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FROM THE EDITOR

With effect from the June issue I shall be vacating the editorial chair and the new incumbent, Eric Killingley, will be taking my place. It is more than twenty years ago when "Stevie", our much-loved Founder President, asked me to take over the editorship of *Maple Leaves*. At that time I knew (or rather I *thought* that I knew) what I was letting myself in for if I said "yes". I had already had some experience in the "trade" and was aware of the work that was involved. I was accustomed to the occupational hazards: the slings and arrows of outraged contributors who found a spelling mistake that I had overlooked in the proofs, who demanded *instant* publication of their work, who challenged my bizarre notions about the rules of punctuation and who were profoundly convinced that I had been prematurely released from a detention centre for the mentally retarded. I was inured to all *that*, so that when I agreed to Stevie's "suggestion" I did so with my eyes partly open at least, and because "Stevie" had a way of twisting members' arms that made it impossible to say "no" to him. He did it in a way that endeared him to everyone, as those of our members who had the privilege and honour of knowing him will readily testify. What I did *not* know was that I was letting myself in for a long-term sentence with no remission for what I modestly claim to be good conduct! Nor did I know that along the way I would make so many good friends, many of whom I now know personally, and many, many more, literally scattered over the four corners of the globe, whom I

only know from their kind and encouraging correspondence. They too I count as friends and if I thank them first it is because they have provided the spice on the editorial cake without which it would have been very stodgy indeed. To the many contributors to *Maple Leaves* who have responded to my pleas I am equally grateful. The society has always aimed to produce a journal for members and written by members; in that we have largely succeeded with very few exceptions. But it is one thing to have a policy of that kind and another to be able to adhere to it. That I have so largely succeeded is no credit to me; that goes to our member contributors entirely. I must also thank the many society officers who have borne patiently with me, tolerated my idiosyncracies, my wayward habits, my sometimes pig-headed obstinacy and my clerical errors. I have to thank the various printers of our journal who have succumbed to my cajoling, or surrendered to my badgering with more good grace than I deserved. Last, but certainly not least, I have to express my gratitude to our advertisers who have supported our journal, not only materially in the financial sense, but more importantly, in the moral sense. Their contribution towards establishing *Maple Leaves* as one of the foremost journals of its kind cannot be measured in financial terms; balance sheets cannot evaluate that very special kind of "goodwill".

I owe then a lot to so many, and if Eric is accorded the same kind of help and support, as I am sure that he will, he will not be slow to recognise it. Members will know that for several years, behind the scenes, he has been acting in the role of assistant editor. But they would be mistaken if they think that his role has been a passive one. On the contrary he has been very active in many ways so that in taking over the editorial duties he does so with no illusions and a full knowledge of the work involved. That he will work efficiently and skilfully is unquestionable. I also have a shrewd idea that he will sweep away a few cobwebs, introduce new features and certainly bring to the task a new enthusiasm that only a fresh and lively mind can do. The society's officers and committee have always allowed editors of *Maple Leaves* complete freedom and independence to exercise their own judgement and discretion, unfettered by vetting committees, editorial boards and all the bureaucratic paraphernalia that can so easily stifle, "cabin, crib and confine" an editor within a straitjacket, and make him little more than a hack. That is not the way in which our society has ever operated. As a consequence an unerring instinct has developed whereby it selects the right man for the office and lets him get on with it. Let there be no doubt in anyone's mind that where Eric is concerned the society has chosen wisely and well.

POSTAGE DUE HANDSTAMPS 1906-1930 (Part 2)

(Continued from last issue)

by G. A. Wallace

The earliest straight line marking is MORE-TO-PAY 2. This is similar to Jarrett No. 715 on Boggs No. 11-PD7, first noted in 1863 but with a slightly larger '2' added. The '2' could possibly have been separately applied, but as this is on a leather post card it will not reproduce clearly. RETURNED FOR WAR TAX, stemming from April, 1915 and the HELD FOR POSTAGE in a single line are more common. Photo 7 shows a clear strike of what I always thought to be an American marking, but the ink of the Ayr circular date stamp is identical.

Double lined handstamps are less common except for INSUFFICIENTLY PREPAID. This measures 36mm and has been in use since 1877. Later in 1919, a similar type measuring 39mm was extensively used well into the 1930's. The original shown in Photo 8 is on a birch bark card. Two other double line stamps used for under or non-payment were RETURNED-FOR-POSTAGE and CANNOT BE FORWARDED UNPAID. The latter was only used for post cards, which until Aug. 21, 1921 had to have the correct postage. Post cards to United States and Mexico still had to be prepaid until the end of the issue.

Only three rectangular handstamps have been noted so far. From 1925 they are seen in Western Canada. All are in three sections with the lower left section blank for a written numeral. Photos 9, 10 and 11 display the three types, all the strikes in violet ink.

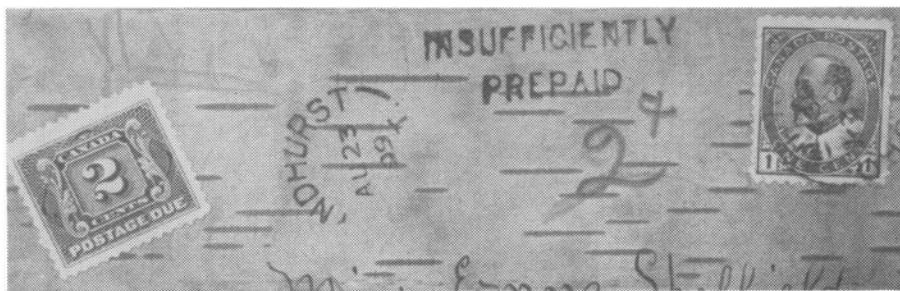
One handstamp which does not come within the four categories is a double oval measuring 52 by 31mm enclosing Postage Due, a large 3 and the initial of the city. This is only seen on Returned Dead Letter envelopes after the fee was increased from 2c to 3c on April 1, 1922; the first two printings not stating the amount. Photo 12 shows one with a 3c Admiral used as Postage Due.

