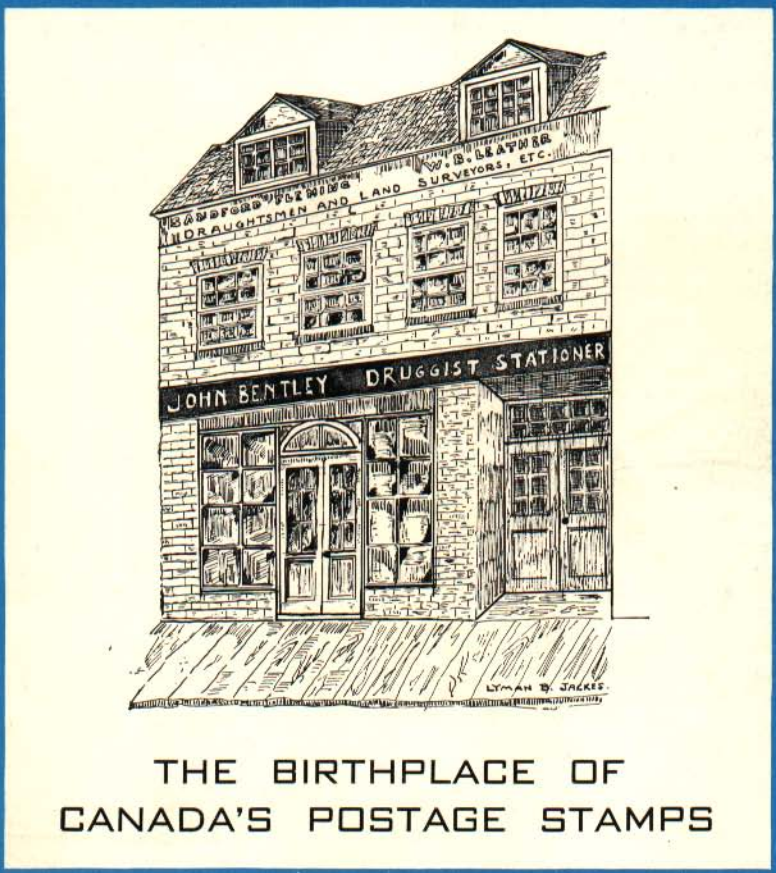
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Journal of the
ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY of CANADA

MORE AND MORE

September 1, 1968

Dear Friends:—

Canadian Coils:— During the past month I purchased several nice lots of these with quite a few complete rolls of 500. My experience with this group has always been feast or famine and it is still that way. Certain ones we have large stock and others none at all. Do you have any for sale?

Canadian 3c. Small Cents:— Last month I told you about the wonderful lot of Dr. Day's small Queens that I purchased. These were mainly the higher values, the 5c., 6c., 8c. and 10c. Well, since then, I have bought a large collection of his 3c. small Queens. There is a glorious range of all shades and colours, cancellations that would make your mouth water, rare multiples, perforate varieties, etc. The specialist in this group will have a field day when I get to price them.

Three Volumes:— A Toronto collector keeps bringing in parts of his collection to sell and this week he brought in three more volumes. All are mint British Colonies and are mostly complete sets to the pound. Nauru, Maldive, Norfolk Islands, all complete, along with many other countries. It would be better for me to purchase the entire collection at one time but that's the way he wants to sell. I guess he doesn't want to blow all the money on one race!

FINLAND — 4 Volumes:— A really fine specialized collection of this popular Scandinavian country was purchased from a Toronto collector. Early issues with a wide range of shades, varieties and a good lot of covers. The charity issues were complete mint and used.

FRANCE — Paintings:— Mr. Schmidt, stamp dealer from Germany, and his partner visited our store last summer and again this year. They found it worth their trouble. We bought and sold to each other. The unusual thing is that he specializes in the stamps of France and I took the opportunity to buy quite a good lot of the "Paintings" mint that are so popular with collectors.

23 VOLUMES:— Mr. Stewart of London, Ontario, has sold us his collection. Many albums were specialized Canadian stamps, the remainder odd countries, with Great Britain being the best. As a matter of interest, the Great Britain were sold to a dealer who was visiting me for a few days.

LAOS:— This country located near the Vietnam war activities has always been popular with collectors. I am very pleased with a large purchase that we have made of stamps from Laos cataloguing over $150,000.00.

AUSTRALIA:— Birds, Bees and Butterflies are beautifully pictured on their modern stamps and from "down under" our agent has sent us a good shipment of these issues. The Canadian Post Office Department should take a good look at these and compare them with some of our recent issues, which leave a lot to be desired.

RUBIN:— Last month I told you about our purchase of the "Jack Rubin" stock of New York City. It is still intact but we have done quite a bit of work getting it ready for sale. Boy, oh Boy! what a fantastic stock of stamps, certainly the best that we have purchased. This statement includes such big deals as Marks, Hudson, New York City Stamp Companies, and others.

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The Editor Speaks Out . . . .

"The collectors work is only partly done when he has formed his collection. Unless it is used, it is like bric-a-brac in a cabinet."

W. S. Lewis

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What is a collector? Let us ignore for the moment what he, or she, collects but concentrate instead on, what might be called, the raison d'etre for the peculiar pattern of behaviour which is the instinct to collect.

The true collector has an inherent desire to acquire. A sort of built-in hunting instinct which coupled with a pronounced streak of tenacity guarantees that he will stay on the trail until he has secured the object of his search.

Philately like other collecting fields, and like the animal kingdom itself, is characterized by herd movements to collect what is fashionable, or what everyone else collects, but in fact the essence of true collecting is to collect something not because it is in great demand but because you yourself want it.

Philately is one of the collecting fields that is ordered and classified to the extent that it is possible to build an important collection without doing one bit of research or writing one article. The availability of this information is the foundation of our hobby but in the final analysis the test of the true collector is his desire and ability to go beyond the catalogue, and the information in the Post Office Press release, and to explore and document uncharted areas of the field.

The collector who by study and research establishes a previously unknown fact, and makes this information available to his fellow collectors, has made a far greater contribution than one who has formed an expensive "name" collection but done nothing productive with it. Medal winning not being a productive activity in this sense.

Just as each man's life has one good story in it so each of our collections should make some small contribution and in this way we may all become true collectors.

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I was able to visit The Winnipeg Philatelic Society, Chapter No. 86, during a business trip to that City and was welcomed by President Ray Smith and Secretary Fred Selles. The Club was in process of rewriting their bylaws and all members were participating.

I was also happy to meet Glen Hansen again. Glen brought with him Mr. Frank S. Thompson who is listed as Member No. 27 in the 1925 Year Book!! Mr. Thompson, Glen and I visited the Marlboro Hotel in Winnipeg which is to be the site of the 1970 RPSC Convention, and, after they had introduced me to a dish of Lake Winnipeg Goldeye, we visited both the old and new ballrooms. The old ballroom was the site of the Second Canadian Philatelic Exhibition in 1924. Mr. Thompson both exhibited and participated in the 1924 exhibition and I certainly hope that he will be able to participate again with us in 1970.

After examining the facilities in the Marlboro Hotel these two gentlemen were kind enough to take me to see Mr. Kasimir Bileski at his charming riverside business location. In a large specially built office on the banks of the Red River Mr. Bileski was kind enough to show me through a building which was literally bursting at the seams with stamps. In fact the accumulation had become such a problem that he had been forced to sell it off in parcels and although he told me that he had received over 5000 orders it didn't seem to have made much of a dent in his vast stock.

Mr. Bileski of course is famous for his dealing in and cataloguing of plate blocks but his knowledge and stock ex-

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CANADA

AS AT

DECEMBER 31, 1967

THE ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CANADA

BALANCE SHEET — as at December 31st, 1967

ASSETS

CURRENT			
Cash in bank		$ 6,272.95	
Accounts receivable		92.90	
Accrued interest on investments		385.21	
Prepaid expenses		601.48	
Inventory of handbooks		185.00	
			7,537.54
INVESTMENTS			
Government of Canada — Ontario Hydro Bonds — at cost (Market value $18,981)			21,007.28
OFFICE EQUIPMENT — EXHIBITION STANDS			2.00
			$ 28,546.82

LIABILITIES

CURRENT			
Accounts payable		$ 307.53	
Advertising paid in advance		67.35	
Fees paid in advance			
Members	$ 3,237.00		
Chapters	108.00		
		3,345.00	
			3,719.88
RESERVES			
Life members' fund		$ 1,806.00	
Library fund		1,000.00	
General reserve			
Balance as at January 1, 1967	$ 19,480.90		
Add: Excess of income over expenditure for the year ended December 31, 1967	2,540.04		
		22,020.94	
			24,826.94
			$ 28,546.82

THE ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CANADA

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the Year Ended December 31, 1967

INCOME			
Membership fees		$ 8,178.05	
Chapter fees		301.00	
Admission fees		173.00	
Investment income		1,046.96	
			9,699.01
EXPENDITURE			
Magazine			
Printing	$ 5,162.64		
Distribution	686.21		
Editorial expense	138.58		
	$ 5,987.43		
Less: Advertising income	3,098.86		
Net magazine cost		2,888.57	
Sales Department			
Subsidy	$ 2,076.90		
Substitutions and claims	246.94		
	$ 2,323.84		
Less: Excess of insurance receipts over cost	230.54		
Net Sales Department cost		2,093.30	
Convention cost		241.54	
Slide programmes		276.47	
Administration			
General administration	$ 1,025.98		
Bank charges	(3.95)		
Audit	150.00		
Printing	442.66		
Miscellaneous expense	44.40		
		1,659.09	
			7,158.97
Excess of Income Over Expenditure For The Year Ended December 31, 1967			$ 2,540.04

To the Members,

The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada.

