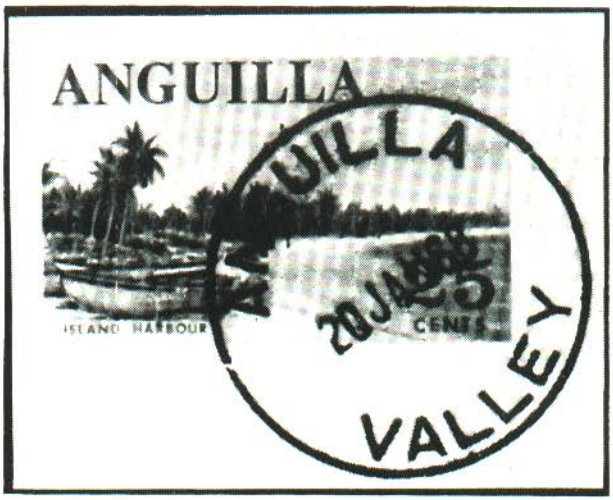
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March 1, 1968

Dear Friends:—

Mrs. H. Fossey of Brantford, Ontario has been an active stamp collector for many years. Due to ill health and being confined to the hospital, Mrs. Fossey has decided to dispose of her stamp collection. It was her decision to give the stamps to the Baptist Mission Group at her church, which in turn was responsible for their sale, and turning the funds over to the Mission work. Through Miss Mary Edmondson, who was responsible for selling the stamps, it was arranged for me to value the stamps on Tuesday, January 16th. This turned out to be the day after the worst snow and ice storm in many years and I had quite a hectic drive to Brantford and back. Miss Edmondson was very helpful and spent a full day in assisting me. I was most thankful to her.

Mrs. Fossey's collection consisted of about eighty albums, plus many boxes of covers and the usual odds and ends of an active collector. Her main interest was in First Day Covers, and there is a very wide range of covers from all over the world, mainly first day issues. It was not until two weeks later that the offer was accepted and a return trip was necessary. The money was paid to the Edna Downs Mission Circle in Toronto for use in medical and missionary work. I can think of no finer thing for Mrs. Fossey to do with the proceeds from the sale of her collection, and it might be a thought for other collectors to consider this.

Another collection purchased during the month was just around the corner from our office and was the property of Mr. A. E. Johnson. Some time ago we bought part of his collection. Now he has decided to sell the second part which was particularly strong in United Nations issues. He had specialized in the group and it was complete, including all the position blocks of four, and first Day Covers, plus a bulk group for trading purposes. Included in the collection was a fine lot of mint Canada, plate blocks, used and mint British Colonies and foreign. The one very nice thing about the collection was the perfect condition and the itemized inventory that he had time to prepare for us. Mr. Johnson is still actively collecting stamps, but he has now narrowed his interest down to mainly the stamps of Canada.

In the Horovitz Estate of Cornwall, which we purchased, there was two very large albums containing thousands of stamps, including some quite unusual and desirable items. Particularly noted was the fine collection of Saar, which was practically complete, mint.

Mr. Wilton of Hamilton has been an active and devoted stamp collector, recently decided to sell his collection. This was purchased across our counter. Included in the lot were a number of Canadian mint sheets, a collection of British Colonies and foreign, and of course a nice Canadian collection.

From Sault Ste Marie, we acquired the Norton collection of mint British Colonies.

Mr. Benedict, Manager of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce was handling an Estate and sold us a very nice two volume collection of British Colonies.

In Winnipeg, I purchased a wonderful collection of Canadian Official stamps from Mr. Moulden.

During the month of January, I flew to Chicago and while there sold a block of four of the Canadian Seaway inverted. Of the original block of 18 that we had there is only one single mint copy left in stock. This is indeed a rare and desirable variety that should be in any collection of Canada where the owner is trying to have it complete. The buyer of the block in Chicago is not particularly interested in Canadian stamps, but wanted this block to show up his U.S. Seaway stamp in fine style.

You see from the above that we have been quite busy and have considerable new merchandise on hand, however, I am still actively buying, and if you have stamps for sale, please get in touch with me.

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The Editor Speaks Out . . . .

"Nothing of all we erect will remain in the end and a love of collecting is no more vain and useless than other passions are." Anatole France

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We have recently read an editorial in the North Toronto Stamp Club Bulletin suggesting that if the R.P.S.C. wishes to guide and influence its members by the type of articles it publishes "more power to it". It is, however, suggested that the Editor of C.P. must defend the right of collectors to collect anything considered to be within philately in its broadest sense. We entirely agree with the viewpoint of the writer and, like Voltaire, we may disagree with what you are doing but we will defend to the death your right to do it.

As our readers know we have been publishing a number of editorials in the past few months which point out some of the questions we have on various aspects of collecting. We should make it clear that we do not object to the collection of any of these items whatsoever—indeed one of the charms of philately is its diversity and the wide appeal of its many different subject matters. However, there are many cases in which an unwary collector can come to grief by paying inflated prices for material on which he will find it diffi cult to realize his money when he comes to sell it. One example of this in recent months is the high price paid for the stamps issued by the Vatican which have now fallen very substantially. An "investor" in stamps who made large purchases of Vatican will have lost a great deal of money. Another example where a warning in time would have been most useful would be the case of the "investors" in the Shanahan Stamp Syndicates.

We feel that our editorials are a suitable place in which to draw attention to our views on these matters and if our readers do not agree with us we are extremely pleased to publish different points of view in our column "The Mailbag."

In our last number of C.P. we critized the high prices being paid by collectors in some cases for first day covers. We did **not** critize the collecting of first day covers per se. It is obvious that souvenir covers form an interesting memento of many occasions and, indeed, the R.P.S.C. sells first day covers as mementos of its exhibitions. However, we do criticize the attempts made by certain branches of our hobby to instil a degree of philatelic value into a field that it does not and cannot possess.

Most collectors who have considered the matter or who have access to general market conditions may not be mislead but a great deal of money has been lost in such things as the stamps of the Vatican and by the investors in the Shanahan operation. Possibly if some criticism had been made at the time the bubble would have been pricked before it was too late.

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One of the many problems confronting philatelists is whether or not to collect miniature sheets. The problem may be put in a somewhat different form, namely, when to collect them and when **not** to collect them.

If a sufficient quantity of the miniature sheet has been printed and if they are available generally in post offices, a decision on the part of the philatelist becomes reasonably easy.

The main problem concerns those sheets which are issued in very small quantities when compared to the issue of the regular postage stamps themselves. In the first place they may not be on sale at the post offices, but if they are on sale they are quickly sold within a very short time. Frequently they are on sale at the main post office only.

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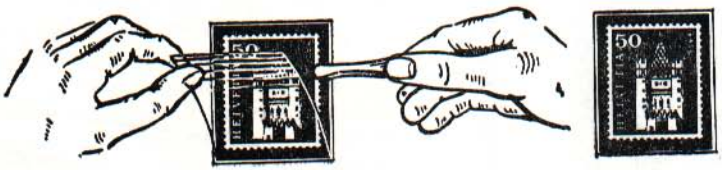
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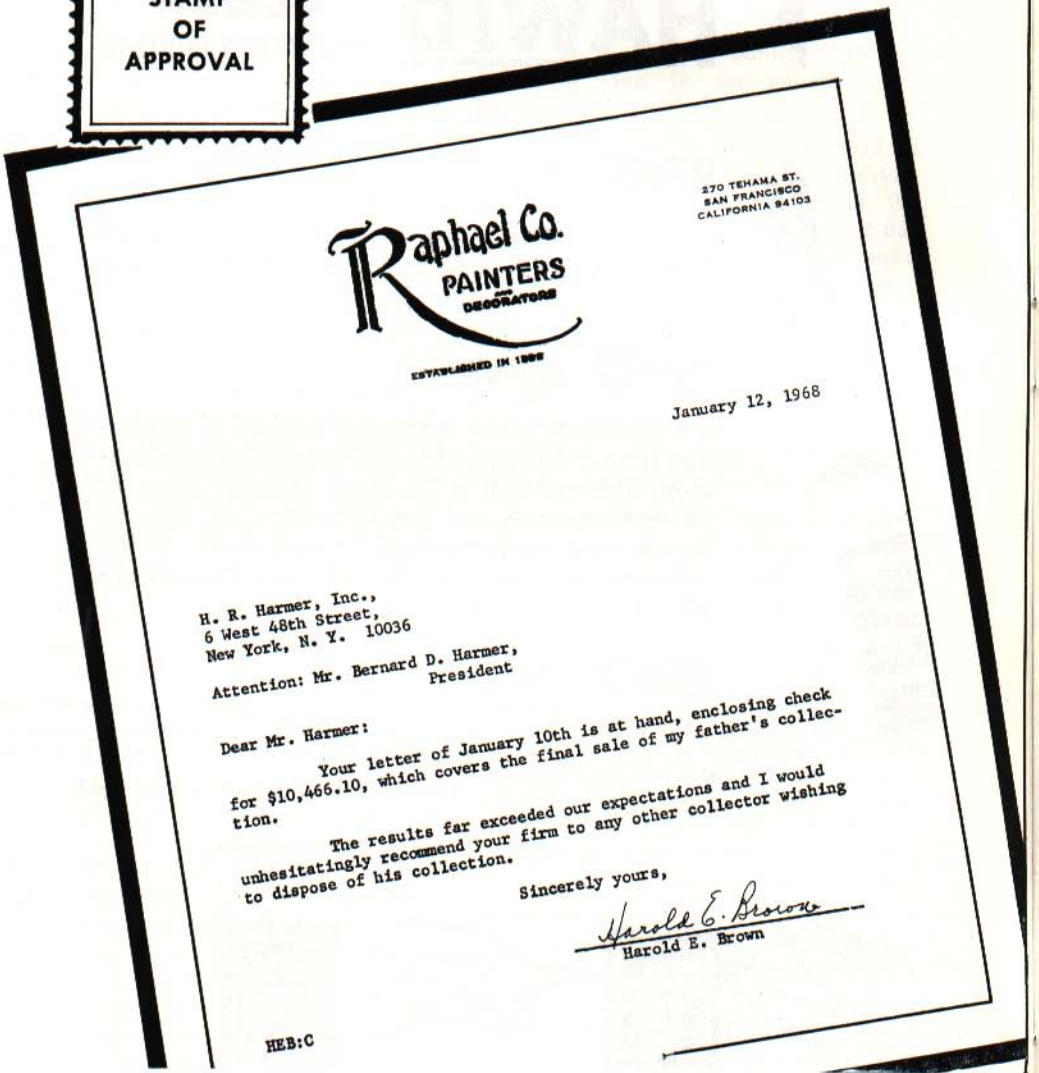
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Something worse however, occurs when the postal authorities permit a dealer to corner, for a premium, the total supply of sheets. These are sold to retail stamp dealers at a considerable premium, much more than the first premium paid by the dealer who bought up the issue. As a result the collector has to pay through the nose if he wants a sheet. This practise cannot be condemned too strongly.

