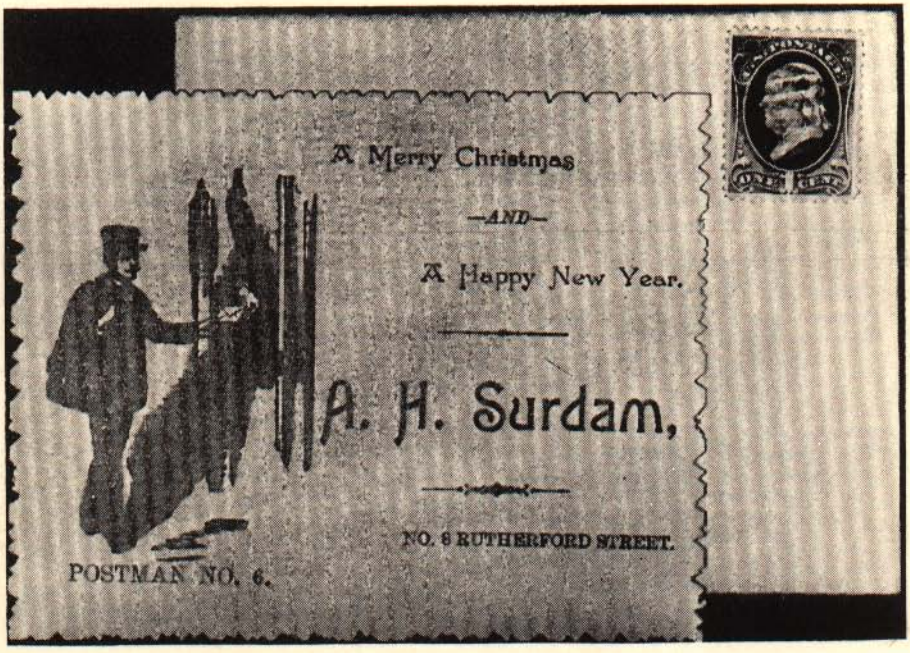
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TO ALL OUR MEMBERS

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ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY of CANADA

A VENTURE ON THE BONAVENTURE

November 1, 1968

Dear Friends:—

For the last number of years I haven't had a holiday, at least not a holiday that I was away from stamps. I have travelled extensively on a number of occasions, but always with the purpose of buying or selling stamps. Now I am not complaining as I feel perfectly happy working long hours buying, selling or just sorting them into stock.

This summer, however, I accepted an invitation to sail on the Bonaventure II from Mackinac, which is an island near Sault Ste Marie, to Toronto, a distance of about 800 miles. The Bonaventure is a sailing boat 56 feet long and about 35 ton and is owned by Mr. Bernie Herman of Toronto. It is a very beautiful boat with a white aluminium hull, all the most modern fittings and gear, and was built in 1967. Earlier in the year it was in the Bermuda races.

Being on crew with my friend, Peter Kingsmill as Captain was a great opportunity for a new venture. Peter Kingsmill is a well known Toronto stock broker, and entertainer, and although he doesn't collect stamps, his daughters are enthusiastic philatelists. I flew to Sault Ste Marie and drove a rented car to St. Ignace, then took the ferry to Mackinac. There were over a hundred sailing boats in the harbour, having just completed the race from Chicago and the worn out crews were celebrating and a festive atmosphere prevailed.

There were eight people on board for our trip to Toronto, and although we had motor power, we made every effort to sail as much of the trip as possible. Night sailing is an exciting experience, and as chief navigator, I was a great success, making our objectives practically on the nose. If you haven't been on the Great Lakes I can tell you there's an awful lot of water there and a good part of the time we were out of landsight.

We dropped sail in the middle of Lake Huron and went swimming for several hours. The water was beautifully clear and warm. The bosun's chair was swung out to lift us out of the water and I took pictures from this vantage point. Incidentally my pictures are terrific, I'd like to show them to you. On entering Lake St. Clair, we ran into fog and heavy rains, and wet weather clothes was the order of the day. We finally were forced to put in at Grosse Point Watch Club. This is a very luxurious Club with marvelous boating facilities, and we were made most Welcome. I could go on with considerable detail, but space is limited, but I will say, that the trip through Lake Erie, the Welland Canal and across Lake Ontario to Toronto was exhilerating. I landed on the shore at Toronto after the trip, a new man, rejuvinated and ready for the Fall season of a heavy stamp schedule.

Early in September, the Royal Canadian Philatelic Society held their annual meeting at the Thousand Island Club located at Alexander Bay in New York. This is the first time that the Society has held their meeting outside of Canada, and it was not only a special occasion, but a very friendly one. The weather was perfect, and the setting of the Thousand Island Club, was just simply beautiful. Everyone had a good time. Stamp talk and stories were the order of the day, and of course, buying and selling. Vinnie Greene was telling the story about Harry Martin being such a good swimmer; that Harry was ship-wrecked out in the Pacific Ocean and was able to swim safely to a nearby island through shark infested waters. The listener asked, "how come the sharks didn't get him?" Vinnie answered, "professional ethics you know."

At the main banquet, I was talking to a group from Brockville who were sitting beside me. They were saying how they enjoyed reading these letters, and that they would love to have me come visit and be a guest speaker. I happily agreed, stating that my fee would be $100.00 plus accomodation and travelling expenses. This was a joke on my part, but they must have swallowed it hook, line and sinker. To date I haven't received an invitation.

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EDITORIAL

"It is always a silly thing to give advice but to give good advice is absolutely fatal".

Oscar Wilde

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An involved correspondence has been appearing in one of the trade publications discussing at great length the role that the trade organization should, or should not, play in philately. Particular comment has been made on the amount of discipline such an organization should exercise, the need for a code of conduct and the need to bring more collectors into the hobby.

I find it refreshing that this internal self-criticism is taking place south of the border but I wonder what is happening in Canada? What exactly is the Canadian Stamp Dealers Association doing for philately in this country? Apart from an occasional listing of members which appears infrequently one hears nothing from this group at all. With few exceptions its members do not think it worth while to include its symbol in their advertising or even give its initials as a guide to the collector. It does not advertise that it will handle complaints. It makes no awards. It has no journal and as far as I can tell very few meetings. Just what does it do and what use is it?

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I note that the new U.S. Christmas stamps are to be printed on the new nine-colour Huck press. The mechanism of this machine uses an arrangement of ninety plates all with different numbers. This will give a possible 27,000 different plate block combinations at a face cost of $6000.00. That ought to cure a few plate block enthusiasts!

