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## EDITORIAL

This issue of Maple Leaves marks a number of firsts. It is the first of 2005, first of a new volume and the first with a new editor since 1986.

My first duty as your new editor is to pay a special tribute to my predecessor (and now Assistant Editor) David Sessions. Many of our members will only have known one Maple Leaves editor as it is a remarkable 18 years and 80+ issues since David took on the job. (To save you searching your back numbers, you have to go back to the April 1986 issue to find a different name on the masthead). In all that time, Maple Leaves has won many awards and maintained a consistent high standard of content and presentation much of it down to the hard work and dedication of it's editor. Well done, David and enjoy a well earned rest.....just don't stray too far from that phone!

Members should not expect any dramatic changes in the journal from your new editor. However, I am very keen to hear your views on what we should keep the same and what we should look to change in the future. One Canadian member has already asked if we could look at providing Maple Leaves in *pdf* format via e mail so that overseas members can receive it quicker (and print it off themselves). If there are a significant number of overseas members interested in this idea, I am happy to investigate the feasibility. Please let me know your views. You can find my contact details on the inside back cover. You can also reach me on e mail at [gksearle@btinternet.com](mailto:gksearle@btinternet.com)

As noted above, this issue marks the start of a new volume of Maple Leaves. For those members who like to get their copies bound, please note that we plan to

print an index to Volume 28 with the April 2005 edition. This will be courtesy of member Charles Livermore who has kindly agreed to compile the index for us.

Members may be interested to learn that our sister publication BNA Topics is now available online. Courtesy of a generous bequest from the late Horace Harrison, BNAPS have been able to upload all past issues of Topics from Volume 1 no. 1 to end 1999, for access on the web. You can find them at <http://bnatopics.org>

On a sad note, I must report the deaths of three former Presidents of our Society in recent months; Margaret McGregor, Lionel Gillam and Eric Bielby have all passed away and we send our condolences to their families and friends.

Lastly, let me extend the plea of all new editors.....that for material for

future issues. The cupboard is not completely bare at present but readers will note that we are indebted to a small number of members (thankfully prolific in output) for most of the content in our recent issues. Material from new contributors is always welcomed, whether it is a short letter to the editor or an article on your favourite collecting subject. As editor, I am always happy to type up material, correct spelling, punctuation etc. The one thing I can't do is write the original material that is in your head. I am happy to receive material in just about any format provided it is legible. For those who prefer to use electronic means, the best format is *word* for documents and *jpeg* at 300dpi resolution for pictures and scans. I look forward to hearing from you. A very Happy New Year to you all.

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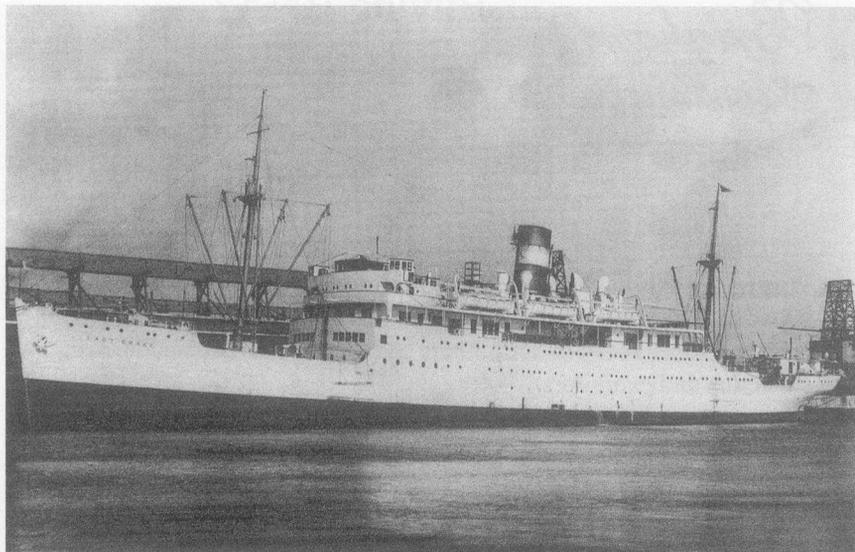
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## THE LADY BOATS (3)

David F. Sessions, FRPSL, FRPSC, FCPS



### *Lady Drake*

The third of the Eastern Route's triumvirate, the 'Lady Drake', used two different 'MAILED AT SEA' hand stamps. Covers in the author's collection show the longer, seriffed, marking to have been used on the maiden voyage and the shorter, sanserif, one on the second voyage. Use of the shorter hand stamp continued until April 1932. This neat scenario is somewhat spoiled by the appearance of a cover bearing the longer marking with a Hamilton, Bermuda, machine cancel dated 1 July 1929. The cover from the second voyage carries a straight line 'LADY DRAKE' in sanserif, upper case, script; the 1 July 1929 cover carries a straight line 'RMS LADY DRAKE' in seriffed, upper and lower case script.

The straight line hand stamps were followed by a large double-lined circular hand stamp from mid 1932 to February 1936; this was succeeded by a smaller version from the end of February 1936 until the war years. The ship's name is said to have been removed in 1940.

The 'Lady Drake' was torpedoed on the night of 4 May 1942 by the German submarine U-106, under the command of Kapitänlieutenant Hermann Rasch, while en route from Bermuda to St. John. Five of the six lifeboats were successfully launched, one smashed against the side of the sinking ship. Twelve people were killed in the actual explosion; the remaining 260 passengers and crew were accommodated on the five surviving lifeboats. Abandonment of the 'Lady Drake' took just ten minutes



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and in a further ten minutes she was gone. On the second day at sea the lifeboats were passed by the 'Queen Mary', on her way to New York, who signalled "I will report". It was not until 6.30am on the third day that a patrol plane pinpointed their position and three hours later the US Navy ship 'Owl' hove into view. Percy Kelly, who had survived the sinking of the 'Lady Hawkins', was captain of the stricken 'Lady Drake'; once more he survived. As with the 'Lady Nelson' there is some divergence between reported dates of the sinking. The Company's report and Account of 1945 gives the date as 4 May 1942; 5 and 6 May have also been quoted, while Hanington's book gives 8 May both in text and in Appendix 9. The copy of the book in the British Library seems to have been annotated in places by Percy Kelly himself and he concurs with the 8 May date. For the sake of consistency I have quoted the dates shown in the Company's Report and Accounts for the sinking of the four Lady Boats. Again, for the record, the U106 was sunk on 2 August 1943, NW of Cape Ortegal, Spain by depth charges from British and Australian Sunderland aircraft.

#### *Lady Somers*

One of the two Lady Boats serving the Western Route, 'Lady Somers' initial hand stamp was a straight line 'MAILED AT SEA', the longer version (59mm). This is believed to have been in continuous use from April 1929 until 1 October 1931. The straight line mark was replaced by a double-lined circular hand stamp which appears to have been used at least until the outbreak of the War. Oddly an example of the straight line mark, in red, appears alongside the circular mark on a cover dated 16 February 1933. Even more odd, the circular mark is greyish as opposed to the red of the straight line. However the constantly changing colours of the 'Lady

Somers' markings suggests that the Purser's office contained more than one ink pad!

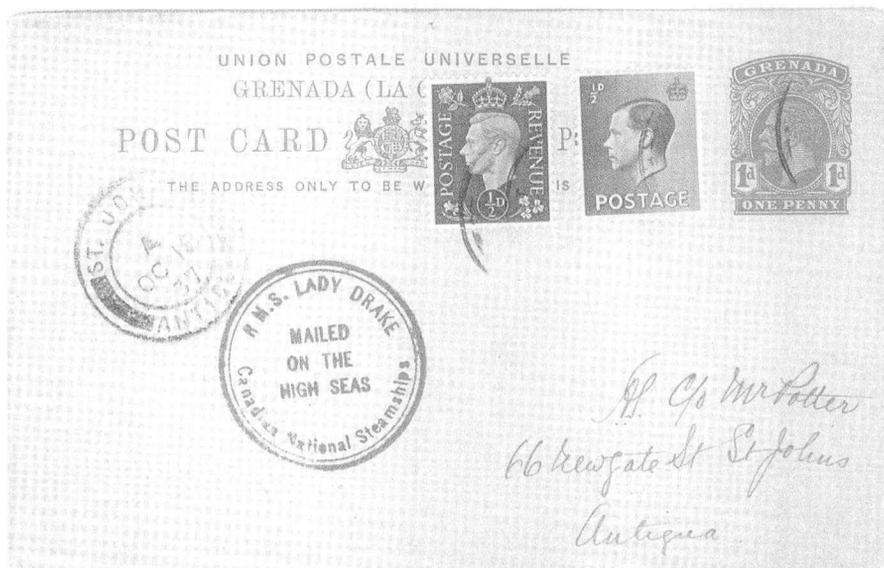
One small claim to fame, as far as the outside world is concerned, was that the 'Lady Somers' carried the Duke of Windsor and his new wife, Mrs Simpson, from Bermuda to the Bahamas in August 1940. The Duke had been appointed Governor of the Bahamas and had flown, with his wife, to Bermuda a week previously. It is reported that the Duke was quite bored with the trip, having been given a spacious bedroom and drawing room plus a private walkway. He was given a wireless set to keep him amused! However, this caused some apprehension as he proceeded to break radio silence with a remarkable lack of concern. The Duke and Duchess were landed at Nassau, Bahamas, on 17 August.

