

CANADIAN PHILATELIST



Journal of the
ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY of CANADA

VOLUME 23

NUMBER 2

STAMP TWINS

March 1, 1972

Dear Friends:

In his book "Stories to Collect Stamps By", the well known American dealer and author, Herman ("Pat") Herst, relates the following interesting story about a pair of Canadian "Stamp Twins."

In the middle of the last century, as Canada's area of growth pushed westward, getting mail from the west to the east posed a problem. The most efficient way to handle it, in the absence of any transcontinental mail routes, was to deliver it to the nearest United States point, and let Uncle Sam's Post Office take the job from there. Once in the East, the mail could then travel back into Canada over the well established mail routes.

A small town on the U.S. - Canada border in the Dakota territory was called Pembina, often erroneously pronounced "Pem-been-a" (Proper pronunciation is "Pem-bin-aw" with the accent on the first syllable.) A letter which originally started in what is now Manitoba was put in the United States Post Office, and was cancelled Pembina. Such technicalities as the U.S. Post Office's cancelling a Canadian stamp might be important today, but a century or more ago, this was of little moment. The stamps, a pair of three pence imperforate Beavers, received the postmark, the "Pem" on one stamp, the "bina" on its neighbour. Some time in its existence, the pair was severed, since only in comparatively recent times were imperforate pairs more greatly respected, pricewise, than two singles.

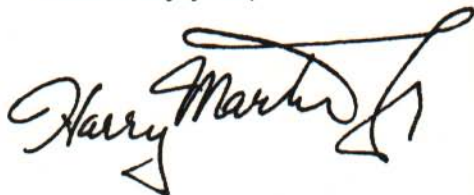
"Pem" ultimately ended up in the collection of an eminent collector of Canadian stamps, Col. J. S. O'Meara. Col. O'Meara had never been able to identify the Canadian office which had ostensibly cancelled the stamp, never thinking that it was actually that of an American Post Office. One day his collection was being examined by another famed Canadian collector, Dr. Lewis Reford. He had similarly been puzzled by his 'bina' cancel, which did not attribute itself to any known Canadian Post Office. He borrowed the stamp, placed it alongside his own, and the twins were reunited.

Both Reford and O'Meara were wealthy collectors, and whatever price either were to put on his single twin, the other could easily meet it. Since both agreed that it made sense to join the two stamps, they decided to draw lots to decide which one should give up his. Dr. Reford won the gamble and O'Meara handed him "Pem."

O'Meara, as it happened, outlived Reford who in his will, ever the philatelist, saw to it that "Pem" and "bina" were bequeathed to the Colonel. O'Meara himself died in the early 1950's and in the sale of his collection the twins passed to the collection of Paul H. Dolbec, of Quebec, where ostensibly they rest today. In all probability, the twins will never be separated again.

I hope that you enjoyed this story and will remember it. Please also remember that, more than ever before. I am anxious to buy stamps — so when you are ready to sell or know of stamps for sale — contact me.

Philatelically yours,



HARRY B. MARTIN, Jr.

Empire Stamp Corporation Limited

1150 YONGE STREET • TORONTO, ONTARIO
(Telephone 921-8967)

THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST

EDITOR
KENNETH ROWE, Apt. 403, 90 Warren Road
Toronto 195, Canada

VOLUME 23, NUMBER 2

MARCH

WHOLE No. 129

CONTENTS

Expertisation of Philatelic Material	59
Highlights from the Early Days of the Cunard Line XIII by Dr. J. C. Arnell	92
National Philatelic Museum	97
The Bruce Peninsula — First Post Offices by Max Rosenthal	99

REGULAR FEATURES:

Editorial 54, Sales Dept. 67, Under the Looking Glass 71, Mailbag 73,
What's New in Old Canada 75, Society Reports 76, Postmark Ottawa 81,
Classified 83, Reviews 85, Chapter Meetings 88, Coming Events 91,
Chapter News 100.



THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST Journal of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada. Published at Toronto 6 times a year. Printed at Port Perry, Ontario.

Copyright 1972 The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada.

MANUSCRIPTS should be typewritten, double spaced, one side of page. The submission of a manuscript to this journal is held to imply that it has not been published, is not under consideration for publication, elsewhere. Postage is required if the material is to be returned.

REVIEWS Books and Literature for review should be addressed to the Editor.

SUBSCRIPTIONS The Canadian Philatelist is available only as part of membership in the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada. Membership information may be obtained from the Secretary, Walter Anderson, Box 3144, Station "C", Ottawa, Canada. Sample copy \$1.00.

CORRESPONDENCE requiring a reply must enclose an addressed and stamped envelope.

ADVERTISING—All advertising correspondence and copy should be addressed to the Advertising Manager, Mrs. G. M. Geldert, Apt. 1510, 195 Clearview Avenue, Ottawa K1Z 6S1, Canada.

Special low rates are applicable for Chapter Listings. The Publishers reserve the right to decline any advertising submitted. Acceptance of an advertisement does not constitute official endorsement of the material advertised.

(Opinions expressed in the various articles in this journal are those of the writers and not necessarily endorsed by the Society and/or this journal)

EDITORIAL

"In this world, nothing is certain but death and taxes"

Franklin

TAX ON STAMPS

A number of members have written to me regarding advice on how the new tax legislation will affect the sale of stamps and collections of philatelic material.

Unfortunately the only advice that can be given at this time is in regard to the valuation of existing collections and the recording of new purchases.

There are a number of ambiguities in the act as it stands which will have to be resolved by rulings given on specific cases before accurate guidance can be given. For example the \$1000 limit above which tax must be paid applies to "an item, or set of items" and obviously a collectors view of what constitutes a set of items and that of the tax assessors may differ considerably.

Many questions will require actual rulings in order to provide answers. Does a collection sold as a unit constitute a "set"? Does a collection sold as a series of lots in an auction constitute a "set" or do each of the lots become individual "sets"? Is a "catalogue set" a "set"? What constitutes a "set" of squared circle postmarks? Is a set accumulative for the value limit, i.e. does a collection of 1000 \$1.50 stamps constitute a set with a value of \$1500 if the stamps have been added over a period of years to reach this total?

Questions also arise regarding who reports what to whom and when. There has been no mechanism set up (February 1st) whereby such sales are automatically reported by dealers or auctioneers. Obviously anything sold to a private person would not be reported by him. Is the onus, therefore, on the individual who sells the stamps to include the capital gain of the sale in his income? Will the government require dealers and auctioneers to report sales or accumulative sales

for one individual which exceed the limit? What about stamps sold abroad?

There are many more unanswered questions which will require clarification before any sort of useful advice can be given. The only constructive action that can be taken at this time is, if you feel that your collection, or parts of it, when sold would realize more than \$1000, to establish its base valuation effective December 31st, 1971.

This may be done by accepting the insured value as actual with your policy as back-up or a list by catalogue number and value can be prepared and kept in some safe place. As I am a postal historian, I customarily record each new addition to my cover collection on a 3" x 5" card together with its price.

It would also be useful to similarly record all additions to your collection from December 31st, 1971 onward. It is expected that all valuations will be based upon "fair market prices" so that you should take this into account when making your valuation.

☆ ☆ ☆

We are pleased to announce that the first shipment of ties for RPSC was so successful that a new supply has been obtained. They can be purchased by members for the sum of \$6 each, post paid. If you would like to obtain a tie, please send your remittance to The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, 155 Forest Hill Road, Toronto.

☆ ☆ ☆

C.S.D.A. OFFICERS

The Canadian Stamp Dealer's Association have elected a new slate of officers:

President—Robert G. Crouch
 Vice-President—H. M. Martin Jr.
 Secretary—Peter de la Cour
 Treasurer—Manfred Walther
 Regional Representatives:

(East)—George Atkinson
 (West)—Fred E. Eaton

Please address all correspondence to the secretary, Peter de la Cour, 20 Cartier Crescent, Scarborough, Ontario.

☆ ☆ ☆

"The Klondike Rush Through Edmonton 1897 - 1898"

That is the title of a fascinating book by J. G. MacGregor, well-known Canadian regional historian. In this book, Jim MacGregor tells how nearly 1,500 gold-seekers set out from Edmonton on either of two wagon roads — the Landing Trail which led to the WATER ROUTE down the Athabaska River, or the St. Albert Trail and the OVERLAND ROUTE, the All-Canadian way to the Yukon.

J. G. MacGregor will be the featured speaker at the Friday night dinner at CANPEX '72 — in Edmonton, July 7, 1972 — and we know that his talk will be one of the highlights of the 44th Annual Convention of the ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CANADA.



The historic CPR Station portrayed above stands today on the South side of the North Saskatchewan River, where in 1898 the "END OF THE RAIL" became "The START OF THE TRAIL". It has been chosen as the design of the special **Commemorative Cover** for CANPEX '72. The original painting and the sketch made from it by the artist Thelma Manarey expressly for CANPEX '72, will be on display.

CANPEX '72 in modern Edmonton will feature many HISTORIC EXHIBITS brought together to interest Philatelists and Postal History enthusiasts. Your hosts, THE EDMONTON STAMP CLUB, are looking forward to showing you these interesting exhibits, as well as sharing with you the MANY ATTRACTIONS OF THEIR FABULOUS CITY AS IT IS TODAY.

You too can "Hit the trail in '72 for the Trail of '98"
Plan now to be part of "THE CANPEX RUSH TO EDMONTON 1972"

CANPEX INFORMATION

The Edmonton Stamp Club
Box 399,
EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CANADA

CANPEX COVERS

Mrs. Wyn Goodall, Covers Chairman,
13068 - 124 Avenue,
EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CANADA

A word from all of us:



Whether you're coming to dinner or staying for a week, the Chateau Lacombe has a special way of saying welcome. With little things like a warm smile. Delicious things like dinner in the Chevalier Grill. Exciting things like international entertainers. And that's why the Chateau Lacombe is Edmonton.



Join our 60th Anniversary celebrations



Be a part of it all! The whirlwind excitement of rodeo — broncs and brahmas hell-bent for a cowboys hide. Dancing in the streets. The pounding hoofs of thoroughbred racing. Thrills a minute on the midway. Blackjack and roulette in the Frontier Casino. Breakneck action of the chuckwagon races. Dazzling stage show entertainment. Livestock and commercial exhibits — parades — Indians. Make reservations NOW. Box 1060, Calgary 2, Alberta, Canada.

THE MOST SPECTACULAR SHOW OF ALL

SALES DEPARTMENT

Gordon Frost reports that sales for 1971 totaled \$27,460.00, an increase over 1970. 7130 books were circulated to chapters and individual members. The Sales Department is a great way to sell your stamps. Why not try it?

Chapters who wish interesting and informative data on collecting should write to Mr. V. A. Linnell, 5221 Hingston Ave., Montreal and enclose \$1.50 for a copy of Lakeshore Stamp Club's "An Introduction to Stamps".

YOUTH EDUCATION PROGRAM

The date for entries for the Kristians and S., Norway Junior Exhibition has been extended to April 1. Interested young collectors are invited to apply. A genuine interest in stamps and a desire for expression is all that is required. The age of legal majority in Canada is 18, therefore all those whose eighteenth birthday falls after August 26, 1972 are eligible.

A number of junior programs will become available through the regular channels (RPSC Slide Library) within the next few weeks. They will include lectures on perforations, printing and miniature sheets for advanced juniors; Seven Wonders of the World Then and Now, glimpses into history and geography of Canada, the story of the printed word, etc. for all groups, beginners and advanced.

Topics and interests should be communicated to the:

Youth Education Program, R.P.S.C.

157 Clifton Avenue

Downsview 475, Ontario

for planning and consideration.

* * *

We received requests from abroad, mostly Europe, for pen pals. If you are interested drop us a line. The Correspondence Department of the United Nations Association also has lists for those interested in a distant friend.

* * *

Free stamps for junior clubs are still available.

Whether BUYER or SELLER
you should use the



**B. J.
Hunter**
Stamp Service

WHICH INCLUDES

- FORTNIGHTLY LISTS of fine Riv. Colonials (mostly at ½ cat.) priced 5p to £500 each. You will need a Stanley Gibbon's 1971 catalogue for these lists.
- POSTAL "SPOT" AUCTIONS which avoid the usual risks taken by buyers and sellers. (No deal complete until you have seen the lot and are satisfied).
- WANT LISTS recorded when they are unable to be filled immediately. Scott Numbers O.K.

The following are a few of the more valuable items at present in stock (mint unless marked U):

SOMALILAND		43a single Eng.	£2
86-9 U on reg. cover	£1.90	43a single Afr.	£2
93-104	£4.75	44b vert. pair	£9.50
93-104 U	£9.50	47	£1.25
93-100 U on two reg. covers	£2.50	47 blk/4, inv. wmk.	£3.60
104	£1.10p	48	£3.90
105-16	£1.90	48 U	£1.10p
105-16 U	£2.75	49	£3
125-35	£1.40	49 U vert. pair	£2.25
0.7a	£4.50	49a U vert. pair	£1
0.10a	£27	50-53	£1.50
0.11a	£27	50-53 U	£1.90
0.12 U	£9.50	53 U	£1
0.13	£7.75	53	£2.90
0.13a R.P.S. cert.	£37	58 U	£1.25
0.14	£9	64	£2.40
0.15	£35	64 U	£1.50
Unissued 1R	£1.40	64a	£1
		64b U	£1.25
SOUTH AFRICA		88-95 (14) U	£1
14	£1.30	D.1-7 (7)	£2.50
15	£4	D.7	£2.10p
17	£75	0.28	£2.40
17a	£85		
26-29	£4		
30b single Eng, inv. wmk	£3		
30b single Afr, inv. wmk	£3		
34-39	£38.50		
34-38	£25		
34	£1.40		
34 U	£1.25		
35 pr. from margin, O/C	£1.75		
35a	£2.10p		
36	£3.90		
36 vert. pr, parcel cancel	£1.50		
36 single Afr.	£1.25		
38 single Eng, U	£1.20		
39 single Afr, U	£1.40		
41 unmted. blk/4 from margin	£3.25		
42-49a (18)	£9		
		7	£2.50
		8	£7
		9	£13.50
		15 U	£1.80
		16	£1.10p
		18	£6.25
		19	£7.50
		21-40 (20)	£1
		37	£1.10p
		40	£3.60
		41	£20
		42	£6.75
		43	£26
		44 centre slightly rubbed	£16
		45-56	£34
		53	£1.25
		54	£2.60
		55	£9
		56	£22
		56 U	£26.50

Each FORTNIGHTLY LIST contains about 4,000 items country by country
Write for Free Copy to

B. J. HUNTER

Weston Lea, Albury, Guilford, England

ATTRACTIVE COLLECTIONS

of many countries are always available for sale through our private treaty department. At the time of going to press we can offer

CANADIAN OFFICIALS 1949 - 63

A fine collection of the "O.H.M.S." & "G" overprints.

All are very fine to superb used, bar three mint blocks.

The straightforward stamps are complete according to S.G. including the Special Delivery Stamps in used blocks of four.

Among the varieties are the missing stop in "O.H.M.S." on S.G. 05 in pair, 06, 010 in mint corner imprint block & 015. The major attraction is the 1950-51 'Fur Trader' 10c. marginal pair, one with & one without "G" overprint. Also S.G. 03 & 011 in mint marginal blocks of six showing narrow 8mm. spacing.

The owner has included several multiples and there are thirteen covers. The writing up is informative & neatly type-written.

A very pleasing study.

159 STAMPS

PRICE £135

Details of other properties can be obtained from
David Muscott at

ROBSON LOWE LTD.

Auctioneers, Publishers & Valuers

50 Pall Mall, London, S.W.1 Y5JZ
England

Cables: "Stamps,, London, S.W.1." Telex: 915 410

Please say that you saw this advertisement in *THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST*



Expertisation of Philatelic Material

Our Society is an affiliated member of The British Philatelic Association and our members are entitled to use the services of the B.P.A. Expert Committee.

