

Category (i) 16; Category (ii) 8; Category (iii) 6; Total 30. None of these is recorded in the proof book of Pritchard and Andrews or from other official sources, and they are nearly all scarce or rare. If I may adopt the Rarity Factor System so ably evolved by Shaw and Whitehead in their well-known handbooks, none would be lower than R.F. 15-20, and quite a few, of which only one or two strikes are known at present, would rank as R.F. 50. If readers have any more of these scarce cancels not recorded to date, it is hoped they will bring them to notice. And I gratefully acknowledge the cooperation of Members mentioned above, who have recently brought to notice some of the rarities described in this article.

**Footnote:** Since this article was drafted, two more cork insertions in the Port Hope duplex have been recorded.

- (a) The earliest was dated 2 Oct. '69, and showed a sort of "portcullis" design, with vertical and horizontal cuts. Another strike of this design a fortnight later clearly suggested that this cork was beginning to disintegrate.
- (b) This was followed in November by the "plain round blob" already recorded.
- (c) The next cork (undated but probably Jany '70) was neatly cut into four segments. This in turn was followed by
- (d) the 8 segment cork in Feby '70 and (e) the flag design which have been recorded above. Illustrations of the two new corks, (a) and (c) are shown below. ★



CORK (a)



CORK (c)

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in the sale that he did not buy and I'll pass that information on as well. An inverted Halifax from the sheet with the misplaced surcharge sold to order for \$230 and a second "de Pinedo" also sold to order for \$500. A third cover but this time franked with the stamp that has the short "7" in 1927 brought the handsome price of \$925 from the floor, about 1½ times full catalog. A "Columbia" cover, one of the few posted at Harbor Grace on Oct. 9, 1930 went at better than full catalog when it was sold to order from \$625 against a valuation of \$550. A complete set of the watermarked airmails, Scott C9-11, sold to order for \$40 while Greg Mozian bought the o.g. vertical pair imperforate between of the \$1, Scott C11a, for \$220. A single of the "Do-X" realized \$33, a block showing the setting of the surcharge went at \$115 and a single on cover realized \$36. Ezra Cole bought the inverted "Do-X", Scott C12a, one of 8 known for \$750.00, a bargain considering that a copy was sold in the Cromwell sale for \$900. The "Balbo", Scott C18, sold for \$17 while a block of four realized \$87.50 and the same stamp on cover sold for \$40. ★

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