It is quite true that, financially, certain of these sheets have been very good investments, but on the other hand most of them have been of little value to the purchaser, financially or philatelically.

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CONVENTION — 1968

The 1968 Convention of the Society will be held from September 12th to 14th and this year the Directors have decided to break new ground and go "Foreign" for our location. Our meeting place will be at the Thousand Islands Club, Alexandria Bay, New York.

The Club, run by Treadway Inns, is very centrally located being just 4 miles across the Thousand Islands Bridge from Canada to U.S.A. so we are hoping that both our Canadian and American members will find this an attractive rendezvous.

The dates should permit of full use being made of all the outdoor activities available at the Club as well as of the philatelic programme being planned, so plan to bring your golf clubs and/or fishing tackle as well as your tweezers!

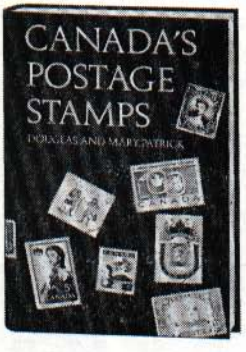
We intend to have a non-competitive exhibition of international standard similiar to the one which was so much appreciated at our Niagara Falls Convention. The bourse will consist of Dealers from both U.S. and Canada and we hope to have many well known members of the Trade present.

The exhibition is to be under the chairmanship of Alan McKanna while Mrs. Geldert is making arrangements for the Bourse.

Apart from our Annual Business Meeting we plan to have a series of talks and discussions and invitations are being sent to prominent figures at home and abroad who it is hoped will take part in this part of the programme. It is too early as yet to announce any definite programme but future issues of the Journal will contain bulletins which will, we hope, whet your appetite for the "Feast."

Since this year is the Centenary of the first Dominion of Canada Issue it is our intention to make this a feature of the Convention, and various plans to this end are being pursued.

Your executive would be pleased to have any suggestions that members have as to speakers or subjects for discussion and letters on these subjects should be sent to the General Chairman, Andrew Hinrichs, Box 360, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario.



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Our Private Treaty Department has been instructed to sell a wonderful "find" of these sample stamps. Nearly all are overprinted "WATERLOW & SONS LTD./SPECIMEN" (there are some eighteen overprint types), they are mostly punched with small holes as an additional measure of security, and they are mostly printed on unwatermarked paper which is sometimes ungummed.

In addition to printings made from plates which were used for the issued stamps, many are printed in charming **miniature sheets,** usually of nine, from plates which were specially laid down from stamp rollers. An interesting consequence is that many of these proofs show re-entries or other plate varieties which are not to be found on the issued stamps. Some of the miniature sheets are printed from composite plates of several different denominations. Many of these items have not been recorded before.

In the find are sample stamps of the **Waterloo produced** postage and revenue stamps of many **South and Central American Republics,** of which we hope to complete a catalogue in about six months time. Those now available for sale, in very limited quantities, varying from one to one hundred, comprise the following:

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Perhaps its only my imagination but it seems that Canada is getting its inspiration for stamp design from below the border. The Gray Jay stamp issued on February 15th certainly seems to bear a family resemblance to the recently released Audubon commemorative Scott #1241. For an issue of Canadian Wild Life subjects one could have wished for a more inspired design. The need for a Stamp Advisory Council to the Post Office is becoming more and more apparent.

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The Editor welcomes the submission of articles on any philatelic subject but articles on stamps and on philatelic studies of original research value are urgently needed. The CP is made up of the voluntary contributions of a number of people. Won't you join them and help your fellow members by making the results of your study available to all.

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We note with regret the death of Louise Boyd Dale, daughter of the late Alfred F. Lichtenstein and a fine philatelist in her own right. She held many important posts in the philatelic world and at the time of her death was chairman of the board of The Philatelic Foundation.

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Our readers will note that the advertisement of General Stamp Co. (L. Tankel, Prop.) has been dropped from the current number. This is because of his failure to pay his advertising bills and we suggest that our members keep this in mind and govern themselves accordingly. We also note that Mr. Tankel is not a member of the A.S.D.A.

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We note with regret the death of A. H. (Bertie) Ward of Ottawa at the age of 81. Mr. Ward was well known in philatelic circles being a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society of London and an honourary life member of both the Ottawa Philatelic Society and the Toronto Stamp Collectors Club.

Congratulations are in order for President Harry Sutherland and member E. S. Anasir of Montreal both of whom were recently elected Fellows of The Royal Philatelic Society of London.

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As the majority of members favour the publication of addresses of new members and in the Year Book which will appear later this year we will continue to do so. Any member who does not wish to have his address published will be given an opportunity to have it omitted from the Year Book when the preliminary survey questionnaire is circulated shortly. If a member changes his address and does not wish the new address published he should so inform the secretary.

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KENNETH ROWE

Much against his better judgement the Editor includes his picture in this issue. Now you know who to blame!

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Figure 1

ANGUILLA

Dependent or Independent?

By Kenneth Rowe, 6657

Those of us who have just finished celebrating Canada's Centennial year often forget that other nations are only just standing on the threshold of independent existence. One of these countries is the small island of Anguilla which forms part of the British Leeward Islands' group.

Anguilla, or Snake Island, was settled by the British in 1650 and this fact was commemorated by a special overprint in 1950 (Figure 1). It has always been associated with the islands of Saint Christopher (St. Kitts) and Nevis although it is situated 60 miles north of St. Kitts and is separated from the two main islands of the group by the islands of St. Martin, which is half French and half Dutch; the French island of St. Barthelemy and the Dutch island of St Eustatius.

Anguilla is about 16 miles long with an area of 35 square miles. The population is predominantly Negro in origin and there are no large towns. The island exports some cotton and sugar but the main occupation is stock raising.

Because of differences of opinion between the island and the parent colony of St. Kitts a referendum among the population produced a vote to secede from the union with St. Kitts and to seek the status of an independent state within the Commonwealth. The first philatelic effects of this were noted in England during September, 1967 when correspondence from the island was received bearing the current St. Kitts, Nevis and Anguilla stamps overprinted "Independent Anguilla" (Figure 2).

The overprints were ordered by the seven man Council of Anguilla as an interim measure pending the arrival of definitive designs from Holland. One wonders if they were really essential from the postal point of view, however great an impact they may have had politically. They have certainly had the effect of bringing the island to the attention of philatelists all over the world.

The values receiving the overprint and the quantities are as follows:



Figure 2

Scott	S.G.	Value	Quantity
145	129	½¢	3050
146	130	1¢	2800
147	131	2¢	4250
148	132	3¢	3600
149	133	4¢	3450
150	134	5¢	2475
151	135	6¢	2575
152	136	10¢	4100
153	137	15¢	3200
154	138	20¢	2800
155	139	25¢	2575
156	140	50¢	175
157	141	60¢	100
158	142	$1.00	175
159	143	2.50	225
160	144	5.00	225

It will be apparent that the entire stock on hand, at the time, received the overprint and that only 100 complete sets can exist.

The overprinting was done locally by the Island Press Inc. of St. Thomas, using linotype type arranged in settings of 25 for both horizontal and vertical layouts. Printers' waste and the type settings were destroyed before witnesses.

The stamps were available at the post offices and were affixed to letters by the postal officials. Mint examples have not been sold to the public. The only exception to this has been the sale of overprinted aerogrammes of the 5¢ and 15¢ denominations (Quantities - 100 of each).

It will be apparent therefore that, as far as current information goes, the authorities on Anguilla have behaved with the utmost propriety in attempting to ensure that the issue was used for normal local purposes and was not cornered by a syndicate. This is reinforced

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Figure 3

by the fact that all examples offered for sale to date have been used on piece or cover. The fact that a firm of English stamp wholesalers advanced the entire cost of the overprinting to the Council, and was later repaid, makes this aspect even more unusual. The firm has since been appointed philatelic agent for the island.

The Anguillan Post Office announced the release of the first six definitive values on November 27th, 1967 (Figure 3).