We have examined the balance sheet of The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada as at December 31st, 1967 and the statement of income and expenditure for the year then ended and we have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. Our examination included a general review of the accounting procedures and such tests of accounting records and other supporting evidence as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

The Sales Department records were not examined by us.

Subject thereto, in our opinion and according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us, and as shown by the books of the Society, these financial statements present fairly the financial position of the Society as at December 31, 1967 and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applied on basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

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OCT. 10 GREECE with Paris and first Athens printings.

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tend far beyond this into such specialized subjects as Canadian Revenues and World War II mail.

Thank-you, Winnipeg! See you in '70.

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POSTAL STRIKE

As this issue goes to press the postal strike is in it's third week. Luckily some of our regular features were received ahead of time but any absences must be ascribed to this cause.

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A Triple-Trip Interlude that will tie together a week-long "philatelic phiesta" in Upstate New York has been announced by the Rochester Philatelic Association.

This society, host to be American Philatelic Society's 82nd annual convention Sept. 19-22 in Rochester, N.Y., is planning the Triple-Trip Interlude for collectors who may also be planning to attend the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada annual meeting in the Thousand Islands the preceding weekend.

APS President Edward L. Willard and RPSC President Harry Sutherland urge their members to attend not only their own society's meeting but to make it a week-long "philatelic phiesta" and go to both.

To fill the Monday to Wednesday, Sept. 16-18, interlude between the two shows, the Rochester club has arranged a Triple-Trip provided there is sufficient interest to make the program economical.

Mrs. Jean Giambra, director of reception and special events for APS-68, is accepting reservations for the Triple-Trip Interlude which will begin Monday, Sept. 16, with a bus tour from Rochester to Niagara Falls and Fort Niagara. A day at the falls and the historic fort together with a special dinner included in the package will kick off the interlude.

Tuesday it will be a tour at Eastman Kodak, sightseeing in the vicinity of Rochester and a special which cannot yet be announced.

The real highlight of the Triple-Trip Interlude will be on Wednesday when charter bus will take visitors to Corning Glass Works to see craftsmen making glass and the world-famous glass museum. From there the bus will go to the Gold Seal winery at Hammondsport, N.Y., for a champagne party and an opportunity to see how New York State wines are made.

The trip back to Rochester will be through the famed Bristol Hills, one of the most picturesque areas.

A minimum number of reservations will be required to make the Triple-Trip Interlude possible. For this reason those wishing to take part should send their reservations and $25 which covers the three-day bus tour and a dinner at the falls to Mrs. Giambra, 226 Corwin Rd., Rochester, N.Y., 14610.

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Our Member Edith M. Faulstich recently published an authoritative 32 page article on The Canadian Expeditionary Force in Siberia 1918-19 in the Postal History Journal. Reprints are available for $1.25 from the author at 37 Inwood Street, Yonkers, N.Y. 10704. Supplies are limited.

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Mr. A. Ben David reports that entry forms for "JUVENTUS 1969" are now available from the organizers Juventus 1969, Case Postale No. 20, Bettembourg, Luxembourg. They must be submitted before October 15, 1968. The exhibition will be held on April 3-8 next year. Individuals or Chapters are urged to encourage junior collectors to participate.

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Legislation to permit the reproduction of United States postage stamps in color cleared the U.S. Senate on June 12 and was signed into law by President Johnson.

The restriction to black and white reproduction was originally imposed in the belief that this was a deterrent to counterfeiting, which today is virtually non-existent.

Under this new law, stamps may not

be reproduced in the exact size in color, but must be less than three-fourths or more than one and one-half times larger in linear dimension. Cancelled stamps may be reproduced exact size. Reproduction of foreign stamps in color is permitted under the same terms.

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The HELLENIC PHILATELIC FEDERATION announces that the "MEDITERRANEAN PHILATELIC EXHIBITION" scheduled for October, 1968, at Athens, Greece, organized by a non member society, is not sponsored by this Federation.

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50th ANNIVERSARY OF AIRMAIL FLIGHTS OF CANADA IN 1969.

Plans are now under way to commemorate the following pioneer airmail flights in Canada that occurred in 1919. Cost will be .25¢ per envelope unless the postage rates go up; and if this occurs the cost will be .30¢ per envelope unless otherwise indicated:

1. Vancouver, BC to Seattle, Washington
   17 February, 1919
2. Victoria to Vancouver, BC
   31 May 1919
3. First Flight over the Rockies:
   Vancouver-Lethbridge-Calgary
   5 to 13 August 1919
4. Victoria to Nanaimo, BC
   16 August 1919
5. Toronto to New York
   25 August 1919
6. Truro, NS to Charlottetown, PEI
   24 to 29 September 1919
7. Parrsboro, NS to Greensport, NY
   9 October 1919
8. The Alcock & Brown First Trans-Atlantic Flight 14-15 June 1919. A special stamp is to be issued on 21 May 1969. The design & the denomination have not been revealed as yet. It may be that this stamp will be a .15¢ one for overseas airmail. Value of this cover to be mailed to Clifden, Ireland on 14 June will be .50¢ each. Anyone wishing further

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Sept. 4 — Henri Bourassa 100th birth anniversary.

Oct. 9 — Christmas, two values.

Nov. 6 — 50th anniversary of 1918 Armistice.

Nov. 6 — John McCrae 50th death anniversary.

1969

15th January — Curling.

20th February — Right Honourable Vincent Massey.

26th March — 100th Anniversary of the Birth of Aurèle de Foy Suzor-Côté.

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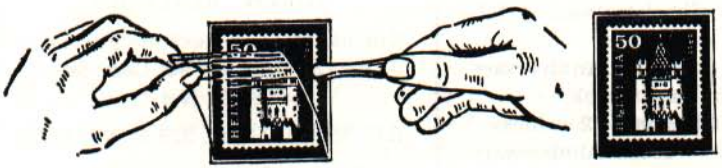
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IRELAND

THE PROVISIONAL OVERPRINTS OF 1922

By V. A. LINNELL #6670

Following the 1916 Easter Rebellion in Dublin some years elapsed before Home Rule was granted to Ireland, and during this period stamps of Great Britain continued in use.

On December 6th. 1921 the Anglo Irish Treaty was signed in London being ratified by the British Parliament on December 16th. and on January 15th. 1922, the Irish Free State came officially into being. By the terms of the Treaty the 26 Southern counties became a free and independent state, while the 6 Northern counties contained in Ulster stayed within the jurisdiction of the United Kingdom with their own Parliament.

The new Free State Provisional Government, through the office of J. J. Walsh, Postmaster General, advertised in the press on February 1st, 1922, calling for designs of a symbolic character for a permanent stamp issue, granting a prize of £25-0-0 for each successful design.

It was realised that considerable time would elapse before the newly designed stamps would be available, and on February 8th, 1922, a statement appeared in the press that a Provisional issue would appear shortly. The Postmaster General had suggested that the current British stamps be overprinted with a Gaelic title. This suggestion was approved and the phrasing of the overprint determined upon was "RIALTAS SEALADAC NA HEIREANN 1922" which being translated reads "PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND 1922". These decisions were made in the period between January 15th and February 10th, 1922 during which time arrangements were completed with two printing companies for the overprinting. As no records of contracts exist, it is believed that verbal invitations were made by the Post Office Department to Dollards Ltd. and Thom & Sons for the overprinting, with the bulk of the initial work up to the 10/- values being given to Dollards Printing Works, with Messrs Thom & Son overprinting the 1½d, 2d,

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Both Dollard and Thom set up their type as a 5 line overprint, and as Dollard used an antique 9 in the date line, the two printings are easily recognised. The type was set up in cliches of 3 x 5 which were then joined together to form 16 stereos having a total of 240 settings. This method of setting produced an interesting variety of the overprint issue, namely out of horizontal or vertical pairs and blocks. In the case of Dollard we know that 3 plates were prepared and used while Thom used 10 plates, probably due to the fact that they printed not only some of the first provisional issue, but also the majority of all other except coil stamps during the balance of 1922.

