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Dear Friends:—

(Unfortunately I don't mean $'s but stamps)

In January 1970, you might recall my experience that I wrote about, and that was driving to Chicago in terribly stormy weather and flying to Winnipeg, back to Chicago, and then driving back to Toronto. By coincidence, again this January, I was making the same trip and had again planned to drive, however at noon on Wednesday, January 13th. I received a call from a chap in Detroit who told me that the roads and the weather was so bad that it would be absolutely impossible for me to make the trip. Because of this I took the plane to Chicago. As is often the case, it took about twice as long to get from Chicago O'Hare Airport into the city as it took to get from Toronto to Chicago by plane. As it turned out my day was from 8.30 to 12.30 at the office and 12.30 to 6 o'clock getting to the Palmer House in Chicago and then working to 11 o'clock on stamps.

The next day it was valuating stamps again. This was a dealer's stock of stamps of the world, all used, all in beautiful neat bundles. There were over 1 million stamps, many with high catalogue value. All of these stamps were commemoratives and pictorials and I would like to tell you how they had come to be accumulated.

This chap worked for one of the big railway companys, and his job was to be on hand when the trains came in, and also to check the equipment. This left him with long hours with nothing to do, just sitting in his little house keeping warm. After years of reading books and listening to the radio, he decided he needed something more to keep himself occupied. He started buying stamps on paper, soaking, sorting, counting and doing them up in beautiful neat bundles. Over the years he accumulated a terrific stock and at last he decided to sell it out.

I can't imagine how many man hours of work were involved in doing this, but it must have been thousands. In any case it kept him occupied and he enjoyed working on stamps. Upon selling the stamps he got a sizeable cheque.

I was up on Friday morning at 6 a.m. to catch the limousine to the Airport. Again I flew via Minneapolis and Grand Forks to Winnipeg. Arriving at Minneapolis the temperature was 15 below zero. At Grand Forks 20 below and at Winnipeg 32 below zero and very windy. The people that tell you the cold in the west is not the same as here in Central Ontario must be kidding. It was so cold that to walk a city block was all that one could do. I stayed at the new Winnipeg Inn and must say that it was first rate. Anyone going to Winnipeg, I could strongly recommend that this is the place to stay. After completing my business successfully in Winnipeg and by juggling plane reservations was able to get back to Toronto by 6 p.m.

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EDITORIAL

"Look cautious round; your genius nicely know, And mark how far its utmost stretch will go"

George Bickham

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I was amused to see that G. D. S. writing in the Grand News, the bulletin of the Grand River Valley Philatelic Association, considers membership in our society is really something. Writing about lack of information he says

> "The catalogue, be it Scott's, Gibbons' or whatever, doesn't tell the whole story and, more important, the missing information is not always available in print.
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> Most certainly not in the publications of the RPSC, BNAPS, etc. whose caviar accustomed members, while possibly able to enlighten their less fortunate brother collectors, do not stoop to write about or repeat those things of interest to the advancing collector. Furthermore, their society's policy wouldn't permit it because some years ago a similar article appeared in an obscure publication with a very limited distribution."

"Caviar accustomed" at a membership of $6.00 per annum seems to be a little extreme! G. D. S. then goes on to attempt to encourage his readership to provide suitable articles and to state that the bulletin will reprint information from other sources. His editor interjects that they are still subject to copyright law at this point.

G. D. S. I am afraid, has fallen into the error of considering that the editors of society publications are fulltime salaried servants of the membership having both time and energy available to hunt for suitable material and even write it if necessary.

There are only two good quality general Canadian journals that attempt to provide more than "new issue" information. "B.N.A. Topics" is one and this journal is the other. Both are edited by volunteer editors who do the job for love in their "spare" time. In both cases the production of the magazine is so time consuming that, apart from an editorial, there is little time to prepare other features and we are both dependent upon the good work produced by a number of dedicated philatelists.

It is perhaps unfortunate that there is little challenge in writing articles in basic subjects that one is not particularly interested in especially when one knows that they have been dealt with quite adequately a number of times in the past and not always in obscure publications. It has been my experience that obscure publications usually deal with obscure subjects and not the type of basic information which G. D. S. says his members need.

All editors prefer to print original articles whenever possible. The reprinting of articles from other journals is subject to copyright law and permission has to be obtained. If the journal is out of print it may be almost impossible to locate the true owner of the copyright. However in spite of these drawbacks I am quite willing to make the attempt if someone will give me the name of the article, the name of the publication and the issue in which it appears.

All of the foregoing applies to magazines and journals. When we enter the field of handbooks and specialized catalogues we are in a much more difficult area. Permission to reprint in these cases is seldom given for the good and obvious reason that to do so would reduce the value of the book as a work of reference. In addition, of course, if the book is in print the author wishes to sell as many copies as possible in order to reduce expenses.

It has never been the policy of this magazine to refuse original articles just because something has appeared on the subject elsewhere. It has never been the policy of this magazine to refuse to reprint articles where they are suggested and permission can be obtained.

In this issue you will find two articles

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by newer members who have had the dedication to write things of interest to the "advancing" collector. We hope that the article "Varieties on Recent Canadian Issues" will be a continuing feature and will prove useful to all of our members who collect modern Canada.

Can **you** write for our magazine on **your** interest?

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Pollett River

An interesting sideline for someone to follow.

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We were sorry to hear of the deaths of two stalwart philatelists over the holiday season. Bert L. Baulch of Cooksville who served as President of this society in 1948 and 1951 and Lt. Col. R. H. Webb who has written many articles on Canadian Military Mail for this magazine. They will be missed.

