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## EDITORIAL

This issue of Maple Leaves has enclosed the annual Subscriptions Reminder. Subs fall due on 1 January and our Treasurer has held them at the same level as the past few years. Don't worry if you have not got a reminder in your copy – this simply means that you do not have any payment due. See page 234 for more details and if you are in any doubt over your status please contact the Subscriptions Manager.

This issue also includes some important news about a new location for the Society Library. The Library has been reduced in size a little but the vast bulk of the books, journals and auction catalogue will be finding their way to their new home shortly. See pages 206/ 207 for more details.

The Convention season has certainly been different this year with both BNAPEX and our own CPSGB Convention taking place remotely over Zoom. However, it has been interesting to see how quickly philatelists have adapted to the new ways of working and meeting during the COVID era. Whilst I suspect we all missed the camaraderie of actually getting together and chatting over a few stamps, dare I say that many of the presentations given over Zoom were actually better than viewing sheets in an exhibition and it was interesting to see how many members had used the time to further their research and add to our knowledge of BNA stamps and postal history and, more importantly, use the digital medium to share this knowledge with others. It may well be that future events, be they study or local group meetings or larger events, may well make use of a hybrid format allowing those who live far away to participate whilst not losing that important social aspect of our hobby.

Whilst our 2021 virtual Convention is only just finished it is not too early to plan ahead for 2022. We are hoping that by this time next year all of the various Covid travel and meeting restrictions may be a thing of the past and that we will be able to, once again, meet up in person. 2022 will be a special event for CPSGB as it will be our 75th Convention (albeit delayed by Covid) and we are going back close to the birthplace of the Society. Details of the event can be found on page 231 so get the dates in your diary!

The 2021 Convention also saw two new Fellows inducted to the CPSGB Fellowship roll; the first since 2017. Our congratulations go to John Wright and Karen Searle. More details can be found on page 235.

Once again, the editorial cupboard is looking a bit bare so I would urge all of you to make use of the long winter evenings to get out pen and paper (or the digital equivalent) and submit an article – long or short – for future issues of Maple Leaves. As ever, I can help with the grammar, the spelling and the formatting etc but I can't create your story from scratch!

Finally, we were saddened to learn that one of the bastions of BNA philately, the Saskatoon Stamp Company, is closing its doors for good this winter. Over the years they have helped many of us to build our collections and they will be sadly missed. We wish John and Brett all the best for the future.

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*Those members who, like me, have often been confused by the minor differences in perforations quoted in some specialised listings of Canadian stamps, will find this article by Julian Goldberg of particular interest. It provides a history of the various perforating machines used along with the technical details to explain the exact perforations produced. The tables also show which stamp issues were produced on each machine.*

## **CANADIAN POSTAGE STAMP LINE PERFORATION GAUGE COUNT NUMBERS**

**Julian J. Goldberg**



*Fig 1 Kiusalas Perforation Gauge – in wide-spread use in Canada*

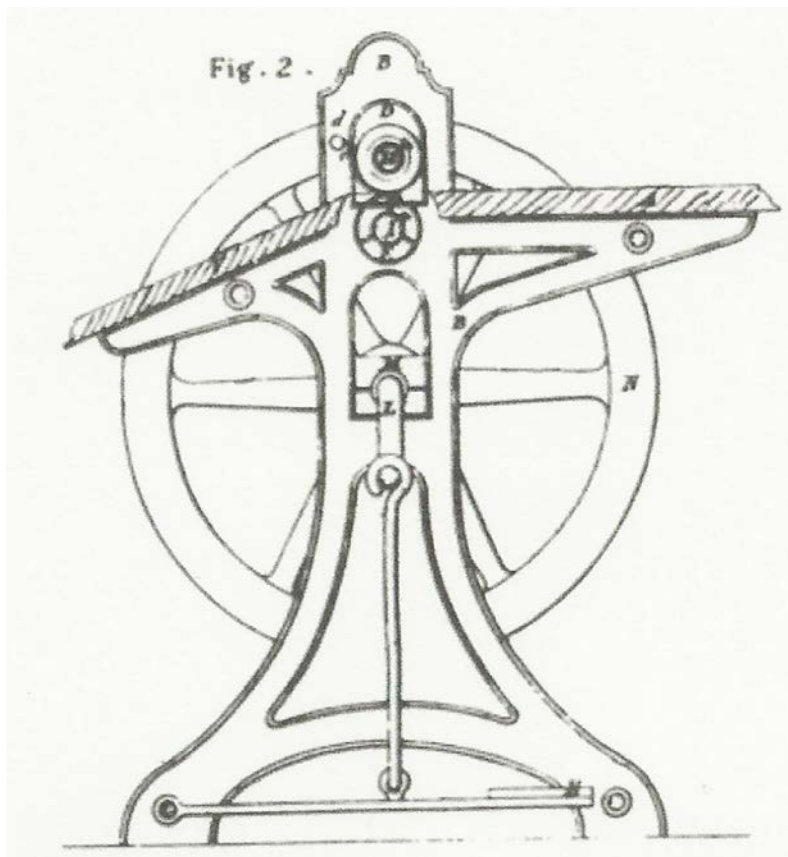
Machines to produce line perforations fall into three broad groups; those with perforating wheels, those with perforating bars and those with both wheels and bars.

### **Line Perforating Machines (Perforators) with Rotary Perforating Wheels**

Rotary perforating wheels were used to perforate sheet-fed flat plate press printed sheet and booklet stamps. Perforators with rotary perforating wheels were used to perforate sheet-fed rotary press printed sheet, booklet and coil stamps. Stamps perforated by rotary perforating wheels mostly do not have an exact alignment correspondence between perforations in different rows across since they were perforated by several separate moving and different perforating wheels. From 1912 to 1967, the perforating

wheel pin diameter width size was 0.042" (References 2, 8, 10). The banknote printing companies that line perforated Canadian postage stamps with this kind of perforator type were the American Bank Note Company (ABN) from 1858 to 1868, 1897 to 1922, the Canadian Bank Note Company (CBN) from 1922 to 1931, 1935 to 1974, the British American Bank Note Company (BABN) from 1868 to 1897, 1930 to 1935, 1968 to 1978 and Burland, Lafricain and Company (BL) from 1864 to 1865.

The first rotary perforator was invented by William and Henry Bemrose of William Bemrose & Sons, Derby, Derbyshire, England, U.K. with U.K. patent number 2607 of 1854 (Reference 11).

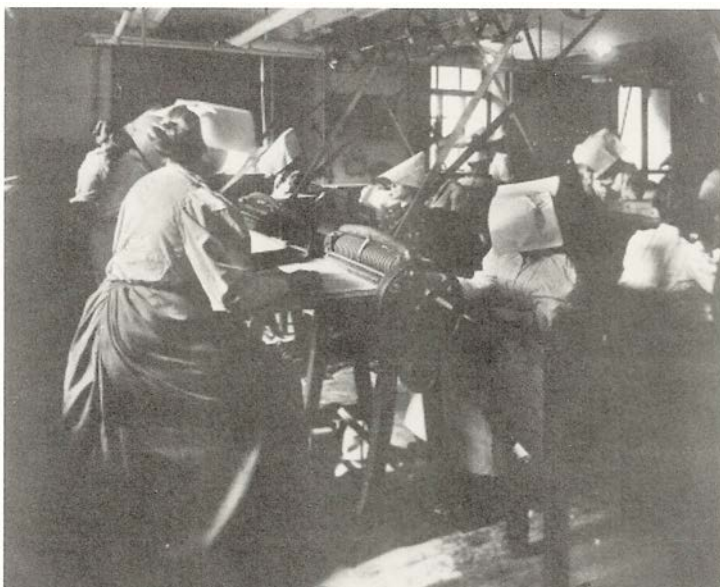


*Fig 2 The Bemrose rotary perforator*

Over the period from 1858 to 1978, four different perforators of this type have been employed in the manufacture of Canadian stamps. The first of these was produced by the Howard Company of the USA.

The George C. Howard Company, Philadelphia, PA, U.S.A. made rotary small wheel perforators with U.S. patent number 32,370 of 1861 (Reference 12). The George C.





*Fig 3 The Howard perforator*

Howard Company supplied their rotary wheel perforators to the American Bank Note Company (ABN), the British American Bank Note Company (BABN) and Burland, Lafricain and Company (BL).

**Table 1. Technical Details of Line Perforations made on the Howard perforators.**

Centre to centre distance between perforations in inches	Perforating pin width diameter size in inches	Number of perforations per two centimetres	Number of pins or holes on perforating wheel	Perforating wheel size diameter and circumference	References
0.06789" (Kiusalas 0.068")	0.040"	11.60 (Kiusalas 11.58)	188	(a) small perforating wheels with a 4 1/16" (4.0625") diameter and a 12.763" (12 3/4"?) circumference BABN (1873-1882 sheet)	1, 2, 3
0.06773"	0.040"	11.63	187	(b) small perforating wheels with a 4 1/32" (4.03125") diameter and a 12.665" (12 2/3"?) circumference BABN (1873-1882 sheet)	1
0.06701" (Kiusalas 0.067")	0.040"	11.75 (Kiusalas 11.75)	189	(b) small perforating wheels with a 4 1/32" (4.03125") diameter and a 12.665" (12 2/3"?) circumference ABN (1858-1868 sheet) BABN (1868-1878 sheet)	1
0.06647"	0.040"	11.85	192	(a) small perforating wheels with a 4 1/16" (4.0625") diameter and a 12.763" (12 3/4"?) circumference ABN (1862-1868 sheet) BABN (1868-1897 sheet)	1, 2, 3, 4