A Certificate from a recognised authority accompanying a stamp is an assurance to a prospective purchaser that the stamp is genuinely what it purports to be; such certificates are more than ever sought by careful buyers today.

Since the Expert Committee of the B.P.A. was founded over 70,000 certificates have been issued. Those making use of this service of the B.P.A. include not only professional philatelists dealing in rare and costly stamps, but many amateur collectors who may seek not only for a certificate as a protection against loss, but also to aid them in establishing the identity of an obscure or difficult item.

It is thought, therefore, that some account of how the Expert Committee operates may be of interest.

First, as to the Committee itself. This consists of a panel of eight experienced philatelists each of whom, in addition to a wide general knowledge is a recognised authority in some specialised field. In addition there is available to the Committee the help of over fifty eminent specialists who can be consulted when needed, all of whom generously give advice on an honorary basis. The Committee meets once a month, the purpose of these meetings is not however the examination of all the items submitted,

but to discuss those about which there has been some doubt or difference of opinion, with a view to coming to an agreed and correct decision.

The Expert Committee employs a Secretary who is concerned with all the routine business: the receipt and return of the stamps: the keeping of the records and preparation of certificates: the collection of the fees and maintenance of the accounts; correspondence. He is not concerned with any part of the B.P.A.'s work. **All material should be sent by registered post and addressed to the Secretary of the Expert Committee, 446 Strand, London WC2R 0RA** accompanied by a letter giving full details of the 'patients' so far as they are known to the owner particularly of any special information required and any relevant information.

Immediately on receipt an interim acknowledgement by post card is sent. Every stamp (including each stamp of a set) is given a number, and it keeps this number in the B.P.A. files permanently. Details are entered in a Record Book—Name etc. of owner, description, date received. Other columns in this book provide for a record of the opinion, the names of the members of the Committee who signed the final certificate, the date of its return, and the number of the invoice. A work sheet is then prepared quoting only the number and the owner's description and question; the name is not disclosed to anyone at any stage un-



BUYING AT AUCTION (Especially at Harmers) IS SIMPLE, PLEASANT AND ECONOMICAL

AUCTION CATALOGUES. Illustrated auction catalogues, free at the Galleries, are available, accurately listing the stamps, the Scott nos. and the specific quality.

EXHIBITION OF LOTS. Lots are available for inspection for four to five days prior to and during the auction in Harmers separate, well-lighted exhibition room. Leading catalogues, Scotts, Gibbons, Yvert, Michel, Zumstein, etc. are available for reference. Viewing time: 9:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m., leaving plenty of time for leisure, careful examination. Postal viewing of lots of smaller size also available.

VALUATION OF LOTS. An estimate of every lot is available in the exhibition room. Valuations of particular lots always available by mail, or phone.

AUCTION ROOM. Harmers auction room, on the pent-house floor of their building, is attractively laid-out, pleasantly lighted, air-conditioned and conducive to relaxed participation in the world's most interesting buying procedure.

PRICE LEVELS. Lots sell for the market price, not fictitious levels dreamed up by vivid imaginations; a price arrived at by competitive bidding, either from the auction floor or from mail bidders.

Drop in and pick up a copy of Harmers next auction catalogue; alternatively send 50c. (to cover postage) for a copy to be sent to you by first-class mail.

Or even better yet, request the catalogue application form to avoid missing any of the approximately 25 auctions held by Harmers each year.

H. R. HARMER, INC.

The International Auctioneers

6 WEST 48th STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, 10036

NEW YORK — LONDON — SYDNEY

Telephone (212) 757-4460 Cables: "Harmersale, New York"

less there are unusual circumstances; for example if a large number of forgeries of a particular stamp makes an unexpected appearance it is only right Committee Members should know the source in order that any steps thought necessary can be taken. These work sheets with the stamps enclosed in transparent envelopes are then circulated among the Committee by the Secretary the Committee Members record their opinions on the work sheets. In the light of these opinions the Secretary prepares the Certificates which are in turn circulated or produced for signature at the next meeting. The signature of at least three members is essential; if any member of the Committee has expressed a dissenting opinion the item is normally referred back to him for reconsideration.

After the Completion of the certificates, those stamps which have been passed as genuine are photographed if the Committee consider this advisable for reference purposes. Three copies of the photograph are made — one attached to the certificate, one to the work sheet, and one is annotated and filed under the catalogue number to provide a cross reference. This collection of photographs is of invaluable assistance when examining similar stamps in the future. The certificates are then sealed with the Committee's seal in such a way as to tie the Photograph to the Certificate; the Record book is completed and the stamp is ready for return to the owner by registered post.

The work sheet, the owner's original letter, and any subsequent correspondence about the Certificate is filed in number order. Although the Association reserves the right to require payment of fees before the stamp is returned, in cases where the client is known the stamp is sent with the invoice; in such cases co-operation is expected in the prompt payment of the fee without further reminder. The fees are kept as low as possible, consistent with covering the not inconsiderable expense of the service despite the fact that the Members

CANADA PLATE BLOCKS

MATCHED SETS NEW LOW PRICES

UNUSED — ALL FINE
MANY OTHERS

No.	Pl. No.	Cat.	Price
325	1 or 2	1.20	.40
326	2 or 4	2.35	.80
327	1, 2 or 3	2.00	.75
328	1, 4 or 5	2.00	.90
329	1 or 2	4.00	1.20
330	1	25.00	10.00
330	2 or 3	2.00	.90
330	4	17.50	6.40
330	Complete 16	44.50	16.50
334	1	24.00	13.00
335	2	3.25	1.40
336	2	3.00	1.40
337	1 or 2	2.00	.40
337	9	12.00	3.00
337	11 or 12	10.00	2.00
338	1, 2 or 5	1.60	.55
338	7	3.00	1.25
338	11 or 12	40.00	12.75
338	13	16.00	3.75
338	14 or 15	8.00	2.15
339	1 or 2	4.50	1.80
340	6	3.00	1.00
340	10	4.00	1.50
340	15 and 16	24.00	9.00
340	18	20.00	4.00
340	19	12.00	3.20
341	1, 2 or 3	3.00	1.10
341	5, 10 or 11	2.40	1.10
341	17	20.00	3.00
342	1 or 2	12.00	4.00
343	1 or 2	8.00	3.65
343	3	48.00	20.00
343	4	16.00	6.50

Send want list for Single Blocks,
or other numbers.

L. C. P. Davenport

7 JACKES AVE., APT. 308,
TORONTO 7, CANADA

When you have Stamps to sell

H. E. Harris & Co. is the place to go

To replenish our extensive retail stocks we are constantly buying — at generous prices — collections and accumulations made by stamp collectors provided they are worth \$100 or more. We pay top prices and are interested in buying nearly all types of philatelic material, and especially stamps of the United States and British North America.

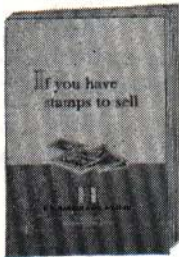
There must be a reason why thousands of knowledgeable collectors have sold only to Harris over the years. It just makes good sense to go to the World's Largest Stamp Firm when the time comes to sell.

- World-wide reputation for unquestioned integrity.
- Financial resources to pay spot cash for purchases of any magnitude.
- Free appraisals (For serious-minded sellers.)
 - Liberal cash offers.

- We pay more because we buy for retail stock — not for resale to dealers.
 - No haggling nor delays.
 - Immediate payment in full.
- Safety of stamps in our custody is guaranteed.

- If you are not entirely pleased with our offer, your stamps will be promptly returned intact, with no appraisal charge, transportation prepaid.

FOR YOUR OWN PROTECTION



We are interested in buying nearly all types of stamps you wish to sell, provided they are worth \$100 or more. Please do not send stamps until we definitely ask you to. Instead, write us a brief description of what you have to sell, including any information you think may help us to make a preliminary judgment.

Send only 25¢ for our booklet of valuable information, "If You Have Stamps to Sell," and read it for your own protection before disposing of your collection.

A Typical Comment from the thousands who have sold stamps to Harris.



PABLO FABIAN
PHILATELIST
PASO DE LA REFORMA 402
MEXICO, D.F.

H. E. HARRIS & CO.
BOSTON, MASS. 02117

Dear Mr. Harris,

Many thanks for your recent purchase.

Being 78 years old, I am now retiring from the philatelic field. So I must say farewell to you, my oldest philatelic friend, as we have been dealing together for more than half a century.

I well remember when you first visited me in Vienna in 1920. Since then we have had many transactions. . . all of which, with not a single exception, were completely satisfactory to me. Your payments were always prompt and accurate. Even when I occasionally made an error against myself, you carefully corrected it and paid me the larger amount.

Fifty-two years without a single misunderstanding — all of them were years of only the most pleasant dealings!

Sincerely,

H. E. Harris & Co., BOSTON, MASS. 02117 Established 1916

of the Committee give their time without remuneration.

Certificates are available in the minimum time consistent with proper and careful examination of the stamps. As will be seen from a perusal of this article there is inevitably a somewhat lengthy and complicated procedure to be followed, and it is impossible, as the Secretary is occasionally asked, to obtain the opinion of the Committee "by return of post". The value and reputation of the B.P.A. Certificate must not be debased by careless or hurried examinations.

Scale of Charges and Conditions

Members £2.50 per stamp

Non-Members £4.00 per stamp

irrespective of whether the stamps are found to be genuine or not.

Stamps catalogued at £200 or more will be charged:

Members 1½% of the catalogue price

Non-Members 2½% of the catalogue "

These fees are to be in advance by all, other than Full Business Members of the Association.

Various colours are used for certificates expressing different opinions:

The above fees, which are subject to revision, are charged for each item examined by the Committee, including each stamp in a complete set for which one certificate only is required.

For stamps not listed in the Catalogue, or whose value is greatly enhanced when on cover, the charge will be assessed by the Chairman of the Expert Committee based on known auction realisations. The maximum charge for any one certificate is £100. The catalogues used will be the current editions of Stanley Gibbons Ltd.

The right will be reserved to charge extra for items involving extensive research and enquiry; also to decline to express opinions on items of nominal value or little philatelic significance which take up more time than they justify.

If the Committee is asked to re-examine an item for which an opinion has already been expressed, a second charge

Martin Apfelbaum:



The 1971 edition of the E. N. Sampson AMERICAN STAMPLESS COVER CATALOG is now available. This comprehensive catalog, published for the first time in the early sixties, lists virtually every postmark used in this nation's early postal period. In addition, every listed cover is priced, so that the collector can readily ascertain the value of his stampless cover holdings.

Stampless cover collecting has long been neglected by the vast majority of stamp collectors. Actually, there is no valid reason for this, because stampless covers provide an interesting and challenging way in which to occupy one's time. The markings often enable the collector to trace the route the cover followed on its way to its destination; and on covers on which the markings are sparse, there is often room for much interesting historical and philatelic speculation.

But perhaps the most exciting aspect of stampless cover collecting concerns simple human relations; since most stampless covers are folded letters, each cover provides an insight into the lives of the men and women who wrote them. Two stampless covers to cross my desk recently were most interesting, not only because of their markings, but especially because of their contents. In one, there is a touching letter from a man who was nearly dead with consumption. He was writing to his estranged brother, asking forgiveness for the way in which he had treated his brother in his youth. The other cover contained a letter from a Union soldier, soon to fight at Gettysburg. Included in his writing are various musings about war and about his duties as a soldier. In this letter, one can see many surprising war-wrought thoughts, especially in the soldier's respect for the enemy and in his cynical remarks on the lot of the common foot soldier.

While offering this catalog to the collector, a word must be said about the lamentable position of philatelic literature in this country. Too many collectors, I believe, look with disdain on the great scholarship and vast amounts of work required to publish a philatelic treatise. This, unfortunately, produces, for the most part, a philatelically illiterate public, never knowing or caring about the true worth (both financially and, even more important, intellectually) of their collections.

We at Apfelbaum's, in an attempt to remedy this situation, offer to our readers the AMERICAN STAMPLESS COVER CATALOG at \$10.00 hardbound and \$7.00 softbound. This book makes a fine addition—or even a beginning—to a worthwhile philatelic library.

Earl P. L. Apfelbaum, Inc.,
1503-05 Walnut Street, Phila., Pa.,
19102, LOcust 7-6288,
Area Code 215.

CANADA OFFICIAL STAMPS

Our mail brings many and varied requests for prices and information on the many different classifications of Canadian stamps. One area of interest is the "Official" group. At the time of writing our stock is complete in all major numbers, mint with quite a few minor varieties as well. Subject unsold, we offer:—

Scott Number	Mint	Used	Scott Number	Mint	Used
01	.25	.30	*026a Missing G Block	200.00	—
01a Narrow Spacing strip of 3	2.25	—	027	21.00	—
02	2.60	2.50	028	.13	.04
03	.32	.25	029	.30	.05
03a Narrow Spacing (3)	2.50	—	030	.85	.07
04	.35	.15	031	.85	.35
04a Narrow Spacing (3)	5.00	—	032	2.70	1.75
06	.80	.20	033	.12	.06
07	1.25	.40	034	.14	.04
08	3.30	.50	035	.12	.04
09	52.00	50.00	036	.25	.04
010	15.00	15.00	037	.22	.04
011	7.25	—	038	1.45	.35
012	.09	.09	038a Flying G	1.35	1.35
012a Narrow Spacing(3)	2.00	—	039	.35	.05
013	.18	.20	039a Flying G	.30	.30
014	.28	.18	040	.10	.04
015	.22	.06	041	.10	.04
015a	.50	.35	043	.30	.06
016	.04	.04	044	.20	.03
017	.16	.16	045	.70	.08
018	.22	.04	045a Flying G	5.00	.50
019	.30	.04	046	.30	—
020	.42	.32	047	.30	—
021	.75	.16	048	.35	.40
022	2.25	.55	049	.18	.22
023	4.25	.35	C01	1.80	1.90
024	2.85	2.00	C02	3.75	3.75
025	24.00	—	E01	4.25	4.00
026	.50	.07	E02	7.50	8.00

George S. Megg Limited

37, VICTORIA STREET, :: TORONTO 1, CANADA

(Half a Block North of The King Edward Hotel)

TELEPHONES: Area Code 416 - 368-7528 489-1344

• CANADIAN AGENTS FOR ROBSON LOWE LIMITED •



may be made.

The above charges, which are subject to revision, are imposed for each item examined by the Committee, including each stamp in a complete set for which one certificate is required.

Stamps for examination should be sent by registered mail to:—

The Secretary.

**B.P.A. Expert Committee,
446, Strand, London,
WC2R 0RA, England**

and accompanied by the required fee.

R.P.S.C. Members must include a Certificate of Membership signed by The R.P.S.C. Secretary. This must be obtained in advance to prove entitlement to the lower member rate.

No form requires to be completed when submitting stamps, but the sender must indicate the catalogue number or other means of identification. Senders must also be prepared to leave the stamps with the Expert Committee for at least 6-8 weeks. Where stamps have an "extension" from an Auction Sale this fact should be stated. (30-day extensions sometimes allowed are useless for the purpose of obtaining a certificate.)

All stamps or other philatelic material submitted to the British Philatelic Association are at the sender's sole risk and neither the Association nor the Members of the Expert Committee can accept any liability either collectively or individually therefor however caused. No responsibility will be accepted for any opinion expressed by the Expert Committee.

In the absence of instructions to the contrary, material submitted will be returned by Registered Post. All postage, packing and registration charges will be at the cost of the owner.