Single Numerals	Height	Earliest	Latest
1	22-23mm	Nov. 1915	Oct. 1929
2	21-25	Aug. 1906	Feb. 1937
3	23-24	Jan. 1899	Mar. 1923
4	11-22.5	April 1920	Jan. 1934
5	25-26	July 1906	June 1926
6	22-23	Mar. 1923	Mar. 1943
8	22	June 1921	Mar. 1943
0	20	July 1925	Mar. 1940
2 of Milton, Ont.	22	Mar. 1906	July 1906
Numerals and Words			
2 Cents Due	7.5mm	Feb. 1908	(only one seen)
2 Cents Due	10	Nov. 1908	May 1911
2 Cents Due	15-16	Oct. 1925	?
4 Cents Due	15	June 1929	Nov. 1930

6 Cents Due	16	Feb. 1924	(only one seen)
Due 2 Cts	19	Dec. 1925	(only one seen)
Straight Line (single)			
More-to-Pay 2	46mm	Mar. 1907	June 1921
Held for Postage	40	June 1914	(only one seen)
Returned for War Tax	?	1915	1917
Postage Due Cts.	44	Oct. 1910	(only one seen)
	(Double)		
Insufficiently Prepaid	36-39	Aug. 1909	Aug. 1935
Returned for Postage	36	Jan. 1920	
Cannot Be Forwarded Unpaid	?	1910	
Rectangles			
TAX/Cents Due	43mm	Oct. 1925	(only one seen)
Postage Due/Cents	40	Nov. 1927	Feb. 1923
COLLECT/Cents Due	45	Feb. 1929	(only one seen)
Oval	52x31	June 1922	Dec. 1924



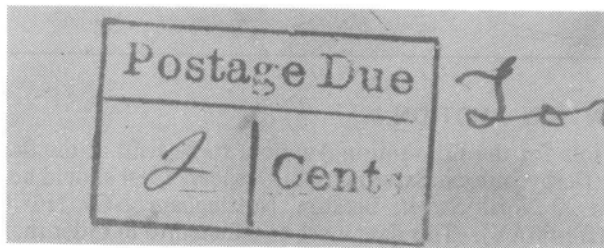
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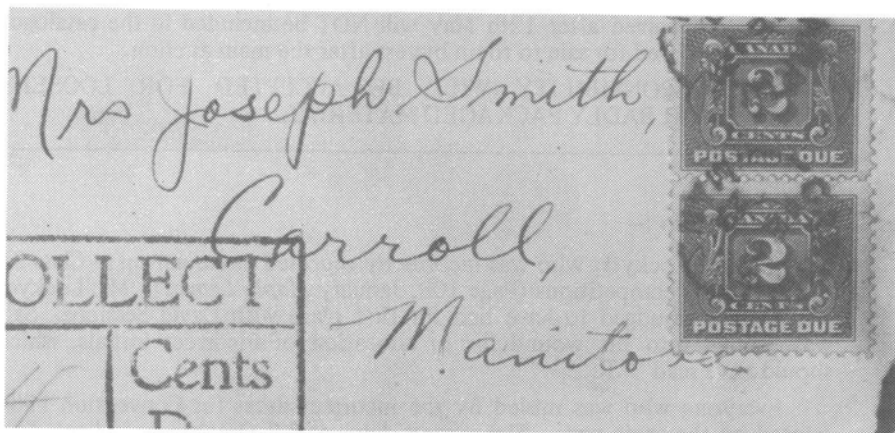
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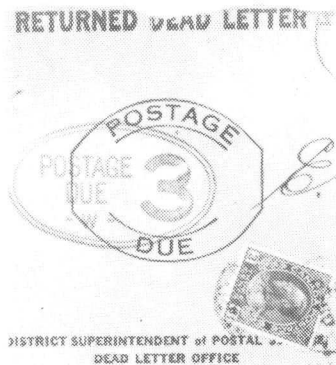
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CONVENTION AUCTION

All lots for the Convention Auction, to be held at the St. Anne's Hotel, Buxton, Derbyshire on Saturday, 6th October, 1984 should be sent to Mr. D. Avery at 20 North Street, Beeston, Nottingham, NG9 1FF (NOT LATER THAN 12th MAY). This date must be adhered to in order that the catalogue may be prepared and despatched in time for overseas members to make their bids.

Only B.N.A. material is acceptable and lots must be accompanied by a brief description and estimate of value (minimum £5.00); any reserve should also be clearly shown. Single stamps or small lots should be mounted on card. Lots received after 12th May will NOT be included in the catalogue but will be offered for sale to room buyers after the main auction.

NO RESPONSIBILITY WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR LOOSELY MOUNTED OR BADLY PACKAGED MATERIAL.

APOLOGIES to :-

Richard Lockyer, who was incorrectly reported as runner-up in Class 3B of the annual competitions (Page 108, January *Maple Leaves*). Mr. Lockyer was in fact adjudged to have tied for first place with David Sessions. Salt was rubbed into the wound by an allocation of incorrect initials, which should have read 'F.R.'.

Everyone who was misled by the incorrect dates for Convention 1984 quoted on the same page. The correct dates at 3-7 October, as indicated by our President on page 100.

CONVENTION BRISTOL 1983

Observations on four enjoyable days, hopefully encouraging more members to join in at Buxton next October.

