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## George VI Study Group at BNAPEX 2004

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BNAPEX 2004 was held September 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> near Baltimore, Maryland in conjunction with BALPEX 2004 sponsored by the Baltimore Philatelic Society. Three of our George VI Study Group members submitted exhibits to this year's exhibition, Gary Steele (Canadian Covers to Foreign Destinations with Non-Canadian Postage Dues – awarded Vermeil), Doug Lingard (Canadian Philatelic Disaster Covers – awarded Silver) and C.A. Stillions (Newfoundland's Last Definitive – also awarded Silver). C.A. was also a member of the organizing committee for BALPEX 2004.

Some ten of the twenty-three BNA exhibits featured material from the King George VI period notably Vic Wilson's "Canada Special Delivery Rate 1898-1992", Jon Johnson's "Canadian Military Hospitals at Sea" and John Cooper's "Canadian Booklets Under Four Reigns".

Ten members attended a meeting of the BNAPS King George VI Study Group convened under the chairmanship of Mike Street on Sunday afternoon of the 5<sup>th</sup>. Your Editor was able to report that there are now twenty-five members in our Study Group and that three issues of the King George VI Post & Mail had been published during the Study Group's first year.

### Cover Story Revisited by Gary Steele

John Burnett posed a number of questions in Issue 3's Cover Story "Mufti's Mailed in Chicago". First the circular markings, John is quite right that these are official markings to indicate invalid use of stamps. George Arfken notes on page 52 of his book "Canada and the Universal Postal Union" that Section VIII, Paragraph 3. of the "Regulations of Detail and Order" accompanying the 1878 Convention of Paris states "In case use be made of postage stamps not valid for prepayment, no account is taken of them. This circumstance is indicated by the cipher (0), placed at the side of the postage stamps."

This marking could have been used for any stamps that lacked validity by any of the UPU countries hence, as can be seen on John's cover, the "zero" below the Canadian stamps used in the United States.

*See COVER STORY on Page 12*

### ► Chairman's Notes - by Gary Steele

Here we are with Issue 4 of the Post & Mail. So what do members think of it? Some good comments have been received giving us confidence in what we are doing. Do not hesitate to write by mail, call, e-mail or send a video if you like to let us know if what you see is what you are looking for.

Sure we all want to have our socks knocked off with unseen and unheard of items, or the very hard to get high values on cover and/or to very unusual destinations that you have to look up in a book just to find out where it was sent from. But, sometimes it is a domestic item with multiple stamps attached or scarce unknown usage and rate that really turns heads. Try getting a 5 cent precancelled stamp on cover or wrapper, if you have one send it to us. How about high value plate blocks on piece or cracked plates on cover?

One thing that I was looking for from this study group was what were the unknown things. I hope to have a small cover shown with a strange rate as seen on a specially printed page by the post office, but was it the proper usage and rate? In all likelihood, not, but your comments on it will be welcome. John Burnett confirms this thought with the following comment: "Do you have something that you don't understand, a rate a shade or something else, why not ask the question of the membership through your study group."

Just ask a question, send a jpeg scan and we will see where it all leads. As time moves down after several issues we can dig deeper into a particular area or take a population study of what is out there. Enjoy.

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**► EFO's & Varieties**

The stamps in the left hand column on this sheet were perforated a full 3 mm wider than normal width creating in the process a very dramatic visual effect indeed.

Your Editor would be interested to learn of other examples of mis-perforated stamps Study Group Members might have in their collections.

**► Editor's Desk**

This current issue of the Post & Mail features the second in John Burnett's series of articles on postage rates during the 1937-42 Mufti period. John covered first class mail to domestic destinations in Issue 2. John's second article looks at postage rates for Canadian mail destined for the United States and its Territories. Readers will be pleased to know that John has already drafted the next article in his series covering international mail to the Americas, Newfoundland and the West Indies.

Issue 4 sees the first instalment of "**TOPICS Revisited**" in which your Editor hopes to list various articles and notes relating to the stamps and their usage during the KGVI period that have appeared in TOPICS over the years. There are some interesting gems in TOPICS of years gone by. For the Newfoundland collectors among us, who has seen a cover with the DEER LAKE . . . FWD cancel which apparently was used on mail delivered to out ports by "horse and team" during winter months? (see TOPICS Whole No. 41). Hopefully Study Group members will find the series of interest and more importantly, maybe send in a short story that might have found its inspiration in something you have read in **TOPICS Revisited**.