'Lady Somers' was the first Canadian merchant ship to go to war. On 3 October 1940 she was requisitioned by the Canadian Government and chartered on to the British Government. To make her more buoyant, engineers filled her four holds with 10,000 empty steel drums. They were welded in to retard her sinking. She was to be used to patrol the high seas on the lookout for neutral and enemy ships carrying supplies to occupied countries or Germany. Having been converted to an auxiliary armed cruiser at Bermuda, she began her duties in the late spring of 1941, manned by British naval personnel. Her military career was short. She was reported as having been sunk while on patrol in the Bay of Biscay on 15 July 1941. Her assailant was the Italian submarine 'Morosini' under the command of Captain Athos Fraternali.

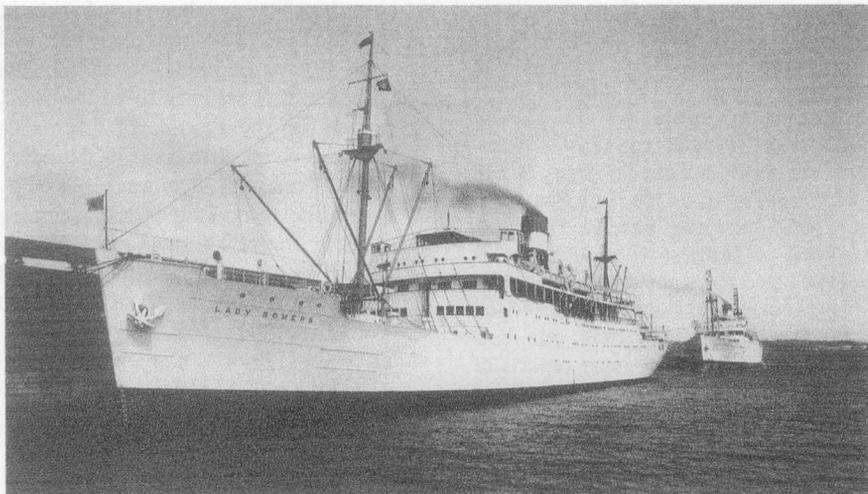
As with the other Lady Boats there is dissent over the actual date of sinking, with 16 July quoted as an alternative. Appendix 9 of Hanington's book gives 'late spring'.



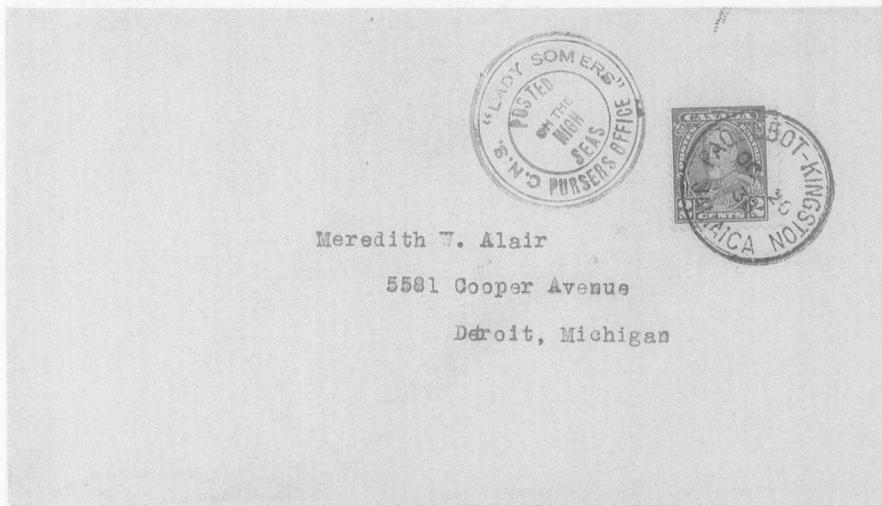
'Lady Drake' two ring circular handstamp 9 January 1933.



'Lady Drake' smaller two ring circular handstamp 10 October 1937.



Photograph of the 'Lady Somers'



'Lady Somers' two-ring circular handstamp 20 October 1936. Cover also carries a Kingston, Jamaica paquebot handstamp.

### *Lady Rodney*

In line with her sister ships, the 'Lady Rodney's' first hand stamp was the straight line 'MAILED AT SEA', which has been noted up to August 1931. Instead of the usual oval or circular replacement there is a note of a short-lived successor, a three-line mark 'RMS RODNEY/Posted/on the High Seas', but only one example has so far been recorded, in August 1934. As this is followed by a more conventional double-lined circular hand stamp with scalloped outer ring in December 1934, one feels there is room for a few more reports of the three-line mark. The other four Ladies had their initial straight line hand stamps replaced in 1931 or, in Lady

Drake's' case, the first half of 1932. A cover has, however, been noted with the 'MAILED AT SEA' mark and dated 24 April 1933 at Bermuda. No ship's name is shown, it is assumed to be the 'Lady Rodney' in the absence of other such markings recorded during this period.

The scalloped circle was replaced by a very similar marking by the beginning of 1939. The replacement has a slightly smaller centre circle, 18mm instead of 19mm, and there is no reference to 'Purser's Office'. The 'Lady Rodney's' last voyage, prior to war service, ended at St. John on 29 May 1942, so use may well have continued up until then, though recorded evidence is sparse.



*'Lady Rodney' Straight line MAILED AT SEA, 26 June 1931.*

That last voyage involved carrying survivors from the sunken 'Lady Drake' back to the home port (St. John on 29 May 1942). Next month the ship was placed in government service. She was chartered to the Department of National Defence and re-fitted as a troopship with accommodation for 500 men, in addition to a civilian crew. She sailed occasionally from Montreal or Quebec, but mostly from Halifax to St. John's Newfoundland and, occasionally, Goose Bay, Labrador. She carried troops, cargo and some passengers and was always under escort or part of a convoy. The 'Lady Rodney' was the first passenger ship to go to Goose Bay which, at that time, had just a few Eskimo huts on the shore. The purpose was to land workers, technicians and, subsequently, troops to construct what was to become the key centre of the whole defence system of Canada's northland.

The 'Lady Rodney' was the only Lady Boat to survive the war unscathed and she re-entered CNS service in July 1947. Before this she had shared duties with the 'Lady Nelson' in bringing home servicemen and, sometimes, their wives. The 'Lady Nelson' made her last transatlantic trip in February 1946 but the 'Lady Rodney' was then transferred to the transatlantic run and made her first such voyage in May 1946. This was the first of several trips bringing home war brides and families, such trips earning the nickname 'diaper specials'. The 'Lady Rodney' was not released back to Canada by the British until November 1946. By the end of 1947 'Lady Rodney', along with 'Lady Nelson' and other CNS ships were back in service.

The earliest post war marking noted is September 1947 and, oddly, the hand stamp appears to be that used between 1934 and 1938. In the case of the 'Lady Rodney' there are remarkable similarities between pre and post war

markings. Rodue dots appear above the arms of the 'Y' of 'Rodney', for instance, in a 1937 example and can be seen in identical positions on a 1951 hand stamp. Also, the central ring is centred slightly to the north west in relation to the outer ring in both instances. This hand stamp seems to have remained in use until 'Lady Rodney' was withdrawn from service in 1952.

The last voyage of the 'Lady Rodney' for CNS is said to have ended at St. John on 24 September 1952 but there is on record a cover with Barbados receiver dated 21 November 1952. This date is quoted by Rego (Ref. 7) as the latest recorded date.

The 'Lady Rodney' was sold to Egypt in 1953 and re-named 'Mecca'. She was given a new name, the 'Komati', in 1960 and, in 1967, she was scuttled in the Suez Canal in an effort to hinder Israeli (and everybody else's) shipping. In 1974 plans were made to re-open the Canal. She was found to be one of the two ships blocking the main canal. In June 1974 the remains of the former 'Lady Rodney' were raised, cut into pieces, dumped on the banks of the Canal and subsequently sold for scrap. What an undignified end for a Lady.