**THE SUBMISSION OF STAMPS OR
OTHER MATERIAL IMPLIES
ACCEPTANCE OF THESE
CONDITIONS.**

* * * *

**COME TO
EDMONTON**

Newfoundland

Scott #	Description	Mint Set
61-74	1897 Cabot Set	\$31.00
78-85	1898-Royal Family	7.00
87-97	Guy, Litho (Both 6c.)	50.00
98-103	Guy, Engraved	44.00
104-114	1911 Coronation (110a-12.00)	30.00
115-126	Caribou Set	22.50
127-130	1920 Surcharges	24.00
131-144	1923 Pictorials	20.00
145-159	1928 First Publicity Set	13.50
160	1929 Surcharge 3c. on 6c.	.50
163-171	Re-engraved Set	18.00
172-182	Watermarked Set	25.00
183-210	Industrials, Perf. 13½	14.00
212-225	Gilbert Set	25.00
226-229	1935 Jubilee	1.50
230-232	1937 Coronation	.40
233-243	Ditto, Long Set	4.25
245-248	Royal Family, Perf. 13½	1.50
249-251	1939 Royal Visit	.75
252	5c. Grenfell	.13
253-266	Industrials, Perf. 12½	3.50
267-270	1946-7, 4 values	.80
C2	1919 Trans-Atlantic	30.00
C3 or C3a	1921 Halifax	20.00
C6-8	1931 Unwatermarked	15.00
C9-11	1931 Watermarked	10.00
C12	1932 Do-x	95.00
C13-17	1933 Labrador	20.00
C18	1933 Balbo	140.00
C19	1943 St. John's	.12
S504	1932 Wayzata	2.25
J1-6	1939 Postage Dues	4.50
J1a-4a	1946-9 New Perfs. (4 val.)	6.00
J7	1949 10c. Watermarked	1.75

PLEASE NOTE: We have listed just a few of the Newfoundland stamps available. We have a nice stock of both mint and used singles. Above are hinged with full gum—and in good to fine condition.

My current 28 page Price List of Canada is available upon request.

Philip S. Horowitz

P.O. BOX 27

FOREST HILLS, N.Y. 11375

Member: ASDA, BNAPS, CPS of GB, APS

We Sold The Famous Sheet of Saxony



DM 260.901,50 or Can. \$80.280.00 (commission included)

was paid by the new owner for the most spectacular rarity of German philately. Further remarkable results of this international sale were

Columbian error 4 c., blue mint, Can. \$5540.00,
 Trinacria Can. \$ 3380.00. Saxony No. 1, 4 copies on cover
 Can. \$22,150.00, German Empire No. 1, original sheet
 Can. \$ 7075.00, German Empire No. 27a, original sheet
 Can. \$11,690.00, Zeppelinpost collection Can. \$ 9800.00.

Total turnover of the sale was most satisfactory. Starting prices experienced considerable increases, very often double and triple amounts were obtained. This has been a typical Edgar Mohrmann sale of international standard.

Catalogue for the 137th **Spring Auction** was just published and is available against Can. \$2.00 air mail postage, subject to refund if you buy in the sale.

AUCTION DATE — 10th till 12th APRIL, 1972

EDGAR MOHRMANN & CO.

A Partner For Ambitious Customers

SPEERSORT 6, HAMBURG 1, GERMANY

Cable Address: EDMORO

Sales Department

My recent request for new books has certainly brought in many replies especially from the newer members and now we are well stocked in most areas except of course early Canada. For the present, books of the British West Indies group; British Asia; British Africa and Eastern Europe are **not** required.

Required are early DENMARK: U.S.A.: GREAT BRITAIN: and all aspects of Canada including town cancels on small and large queens: pre-cancels: varieties etc.

Recent arrivals include some books of Canadian postal stationery: and mint Canadian plate blocks although most of these are of the more modern era.

A mention was made in the last issue that a quantity of Admiral engine turns had come to hand. These were quickly snapped up so if any reader has supplies surplus to his requirements I would be pleased to receive them. Canadian semi-airs have been selling very well since they were last mentioned and here again we can use additional books. These issues seem to be coming popular again.

There are still some of you who send in books of unwanted material. Unless I request particular countries it is a waste of time mounting such material. For instance books of Latin America just take up valuable space and collect dust because nobody wants them. Material from Communist countries rarely sells and this also applies to the Middle Eastern "Sheikdoms". If you have issues not mentioned in this column from time to time I suggest you write me so I can advise you whether or not they are required. This way we all save time.

I am still looking for ex-member Mr. W. P. Albright formerly of Dundas, Ontario. If anyone knows his whereabouts please let me know.

Gordon F. W. Frost
P.O. Box 345
Willowdale, Ontario.

PRICES SLAUGHTERED ON CANADIAN REVENUES

ONTARIO

Sissons Cat.	Price
40b 40.00	Imperf. Pr. 15.00
52 1.0025
52a 30.00	Imperf. Pr. 10.00
53 4.00 1.00
54 5.00 1.25
64 4.50	mint unhinged... 1.75
65 5.50	" " 2.00
66 10.50	" " 3.00
67 22.00	" " 5.50
68 35.00	" " 10.00
84 6.00 1.00
86 7.50 1.50
87 15.00 3.50
99 5.00 1.75
154 25.00	Punch WC 5.00
155 15.00	" " 3.00
60 4.00	Supreme Court 1.00
2 10.00	Dawson Mint 2.00
3 10.00	" " 2.00

On approval. Mixture all diff.
Cat. Over \$70.00 for \$10.00

Fred Jarrett

BOX 302 ADELAIDE ST. P.O.
TORONTO, ONT.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Ready at last, a beautifully produced catalog of British Columbia Revenue Stamps which, by the way have been in existence, almost as long as British Columbia, celebrating in 1971 its Centenary as a province of Canada. \$10.00 gets all these things:

1. The British Columbia Revenue Catalog, value \$3.00
2. The Visual Guide to B.C. Revenues, an invaluable collectors aid.
3. Set of album pages on which to mount the major varieties as listed in the catalog. (Sections 2 & 3 are valued at \$10.00).
4. There are 11 different series of B.C. Law stamps. All earlier requests will receive one stamp from all 11 series correctly identified. Later will have to get 8 to 10, but total value of the stamps will be at least \$15.00 and they are not necessarily the cheapest in each case.



As mentioned, all items 1 to 4 cost \$10.00 and its either cash with order or else you may have the entire lot on approval. Whatever you do don't ever pass up this offer. It's the start of a series that will take in at least 20 different catalogs dealing with various phases of Canadian philately. The B.C. catalog is #1 and only 4000 units are being printed, of which 2000 go to regular customers. If you miss out by being too late on this first section, reprints will be made but only if and when an additional 1000 units are ordered in advance, and at a cost of \$50.00 each!

High? Don't worry. When you get around to seeing sections 2, 3, 4, etc., at some collector's house you will be very happy to pay \$50.00 on the missed out #1 group.

"Me collect Canada revenues?" By all means yes. Better get in on something good. Most are amongst the most beautiful engraved stamps ever, bargains are everywhere to be picked up as just about all dealers have a box or two tucked away. Above all, consider this: NOT A SINGLE CANADA REVENUE STAMP HAS EVER BEEN PRINTED WITH COLLECTORS IN MIND.

* * * * *

THE 8c. STAMP ISSUE OF DECEMBER 30, 1971.

On this date Canada set a new regular basic postage rate and henceforward minimum cost to mail a letter is 8c.

Dec. 30, 1971. Remember that date. It's the start of something new for Canada. The P.O. has announced an 8c. stamp is coming out. "So big deal; 8c. and I'm in on the ground floor".

Is it that simple?

Not when it comes to Canadian stamps.

Instead of one solitary stamp there are 11 different basic units to get and your starting collection of this new era is totally incomplete unless it has these 11 items!

Get them and you are still classed as a general collector. No one who specializes in Canadian stamps would ever dream of getting just the 11. His minimum requirement is 33; each and every one a distinct variety that will be listed in any comprehensive specialized Canada catalog.

And that is 33 MINT.

I try for far more by including used, and all with first day cancellations wherever possible!

One 8c. stamp? Forget it.

Ask for my SPECIALIZED Dec. 30, 1971 8c. collection to be sent on approval. It will be a joy to behold; the way Canadian stamps should be collected!

Almost forgot. On June 30, 1971 we had the last rate change i.e. 6c. to 7c. Can still supply some specialized collections for the 7c. Two dandy rarities have developed in this 7c. group. (1) 7c. plate 1: PLL PAY \$10.00 for set of 4 position blocks. (2) June 30th 1971. Tagged First Day Cover, Winnipeg Cancel of course: can supply one at \$10.00.

* * * * *

THE BIG THREE

First of all in December of 1969 Vancouver, B.C. was the scene of a grand major Canadian error; the 6c. 1969 Christmas stamp with border and all lettering entirely missing. Strangely enough it was the Canadian Post Office that first discovered this error and managed to head off quite a number before they were sold to the public. Not too many landed in collectors' hands, about 4 times less than the famous 1959 Seaway Error. I purchased most in existence.

Then in May 1971 the first ever special Canadian Imperforate error was discovered in a Saskatchewan town. This was the beautiful Maple Leaf in Spring stamp. I purchased all found.

Once again, in Sept. 1971 a most happy young French-Canadian Alain Duplessis, in Sherbrooke Quebec, came up with an entire pane of 50 of the Maple Leaf in Autumn stamp. Similar to the 1969 Christmas error, all lettering was missing. He wasn't a stamp collector. His mother and sister assured him the stamps were no good and he took the pane back to the P.O. to be exchanged for 50 good stamps. The postal clerk was rather dubious about any exchanging and after a lot of arguing told him to wait a while as he had other customers to look after. As chance would have it, a stamp collector heard the last part of what was going on, told Alain to hold on to the stamps and the rest is history. That is one pane the Canadian Post Office failed to recover. Bileski got all except 5, which Alain gave out to various good advisors, keeping one for himself. Might as well become a stamp collector.

One point comes up; isn't the Canadian P.O. guilty of too many postal errors? Well hardly, compared with what has been happening in both the U.S.A. and Great Britain over the past 15 years. Canada's record is marvellous. There isn't one country in the world with tighter security and inspection standards compared to Canada; our errors only approximate about 2% of what comes out in the other 2 countries. Yet note how eagerly and at what high prices all the errors found in the U.S.A. and Great Britain are purchased.

How is it this Bileski comes up with Canadian errors so consistently. Hardly any secret. Thousands of collectors and dealers know I'll buy anything of interest that is found. Millions of non-collectors see my offers to buy errors (and collections of course) in just about all the newspapers in Canada. Costs only \$5,000 to \$10,000 a year. One of these days I may just break even!

In connection with The Big Three: I offer

1. One perfection single copy of the 1969 Christmas error.
2. One perfection imperf pair of the Maple Leaf in Spring.
3. One perfection single copy of the Maple Leaf in Autumn error.
\$5,000.00 for all 3.

(Not bad. Hansen has valued the 1969 Christmas error at \$10,000.00 alone).

Only one lot as above is available. I can do 2 more lots at much lower prices, but the 1969 Christmas error in each case will not be perfect. This is one error where there are almost as many different prices as there are stamps as very few indeed are perfect. Every single one landed first in the hands of a non-collector and if you want to get heart failure fast, give your prized rarity with no warning whatsoever, to a non-collector for his inspection.

CANADA 1953-1967

Well the \$5,000.00 offer will take care of the affluent, but there are any number of good hearted collectors without that sort of spare change who still would like to get a good toe-hold on a start towards building up a decent Canadian collection. I offer 2 groups:

All the major Canadian varieties (no errors) issued from 1953 to end of 1967. There are over 200 splendid mint stamps and all they cost is \$50.00. Two of the sections (the Tagged and the G stamps) will each be selling at \$50.00 alone in no great time.

The same thing, but fine postally used, and I do mean fine. One must discard 95 stamps out of each 100 to get the quality desired. Price of this lot is \$30.00.

Either lot can be had on approval.

Am working away on the period 1968 to end 1972. This obviously wouldn't be ready till sometime in 1973. One thing these collections will have is a host of perfectly bona-fide varieties that the general catalogs just don't have the space to list. Ask to have one lot sent on approval when ready.

* * * * *

THE GABON VIPERS

Enough of Canada. Let's discuss the strange saga of the Gabon Vipers. Don't know why they are called Gabon Vipers as they live in Liberia. You may see them on the handsomely engraved Liberian stamps F20 to F29. I first began to notice them about 35 years ago. Colonel Rogers states "it is as dangerous as it looks" and that is about it. The Gabon Viper is a very mean short tempered terribly strong snake. It is not afraid of anything or anybody and will attack with or without provocation. Instant death is the usual result. Hard to see on the leaf covered ground of Liberian forests, so long ago Bileski made one thoughtful resolution; not to go wandering around in no Liberian forests.

But the stamps intrigued me no end. Some 35 years ago they catalogued 20c. each mint so I began to offer \$10.00 a mint set. My \$10.00 offer per 10 stamps brought not one. I kept raising this offer and still not one set! Someone there in Scotts must have noticed my offers for prices to creep up. And now look at the 1972 Scotts. Why F20 to F29 are now listed for a total of \$100.00!

Don't hold your breath if you expect a sudden flood of Gabon Vipers to take advantage of the \$10.00 per stamp rate! What ARE they worth? I don't know. If someone was to send me a check for \$1000.00 and say "here Bileski, send me a complete set", all I could do and very regretfully is to return the check. I know of but 3 complete mint sets in existence and none are in my possession. It may be others are hidden in old time kid collections — who else in those days would go after Liberian stamps?

It so happens I have 45 mint copies of one of the Gabon Vipers. Sorry they are not for sale. Very shortly the sumptuous edition of Colonel Rogers' "A Century of Liberian Philately" will be ready. The Library edition is long since sold out on advance orders but there are still available some of the soft cover editions. Cost is \$12.00. There may be a delay in delivery of 3 to 5 months but to compensate for this, one brilliant mint Gabon Viper is sent out free as order is received. At least you have one out of the 10 possible.

* * * * *

THE \$51.00 PACK RAT OFFER

Those who have managed to get this far after wading through this lengthy advertisement deserve something good. In 1971 I marked 50 years as a stamp dealer and all of 1971 was offering a "pack rat" accumulation of philatelic odds and ends at \$50.00. It is now 1972 and it's also now 51 years so let's make it a \$51.00 PACK RAT OFFER. Very few Canadians in these groups but most all countries are available and these lots are perfect for the general collector. State whether quantity or quality is wanted (or half and half). Preferences and dislikes welcome.

Allow up to 30 days to fill the order and of course it's money back if the lot is unsatisfactory.

* * * * *

K. BILESKEI LTD.

STATION "B",
MANITOBA,

WINNIPEG,
CANADA



UNDER THE LOOKING GLASS

KEN PUGH (#9503)

The question sometimes arises as to where to draw the line in collecting varieties. I would never dictate to another collector what to collect and what not to collect, but I will tell you where I draw the line for my own collection.

As to what is a collectable variety generally boils down to two questions. How was it created, and how many of it exist. To answer these questions it is now necessary to discuss the printing process.

In the engraved process the image of the master die is transferred in relief to a transfer roller which in turn transfers its image to a secondary die.

This secondary die impresses its image in relief into a second transfer roller which presses the impressions onto the plate.

If a flaw occurs in the transfer roller it will be repeated on the printing plate for all remaining subjects unless it wears out, or is removed. Likewise any alteration to the secondary die, will be repeated in all the subjects of the plate.

In recent issues, alteration to the secondary die is very rare, and the 6 cent black definitive, (1971) Plate #4 is the only example I can think of at present. In this case the secondary die was re-engraved, as the shading lines were deepened and strengthened. In some catalogues (including Scott's) the re-

engraved secondary die is incorrectly called DIE 11, even though a new die was not prepared.

If isolated stamps on the plate become weak, it may be necessary to touch it up, without having to re-engrave the secondary die, and make a new plate. The weak lines are strengthened by hand, and the process is called retouching. An example might be found in the Samuel Hearne commemorative of 1971 as illustrated in *The Canadian Philatelist* Volume XXII, No. 6, page 263. I suggest to catalogue editors that this retouch be recognized. Since the printing plates are now chromium plated; retouching varieties are few and far between.