We arrived on Wednesday afternoon to start with scones, jam and cream and continued with the best of food through to Sunday.

A tour on a horse drawn wagonette on Thursday took us round the sights of Bristol. Further outings were organised to the beautiful city of Bath and to Harveys of Bristol Cream fame. For the ladies the evenings featured a talk on Bristol, lighting through the ages and the history of the playing card.

Stamps were of course the highlights for members. Military Postal History, Precancelles, the 1897 Jubilees, General Postal History and the Small Queens were shown and the writer, though a mere Admiral collector, was spellbound by the stamps and filled with admiration for the high standard of presentation.

As usual Saturday was the day with a difference. The morning was occupied by the A.G.M. The afternoon we crowded the Auction room, Geoff Manton conducting the proceedings to sell off nearly 800 lots. In the evening we flocked to the banquet here all the weeks activities were finalised with toasts and prize giving and not the least enjoyable was the food and drink, the drink continued in the bars and in more than one bedroom into the small hours of Sunday.

A report of organised activities can always be embellished by off-stage scenarios. Bristol was no exception. One senior member arrived late at Breakfast sporting a gayly coloured garment – his wife lifted her eyes to behold this T-shirt, full at the front and not quite long enough to tuck in hubby's trousers at the back – the realisation came that it was her T-shirt and a prune just going in was swallowed whole. But it was from the ladies attending without a mate that our other stories come; one had three men in her bathroom trying to turn OFF her shower, another 'single' lady had three men trying to turn her shower ON. A Scottish member's wife offered her assistance, up and down she jerked the business end of the shower – and yes it came off – water everywhere!

Sixty-three members joined in for some part of our activities if not for the full four days. Eleven members attended for the first time; Don Fraser, Ian Gregory and Malcolm Newton joined our regular Canadian visitors Stan Lum and Dick and Kitty Lamb.

David and Pep presented the whole thing in the best of weather. Again Convention seemed even better than previous memories and we look forward to Buxton in 1984, where hubby can spend his hundred on Map Stamps and his wife forty pounds on sandals!



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OBITUARY

FRANK W. CAMPBELL, F.C.P.S.

It is with very deep regret that the Society has to announce the death of its oldest, and one of its best-known members. Born in 1885, in Tilbury, Ontario, Frank will be best known for his magnificent contributions to B.N.A. postal history for which he was awarded a Fellowship of the Society in 1953, followed by a further honour, in 1977, when he was made a life member. His work will be his memorial; but he will also be remembered by many others for his less-known activities in the field of horticulture. In Royal Oak, Michigan, his home town since 1931, he was long considered to be its leading horticulturalist. He was not only an honorary member of the Royal Oak Garden Club, but also of the Shrine of the Little Flower. Frank was originally a printer by trade, and it was from his knowledge of printing techniques that his interest in early Canadian postmarks derived. From this knowledge, which he shared so freely with others, has developed an understanding of the manufacture of early handstamping equipment which would otherwise have remained a closed book to postmark collectors and postal historians. It will come as no surprise to members to learn that he was also a First World War veteran for, next to his home country, Canada, he loved the land of his forefathers. To know him was a privilege for he was a great man in all respects, great but humble in his greatness. As long as there are students of Canadian postal history Frank will be remembered as one who contributed the most.

TED KILISH

It is with great regret that I mark the passing of Ted Kilish who died on 29 September last. Ted will be known to many members for his fine illustrations in both Ed. Richardson's *Canadian Flag Cancellation Handbook* and my own *Early Rapid Cancelling Machines of Canada*. His knowledge and experience of the early machine cancellations was extensive and his collection of flag cancellations was among the front rank; it was all the more saddening therefore to learn that a fire at home, shortly before his death, resulted in the loss of some of this material and threw a great additional burden upon Lois, his wife. Ted had taken early retirement from his post as technical draughtsman at Massey Harris a few years back and suffered a severe heart attack some three years ago. It was typical of the man that he did not allow a further episode in 1983 to deter him from attending the BNAPS Convention in Winnipeg and that fellow collectors there found him in good spirits. His many friends and fellow students will wish to join me in offering our sympathy to Lois and their three daughters.

David Sessions.

THE CONVENTION EXHIBITION

The Annual Convention Exhibition provides an excellent opportunity for members to display their work in B.N.A. philately.

The competitive classes into which a display may be entered are as follows :-

- Class 1 Research and Study into any issue.
- Class 2 Displays entered by Regional or Study Groups.
- Class 3a Displays of B.N.A. up to 1911
- Class 3b Displays of B.N.A. after 1911

Members are urged to plan their exhibits and send in the Entry Form enclosed as soon as possible. Non-competitive displays will be welcome, subject to available space.

In addition the Society has several handsome trophies, which the judges can award, at their discretion, to displays entered in the above classes.

The rules applicable to the Exhibition awards are :-

1. Amateur collectors only are eligible to compete.
2. The trophy to be held by the winner for one year.
3. A previous winner is not eligible to win the trophy (with the same exhibit) until three years have elapsed.
4. Entries must not exceed the maximum of 18 sheet.
5. In making the award consideration will be given to Philatelic knowledge, presentation, condition and interest.

The STANLEY GODDEN Trophy

For the best display of the Classic issues, postal history or postal stationery of :-
Canada to 1911 (to end of Edwardian era)
Newfoundland to 1911 (up to S.G.127)
New Brunswick
Nova Scotia
British Columbia and Vancouver Island
Prince Edward Island

The BUNNY Cup

For the best exhibit of the stamp issues, postal history stationery of Canada or Newfoundland after 1911.

The ADMIRAL Cup

For the best exhibit of the Admiral issues 1912-27, with emphasis on original research, or for the postal history or postal stationery of this period.

