

he conducted at Virginia Beach. He details his background and his goals for the study group. Dave divides 'Fancies' into eight sub-interests. He illustrates types of 'Crown Wax Seals', and lists those he has recorded. Also illustrated are a large number of non-verified Day and Smithies 'Initial' cancels with a request for information, known (or suspected) foreign cancels listed in D & S, and finally 35 'Initial' cancels, illustrated in D & S, which Dave feels should be delisted. This is an excellent newsletter. Anyone at all interested in fancy cancels should write to Dave. I'm sure he'd be glad to recruit you, and send you a copy of the newsletter.

Ken Ellison, after a brief holiday, returns to edit the **Military** newsletter. He asks for a volunteer to bring the newsletter index up to date. Alan Brown and Michael Dobbs of the Forces Postal History Society (G.B.) have corresponded; the former contributed photocopies of two covers from the 4th Canadian General Hospital in Salonika. Steven Luciak is interested in obtaining information on P.O.W. Christmas post cards. Several books are mentioned - *Behind Canadian Barbed Wire, From B.C. to Basieux - 102nd Canadian Infantry Battalion and The Canadian Forestry Corps*. There is an interesting excerpt from the *Edmonton Journal* about 'Project Habakkuk' - now sunk in a Jasper Park lake. This was a prototype for a huge artificial ice island to be positioned in mid-Atlantic as a bomber base. *Canadian Troops in the Bahamas in World War II*, by H.G. Gosney and G.J. Raymond, is the main article of the newsletter. Informative and nicely illustrated, it is taken from the *British Caribbean Philatelic Journal* of June 1988.

The vigilant Bob Pratt exposes another error in Linn's *Errors in Stamp Design* series. This is the lead story in C.A. Stillion's **Newfie** Newsletter. The *Newfoundland Specialized Stamp Catalogue*, by John M. Walsh and John G. Butt, is reviewed. A *New York Times* story (2-25-1860), *Female Mail Robbers*, adds an interesting note. The bulk of the newsletter is a proposed survey, by Palmer Moffat, of the 'Boxed' and 'Oval' cancels of Newfoundland. He lists those known to him and will coordinate the responses - a wonderful project.

The **Perfin** people have a new Chairman, Floyd McNey, and a new Editor, Michael Behm. I'm sure Mike Behm will continue the fine work of Jim Catterick. There will be an-

other auction to augment their treasury. A resume and photocopies of the seven CNR perfins and the five CPR perfins are presented. *Perfins in the 1980's-Part III*, by Mike Hargraft, is a continuation of a series. The newsletter concludes with photocopies of plating work, by Conrad Tremblay, of Workman's Compensation Board of B.C. (Vancouver) perfins.

The **Postal Stationery** Editor, Robert Lemire, presents two interesting puzzles in Canadian stationery from Bill Walton. This sort of thing adds interest to a newsletter, and stirs up the members. Steven Whitcombe makes two corrections to his article on Webb P1/P2. There are a few new ERPs from Colin Campbell, Robert Lemire and Bill Walton. Robert Lemire discusses some more puzzles concerning Canadian Letter Cards. George Manley has two articles. Multiple articles are an editor's joy. Both are illustrated; the first is *Dominion Envelope Specimen Markings*, and the second is *More Notes on Precancelled Postcards*. Bill Walton also submits two entries, *Corrections to the 5th Edition of the Webb's Postal Stationery Catalogue*, and an interesting article on an early catalog by J.B. Moens. A page of adlets follows.

The **Railroaders** had a fine meeting at BNAPEX. Dr. John McCrea and Lew Ludlow were featured speakers. This is reviewed in Bill Robinson's latest newsletter. He also describes the activity of the group at PIPEX '88. Malcolm Smith furnishes copies of two cards with U.S. stamps that received Canadian R.P.O. cancels. He also sent in pictures of the interior of a mail car, and a clipping from the *Times* of London concerning Sub-Postmaster's liability for robberies. Jim Lehr has initiated a project on DD-96 and DD-98 and requests information. Three newspaper articles of interest were submitted - one from Ken Ellison on construction of the Midway-Vernon Railway; the second from Don Wilson on the first train to cross Newfoundland to Port aux Basques; and the third, from Dr. A.D. Campbell, on the destruction of the Dundas railway station. The newsletter concludes with a membership list and a financial report.

I received Ralph Trimble's **Re-entry** newsletter after I had completed this column. Rather than leave it for the next I decided, appropriately, to re-enter it in this column! Ralph pictures two lovely misplaced entries on the 1c Quebec Tercentenary and explains them. Jim Watt supplies, with data, his theory of the