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**Part-Perf. 'Queens'
Found in Quebec**

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this is scarce because it was restricted to a special use. I should like to hear other collectors' views on this point.

BLEEKER ST., TORONTO. (Handbook p. 22). After my request for dates of these two hammers in Maple Leaves, Vol. 4, January 1953, I have so far acquired the following information:

Hammer I: Bleeker St.—4 copies known to date, the earliest is JA 13/95; two on J. 30/95 belonging to Dr. Whitehead and Mr. Millar Allen respectively, and my own copy of FE 27/95.

Hammer II: Bleeker St.—Earliest known date, AP 23/95; latest known MY 26/00.

Most of the kind people who have written to me on this subject tell me that their covers were from the Miller correspondence. As Dr. Whitehead points out, most of this correspondence is on postal stationery, with adhesive stamps added when necessary. In my experience, all the adhesives added were in pairs or blocks of the small ½c black.

For the amusement of those who have part of this correspondence, especially Mr. Millar Allen (see his letter, "The Editor's Mailbag," BNA Topics, September 1955, p. 254), my addresses were:

1. Mrs. Cross, Bradford, Pa., U.S.A.
2. Mr. Joel Miller, Harrisburg, Pa., U.S.A.
3. Mr. Jack Miller, Towanda, Pa., U.S.A.
4. Mr. L. Miller, New York City, U.S.A.

I have not seen any of this correspondence addressed to any towns in Canada or Great Britain. Needless to say, all the covers were addressed by the same hand.

Any further information, especially as to the dates of the various hammers, will be gratefully received. ★

A "PART-PERF." FIND

(See photo on cover)

A Quebec stamp collector got quite a thrill recently when the postmaster in a small sub-post office, where he had entered to buy a few plate blocks, told him that he had some defective stamps, and that he had trouble separating the stamps as perforations were missing.

The collector, trying to keep calm, asked if he still had some and was immediately handed a block of 12 of the regular 5c with the Queen portrait imperforate vertically, being the only remainder of a full pane the clerk had found in his stock. The other 88 had been cut up and sold by one, two or three at the time to people coming in to mail letters. He did not recall having sold any large blocks and unless a horizontal pair was used in the mail it is very doubtful if any cancelled ones can be traced, the more doubtful because they were cut vertically, the clerk using a ruler and tearing along the imperforate line to make vertical strips that could be separated horizontally by perforations.

It can be assumed that this part-perforated pane came from Plate 8 upper right, as all the stock which was checked immediately to find out if other part-perforate panes could be found, came from that plate.

The block of 12 comes from the left part of the pane position, numbers 41, 42, 51, 52, 61, 62, 71, 72, 81, 82, 91, 92. The block of six in the photo are from position 61, 62, 71, 72, 81, 82, which the writer purchased from the finder, who kept a block of four and gave a pair to a friend.

It is unfortunate that the finder got to the post office too late to save for philately a larger portion of this part-perforated pane. —Guy Des Rivers (BNAPS 1077) ★

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