The LEE-JONES Trophy

For the best exhibit of the stamp issues, postal history or postal stationery of the Elizabethan period. Nine sheets will be accepted.

The MEMBERS Trophy

For the best exhibit submitted by a member who has not previously been awarded a silver trophy at the Society's Annual Convention Exhibition. All B.N.A. material will be eligible but should contain some theme on any subject or period, postal history, postal stationery, postmarks, or stamps. (Nine sheets will be accepted). Only rules, 1, 2, 4 and 5 apply to this award.

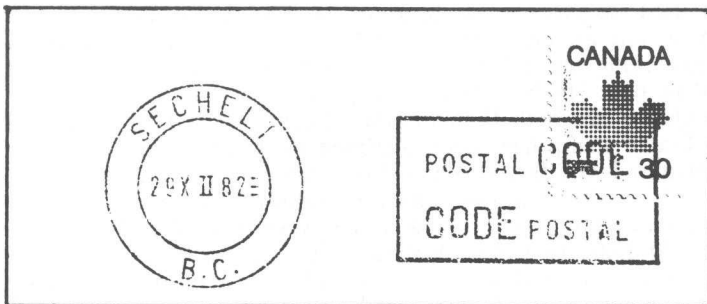
The AIKINS Trophy

For the best article of research in B.N.A. philately printed in *Maple Leaves* during the year prior to the Convention.

(Overseas members please note that entry forms will be enclosed with the June issue.)

SECHELT, B.C. MACHINE CANCELLATION

by K. Barlow



The machine currently used at SECHELT, B.C. to cancel mail produces an impression unlike any other machine in Canada or, to the best of my knowledge, anywhere else. This has been a puzzle to local collectors of B.C. postal history and to others interested in machine cancellations.

The nystery was solved on Wednesday October 26 when I visited that post office. The Postmaster, Mr. G. Sangster, kindly took the time to show me the machine, demonstrate its use and explain its advantages.

It is a Model HDM, Serial No. 5370, manufactured by the International Peripheral System Inc. of Lewistown PA USA. (Address P.O. Box 590, Zip Code 17044). It is currently being used on an experimental and trial basis, features of its operations being reported to K. MERSICH, Headquarters Branch, Testing and Evaluation Laboratory, Canada Post Corporation, Confederation Heights, Ottawa Ont. K1A 0B1.

Mr. Sangster feels that it is very suitable for a small office, being compact, light and readily relocated, depending only on a suitable plug-in 110 volt power supply. It can handle faced envelopes either No. 8 or No. 10 with consistently clear results. The speed is not yet known, but certainly adequate.

The dater die has a unique feature, the dates being of the wheel type, easily changed and not requiring insert slugs. This should eliminate the many weird arrangements of dater slugs emanating from other offices.

The slogan die, the ubiquitous POSTAL CODE is readily removable and could be used to house a local publicity die should the Canada Post authorities ever approve such a device, used by practically every western European country. The inking rollers are removable for infrequent inking, a simpler and cleaner task than with most models.

It is to be hoped that the results of this trial will result in the adoption of this model by Canada Post for use in other offices where the impressions produced are almost unrecognisable and the dates illegible.

The previous machine used at SECHELT was a Model HDZ Serial No. 5357 also produced by I.P.S.

NEW PAPER, NEW PLATES

In July, 1983 Canada Post decided to discontinue producing special paper used for postage stamps as supplied by Abitibi-Price Ltd. Since this company was the only Canadian mill producing this paper Canadian stamps are now being printed on postage stamp stock supplied by quality, non-Canadian paper mills. As a consequence three definitive stamps, the 32 cents Queen Elizabeth II stamp, the 32 cents Maple Leaf stamp and the 48 cents Cradle stamp have been reprinted on British paper. The gravure and steel-engraved Q.E.II and Maple Leaf stamps are reprinted on Harrison & Sons Ltd. paper, while the four-colour litho Cradle stamp is on Clark Paper International Ltd. stock. New plates were made for all three definitive stamps to indicate paper changes. The Queen Elizabeth II and Maple Leaf stamps bore a Plate No. 1 marginal inscription on their first printing, and the marginal inscription Plate No. 2 now appears on the re-prints. The Cradle stamp did not carry a plate number on its first printing, but the re-print bears a Plate No. 2 marginal inscription to distinguish it.

QUANTITIES ISSUED

Flag stamps of Canada (1979) 60 million (5 million of each stamp)
Map stamps (1981) 40 million (10 million of each stamp)
Canada Paintings (1982) 64.8 million (5.4 million of each stamp)
Canada Day Booklet (1983) (2.5 million of each stamp)

(We are indebted to Stuart Clark, our Winnipeg Contact Member, for the above interesting information – Editor.)

HELP

Required to assist in compiling a complete listing of Canadian picture postcards by VALENTINES.

Would members please send me details of any cards they have in their collections. The details required are the Serial Number followed by the title as shown on the card (also the title only of any un-numbered cards). I will then collate all the information and forward the final numerical list to the gentleman in Halifax N.S. who has taken on this mammoth task.

Please send details to :—

**John M. H. Parkin,
12, Lime Grove, ASHBOURNE, Derbyshire, DE6 1HP.**

CANADIAN PACKET SHORT PAID TRANSATLANTIC MAIL

(continued from last issue)

by Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard, F.R.P.S.

(We regret that owing to shortage of space in our last issue we were unable to include the following addendum to Colonel Prichard's article under the above title - Editor.)

