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Dear Friends:—

On November 18th, I drove to New York City to attend two special stamp events. First was the American Stamp Dealers Bourse (for dealers only) which was held in the Ball Room of the Penn Garden Hotel. Most of the big name wholesalers were there, and hundreds of dealers from United States and Europe were wheeling and dealing their stamps.

For the most part I was there just to renew acquaintances and to see if there were any big deals kicking around. A phone call encouraged me to go over to one dealer's office where he had a stock of stamps piled in the middle of the floor. He couldn't use it and wanted to know if I would buy it. He quoted a price, and I offered less, which was accepted and the stock is now on the floor in the centre of my office at Empire Stamp Corporation. It is in 140 boxes, plus 7 shoe boxes and 2 large shopping bags. The boxes contain stamps in glassine envelopes, properly identified with country, catalogue number and price. There might be from 1 to 300 stamps in an envelope, and it is in order from A to Z and in beautiful condition. In the 7 shoe boxes and the two bags, were tens of thousands of good stamps still to be sorted into the above stock. The value was placed at $40,000.00. I don't know what to do with the stock as it doesn't quite fit into our system. However, for a small dealer it would be a gold mine. Any takers?

The second event was the annual American Stamp Dealers Show which was being celebrated in conjunction with National Stamp Collecting Week. Appropriately enough this is the year when the show moved into ultra-modern facilities of the New Madison Square Garden Centre where 64,000 square feet of Exposition Rotunda was devoted to 125 dealers booths, sales counters for United States and United Nations Post Offices, lounges and display frames of famous collections. Business was excellent, for the dealers and collectors were spending hundred dollar bills as if they were going out of fashion.

One nice group I purchased while in the big city was complete sheets of 100 stamps, New Brunswick 1c., 5, 10, 12½ and 17c. values. These were from the world renowned collection of The Late Louise Dale and her father Mr. Alfred Liechtenstein.

On November 12th, just before our lunch hour, a building across from our office started billowing smoke from the upstairs windows. The fire reels were summoned. With the bells clanging and the hoses going full blast, and with ladders up to the 3rd floor, there was a buzz of activity, and of course, all stamp work stopped while the staff looked on.

We had a visitor that day, Mr. Alonzo F. Kenyon from Pittsburgh, Penna, who was sitting quietly at the front counter examining Canadian cancellations. The fire didn't interest him at all. He never took his eyes off the stamps. This just goes to prove that for the dedicated, all Hell could break loose as long as he was left alone to look at the good stamps, particularly when it is for Canadian cancellations. An hour or so later when the excitement died down and everyone was back to work, Mr. Kenyon was still looking at stamps.

The Toronto Stamp Collectors' Club held their Christmas dinner party on December 7th at the Park Plaza Hotel. Mr. John Young and his pretty wife, Maureen, set a new tone of dress by attending in their mod outfits. They took a bit of teasing, but actually they were going to a Way Out Party later. Vinnie kissed my wife and suggested I put up my name in the coming elections for President of the Club. What an old smoothie. Everyone there was especially happy to see Mr. & Mrs. Les Davenport at the party. Les has recently been ill, but now back on the job full time.

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EDITORIAL:

"We have no means of judging the future but by the past"

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A magazine called the Canadian Philatelist was published in Quebec in 1872 and since that time eight short lived publications have operated under the title. The name was chosen in 1950 for our own journal as being the most indicative of our membership. For bibliophiles the following numbers have been issued.

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From this point to date all volumes, with the exception of Volume 12 which has seven issues, have six issues and are in the current size.

Our new cover format and our new logo were designed by Mr. Alec Wright, Associate, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto, School of Art Applied to Medicine. Mr. Wright is also Director of the Department of Visual Education, The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto and one of the leading medical illustrators in Canada.

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A man with a big job is Tom Thomson of Coalburn in Scotland who has set himself the objective of collecting 5 million stamps. His objective is to use the material to subsidize a rest home for handicapped Scots. If any of our members have quantities of surplus cheap stamps and would like to assist him in this worthwhile cause they should send their stamps to Mr. T. Thomson, 1 Braehead Road, Coalburn, Lanarkshire, Scotland.

The Society is once more indebted to our hard working member J. J. Charron #6741 for the excellent index which he prepares each year for our magazine. I always attach mine to the inside cover of issue #1 where it saves many minutes of searching.

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If the Canadian Post Office is an indicator of government policy it is apparent that Biafra will never be recognized as an independent country. A P.O. Weekly Bulletin states that as Biafran stamps are considered to be invalid any mail arriving in Canada bearing these stamps will be treated as totally unpaid and taxed for the collection of double the deficiency from the addressee.

A recent issue of such postage stamps comprised the following five denominations — 4 pence, 1 shilling, 2 shillings 6 pence, 5 shillings and 10 shillings.

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The American Philatelic Congress has proposed the creation of a National Academy of Philately complete with its own buildings, educational programme and associated services. This seems a worthy project but somewhat grandiose in concept. It will be interesting to see if it developes or if it will fade into the oblivion that has enfolded similar schemes in the past.

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In an effort to provide suitable recognition for displays of Ireland at Philatelic Exhibitions, the Eire Philatelic Association has established a certificate program whereby exhibition committees may obtain, at no charge, a certificate to be presented to outstanding exhibits of Ireland. This award is open to anyone exhibiting Irish Philatelic material, and membership in the Eire Philatelic Association is not a consideration. Additional information may be obtained from Mr. Richard J. Swords, 143 Sperry Avenue, Vallejo, California, 94594, U.S.A.

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(FDC courtesy Fritz Horak, Vienna. Information Austrian P.O.)

"CUTTY SARK" STAMP EVENT

The Britsh Post Office have announced the forthcoming issue in January 1969 of five Commemorative Postage Stamps depicting famous British Merchant Ships. One stamp will depict the famous sailing clipper-ship "Cutty Sark" launched in 1869, and now preserved for the Nation of Greenwich. The governors of the Cutty Sark Society have planned the printing of a limited number of high quality die-stamped pictorial commemorative envelopes, with an historical pictorial enclosure, to bear the "Cutty Sark" stamp. A special large commemorative postmark will be used for one day (the day of issue) on mail posted on "Cutty Sark". The Cutty Sark Society has not the staff or facilities to undertake the administrative and clerical work entailed. They have therefore enlisted the services of Alan W. Robertson M.B.E. the Maritime Postal Historian to deal with the entire administrative work and all correspondence connected with this event. Fully serviced envelopes will be available at 75c. each. Those requiring envelopes to be sent addressed to themselves or friends through the post should write with name and address and remittance payable to Alan W. Robertson, 6 St. Lawrence Drive, Pinner, Middlesex, England . . . . **Without Delay.**

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Vice President Jim Kraemer reports that he has the following new slide shows to add to those already listed in the Year Book.

