

now be streamlined. The Editorial Board will review all articles published during the year and make a selection of those eligible. This list will then be circulated to all Board members, who will then vote to decide the winner.

### BNAPS FINANCES

BNAPS revenues, expenses and assets have grown in size and complexity, to a point where a permanent finance committee is required. This committee had its first meeting at Virginia Beach. Fred Hollenbeck of Texas has been appointed Assistant to the Treasurer.

### JOHN L. SIVERTS AWARD

The Board approved this new award, to be given annually to the Editor of the best

Study Group Newsletter in the previous calendar year. The award is to be determined by a committee consisting of the President, the Editor of *TOPICS*, the Librarian, the Study Group Co-ordinator, and the *Study Group Centreline* editor. The form of the award is yet to be determined.

### STUDY GROUPS

The Study Group co-ordinator, Jon Johnson, provided a number of guidelines for the operation of BNAPS Study Groups. The Board accepted most of these suggestions. Changes will be implemented at the discretion of the President.

I think you will agree that the 1988 Board of Directors meeting was most fruitful.

## LETTERS

### NEWFOUNDLAND PLATE LAYOUT QUESTION

The article *Newfoundland Plate Numbers* part 2 (*Topics* Nov-Dec 1987, p.26) makes the novel claim that the 1932 Resources series "1¢ to 5¢ values were printed in sheets of 200 subjects containing two panes of 100 stamps." While it seems possible that this was so, no evidence is offered favouring this claim. An attractive plate block of 1¢ gray, plate 6, is featured without caption at the head of the article and it is interesting because:

- a) it is an example of the type 1b comb perforation, perforated from the right side of the sheet, the reverse of the usual direction, and
- b) the width of the selvedge happens to be the same as the spacing of the vertical columns of perforations. I had not previously seen this coincidence of widths resulting in half holes at the left of the selvedge.

To establish John Walsh's interesting hypothesis as fact we would need an example of at least a gutter pair. To refute it an example of selvedge wider than that shown in his diagram would be convincing. Printer's records could be a determining factor.

The evidence that the illustrated block was perforated from the right is plainly discernible from the small difference in perforation spacing immediately to the right of the vertical columns of perf holes. In the example shown the comb did not quite reach far enough to make all the perforation holes equally spaced.

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### FIP EXHIBIT RULE CHANGE

I write in connection with the letter in the May/June issue of *Topics* by Trelle Morrow.

Unfortunately, with the changes in the FIP Rules, in order to qualify for showing at FIP sponsored shows an exhibitor must have received at least a vermeil medal from a national show sponsored by the FIP member body. This, unfortunately, means that exhibiting in BNAPS conventions does not qualify one for exhibiting internationally. Needless to say, I regret this change in the rules as prior to the change the Commissioner could certify an exhibit as being of equivalent quality to a national vermeil but this is no longer possible.

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