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## EDITORIAL

### CAPEX SOUVENIR SHEETS

A set of specially printed, limited edition souvenir sheets prepared by the three security printing firms which print all of Canada's postage stamps were available for purchase ONLY by visitors to CAPEX, and were restricted to one set per admission ticket. The vast majority of collectors of Canadian stamps, including most of the members of our society were, therefore, unable to obtain them. It is reported that 10,000 sets were printed and that each sheet is serially numbered. We do not propose to give further details of these 'emissions' which clearly serve no valid purpose, apart that is from (presumably) providing CANADA POST with some much-needed additional revenue. In this respect, should we be proved wrong, and some if not all, of the proceeds have been earmarked to underwrite the expenses incurred by mounting the Exhibition this will in no way justify this incursion by CANADA POST into the realms previously occupied by sand dune states or those which aspire to their status. We have no hesitation in stating that these are undesirable issues; that they will further militate against the reputation of CANADA POST; that they are contrary to the interests of philately and that they clearly fall into the category of 'undesirable and unnecessary issues' which ought to be, and we hope will be, excluded from the major catalogues.

As noted in our April issue (page 294) an 'official' souvenir sheet of three stamps to mark CAPEX '78 was issued on 10th June. These were, and still

are, at the time of writing, available for purchase by the general public and should NOT be confused with the additional 'limited edition' souvenir sheets to which reference is made above.

We do not intend to comment further; but we invite the opinions of our members. More importantly we invite those of our members who agree with the sentiments expressed above to write to the editors of major catalogues urging them to exclude these dubious items from their prospective publications.

## **INDEX TO VOLUME 16**

Members are asked to note that the Index to Volume 16, the last number of which was issued in June (whole number 168) will be inset with our October number.

## **SUBSCRIPTIONS 1978/79**

At the Society's A.G.M. in 1974 it was agreed that with effect from 1st October, 1975 the annual subscription to the Society should be £5, or such lesser amount as the Committee should decide. In the event the Executive Committee decided that an annual subscription of £3.50 would be sufficient. We are pleased to inform members that for the fourth consecutive year the Committee has decided to maintain the subscription at this level. We are sure that members will be equally pleased that the Society has been enabled to do this at a time of unprecedented inflation, as well as being agreeably surprised. We are equally sure that members will realise that the maintenance of the subscription at its present level is a tribute to the Society's officers in general and in particular to those entrusted with the guidance of its financial affairs. IT SHOULD NOT BE OVERLOOKED, HOWEVER, THAT MEMBERS CAN ALSO HELP TO MAINTAIN THE PRESENT FINANCIAL VIABILITY OF THE SOCIETY BY PAYING THEIR SUBSCRIPTIONS ON OR BEFORE 1st OCTOBER NEXT. THE COST OF SENDING POSTAL REMINDERS TO FORGETFUL MEMBERS IS QUITE CONSIDERABLE. MAY WE URGE MEMBERS, THEREFORE, TO SEND THEIR SUBSCRIPTIONS ON OR BEFORE THE DUE DATE. NEITHER THE TREASURER NOR THE ASSISTANT TREASURER WILL RAISE ANY OBJECTIONS TO SUBSCRIPTIONS WHICH ARE PAID IN ADVANCE! CHEQUES OR POSTAL ORDERS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO THE SOCIETY AND SENT TO MR. J. H. BRYCE, 3 SWANSTON PLACE, FAIRMILEHEAD, EDINBURGH 10. MEMBERS CAN ALSO HELP BY ENROLLING NEW MEMBERS AND SUPPORTING THE SOCIETY'S CONVENTION AUCTION AND EXCHANGE PACKET. THESE ARE THE THREE SOURCES OF ADDITIONAL INCOME TO THE SOCIETY, WITHOUT WHICH IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO MAINTAIN SUBSCRIPTIONS AT SUCH A MODEST LEVEL. PLEASE PLAY YOUR PART IN HELPING THE SOCIETY.

# **“International” Affairs**

## **(PART 3)**

**By D. F. Sessions**

As foreshadowed in the January “Maple Leaves”, I should now like to consider the remaining towns of British Columbia which used International machines. Apart from Vancouver, 5 other towns are involved. It will be seen that the normal trend is for slogan cancellations to appear from 1912, there is then a dearth of them during the War years until the Patriotic slogans appear in 1917.

### **Victoria**

Victoria appears to have received its ‘International’ in 1907 and, with only one machine in use until its replacement in 1919, the chronology is straight forward.

One small point of interest is that all full strikes of obliterator type 3 that I have seen (ranging from 1908 top 1915) show the bottom line shortened at the right. This suggests that the same die was in use throughout that period and therefore, possibly, throughout the life of the machine. Anyone with 1907 copies or post-1915 is requested to examine them and let me know whether the short line is consistent throughout.

The letter is missing from the obliterator in strikes noted from 8.12.10 to 1.11.11, it is present in a strike dated 20.12.11.

