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## British Columbia Telephone Franks

Roy Wrigley

Holmes, 8th edition, lists TBC 11 (Marks T232) the 1909 black, on green (35x53 mm). Of this stamp less than half a dozen are reported.

In the 2nd issue, dated 1909, black on green, Control A, listed Holmes No. 12 and Marks No. 233. Then Marks listed No. 234 1910 green, Control A. Holmes No. 12a lists the 1910 undated. Can either of these be confirmed?

In the 3rd issue where the \$ appears in place of the date, from 1910A to 1922SM these are signed by D. Farrell, President.

In the 4th issue from 1923SN the lower panel is removed leaving the space blank.

Holmes does not list the 2923SN brown. Marks listed this, and it is authentic as I have it in my collection. Holmes lists the 1923SO. Marks did not. Can this item be authenticated?

In Holmes No. 34 1931 blue, Marks No. 256 gives the correct designation of 1931WW.

Holmes lists TBCsl in the 2nd issue? Control A, and TBCs2 1910?, Control B. As these are considered non-existant, can any reader confirm these? In the 5th issue starting with 1911 (small size) 5c B control, orange carries the Control number on a white panel. The 5c, 25c and \$1 of 1911 Control is in blue, while from 1912-1955, red predominates. From 1911-1934 the Control letter advances from B to Z each succeeding year. From 1935-1959 Control letters and numbers advance from A to Z each successive year.

In the Holmes, 8th edition, footnote at the end of listings referring to types before 1917-18, this would be simplified if on page 321, above 1920 following the note "Date in Color" you add "on white panel," as against the 1911-1919 issues "Date White on Colored panel" notation.

The following additions bring the listings up to date:

nsung	s up to date.	
1944	5c black J	
	25c blue J	
	\$1 violet J	
1945	5c green K	
	25c red brown K	
	\$1 red K	
1946	5c violet L	,
	25c brown L	
	\$1 blue L	,
1947	5c orange M	

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	25c green	M	\$1 blue T
	\$1 brown	M	1955 5c green U
1948	5c brown	N	25c orange U
	25c violet	N	\$1 violet U
	\$1 red	N	1956 5c black V
1949	5c orange	0	25c blue V
	25c green	0	\$1 yellow V
	\$1 blue	0	1957 5c blue W
1950	5c black	P	25c brown W
	25c orange	P	\$1 green W
	\$1 green	P	1958 5c salmon X
1951	5c violet		25c purpleX
	25c red	Q	\$1 red X
	\$1 brown	Q	1959 5c brown Z
1952	5c brown	Ř	25c green Z
	25c blue		\$1 black Z
	\$1 red	R	After the year 1959, the use of these
1953	5c violet		franks was discontinued so this should
	25c green	S	make the listings complete.
	\$1 lemon		(This article is an updating of one
1954	5c brown		that first appeared in Popular Stamps
	25c red		for June 1957.)
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#### FINANCIAL REPORT

#### Secretary-Treasurer: John A. Norton

Financial Report for the period August 1, 1963 to September 7, 1964. All receipts and disbursements between above dates.

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This is the first of what is planned to be a series of monthly offerings by your President. I sincerely appreciate the honor conferred upon me by the members of The American Revenue Association, by electing me their President, and I pledge myself to do all I am able to to further the interests of the members. With the cooperation of the other members of the Board of Directors, I am sure that we can progress to build a better Association, of service to the maximum number of revenue collectors.

It is gratifying to note that 105 members voted in the recent election. This is a reversal of a disheartening trend in the number members voting in our biennial elections. In 1958, 57% of the members voted; in 1960, only 25% voted, and in 1962 we were down to but 21%. In the election just passed, 29% of the membership exercised their franchise. It is my sincere hope that this trend of interest in the affairs of the Association will not only continue, but also grow.

Each one of us has something to contribute to his fellows in the form of studies, information, bits of data, or just good wishes and encouragement. In fiscal philately, as in no other field of stamp collecting, are there so many bits and pieces of valuable knowledge held by so many different collectors. You can help by making your contribution, regardless of how small it may seem to you.

-Robert M. Leard

#### PENNSYLVANIA EMERGENCY BEER TAX LABELS

Through the courtesy of Charles H. Hermann, ARA #5, the ARA library has received a listing of the labels used by the various brewing companies during the second world war. These have the state tax medallions printed thereon and were used because of the shortage of the tax crowns that had been used.

Mr. Hermann informs us that the listing was assembled by a young man afflicted with muscular dystrophy and

hand printed on available sheets of paper by other boys in the school. Under the circumstances it is a limited printing.

### U. S. FIRST PROVISIONAL ISSUE Homer C. Landis, ARA #77

The first stamp overprinted was Scott's #R153. The overprint consisted of the red letters "I. R." in block capitals 6½ mm high. There is an unlisted variety of this stamp found in the size and shape of the periods. In every pane of stamps the right vertical row of ten stamps have square periods measuring 1x1 mm. The other ninety stamps in the pane have periods measuring 1 mm wide by 1½ mm high.

After overprinting for two days and one night it was decided the overprint was not large and distinct enough. 314,980 stamps had been overprinted. Panes bearing the following plate numbers were used. T is top; B is bottom; R is right; L is left.

495,	Т.	R.	L.	542, T. R. L.
534,	T.	R.	L.	544, T. R. L.
53/5,	Т.	R.	L.	544, T. R. L.
536,	T.	R.	L.	545, T. R. L.
538,	T.	R.		546, T. R. L.
<b>5</b> 39,	Т.	R.		547, T. R. L.
540,	T.	R.		548, T. R. L.
541,	T.	R.		549, T. R. L.

No bottom plate numbers exist. It is thought most of these stamps were sent to the west in order to have a supply there by the time the law went into effect. Plate numbers 538 to 541 are the scarce ones.

At the time these stamps were current, plate numbers were collected in strips of three showing the plate number and the imprint of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

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One of the interesting items that Mr. Herst had and showed was a copy of the 1888, fifth edition, of Sterling's revenue catalogue. The original catalogue ran 168 pages, was paperbound and sold for 50c. The copy that he has is bound in hard covers and will sell for somewhat more in his auction of October 22.

The listings in this catalogue are quite complete and cover the revenue field as of that time.

The first issue occupies 25 pages and besides the regular stamp listings includes the imperforate and pert perforate in multiple pieces, stamps with double rows of perforations, imprints and what are classified as mis-strikes and oddities. Listings of the later documentary issues, while not as volumnous also include many varieties.

In addition to the regular proprietary issues, there is a ten-page listing of what is classified as surcharged proprietary stamps. actually would probably be classified as printed cancellations or precancellations on the regular proprietary issues.

The match and medicine issues take forty some pages with all sorts of varieties listed here also. There is a listing of some of the early state revenues and a rather extensive listing of stamped paper, beginning with the pre-revolutionary issues of some of the colonies and of the British government for use in the American colonies.

The listings end with a short list each of hydrometer stamps, lock seals, brass cotton stamps and proofs of private die proprietary stamps which were never printed or if printed, never delivered due to failure of the company to pay for them or perhaps just plain failure of the company concerned. There are a few pages at the end of addenda to the earlier listings, a page of errata and recapitulation tables.

All in all, looking through this book was quite an education, if one only knew all that is contained in this and other similar works, what added pleasure we could get from our collections.

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