#27 Israel—Its story on Postage Stamps by the Israel Philatelic Agency.

#28 Canada—Perf and Imperf by Dr. F. G. Stulberg, Toronto.

#29 Irish Free State—Overprint Issues 1922-37 by Vincent A. Linnell, Montreal.

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NOTICE TO MEMBERSHIP

All 1968 members have now received their billings for 1969 dues and this copy of the Canadian Philatelist is the last one you will receive if your fees remain unpaid at January 31st. Please co-operate with the undersigned, remit your dues and save a lot of extra work for all concerned.

Signed "Walter F. Anderson"
Secretary

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FORTHCOMING NEW ISSUES

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20th February — Right Honourable Vincent Massey.
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19th August — 200th Anniversary of the Founding of Charlottetown, P.E.I. as Capital.
12th September — 200th Anniversary of the Birth of Sir Isaac Brock.
8th October — Christmas (2 values)
12th November — 100th Anniversary of the Birth of Stephen Leacock.

Martin Apfelbaum:



As I have said many times over, we constantly have at least one of our men on the road examining philatelic properties that are on the market. A few weeks ago four of us were out at the same time. Though four is unusual, it takes at least one, full time, to provide us with the great amount of material that we need to keep our organization supplied. This is in addition to the large number of collections that are shipped to us directly by their owners for our evaluation.

Recently I was out West and received a call from my office that a collection of stamps was available in a Midwest city. The collection supposedly cataloged $40,000 and the owner was asking $12,000. Based on the description this could have been close to its worth to us and I made an appointment to view it. The $40,000 figure was wildly exagerated and was at the very most $25,000, but the price the owner wanted remained the same. Why? Because $12,000 was the amount needed to buy a house that was available to him. This, as you can see, is an entirely unrealistic approach to the evaluation of one's stamps.

If you are realistic and want to sell now or in the near future, contact me with a brief description of your holdings. You'll be amazed at our prompt action and it may be that one of our buyers is in your area or will be there shortly, especially if you live anywhere in the South or Southwest because at this time of the year we all look forward to trips in those areas. As a matter of fact, my father is in the South now. He may even be coming to your town!

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THE ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CANADA — A BRIEF HISTORY

By KENNETH ROWE

Organized philately on a national scale was initiated in Canada during 1887 by the placing of advertisements in Canadian and American philatelic magazines leading to the formation of a Canadian Philatelic Association.

The first official session was held in Toronto on September 18th and 19th 1888 to adopt a constitution and elect officers. The first President was Henry Hechler of Halifax who is listed as Member #24. J. R. Hooper, one of the original organizers was Member #1 and there were 170 active members on the books.

The first journal of the new association was The Halifax Philatelist which was published by D. A. King who later became Secretary. In 1890 the Presidency was taken over by Alvin J. Craig of Pictou and the official journal became The Dominion Philatelist and the membership stood at 218.

J. R. Hooper, who had been active in the initial period, became disillusioned with the elected officers in 1891 and resigned to form a parallel organization called The Philatelic Society of Canada which had as its journal The Canadian Philatelist.

Canada unfortunately was not ready for two national societies and both declined in effectiveness to such an extent that a third organization was established in 1894. This was the Dominion Philatelic Association which owed much of its short lived success to the energy of the Starnaman brothers of Berlin (Kitchener) who were publishers of a magazine called The Philatelic Advocate. The D.P.A. Handbook lists Ernest F. Wurtele as President for the year of 1899 and as he had been President of the Canadian Philatelic Association in 1895 it must be assumed that by 1899 C.P.A. was inactive.

The D.P.A. can be credited with being the first Canadian society to hold annual conventions having held its last one (the seventh) in Toronto in 1902. In this year the Starnamans withdrew their support and the society was inactive by 1903.

From 1903 to 1919 no truly national organization existed. Philately was carried on at the local level in most of the large cities. In 1919 the Winnipeg Stamp Society was formed and in 1920 membership was extended to collectors in all parts of Canada and the name was changed to the Canadian Philatelic Association. The Canadian Stamp Collector was appointed as the official journal. By 1922 membership had risen to 183 a third of whom were residents of Winnipeg. Then, as now, the President was named Sutherland.

When Fred Jarrett was elected President in September 1922 there was a gradual withdrawal of interest on the part of the Winnipeg officers who became interested in the establishment of the local society. Faced with this and some financial problems it was decided

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to transfer the headquarters of the Association to Toronto. In 1923 the name was changed to the Canadian Philatelic Society and the Stamp Herald of Kitchener was chosen as the official journal. During this year the first Canadian Philatelic Exhibition and Convention was staged by the Yorkton Stamp Club of Saskatchewan and proved such a success that a similar show was arranged by Winnipeg in 1924 and by Montreal in 1925. These pioneer conventions set the pattern for all future philatelic events in Canada.

The 1925 C.P.S. Year Book lists 285 members (with an Egyptian representative named Cohen!) Henry Hechler and Ernest Wurtele, the first Presidents of the old C.P.A. were still members as also was Alfred F. Lichtenstein. A big feature of the Society was its library under the direction of Herb Buckland, a position he held faithfully for many years.

President William Butler arranged for the Society to be incorporated in 1926 and the value of this move was felt when the Society got into financial difficulties during the depression years. The Stamp Herald ceased publication in 1928 and for a few years the Society used The Stamp Collectors Magazine of Richmond, Virginia as its official journal. In 1932 a new magazine was established called the Canadian Stamp Collector and this became the Society's journal. It failed after only eight issues and it appears that there was no official publication between then and the introduction of the C.P.S. Bulletin which first appeared in 1935. The Society was at a very low ebb until the active participation of members of the Hamilton Philatelic Society in the executive brought new life to the group. In 1941 the Emco Monthly Journal became official magazine for a short time.