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Centre to centre distance between perforations in inches	Perforating pin width diameter size in inches	Number of perforations per two centimetres	Number of pins or holes on perforating wheel	Perforating wheel size diameter and circumference	References
0.06596" (Kiusalas 0.066")	0.040"	11.94 (Kiusalas 11.93)	192	(b) small perforating wheels with a 4 1/32" (4.03125") diameter and a 12.665" (12 2/3") circumference ABN (1862-1868 sheet) BABN (1868-1897 sheet) ABN (1897-1912 sheet, booklet, coil)	1, 3, 4
0.06562"	0.040"	12.00	193	(b) small perforating wheels with a 4 1/32" (4.03125") diameter and a 12.665" (12 2/3") circumference ABN (1863-1868 sheet) BABN (1868-1897 sheet)	1
0.06528"	0.040"	12.06	194	(b) small perforating wheels with a 4 1/32" (4.03125") diameter and a 12.665" (12 2/3") circumference ABN (1863-1868 sheet) BABN (1868-1897 sheet)	1
0.06495" (Kiusalas 0.065")	0.040"	12.12 (Kiusalas 12.11)	195	(b) small perforating wheels with a 4 1/32" (4.03125") diameter and a 12.665" (12 2/3") circumference ABN (1863-1868 sheet) BABN (1868-1897 sheet)	1
0.06479"	0.040"	12.15	197	(a) small perforating wheels with a 4 1/16" (4.0625") diameter and a 12.763" (12 3/4") circumference ABN (1863-1868 sheet) BABN (1868-1897 sheet)	1, 2
0.06462"	0.040"	12.19	196	(b) small perforating wheels with a 4 1/32" (4.03125") diameter and a 12.665" (12 2/3") circumference BABN (1890-1897 sheet)	1
0.06429"	0.040"	12.25	197	(b) small perforating wheels with a 4 1/32" (4.03125") diameter and a 12.665" (12 2/3") circumference BABN (1886-1897 sheet)	1
0.06396" (Kiusalas 0.064")	0.040"	12.31 (Kiusalas 12.30)	198	(b) small perforating wheels with a 4 1/32" (4.03125") diameter and a 12.665" (12 2/3") circumference BABN (1883 sheet)	1
0.06350"	0.040"	12.40	201	(a) small perforating wheels with a 4 1/16" (4.0625") diameter and a 12.763" (12 3/4") circumference BABN (1897 sheet)	1, 2
0.06301" (Kiusalas 0.063")	0.040"	12.50 (Kiusalas 12.50)	201	(b) small perforating wheels with a 4 1/32" (4.03125") diameter and a 12.665" (12 2/3") circumference BABN (1870 sheet)	1
0.06208"	0.040"	12.68	204	(b) small perforating wheels with a 4 1/32" (4.03125") diameter and a 12.665" (12 2/3") circumference BL (1864-1865 revenue)	1
0.05891"	0.040"	13.37	215	(b) small perforating wheels with a 4 1/32" (4.03125") diameter and a 12.665" (12 2/3") circumference BL (1864-1865 revenue) ABN (1865-1868 revenue)	1

The American Bank Note Company (ABN), New York, NY, U.S.A. made rotary small wheel perforators with U.S. patent number 1,120,753 of 1914. The American Bank Note Company (ABN), Ottawa, Ontario which changed its name to the Canadian Bank Note Company (CBN), Ottawa, Ontario in 1922 was a subsidiary of the American Bank Note Company (ABN), New York, NY which supplied their rotary wheel perforators to its Canadian subsidiary.

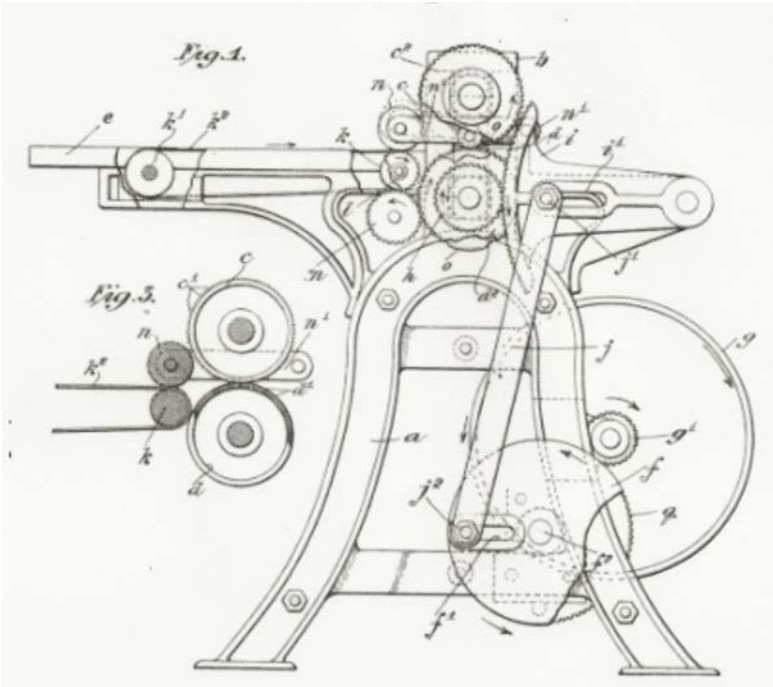


Fig 4 The American Bank Note perforator

**Table 2. Technical Details of Line Perforations made on the ABNCo perforator.**

Centre to centre distance between perforations in inches	Perforating pin width diameter size in inches	Number of perforations per two centimetres	Number of pins or holes on perforating wheel	Perforating wheel size diameter and circumference	References
0.09894" (Kiusalas 0.099")	0.042"	7.96 (Kiusalas 7.95)	128	(b) small perforating wheels with a 4 1/32" (4.03125") diameter and a 12.665" (12 2/3"?) circumference ABN (1912-1922 coil) CBN (1922-1931 coil) CBN (1935-1969 coil tabs)	1
0.06596" (Kiusalas 0.066")	0.042"	11.94 (Kiusalas 11.93)	192	(b) small perforating wheels with a 4 1/32" (4.03125") diameter and a 12.665" (12 2/3"?) circumference] ABN (1912-1922 sheet, booklet, coil) CBN (1922-1931 sheet, booklet) CBN (1935-1967 sheet, booklet)	1, 3, 4

The Universal Telegraphic Company, Baltimore, MD, U.S.A. made rotary small wheel perforators (Reference 13). The Universal Telegraphic Company supplied their rotary wheel perforators to the U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) which supplied them to the British American Bank Note Company (BABN).



*Fig 5 Universal Telegraphic perforators in use*

**Table 3. Technical Details of Line Perforations made on the Universal Telegraphic perforator.**

Centre to centre distance between perforations in inches	Perforating pin width diameter size in inches	Number of perforations per two centimetres	Number of pins or holes on perforating wheel	Perforating wheel size diameter and circumference	References
0.072237"	0.042"	10.9003	176	(c) small perforating wheels with a $4 \frac{3}{64}$ " (4.046875") diameter and a 12.714" (12 $\frac{5}{7}$ ?) circumference BABN (1930-1935 sheet, booklet)	1, 2, 4
0.07196" (Kiusalas 0.072")	0.042"	10.94 (Kiusalas 10.94)	176	(b) small perforating wheels with a $4 \frac{1}{32}$ " (4.03125") diameter and a 12.665" (12 $\frac{2}{3}$ ?) circumference BABN (1930-1935 sheet, booklet)	1, 2, 4

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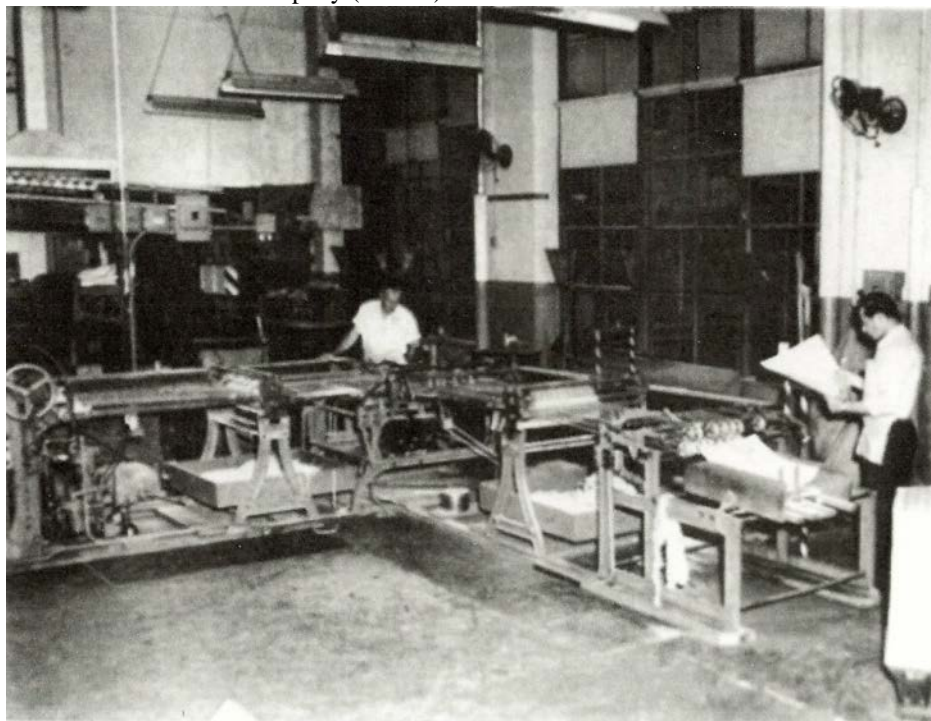
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The manufacturer of rotary small wheel L-perforators was John McAdams & Sons, Inc., Norwalk, CT, U.S.A. (Reference 14). John McAdams & Sons supplied their rotary wheel L-perforators to the Canadian Bank Note Company (CBN) and to the British American Bank Note Company (BABN).



*Fig 6 The McAdams 'L' perforator*

**Table 4. Technical Details of Line Perforations made on the McAdams perforator.**

Centre to centre distance between perforations in inches	Perforating pin width diameter size in inches	Number of perforations per two centimetres	Number of pins or holes on perforating wheel	Perforating wheel size diameter and circumference	References
0.07252"	0.044"	10.86	176	(a) small perforating wheels with a 4 1/16" (4.0625") diameter and a 12.763" (12 3/4"?) circumference BABN (1968-1978 sheet)	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
0.06647"	0.044"	11.85	192	(a) small perforating wheels with a 4 1/16" (4.0625") diameter and a 12.763" (12 3/4"?) circumference CBN (1962-1974 sheet, booklet)	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

## Line Perforating Machines (Perforators) with Rotary Perforating Bars

Rotary perforating bars were used to perforate web-fed rotary press printed coil stamps. Stamps perforated by rotary perforating bars mostly do have an exact alignment correspondence between perforations in different rows across since they were perforated by several separate perforating bars mounted on the same one moving cylinder. From 1930 to 1969, the perforating bar pin diameter width size was 0.042" (References 2, 8, 10). The banknote printing companies that line perforated Canadian postage stamps with this kind of perforator type were the British American Bank Note Company (BABN) from 1930 to 1933 and the Canadian Bank Note Company (CBN) from 1935 to 1969.

The manufacturer of rotary short bar perforators was the Potter Printing Press Company, Plainfield, NJ, U.S.A. (Reference 15). They supplied their perforators to the U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) which supplied them to the British American Bank Note Company (BABN). The Canadian Bank Note Company (CBN) made their bar perforators for themselves.