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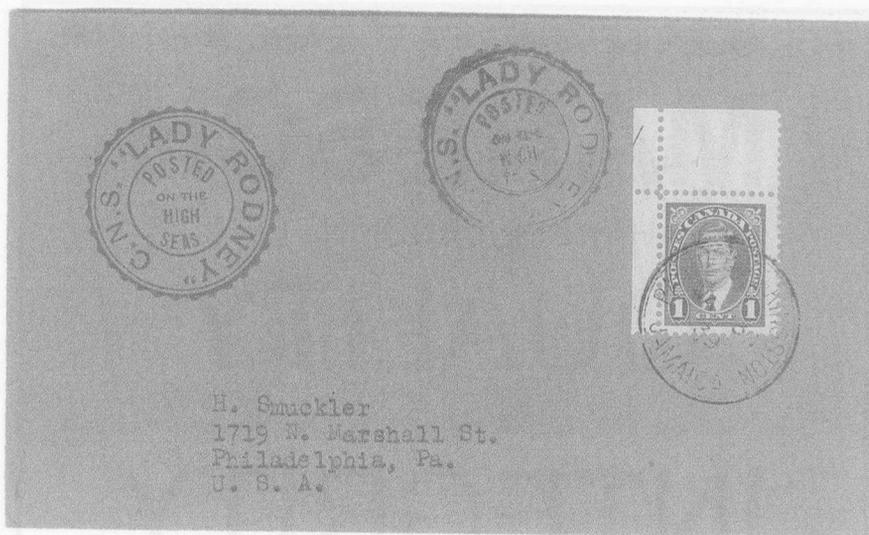
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*Lady 'Rodney' scalloped circular handstamp 4 January 1937.*



*Lady 'Rodney' cancel from March 1951. Note small dots above arms of 'Y' in 'RODNEY'.*



*Lady 'Rodney' second type of scalloped circular handstamp 30 January 1939.*

#### **Appendix 1**

The Ladies' vital statistics.

Nelson, Drake, Hawkins.

Length 438ft, breadth 59ft 3", depth from keel to upper deck 31ft

Deadweight 6,370 tons, gross tonnage 7831 tons

Service speed 15 knots

Passengers: 130 first class, 32 second, 100 deck

Rodney, Somers.

Length 438ft, breadth 60ft 3", depth 32ft 9"

Deadweight 4665 tons, gross tonnage 7750 tons

Service speed 15 knots

Passengers: 130 first class only

The above statistics are as quoted in Appendices 1 & 2 in Felicity Hannington's book (Ref. 3) and pre-date any modifications.

#### **Appendix 2**

A summary of the ship's hand stamp markings.

Inkpads are more susceptible to colour change than are stamps, due to the effects of light and the possibility that a new charge of ink could be a different shade from its predecessor. Dirt can also play a part, as indeed can the firmness with which the hand stamp is applied. An attempt has been made to show the main colour changes but for this purpose black and grey, for instance, could be interchangeable. It has not proved practical to draw definitive lines between purple, mauve and violet, the colour differences are obvious at the extreme ends of the red/blue spectrum, it's the multitude of fine gradations in between that defy classification. The catch-all colour 'purple' has been generally applied in this listing.

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<i>Handstamp type</i>	<i>Wording</i>	<i>Dates/colour</i>
<b>Lady Nelson</b>		
1. Straight line (59mm)	'MAILED AT SEA' (Seriffed)	30.4.29-23.9.30 (blue) 2.9.29-7.10.29 (green)
2. Double-lined 52mm oval	'R.M.S. 'Lady Nelson' Mailed at Sea	12.11.31-21.4.32 (?) 14.1.32 (green) 9.6.32-20.9.32 (blue) 14.1.33-21.9.34 (purple) 6.11.34-6.12.34 (black)*
Rego (Ref.7) reports LRD of 31.1.38. Seems odd, possibly favour strike?		1.3.35-7.3.35 (purple) 25.3.35 (grey/black) 19.4.35 (blue) 29.8.35-4.5.36 (purple) 11.5.36-23.6.36 (grey/black)

\*Date is set into the oval hand stamp, probably office date stamp

3. Double-lined 34mm circle with 22.5mm inner circle.	'Lady Nelson Canadian National Steamships Posted on the High Seas'	30.8.36-31.8.36 (blue) 5.9.36-27.3.39 (purple)
4. Double ring 25mm circle	'RMS Lady Nelson Posted on the High Seas'	19.4.39-31.7.39 (purple) 30.8.39 (deep blue) 10.1.41 (purple) 7.1.42 LRD per 'R'

Sunk 10.3.42. re-floated and converted to hospital ship. Ready for sea 18.2.43, back in Halifax April 43 when chartered by Dept. of National Defence. Eastern Service re-commenced in July 1947.

3a. as 3 above	As 3 above inner circle 22.5mm diameter	6.1.49-25.4.50 (purple)
3b. as above	As above but sanserif central lettering and space wider at 3 and 9 o'clock between rings. Inner circle 24mm diameter.	13.11.50-20.10.52 (purple) 4.12.51 (black)

Last voyage apparently ended at St Johns N.B. 1.11.52

### **Lady Hawkins**

1. Straight line	'CANADA & WEST INDIES MAIL' (Believed to have been used on maiden voyage only)	31.12.28 (purple) 28.12.28-27.1.29)
2a. Straight line 59mm	'MAILED AT SEA' (Seriffed)	31.12.28-27.8.29 (purple)
2b. Straight line 48mm	'MAILED AT SEA' (Sanserif)	22.12.29-29.12.29 (purple)
2c. Straight line 45mm	'MAILED AT SEA' (Seriffed)	18.10.30-2.31 (blue)

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| 3. | Two-ring circle<br>32/33 mm   | ‘CNS ‘Lady Hawkins’<br>Purser’s Office Posted<br>on the High Seas’ | 20.3.31-28.1.33 (blue grey)<br>18.5.33 (grey)<br>19.10.33-10.6.37 (purple)<br>28.6.37-11.10.37<br>(grey/black)<br>19.11.37 LRD per ‘R’<br>25.12.37-20.12.40 (purple)<br>(Ship’s name allegedly<br>removed in 1940; still in<br>place though on 20<br>December!) |
| 4. | Two-ring circle<br>with scalloped outer<br>ring (28mm) &<br>double-lined inner ring | As ‘2’ above   |   |

Boat sunk 19.1.42.

### **Lady Drake**

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|-----|----------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| 1a. | Straight line (59mm) | ‘MAILED AT SEA’<br>(Seriffed) | 21.1.29-26.1.29 (blue)<br>Also noted 1.7.29.<br>‘R’ does not list 1a |
| 1b. | Straight line (49mm) | ‘MAILED AT SEA’<br>(Sanserif) | 1.3.29-5.4.32 (blue)<br>Example in mauve noted<br>11.10.30           |

Note: Cover 1.3.29 carries ‘LADY DRAKE’ in sanserif caps: cover dated  
1.7.29 carries ‘RMS. Lady Drake’ in upper and lower case seriffed script  
\*with ‘RMS Lady Drake’ in red (seriffed) 28.4.32 (black)\*

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|----|-----------------------------|--|---|
| 2. | Double-line 42/3mm          | ‘RMS Lady Drake<br>Canadian National<br>Steamships Mailed on the<br>High Seas’ | 24.7.32-16.1.33 (red)<br>1.5.33 (blue)<br>27.2.34-3.2.36 (purple)   |
| 3. | Double-lined 33mm<br>circle | As ‘2’ above   | 28.2.36 (blue)<br>10.3.36-16.3.36 (purple)<br>9.5.36 (red)<br>10.5.36-17.8.39 (purple)<br>20.8.37 (black)<br>27.8.37 (blue) |

Ship’s name allegedly removed in 1940, ship sunk 6 May 1942

### **Lady Somers**

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|----|---|---|---|
| 1. | Straight line (59mm)                                  | ‘MAILED AT SEA’<br>(Seriffed)                                   | 15.4.29-22.4.29 (purple)<br>Believed in use until 1.10.31<br>Example in red noted on<br>16.2.33 in tandem with a<br>type 2 handstamp        |
| 2. | Double-lined 33mm<br>circle with 20mm<br>inner circle | ‘CNS ‘Lady Somers’ Purers<br>Office Posted on the<br>High Seas’ | 26.11.31-5.3.32 (red)<br>2.8.32-?.3.33 (black)<br>4.7.33 (purple)<br>11.6.34-11.2.35 (black)<br>6.7.36 (purple)<br>22.9.36-20.10.36 (black) |

19.3.37-10.7.37 (purple)  
 30.7.37-7.6.38 (black)  
 11.6.38 (red)  
 7.7.38-17.7.38 (black)  
 16.12.38 (purple)  
 7.1.39-17.3.39 (black)  
 2.9.39 LRD per 'R'

Sunk off Bay of Biscay 15 July 1941

**Lady Rodney**

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|---|---|---|
| 1. Straight line (59mm)   | 'MAILED AT SEA'<br>(Seriffed)                                     | 3.5.29-20.8.31 (blue)   |
| 1a. 3-line 'RMS RODNEY/Posted/On the High Seas  |   | 9.8.34 (purple)   |
| 2. Double-lined 33mm<br>circle with scalloped<br>outer ring and 19mm<br>inner circle. | 'CNS 'Lady Rodney'<br>Purser's Office Posted<br>on the High Seas' | 6.12.34-24.4.36 (grey/black)<br>4.5.36-4.1.37* (purple)<br>4.1.37*-6.10.37 (grey/black)<br>21.9.37 (purple)<br>11.2.38 (purple) |

\*Cover in the author's collection carries two identical hand stamps, one grey one purple.

