

dots. These also suggest replacements, but made of wood or metal or some more durable material than cork. No. 2 is Jarrett 1181, but not located by him.

(4) **Brackenrig 1878.** A plain HD, possibly the initials of the local postmaster. This small post office is no longer on the list of POs.

(5) **Combermere ONT. 1876.** The white letters DJ on a small circular black cork. Again possibly the initials of the postmaster.

(6) and (7) **Brockville ONT. 1882.** No. 6 illustrates what appears on the stamp; No. 7 shows the same tracing reversed and inverted, i.e. shows what the cork looked like. The local postmaster must have been rather ignorant not to realize that the design on the cork must be cut in reverse! How long did he continue to use this freak?

(8) **Napanee ONT. 1879.** This curious design may be taken as a large D (if viewed vertically) or a hollow rectangle (if viewed horizontally). The two clear strikes on a registered cover are both horizontal. Not recorded by Jarrett.

(9) **Napanee ONT. 1878.** A curious shaped B on a black background; very similar to Jarrett 1001, which, however, Jarrett records as Barrie.

(10) **Normanton 1874.** The letter M in what is possibly a complete circle (the strike on the Day cover is as shown and appears incomplete). Another small post office which has disappeared off the current list.

(11) **Orillia ONT. 1875.** A large white N on a rounded (but not circular) cork. Not recorded by Jarrett. The letter N is another popular "Letter" design, with seven or eight recorded in Jarrett and many more not yet located.

(12) **Fort Garry. MAN. 1872.** A picturesque and rare design with a hollow M between bars and dashes. Not recorded by Jarrett. Any sort of Manitoba cancels as early as 1872 must be rare. The M probably stands for MANITOBA.

(13) **Sharbot Lake ONT. 1887.** Another rare and asymmetrical design showing the initials S.L., with two thick bars on the left and two thin lines on the right. Not recorded by Jarrett.

(14) **Toronto 1880.** Two clear strikes on a registered cover show the letter "T" inside a circle of large dots. It is very unusual to find one of the major towns using a "Letter" cancel. Or is it Jarrett 185?

(15) **Port Carling ONT. 1874.** This cancel was recorded by Jarrett (1052) but differs slightly, due probably to irregularity of strikes. Such minor variations are possible with all these illustrations, due to this cause; or possibly due to replacements of worn out corks by new corks of somewhat similar designs.

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In my earlier article, I mentioned that a high proportion of these letter cancels come from the smaller post offices (thus accounting for their rarity). This observation is further confirmed by the above lists, as at least 18 of the 21 post offices included were small.

All cancel specialists will be grateful to Messrs. Allison, Greene, Kemp, Lukow, and others, and especially to Dr. Day, for adding so much to our knowledge of these intriguing cancels. Are there any other readers of this article who will follow their good example and report new located strikes? ★



New Commemorative Stamp Honors Girl Guides Association

A commemorative stamp will be issued April 20 in celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the Girl Guide movement in Canada.

The design of the new two-color stamp will include a "trefoil" on a blue background flanked by the words "Girl Guides Association" in English and French and the dates "1910-1960" in gold lettering. The trefoil, a three-lobed leaf, is the badge of the association.

The new stamp is the work of Canadian artist Helen Fitzgerald, of Toronto, who designed the "Associated Country Women of the World" stamp issued last year.

The Girl Guides Association was organized in 1909 in Great Britain by Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of the Boy Scouts. Within a year the movement was established in Canada, the first company being formed in St. Catharines, Ont.

Canada now has the third largest Guide population in the world, being exceeded only by Great Britain and the United States. ★

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ence of one of the inverted surcharges listed in Scott and in Gibbons. The stamp in question is the 1920 surcharge 3c on 35c Cabot in inverted condition, Scott 130b and Gibbons 147a. We have written about this stamp on and off for the past 16 years and yet know of no one who has ever seen a copy, as 25 are reputed to exist. None have been offered for auction, nor have any been exhibited at the Internationals of 1947, 1951 and 1956. We say that the stamp does not exist. Do you doubt us? Well—show us a copy! ★