*Fig 7 The Potter perforator*

**Table 5. Technical Details of Line Perforations made on the Potter perforator.**

Centre to centre distance between perforations in inches	Perforating pin width diameter size in inches	Number of perforations per two centimetres	Number of pins or holes on perforating bar	Perforating bar size length with pins or holes along it	References
0.1005"	0.042"	7.84	86	(d) perforating bars with a short perforating length of 8 41/64" (8.640625") [1/2 x (f)] CBN (1935-1948 coil)	7, 8
0.09934" (Kiusalas 0.099")	0.042"	7.93 (Kiusalas 7.95)	87	(d) perforating bars with a short perforating length of 8 41/64" (8.640625") [1/2 x (f)] CBN (1935-1948 coil)	7, 8
0.09001" (Kiusalas 0.090")	0.042"	8.75 (Kiusalas 8.75)	96	(d) perforating bars with a short perforating length of 8 41/64" (8.640625") [1/2 x (f)] BABN (1930-1933 coil)	7, 8
0.08389"	0.042"	9.39	103	(d) perforating bars with a short perforating length of 8 41/64" (8.640625") [1/2 x (f)] CBN (1948-1969 coil)	7, 8
0.08308" (Kiusalas 0.083")	0.042"	9.48 (Kiusalas 9.49)	104	(d) perforating bars with a short perforating length of 8 41/64" (8.640625") [1/2 x (f)] CBN (1948-1969 coil)	7, 8

It is also worth mentioning one other machine of this type which made a much earlier appearance. This was a stroke bar perforator at the Kingston Ontario Foundry which was used in the mid 1850's as part of early experiments to perforate stamps.

**Table 6. Technical Details of Line Perforations made on the Kingston Ontario Foundry perforator.**

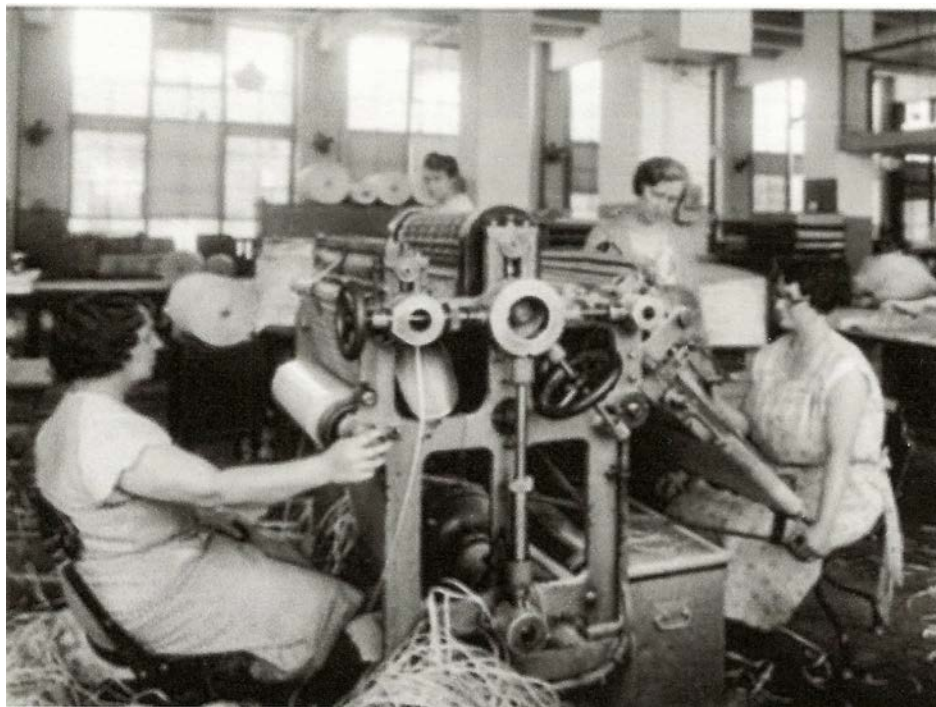
Centre to centre distance between perforations in inches	Perforating pin width diameter size in inches	Number of perforations per two centimetres	Number of pins or holes on perforating bar	Perforating bar size length with pins or holes along it	References
0.05556"	0.038"	14.17	18 pins/holes per inch	Kingston Ontario Foundry stroke bar perforator early experimental perforation (1855-1857 sheet)	9

## **Line Perforating Machines (Perforators) with Rotary Perforating Wheels And Bars**

Perforators with a combination of rotary perforating wheels and rotary perforating bars were used to perforate web-fed rotary press printed sheet and booklet stamps. The

vertical sides of the stamps perforated by rotary perforating wheels mostly do not have an exact alignment correspondence between perforations in different rows across since they were perforated by several separate moving different perforating wheels. The horizontal sides of the stamps perforated by rotary perforating bars mostly do have an exact alignment correspondence between perforations in different rows across since they were perforated by several separate perforating bars mounted on the same one moving cylinder. From 1930 to 1932, the perforating wheel pin and bar diameter width size was 0.042" (References 2, 8, 10). The banknote printing company that line perforated Canadian postage stamps with this kind of perforator type was the British American Bank Note Company (BABN) from 1930 to 1932.

The manufacturer of long bar and small wheel perforators was the Crown Cork & Seal Company, Baltimore, MD, U.S.A. (Reference 16). The Crown Cork & Seal Company supplied their rotary bar and rotary wheel perforators to the U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) which supplied them to the British American Bank Note Company (BABN).



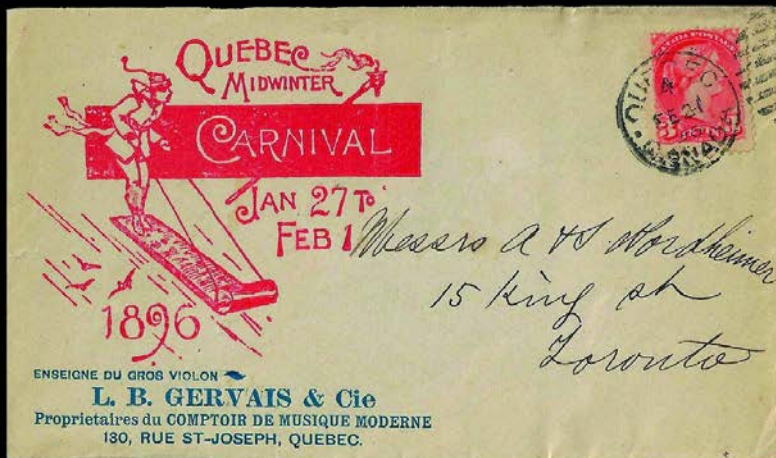
*Fig 8 Crown Cork & Seal perforators in use*



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**Table 7. Technical Details of Line Perforations made on the Crown Cork & Seal perforator.**

Centre to centre distance between perforations in inches	Perforating pin width diameter size in inches	Number of perforations per two centimetres	Number of pins or holes on perforating wheel	Perforating wheel size diameter and circumference	References
0.07196" (Kiusalas 0.072")	0.042"	10.94 (Kiusalas 10.94)	176	(b) small perforating wheels with a 4 1/32" (4.03125") diameter and a 12.665" (12 2/3"?) circumference BABN (1930 - 1932 sheet, booklet)	1, 2, 4
0.07100"	0.042"	11.09	247	(e) perforating bars with a long perforating length of 17 17/32" (17.53125") [found together with 10.94] BABN (1930-1932 sheet, booklet)	8
0.06997" (Kiusalas 0.070")	0.042"	11.25 (Kiusalas 11.25)	247	(f) Perforating bars with a long perforating length of 17 9/32" (17.28125") [2 x (d)] [found together with 10.94] BABN (1930-1932 sheet, booklet)	2, 8, 10

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*This short article was first published in Dots and Scratches, the Newsletter of the BNAPS Re-entries and Constant Plate Varieties Study Group in their issue no 25 of January 2021. We thought the subject may be of more general interest amongst our members so it is reproduced here with the kind permission of the author.*

## **VARIETIES ON THE HALF CENT LARGE QUEEN NEW DISCOVERIES AND IMAGERY**

**Brian Hargreaves**

The Half Cent Large Queen is in many ways a confusing value for variety hunters. The more obvious varieties are actually not one-offs, but are quite common. Three varieties, in particular, are progressive flaws that can be found to a greater or lesser extent in several plate positions.; the 'Chignon' variety in six positions in column 3, the 'line above P in POSTAGE' in eight positions in column 2 and, of course, the 'Spur' variety which is found in no less than 33 different plate positions.

It is therefore a pleasure to be able to report three new examples of one-off constant plate varieties which, with the aid of scans below, readers can now search for with some interest and enthusiasm! One is a completely new unreported discovery, the other two have been written about in the literature, but never properly illustrated.

### **Scratch through 'HALF' (see fig 1)**

Mention of this variety was first made by Horace Harrison in 1976 (1) and Hans Reiche in 1977 (2), but with no illustrations or images. *Maple Leaves* later published an article by Dr. Z. M. Gordon in 1984 (3) which included a rough hand-drawn illustration of the variety. Gordon was able to plate this flaw to position 26 since it was located just below the well-known 'Dot in E' variety from position 16 in a block of eight.



*Fig 1.*



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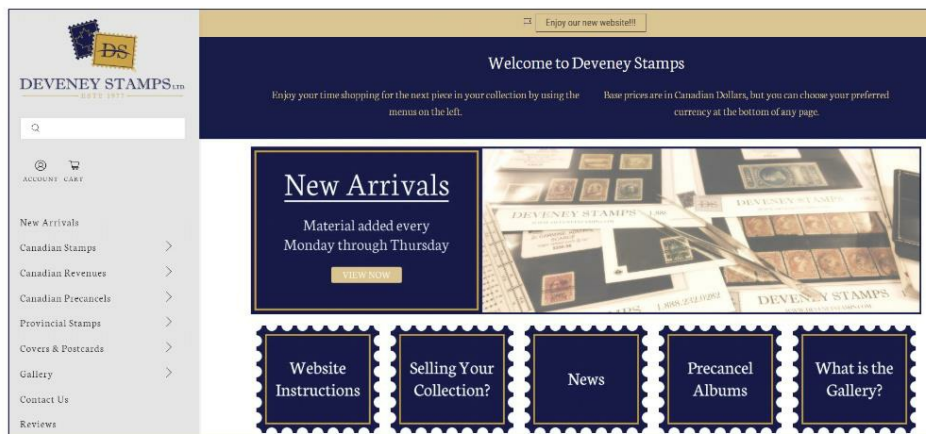


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Harrison thought that this flaw was ‘a late occurrence in the life of the plate’ perhaps leading to its replacement by the Small Queen Half Cent issue in 1882. Gordon, however, had three examples of the variety, all perforated 11½ x 12, which he dated to between 1873 and 1878 and therefore did not agree!

### **Two Dots in ‘T’ (see fig 2)**

This variety was also reported by Reiche in 1977, but again without illustration. Reiche suggested that it came from plate position 100. This seems to be a strong possibility given the large bottom and right margins and the lower right margin position dot visible on my copy in fig 2.