Following suggestions from a number of Members, Issue 4 sees the introduction of a Member Wants section. Hopefully Members will find this service useful and take the time to contact the Members who are looking for material. The service is provided free of charge to Members, so write in with your requirements.

**Important Note:** Your Editor is learning as he goes and would like to mention to Members that he has found through experience that scans or photocopies of covers is best done against a black background. Members are asked to leave a generous margin of black around the object (say 10 mm or more) as this allows your Editor plenty of flexibility to adjust the borders around the object. So please disregard previous request for a white background and thank you for your forbearance and assistance.

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## Postal History during the King George VI 1937 - 42 “Mufti” Era Part II - Postage Rates to the United States & Territories

*By John Burnett*

This Part II article on postal history during the King George VI Mufti Era focuses on postage rates for Canadian mail destined to the United States and its Territories. Readers will recall that the United States consisted of the “Lower 48” States during the reign of King George VI. Alaska and Hawaii became the 49th and 50th States respectively in 1959. Other U.S. possessions at the time included the US Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Philippine Islands, Guam, American Samoa (Tutuila, Manu’a Islands) and the Panama Canal zone.

A summary of applicable rates for mail delivery for the Mufti period to the U.S. is illustrated below. Rates for surface mail delivery to destinations in the continental United States and its Territories were generally the same as those applicable for destinations in Canada. Overweight airmail letters to continental U.S. destinations however were charged at a slightly higher rate than the corresponding rate for Canadian destinations.

Also during the period 1936 - 46, a special rate schedule applied for international airmail letters sent via the U.S. Clipper Service (operated by Pan American Airways) from San Francisco to destinations in the Pacific and Far East. I have organized my U.S. collection to include its Territories and as a result, I have included examples of airmail letters to Hawaii and the Philippine Islands in this article. In future articles, I will discuss in more depth various rates to international destinations and the effect WWII had on the mail system.

### Canadian Postage Rates and Fees for Mail to the United States & Territories (1937 - 42)

<u>Category</u>	<u>Rates</u>	<u>Effective Periods</u>
Letters (First Class)	3¢ first oz., 2¢ per additional oz.	Effective July 1, 1931 through the entire Mufti period
Post Cards	2¢ each	Effective April 15, 1915 through the entire Mufti period
Air Mail	6¢ first oz., 6¢ per additional oz.	Effective July 1, 1934 through the entire Mufti period
Third Class Matter	1¢ per each 2 oz.	Effective October 1903 through the entire Mufti period
<u>Additional Services</u>		
Registration	10¢ for \$25 indemnity (only)	Effective August 1, 1924 through the entire Mufti period
Special Delivery	20¢ per item; 10¢ per item	Effective August 24, 1924 until February 28, 1939; then, from March 1, 1939 through to the end of the Mufti period
Acknowledgement of Receipt	10¢ at time of mailing (or 20¢ after mailing);	Effective October 1, 1921 through the entire Mufti period

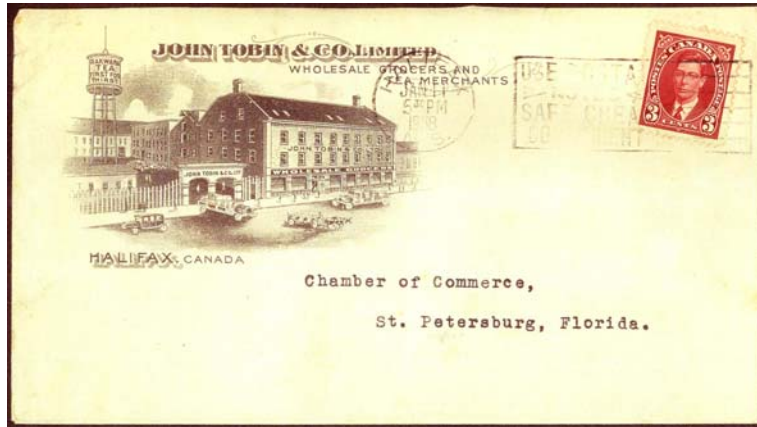
### First Class Mail to the U.S.

The rates for first class surface letters mailed to the United States and its Territories was 3¢ first oz., 2¢ per additional oz. The cover below is an example of a first class letter to the U.S. weighing less than one oz. The envelope bears a nice engraved advertisement from John Tobin & Co. of Halifax and is addressed to St. Petersburg, Florida. As I mentioned in the Part 1 article of this series, I find that nice quality advertising covers from the King George VI period are fairly scarce and I suggest that when you come across one in good shape, you add it to your collection as they really do add value.

