

message on the first page. There is a report on the Hamilton meeting. A measure of the activity of a group is the input from the members. Klussendorf input was from J. Ross Elliot, Theo Gordon, Wally Gutzman, Dave Hanes, Dan Hunka, Greig Hutton, Jim Karr, Robert Meek, Brian Plain, Bill Robinson and the editor. This consists of new dates, time marks and errors. There is a list of post offices using Klussendorf cancellations. The issue presents a plethora of illustrations and concludes with a financial report.

Whit Bradley, editor of the **Map Group**, has a very newsy newsletter. He comments on the Hamilton meeting. The *Map Handbook* appeared at Hamilton. Whit details the problems, and thanks those who contributed to its publication. Ken Johnson gave Whit some exciting news. Eight sheets of Map proof material, hidden for years, had been transferred from Treasury Operations to the Archives. Whit reproduces the inventory sheet, and promises more later. He, from his research, expects to prove that plate V is not a re-entered plate IV. He also lists some percentages of Map stamps from each plate. Some philosophical thoughts concerning which end of the earth is up are presented. Jim Felton submits the fifth part of his illustrated series of *Orbs* on Maps. Whit passes on some notes from his correspondence. His doctor has advised him to slow down. Whit, remember Isaac Walton's golden words, "Time spent fishing doesn't count against ones allotted lifespan."

The annual Christmas newsletter of the **Military Group**, editor Ken Ellison, is predominantly illustrations of Christmas cards from service personnel. There is also a pictured cover with a straight line "Camp Hughes" marking. The newsletter concludes with two pictured covers of the *Maple Leaf Club*.

The **Newfie** newsletter, of C. Stillions, discusses the fact that there was no internal special delivery service in Newfoundland. Four covers are pictured. Three indicate a fee could be paid to secure special delivery service in Canada. The fourth, a registered cover, shows a time-indicating handstamp of St. John's East. Paul Burega submitted a photocopy of a Newfoundland registered cover with a revenue stamp used to pay the postage. Pictured in an American Bank Note Co. proof collage of 25 Newfoundland proofs. This is from an article by Barbara R. Mueller in the *Essay-Proof Journal*. An index for 1989 concludes the newsletter.

Postal Stationery Notes is edited by Bob

Lemire. He comments on the growth of the group, and the problems associated with growth. There are pictures, courtesy of Bill Walton, of five different Inland Revenue Weights and Measures Post Bands. Pierre Gauthier submitted a photocopy of a new precancelled regular issue envelope. Mark Fennell, likewise, has sent in photocopies of two unlisted money order cards and a new CNR black view card. Bob concludes with adlets and two short articles. The first lists four reply cards, and asks if anyone has seen them. The other discusses a note from BABNC concerning the 3-ON mimeo rouletted cards.

All the delayed mail isn't the fault of Canada Post and the US mail service. It seems that the RPO newsletter was delayed because Editor Bill Robinson took his wife to South Africa. His newsletter comments on his trip, and then on the Hamilton meeting. He enjoyed both. Whit Bradley has explorer genes. He submitted pictures of the R.R. station at Midway, B.C., and of the Andrew McCulloch plaque there. The station is now a museum, as is the one he located in the Maritimes. The very interesting talk given by Dr. A.D. Campbell at Hamilton is reproduced. Dr. Frank Scheer presents an interesting article from *Transit Postmark (1951)*. It consists of an analysis of the markings (6 RPOs) on a registered cover from Canada to the U.S.A. A full page ad, from a 1916 almanac, for the CPR was sent in by Ken Ellison. Michael Reid requests information on Canadian domestic ship markings not in the catalog. Malcolm Smith sends, with illustrations, examples of a late date for RR-96 and an early date for E-80. Horace Harrison proposes that the GTRE (RG-8) and GTRW (RG-10) markings may be geographical rather than directional.

The **Re-entry** newsletter is, as usual, filled with magnificent pictures by editor Ralph Trimble. Ralph won the Siverts award at Hamilton. This time he illustrates a major re-entry on the 6¢ red-brown Small Queen, two re-entries on the 2¢ war tax revenue from John Gaudio, a re-entry on the 2¢ carmine Admiral and one on the Newfoundland 3¢ brown of 1928. He adds some notes on the 2¢ arch re-entry found on the red and probably on the green. He reveals an interesting method of detecting plate flaws and re-entries on the 1¢ and 3¢ Small Queens. He views them from behind against a strong light. After reviewing Horace Harrison's *Canada's Registry System*, he corrects plating information on several re-entries.