A bulk consignment of British stamps were received early in the morning of Friday February 10th, at Aldborough House, Dublin by the P.O.D. Stores Branch, and after checking were placed in a vault pending delivery to the printers. According to the records this was performed the same day and printing also commenced. By Tuesday February 14th, all overprinted stock had been returned to the P.O. Stores Department who by 2.00 P.M. Wednesday February 15th, had delivered two weeks supply to all Head Offices. These in turn delivered a supply to all Sub Offices and sales commenced to the public on Friday, February 17th, all within a period of 7 days from receipt of the British stamps.

The exact quantities of stamps overprinted has never been officially released, and estimated amounts show considerable variation. From assembled data the following may be considered as being representative of the work involved.

Value of stamps received from London	£215,000.
Value of stamps issued to printers	£196,250.

Estimated number of separate stamps overprinted. 21,972,000.

Considerable variation is found in the printing inks used, with Dollard using a Black ink, though an accepted variety on some values appears as Grey Black. It was immediately noticed that due to the colour of the 2½d, 4d and 9d, British stamps that Black ink was not suitable, and in April 1922, these values were reprinted by Dollard using Red or Carmine inks. Messrs. Thom used an intense Black in the original printing, but in July 1922 experiments were made using a glossy Black and later a glossy Blue Black ink, the difference can generally be determined by means of a strong light when the blue shade is readily seen.

Shortly after the original overprinted stamps were issued, a "Proof printing" appeared. There is some doubt as to whether they are true proofs taken before regular overprinting commenced, and these can be probably considered as philatelic proofs. They take the form of a type set printing or else by a rubber stamp, both having the words "Original Dollard Proof 17.2.22. B J B" (B. J. Brennan. Manager. Dollard Printing

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House) Those using type were set up to cover a whole sheet of 240 stamps. Printing was mostly on white paper in either Black or Vermillion inks, though it also appears on the back of some British stamps. Two sizes of type were used with the letters in one measuring 2 mm. high, but only 1 mm. high in the smaller type. In both cases they appear with or without the signed initials B.J.B. No proofs of a similar nature were issued by Thom, but it is believed that proofs using different inks to provide a clear overprint were prepared and later used postally, these are all in the Black or Blue Black inks.

In June 1922 the P.O.D. ceased delivery of stamps to Dollard for reasons never clearly explained, but it is believed that careless handling and control of stamps was the reason. Shortly after this and during the battle of the Four Courts in July 1922 the Dollard Printing Works being in this area of the City were destroyed by fire and they passed out of the overprinting scene.

Messrs. Thom and Son continued the overprinting of stamps during 1922 on a basis of supply and demand, for whenever stocks of certain values became low, the P.O.D. would order additional printings of these to meet postal demands.

The 5 line overprint was revised later in 1922 to a 3 line issue reading "SAORSTAT EIREANN 1922" or "IRISH FREE STATE 1922" and Thom's obtained the contract for this work. They appeared in all Post Offices on December 6th, 1922, and remained in use though in diminishing quantities until 1935.

The definitive issue, for which designs were requested in February 1922 first appeared in the 2d. value on December 6th, 1922, which is the same date as the revised overprint by Thom appeared. Other values of this issue continued during 1923 with the full set being completed by December of that year.

Coil stamps for use in machines were produced by Harrison & Son and were printed in London as neither Dollard or Thom had the facilities to produce

such coil supplies. The 5 line overprint is very similar to that used by Thom and it is believed that a Thom sample cliche or plate was used by Harrison to make up their printing plates. These coil stamps appeared in Ireland in June 1922, and were of ½d, 1d, 1½d and 2d. (Dies I and II) values, being printed in shiny or glossy Black inks.

Despite the hurried preparation, printing and issuing of the 5 line overprinted stamps there are surprisingly few major varieties, probably due to the close scrutiny of the printed sheets performed by the Post Office Department. One of the best known variety being the inverted 5 line overprint by both Dollard and Thom in the February issue. These are known to have also been forged. In the later 3 line Thom printings missing letters and accents, together with similar inserted items are to be found in almost all the values, but it must be remembered that this 3 line overprint was in use for many years.

Some varieties exist on the British stamps, among these being the Pencf error as well as the higher values Seahorse re-entry, but there is much to be studied in the overprints particularily in the letter flaws. A study group, sponsored by two stamp clubs is now being formed with the objective of preparing a reference book on minor letter flaws for the use of all collectors of Ireland's stamps.

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As you read this issue, the annual convention of the 'Royal' to be held at the Treadway Thousand Islands Club, Alexandria Bay will only be days away. Your Sales department will be represented in the Bourse and I hope to see many of you there. Commencing this season, all material entered into the sales circuits will be put on micro-film for extra protection. It is also hoped to provide a similar service for members collections if there is enough demand. if interested please write me for details of cost, etc.

To conclude on a personal note about vacations. For those of you looking for somewhere different may I suggest you consider the islands of Bonaire and Curacao in the Netherlands Antilles. This past summer I spent two weeks roaming these Dutch islands and found them to be quite a change from the other more British islands in the Caribbean. Curacao, largest of the island group is situated 40 miles off the north coast of Venezuela and is free of hurricanes. Willemstad the capital city is a free port making it a shoppers paradise. The climate is dry with the temperature in the high 80's and kept comfortable by the ocean breezes. I was fortunate in meeting a local government employee who guided me around the whole of the island enabling me to see the local scene in both country and town not normally seen by tourists. With over 40 nationalities living together and most of them speaking at least four languages, it is indeed a most cosmopolitan place to visit. For those readers interested in bird watching (feathered type) there cannot be a better place in the world than the adjacent island of Bonaire. A fifteen minute flight lands you into a paradise of quiet and relaxing peace, with white sandy beaches, excellent cuisine and thousands of birds. This island is famed for its breeding grounds of the beautiful flamingo and they can be seen in large groups. My camera worked overtime catching them in their natural surroundings. I could write many pages about my trip but space does not allow; suffice to say that I am looking forward to a repeat visit.

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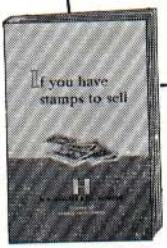
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Did we mention that the 1967 regular 5 cents stamp is now printed in a much lighter blue shade than the initial stamp? The early sheets were almost in a cobalt blue.

Sgt. Lum from Toronto did show to us an interesting oddity on the new Hydrological stamp. The stamp appears as if it is split into two portions a left and right one with a white strip in the middle. A vertical white strip of about 2mm width splits the stamp. A careful examination and consideration of how the stamp was printed leaves us to believe that some material such as a silicone prevented the printing ink to adhear of all four printing colours. The Post Office, without going into further study, suggest that this could have happened. It is the first major noticed flaw on the photogravure processed stamps but like in any new venture the printing companies have problems, especially with the paper.

In one stamp magazine we noticed that there is a change in policy regarding the Postage Due stamps and these stamps will not be cancelled any more if required to pay for due. Reference is made to the Postage Dues issued some time ago in red. We have not seen any postally cancelled Postage Due stamps for a very long time and the previous issue was simply stuck on the back of the envelope and in most cases left uncancelled. In very few instances the stamp was obliterated by a pen mark. This would make us believe that there is no new policy here. What we had anticipated though some time ago, is that these stamps would dissappear completely but apparently the Department felt that this method although rather oldfashioned, allows them a better control.

Once more we like to comment on the definition of a pre-cancelled stamp. A number of collectors suggest that any stamp which is cancelled before being used for any reason, is a pre-cancelled stamp. Unfortunately no clear definition exists. It appears though very clearly that the Post Office, when using the word pre-cancelled, means a stamp which has been cancelled prior to the **use** of such a stamp on an envelope or postcard. This implies that the stamp must be **used** as a payment for mailing of an envelope or postcard or may be parcel. It does not suggest that the word pre-cancelled applies to stamps which were cancelled prior to a payment of some mailing or as a receipt for some mailing and that the stamps were never intended to be stuck on an envelope. Large quantities exist of cancelled but never used stamps which were often kept by the Post Office in payment for bulk mailing or permits. Such stamps are not officially termed as pre-cancels, but they are used stamps with gum and may almost be classed as cancelled to order. Absolutely ridiculous prices have been charged for such stamps which have no other status than "used".

