

BNA TOPICS

Published monthly by and for members of the British North America Philatelic Society.

DISPLAY AD RATES (EXCEPT COVERS)

	1 Insertion	6 Insertions
Full page	\$6.50	\$5.00
½ Page	3.50	2.75
¼ Page	1.75	1.50

Payable in advance. Send copy to the editor before 15th of month for following month's publication.

TEMPORARY OFFICERS

Pres.: W. R. Hoffmann, 77-18 95 Ave., Ozone Park, N. Y.
Treas.: W. C. Peterman, 80 Cranberry St., Brooklyn 2, N. Y.
Secretary: Jack Levine, 510 Liberty Ave., Brooklyn 7, N. Y.
Editor: H. R. Meyers, 101 W. 60th St., New York 23, N. Y.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

After considerable correspondence with Roy W. Trickey concerning his article on Newfoundland Postal Stationery in the September issue of "Topics," he has agreed that the changes noted at the end of this letter should be made in his listing.

The need for the correspondence arose when in going through my collection of used postal stationery, I discovered a copy of PC 15 postmarked at Hant's Harbor on June 17, 1913. This was in contradiction to Mr. Trickey's article which listed the year of issue as 1915. It also seemed strange that PC 13 should have been issued before PC15, and that when a new printing was needed, namely PC16, the postal authorities should go back to PC 13 for their design and completely bypass the more recent PC 15.

A check through the available reference material brought to light an article which in conjunction with the used dated copy of PC15 in my collection has convinced Mr. Trickey that the order of issuance of the two cards in question, PC 13 and PC 15, should be changed.

As a necessary corollary we should change the date of issue of LC 1, the letter card, from 1914 to 1912. Harry E. Huber in his "Notes on Newfoundland, 1879-1931," cites a report for 1910-1911, written by the Postmaster General under date of March 9, 1912: "There is now in course of preparation a post card for local use which has the advantage of being sealed, and it enables the addressee to reply without having to provide paper, envelope or postage stamp." Huber lists this reply card as having been issued in 1912 and in view of the report of the Postmaster General it is reasonable to assume that he is correct, though a copy used during 1912 would definitely settle the problem as to the year of issue. Boggs also lists the letter card as having been issued in 1912. Does any member have a used letter card of that year so that the year of issue may positively be determined?

Now to get back to PC 15, Huber goes on to say, and I quote "In May 1913, a new 1c card appeared, green or cream, measuring 122 x 79 mm., with the head of King George V in an oval, facing the left. Surmounting the oval is a crown with conventional ornaments on either side. Tablets in the lower corners contain figure of value. The design of the stamp is the same as for the 2c letter card issued in the previous year.

Using the above as our authority, further confirmed by the used post card, it seems definite that we should make the following changes in Mr. Trickey's list.

- PC 13 — Change to PC 15
- PC 15 — Change to PC 13, issued in 1913
- PC 16 — Change to — design same as PC 15
- PC 17 — Change to — design same as PC 15
- LC 1 — Change to — issued in 1912

I trust that this letter will serve to correct any doubts that may have arisen.