

TO THE EDITOR...

Vancouver Member Passes

Dear Editor: I regret to have to advise you that we have lost a good member.

C. S. Neville (#697) passed away on March 2 in his 64th year. His funeral was held on Friday, March 5, and was attended by many of his business associates and a large number of stamp collecting friends.

Nev (as we called him) was a fine fellow. He was the Booking Agent for Famous Players Theatres in British Columbia, having been associated with that firm for many years.

He has been a Director of the Canadian Philatelic Society, and was a Past President of the B. C. Philatelic Society. Besides his B. N. A. collecting interests he also had a fine collection of Barbados.

B. C. Binks (#74)

On Perfins

Dear Editor: Having read the report of the "Perfin" study group in the last issue of TOPICS, may I come forth with a few comments, relevant to the forerunners of that branch, the initialled Small Queens. As Mr. Woolley states, the "W.J.G." types are the most common, and it might be added that they occur in various settings, such as normal, reversed, inverted, misplaced, slanting, and also in combinations of these varieties.

The "W.J.G." initials are found most frequently on the 1¢ and 3¢ Small Queens, and I believe that they are rare on all other values, including the 2¢. Dr. C. M. Jephcott's collection contains a copy of the 5¢ (the only one I know of), and I have a specimen of the 6¢.

Of the other two types of initials, both Dr. Jephcott and I have "J. H. S." on the 1¢, and I have heard of copies on the 3¢. I have only one example of "I. C. R.", on a 3¢, and no doubt it will be of interest that it

is clearly postmarked Moncton, N. B. May 7, 1894.

Peter J. Hurst (#583)

IRC Perf on Cover

Dear Editor: In answer to Mr. R. J. Woolley, secretary of the "Perfin Study Group", I would like to say that I have a registered cover dated September 30th, 1893, sent by the Intercolonial Railway of Canada. This cover carries a 3 cent Small Queen perforated I.C.R. and a 5 cent green Registration stamp.

The envelope was mailed from Montreal to Pittsburgh and the envelope is a printed Intercolonial Railway of Canada envelope.

W. H. Pollard (#551)

Newfoundland Perfins

Dear Editor: I wish to compliment you on the current issue of TOPICS, which I consider unusually interesting. This is due in part to the noticeable boost given revenues and perfins, both of which interest me very much.

While reading "Trail of the Caribou" I noticed the article on the Perfins of Newfoundland.

I have the following perfins on the stamps of Newfoundland, positions being mentioned and Scott's numbers used:

A N

D

- #116 normal, reversed, inverted, inv.-rev., read down, read down reversed.
- 163 reversed.
- 164 read up, read up reversed, read down reversed.
- 166 normal, reversed.
- 169 read up.
- 185 normal.
- 187 normal, inverted, inverted-reversed.
- 189 normal.
- 193 read down reversed.



AYRE (each letter lower than the preceding one)

#164 read up.

164 read up. (Revenue Precancel),

191 normal.

227 normal.

245 inverted.

247 inverted.

C19 read up.

IHC (International Harvester) in the form of monogram.

#270 normal.

CNR (Montreal Type) (diagonally down)

#257 read up-reversed.

CPR (Diagonally up)

#257 read up, read up-reversed, read down.

K G·K (K G·?, G·K?)

#83 normal.

The third, fourth, fifth types I mention were perforated from current stock when Newfoundland became part of Canada. I have mint plate blocks of the CPR perfin, which I obtained in the fall of 1951 from the huge sheets in which these stamps appeared.

I have limited numbers of Newfoundland Perfin duplicates for those who might be interested.

I also noted with great interest the mention of having three covers with the A N D Perfin. If the owner will sell, I will pay a good price, if required, for one cover.

P. D. van Oudenol (#684)

Vice Chairman,

BNAPS Perfins Study Group

Advance Notice Wanted

Dear Editor: At one time Canada gave out advance notices of new first flights due to take place, but the last few years this has not been done. New air mail routes are opening up

almost every month, according to the Monthly Supplement to the Canadian Official Postal Guide, which comes out as a rule after the new route has already started.

This state of affairs is not fair to first flight cover collectors. Also, air mail is a great and important part of Canadian history—why should it go unrecorded? If enough collectors wrote to Ottawa about this, perhaps the powers that be might realize the interest there is in first flights and again start giving out information in the form of advance notices. Members of BNAPS who are interested in first flights are urged to write to Postmaster-General Alcide Côté on the above matter.

D. Amos (#967)

Interesting Item

Dear Editor: An interesting item recently picked up at the Philatelic Agency is shown above—a strip of the 1951 2¢ coil, with paste-up and mashed frame varieties occurring at the same point.

Jack Gordon (#1030)

RESULTS OF VOTING

Results of the recent voting to elect three members to the Board of Governors were as follows: Vincent G. Greene 202, Richard P. Hedley 174, Dr. Alfred Whitehead 169, James N. Sissons 161.

Voting on changes to the Society Constitution, with amendments as outlined in Topics (pages 341-343, November 1953) resulted in all amendments being approved by very large margins.