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that this printing was from the first batch.

Verification of the fact that the "Aniline" printing was the first also comes from a presentation sheet of the issue which has one of these stamps upon it. Huber states the blue-green stamp was received in September.

Five values were printed for Whitehead Morris on 1,500 sheets of paper, which were supplied by De La Rue. One can only assume that the same amount (300 sheets of 30,000 stamps) were printed of each value. On 7 June 1911, 1,000 more sheets of paper were supplied by De La Rue, which would allow for the printing of 200 sheets or 20,000 stamps of each value, thus a total of 50,000 stamps of each value were probably printed, which agrees with the number prepared for the 3c and 4c values.

Here again I have noted color differences and perforation variations. All of these values exist in lighter and darker shades and with good and imperfect imperforations. My examinations seem to show that the darker shades were from the second printing of 20,000 each and had the perforations made with what seems to be a dull punch.

The petition is signed by about 700 persons. We cannot too strongly recommend to the Post Office authorities the establishment of post offices, in various parts of the district, where they are much required. We have heard many, very many complaints respecting the distance persons in some of the best settled townships have to travel to reach a post office, and it is well known that a convenient post office is as necessary as a convenient school. If a man is obliged to travel twelve or fifteen miles, which is in the District but too frequently the case, for his newspaper, it is not worthwhile taking one.

In the spring of 1851 the Barrie Magnet was running sketches of villages in Simcoe, by then a county. Of Bond Head, it said on March 26:

There has been a post office established for the last seventeen years (actually 14 years)—the mail arrives from Holland Landing and Bradford every Monday and Thursday at nine o'clock, and returns on the same evening from Mono Mills with letters, etc., from the different post offices on that route west.

There were two post offices on the route



Figure 3

between Bond Head and Mono Mills—Tecumseth, just east of the later Beeton, and Adjala, south of the later Keenansville.

On March 19 a review of the Township of Medonte had informed its readers:

There are two offices, one near Coldwater and the other on the Penetanguishene Road. At the latter office the mail arrives three times a week from Toronto, where the Barrie and Penetanguishene stages pass up one day, down the other.

The post office mentioned near Coldwater village was also called Coldwater, but kept by Edmund Moon at that time at the future Moonstone, a few miles west. The post office on the Penetanguishene Road was Flos, north of the future Craighurst.

April 2, 1851, the Magnet featured Newton Robinson, between Bond Head and Cookstown.

We have as yet no post office, but as the Department will soon come under provincial control, we hope shortly to have this remedied.

Later that month Canada took over its Post Office Department from Great Britain,

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