

Spanish-American and Boer War periods, there were a great number of patriotic covers produced on the American side, and one occasionally finds one of these used in Canada.

Tying in as they do with a most interesting period in Canadian history, and relating to an event and times which had an influence in bringing the Dominion of Canada into being—and because they are so often franked with one of the most interesting and popular of all Canadian postal issues, the 1859's—this particular group of covers will always be popular with Canadian cover fans.

May you each have years of patience, a good cover “nose”, and a fat purse! ★

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catalogues on both sides of the Atlantic, attended several international shows and communicated with hundreds of collectors, all to no avail. Other than the listings, no one has ever seen the invert of Scott No. 130. It is possible that the entire sheet of 25 may be in the possession of a single collector who is keeping his identity a secret, but failing that, we have to doubt that the stamp in question does exist. ★

THUMBNAIL SKETCHES OF

Canadian Prime Ministers

AS SHOWN ON CANADIAN STAMPS

By T. C. BERKELEY (BNAPS 767)

No. 3: Sir John J. C. Abbott

JOHAN J. C. ABBOTT was born at St. Andrews, Lower Canada (now Quebec), in 1821.



He was educated as a lawyer at McGill University in Montreal, and was elected to parliament as a Conservative in 1857.

For many years he was legal counsel for the Canadian Pacific Railway, and upon the death

of Sir John A. MacDonald in 1891, he succeeded him as prime minister, but resigned in the same year for reasons of health.

Having no taste for politics, his parliamentary career was undistinguished and he died in 1893. His tenure as prime minister was the shortest in the history of the Canadian parliament. ★

Wedding Bells

The marriage of Miss Beverley Moore to Corporal Humphrey C. Linton, RCAF (BNAPS 1328) took place on December 8 in the chapel, 2 FW, RCAF, Gros Tenquin, France. ★

Prize Winners

Two BNAPS members are mentioned among prize winners at the 16th annual exhibit and meeting of the Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies held in November. They are: Fred Grumm (No. 1218), first prize for 19th century Mexico Postage; R. C. Oertel (No. 832), second prize for Selected Pages—Canada Specialized. ★

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