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Executive Secretary"

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In 1970 a special set of 24 envelopes was prepared with the Canadian 12 Christmas stamps and mailed on 7 October 1970 the first day of issue & the 50th anniversary of the first Trans Canada flight, to the Christmas Island, Christmas Florida, the Vatican, & Vancouver, BC. All are back-stamped and different envelopes have regular E tagged stamps, plate blocks, & special Senate & House of Commons cancellations. All are air mail flown. In 1970 the British Columbia Provincial Government will sponsor a special London, England to Victoria, BC Air Race starting on 1 July 1971. Two different routes will be used for the hop across the Atlantic - London; Prestwick, Scotland; Reykjavik, Iceland; Narssarssuag, Greenland to Goose Bay; then on to Quebec City, Quebec; Ottawa, Ontario; Winnipeg, Manitoba; Regina, Saskatchewan; Calgary, Alberta; and final destination Victoria, BC. A set of 12 special envelopes will be prepared for this important Canadian aviation event. Anyone wishing to obtain data re any of these commemorative sets is invited to write to Major R. K. Malott, 16 Harwick Crescent, Ottawa 6, Ontario, Canada.

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21	½c. Black	4.00	40a	10c. Magenta	5.75
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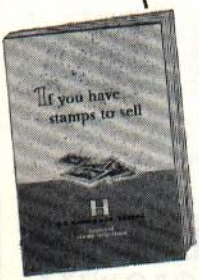
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The Exhibition was held in a modern, well-lighted building and the social program was particularly well planned and executed. A special issue of stamps was made by the Venezuelan Government in honour of the Exhibition and as usual there were long lines of purchasers for these stamps.

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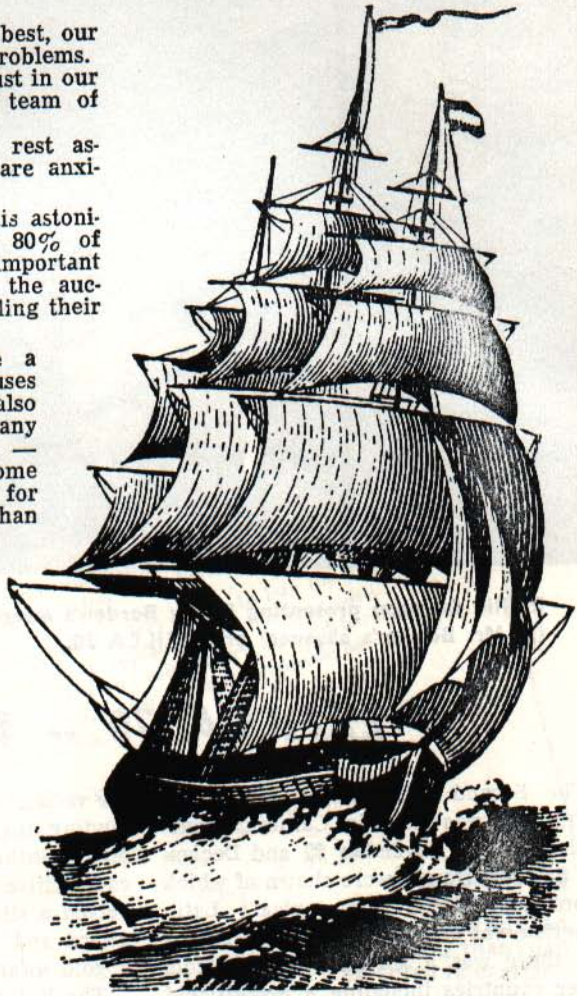
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The Exhibition was held under the auspices of the FIAF (InterAmerican Federation of Philately) of which the RPSC is a member. In 1966 in Washington a proposal was made that countries in the Americas should form an interamerican group to foster philately and in 1968 at Mexico the initial agreement for this purpose was executed. The first Exhibition was held in Bogota, Columbia in 1969 — the head office of FIAF is also in Bogota.

The Exhibition next year under the auspices of FIAF will be held in Lima, Peru and it is hoped that a number of Canadian exhibitors will display material. A Commissioner will be appointed shortly and will be announced in CP.

At Lima a final logo for FIAF will be approved. The present interim logo displays a map of the American Hemisphere with the letters FIAF in each corner and a star at Bogota representing the headquarters.

A competition will be held among the members of the RPSC for the best design which will be presented for consideration at Lima next year. All entries for this must be in colour on standard letter size, 8" x 11½", or, if you prefer, the back of a standard size album page can be used. A prize of $50 will be given to the entry chosen as the official Canadian entry for the FIAF logo but all entries to be eligible for the prize must be received prior to August 1, 1971 by H. Sutherland, 14th Floor, 320 Bay Street, Toronto 1, Canada. It is hoped that a substantial number of entries will be received.

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Speakers List

On a following page will be found the names of those philatelists who are interested enough in their hobby to be willing to make their knowledge available to chapters needing speakers for their programmes.

In most cases there is no charge but it is courteous to offer refreshments or a meal to someone who has taken the time and trouble to drive a long distance (remember that there is also a return journey late at night).

Chapter programme arrangers who are interested in any of the offered presentations should contact the speaker directly at least two months in advance of date required. Although the list gives each speakers criteria some speakers will travel further or make other arrangements if the meeting warrants.

If the speaker is to form part of the Convention programme and the speaker already plans to attend most will relax considerably their travel limits.

Collectors who would like to be included in this important listing and who are willing to make a contribution to their hobby should write to the Editor or mail in the completed Speakers List questionnaire which was included in the July/August 1970 issue.

