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## PHILATELIC ESSAY CONTEST

### BY REPUBLIC OF ARGENTINA

The Post Office Department of Canada has received an invitation to be extended to Philatelists throughout Canada to participate in a Philatelic Essay Contest being conducted by the Republic of Argentina. This invitation was extended through the medium of the offices of the Universal Postal Union at Berne, Switzerland. The Canadian Philatelic Society is very pleased to publish this announcement to Canadian Philatelists. A translation of the conditions of entry appear on page 3.

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## LOOKING BACKWARDS

By Wm. A. Beatty

Being a Philatelists of some sixty years my mind wanders back to the beginning of my stamp collecting days. At that time if you mentioned stamps to anyone they looked at you as if you were in a feeble state of mind, but that did not deter us in any way as we were seriously interested in stamps and not what the people thought of us. I still have my first Scott's Catalogue of 1891. It consisted of some 380 bound pages and cost a quarter.

Let's see what this early catalogue contained: All the regular issues and, of course, Envelopes, Cards, Officially Sealed, Revenue Stamps used for postage, Bavarian Locals and some 400 varieties of the round Egyptian Officials. Reprints were designated with an asterisk. There were not many perforations or watermarks to distract

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## STAMP-BLOCKS

Since pa's been savin' paper-blocks

Of red, an' blue, an' green,  
Ma says he's worse'n any child  
'At she has ever seen.

Pa handles 'em with care an' says,

"This Arrow-Block is fine;

A Gutter-Block, I think I'll buy,

Or maybe a centreline."

"I've trouble enough," ma says to me,

"An' life is full of shocks;

Your pa's in second childhood now,

He's started playin' with blocks."

—Pauline Jones Burns.

From "Mint Copy" of St. Louis Stamp Club.

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## CHINESE

### PHILATELIC HISTORY

By R. C. Allison

China is probably the world's oldest existing civilization and has kept a reasonably accurate historical record for well over five thousand years. The use of stamps or "chops" has been recorded since earliest times and have been used for "local post" or carrier previous to 1200 B.C. Professional letter writers collected a fee and affixed their "chop" to the "letter" which assumed delivery in distant places on various caravan routes in the same manner as our special delivery franking services to-day.

The advent of the adhesive postage stamp in England was in 1840. The idea was soon to be adopted in outlying colonies of the Empire as can be seen in Hong Kong stamp of 1863.

By 1878 the Chinese Government officially adopted the adhesive label and

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## CANADA

### NOTES ON THE 1911-1925 SERIES

The latest handbook by Geo. C. Marler, published by the American Philatelic Society, is, according to C.P.S. Librarian, J. T. Scott, "a very fine and complete production job" covering the subject of the Early Georgian or Admiral Issues in a most business-like manner. Those who read Marler's notes in the American Philatelist have eagerly awaited their publication in book form. Presented now in a single volume, the set-up has a better appearance than before.

The most enlightening introduction deals with the designs, values issued, types of production, forms in which the issue was available, including sheets, coils and booklets; also paper and methods of printing. Full details of perforation explain the layout of the plates, occurrence of straight-edges and various guide markings.

Every value and color are fully handled in independent chapters with many additional facts about Retouches, Re-entries, Shades and Hairlines.

Anyone who has not yet delved into this issue has available in Marler's work a ready reference for much happy hunting.

The cost of the book is \$2.00 in the U.S.A. If your dealer cannot supply you, write this publication.

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Unusual Perforation of the corner of a sheet due to folding, supplied by I. Cohen.

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Sixty-three British Crown Colonies will issue sets of four values on October 11th in commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of the Founding of the Universal Postal Union at Berne, Switzerland, in 1874.

The first post office in Canada was established at Halifax in 1755. In that year a line of packets was placed on the route between Falmouth and New York as part of a general scheme for closer and more regular communications between Britain's colonies and the Mother Country. These packets called at Halifax.

We have received a copy of the *Guldorg Gazette*, which is the Organ of the *Guldorg Hobby Association*, with headquarters at St. Stranstraede 4, Copenhagen K, Denmark. Printed in English it's feature article on *Ships on Stamps* also illustrated Canada's Royal William issue.