In 1942 an intensive membership drive and a switch to Popular Stamps as the journal formed a combination that was beneficial to both the Society and the magazine. The association with Popular Stamps lasted until 1950 when it was felt that we were mature enough to produce our own journal.

Supported by the Canadian Philatelist the Society has continued to expand. One of the highlights of this expansion and a sign of our status in the field of international philately was the permission received in 1959 to use the title "Royal". This honour was due to the untiring efforts of the late Dr. G. M. Geldert.

Our members will note that it has been traditional for all officers of the Society, with the exception of the Secretary, to serve without remuneration and I hope that they will also realise that the Society could not have reached its present position were it not for the work of many unnamed volunteers. To these men and women this article is dedicated.

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"	1890-92	Alvin J. Craig	Dominion Philatelist
"	1892	Charles Cameron	Dominion Philatelist
"	1893-95	Ernest F. Wurtele	Dominion Philatelist
"	1919-21	?	?
"	1922	A. Sutherland	Canadian Stamp Collector
C.P.S.	1923-24	Fred Jarrett	Stamp Herald
"	1925-26	William Butler	Stamp Herald
"	1927	Fred Jarrett	Stamp Herald
"	1928-30	J. G. Perold	Stamp Collectors Magazine
"	1931	W. F. Ferrier	Stamp Collectors Magazine
"	1932-35	?	?
"	1935-37	W. J. Williams	C.P.S. Bulletin
"	1938-40	E. S. Ball	C.P.S. Bulletin
"	1941-42	E. Goodale	Emco Monthly Journal
"	1943-47	C. Woodhead	Popular Stamps
"	1948	B. Baulch	Popular Stamps
"	1949-50	J. W. Yaxley	Popular Stamps
"	1951	B. Baulch	The Canadian Philatelist
"	1953-57	L. M. Lamouroux	The Canadian Philatelist
R.P.S.C.	1958-67	G. M. Geldert	The Canadian Philatelist
"	1967-	Harry Sutherland	The Canadian Philatelist

The years have been adjusted slightly. The Editor is particularly interested in seeing material relating to the Society's history prior to 1935.

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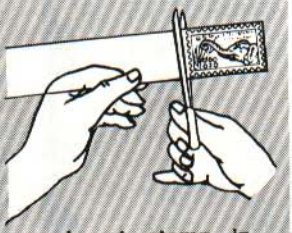
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#973—CENTENNIAL YEAR 1967 SPECIAL SOUVENIR CARD

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3. All stamps had a printed title below. On previous cards there was either nothing below, or a reference number.

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At the time these cards were issued in 1967 the cards of 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962 and 1963 were all obsolete.

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#974—TELEGRAPH & TELEPHONE FRANKS

Somewhere in the neighborhood of 500 major varieties of Canadian Telephone and Telegraph franks have been issued during the past 80 years. As Holmes' states in his catalogue, "Franks are in no way classed as Revenues". However they are fairly popular with Canadian collectors, as witness the prices realized when the Dr. Morgan collection came onto the market. Telephone Franks outnumber the Telegraph variety better than 3 to 1. The following governments or companies are known to have issued franks:—

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2. Bell Telephone Co.
3. British Columbia Telephone Co.
4. Manitoba Government Telephone
5. New Brunswick Telephone Co.
6. Saskatchewan Government Telephone
7. Saskatchewan Telephone Co.

Telegraph Franks

1. Algoma Central Railway
2. Canadian National Railway
3. Canadian Northern Railway
4. Canadian Pacific Railway
5. Dominion De Forest Telegraph
6. Grand Trunk Pacific Railway
7. Great North Western Telegraph

Early corner card covers showing the advertising of some of these early companies, would make very attractive colateral material to a collection of these.

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#975—C.P.R. LETTER SHEETS

In packet #314 in **Popular Stamps** for May 1956, I noted that the laid lines on the white variety ran 13 to the 20mm. The Bluish variety ran 15 lines to the 20mm. With the addition of 7 more copies of this letter sheet I have found one exception to the above, the Sept. 1895 copy which I classify as gray toned, has laid lines 15 to the 20mm.! Copies I now have:—

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1898—January

According to Holmes these sheets were first issued in 1894. As noted, my earliest copy is dated October 1893. My latest date is January 1898, but Horace Harrison reports one for February of that year.

Harrison also reports that similar sheets with adhesive stamps were used for the period of better than 2 years, until the CPR RR PADPOSTS came into use for their monthly reports.

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#976—SOME NOTES ON NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL STATIONERY

The postal bands appear to have had at least two printings, as they appear on two distinct papers, — 1.) a "cream manila", and 2.) a "tan manila". The second paper variety of the 1c appears to be more of a light tan manila.

Speaking of postal bands, one can sometimes find excellent examples of "stitch watermarks" running horizontally across these. I have an example on the 3c. cream manila.

While Holmes' gives major catalogue numbers to both the Ultramarine and the Gray-Blue shades of the 5c. envelope, there are many more. Bond's listing is more accurate, listing the one major variety as "lavender" with shades of pale blue, bright blue and ultramarine also existing. My own listing of shades would be:—

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In trying to complete a used collection of Newfoundland postal stationery one can't help but notice the large number of envelopes and postal bands addressed to "P.G. Tessier, Esq." The addresses vary from "Box 456 St. John's" to "Water Street St. John's" or simply as "St. John's, Newfoundland". The dates I have seen are all between Oct. 9th and Dec. 3rd 1897. They appear to have been philatelicly inspired.

Holmes' lists a plate proof of the 1904 UPU 2c. card in red. I have this in black on thick wove paper. Holmes' also lists the 1873 1c. card with trial color plate proofs in orange and brown. I have this in the color of issue, on thin white wove card.

That 1c. card of 1880 is quite common, and yet it is one of the most interesting, as it can definately be plated. There were 10 cards to the plate, arranged 2 wide, 5 high. In the October 1951 issue of **BNA Topics** the late Meyerson Brothers gave details of the plating technique.

On the basis of Holmes' and Bond's catalogue listings and illustrations how does one tell the difference between the 1c. card of 1915, and that of 1930? One doesn't unless the paper difference given by Bond will suffice. The 1915 card does come on an "Oyster white card", where the 1930 card usually comes on a yellowish tinted card. The 1915 version was typographed by Whitehead, Morris & Co., the 1930 card was typographed by Perkins, Bacon & Co. The easiest way to tell the 1930 card is by the diagonal line under "A" of "CARD". Another quick way is to look at the shading on the neck. In the 1915 design the shading lines are unbroken, in the 1930 the shading lines are weak and broken. There are numerous other differences, but these two will manage to suffice.