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	2.	New Brunswick	"	"				
	3.	Nova Scotia	"	"				
	4.	British Columbia	"	"				
	5.	Newfoundland Airmails	"	"				
	6.	The Connell Story	20-30	"				
Dr. R. A. Chaplin, 65 Pepler Ave., Toronto 6, Ontario.	1.	Registered Letter Stamps of Canada	45 Min	D	No	120 Miles	Yes	
	2.	Barred Circle Cancellations of Canada & Newfoundland	30-45	C				
	3.	Large Queens	30-45	C				
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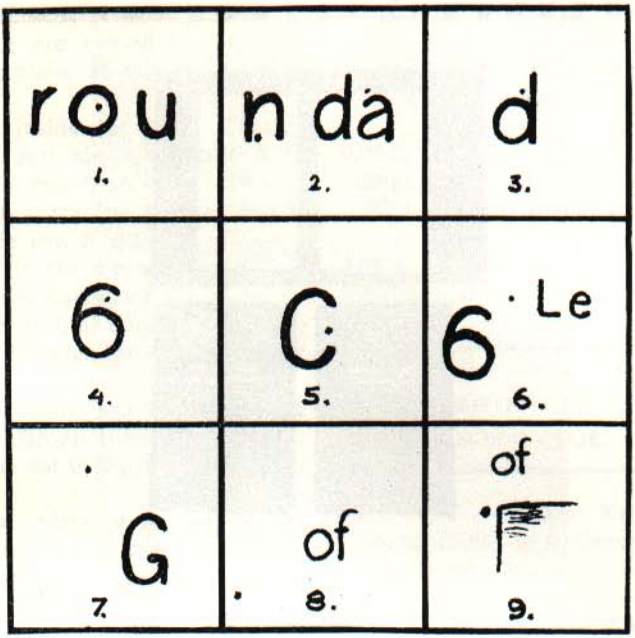
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VARIETIES ON RECENT CANADIAN ISSUES

By KEN PUGH (RPSC - 9503)

Collecting "flyspecks" and other various errors can be an enjoyable sideline to supplement any collection. All that is required is a supply of stamps of any one issue, perhaps a mint sheet, a 10x - 20x magnifying glass and some patience.

Flyspecks as they are sometimes called, is a term used to describe minute printing flaws, created at various stages of the printing run of an issue.

When the master die becomes damaged, the resulting flaw occures on every stamp on the plate, thus no real variety is created. It is when the master die is repaired, before it can stamp all the impressions onto the plate, that a truly constant variety is created.

Many dents and scratches on the printing plate occur as the issue is being printed. Many of these are erased, or are worn out after a short period of time. Others continue to remain on the plate until the run is finished. These "semi-constant" varieties are easy to collect as well, for they are found on the same position of every succeeding sheet, until they are removed. For example a flaw at row 2, no. 7 would indicate that it would be found in the second row from the top, on the seventh stamp from the left of the sheet.

Varieties of this nature are best mounted in pairs, to indicate authenticity.

The following is an example of the various constant, and semi-constant varieties found in the Group of Seven Issue of September 18, 1970. The issue was printed by Aston-Potter Ltd. of Toronto by five colour lithography — red, yellow, blue, black, and green.

1. —black dot in the o of Group. This is caused by damage to the master die, which is found on all the stamps on row 1. The die was repaired or



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2. —red dot inside the N of Canada, blue dot just above the last A of Canada — row 2 no. 2
3. —blue dot above the oval of the D of Canada row 3 #2.
4. —blue dot in the 6 row 5 #1 caused by particles damaging the plate.
5. —green dot in C of Canada row 5 #3.
6. —blue dot between the 6 and Le - row 5 # 5.
7. —blue dot above and to the left of the G of Group row 7 # 1.
8. —large blue dot to the left of "of" row 7 # 3.
9. —green dot outside upper left corner of painting row 9 # 1.

If you have discovered any similar varieties in this or other issues, please send a description of them to me, as they would be most appreciated. Write to 644 13th St. Brandon, Manitoba.

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Coming Events

MARCH 20 - 21 — Annual Exhibition & Bourse Kawartha Philatelic Society, Holiday Inn, George Street, Peterborough.

MARCH 27 - 28 — Annual Exhibition & Bourse of the North Toronto Stamp Club will be held at the North Toronto Memorial Gardens, 180 Eglinton Ave. W., Toronto.

APRIL 3—Annual Exhibition of London Philatelic Society. St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral, Richmond St., London.

APRIL 3 & 4—Annual Exhibition of the Niagara Philatelic Society. Skylon Tower, Niagara Falls.

APRIL 16 - 17 — "St. Catherines Stamp Club will hold its "Annual Two Day Show" at the Fairview Mall, Geneva St., St. Catharines.

APRIL 16 to 18 — Annual Exhibition, Edmonton Stamp Club. Students Union Bldg., University of Alberta.

APRIL 17. Barrie Stamp Club Annual Exhibition, St. Georges Hall, Barrie.

MAY 6 - 8 — ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE RPSC. SEIGNORY CLUB, QUEBEC

MAY 8 - 9 — Annual Exhibition R. A. Stamp Club. R. A. Centre, 2451 Riverside Drive, Ottawa.

AUGUST 26 - 29 — B.N.A.P.S. Convention Hotel Nova Scotia, Halifax.

HARMONEX 71 — First German Philatelic Convention and Exhibition (October 15 - 17). Sponsored by the Harmonie Stamp Club (Chapter 94, RPSC). Information: HARMONEX 71, 410 Sherbourne St., Toronto, Ontario.

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The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada

CONVENTION INFORMATION

Types of Convention

Not all conventions are identical in format or size but most of them have certain things in common. As a guide to chapters who are considering sponsorship the Society will consider three different formats.

1. THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE SOCIETY HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH A NATIONAL EXHIBITION.

This, of course, is the most desirable type of convention. However, it also demands the greatest amount of work and can not be handled by all organizations within the Society. Any chapter or group of chapters undertaking such a project would be required to understand all aspects of this type of meeting.

A. FORMAT. The following **must** be part of the convention:—

A competitive exhibition adhering to national standards.
A bourse that complements this type of exhibition.
A lecture program with well known speakers .
Provision for the Annual Meeting of the Society.
Provision for the President's Reception and Banquet.
A Brochure or Programme Book.

B. OPTIONAL FUNCTIONS. Although these functions are not compulsory (as were the previous ones), they certainly add to the enjoyment of those attending. They are:—

Sightseeing and shopping tours.
Provisions for theatres, golf, racing, etc.
A special ladies program such as a fashion show.
Additional meals such as breakfast, brunch, dinners.