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| 3. Double-lined 33mm<br>circle with scalloped<br>outer ring and 18mm<br>inner circle   | 'CNS 'Lady Rodney'<br>Posted on the High Seas' | 2.1.39-30.1.39 (grey/black)<br>5.6.39-5.9.39 (purple)  |
| Last Western Route voyage ended at St Johns NB 29.5.42 with survivors from<br>sunken Lady Drake. Converted to troopship. Re-entered service in the latter part of<br>1947. |  |  |
| 2a As 2 above  | As 2 above                                     | 18.9.47-3.2.48 (purple)<br>26.8.48 (black)<br>23.12.48-3.3.49 (purple)<br>27.6.49 (black)<br>26.7.50-30.10.50 (blue)<br>14.12.50-10.10.51<br>(red/purple)<br>3.6.52-16.9.52 (black)<br>18.9.52 (blue)<br>21.11.52 (black) LRD per<br>'R' |

The post-war hand stamp appears identical, in terms of size and layout, to type 2 above. Last voyage is said to have ended at St Johns NB on 24.9.52. Cover noted with Barbados receiver dated 21.11.52. Rego (Ref. 7) quotes 21.11.52 as LRD.

NB. Reference to 'R' relates to Mike Rego's summary of markings in ref 7.

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# NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK SIX PENCE BISECTS AND QUADRISECTS ON COVER

George B. Arfken and Charles G. Firby

## Authorisation of Nova Scotia 3d bisects

On 1 August, 1854, the letter rate to the U.K. was reduced from 15d to 7½d cy (6d stg). As no ½d stamps were ever printed, there was no way to fully prepay the rate with stamps. As a result, on 19 October, 1854 Nova Scotia's Postmaster General Woodgate issued Circular No.6 to all Postmasters [1, p91]. The critical initial paragraph consisted of one sentence of 132 words with 14 commas and one semicolon.

To remedy the inconvenience which is said to be experienced by the Public, since the reduction of the Packet Postage, in consequence of there being no 7½d Postage Stamp, by which to prepay letters to England, I have considered it expedient for the present to allow half Stamps to be used

with those now in use, in the hope of being thus enabled to obviate, to some extent, the want of accommodation complained of, and I have therefore to request that you will acquaint parties who may apply to you for Stamps, that they can now, and until further notice, Prepay Letters to England, by using a 6d or 3d stamps, together with half a 3d stamp; said stamp to be cut diagonally, and the half to be equivalent to 1½d.

That wonderful first sentence authorised diagonal bisects of only the 3d stamp and only to help pay the 7½d rate to England. *There was no Authorisation for bisecting the other Nova Scotia pence stamps. There was no Authorisation for bisecting any New Brunswick pence stamps.* Nevertheless, writers in Nova Scotia and New

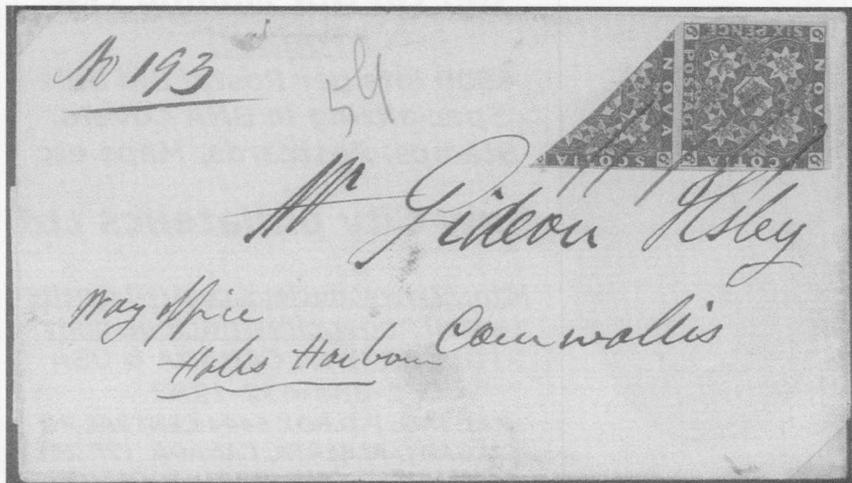


Figure 1. From Hales Harbour Way Office, N.S. to Cornwallis, 11 July, 1859. The 6d bisect paid the 3d domestic postage. Courtesy of Warren S. Wilkinson.

Brunswick bisected all the pence stamps, apparently with enthusiasm. Here we look at the 6d bisects and quadrisects from both Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

#### **Major use of 6d bisect**

The main use of a 6d bisect was in payment of the 3d per ½ oz. Domestic rate. Figure 1 shows a Nova Scotia registered cover franked with a pair of dark green 6d stamps. The stamp on the right paid the 6d registry fee. The bisected 6d on the left paid the 3d domestic postage. The cover was mailed at Hales Harbour Way Office. Backstamps show that it went to the Hant's Port Post Office 11 July, 1859, to Windsor 12 July, Kentville 13 July and then, perhaps, to a Cornwallis Way Office.

A 6d New Brunswick bisect appears on the cover at Figure 2. The improper cancellation shows that the cover was posted at Salisbury, NB on 13 May, 1859. The town - date stamp should

have gone on the back of the cover. The yellow 6d bisect was accepted as paying the domestic postage.

#### **Interprovincial 3d rates.**

The cover shown at Figure 3 was mailed in St. Martins, N.B. and addressed to the West Cornwallis Way Office, N.S. The interprovincial 3d rate was paid with and olive yellow 6d bisect. The cover's route was St. John, N.B., ship across the Bay of Fundy, Kentville, N.S. and then West Cornwallis Way Office. Note: there was no town of Cornwallis or West Cornwallis or East Cornwallis but there were West and East Cornwallis Way Offices.

An interprovincial mourning cover from Nova Scotia to Canada is shown at Figure 4. From Lower Horton, N.S., 18 Feb, 1859, this cover went to Niagara, Canada by closed bag to Quebec, L.C., 1 Mar, 1859 by the difficult and slow overland Lake Temiscouata route. From Quebec, the cover went by rail to Niagara, C.W.



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Figure 2. From Salisbury, N.B. to Dalhousie, 13 May, 1859. The 6d bisect paid the 3d domestic postage. Courtesy of Warren S. Wilkinson.

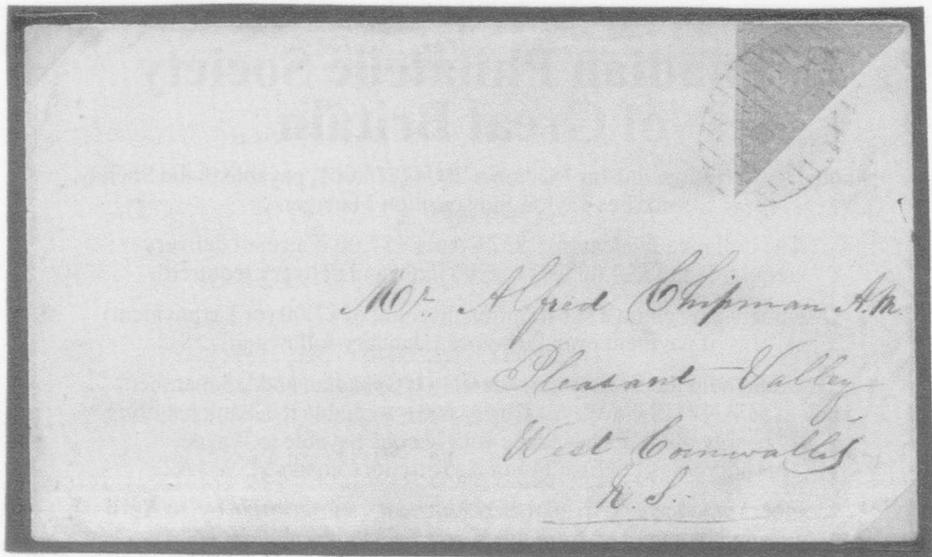


Figure 3. From St. Martin's N.B. to West Cornwallis, N.S. 2 August, 1858, franked with an olive yellow 6d bisect. Courtesy of Warren S. Wilkinson.

