

Head for Quebec

Now we're headed for Quebec—to look over the statue of Champlain; a picture of which is reproduced on the beautiful one dollar, royal blue stamp of the series.

And our Variety Hunter did not allow admiration for that striking monument to blind him to the work in hand. Five fine error varieties he has found:

- 1—A strong line runs from top of perforation above first A of Canada, and emerges beneath oval to run through "Champlain" into clouds.
- 2—A line from perforation above passes through border, through C of Canada, passes through "Champlain" at L down through clouds and into hills below cornice of monument.
- 3—Two dashes on top of C of Canada.
- 4—Three faint lines of colour on D of Canada.
- 5—A short diagonal line on body of right figure 1.

There is still one more item in this

series—the twenty cents, red, Special Delivery, with its striking setting in allegory. The Hunter fixed his eye on it—and found a flaw. If you can find it, you're lucky—it will jump in value without a doubt.

- 1—Line across middle leg in N of Canada.
- 2—Line in oval beneath PR of "Express."
- 3—Dot beneath figure 2 in right value panel.

Two added errors have recently been discovered: (1)—a diagonal line cutting through letters "PRES" of "Express"; (2)—a diagonal line crossing "D" of "Canada" into "Y" of "Delivery" below, strong diagonal lines in "D" of "Delivery", and a dot outside border at top right.

The lower values of the George VI issue appeared last year, and the new high values of the series have just been released. But for a while at least the stamps here mentioned will be available. So now is the last chance to discover these flaws, for the issue will shortly be withdrawn from circulation.

Here and There

The Stamp Lover (London, England) has inaugurated a new service to members of the Junior Philatelic Society, whose official organ it is, and to all English speaking philatelists throughout the world—"Index to Current Philatelic Periodicals." It is their aim that the Index should embrace contributions of importance in every current philatelic magazine printed in English. It is expected that this service will be of real service to librarians, students and others. BNA TOPICS will be sent to the publishers so that material from this magazine may appear in the Index in the future.

As a booster for the stamps of BNA there are few magazines published to equal Weekly Philatelic Gossip. The subject is covered regularly, but few recent numbers will top that of the week of March 18, in which there were no less than four articles on Canada. Quite a record for a non-specialist type of magazine!

BNAPSer T. B. Higginson, of Finch, Ont., complains that no interest seems

to be taken in Canadian plate blocks among our members. He says there is not even a space for indicating this specialty on the application forms for new members! In order to stir up a little interest in this material, Mr. Higginson has written an article about them and this will appear in an early issue. We will see what we can do about correcting the application form when our present supply runs out. A good suggestion!

Trail of the Caribou

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foundland Post Office Circular":

4. The circular of June 8, advises that certain officials are in the habit of cancelling postage stamps with colored inks. This practise is to be discontinued as the stamps are spoiled from the collector's point of view. A black ink pad is supplied to remedy this situation. (We know though, that this evil took at least 10 more years to run its course as we saw colored cancellations from St. John's as late as 1948.)