C. FINANCIAL SUPPORT. R.P.S.C. — It is important that all financial aspects and responsibilities be clearly understood by those involved so that there will be the minimum of friction following the convention. The Society will:—

I. Extend a **grant** of $500.00 (Five Hundred) dollars to the host club(s).
II. Allow free of charge three full page advertisements in the Canadian Philatelist in the issues immediately preceding the convention.
III. Allow the host club(s) to use the mailing facilities of the Canadian Philatelist to include such items as exhibition entries, reservation forms, etc.

HOST CLUB — All other costs are the responsibility of the sponsoring club. It is usually possible to cover most costs by registration, banquet and frame fees.

D. PLANNING Since a project of this type cannot be planned overnight, the host club(s) should be prepared to submit the bid at the annual meeting of the Society at least two years (preferably longer) prior to the desired date. Following acceptance of the bid the host would be required to present to the R.P.S.C. Convention Representative the following information.

I. An outline of the space available including hotel accommodation for out of town members, and an interim programme listing proposed functions.
II. Proposed budget setting out expected costs and income from Bourse, frame fees, commemorative covers, registration and function charges, etc.

III. Exhibition rules and regulations.
IV. Suggested panel of judges.
V. Make up of printed programme, including philatelic advertisers, requires pre-convention approval.
VI. A financial accounting to be submitted as soon after the convention as possible but not later than six months.

The information contained in I, II and III should be available at least one year prior to the convention and item IV should be available six months prior to the convention.

2. THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE SOCIETY HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH A LOCAL EXHIBITION.

A. FORMAT In addition to the normal **local** or area exhibition and bourse of the local or area society provision **must** be made for:—
Accommodation for those attending the Convention of the Society.
Provision for the President's Reception and Banquet.
Provision for the President's Reception and Banquet.
Arrangements for optional functions such as Lectures or seminars, tours, luncheons etc., although not compulsory would make the programme more attractive.

B. FINANCIAL SUPPORT R.P.S.C. — The Society will offer a grant of $100.00 (One Hundred)to the host chapter plus advertising facilities of the Canadian Philatelist. The host club. in return, would be required to clear all aspects of the convention with the Convention Representative. The Host Club would also be required to present a financial accounting of the convention part only. The R.P.S.C. would assume the cost of the President's Reception.

C. PLANNING The host chapter would be required to put its bid in at a general meeting at least one year prior to the anticipated date.

NOTE:— Although this type of convention could not be classed as a National Exhibition nor could any of the awards be considered as anything other than of local calibre, the holding of such a function would be useful to smaller chapters as an opportunity to participate in the functions of the national society. It would also enable them to put on a more elaborate programme with out-of-town speakers and judges from attending members of the R.P.S.C.

3. THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE SOCIETY HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH A NON-COMPETITIVE EXHIBITION OR NONE AT ALL.

This type of convention will normally be organized by the officers of the R.P.S.C. as necessary in the absence of a commitment by a chapter to act as host.

THE CONVENTION REPRESENTATIVE

The convention Representative acts as liaison between the prospective host chapter and the R.P.S.C. It is his function to assist chapters in selection of convention format and to act as a guide to the requirements of convention sponsorship by the R.P.S.C.

As a protection to the chapters. and to philately in Canada. any convention which is sponsored by the R.P.S.C. must achieve the minimum standards outlined above and have the endorsement of the Officers of the R.P.S.C.

More specific details will be supplied to interested chapters who should contact:

The Convention Representative
The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada
15 Westgate Crescent
Downsview, Ontario.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TAKE NOTICE that the annual general meeting of the members of THE ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CANADA will be held on the 8th day of May, 1971, at the hour of 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon (local time) at the Seigniory Club, Montebello, Quebec for the following purposes:

1. *To receive and consider the financial statements of the Society for the year ended December* 31, 1970 *and the reports of the directors and the auditor thereon;*
2. *To elect directors and appoint an auditor;*
3. *To transact such further or other business as may properly come before the meeting and any adjournment or adjournments thereof.*

DATED at Ottawa, Ontario this 1st day of March, 1971.
By order of the Board.

(Signed) W. F. ANDERSON,
Secretary.

NOTE:

1. All nominations for directors, duly signed by the nominee and seconded must be in the hands of the Secretary by April 8th, 1971.
2. If you are not able to be at the meeting would you please send Mr. Harry Sutherland, 155 Forest Hill Road, Toronto 7, Ontario the attached form of proxy.

TO BE DETACHED HERE

The undersigned member of THE ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CANADA hereby appoints Harry Sutherland of Toronto, Ontario, or him failing, Kenneth R o w e of Toronto, or him failing, James E. Kraemer of Ottawa, as the proxy of the undersigned to vote for and on behalf of the undersigned at the annual general meeting of the members of the Society to be held on the 8th day of May 1971, and at any adjournment or adjournments thereof, upon any and all matters that may properly come before the said meeting or any adjournment or adjournments thereof, the undersigned hereby ratifying and confirming all that the said proxy may do by virtue hereof.

DATED this day of 1971.

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Signature of Member



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WHAT'S NEW IN OLD CANADA

by FRED STULBERG

TORONTO BRANCH OFFICES, 1881-1900. OVALS & ROLLERS

This is the second of a series of articles based on a paper presented to the Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada on September 19, 1969 and received the Herbert Dube Lectureship Award. Ed.)

Having outlined the names and dates of establishment of the Toronto Branch Offices we now go on to the postal instruments used by them. Since the subject is vast and complex it will be divided into (a) Ovals and Rollers, (b) Circular Daters and Squared Circles and (c) Duplexes.