## ..... Mufti Era Postage Rates to the U.S. & Territories

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### First Class Letters to the U.S. ...



*Cover mailed on Jan 11, 1938 from Halifax, Nova Scotia for delivery to St. Petersburg, Florida franked at the 3¢ per 1 oz. rate for a Canadian First Class Letter to a continental U.S. destination.*

Letters up to two ounces in weight are sometimes referred to as double rate; up to three ounces, triple rate and so on. The cover below is an interesting example of a letter that was up to two ounces and franked with a single 5¢ Mufti stamp to make up the double rate.

I always like to have what I like to refer to as an “added feature” with each of my exhibit pieces. The special feature about this otherwise rather ordinary looking cover is that it was mailed onboard a coastal steamer and bears a “Paquebot” cancel. Mail that had been posted on the high seas was cancelled at the first available port of call and marked in some way “Paquebot” or “Posted on High Seas”. The cover below had been received via the post office in Victoria, B.C. and dispatched from there.



*Cover mailed from Victoria, British Columbia, for delivery to Alameda, California franked at the 5¢ rate for a First Class Letter of up to 2 ounces from Canada to the continental United States.*

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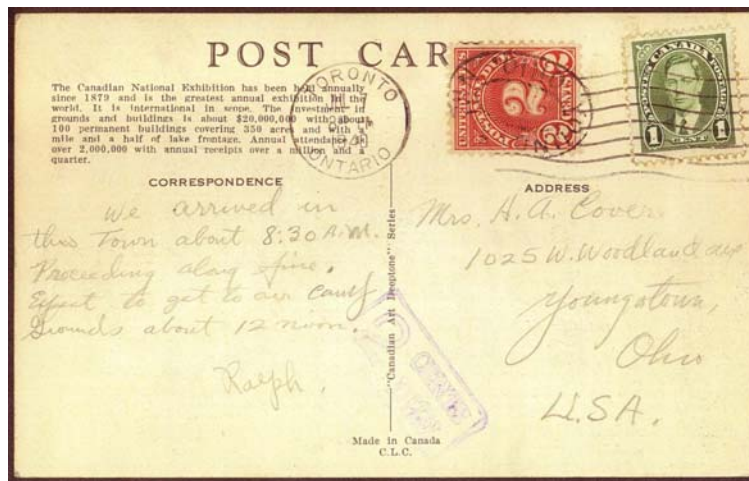
Post Cards

Post cards were charged at a 2¢ rate for all continental U.S. destinations. The postcard below is franked with a 2¢ Mufti stamp. The added feature with this item is that the US Censorship Office censored the postcard. I have a number of post cards that were censored and it has always interested me that an item, which is open for all to read, would have to undergo censorship. Perhaps the reason was, you know, "hide in plain sight".



Post card mailed September 8, 1942 from Banff, Alberta to Portland, Oregon franked at the 2¢ rate for a Canadian Post Card to a continental U.S. destination.

I always watch out for items that are short paid like the post card below. This post card had been mailed with a 1¢ Mufti stamp in Canada but on arrival, the U.S. Postal Service personnel in Youngstown charged the recipient 1¢ for the shortage from the required 2¢ rate and a 1¢ penalty or double the deficiency. A 2 cent U.S. postage due stamp, which has been nicely tied to the card with an oval Youngstown cancel, has paid the postage due. The post card is further enhanced with a "2 CENTS/DUE" hand stamp in purple ink.



Post card mailed July 7, 1940 from Toronto, Ontario to Youngstown, Ohio franked 1¢ short of the required 2¢ for a Canadian Post Card to a U.S. destination.

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### Air Mail Letters

The required postage for air mail letters to United States destinations was 6¢ per ounce during the Mufti period. This was slightly different than the comparable rates for air mail letters to Canadian destinations which called for 6¢ for the first ounce and then 5¢ for each additional ounce. A double rated air mail letter to the U.S. would therefore require 12¢ in postage versus 11¢ to a Canadian destination. This rate difference was one of a very few that were different for mail to the U.S. destinations and so it is not surprising that a sender might affix only eleven cents in postage from time to time to an overweight airmail letter to the U.S. The envelope below is an example this where a double rated airmail letter was recognized on arrival as being shortpaid by U.S. Postal authorities as evidenced by the “**2 CENTS/DUE**” hand stamp in bluish-grey ink.