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#977—The "WAYZATA" AGAIN

During the past five years supply seems to have caught up with demand for this Newfoundland Airmail "Essay". For awhile they were being offered frequently in the philatelic press. (We also had been offered quite substantial supplies). While this has not happened during the past couple of years to any extent, I suspect there is still sufficient supply to meet most demands.

Sanabria (1966) catalogue dropped the price back down to $4.00 after the 1963 price of $7.50.

For those wanting more information regarding this issue I would refer them to Chapter 27 of "Newfoundland Air Mails 1919-1939" by Dalwick and Harmer.

One wonders if the 375,000 remainders were actually destroyed The Newfoundland government apparently ordered that all remainders be delivered to the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs, — but was this done? If so, did the Department destroy all 375,000 copies?

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#978—SOME NOTES ON COURTESY AIRMAIL FLIGHT COVERS

Way back in packet #556 for Sept. 1961 I listed six companies which carried Courtesy Flight mail, but at that time I did not have the details as to their cachets. I can report on four of them:—

(The first two are reported to me by Ed Harris of Flin Flon, Man.)

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The above cover was from Edmonton to Winnipeg, dated July 27, 1936. In my own collection I have covers relating to two more of the original six:—

Pacific Western Airlines, Vancouver, B.C., use a large three line handstamp in green:—

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B.C. Air Lines Ltd. used a two line plus vignette in blue:

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I still have no details on the cachets or stickers of 1.) **Wings, Ltd.** and 2.) **Northern Transport, Ltd.** There is a second type cachet for **Rainy Lake Airways,** this being a two line handstamp in black:—

RAINY LAKE AIRWAYS
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Our total listings should now stand at 15 diff. companies, with 17 different handstamps or stickers.

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#979 — BYPEX '67 FLAG CANCEL AGAIN

Wayne Curtis of Montreal calls to my attention that the BYPEX Flag cancel was used also for October 1st, and sends me a photostat of a non philatelic cover showing such use.

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Col. Webb reports he has covers with the following Internment Camp Censor markings:—

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Col. Sharpe reports another may exist. He has a cover which he wrote up in BNA TOPICS, which may have come from such a camp. The cover does not bear the usual markings, but there is an oval censor's mark at the bottom left; at the top the word "censored", in the center is the censor's signature in red ink, and at the bottom reads "Internment Camp", and across it in block letters is "Fernie, B.C." It is postmarked Fernie, Oct. 26, 1916.

Col. Sharpe also notes that his Kingston cover shows that 3c. postage was paid.

Col. Sharpe's Vernon cover also bears 3c. postage, and the censor marking is the usual single circle one. His is dated May 27, 1916. However Col. Webb's Vernon cover, dated Aug. 19, 1919 shows a **Triangular** censor marking!

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#981—CANADA MILITIA CAMPS ADDITIONS to OUR LIST

Col. Webb has supplied us with a number of additions to our list of Canada Militia Camp Field Post Offices as given in packet #938.

BEAMSVILLE CAMP (Ont.)	1918
FARNHAM CAMP (Que.)	1911
LEVIS CAMP (Que.)	1914
LONG BRANCH (Ont.)	1918
ST. JEAN (Que.)	1911

In addition to reporting these five locations not included in my list, he also reports these additional year dates for Camps included in my list:—

BARRIEFIELD CAMP (Ont.)	1912, 1918
CAMP BORDEN (Ont.)	1916
CAMP HUGHES (Man.)	1915
GODERICH CAMP (Ont.)	1913
LONDON CAMP (Ont.)	1911
VALCARTIER CAMP (Que.)	1914, 1920

Col. Webb notes also that the Machine type cancel mentioned in packet #967 was also used at Valcartier Camp in 1916, at Toronto Exhibition Park in late 1916, then alternated between Camp Borden, and Valcartier until the summer of 1918 when it was sent to Niagara Camp.

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As anticipated difficulties are being encountered with the continuous web fed press. We mentioned the possibility in our last column and sure enough a large number of imperfections can be found on stamps printed by this method. We have recently seen large strips of the coils which show extensive doubling on the design side. Skewed impressions have been noted as well and difficulties are evident on the multi colour stamps showing poor registration.

During my recent trip to Europe I found that the stamp market is badly depressed. Modern material can be had in sheets for practically face value. Many of the better souvenir sheets which only a few months ago could hardly be obtained, are now on the market for very low prices. Everyone is trying to sell this material and auctions reflect this situation with many modern wholesale lots. But the classics are a different story. Dealers will not show you anything unless you are known to them. Good material is not available and if for sale at all through a dealer or auction, bring far in access of the normally expected price regardless of catalogue value. This is nothing new but the days of forming a good classic collection of any country are over. When one looks at such auction catalogues as the lichtenstein collection or others recently being sold, one wonders how it was possible, even many years ago, to accumulate this kind of superb and unique material. Although the majority of us will not be able to afford such stamps, a single page with a few superb pieces will make the collection. But do not buy anything less than superb for this purpose.

We are often wondering why philately has not made use of modern technology. Everyone is faced once with how to bundle up stamps. Well you know what I mean. Industry employs hoppers for feeding and stacking material, why can someone not develop such a hopper mechanism for bundling stamps? Have you ever tried to mea-

sure a perforation of 10.25 or 9.75? Depending on the type of gauge you use you may be out by 0.25 or more. Even the famous Instanta gauge should be used with care because the plastic is temperature sensitive. We have thought of two other more elegant ways to measure perforations. A digital micrometer which measures in the metric system can give you direct reading within three digits to any decimal point such as 9.75 or 10.2. The other possibility is an electronic light scanning device which looks at the holes of the perforations and counts distance of one hole to another by means of voltage dividing servo loop. Such equipment would, if available, find large acceptance by collectors and dealers. Any other suggestions?

During the month of November there were 38 stamp exhibitions listed and this does not include the many local events. The December period offers less on account of the holidays. The number of events taper off in January to June. The Fall appears to be the most suitable for any such event because this is the time when the majority of collectors have returned from their vacation and are just about ready to start their hobby again. Exhibitions during the months of June to August are likely to run into poor attendance.

