

changes have been made. Ken Johnson, Archivist-Philately of the Canadian Postal Archives, will arrange to photograph the proof sheet of Plate IV for Whit. He reprints an interesting article on the Map stamp from the September 1988 issue of *First Days*. This was contributed by Stan Lum. Whit closes with a review of his correspondence.

Ken Ellison, Editor for the **Military** group, presents two newsletters. The first, the Christmas issue, appropriately consists of an illustrated article on R.C.A.F. Christmas cards, by Dave Haines. The second features illustrated articles by Michael Dobbs and Kim Dodwell, *Oldham Guard Detachment - Canadian Infantry Holding Units*; Ritch Toop, *Canadian Army Demonstration Train* and Wilf Whitehouse, *R.C.N. Censor - From H.M.C. Ship Removed*. Also featured is the conclusion of Dave Hanes' article, *Camp Borden Postcards*. Bill Robinson reports on an informal study group meeting at BNAPEX '88. Ritch Toop lists the C.F.P.O.s and M.P.O.s of the Canadian Forces Postal Service.

A beautiful Newfoundland rate cover is the frontispiece of C.A. Stillions' *Newfie Newsletter*. Alan Selby contributes the picture and an article annotating this cover. Palmer Moffat reports responses, to his 'Boxed' and 'Oval' cancel survey, from Douglas Campbell, John Forrest, Brian Noble, C.A. Stillions and Don Wilson. Paul Burega submits a photocopy of a Newfoundland postal stationery cover with printed advertising. It concludes with a list, from Bill Robinson, of Newfoundland Post Offices transferred to Canada on April 1, 1949.

Some collectors can do more with holes than most of us can do with stamps. Evidence of this comes from *The Perforator*. Michael Behm is the Editor for the **Perfin** people. This newsletter emphasizes the careful research in this field. A 'C5' cover illustrates the first page. Mark Fennell discusses with meticulous detail the problem of a U.S. perfin found on a cover from Meota, SK. With the same thoroughness, Jack Benningen has investigated perfins S1, S2, S3 and S4. A cover from Don Fraser inspired this analysis. A financial statement, and the notice of another auction by the group completes the newsletter.

The **Postal Stationery** Editor, Robert Lemire, continues his fine work in this newsletter with a list of ERPs for special order envelopes. The Postal Stationery section of

the Walsh and Butt *Newfoundland Specialized Stamp Catalogue* is reviewed - not too favorably. A discussion of smaller format postal cards, with a list, is included. A Canadian Express Co. card, from Bill Grosnick, that is larger than normal is likewise considered. Bill Walton continues his reviews of older publications with one on Howes, *Canada - Its Postage Stamps and Postal Stationery*. The newsletter concludes with illustrations of C.P.R. Pictorial Post Cards.

Bill Robinson, of **Railroader** fame, again has two newsletters. The first emphasizes Newfoundland. A press release, occasioned by a talk he gave to the St. Johns' Philatelic Society, recognised our Lew Ludlow as "One of North America's leading philatelic experts". We knew all the time. Don Wilson contributes several items; Government House report of Canada's taking over the Newfoundland Railway (April 1, 1949), the Privy Council announcement of Canada's relinquishing the railway (Sept. 29, 1988) and a newspaper clipping about the last passenger train (Sept. 30, 1988). He also concludes his article, *Vessels in Newfoundland Gulf and Coastal Service, A Chronological List, 1898 to 1987*. Ed Maloney concludes his article, *Schedule of Mail Trains, Water Services and Highway Services*. Brian Stalker presents an interesting graph, *Inventory and Period of Newfoundland Railway Main-Line Postmarks (Pre-Confederation)*. The second newsletter opens with a picture of Train No. 738 at Field, B.C., 1900. Malcolm Smith sent in a postcard, appropriately cancelled with O-383, showing G.T.R. Train No. 68 at North Bay. Bob Miess contributes a *Montreal Gazette* clipping (Dec. 15, 1988) concerning the federal Government's order to the C.N.R. to keep the Chambly to Granby line open. A copy of the Deputy Postmaster General's directive establishing the Railway Mail Service Branch (Feb. 22, 1897) was from Bill Pawluk. An illustrated article, by Malcolm Smith, *The Muskoka Lakes Steamer Service* is in this issue. Another illustrated story from Dean Mario concerns the last run from Saskatoon to Calgary. Doug Birchill reviews a book, *A Statutory History of Railways in Canada 1836-1986*, by Robert Dorman and D.E. Stoltz. Alex Price shows a card with a unique clerk stride, and relates the delightful story behind it. An unusual item, shown, is a 'Clergyman's Certificate' issued by the G.W.R. Dave Mayerovitch sent in the photocopy. Horace Harrison has