### **Nelson**

Nelson also, apparently, took delivery of its International in 1907. Only one machine was in use throughout the period under review and it is interesting to note that the obliterator was changed from type 3 to type 4, presumably at the beginning of 1914. The slogan “Nelson Twelfth Annual Fruit Fair” was recorded by earlier reporters as used in 1914 but it is not listed by David Proulx in his slogan handbook and I have not yet received a report of actual use. Can anyone come up with a copy?

### **Nanaimo**

So far no reports have been received of use prior to 1912 and obliterator type 3 has not been recorded for Nanaimo. Obliterator type 4 appears to have been in use continuously from 1912 to 1919 as there have been no slogans reported either.

Both a duplex and C.D.S. cancellation have been noted for Nanaimo in 1912, so it is quite possible that the International was not put into use until later in 1912. It is interesting to note that 6 or 7 towns ceased to use these Internationals in 1912/13 and it seems likely that such machines would still have a useful life and could therefore have been transferred to another town such as Nanaimo.

## New Westminster

Again, with only one machine delivered, the chronology is straightforward but the reporting of obliterator 3 for 26.10.19 is a little late as the removal of the Internationals from B.C., as from most other places, seems to have taken place about June 1919. Anyone with either International or Universal strikes between June and December 1919 is urged to report, be they slogans or wavy lines.

Obliterator type 3 has been noted from 14.5.09 to 16.11.12 without the die number or a space therefore.

## International Chronology of Victoria

Standard Obliteration 3	Early date	Late date
Hub D Die 1 only	24.10.07	30.12.07
Hub H Die 1 only	2.1.08	4.4.19

### Notes

1. 'Universal' noted 26.7.19

### Slogans

Victoria Fair	30. 7.12	24. 9.12
Victoria Carnival	27. 1.13	2. 8.13
Dominion Exhibition, Victoria	24. 3.14	22. 8.14
\$25.00 for \$21.50 (Flag 26—2)	21. 2.17	31. 3.17
Save Your Money (Flag 33—2)	5. 4.17	10.10.17
Victoria's Winter Season	17.10.18	6. 1.19
Buy War Savings Stamps	14. 4.19	17. 6.19

The last mentioned slogan was also used in the Universal machine(s) that followed, 26.7.19 reported.

Standard obliteration 3 used during slogan period

4.12.13      24.12.15      22.12.17      26.12.17      4.4.19

## Nelson

Standard obliteration 3.

Hub D Die 1 only	9.12.07	17.12.07
Hub H Die 1 only	15. 1.08	19. 5.13

Standard Obliteration 4.

Hub H	25. 1.14	7. 9.18
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Replacement machine noted from 26.10.19





## HINTS ON IDENTIFICATION OF ADMIRAL PRECANCELS

by R. S. Cheshire and H. Reiche

### PART TWO

The original article was by way of general introduction. This and subsequent articles will be directed towards the Admirals in particular.

In October 1968, a series of articles was started in MAPLE LEAVES by F. W. L. Keane and R. B. Hetherington which listed the various printings that had been found on the precancelled stamps of the Admiral Issues. Since 1968 subsequent editions of MAPLE LEAVES have listed these printings for each town that issued precancels.

Hans and I have carried on with this study and have added over 300 items to these original articles. This we have managed to do by our own efforts, and with the help of other collectors. We have grouped all the articles together — a check list of what printings have been recorded — and call them the Master Notes. This knowledge can be passed on to other interested members. By getting more collectors interested and pooling the information a more complete picture of these printings to be found on the Admiral precancels can be built up.

Two copies of the Master Notes are, at present, maintained. Hans and I notify each other of each new find so that both sets of Notes are identical and up to date.

The format of the Notes, is identical to the MAPLE LEAVES articles, and is reproduced here for ease of reference:—

<b>1 cent green</b>	Original die. 1912 Original die retouched. 1913
<b>1 cent yellow</b>	Original die retouched, wet. 1920 Original die retouched, dry. 1926 New die, dry. 1925
<b>2 cents red</b>	Original die. 1912 Original die retouched. 1913
<b>2 cents green</b>	Original die retouched, wet. 1922 Original die retouched, dry. 1924 Original die re-engraved, dry. 1925 Thin paper. 1924



<b>3 cents brown</b>	Original die, wet. 1918 Original die retouched, dry. 1922
<b>3 cents red</b>	Original die retouched. 1923 New die. 1924
<b>4 cents bistre</b>	Wet. 1922 Dry. 1925
<b>5 cents blue</b>	Marler Type 1: Reiche Type 1. 1912 Marler Type 1A: Reiche Type 1a. 1913 Marler Type 2: Reiche Type 2. 1914 Marler Type 3: Reiche Type 3. 1916
<b>5 cents violet</b>	Marler Type 4: Reiche Type 1. 1922 Marler Types 5, 7: Reiche Types 2, 4. 1922-24 Marler Type 6: Reiche Type 3. 1923 Marler Type 8: Reiche Type 5. 1925 Thin paper. 1924
<b>7 cents Red brn</b>	Wet. 1924 Dry. 1926 (?)
<b>10 cents plum</b>	Marler Type 1: Reiche Type 1. 1912 Marler Type 2: Reiche Type 2. 1920
<b>10 cents blue</b>	Wet. 1922 Dry. 1925 (?)
<b>20 cents olive</b>	Marler Type 1: Reiche Type 1: wet. 1912 Marler Type 1: Reiche Type 1: dry. 1924 Marler Type 2: Reiche Type 2: dry. 1925
<b>50 cents black</b>	Original die, wet. 1912 Retouched die, dry. 1925
<b>\$1 orange</b>	Wet. 1923 Dry. 1925 (?)