## PHILATELIC CONTEST

Held by the "Revue des Postes et Télécommunications d'Argentine"  
(Posts and Telecommunications  
of Argentina)

### CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

(a) Submissions must be in one of the languages specified hereunder. They must be typewritten on one side of the sheet only. Those in Spanish must be sent in seven copies; as regards the other languages, three copies will be sufficient.

(b) Each entry must bear an assumed name. The author must send under a separate cover, properly sealed, his full name, address, together with the biographical and bibliographical information he will deem suitable, as well as his photograph. The fictitious name with which he signed his work must be indicated on the outside of the envelope.

(c) Any competitor may submit as many works with or without pictures as he pleases, but each one must bear a different assumed name. For having won a prize on one of the subjects a competitor will not be out of competition for the two remaining prizes, but will remain eligible when the time comes for the selection mentioned under item (e).

(d) The works must be unpublished and original and submitted under the responsibility of the signer. Should it be proved otherwise, the author of the work shall be disqualified.

(e) The jury will select up to ten works among those it will consider the most interesting, in addition to the works awarded prizes, and when published the authors will receive a \$50 reward (Argentine currency).

(f) Once their work has been published in the "Revue des Postes et Télécommunications," the winners of the awards and those whose work has been selected will not be permitted to have it published again or reproduced without the consent of the said publication.

(g) Entries must be mailed under registered cover to: International Philatelic Contest, Revue des Postes et Télécommunications, Central Post Office, Buenos Aires, Republic of Argentina.

(h) The decision reached by the jury will be final.

(i) The time limit for the receipt of the submissions shall definitely end on the 31st day October, 1949, at midnight.

(j) The prizes will be awarded at a public gathering. As regards the authors residing abroad, they will receive their awards through the Embassies and Legations accredited to Argentine.

### SUBJECTS OF THE CONTEST AND AWARDS

#### Subject No. 1

Historical, geographical and cultural study (non-technical) on one Argentine postage stamp issue. Maximum: 5,000 words. In Spanish.

Awards: First prize, \$1,000 (Argentine currency); second prize, \$500; third prize, \$300; honorary diplomas.

#### Subject No. 2

Historical, geographical and culture study (non-technical) on the postage stamps of one of the countries belonging to the Postal Union of the Americas and Spain. Maximum: 5,000 words. Languages: Spanish, French, English, Portuguese.

Awards: First prize, \$1,000 (Argentine currency); second prize, \$500; third prize, \$300; honorary diplomas.

#### Subject No. 3

Essay on a philatelic topic of general interest (oddities, rarities, errors, anecdotes, etc.). Maximum: 2,500 words. Languages: Spanish, French, English, Italian, Portuguese or German.

Awards: First prize, \$1,000 (Argentine currency); second prize, \$500; third prize, \$300; honorary diplomas.

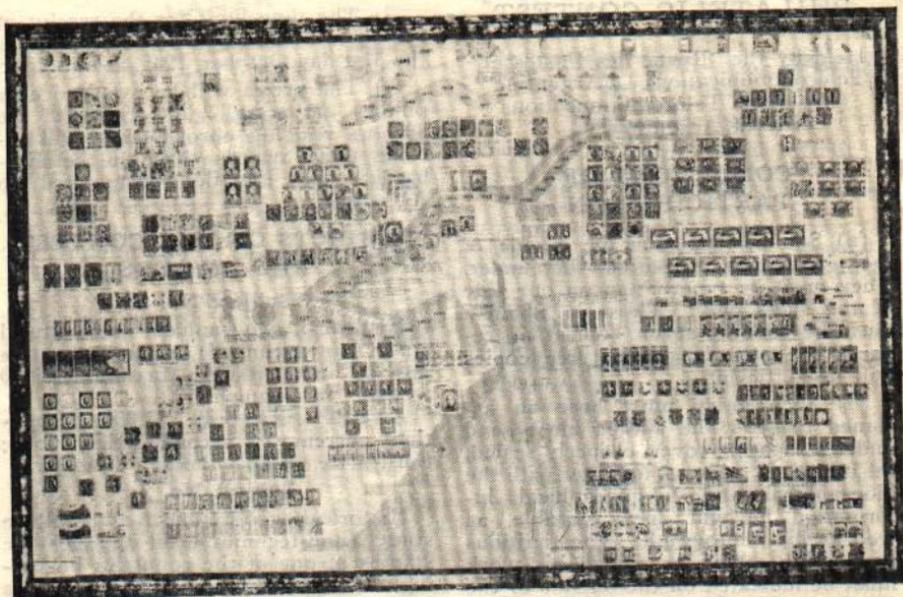
Members of the jury: Dr. Marco Aurelio Andrada, Secretary-General of Posts and Telecommunications; Mr. Hugo C. Albonico, Director of Posts; Mr. Guillermo Julio Gorbea, Editor of the magazine; Mr. Eduardo Rocha (h) for the philatelists; Mr. Walter B. L. Bose, in charge of the publicity.

