



never was issued for this series. However a plate was prepared, as plate proofs exist. These are not listed by Marks and Holmes makes no special mention of them. They are therefore really plate proofs of an ESSAY.

We can report the following:

\$2.00 Essay Plate Proof, india paper mounted on card—orange.

\$2.00—as above—green.

\$2.00—as above but not mounted on card—blue.

We would appreciate hearing of any others.

Ontario Beer Seals. Can anyone in Ontario explain the meaning of the initials, in

red, on the two types, round and square, Beer Seals? These are the Black on Brown Kraft seals of the Ontario Liquor Control Board.

I have the **square** type with the Red initials "C.K. — C.M. — C.R. — C.S. and C.T."

Also have the **round** type with similar initials "C.B. — C.D. — C.E. — C.G. and C.M."

Who will tell us what these initials mean?

Catalogue of Federal Revenue Stamps of Canada. So far 23 BNAPSers have taken advantage of the opportunity to purchase one of these catalogues, in brand new condition, at the originally published price: \$2.25 postpaid. It's the biggest bargain in Canadian revenues today. All funds, less shipping costs, go to provide illustrations for this column, or other Canadian revenue articles in BNA TOPICS.

You may still order this encyclopedia of Canadian Federal revenues from the writer or Wilmer Rockett, chairman of the Revenue Study Group. I would advise early orders as this is probably the last time these fine handbooks will be offered at this price.

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examples known on bond paper. The interesting thing about the two sheets that Henry showed us were that they were printed on India and appeared in very nice shades, the one dark brown and the other green. These sheets when cut up—and they consist of 19 stamps from several different countries; five from Newfoundland and three from Canada, two from Nova Scotia and one from New Brunswick—are offered for sale quite often as "Mandel" die proofs. The two sheets that Henry had with him are the first two ever recorded on India paper.

At a recent auction held in London by H. R. Harmer, two interesting Newfoundland airmail items were offered for sale. The first was the Columbia stamp, Scott C5, from position 1, and it realized £180. The second was a copy of the Do-X with inverted overprint, Scott C12a, a real toughie that was knocked down at £320, just about what the stamp realized when it was sold in the Cromwell sale not too long ago.

In the June issue of "Trail" we discussed the plate numbers to be found on the New-

foundland revenues and we can now report that we have a used pair of the \$1 value showing Plate '2'. We are still interested in the full range to be found on the \$2.50, the \$5.00 and the \$20.00, and any higher values.

The May 22 sale held by Irwin Heiman of New York contained two Newfoundland items that hadn't been seen on the New York auction market in ten years. The sale contained o.g. copies of the 1c and 2c Caribou issue with the machine overprinted MARTINSYDE. It has been proved quite conclusively by Cyril Harmer in his excellent book on Newfoundland Air Mails that these stamps were unofficial and had no connection with the flight, but that they were the work of a newspaperman who had at least five values of the Caribous overprinted, as well as some of the postal stationery. At any rate, whenever these stamps are offered for sale, and there aren't too many in existence, they always command nice prices, and this sale was no exception, as the 1c value with a slight crease sold for \$140 and the 2c value was knocked down at \$205.*