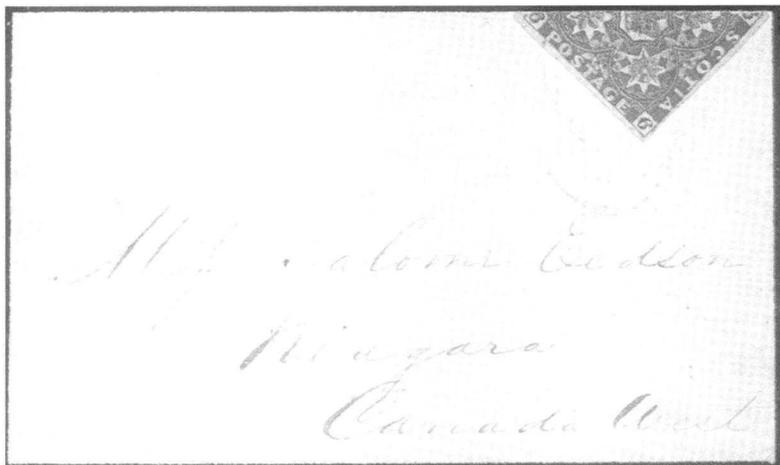


Figure 4. Posted in Lower Horton, N.S. 18 February, 1859 and addressed to Niagara, C.W. The 3d interprovincial postage was paid with a 6d bisect. Courtesy of Warren S. Wilkinson.

The bisected dark green 6d paid the 3d interprovincial postage.

#### **6d quadrisects**

Figure 5 shows a cover addressed to T.D.

Ruggles. The local or drop rate was paid with a fragment of a yellow green 6d.

This fragment is as close as Nova Scotia comes to a 6d quadrisect. Don't dismiss

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it as a piece of junk. Offered by Harmer (New York) [2] and estimated at \$40,000 to \$50,000, this fragment realised \$90,000 plus 15% or US \$103,500! The addressee, lawyer Ruggles, has been discussed by the Duckworths [3] in connection with Large Queen bisects. Ruggles was still receiving bisect covers in 1873 [4].

A neat triangular quadrisection of the New Brunswick 6d paid 1½d of the 7½d packet rate to England. This cover, Figure 6, is from the same Miss Smith correspondence as the quadrisection cover shown in the October 2003 Maple Leaves, p.137. The AP 30 60 St. John date and the MY 16 60 London date show that the cover was carried on the Cunard 'America'.

There are only two New Brunswick 6d quadrisections and neither of them has come up at auction recently. However we can get a feel for the value of a 6d quadrisection from the sale of a Nova Scotia one shilling quadrisection in the

Harmer auction [2]. This cover was illustrated in the April 2004 Maple Leaves, p.230. Harmer estimated this Nova Scotia one shilling quadrisection cover at \$75,000 to \$100,000. It realised \$100,000 plus 15% or US\$115,000 and joined all these other magnificent covers in the Wilkinson collection.

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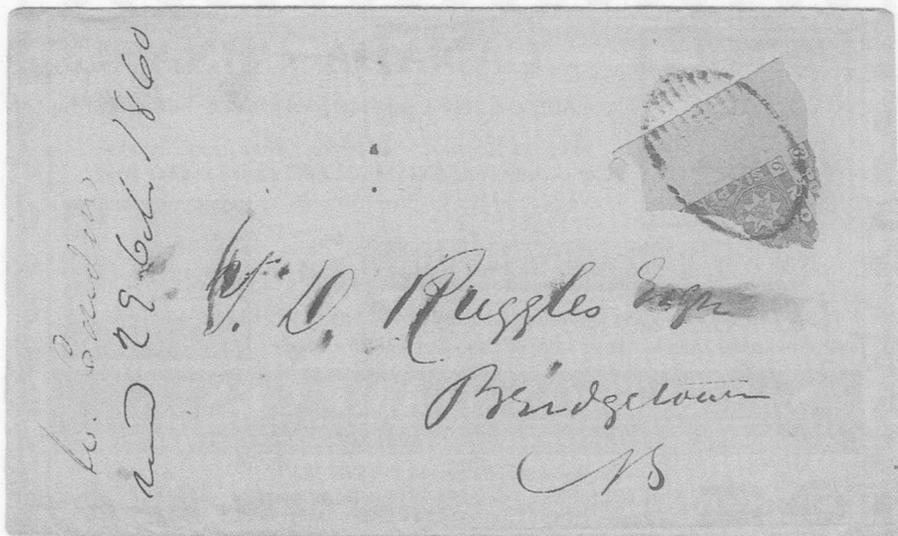


Figure 5. The two cent local rate (formerly 1d) paid with a fragment (an irregular quadrisection) of a 6d, 19 October, 1860. Courtesy of Warren S. Wilkinson.

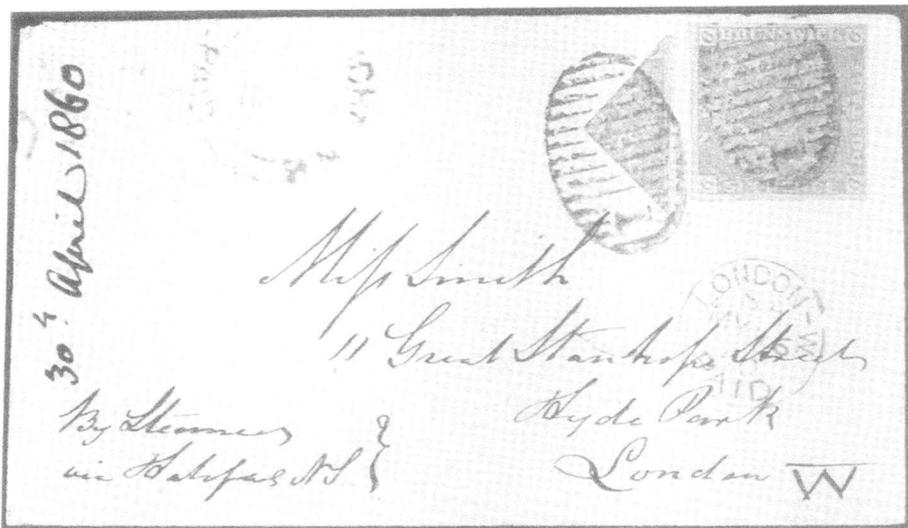


Figure 6. A yellow 6d and a yellow 6d quadrisect paid the packet rate to England. Posted in St. John 30 April, 1860. Courtesy of Warren S. Wilkinson.



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### The Yellow Peril

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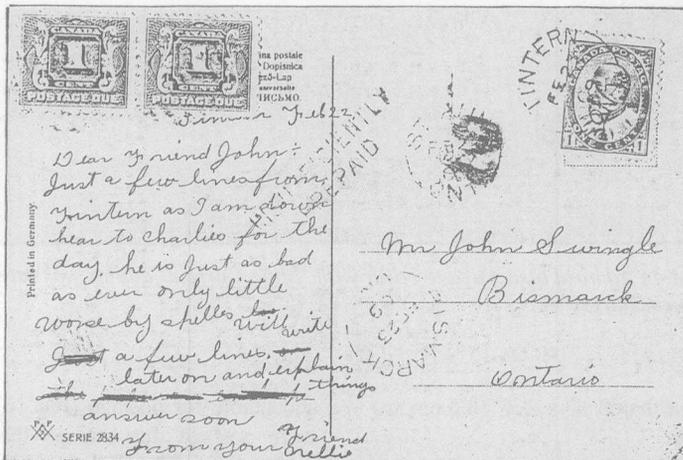
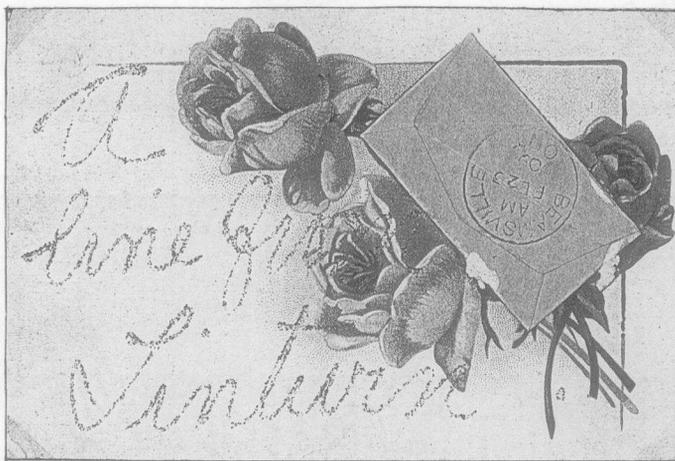


Figure 14. Attachments to post cards were a 'no no'.



Figure 15. A 6 3/8" x 2 5/8" post card. Dimensions just exceeded that allowable.



Figure 16. A 4¢ Admiral bisect tied to cover with 'Little Current' duplex was rated '4' and addressee charged 4¢.

to be no less than 3 1/4" x 2 1/4" (8.5 cm x 6cm) in size

#### Unacceptable practices

Bisects or mutilated stamps were not

acceptable for postage (Fig 16) neither were postage due stamps though the cover at Fig. 17 seems to have escaped penalty.