Perhaps the most important question still remains to be answered. Will Anguilla be able to achieve recognition as an independent state? Upon the answer to this question will depend not only the status of the overprints but also the definitive issue. Obviously if statehood is achieved the overprinted issue will receive catalogue status and become one of the rarest of the modern Commonwealth issues.

However, at the moment, the Council of Anguilla is a self-appointed body and as such neither it, nor its stamps, is recognized by the Commonwealth Office in London. It is reported that both the overprinted issue and the new definitives have been submitted to the U.P.U. in Berne.

As force is no longer fashionable in situations of this sort it would seem that Anguilla has presented both St. Kitts and London with "fait accompli" and, whatever the outcome, philatelists with an interesting new item for their albums.

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The Queen's Canadian Military Hospital—Shorncliffe, Folkestone. Triple-lined oval, two outer lines. This hospital also had envelopes with printed address etc. on reverse.

Canadian Military Hospital—Liverpool. In a double-outer-lined oval, in brown. Was this a name change and a new marking for #5 Canadian General?

Auxiliary Hospital (Birch Hill) — Rochdale. Triple-lined circular marking, two outer lines. "WOUNDED / SOLDIER'S / LETTER in three lines in center. In red.

Perkins Bull Hospital - Convalescent Canadian Officers - London. Single-lined oval in blue.

Duchess of Connaught Canadian Red Cross Hospital - Taplow, Bucks. This is the third type handstamp reported for this hospital. Double-lined rectangular box, inscribed "REGISTRAR'S OFFICE", in purple.

This now brings our total up to fifteen varieties.

#923—$5.00 ADMIRAL ESSAY SUPREME COURT LAWS

Thomas Stott, who did such a fine job as one of the BYPEX '67 Exhibition Co-Chairmen, showed me something new in the line of Supreme Court Laws, — a Cardboard Die Proof in black of the Essay for a $5.00 Supreme Court Law of the 1915 George V Admiral issue. Tom also had a similar die proof of the $1.00 value which was issued.

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#924—"CANADA'S SOLDIERS"
by George F. G. Stanley

At a study group meeting devoted to Canadian Military Covers, Sam Nickle of Calgary called our attention to a very fine work which should be in the reference library of all students of Canadian Military mail. This is "CANADA'S SOLDIERS—The Military History of an Unmilitary People" by George F. G. Stanley. Particularly do we recommend the Revised Edition published in 1960.

This work covers in some detail just about every aspect of Canadian Military history, and I am certain that readers will learn of several military forces of which they never knew existed, as I did when I read on pages 275-277 of the YUKON FIELD FORCE of 1898-1900.

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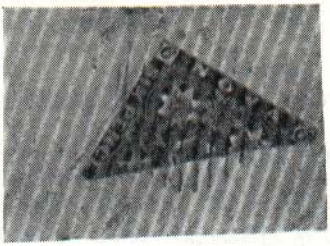
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Recently I was studying a strip of three which I have of this stamp (Sissons #R75), and was amazed to note something which had escaped my attention. As revenue fans know, this surcharge is a silver one, and appears in each of the four corners, and the lower center of the stamp.

What surprised me was the fact that there are two sets of overprints! The first overprint was well placed, and is also in silver ,but I cannot determine if it was the same as the final surcharge. It may not have contained any figure of value. The second or final overprint was off-center to the lower right a bit, which leaves a great deal of the earlier overprint to show at top and at left.

Since I have not studied so closely other copies which have passed thru my hands, I do not know how common this is. However I do have a note that the copy in Tom Stott's collection also is doubled.

Is this the way all copies exist, or is this a new double surcharge variety?

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#926—SIBERIAN EXPEDITION 1918-19 BOXED CENSOR MARKINGS

In previous packets of the Hollow Tree we have reported Censor markings "001", "004" and "009". After seeing the fine collection of Mrs. Edith Faulstich, we can now account for these additional markings:—

002	006
010	016

These censor markings are found in various colors, including Black, Blue, Green and Magenta.

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#927—EARLY ADMIRAL COILS WITH PLATE NOS.

The earlier coils, having been made from regular plates, with paste-ups, offer an opportunity for collectors to obtain coil strips with plate nos. in the paste-up selvage. However I do not recall seeing any until I viewed some contained in Harry Lussey's exhibit of Admiral issues at BYPEX.

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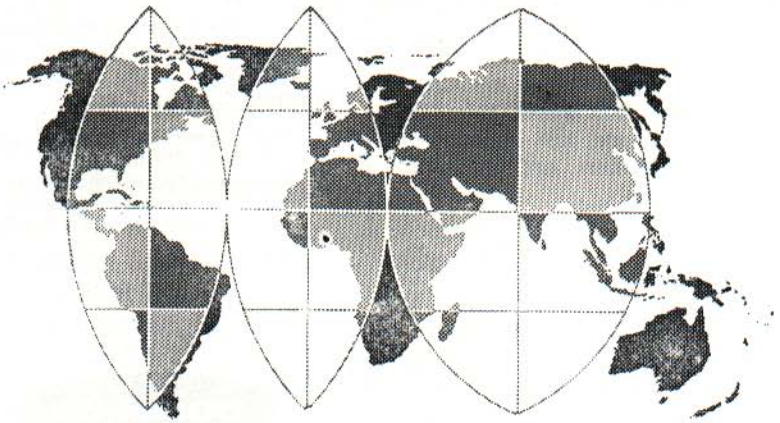
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That Admiral collection of Lussey's is a real treat. He has exhibited different portions of it at various times and exhibits. I never fail to see something new each time I see it.

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#928—THREE NEW YUKON LAW VARIETIES

In a recent purchase of an accumulation of the blue Yukon Territorial Court Laws, made by Les Davenport, one of Canada's leading revenue dealers, he was amazed to discover three hitherto unlisted varieties, which will be included in the new Holmes' catalogue.

These are surcharges on the 50c. Blue, as follows:—

$1.00 on 50c. Blue.
$2.00 on 50c. Blue.
$5.00 on 50c. Blue.

Date of issue, and quantities issued, are not known at this time.

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#929—NEW EDITION OF HOLMES CATALOGUE — OUT SOON

The 11th Edition of Holmes' Specialized Catalogue of Canada and BNA may be out by the time this appears in CP. Unlike the 10th edition, this new one has been given some major revisions by a committee of BNA specialists.

Our own contribution was a revision of the Revenue section. Here there were a few deletions, several additions, and a complete revision of prices.

Vinnie Greene and Les Davenport are the principal editors of this new addition, assisted mainly by a group of Toronto specialists.

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#930—THAT MONTREAL—MOSCOW FLIGHT

This flight was mentioned in packet #904 a couple of issues ago. Since then, thanks to F/L Dick Malott, I have secured a copy of this flight. The flight left Montreal on November 1, 1966, and received at Moscow on Nov. 4th.

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A complete listing of the crew members on both the Montreal-Moscow and the Moscow - Montreal flights will be found in the May 1967 issue of **The Jack Knight Air Log.**

However no figures have been released as to the amount of mail and the number of passengers flown.

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#931—TWO NEW SIBERIAN EXPEDITION MARKINGS

Having a chance to inspect the Faulstich collection at both BYPEX and BNAPEX, I noted two markings not hitherto mentioned in this column.

The first is a circular marking in magenta, enclosed in a single circle:—

BASE DEPOT
date
Siberia

The second used as a receiving mark is most interesting as it refers to the Royal North West Mounted Police in Siberia. It is a single-lined horizontal rectangle in green, reading:—

RECEIVED
date
"B" Squadron
R.N.W.M.P. Siberia

This Canadian Expeditionary Force mail from Siberia is most interesting, and growing in popularity,—it is certainly a field about which we are only now beginning to be able to put together much of the philatelic story.

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#932—WORLD WAR II MARKING—CANADIAN MILITARY HEADQUARTERS

Recently added to my collection was a World War II cover bearing a beautiful World War II marking. This was used in London, and is magenta. It is a large single-lined circle with the Canadian Coat of Arms in the center. Just inside the circle, in caps reads "CANADIAN MILITARY HEADQUARTERS - LONDON -".

This particular cover was dated August 1942, and the hand-stamp was apparently used as a receiving marking.

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#933—BYPEX '67 FLAG CANCEL

What a surprise to this enthusiastic flag cancel collector when he found that the special cancel for BYPEX '67 was in the form of a Flag Cancel! This was used for three days, September 28-29-30, 1967. They show up nicely on the special BYPEX covers.

It is the first Flag Cancel to be used in Canada in over 14 years, the latest previous one being the Coronation Flag Cancels of June 1953.

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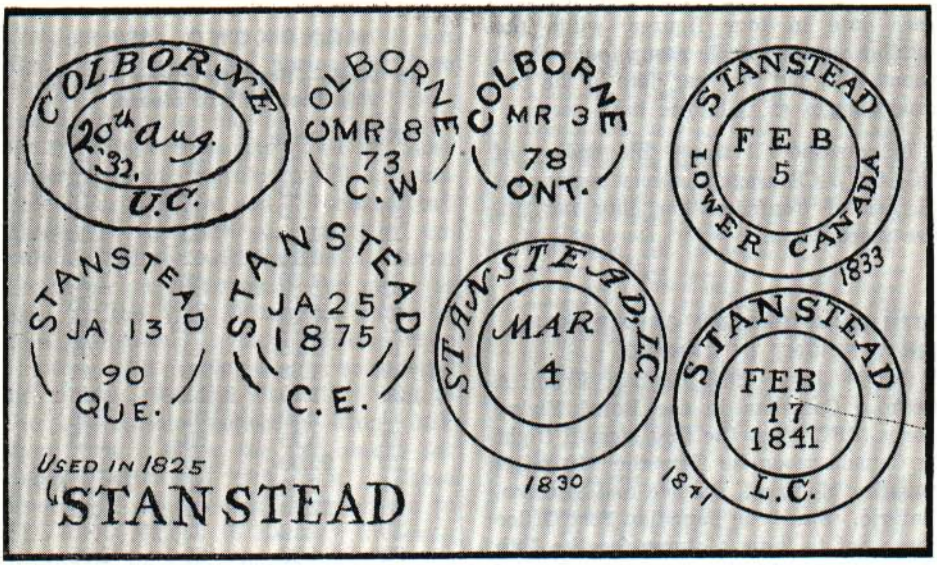
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1867 Confederation Postmark Changes

By Frank W. Campbell, RPSC 7691

From 1792 to 1841 Upper/Lower Canada was the correct locality designation. Canada East/West after 1841 was correct, but probably half the new postmark instruments ordered during 1841 to 1867 used the UC or LC designation.