There is a valid reason for treating the Ovals and Rollers to-gether. Neither of these showed the date and were used on circulars, parcels, newspapers and, in other words, on mail that postal regulations did not require dating. Therefore, accurate dates, and often identification, can only be obtained from isolated examples of usage on cover. Assessing the printings of the stamps that bear these mark give further clues but, even at that, much information pertaining to ovals is educated conjecture. The ovals are considered forerunners of the rollers. There are three types known for the Toronto Branch Offices.

TYPE 1 These are small double ovals with outside measurements of 28x21mm. and the words TORONTO (top) and ONT (bottom) between the two ovals. The letters C, D, Q, S, W, possibly B, and the numbers 4 and 5 are found in the centre. First clear evidence of usage was in 1887 and, coincidentally, the letters generally match up with the six Branch Post Offices of that year.

INDICIA	POST OFFICE	REMARKS
1	Main Toronto Post Office	Several types and sizes
2	Parkdale	Needs confirmation
3	Spadina Avenue	Confirmed by cover
4	Yorkville	Needs confirmation
5	Riverside	Needs confirmation
6	Brockton	The only former suburban office of 1889 that was not assigned a number
B	Not identified	
C	Not identified	
BLANK	Not identified	Possibly a removed indicia.
?	Not identified	A mutilated indicia.

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The Bathurst Street B is in doubt because the few known strikes that do look like this letter are elongated and distorted. The Bleeker Street W is the most common because it was used as a principal stamp cancelling device until 1894. The "W" ties in with the Bleeker Street Post Office because it was situated at the corner of Wellesley and Bleeker Streets and a "B" would have been confused with Bathurst Street thus adding credence to the theory that a "B" actually does exist.

TYPE 2 These also were double ovals with outside dimensions of 34x26mm. The words TORONTO and ONT are in the same position as the previous type with three parallel lines at each end. The centre oval is known with numbers 1 to 6, letters B and C, blank and a mutilated unclear mark. It is possible to make a Branch Office association with the numbers because in 1889, the approximate first year of usage of these ovals, four suburban offices became part of the Toronto system and three of them (plus one Branch Office already in existence) received duplex hammers numbered 2 to 5. The number 6 could be from the remaining suburban office that did not receive a numbered duplex but did receive a dater similar to the one in the duplex.

INDICIA	POST OFFICE	REMARKS
B	Bathurst Street	Needs confirmation
C	Carleton Street	Confirmed on cover.
D	Dundas Street	
Q	Queen Street East	
S	Spandina Avenue	Confirmed on cover.
W	Bleeker Street	Confirmed on cover.
4	Not identified	Possibly the Main Post Office
5	Not identified	Possibly the Main Post Office

Different thicknesses of indicia markings are known but these can be attributed to pressure and wear on a rubber device.

TYPE 3 This oval is 35x24 mm. and has distinctive spurs at each "corner" of the outside oval. There is no doubt to which post office they belong since this is designed at the top part of the avol and the word TORONTO on the lower part. As yet, only two are known — Bleecker St. and Gerrard St. Since Gerrard Street Branch existed only between 1892 and 1894, these ovals must have been issued in that period.

The treatment of the roller devices is much simpler than the ovals. They were first used in 1895 and all were of the 8 bar type with the post office designation breaking a complete section of the bars. All Toronto Branch Office rollers before the turn of the century were number 1. All Branch Offices function-

ing in Toronto from 1895 to 1899 received rollers. These were Bathurst Street, Bleecker Street, Bloor Street, Brockton, Broadview Avenue, Carlton Street, Clinton Street, Dundas Street, Elm Street, Lee Avenue, North Toronto, Parkdale, Parliament Street, Pape Avenue, Peter Street, Queen Street East, Riverside, Rusholme Road, St. Joseph Street, Spadina Avenue, Strachan Avenue, Toronto Junction, York Street and Yorkville. Queen Street Centre, established in 1900, received a roller but this was probably into the 20th century.

(Daters and Square Circles next)

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Everybody's idea of fun is different, but I know an awful lot of people who love to strip a stamp collection, pulling out the items they can use to fill spaces or upgrade what they have. They find it a pleasant way of passing time and an economical way to build large and comprehensive collections. I think a lot more collectors would use the method if they had an idea of how to go about it. It is really a fairly simple procedure.

First of all, you have to know your own collection. Where is it wrong and where could it use help? Be realistic, you aren't going to find major rarities in moderate-priced collections, so if you are 90% complete in an area the only way to make additions is to buy individual items as they become available. Realize that it is almost unheard of for a collection to consist of exclusively fine or better stamps. If you are excessively fussy about the condition you are limiting the number of items you will find in even the best lot. Finally, good collections can be had at reasonable prices, but nobody is giving them away. You can buy nice lots at 20-35% of catalog, depending on popularity, condition, completeness; you can buy lots with defective and questionable items somewhat cheaper; but the competition for nice stamps is too sharp to get a "steal" on anything worthwhile.

The big problem to the average collector who buys lots is what to do with the duplicates. The obvious and simple answer is: sell them. Now, if you have removed every significant sound stamp nobody is going to be interested enough in your remainders to pay very much for them, but then you've gotten your money's worth out of the lot already. But if you have taken only a fair percentage of the value (and maybe you can pack the lot with some other odds and ends of duplicates) there will be other collectors willing and eager to pay you for it.

With the use of a little common sense you can buy a collection, have the fun of working it through, add nice stamps to your own pride and joy ,and still get a good chunk of your money back when you sell the balance.

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By H. KAHLMEIER

It is highly unlikely that you will find a rare and valuable stamp from ordinary bank or business mixtures, but, as I will try to point out, one can sure get lots of fun and information. The Canadian stamps that I looked over were from bundles of around 500 to 600. These bundles can be bought from any department store displayed on their small hobby stand. The ten bundles that I bought were from three different stores ranging from 88c. to $1.00 each and contained only Canadian issues.