I had previously featured this variety in a BNAPS Study Group newsletter (4) with no response. Perhaps with this extra information, readers may be able to find a matching copy to definitely prove the plate position.



*Fig 2.*

### **Scratch or Relief Break in Left Margin (see fig 3 overleaf)**

This variety is unreported to my knowledge. I have two examples to prove constancy (see fig 3 overleaf). They somewhat resemble the ‘Line above P’ variety in the upper margin or the ‘Spur’ variety that occurs in a similar location on the 2 cents value.

I look forward to hearing from readers with information or matching copies for any of these rarely seen varieties.

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Fig 3.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Andrew Lothian

## MAIL FROM CANADA TO THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

A couple of years ago, when at one of the Perth gatherings, I saw the two covers shown below in figs 1 and 2. As they were not very expensive, I doubt if I paid very much, I thought they would be something different for my collection. Whether they would go in with my F.D.C. section, or my "odds and ends" section, I would decide at a later date. When I finally got a round tuit.

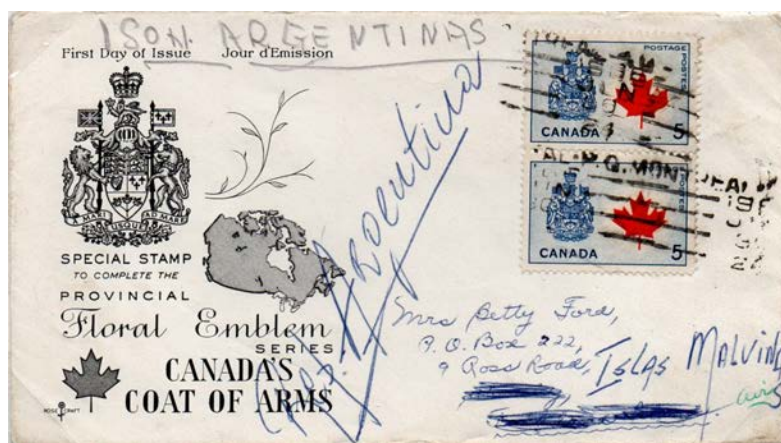


Fig 1.



Fig 2

I knew that the Scottish Regional Zoom Meeting was coming soon, and I was thinking as to what I could show. I was looking at some other material, namely plate blocks, and seeing the De La Salle commemoratives I remembered these two covers. It was only when I looked closely at the dates that I realised these could not be from the Falklands War. If the war had been 1966, I would have been down there, and considering my job, I would have remembered that!

Well, this raises the question, what has happened here? Two suggestions were made.

- 1) Mail from Canada at that time went via South America, and would be handled by the Argentinians where the changes to the address would have been made or
- 2) Perhaps during the later war, an Argentinian philatelist made the changes. I think this would be very unlikely due to the fact that at least two different hand writings have been used. If this is true, it is an even bigger surprise that they ended up here in Scotland.

Both covers were sent from the same person (see fig 3 for reverse of one of the letters).

Does anyone actually know the answer or have a better suggestion?



*Fig 3*

**Terry Layman**

## **FINDING COVERS**

I read with interest Mr McLeish's article on the Canadian Mammal Definitives of 1988 in the July 2021 issue of *Maple Leaves*.

In particular, he commented on the difficulty in finding covers bearing these issues. His comments recalled to me the steps which I went through at the beginning of lockdown to traverse the same ground.

(Note that the web references below are to the Delcampe website.)

My searching for America >> Canada >> Postal History almost always ended empty handed when I searched for specific catalogue numbers. Or the long list returned consisted of uninteresting FDC's.

Many times, I had noticed in passing that changing the search to Stamps >> Topics had over 4.5 million items, but I never bothered to look further at these items. (Was I looking down my nose at "topical collectors"? Maybe. After all, I don't collect "bears" or "railroads" or "JFK".)

Then one day, on a whim (in other words, I had nothing else to do during lockdown), I decided to see what was listed under Topics. Once there, to narrow down the 4.5 million items, I did a search on "Canada" and was presented with over 30,000 items. To narrow this result further, I tried "Canada cover". This gave me over 2200 items.

At that point, I began to browse.

I quickly saw the following:

- most dealers outside of North America do not use Scott / Unitrade numbers to list Canadian stamps. (Why should they?) Indeed, most sellers in 'Topics' do not list numbers from ANY catalogue.
- there were many items which were in an incorrect category. (Canada items under USA, for example.)
- the titles for the listed covers were all over the place. Some titles were very general: "mammal". Some more specific: "porpoise". Some used more obscure terms. Some concentrated on the sending or receiving countries. The title for some listings of multiple stamps on cover used terms from the stamp(s) in which I was not interested.
- many listings used English terms but just as many used French or German terms. ("porpoise" or "marsouin" or "Tümmeler")
- specifics, such as perforation gauge, were beyond many (if not most) of the sellers ..

In short, the listings displayed the rich diversity of interests which can be found in the philatelic community, and the world-wide geographical draw of the hobby.

I saw that to further filter these 2200 listings would be futile. However, I also sensed an opportunity. How many "hidden gems" were lurking in the shadows of these classifications?

I began to manually browse all 2200 entries and managed to find a fair number of covers which interested me and which I promptly placed in my wish list lest I lost track of them.

Initially, I had to overcome my reluctance to pay 5€ postage to purchase a 2€ cover. However, based on the stamps on the envelopes used to send my purchases, I have yet

to buy from a seller who is using the postage charge to make a profit. If I pay 5€ for postage, the stamps have tended to be in that range (even when the stamps used were denominated in that country's pre-Euro currency and a conversion was needed).

At times, a voice in my head was asking if I was wasting my time spending an hour or three going through page after page of listed covers. Then another voice asked "how is this any different than spending an hour going through a dealer's 25p/50p box at a stamp fair?", when more dealers further down the aisle will have more boxes to go through? Well, the difference is I was going through the stock of ALL the dealers "at the fair" at one time. Not something I could do at a real fair. And another difference was that I was doing this at 11:30pm as I was winding down the day.

All while also sitting in my chair at home with a cup of tea. Again, not something I could do at a fair. (Early in my collecting career, I learned the hard way to never, ever, have a cup of liquid nearby when sitting at a dealer's table, even when that cup was on the floor. That lesson, learned pre-digital, doesn't apply in the digital world.

During my hours of pouring through online "cover boxes" over the past 18 months, I have managed to obtain on-cover commercial usages of many of the US and International rate Mammals and Fruit Trees stamps. I have even purchased covers of Centennial and Caricature issues I would not otherwise look for.

However, as many members of the Society may have noticed, sellers on Delcampe tend to be based in Europe or South Asia, so I am still searching for examples on cover of many of the domestic (CA-to-CA) overweight rates.

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## **A NEW HOME FOR THE SOCIETY LIBRARY .....JUST IN THE NICK OF TIME**

Members will be aware that we have been advertising for someone to take over the role of Librarian for some time. Our current Librarian, Mike Slamo, has been doing the job for 15 years but the impending sale of a property which has housed part of the Library has made it necessary to substantially downsize the Library and/or seek a new home for the material.

Despite several pleas for someone to take over the role, no-one had come forward and the Executive Committee decided that we may need to close the Library and dispose of the bulk (possibly all) of its contents. A detailed plan of action was drawn up and endorsed by the Committee and approved by members attending our recent virtual Annual General Meeting.

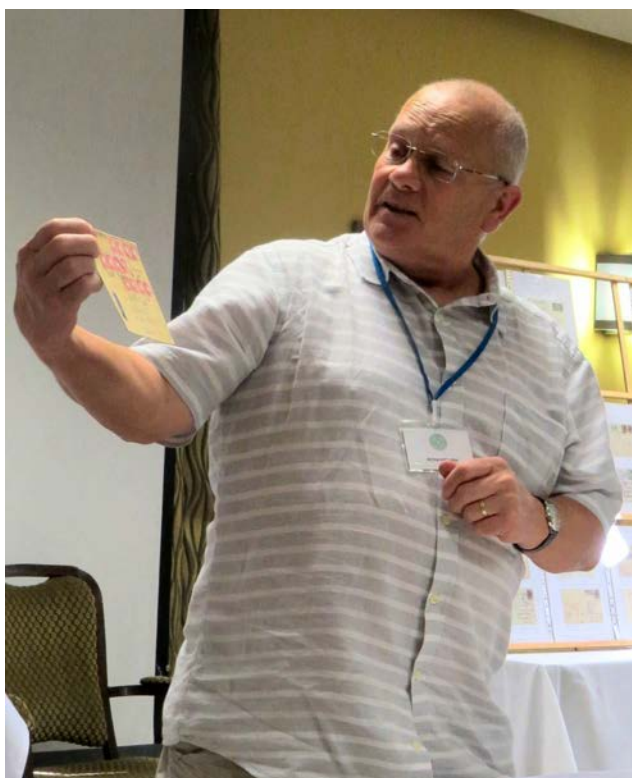
However, just in the nick of time, at that same AGM, a volunteer, in the form of Peter Edwards, came forward to indicate that he may be able to take on the role and



accommodate the Library. Some urgent talks took place between the parties and Peter has now confirmed that he can accommodate the bulk of the existing Library once a large quantity of old journals and research papers (the vast majority of which are now available online) have been disposed of. The Library will continue to hold all of the books, bound journals and auction catalogues that are on the Library List (well over 400 volumes) allowing us to maintain this valuable research resource for the benefit of members. Our thanks go to Peter for taking on this important role.

Members should expect that there will be a short hiatus of a few weeks during which the normal Library service will be unavailable. During this period, the books etc will be packaged up and shipped to Peter, then sorted and arranged in their new home. The Library List (which is available online at the Society website) will be updated during the fourth quarter to reflect any minor changes to stock resulting from the move and we hope to resume a fully normal service by November.

In the meantime, if you do wish to borrow anything from the Library or request photocopies etc please contact the new Librarian, Peter Edwards (contact details on the inside back cover) who will be able to update you on the progress of the switchover.



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## NEW BOOKS AND ONLINE RESOURCES

A large box of new books has found its way to the Editorial desk in the last few months and with Christmas fast approaching members may well find something here to put under the tree.

This first book has been published by the Société d'histoire postale du Québec and is the first in a planned four volume work.

**Cimon Morin, *La poste coloniale au Québec 1763-1851 – Volume 1 : Le sud de Montréal et la rivière des Outaouais.***

**Société d'histoire postale du Québec, 2020, 546 p. / Bound, ISBN : 978-2-920267-54-1 / \$57 + postage. Available from SHPQ : [rfcote@gmail.com](mailto:rfcote@gmail.com)**

This study of the post office on Quebec territory extends from the year 1763 until the creation of the Colonial Post Office on 5 April 1851. This research consists mainly of identifying the localities in which a post office existed, of listing the postmasters who succeeded one another as well as the dates on which they were in office. Also identified are those responsible who transported the mail on the various postal routes, and the frequency of travel.