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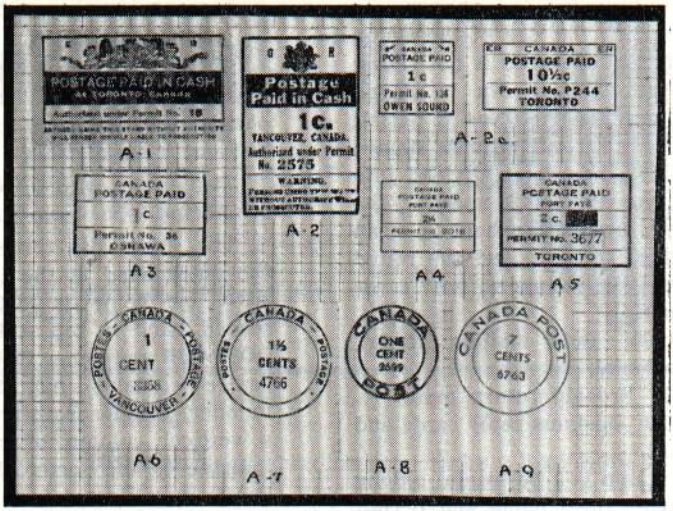
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In 1930, permits were issued to those firms wishing to send out in their bulk mailing, envelopes and post cards, which could be returned postage free, the firms paying the return postage.

When making application for these permits, certain regulations were to be observed, such as size limit, contents, wording and design. The firms could for a fee obtain an electro for their own printer to use, the fee being refunded on the return in good order of the electro. Specimens from this period show that the regulations were carefully carried out, but over the years many firms have followed their own ideas as to size of the stamp, position of the necessary wording, shape and number of the chevrons and other innovations.

It is this departure from the norm that has given rise to so many types and sub-types. The size of the stamp may vary from 16 mm to nearly 40 mm in diameter. The figures and wording may vary from tiny to huge, using many styles of printers type. The vertical column of cherons may vary in number from 3 to 53. Their shape varies from acute to nearly flat, while a few use straight lines.

It can easily be seen that the possible combination of both stamp and chevrons is almost endless.

It is this confusion that has made a workable listing a difficult task. After sorting through several thousand specimens looking for something that was constant in all the Type C stamps, I found that the order in which two or three of these words viz, **POST, POSTES, POSTAGE,** and **CANADA** appeared, together with the position or absence of certain dots and dashes before or after

these words, provided the answer. In the following list, the size of the stamp or the number of chevrons is not shown for each type as they can be found common to most of the Type C permit stamps. In this list, all permits stamps used since 1903, have been divided into three basic types viz A. B. and C. The word Stamp is used throughout to mean the square boxlike types and the round electros found on wrappers, post cards and envelopes.

Type A. 1903. Bulk mailing of 3rd class material.

Type B. ? Prepaid return mail.

Type C. 1930. Business reply cards and envelopes.

A — 1. The stamp is a horizontal oblong box, having town name and permit number, no postage rate is shown. The top section has the Royal Coat of Arms and the initials E.R. for King Edward VII. Most of my specimens are printed in black, one in red, and a blue one has been reported.

A — 2. This type is a vertical box with town name, permit number and the postage rate. The postage rate was first shown on these stamps in 1915. This also has the Royal Coat of Arms and G.R. for King George V.

A — 2a. These can be found with just the Royal initials, either G.R. for King George VI and E.R. for Queen Elizabeth. They have the postage rate, permit number and town name, they come in various sized box shape stamps.

A — 3. This type contains all the box like stamps having a town name. They can be found divided into two to four sections or even no dividing line, and can vary in size and shape of box.

A — 4. Same as the last but without the town name.

A — 5. This type can be either type 3 or 4, but the postage rate has been overprinted with a new value.

A — 6. Has two circles similar to those listed in the C types. They have a town name below.

A — 7. Same as last type but without the town name.

A — 8. Two circles with **CANADA** at the top and **POST** below, the one cent postage rate indicates its early use. Without a town name.

A — 9. Two circles with **CANADA POST** at the top. No town name shown.

B — 1. The stamp has three circles, in the outer band at the top is **CANADA** and below is **POST.** In the second band at top is **RETURNED POSTAGE** and below **PREPAID.** The centre contains just the permit number. Underneath the stamp is a vertical column of chevrons to indicate to the sorter that postage has to be collected from the holder of that permit number. These permits carry a special rate of postage. Type B, are mainly used in the form of labels by most of the Provincial Libraries. They are sent out with books and used on the return of same, postage free to the borrower.

B — 1a. This stamp is identical to Type B - 1, but was used by a private firm on a post card, this card has printed on it '5c. postage will be paid by the addressee', rather a contradiction of terms 'prepaid' and 'will be paid'. Any information of other examples of this misuse of this stamp will be welcomed.

B — 2. This stamp has three circles, in the outer band is ● **POSTES — CANADA — POSTAGE** ● . In the second band at top is **RETURNED POSTAGE PAID** and below **PORT DE RETOUR PAYE.** The centre contains just the permit number.

Type C, 1930, The two or three words that identify this type, appear in the outer band, where a word or dot appear in the lower part of this band it is said to be 'below'. All stamps of this type have vertical columns of chevrons or straight lines to indicate it is incoming mail and postage is collectable. Variation of any of the types is shown with a small letter after its number.

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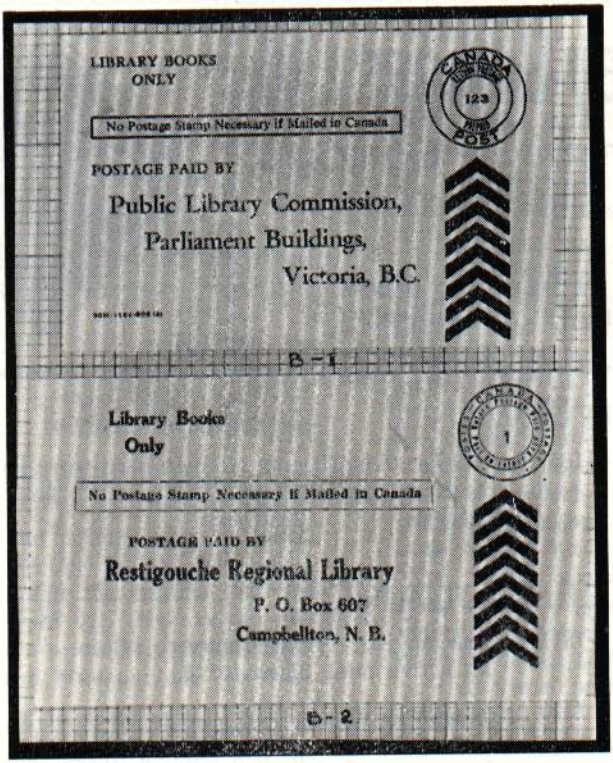
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C — 1a. Two circles. **CANADA POST** in the outer band and town name below.

C — 2. Four circles. **POSTAGE CANADA POST** in the outer band. In the second band **PORT A PAYER PAR LE DESTINATAIRE.** In the third band **RETURN POSTAGE WILL BE PAID BY ADDRESSEE.** Postage rate and permit number in the centre. This is also an early one.

C — 3. Three circles. **POSTES CANADA POST** in the outer band. Second band blank with postage rate and permit number in centre.

C — 4. Two circles. **POSTES CANADA POST** in outer band. This type and C - 10, are the most common types in use.

C — 5. Two circles. • **POSTES — CANADA — POST** •, two dots and two dashes.

C — 6. Two circles. **POSTAGE CANADA POSTAGE.**

C — 7. Two circles. **POSTAGE • CANADA • POSTES,** two dots.

C — 8. Two circles. **POSTAGE — CANADA — POSTES,** two dashes.

C —9. Box shaped stamp. **CANADA** at top and beneath it ..**POSTAGE POSTES.**

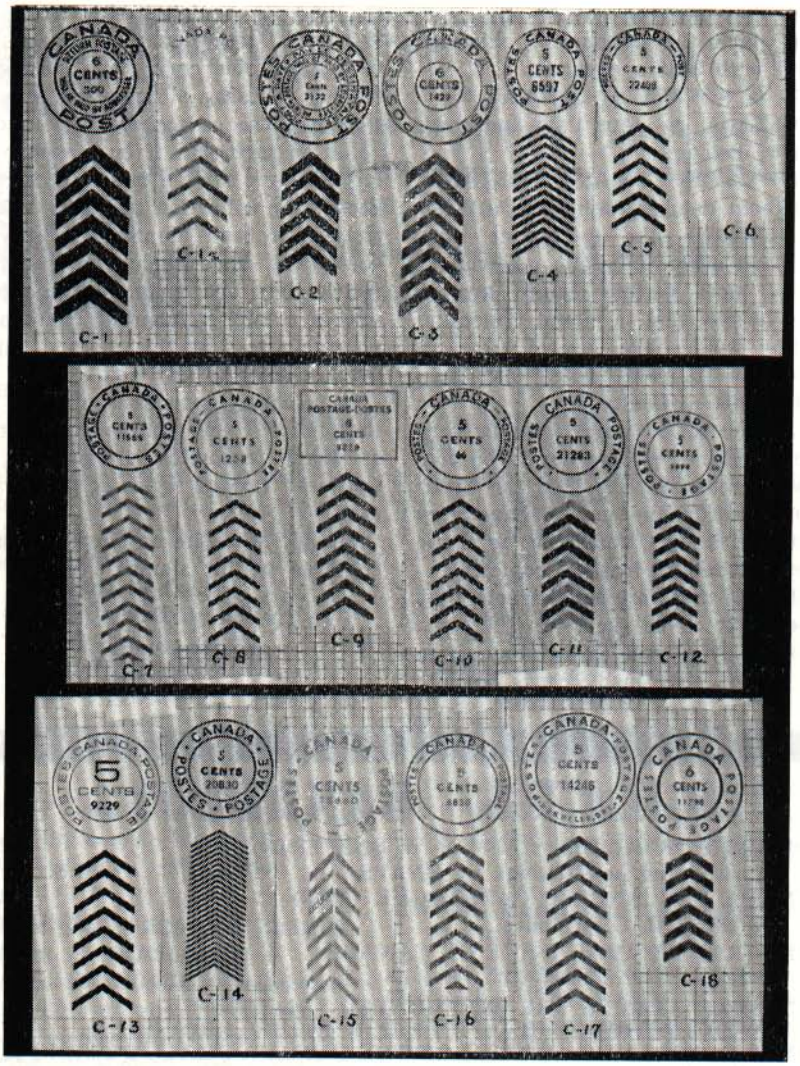
C — 10. Two circles. • **POSTES — CANADA — POSTAGE** •. The most common form of permit now in use, has two dots and two dashes.