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The first Christmas stamp in the world is 70 years old this year. The first Christmas stamp appeared seventy years ago and came into this category almost by chance. The Canadian postal authorities reduced their Imperial postage rate from three to two cents in December 1898 and to mark the occasion a commemorative stamp, designed by the Postmaster General, Sir William Mulock, was released. It depicted a map of the world with the British Empire picked out in red and bore the stirring legend "We hold a vaster Empire than has been", a quotation from the Song of

Empire which Sir Lewis Morris composed in honour of the Golden Jubilee of Queen Victoria in 1887. The story is told that the issue was originally planned for the 9th November, the birthday of the Prince of Wales. It is said that when a postal official informed Queen Victoria that the stamp would also mark the Prince's birthday she asked jealously, "Which Prince?" To which the official tactfully replied, "Why, Madam—the Prince of Peace of course." And so "Xmas 1898" came to be inscribed on the stamp. Be that as it may, Imperial Penny Postage was, in fact, introduced on Christmas Day 1898 and the stamp was actually released on the 7th December. It was a remarkable stamp in that it was produced in three colours involving two printing processes. The black was recess-printed while the red and blue were typographed. The Empire was coloured in bright red and somewhat more was thus shaded than should have been at the time, for the whole of southern Africa was shown in that colour ,though another four years were to elapse before this became a fact.

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It was reported in Linns a few weeks ago that the 5c. Narwhal had been found with **some** of the yellow green missing but an examination of a number of copies discloses that the yellow green coverage varies considerably. In the absence of further proof it must be assumed that this is not a "Missing colour".

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NOTICE TO MEMBERSHIP

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Professor Ross Irwin reports:

"This system used 9 Routes namely—#1 from Toronto to Windsor via #401; #2 from Toronto to Cornwall via 401; #1A from Toronto to Brantford via 401; #3 from Toronto to Ottawa via Hwy 7; #4 from Toronto to Fort Erie via 401; #5 from Toronto to Owen Sound via Hwy 10; #6 from Toronto to Sudbury and Northern Ontario; #7 from Toronto to Timmins via Express; and Route 8 from Toronto to Lakehead via Express with distribution to other centers via Lands and Forests aircraft or other vehicles. The main distribution was by O.P.P. cruisers and some Department of Highways and Lands and Forests vehicles. Transfers took place from one Route to another."

Examples in Professor Irwin's collection show the route notations either typed or written on the covers. All are Provincial Government Official Correspondence.

2. Inter Universities System — Ontario

University departments and offices could send mail to and receive mail from points outside Canada, and to and from the following Ontario Universities:

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3. Juan De Fuca Dispatch

Stamp dealer K. M. Robertson of Box 904, Victoria once more revived his local mailing service and issued labels to indicate prepayment of carriers fee to cover the cost of transportation between Victoria and Port Angeles, Washington. A similar design to that used in 1965 was used except that there were two designs (ships) issued as follows:

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August 1968	Black on Orange	2,500
	Green on Yellow	2,500
	Black on Pink	2,500

The labels were apparently printed in sheetlets of two impressions tete beche and sold for 25c. This fee paid for carriage from Victoria to Port Angeles by the ferries "COHO" Black Ball Lines and "Princess Margerite" of C.P. Steamship Lines and single rate U.S. postage.

It is of course apparent from the number of paper and printing varieties that this issue was philatelically inspired. However a small proportion of genuine correspondence must have been carried. On cover items are to be preferred.

4. Delayed Mail Canada

Douglas M. Carr of Ingersoll has kindly sent me a First Day Cover of the George Brown stamp which bears an official handstamp reading "First Day of Issue Was Deferred to/August 21st Because of Postal Strike". Many items were received with notes by the senders regarding the delay but this seems to be the only official indication so far reported.

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"Embargo - Return" Jersey City, N.Y.
"Mail Being Returned Due / to Canadian Postal Strike" Rochester, N.Y.
"Return to Sender/Service Temporarily Suspended" Washington, D.C.
"Return to Sender/Embargo" St. Louis, Mo.
"Return to Sender" (+"Embargo" in ms) Minneapolis, Minn.
"Returned to Sender/Service Suspended" (two types) Chicago, Ill
"Returned to Sender + Embargo" Pointing hand type) New York, N.Y.
"Returned to Writer" (Pointing hand type plus "Strike" in ms) Johnson City, N.Y.
"Returned to Writer + Service Suspended" (Pointing hand type) Flushing, N.Y.
"Service Suspended" Flushing, N.Y.
"Service/Temporarily/Discontinued/ Return to Sender" Miami, Fla.
"Return to Writer" (Pointing hand type + "Service not available" in ms) Boston, Mass.

One gentleman writing to Canada on July 23rd had his letter returned marked "Service not available" being a persistent type he changed this to read "Service is available!! Forward to Canada" and remailed it on August 1st. Again it was returned and was finally remailed and delivered on August 12th.

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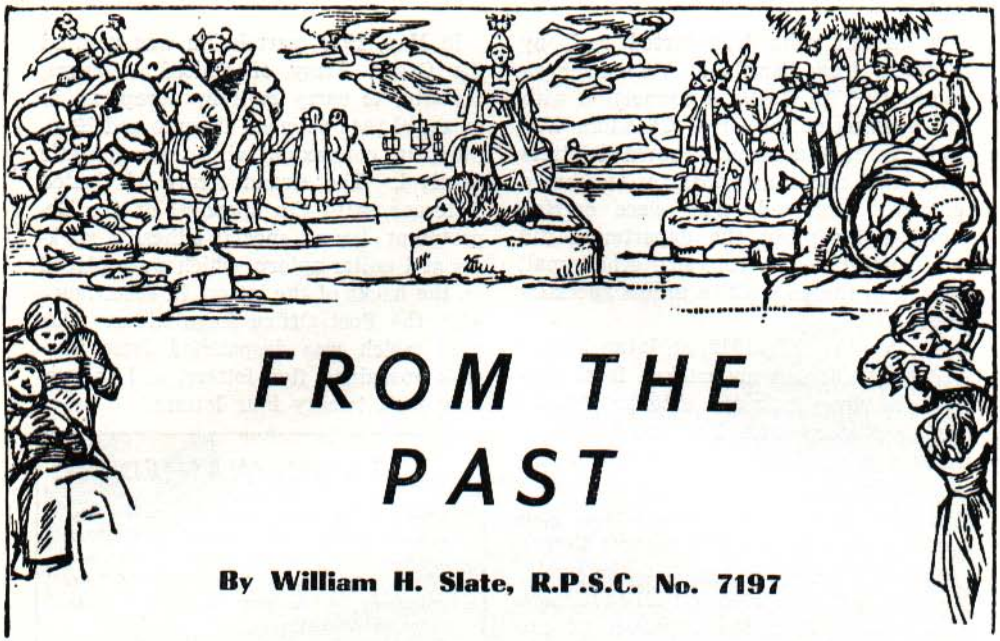
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In Canada one or two trial flights were undertaken by private individuals or organizations interested in aerial development in June, 1918, between Toronto and Montreal, by Captain B. Peck, and on July 9th, 1918, between Calgary and Edmonton, by Miss Katherine Stinson. In both these instances permission was accorded to carry mail, the object of the promoters being by this means to stimulate public interest.