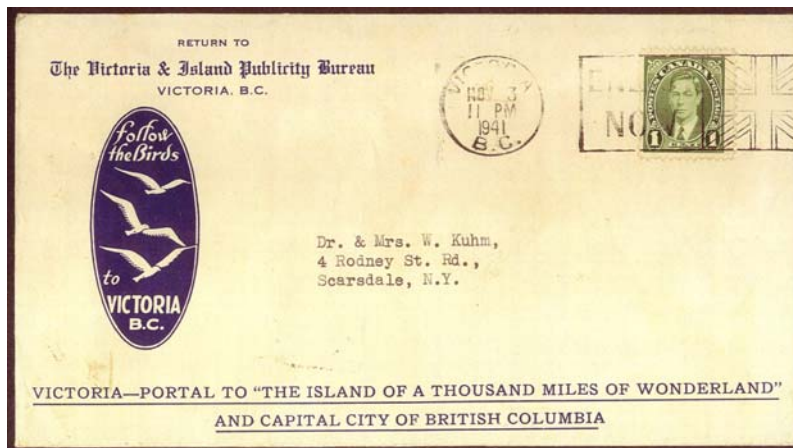


1938 3¢ Postal Stationary Envelope air mailed January 11, 1941 from Mount Lehman, British Columbia to New Ulm, Minnesota further franked with two 1¢ and 3¢ Mufti's but still 1¢ short of the required 12¢ double air mail rate to a U.S. destination.

### Third Class (Printed) Matter

Post Office regulations of the time allowed for, among other things, certain types of preprinted cards as well as Christmas and New Year cards to be mailed at the preferential Third Class Matter rate of 1¢ per 2 ounces. This rate was applicable to either U.S. or Canadian destinations during the Mufti period. To qualify for Third Class (printed) Matter rates, an envelope had to be sent unsealed so that the contents could be inspected. No written message beyond a greeting salutation and an ending signature was allowed. As Christmas cards could qualify for the preferential 1¢ rate, one often finds a lot of card sized envelopes with December dates on them in dealer's boxes. When exhibiting printed matter from the KGVI era, it is suggested showing the cover open to prove that it had not been sealed.

The cover below shows the 1¢ rate on an envelope addressed to Scarsdale, N.Y. The 1¢ Mufti stamp has been “killed” by the patriotic cancel used at a number of post offices across Canada in the early 1940's; the “**ENLIST NOW**” cancel.



Third Class letter mailed November 3, 1941 from Victoria B.C.. To Scarsdale, New York franked with a 1¢ Mufti stamp to pay the printed matter rate from Canada to a U.S. destination.

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### Additional Services

Registration, Special Delivery and Acknowledgement of Receipt services were available for mail delivered to destinations in the United States. The rate structure for these services was the same as for mail sent to Canadian destinations with the exception the Post Office only offered indemnification against loss of \$25.00 per item for the normal 10¢ registration fee.

The neat advertising cover below from my collection was mailed from Vancouver to Spokane, Washington in 1940. The envelope was franked with two 3¢ Mufti's to pay the air mail rate and five 2¢ Mufti's to pay the ten cent registration fee. The letter has been marked "Passed for Export" and initialled by hand in red ink.



Registered air mail letter mailed June 17, 1940 from Vancouver, B.C. Sub No. 3 to Spokane Washington franked with Mufti stamps totaling 16¢ to pay the registered air mail rate to a U.S. destination.

The oversized envelop below was sent special delivery to New York from Montreal. The envelope was franked with a 3¢ Mufti stamp paying the first class surface letter rate and a 1935 20¢ Special Delivery stamp to pay the special delivery fee. The envelope is further enhanced for exhibiting purposes by the addition of a purple hand stamp "SPECIAL DELIVERY/ LIVRAISON SPECIALE" applied by the Post Office and also the purple "Fee Claimed by Office of First Address" hand stamp applied by U.S. postal authorities.



Special Delivery surface mail letter mailed October 20, 1938 from Montreal, Quebec to New York City franked with stamps totaling 23¢ to pay the special delivery fee and first class letter rate to a U.S. destination.