Any tool slip, scratch, or mark caused by a foreign particle, on the plate which is repeated for a considerable length of time, is in my opinion a collectable variety. We would prefer to be able to see these varieties easily with our naked eye, but a magnifying glass is sometimes necessary to bring them to our attention, (and save a great deal of eye strain!) The variety which cannot be seen without a lens over 20x, is much too trivial even for the most avid fly-speck hunter.

I do appreciate your letters and illustrations of new varieties, but I must insist in a strict criteria for acceptable constant varieties. You must have seen,

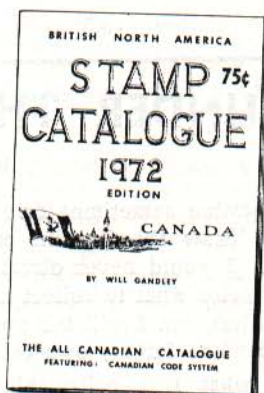
Announcing

THE ALL CANADIAN B.N.A. RETAIL STAMP CATALOGUE

Do You Resent

- Foreign Numbers for Canadian Stamps?
- Foreign Values for Canadian Stamps?
- Foreign Control of Canadian Stamps?
- Tribute Paid Foreign Companies for the above?

—————
NOW YOU CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT
 —————



This is the First All Canadian Stamp Catalogue -- Easy to Use -- Easy to Read

DEALERS WRITE FOR QUANTITY DISCOUNTS

- FREE DEALER IMPRINT ON 200 COPIES ●

— SAMPLE COPY —

NUMBERING SYSTEM:

37/10 = 10th stamp
of 1937
As easy as that

NOTE:

Values in 3 conditions
Both Mint and Used

NOTE:

Pictures and Values
Together Throughout
For Easier Reading

NOTE:

No Over Crowding
Even Spacing,
Pictures Numbered.

CANADIAN WHOLESALE SUPPLY

P.O. BOX 841 :: BRANTFORD, ONT.

or have heard of at least two of the same variety before it can be suspected of being constant. It must be proven that the flaw was severe enough to be duplicated for a considerable length of time. Two used copies with cancellations from different towns or even provinces, would accomplish this beautifully. If there was not this criteria, we would soon be labelling ink splashes, dust spots, dried cleaning fluid bubbles or doughnuts as constant varieties.

As I would like to leave you with some examples of recent varieties, consider the two 'philatelic posers' illustrated.

(a) is found on the 1967 15 cent definitive. The doubling to the left of the 15 has been termed a re-entry by some dealers (I hope not by the buyers). I believe it to be caused by plate wear combined with an inking problem. As always, I invite an alternate suggestion from you, so don't hesitate to write telling me so.

(b) is found on the 6 cent 1970 black coil. Dealers have been calling this a hairline, but I believe it to be minor scratches caused by a grain of sand when the plate was wiped when cleaning. Your comments would be appreciated as well.

My next article will discuss varieties in the lithographic process but until then keep up the hunting. If you have any more varieties to report my address is 644-13th Street, Brandon, Man. R7A 4R5.



Dear Sir:

In Canadian Philatelist Vol 23 #1 Hans Reiche mentioned that Canadian stamp prices are unrealistic. Perhaps he is right, but only for stamps in good or less than good condition or stamps issued about after 1946. I would certainly not pay \$19.50 (according to Lyman's catalogue) for unused #120a, c or d stamp in only good condition. But show me dealer or source where I could get the same stamps in very fine or better condition for only \$19.50 or less. When I wrote to dealers the usual reply was "Sorry, we do not have it in stock now but we will put your name on our waiting list, etc."

How often have you seen #113b, 113c, 84, 39, 40 not to mention large cent issue, in mint in very fine condition for sale? Why? Because those who have them are not willing to sell them for the low price. Certainly there is inflation, and competition is very keen among **buyers**, but not sellers.

The question if Canadian stamp prices are too high could be best answered by the fact that 75% of the sale at Sisson's November 17th auction (the magnificent L. G. Firth collection) went to U.S. and U.K. dealers. The collectors abroad know that prices for Canadian stamps before 1930 with very few exemptions in very fine or better condition are still a **bargain**.

G. Eikerts R.C.P.S. #9266

* * * *

CANPEX '72

Germany

and AFFILIATED COUNTRIES

● bought and sold ●

want lists filled, price quotation,
approvals, covers, postal history

Manfred Walther

P.O. BOX 250 WEST HILL,
ONT. CANADA

CSDA GPS RPSC

FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF ALL PHILATELISTS
AND STAMP COLLECTORS
THE CANADA POST OFFICE
NOW OPERATES A POSTAL SERVICE CENTRE
INCLUDING A POSTAGE STAMP DISPLAY AND
SALES FACILITY FOR MINT-CONDITION STAMPS
AT FACE VALUE AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

POSTAL STATION "B"	1250 University St., Montreal 110, P.Q.
POSTAL STATION "B"	Sparks Street Mall, Cor. Sparks and Elgin Streets, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5A0
Station Haute Ville	3 rue Buade, Quebec 4, P.Q.
*Postal Station "C"	Fairview Mall, Cor. Don Mills Road and Sheppard Avenue, Willowdale, Ontario (Metropolitan Toronto)

* Packages of assorted single stamps only are available at this location.

A L'INTENTION DE TOUS LES PHILATELISTES
ET COLLECTIONNEURS DE TIMBRES,
LES POSTES CANADIENNES ONT MIS SUR PIED
UN CENTRE DE SERVICE POSTAL OFFRANT UNE
EXPOSITION DE TIMBRES-POSTE ET LA POSSIBILITE
D'ACHETER DES TIMBRES A L'ETAT NEUF A LEUR
VALEUR NOMINALE AUX ENDROITS SUIVANTS:

SUCCURSALE POSTALE "B"	1250, rue Université, Montréal 110 (P.Q.)
SUCCURSALE POSTALE "B"	Rue Sparks, Au coin des rues Sparks et Elgin, Ottawa (Ontario) K1P 5A0
Succursale Haute-Ville	3, rue Buade Québec 4 (P.Q.)
*Succursale postale "C"	Fairview Mall Au coin de Don Mills Road et de Sheppard Avenue, Willowdale (Ontario) (Toronto métropolitain)

* Seules peuvent être obtenues, à cet endroit, des enveloppes de timbres assortis.



—Philatelic Photographic Service, Toronto

WHAT'S NEW IN OLD CANADA

By FRED STULBERG

OVERPRINTS — NARROW SPACING

In order to understand this irregularity, it is necessary to know how the printing plates for stamps were set up as well as the plates for the overprints. Briefly and simply (perhaps overly so), this is the story.

Until recently almost all printing plates for Canadian stamps were prepared by impressing a hardened steel die into a steel plate — stamp after stamp, row after row. This continued until the required number of stamps in the designated format was impressed in the plate.

The printing plate for overprints was something else again. Here the type for printing was cast separately — usually an individual “slug” for each stamp — and set into a frame with spacers between each so that they would line up with each stamp to be overprinted.

Thus we can see that the plate used for printing the stamp was prepared in one piece with sophisticated equipment and a great degree of precision. On the other hand, the plate for the overprints was assembled from many indivi-

dual pieces with the main item of precision being an ordinary ruler. It is because of this that irregularities appear in the location of the overprints in relation to each other.

The best known “narrow spacing” appears on the O.H.M.S. Overprints on the 1c., 2c., 3c., and 4c. values of the 1942-43 War Issue. The overprints on the first two vertical rows of stamps of the right panes are closer to each other than any other horizontal pair of overprints on the rest of the sheet. Little is known, however, of the narrow spacing on the 1899 Surcharges on the 3c. Maple Leaf (above) and Numeral Issues of 1897 and 1898 respectively.

Here we see that the average distance between surcharges is 7mm, except between the the third and fourth stamp from the left of the sheet. It is here that the overprinted surcharges are only 4mm. apart. This appears to be consistent in all sheets of both the Numeral and Maple Leaf Issue and certainly opens a new variety for collectors of Canadian Victorian Issues.



Society Reports

PRESIDENT

H. SUTHERLAND

155 FOREST HILL RD.
TORONTO 199, CANADA

VICE PRESIDENTS

KENNETH ROWE, TORONTO

J. E. KRAEMER, OTTAWA

DIRECTORS

C. H. BAYLEY, OTTAWA

E. J. CHRISTENSEN, EDMONTON

DR. HENRY HICKS, HALIFAX

ANDREW HINRICHS,

LABRADOR CITY

S. KANEE, WINNIPEG

CARL MANGOLD, MONTREAL

J. A. PIKE, VANCOUVER

GUY DES RIVIERES, QUEBEC

DR. F. G. STULBERG, TORONTO

HONOURARY SECRETARY AND ADVERTISING MANAGER

MRS. G. M. GELDERT

APT. 1510
195 CLEARVIEW AVE.
OTTAWA K1Z 6S1, CANADA

SECRETARY

WALTER ANDERSON

BOX 3144, STATION 'C'
OTTAWA K1Y 4J4, CANADA

DIRECTOR OF SALES

GORDON F. W. FROST

P. O. BOX 345
WILLOWDALE, ONTARIO

CHAPTER COORDINATOR

MAJOR R. K. MALOTT

16 HARWICK CRES.
OTTAWA K2H 6R1, CANADA

Applicants listed as new members have applied for membership in the Society and in accordance with the Constitution, their names are hereby published. If no adverse reports are received within thirty days of publication, they will be admitted to full membership.

(*) Has requested that street address be left out.

New Members

- 9918 Dr. K. Postma, 320 - 5th Ave., N,
Apt. 213, Saskatoon, Sask.
- 9919 Christopher Dean, 1102 Temperance
Street, Saskatoon, Sask.
- 9920 Philip Goldstein, Box 3213, Grand Central
Station, New York, N.Y. 10017, USA
- 9921 James W. Purdey, Box 282, Station "P"
Thunder Bay, Ont.
- 9922 Charles F. Masson, 4345 Benny Avenue,
Montreal 261, P.Q.
- 9923 Capt. D. G. W. Douglas 33 Farnham
Crescent, Ottawt, Ont. K1K 0G1
- 9924 John H. Tozeland, 605 River Ave.,
Apt. 802, Winnipeg, Man. R3L OE7
- 9925 Augusts Greblis, P.O. Box 5, Roxboro, P.O.
- 9926 Dr. Cecil A. Berner, 438 Professional
Building, Edmonton 14, Alta.
- 9927 Gus Duchon, Apt. 1208, 13910 Stony
Plain Road, Edmonton, Alta.
- 9928 S. A. Gendemann 200 Kresge Building,
Edmonton 15, Alberta
- 9929 John Malcolm McEwen, 10468 - 76 Avenue,
Apt. 1, Edmonton 62, Alta.
- 9930 P. A. McIntyre, 11107 - 55 Street,
Edmonton 21, Alta.
- 9931 Lubomir Wojtiw, 13324 - 110A Avenue,
Edmonton 40, Alta.

Interests

- Netherdands and Canada
- Modern Commemoratives (Asia & G.B.)
Br. Commonwealth (Geo. V & VI)
United Nations; U.S.A., Swiss,
France & Canada
Canada, U.S.A. & British Commonwealth
- Canada : British Colonies : France
and Great Britain
Canada; Belgium; Luxembourg
& Br. Empire
Canada
- Latvian stamps : All phases
U.N.; Israel; Canada
- Canada; U.S.A. & U.N.
- Dealer
- Egypt, Sudan, Palestine Mandate
- Piteairn, Norfolk Islands,
Canada; Great Britain
- Canadian Postal Stationery

- 9932 S. J. Nicholls, 342 Cornell Drive,
Midland, Ontario
Canada Mint; Used & Blocks
- 9933 R. D. Cameron, 1772 Kilkenny Road,
North Vancouver, B.C.
Canada - Netherlands
- 9934 Alan S. Laycox, P.O. Box 1550,
Medley, Alberta
Canada Mint
- 9935 Theodore P. Butler, Five Martindale Drive,
Newark, Delaware 19711, USA
Canada, British Isles
- 9936 Leslie L. Beregsaszy, 15561 Brandt Avenue,
Romulus, Mich. 48174, USA
Canada; U.S.A.; U.N.; Hungary
- 9937 Valentin Resman, 918 Albert Road,
Windsor, Ontario
World Wide
- 9938 G. E. Bouchard, 613 Blanchard Cresc.,
Ottawa, Ont. K1V 7B7
Space Stamps & Topicals
- 9939 W. W. Duncan, Company Apt. 1, Suite 2,
Flin Flon, Man. R8A 1M2
Canada; U.S.A.; G.B.
- 9940 Luis Guzman P., Los Mogaburu 269
Lima 11, Peru
France, Belgium, Egypt (not UAR)
- 9941 Charles Henry Kingsbury, 100 Boyne
Crescent, Alliston, Ontario
Canada & First Day Covers
- 9942 John F. Crooks, 11610 - 118A Street,
Edmonton 19, Alta.
Canada (Plate Blocks, Mint stamps
& O.H.M.S.)
- 9943 Max Bass, 223-26 56 Avenue,
Bayside, N.Y. 11364, USA
Canadian booklets & Panes &
Philatelic Literature
- 9944 R. Latulippe, CFB Saint Jean,
Richelain, P.Q.
Canada; West Germany
- 9945 Richard L. Campbell, 13646 Garfield Ave.,
Hollydale, Calif. 90280, USA
None shown
- 9946 Roman Zrobok, 11503 - 123 Street,
Edmonton, Alta.
Canada
- 9947 Orville Ellis, 380 Boundary Road,
Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.
Canada; Great Britain
- 9948 William Hershorn, 333 Wilson Ave.,
Suite 105, Downsview, Ontario
None shown
- 9949 Joseph Kenda, Morinville, Alta.
Recent Canada, Blocks,
Booklets & Stationery
- 9950 Lawson F. Ayrton, 4052 Grapehill
Avenue, Burlington, Ont.
Canada, U.K., Br. Oceania,
U.S.A. and U.N.
- 9951 John M. Durward, Craftsbury Common,
Vt. 05827, USA
U.S.A. & Canada
- 9952 Fred S. Kelman, B.A., LLB, 111 Ridelle
Avenue, Apt. 903, Toronto 19, Ontario
Canada, U.S.A., U.N. & Israel (Mint)
- 9953 Samuel S. Kloda, 3941 Carlton Avenue,
Montreal 249, P.Q.
Canada - Plates & Covers
- 9954 James E. Long, P.O. Box 62,
Yellowknife, N.W.T.
B.N.A., Australia & New Zealand
- 9955 George C. Young, Box 763,
Port Elgin, Ontario
Canada; B.N.A., U.S.A.
- 9956 John A. Ball, 367 Lawrence Street,
Fredericton, N.B.
Canada
- 9957 Roger Browne, P.O. Box 264, Station "B",
Montreal 110, P.Q.
Canada
- 9958 Mrs. Harold D. Cotton, 590 Seventh
Street, West, Owen Sound, Ontario
None shown
- 9959 Wilfrid A. Walker, 10230 - 132 Street,
Edmonton, Alberta
B.N.A. & Commonwealth
- 9960 Paul L. Adilman, P.O. Box 1660,
Wetaskiwin, Alta.
Canada
(Mint. F.D.C. & Plate Blocks)
- 9961 Dr. Michael J. Skweir, 104 Riverdale Road,
Liverpool, N.Y. 13088, U.S.A.
Canada General; Ukraine; U.S.A.;
New Brunswick
- 9962 Allen Bailey, 278 Marentette Street,
Windsor 14, Ont.
World
- 9963 Bill Garant, 764 Bruce Street,
Windsor 12, Ont.
World
- 9964 John H. Perry-Hooker, P.O. 652,
Wells River, Vt. 05081, USA
19th Century U.S.A. : B.N.A.
- 9965 Barry R. Niepke, 5008 Support
Squadron, PSC 1, Box 1066,
APO Seattle, Wash. 98742, USA
Mint & Used Canada
- 9966 Neil B. Blake, RD. 4,
Red Lion, Pa. 17356, USA
Newfoundland : Canada Mint - All Areas
- 9967 Dr. W. C. Horning, 3175 Sheringham
Place, Victoria, B.C.
B.N.A.; N.Z.; Australia; Austria
and Austrian States, G.B.,
Malta and Postal History
- 9968 Victor V. Skidra, 75 Starwood Avenue,
Ottawa, Ont. K2G 1Z4
Canada; Great Britain; U.N.; U.S.A.
- 9969 Egbert S. G. Christiani, 12 Lawndale
Road, Scarborough, Ont.
Canada, Bermuda, Guyana
- 9970 Harold E. Adams, Jr., 2 Brier Court,
Warwick, Rhode Island 02886, USA
U.S.A., Canada, U.S.S.R.
- 9971 D. Crowley, 3500 Atwater Ave., Apt. 403,
Montreal 109, P.Q.
Canada - Queen Elizabeth