C — 10a. Has name of town below.

C — 10b. Inverted figure of value.

C — 10c. Has straight lines instead of chevrons.

C — 10d. Oval stamp and chevrons on the bias.



C — 10e. Has pagoda shaped chevrons.

C — 10f. Has alternate thick and thin chevrons.

C — 10g. Hollow chevrons, outlines only.

C —10h. Postage rate shown as 'Five' not '5'.

C — 10i. The permit number has letters in front to indicate town, such as N.V. for North Vancouver.

C — 10j. Has town name between stamp and chevrons.

C — k. Has figure of postage rate missing.

C — 11. • **POSTES CANADA POSTAGE** • two dots only.

C — 12. **POSTES** • **CANADA** • **POSTAGE** two dots and one below.

C — 13. **POSTES** • **CANADA** • **POSTAGGE** two dots only.

C — 14. **POSTES** • **CANADA** • **POSTAGE** The words postes and postage are upside down in relation to the word Canada.

C — 15. **POSTES — CANADA — POSTAGE** two dashes and one below.

C — 16. This number covers any type, in which the column of chevrons end with half a chevron.

C — 17. ● **POSTES** ● **CANADA** ● **POSTAGE** ● four dots and town name below.

C — 18. **POSTES CANADA POSTAGE** Without dots or dashes.

Most collectors like to mount their stamps and other philatelic material in albums. Most permit stamps are so uneven in size, that to mount a medium collection would take several large albums. The following notes may help to solve this difficulty.

Type A. The early stamps are now very scarce as entires, so one has to be content with "cutouts', most of the latter wrappers, cards and covers have very little value as such, and if cut to shape a page will hold at least 25 copies.

Type B. As these are small labels, they can be mounted as such.

Type C. Covers and cards range from small to out size, many cards, despite the permit regulation that limits their size to 4" x 6", measure as much as 6" x 12", some covers are too large to fit any ordinary album page. As mentioned, these covers etc. have no real value as such and if cut to shape, the largest ones can be mounted 15 to the page. My collection averages 1000 specimens in each album. Each type in above list, have their own section, in which they are mounted according to size of stamp, number of chevrons and postage rate. By this method, one can quickly refer to any item.

In selecting specimens of Type C for the photos, I have endeavored to include as many examples as possible, that show the various styles of printers type used.

I would welcome any new information re these permit stamps.

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#956—T.C.A. PLANE CRASH of FEBRUARY 5, 1941

Our Interrupted Mails collection keeps on growing. Recently we added a business size envelope posted at Oshawa, Ont., Feb. 5 - 7 PM - 1941. The damage appears to have been caused mainly by water and oil. Stamps are missing. The cover is addressed to Calgary, Alta.

It bears a two line cachet in purple:—

SALVAGED FROM T.C.A.
WRECK of FEB, 5/41

It also bears a circular handstamp in brighter purple of the "Air Mail Section, Winnipeg District", dated 12 APR 1941.

Apparently the crash occurred on a west bound flight near Winnipeg. Does anyone have further information?

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#957—SALVAGED FROM THE WRECK OF R. M. S. "NASCOPIE"

The R.M.S. NASCOPIE left Montreal on July 5, 1947 on what turned out to be the last of her thirty-three annual supply trips to Hudson Bay Company posts. Normally NASCOPIE would travel approximately 9,000 to 11,000 miles and would visit some 20 outposts.

The NASCOPIE reached Cartwright on July 10th, Lake Harbour on July 14th, and then served Sugluk and Wostenholme on the mainland. She then headed back for Cape Dorset across the strait, and running into a bad Arctic storm, was driven ashore.

My cover which survived the loss of the NASCOPIE, was apparently cancelled aboard ship on July 7, 1947, with the "Eastern Arctic Patrol, R.M.S." postmark. It bears a single line cachet in purple:—

SALVED FROM THE SEA

The cover also bears a large blue label, which has been cancelled "Stirling, Ont. AU 13 47". This label reads:—

> "This mail was received in damaged condition, being salvaged from the wreck of R.M.S. "NASCOPIE"—lost at Cape Dorset, Canadian Arctic, on July 22nd, 1947. The original stamp, loosened by sea water has been re-affixed."

Here is a cover which could easily be a prized addition to a collection of Arctic Covers, Territorial Covers, a specialized NASCOPIE cover collection, as well as our Interrupted Mails collection.

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#958—CANADA "CA" SCADTA ISSUES

There seems to be a few too many of these interesting stamps in existence, for the quantities reported to have been sold. Could it be that not all the remainders were destroyed? For example I list below the denomination, the number reported sold, and the number of copies I own. In addition a goodly number of copies have passed thru my hands.

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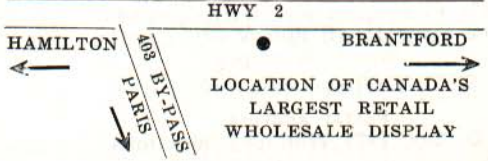
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It is inconceivable that this one collector owns so large a percentage of these!

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#959—SOME ADDITIONAL MAXIMUM CARDS ARE NOTED

We note that it has not been a complete failure when it comes to adding additional Maximum Cards to our collection, and since it has been about twelve years since we reported anything other than the occasional one, we list all others in our collection, for the assistance of others interested in this field.

2c. War Issue (1942)
4c. Alexander Bell (1947)
4c. Responsible Government (1948)
4c., 5c., 7c. & 15c. "CAPEX" Issue (1951) - 4 cards
4c. Royal Visit (1951)
$1 Totem Pole (1953)
2c. Queen Elizabeth (1953)
4c. Coronation (1953)
4c. Thompson & 5 c. Bowell (1954) - 2 cards
4c. Bennett & 5c. Tupper (1955) - 2 cards
4c. Caribou & 5c. Mountain Goat (1956) - 2 cards
5c. Fire Prevention (1956)
5c. Fishing, 5c. Swimming, 5c. Hunting & 5c. Skiing (1957) - 4 cards
5c. Loon (1957)
5c. U.P.U. 14th Congress (1957)
5c. Royal Visit (1957)
5c. Silver Dart (1959)
5c. St. Lawrence Seaway (1959)
4c. Queen Elizabeth (1962)
5c. Royal Visit (1964)

If our count is right that makes a total of 51 cards reported in The Hollow Tree, going back to packet #311 which appeared in the April 1956 issue of Popular Stamps.

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#960—REVENUES USED ON COVER TO PREPAY POSTAGE

A number of covers have shown up since I last reported on these. In packet #614 thirty-one such covers were noted. The number has now grown to forty-six. The following gives a breakdown by Revenue issues:—

Newfoundland	3
Bill Stamps	9
War Tax Issues	12
2 Leaf Excise	7
3 Leaf Excise	7
Postal Note	8
	46

Again, no covers are reported dated later than Dec. 31, 1959. All covers must be free of any postage due stamps or markings. Fifteen new ones recorded in six years would seem to indicate the supply isn't too great.

We would caution any collector to know his postage rates before trying to accumulate a collection of these covers. We have seen a great many, on which the revenue stamps were just excess. For example, I have seen many covers on which a 1c. War Tax (Revenue) was tied nicely, but it was not necessary, — the full postage rate having been prepaid with postage stamps.

These 46 covers are scattered in the hands of twenty-two different collectors, but twenty of them are nicely mounted in our own specialized album.

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#961—SIBERIAN EXPEDITION YMCA CORNER CARD COVERS

For the record we have noted four types of YMCA envelopes used by members of the Canadian Siberian Expeditionary Forces. These are:—

Type 1:—Small YMCA black banner over red triangle, superimposed on black maple leaf. — scarce.