Ontario and Quebec started quickly in 1867 for Montreal and Hamilton, but many places used the older UC LC CW CE instruments up to about 1890.

A few places used all three designations over the years, some illustrated here. The earliest use of these basal letters in my collection is 1828 for Richmond. In 1828 about 100 places were furnished with circular design, undated, instruments, with no province designated. But there was a Richmond in both Upper and Lower Canada, so UC/LC was inserted in base of these two instruments. In an earlier Niagara in 1817 spelled in full in an oval was Niagara Upper Canada.

Cramahe in Northumberland county, UC, opened in 1820 and in 1829 it chang- to Colborne. No postmark for Cramahe is known. J. A. Keeler was postmaster through the changeover.

Straight lines of loose printers type were used in most places before 1828, and Stanstead is a good example to illustrate, as it was followed by quite a variety of designs. The three double circles here illustrated are from an instrument of loose printers type in brass circles. Stanstead on the border opposite Vermont was a very important border exit for mail to the United States, among which were closed bags en-route to New York for ship passage to Great Britain. The Stanstead office opened in 1817 with Marcus Childs as postmaster.

The brass rule enclosing printers type in the Colborne and Stanstead here shown was probably bought from a United States source, and I have photostats of the possible source of supply from a catalog of "J. Howe & Co., Crown and Callowhill Sts., Philadelphia" 1831, $1. each. I am an ex-printer so I was doubly interested in this research and the catalog was located in Columbia University, New York.

The Stanstead-CE 1" wide instrument was of a group of hundreds first supplied to Montreal in 1846. This 1" wide

double circle gothic type style had the year date in four figures, while the smaller one-part-circle group that started about 1855 had the year date in the two final figures as Colborne here seen.

In retrospect I think this ending of UC-LC-CW-CE usage is a very permanent picture of Confederation date for future researchers.

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50TH ANNIVERSARY OF AIR MAIL FIRST FLIGHT IN CANADA

On 24 June, 1918 Captain Brian A Peck, a Canadian in the Royal Flying Corps (RFC), flew the first airmail flight in Canada when he flew the 340 miles between Montreal, Quebec and Toronto, Ontario. Since the Canadian Post Office chose not to issue a stamp for the 50th Anniversary of this event, a group of interested Canadian Air Mail Flight cover collectors provided funds to pay for the preparation and use of two Post Office dies to commemorate the event. The two dies will be used from the 1st to the 24th of June 1968 inclusive at the main Post Office in Toronto and in Montreal. All mail going through the applicable cancellation dies in these two cities will receive the appropriate cancellation. Please note that the Canadian Post Office will not handle any requests for cancelling envelopes at these two Post Offices. The envelopes requiring cancellation must be dropped in the mail at the appropriate Post Offices.

The die in Toronto will read
"50th Anniversary
1st Air Mail Flt
Montreal-Toronto
24 June 1918"

The die in Montreal will read
"50e Anniversaire
1er Vol Postal
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Dear Sir:—This is just a note to say that I do hope that the Royal will not discontinue its practice of publishing a Year Book.

I find that living here in this outpost of civilization that I greatly depend on the list of members. Occasionally I need an address and it is there in the Year book.

Anyone planning to break into a home to snatch a stamp collection will not get their information from a collectors' list. They are pros and have many means of finding out where the collections are housed. It is up to the collector to make his home as unpenetrable as possible. Insurance is good, but it cannot replace special items we collectors come by. We just have to be more careful with our collection.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs. F. G. Wilkinson,
#5376

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Dear Sire:—Re my article, BNA "Service" Letters, in No. 6 of CP—I wish to report a Correction and an Addenda:—

1) I have been informed of an omission in that I stated "—the handbook of — Young, on New Brunswick and Nova Scotia". Curtailed by only reason of brevity, this should have read" —of Messrs. Jephcott, Greene and Young". Actually, Dr. Clare Jephcott and Mr. Vincent Greene had this project in hand for years, but in the final stages enlisted the help of Mr. John Young, for some further data on Nova Scotia.

2) To my listings of "Canada' service letters, should be added:—

Stampless—1843, from Brighton, U.C., to Cornwall, and marked in red "PAID I" —reported by Mr. Frank W. Campbell

1864 - 2c.—1865, from Niagara to Barrie, with the odd feature, stamp applied at left side.
—exhibited by Mr. Vincent Greene, at Bypex 67.

(3) An article in the "Canadian Weekly Stamp News," Toronto, 1896, states: "In 1862, during the course of the Civil War in the U.S., some trouble arose between that country and Great Britain (the Trent Affair), which required the presence of British Troops in the Prov-

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What was the "Trent Affair"? — Well, briefly:— A John Sidell, U.S. Senator for Louisiana 1853-61, cast his lot with the Confederates when Louisiana seceded in 1861 and was made their foreign commissioner. In November 1861, he, with a James Mason, was sent to France to enlist financial support, leaving on a British steamer, the "Trent". This vessel was intercepted at sea by a Federal man-of-war, Slidell and Mason were removed and taken to prison in Boston. The British Government strongly protested this action — as although no one could question the Federals' right to take these men prisoners, their Captain exceeded his authority in stopping a British ship on the high seas.

This rather "storm in a teacup" would hardly seem to warrant the trouble and expense of sending thousands of troops to Canada—but probably historians have overlooked some further reasons justifying Britain's action.

All best for the New Year.

A. G. Fairbanks #3423

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Dear Sir:—

May I reply to your request for comment on the decision to omit addresses from the New Member list because of the increasing number of stamp thefts.

It would seem that to a large extent the policies of our Stamp Societies are being dominated by a group of elderly gentlemen. These senior philatelists seem to have unlimited money to purchase rare stamps and all the time in the world to write long articles on the most trivial and obscure details of philately. The same names consistently appear at conventions, in dealers articles and at exhibitions. The names become very familiar—usually retired business and professional men with the resources to compete in national and international exhibitions. The newspapers play up such activities or interviews with a "name" philatelist and soon we have another robbery.

I admire and respect these gentlemen, they have contributed a great deal to the knowledge and resource material of philately. But I do not think that this type is representative of the thousands of stamp collectors in our land. Most of us have a job to do, we have a limited budget for stamps and we set limitations. However I think that we obtain as much

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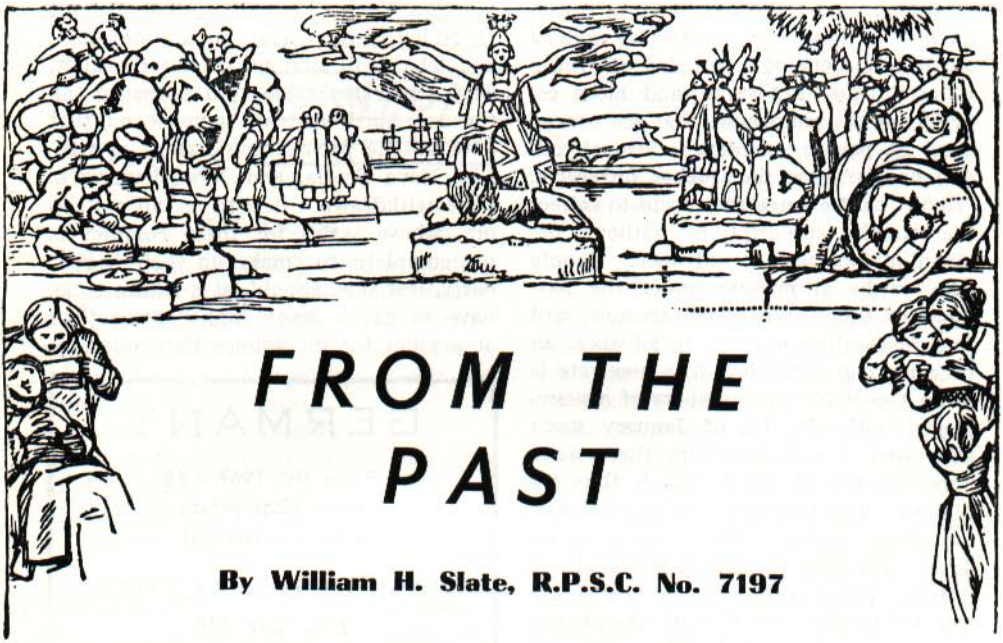
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By William H. Slate, R.P.S.C. No. 7197

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We are now in possession of, as we presume, the entire series of stamps for

THE DOMINION OF CANADA.—consisting of seven values, ½ cent, 1, 2, 3, 6, 12½ and 15 cents. It would be indeed odious to compare them with the issues for another confederation lately formed. They are the work of a newly-formed colonial company, and are worthy to take rank beside any which have been manufactured by the rival companies of New York. The design, as we stated last month in noticing the 15 c.,—the first of the set to appear,—bears a resemblance to that of the lower values of Nova Scotia, but shows the Queen's head turned to the right. The new "British American Bank-Note Company, of Montreal and Ottawa," has done well to copy so good a device, and certainly has not spoilt it, as the English engravers did in the four-penny South Australian. Moreover, whilst retaining the central figure, by enclosing it in a differently-patterned frame for each value, they have given greater variety to the series. In all, care has been taken to make the numeral distinct; and it is well that this has been done, as two of the values assimilate considerably in shade. Our engraver has not been very successful in his reproduction of the 15 c., but this is probably hardly his fault, fine steel-engraved stamps being most difficult to render accurately on wood. However, our readers will soon and easily be able to obtain the originals, as most of the values are so low. The half-cent is distinguished from the rest by its smallness — it is quite one third less in size, but the device is the same. The stamps are all printed on substantial paper, are perforated, and of the following colours:

½	cent,	black.
1	"	dull-red.
2	"	green.
3	"	vermilion.
6	"	brown.
12½	"	deep-blue.
15	"	mauve.