To enable members to identify what they have it seems essential that we take a look at the question of identification, in light of the categories listed in the Master Notes.

Precancels can be normal, inverted, double, double inverted, triple, triple inverted, and double — one being inverted. The last three categories seldom occur and are very scarce. These categories resulted in how the sheet was placed when the overprinting occurred. After a good night on the town, a 'double inverted' was more likely to occur!!

To enable us to enter these various categories into the Notes, we adopted the same coding as used in the 'Official Catalogue'. The only exception being the 'normal' which we recorded as 'n'.

(bx = triple — cx = triple invert — h = double, one inverted)

*double invert*  
(c)

*double*  
(b)

*invert*  
(a)

*normal*  
(n)



Hans and I would be grateful if any member who identifies printings in their collections, that are not recorded in the MAPLE LEAVES articles, would notify either of us so that they can be added to the Master Notes. Any member wishing a set of 'up to date' Master Notes is asked to contact me, when I will do my best to supply on re-imbusement of costs.

The precancel 'TYPE' listed in the MAPLE LEAVES articles by Keane/Hetherington are too varied to list here. This publication is an essential element and once obtained there will be no difficulty in following the identification it contains.

If we look at the format of the Master Notes, and before dealing with the identification of each value in sequence, it is essential that we fully understand the difference between WET and DRY printings. It will be seen that this variance is one of the MAIN DIFFERENCES on the 1c yellow, 2c green, and 20c olive values and the ONLY DIFFERENCE on the 3c brown, 4c bistre, 7c brown, 10c blue, 50c black and the \$ orange values. Without this knowledge we shall not progress very far.

## Wet and Dry Printings

The early printings were by what is called the 'wet printing method'. The paper was moist during printing and the gum was applied after the paper had been dried. This method was used exclusively until the 26th December, 1922.

The so called 'dry printing method' was then introduced. This printing was on paper of a low moisture content which was gummed prior to printing.



*Wet Printing*

*Dry Printing*

The 'wet' method caused the paper to shrink when drying making them narrower than their 'dry' counterparts.

If one places a 'wet' copy on top of a 'dry' copy and line up the outside of the left frame lines, the variance in width is immediately apparent when the right frame lines are viewed.

It is recommended that members build up their own 'Test Card' of identified copies of each value, so that 'known copies' can be laid on top of the specimen to be identified, and the width is apparent at a glance. If we can give any help with this – please let us know.

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## CANADIAN PHILATELIC DATA

The Canada Post Office Postal Pioneer Museum released for sale the 1c floral precancelled stamp on 1 February 1978. Other precancelled low denomination stamps are expected soon. A limited quantity were cancelled on cover on this first day of availability.

The tragic air crash of a Pacific Western Airlines Boeing 737 aircraft at Cranbrook British Columbia on Saturday 11 February 1978 took the lives of 42 crew and passengers. Only seven survived this sixth worst Canadian air disaster. It is purported that due to a mix-up in communications a snow-plough was working on the runway when the aircraft was landing. In attempting to abort the landing the aircraft crashed, exploded and burst in a ball of flame. The pilot was Chris Miles, 31 years old, of St. Albert, Alberta. The aircraft was on PWA flight 314 from Fort McMurray Alberta to Calgary Alberta and Cranbrook, BC. Although this flight carries mail during the week, none is despatched on Saturdays or Sundays. Postal authorities in Ottawa confirmed with British Columbia postal officials that no mail was aboard. Thus there are no crash or interrupted flight covers concerning this tragic crash.

*(We are indebted to Major R. K. Malott for the above information – Editor.)*

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## PRECANCELS ON THE ADMIRAL ISSUE (Winnipeg)