It was not, however, until August, 1918, that the active and official co-operation of the Department was given to a series of experimental trips between Toronto and Ottawa under the auspices of the Aero Club of Canada. In the case of this service the mail carried was regularly billed, and the bills formed part of the Department records; the mail itself was carried to and from the aeroplane fields by post office officials and conveyances, the time schedules were arranged to connect with letter carrier delivery in both cities, and the mail itself was postmarked with an official date stamp provided for the purpose.

These three trips between Ottawa and Toronto were the first trips in which the Department was directly interested and officially co-operated. The first trip was made by Lieutenant Longman, R.A.F., on August 15th, leaving Toronto at 10 o'clock a.m., arriving at Ottawa 3 o'clock p.m. in time for the last letter carrier delivery. The return trip was made on August 17th, leaving Rockcliffe Camp at 6.50 a.m., arriving at Leaside Camp, Toronto, at 12.26 p.m. On the second trip the aviator, Lieutenant Dunstan, R.A.F., left Toronto at 10.50 a.m. on August 26th, returning the following day. On the third trip the aviator, Lieutenant Burton, R.A.F., left Toronto on the morning of Wednesday, September 4th, and arrived in Ottawa about noon. Left Ottawa the same afternoon, and reached Toronto in time for the latest delivery by letter carrier, making the round trip in the same day. On each trip the same plane was used, viz. the Curtiss biplane "Winnipeg".

In February, 1919, permission was given by the Department, at the request of the Vancouver Red Cross Society, to have return mail carried by an Ameri-

can airman, who transported mail by seaplane from Seattle to Vancouver on February 17th, 1919, in connection with the opening of the Great Canadian War Exhibits at Vancouver. Provided letters bore the necessary postage and were properly endorsed, they were carried by aeroplane; but the department did not undertake to forward other mail posted in the post office unless specially requested.

On August 25th, 1919, an International Areial Flight was undertaken from Toronto to New York and return. Special messages were carried to and from prominent persons in this country, and permission was given to carry ordinary mail, provided it was fully prepaid and properly endorsed with the request that it be carried by aeroplane, and the public warned that they assumed all risk. The Aero Club, with the approval of the Post Office Department, issued special adhesive stickers at one dollar apiece, which were placed on the backs of the letters in accordance with the Post Office Regulations.

On September 15th, 1919, at the request of the Aerial League of Canada, permission was granted to carry a bag of letter mail from Victoria to Nanaimo, at their own expense, and on the condition that proper postage be prepaid and postal regulations fully observed, the sender also endorsing such mail matter "via aeroplane" to indicate that he assumed all risk. (Ninety-six ordinary letters were carried). The mail closed at Victoria Post Office at 12 noon, and was delivered at Nanaimo Post Office at 3 p.m.

In September, 1919, permission was granted the Devere Aviation Co. to carry mail from Charlottetown to Truro in connexion with the Charlottetown Exhibition Flights, provided it were fully prepaid and endorsed with the request that it be carried by aeroplane and the public warned that they assumed all risk. The mail contained thirty letters, and was closed at the Charlottetown Post Office at 3 p.m., September 29th, arriving at Truro 5.30 p.m., the same day.

In May, 1920, permission was granted the Grand Army of United Veterans, Toronto, to carry mail by aeroplane in an aerial race between Toronto and Hamilton, in connexion with their athletic carnival. The Grand Army of United Veterans, with the approval of the Department, issued special adhesive stickers at 1 dollar apiece, which were placed on the backs of the letters in accordance with the Post Office Regulations. The mail which was despatched from Toronto contained five letters, and the return mail twenty-four letters.

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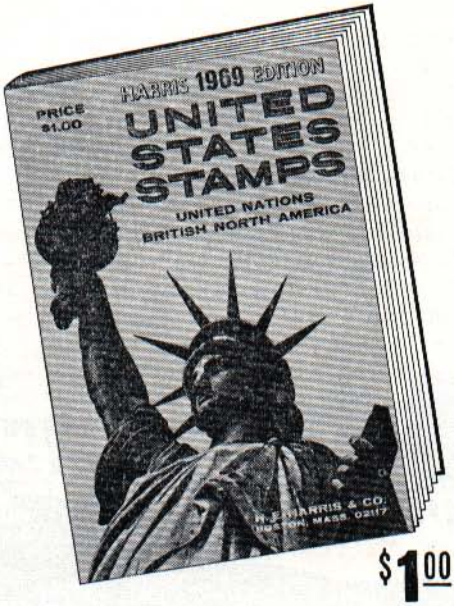
The Fortieth Annual Convention Of The Royal Philatelic Society Of Canada

The 1968 Convention of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada was held for the first time at a point outside Canada. Alexandra Bay is, however, only just over the border and is located on Wellesley Island in the St. Lawrence. Under the Chairmanship of Andrew Hinricks the arrangements were most successful. The Exhibition although small had some really superb material on view including parts of Mr. A. G. Fairbanks beautiful BNA collection and a selection of the Dale-Lichtenstein material which is to be sold by H. R. Harmer Incorporated later this year. There was a small bourse which was also well attended during the Convention. For those interested in sight-seeing boat trips through the Thousand Islands to visit the many scenic spots in that area were provided and golfers were particularly fortunate in having the first tee of a fine course just outside the front door of the Club.

Among the guests registered at the Club were many names familiar to us all including Bernard Harmer, Jim Sissons, Horace Harrison, Les Davenport, Hans Reiche, Sam Ray, Charles de Volpi, Vinnie Green, Fred Jarrett, and A. G. Fairbanks to mention only a few.

On Friday the first order of business was the Seminar on "Exhibiting from Preparation to Judging" conducted by Sam Ray of Chicago, Illinois. Almost 30

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persons were in attendance, most of whom participated in the discussion. Mr. Ray produced an agenda for the discussion consisting of 8 topics with several sub-divisions.

1. When is a collection ready for exhibition?
2. Should the collector with a collection of no special merit be encouraged to exhibit? Locally? Internationally?
3. Is there a minimum limit to the amount of write-up?
   a. A maximum limit?—or, all write-up and no stamps.
4. Should there be valid rules for write-up?
5. Should there be a different basis for acceptance of collections in local (including national) shows and in international shows?
6. On what qualifications should judges be selected?



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7. Who judges the judges—or should an exhibition committee retain an element of control over awards?

