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up to form vertical coils. These can be dated precisely because of the hand stamp on the back of the paste ups which reads "Postage Stamp Branch — May 11, 1915 — P.O.D."

It would seem very possible that the use of these provisional coils, which would naturally be perforated 12 horizontally, proved to be so much more effective in the vending machines than those perforated 8 that they gave rise to the idea of changing the perforation in the regular vertical coils. The time interval between the issuance of the provisional coils in May of 1915 and the theoretical date of issue of the regular vertical coils perf. 12 in late 1915 or early 1916 seems just about right.

Accordingly I am reasonably satisfied that Scott and Boggs are more nearly correct in dating these two stamps than are the others, although it would seem that Boggs' September date is somewhat too early. Even Scott may be incorrect in calling the date 1915 since January of 1916 is a distinct possibility.

It is unfortunate to find such wide variance on such a relatively simple matter among the respected standards of reference in the field of Canadian philately and it raises the question of what might be done

to correct a situation which is by no means restricted to the date of issue of these two stamps. I know that in the field of Canadian Semi-Official Airmails I can point out more than a dozen important differences of fact between the standard references, and in some instances I suspect that all of them are incorrect. In another field that I have studied personally, the Small Queens, the same situation prevails and I imagine that it may well prevail in all fields.

Perhaps this is the time to suggest that a Society such as ours, with its many distinguished specialists in every field of Canadian philately, would be well equipped to institute a group of specialized committees charged with establishing certain basic data in their respective fields and making this information available in a Society Handbook that could be accepted as the standard reference for the material covered.

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