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The author is a philosopher and there are some statements that should be repeated regularly so that they are never forgotten **"Collectors are only the custodians of the stamps they treasure. The collector must buy and the stamps he so carefully preserves go on — to give more pleasure to other collectors".**

Now let me tell you about our late friend Freddie. Round about 1962, Freddie was introduced to us. He was only eighty years old and he wanted to form a fine collection of a popular group of classic stamps. He explained that when buying he had to bear in mind that he was unlikely to live for many years so that when the desirable was on offer then he should buy it. Secondly, he was very rich and even a splurge of $75,000 in a month would be spent out of income and not capital. Thirdly, he was finding few pleasures to enjoy and if philately would provide a thrill, then that was the game for him.

Freddie dived in the deep end. Mainly he bought in auction and bought the best. In five years he probably spent $600,000. He loved his collection like nothing else. Loneliness had vanished and he said that he had recaptured a zest for living which he had not known for thirty years. At the end of four years he weeded out the worst of his purchases, which were few enough in relation to the total expenditure, and the rest were lovingly mounted and written-up.

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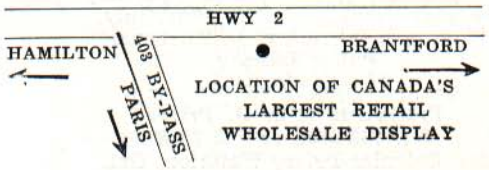
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The evening started with a slide lecture by Mr. Ben-David on Canada's Centennial issue. This was interspersed by remarks by Mr. Madesker on postal history and the identification of routing of postal missives through cancellations.

It is extremely difficult to describe the pleasure of spending an evening with Mr. Robertson, the Principal, his staff and students of Variety Village. It is a feeling of elation to hear the comments and questions from those that are called "handicapped". The only comment one can make here is that those boys are physically limited in certain areas of endevour, but most definitely not handicapped. The useful and productive place these boys take in society on graduation from Variety Village is the best proof of it.

A youth stamp club is now in process of being a reality at Variety Village.

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From time to time in this column I mention the material that is selling and also point out the material that is selling or not required; yet unwanted material still keeps coming in. I urge you not to spend valuable time mounting material which the Sales Department does not require. If in doubt please write and obtain the latest requirements. The supply situation changes from month to month and as there is quite a time lag between the writing and publishing of a column the countries required can change quite drastically.

Some of you will have noticed in the 1969 Scott Volume two catalog that many prices have dropped particularly those of Italy, Germany, Luxembourg and Vatican City. In the latter case almost all of this countries stamps have been repriced and many of them much lower. This fact should be noted when pricing stamps which are intended for sale in the sales circuits. Many other European stamps issued less than twenty five years are also re-priced downward. Sellers would be well advised to obtain the latest catalog before mounting stamps.

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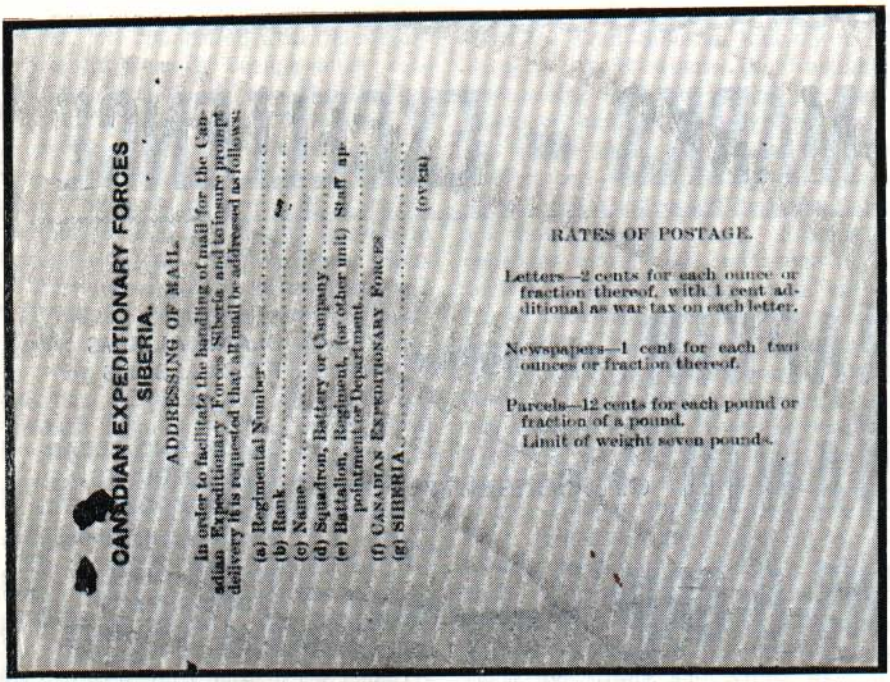
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CANADIAN FORCES MAIL SIBERIA 1918 - 1919

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It now seems incredible that Canada ever had military commitments inside Russia, yet during the last few months of 1918 and the first half of 1919 several thousand Canadian soldiers were actually serving in that immense country—in the Caucasus, the Murmansk-Archangel region and in Siberia. In fact some 680 of those soldiers were on board the SS Empress of Japan when she sailed into the harbour of Vladivostok on 26th October 1918. They were the advance party of a Canadian contingent which was to be a part of the Allies' Siberian Expeditionary Force.

The whys and wherefores of Canadian participation in that Force are much too complicated to describe in an article of this nature; nevertheless, some background information is desirable because the story is just beginning to emerge from the limbo of buried files, personal memories and forgotten letters. Accordingly, some of the political and military factors involved are briefly outlined in the first paragraphs. They provide a setting for the postal history which follows but this too is rather brief. For the number of "Siberian" covers is limited as are official records held by the Public Archives in Ottawa; however, the books and articles listed in the bibliography at the end of the article have been of considerable assistance.

To most Canadians in 1918, Siberia was a land of fable, a land of icy steppes and inumerable salt mines. That there

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could be any connection with the mighty conflict in Western Europe must have seemed as remote as was the land itself. But the Bolshevik Revolution of the previous year had snuffed out the Czarist regime and brought an official end to the state of war. As a result, the balance of power swung heavily in Germany's favour. She could now transfer divisions to the Western Front, and a million or so prisoners-of-war would be released to swell her armies. Moreover, those same armies would be free to occupy the Caucasian oil fields and to march towards India. Something had to be done to reduce the effect of these advantages, and Siberia presented one of the doorways through which the Allies might attain success.