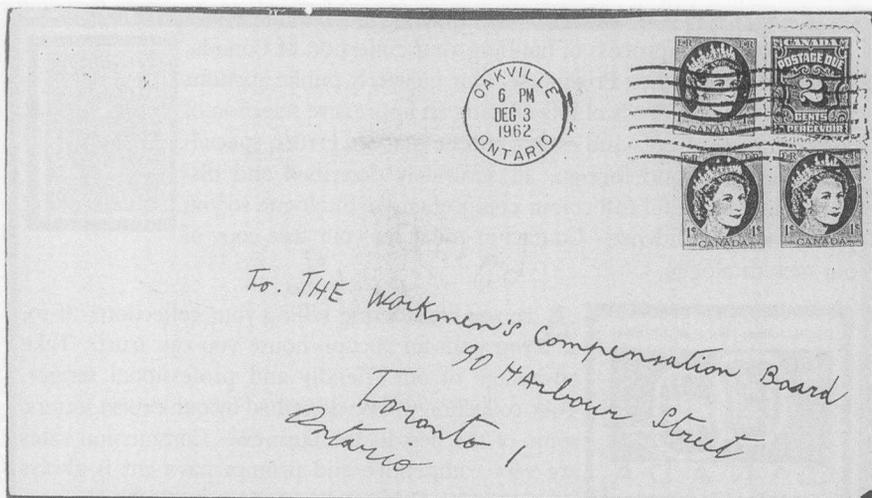


Figure 17. A 1962 5¢ domestic rate letter made up of three QE 'Wilding' stamps and a 2¢ postage due stamp.

#### Officials Used to Pay Postage Due

In the winter of 1953-1954, the Experimental Station at Summerland B.C. sent out several thousand questionnaires to the fruit farmers in the Okanagan and Similameen Valleys.

Enclosed with each questionnaires was a return-addressed envelope with a 2¢ George VI olive green official stamp.

The intention was that the completed questionnaires be returned in the stamped envelopes unsealed under the

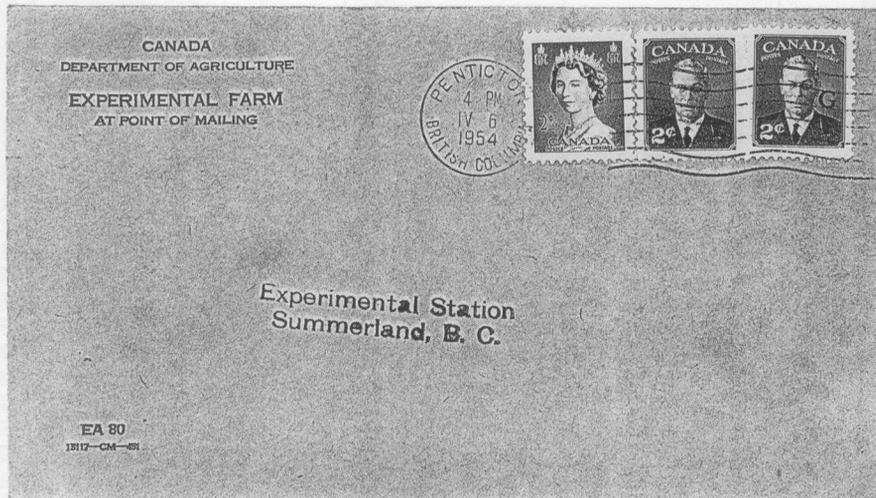


Figure 18. A Penticton grower overpaid his return by adding two 2¢ stamps.

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Figure 19. A West Bank farmer who underpaid his return by adding a 1¢ stamp gave rise to a 2¢ charge.



Figure 20. A Summerland slip for \$1.00 – twenty-five letters @ 4¢.

2¢ Printed Matter Rate. Most envelopes were returned unsealed but several hundred growers sealed their returns making them subject to the letter rate.

Some growers added a 2¢ stamp to make up the rate but most of the sealed letters reached Summerland rated 4¢ due.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Neil Prior

### MISSIONNAIRES OBLATS DE MARIE IMMACULEE

Can any member shed any light on the postcards illustrated, please, Who were the “Missionnaires Oblats De Marie Immaculee”, and in what part of Northern Canada did they operate?

I assume from the information on the “Business side” of the cards that they were a French organisation – was it in Northern Quebec that they worked? If these cards are from Series 1, how many other series/cards are known?



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## CONVENTION 2004 - CRAWLEY

A rather damp, overcast day greeted members assembling for the 58th Society Convention in Crawley. However, those looking forward to the coach outings arranged to Chartwell, the private home of the late Winston Churchill and to a local vineyard were not disappointed. President Ged Taylor had apparently organised everything required and trip days were blessed by warm sunshine. Certainly, those who partook of the non-philatelic aspects of the meeting all enjoyed a splendid time.

Nigel Harris kicked off the philatelic displays on the Wednesday evening with a display of a "general collectors collection". Nigel has shown this eclectic display of 19th century Canadian material to over 20 local societies across the South of England and in doing so has acted as a major ambassador for the society. He admitted to being slightly nervous showing the same material to the "experts" but he need not have feared as we were treated to some excellent material ranging from a 1794 stampless letter to the Edward 7th 1 cent proof. The display included a wide range of fakes and forgeries alongside the real thing.

Just when we thought we had seen all that early Canada had to offer, up popped Lewis Warren on Thursday morning with a display of Pence and Cents stamps and covers. "Beavers" galore and some exceptional rate covers both domestic and to places as far away as China, made this a real treat for collectors of early Canada. If only we had had more time to examine all those plate varieties..... but Lew had also brought along a bonus display of the Maples Leaves and Numeral issues of 1897-8. He described it as "nothing

special" but we noted die proofs, plate proofs, imperfs, uncut booklet panes tete beche, blocks and plate pieces galore and covers to Russia, Brazil, Australia, Honduras and even Java. Just as well Lew left the "special" stuff at home.

Thursday evening saw the President giving a maiden display of his collection of the 1st Canadian Expeditionary Force. This fascinating display traced the formation of the first Canadian militia post the Boer war and the formation of the CEF when the first world war broke out. It went on to show the transit of the force from Canada to the training camps of southern England and then on to the battlefields of France and Belgium. Examples of all the various hammers used were on display together with an array of picture postcards that brought the story to life. The display included a range of POW mail and post armistice covers and ended with some examples of the Siberian Expeditionary Force covers from 1919.

Members displays of up to 16 sheets proved popular once again and we were treated to an excellent mix of material, including; Incoming mail to Newfoundland, Jubilee stamps used in Saskatchewan, Postage Dues of the 1930's, Edward 7 postcards showing the printed matter rate to foreign countries, Advertising covers from Belleville, Fancy Cancels, the Small Queens 2 cents value, the last 10 years of Newfoundland stamps, the Caricature issue, Instructional markings, a pot pourri of Transatlantic mail 1815 – 1850, Wilson patriotic covers, some Newfoundland "odds and ends", Large Queens and Edwardian Photos of Manitoba towns. Such was the range

and quality of material that some serious time keeping by the President was required to keep us on schedule for lunch.

Friday evening saw another maiden display, this time from Malcolm Jones of the Canadian Semi-Official airmails. Apart from a comprehensive display of the many types and varieties to be found on these stamps, Malcolm treated us to some stories of pioneer flights in the north of Canada. It was clearly all a far cry from London Gatwick to Toronto by Air Canada!

Saturday morning saw a display by our treasurer of the "Big Four". Remarkably, all four turned out to be Small Queens! This was a real feast for the eyes with an in depth display of the first four values to be issued the 3, 1, 6 and 2 cents stamps. In fact, not just the stamps but the proofs, covers, postal uses – even the various types of the 5 cent on 6 cent re-entry. Saturday also brought the traditional society auction. Colin Lewis our auctioneer was out to break all records this year with a sale

exceeding 1900 lots. Not only did he keep to the allotted time but he still retained his voice afterwards. There appeared to be a lot of satisfied buyers (and sellers) and no doubt a serious boost to society funds.

Over 60 members and guests sat down for the closing Banquet on the Saturday evening. Ron Peters, the President of the Association of Sussex Philatelic Societies gave a most entertaining speech and new fellow, Colin Lewis (fully recovered from auction duties) was inducted to great acclaim.

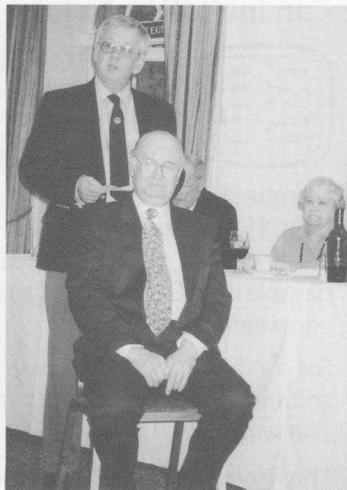
Overall, it was a most enjoyable four days. It was good to see some new members and also to see a strong contingent from North America once again. We hope to see you all next year in Renfrew.

Finally our thanks go to Ged and Eve Taylor for being marvellous hosts and for the considerable effort and organisation that went into making it such an enjoyable time for us all.