by R. B. Hetherington & F. W. L. Keane

		<i>Precancel</i>				
		<i>Type 1</i>	<i>Type 3</i>	<i>Type 4</i>	<i>Type 5</i>	<i>Type 6</i>
1c. green	Original die. 1912 ... ..	a				
	Original die retouched, 1913. ... ..	n	n a b	n a	n a	
1c. yellow	Original die retouched, wet. 1920. ... ..		n	n a	n a	
	Original die retouched, dry. 1926. ... ..	n				
	New die, dry. 1925. ... ..	n	n		n	
2c. red	Original die. 1912. ... ..	a				
	Original die retouched. 1913. ... ..	n	n a	n a	n a	
2c. green	Original die retouched, wet. 1922. ... ..	n	n	n a	n a	
	Original die retouched, dry. 1924. ... ..		n			
	Original die re-engraved, dry. 1925. ... ..	n				
	Thin paper. 1924. ... ..	n		n	n	
3c. brown	Original die, wet. 1918. ... ..	n	n	n a		
	Original die retouched, dry. 1922. ... ..			n	n a	
3c. red	Original die retouched, 1923. ... ..	n	n	n	n a	n
	New die. 1924. ... ..	n	n	n	n	
4c. bistre	Wet. 1922. ... ..				n a	
	Dry. 1925. ... ..					
5c. blue	Marler Type 1: Reiche Type 1. 1912. ... ..					
	Marler Type 1A: Reiche Type 1a. 1913(?). ... ..					
	Marler Type 2: Reiche Type 2. 1914. ... ..		n			
	Marler Type 3: Reiche Type 3. 1916. ... ..			n a b		
5c. violet	Marler Type 4: Reiche Type 1. 1922. ... ..			n a b	n	
	Marler Types 5&7: Reiche Types 2&4 1922-24. ... ..	n	n	n	n	
	Marler Type 6: Reiche Type 3. 1923. ... ..			n	n a	
	Marler Type 8: Reiche Type 5. 1925. ... ..	n		n	n	
Thin paper. 1924. ... ..	n			n		
7c. red-brn.	Wet. 1924. ... ..	n	n a	n	n	
	Dry. 1926 (?) ... ..			n		
10c. plum	Marler Type 1: Reiche Type 1. 1912. ... ..		n a	n		
	Marler Type 2: Reiche Type 2. 1920. ... ..			n a		
10c. blue	Wet. 1922. ... ..	n	n	n a b	n a	
	Dry. 1925 (?) ... ..					
20c. olive	Marler Type 1: Reiche Type 1: wet. 1912	n	n	n	n	
	Marler Type 1: Reiche Type 1: dry. 1924	n		n		
	Marler Type 2: Reiche Type 2: dry. 1925					

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S1 (S.G.285) well centred block of four, registered cancellation, dated 1.9.29 rather weak, vert. perfs. otherwise VF	§150

#### Jim Miller,

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S1 (S.G.433) block of eight Registered/Owen Sound, Ont. Red ink dated 9.6.53. Stamps very fine, cat. §80	§66
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## Some Notes on Imperial Penny Postage and the 1898 Map Stamp

(Part 2)

By R. B. Winmill

Another interesting observation about this stamp concerns the imperfs. A listing in Holmes,<sup>8</sup> credited to the late Dr. Jephcott and associates, claims that there were 200 each of the black, lavender and carmine, black and blue only and black only in addition to 1000 black, blue and carmine.

There are several probable errors and omissions here. Initially, the existence of imperfs (in reality plate proofs), in black and red only, is ignored.<sup>9</sup> I suggest that this item, along with the other two partially printed items, were probably released in quantities of 200. There may also exist plate proofs in red only.

This leaves unresolved, the question of the fully printed imperfs. The figure of 200 black, lavender and carmine imperfs must be incorrect, if only because one collector is in possession of three sheets, all of which have been seen by the author! There is also an unconfirmed report that a New York dealer possesses a full sheet! Moreover, there are numerous other smaller pieces around, in various lavender and greyish shades.

Similarly, the figure of 1000 black, blue and carmine imperfs must be incorrect because consultations with a dozen collectors and two dealers brought to light sheets and centre line blocks totalling fifteen – that means there are at least 1500 such stamps. Since this brief and informal survey was only cursory in nature and included only those collectors and dealers readily accessible to the author, the results are definitely incomplete. There are undoubtedly many more – several have been learned of since including seven reported by one prominent dealer alone.<sup>10</sup>

In the light of this, it must be suggested that there were many more imperfs issued than previously believed. While empirical evidence to support such a contention is definitely lacking, it could be suggested that there are at least 5000 copies of the two fully printed imperfs. Given the number in the hands of dealers and major collectors, together with the regularity with which they appear in auction, this figure would appear to be realistic.<sup>11</sup> Part of this deluge could possibly be accounted for by the Ritter horde, however that in itself can not be the full explanation. It seems probable that the blue imperfs greatly outnumber the lavender ones.

If this estimate of 5000 is anywhere near accurate, pricing becomes an interesting question. Pairs currently list at S225 (Scott) and in recent





auctions have generally realized about \$200. Yet even by the conservative Jephcott estimate, these two imperfs together are almost as common as completely imperf Confederation, Historical or Scroll stamps. Why the enormous price differential? Should the estimate of 5000 prove correct, this item (in both colours) would be more common than all the part perf and imperf material combined, for any given value (assuming that the Jephcott figures for these latter issues are accurate).

The Jephcott figures, as they appear in Holmes, indicate that the fully printed imperfs, are from plate 1. Such fully printed material from plate 5 is not mentioned. However Tomlinson does suggest that such material originates from each and every plate. While aware of this apparent discrepancy for many years, its full impact had never occurred to me.