There was a further complication when letters were underpaid by some odd amount not exactly 1 or 2 rates overweight. The P.O. Department circular of 20 April 1859 stated that if letters for the U.K. were forwarded unpaid or insufficiently paid, a fine of 6d would be charged in addition to the ordinary postage rate. This was loose wording capable of misinterpretation. When it was merely a normal case such as a double rate letter with a single 12½c stamp the procedure was simple i.e. 12½c postage due + 6d fine = 1/- due. But when a completely inappropriate and inadequate stamp was affixed, the practice seems to be that it was ignored, hard luck as it may seem, and no credit was given for it.

Two examples :-

AP 7 62	Montreal to Scotland by Cunard	10c stamp	1/2 due	i.e. 17c (8d) + 6d fine = 1/2d
OC 18 67	Belleville to U.K. by Canadian Pkt	5c stamp	1/- due	i.e. 12½c (6d) + 6d fine = 1/-

As regards underpaid letters, a certain amount of latitude prevailed. The general rule seems to have been that it was not worth while collecting very small sums. For instance we have recorded 8 instances of letters by Canadian Packet to U.K. franked with 12c only and one with 10c. In addition 5 instances of covers containing bisects (strictly illegal), but all were allowed to pass without comment. I have never seen a cover of this nature on which a charge was levied.

I have mentioned earlier that the U.K. reluctantly consented in the early or mid-1860's to waive the 4½c (2d) charge on letters franked with 12½c intended for the Canadian Packet but which actually went by Cunard. Although this was a tacit agreement, it does not appear that any official instruction was issued. Consequently, even as late as 1868, we find occasional examples of an officious clerk marking "2d due".

This article has only skimmed the surface. I have seen a number of enigmas in postage rates and claims for underpayment which I have been unable to resolve, but one must bear in mind that we cannot always expect a logical solution. Human error by the P.O. officials must sometimes be the only answer.

B.N.A. BOOKLET VARIETIES – NEWFOUNDLAND PASTE-UP PANES

by W. J. McCann

The fourth booklet issued by Newfoundland has been found with an oddity in the 2c green pane of George V, perf 14 combination. Somehow the panes were cut short at the top, removing part of the tab. Instead of being destroyed as printer's waste, the short tabs were repaired by pasting another tab over the original. The new portion is a cheaper grade of paper and of a different shade of white.

The original error in cutting was not constant as the first pane, Fig. 1, measures 68.5mm long and the pane in Fig. 2 is 67.0mm long. The tabs that were added on are not equal either, resulting in about 1mm difference in height.

Can these be classified as paste-up tabs? Or are they fakes? Who would fake an 8c pane? Do any members have similar panes?



(Fig. 1)



(Fig. 2)

ADMIRAL NOTEBOOK (Part 9)
by J. Hannah, F.C.P.S.

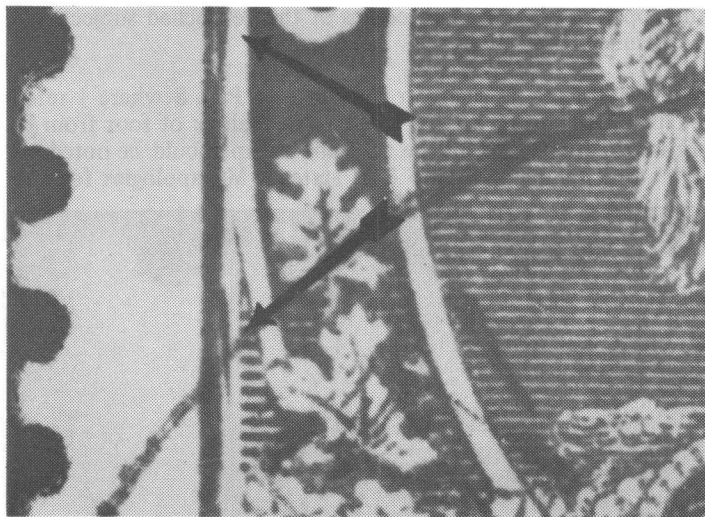
2 Cents – Plates 13 and 14 (part)

A pair of plates in which there are two clear breaks at the top of the vertical line of the right numeral box.

It is to be noted there are two similar breaks in the subjects in Plates 23 and 24 but in these plates this variety is associated with a nick in the outer frame in the upper right corner.

In this group of plates there are numerous retouches in the top right spandrel area. However I would refer to three particular plate repairs.

In the first, two short lines have been added to the outer frame at the left centre as illustrated, with the bottom heavy line breaking away from the weak frame at this point. My copy is dated September 1912, but the position of this variety is not known. (*Fig. 1*)



(*Fig. 1*)

In the next example there is a heavy line closing the top right spandrel from a point just below the top horizontal line downwards to below the pearls of the crown. (*Fig. 2*)

In the third variety to be mentioned in this Note while there is a short vertical line added at the top of the spandrel, there has also been an attempt to strengthen the top horizontal line with a line running off at a tangent



(Fig. 2)

from the top line. I have three copies of this retouched subject, two being dated September 1912. (Fig. 3)

I wish to correct an error in the notes in Part 8 where I refer to the recorded plate variety in Stamp 18 in a used block of four from Plate 12. The position of the variety in the adjacent stamp should be noted as occurring in Stamp 17 and not Stamp 8 as stated. My apologies for this error.



(Fig. 3)

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

All members are respectfully asked to note that WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT all contributions to *Maple Leaves* including articles, reports, notices and any other matter relating to the publication of the journal MUST be sent to the new Editor: Mr. E. Killingley at 16 St. James Road, Bridlington, North Humberside, YO15 3PF.

Communications regarding advertisements and small classified announcements are the only exceptions. These MUST be sent to the Advertising Manager. (For address see Officers Panel inside back cover of this issue.)