The Supreme War Council of the Allies considered the various courses that might be adopted. The White Russians, who opposed the Bolsheviks and who still controlled most of the countryside beyond St. Petersburg and Moscow, could be assisted in the re-construction of their military forces. By so doing Germany might be compelled to retain all or most of her divisions in Russia, at least until 1919 when the full effect of American participation would permit the Allies to regain the initiative. Allied intervention might save enormous stocks of war material from falling into enemy hands, and it might help the 100,000 Czecho-Slovaks who wanted to leave Russia to fight on in France. A majority of these troops had once been unwilling members of the Austro-German armies, but after being captured in the early months of the War, they had volunteered to serve in the Russian forces. Subsequently formed into an army corps, they had fought valiantly against their erstwhile masters in the hope that an Allied victory would bring freedom and a land to call their own.

Differences of opinion among the Allies as to the action that should be taken were inevitable and many months elapsed before they were resolved. Meanwhile, the Bolshevik government had assured the Czechs a safe passage over the Trans-Siberian Railway to Vladivostok from where they could be transported by the Allies to France. However, before that very long journey got under way, the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk was signed on 3 March, and soon after, hostilities ceased between Bolshevik Russia and Germany. Fearing the Germans would now endeavour to halt their exodus the Czechs began entraining at Kiev, and their leading elements reached the Pacific coast by the end of April. Then the others coming behind started to encounter interference from the German forces, from the ex-POWs returning home and even from the Bolsheviks. Not to be deterred the Czechs fought back, so successfully in fact, that they gained complete control of the western section of the Railway, and for a time, it seemed that they might march to Moscow instead of Vladivostok. Eventually, because the opposition became too strong and Allied help was too slow, the eastward trek was resumed. By this time (July 1918) the Allies, having finally settled their differences, agreed to send expeditionary forces to the Caucasus, to the Murmansk-Archangel region and to Siberia. The Siberian Expeditionary Force was to prevent German penetration east of the Urals and to aid the Czechs move out of the country. For these tasks the Force was to comprise the following national contingents - approximate numbers shown in brackets; British Empire (7000), France (500), Italy (2000), Japan (72000), USA (7000), and miscellaneous groups of Poles, Serbs and Roumanians.

Canada had not been a party in the discussions as to the composition of the Force but, subsequently, she was asked by Gt Britain to supply a major portion of the Empire's contribution; namely, an infantry brigade group for duty at Omsk, and a base depot at Vladivostok. Receiving the request in London, the Prime Minister Sir Robert Borden, strongly urged the Cabinet in Ottawa to grant approval, since in his view, Canadian participation in Siberia might bring valuable post-war benefits. The

Cabinet did so on 12 July. At the same time it consented to the formation of the Canadian Expeditionary Force (Siberia) under command of Major General J. H. Elmsley although authority for the concentration and despatch of the force was withheld until mid-August. Shortly afterwards the HQs and units listed below began to assemble at Hastings Park in Vancouver and at the Willows Camp near Victoria to await the ships that would take them to Vladivostok.

HQ CEF (Siberia)
HQ 16th Infantry Brigade
HQ Base Depot
'B' Squadron, Royal North West Mounted Police
85 Battery, Canadian Field Artillery
16 Field Company, Canadian Engineers
259)
260) Battalions, Canadian Rifles
20 Machine Gun Company
No. 1 Company, Divisional Train
No. 16 Field Ambulance, Canadian Medical Corps
No. 11 Stationary Hospital, Canadian Medical Corps
No. 9 Detachment, Canadian Ordnance Corps
No.5 Detachment, Canadian Postal Corps

Across the Pacific, the 25th Middlesex, first of two British battalions which were to be included in the 16th Brigade, landed at Vladivostok on 3 August. Several weeks later, it moved inland to Omsk where it was joined by the 9th Hampshires early in the new year.

Troopships were not easy to procure in that autumn of 1918 so it was 11 October before General Elmsley and his advance party set out from Vancouver. Although the Empress of Japan reached Vladivostok on the 26th it seems that the troops had to stay on board until suitable billets were obtained for them. Later on accommodation was found in the business section of the city for HQ CEF and the Base Depot, but the re-

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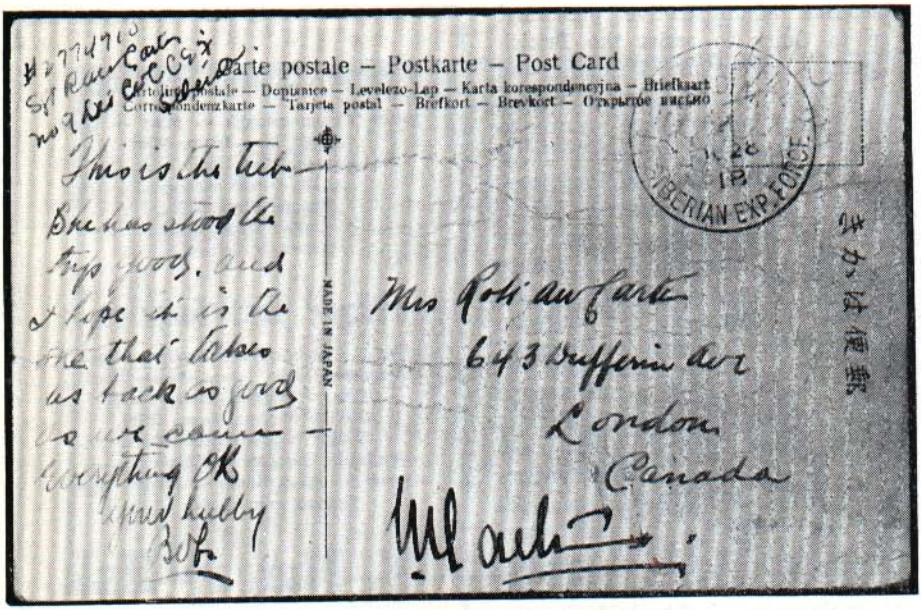


Fig 2 — Postcard showing postmark of FPO 2 dated 28 Oc 18; other side has picture of SS Empress of Japan. The signature below address is, presumably, that of a field censor.

mainder moved into the Russian army barracks at Gournostai Bay some 12 miles away.