8. What would be the ideal rules for staging a local (or national) show?
   a. Minimum limits on size and number of frames.
   b. Minimum limits on number and organization of judges.
   c. Classification and arrangement of collections.
   d. Number and types of awards.
   e. Minimum security and insurance standards.

The intent of the Seminar was to record specific points of view regarding each topic and if possible to arrive at a concensus. In the view of the limited amount of time available for the discussion plans were made for all participants to write their opinions to each topic and submit them to Mr. Ray who will collate them for possible publication in the Canadian Philatelist. It is hoped that eventually from these topics a set of rules for the conduct of stamp exhibitions may be developed.

All members who are interested are requested to forward their opinions to either Mr. Ray or the Editor on this subject. It will be noted from the agenda that some of the questions were intended to provoke discussion while the 8th was intended to lead towards a set of rules for exhibitions. After dinner in the evening a film show was held for members. The annual meeting of The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada was held on Saturday morning and the members present heard reports of the Officers and the financial situation of the Society.

At 2 o'clock on Saturday a Seminar on stamp insurance was conducted by Mr. William Morris and this was well attended by members who heard a great deal about the problems of stamp insurance. Also holding their meeting during Saturday afternoon was the Eire Philatelic Association who had a small but dedicated group some of whom had come a fair distance to participate in this joint meeting. Later in the afternoon Mr. Colin Bayley gave an interesting talk to members on "Philatelic Chemistry", which proved most interesting.

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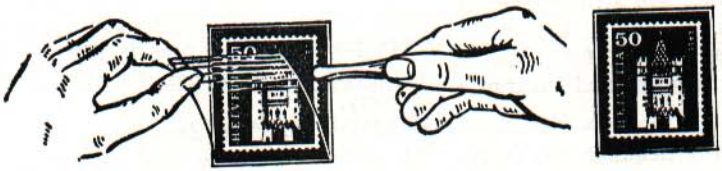
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The President's reception was held at 6 o'clock on Friday evening and this was followed by the Annual Banquet at 7:30 p.m. After welcoming members to the convention, President Harry Sutherland presented medals for valuable service to the Society to both of the retiring officers this year. Mr. James Law and Mr. Alan Christensen. Mr. Sutherland also presented the first Geldert Award for the best article appearing in the Canadian Philatelist to Mr Ed. Richardson and then turned the meeting over to Mr. Fred Jarrett for the presentation of the 1968 Fellowships. The following were presented with Fellowship certificates by Fred—Mrs. G. M. Geldert, Mr. Colin Bayley, Mr. G. Welburn and Mr. Harry Sutherland.

The formal business of the Annual Dinner being concluded Mr. Sutherland introduced the Guest Speaker for the evening Mr. Emerson Clark, Vice-President of the American Philatelic Society. Mr. Clark was standing in for Mr. Willard who was incapacitated by illness and could not attend.

On Sunday the 15th of September members were treated to a seminar on Canada's Registry System—1827 to 1911, given by Mr. Horace Harrington.

The exhibition and the bourse closed at two in the afternoon and those members not staying on in the beautiful Thousand Islands area then departed for their homes.

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#965—CANADA "CA" SCADTA GUARANTEE MARKINGS

Whenever the subject of the quantity of "CA" Scadta stamps comes up for discussion, the subject of the possibility of fakes comes up. There is no question but what a goodly number of fakes exist. I have suspicions regarding a few of my own copies.

But a great many copies bear the guarantee marks of "experts". However even these can be, and have been, faked. perhaps it would be of interest to collectors as to what guarantee markings I have found on those in my own collection. I have examined the 79 copies and found the following:—

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Wm. Peters	23
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French	1
Schoendorf	1
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No Markings	10
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Again my own thoughts are, that the reason for so many copies showing up, is the possibility that a great many of the mint remainders were never destroyed.

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#966—"BARRED CIRCLES" of MONTREAL and ST. JOHNS, NEWFOUNDLAND

As has been mentioned before the "Barred Circle" post-marks of Montreal and St. Johns, Newfoundland were almost exclusively used on cover, without cancelling the stamps.

I have a number of covers from these two towns with the cancel on the face of cover, — however in every case they prove Dr. Whitehead's observation, that all such covers with the face strike **are registered.** Yet none strike the stamps.

The Montreal Barred Circle postmark which was in use for several years, also produces several minor varieties. Anyone with a good range of year dates of this marking will find it an interesting study. I have four sub-types but understand there are many more.

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#967—TWO CAMP BORDEN FIELD POST OFFICE CANCELS

In packet #938 we mentioned that Camp Borden used other styles of Field Post Office cancels during 1916 and 1917, meaning that these were not the regular CANADA MILITIA types.

We illustrate herewith first, a fancy handstamp, reading "'Field Post Office—Camp Borden, Ont." The cancel is in purple, and dated October 5, 1916.

We also illustrate a second type, a machine cancel, with "FIELD POST OFFICE" between six straight lines of the killer.

We have not seen either of these two types of Field Post Office cancels used from other Camps. Earlier in 1916 Camp Borden used a seven wavy line machine cancel, with a hub which read "Camp Borden, Ont."

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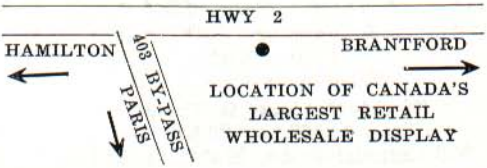
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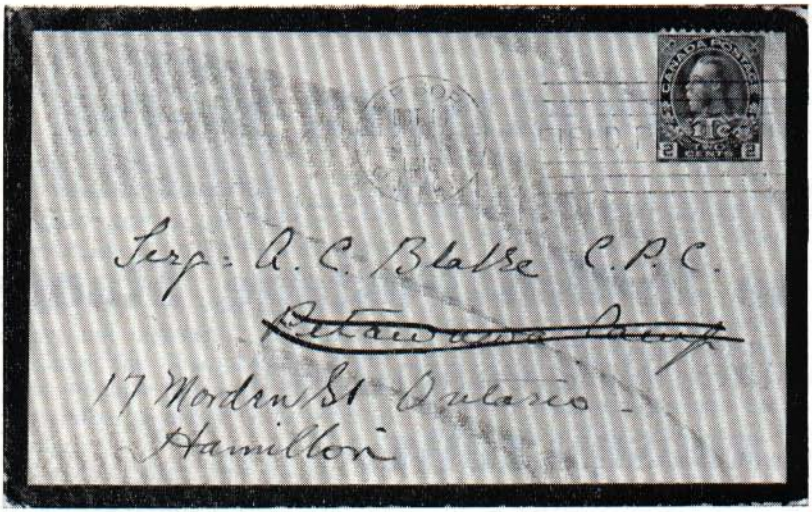
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3. Red

(Springer also lists a Pale Violet and Ultramarine as existing)

On Colored papers, printed in black

1. bluish
2. greenish,
5. Violet
6. purple laid paper
7. pale pink
8. deep blue
3. green
4. lilac gray

Springer lists some 7 other varieties)

These College stamps were printed by Taylor in two different layouts of composite forms. In one which contained 17 diff. Taylor "locals" this was included along with one of the BELL'S DISPATCH issues, the 15 others were bogus U.S. issues. In the other composite which contained 11 subjects, this was included along with another BELL'S. Taylor apparently made use of almost any color or grade of paper he could lay his hands on, thus fabricating some rather "rare" varieties.