All subscriptions or communications regarding subscriptions MUST be sent to the Assistant Treasurer. (For address see Officers Panel inside back cover of this issue.)

All changes of address and communications relating to the general administration of the Society MUST be sent to the Secretary, Mr. D. Sessions. (For address see Officers Panel inside back cover of this issue.)

Careful adherence to these requests will not only obviate delay and inconvenience to members, but also assist the officers concerned and save the Society added expense in postage charges.

Overseas members are asked to note that all letters (whether sent to officers or fellow members in this country) should be fully addressed, including the postal code (where this is noted in the handbook). It is NOT necessary to specify the name of the country: England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland. The postal code in itself is sufficient to enable correct delivery by the British Post Office, but the final line of the address should include the initial letters "U.K." (United Kingdom) in order to assist the Canadian, United States or other postal authorities.

THE POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY OF CANADA

Crash covers, mail which has survived an aircraft mishap, have long fascinated collectors. In the September, 1983 issue of the *PHSC Journal*, Major R. K. Malott (Rtd.) chronicles fifty-five aircraft crashes known to have been carrying Canadian mail. The earliest of these flights was the 1919 attempt by Harry Hawker and Major K. MacKenzie Grieve to cross the Atlantic in a Sopwith biplane. Taking off from St. John's, Newfoundland, they crashed at sea after covering about 1100 miles of the distance to Ireland. The most recent crash listed was a 1978 Air Canada DC-9 flight which crashed on take-off at Toronto. Malott covers each of the flights in brief detail, describing the covers and any identifying markings applied to explain their condition or delay in delivery.

The *PHSC Journal* is a quarterly publication of the Postal History Society of Canada. A sample copy may be obtained from the secretary, Andy M. Palochik, Box 3461, Station C, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1Y 4J6. Membership information is available from the same address without charge.

ONE BORN EVERY MINUTE

by R. B. Winmill

A good philosophy to have is that knowledge is the key to enlightened collecting. Knowledge ought also to be tempered with a healthy degree of scepticism because where money is involved, there is always a rogue about who is prepared to go to some lengths to deprive the unwary collector of his.

In the past philately has witnessed an endless series of scares, ranging from repaired material to removed 'specimen' markings, especially on the 12d, and combined with clever rebacking, faked St. Lawrence Seaway inverts, and hundreds of others.

Regrettably some joker has decided to carry on the tradition and, at least on a local basis in one Canadian city, has begun selling bogus coil pairs of Canada's recent (1982) Christmas issue. Collectors ought to be alert to this (Canada has never produced Christmas coil stamps). The items appear quite acceptable, the perforations being carefully trimmed and the cutting of perforations is clean and exceptionally straight.

The price asked was not all that much – \$50 a pair; but the point is that not only were collectors lacking in knowledge, and gullible, they actually contributed to their own losses because of their greed. In each instance the seller emphasised that these 'coils' were rare and unavailable at the post office as so few were prepared for distribution. The vendor went on to tell prospective buyers that despite their 'great rarity' he had to (regrettably) part with them because he required cash in a hurry. Hence he was 'sacrificing' them to deserving collectors and stressed the potential profits that might be gleaned by the buyers. The nature of man being what it is, the vendor had easy 'suckers' and provided further supportive evidence for the validity of the old reminder: *CAVEAT EMPTOR!*

WARNING

Recently, there have been several advertisements of firms selling material to re-gum stamps. They claim that their product is for re-gumming investment quality vintage postage stamps of the 19th and 20th century. They say that the gum can be coloured to match shading of any original gum and/or natural ageing effect. Members should be on the lookout when purchasing, and only purchase from reputable dealers those "never hinged" stamps. Once a stamp is re-gummed, it is almost worthless. Be wary of people selling never hinged stamps at a high premium. Remember, all collectors used to use hinges to mount their stamps, so any very fine centered stamp was probably hinged when mounted. (*Or not so finely centered for that matter – Editor*).

ROBSON LOWE IN CANADA Reported by The Yellow Peril

Early November 1983 collectors in Toronto saw what could well be the beginning of a series of auctions to be conducted by "Robson Lowe in Toronto". The appearance of Robson Lowe on the Toronto scene, especially on a regular basis, could have beneficial implications for both sellers and buyers. Sellers in the Sterling areas can sell through this auctioneer in Canada and benefit from the dollar currency. On the other hand, collectors in Canada can take full advantage of this world-famous auctioneer to sell their stamps without any fear of currency fluctuation. To the Canadian buyers, Robson Lowe represents a new source – certainly a different source with a different approach. Furthermore Canadian buyers will no longer have to travel to the UK to attend RL sales; Robbie brings the sales to Canada!

The British North American stamps were sold by the Robson Lowe team at the Toronto Park Plaza Hotel on the 2nd and 3rd of November. There were three sessions: 1859's, Large Queens and later issues, and the Provinces. The fabulous 1859 collection was formed by a distinguished philatelist living in Western Canada. The Large Queens etc. were from the stock of another distinguished western collector.

This first decimal collection, like many top collections, contained the usual portions of rare proofs, multiples, cancels, varieties and seldom-seen covers (including U.S. patriotics used in Canada) too numerous to describe. A few random samples, however, should be sufficient to give society members some indications of the high quality stamps sold as well as an up-to-date market. It is worth while noting that rare defective stamps are collectable, have value and can be sold. A superb block of six 1c with c.d.s. sold \$400 below the \$1000 valuation whereas a 5c block of the same size but with two tears sold for \$200 above the \$800 estimate. The unique block of thirteen of the 17c with the "burr" variety, which made \$4300 against a \$3000 valuation, was considered to be a very reasonable piece for such an appealing rarity.