GS



*Ged Taylor hands on the presidents badge of office to Bill Topping.*



*Brian Stalker proposes Colin Lewis as a new fellow of the society.*



*Malcolm Jones shows his collection of Semi Official Airmails.*



*Colin Bulloch showing some of his Newfoundland collection.*

Photographs are courtesy of John Gatecliff and David Sessions. Space limitations precluded inclusion of more convention pictures. It is hoped a few more can be included in the next issue. Ed.

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## SOCIETY NEWS

### From the President

As the first President of the Society from outside the United Kingdom, I would like to thank those who have conferred this honour upon me and would like to extend an invitation to all those from outside the United Kingdom as well as those within to come and join me at the 2005 Convention to be held in the Normandy Hotel, Renfrew, Scotland, from 21st to 24th September. For those coming from overseas the hotel is within a few miles of the Glasgow Airport and the hotel provides courtesy transport from the airport. For those coming by car the hotel is located near junction 28 on the M8 and for those coming by train the hotel is four miles from Paisley Railway Station or eight miles from Glasgow Central Station.

The convention programme is well in hand and will feature things Canadian and it is hoped that all speakers will come from Canada and bring with them superb Canadian material never before shown in the United Kingdom. Stan Lum, "the Yellow Peril" has already assured me that he will be attending and will bring with him his outstanding collection of Admiral Covers. Other Canadian speakers are awaiting the overseas seat sales before committing themselves as presenters.

Like previous conventions two afternoons out have been planned. On Thursday a trip is planned to the Burrell Museum, a house that was built by William Burrell to feature his collection of antiquities and modern artifacts much as was done by William Randolph Hurst at San Simeon in California. On Friday the trip will take us to the Glengoyne Distillery and if the weather is sunny those not wishing to imbibe can tour the scenic gardens which feature a beautiful waterfall.

Room costs are similar to those of recent years with rooms quoted at £52.50 per person per night, single, double, or twin. Room costs include breakfast and dinner although there may be a small extra charge for the banquet. The hotel also has a special lunch menu at £4.95 for those wishing more than the usual sandwich menu. More details will appear in the April issue of *Maple Leaves* which will also include booking forms.

Those wishing to get a little exercise can use the hotel's courtesy transport to a leisure facility that includes a swimming pool, sauna, spa bath and a fully equipped gym. Special rates are also available at the Renfrew Golf Club, a championship standard course, located a short walk from the hotel.

For those wishing to extend their stay, the Normandy is 10 minutes from Glasgow, one of the worlds most exciting cities, and is only a 20 minute drive from Loch Lomond in the heart of the Scottish Lake Country. For those coming from overseas, and planning to arrive early, the dates of the convention were selected to fall in the week after STAMPEX that will be held in Islington, London from 14th to 18th September. Members of the Royal Philatelic Society London will also be able to take in the showing of the Royal Collection that will be held on Thursday, 15th September at Devonshire Place.

Marion and I look forward to seeing you at Renfrew in September.

### From the Secretary

A total of 35 members were present at the AGM on 25th September: I am indebted to Brian Stalker for taking the Minutes (a copy of these Minutes will



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Bill Topping, *FRPSL*, was elected as President to succeed Ged Taylor. As planned, Graham Searle and David Sessions *FRPSL*, *FRPSC*, *FCPS* have switched roles, the former becoming Editor of *Maple Leaves*. Warm tributes were paid to David, who served as Editor for 18 years. Brian Stalker *FCPS* had expressed a wish to relinquish his post of Librarian and the Society is pleased to welcome in his stead Mike Slamo. Brian did a lot of work with our extensive Library, including the production of a new list, and we are most sorry to lose him. At the time of writing these notes, roughly half of the material is with Mike with the remainder likely to be with him by the time this appears in print. The other officers, as shown on the inside back cover of *Maple Leaves*, were re-elected.

One further change from matters planned involved Neil Prior who, at extremely short notice, agreed to accept nomination as Senior Vice President to replace Martyn Cusworth, unable (for a variety of reasons) to continue.

To his genuine surprise, and the acclamation of the Meeting, Colin D. Lewis was elected a Fellow "For his services to the Society as Auction Convenor and Auctioneer and for sharing his knowledge and research on the early postal history of Newfoundland".

It was agreed that the Smythies Fund be in future used to provide tangible recognition to those who had held continuous membership of the Society for many years. It has been decided that a gilt lapel badge would be given to those with over 25 years. These badges have now been ordered and it is anticipated that they should be with the Society by early in the New Year.

#### **Results of Competitions**

Class 1a – Stamps & Postal Stationery

up to & including 1902

FIRST – David Armitage – Queen Victoria Diamond Jubilee Issue – awarded the Members' Trophy  
SECOND – Graham Searle – the 1c 1859 issue

Class 1b – Stamps & Postal Stationery post 1902

FIRST – John Wright – Coil Stamps, 1974-95 – awarded the Lees- Jones Trophy

Class 2 – Postal History

FIRST – Hugh Johnson – Transatlantic Mail – awarded the Stanley Godden Trophy

SECOND – Brian Stalker – Toronto & Nipissing Railway

The Aikens Trophy, for the best research article in *Maple Leaves*, was awarded to Bill Topping for "Way Mail".

#### **New Handbook**

Although it was hoped that this would last two years, the number of additions, etc, already received make the issue of a new edition advisable. It is hoped to have this ready for distribution with the April 2005 *Maple Leaves*. Please let me have any update to your entry as soon as possible – these will not be acknowledged unless particularly requested.

#### **"Book-Ends!"...One Chapter Ends...Another begins**

It has been my pleasure to look after our Library for the last six years and I have enjoyed assisting many members with their research. However, lack of storage space has become a problem for me and by the time this article is published I will have handed over the books and files to Mike Slamo... I wish Mike well and I am sure he will enjoy providing a useful service to our UK based members, as well as having the benefit of a considerable philatelic library on hand.

In closing, I am pleased to donate the following two books to the Library:

## HANDBOOKS FOR SALE

January 2005

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Slogan Postal Markings 1912-1953		£6.00
Yukon Airways	Topping	£9.00
Major Toop Canadian Military Postal History	R.F. Narbonne, C.R. McGuire	£20.00
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Canada's Registered Mail 1802-1909	H.W. Harrison	£65.00
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260 Canada Domestic & International Postal Rates and Fees 1870-1999 by Smith and Wawrukiewicz 2000

261 Travelling Post Office Postmarks of Newfoundland & Labrador by Brian T Stalker 2004

With that final flourish, I sign off!

Brian T Stalker *FCPS*

### **Scottish Group**

Nine members and a visitor met at Moffat, Dumfriesshire for a highly entertaining afternoon which resulted in the visitor becoming a new member without the usual threats being employed.

Divertissements were provided by John Parkin with a display of King George V War Tax, Excise Stamps and wine strips both mint and used and in blocks, some showing the lathework in use at the time. John Hillson provided Canadian stamps and postal history between 1937 and 1945 which included the rare POW labels among other prisoner of war and internment material. Albert Govier traced the Royal Family tree with stamps of Newfoundland and Jim Bissett showed a very interesting display of the Tercentenary issue which had been purchased as a complete award winning exhibit at various North American Societies during the fifties. It was interesting to see how something that was well regarded by judges fifty years ago would be unlikely to receive the same approval today. Ray White followed with a display based on the famous Cartier stamp of 1934 while Les Taylor showed the One Cent Small Queen cancelled with bar cancels and the '21' roller. Small Queens always seem to get in somehow!

Bob McLeish then showed a comprehensive display of the most recent Canadian issues including the very attractive dollar values in complete blocks. The afternoon was wrapped up

by a display by John Atkinson based on the fastest sailing ship ever built, the 'Marco Polo' which included a reproduction of the prize-winning essay on the ships demise by the then 16 year old Lucy M. Montgomery, the author of *Anne of Green Gables*.

As always a varied afternoon's entertainment provided by members. The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 9th, 2005, at the Annandale Arms, Moffat where all members will be welcome.

JH

### **Wales & South West Group**

The meeting of the Wales and South West Group was held on Sunday 15 August 2004 in the Somerset Hall, Portishead, during the Stamp & Postcard Fair organised by the Portishead Society.

There were 8 members and 1 guest present, and mini-displays were given by Colin Bulloch – "Centennials"; John Croker – "Newfoundland"; Derek Law – "Admirals"; Colin Lewis – "Newfoundland Incoming Mail", and Neil Prior – "Canadian Stamp Miscellany".

### **London Group - 2005 Programme**

January 17 Postal stationery  
February 21 Chairman's evening  
March 21 Display of Special Delivery  
April 18 Beaver Cup Competition  
May 16 AGM and subjects  
"D", "E" & "F".

All members are requested to bring a few sheets to each meeting.