A complete nomenclature of postmarks used during this period is provided, in addition to illustrations of postal covers.

This volume covers the 71 post offices located to the south and southeast of Montreal, in the Ottawa River and Pontiac. It includes the 10 postal routes that crossed this territory of the province until 1851.

The appendices cover: details of postal routes and transport on the territory; a general biography of the four post office administrators during the period studied; general printed instructions given to post masters to give them a better knowledge of postal operations - several documents are revealed here for the first time; and a directory of postal covers found in the archival documents of Library and Archives Canada in Ottawa and *Bibliothèque et archives nationales* in Quebec city. A cumulative index of the names of offices, post masters, contractors as well as all the names of places and proper names used in this work ends this first volume.

These books will no doubt be invaluable to students of early Canadian Postal History.

The second item in this review is an online publication by Yves Drolet. Yves has been undertaking detailed research on a number of the early philatelic societies and organisations in Canada and his latest monograph covers **The Philatelic Society of Canada 1891 to 1893**. If you like your philatelic history the link to this publication (as a pdf file) can be found on the Society website and will cost you nothing!

All of the following titles have been published by BNAPS. **These are all available from Bill Longley, c/o Longley Auctions, PO Box 620, Waterdown, Ontario L0R 2H0, Canada.** BNAPS have simplified the pricing system for their books and now simply quote a 'Members' price in CAN\$.

***First Day Covers of the 1939 Canada King George VI Royal Visit Issue***, Donald J. Leblanc. 2020, Spiral bound, 464 pages, 8.5 × 11, colour. ISBN: 978-1-989280-07-2. Stock # B4h103-1. Price: C\$81.00

It seems incredible that a book could be written about the First Day Covers issued to commemorate a single stamp issue of just three stamps; particularly when you realise that the book runs to over 450 pages! It seems that if you are on the lookout for a new collecting area that is fairly inexpensive and could keep you occupied for many many years, you need look no further!

The voyage to Canada of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth in the spring of 1939 was not the first to the country by a Royal, but it was the first by a reigning Monarch. The fact that their Majesties travelled coast-to-coast by train provided citizens with an unprecedented opportunity to see them, and gave rise to an incredible number of First Day Covers for the three stamps that were issued in honour of the tour. First Day Covers of the 1939 Canada King George VI Royal Visit Issue is a profusely illustrated and amazingly detailed catalogue of all the different First Day Covers that were issued in 1939.

The book represents an amazing body of research as it catalogues and illustrates every known FDC issued with details of the cachet maker and the cities where the cover was used for every one of over 400 different covers. The book also contains illustrations of a large range of postcards that were produced to commemorate the visit and finishes with a selection of business advertising covers that were sent on the first day of issue.

All in all, a remarkable study of a very specific collecting area. Anyone with an interest in this stamp issue would find it a valuable reference work.

***Orange Zest: The Canada Eight Cent 1898 Numeral Issue***, Peter Spencer. 2020, Spiral bound, 94 pages, 8.5 × 11, colour. ISBN: 978-1-989280-09-6. Stock # B4h104-1. Price: C\$34.00

This is the latest in a series of nine books produced by Peter Spencer which look in detail at the stamps of the 1898 Numeral series. Previous volumes have included three books, *Pretty in Pink* (2005), *The Joy of Panes* (2015) and *The Thirty-Six Types* (2017) covered specific aspects of the Two Cent value of the issue. *The Wearing of the Green*: (2006) covered the 1¢ Numeral, *Blue Opaline* (2007) and *Victoria's Secret Slips* (2012) looked at the 5¢ Blue Numeral. The other books in the series were *Mrs. Brown The Canada Ten Cent 1898 Numeral Issue* (2008) and *Olive Oyl The Canada Twenty Cent 1898 Numeral Issue* (2010). The eight-cent value of the Numeral issue receives the same careful treatment as the other five values in Peter Spencer's carefully researched series.

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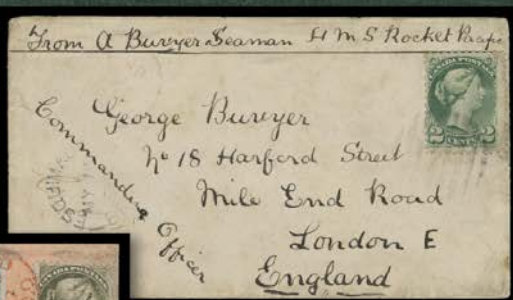


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covers the die used for this value and its properties which appear in all copies of the stamp on the plate. It then goes on to show detailed pictures which will allow about forty percent of the plate positions to be identified individually. Finally he describes the many transfer die relief breaks sequences which occurred in the life of the plate.

Any collector with an interest in this stamp issue and, in particular, looking to plate copies of the stamps will find this volume, and the earlier ones in the series, an invaluable reference.

In addition to examining close to 100,000 dated copies of Numeral stamps and plating them, Peter has also illustrated the main varieties in extraordinarily sharp photographs. All in all, an incredible amount of work, and he is not finished. At least one more book is in preparation!

***Canada Oval Parcel Cancels***, Norbert J. Hobrath. 2020, Spiral bound, 70 pages, 8.5 × 11, colour. ISBN: 978-1-989280-10-2. Stock # B4h923-108-1. Price: C\$31.00

This is the first postal history book to tell the story of the history of Canadian Oval Parcel Cancels from the first one, introduced in 1872, into the early years of the twentieth century.

The book starts by explaining what parcel oval cancels are and also shows several examples of oval cancels that do not fit into this category. It then goes on to list and illustrate all of the parcel oval cancels from Montreal and Toronto, the two cities which appear to have made the most use of them. The final section deals with the parcel oval cancels from all other Canadian cities (some 18 others). Most types are illustrated, at least partially.

The book is replete with illustrations of the cancels both on stamp and on cover. An excellent reference work for anyone interested in late 19th century and early 20th century cancels.

***Canada Commercial Airmail Between 1925 and 1954***, Per-Olof Jansson, 2020, Spiral Bound, 132 pages, 8.5 x 11, colour. ISBN 978-1-989280-08-9. Stock # B4h923-107-1. Exhibit Series Book no 107. Price: C\$38.00

Judging by the number of bids I receive in Society auctions for airmail material this is a collecting area that is increasing in popularity so this book may prove to be a timely addition to the Exhibit series.

It covers commercial airmail routes from 1925 when Canada Post first mentioned the possibility of using the United States Post Office Airmail service to expedite mail from east to west coasts up to 1954 when uniform airmail rates were introduced into three geographical areas. In between these dates, the exhibit covers airmail services in nine different geographical areas, namely; domestic, USA, UK, Europe, West Indies and Central America, South America, Africa, Asia and Middle East and finally Australia and New Zealand.

For each area, the exhibit includes route maps and rate tables along with a large range of covers to illustrate both routes and rates. The exhibit is full of scarce rates and unusual destinations and also serves to show commercial usage of many of the high value stamps of the George V and George VI eras. An outstanding exhibit that has won

many awards and a highly useful reference work for anyone starting out on a collection of this material.

***Canadian Postal Stationery Using the Karsh and Wilding Photography of Queen Elizabeth II***, Earle Covert. 2020, Spiral bound, 124 pages, 11×17" folded pages, colour. ISBN: 978-1-989280-11-9. Stock # B4h923-108-1. Exhibit Series Book No. 108. Price: C\$44.00

***The Cameo and Centennial Postal Stationery of Canada***, Earle Covert. 2020, Spiral bound, 118 pages, 11×17" folded pages, colour. ISBN: 978-1-989280-12-6. Stock # B4h923-109-1. Exhibit Series Book No. 109. Price: C\$43.00

These two volumes are the 108th and 109th volumes in the BNAPS Exhibit Book Series. They are the second and third BNAPS exhibit books to be published in 11×17" folded ledger paper landscape format. The author is one of the foremost authorities on Postal Stationery and is the co-author of the Webb's Postal Stationery Catalogue so one might expect these exhibits to be comprehensive and you will not be disappointed.

Postal Stationery, particularly from the modern era, is a neglected area of BNA philately and for anyone thinking of adding some of this material to an existing stamp or postal history collection of the era these books will provide all the stimulus you might need.

The format of the books which allows for each page to be folded out to A3 size is perfect for a true appreciation of the material. The scope of the material is comprehensive covering not only the basic envelopes and cards but also a wide range of private order envelopes, election envelopes, meteorological branch stationery and other official types.

These collections are unrivalled and provide a wonderful reference for anyone interested in the subject matter.

***R.C.A.F. Christmas Cards 1939-1980***, A. David Hanes 2020, Spiral bound, 294 pages, 8.5 × 11", colour. ISBN: 978-1-989280-15-7. Stock # B4h106-1. Price: C\$64.00

This unusual volume illustrates the Christmas Cards sent out by branches of the Royal Canadian Airforce during the Second World War and the years beyond up to 1980.

By the beginning of WW2, the annual tradition of sending Christmas Cards was well established in all three branches of the Military and has continued ever since.

The author, who joined the RCAF in 1961 himself purchased some of these cards and sent them to family and friends which, no doubt, started his interest in these cards.

The book illustrates not only the wide variety of card designs chosen for Christmas cards by RCAF units in the years of WWII and beyond the integration of the Canadian Forces, and occasionally by individual members of the RCAF, 273 different cards in all, but in the process it also provides a kaleidoscope of over 120 photos and drawings of aircraft used by the RCAF between 1939 and 1980.

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# WILDLIFE OF CANADA DEFINITIVES – THE HIGH VALUES: 1997 TO DATE

**Robert McLeish**

As a follow up to my recent article on the Mammal Definitives of 1988, I have been encouraged to add a piece about the high value stamps which followed on, starting in 1997.

In 1997 Canada Post decided to introduce a set of High Value Definitive Stamps depicting the various wildlife found in Canada and around its shoreline. They would be printed partially in lithography but also using the same technique that was used to print the very first Canadian postage stamp in 1851, steel engraving, which would give the stamps in this set a classic look as well as making it more difficult to make forged copies. Other features would be that the size of the stamps would be the largest printed by Canada Post. Values would range from \$1 dollar to \$10 dollars and included two values never used by Canada Post before; \$8 dollars and \$10 dollars.

The stamps have proved to be popular both with collectors and the general public and values from the set remain in use today, making these one of the longest-lived stamp issues in Canadian history.