However, while on a recent business trip a prominent dealer showed me two perforated centre line blocks. Both had the red plate 'A' and since

one possessed the long armed cross, it had to come from plate 1. The second block, bearing the identical red characteristics was blue and carried the short cross, hence it had to originate from plate 2. (*see illustration*) Then an imperf centre line block was produced. Believing, rather naively, that Dr. Jephcott was correct (i.e. forgetting Tomlinson's comment), I at first glance, missed that fact that the island configuration varied from that on the other two blocks. When this fact was observed, I initially dismissed it as some type of aberration. However, while confirmation of the existence of imperf plate 5 material would be dependent upon a careful re-examination of this item (as opposed to my cursory examination), there is a definite possibility that such plate 5 material does exist,\* hence demonstrating that Tomlinson was correct and that Dr. Jephcott omitted these.

*\*(The existence of Plate 5 imperf material has now been confirmed – Editor)*

Tomlinson had serious reservations concerning the existence of copies lacking the red printing, but nevertheless, reports have persisted for years, of such items. In the past year, these reports have originated in Australia, Switzerland, Great Britain and Canada.

Regrettably, the author has been able to secure only a couple of used examples for study.<sup>12</sup> In my opinion there was considerable doubt as to the authenticity of these items. However, at least one prominent, experienced and reputable Canadian dealer reports having seen such items and that they were, in his opinion, genuine. Some thirty years ago, six copies, two of which were allegedly authenticated and purchased by Gibbons in 1917, were reported.

There are several possibilities to consider. Such items may be genuine. Since fraudulently perforated proofs and forgeries are known, this is a possibility. Similarly they could be faked by removing the red ink, a process which is said to be technically feasible.

Tomlinson, in arguing that no such material exists, was probably unfamiliar with the plate proofs. Sharpe probably saw plate proofs and discussed these with Deaville, hence was even further convinced that the stamps were genuine.

Yet, the greatest possible care should be exercised when purchasing such material and unless the favourable opinion of a competent expert committee can be secured, one should avoid all such items. Since confirmation of these items is not, at the time of writing, available, these items must all remain suspect. It cannot be categorically stated that any such pieces are fraudulent, but neither is there any conclusive evidence to the contrary as no such material accompanied by a certificate, has been seen.

8. L. S. Holmes, *Holmes Specialized Philatelic Catalogue of Canada and British North America*, (11th edition), Toronto: The Ryerson Press, 1968, p. 183.

9. Though earlier, their existence is acknowledged. See *Ibid.*, p. 44. Other sources also mention this item and I have seen three examples.

10. Ocean colour of these seven blocks is unknown. The information is as of March 6, 1977 and fails to include the holdings of several very prominent map collectors with whom no contact was made.
11. At least two major dealers concur in this estimate to the extent that they believe it to be 'approximately correct'. However one major dealer is firmly convinced that nowhere near this number exist and is quite vocal about it. Given the 'favour' nature of this material, it is unlikely that official figures will ever be known.
12. These were loaned by Mr. L. R. Horning.
13. See Lt. Colonel L. W. Sharpe, "Thirty Years After" in *Popular Stamps*, Volume XI, Number 3, April 1948, p. 28-31. This article and a further brief letter by Sharpe, were reprinted some years later in another journal.

*Two centre line blocks showing both the long (Plate 1) and short (Plate 2) crosses. The long cross exists only in conjunction with Plate 1, while the other plates bear the shorter cross. Illustration by kind permission of Mr. J. Hennok.*

#### **Obituary: A. F. L. McGREGOR, F.C.P.S.**

It is with great regret that we announce the death of Alan McGregor in May 1978. Alan was one of the most enthusiastic and hard working members of the Society, having been Treasurer from 1962-67. Pressure of work made it necessary for him to give up part of the work then, but he continued to collect the subscriptions for a few years, when on doctor's orders he had to give up this work also.

A bank manager by profession, he was ideally suited to the job and did much to nurture the Society's finances during his term of office. He continued his interest and concern on the financial side and was always pleased to give advice and suggestions for the betterment of the Society. In recognition of his good work he was made a Fellow in 1970.

Although dogged by recurrent periods of ill health and hospital treatment he nevertheless managed to lead an active life and to travel within reasonable distance of his home on holiday and on visits to many friends in the area. Latterly his attendance at Conventions was restricted so that it was a pleasure to see Allan and his wife Margaret at St Andrews last September. Although a keen collector he was not a specialist and the social side of the Society probably gave him most pleasure. He enjoyed these gatherings as meetings of friends – and all who attended were his friends. He was always bright and a pleasure to meet – and never a word of complaint came from him. He was a gentle-man in the true sense of the word.

The Society's sincere sympathy goes out to Alan's wife, Margaret and their two sons in their sad bereavement.

# CANADIAN RAILWAY POSTMARKS, HAMMER VARIETIES (Part 17)

by Philip R. Grey and T. P. G. Shaw

This final instalment deals with the Canadian Pacific lines from Moose Jaw and Saskatoon to Calgary, Edmonton and Nelson. The main lines were busy R.P.O. routes and long series of numbered hammers were issued.