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### Airmail to U.S. Territories in the Pacific

The first U.S. Clipper Service flight departed San Francisco November 22, 1936 landing in Manila via Hawaii, Midway, Wake Isl., Guam seven days later on November 29, 1935. Hostilities forced the suspension of the Clipper Service to the Philippines and other Pacific destinations in December 1941. Covers from the later stages of this service, particularly from Canada, are quite difficult to come by.

The rates for air mail letters sent from Canada via the Clipper Service varied according to distance. Initially the rate to Hawaii was 25¢ per ½ ounce but this was increased to 30¢ on July 27, 1940. The rates for Guam and the Philippines were 50¢ and 75¢ per ½ ounce respectively until service was suspended in late 1941.



*Air mail letter mailed August 29, 1939 Vancouver, British Columbia franked with a 5¢ Mufti and the 20¢ 1938 (Fort Garry) Pictorial to pay the 25¢ per ½ ounce U.S. Clipper Service rate from Canada to Hawaii.*



*Air mail letter mailed December 6, 1937 from Victoria, British Columbia franked with a 5¢ Mufti and seven 10¢ 1935 (Mountie) Pictorials to pay the 75¢ per ½ ounce U.S. Clipper Service rate to the Philippines.*



## ► TOPICS Revisited (Part I - BNAPS TOPICS Vol. 1 to 4)

by *Stephen F. Prest*

For those of us who were able to attend BNAPEX'04 in Baltimore we learned first hand of plans to make back issues of BNA TOPICS accessible to BNAPS Members via the BNAPS Website. Some years ago, I was fortunate enough to be able to secure a complete run of back issues of TOPICS and have enjoyed many a relaxed evening reading the interesting articles and tidbits contained therein, especially items related to the King George VI period. With the imminent arrival of internet access to TOPICS, I thought a compilation of articles and notes related to stamps and postal history of the KGVI period might be helpful for members of our Study Group.

What follows is a listing of articles and notes drawn from Volumes 1 to 4 of TOPICS issued between 1944 to 1947. TOPICS was published just about every month during this period with the result some 43 separate issues were published by the end of 1947 numbered Issue Nos. 1 to 19 then Whole Nos. 20 to 43.

**Issue No. 1** of TOPICS was published in March 1944. For the historians among us, one finds a very nice article by **Walter. R Hoffmann** in Issue No. 1 that describes the history and early organizational activities of our Society. Newer members to BNAPS might be interested to learn that considerable impetus for the formation of BNAPS came from philatelists living in the U.S.A. The first meetings of the Society took place in New York in late 1943. A listing of the first 40 members of the Society appears in Issue No. 1, of which 27 were listed as based in the United States, 12 in Canada and one in Cuba.

### 1937 Mufti Issue

In **Whole No. 40** (Sept 1947), **W. Worth Davis** provided a brief description of the plate numbers and pane layout for the 1937 Mufti stamps.

### 1938 Pictorials & 1939 Special Delivery Issues

In **Issue No. 1** (March 1944), **F. Walter Pollack's** article entitled "*Some Standard Catalogue Corrections*" provided background relating to the 1938 10¢ Memorial Chamber and Special delivery Stamps. In his article he noted that "No.241a, the 10¢ Memorial Chamber, in the carmine rose color is not a shade variety of No. 241, the dark carmine shade. The carmine rose shade was the first to appear, and the color, not doing justice to the design, it was deliberately darkened". In the same article in **Issue No. 1**, Walter wrote how the catalogue listings for No. E7, E8 and E9 are confusing and misleading.

These subjects were picked up again by "**Click**" in his "GRATE SCOTT" series, (**Whole Nos. 26 & 27** (June/July 1946)).

**Whole No. 26** (June 1946) contains a photographic image of the Upper Left (Pl. 1) pane of the 13¢ Halifax Harbor stamp found imperforate. **Rev John S. Bain** reported that the sheet had been cut up for distribution by Mr. Henry Gates of Detroit, Michigan and a number of well known collectors apparently obtained blocks for their collections.

In **Whole No. 40** (Sept 1947), **W. Worth Davis** provided a brief description of the plate numbers and pane layout for the 1938 10¢, 13¢ Pictorials, the 1938 Airmail and the 1939 Special Delivery.

### 1946 Peace Issue

A reprint of Post Office notices concerning the 1946 Peace Issue appeared in **Whole No. 29** (Sept 1946).

**Rev John S. Bain's** column makes reference to some Peace Issue varieties in **Whole No. 32** (Dec 1946) and then the \$1.00 Ferry in his column in **Whole No. 40** (Sept 1947) where an apparent error in design is noted.