First stamp

**1997**

**\$8 Dollar GRIZZLY BEAR** (There has only been one printing of this stamp)

Issued	Printer	Perforation	Paper	Tagging
15th October 1997	Canadian Bank Note	12.5 x 13.1	Tullis Russell Coatings	None

At the time of issue, this was the highest value stamp ever issued by Canada Post and the largest in size. The stamp was printed in sheets of 36 subjects arranged in nine panes of four. Panes sold via the philatelic bureau show an imprint in the right margin. Field stock had this imprint trimmed off.



## Second Stamp

**1998**

### **\$1 dollar LOON**

Issued	Printer	Perforation	Paper	Tagging
27th October 1998	Canadian Bank Note	13.3 x 13.0	Peterborough Paper	None
4th February 2003	Canadian Bank Note	13.3 x 13.0	Tullis Russell Coatings	None

As you can see this value had two different printings by the same printer, with the same perforation, but on two different papers. Both printings were untagged. My earlier article (ref 1) provides some guidance on how to tell the different papers apart but single used copies cannot be distinguished.

Both printings of the stamp were printed in panes of 16 and imprint blocks will show the paper type clearly. The early printings on Peterborough paper can be found with a wide range of fluorescence in the paper ranging from no fluorescence to high. As ever, these varieties are best observed under UV light. One minor variety is worth looking out for on this stamp, from position 16 (the lower right stamp in the pane). This one shows a small brown dot in the water on the left hand side of the design.



## Third Stamp

**1998**

### **\$2 Dollar POLAR BEAR**

Issued	Printer	Perforation	Paper	Tagging
27th October 1998	Canadian Bank Note	13.3 x 13.0	Peterborough Paper	None
4th February 2003	Canadian Bank Note	13.3 x 13.0	Tullis Russell Coatings	None

As you can see this value had two different printings by the same printer, with the same perforation, but on two different papers. Both printings were untagged. The same comments as for the \$1 Loon above apply to distinguishing the papers.

As with the \$1 Loon, the stamp was printed in panes of 16 and imprint blocks will clearly show the paper type. On both this stamp and the \$1 Loon, the lower right imprint block from the TRC printings in 2003 has a barcode in the margin.



#### Fourth Stamp

**2003**

**\$5 Dollar MOOSE** (There has only been one printing of this stamp)

Issued	Printer	Perforation	Paper	Tagging
19th December 2003	Canadian Bank Note	12.5 x 13.1	Tullis Russell Coatings	None

This value was printed in panes of four which show the imprints at each corner.



In 2005, the original \$1 and \$2 values in the set were replaced with new designs.

#### Fifth Stamp

**2005**

**\$1Dollar WHITE – TAILED DEER**

Issued	Printer	Perforation	Paper	Tagging
20th October 2005	Canadian Bank Note	12.5 x 13.1	Tullis Russell Coatings	GT4
September 2009	Canadian Bank Note	12.5 x 13.1	Tullis Russell Coatings	GT4

As you can see this value had two different printings by the same printer, the same perforation, the same paper and both printings were tagged GT4 General Tagging on all four sides of the stamp

#### Sixth Stamp

**2005**

**\$1Dollar ATLANTIC WALRUS**

Issued	Printer	Perforation	Paper	Tagging
20th October 2005	Canadian Bank Note	12.5 x 13.1	Tullis Russell Coatings	GT4
September 2009	Canadian Bank Note	12.5 x 13.1	Tullis Russell Coatings	GT4

As you can see this value had two different printings by the same printer, the same perforation, the same paper and both printings were tagged GT4 General Tagging on all four sides of the stamp.

These two stamps were issued se-tenant in panes of 16 and also in a Souvenir Sheet which contained two of each design.



The two printings of these stamps can be distinguished despite being on the same paper and with the same perforation. The 2009 reprints are on a thicker paper and show a much sharper engraved image. The plate imprints however are identical to those on the original printings.

The Souvenir Sheets were originally issued with a barcode in the left selva (see fig above). Sometime in 2008, Canada Post started selling off surplus stock of these sheets with this bar code trimmed off so the sheets can be found both with and without the barcode.

Seventh Stamp

2005

**\$2 Dollar PEREGRINE FALCON**

Issued	Printer	Perforation	Paper	Tagging
19th December 2005	Canadian Bank Note	12.5 x 13.1	Tullis Russell Coatings	GT4

GT4 General Tagging on all four sides of the stamp.



## Eighth Stamp

**2005**

### **\$2 Dollar SABLE ISLAND HORSE**

Issued	Printer	Perforation	Paper	Tagging
19th December 2005	Canadian Bank Note	12.5 x 13.1	Tullis Russell Coatings	GT4

GT4 General Tagging on all four sides of the stamp.

These two stamps were issued in se-tenant in panes of 16 and also in a Souvenir Sheet which contained two of each design. As with the \$1 stamps, the Souvenir Sheets can be found both with and without a barcode in the left selvedge.



## Ninth stamp

**2010**

### **\$10 Dollar BLUE WHALE** (There has only been one printing of this stamp)

Issued	Printer	Perforation	Paper	Tagging
4th October 2010	Canadian Bank Note	12.5 x 13.1	Tullis Russell Coatings	None

To date, this is the highest value stamp and also the largest sized stamp ever issued by Canada Post. It was printed in sheets of 18 subjects arranged in nine panes of two. Each pane of two has a plate inscription in the left margin. The design features a number of rather innovative security features including a diver – collectors can have a wee bit of fun trying to spot them all!

The picture opposite shows an example of this huge stamp used on an envelope to give a better idea of its size.



Tenth Stamp

**2018**

**\$4 Dollar ROCKY MOUNTAIN BIGHORN SHEEP** (There has only been one printing of this stamp)

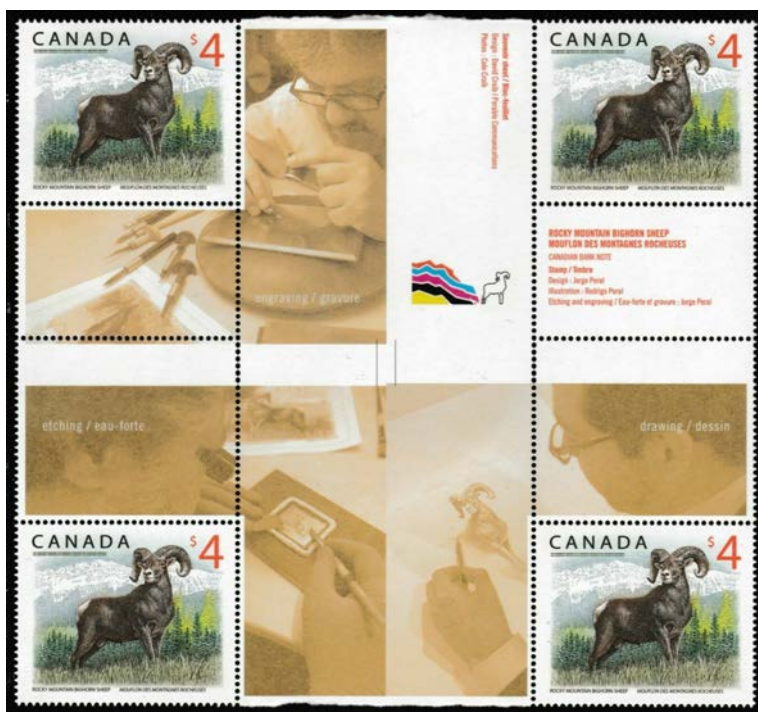
Issued	Printer	Perforation	Paper	Tagging
10th October 2018	Canadian Bank Note	12.5 x 13.2	Tullis Russell Coatings	None

This is the latest addition to the set and only the second time Canada has issued a stamp of this denomination; the last occasion being in 1897.

The stamp was printed in sheets of 16 arranged into four panes of four each of which comprised a Souvenir Sheet. This arrangement also allowed for those with very deep pockets to obtain cross gutter blocks from the centre of the larger sheet – see figures overleaf

### **Domestic Letter Mail**

On 20th September 2011, Canada Post introduced the first of a set of Domestic Letter Mail envelopes with all the stamps printed in the Wildlife Series to that date printed on a size 10 envelope with the PERMANENT SYMBOL. These could be sent through the mail at the Current Domestic Rate to anyone in Canada. Examples can be found with all the high value designs.



## Domestic Letter Mail Envelopes

**Permanent Value -Domestic Rate at the time of issue was 59cents**

Issued	Printer	Envelope	Tagging
20th September 2011	Lowe- Martin	Stamp Pre-Printed	Single Bar Tag

The tagging is on the right hand side of the 'stamp'. As these envelopes carry the 'permanent' value, one can be posted today in 2021 at the current domestic rate of 92 cents! Whilst the first of these envelopes was issued in 2011, the different designs appeared at various dates from then until late 2016. The printing dates appear under the self-adhesive flap of the envelope.

Following the release of the \$4 Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep stamp in 2018, a similar size 10 envelope was issued on 10th October 2018 carrying this design. Once again this carried a Permanent value (by this time 85 cents) but this one was printed by a different company – Colour Innovations.



## Stamp Varieties:-

Given the high face value of these stamps and the very long life of some of the values, varieties are mercifully few and far between.



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A fascinating array from several private holdings. In addition to valuable classics, the 20th century material is of particular interest, emphasizing the unusual. Varieties, errors, imperforates and plate multiples abound.



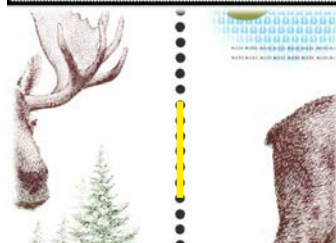
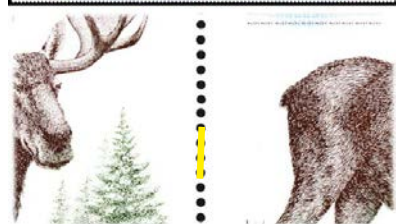
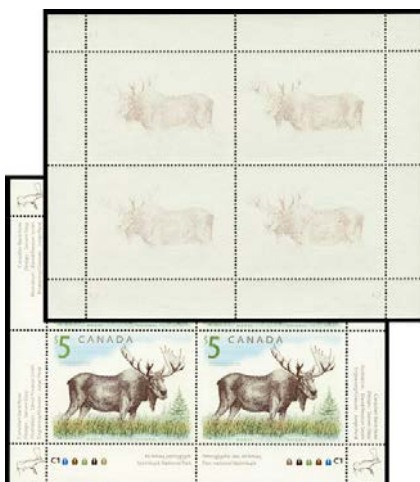
Both the \$8 Grizzly Bear and \$5 Moose stamps can be found with strong offsets on the reverse of the stamp.