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#969—SOME NOTES ON THE CONSULAR and VISA FEE STAMPS

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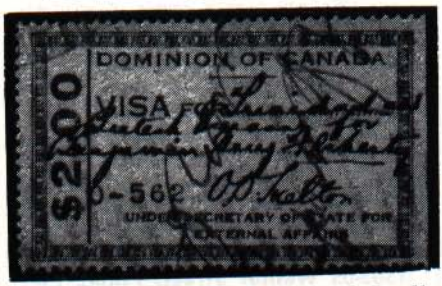
We have not mentioned these scarce stamps since The Hollow Tree moved over from **Popular Stamps** to the **Canadian Philatelist,** so a few notes seem to be in order!

First I should report that my own set of five values of the Consular Fee issue of 1949 is complete, and that I know of one other complete set, two sets which lack just one value. So they are beginning to show up.

For reasons I do not completely understand, these were dropped out of Holmes' Catalogue. They never were listed in Sissons' Revenue handbook. They belong in the catalogues, and collectors need to know more about them. The 1949 issue consists of the following:

25c. Bright Blue
50c. Deep Red
$1.00 Orange
$2.00 Brown
$5.00 Deep Green

All are striking shades, and the Consular cancels do not in any way take away from their appearance. As far as we know the 1949 issue of Consular Fee stamps is the only one used to date.



In the 1962 Revenue Yearbook I called collectors attention to what may be a forerunner issue. This is the $2.00 Visa fee stamp. This is the only value I have seen. It is printed in black on a pink wove paper, perforated 12½. The date of issue unknown. I know of no other copies and still do not have one in this collection.

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#970—THOSE PURPORTED CANADIAN ROCKET STAMPS & COVERS

Those "Rocket Stamps and Covers" which were among the items exhibited and discussed in my seminar on "Collecting the Uncollectible" at Ottawa a year ago have created quite some correspondence during this past year. First off let us repeat, they are quite unofficial, strictly a private speculation.

It is nearly a dozen years since we wrote these up in packet #349 of The Hollow Tree. Since then we have added to our collection a full sheet of "Rocket" stamps which included the three issues of two values each I described earlier. This is a composite sheet of 10 subjects. Arranged in 5 horiz. rows of two.

Top Row—"American Rocket Flight"
2nd Row—"Rocket Flight From Canada to USA"
3rd Row—"Rocket Flight From USA to Canada"
4th Row—"First Canadian Rocket Flight"
Bottom Row:—Triangular labels "Rocket Flight New York 1936"

The whole sheet is imperforate, and the various "stamps" are printed in combinations of Blue, Brown and Red Orange. The left hand stamp in each row is the 50c. value of the "set" and the right hand stamp is the 75c. value.

The labels in the 2nd, 3rd and 4th rows are the purported "Canadian" issues.

These were sold at the 3rd International Philatelic Exhibition in New York in 1936 — "TIPEX". The dealer who handled these in recent years made his headquarters in the Dominican Republic.

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#971—BALDWIN'S RAILROAD POSTAGE

This is one of the most interesting of

Canada's numerous bogus "locals". The original fabricators were Craig and Melvin, stamp dealers in St. John, N.B. in 1865. Of fairly large size, the figure "2" appears in all four corners, and an early, primative type locomotive forms the vignette. In the oval band around the vignette are the words "BALDWIN'S RAILROAD POSTAGE / TWO PENCE".

According to Sherwood Springer those issued by Craig & Melvin, were printed by J. & A. McMillan, and some fifteen or more varieties came from this printing. Of his 15 color varieties. I have 8, and in two instances have either a distinct shade or paper difference which would indicate the possibility of more than 15 varieties.

Samuel Allen Taylor, then of Boston, purchased the original cut, and a small stock of the original varieties from Craig & Melvin, and proceeded to produce two more varieties, of which I have one, again in two shades.

There are also six other varieties of these, all with a flaw in the Lower Left corner. Luckily I have all of these. I do not know whether these were produced by the originators, or by Taylor, but suspect it was our "Prince of Forgers".

Not content with having the original cut, Taylor had to produce an entirely "new issue". This was a very simple design, smaller than before. The locomotive is no longer a part of the design. "BALDWIN'S / PAID / TWO PENCE / R.R. POSTAGE", is the wording and makes up the design. This is known in four varieties, of which I have them all. Taylor's early advertisements would lead to the belief that he only issued three varieties, therefore the black on violet gray was issued by him later, or is someone else's forgery.

Unlike the Bell's Dispatch and the small Ker's City Post which one sees quite often, all of these Baldwin varieties are quite scarce.

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#972—LE BEAU CITY POST

Perhaps the least attractive of all Canada's bogus "Locals" are those of Le

Martin Apfelbaum:



On the weekend of November 22, to November 24, 1968, the American Stamp Dealers Association will hold their annual stamp show in New York City. For the past 20 years or so, it has been held in the dingy surroundings of the Armory at 34th and Park Ave. As many of my readers will agree, the atmosphere did nothing to help the standing of Philately as a hobby or as an industry.

This year, as a result of much work by the new Executive Secretary, Philip Robbins, and much proding by a few of the more aggressive and sophisticated dealers; the show is moving to the modern and brand new Madison Square Garden at Pennsylvania Station. What a pleasant thought! Now, for the first time, the Trade Association that represents the merchants in our field is bringing itself to the level that it should have been twenty years ago. It is possible that dealers and collectors will be proud to be associated with our hobby and not ashamed to bring their relatives and friends (non collectors) to our show.

For the first time since its inception our firm feels it should support this endeavor. We will therefore have a booth at the show. We won't be there to sell any of our wares; but, to visit with a great many of our old friends and try to make as many new ones as possible. We will come supplied with a good quantity of our Auction Catalogs and other literature to distribute to those who have failed to ask to be placed on our mailing list. We will have a couple of comfortable chairs for those with weary feet. Stop by and say hello while you are there.