In the postal history section an unusual but modestly described cover franked with a 1864 2c and two ½c Large Queens was hammered down for \$1600. Despite the fact that this cover fetched a thousand dollars over estimate; the price paid for this rarity was a gift! Another cover in a similar category but franked with 1859 1c(3) 5c and a pair of 10c, sent from Hamilton to Melbourne via Southampton, made \$3200 – almost double the estimate of \$1750. Co-incidentally the stamps on both covers were superbly overlapped. Is it possible that collecting rare mix-franked covers with overlapping stamps is now a fashionable trend?

In the later issues the two large blocks of the 2c Large Queens, severed from an original block of 18 and showing the "E&G BOTHWELL CLUTHA MILLS" watermark, was sold for almost valuation – \$19,000. Even if the

purchaser had to go to the \$20,000 estimate, it would still have been an enviable item to possess. A smaller stamp – the 6c Small Queen with the 5c re-entry, used, creased and torn was sold at 62% above the \$400 estimate. Just as some prices were spectacularly high, but not excessively, some were spectacularly low, for example, a set of the always popular 1897 Jubilees mounted but above average centering was “stolen” for \$1300.

Although the floor was small, probably due to the late delivery of the catalogues, its participation was anything but. The sale was well conducted; the visiting team, George Wegg (Robson Lowe’s Canada representative) and the buyers seemed to have enjoyed the sale. According to the visitors, there will be an encore in ’84.


(The above observations were based on attendance at only two sessions and prices do not include the obligatory 10% buyer’s privilege premium – Editor)

NOTTS. & DERBYS. GROUP

Our meeting, held on 5th November 1983, proved that local interest in Canadian Philately is still very much alive.

The main subject, “Recent Acquisitions”, produced Tobacco revenues with some share certificates printed by the B.A.B.N. Co. showing exquisite engine turning, some sections of which, may have been used around the stamp printing plates (J. Parkin); Toronto “backstamps”, some of which, were also used for specific purposes when cancelling stamps (J. Reynolds). The recent “Forts” booklet upon which the P.O. literature and nomenclature regarding the location of the Forts and the position of the stamps agreed in two instances only. (W. Meakin); Our co-opted member, the Admiral King, armed with the Marler bible, showed that, with the aid of systematic listings, culled from the information contained in Marler, he could, in a matter of seconds, locate the reference to any particular stamp or variety (J. Bacon).


In addition Messrs. Avery, Gunby & McConnell showed an interesting variety of stamps and covers.



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Canada Post Corporation market tested a new precode label for use as postage on Christmas greetings cards mailed in Winnipeg beginning November 21, 1983. (See below)



The purpose of this test was to determine the operational effectiveness of precode postage labels and customer attitudes towards a "special" Christmas card mailing rate for greeting cards mailed to Canadian destinations.

Stick 'N' Tick labels were sold at all Winnipeg post offices and sub post offices from November 21 to December 17 in kits of 12 for \$3.49 or 25 for \$6.89. This was a saving of 35c on a package of 12 and \$1.11 on a package of 25 as compared to the cost of regular first class postage stamps.

Customers were asked to affix the 110mm x 88mm label squarely at the upper right hand corner of the Christmas card envelope. They then addressed the envelope to the left of the label and transferred the postal code on to the label by "ticking" vertical lines through the appropriate letters and numerals printed on the label. Complete instructions on how to use Stick 'N' Tick were enclosed in all kits.

The Stick 'N' Tick postage label is a world first for postal operations. Its use was to assist the post office's handling efficiency while customers enjoyed a reduced postal rate for Christmas cards.

The postal label market test was introduced in co-operation with the Canadian Greeting Card Association. Stick 'N' Tick labels were for use during the 1983 Christmas season only.

PACKET SALES / POSTAL AUCTION

At the last Committee meeting the problem of insufficient material to meet the great demands for the Packet was discussed in depth. It was decided to offer members a more rapid turnover of material by instituting a postal sale. Such a sale will also enable our many overseas members to take part whereas they are unable to receive the Exchange Packet. The postal sale will be complementary to the auction held at Convention each year and is designed to accommodate smaller lots which can be easily and cheaply sent through the post. The Packet will continue to operate provided material is submitted and the Committee will assess the relative merits of the two schemes in due course.

The postal sale will be held subject to the following provisional conditions :-

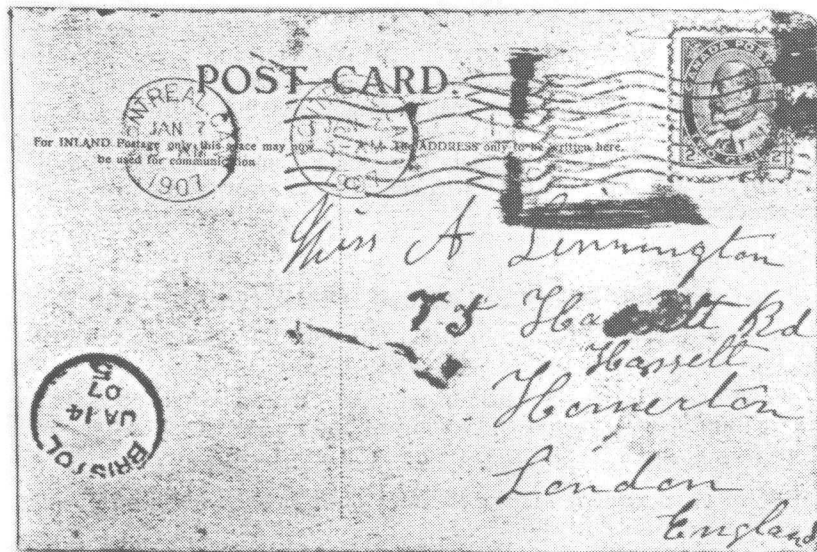
1. The sale will be postal only and there will be no postal or other viewing. Misdescribed lots may be returned.
2. All lots submitted for sale will be entered into the catalogue exactly as the vendor has described them and there will be no responsibility on the organiser for the descriptions although he retains discretion to correct obvious discrepancies.
3. There will be an overall charge of 10% to the vendor, which will include commission and insurance, with a minimum charge of 50 pence. Postage will be payable by purchasers.
4. Lots will be accepted from any member of the Society from Tokyo to Topeka, but BNA material only please.
5. Lots for the auction must be submitted together with description and valuation or reserve no later than 31 October 1984. Lots can be passed to the organiser at Convention this year. A minimum value of £2 is required for each lot which should be suitably mounted/protected for postal transmission.
6. The catalogue will be despatched with the January 85 *Maple Leaves* and all bids must be received by 1 April 85, the date of the sale.
7. Successful bidders will be notified by invoice.
8. Unsold lots will be sent to the organiser of the 1985 Convention auction unless otherwise instructed, small lots may be amalgamated for this purpose. All material and queries regarding this new venture to the organiser, Roger Grigson, 75 Clarence Road, Windsor, Berks, England.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mr. H. K. Dodwell writes:

