

have the circular two part ring type of dater in common use as a date stamp at that period (vide Jarrett No. 244), but hitherto unknown used as duplex. It is, of course, well known that no post office in the Maritime Provinces received any of the early duplex hammers supplied by Berri of London; in fact, the earliest official supplies of such hammers did not commence until 1880 when St. John, N.B. received some from Pritchard and Andrews. This is why I believe these early duplex were made by local postmasters for their own convenience, by fastening together standard type circular daters and barred killers, which were available in stock.

In addition to these interesting cancels, this series of covers also illustrates some rare Railway P.O. cancels, of which I may record the following. Between 14 Oct. and 29 Nov. '71, Miss Amelia Pickard apparently married and changed her name to Mrs. Stockton, and the series of covers continues under the new name up to 1895. Three of these, posted in May and June 1874, the stamps being Small 3c orange-red perf. $11\frac{1}{2} \times 12$, showed a R.P.O. cancel not mentioned in Shaw's comprehensive catalogue, but illustrated in Jarrett (No. 1602). As many readers will not have access to Jarrett, I illustrate it now (see Fig. 5). The spelling of AMERST is peculiar and seems to be an error—it should, of course, be AMHERST.

Another interesting R.P.O. shows E&N.A.R. (European and North American Railway), see Fig. 6, which is found on covers dated Jan. to May 1869 on the Large 3c, and again Dec. 1872, in name of Stockton, on Small 3c rose-red. A third R.P.O. appears to be "ST. JOHN & MONCTON RY. NIGHT" dated 1884, while a fourth is "HALIFAX & AMHERST. M.C. WEST" dated 1889 and 1895.

A few more miscellaneous postmarks are worth recording. A cover, dated 11 May '77, with a 3c orange-red perf. $11\frac{1}{2} \times 12$ shows a "split cork" killer (see Fig. 7), which has not been recorded for St. John, N.B. before. Again, many of the Pickard covers show on the reverse a Halifax receiving mark which is oval and has the letter "H" and date (see Fig. 8) which I have not seen illustrated before.

During the years 1868-72, St. John, N.B. was using four different types of circular date stamps, i.e. (i) a two part ring type large size (see Fig. 1); (ii) similar but smaller (see Figs. 2, 3); (iii) showing "ST

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Your BNAPEX-59 Bulletin

It is really gratifying the manner in which reservations are coming in for BNAPEX-59 at Atlantic City, Sept. 24-27, and it speaks volumes for the wonderful time all of those in attendance at the Alpine Inn had, as to a man their reservations are pouring in and about 30 days before you read this we already have confirmed reservations from the following:

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Chadbourne, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Banfield, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Meyerson, Dr. and Mrs. R. Carr, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Kessler, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Llewellyn, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Culhane, Mr. and Mrs. R. McMurrich, Mr. and Mrs. J. Levine, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. deVolpi, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Sissons, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Peterman, H. E. Weisener, Fred Jarrett, John Silverts, C. K. Liggett, V. G. Greene, W. Bayley, Dr. J. J. Matejka.

We must admit, though, that exhibits aren't coming in as quickly and as promptly as we had hoped, so won't all of those who intend to exhibit please get to work on their collections and get their entry blanks in—and don't forget to plan to be at the Convention because . . .

You'll like it fine in '59

Cairn to Honor Alcock and Brown

Irish Air Lines has announced plans to unveil a memorial June 15 to John Alcock and A. W. Brown, the first men to fly non-stop across the Atlantic. The stone cairn, 15 feet high, will be two miles south of Clifden in Ireland's County Galway, a few hundred yards from the spot where the pioneer aviators landed June 15, 1919, after a 16-hour flight from Newfoundland. ★

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have been used on cover after 1873. Can anyone help us, as somewhere in our records or in the far reaches of our memory we seem to recall that Percy Doane once sold a cover franked with the $6\frac{1}{2}$ d rose, Scott No. 21, struck with the "235", but we remember absolutely nothing about the date of its use, as those things weren't important to us at that time. If any reader knows of the whereabouts of this cover, let us know when it was used. ★