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Beau City Post. It is an ugly, crude affair with extremely poor lettering. It was one Taylor's earlier productions. The central vignette was supposed to represent a beaver, which turns out to look more like a cat. Around the vignette is the wording "Le Beau / PAID 5 cts / City Post".

Fortunately for this unattractive item there are relatively few varieties. Springer lists five. Counting paper differences there may be one or two more.

The brown and the red varieties are most often seen. The chocolate, orange and orange brown varieties are not common.

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Alex S. Juliard, now 65 informs us of his intention to retire very soon. He has just issued his last "Juliard Classics" and expects to terminate the liquidation of his business early in 1969.

1969 will be the 80th. anniversary of the existence of his firm, which must be the oldest in the world under one family management, this year will also witness its disappearance as none of Alex's children show interest in stamps.

Louis Juliard, his father, had a stamp store in Brussels in 1889, later in 1900 he introduced with Armand Dethier the stamps auctions in Belgium and held these until 1914. World War I stopped his philatelic activities but he resumed them after the war on a mail order basis.

Alex S. Juliard attracted by the stamps of the former Belgian Congo began collecting at age 14, he worked with his father at 21, first part time, and headed the firm in 1938. Alex spent most of his life in Belgium except for World War II. During that sad period he rented a farm in a mountainous region of Southern France where he and his family raised pigs and vegetables, working with the "Resistance" fighting the Nazis.

Unhappy with the "after war" climate in Belgium and unsure about a lasting peace in Western Europe the family decided to move to the United States and settled in 1950 on the Main Line, in the proximity of Philadelphia. Alex once more started his stamp business. It was harder than expected because of the completely different habits of collectors, and ways of dealings of the professionals.

Alex S. Juliard's hobby is the study and recording on files of all that is produced to deceive the philatelists. He has built over the years an important documentation which he now intends to prepare for an International exhibition.



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WHITSUN IN VIENNA

Whitsun in Vienna provided a welcome break from routine and an opportunity of meeting our old friends. The International Air Mail Exhibition was delightfully laid out in the Hofburg and judging by the attendance must have been very successful.

Through the British visitor's eyes it appeared that the show was overweighted with Zeppelin exhibits, many of which were extremely interesting but perforce repititive of their neighbour's exhibit. The displays of photographs recording the development of aviation, the models and the souvenirs of that exciting time some sixty years ago drew our attention and interest. With glee we noted that the German for **"rocket post"** was **"Raketenpost"** — truth will out! The exhibits from the United Kingdom were distinguished by the wide variety of subjects displayed and we did not notice two which in anyway duplicated one another.

The doyen of postal history in Europe, Kumpf Mikuli, was in gay spirits and belied the fact that he is ten years to the day younger than the R.P.S. We hope that greetings are exchanged when the latter becomes a centennarian in 1969.

The story, for the truth of which the teller vouched, which moved us most, was of the village woman who, concerned by her small son's persistent cough, took him to the nearest county town so that he could be examined at the hospital. The physician enquired into the history of the complaint and noticing that the boy was apparently malformed, asked that he should undress. To the doctor's amazement, there was a wedge or cake of unused postage stamps stuck across the boy's back just below his shoulder blades. **"Whatever are they for?"** brought the astounding reply **"Well they are all anti-tuberculosis stamps and I thought that was where they should be stuck".**

A slight improvement in the price of Austrian charity stamps is now partly accounted for.

In view of what we heard in Vienna we cancelled all arrangements to go to the Prague Exhibition. As it turned out at the time all was well.

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SEX AND STAMPS

My wife thought that we should devote some attention to wives and our discussion ran this way.

"Have you ever heard of a woman who married her husband because he had a collection?" "No. And have you ever heard of a man who married a woman because of her collection?"

"Yes, I have. Do you remember Mollie X? Her father died when she was about twenty and left her everything including a stamp collection that was then ((1928) worth about $9,000. She had a school-girl collection of her own and had been in the habit of going to meetings with her father. Some of the members eyed Mollie more often than the display but, Mac never looked at her until she owned her father's collection. They married but unknown to Mac, Mollie sold me her father's collection two days before the wedding".

"Of course, I think that Mac was too canny to say anything but from what he had told me, he had intended remounting the collection and incorporating it with his own, and I imagine that he must have been disappointed. Any rate, with the money Mollie bought the Crown Hotel and Mac left his city job to help her run it".

They have retired now and the grandson has Mollie's old collection but Mac has a very fine lot. He has always got something spread over the table in his den, grunting away to himself, and Mollie sits and knits, volunteering an occasional word which often falls on deaf ears.

There is no denying the affection that men have for their collections. The wives of this generation have come to tolerate this affection, usually without jealousy. The hobby keeps their husbands at home and most wives get on well with the wives of their husband's collector friends. It is a way of life and to most wives, preferable to their husbands keeping other women as a hobby.

It was my wife who drew my attention to the inscription at the foot of the third stamp issued by Sweden.

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During the annual convention of the Royal we were shown a nice variety in the Dollar 5c. booklet stamps. Many of the stamps in the large pane had a heavy horizontal blue line on the right side and going through part of the design. Any others?

The three cents envelopes are practically out and with the anticipated postage rate change there will be no requirement for these envelopes.

In one of the stamp magazines we noticed four advertisements for regumming hinged stamps. One of the ads reads: Increase your selling power by offering unhinged, mint stamps. In another article the magazine speaks of improving the sale of philately by using advertizing techniques which are being used by furniture, radio, underwear sales organizations. A shapely girl on the front cover of our stamp albums or an envelope with hinges showing a bikini worn by a minidressed girl may even convince the ardent non-collector that there is something in it!!

The new Goebel press, the only of its kind on this continent, is now used by the British American Bank Note Company for printing stamps. The Nonsuch stamp was produced on this machine. The machine was manufactured in Germany and can print stamps both from the photogravure and steel engraved plates. The steel engraved plate is applied after the photogravure is printed. Up to three different colours in succession can be printed. The printed roll then passes through the perforator, the stamps are cut into sheets and into panes. The final cut out panes are stacked into a receiving tray counted ready to be packaged. The press is electronicly controlled by a master control panel with about 20 control knobs and 42 push buttons. Because all operations are well controlled there is no chance that inverted colours or missing colours may occur. There may be a chance of paperfolds or damage to portions of the partially printed roll, because the paper roll transfer from one operation to another one is often a long one. As a matter of fact a number of paper folds have already been noted.

