

- *R47 — 25c Green
 - a — gutter pair
- *R48 — 50c Blue
- *R49 — \$1 Brown
- *R50 — \$2.50 Mustard
- *R51 — \$5 Green

*All values marked with asterisk were currently on hand at the office in St. John's, Newfoundland, at the time of BNAPEX '72.

Apparently the current issue will be the last of the Internal Revenue issues of Newfoundland.

All catalogue numbers used above are based upon Sissons, and reflect, we hope, future changes that will probably be made.

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this may well be possible. Or is there a point where markings achieve stability? Whilst Showguard mounts — over a relatively short period of time — may prevent migration, are all such cellulose acetate materials equally effective and even mandatory, in the dealer's stock book as well as in the collector's album?

Unless such questions are authoritatively settled, the uncomfortable possibility exists that the collector of Canadian tagging may be pursuing what ultimately will prove an evanescent will-of-the-wisp. For the answers one might turn to the paper chemist and techniques of artificial aging developed for testing the "life expectancy" of book papers. As manufactured today these, according to the late William J. Barrow, are likely to survive no more than 50 or 60 years. Will the tagging on our stamps last that long?

Is this not a matter that BNAPS should pursue as a service to its membership, and to philately in general? — *John Alden*

I detect a measure of boredom in the heading you used on my article in your January 1973 issue. I regret to have to say that all is not yet well as, in the article, you have wrongly numbered two of the flag photos I sent in and which I had correctly marked, thus causing me to have to inflict another letter on you!

In the illustrations as published the numbers 4 and 2 should be switched for correct reading.

— *Colin H. Bayley*
Certainly not boredom — at this stage, call it frustration!

We have noted with interest the recent articles on RPOs by Lewis Ludlow. I find this an extremely interesting addition and hope it can be expanded to more space so that some attempt can be made to cover the subject within a life span which will not happen at the present allotted space.

This addition is the best feature that has been added to *Topics* in my six years of BNAPS membership.

— *G. F. Smalley*
We're now devoting about three pages a month to Ludlow's RPO column, in an attempt to see the end of the project before this century runs out. In a few months we'll review the rate of usage and perhaps make an adjustment. — the editor.

I was interested in the fact that Kenneth Rose was unable to obtain any reply to his letters to the Philatelic Department in Ottawa re tagged stamps. Do you know what has happened to the department which was able, a couple of years ago, to reply to letters in a reasonable time? Let me tell you of my problems.

In September I received a note from Ottawa stating that the September stamps, tagged, would come to about \$25 and my account was short of this. I returned the note enclosing my cheque for \$50 and say-

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

ARTICLE IV, Section 2, 3: Three (3) members to the Board of Governors shall be so elected each year for a term of three (3) years.

Nominations may be filed with the Secretary by any Regional Group of the Society or by any five (5) members in good standing in time, at least, for publication in *BNA Topics* for release ninety (90) days before the Annual Meeting. At least one hundred and fifty (150) days before such Annual Meeting, the President shall appoint five (5) members of the Society as a Nominating Committee to prepare and present a slate of officers for the elective offices to be voted. No member shall be nominated unless he shall have first assented to his nomination to his proponent.