- | | | |
|------|---|---|
| 9972 | Sgt. (L) C. G. Stoner, Canadian Forces Hospital, Kingston, Ont. | Canada; U.S.A.; Egypt; U.N. Greece; Germany |
| 9973 | R. W. Daneluk, Box 2406, Fort St. John, B.C. | Canada, Mozambique Company |
| 9974 | Richard F. Ammerman 3105 Bridge Street, Vancouver, Wash. 98661, USA | U.S.A., U.N., Canada : Topicals |
| 9975 | Richard J. Cowan, 62 Rose Park Drive, Toronto 7, Ontario | B.N.A. : St. Pierre & Miquelon |
| 9976 | Edgar A. Houldridge, 204 West Kings Road, North Vancouver, B.C. | Canada; G.B.; USA; U.N. |
| 9977 | W. H. Barnes, 280 Main Street, Ottawa, Ont. K1S 1E1 | Canada & Topical (Cat Family) |
| 9978 | Sidney Walter Shelton, 45 Wynford Heights Cresc., Apt. 509 Don Mills 403, Ontario | Great Britain Pre-Adhesives |
| 9979 | Andre Beauregard, 11064 Ste. Gertrude, Montreal Nord 460, P.Q. | Canada; U.S.A. |
| 9980 | Michael A. Hargraft, Trinity College School (Staff), Port Hope, Ontario. | Canada |
| 9981 | E. Boulter, 1813 - 5 Street, S., Cranbrook, B.C. | Not shown |
| 9982 | Elmer M. Bogyay, 36 William Street, Port Hope, Ontario | Hungary; World Sports |

Reinstated Membership

- 9005 Mrs. Charles O. Tarleton, Vineyard Haven, Mass., 02568, U.S.A.

New Chapter Welcomed

- #108 Beaver Stamp Club,
P.O. Box 42024,
Portland, Oregon 97242, USA

Changes of Address

- Allen, Mrs. Margaret, 1277 Oxford Street, Oshawa, Ontario
- Bell, J. R., Box 953, Vanderhoof, B.C.
- Berlinguette, Cpl. Paul, CFS Baldy Hughes, Prince George, B.C.
- Bernhardt, Eric, Brown, Boveri International, CH5400, Baden, Switzerland
- Burrows, Alan G., Box 519, Sation "K", Toronto 12, Ontario
- Charbon, Albert, 10 Waller Avenue, Toronto 21, Ontario
- Charron, J. J., 1980 Chemin de Chambly, Apt. 14, Longueuil, P.Q.
- Davies, Reginald L., 4851 Cote St. Luc Road, Apt. 307, Montreal, P.Q.
- Debney, P. L., 12303 Jasper Ave., Apt. 202, Edmonton, Alberta
- Eardley, W. R., Cavan, Ontario
- Edgington, Charles A., 823 South Troost, Olathe, Kansas 66061, USA
- Endres, Raymond E., 204 W. St. Anthony Street, Effingham, Ill. 62401, USA
- Firby, Charles G., 23100 Purdue, Farmington, Mich. 48024, USA
- Francis, Eugene, Box 37383, Los Angeles, Calif. 90037, USA
- Gill, Milton J., 2515 Irvine Avenue, Saskatoon, Sask.
- Goodger, Norman M., 229 King Hiram Street, Ingersoll, Ontario
- Green, Dr. Paul T., 1 Snow, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3T 2M4
- Heit, Melvin, 9 Simcoe Place, Halifax, N.S.
- Hennok, Jim, P.O. Box 75, Borden, Ontario
- Jamieson, Norton B., 284 Maplewood Drive, Huntington Station, N.Y. 11746, USA
- Jarnick, Major Jerome C., 3 Arnold, Kincheleo AFB, Mich. 49788, USA
- Judd, Thomas R., 1269 So. Lincoln Ave., Kankakee, Ill. 60901, USA
- Lange, Helmut, 368 Eglinton Ave., East, Apt. 311, Toronto 12, Ont.
- La Pointe, Mrs. Charleen, 35 Ormskirk Ave., Suite 109, Toronto 159, Ont.
- Lee, Leslie Warren, 3720 Spring Street, Apt. 3, Racine, Wisc. 53405, USA
- Linholt, S. A., 262 Bessborough Drive, Toronto 17, Ontario
- Lum, Sgt. Stanley, DCIEM, Box 2000, Downsview, Ontario
- Machin, John A., Box 25, North Weyburn, Sask.
- Marble, Allan E., 50 Brentwood Avenue (P.O. Box 92) Timberlea, Halifax Co., N.S.
- Marshall, R. V., 415 West Street, N., Apt. 48, Orillia, Ontario
- Moase, John D., 215 Yonge Blvd., Toronto 380, Ontario
- Moss, Lt. J. Stephen, 1609 Simmons Drive, McLean, Va. 22101, USA
- McDonald, Peter, 9 Camwood Cresc., Arlington Woods, Ottawa, Ont. K2H 7X1
- McLellan, L. T., 268 High Street, East, Moose Jaw, Sask.
- Nadeau, Gilles Guy, P.O. Box 101, Anthony, N.M. 88021, USA
- Oberman, Milton, 99 Aspenwood Drive, Willowdale, Ontario

COMPLIMENTS OF

CANADIAN BANK NOTE
COMPANY LIMITED . OTTAWA . CANADA

- Olivier, Dr. Jacques, 67 - 2nd Blvd.,
Vaudreuil, P.Q.
- Olson, George T., Jr., 2701 Brunswick Ave.,
N., Apt. 323, Minneapolis, Minn.
55422, USA
- Phillips, W.O. A. R., 906 Borthwick Avenue,
Ottawa, Ont. K1K 2M9
- Postman, Harold, 55-30 98th Place, Rego Park,
N.Y. 11368, USA
- Samson, Roger, 495 rue des Franciscans,
Quebec 6, P.Q.
- Saphore, Francis L., Det. 5, ARRSQ, Box 1224,
Tyndall AFB, Fla. 32401, USA
- Shelton, J., 219 Beechy Drive, Richmond Hill,
Ontario
- Simrak, Ray, Schoolane R.R. #1,
Windsor, Ontario
- Smele, David H., 6 Buckhorn Place,
Rexdale, Ontario
- Stadlmayr, Hubert J., P.O. Box 1438,
Tustin, Calif. 92680, USA
- St. Laurent, J. C., R.R. #1, Salmon Arm, B.C.
- Tarleton, Mrs. Charles O., Vineyard Haven,
Massachusetts 02568, USA
- Thomson, J. B., 26 Albert Street,
Point Edward, Ontario
- Vanicsek, Jean, 5785 Sir Walter Scott,
Apt. 209, Montreal, P.Q.
- Werner, M., Hovvagen 18, 17538 Jarfalla,
Sweden
- Webber, Eric A., 83 Machleary Rd., Nanaimo, B.C.
- Wolsfeld, A. J., Box 1057, Humbolt, Sask.
- Woods, William Mark, 1222 Pebble Road,
Ottawa, Ontario K1V 8V4
- #33 Lakehead Stamp Club
C/o Donald Jack,
2830 Victoria Ave., Apt. 9,
Thunder Bay "F", Ontario
- #37 Quinte Stamp Club
C/o Chas. Young,
46 Highland Ave.,
Belleville, Ont.
- #48 Kamloops Stamp Club
C/o G. B. Rich,
237 Alder Ave.,
Kamloops, B.C.
- #75 Germany Philatelic Society of Kitchener
C/o William Erbach
140 Bleecker Street,
Kitchener, Ont.
- #80 Saskatoon Stamp Club
C/o B. C. Cook,
2229 Lansdowne Ave.,
Saskatoon, Sask.
- #86 Winnipeg Philatelic Society
C/o Stuart A. Clark,
924 North Drive,
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3T OAS

Correction to Directory

Omitted from Geographic Listing—
Antigonish, N.S., MacDonald, J. J.

Deceased

Henry Whittaker, Victoria, B.C.

Chapter Changes

- # 5 North Toronto Stamp Club
C/o J. M. Shelton,
219 Beechy Drive,
Richmond Hill, Ont.

BRITISH COLONIALS

We hold an extensive stock of British Commonwealth stamps from 1840 to the present New Issues. Every month we issue a list of offers of all classes, with listings by Scott and Stanley Gibbons.

May we place your name on our mailing list?

WANT LISTS — we can usually guarantee a good proportion of your requirements.

NEW ISSUE SERVICE for Mint or Used - shades, perforation changes, Postage Dues and Officials are optional, and, in fact, this Service is adaptable to your own particular requirements.

Ask for free Brochure

APS
14814

E. S. JAMES

RPSC
3229

RUSTINGTON, SUSSEX, ENGLAND

'The Yucatan Affair'

SOON OFF THE PRESS! The shocking, bizarre story of a philatelic counterfeiter who plied his nefarious trade around the world for more than three decades!

Few countries escaped the deft hands of master counterfeiter Raul Ch. de Thuin, who had successfully operated, virtually unmolested, for many years in Merida, State of Yucatan, Mexico, until The American Philatelic Society attached his working tools, original artwork and more than 1,000 clichés, to put him out of business in mid-December 1966.

Now, nearly six years later, a thoroughly-documented and illustrated handbook, edited by James M. Chemi, James H. Beal and James T. DeVoss, with the assistance of a 30-man specialist editorial staff, will be released by the A.P.S. during the current year.

COUNTERFEIT ITEMS OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA are among those described and illustrated in the fantastic handbook—

*'THE YUCATAN AFFAIR: The Work of Raul
Ch. de Thuin, Philatelic Counterfeiter'*

A.P.S. President Daniel W. Vooy is pleased to announce to readers of The Canadian Philatelist a special Pre-Publication price of \$25 for the regular hard cover edition and \$30 for the De Luxe Library Edition. (A.P.S. members are entitled to a 20 per cent discount.)

This Pre-Publication offer can be withdrawn at any time without prior notice, so order your copies today. Send remittance to:

**THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC
SOCIETY INC.**

BOX 800, STATE COLLEGE, PA. 16801, U.S.A.



Postmarked Ottawa

By HANS REICHE (RPSC 6397)

I do not want to disturb the peaceful co-existence of unhinged and mint stamps but it was with great interest that I heard about the recent meeting which was held in Europe by the International Congress of Philatelic Societies. For obvious reasons a large number of journals which are heavily supported by the "unhinged" dealers and collectors did not even report this meeting. A decision was reached by this international body that mint stamps with light hinge marks equal those which are never hinged. One well known German magazine reflects this stand in that some dealers have dropped the difference from their listing.

With the new 7c. and 8c. regular issue we have entered the "dark" era. Both are printed in a very dark colour and the cancellation on such a dark stamp is often indistinct. New varieties are being reported almost every day. We have already mentioned some months ago the possible change in the tagging and now with the new Ottawa tagging another experiment starts. This will likely be followed by a further change in the method as the hi bright paper is out and the regular paper is used. Speaking of the regular issue all the recent coils have appeared in imperforated form and the first 8c. coil has been seen.

Coming back to my first topic I notice that hinge makers are introducing folded hinges with very narrow hinge portion about 1mm wide. Unfortunately these hinges touch such a small area that they do not stick well at all. One sale circuit book mounted with these hinges arrived in Ottawa with all the stamps "unhinged". Before buying hinges make certain they are what you really want and can use.

A mysterious 1c. Maple Leaf has been shown to me with a clear double line U watermark similar to the large Queen issue. Was this type of paper used for this issue? Not too many Canadian stamps show watermarks.

The interest in philatelic sidelines is growing everywhere. This is probably not surprising because everything around us is becoming more complex. Stamps alone may not be challenging enough for a number of collectors. Dealers are always looking for new material. Few can afford fine classics and recent auction prices show this clearly. In the USA the Government Printing Bureau issues special souvenir sheets for stamp exhibitions. They have no mailing value but are often nice reproductions of issued stamps. The latest one shows U.S. No. 1 and 2 on a sheet. These sheets have now become a collecting sideline with special albums and prices for some issues going into the hundreds. Many German government offices used to apply special stickers to their official mail envelopes to close the mail. These stickers come in fancy forms and colours with the inscription of the government department. A special catalogue exists for these. The official free mailing government envelopes and mail labels are another such sideline. Soon this privilege will end and the government will use stamps on their mail or make use of meters. During the war special cards were printed to tell soldiers in the field of a shipment of cigarettes. These cards come in many different designs but I have not seen a listing of them. A collection of the International Reply Coupons is a study in itself. Another facet are the old Retour stamps or labels which were used to indicate a return of

R & G STAMPS IS EXPANDING!

We are now in the process of establishing a Standing Order Service especially for R.P.S.C. and B.N.A.P.S. members. Profit is not our primary motive. We too, are stamp addicts, and would like to help fellow members receive the same type of benefits as we do. Only a small deposit will maintain your Standing Order Account, some as low as \$1.50. The deposits are tailored to your needs, number of countries and size of sets. Only a minimum service charge will be applied to cover postage and handling. Most sets will be sold at face value or less, depending on the exchange rate in the country of origin.

For more details please drop us a line and specify your countries of interest. Each inquiry we receive will receive in return a semi-valuable Mint Canadian postage stamp. (Only 600 in stock). Only British Empire and Canadian stamp orders will be accepted. We can deliver Canadian Plate Blocks and singles, faster than the Canada Post Office. (1 week). We also offer a 101% replacement guarantee, if for any reason the stamps you receive are unsatisfactory.

Also available: Approvals of Canada, the Provinces and British Empire. Just Quote your Membership number and we'll ship you a beautiful selection of stamps per your request for your examination, by First Class Mail.

Mailing Address is:

3552 PETER, WINDSOR 10, ONTARIO, CANADA.

Please use commemoratives on mail. I do.

My wife and I will be very happy to serve you.



R.P.S.C. #9793

B.N.A.P.S.

C.S.D.A.

a letter. The Old German States had a number of such labels, all of them very primitive with many printing errors. They are listed in specialized catalogues. The Canadian Prisoner of War labels are another such item. Many stamp manufacturing companies issue samples of their printing art for advertisement purposes. Such examples exist from the two Canadian Bank Note Companies, De La Rue, Bradbury Wilkinson, Courvoisier and others. Good hunting!

☆ ☆ ☆

CLASSIFIED

Rates—5 cents per word.
Minimum charge of \$1.00
for each insertion. Please
indicate what heading ad
to go under.

● PAYABLE ●
CASH IN ADVANCE

WANTED: Scarce mint NH hibrite and dull paper issues. Have same for sale. Also scarce tagged varieties such as matched sets E86TD, and tagged errors for sale. ARCAND, 790 Colonel Jones, App. 11, Quebec 10, P.Q.

CANADA and Commonwealth for study and spaces. Approvals, most at 20% to 40% catalog. Satisfaction assured. Older issues our specialty. T. G. Ballantyne, 68 Hillside Drive, Toronto 355.