Those with very deep pockets can hunt down the two rather more spectacular errors to be found on these stamps. The \$8 Grizzly Bear stamp can be found imperforate between the top selvedge and the top half of the stamp and the \$5 Moose stamp can be found with all the engraving missing resulting in a stamp with no moose at all! This 'Missing Moose' error is one of the more impressive of modern stamp varieties from Canada with a price to match! As ever with items of this type, if you are buying make sure you get a certificate of genuineness.

Rather more attainable for most of us are a couple of similar varieties on the \$5 Moose stamp showing a vertical line or scratch between the perforations between the top two stamps in the pane.



Normal



*Varieties on the \$5 Moose described above. The lines in the two lower pairs have been highlighted for effect.*

### **Some final thoughts:-**

This set of stamps is still current so more values and printings may yet appear – watch this space.

Also note that definitive stamps featuring Mammals and Animals in general have remained highly popular with Canada Post. Medium value designs were issued in 2000 and designs featuring Baby Animals first started to appear in 2011 and continued for several years thereafter. However, all of those must be the subject of future stories.

It can also be something of a challenge to collect these stamps used on cover commercially. This is one area where those of us living in the UK may have an advantage over our Canadian friends as there were few domestic uses for the higher values. Registered letters or parcels coming over to Europe, however, often have these stamps on them.

Being a member of a study group is a great advantage in finding out more about the stamps you collect. As I collect plate blocks, different papers, perforations, coil stamps, postcards and booklets of the Queen Elizabeth II Era I joined the Elizabeth II study Group under the auspices of The British North American Philatelic Society and over the years I am learning more about these stamps due to contributors sharing their observations with fellow collectors.

Canada Post can be very proud of this set of stamps. So far, they have printed ten modern classic stamps using the Steel Engraving Process. The value of these stamps does not only come from their denomination but the time and effort that went in to making them. I think for any Canadian Collector it should be a must have set and I look forward to more additions to this set of Modern Definitive Stamps from Canada Post in the future.

Finally, my thanks go to our Editor who has helped me prepare this article.

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Topics – The Journal of the British North America Philatelic Society  
The Corgi Times -The Elizabethan II Study Group Newsletter  
The Unitrade Specialised Catalogue of Canadian Stamps 2018 for information on Domestic Letter mail envelopes  
And, of course, conversations with fellow collectors on various *Zoom* meetings and also stamp club meetings in Scotland in particular my own Perth Philatelic Society

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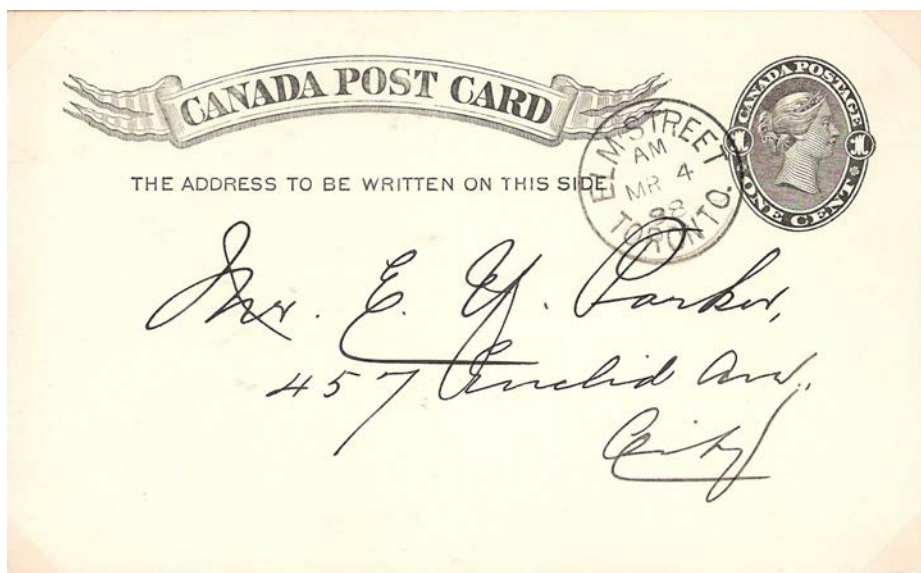


# ELM STREET TORONTO – CANCELS BOTH COMMON AND RARE

**Graham Searle *FCPS***

It is a good while since I last wrote on the subject of Street Cancels and auction and ebay realisations suggest that the topic has become more popular with collectors in recent years. So, it seemed a good moment to revisit the subject and highlight one of the potential pitfalls of collecting postmarks from anywhere.

The sub post office at Elm Street in Toronto (situated on the corner of Elm Street and Yonge Street) was opened in January 1894 and remained in use well into the 20th century – although it was renamed as Toronto Sub no 16 in April 1910. This represents quite a long life for one of the Street post offices and Elm Street clearly handled quite a high volume of mail as the normal cds cancel (shown in fig 1 below) is one of the commonest of all the Toronto Street Cancels.



*Fig 1 The Elm Street cds - one of the commonest of all Street Cancels.*

You might, therefore, be excused for thinking that any stamp or cover showing an Elm Street cancel was equally common. Not so; as this office also made use of two other cancels, both of which are far more elusive.

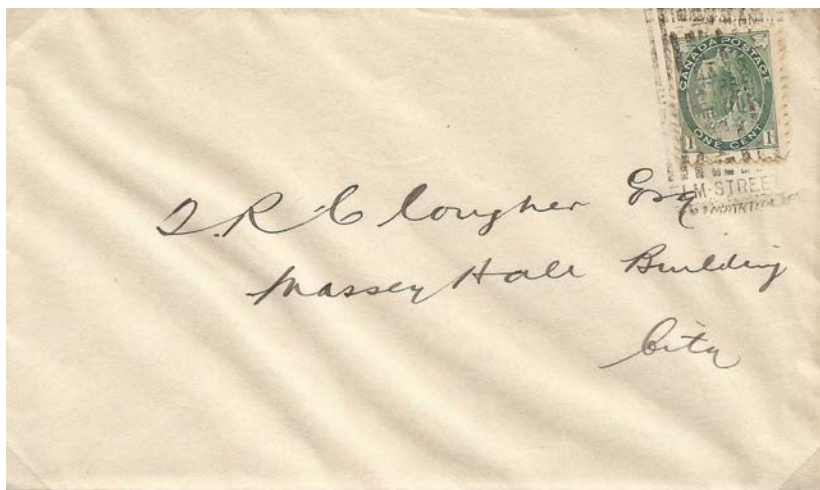
The first of these is a duplex cancel of a type issued to many of the Toronto sub post offices in late 1900. This type shown in fig 2 overleaf was only in use for about 16

months and is hard to find. A partial strike showing only the datestamp of this cancel can be distinguished from the common cds cancel by size – the duplex cancel has a 22mm dater, the common cds is 24mm.



*Fig 2 The Elm Street duplex cancel - much harder to find,*

Equally hard to find is the roller cancel shown in fig 3. I have only ever seen this on third class mail or on stamps which were probably used for third class mail or 'every householder' mail so it is possible this was its dedicated use. These roller cancels normally had quite a long life so it is unclear why this cancel is so hard to find.



*Fig 3 The Elm Street roller cancel.*

Anyway, the next time you see an Elm Street cancel offered for sale, look twice; it may just be a good one!

**A message from your new President.....**

## **IN 2022, JOIN US IN DUNDEE, CITY OF DISCOVERY**

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our members to join us for our (delayed) 75th Anniversary Convention at the Queen's Hotel, Dundee, [www.queenshotel-dundee.com](http://www.queenshotel-dundee.com), Scotland from the afternoon of Wednesday 28th September until the morning of Sunday 2nd October, 2022. The cost will be £80 per person, per night, and will include breakfast and dinner. We will have the usual programme of philatelic displays and competitions during the mornings and early evenings along with three Ladies/ Partners evenings. Late evenings are a social get-together which will include viewing of Auction lots, an informal Bourse and our usual study of local beverages. Thursday and Friday afternoons will be set aside for social trips to local attractions, and the Saturday will include the AGM, our room auction and in the evening our Banquet. This is both a Philatelic and a Social event. Full details of the programme will appear in later issues of *Maple Leaves*.

Dundee is close to the birthplace of our Society so is a natural choice for our 75th Anniversary. The city itself is home to a host of attractions and it is just an hour away from some of Scotland's finest mountain scenery and the bustling cities of Edinburgh and Glasgow, so why not plan to extend your visit with a holiday in Scotland?



*Part of the Dundee waterfront with the iconic V&A design museum alongside the RSS Discovery . This ship, built in Dundee, was the one taken by Scott to the Antarctic in 1901. Just some of the attractions within easy walking distance from our hotel.*



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# **SOCIETY NEWS**

## **FROM THE TREASURER**

The Society Accounts for the twelve month period up to 30th June 2021 appear on pages 238 and 239. If members have any queries relating to the accounts please contact me (see inside back cover for contact details).

The Society remains in good financial health. Income was once again greatly helped by significant advertising income and good auction results. At the same time, our major expenditures were subject to little or no inflation. The £/\$CAN rate remained reasonably stable over the year and the bulk of the Society assets remain invested in Canada where they accrue a higher interest rate than in the UK.

I am holding Subscriptions steady at current levels for the coming year.

I once again extend my thanks to Mike Street who has managed the Canadian accounts for the Society and to Jim Bisset who has acted as our Honorary Examiner.

**Karen Searle FCPS**

## **FROM THE SUBSCRIPTION MANAGER**

Enclosed with this issue of Maple leaves is the reminder regarding subscriptions for 2022 for those members who need to act regarding payment. (If you had no such enclosure with your copy, you need take no action). Subscriptions fall due on 1st January 2022.

The annual subscription rate remains at the low level of £15 for UK members and £20 for those living overseas. As usual payments can be made by cheque (in £ mailed to me or in \$US or \$CAN mailed to Mike Street) or via PAYPAL on the Society website. You can even pay by direct BACS transfer to the Society account.

Members who have paid in advance for 2022, have a life membership or have been a member for over 50 years continuously need take no action and will not have received the reminder with this issue. If you are unsure if one or any of these apply to you, please contact me or Mike Street by e mail or phone and we can confirm your status. Contact details can be found on the inside of the back cover.

**Ken Flint**

## **FROM THE EXCHANGE PACKET MANAGER**

When I took over the Stamp Packet some 28 years ago we had about 12 vendors and 50+ buyers on the circuits and that was without the numbers supporting the Covermart. Both have been combined for some years but support has been steadily declining. In the last two years we have had only three vendors and 10 buyers. We hope to have new



material available on the website after Stampex and by mid October. Please would members have a look regularly to see what is available, and if what you are seeking is not there, please email me your wants in case we can source them.