As mentioned earlier, the 16th Brigade was to have been positioned in the vicinity of Omsk where it might well have become embroiled in the political struggle between the White Russians and the Bolsheviks. The possibility, however, never developed. With the exception of 'B' Squadron RNWMP (190 men, 181 horses) and a few other details who left Canada on 17 November, the main body of the CEF had not followed as soon as anticipated. The signing of the Armistice at Versailles on 11 November had created a general aversion among the public for any further military commitments and the Cabinet had wavered accordingly. Nevertheless, the original decision was re-affirmed on the 27th and the principal units were ordered to proceed. They departed from Victoria during the month of December in three separate groups aboard the SS Monteagle, the Protessalus and the Teesta respectively. They must have gone with reduced numbers for approximately 1000 personnel were left behind and subsequently de-mobilized. Thus when the last group disembarked at Vladivostok the total strength of the Canadian contingent in Siberia amounted to roughly 3800 officers and men.

Meanwhile the situation in Russia was rapidly becoming more and more confused. The Bolsheviks were steadily gaining power; the White Russians were growing weaker; there was bickering among the Allies; the Japanese wouldn't move west of Lake Baikal and American policy was to avoid any risks which might involve them in combat action against the Russians, Red or White. The Czechs continued to be masters of their own fate. On being advised of these factors, the Government in Ottawa directed General Elmsley to retain all his Canadian units in the Vladivostok area. And there they remained until the time came to return to Canada.

Despite this direction, a small group

of Canadian administrative personnel did go to Omsk to assist the British contingent. Leaving on 6 December the group travelled on the Trans-Siberian Railway taking about three weeks to reach that distant city. Doubtlessly, a few more Canadians made the long journey in the course of normal liaison duties. One more exception was the despatch of a company of the 259th Battalion to Shkotova (35 miles from Vladivostok) in April for the purpose of helping to quell a local insurrection.

After a few weeks of garrison type existence rumours began to circulate among the troops indicating an early return to Canada. While these rumours did have some basis in fact it was not until 21 April that the first units were able to leave; and the last of them did not go until 5 June. Most of the other national contingents quit Siberia during the autumn but the Japanese stayed on for another two years. The Czechs completed their exodus in 1920, and many of them travelled across Canada on the way to their new homeland of Czecho-Slovakia. As for the struggle between the White Russians and the Bolsheviks, its outcome is only too well known.

POSTAL SERVICES

On 23 October 1918, a member of the British Military Mission in Vladivostok wrote to the Chief of Staff of the American Contingent. In his letter he made the following statement:

> "I hope that in a few days we will be able to relieve you of this work (i.e. the handling of British mail bags) as the Canadian E. F. is, I understand, bringing out its own postal service."*

Three days later Lt. J. R. Ross and three military postal clerks who made up No. 5 Detachment CPC, arrived in Vladivostok, but just when the postal service started had not yet been determined.

* The Canadian Expeditionary Force in Siberia, 1918-19 by Edith M. Faulstich, in the Postal History Journal for January 1968.

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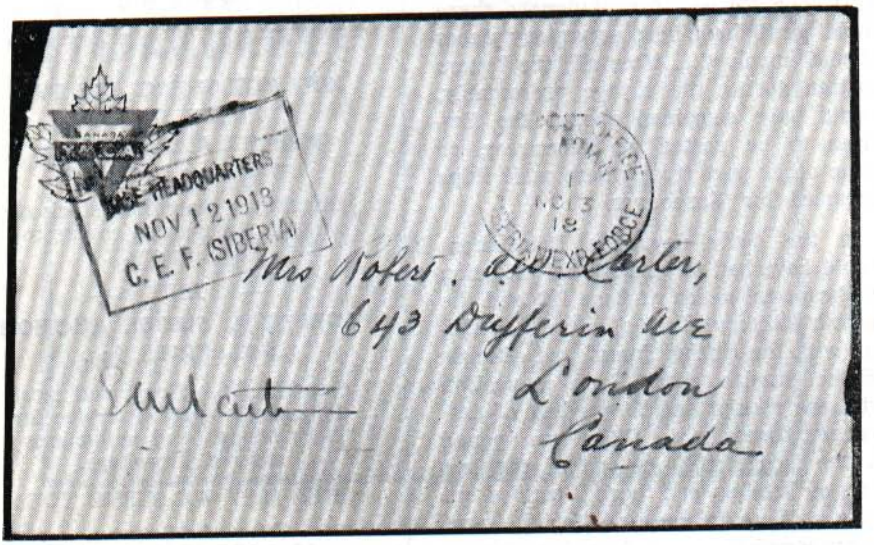


Fig 3 — An early YMCA envelope with a marking of the Base HQ office stamp.

The earliest piece of mail — a picture postcard of the SS Empress of Japan — is dated 28 Oc 18 (fig 2), which may represent the first, the second or even the third day of operations.

The postmark on this card is unusual in that it contains the numeral '2' under 'FPO'. Until quite recently it was generally thought that only one Canadian FPO had been opened in Siberia because all previously known postmarks were those of FPO 1. Whether this new postmark signifies that two FPOs were opened or intended, or that two serially numbered datestamps were supplied for a single FPO may now never be ascertained. However, the following remarks are considered relevent. An infantry brigade would normally be allotted one FPO, which could be operated by two postal clerks. CEF (Siberia), of course, was more than an ordinary brigade. Size and proposed areas of deployment alone would have justified two FPOs — one at the Base, the second at Omsk. But it is unlikely the latter would have been opened before the arrival of 16th Brigade. On the other hand, one FPO was adequate so long as the CEF remained stationery in Vladivostok, which turned out to be the case. Lastly, the use of numerical indices to distinguish one datestamp from another would have been an innovation for nowhere else in the Army's postal service had such a practice been adopted. Thus, it is assumed that while two FPOs were contemplated only FPO 1 actually opened as an operating office.

Accordingly there must be another explanation for the use of the FPO 2 datestamp. Possibly, after the Advance Party had disembarked, there was a last minute opportunity to place mail aboard the outward bound Empress of Japan. At the time, the Postal Detachment doubtlessly was in the process of unpacking and setting up office. So, to postmark that mail, the Detachment would have used the first available datestamp, which conceivably could have been the #2 stamp. Afterwards it was returned to reserve until required by its own FPO. If the foregoing or

something similar actually occurred it would explain the uniqueness of the FPO 2 postmark, for obviously there could hardly have been very many pieces of mail involved. After all, the letters written during the voyage presumably, would have remained aboard the Empress to be posted at Vancouver, or some other port from where mail ships departed for Vancouver.