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Earl Edwards has been elected President of the Toronto Stamp Collector's Club.

Among the Directors of the B.N. A.P.S. are Major Ian Morgan of Montreal, and Fred Jarrett and Vincent G. Greene, of Toronto.

A Philatelic course is being inaugurated at Temple University, Philadelphia, Pa.



### "A PHILATELIC HISTORY OF MODERN CHINA"

This was the winning exhibit at the recent Annual Exhibition of the North Toronto Stamp Club, as selected by the popular vote of the public. We are indebted to Mr. Ronald C. Allison, Toronto Sinologist, who is also an excellent photographer, for the fine print he supplied us, which can be read to the wording on the stamps themselves. Any club or individual wishing copies of this print, write Mr. Allison for price.

#### CHINESE HISTORY

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the Imperial Maritimes Customs Post issued stamps in three denominations that year, to be followed by some 77 regular and commemorative issues, and in 1921 the first air post stamps. Besides these there have been literally hundreds of over-printed issues, mostly local postage.

The first overprinted issue was in 1897, followed in 1912 when the Chinese Post Office remained neutral during the Civil War. The next regular issue of overprints was in 1912. The issue of the Republic, to facilitate the mail going through until such a time as new issues could be prepared (1913-1919). Overprinted stamps next appeared during the Chinese Invasion by the Japanese and from that time to the present have become too numerous to catalogue in their attempt to keep up with the inflated and uncertain values of national currency.

The study of China's Philatelic His-

tory is most interesting. It is a vast nimbus of legendary design, heroes, saints and scenic wonders woven into an unique and ever-changing tapestry of history and romance.

Marked on the Great Wall of China in the Display illustrated here, are dates marking turning points in China's history. The end of the Manchus, China's last dynasty, was near when the Empress Dowager Tzu Hsi, died in 1908. At her passing China was ready for revolution.

The Kuomintang Era began with the Revolutionist, Dr. Sun Yat-sen. He led a democratic revolt in 1911, and became President of the Republic of China the next year.

The Imperialist shadow lingered in the person of Henry Pu-yi, the "Boy Emperor." He ruled Peiping's Forbidden City until 1924 when he was evicted. Later he was the Jap Puppet ruler in Manchuquo. War with Japan began for China with the "Mukden Incident" on September 18, 1931.

The "Long March" in 1935 estab-

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Copy for the YEAR BOOK (Sept. Issue) must be in by Aug 15th.

lished Yen an as the Communist's permanent base. Truce with the Reds came late in 1936. The "Young Marshal" Chang Hsueh-liang demanded war on Japan. The Japanese Invasion united all China, commencing with the attack at the Marco Polo Bridge, outside Peiping on July 7, 1937.

The Pacific War made the U.S.A. an active ally against Japan. Victory in 1945 found Chiang, National Hero of Chungking, facing renewed struggle with the Communists determined to seize Manchuria and set up local government in their area. Henceforward civil war moved over China.

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## FIRST DAY COVERS BIRTHDAY ISSUE

The Ottawa announcements have appeared in Popular Stamps and further details given in this Bulletin by Wm. Gladish, in his Ottawa Report. All those who sent for Official C.P.S. Covers will receive them when the stamps are actually released. In the meantime it will be possible for further orders to be placed and they will be handled along with those now on hand.

The beginnings of Christianity in the New World are commemorated on six new stamps issued by the Dominican Republic. The building of the Church of San Francisco, to which the new stamps are dedicated, was begun in 1503. In it was celebrated the first communion to be held in the new world. Later it served as a hospital, and finally was abandoned. To-day, nothing but its ruins mark the place in which Christianity sank its roots into the soil of a new continent. These stamps may be secured at face value through the Philatelic Division of the Pan American Union, in Washington, D.C. Collectors may secure a list of material currently available from that office.