**Hugh Johnson**

## **FROM THE AUCTION MANAGER**

By the time you read this (depending where you live) our 'Convention Auction' will either have closed on 8th October or be very close to doing so (just time for those last minute bids maybe!) Results will be sent out to all bidders in the usual manner. Any unsold lots will remain available until the end of October at reserve prices. We plan to hold another postal/web auction in Q1 2022. The closing date for consigning material to this sale will be **Friday 17th December** so if you do have some surplus stamps or covers now is the time to look them out.

**Graham Searle FCPS**

## **LONDON GROUP**

The offices of the Royal Philatelic Society, 15 Abchurch Lane, London EC4N 7BW, have now re-opened and we are in discussion with them to establish what conditions may apply for us to re-commence London Group meetings there in the near future, hopefully as early as November and December. At this time, we do not have any firm dates fixed for our meetings but these will be notified to regular attendees and posted on the Society website as soon as we can confirm them.

**Colin Banfield FCPS**

## **SCOTLAND AND NORTH OF ENGLAND GROUP**

The next meeting of the Scotland and North of England Group will be held on **Saturday 23rd October, commencing at 2pm**. As George Henshilwood will be away from home that day, we will once again be meeting over *Zoom*. All members (and their guests) are welcome to attend, please bring along a few sheets to display digitally or any items you need help with identifying. Please contact the Editor for any further details or if you would like to receive the *Zoom* link. Confirmation of the arrangements will be circulated by e mail nearer the time.

Our tentative plans for 2022 are to hold three meetings, at least one of which will be *Zoom* only.

**Graham Searle FCPS**

## FROM CONVENTION 2021

Our 2021 AGM approved the following changes to the Officers of the Society:-

- Brian Stalker steps down as President having served for the last two years
- He is replaced as President by Mrs Karen Searle
- John Watson becomes Senior Vice President
- Peter Edwards replaces Mike Slamo as Librarian
- All other incumbents remain in position.

Outgoing President, Brian Stalker, repeated his request for more members to make themselves available to fill key positions in the Society as we have become too dependent on a few willing office holders in recent years.

The AGM also noted the award of Fellowship to two new CPSGB Fellows; John Wright and Karen Searle; the first additions to the roll of Fellows since 2017. The picture below shows Karen receiving her Fellowship medal and certificate. We hope to show a picture of John Wright receiving his medal and certificate in the next issue of Maple Leaves.

The AGM was also informed of the decision of the Committee to award Honorary Life Membership of the Society to Graham Searle.

A full list of the Palmares from the Convention competition will be included in the January 2022 issue of Maple Leaves along with other Palmares in the second half of 2021.

*At right: your new President  
and newly elected Fellow;  
Karen Searle.*



*Editor's Note:- whilst not strictly speaking anything to do with BNA, this little tale provides an interesting insight into the world of T.P.O's and the perils involved.*

## **AND FINALLY ..... THE TIME ANDREW NEARLY SET FIRE TO THE DEUTSCHE BUNDESBAHN**

**Andrew Lothian**

It was a dark and stormy night. It wasn't but I always wanted to start an article with that statement. But the snow did lie deep and crisp and even, it was cold, and it was night. We were in Hannover Hauptbahnhof getting ready to board the T.P.O. at approximately 10 p.m. in December of the bitterly cold winter of 1962/63.

The "we" were Members of the Corps of Royal Engineers part of the B.A.O.R. (British Army of the Rhine). The Army postal duties were performed by the Royal Engineers, stationed mainly in Rheindahlen, for this train. I was not a member of the postal section but was "volunteered" by my unit as it was known I collected stamps, and a few extra staff were required to handle the Christmas mail. The normal crew comprised three soldiers and a senior person, a sergeant or an officer. This duty was to distribute mail between units in Germany. It had all been pre-sorted into post bags and all we had to do was sort the bags to be dropped off at the stations as we went north from Moenchengladbach to Hannover overnight. Local troops brought and collected mail bags to each station. Stay in Hannover during the day and return south the next night; again collecting and leaving mail.

We travelled in a T.P.O., a wooden van, complete with "Doo Cots" which are not used now. The T.P.O. was attached to a passenger train of the German Railways. There was no leeway as far as we were concerned from the German railway people. The train left when they wanted. In fact, we had to load everything first then offload what was going off. There was more than one occasion when we had such a large amount, both loading and unloading that we were chucking bags onto the platform whilst we were leaving the station. Fortunately, we got them all on to the platform and none landed down at track level.

It was an old van with no "train heating". This meant it could not be connected to the passenger coach heating system. It did, however, have an old fashioned "pot-bellied stove" which we lit when we could get something to burn. Going north was always difficult as we were on a busy track in the station with a lot of people around on the platform. Also, for some reason we did not have a lot of time to spare as we had a major sort to perform, as well as arriving at the station without too much leeway.

Going south, from Hannover to Moenchengladbach was very different. We were picked up early and arrived at the station long before the train departed. By this time, we had discovered piles of fuel lying about the marshalling yard. We collected three types using mail bags to carry the booty. First was the soft brown coal, then ordinary coal as we know it and lastly some coke.

So, off we went, sorted our bags of mail, and had the ones being deposited at our first stop, Minden, ready to go. This was a fairly long stop as they changed the loco at the head of our train.

I knew from previous nights that a big steam loco, a least a Pacific class 4-6-2, sometimes something bigger, would be sitting across the tracks from where we were waiting.

The bold Andrew grabs the shovel, some U.K. cigarettes, and runs across the tracks and shouts up to the crew on the footplate asking for some hot coals for our stove. Upon receipt of same, the cigarettes were passed up, and back to the carriage I scampered, **VERY** carefully. The coals were inserted in the stove and we topped it up with our booty. Soft brown on top, then “ordinary” black coal and then some coke. In no time we had a good heat coming from the stove, much needed as outside it was well down into minus double digits centigrade. (Probably minus double digits in fahrenheit as well).

Three things to note here. Firstly, we checked very carefully that it was clear to cross the track. Secondly, we never ever discovered the fascination the Germans had for British cigarettes. And thirdly, the language used to get the coals was made up of 1% German, 2% English and the rest using sign and mime.

After a couple of visits the loco crew were ready for us and it was just a matter of moments to get our stove going.

Having set the scene we now come to the particular night I nearly set a train on fire on the Deutsche Bundesbahn. Unfortunately for my story it was not a dark and stormy night, but a very clear night which gave way to very low temperatures. All the more reason to stoke up the fire in Minden. You will remember we changed locos here, and this night here was a delay. No idea what caused the delay, but good squaddies did what they always did in such circumstances, we “got our heads down”. Also “getting down” was the driver’s foot as he put the pedal to the metal, or however he made the train go faster, to make up lost time.

It was now early a.m. and as we slept, the fire was going well. The flue pipe for the fire was a straight tube up through a metal plate in the roof and ending just above the roof line. So, there we were sleeping away with an alarm set for arrival at our next stop. The train going as fast as it can, with the fast-flowing atmosphere passing the top of the flue acting as a venturi, the fire was going well. Heating up the van, the stove and the flue pipe. All the way up to the roof. The stove and pipe were glowing red hot. I think only the extremely low air temperature saved the roof from catching fire, plus we were awake by this time. So, we opened the grate and started shovelling out the hot coals. The van door was opened, it opened inwards, and chucked the burning coals out into the

snow, which was at least three feet deep. Once we had got most of it out of the grate, the stove soon cooled down, as did the flue pipe.

We never said a word about it and no one else did, and there it remained. The Time Andrew Nearly Set Fire To The Deutsche Bundesbahn.

## ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2021

### CONSOLIDATED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT TO YEAR ENDED 30 June 2021

INCOME		£
	Subscriptions and Donations	3876.95
	Maple Leaves Advertising Revenue	2745.64
	Bank Interest	605.72
	Peter Payne Estate	4.40
	Exchange Packet	246.62
	Convention Auction Surplus	819.18
	Internet Auction Surplus	270.58
	Credit Memo	0.75
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b><u>8569.84</u></b>

EXPENDITURE		
	Maple Leaves Printing and Distribution	5024.13
	Administration Expenses	174.16
	ABPS fee	142.50
	Insurance	418.89
	Website running costs	238.80
	Miscellaneous (new Long Service Badges)	261.00
	Overall surplus for year	2310.36
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b><u>8569.84</u></b>

Notes:- Canadian funds have been converted to sterling at C\$1.70= £1



**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET FOR  
YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2021**

		£	£
<b>ASSETS</b>			
	Cash balances:RBS Accounts	7894.70	
	Meridian Bank	4939.86	
	Sub-total cash		12834.56
	Investments at cost:		
	** Janus Henderson Unit Trust	3000.00	
	Interest bearing Canadian bank bond	34384.75	
	Sub-total investments at cost		37384.75
	* Library books as valued		4772.70
	* Trophies as valued		3339.83
	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>58331.84</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
	General fund balance at 30/6/20	11502.10	
	Sterling surplus 2020/21	-607.40	
	General fund balance at 30/6/21	10894.70	10894.70
	Canadian General fund balance at 1/7/20	36840.27	
	Exchange rate gain over 2020/21	-433.42	
	Canadian \$ surplus 2020/21	2917.76	
	Canadian General fund balance at as 30/6/21	39324.61	39324.61
	Library fund		4772.70
	Trophy Fund		3339.83
	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>58331.84</b>

**Notes:**

For 2020/21, Canadian funds have been converted to Sterling at the rate of C\$1.70 = £1, whilst in 2019/20 Canadian funds were converted to Sterling at the rate of C\$1.68=£1. This difference gives rise to an exchange rate loss (expressed in Sterling) at 30/6/21

\*These are disposal values. Insurance (Replacement) values are £9,000 and £23,720 respectively.

\*\*These had a market value of £5,942.34 on 30/6/2021

Hon. Treasurer

*[Signature]*  
27 August 2021

Hon. Examiner

*[Signature]* C.A.  
23 August 2021.

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2476 HASLEWOOD, Robert

**Revised Total:- 249**

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

#### 2021 (Note all events are subject to confirmation and prevailing COVID restrictions)

Sept 29 - Oct 2 Autumn Stampex, BDC Islington, London

Oct 23 Scottish Regional Meeting; Glasgow

Nov 9 - 13 IPEX, Cape Town, South Africa

#### 2022 Provisional Programme

Feb 19 - 26 LONDON 2022 (postponed from May 2020)

June 9 - 12 CAPEX 2022 Toronto

June 11 SWINPEX 2022, Swindon

Sept 2 - 4 BNAPEX, Calgary, Alberta

**Sept 28 - Oct 2 CPSGB 75th Anniversary Convention - Dundee**

Sept 28 - Oct 1 Autumn Stampex - BDC Islington, London

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