A. Moose Jaw-Swift Current-Medicine Hat-Calgary. (433 miles).

Shaw No.	Shaw Type			
W.85	4I	Moose Jaw & Calgary R.P.O.		
		No. 1	1918	
W.86	17A	Moose Jaw & Calgary R.P.O.		
		No. 1	1947	No. 9 (Sq. Amp.) 1916
		No. 4	1932-57	No. 9 (R. Amp.)
		No. 7	1921-39	(Fig.1) 1931-55
		No. 8	1932-49	No. 10 1911-15
				A. 1955-65
		(Squared Ampersands)		(Rounded Ampersands)
		No. 1	1921-22	No. 1 1937-54
	No.	No. 2 (Stop after "Jaw"		No. 2 1939-54
		and "Cal.")	1910	No. 3 1953
		No. 2 (24mm.diam.		No. 4 1940-45
		Central dot after		No. 5 1935-52
		"Cal")	1921-35	No. 6 1936-46
		No. 3	1900-46	A (Fig.2) 1930-37
		No. 5	1913-17	
		No. 6	1902-11	
		No. 10	1933-47	
		No. 11	1920-47	
		No. 12	1941-60	
W.87H	17A	M.J. & Cal. R.P.O.		
		No. 1	1954	

**B. Saskatoon-Macklin-Hardisty-Edmonton. (368 miles)**

W.141	17A	<i>Sask. Hard. &amp; Edmonton R.P.O.</i>		
		No. 1	1924-33	No. 3 1930-49
		No. 2	1939	No. 4 1938-45
W.141D	17A	<i>Sask. Hard. &amp; Ed. R.P.O.</i>		
		No. 1	1953-59	No. 4 1956
		No. 2 (Fig.3)	1950-52	No. 5 1954-56
		No. 3	1949-54	

**C. Medicine Hat-Lethbridge-Cranbrook-Nelson. (449 miles)**

W.74	17A	<i>Med. Hat &amp; Nelson R.P.O.</i>		
		No. 3	1932-51	
W.77	17A	<i>Med. Hat &amp; Nel. R.P.O.</i>		
		No. 1	1922-57	No. 8 (R.Amp.) 1932
		No. 2	1913	No. 9 (Sq.Amp.) 1912-19
		No. 3	1919	No. 9 (R.Amp.) 1931-39
		No. 4	1931-40	No. 10 1937-51
		No. 5 (Fig.4)	1942-54	No. 11 1936-57
		No. 7	1921	No. 12 1932-50
		No. 8 (Sq.Amp.)	1915-19	No. 13 1942-52
W.80	17A	<i>M. Hat &amp; Nel. R.P.O.</i>		
		No. 8	1930-55	No. 12 1947
		No. 11	1938	
W.72C	17A	<i>M.H. &amp; Cran. R.P.O.</i>		
		No. 1 (Fig.5)	1953	No. 3 1952-54
		No. 2	1953	No. 4 1952-53

**D. C.P.R. Branch Lines.**

W.91	17A	<i>M. Jaw &amp; Shaun. R.P.O. (Moose Jaw-Shaunavon 186 miles)</i>		
		Dash under 0 of "No.")	(Stop after "No.")	
		No. 1	1929-35	No. 1 1939-54
		No. 2	1931-54	No. 2 (small) 1955-57
		No. 3 (Fig.6)	1931-37	No. 3 1952-58
		No. 3 (Central dots each side of "No.")	- 1939-47	
W.89	17A	<i>M. Jaw &amp; Macklin R.P.O. (268 miles)</i>		
		(Squared Ampersand)	(Rounded Ampersand)	
		No. 1	1916-33	No. 1 1935-56
		No. 2	1940-46	No. 2 1930-52
		No. 4	1935-55	No. 3 1935-58
W.158	17A	<i>S.C. &amp; Emp. R.P.O. (Swift Current-Empress 117 miles)</i>		
		No. 1 (1. sans serif, hy] hen after "Emp.")		1929-33
		No. 1 (stop after "Emp.") (Fig.7)		1944.45
W.68	17A	<i>Macleod &amp; Calgary R.P.O. (109 miles)</i>		
		No. 1	1937-47	No. 2 1932
W.66B	17A	<i>L.B. &amp; Ed. R.P.O. Lacombe-Breton-Edmonton 132 miles)</i>		
		No. 1	1952	No. 2 (Fig.8) 1951-53
W.33	17A	<i>Cor. &amp; Lac. R.P.O. (Coronation-Lacombe. 107 miles)</i>		
		No. 1 (R.Amp.)	1932-50	No. 2 (Sq.Amp.) 1921

## NEW STAMPS

### **JEWELWEED — LOW-VALUE DEFINITIVE (12-cent)**



On 6 July 1978 a new 12-cent low-value definitive featuring the Jewelweed flower was released by Canada Post. It is available on a continuous printing basis from the British American Bank Note Company Limited of Ottawa.

The design for the work is by Heather Cooper of Toronto and is reproduced in three-colour gravure plus one-colour steel engraving. The stamps measure 20mm by 24mm in the vertical format and are printed on coated-one-side gravure paper with PVA gum.