The two lowest values are for newspapers, and are far from being acceptable notwithstanding their beauty of design, to the journalists. It had been expected that newspapers would be sent throughout the Canadian provinces free

of charge; and there has been, in consequence ,a loud but ineffective outcry against the general imposition of even a reduced rate of postage, and more espcially at the enactment, that the charge must be paid by senders. "Proprietors of journals," says the **Quebec Chronicle,** "find it hard enough at present to collect the simple subscription, without demanding postage in advance. People who writhe at present under the payment of their bare paper account, will find forwarding postage, in advance, an excruciating sacrifice." The new rate is to be 1 cent for two numbers of a newspaper, until the 1st of January next; after that, 1 cent for every three numbers; the use of the 1 cent is thus explained. The half cent will be employed for single copies. The 2 cents is no doubt primarily intended for soldiers' letters. The 3 cents pays the new single rate for postage; the 6 cents, the charge on letters to the United States. The 12½ cents represents the postage to England; and the 15 c. the rate for letters sent **via** New York. Possibly a 10 c. will yet be added to the series, but the old 17 c. and 24 c. will find no substitutes in it. The new rates came into operation on the 1st April, and we suppose on that date all the pre-existing stamps of Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick, were withdrawn. It behoves all collectors, whose series for these colonies is not complete, to "make up their books" early, lest they should, at a future time, have to pay a much higher price than at present for the stamps they want.

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CHAPTER R.P.S.C NEWS

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ESCPEX '68

The Edmonton Stamp Club is holding its Annual Philatelic Exhibition, Escpex '68 on March 30th, 1968, at the Coachman Inn, Edmonton, Alberta. There will be an open competition under the following classifications:

1. British North America
2. Great Britain and the Commonwealth
3. Foreign
4. Topical and Thematic
5. Covers and Postal History

For full details on the Exhibition and official entry forms, contact the Exhibition Committee, c/o J. H. Roebroek, 5103 - 94B Ave., Edmonton, Alberta. In addition to the Bronze, Silver, and Gold medals, allocated by the judges, this year there will be some special trophies open for competition. The Dr. William Oroboko Memorial Trophy will be awarded for one year to the best exhibit of the complete show as voted by the judges. The Saxton Memorial Gold Medal will be presented to the best Canadian Exhibition in the show "Better Canada" Where applicable the following certificates are up for competition, the ATA Award for best topical in the show, The Lincoln Society Award of Merit, The United Postal Stationery Society Award Certificate, and The John F. Kennedy Philatelic Society Award of Merit.

The stamp dealers in Edmonton have provided a trophy to perpetuate the memory of Dr. William Orobko, donated to the Edmonton Stamp Club it will be awarded to the winner of the best showing at their annual exhibitions.

Dr. Orobko who was a prominent dentist belonged to many societies, was number 6638 in the Royal. For several years he conductd a noon-hour stamp store in a side room at his Birks building offices, he specialized in philatelic literature.

This very fine trophy will be awarded for the first time at ESCPEX '68 to be held at the Coachman Inn on March 30th. Chapter six the Edmonton Stamp Club is looking to the members of the Royal for the best of exhibits.

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The Edmonton Stamp Club, recently awarded Honorary Memberships to two of their faithful workers, long time member Arthur W. McIntyre and past-president Robert L. Stone.

Bob Stone who is in charge of the circuit from the Royal is noted for his untiring efforts on behalf of the Club.

Mr. McIntyre a life member of the Royal seldom misses a convention, a retired Editor of the Edmonton Journal still writes the weekly stamp column for that paper.

The many friends of both these men will be glad to hear of the deserved honor.

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South Shore Stamp Club, Chapter 19, has recently elected a new committee.

Honourary Vice-President: H. Ste-Marie
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The project was presented to the new Red Deer Centennial Library in December (Opened by Gov. Gen. Roland Michener in November), as a permanent exhibit.

Approx. 213 stamps were used, the earliest stamp used was the 3 penny Beaver, the latest, the Toronto centennial of 1967. All members pitched in, contributing stamps, and keen interest was shown searching for certain issues Much research was necessary to obtain information we could use under the stamps, especially in the History & Natural Resources frames. After the information was obtained a further problem remained, of condensing it into a few small lines under each stamp. All the inscriptions were done with pen and indian ink, three members working on this part of the project.

Comments from citizens have been most gratifying, and the club trust that the exhibit will be a source of pleasure and information to many.

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MARCH 30th & 31st: North Toronto Stamp Club Annual Exhibition.

APRIL 6th 1968 Kitchener - Waterloo Philatelic Society Exhibition & Bourse "Stampfest 68" Eastwood Collegiate Institute, East Ave., Kitchener. For details please contact: Mrs. R. B. Gillrie, 630 Rockway Drive, Kitchener.

APRIL 26-28: Atlantic City, N.J. SOJEX, Traymore Hotel, Atlantic City, N. J. Alan C. Eckert 420 Brynmaur Ave., Hammonton, N. J. 08037.

MAY 2-5: Los Angeles, California ASDA-WEST, Stamp Exhibition and Bourse of the Southern California Chapter of the American Dealers Assoc., Statler Hilton Hotel, 930 Wilshire Blvd. General Chairman, Israel I. Bick, P.O. Box 46695, Los Angeles, Calif. 90046.

MAY 3rd & 4th: C.F.B. Trenton Stamp Club Annual Exhibition. Chairman Lt. G. A. MacKenzie, 56 Laird Drive, Middleton Park, Trenton, Ont.

JUNE 21 - 23: Milwaukee, Wisconsin TOPEX '68. Clarence Beltmann, P.O. Box 4140, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53210.

JUNE 22 to JULY 7. An international show will be held in Prague, to be known as PRAGA 1968. Ing. Ladislav Dvoracek, Box 1095, Prague 1, Czechoslovakia.

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SEPT. 13-15: New York, Interpex Autumn Collectors Show. Herbert Rosen, 121 W. 45th St., New York, N.Y. 10036.

OCT. 4-6: Baltimore. Balpex '68. William T. Schaffer, 2030 Featherbed Lane, Baltimore, Md. 21207.

OCT. 9th to 13th. "BNAPEX-68" Austin, Texas. Ed Richardson, P.O. Box 939, League City, Texas 77573.

OCT. 18-20: Philadelphia, Pa. SEPAD, Sheraton Hotel, 17th and J. F. Kennedy Blvd.

OCT. 18-20: Newark, N.J. NOJEX Exhibition, Robert Treat Hotel, Newark, N.J.

NOVEMBER 1st to 9th, "EFIMEX 68" International Philatelic Exhibition, Mexico City. Canadian Commissioner —W. H. P. Maresch, 628 Yonge Street, Toronto.

1969. International Exhibitions have been scheduled to be held in Sofia, Bulgaria in June, and in Brussels, Belgium, in the autumn.

APRIL 3 8, "JUVENTUS 69" 1st International for junior collectors. J. Michely, Case Postale 20, Bettembourg, Luxembourg.

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A month elapsed. Neither telephone nor street directories had identified the "Saint". It was a miserable evening and Freddie Grieve and I had retired to Wyndham's for a comforting dinner. Freddie was the only man who ever paid me £500 to teach him how to deal in stamps (the money was manna from heaven in those days) and he always maintained that it was a fine investment for he made a good income for those brief years left to him. The story of St. Peter was told over coffee and Freddie bet me the bill that the saint could be mortalised within ten minutes. Off he went to the library and came back with Kelly's Directory, a pregnant volume even in those days. He started reading out the names— **"Speak up Freddie, I can hardly hear you". "That is what I want, but you will recognize Saint Peter."** A few seconds later I thought he mentioned the guardian of the Golden Gates again. **"Stop, that's him".** Loudly and clearly Freddie said **"CHESTER BEATTY"** and I gladly paid for dinner.

Later I told the "Saint" this story and he roared with laughter. "It will be some time before I get my harp". Twenty years passed, his collection had been sold **("Foolishly, I thought I was getting too old to enjoy it")** and when the following verse came to my ken so off it went to C.B. on a post card.

The philatelist stood at the
Golden Gates
His head was bended low,
And sadly to the man of fates
He said "Which way have I to go?"
"What has thou done" St. Peter
asked
"to gain admission here?"
"Why I've plated blacks and reds
for many and many a year"
"Come in my son" St. Peter said
And loudly rang the bell
"Come in my son and take a rest
You've had your share of hell."