The world's longest place name is not Tawmatawhakatanghangakoautamateapokaiwhenuakitanatahu in N. Zealand. The Welsh village of Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndobwlllantisillogogoch is still tops with 58 letters.

Mr. Wm. Boyd, C.P.S'er., was again elected as President of the Trinidad Philatelic Society for this year.

The Trinidad Philatelic Society is now affiliated with the B.P.A. of London, England.

## THE OTTAWA REPORT

By W. M. Gladish  
Evening Citizen Stamp Editor

Something akin to fireworks developed in Canada's national capital in connection with the startling announcement that the five-set King George VI issue had died a-borning because of the compelled decision to alter the design from its original simplicity so that the words "Postes" and "Postage" would be added. The pair of words not only gives designation of postal purpose but meets bilingual requirements.

Because of the proposed date of issue, June 6, the five stamps had been popularly labelled commemorative for the King's official birthday but the fact is that the set is a regular service. The latest word (as of June 15) is that the redesigned stamps may appear in September.

The Post Office Department plan to replace a number of the first-day covers bearing the date of June 6 but it is understood that the substituted envelopes for the new first-day will be blank — without cachet. This plan is subject to change, however, it is believed. Many thousands of other covers from collectors in Canada and other countries are being held for release in due course. The difficulty is that the original cachets will have one date of issue and will have a different date in the final cancellation.

Extreme care has been taken by the Post Office officials to account for every one of the withdrawn King stamps — many thousands of them had been printed — so that none would fall into the hands of speculators. Official assurance has been given to me that all supplies had been placed under lock and key for subsequent disposal by destruction. There had been a suggestion that the stamps could be overprinted with the necessary words but this idea was not adopted, 'tis said.

The Post Office Department welcomed the co-operation of the Canadian Philatelic Society, through President John W. Yaxley and myself, in the solution of the unusual problem and there were personal and long-distance telephone discussions on the matter. The subject was further dealt with at the C.P.S. directors' meeting in Toronto on June 21.

It was the opinion of this writer that the original King stamps were "beauties" and would have delighted all philatelists. Probably the revised designs will still prove most attractive.

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## OTTAWA REPORT

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Meanwhile, nothing went amiss with the first-day service for the Halifax bicentennial commemoratives on June 21 and the quantity of covers handled was expected to exceed the total for the Princess and Newfoundland issues which, I understand, was 200,000 or more in both instances.

The talk about the King George postal set led to a rumor that the department had decided to issue a stamp in honour of Rt. Hon. W. L. M. King, former Prime Minister, who is living in retirement in Ottawa. The report was quickly denied.

The July program of the Canada Post Office includes the special cachets from Calgary, July 11-16; Edmonton, July 18-23, and Saskatoon, July 25-30, for which there is no service charge; also the first-flight cachets for the inauguration of direct airmail from Vancouver, B.C., to Sydney, Australia, on or after July 13.

Word is forthcoming that Plate No. 50 has been issued for the current 4c Canadian stamp. Plate No. 29 is missing, which means that the complete set of corner blocks for all positions now totals 196. I know of one collector who has practically all plate positions for this denomination.

The stock of Newfoundland stamps at the philatelic office in Ottawa has been augmented by five postage dues (mint) of the former colony. The J5 five center is conspicuous by its absence from the Ottawa supply.

The old off-centre obsoletes are gradually disappearing. The Confederation 2c green of 1927 (No. 142) and the Historical 20c carmine of the same year (No. 148) have been sold out. Watch for the disappearance of the 1922 \$1 orange; the 5c blue of 1927; the 10c green pictorial of 1930 and the 3c red of 1931-32.

Other items that have been taken off the list are the 3c medallion (No. 197) of 1932; the Responsible Government commemorative issued October 1, 1948, and the 3c red stampbook of 1942. The supply of the O.H.M.S. 6c airmail stamp has also been exhausted. This is the 1942 perforated air stamp.

The P.O. Philatelic Section has arranged minimum quantities for plate numbers of the Newfoundland stamps. You have to buy a full sheet of 100 stamps of the denominations from 1c to 5c inclusive; 25 stamps or a quarter sheet for denominations from 7c to 25c; 24 stamps of the 30c value which includes the gutter, and 10 stamps of the 48c value.