### 1947 Alexander Graham Bell & Canadian Citizenship Issues

Post Office Department notes about these issues appeared in **Whole Nos. 34 & 37** (Feb & June 1947) respectively.

### Airmails

In **Issue No. 15** (June 1945), **Nelson Bond** provided some notes on the 1938 and War Issue airmails in his article entitled "*A New Checklist of the Airmail Stamps of Canada*".

### Booklets

In **Issue No. 2** (April 1944), **Walter R. Hoffmann** wrote an extensive article about the production of Canadian Booklets including a description of printing plate arrangements.

**► TOPICS Revisited (Part I - BNAPS TOPICS Vol. 1 to 4) ... continued****Booklets....**

In **Issue No. 4** (July 1944), **H.M. Daggett** provided information he had obtained from the P.O. Department about issue dates for some War Issue Booklets while in **Issue No. 16** (July 1945), he reported that latest lists from the P.O. Department showed that Mufti Issue and certain 1942 War Issue Booklets are no longer available.

In **Issue No. 8** (Nov 1944), **Dan Meyerson** wrote an article on Newfoundland Booklets and Dan wrote further on this subject in an article entitled "*Further Notes on Newfoundland Booklets*" in **Issue No. 12** (March 1945)

In **Issue No. 9** (Dec 1944), **Reg Barraclough** wrote an article on mounting complete booklets. Further articles on this subject were written by **W.R. Hoffmann** in **Issue No. 16** (July 1945) and **Nelson S. Bond** in **Issue No. 18** (Sept. 1945).

In **Issue No. 14** (May 1945), **C. B. D. Garrett** wrote a brief note that appeared in the "DID YOU KNOW" column on the 1943 3¢ red War Issue Booklets.

**"Little Norway" Stamp**

Notes on this stamp were furnished by R. P. Hedley in **Whole No. 39** (August 1947)

**Military Postmarks**

In **Issue No. 9** (Dec 1944), **Major Ian C. Morgan** wrote a three page article on Canadian Military Postmarks. Interestingly, this was the first "Postal History" article to appear in TOPICS and possibly could be considered the forerunner of research that eventually led to the extensive works on Canadian Military Postal History published under the auspices of BNAPS.

Numerous references and articles on Canadian military postal history appear in subsequent issues of TOPICS but as this subject is so well covered in various BNAPS Publications and through the BNAPS Military Mail Study Group newsletter, it is felt inclusion in "**TOPICS Revisited**" is unnecessary.

**Newfoundland**

**Dan Meyerson** mentioned the use of bisected Newfoundland stamps (including the 2¢ Coronation) in **Issue No. 11** (Feb 1945).

Also in **Issue No. 11**, **Arthur B. Moll** wrote an extensive article entitled "*The 5¢ Caribou of Newfoundland*".

In **Issue No. 13** (April 1945), **Dan Meyerson** wrote an article covering the perforation varieties of the Newfoundland Long Coronation set.

In **Issue No. 14** (May 1945), **Dan Meyerson** wrote an article on Newfoundland Metered Mail.

In **Whole No. 25** (May 1946), **William S. Meyerson** wrote an article on the 1946 2¢ (overprinted) on 30¢ Newfoundland Provisional. Further notes on this stamp were provided by **C.K Dikeman** in his letter to the Editor in **Whole No. 27** (July 1946), by **E. H. Hiscock** in **Whole No. 28** (August 1947) and in **Rev John S. Bain's** column in **Whole No 26** (April 1947).

**William and Dan Meyerson** co-authored a series of articles entitled "*The Traveling Post Offices of Newfoundland*" in **Whole Nos. 34, 35 & 39** (Feb, Mar & August 1947).

Notes on the 5¢ Cabot commemorative appeared in **Whole No. 37** (June 1947).

In **Whole No. 41**. (Oct 1947), **S.C. Calder** noted the unusual postmark "DEER LAKE - - FWD" which indicates winter season delivery from Deer Lake to outlying communities, apparently by horse drawn cart.

**Official Stamps - Perforated**

In **Whole No. 41** (Oct 1947), **C. B. D. Garrett** wrote an article entitled "*Canadian O.H.M.S. Stamps*". This article described the eight possible combinations that are found on perforated Canadian Official stamps. Two follow-up articles by **C. B. D. Garrett** and **F. Walter Pollock** appeared in **Whole No. 43**.