BRITISH COLONIAL APPROVALS! Want-Lists Filled! Albums and Accessories at Discount Prices! F.D.C.'S! Society Number, please! Colonial Stamp Company, Box 35, Thornhill, Ontario.

CANADA AND GREAT BRITAIN approvals available to RPSC members. Discount prices. Denis Novick, 92 Churchill Blvd., Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.

THE GUIDEBOOK AND CATALOGUE OF CANADIAN STAMPS

by Glenn Hansen

232 fully illustrated pages — \$4.75
Essential for collecting, buying, selling, studying Canada's stamps. Values for five grades of all issues from 1851. Values for Elizabethan Plate Blocks. Values for all mint and used blocks of four. Scott numbers throughout. All major varieties illustrated and priced. Postpaid. Available from your local dealer or the publisher: Regency Coin & Stamp Co. Ltd., 101 Lindsay Bldg., Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

CANADIAN REVENUES — 25 different \$1.00, 100 different cataloging over \$25.00 only \$9.95. Canada revenue catalog \$3.00. Approvals available or want-lists filled. Also revenue mail sales. E. van Dam, Box 151, Peterborough, Ontario, Canada.

CANADA PLATE BLOCKS — Special 20% discount off current retail. Matched sets or single corners, from #378 to date. Send want list. Also request prices on Mint and Used singles, and FDC's. Leslie Radford, Box 3682, Station "B", Calgary 41, Alberta, Canada.

PRIVATE COLLECTOR WANTS—Canada and Provinces Revenue Stamps you might be disinterested in and have cluttering up your collection — Law Gas Bill Weights, Light War Tax Excise, etc. will give me some fun at I hope low investment. Peter Kennedy, 70 Truman Rd., Willowdale, Ont.

CANADIAN Telegraph material wanted. Anything considered. Ken Rowe, Apt. 403, 90 Warren Road, Toronto 7.

IDEAL FOR SALES BOOKS.



**RUBBER
STAMPS**

← \$1.75
postpaid

C. M. Lentz, P.O. Box 402,
Youngstown, Ohio 44501 USA
Serving Collectors since 1936



CORINPHILA

SPECTACULAR AUCTION SALE

in Zurich

24-29 April 1972

break-up of

- important general collections (mostly from estates).
- large specialized collections of outstanding quality.

strong in

- all European countries/British Colonials/USA/Latin & South America.

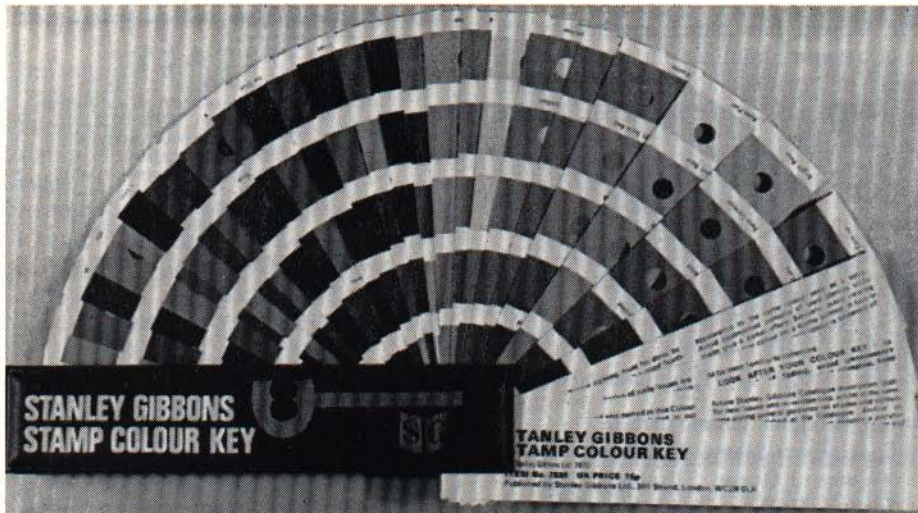
your chance to buy

- from over 7,700 different lots of all price categories.
- single rarities including multiples and covers as well as choice sets or complete collections.
- at prices established by the purchasers; we do not accept any reserve prices from the vendors.

we offer

- accurate description and tempting estimated price for each lot.
- 5 years guarantee of authenticity for all stamps being sold.
- de luxe catalogue with over 120 photo-plates (partly in color) free of charge to serious collectors.

CORINPHILA 8023 ZURICH (Switzerland)
Bahnhofstrasse 102 P.O.B.



—Philatelic Photographic Service, Toronto

It is not often that we do an illustrated review but in the case of the Stanley Gibbons Colour Key we were so intrigued with this unique concept that we felt one picture is worth a thousand words. You can obtain this ultimate in colour guidance from Stanley Gibbons Ltd., 391 Strand, London WC2R OLX, England for the price of 75p.

REVIEW

LYMAN'S B.N.A. CATALOGUE - 1972

Well, here it is "Lyman Time" again. This annual catalogue continues to grow in content but not in size (56 pages), and prices continue to change (3,468 increases). However, the signs of increased cost of production are starting to show by the various compromises that had to be made to keep the price reasonable.

Despite the fact that new chrome printing plates are being used, illustrations, in many instances, are blurred, indistinct and smudged. Many of the neat, black-framed pictures of the previous catalogues have given way to irregularly cropped stamps. Most of the tall stamps are now lying on their side and some sets have been overlapped in order to gain more printing space. Although these changes detract from the overall general appearance, they do not change the usefulness of the catalogue as a price list and the ever increasing number of

collectors and dealers who accept it as the standard pricing for B.N.A. stamps, attest to its acceptance.

A serious oversight in last year's issue is continued in this one. The order form (page 54) gives no indication as to where the order is to be sent and, in fact, the complete address of the publisher appears only once elsewhere and then only to inform readers about catalogues. In addition, the use of the order form mutilates the catalogue. A detached order form enclosure would have been a wiser choice for the small extra expense involved.

Catalogues can be obtained from most dealers @ 85c. or from R. W. Lyman (Canada) Company, P.O. Box 23 Station D, Toronto 165, Ontario, Canada, @ \$1.00 postpaid.

F.G.S.

* * * * *

British Columbia Revenue Catalogue, Visual Guide and Album Sheets.
 Published by K. Bileski, Station B, Winnipeg, Manitoba.
 Price \$10.00.

Mr. Bileski has added another to his list of revenue publications to cover the issues of British Columbia Revenue Stamps (Franks are not included). Based upon data supplied by Dr. J. A. Pearce of Victoria the catalogue is an interesting study of the Law stamps which is backed up by a tabulation of all of the printing orders. The excellent illustrations in the catalogue and the Visual guide make identification easy and the loose leaf album has spaces for all main varieties.

* * * *

**Stanley Gibbons Great Britain
Specialised Stamp Catalogue
Volume 3 Queen Elizabeth II—
Second Edition, Published 5th
November 1971. Price £2**

It is a sad commentary on the ever increasing flood of new issues that a specialised catalogue on the U.K. Queen Elizabeth issues can occupy 360 pages. Approximately substantially over half the book is devoted to special issues including a section on postage dues, perforations and booklets. Extensive listings are given for varieties, cylinder numbers, shades and other aspects of the stamps covered. The catalogue can be recommended for all who are interested in this period. (H. S.)

* * * *

**Stanley Gibbons 'Elizabethan' Postage
Stamp Catalogue, 1972 Published by
Stanley Gibbons Ltd., 391 Strand,
London, WC2R OLX. Price £1.75**

A compact 5x6½ in. pocket-size reference work which you can slip into your overcoat this winter before you sally forth to the local stamp club meeting. Stamp illustrations and text have been reduced photographically, but despite this compression, the smaller type is clear and readable, with the numerous varieties which interest so many collectors (448 new ones in this edition), suitably enlarged. The Publishers have added 76 extra pages, 1,812 new stamps and 412 new illustrations.

The Elizabethan covers the stamps of Great Britain, the British Commonwealth,

OPICALS

ANY SUBJECT A TO Z

R.P.S.C.

A.P.S.

A.T.A.

N.P.S.

- (1) No need to buy an entire set to get ONE STAMP.
 - (2) Over 100,000 varieties to fill your needs.
 - (3) Building Topical Collections for over 40 years.
 - (4) Why not ask for an approval selection today?
- New Issues, Old Issues, Topical Covers, Want Lists, Handbooks, Albums — Complete Topical Service.

WARREN W. KING

("King of Topicals")

2321 PARNELL AVE.,

LOS ANGELES 90064, CALIFORNIA

Canada & B.N.A.

FROM THE SPECIALISTS

As well as our regular stock of
mint and used,
We stock in depth, choice

**CLASSICS
SHADES
MULTIPLES
VARIETIES
CANCELLATIONS
REVENUES
F.D.C.
COVERS**

NEED WE SAY MORE?
ASK FOR OUR LISTS.

We Are Ready Buyers for any Lot

L.C.D. STAMP COMPANY

P.O. BOX 4022, Stn. C,
LONDON, ONTARIO, CAN.

TWO CENT APPROVALS:

Ten Stamps from San Marino
Disney Cartoons Depicted (5)
& Flowers (5) 30c. with
Approvals.

L. K. STODDART

BOX 177 BELLEVIEW, FLA., 32620 USA

Ireland and South Africa belonging to 'Elizabethan' era, which commenced in February 1952 — virtually 20 years of stamp development and history. It is more detailed than the standard Gibbons British Commonwealth Catalogue, steering a middle course for the fairly advanced collector. Prices have been revised to accord with the latest market changes, and there are many price alterations throughout. Some worthwhile shades and plate varieties have been added, with some interesting developments in the short-lived releases of Commonwealth booklets. With all its ancillary information on currencies, location, political status, plate-numbers and printings, sheet sizes, imprints and quantities sold, the new Elizabethan is an encyclopaedic 'mini-marvel'!

* * * *

1972 Scott Catalogue — Volumes 1; 2 and 3

This year Scott has gone to three volumes to accommodate the ever increasing numbers of new issues. All volumes show numerous price changes although most of these apply to the earlier issues. There are 74,853 price changes in the three volumes or about 21% more than were made in the TWO volume edition last year. The market for good material shows no sign of deteriorating as indicated by the high number of price increases.

In volume 1 the British Guiana No. 13 is now shown a valuation of \$325,000. This is its first listing since 1966 when it was listed at \$75,000. Wouldn't it be nice to find one in a mixture.

In this volume there are over 13,000 price changes and over half of them are in the British Commonwealth with U.S.A. issues showing nearly 3,000. Over 2,000 new issues were added from the previous edition.

The Canadian section shows nearly 700 new prices, the early and middle issues being mostly affected. Quotations for the 1897 jubilees are up about 20%.

Volume 2 has many price changes and most of them are increases. Venezuela and Russia lead with nearly three thou-

sands each. The 2,300 changes in Spanish issues suggest a lively market.

Volume 3 has about 27,000 price changes. It includes many new listings including San Marino's 1947 issue honouring Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The three volumes of 1972 Scott are of approximately equal size and retail at \$8. each. New lightweight bindings reduce the bulk of the catalogues considerably and are now quite attractive. Well recommended for serious philatelists.

G. F. W. F.

New 4th. OHMS CATALOG free

describing fully, illustrating and pricing the 257 major, and 607 minor varieties, ranging from the 5-Hole Perforated 1912 Admirals, to the 1962 Overprinted Q.E. 'G', with no further issues by the Canada P.O. To adult collectors, interested in further data on this Canadian group, I will forward the new 4th edition CATALOG (\$3.00) with 256 illustrations, free, (add 25c. for postage). Please send wantlist, or request to see a selection.

ROY WRIGLEY

20 years specializing in the OHMS

2288 Bellevue Avenue,
West Vancouver, B.C.



The Canadian Stamp Dealers' Association

Our members are pledged to deal fairly with philatelists.

We urge you to purchase your Stamps and philatelic supplies from dealers displaying the C.S.D.A. symbol.

Please direct enquiries and correspondence to the secretary.

KEN HAIGH

283 LEE AVE.

TORONTO 13, ONTARIO

CHAPTER MEETINGS

OTTAWA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

R.P.S.C. Chapter No. 16
Meet 8:00 p.m. Thursdays
September through May
CHATEAU LAURIER
Secretary: S. W. MacLeod,
840 Springland Drive (Apt. 427)
Ottawa 8
— VISITORS WELCOME —

SUPPORT YOUR
LOCAL
STAMP CLUB

NORTH YORK PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays
of each month (July & August
excepted) at the North York
Memorial Community Hall.
5090 Yonge St., Willowdale, Ontario.
Secretary—Mrs. M. Summerfield,
Phone 221-0375
— VISITORS WELCOME —

Chapter Fifty-one



A. E. TREBILCOCK,
President

2nd & 4th
Thursdays
SEPT. TO MAY INC.

Y. M. C. A.,

Downtown

79 James St. S.

M. T. MONTGOMERY,

Secretary,

574 Maple Avenue,
Hamilton 24, Ont.

R A STAMP CLUB OTTAWA

(CHAPTER 41, RPSC)

MEETS 7.30 p.m. EVERY MONDAY at
THE R. A. CENTRE
2451 Riverside Drive,
Ottawa, Ontario.

(Except June, July and August)

Visitors Welcome — Phone 733-5100

Winnipeg Philatelic Society

Meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays
Planetarium Building 7:30 p.m.

Secretary

ROBERT FOURES - Phone 233-6522
Visitors Welcome

VANCOUVER ISLAND PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Meetings on the SECOND THURSDAY
of each month, (except July and
August) at 7.45 p.m.

SECRETARY: Chas. W. Marshall,
2612 Victor Street, VICTORIA, B.C.

Room 112, B.C. Provincial Museum

Visitors always most Welcome.

UNION PHILATELIQUE DE MONTREAL

Chapter #3 Rue - 525 Beaubien E. Street
Montreal, P.Q.

Meetings 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every
month September to June
7.00 - 11.00 p.m.

Publisher of Philatelic ECHOS

Corresp. P.O. Box 398, Montreal 101, P.Q.

VISITORS WELCOME

EAST TORONTO STAMP CLUB

Cedarvale Park Building
Cedarvale Ave.,

First East of Woodbine, at Cosburn,
North of Arena

● 1st & 3rd Wednesdays ●

Secretary: Raymond Reakes,
188 Woodmount Ave., Toronto 13
Phone: 425-1545

VISITORS ALWAYS WELCOME

GET
A NEW
MEMBER

CHAPTER MEETINGS

NOVA SCOTIA STAMP CLUB

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

Established 1922

First Affiliate of the R.P.S.C. (1934)

Meets 2nd Tuesday of the Month
NOVA SCOTIA MUSEUM

Corresponding Secretary

MR. GEORGE PENCHARD,

3749 Kencrest Ave., Apt. 8, Halifax, N.S.

VISITORS WELCOME

WEST TORONTO STAMP CLUB

Established 1935

ANAVIC HOTEL - 2080 DUFFERIN ST.

MEETINGS:

2nd and 4th TUESDAYS—7.30 p.m.

VISITORS WELCOME

Lakeshore Stamp Club

501 ST. JOHN'S ROAD

POINTE CLAIRE, QUEBEC

Meeting Nights 2nd & 4th Thurs.

Sept. till June at 7:30 p.m.

Juniors welcome each meeting.

PRESIDENT — WAYNE CURTIS

SECRETARY — MRS. JOAN LANG

Mailing address: P.O. Box 194,

Pte Claire-Dorval, Que.

— TOURING STAMPERS WELCOME —

● Touring Stampers Welcome ●

EDMONTON STAMP CLUB

Meetings on alternate Monday's

in the Cafeteria of the C.N. TOWER

PRESIDENT — Jan H. Roebroek, Phone 466-6273

SECRETARY — E. Christensen, Phone 477-1897

REPRESENTATIVE — G. C. Bolton,

Phone 452-2978

Address all mail % the Club

P.O. Box 399, Edmonton 15, Alberta

LA SOCIETE PHILATELIQUE DE QUEBEC

(CHAPTER No. 40)



Meets in the

Centre Audio-Visuel

1158 Bourlamaque

Québec

First & Third

Wednesdays of the month at 8.30 p.m.