When Chester Beatty was eighty years old he took up collecting again. A multi-millionaire, who parted with enormous sums of money wherever he felt that knowledge and happiness could be brought to others, he spent his summers in his lovely home in Ireland, retiring to Monaco when the leaves started to fall. Postal History Auctions were his favourite hunting ground and his spidery writing on a bid form suggested that he got his ideas of values by doubling ours and adding the date. We once made an observation that his bids were wild. **"Maybe they are. Maybe the owner is selling because he needs the money. Maybe the price I pay will give him pleasure—at least I always hope so for then it is an added pleasure to me."**

In this morning's paper (21st January) there is a report that Sir Alfred Chester

Beatty died on Friday night aged 92. Now he has been issued with his harp.

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The older we get, the more often we see examples of keen (so-called "boyish") enthusiasm among the aged. Two days after his death, we received an enthusiastic letter from E. Carey Fox of Toronto mentioning his plans to exhibit his lovely collection of B.N.A.

Another friend died last week, full of ideas of preserving his beloved collection for others. He has left it to a local authority which has neither the facilities nor the money to display it or preserve it. Two hundred and seventeen volumes worth $500,000. Consider the cost of safe housing; a suitable strong room would cost $20,000, a display room and frames another $50,000, the services of a curator and his assistant, light, heat and overheads another $15,000 a year. To properly keep this collection alive will need $250,000 in ten years and where is the money to come from? Alas, the destiny of this bequest is likely to be burial like its late owner. And just think what pleasure the possession of this collection would have given a thousand others over the centuries to come if it had been split up. The proceeds would have enabled the local authority to establish and maintain a home for twenty chronic aged philatelists whose failing eyesight prevented their playing with stamps.

Alas we can only mourn the death of our friend and his philatelic possessions. Undisciplined and unwise generosity is more irritating than chronic meanness.

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Have you ever dreamed of a find? I expect so and it has been my good fortune to enjoy more than one discovery. Now I am in the midst of a find which is keeping me awake at nights imagining what will turn up to-morrow.

This find is the stock of sample stamps printed by the now defunct firm of stamp printers, Waterlow & Sons Ltd. Mostly the stamps are printed in miniature sheets of nine stamps, all in unissued colours, with some essays. Each stamp is overprinted with the name of

Martin Apfelbaum:



While I watched the 76'ers lose to the Boston Celtics yesterday afternoon, I opened one of our mixture boxes which I had brought home for one of my kids to play around with. Before long, I was deep into the stamps and only listening to the commentary of the game. It had been quite some time since I really browsed through one of these boxes, and evidently I'd lost sight of the fantastic opportunities that they afforded.

First off, I decided to count the number of items in the lot. They totaled 1,082, almost all (1,068) off paper. They ranged from late pictorials of the world (and included some of the large, modern European and Latin American pictorials) to some of the classics. There were no rarities, but I spotted several items that cataloged $2.00 and better. One item that stuck out was a B20 of the Netherlands.

The overall condition of the stamps was nice. Very few of them had any defects. The range of years covered was from about 1850 to 1968 with a great deal of turn of the century material.

No, I didn't catalog the box. I was just too lazy to get out my watermark detector, but my estimate of catalog value would be around $150.00.

We have been selling these boxes for over 10 years at $4.95 each, with a money-back guarantee if the buyer is dissatisfied. In all that time I don't believe we have made ten refunds. Many customers have a standing order for one or more mixture boxes to be shipped on the first of each month.

If you are a general collector, or just enjoy sifting through real unsorted mixture, and are looking for real relaxation, why not send in your check for $4.95? Your mixture box will go out by return mail

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the firm and "SPECIMEN" and punched with a small hole. The opportunities for philatelic discoveries are endless; Marcus found a sheet of New Zealand 1898 5/- in black imperforate between, Gwen found two sheets of Guatemala 1c. with inverted quetzals and I found a sheet of Belgian Congo 10c. with inverted centre. So far we have been through a fifth of the quantity and have classified it but there are still those two restless bedfellows, one who whispers seductively **"What will you find to-morrow?"**, the other brute answers before I can say a word **"Wouldn't you like to know what you missed to-day?"**. Both Marcus and I made our discoveries when we were looking through them for the third time.

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"The Shades of Day were rising fast" or so it seems to us. Philately is our hobby and where a change in colour can be proved to be a second printing then we include it for what it is. But there are shades which may be even more distinctive but which do not indicate a different printing; they only indicate that someone stirred the ink supply or the printing machine warmed up or some change in temperature took place. May we call the first **"an issue shade"** and the second **"a printing shade"**. Then there are shades caused by the worldly experience of a stamp. 20,000 are printed, 10 000 go to the Colony and 10,000 to the Crown Agents. The Colony's climate is tropical and those stamps which are not used within three months of use start to tone and the gum becomes brown. They remain in use for two years, 9,000 of those going to the Colony being postally used, 1,000 being bought in or from the Colony by collectors. Now there are two stamps.

(a) white gum — price 1X unused (10,000) 10X used (1.000)

(b) brownish gum price 10X unused (1,000) 1X used (8,000)

These we may call **"an accidental shade"**.

Philately is a freedom in which we can collect what we like whether it is an issued, a printing or an accidental shade and all are therefore collectable for what they really are.

When we were very juvenile or should we say in our first childhood there were stamps listed in the catalogue at 1/- and 10/- according to the issued shade. Now they price 2/6 and £125 because of the demand. Thirty years ago there was a stamp which catalogued 12/6. Now there are two shades, both accidental as there was only one printing of 3,000 stamps i.e. 50 sheets, and one is priced at £80 and the other at £150.

We would stress that this difference in price is caused by recognition in the catalogue and demand from collectors but a difference of 100000% in one case and 100% in another are a curious development in the hobby. It becomes even more curious when one remembers that for every shade recognised in the catalogue there are probably ten which are only recognized and collected by the super specialists. There is one popular stamp of which there were at least thirty printings, each one being in a different and recognisable shade. All are collectable but the catalogue only lists shades varying in price from 1/3 to £50. Perhaps this is philately's colour problem. As long as we think and act on the same lines all is well but let fashions change and the collecting of shades fade away then there will be a more readily recognisable phrasing of the misquotation at the head of this column.

One final observation—if you want a gooseberry to go with your strawberry, be sure in your own mind that you are buying a gooseberry and not a raspberry—do not presume that the seller knows what he is talking about, for he may never have seen the bewhiskered fruit.

Robson Lowe.

Postmarked Ottawa

By HANS REICHE (RPSC 6397)

We saw recently a new addition to stamp collecting. This is a silver reproduction of the 1967 Expo 5 cents stamp. 0.999 pure silver is used for this replica. Other commemorative stamps will appear in this form later on. The reproductions are made in Ottawa by a private firm.

Going over a collection which had been assembled around 1880 we were surprised to find that a large number of stamps had deteriorated to the point where the stamp crumbled into minute pieces when handled or had changed its colour from the original. With a catalogue value of about 10,000 Dollars this was not a very happy experience. What was the reason for this. The old album had been carefully wrapped up in waxed paper, sealed on all ends with a rubber tape ,a practically hermatic seal. In addition each album sheet was covered with a a cellophane sheet. This sheet on inspection was yellow and extremely brittle. The hermetic seal did not allow the stamps to breath, the paper became bone dry and brittle. The cellophane sheets contained certain chemicals which acted on the printing dyes and gradually changed the colours of stamps. The lesson is do not store your stamps in sealed envelopes, albums etc. Do not use interleaving sheets which are not fully guaranteed by the album manufacturers. Do not aggravate the situation by storing your stamps near heat. Do not store your albums and stamps in a horizontal position.

For many of us it is difficult to distinguish a genuine from a faked stamp. We do not have the experience, we do not have a reference or suitable guide. There probably is not one collection which does not contain at least one unknown faked stamp. Nobody likes to have a forged stamp in his collection. A number of excellent books have been published showing the features of genuine stamps. Almost all societies have their own expertization group. Unfortunately our own does not have such help available to us at the moment. All the expertization groups accept stamps for expertization from anyone even if you are not a member. The fee is nominal and pays off for a single, low priced forged stamp. Sometimes forged stamps are being offered for sale as reference items. We would like to warn anyone not to pay a high price for such items. For European forgeries a price of maximum 25 cents is standard. There are a few exceptions to prices for forgeries. A few stamps were forged for actual postal usage and not only for collectors. Such stamps are difficult to find because government authorities confiscated as many as they were able to obtain. Uusually these forgeries are of the common definitives. Such forgeries bring good prices but a forged classical stamp has little value regardless of its catalogue price. Reprints fall into the same catagory and any of the German States reprints (Hamburg, Heligoland, Oldenburg etc.) can be bought for about 20 cents or less.

We recently noted a number of envelopes arriving at our desk with Canadian commemorative stamps and every stamp on the envelope was imperforate. We made some inquiries and found that this company cut all their stamps with a cutting machine because separating them by hand was time and cost wasting. We wonder if the Post Office objects to this procedure. No envelope was marked with postage due. Even some of the philatelic made bisects pass the inspectors eye without postage due lately.