**► TOPICS Revisited (Part I - BNAPS TOPICS Vol. 1 to 4) ... continued****Philatelic Literature**

In **Whole No. 22** (Jan - Feb 1946), **R. J. Duncan** (BNAPS Librarian) provided an index of B.N.A. related articles to be found in Volumes I through III of the Canadian philatelic magazine *Philatelia*. A number of articles in the list would appear to be of interest to collectors of King George VI stamps and postal history.

In **Whole No. 26** (June 1946), **R.J. Duncan** reviewed B.N.A. related articles in Stamp Collecting Weekly London England where again some articles starting with Volume XXV through Volume XXXIII may be of interest to the KGVI collector.

The **Yearbook for 1947** (May 1947) contains a listing of B.N.A. Philatelic Publications known to **R.J. Duncan**.

**Plate Varieties**

A brief description of some plate varieties of Canada Nos. 231, 233 and 237 appeared in a listing of Canadian Plate Varieties that was published in **Issue No. 2** (April 1944).

A brief description of recently discovered plate varieties of Canada Nos. 232, 233, 247 and C6 appeared in a listing published in **Issue No. 6** (Sept 1944).

**Postage Dues**

**Nelson S. Bond** wrote an article entitled "*Postage Due Stamps of Canada*" in **Issue No. 13** (April 1945).

**Post Office History & Correspondence**

A reprint of a Post Office Department Public Relations Branch paper entitled "*Postal History 1790 – 1944*" appeared in TOPICS (**Whole Nos. 27 through 30**). Passages in **Whole No. 28** (August 1946) contained some interesting statistics for Post Office Department activities in 1944 as well as a note about Parcel Post weight limits during the Mufti era. Passages in **Whole Nos. 29 and 30** (Sept - Oct 1946) were almost entirely devoted to Post Office regulations and activities in the KGVI Period.

A letter from the Philatelic Division of the Post Office was reproduced in **Whole No 40**. (Sept 1947) that provided an explanation for the variable availability of plate blocks through the Bureau.

**Precancels**

In **Issue No. 7** (Oct 1944), **Jack Levine** wrote an article on the subject of precancelled Canadian stamps. Jack wrote a follow-up article in **Issue No. 9** (Dec 1944) in which he noted he has received copies of the "new" 2¢ brown (1937 Mufti issue) from London with 3070 overprinted instead of 3470. A further listing of precancelled stamps was provided by **Jack Levine** in **Issue No. 10** (Jan 1944).

In **Whole No. 24** (April 1946), **Jack Levine** provided a checklist of Canadian stamps precancelled with Post Office Numbers. Addenda to this list can be found in **Whole No. 26** (June 1946). Further information on precancelled stamps issued by the Post Office during the 1945 - 46 period can be found in **Whole No. 36** (April 1947).

**Presentation Booklets**

In **Issue No. 10** (Jan 1945), **Reg Baraclough** made mention of a Presentation Booklet featuring the War Issue Effort stamps in his article entitled "*Incomplete Notes on Philatelic Canadianna*".

**Slogan Cancellations**

In **Issue No. 10** (Jan 1945), **C. B. E. Garrett** published the first of what would be an extensive series of articles in TOPICS on the subject of Canadian Postal Slogan Cancellations. Again this subject is well covered both in the form of BNAPS Handbooks and through the BNAPS Slogan Cancels Study Group. As with Military Postmarks, it is felt that inclusion of these articles on Canadian Slogan Cancels in "**TOPICS Revisited**" is unnecessary.

In **Issue No. 17** (August 1945), **Dan Meyerson** wrote an article on Newfoundland Postal Slogan Cancellations.

## ► Member's Corner

**John Burnett** wrote to bring forward the idea that a great collection can be developed from a very small subject. He goes on to say that the subject of his current article in this issue of the Post & Mail "Postage Rates to the U.S. and its Territories", while it's a pretty small area, it has nonetheless taken up over one hundred pages in his collection. **John** is also wondering if one of our members is a collector of the Royal Visit of 1939. Apparently there is some mystery surrounding the then film star Errol Flynn and the IRA attempting to blow the train up as it crossed into the United States. **John** suggests this would certainly make an interesting article if someone has the material.

