was on the top row meaning that Plate Position 91 generally accepted was not possible. I further recall checking this with Dr. Clair Jephcott and my notes indicate the variety is from the left pane position No. 14. These facts so far to my knowledge have never been published.

Mr. A. W. Stewart writes:

5 cents Q.E. II Coil

I am sending this along in case you think it of sufficient interest to publish:
Variety on the current 5 cents coil.

The writer has for some years been attempting to get together a collection of strips of four of the Canadian Coils, including the paste-ups, line strips, jump strips both up and down etc.

While going over a roll of the 5 cents coils looking for jumps and line (that is the guide line which appears on all values of the current coils) strips I noticed a variety. This consists of one stamp which is out of alignment in relation to the adjoining stamps.

This occurs on the 18th stamp on the roll and on each succeeding 25th stamp on the roll. This must have been caused by entering of the plate slightly out of line, and, as the error was only some $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. it was allowed to pass.

This occurs 20 times in the roll but, as it would only be on one roll out of 20, there would only be 20 of these in a printing of 10,000 stamps.

It is necessary to have a strip of at least three stamps to be sure of the variety with the variety being the centre stamp of the strip. On pairs it would be impossible to distinguish from the more common jump.

The writer would be pleased to hear from anyone knowing of other constant varieties on Canadian coils.

AMENDMENTS TO MEMBERSHIP TO 29th APRIL, 1965

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661. CHILDS, Miss M.
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Mr. Lees-Jones writes:

Newfoundland Officially Sealed Labels (1905)

On my file is an incomplete study of a watermark—and to finalise I need co-operation. The subject was recorded in *B.N.A. Topics* Vol. 5, No. 2 (Feb. 1948) and deals with the 1905 Officially Sealed Label of Newfoundland.

At the time of the original study I had two copies and a local collector produced another one—giving three positions of the watermark. Now, not for one moment, do I think that all the known copies showing watermarks were in Manchester and District, but it seems that it is so, for then I went to press and invited students and collectors to examine their stamps, and let me know whether other examples existed, so that a reconstruction could be made. Alas, I received no help—but I would ask collectors to check-up their material and see if this reconstruction of watermark could be finalised. In 1948 my copies showed Co: Al, L: Bo.

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