On the average, there were 5% of the current 6c. commemoratives, 25% of the 1954 definitives, 20% were Xmas issues of 1968-9, with the rest comprising the 1967 Centennial definitives, from the 6,000 stamps. I also found a few older George VI stamps.

The main reason for buying these bundles was to check for any paper and perforation varieties of the 1967 definitives to form a specialized collection of this set. I found needed varieties and also information which I think is of interest to all collectors of Canada.

The stamps in the bundles had postmarks from all parts of Canada, dating from 1930 to 1970, and it would be safe to assume that the stamps I found in my bundles represent what any other person may find from theirs. The following is what I found in my mixture.

First, I will deal with the 1c. 1967 definitive. There are two different perforations on this stamp issue, the perf. 12 which comes from sheets and the perf. 10 which is scarcer and comes from two different booklets. The stamps from the booklets are hard to find, especially in undamaged condition. I found only 21 nicely used copies. The perf. 10 stamp comes with either one or two straight edges and thus it may seem to be an 'eye sore' to some. But since this is a major variety, a good Canada collection should include it. The stamps with the straight edge on the right come from the 1968 4x6c. + 1x1c. booklet and I found 19 of these. The other 1c. stamp with the straight edge no the left come from the 5x4c. + 5x1c. se-tenant booklets, and only two were found. I advise anyone to keep these perforated 10 used single copies as they seem quite scarce in good used condition. In the tagged issue field, I found only one piece with the new phosphor vertical centre line on the 1c. issue.

On the denominations of 2c. and 3c., I cannot report any findings other than paper varieties which I won't even try to explain as I need further study. The 4c. denomination, however, has some interesting findings. These stamps come in two distinct perforations of gauge 10 and 12. The perf. 12 comes from sheets and the next 10 come from booklets. These booklets were printed by the British American Bank Note Company Ltd. in 1968 with the original issues printed by a different company and thus the stamps have distinct differences in printing and size. Nine 4c. perf. 10 were found of which 7 were damaged. This is probably due to the larger perfs. This stamp also seems to be quite scarce in good used condition. The 4c. comes from three different booklets with one issue coming in the form of pairs se-tenant with the 1c. This pair is not easy to find in used condition ,as there were none in my bundles. Also found on the 4c. issue were 6 tagged copies, varying from the recent vertical centre line to the first issues with the left or right side tagged.

The 5c. stamp issue also has both perforations of 10 and 12, the first being from the 1968 $1.00 booklet, and scarcer than the other from the sheets I found

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from a lot of 500 5c. copies only 22 perf. 10 stamps with seven damaged due to the rather coarse perforation. These stamps come with one or two straight edges due to their position in the booklet. These stamps should be in any good Canada collection. Also found were 11 tagged stamps, some of them having the usual Winnipeg cancellation. Along with the 1967 tagged issues, I also found the 1962 5c. tagged (#341p Lyman's at $1.00 1971 edition). A find like this may encourage one to look at every single stamp that one gets before deciding to throw it away.

Among the 1968 6c. orange issue, 13 were found tagged on both 10 and 12 perforation, with some Toronto cancellations. These tagged stamps from Toronto were part of the surplus issues of Winnipeg that the post office distributed to the major cities of Canada for fast usage. The tagged issues are important along with precancels, since these are distinct from the ordinary issues. They are perhaps ignored by most collectors but there is a demand for them. If a Canada collector thinks he can no longer expand his collection due to either the high cost of the older isues or completeness as far as the regular issues are concerned, he should look into the area of tagged and precancelled issues. With the ever increasing demand for good Canada stamps, I feel these two phases of philately will be in demand as soon as collectors begin to realize the existence of these neglected issues. Of the 6,000 stamps looked over, 3 were precancelled and only 25 were tagged. Among the scarcer precancels, I found one 5c. coil single of 1967.

Canada Post Office has also issued the 6c. definitive in black with two kinds of perforations. The perf. 10 can only be obtained in the form of booklets of 25x6c. and is quite difficult to find in a good used condition. These issues, with perforations all around, are listed in 1971 Lyman's at 13c. in both mint and used condition while the regular perforated 12 issue is listed at only 3c. used. A

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I was very interested in 1967 definitive stamps in the one, two and four cent denominations with perforated CPR initials and with a few other perforated initials not identified. The 1963 three cent definitive came in the fugitive color ranging from rose to reddish violet. The most eye-catching item found was a used copy of the Canada Xmas issue of 1969 six-center. This issue has a number of varieties ranging from little white dots in the design to lacking the outer frame. The copy concerned has a half millimeter thick line of yellow color horizontally and paralled to the bottom line of the frame. This variety was caused due to shifting of color when the sheets were being printed by four color lithography by the Canadian Bank Note Co. Ltd. Other copies have the colors shifted to the left or right with the yellow lines showing on the sides. Try to find one of these as they are a showpiece in any collection! Another variety found among the older issues this time was Scott No. 104b, the 1c. hairline issue, priced at $1.50 1971 Lyman's.

You see that small treasures are still available if one has the time and patience to look for them. The mixtures may not only contain lots of variety for the specialist collector, but also contain issues not generally available. It is lots of fun to look through bundles of stamps with the chance of finding a real beauty. Who knows, perhaps one of us will find the rare 1969 Xmas six cent stamp with the color omitted from a bundle of one of those "little bits of paper"!



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By HANS REICHE (RPSC 6397)

The rather unusual appearance of the privately ordered and distributed 25 cents booklet in Toronto raises some interesting questions. The booklet containing a block of four 2 cents and a block of four 3 cents stamps separated by a very wide gutter was printed by the Canadian Bank Note Co. for the exclusive distribution of the Opal Manufacturing Co. Ltd., the manufacturers of vending machines. The Post Office has nothing at all to do with this order and so the booklets will not be sold through the Philatelic Agency. A new philatelic item was created which, to no surprise to many of us, was practically cornered by one or two dealers ,thus requiring a further additional printing which differs slightly from the first one. The booklet allows for commercial advertizement in its back cover, but at the time we are preparing this, no such advertizement exists. Once this occurs, further phila telic types will exist. We spoke to one director for advertizing of a very large store who thought that this idea may be an excellent medium for publicity for his stores, by installing special vending machines using specially designed booklets. Why not? So look out for a flood of new philatelic items created commercially without post office involvement.