**Barry Darnard** writes to say that he has been playing around with a small selection of solvents in an attempt to duplicate the yellowing of the bi-coloured 1¢ Mufti that appeared in the EFO & Varieties column in Issue 1. So far, all attempts have been to no avail. **Barry** goes on to say that he can turn greens to blues, no problem. He has even been successful in removing all the printer's ink (leaving nice clear cancelations!). But green to yellow...no. **Barry** asks if anyone else has approached the problem with more success at explaining the mysterious yellow band in the bi-coloured 1¢ Mufti! **Barry** also wrote to say how he really appreciates all the postal history articles appearing in the newsletter and extends his thanks to the authors involved.

**Ed Harris** wrote to say he really liked the cover **John Frith** sent in showing collecting areas (Issue 2's Cover Corner). **Ed** suggests that another category **John's** cover would also fit into would be "War Issue" stamps.

In addition to **Mike Street** and your Editor, **Doug Lingard, Leopold Beaudet, John Wynns, Mark Isaacs, Judith Edwards, Hendrik Burgers, Gene Yount, and C.A. Stillions**

## ► Member's Wants

1942 War Issue 1¢ Green **John Munro-Cape** specializes in the 1¢ War Issue (in all its forms) and is looking to buy/sell/exchange items related to these issues. **John** can be contacted by mail at RR #3 Picton, Ontario, Canada K0K 2T0 or by telephone at 1-613-476-5133

KGVI Booklets - All Issues **Eirwyn Jones** is looking to buy/sell/exchange KGVI booklets and has duplicates to offer. **Eirwyn** can be contacted by mail at 10 Low Green, ATHERTON, Manchester, United Kingdom M46 9HS or by email at jennifer.jones45@btinternet.com

KGVI Used Plate Blocks **Ed Harris** is interested in used plate blocks for his KGVI collection and has a few duplicates for trade or purchase. **Ed** can be contacted by mail at 620 75th Ave. NW, Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2K 0P9 or by email at harries@shaw.ca

## COVER STORY

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Regarding the "T 1/30" marking, the **T** is of course for Taxe, the "1" is the number of rates that should be applied to the cover (as no payment was made according to the regulations, one rate needs to be applied to the cover) and the "30" is 30 centimes equal to 3 cents short-paid x 2 = 6 cents due (at 5 centimes per cent).

attended the BNAPS Study Group Session at BNAPEX '04 in Baltimore. **Gene** and **Judith** joined our Study Group at BNAPEX '04.

**Mike Street** mentioned at our meeting at BNAPEX '04 that **Smith's & Wawrukiewicz's** book entitled "*Canada - Domestic and International Postal Rates and Fees, 1870 - 1999*" is an excellent reference source for collectors of Postal History. Your Editor followed-up on **Mike's** suggestion and can attest to the excellent summary of Canadian postal rates during the KGVI period that can be found in this book. The book can be obtained through **Ian Kimmerly Stamps** Readers will be interested to know that the BNAPS Book Department has moved to **Ian Kimmerly Stamps** in Ottawa.

**Scott Hansen** joined our Study Group over the summer and wrote to say he hopes to attend ChicagoPEX in November and possibly meet up with other BNAPS Members there. **Scott** says he is new to collecting KGVI having reached the end of some of his other collecting interests including U.S. Military Stations in the Philippines, 1898 to 1906.

**Gary Dickinson** also joined our Study Group this summer. **Gary** wrote to say he collects the 1937 Coronation, the 1939 and 1951 Royal Visits and the 1949 - 51 Final Issue Plate Blocks and used booklet panes.

1937 - 42 Mufti, Pictorial Issue etc. **Gary Steele** is looking for covers, proofs, plate blocks, misperfs etc. of all issues in the Mufti period.

Dead Letter Office Covers - All Issues **Gary** is also looking for DLO covers for the 1937 - 52 period.

KGVI Covers with Foreign Postage Dues **Gary** is also interested in underpaid Canadian covers to foreign destinations charged/marked Postage Due and paid with foreign dues or regular stamps. **Gary** can be contacted by mail at 6 Braemont Court, Lower Sackville, Nova Scotia, Canada B4E 3A1 or by email at gary.steele@ns.sympatico.ca

1949 Postes - Postage OHMS **Peter Kirtz** is looking for O285 & O286 (2 & 3¢ KGVI Poste - Postage issue) on cover. **Peter** can be contacted by regular mail at RR #3, Hanover, Ontario, Canada, N4N 3B9 or by email at pkirtz@coldwellbankerpr.com