There are no startling advances in the new catalogues in the Canadian stamps. Some of the classic mint material is still rising but the modern stamps have practically remained where they were last year. We believe this is justified. We are surprised though that the booklet panes do not move. Their popularity may not be as great as the regular stamps but they certainly are hard to

find in centered condition. This applies not only to the Canadian booklet panes but to other countries as well. Once the new sorting machines for tagged stamps are installed in big cities (and that will be soon) the quantities issued for these will increase considerably. One question has often been asked why is a certain tagged variety not listed in a catalogue when others are? Some of the tagged varieties which occur on the British stamps are listed, on Canadian issues they are not. My only answer is that the individuals looking after the British section may feel this to be an important variety, when the advisors for the Canadian section may think their varieties are not and should not be listed in a general catalogue.

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If your wastebasket is not large enough to hold all of your third class mail, please get a larger one, but do not suggest a stunt that is actually illegal, at least in this country, and deny to others that which they want to receive.

Herman Herst, Jr.

Oh! Come now Mr. Herst! Since when has it been a right to receive UNWANTED junk. I refer you to U.S. Federal Trade Commission Rulings on this subject. —Editor.

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Dear Sir:—

We noticed in one of the National Coin & Stamp papers, that many of the National & International Philatelic Associations have ruled, that due to the marked increase in the number of stamps issued by some of the Shiekdoms that these stamps will not be listed in the International catalogue (ie.) Scotts-Gibbons.

Also that these countries are issuing imperf. stamps, as souvenir sheets, and it is also agreed by the National and

International Philatelic Societies that such imperforate stamps cannot be included in any display—competitive or non-competitive at any National Philatelic Society Exhibition.

Can you advise us if the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada has ruled on this. Personally when I see the exhorbitant prices some companies are asking for these stamps which really are not legal tender or useable in the country of their origin (if they did originate there) I, am at a loss as to why no voice is raised against the practice.

Thanks!

Lloyd R. Carson,
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Looking very attractive in its cover of gold and black this enlarged volume with 33 more additional pages contains over 30,000 price changes. The British Commonwealth has the majority of these with 17,204: followed by Latin America with 8,040 and the U.S.A. with 4,937.

Two new countries are listed for the first time:—British Indian Ocean Territory and the Southern Yemen People's Republic.

Continuing demand for issues of the United States of America; Great Britain; Australia and the Pacific islands is reflected in the many higher price changes. Almost all of the 19th century issues of the U.S.A. show advances, as do those of the Canal Zone prior to 1927.

Spectacular price changes are noted in the stamps of Great Britain. For instance the #93 moves up to $750 from $450 and the 93a is listed at $1,200 unused. Two stamps listed for the first time are No. 159a at $1,350 and the two pence light orange of 1941-42 in an imperforate pair (No. 261a) at $1,200.

For those of you fortunate enough to possess any of those stamps containing color varieties or missing elements in some of the recent Great Britain commemoratives, will be pleased to know that a number of them are now listed in the new Scott volume one. For example the three pence Post Office Tower of 1965, without the Tower in centre is listed at $550.

The Australian section shows many higher price changes in response to the developing demand for this country. The Pacific islands also show price strength.

Many changes are noted in the early Canadian issues. The $2; $3; and $4 Jubilees in mint condition are up. The Admirals in coils are up including the #123 which advances from $1150 to $15.00 mint. The 8 cent registered moves up to $50 mint and used. The postage dues are not forgotten, in fact the early ones show good advances such as the J10 which doubles in price from ten to twenty dollars.

With so many price changes this year the obtaining of a new 1969 catalogue is a must.

G. F. W. F.

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This small catalogue is primarily a simplified listing of U.S. and B.N.A. stamps which would be suitable for someone not wishing to specialize in either field. Only 28 of the 192 pages are devoted to B.N.A. and this of course restricts the amount of information imparted. Its most useful feature being the Stamp Identification section which acts as a guide among the various printings of 19th and early 20th century U.S. regular issues. As a house organ it also devotes considerable space to product listing. It is a useful price guide and certainly reasonably priced.

K. R.

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Hot on the heels of Section 9 which was reviewed in the last issue comes Section 10 of this important and useful work. The confusing Japanese issues are clearly dealt with and, what was most interesting to me, the various official commemorative cards are both listed and illustrated. Unfortunately there are no prices on this section due to the rarity of some of the items but even a listing is an achievement.

For the specialist collector, no matter what his field of interest this series cannot be recommended too highly. When one considers that the Ascher (1928) fetches $70 to $100 and that Beckhaus (1938) brings over $40 when obtainable and that one is 40 years out of date and the other 30 years, the Higgins & Gage Catalogue is a bargain.

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1969

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MARCH 29 & 30. North Toronto Stamp Club Exhibition. North Toronto Memorial Gardens.

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I was happy to meet many of you at the convention at Alexandria and I can report that sales of your material was satisfactory. A good number of blank sales books were also sold and this augers well for the future supply of stamps for the circuits. Sales already are ahead of last season and this means more and more books will be required.

We have been fortunate in obtaining some very good books of early mint Canada including Queens and Admirals. These are now on circuit. For those of you who are interested in buying good material, please write and I will try and help. These books are expected to sell fast and may be gone by the time you read this — but write anyway. A word of warning — do not write if you expect to buy this material cheap . . . . it is not.

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Seasons Greetings to you all.

Gordon F. W. Frost



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For more than a century, no other hobby on Earth has come close to even challenging philately as the king of hobbies and the hobby of kings.

As any stamp collector is aware, this hobby had its start soon after the first adhesive postal labels went into service in England, in 1840. As the years rolled by, tens of thousands of new issues joined the original classics as fair game for collectors of all ages. Long ago it became fairly evident that no one individual — even a king or a millionaire commoner — could possibly put together a complete general collection of all the world's postage stamps.

It's not too surprising, then, that the general collectors, as most philatelists are in the beginning, eventually think about a specialty that appeals to them for some personal reason. They become topicalists and their interest is thematic.

The most popular topics for thematic collectors are flora and fauna. Since this includes any living thing, it offers fantastically beautiful color schemes and eye-catching designs. This branch of topical collecting can net the collector anything from flowers and butterflies to cacti and lizards on stamps!

In a class by themselves, since the beginning of this century, are **Scouts on stamps.** Now, there are topical societies, as we all know. But is there any other thematic specialty which has developed a society of its own? Scouts on Stamps Society International (SOSSI) is for collectors interested in this one, apparently narrow, field.

But is the field really so narrow, or limited, as it might seem at first glance?

In many instances, Scouts on stamps issues are closely identified with the development of the Boy Scouts and the history of the movement throughout the world. But there are other facets to this topic.

Take the Mafeking locals of the Cape of Good Hope in 1900, during the Boer War. Although these stamps actually pre-date the Scout movement by seven years, they depict the man who was to become the founder, General Robert Baden-Powell. One of the Mafeking stamps also shows Cadet Major Goodyear, a youth who certainly typified the Boy Scout image yet to be conceived by B-P.