POSTAL ADDRESS: P.O. Box 2222,

Postal Terminal, QUEBEC 2, Que.

KITCHENER WATERLOO PHILATELIC SOCIETY

(Chapter 13, of the R.P.S.C.)

Meets at 7.30 p.m. the 2nd, Thursday

of month (except during June, July,

August & December) in Kitchener

Public Library

— Visitors Welcome —

President: Howard Bryce,

Tel. 744-8865

464 Hazel St., Waterloo, Ont.

EDMONTON

IN '72

LAKEHEAD STAMP CLUB

R.P.S.C. Chapter No. 33

Meets second Wednesday and last
Friday of each month in

Confederation College, 8 p.m.

— Visitors always welcome —

Donald Jack, Secretary-Treasurer

Apt. #9 - 2830 Victoria Ave.,

Thunder Bay "F" Ontario

NORTH TORONTO STAMP CLUB

CHAPTER 5 OF THE ROYAL

Meetings at 7:30 p.m. on

Second and Fourth Thursdays

(except in July and August)

— at —

DEWI SANT WELSH UNITED CHURCH

33 Melrose Avenue

VISITORS WELCOME

Buy Your Stamps

From

Our Advertisers

CANADIAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN

Hon. Secretary:

DR. C. W. HOLLINGSWORTH,
17 Mellish Road, Walsall, Staffs., England

FOR ALL ASPECTS OF B.N.A.
PHILATELY -- £1.50 PER YEAR,
'MAPLE LEAVES' PUBLISHED
SIX TIMES PER YEAR.

• WRITE FOR SPECIMEN COPY •

B.N.A.P.S. HANDBOOKS

ESSAYS & PROOFS of B.N.A. (E.P. Secty)	\$15.00
CANADA & NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL STATIONERY (1971) by J. F. WEBB. Catalogue and price list	\$ 3.00
CANADA PRECANCEL CATALOGUE (1968)	\$ 2.25
FIRST DECIMAL ISSUE OF CANADA (Whitworth)	\$ 6.00
CANADIAN STAMPS WITH PERFORATED INITIALS	\$ 1.50
CANADIAN ROLLER CANCELLATIONS (Smythies)	\$ 2.00
SQUARED CIRCLE POSTMARKS (Whitehead)	\$ 2.00
ADMIRAL STAMPS of 1911 to 1925 (Reiche)	\$ 5.00
" " " PART II (1970)	\$ 2.00
TRANSPORTATION POSTMARKS (Shaw)	\$ 5.00
Supplement (1970) (Shaw)	\$ 1.50
BOOKLETS OF THE ADMIRAL ISSUE (Marler)	\$ 3.00
REVENUES, FRANKS AND SEMI/OFFICIALS AIRMAILS	
1969 — a priced catalogue by J. N. Sissons	\$ 3.00

The above books are obtainable, postpaid, at the prices noted from

D. M. Verity

BOX #652
BURLINGTON, ONTARIO

Coming Events

MARCH 25 & 26 — North Toronto Stamp Club Annual Exhibition. 180 Eglinton Ave. West, Toronto. (S. C. Sheppard 225 - 8070).

APRIL 8 & 9 — KAPEX 72 Annual Exhibition of the Kawartha Philatelic Society, Holiday Inn, George St. Peterboro, Ont. Bob Bowley, 374 Hunter St. W., chairman.

APRIL 15th — Barrie District Stamp Club Exhibition, St. Georges Parish Hall, Barrie, Ont.

MAY 5 & 6 — Annual Exhibition & Bourse, St. Catharines Stamp Club, Fairview Mall - adj. Q.E. Highway, St. Catharines, Ontario.

MAY 6 & 7 — ORAPEX 72. R. A. Centre, 2451 Riverside Dr. Ottawa.

JULY 6, 7 and 8 — CANPEX '72. The Annual Convention of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, Chateau Lacombe, Edmonton, Alberta. Contact Mr. E. S. Bishop, Box 399, Edmonton, Alberta.

JUNE 24 - JULY 9 — "Belgica 72" International Exhibition, Brussels, Belgium. Canadian Commissioner. J. N. Sissons, Suite 27 King Edward Hotel, 37 King Street East, Toronto 1.

AUGUST 12 — Cobourg Stamp Club Annual Exhibition, Senior Citizens Centre (behind Town Hall) Cobourg.

SEPTEMBER 7 - 10 — B.N.A.P.S. Convention, Holiday Inn, St. John's Newfoundland. Col. R. H. Pratt, 7912 N. Beach Road, Milwaukee 17, Wisconsin.

NOVEMBER 10 - 11 — Hamilton Philatelic Society Annual Exhibition and Bourse, Hamilton YMCA.

1976. PHILADELPHIA INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION—MAY 21st to 30th. Secretary—A. H. Kessler 7934 Pickering Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19150, U.S.A.

1978 CAPEX 78 — Toronto International Stamp and Postal History Exhibition. Secretary—Kenneth Rowe, Apt. 403, 90 Warren Road, Toronto 7.

MONTHLY AUCTION SALES

featuring
World Wide Sets
High Value Singles
Covers and Collections
Illustrated Catalog
Free on Request

GARDEN STATE STAMP CO.



BOX 7 / GLASSBORO, N. J. 08028
A.P.S. R.P.S.C. G.P.S.

1972 LYMAN B.N.A. CATALOGUE — 3,468 NEW PRICE CHANGES

Still another record printing. Approximately \$600 worth of new chrome plated illustrations good for one million runs.

PRICE 85c. EACH. FIRST CLASS MAIL \$1.00 PER COPY

Sold Coast to Coast in Canada. Buy from your Dealer or from Us

Robert W. Lyman (Canada) Company

BOX 23 - RP STATION D, TORONTO 165 ONTARIO, CANADA

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE EARLY DAYS OF THE CUNARD LINE

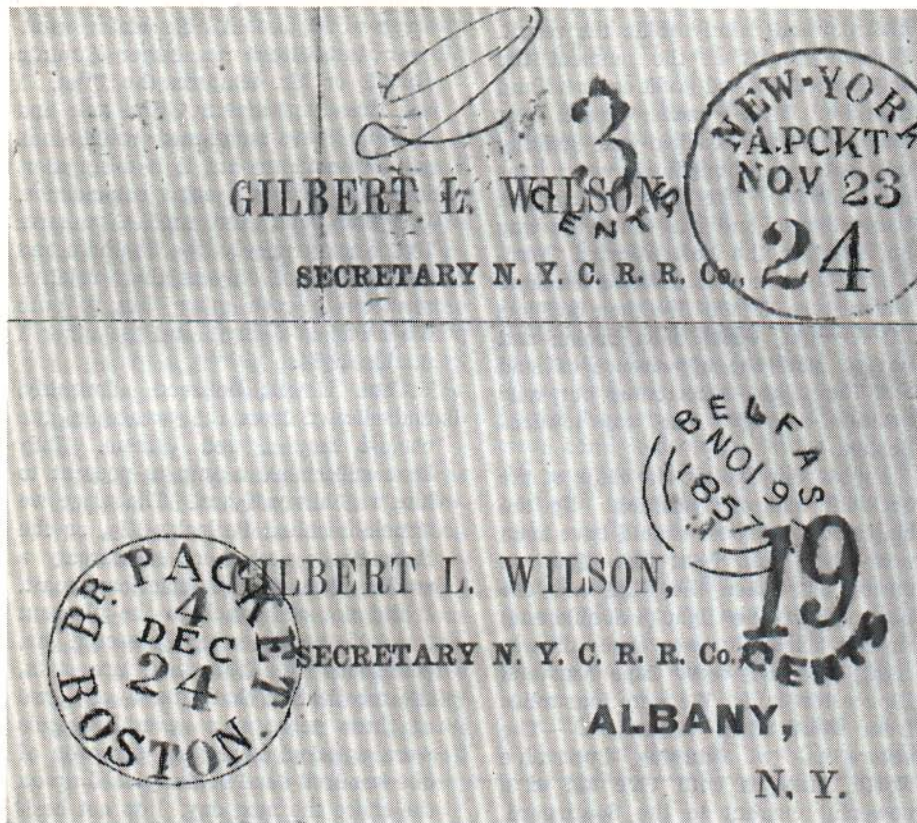
By J. C. ARNELL, RPSC 8170

XIII. Near Tragedies for the *Britannia*

Unless a Cunard steamer failed to arrive at its destination on schedule, any unusual event during a voyage was as likely as not to be overlooked by the newspaper, unless a passenger happened to send the story to an editor. Part VI of this series of articles described an eyewitness account of the loss of the *Columbia* on Black Ledge off the south coast of Nova Scotia on 2 July 1843. Six months later, the *Britannia* was nearly lost near Cape Cod on her way from Halifax to Boston just before dawn on 21 January 1844. Most newspapers only carried the usual item of Shipping Intelligence, viz. "The Steamship *Britannia*, Hewitt, hence arrived at Boston in 49 hours." However, a Halifax passenger sent an account of the accident to the Halifax *Morning Post*, and it was subsequently copied from there by the Bermuda *Royal Gazette* on 20 February 1844. This letter is reproduced below, because it gives a good description of incident and the reaction of the passengers, as well as adding to Charles Dickens' account of life of the same vessel (Part IX).

"You know we left the wharf at Halifax on Friday at 2 o'clock, having on board about 80 passengers. Every thing went on very smoothly and with the usual monotony until next morning at 6 o'clock, when it began to blow violently from the North and increased to a gale, accompanied with snow and sleet, the vessel making ice very fast. Thus it continued all Saturday — the ropes frozen and bound in ice — the decks thick with sleet, and the cold piercing and intense. Owing to the gale (which was violent as that of the Wednesday night previous to our leaving you may remember it,) no fires could be

kept in either the Ladies' or Gentlemen's Saloon, for at every attempt to make a fire in either, it was filled with smoke; and the passengers sat all day muffled up in cloaks and great coats — looking very triste. For my own part I went to bed, to keep myself warm, and got up when at 4 o'clock the dinner bell sounded. At dinner there was a general disposition shown to be cheerful and happy. The attendance was very numerous; and it passed off very pleasantly. An officer of the ship proposed, and drew forth a reply from a young American gentleman on board, most happily expressed ending with the quotation from a Scotch Bard "Is there a man with soul so dead," &c., then all at table sang "Home sweet Home" with excellent effect. Many songs followed, and the party sat late; and when they retired for the night it was with the agreeable impression that at day-light we would make Cape Ann light and be in Boston in time to breakfast. Thus we retired: but how different the awakening! About an hour before daylight on Sunday morning, passengers were aroused from sleep by confusion of noise which it is not an easy task to describe — the vessel had struck! The thumping of her hull on the shore — the cry on deck of "stop her" addressed to the Engineer — the clustering together of passengers in the Cabin or springing from their beds — cries of "Steward, Steward — a light in my cabin!" — the various hurried reports from the deck brought by passengers who had rushed up — the scene, some hurriedly dressing, other standing motionless, several blowing most lustily the air into their life preserves, (as if they would avail one minute in a sea where



Two proxy votes from Sidmouth dated 9 November 1857 and from Belfast ten days later. The earlier one was backstamped at London on 10 November and sent to Liverpool, where it was struck with "3 CENTS" to show the G.P.O.'s share of the postage to be collected on delivery, as it was to go by American packet to New York, where it was date-stamped on 23 November with the "A.PCKT" strike, which also showed that 24 cents postage was due. The second one was backstamped at both the Liverpool postoffice and exchange office on 20 November and struck with "19 CENTS" as it was going by Cunard steamer. At Boston, it was datestamped with the "BR. PACKET" strike, which also showed that 24 cents postage was due. All markings in black.

the temperature was fearfully cold.) all tended to perplex and distress the mind without imparting one iota of information or relief. Some reported that she had struck close to the Boston light, others at Cape Ann, others Cape Cod, and the real facts were that no body on board at the moment knew where we were. On deck it was very dark, and so piercing cold and icy that it was next to im-

possible remaining there. The thermometer must have been considerably below zero. I hastily threw on part of my dress; and awakened my little boy out of a sound sleep, (who murmured much at being taken from his warm bed so early) and, with the awful uncertainty at that moment of the issue of our disaster, my feelings while dressing my darling son can never be described. I made up my

mind firmly to remain on board at all hazards, and calmly abide the result. Captain Hewitt at the moment the ship struck showed great coolness and decision. The steamer struck four times, and was backed off, striking once after we thought we were clear of the shoal. The ship's course was then altered, and had moderate way on her when the look-out cried "hard-a-port" and we thus escaped breakers which were ahead. We then laid by till daylight, which soon broke; and having from the appearance of land and the lights, ascertained our true position we sped our way towards Boston.

I must now explain the cause of the accident and our position. By the ship's reckoning we should have been near Cape Ann light the time we struck and when the Pilot saw the light and another light (a double one) further ahead he was sure all was right; that they were Cape Ann and Gloucester lights. We were four miles from shore when we struck. —The severe gale of Saturday, from the North, blew us with the aid of a powerful current to the Southward, and when we struck and ascertained that we were between Chatham and Cape Cod lights, we found we had drifted 35 miles to the southward of our course! We were at an opposite point from Boston to where we ex-

pected to be, and about 85 miles instead of 30 distant. No blame whatever can attach to either Captain Hewitt or Mr. Simpson the Pilot. I say this emphatically. The gale and current I have mentioned would alone exonerate them; but it is a singular, and was nearly a fatal coincidence, that the Cape Ann and Gloucester lights are precisely like Chatham and Cape Cod, not only in their relative position to each other, but in both cases one is a single and the other a double light.

Capt. Hewitt behaved admirably, and elicited from the passengers the utmost respect and esteem. They have subscribed a sum to present to him a gold snuff box. The place we struck is called Pollock's Rip, or the Horse-Shoe; and there is scarcely a worse place on the American coast. It did not add much to the pleasant train of thought which possessed me, while our fate remained uncertain, the recollection that after a gale, two or three years ago several Vessels were wrecked here, and upwards of one hundred dead bodies picked up on the shore the next day. I do not hesitate to say that had we been in a sailing vessel, our fate would inevitably have been — death. I have many doubts, also, if we had struck at midnight with the wind blowing as it did — the darkness of the night and the

RUSSIA

We have been specializing in RUSSIA for 45 years and have a large selection of Rarities, Errors, Proofs, etc. Empire, Soviet, all border states, Lithuania, Latvia, Armenia (Covers!), Armies, Touva Offices etc. Exclusive stock of ZEMSTVO (special offer - 44 diff. for \$22.00).

Please write for special offers or approvals, stating your special interest.

Approval selections for a Specialist! Convenient Terms - Attractive Prices!

URGENTLY NEEDED - SPECIALIZED COLLECTIONS!

S. SEREBRAKIAN, INC.

P.O. BOX 448

MONROE, N.Y. 10950

intense cold; added to the uncertainty of our position, whether we should not have perished.

We were, however, saved, and I trust the hearts of all beat high in gratitude to our kind and almighty Preserver. There may be those among the passengers who — now they are safe on shore — may recklessly forget the dangers they have passed through; and lips utter details of the scene with scoffs and laughter which, at the time, at the dread and uncertain hour, were blanched, and colorless with fear. I hope a solemn feeling pervades the minds of all.

Soon after breakfast a notice was stuck up announcing that Divine Service would be performed in the Saloon at 11 o'clock. It was well attended — about 70 being present. The Morning Service of our excellent church was read (including the solemn Sea Service) in a most solemn and impressive manner by Lt. Turner, the Admiralty agent — the 100th and 4th part of the 107th Psalm were sung and a well

selected sermon closed the morning service. We arrived here on same day, at 4 in the afternoon, the ship a mass of ice. Excuse this hurried account, as the mail by which I send it closes at mid day, and I have not a moment to read or re-write it."