The gutter in the centre of the two panes of the Newfoundland 30c carmine will only be supplied when a minimum of 20 stamps is ordered. If you want the plate number as well, with the gutter, the order must be for 24 stamps (\$7.20).

L. J. Mills, director of Financial Services, P.O. Department, is scheduled to be one of the speakers at the convention of the British North American Philatelic Society at Buffalo, September 16-18.

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## B. N. A. AIR MAILS FORGED

The Expert Committee of the British Philatelic Association issue the warning that dangerous forgeries have been seen by them of the British North American air mail provisionals of various dates. The forgeries have been not only of the normal stamps but of inverted double and triple overprints and of overprints on the wrong side.

The most dangerous of these appear to be the Canadian 60 on 5c, and the Newfoundland DO-X and Balbo stamps.

Each of these forgeries bears on the back forged guarantees of two of the leading New York dealers who specialise in air mail stamps.

Of course, it may well be that these forgeries exist without the forged guarantee marks as well, and both collectors and dealers are advised to seek a competent opinion on any of these stamps they are offered.

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Columnist Bob Altman reports in Chambers Stamp Journal that Wm. A. White and Carver stamps should not be soaked in warm water for a prolonged time or bad fading will occur.

Topmost point of the Sydney Harbour Bridge shown on the Australian stamps of 1932, now 445 feet high, is going to become 14 feet higher. A tower is to be built on the peak of the arch to carry a flashing hazard beacon for night-flying aircraft.

The New 7th edition of Holmes Catalogue of Canada and B.N.A. has been revised and extended and has come from the binders and will answer the need of many Canadian collectors.

A set of colored stamps of views in and about the City of Toronto is available for ten cents from the Toronto Convention and Tourist Association, 37 Bloor St. W., Toronto, Ont. Although these are not postage stamps they make an interesting sideline to the collector of Canadiana. The editor has a nice set put out by Vancouver some years ago and would be pleased to hear of any others available.

The accepted design for a new stamp is copied by the engraver in reverse onto soft steel by cutting thousands of tiny lines and grooves which gives depth and form to the finished design and make forgery extremely difficult. This and successive steps are shown on the C.P.S. Filmstrip, "Stamps in the Making." You may secure it for showing at your club by writing to the Librarian.

Hollywood's next movie troupe to venture into Canada's great north woods will have a government post office all its own, bearing the title of the picture. The P.O. of "Cariboo Trail, B.C." will be a tent city 360 miles northwest of Vancouver.

Meetings of the "T.D.U." will take place throughout the summer months on July 14th and August 11th, at 22 College St., in Toronto.

An interesting cover for the First Flight of the F-90 Jet Penetration Fighter was received from the Lockheed Stamp Club of Burbank, Cal.

The C.P.S. Library offers members a service in itself alone worth the cost of your membership. Use it to secure information on any subject of philately.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The Canadian Philatelic Society Welcomes the Following New Applications: Unless objection is made in writing to the secretary within fifteen days these names will be added to the membership lists of the Society.