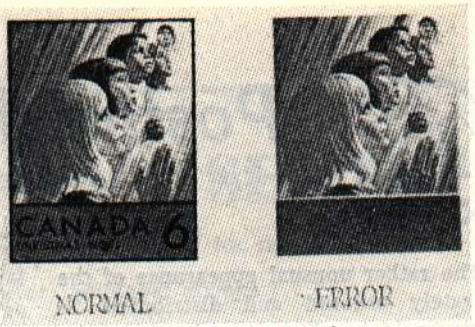
A change to the 6 cents coil rolls was made but we have not seen this one but believe it is in the starter strip. Consideration is now being given to the new design for the regular stamp which will have to be introduced when the new postal rates go into effect. Not all the set will be issued at the same time.

"Received in damaged condition" is a type of cancel which one sometimes find on an envelope when the item was damaged during the transit. Interesting is that certain letters from the Iron Curtain countries arrive here with this cancel. Usually the stamp is torn off from such letters. The US postal authorities will not accept letters which bear stamps issued for the only purpose of political propaganda and where sometimes the surtax on the stamp goes to such funds as the Vietnam Committee. East Germany for example brings out once a year a stamp with surtax for Help Vietnam. These stamps are taken off the letters and the cancel applied. These stamps are not listed in Scott or other such catalogues.

An observation which we made, may be yours too. Vending machines exist for stamps and other goods. About 30% of all such vending machines are empty, do not work properly or have otheritems than indicated stored. There appears to be a lack of an effective logistic support for these vending machines. By this we mean, either the usage rate is not properly analysed, the supply for restocking is not available, the preventive maintenance is not carried out and the reprovisioning is not taking the actual usage rate into account. If, as the post ofice feels, the vending machines reduce their overhead for selling stamps, these facts will have to be investigated otherwise vending machines will become very unpopular. One of the most efficient stamp vending machine operation which we have seen exists in Switzerland. Not only do these machines dispense booklet stamps, but coils, regular sheet stamps from low to high values and new souvenir sheets. Because of heavy tourist traffic and because post offices are usually overcrowded with long waiting lines, these machines play a major selling part of stamps sold. stationery machines exist as well for cards and envelopes. In Canada with

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The 1969 6c. Christmas Error



A pleasant way for a dealer to begin his 50th year of dealing in stamps is to offer this 6c., one of the most unusual errors to ever occur in the stamps of any nation. For one thing this must be the first time such a major error was discovered first by a Post Office. The story is well known now. Here was this woman buying her supply of Christmas stamps and getting amongst others 9 of the error. Her complaint that the stamps were "no good" at last drew attention of postal officials that something was the matter. Very quietly and very efficiently sales of the 6c. were stopped all over Canada and after careful checking of all stocks the Canadian Post Office announced that an error had occurred in the printing of the stamps and that the Post Office had recovered a pane of 100 in Victoria, B.C., another in Vancouver, B.C., plus 9 returned for exchange for a total of 209. The public had purchased 191.

It is over a year since the error appeared and it is very much apparent that most of these were used up by the public to mail Christmas cards. Ever since, offers have been few and far between and the situation now is such that one can safely say over 90% are in the hands of collectors.

I have 4 fine copies for sale at $2,250.00 each, which is reasonable for a stamp that is very definitely at least 4 times rarer than the famous Seaway Invert. By the way, Hansen's Canada book has already valued it at $10,000.00. It's worth it.

Unique

The magic word in philately is "unique". To own something that no one else can possess is the dream of any collector. One that achieved this goal a number of times was the late King Farouk of Egypt. I was one of the buyers at the sales of the Royal Egyptian collections held in Cairo 1954 and have several of these unique philatelic items which offer at $100.00 and $200.00 each. Am reasonably certain each is unique, enough to offer $1000.00 to anyone who can duplicate whatever is sold; if done so within 1 year after purchase.

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Before going to press, we were able to note the difference of the old and the new 6c. coil rolls. The original rolls have in the starter strip one portion marked with 6 Cents. The Post Office found to their dismay that people used these portions as actual stamps. To prevent this the Bank Note Co. crossed out the 6c. marking with a red line. A similar story exists in the USA when experimental test strips coming from the vending machines were used by people as postage stamps. These test stamps were redesigned to avoid confusion.

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Perhaps we were fortunate in finding our living from an occupation which held our affections from the beginning. Each week saw 168 hours of which we slept for forty-two, sat at table for approximately twelve, spent another twelve on sport, eight on rising and going to bed and we were then left with ninety-four hours. As we would rather work (which we liked) than do anything else (which we did not like so much) it was easy to fill an eighty-hour week and still have left two hours a day leisure. Perhaps it was inevitable that these 120 minutes were used for the anodyne of collecting or studying some philatelic problem.

Perhaps the real problem is the purpose of life. A great number of the population spend a great deal of time watching, often without observing. By this we mean such time-fillers as watching sporting events and television shows. If these are observed with enjoyment and a sense of participation then the only criticism can be found in "Is there nothing else that would have given you as much pleasure, and been more worthwhile to you?"

We have tried to consider subjects other than our hobby about which we hear other talk, either because the speaker is concerned or interested or a participator in the theme. Maybe our experience is not a true cross-section of current thought but the two subjects that pre-dominate chance conversation are money (how to invest it, how to get it) and health (that was or is the matter with me and how this affects my life). Sex is a bad third and even with most well-endowed physically, can hardly be relied on to fill more than a few moments of ones leisure hours.