Meetings will be held for the foreseeable future at 8 Trinity Street, London, SE1  
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### **Forthcoming Events**

#### **2005**

Feb 23-27 Stampex, Islington, London

Feb 24-26 Philatex, Horticultural Hall

London

Apr 21-24 Sydney, Australia

Apr 30-May 1 ORAPEX, RA Centre,

Ottawa, Canada

May 10-15 Brno 2005, Czech Republic

May 27-29 ROYAL 2005 ROYALE,

London, Ontario

Jun 2 Naposta 2005, Hanover, Germany

Jun 25 Midpex, Coventry

Sep 2-4 BNAPEX, Fantasyland Hotel,

Edmonton, AB, Canada

Sep 14-18 Stampex, Islington, London

Sep 21-24 CPS Convention, Renfrew

Oct 27-29 Philatex, Horticultural Hall,

London

2006

May 27-Jun 3 Washington 2006

## **OBITUARY**

### **Lionel F. Gillam, F.C.P.S.**

It is with regret that we report the passing of Lionel F. Gillam, *F.C.P.S.*, in his 90th year.

Lionel joined the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain towards the end of 1951. He established a Railway and Travelling Post Office Study Circle and his first letter to the Editor, along with a three page article suggesting how an RPO collection might be written up, was published within his first year of membership. Clearly, a young man with a mission.

The February 1957 issue of *Maple Leaves* included 'Early Canadian Railway Post Offices Part 1'. A series of 48 instalments concluded in 1967, at which time Lionel published the combined series of articles, with supplementary information, under the title 'A History of Canadian RPOs'. The privately published limited edition of 500 hard-back copies was followed by two reprints in paperback form by the American Philatelic Society.

Further books followed, 'Canadian Mail by Rail 1836 - 1867' in 1985 and 'Just a Few Lines' in 1993, each containing a wealth of well researched

historical information about people, places and events, spun into a fascinating narrative in Lionel's lucid and idiosyncratic prose.

Lionel was Editor of *Maple Leaves* from 1963 to 1984, being responsible for 112 issues in total. He was made a Fellow of the Society in 1965 and served as President in 1971-72.

In addition to the many articles penned for publication in *Maple Leaves*, his final article appearing in the October 2004 issue, Lionel was also an active member of the Canadian Railroad Historical Association and a Life Member of the British North America Philatelic Society's RPO Study Group. His contribution was recognised recently by BNAPS with the Order of the Beaver Lifetime Achievement Award.

Lionel was a modest man with a prodigious memory, a keen wit and an eloquent literary style. Above all, he was generous with his friendship. He will be greatly missed by his many friends, also by his sons, Michael and Geoffrey, and his sister, Edna, to whom he was very close.

BS.

## **PALMARES**

The following members, showing BNA material, were successful in recent exhibitions. We thank Richard Thompson for providing the information and we extend our congratulations to all those listed.

### **EDMONTON SPRING NATIONAL 2004**

#### **GOLD**

David Piercey - Newfoundland: The Postal Issues 1865 to 1908  
William Topping – Canadian Pacific Steamships Way Mail

#### **VERMEIL**

Earle Covert - C.O.D. in Canada  
Earle Covert - 1897 Tobacco Stamps of Canada  
John Jamieson – Newfoundland John Guy Tercentenary 1910 – 1911  
William Robinson – Northern Gold

### **PIPEX 2004**

#### **GOLD**

Jack Wallace – Colonial Vancouver Island and British Columbia  
William Topping – Canadian Pacific Steamships Way Mail

#### **VERMEIL**

Barry Brown – Revenues of World War I and II  
Ron Leith – Toronto Cork Cancellations 1870 – 1875

#### **SILVER**

John Powell – Squared Circle Cancellations, London Branch Offices

#### **SILVER BRONZE**

Bill Pawluk – The Squared Circle Postmarks of Canada – A Collecting Challenge

### **BNAPEX 04 – BALTIMORE**

#### **GOLD**

Martyn Cusworth - PEI Philately 1794 to 1873 (Reserve Grand Award)  
Warren S. Wilkinson – PEI Postal Rates 1860 to 1873

#### **VERMEIL**

Earle L. Covert - 1897 Tobacco Stamps of Canada  
Marc Eisenberg - Canadian Dead Letter Office Envelopes  
Earle L. Covert - C.O.D. in Canada

#### **SILVER**

Doug Lingard - Canadian Philatelic Disaster Covers

### **VANPEX OCTOBER 2004**

#### **GOLD**

Bill Topping – British Columbia – Ship Way Mail

## SINGAPORE 2004 - WORLD STAMP CHAMPIONSHIP

### Candidate for World Stamp Champion

The Brigham Collection – The Province of Canada – Pence and Cents 1851 – 1867

#### LARGE VERMEIL

Richard Mallott – Interrupted (Crash) Covers, to, from and within Canada by Canadian and Foreign Airlines 1918 – 1984

#### LITERATURE CLASS:-

##### VERMEIL

Newfoundland Specialised Stamp Catalogue, 5th Edition 2002

##### LARGE SILVER

RPSC, The Canadian Philatelist – Vol 54, 2003

#### ONE FRAME CLASS:-

##### SILVER

The Brigham Collection – The Unissued MacDonald- Cartier Centennial Stamps of 1914

Readers may be interested to know that the World Stamp Championship is a new class for exhibits that have won the Championship class at a previous International exhibition. Twenty five such exhibits were entered at Singapore and six (including Ron Brigham's Pence and Cents exhibit) were chosen as candidates for the Championship award. The eventual winner was an exhibit of nineteenth century Siam.

## Postage Dues 1906-1928

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At first the Postmaster at Summerland notified the Experimental Office each day the number of the postage due letters that had arrived and the station would send cash by a messenger to pick up the mail. This method proved a nuisance. It soon learned that it was more expedient for the Station Office to send to the postmaster a supply of 10¢ 'fur' stamps and these were stuck to slips of paper and cancelled at the post office as required. Often these slips carried ten 10¢ stamps paying for the return of twenty-five postage due letters. The slips were returned to the Experimental Office with the relevant letters.

**To be continued**



Figure 21. Two 10¢ stamps on the front and a block of eight on the back of the slip

**INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
TO YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2004**

**Income**

Subscriptions for year	£4512.25	
Maple Leaves Advertising Revenue	1554.60	£6066.85
Bank Interest	497.52	
Stock dividends	137.00	634.52
Handbooks Surplus	77.96	
C.P.S. Publication surplus	3.71	81.67
Tie sales (deficit)		(5.17)
Exchange Packet Surplus	15.00	
Covermart Surplus	180.00	195.00
Auction Surplus – Porthcawl Convention auction	1285.82	
2004 postal auction surplus	1266.54	2552.36
Smythies Fund wound up		727.80
Donations		61.00
		<u>£10314.03</u>

**Expenditure**

Maple Leaves Printing and Distribution		6,172.92
Administration Expenses		385.66
ABPS Fee		129.00
Insurance		68.25
Printing & Stationery		288.13
Bank Charges (Direct Debit Administration)		18.30
Members' Handbook delivery cost		24.60
Midpex 2005 deposit		15.00
Website set up cost and site rental (£70.51)		270.51
Surplus for the year		2941.67
		<u>£10314.03</u>

**ROYAL BANK OF CANADA BALANCE AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2004**

		Subscriptions received	
To Dollar Fund	\$1005.02	net of charges	\$1005.02
to Balance c/d	\$2143.66	Pd in advance	\$2143.66
	<u>\$3148.68</u>		<u>\$3148.68</u>
		By Balance b/d	\$2143.66
	Dollar Fund	\$1005.02	

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2004

### Assets

Cash Balances: Cater Allen Bank	£16,603.00	
Royal Bank of Scotland	9,189.27	£25,792.27
Investments at cost:		
General Fund New Star Fixed Interest Unit Trust	1000.00	
General Fund: £2029.85 6.75% Treasury stock 2004	1930.00	2,930.00
Handbooks Stock: General		
Small Queens Re-appraised	317.45	
	387.03	704.48
Stock of Society Ties		93.06
Library Books as valued		4,380.69
Prepayments, Handbooks sold 2004 convention		
Convention booking forms	105.50	
	63.23	168.73
		<u>£34069.23</u>

### Liabilities

General Fund Balance at 30 September 2003	£20,093.76	
Surplus for 2003/2004	£2,941.67	£23,035.43
Library Fund		4,497.89
Subscriptions prepaid		974.93
Sundry Creditors		82.68
Suspense Account (2004 Convention Auction)		4,698.30
Accruals (coach hire 2004 Convention)		210.00
Registration Fees 2004 Convention		570.00
		<u>£34069.23</u>

Notes: The AGM that took place in September approved the merging of the Smythies Memorial Fund with the General Fund as there was no possibility of it ever being able to fulfill its function, namely that the interest was to be used to pay for Society publications. The name 'E.A. Smythies' will be preserved in a way of which we believe he would have approved.

The various moneys appertaining to the recent Convention were all paid into the bank before September 30 but had not cleared in time to appear in the year end statement.