The stamps are available in panes of 100, and marginal inscriptions will bear the printer's and designer's names and the Latin designation of the flower (*Impatiens capensis*) in the side margins facing in at the four corners.

The total production will carry the general tagging and is protected by Canadian copyright laws and international copyright convention.

### **NEW STAMP BOOKLETS AND STATIONERY**

New postal stationery and stamp booklets are now on sale in Canada.

A new 30-cent aerogramme featuring a colour photograph of an arctic sky will replace the 25-cent "Prairie Sky" pictured on the 1977 aerogramme. A minor change in the shape of the glued portion of the stationery has been made to facilitate opening.

Pre-stamped 14-cent envelopes will also be issued in both the personal stationery and business sizes. The selling price of an envelope is three cents more than the postage it bears. Twelve-cent pre-stamped envelopes will continue to be available to accommodate the new third-class rate.

Stamped postcards will also be available for the first-class rate. The selling price is two cents above the face value. The indicia design first developed by Brian Fisher for the 1975 stationery issue was retained because it inhibits counterfeiting. This year the colour combination is purple and blue.

A new set of 50-cent stamp booklets, containing three 14-cent stamps of the Queen Elizabeth letter-rate definitive stamp and four two-cent stamps of the wildflower issue featuring the western columbine, will also be available.

## STREET SCENES DEFINITIVES

The Street Scene definitives are now to be issued on 6 July 1978. The 50c and 75c stamps will appear as previously described in our new issue columns. However, the 60c denomination *will not* be issued. Because of new postal rates which will be in effect by that date, an 80c value will be issued in the same design as previously announced for the 60c stamp.

One further change to the 1978 program has been required. The issue of the high-value National Park definitive will be postponed until 1979. The 12c Flower definitive will be issued on 6 July 1978, as previously announced.

*\*(See our April, 1978 issue, page 295 for illustrations and details of these stamps – Editor.)*

Following a practice introduced in 1972, these booklets feature 10 different pictorial cover designs. This series is intended to complement the low-value definitive stamps depicting flowers and trees. Nine of the booklet covers show a more detailed view of the six flowers and three trees on the low-value definitive stamps. The tenth cover shows drawings of plants used as heraldic emblems, to correspond with the letter-rate stamp featuring a portrait of Queen Elizabeth II. The back cover carries a text describing the plant illustrated on the front cover.

These booklet covers are printed in dark green on ivory stock, which has been pre-printed with a 'safety' motif, and are the work of Heather Cooper, who also designed the definitive stamps.

Intended primarily for sale in vending machines, these 50-cent booklets are available in sets of 10 or singly (random selection) from the Philatelic Mail Order Service in Ottawa, or from philatelic outlets in selected post offices across the country.

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CANADA BOOKLETS PART IV – by P. HARRIS

Basic No.	Issue	Variety No.		Description	
71.	1c. x 4 + 6c. x 1 + 8c. x 5. 1 pane of 10. 604E1/544c.	B33	B32	71a. Blue Pictorial Covers (10). Black Sealing.	
				71b. as 71a with slug mark ("Motorcycle").	
		604Eqi/544ci.	B33q	B33	71c. as 71a but Clear Sealing.
					71d. as 71c with slug mark.
	Aug. 1972.			71e. as 71a but General Tagged. (OP-4)	
				71f. as 71e with slug mark.	
				71g. as 71e but Clear Sealing.	
				71h. as 71g with slug mark	

**CHRISTMAS BOOKLETS 1968 and 1969.**

72.	5c. Eskimo Carvings. 2 panes of 10 Nov. 1968	B17	SB2	72a. Tabs at right. (Panes SG.630/ CS.488ai).
				72b. Tabs at left. (CS.4881)
		B18	SB2a	72c. Tabs at right. Winnipeg tag. (630p/488aiq.).
				72d. Tabs at left. Winnipeg tag. (CS. 488aq).
73.	5c. Children 2 panes of 10. Oct. 1969.	B20	SB3	73a. Tabs at right. (644/502ai).
				73b. Tabs at left. (CS. 502a)
		B21	SB3a	73c. Tabs at right. Winnipeg tag. (644p/502aiq)
				73d. Tabs at left. Winnipeg tag. (CS. 502aq).

**1972 DEFINITIVES "QUEEN & PRIME MINISTERS" (ALL General Tagged OP-2)**

74.	1c. x 3 + 6c. x 1 + 8c. x 2. 1 pane of 6. 10 Apr. 1974.	B34	B34	74a. Red Pictorial Covers (10 Aircraft) Clear Sealing.
				74b. as 74a. with slug mark ("Canuck").
				74c. as 74a but Brown Sealing.
				74d. as 74c with slug mark. ("Canuck").
				74e. as 74a but fluorescent covers (requires uv lamp)
				74f. as 74e with slug mark. ("Canuck").
75.	1c. x 6 + 6c. x 1 + 8c. x 11 1 pane of 18. Jan. 1975.	B35	B35	751a. normal.
				75b. as 75a with slug mark.