In the early days the Detachment would have had to give special attention to the postal needs of Base HQ and the British Military Mission, as well as liaison with the British Consul and officials of the Russian civil PO in connection with the receipt and forwarding of despatches. Accordingly, FPO 1 was opened in the Depot area on one of the last days of October, and there it carried out its normal postal services for the next seven months.

Nearly all the known covers bearing November dates in their postmarks also have the rectangular marking or cachet of the Base HQ office (orderly room) - (fig 3). It may be that Base HQ had the one and only office in the Advance Party and, therefore, it was the depository for all or most of the outgoing mail prior to arrival of the Main Body. The purpose of the cachet, however, is not clear. Possibly, it was a carry-over from experience gained by the CEF in England where such markings were obligatory to ensure passage of Canadian mail through British postal facilities at the concessional free rate. On the other hand, there may have been no purpose except to indicate date of receipt in the office. The practice of adding cachets generally ceased after the beginning of December although they are occasionally to be seen on much later covers.

The cover illustrated (fig 4) has a November date, but instead of the usual Base HQ cachet, it has the marking of a FPO rubber stamp. The location and date of this marking relative to the normal postmark suggests that the Postal Detachment opened a station mail room (or branch office) to serve the

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troops at Gournostai Barracks. Presumably, there was neither a unit orderly room nor postal orderly in the Barracks at the time so the mail room staff used their own stamp to apply the necessary cachet.

Routing the mails from Siberia to Canada must have taxed the ingenuity of Lt. Ross, for there was little if any shipping plying directly between the two countries, let alone between the ports of Vladivostok and Vancouver. In fact, in a letter to the Officer Administering the CPC in Canada, Lt Ross stated that the first direct despatch on Vancouver had occurred only on 4 December. Possibly it went on the same ship that had brought 'B' Squadron RNWMP to Siberia. He also mentioned that earlier despatches tagged for delivery to the Postmaster at Vancouver had been handed to the British Consul at Vladivostok, who then arranged for their transportation to Yokohama. The British consul at that city, in turn, arranged for them to be placed on the first available mail boat leaving for Canada. In subsequent correspondence reference was made to negotiations for including Canadian (and, presumably, British) bags in the despatches from the American contingent. Apparently these left Siberia each Wednesday and Saturday morning; unfortunately, Lt Ross did not confirm that this particular routing was actually used. Covers sent by either route, of course, would display no unusual markings, for they would have been transmitted in sealed bags.

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East Toronto Stamp Club held their annual exhibition at Thorncliffe Market Place on October 24-26th. A varied group of exhibits were shown. Dr. F. G. Stulberg carrying off a well deserved Grand Award for his exhibit of Toronto H.S. Rate & Regulation Marks. Twelve dealers catered to the requirements of the many visitors.

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The R.P.S.C. has prepared a comprehensive prospectus that outlines all of the regulations governing the granting of a charter by the society to philatelic societies making application to be a chapter of the "Royal".

There are now 29 slide programs in the library for chapter use. More are being made up and will be listed in the Philatelist as they become available. Rebates are paid to chapters sending in membership applications to the R.P.S.C. The Sales books are available to chapters under regulations. Lectures on various philatelic subjects, for use at meetings are being put together and will be available to chapters. Other helps are planned such as constitutions, etc.

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The Columbia Philatelic Society held their 1968 Annual Meeting at the Terra Nova Motor Inn, Trail, Nov. 16. Out of town visitors were Frank Freeman, Midway; Axel Nielsen, John Moor, Dave



Williamson and Jim Toogood from Kinnaird. Dr. Hugh Johnston, Howard Foster and son Kevin, from Spokane. Jim Toogood said a few words on the passing of George Burns, an ardent collector and friend in Nelson.

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REVIEWS

The British Postage Stamp by Robson Lowe. Published by the National Postal Museum and obtained from Robson Lowe Ltd., 50 Pall Mall, London SW1, England. Price 75/- including postage.

There are books that are read for their narrative value and books that are read for their information and books that are attractive to possess. It is seldom that one finds all of these factors together in one volume but as is usual with our member Robson Lowe's work he has achieved an ideal amalgam.

The subject of the work is the collection of 19th Century Great Britain material formed by R. M. Phillips which he presented to the people of Great Britain as the basis of the recently organized National Postal Museum. The collection is available to students and portions are on display at all times. An attractive feature of this volume is that in addition to the descriptions of each of the sections, the location of each item discussed (815 are illustrated, 245 in colour) is identified by its position in the collection.

Mr. Lowes style is anecdotal and commencing with the suggestions for the reform of the Post Office made in 1836 by Rowland Hill and which resulted in the introduction of the Uniform Penny Postage in 1840, the story follows the invention of adhesive postage stamps, the difficulties surrounding its issue and the development during the Nineteenth Century.

The continual search for improvements in design and security by the authorities responsible for the production of stamps as well as the printers resulted in the issue of some stamps of peculiar appearance when judged by modern standards, but the motive for their issue were laudable. The development of security colour printing made over sixty years is in itself an interesting study.

This book is a **must** if you are interested in the development of the postage stamp and if you intend to visit London.

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This publication, which was awarded a silver-gilt medal with the felicitations of the jury at the British Philatelic Exhibition 1968, was prepared by a specialist dealer in the field and for the greater part is a model of what a philatelic publication can, and should, be.

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are dealt with separately. It is interesting to note at least one item of especial Canadian interest — an issue in 1967 commemorating the centenary of Canada. A useful listing of official Irish airmail etiquettes is also given.

The listing is very complete and the work can be recommended for those who collect Ireland and those who have a general philatelic library. It is a pity however that there are no price lists or rarety factors given and postal history is not dealt with at all. This situation is relieved somewhat by a price list issued by the company which lists prices for all items in the handbook and costs 3/6. It is assumed that this method will enable collectors to update their handbook economically.

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CHECKLIST OF CANADIAN OFFICIAL STAMPLESS COVERS SINCE 1963: William Pekonen

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