It was this group of South African cadets who probably contributed most to the inspiration B-P built his movement upon. No doubt it was in the drawing-board stage of his planning that he was working with these brave boys who ran messages through the front lines during the many weeks of seige, and helped in the makeshift local postal services that were set up by Baden-Powell's staff and friends.

Another fine instance of Scouts on stamps playing a part in a nation's destiny occurred in Czechoslovakia in 1918, as this country was achieving modern nationhood. The first use of stamps in the new republic was for diplomatic mail, delivered exclusively by Boy Scouts! Special stamps were printed and inscribed **Posta Ceskych Skauta** (Czech

Scout Post) and **Ve Sluzbach Norodni Vlady** (In the Service of the National Government).

This mail was carried from the headquarters of the National Committee on Liberation to the various government offices and return. Of course, it was absolutely necessary that the service be reliable, and it is a tribute to Scouting that in those early days, so soon after the shattering effects of World War One, the boys were able to fill the bill in all respects.

Most Scouts on stamps specialists include Girl Guides and Girl Scouts issues in their collections, and well they should! Lord Baden-Powell founded both organizations, and their basic principles are directly in line with those of the Boy Scout movement.

Canada, which has been careful to not issue stamps commemorating anniversaries and activities of clubs, societies and other organizations, has nevertheless made exceptions for both the Scouts and the Guides of this country. The 8th World Jamboree at Niagara-on-the-Lake in 1955 was the topic design for an unusually attractive green and gold five-cent stamp. It showed the Scout emblem and maps of both hemispheres. The Guides' stamp was issued in 1960, the year of the 50th anniversary of Guiding in Canada.

Scouts were popular as a special subject for stamps long before thematic collecting really caught on in general. In 1925, Hungary issued three stamps in honor of Boy Scouts and various athletic clubs. These were sold at double their face value, making them one of the most expensive sets ever sold.

Hungary again honored Scouts and Scouting in 1933, when a set of five marked the World Jamboree at Godollo. The stamps had as their common design the double cross of white stag, symbol of the gathering. In 1939, a Girl Scout rally was held at the same site and, this, too warranted a special stamp issue, a set of four. The following year, and again in 1941, Hungarian Scouts found themselves on semi-postal stamp issues, carrying a surtax for the Horthy National Aviation Fund.

Gordon Entwistle's little book **Boy Scout and Girl Guide Stamps of the World,** first published in 1957 by Cassell and Company, London, is still a leading authority in this thematic specialty for philatelists. At the risk of accusations like plagiarism, we admit to references to Mr. Entwistle's fine 82-page study of the subject. Anyone interested in Scouts on stamps should own a copy of the book, which is still available as far as we know.

Hundreds of stamps have been issued to honor Scouts. No other youth movement in history can begin to match the Boy Scouts as a philatelic theme. In this article it is our intention to mention only a few of the issues which have found a place among the classics.

Liechtenstein, so small in land area, has been big in stamp issues, as most general collectors are aware. Scouting has provided the theme for several of the many issues this tiny country has produced.

The movement in Liechtenstein had been operating unofficially for a few years before registration. In the fact the presses had rolled off the first of that country's issues to feature Scouts in 1932. Liechtenstein followed up with another set of Scouts stamps in 1953, in commemoration of the 14th International Scout Conference at Vaduz. These stamps were printed by Waterlow and Sons, and are extremely well finished. Each bears the likeness of Lord Baden-Powell.

In the classic category you'll also find some of the issues from Romania (or Roumania) and Siam (now Thailand).

Romania was a founding member of Scouting. But, in 1937 by Royal Decree, all the youth organizations in that country were merged under the Office of Education of Romanian Youth. The male groups were called **Falanga Strajerilor.** Incorporated with the remainder of Romanian youth were the Boy Scouts and, while it is said they still subscribed to the Scout Law and Promise, the offi-

cial merger precluded their further participation as members of the movement through the World Scout Bureau.

Prior to that time, stamps depicting Scouts had appeared with great regularity. In 1931, a set of five marked a Romanian Boy Scout exposition.

Six others emerged in 1932, selling at double their face values with the overcharge directed into Scout funds. The stamps were issued to publicize a national jamboree of the time. Another jamboree was held in 1934 and the 1932 set was overprinted in recognition of this event, which took place at Mamaia. In each of the two succeeding years, and before Scouting had finally lost its identity in that country, special stamps were issued to commemorate other jamborees.

Siamese stamps honoring Scouting go back almost 50 years ,to 1920, when a set of 19 found its way onto the world market, to assist the Siamese Boy Scout Fund. Today's readers know this nation as Thailand. Under the new name, this country recently issued a short set of Scout stamps which are interesting.

The Siamese 1920 set came into being in three stages. The first six were rubber-stamped overprints of current and prior definitive issues. The subject was a tiger's head. The stamps were surcharged with new values and, again, the additional charges went to Scout funds. Printing was done in the Siamese language. The next six in the set were similar, except that the inscription was printed in both Siamese and English. The remaining seven were printed in either red or blue, from a metal die. Again, the inscriptions were in Siamese and English and there was an additional overprint **Scout's Fund.**

It has been observed that Boy Scouts have appeared rather often on stamps issued to commemorate the anniversary of a nation's freedom or independence. An instance of this comes from Turkey, where in 1938 a set of six was printed to help celebrate emergence as a nation. The 8 kuros value shows a party of Boy Scout buglers. Two other Scout stamps were subsequently issued by Turkey. One of these, issued in 1946, is part of a service issue and the other, the same stamp, is overprinted **Stamp of Kindness.**

The United States, where Scouting was introduced in 1910, commemorated its 40th anniversary with a jamboree and a special stamp, of which 125,000,000 were printed. Since then the U.S. has issued two other Scout items. One was a postal card made available at the time of the XII World Jamboree, in Idaho last summer.

Philatelic Scouting, or Scouting philately, depending on your point of view, doesn't stop with the collecting of stamps bearing designs of Scouts and their activities. Covers are an important part of the topical collection in this case.

These postally used envelopes, with stamps or postmarks, or both, relevant to the topic, offer special cancellations incorporating Scouting slogans and even a few interesting postage meter markings!

Great Britain is another good source of Scouting postmark material. So is India. Scouts in India once filled rockets with mail and leaflets specially labelled and postmarked, fired the rockets into the air and watched them shoot 1,500 feet straight up! Levelling out, the rockets landed more than a mile away.

As Glad Bincham, Chief Scout's Commissioner (International), once wrote: "Scouting with philately (is) a combination which is weaving a strong web of friendship and common interest in every Scouting country in the world . . . . I hope that it will be the means of bringing even more Scouts throughout the world into contact with one another, and to strengthen the bonds of friendship between country and country, between Scout and Scout".

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