Type 2:—Small YMCA black banner (15mm) over small red triangle. "CANADIAN" 16 mm above.

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Types 1, 2 and 3 we have in our own collection. Type 4 is in the Faulstich collection.

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#962 — THE SCARCE VIEWS OF THE 1932 OFFICIAL VIEW CARDS

Checking the Higgins and Gage Cat. of Canadian Postal Stationery section, I note that the manner in which they list these view cards would give the impression that all 70 views exist on both the English and Bilingual versions. This is not true. Only 61 exist on the English card, and only the 9 cards from the Prov. ince of Quebec are on the Bilingual card. I note however that they are much more realistic in their pricing of these than other catalogues. They value a mint set at $25.55 and a used set at $45.60.

However certain of these views are much more scarce than others, namely:—

	mint	used
106 Canadian "Bluenose"	$1.00	$1.50
259 Pont de Quebec	1.50	2.25
304 Hydro-electric station	3.00	4.00
305 Welland Canal	2.50	3.50
459 Oatfield	3.00	4.00
461 Buffalo	2.00	3.00

Every want list for Official View cards will have one or more of these scarce numbers listed.

#963—SOME NOTES ON THE YUKON DAWSON LAW STAMPS

A fairly good number of the 25c. on silver on 10c. blue Yukon provisional law turned up in that accumulation mentioned earlier. These were all USED copies, and I believe were punched copies. This should have a temporary effect on the catalogue value of this stamp. It is still far from common, and quite scarce in mint condition.

I have not heard of any MINT copies of the three new Dollar surcharged varieties. All reported are USED, with punch cancels, mine being with an "L".

In my collection is a complete set of the DAWSON Mining Court Law stamps, with "CANCELLED" handstamped in purple, all in caps. Each stamp has one strike, and is unpunched. The handstamp measures 21 x 3 mm. Most of the stamps are without gum, however the block of four of the $2.00 is fully gummed. Are these used stamps, or "specimen" stamps, — or defaced remainders?

My collection contains a similar set of the six YUKON Territorial Court Law stamps. Handstamp is same. All values are without gum. All strikes are in the center of the stamp, struck once, and reads diagonally upwards.

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#964—PARCEL DELIVERY STAMPS

Last fall at BYPEX '67 when we gave our talk on "Collecting the Uncollectible" we showed among many others, four pages of Parcel Delivery stamps,

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Canadian Transport Co. Ltd.
(see packet #678)

1. Green on white wove, distinct vert. mesh. Apparently in strips or coils, printed vertical roulette. Stamp is approx. 1¾ x 1¾". Bears control no.

City Messenger Service

1. Blue on white wove with horizontal mesh. Apparently issued in strips or coils, roulletted vertically only. Impression 28 x 36½ mm.

City Parcel Forwarding Co.
(see packet #209)

1. Type A Perf. 11, thick yellowish wove paper with indistinct vertical mesh. Measures 34½ x 17½ mm. "Parcel" only in middle curved line.
2. Type B, - as above, but with "City Parcel Forwarding" in curved line.

King's Express Co.
(see packet #187 & 205)

1. Red "Good for one Parcel" (reported by French)?
2. Green, horiz. coil, perf. 11 vertically. White wove, distinct horiz. mesh. Measures 22 x 28mm.

Merchants Parcel Delivery

1. Black on red paper with very distinct vert. mesh. Rouletted. Issued in sheets. Stamp measures approx. 22 x 36mm.

Montreal Parcel Delivery
(see packet #312)

1. Vermilion. Perf. 11¾. Measures 30 x 31½mm. Indistinct vert. mesh.
2. Carmine, Rouletted, otherwise as above.
3. Red, rouletted, with very distinct vert. mesh. Otherwise as above.

Rapid Deliveries Ltd.

1. C.O.D. Red on white wove, Vert. mesh. Rouletted. Stamp meas. 32 x 29mm.
2. PREPAID (?) not seen.

Reliance Delivery Co.

1. 20c. Red on white wove, very thick, with very distinct horiz. mesh. Printed roulette. Stamp meas. 31 x 25mm.

Rieder's Rapid Relays

1. "One Parcel" Black on white wove, with very distinct horizontal mesh. Printed Roulette. Stamp measures approx. 38 x 27mm.

Uneda Messenger Service

1. "15 Cents" black on white, thick wove, no mesh. Printed roulette. Stamp measures approx. 34 x 30 mm.

So we now have ten different Parcel Delivery companies, with a possibility of some 15 varieties, two of these being in doubt. Not much new in this field has turned up for some time.



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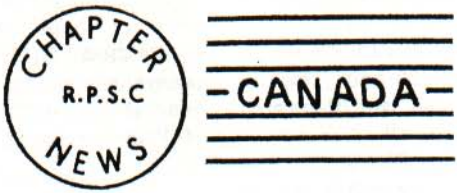
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Mr. Christensen joined the club in 1949 and since 1960 has served as its active secretary, a most efficient and progressive officer in the promotion of the hobby. One of his many duties has been the mailing of the Club Bulletin, recently praised as one of the best in Canada.

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The CFB Trenton Stamp Club held their annual stamp exhibition on May 3rd and 4th at the senior Breadner School with approximately 245 people attending the two day show. A total of 31 frames were exhibited including two outside entries from New York.

The winner of the "Grand Award" for the best exhibit in the show was WO Gord Franks, Trenton with his display of hairlines and printing errors in Canadian stamps, Mr. Franks also won the first prize award in the Canada class. Winner of the second prize in the Canada Class was Jack Leach, Middleton Park with his exhibit of Canada's wildlife 1953-68.

Dave Freestone, Batawa, took the award in the British Empire Class with a display of early Great Britain stamps and covers. This exhibit was titled "The Birth of a Postage Stamp" and was runner-up for the Grand award.

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The Canadian Society for Israel Philately, Chapter 76, held it's Great Lakes Seminar at the Constellation Hotel on July 28th. Over 100 visitors from Canada and the U.S. attended and were welcomed by President A. Ben David.

Among those attending were Mr. I. GIRER, President of the Society of Israel Philatelists, Al Frieberg of Cleveland, Jan Bart of Long Island. The seminar featured exhibits, slide programmes and guest speakers.

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Sincerely,

George T. Douglas #8284



Dear Sir,

May I be allowed space for a short rebuttal to Dr. Robert Carr who has taken offence to several things stated in my letter to the Philatelist. The very fact that my letter has produced such spirited dissent from the president of a philatelic society may indicate that perhaps my remarks were not too far off target.

I would though take strong exception to Dr. Carr associating the names of such respected philatelists and executive members as Harry Sutherland, Ed Richardson, Hans Reiche, etc. with the remarks in my letter. I do not need to be reminded by anyone that these gentlemen are extremely busy in their own occupation and at the same time find the time to contribute generously to the resources and organization of philately. These were NOT the type of members I was referring to and I thought my letter made this clear. I sincerely extend an apology to any of these fine people who may have interpreted my remarks as referring to them.

It is indeed a sad commentary on the sensitive times in which we live that a member cannot express a few honest opinions in an initial letter to the editor without being taken to task by the president of a philatelic society.

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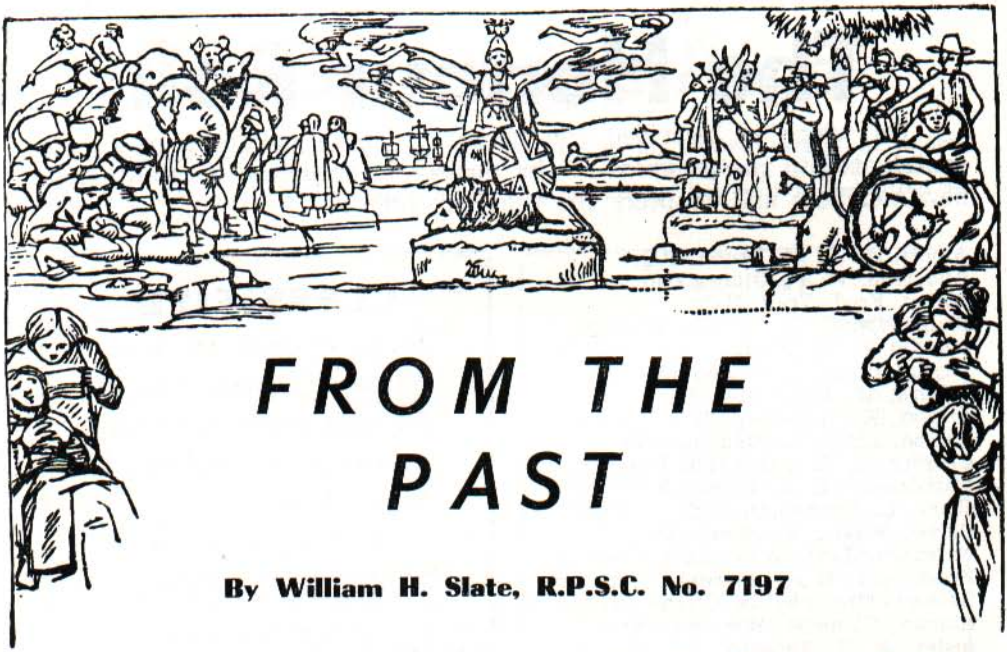
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VALUABLE STAMPS.