Although we have not worried much

about the centering of recent stamps, we know that many collectors go out of their way to obtain perfectly centered stamps for their collection. The Canadian coil stamps must have given many headaches to such collectors. With the newly installed perforation machine it is anticipated that better centred stamps will be produced. Instead of line perforation the new machine uses the comb perforation. Every corner of the stamp will look the same, a technique which has been used in Europe for many years. And speaking of such imperfections you will be interested to know that soon there will be no more coil jumps. The stamps will be printed on a continuous roll. Other interesting innovations are in store for us which will make changes in sheets, coils, booklets, tagging etc. Further on these as soon as details are available to me.

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REVIEWS—

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This is the ideal book to help new collectors of any age to learn more about their stamps. Its worldwide scope and simple straight-forward listings make it the perfect beginners catalogue.

K.R.

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LYMANS 1968 B.N.A. CATALOGUE

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This annually issued retail price guide is, as usual, good value for the collector of BNA. It shows more than 1381 price revisions in Canada proper with an additional 340 for the provinces. Good value for 60c.

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PHILATELY IN LONDON 1825-1967.

by Stan Shantz & Don Demaray.
London Philatelic Society.
Price $2.00. Obtainable from Don Demaray, 98 Gardenwood Dr., London, Ont.

One of the London Philatelic Society's projects in connection with it's LONPEX 75 exhibition was the publication of this small handbook on philately in London. It covers the history of the London Post Office, London dealers, the London Philatelic Society and many other aspects of London philatelic activity, Past and Present.

An excellent publication which should serve as a model for all local societies who are interested in the philatelic history of their area. Both the authors and the society are to be congratulated on a significant contribution to local philately.

K.R.

YOUR SALES DEPARTMENT

The request for new contributors of material to the sales department which was made in the last issue has borne some fruit with the result that some very good books are now in circulation. To these new sellers and also to those regular contributors who help maintain the circuits goes the thanks of myself and those members who find enjoyment in being able to obtain additional items for their albums. Looking ahead a few months, the annual convention looms on the horizon and it is not too early to remember that your sales department will be there. To be a success it will be needing some choice material to show the many philatelists who will be there. What better opportunity is there for you to realize some cash for your duplicates. So get out those stock books and start mounting.

The response for the larger sales books has been very good. Hundreds are now available at FIVE FOR A DOLLAR, postpaid. They are more suitable for the many large stamps now being issued and provide 2½ times more space than the small books which by the way, will be accepted up to JANUARY 1st, 1969. Please note the minimum net selling value of the large books is $25 whilst the minimum remains the same ($18) for the small books. The average value of books being received exceeds $60 so the higher minimum should not prevent anyone from sending in material. However where it is not possible to fill a book with the stamps of one country, groups of countries can be mounted together. For example: British Africa: British Oceania: British West Indies: Germany and Austria: Vatican and Italy: Western Europe (France: Netherlands: Belgium etc.) Scandinavia.

Mint and used material is required NOW from the following countries: EARLY CANADA: NEW ZEALAND: GREAT BRITAIN: ICELAND: SWITZERLAND: NETHERLANDS: GERMANY and U.S.A.

It is noticed that many new members are asking for sales circuits, thus increasing the need for additional material. The 500 books asked for in the last issue are still required, so please keep them coming. Your department is operating with a stock that is 40% smaller than last season.

With the introduction of the large sales books the opportunity was taken to make some revisions to the rules. Copies of these are available upon request.

A point to remember when mounting stamps in the larger books — do not allow the stamps to overlap. This prevents a buyer from seeing the whole of a stamp without lifting it and thus possibly damaging it. Books so mounted will not be accepted. Micro-filming of books is under consideration and if this is done, overlapping would prevent satisfactory pictures.

Some of you have written expressing interest in covers but have neglected to give any details of the material you require. This I need to know so when writing please give me the required information.

This department receives mail from every province with the exception of Prince Edward Island. What- no philatelists down there? There must be some on the island so lets hear from you.

Gordon F. W. Frost

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N. R. HENDERSHOTT

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P.S.—I am paying $50.00 per roll for 1967 .50 coins send them along.

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On which is inscribed the names of those members who have contributed to the progress of the Society in securing the addition of new members and Chapters for the year 1968.

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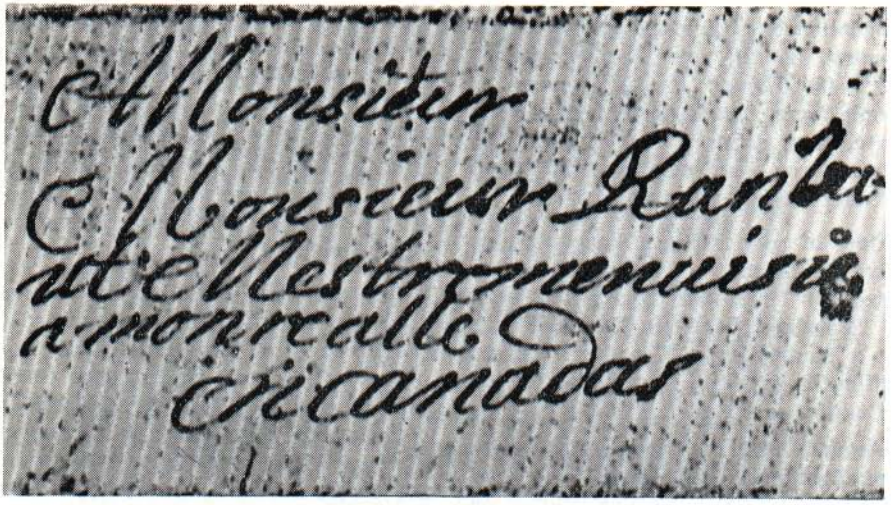


Figure 1

Postal History Of Canada Under The French Regime, 1608 - 1760

By J. J. CHARRON, RPSC 6741

During the early development of Canada, water travel played an important part. The awkward ships of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries could, with care, be sailed up the St. Lawrence to the port and fortress of Québec, founded in 1608 by Samuel de Champlain (1567-1635).

Before the middle of the seventeenth century, when Canada was little more than a mission and a fur-trading post, little attention was given to roads; but after the establishment of the Régime Royal in 1663, and the increase in population that followed, it was no longer possible to depend wholly on the St. Lawrence for transportation and communication and overland carriage had its small beginnings. Prior to the seventeenth century, the bulk of the correspondence travelled between Québec and the Port of La Rochelle in the old Province of Aunis, France, by the sea-route.

From 1666 to 1700, the population increased rapidly when it climbed from 3200 to nearly 10,000 inhabitants. During this same period, the population of New England reached one million. Though the majority of the Old French Provinces contributed immigrants to Canada, the smallest of them, Aunis, ranked fourth in number of immigrants between 1608 and 1700. The fact that the Port of La Rochelle was located in this province was, without doubt, a great influence in the immigration. (1)

With the founding of Ville Marie (now Montréal) in 1642 by Paul de Chomedey, Sieur de Maisonneuve (1612-1676), internal exchange of correspondence increased. The lines on which the business of the colony was conducted seemed to call for a fairly large interchange of letters within the country itself. The society was made up of its seigneurs, military officers, clergy and civil servants, who would beyond doubt have an extensive correspondence with friends at home. Mention of the clergy brings up that remarkable series of letters written by the Jesuit missionaries between 1622 and 1671, from the wilds of Canada, know as the "Relations des Jésuites", which form so large a part of the

foundation on which the history of the country in the seventeenth century rests. (2) Though the great mass of people were unable to either read or write, they differed but little in this respect from the same class of people in other countries at the time.

One of the earliest known covers (Fig. 1) under the French Régime is dated "18 Mars 1681" and is addressed to "Monsieur Rambaut, Maitre-Menuisier a Monrealle en Canadas". It was written by his wife, Magdeleine Thèrese Sallé, then in Paris.

Around 1690, a Canadianized Portugese, Pierre DaSilva, offered for a small sum, to serve as a regular courier between Québec and Montréal. The earliest known such document (Fig. 2), found in the Judiciary Archives of Montréal and dated "10 Juillet 1693", reads as follows:

"Plus fait dépense de vingt sols
Payé au Portugais pour le port
d'un paquet de lettre de cette
ville a Québec"

It is believed that this is the oldest document showing that an individual had been paid to convey the mail. DaSilva's "diligence et fidélité" were noted in high places.

Under the administrations of Intendants Talon, Bouteroue, Duchesneau, De Meulles and De Champigny, covering the period of 1665 to 1702, a courier system existed for the use of government dispatches. Although no regular postal system had been formulated during this period, an arrangement existed by which the letters of the Governor and Intendant were carried by an appointed messenger.

All mails were not of course carried by appointed messengers. Some were conveyed as a favour by private individuals. One such individual, Charles LeMoyne, First Baron of Longueuil (Fig. 3) (1656-1729), eldest son of Charles LeMoyne (1625-1685) certifies, on "30 Janvier 1704", to have carried two letters twenty five years ago (in 1679) to France. The letters were addressed to a person named "Guérin" who had died of sickness in the army. It is known from historical facts, that "Longueuil" served in the armies of Louis XIV in France from 1672 to 1679. The story of the LeMoyne family, whose numerous sons are known as the "Maccabees of New France", is a saga in itself.