- 4987 Doleman, Alfred J., 42 Teddington Park Ave., Toronto 12; Scan,Germ,Hol; by P. McCabe.  
 4988 James, Gwynne, 39 Waverley Rd., Pointe Claire, Que.; Gen; by P. McCabe.  
 4989 Coomer, F. W., 117 Torren Ave., Toronto; Gen; by F. Moutrie.  
 4990 Plant, R. James, 3024 Breslay Road, Montreal; BNA; by J. H. Andrew.  
 4991 Christensen, E. J., 11612 94th St., Edmonton, Alta.; Can,Denmark; by P. McCabe.  
 4992 Taylor, W. M., 630 Lakeshore Rd., Hanlan's Point, Toronto; Can,BrC,USA; by G. H. Crouch.  
 4993 Oaks, R. C., 83 Clarence St., Kingston; Can,Nfld,BrC; by E. D. Danby.  
 4994 Kraker, T. M., 1216 Chestnut St., Grand Forks, N.D.; Can,USA,SoAmer; by P. McCabe.  
 4995 Gordon, Harold, 640 Hortop Ave., Oshawa, Ont.; BrC; by W. V. Crouse.  
 4996 Arkless, Delbert G., 99 Elgin St. E., Oshawa, Ont.; Gen; by Fred Green.  
 4997 Clark, W. T., 672 Dufferin Ave., London, Ont.; BNA,USA,Comm; by J. W. Stewart.  
 4998 Bullivant, Frederick J., 424 Centre St., Oshawa, Ont.; BrC; by P. McCabe.  
 4999 Shannon, W. J., 10 Dingley Rd., City Rd., London E.C.1, Eng.; BrC; by J. H. Neeld.  
 5000 Jeffery, A. W., 33 Whiting Ave., Oshawa, Ont.; Can,Europe; by P. McCabe.  
 5001 Owens, B. A., Front Street, Chippawa, Ont.; Gen; by P. McCabe.  
 5002 Belanger, Marcel, 4811 Colonial Ave., Montreal; Gen; by H. Welland.  
 5003 Mooney, William A., 1314 Finlayson Ave., Victoria, B.C.; Can; by A. Wildig.  
 5004 Lavoie, M. R., 116 O'Connor St., Ottawa, Ont.; Can,Egypt; by L. Bentham.  
 5005 Muir, A. B., 4061 Kingston Ave., Montreal; Can; by M. P. Bols.  
 5006 Abbott, D., 29 Glenarden Rd., Toronto; Gen; by G. E. Cole.  
 5007 Rodney, L. E., Box 250 Yarmouth, N.S.; BrC; by J. C. Higby.  
 5008 LeHeup, Bruce, 623 Laval St., Box 191, Malartic, Que.; Can; by P. J. McCabe.  
 5009 Crummev, Clarence B., 94 Guestville Ave., Toronto 9, Ont.; Gen; by Fred Green.  
 5010 Benson, William, 881 Queen St. West, Toronto, Ont.; BrC; by C. Woodhead.  
 5011 Garbig, G. K., 54 Cambridge St. N., Lindsay, Ont.; Can,BrC; by M. E. Grant.  
 5012 Goodwyn, George A., 1613 Washington Blvd., Maywood, Ill.; Gen; by P. J. McCabe.

## CORRECTIONS AND CHANGES OF ADDRESS

- 3689 Taylor, Norman R., Toronto, new address is Halls Lake Post Office, Ont.  
 4384 Robertson, J. G., of Vancouver, B.C., new address is R.R. 1, Wellington, B.C.  
 3349 Westland, H. L. G., of Hamilton, Ont., new address is 37 James St. South, Hamilton, Ont.  
 4181 Baker, Ross H., of Truro, N.S., new address is 40 Charles St., Truro, N.S.  
 3804 Thompson, Mrs. F. J., of Smiths Falls, Ont., new address is c/o Walker Stores, Bowmanville, Ont.  
 3706 Steeple, C. H., of Country Line, B.C., new address is 2461 E. 2nd Ave., Vancouver, B.C.  
 3509 Ingleby, Joseph, of Hamilton, Ont., new address is Post Office, Huntsville, Ont.  
 4740 Pepper, Chas. E., Jr., of Oak Ridge, Penn., new address is 1012 Cedar Ave., South Pittsburg, Tennessee.  
 3615 Butler, N. E., of Toronto, new address is 21 Fairmar Ave., Toronto 18, Ont.  
 4490 Campbell, Prof. P. G. C., of Kingston, Ont., new address is 420 Earl St., Kingston, Ont.  
 4427 Robinson, A. G., of Edmonton, Alta., new address is 1606 34th Ave. S.W., Calgary, Alta.  
 3417 Marshall, Chas. A., of New Westminster, B.C., new address is 2312 Royal Oak Ave., Burnaby, New Westminster, B.C.  
 4040 Hodder, Morley F., of Montreal, Que., new address is 78 Merrymount Rd., St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada.  
 4380 Baker, Miss Ada, is now at 64 Kildonan Rd., Toronto.  
 Pickering, J. E., of Westmount, Que., new address is 4890 Westmore Ave., Notre Dame de Grace, Montreal, Que.

## LOOKING BACKWARD

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your mind, neither were blocks, strips or pairs thought of. If you had a pair or strip, you divided them with some fellow collector, who traded at catalogue value and everybody was satisfied with the exchange.