By W. Vipond

Several writers have come forward from time to time in defence of stamp collecting; various reasons have been advanced to support the views of the different writers on the subject. Some advocate their being collected as works of art—others as illustrating the history, geography, heraldry, or biography of the several countries issuing postage stamps.

I have no doubt whatever that in many instances such expositions have led to diligent inquiries on the above subjects. There is, however, one exquisite pleasure connected with the collection of postage stamps, which as far as I am aware, has been almost untouched by any writer up to the present time. This I intend to take up in the present paper —"Valuable stamps." At the mention of these words the thoughts of most collectors will at once turn to such stamps as the embossed Natals, rare New Granadas, Cape blocks, 1d. blue and 4d. red; British Guianas, 1850; Buenos Ayres, steam-ship and Guacho series; &c., &c., The stamps I allude to do not necessarily embrace any of these, yet they are no less prized because they are of more unpretending character. What I consider valuable or precious stamps can be easily divided into three distinct classes: 1st, stamps received from acquaintances who have friends or correspondents in foreign lands; and 3rd, stamps curiously cancelled purchased from dealers.

Three-and-twenty years ago, a young man emigrated to the United States; we had been friends and companions from boyhood up till that period. For several years his letters came duly postmarked, "Paid in America;" at last they began to arrive prepaid with stamps: my first acquaintance with foreign stamps began then. I often examined the plain-looking things, and wondered what varieties of colour and values they issued, and whether England and the United States were the only countries that used postage stamps. My album contains nearly the whole of the 1851 issue, and a few of the older envelopes received on letters from that friend, who also sent me the 5 and 10 cent notes—"postage currency." A single glance at any of

these recalls many a happy hour of boyhood, many a youthful frolic, many a pleasant ramble through green fields and country lanes, when plans for the future were made which were never to be realized; they also recall many a pretty mischief committed, for which we were afterwards punished with the pedagogue's cane. That page in my album conjures up thoughts and feelings such as no other can produce.

My next acquaintance with stamps commenced shortly after an only brother went to Victoria. He started for the Gold Fields of that colony soon after their discovery, in hopes of acquiring a fortune. After six years spent at the diggings he returned as wealthy as when he left Old England. As mementos of that voyage I have the Victorian 1d. and 3d. half-length portrait of Queen, 2d. and 6d. Queen enthroned, 6d. orange with POSTAGE STAMP at sides, and the old "barbaric" 1s. octagonal. As soon as the news of the gold-discoveries in British Columbia reached England he started again for that dreary region. After terrible suffering on the road to Cariboo, he took, as hunters say, the "back track" for Vancouver's Island. The only souvenir I possess of that disastrous campaign consists of a hand-stamped oval, POST OFFICE, PAID, VICTORIA, VANCOUVER'S ISLAND. He next made his way to California to try his fortune there; he has added to my album from thence most of the United States 1861 issue, with a few of the later envelopes; also a Wells, Fargo, & Co., OVER OUR CALIFORNIA AND COAST ROUTES; and the 5 and 10 cent notes—"fractional currency."

The foregoing constitute my first class of valuable stamps. Though it may be of little value commercially, I look upon them as the greatest rarities in my albums, and in fact I could not be induced to relinquish any of them on any account.

Of the second class, being those received from friends at home, I possess about fifty varieties. I consider the following worthy of mention, having received most of them when my knowledge of stamps was exceedingly limited. The first is the 3 kr. blue, Baden arms. This was the earliest foreign stamp I ever had excepting some of those previously mentioned from the United States. Then follow the Mecklenburg Schwerin, ¼s. red, in fours; Denmark, 8s. square; Cape of Good Hope, 1d. triangular; Canadian, 3d. beaver and 10d. blue; New Zealand, 2d. on blue paper, &c. I looked upon these as wonderful things at the time, and though never regarded with the same feelings as those of the first class, I would not willingly part with any of them.

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KINGSTON AND DISTRICT
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By MAX ROSENTHAL

Cataraqui or Fort Frontenac were the names for Kingston during the French regime. British possession of Kingston dated from 1760, but Cataraqui did not at once regain the importance it had under the French. In 1783 General Haldimand sent Surveyor-General Holland to inspect the old fort at Cataraqui. He found Fort Frontenac in better condition than he expected, and reported that the land on the neighboring heights would provide sufficient space for a town. Merchants followed the troops to Cataraqui, and a town had already begun to grow up close to the barracks when, a few months later, a town was laid out on the west side of the Catarqui River. Peter Clarke, a merchant from Montreal, was one of the first residents of Kingston, that very year.

Five townships were planned for the Loyalists, coming from the United States to settle the St. Lawrence River and Bay of Quinte shores, beginning from No. 1, the one adjacent to Fort Frontenac. Throughout the summer of 1784 settlers poured in. At the junction of the St. Lawrence and Lake Ontario, Kingston quickly became the most important commercial center in Upper Canada for trans-shipping and forwarding. A saw mill was set up by the government for the settlers, followed by a grist mill soon afterwards. At first called Kingstown, this was soon shortened to Kingston.

In 1787 the settlers of the new districts petitioned Deputy Postmaster-General of Canada Hugh Finlay, at Quebec, for post offices. Two years later post offices were opened along the St. Lawrence to Kingston, and at Niagara and Detroit, the latter still held by the British. Kingston was as far as the regular mail carriers ran. There were occasional mails by bateau on the St. Lawrence and in the "King's ships" on Lake Ontario during the navigation season. There was also one "express" each winter for military dispatches and the convenience of merchants, travelling on snowshoes. The expedition usually left Montreal in January.

In the summer of 1794 Governor Simcoe ordered the purchase of two Schenectady boats, one to ply between Kingston and the Carrying Place, Bay of Quinte, while the other covered the western portion of the route. They interchanged official dispatches and occasional passengers, but did not, as a rule, carry the public mail, which proceeded more irregularly and less speedily.

Kingston Post Office

Peter Clarke was postmaster of Kingston at this time, and still held the position when Hugh Finlay was succeeded at Quebec as Deputy Postmaster-General in 1800 by George Heriot. On March 6 Heriot wrote to British Undersecretary of State: "His Excellency General Hunter has proposed to use the establishment of a regular post by land from Montreal to York; with this view people are employed in making from the Bay of Quinte to that place a road". In the winter of 1800-01 monthly couriers began to cover the route from Kingston to Niagara during the winter, a development made possible by the opening of the Danforth Road from Kingston to Ancaster. Actually it was only a bridle path through the wilderness, enough only for a courier to traverse on foot.

Another merchant, John Cummings, took over as postmaster of Kingston. In the entry in his diary from York (Toronto) for November 20, 1803 Lord Selkirk wrote: "There is no regular post to Upper Canada from Quebec except four

couriers once a month in winter — in summer letters are trusted to occasional opportunities — as so many batteaux, etc. are constantly going it is reckoned that a regular post would not pay. The courier in winter goes on foot, and is paid $36 for going from Kingston by York to Niagara and back again, which he does in about three weeks."

Jermyn Patrick became postmaster of Kingston. On January 4, 1809, York's postmaster, William Allan, announced in the York Gazette that mail from Quebec would be dispatched for Upper Canada in the first week of each month during the winter, and might be expected to arrive in York 16 to 18 days later. Between Montreal and Kingston a Mr. Anderson carried the mail on his back, while westward from Kingston the route was usually covered by an Indian courier.

Not too long before Thomas Deacon had taken over the Kingston post office, in his house on Store Street. A letter written by August Boiton, Kingston to Quetton St. George, Merchant, York on January 5, 1808 has as its front the straight line postmark KINGSTON, 6 JAN, 1808, in two lines (Baldwin Papers, Ontario Archives).

In 1810 a fortnightly service was arranged between Montreal and Kingston, the following year continuing to Niagara via York. During the navigation season the courier was replaced by bateaus and schooners.

1814 saw John B. Macaulay become postmaster of Kingston. In 1815-16 a weekly service was inaugurated between Montreal and Niagara, with a fortnightly extension from Dundas to Sandwich. Stages carried the mail from Montreal to Kingston, it was then taken by sail or on horseback to Niagara, while west from Dundas letters were delivered by a walking courier. Important developments occurred in 1816. George Heriot was replaced by Daniel Sutherland, of Montreal, as Deputy Postmaster-General. The opening of the Kingston Road to York in the autumn enabled a more extensive service than possible on the Danforth Road.