**Note:** (1) In Pictorial Sets the SLUG MARK is always on the same ONE cover for a given printing. However, the cover with the slug mark may change for a subsequent printing, (EG. Variety No. 69f), although it does appear that a maximum of two different can occur.

(2) There are other varieties requiring a uv. lamp to see them.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Major R. K. Malott writes:

### NEW PHILATELIC ITEMS

The Post Office Department has released a number of new philatelic items without any advance notice. The dates that I list are the first observed dates by myself in the Ottawa area and are first day of availability, and not a first day of issue. In all cases cancellations were obtained from the Post Office's philatelic Museum Post Office. Anyone wishing further data may contact the undersigned, Major R. K. Malott (Ret'd), 16 Harwick Crescent, Ottawa, Ontario, K2H 6R1.

- a) Plate No. 2 for the \$2.00 Vancouver stamp on 28 March 1978. The colours appear to be much darker, but the perforation is the same, perf 11, and they are not tagged.\*
- b) Postal stationery – envelopes size No. 8 & No. 10, for the 14c rate with a basic purple colour with blue, white and pink included. There are no code markings on the front as in the revised 12c stationery. Availability date 1 April 1978.
- c) 50c Booklets were released on 1 April 1978 also. The outer 10 designs and data on the back are the same as the previous floral and tree designs but printed in a very light green with wavy lines in lieu of the sepia colour. The inside of the booklets has the mailing data as the earlier issue, but on the right hand side. The postage is composed of four floral 2 cent stamps and three of the new 14 cent Cameo Queen Elizabeth red coloured stamps, plus one slogan stamp "Code it . . . Post it! Codez et postez!"
- d) A new 30c aerogramme was released also on 1 April 1978 and was in use in Ottawa several days before available from the Postal Museum. The new aerogramme is the same as the earlier ones except for the following three points:
  1. Canada 30 in lieu of Canada 25 along with a red maple leaf;
  2. A beautiful new design on the back of the aerogramme depicting what appears to be a Canadian Arctic scene – Northern Lights, snow clouds, barren rock, and Eskimos in the distance. It is hoped that the P.O.D. will advise what the scene depicts and if it is a painting or a photograph.
  3. The cut on the bottom glued flap is different with a ¼ inch insert.
- e) A new 14c post card with the new purple shade available on 11 April 1978.

Apparently new plate numbers for definitive stamps and precancelled 3c and 5c will be available in the near future.

*\*(This has now been reported perf. 13½ – Editor.)*

**Mr. A. Spencer writes:**

**FREE UNDER CONVENTION**

Recently I purchased an envelope for which I can find no record or information. This envelope appears to have been officially used for the transmission of Money Orders, possibly State allowances, to Canadians living in America. It measures 150mm x 90mm, is buff in colour and has been pre-printed as follows:

Top left: Money Order/ADVICE

Top right: FREE UNDER CONVENTION

Body: The Postmaster

At.....

State of .....

UNITED STATES

Bottom left: M.O. No. 4P.M. – 1,000,000-12-18

The example I have has been addressed to Tampa in the State of Florida and has a Willow Bunch Sask. date stamp for April 2nd 1921.

I would be pleased to hear from any members of the Society who can supply further details of this envelope, especially regarding the 'Convention' referred to.

**Major R. K. Malott writes:**

**NEW POSTAGE DUES STAMPS**

I submit the enclosed data that may be of interest to your readers: "On 29 November 1977 the Postal Museum's Philatelic Post Office of Canada Post at Confederation Heights, Ottawa, Ontario, released for sale for the first time new 5c, 20c, 24c, and 50c postage due stamps of the current design, comb perforation 12cm x 12cm. On 4 February 1977 the comb perforation 12cm x 12cm were released for the 10c & 12c postage dues. On all these values – 1c, 4c, 5c, 10c, 12c, 20c, 24c, and 50c the plate inscriptions are now on the side of the pane of stamps in lieu of the top and bottom. There are 100 stamps to the pane of these red coloured postage due stamps. In ordering examples of all the values it was discovered that there were no 12c postage due stamps. There was no indication why this should be. Is this a temporary recall or a permanent one? If permanent one the panes with the side plate inscriptions should be a worthwhile item to locate as they have been in use for only a few months – since February 1977. To record the availability of these new postage due stamps a number of envelopes with the new stamps and old ones with the side plate inscription were cancelled with the postal museum cancellation. Anyone wishing more data may write to Major R. K. Malott, 16 Harwich Crescent, Ottawa, Ontario, K2H 6R1, CANADA".



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The Bulletin will appear quarterly, with the first issue to be available in June. This new publication will contain information of interest to collectors about Canada Post's philatelic products and services that are not now being covered by other publications.

Initially the Bulletin's format will be that of a newsletter. Its free distribution will include those customers currently on Canada Post's philatelic mailing list.

Other features of the first edition include details of new postal items, philatelic stock revision, and an exhibition schedule for the remainder of 1978.

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