CANADIAN MAIL TO ENGLAND ROUTED THROUGH BRISTOL

Bonsor, in *North Atlantic Seaway* states that the Canadian mail contract, previously held jointly by the Allan and Dominion Lines, was in July 1899 awarded to the Elder Dempster Line for a weekly service between Bristol (Avonmouth) and Canada, via Queenstown. Elder Dempster's North Atlantic interests were purchased in 1903 by Canadian Pacific and I cannot find any exact date for the ending of the Elder Dempster mail contract, but by January 1904 the Allan Line, with main line sailings from Liverpool and subsidiary sailings from Glasgow, were advertising themselves as "the only line with Government contract for Canadian mails".



I have in my collection two postcards and a registered cover, and have seen another registered cover, all posted in Canada from 1905 to 1907, to places in England far distant from Bristol, but with Bristol entry or transit datestamps. (*See sample above*) These Bristol transit items are too numerous for them all to have been mis-sent strays, and it seems likely that even during the period of the Allan Line monopoly, some mail was being sent from Canada in ships sailing to Bristol. It may be that such ships were only used when some delay, actual or anticipated, affected despatch by the Allan route, yet throughout the first decade of this century the Canadian P.O. had a policy of making regular use of the fast mailships that sailed so

frequently from New York for Liverpool or Southampton, and the use of slow Bristol-bound ships is not easily explained.

Our Secretary has somehow found time to search through the shipping information in back numbers of the *Western Daily Press* in Bristol City Library, and has shown that my items were almost certainly carried to Bristol by, in one case, the "Englishman", a Dominion Line steamer, and in the other cases on separate voyages of the "Montcalm" which was one of the Elder Dempster steamers taken over by the Canadian Pacific four years earlier. Before we can find out whether there was any pattern to the Canadian mails entering via Bristol we need more examples, I would like to appeal to anyone with a holding of Edwardian Atlantic Mail to check them for Bristol or Avonmouth transit marks. If any come to light David Sessions has offered to return to the fray in the Bristol Library, and try to establish exactly which ships were involved in the carriage of these mails.

In theory Bristol transit marks, especially on Registered items, should be fairly common from the years (1899 to ????) when Elder Dempster, with Bristol as their home port, had the mail contract, and again from 1913 when the Bristol based "Royal Line" (Canadian Northern Steamship) had a one-third share of the Canadian mail contract, together with the Canadian Pacific and White Star Lines (both Liverpool based). In practice Bristol entry marks seem rare, if not exceedingly rare, and I would be interested to hear from anyone with such material, particularly as to whether the marks are of Bristol or of Avonmouth.

Mr. G. Bellack writes:

B.C. NUMERAL CANCELLATIONS OF THE 19th CENTURY

In your recent editorial, you asked not only for appropriate contributions, but also for article-subject suggestions.

Would in your view an article or series on "B.C. Numeral Cancels in the 19th Century" be worthwhile and could you find someone to do it?

Unfortunately, I personally can't oblige in this instance.

(Any offers of contributions along the lines of Mr. Bellack's suggestion will be gratefully received – Editor.)

NEW STAMP NEWS

We are indebted to our member, Gerry Churley, for drawing our attention to the following shade varieties on the recent 32 cents Christmas and Sir Humphrey Gilbert issues. The former has many different shades varying from reddish at the top to a creamy shade at the bottom, while under a U.V. lamp the lettering can appear either blackish or yellow in colour. In the Sir Humphrey Gilbert issue the shades in the background are even more pronounced, varying from light to dark grey with an intermediate shade which might be described as greenish grey.

BOOK REVIEW

BRITISH COLUMBIA POST OFFICES

This is an up-to-date list of all post offices located in British Columbia. It is well-produced, easy to read and at \$8.00 certainly cannot be called dear. Edited by Wm. Topping and W. A. Robinson and, as far as we know the first checklist to be computerised in order that it can be up-dated, corrected or revised in the light of future needs without delay and far more cheaply than by conventional methods. We venture to suggest that this will be the first of many lists of this kind that lend themselves to such treatment so, if we call the computer a boon to philatelists, so be it. As long, of course, as those who do the programming don't go to sleep. Available from the Handbooks Manager, Dr. M. W. Carstairs (for address see officers panel inside back cover) at £5.50 postpaid, or from Mr. W. Topping at 1430 Angus Drive, Vancouver B.C., V6P 5K2 at \$8.00.

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