In September 1847, the **Britannia** was again the victim of a grounding. This time it occurred near Cape Race, Newfoundland, while she was on the way to Halifax from Liverpool. After striking the rocks, the vessel passed into deep water and not appearing to have sustained any serious damage, Captain Harrison continued on to Halifax and, after the usual stop of a several hours at that port, he proceeded to Boston on schedule. Before the **Britannia** was allowed to return across the Atlantic, she was sent to New York for docking to permit an examination on her bottom. Details of the damage was copied from a New York paper by the Halifax Nova Scotian in the 11 October 1847 issue:

"This vessel was raised on the Sectional Dock at New York on Fri-

THE MEETING PLACE OF
ALL
SERIOUS B.N.A.
COLLECTORS

**The British North
America Philatelic Society**

for information write:

JACK LEVINE

2121 - G. North Hills Drive,
Raleigh, North Carolina 27609
U.S.A.

day. She was found to be injured much more than was supposed. Her stern, where she received the first shock, was literally broken into splinters and her head was entirely off, while she was also badly damaged at midships. If she had run on the dock at low tide, she could not have been got off. The crowd of spectators to see her was immense.

As many ship carpenters are at work on the Britannia as can conveniently be employed, it is expected the necessary repairs will be completed on Wednesday next, when she will leave for Boston. It has been found that false keel is carried away, from the stem to abaft the paddle box, and that the keel is so much damaged as to require the removal of fifty feet on it. The sheathing, which is very thick, is broken off about twenty five feet. The copper in some places is rubbed up."

A second New York report in the same issue commented on the lack of navigational aids along that part of the Newfoundland coast, which overlooked the main transatlantic shipping lanes:

"It is most earnestly to be desired that the British Government will direct the immediate erection of a Light House at the point of Cape Race: and the addition of a 'fog bell' will greatly promote the safety of vessels which pass this dangerous point. The difficulty heretofore has been a question between the local and home authorities, as to which of the two should be at the expense of erecting the building. It strikes us that there cannot be a reasonable doubt on this question. The island of Newfoundland is a part of the British Dominions, and Cape Race is not near the mouth of any harbour. The vicinity of that point is the line of all the British steamers to Halifax, and on the track of the immense fleet that navigates the St. Lawrence &c.

We believe that the Admiralty have come to the conclusion to erect a

light house on the point, as we know that they have corresponded with Captain Harrison with reference to the most eligible point at which to place it."

A modern reader cannot help but be impressed by the ruggedness of these little steamers and the skill of their captains in navigating them across the Atlantic in all seasons with gales and fogs reducing visibility along routes that passed close to the shoals of Newfoundland and Nova Scotia.

NEW ZEALAND NEW ISSUES (1971)

All Mint : Lord Rutherford 12c., 23c.
Definitive 32c., Christmas 29c., Cities 15c.,
One Ton Cup 15c., UNICEF 10c., Health
24c., Satellite 25c., \$1 & \$2., Def. \$3.83,
Niue 1971 New Issues, Christmas 5c.,
Birds 50c., \$5. Deposit Required
For Standing Order Service — N.Z.,
Tokelau, Ross or Niue

L. K. STODDART

BOX 177 BELLEVIEW, FLA., 32620 USA
Postage Extra. Prices in Canada Dollars



Early Canada To Date;

Plus U.S.; Plus British
West Indies;
foreign including complete sets.

Catalogue value over \$10.00.

Plus illustrated catalogue
Canada & Newfoundland.

Genuine bargain at only \$2.00

W. N. AFFLECK

163 ALEXANDRA STREET
OSHAWA, ONT.,
CANADA



Attending the National Postal Museum Conference and representing the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada were Directors:—Guy des Rivieres, C. H. Bayley, A. H. Hinrichs, Dr. F. G. Stulberg, Dr. Henry Hicks, E. J. Christensen, S. Kanee, C. Mangold and J. Pike.

A National Philatelic Museum For Canada

In the national philatelic museum which the Post Office is now setting up. The museum, to be located at the Department's Headquarters building in Ottawa, will open its doors in April 1974, or perhaps even before then.

"We are setting our sights high," says Jim Kraemer, the man behind the project. "Our goal is to display a collection that includes items unique in the philatelic world as well as to promote interest in Canadian stamps both inside and outside Canada."

The museum will house stamp collections, artists' original drawings, approved designs, imperforates, sheets of stamps and artifacts associated with the postal service. Over the years since Confederation, the Post Office has filed away unique and rare philatelic items. These will be exhibited along with the donations the Post Office has received from collectors.

Although the emphasis will be on Canadian philatelic items, stamps received

from other countries, through a Universal Postal Union exchange program, will be displayed on a rotating basis.

Postmaster General Jean-Pierre Côté invited about 25 philatelists, including the directors of philatelic societies representing the collectors specializing in the study of Canadian postage stamps, to a meeting in Ottawa on December 8th to exchange ideas with them concerning plans for the museum and the acquisition of unique philatelic material.

"In the past, too many of our rare Canadian stamps have left Canada," the Minister said. "Many are in the United States, Switzerland, Italy and elsewhere."

Recently, one of the two known copies of the 1868 "2-Cent Green" (on laid paper) was sold for \$25,000 to an American dealer. Most of the "12-penny blacks", probably Canada's best known stamp, are in the hands of collectors in Britain and the United States.

A "proof book" showing all the cancellation devices used by the Canada

Post Office prior to 1908 is in the Philatelic Foundation in New York.

"Our early Canadian stamps have the distinction of being among the best engraved in the world. They also rank among the leaders in world popularity".

Mr. Kraemer expects to secure many interesting items from old post offices which have closed or are now closing. This includes cancelling devices, scales, documents, proof books, etc.

He also hopes the Canadian public will contribute to the national museum by donating rare stamps, bequeathing entire collections and providing financial assistance. There exist very favourable tax concessions for donations of this kind.

"The money which is contributed will help us to acquire items needed to fill in the blank spaces in our national collections," Mr. Kraemer said.

The National Postal Museum of Great Britain, founded in 1965, received its impetus when Mr. R. M. Phillips donated his gold medal collection of 19th Century Great Britain. In addition, funds were donated for research and for use by the museum in acquiring various philatelic items.

The National Philatelic Collection of the U.S.A. received its first donation in 1866. Their collection has been continuously built up through donations of specialized collections by philatelists and through transfers of philatelic items from Federal Agencies.

Several collections have already been given to the Canada Post Office. Among them are a collection of Canadian postal stationery, donated by the late Professor R. de L. French of Montreal, and a large collection of Canadian First Flight covers. The covers were not mounted, so considerable work is required to mount and write up this large collection before it can be presented to the public.

In connection with this museum, and with the cooperation of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada and the British North America Philatelic Society, the Post Office plans to set up a committee

to authenticate Canadian stamps.

Mr. Côté has said that the philatelic museum in the Post Office Headquarters' building would be only temporary, with a more permanent postal museum envisaged for the future.

"In this museum we visualize the display area, a library, quiet rooms for research, meeting and lecture rooms with facilities for projecting films, a micro-film viewing room, staff offices, necessary storage rooms, work areas, a post office, etc.," said Mr. Côté.

Mr. Kraemer emphasized that collecting and cataloguing the stamps are not the only problems he faces.

"We have to study a hundred and one things, such as lighting, room temperature, plastic covers for the stamps, cabinets, etc.," he said. "For example, certain adhesive used in displays can ruin a stamp because, in time, they penetrate the paper. Also, lighting can cause some colours on a stamp to fade or change colour."

Philately involves more than just collecting the stamps. "You have to know what each stamp represents in the history of the particular country," Mr. Kraemer says.

"Collecting postage stamps is an easy way to learn history. I hope that the schools will take an interest in the museum. The stamp collection is expected to promote an awareness of our country and pride in our cultural heritage."

BRITISH PACIFIC AREA

- Approvals
- Price Lists
- Want List Service

We also pay top prices for
British Pacific collections
and accumulations

JOHN SCHERBER

Daisy Hill Farm

Emerald, Wisconsin 54012

RPCS 9399

APS 54281

THE BRUCE PENINSULA -- ITS FIRST POST OFFICES

By MAX ROSENTHAL

A Desperate Bear Encounter At Colpoys Bay

"It may not be well known that the Indian Lands at Colpoys Bay are getting pretty well bought up, and are being settled by a hardy industrious race of backwoodsmen, that will in a few years reclaim the forests of the Peninsula from being the homes of bears and other wild beasts, to finally become the garden of Western Canada. Some 10 or 14 years past there settled at Colpoys Bay the Rev. Mr. Atkey, whose indefatigable labours as missionary are well-known to draw the native Indian from his savage mode of life to embrace Christianity. Mr. Atkey has a very interesting family, smart, active, and well educated, but the most interesting members of said family are two fascinating young ladies, and like all blooming girls have their admirers.

It so happened that the rush of settlers lately to Colpoys Bay, that a family by the name of "Soper" bought and located on the Indian Reserve — the old gentleman and his two sons. Mr. Soper is a good shot, and an old bear and deer hunter, and so is young Soper, who has lately been shooting his darts at the said Miss Atkey. The wants of the settlers had become so pressing in most all branches of trade and commerce, and among other wants, that of postal communication was felt the worst, and through the exertions of J. McKenzie, of Presque Isle, Geo. Brown*, Esq. of Owen Sound, and others, Officers were established at Sarawak, North Keppel, and Colpoys Bay. The business of different Offices commenced on first July—John McKenzie being mail contractor. — On Monday evening the mail arrived at Rev. Mr. Atkey, who takes charge of the carrier's horse, the mail being ferried

across to the north side of Colpoys Bay. — Mr. Atkey having ordered the "black mare" to be tethered in the clover, by the side of which is a patch of late oats.

Said oats had lately been visited by the bear, to the great destruction of the crop. This night Mr. Soper and his son undertook to watch for "Bruin", the old man with his rifle, the young man with the old musket, but Bruin was slow in making his appearance. At last young Soper heard and saw the bear was at some distance in the oats. After consultation the young man was prevailed on to fire, and down went the bear. By mutual agreement Mr. Atkey and his three sons ran with axes and pitch-forks to the scene of conflict. Very cautiously did they approach the fallen foe, Sopers on the one side, Atkey on the other. What was their astonishment to find shot through the leg and side not "Bruin", but McKenzie's "black mare", faithful "Doll", the bearer of Her Majesty's Mail.

The mare is now "convalescent" and is likely soon to bear the "track" again. If your readers keep a good look out, they will see on Tuesday night, the Owen Sound and Colpoys Bay mail carried on the back of the "hero" of this tale, the bear of Colpoys Bay."

With this amusing story from "Manitua", one of its subscribers, the Owen Sound Comet on October 23, 1863 informed its readers of the introduction of post offices and mail service in the Bruce Peninsula, northwest from Owen Sound.

In 1854 the Saugeen or Bruce Peninsula had been sold by the Indians. Bounded on the south by a line from the Indian village of Newash, where the Pottawatamie River flows into the Owen Sound, to the Indian village of Saugeen, where the river of that name flows into

* Postmaster of Owen Sound then.

Lake Huron, in this surrender several small reserves were excepted, among them a strip north from the Pottawatomie, and a tract of land at Colpoy's Bay. By the Peter Jones Treaty of 1857 the Indians surrendered their reserve at Newwash, immediately northwest of the town of Owen Sound. It became the township of Sarawak. In 1861 the Colpoy's Bay Reserve was surrendered to the white man.

All of the lands in Grey County north of the present Highway 21 to Colpoy's Bay, except for the Sarawak portion, became Keppel Township. In 1855 Charles Rankin surveyed it, as well as Amabel Township, west of the present Highway 6. The latter and all other townships in the Peninsula are in Bruce County.

As early as 1857 there were settlements on the Big Bay shore of Keppel, that broad bay which curves into the shore east of Colpoy's Bay and west of the Owen Sound bay. In December the first settlers took up land in Albemarle, the next township north of Amabel, among them Rev. Ludwick Kribs. In the summer of the next year Leonard Gleeson began a saw mill at Colpoy's Bay, followed by the building of a saw and grist mill by Kribs. This had the effect of centering the trade of the settlers at this village. The post office was opened at Colpoy's Bay by Kribs in 1863. Lovell's 1871 Canadian Directory noted: "It has a steamboat landing at which boats plying between Owen Sound and Colpoy's Bay call."

(to be continued)

a specially designed commemorative envelope for the 11th Annual Exhibition & Bourse of the RA Stamp Club.

The envelope will commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the RA Stamp Club. Envelopes will be sold in sets of 3 for \$1.00. A different Canadian .08c. postage stamp will be used on the three envelopes, including an Ottawa .08c. tagged and an .08c. coil definite issue (Parliamentary Library issued 30 December, 1971. Each envelope will be cancelled by a special four-line bilingual die cancellation to be used for one day only (6 May 1972) - ORAPEX '72, 1947-1972, 25th Anniv 25ieme, May 6 & 7 mai.

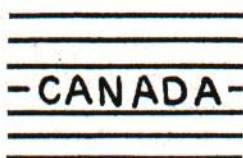
The envelopes will be sold in sets of three only for \$1.00 per set. Payment should be made by postal money order. No stamps or personal cheques please. Orders should be sent to Miss Margaret Over, c/o RA Stamp Club, 2451 Riverside Drive, Ottawa, Ontario, K1H 7X7. The set of 3 envelopes will be returned under cover to the purchaser. Orders will be accepted now.

* * * *

GREETINGS FROM THE NOVA SCOTIA STAMP CLUB

1972 marks our 50th year as a stamp club, and we are commemorating this event by means of a Jubilee Party to be held at the Lord Nelson Hotel on Friday and Saturday, 14-15 Apr. 72. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jarrett will be with us as our guests; and Fred will be our guest speaker at the banquet party on Saturday evening 15 Apr. 72.

The 2-day event will include, in addition to the above, Seminars; Exhibitions (Public, Club and Post Office); Showings of 35 mm Slides; Auctions (Junior and Club); Bourse; Award of the Madge Morison Trophy donated by Dr. and Mrs. Henry D. Hicks; and other general awards. In addition we are hoping that many of our friends will see fit to come to Halifax to join us and the Jarrets in this celebration.



ORAPEX '72 sponsored by the RA Stamp Club, 2451 Riverside Drive, Ottawa, Ontario, K1H 7X7, will have for sale

SELLING STAMPS IS OUR
BUSINESS . . . WE HAVE
BEEN DOING IT SUCCESS-
FULLY FOR CLOSE TO
FIFTY YEARS . . . IF YOU
WANT EXPERTS TO
HANDLE YOUR TREAS-
URES, THINK OF US
WHEN YOU SELL.

Auctions, Private Treaty Sales,
Outright Purchases

R. MARESCH & SON

PHONE 363-7777

DEALERS IN RARE STAMPS SINCE 1924

8 Temperance St., Toronto 1, Ont.

APRIL 19-20 AUCTIONS

BRITISH COLUMBIA

a most unusual collection
the property of the estate
of the late Stuart Johnstone of Vancouver
undoubtedly the largest collection to come on the market
including over 100 Covers & Express Covers
3 copies 5c. Imperf. incl. a very fine Cover
Pre-Stamp & Post-Confederation Covers & Cancels

Profusely Illustrated Catalog \$1

CANADA NEWFOUNDLAND & PROVINCES BRITISH COMMONWEALTH U.S.A. & FOREIGN

general & specialized collections
the property of many owners

Illustrated Catalog \$1

Catalogs & Prices Realized for all 1971-72 Sales \$5

J. N. SISSONS LIMITED

Suite 27

King Edward Hotel

Office Mezzanine

37 King Street East

Toronto 1, Canada

CABLES: SISTAMP, TORONTO

PHONE (416) 364-6003