

# The Study Group CENTERLINE

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## ON THE FRINGES

Dearborn is now made up of memories — of exhibits, receptions and meetings — but mostly of friends. It was wonderful to see and converse with old friends and meet new ones. It was pleasant to meet the Editors whose newsletters make this column possible. There were 21 study group meetings scheduled — 21. We'll have more at P.E.I. in '87.

Bob Lee's DUPLEX newsletter, as usual, is huge. There are photostats of covers from Maggie Toms and Bill Robinson. John Reynolds raises some questions concerning the Toronto mutilated 13-bar Berri duplex. Was there a connection with Ontario Government mail? David Lacelle contributed a bibliography of articles concerning duplex cancellations from *TOPICS*, *Maple Leaves* and the *Canadian Philatelist*. Bob has completed his initial listing of all duplexes — over 5500. The newsletter concludes with two interesting and well illustrated articles, *The Port Hope/C.W. Modified Berri Duplex Postmark*, by Jim Karr, and *Unofficial Duplex Cancellations of Canada-Newmarket, Ontario*, by Bob Lee.

Thirteen years of existence and never a

missed publication date is the record of the **Military** group. This is quite a feat. The latest newsletter notes that Fort Churchill on Hudson Bay had both a Canadian and a U.S. military post office — with the same number. Part II of Colin Campbell's article, *1st Canadian Expeditionary Force — Ships in Convoy - 1914* is featured. Illustrations and details of each ship are included. The newsletter also has an interesting article on the Canadian Casualty Assembly Centre of WWI. A membership list is also presented.

The **Newfie** newsletter reviews Scott's Specialized Catalog of Canadian Stamps for 1987, with the comment that the Newfoundland section of the catalog could stand considerable improvement. Clarence Stillions, the Editor, contributes an article on the perforation varieties and part perforation varieties of the long Coronation issue. Palmer Moffat's listing of twentieth century post offices of Newfoundland, with their opening and closing dates, is continued. This issue lists Little Harbour to Parson's Pond. Robert Pratt's *The Nineteenth Century Postal*

*History of Newfoundland*, is available. It is a learned and weighty tome.

Jon Johnson requests information on a cover illustrated in the **PERFIN** newsletter. Mike Dicketts advises perfin collectors to be aware that, in the U.S., perforating machines have been acquired and used to produce suspect perfins. He lists six examples of Canadian perfins whose existence is tainted. Two sets of updates to the *Perfin Handbook* are presented. One is by Conrad Tremblay. The other, apparently, is from membership imput. Jean-Guy Dalpé has provided a check list of stamps having Bell Telephone Co. and Quebec Liquor Commission perfins.

Their newsletter reports a newly found error for the **POSTAL STATIONERY** group to covet. Ten official Victorian envelopes are listed with details. These were prepared for the Nova Scotia Lighthouse Service of the Marine Department. Robert Lemire reports two unusual tagging patterns on 32¢, #8 envelopes. Dick Staecker continues his article *Canadian Pacific — A Revised List of Advice Cards*. A list, with illustrations, of private precancels on Canadian postal cards has been assembled by John Grace, Bruce McCallum and Bill Walton. The newsletter concludes with a listing of Certified mail envelopes. The author isn't noted, but I suspect it is Robert Lemire.

I've received two newsletters from the **RPO** group since my last column. Letters are noted from Tom Southey, Dr. A.D. Campbell, Jim Lehr and Jerry Carr. Allan Steinhart has submitted illustrations of 1927 promotional literature from the Dominion Atlantic R.R. (and S.S.). Palmer Moffat is responsible for photostats of the 1903 Newfoundland P.M.G. report which details steamer and railway mail service. Peter McCarthy writes a philatelic column for the *Sherbrooke Record*. A recent column of Peter's Railway Post Offices has been reproduced in the newsletter. Lionel Gillam has sent in some data on 1951 Newfoundland runs, and also some corrections to abbreviation interpretations. Finally, Jack Wallace has described the history of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway and the runs thereon. The second newsletter discusses the Dearborn meeting, which was a success. The RPOers are in the black, and they returned (railroaded?) Lew Ludlow and Bill Robinson to office. (I believe they have a lifetime pass on the railroad.) Letters were reported from Lionel Gillam, Jim Lehr, Warren Bosch, Ed Maloney, Peter McCarthy, Jim

Miller, Jim Karr and Dave Mayerovitch. Mike Street sent in a cutting from the Aug. 9, 1986 *Toronto Star* decrying the closing of the Thorold Marine Post Office. It was the last Marine Post Office serving sailors on the Great Lakes. There are illustrations of the Kamloops, B.C. C.P.R. station, and illustrations of covers commemorating the 50th anniversary of the completion of the C.P.R. across Canada. The newsletter closes with a membership list.

The **RE-ENTRY** group has also provided two newsletters. Hans Reiche has discovered, and illustrates, a new re-entry on the 3¢ brown Admiral. Bill Burden writes about re-entries on the 7¢ Peace Airmail. Ralph Trimble describes, and illustrates, a lovely re-entry on the 3¢ value of the long Coronation series of Newfoundland. Dr. Jim Watt has written a detailed letter explaining that the ½¢ Large Queen re-entry, which Ralph Trimble suspected was position #120, is almost certainly position #72; a very interesting analysis. George Arfken has authored an article on close up photography using extension tubes — again a detailed workmanlike article. The second newsletter again illustrates a new re-entry found by Ralph Trimble. This is a splendid example on the 1¢ value of the Quebec Tercentenary series. Hans Reiche submits both an article on Admiral re-entries, and information and illustrations of the 3¢ brown Admirals with parallel lines. I should guess that Ralph Trimble is responsible for an illustration of a re-entry and plate scratch on the ½¢ Maple Leaf. The bulk of the newsletter consists of an article by John Hillson and correspondence between Ralph Trimble and John Hillson concerning the 5¢ on 6¢ Small Queen variety. Perhaps Boggs should have called it the "most controversial variety of Canadian stamps".

The **REVENUEERS** have an article I found especially informative. This is a condensed explanation of the correct usage of each type of Canadian Revenue stamp.

Reviewing the pleasant memories of Dearborn, I had two thoughts. First; Judging — this has been discussed and rediscussed during the last year or so. What criterion separates a Gold from a lesser award? My answer is **PHILATELIC SIGNIFICANCE**. What do you think? If some of you agree we, unfortunately, have to define 'Philatelic Significance'.

The second thought was on study group meetings. The study group meetings I attended had excellent programs. Fine, except there was