On December 23rd, 1705, Intendant Jacques Raudot (1705-10) granted a commission to Pierre DaSilva dit Portugais as "ordinary messenger to convey the letters of the Governor General and ours in the King's service throughout all this Colony, permitting him to convey those of private persons, to deliver them at their destination and bring back the replies. We have established the charge of ten sols for the conveyance of each letter from Québec to Montréal, and as much for the return trip. and the rest proportionally, according to the places where the letters are delivered". The Intendant also warned all persons

EXPO '67

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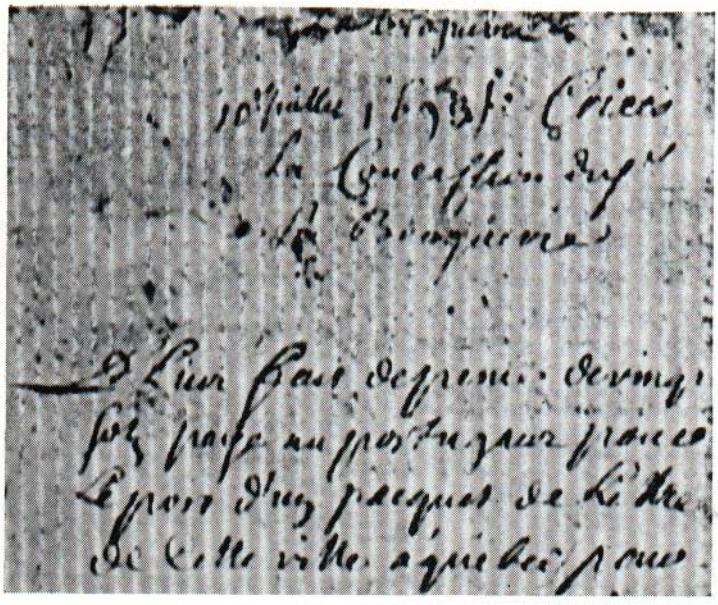
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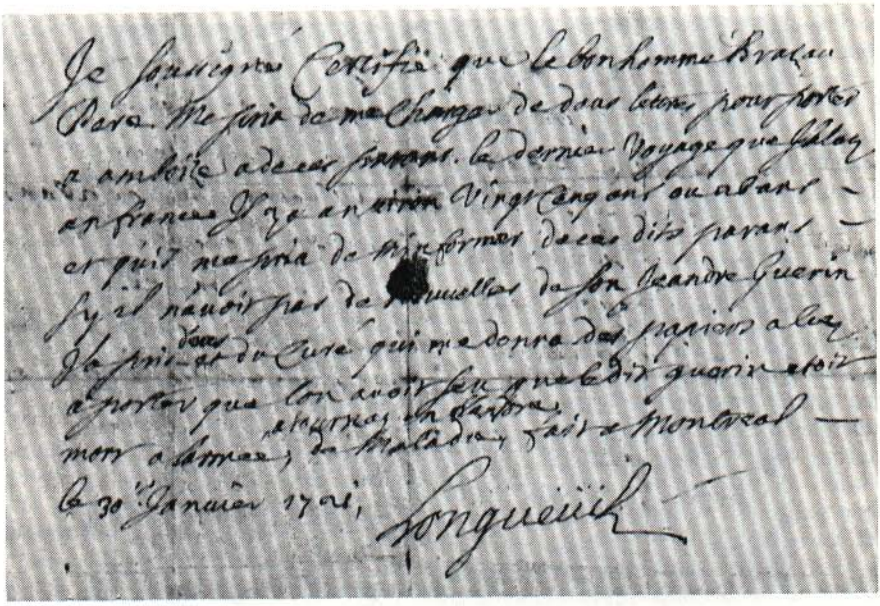


(Figure 2)

not to impede him in his functions and ordered all officers and soldiers to lend him "main forte et assistance". (3) When the intrepid postman died in 1717, after a quarter of a century of service, he was succeeded by his son-in-law, Jean Moran.

On January 27th, 1721, Intendant Michel Bégon (1710-23) granted to Nicholas Lanouillier the exclusive privilege for twenty years of maintaining a postal system, including post-houses, for letters and couriers as well as stage coaches. (4) Born in Paris in 1679, Lanouillier arrived in Québec in 1714. In 1720, he was a general agent of the "Compagnie des Indes". (5) Since there was no road between Québec and Montréal in 1721, and as Lanouillier's scheme involved the construction of a road, the Intendant gave him the exclusive privileldge of establishing ferries over the rivers which would cross the road he undertook to build. As the population of Canada in 1721 was about 25,000, and the towns of Québec, Trois-Rivières and Montréal contained no more than 2300, 325 and 3200 people respectively, an enterprise of that magnitude could not possibly be profitable. Lanouillier no doubt realized this, for he did nothing in the pursuance of the scheme. He had to obtain from Louis XV confirmation of the Ordinance within a delay of one year. Royal sanction arrived a few months later with double restriction: reduction of the twenty year priviledge to ten years and commencing only from the date of registration of the commission. It appears that Lanouillier did not follow his obligation of registering his commission and it was dropped. (6) In 1722, Lanouillier was a member of the "Conseil Supérieur", Attorney-General in 1727 and Keeper of the Seals in 1735. He died in Québec in 1736 at the age of 57. (7)

The "Almanach Royale de France", founded in 1699, (8) announced in 1723 that on letters to Canada, there would be a charge of seven sols which would pay for the conveyance from Paris to La Rochelle, while between La Rochelle and Canada, letters were carried free of Charge. (9) This is probably due to



(Figure 3)

the fact that, up to near the end of the eighteenth century, the French posts were farmed out, the leases restricting the farm privileges to continental France.

In 1727, the courier Jean Moran, who had married DaSilva's daughter Elisabeth in 1705, had continued the postal service following his father-in-law's death in 1717. Moran received official recognition by Intendant Claude-Thomas Dupuy (1725-29), duly receiving his commission as "messager du Roy en Nouvelle-France". (10) It is presumed that Moran continued as postal messenger until his death in 1754 since no records have been found to the contrary or as to his successor.

Jean Moran, in 1728, complained to Intendant Dupuy that money was owed to him by the public for his services and that this was due to the lack of hard currency. This anomaly was fairly well settled with the introduction of card money ("monnaie de carte"), by Ordinance of March 2nd, 1729. (11)

Intendant Gilles Hocquart (1731-48) issued an Ordinance, dated July 20th, 1732, the purpose of which was to regulate the arrival of foreign mail in the town of Québec. He had received complaints that rowboats and canoes went to meet the ships arriving in the port of Québec from overseas in order to pick up the letters for themselves and for others. The Ordinance forbade the boarding of ships, except with special permission in writing, prior to the captain setting foot on land. A fine of 50 livres was imposed on any offender. Persons onboard ship responsible for the letters had to hand them over to the addressee personally. (12)

In order to soften the harshness of the Ordinance towards persons of good faith, the merchants were authorized, if they judged convenient to their interests, to delegate an individual, merchant or otherwise, to receive all letters and to proceed with the distribution, under the Intendant's authority. This Ordinance had to be registered at the Provostship of Québec, published and posted in ordinary and accustomed

places in the Lower and Upper Town of Québec, even in the port. (13)

In 1733, Moran reported to Indendant Hocquart that the "Maitres de postes", living near rivers flowing into the St. Lawrence, refused to put a ferry at his disposal after sundown and it was only after spending the night in the post-house that the "maitre de poste" would help him reach the opposite shore, which caused Moran great delays and unnecessary expenses. This situation was corrected the following year by an ordinance, which we shall discuss later on.

The St. Lawrence River was for a long period the best and easiest means of communication between Québec and Montréal and was used in all seasons. When the ice permitted, messengers used ice skates. An experienced skater could travel the distance with a favourable wind without resting. One such messenger went beyond his endurance. Sent in urgency from Montréal to Québec with a dispatch he travelled in 18 hours the distance of 180 miles and died on arrival. Some said he died of exhaustion, others maintained that he ate a big meal en route. (14)

Editors note—

The second part of this interesting article and its bibliography will be concluded in the next issue.

TRADE NOTES

HARMERS TO SELL DR. GELDERT'S STAMPS

Canada 12 pence cover heads collection

Mr. Bernard Harmer has announced that, on instructions received from the Executors of the Estate, the majority of the philatelic holdings of the late Dr. George Mackinley Geldert, will be sold by H. R. Harmer, Inc. at their Galleries in New York in the New Year. A group of Malta and Great Britain used in Malta will be offered in London.

The "Pence collection" with New Brunswick and Nova Scotia "Pence" issues, will be offered in a special evening auction scheduled by Harmers for Monday, March 4. The balance of Dr. Geldert's stamps (including Canada and Provinces "Cents" issues, Newfoundland, "Trains on Stamps", etc.) will be included in a general auction with properties of other vendors. His stamps are expected to realize about $40,000 to $50,000.

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Aero-Philatelist is Selling World-Famous Collection

Specialist Collectors of Airpost stamp issues throughout the world will be only too familiar with the outstanding collection formed by Dr. Ernst Raab, which is to be sold at an Airmails Sale in London on March 28th and 29th.

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there is a Newfoundland 1919 3c. red-brown stamp on an envelope, which was carried on the Daily Mail flight and has a St. John's cancel of April. 12. 1919. The plane carrying this item crashed into the Atlantic before it reached Newfoundland, and the mail was saved by ship which carried it to its destination. Most of the envelopes on the flight became sea-stained, but the sale item escaped unblemished and is now worth £2,000. A 1922 Italian Levant Bucharest-Paris flight 15p. on 25c. overprint issue is also in the collection, and is one of only five existing. This item is worth £3,000.

The most valuable items are two envelopes flown in a hydro-plane which took off from the 'Ile de France on the high seas and arrived in New York on 23.8.1928. The envelopes each bear four overprinted stamps, and the two items, which are the greatest Aero-Philatelic rarities of France, are valued together at £5,500.

The sale will be conducted by Stanley Gibbons Auctions Ltd., at their Drury Lane auction room.

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