In 1816 two stages a week left Walker's Hotel, Kingston for Montreal. Sutherland wrote Macaulay on May 2, 1820: "The Montreal merchants have applied (through me) for a third mail per week, to Kingston, which the Postmaster-General has agreed to provided that the revenue would pay the additional expenses — who can answer that it will? My own guess is that two is sufficient and I am unwilling to add to the duties of postmasters who are not adequately remunerated. Give me your opinion." (Macaulay Papers, Ontario Archives).

Since 1819 Macaulay had also been publisher of the Kingston Chronicle, and from the 1820's on he also engaged in various political activities. Two mails to York a week obviously continued, because on November 6, 1830 he wrote to the York postmaster, J. S. Howard: "Mr. Stayner intends giving three mails a week on 6th January." T. W. Stayner was now Deputy Postmaster-General, at Quebec. On November 22 the Montreal postmaster, Andrew Porteous, complained to Macaulay:

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Mail handling could be slipshod in those days. On May 5, 1835 Macaulay wrote to Howard: "I beg to say that Mr. Stayner send me by subsequent mail the enclosure from Colonel Burwell which I apprehend had been dropped by one on your floor". (Howard Papers, Ontario Archives). This letter is postmarked with a large single circle enclosing KINGSTON, UP-CAN, with MAY 5 in type, all in red.

In spite of his many activities, Macaulay held on to his position as postmaster of Kingston until 1836, with the help of an able assistant. On October 12 of that year Stayner wrote to him: "I have read with mixed feelings your private letter of the 6th instant. I rejoice at your elevation to a situation more suitable to your merits. I think you were quite right in accepting the appointment of Surveyor General.

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Robert Deacon was to be postmaster of Kingston until 1879.

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The rocky hinterland of Frontenac County, north of Kingston, began to be settled. Directly north of Kingston Township, Loughborough Township got its first post office in 1836. Called Loughboro', it was situated at the outlet of Sloat's Lake, 18 miles from Kingston. From the 1850's on the village was called Sydenham, but it took until 1883 for the post office to be so renamed. The lake was also renamed Sydenham Lake.

The township east of Loughborough, Storrington also got as its first post office one named after itself. In 1841 Storrington post office opened 11 miles north of Kingston between Collins and Loughborough Lakes, with Hugh Spring as postmaster. In 1857, when general merchant Hugh Ralston became postmaster, its name was changed to Inverary. Perhaps the village had already been so called by its people.

In front of Kingston, on Wolfe Island, a post office was opened in the village of Marysville in 1845. The post office itself was called Wolfe Island, and had a postmistress, Mary Hitchcock. Later George Malone took over the position. He was a lumber merchant. Two letters in the papers of Sir Alexander Campbell, Postmaster-General under Sir John A. MacDonald, in the Ontario Archives, refer to Malone. On November 6, 1872 Thomas Dawson, Wolfe Island wrote to Campbell on the urging of Kingston M.P. George A. Kirkpatrick:

"Mr. Barker informs me that Mr. Malone does not intend to resign but has applied for leave of absence. He states that his removal from the island is but temporary. At the instance of Mr. Kirkpatrick I give you the facts in the case. Mr. Malone has formed an engagement with Folger Brothers to serve them for a year, and has let the house in which the post office is situated to the person whom he names as his deputy. The property has been let at a rental of 58

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November 28 Kirkpatrick wrote Campbell: "I return Malone's letter. I think you had better tell him to apply for three month's leave of absence, a definitive period, and not an indefinite period. If at the end of that period he thinks of returning to the island he might get an extension, but I think it would be impolite to grante him what he asks for: 'temporary leave'. I would consider that he is entitled to three months but not to one year or longer".

Campbell replied: "I will tell him to send in his application for three months which you had better grant and send an answer to Dawson, explaining that after 11 years service he is entitled to that and that you cannot remove him without cause."

Two miles northwest of Kingston, in Kingston Township, was opened in 1851 Waterloo post office, in the general store of J. Northmore. This early suburb had a population of over 200 then. The full name of the post office was Waterloo, Kingston, to distinguish it from the one in Waterloo County of the same name. It must still have been confusing, for in 1868 on old designation was revived when it was renamed Cataraqui.

East of Kingston Township, Pittsburg Township got its first two post offices in 1852. On the east side of the Rideau Canal, 12 miles from Kingston, Joseph Birmingham established Birmingham post office. It was renamed Joyceville in 1892. Another five miles up the east side of that waterway, Brewer's Mills came into being. Robert Anglin, of Fox and Anglin saw mills, kept the post office in his general store.

Six miles up the Catarqui River from Kingston a grist mill had been built in 1783, for some years the only one in Upper Canada. There, on the first locks of the Rideau Canal, was opened Kingston Mills post office in 1853, on the west bank of the waterway, in Kingston Township. In the same township and year was established Elginburg, eight miles northwest of Kingston, at the 6th concession road and 16th sideroad. In Kingston Township, four miles west of Kingston, on the north shore of the Bay of Quinte, opened Collin's Bay in 1854. Deputy Surveyor John Collins had laid out the original town site of Kingston.

Where a stream empties out of Loughborough Lake, in concession 9 lot 11 of Storrington Township, Battersea post office appeared in 1854. Woolen mill proprietor Cornelius Van Luven was postmaster. At the 3rd concession road and 6th sideroad of Loughborough was opened Railton. There was no railway there; it was named for a prominent citizen, Thomas Raile. On the present Highway 2 in lot 28 of Pittsburg Township, Pittsferry post office was established in 1856, facing the St. Lawrence River.

Wilmur was established in 1861 in Loughborough on the Perth Road at sideroad 14, at the crossing of the 5th concession road by the northwest slanting road. Nine miles northeast of Kingston, Ballynahinch post office had been opened in 1858. In 1863 its name was changed to Glenvale. Also in Kingston Township, Sharpton post office appeared in 1863, 11 miles northwest of Kingston, at the 5th concession road and 11th sideroad. It was named for a local farmer, T. Sharp.

Six miles north of Kingston, in the same township, was opened Glenburnie in 1861, at the 5th concession road and 24th sideroad. The previous year West Brook had been established in Kingston Township, seven miles west of Kingston, on the present Highway 2 and the 3rd sideroad. Its postmaster was Andrew Bridge, a cooper.

Included in Pittsburg Township, Howe Island got a post office in 1863. A farmer, Robert Urquhart, was the first postmaster, then tavernkeeper Robert Thompson kept the Howe Island post office, at O'Brien Landing, where side-

road 5 touched the north shore of the island. A steamer plied between the island and Kingston three times a week, but mail was weekly. About 100 people were served.

At the corner of the 2nd concession road and the sideroad between the two surveys of Storrington Township was opened Sunbury in 1864. In 1865 was established Willetsholme on the road north of the railway west of the eastern boundary road of Pittsburg Township.

After Confederation

Kingston had been the capital of colonial Canada several times, but it was the lumbering town of Ottawa which became the capital of the new Dominion in 1867, at the other end of the Rideau Canal. However, Kingston could exult in the fact that its most prominent citizens, Sir John A. MacDonald, was the first Prime Minister of the new nation.

In 1871 James Shannon, political agent of Sir John, acquired the Daily News and Chronicle, of Kingston, and made it the official party organ. On October 28 he is found writing to Postmaster-General Campbell: "On inquiring at the Inspector, I learned that there was an order dated 1868 that papers such as I have described might be sent to 'any part of the Dominion' for half a cent. This is of course a great boon, but it would be more complete if it were general. The P.O. Inspector and Mr. Deacon say it is not. I would be glad to receive some information on this point."

Then years later Shannon was to be rewarded for his services by being appointed postmaster of Kingston.

Politics show up in a letter from William Lawrence, Loughboro to M.P. Kirkpatrick, written November 18, 1879:

"You will confer a favour on me by interceding with the Hon. Alex. Campbell, Post Master General to see if he would be kind enough to give the carrying of mail from Railton and Elginburgh to Fergus Guess the man that drives the Sydenham stage as I think he has the most right, he having tendered for carrying the mail some time ago and was the second lowest tender. He is a very steady and industrious young man and he and his father always voted on the Conservative ticket when almost all of the Guess' voted with the Grits. He says he will carry the mail from Kingston to Elginburg and to Railton and return for $225 per annum."

Forwarding this letter to Postmaster-General Campbell, Kirkpatrick commented: "Squire Lawrence's letter is deserving of all possible respect and attention. His complaint is that the lowest tender for carrying mail Railton to Kingston, the contract should be given to the next one, and not to one who did not tender at all. The person for whom he writes apparently will take contract at less than lowest tender, and now has the stage on the proposed line".

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The eastern universities rented a mutual post office box in Ogdensburg, New York for their incoming mail and mailed outgoing mail from the same city. No markings were used.

I will be printing more details of these services, with illustrations, in the next issue but meanwhile I would be interested to hear from any of our members having information and / or examples of other services.

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