Now let us come to the prices of the Canadian stamps as in the good old days, some of which were as follows:

1851 3d. Laid, used at .75	Now	27.50
6d. Laid, used at 3.50		55.00
12d. "Proof," at 6.50		
1852 3d. Wove, 1.50-.20	35.00-	8.50
6d. 10.00-3.50	500.00-	45.00
1855 10d. Blue, 7.50-3.50	400.00-	75.00
1857 ½d. Pink, 4.00-1.50	50.00-	25.00
7½d. Green, 10.00-6.00	400.00-	100.00
1858 ½d. Perf., 7.00-4.50	100.00-	50.00
3d. 3.50-2.00	100.00-	25.00
6d. 30.00-17.50	300.00-	150.00
1859 1c Pink, .10-.03	7.50-	1.25
5c Red, .15-.02	7.50-	1.00
10c Violet, .50-.15	20.00-	5.00
12½c Green, .65-.18	15.00-	5.00
17c Blue, 1.00-.50	40.00-	10.00
1864 2c Pink, .50-.40	22.50-	10.00
1868 ¼c Black, .03-.03	2.00-	2.00
1c Red, .25-.10	13.50-	4.00
2c Green, .10-.02	12.00-	2.50
3c Red, .10-.02	12.50-	.75
6c Brown, .20-.02	20.00-	2.50
12½c Blue, .35-.10	10.00-	4.00
15c Violet, .40-.06	2.50-	1.50
1870 1c Laid 15.00	100.00	
3c Laid 2.00	20.00	
1870 1c Yellow, .02-.01	.75-	.03
3c Red, .05-.02	2.50-	.10
1872 2c Green, .03-.01	1.00-	.05
6c Brown, .08-.01	5.00-	.50
1873 10c Pink, .20-.03	13.50-	3.00
1890 10c Brown, .10-.02	5.00-	1.25
Registration:		
1875 2c Orange, .05-.01	1.00-	.10
5c Green, .10-.02	1.00-	.12
8c Blue, .75.—	17.50-	17.50
1889 2c Vermillion, .05-.02	3.00-	1.00
Officially Sealed:		
1879 Brown, at 2.50	(Now omitted)	
1860 5c Envelopes, at 1.50.		
10c Envelopes at 3.50.		

Back in those days Stamp Hinges were unknown. We used to go to the Post Office and the stamp clerk would give us the selvage from the stamp sheets, and this we used for hinges. They sure did stick, and many a good stamp was damaged by their use. Then the stamp companies brought out sheets of gummed paper about 6 by 8 inches, which you could cut up to suit yourself. One company put them out perforated by a sewing machine, but these were as bad as the selvage. Then along came the Excelsior Stamp Company of Hoosick Falls, N.Y., who put on the market a die-cut, peelable hinge that were the leaders of the day, and remained the standard for many years. Stamp Tongs were also unheard of. Everybody carried a pocket-knife, and

they used the small blade to lift off the stamps. Some would let the nail of the small finger grow long and they then used that. Personally I have seen more stamps ruined with some tongs than by the former method. Often you would actually think you were pulling a tooth instead of lifting a stamp.

What kind of Philatelic Literature did we have in the Good Old Days? Far better than we have to-day. In the monthly class was the American Journal of Philately, Philatelic Journal of America, Metropolitan, Eastern and Eagle Philatelist, Post Office; also Filatelic Facts and Fallacies, and numerous others. Then came the weeklies such as Mekeels Weekly, Philatelic Era and Weekly Philatelist. Then last but not least, the Daily Stamp Item that came from St. Louis, Mo., and was said to have been edited by the "Office Cat."

In conclusion may I say that these sixty years have been the happiest of my life because they have brought me many life-long friends whose confidence and respect I have enjoyed all these years. At another time I hope to relate more Tales of those Happy Hunting Days.

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We have received some suggestions as to the disposal of the "Off-centre" material on hand at Ottawa. One says it should be sold as a premium to those who got the 17c error surplus or to those who received the imperforates. None have backed the idea of surcharges, although it naturally caused some comments which we won't quote. One solution is to spread these older issues on as many large mailings as possible until they disappear. The department desires the revenue which is already shown and should be glad to not have them to handle any more. Another collector thinks that with the approach of the 1951 Centenary these older issues should be spread among some of the larger post offices at least where they would serve as publicity for this coming occasion. It is also suggested that all issue of George V be immediately distributed to the post offices.

Q. What American country got its name from a Psalm?

A. Honduras was named after Psalm 130 by Columbus. "Out of the depths have I cried". Honduras is Spanish for depths. (Ripley).