

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Attention Mr. Pollock

Dear Sir:

Re: Registration stamp used at Six Roads, N. B.

This office is still open and handling mail. It is in Gloucester County, near St. John. This stamp is not in use there now and the former Postmistress, who was there for the past 30 years, doesn't recall using it. I would like to know the date of Mr. Pollock's copy.

Other offices have used it and some still do. I enclose one from Sheila, N. B., dated Fe. 9, 48. I don't believe this was a homemade stamp as others I've seen are exactly like it; they may have had fairly wide distribution, doubtless from Ottawa.

My explanation of "Why this stamp" is that in the old days registered mail was given a number at the office of mailing. Apparently other offices through which it passed stroked out the last number and added their own. The Six Roads stamp gives space for three such subsequent numbers, thus making it easier to check than having the numbers all over the cover as you see some these days.

Perhaps someone else has the information about their general distribution throughout Canada. They may not have been issued for very long and therefore not all the offices received them. They would have been withdrawn with the introduction of the present system of handling registered mail. Now the office of mailing affixes its number to the registered cover and this original number is carried through on all records till delivered.

E. G. LLOYD  
Schomberg, Ont.

Dear Sir:

...I enclose a recent cover showing this same postmark for another district Post Office in New Brunswick (Sheila, N. B.).

I also have in my possession about six other registered covers of different dates, one in N. S. and one in P. E. I., showing that this registration mark has been in use at different post offices in the Maritimes.

C. W. PICKARD  
Moncton, N. B.

Dear Sir:

I have several similar ones on registered 1st Day covers of "Cartier" commems., postmarked July 1/34/Gaspé/P.Q. This cancellation is also purple.

C. A. ANDERSON  
Saskatoon, Sask.

Dear Sir:

I have three covers handy (others packed away for moving)...a full cut from Ottawa of about 1927; one reading Sherbrooke, Que., 11 Mar 1927; and a third on a 3c stamp with the town name illegible except it seems to end in "P. Q." That would place its use at least up to 1927.

C. B. D. GARRETT  
Cranbrook, B. C.

### Official Provisional Issue?

Dear Sir:

I have posed the question to several advanced collectors of BNA, "Was #109 officially re-issued on July 2, 1931 and also recognized by the Post Office Department as the "current issue" till #167 was issued on July 13, 1931?" That would mean, if such was the case, that #109 was an "official provisional issue" for that number of days. To the best of my memory, the rate was increased on July 2nd with the resultant and accompanying confusion.

I would certainly appreciate any opinions from the members, pro or con, regarding the status of #109 as an "Official Provisional Issue."

E. C. B.  
Toronto, Ont.

### Check List—Nfld. Plt. Blocks

Dear Sir:

You have no idea the difficulty I encounter in trying to complete required blocks to show all positions appearing in a sheet. I have access to no one who would be in the position to give me the correct information and such a check list (pertaining to plate numbers, imprints, other marginal markings, center-lines, etc.) would be very helpful and would be a thing of permanence. I'm certain such a check-list would be

heartily appreciated by many B. N. A. collectors.

C. K. DIEKMAN  
Cincinnati, Ohio

### P. O. Paying Postage

Dear Sir:

Why is the Post Office Department paying postage on their letters from Ottawa? When did they start and what classes of mail do they pay on?

I recently received a letter from the Philatelic Agency with a meter stamp used to pay postage. Previously they came registered "Free" and the same privilege was exercised on mail to the U. S.—postage was required to other countries, I thought that the Philatelic Branch only might now be paying postage but I had a letter from another branch of the P. O. and this also carried a 4c metered stamp; previously mail from this branch also came "Free." Printed matter is still coming through free, as usual.

What are the other Government Departments at Ottawa doing with their First Class Mail?

E. G. LLOYD  
Schomberg, Ont.

My recent mail from the Philatelic Branch also carried the metered stamp to pay postage to the U. S.—ED.

### W'marked B. C. Laws

Dear Sir:

Congratulations upon a very interesting Philatelic Journal. BNA TOPICS is rapidly becoming the foremost Journal in this country.

I enclose a print of the watermark on the 1888 issue—promising you an

interesting article for another issue of TOPICS.

DR. JOSEPH A. PEARCE  
Victoria, B. C.

Dr. Pearce, in his letter, reveals some very important discoveries which I cannot disclose at this time except to state that they will be ample reward for your patience. Cuts are required and that made it impossible to include the article in this issue.—ED.

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