Fortunately, in our profession we meet a lot of happy folk. They seem to love their work and their hobbies. They have a peace of mind that suggests that they love their families, their friends and their homes.

Many a fine philatelist is also a keen gardener thus having happy occupations for both fair weather and foul, light evenings and dark.

The ingenuity and inventions of the human race have done a great deal to lighten the domestic burdens of the housewife and the drudgery of the repetitious work in industry and commerce.

So we come back to leisure and how to use it to one's benefit. The arts and crafts (making something or creating something is always rewarding if only for the endeavour), sport and gardening, entertainments and entertaining. But if you only work thirty-five hours a week you have to occupy between fifty-five and sixty other hours. Read the lay-press and one gets the impression that nothing is discovered. Read the philatelic press and even the most learned will agree that a considerable proportion of what is written represents an attempt at discovery by the writer. Maybe it has been written about before, maybe it is truly new discovery, but stamp

lovers are by nature curious and each have thousands of Hows, Whens and Whys to keep them young and interested in life.

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Australia and New Zealand are moving very well and more books of these countries are needed. The British West Indies group of islands are selling well also, and stocks are excellent.

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Mentioned here many times has been the fact that the issues of Canada in both mint and used condition are the most popular of all material sold by this department; however it would be of great help to me if when writing for Canadian circuits that you try and be specific as to what you want to see. Canadian philately covers a very wide field and it is very disconcerting to find that what appears to me as a good circuit, being returned with little sale due in most cases to the lack of detailed information about a member's wants. The more you tell me the better I will be able to serve you.

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The Quebec Post Office -- Its Beginnings

By MAX ROSENTHAL

After the British conquest of Canada, when the Deputy Postmaster-General of British North America, Benjamin Franklin, learned that Canada was to remain a British possession, he came to Quebec City in 1763 to arrange for the establishment of a postal service between Quebec, Three Rivers and Montreal, and for a regular exchange of mail between those places and New York. At Quebec he met Hugh Finlay, a young Scotsman, who had come three years earlier. Franklin opened a post office in Quebec with Finlay as postmaster, and put under him new post offices at Three Rivers and Montreal.

The couriers' trips between Quebec and Montreal were made weekly each way, taking about 30 hours. The Governor directed postmasters to provide horses for the couriers at 6d. a league, half what the public paid, and issued orders to the ferrymen to pass the couriers over their waterways promptly and free, while a monthly service was established overland between Montreal and New York.

Hugh Finlay

As a result of the American Revolution, Finlay was appointed Deputy Postmaster-General, as the Quebec Almanac of 1797 put it, "for the Provinces of Quebec, Nova-Scotia, New-Brunswick and Dependencies". He continued as postmaster of Quebec City, as well.

The Quebec Almanac, up to its last edition in 1841, is the primary source of information on the post ofices and postal services for most of those formative years, illustrating the growth of both facilities. In its 1797 issue, under "Departure of the Mails", it informed its readers.

"At the beginning of each month there leaves a mail from Falmouth for Quebec, and it arrives sooner or later according to circumstances: Another leaves for England every month, in winter, going by way of Halifax or New York.

"A mail goes overland from Quebec to Halifax once every five days in summer, and once every month in winter.

"A mail leaves Quebec every five days for (Burlington) the United States."

"The courier leaves from Quebec and from Montreal every Monday and Thursday at 4 p.m., and arrives every Wednesday and Saturday, as the opportunities allow."

George Heriot

In 1799 Hugh Finlay was dismissed from his positions as a defaulter, and George Heriot, a clerk in the Board of Ordinance for many years, succeeded him both as Deputy Postmaster-General and postmaster of Quebec. The 1801 Quebec Almanac gave this data on the arrival and departure of the mails:

"At the beginning of each month there leaves a paquebot from Falmouth for the American seaboard, with a mail on board for Quebec — In the summer months, the paquebot stops at Halifax, on its way to New York, and there is delivered the mail for Canada. The letters are sent from Halifax by the Post for Quebec — In the months of November, December, January and February, the paquebots bypass Halifax, and deliver the mails for Canada to the British paquebot agent at New York, who sends them to Montreal across the United States by the shortest postal route.

"A mail for England leaves from Quebec every five days in summer, and once every month in winter, to be placed on board the first paquebot for Falmouth.

"A mail for Burlington, in the United States, is closed at Quebec every Thursday, and at Montreal every Saturday, by which one is able to send letters for Europe, addressed to some friend in New York, by paying the Canadian postage at the office where the letter is

placed. Mailing opportunities for England occur every week at New York.

"There has been opened a communication by post between this Province and Upper Canada, which shall run once every month, and will continue all winter."

Henry Cowan

In 1816 the postmaster of Montreal, Daniel Sutherland, was appointed Deputy Postmaster-General of Canada, but not postmaster of Quebec. That post was taken by Henry Cowan. The mail began to run every day except Sunday between Quebec and Montreal. From Quebec to Halifax the mails ran once a fortnight.

However, in 1817 the Quebec Almanac reported that "the Post goes between Quebec and Montreal every day except Sunday and Friday — Quebec and Upper Canada twice a week". In 1818 "the Post goes between Quebec and Halifax every second Wednesday — Between Quebec and the United States ,every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday — Between Quebec and Upper Canada every Tuesday and Saturday — Between Quebec and Drummondville, and the Eastern Townships, every Wednesday."

1821 saw the first mention in the Quebec Almanac of a service inaugurated two years earlier. "The mails from Quebec to the second Post Office on the Ottawa River are made up and forwarded every Saturday, at 4 p.m."

That year it was also first mentioned that "the mails from Quebec to the Forts Chambly and St. Johns, are made up and forwarded every Tuesday and Saturday, at 4 p.m. In the 1823 issue Isle aux Noix was added to this route.

"The mails from Quebec to the several Post Offices in Nova-Scotia and New-Brunswick, are made up and forwarded every second Wednesday, at 11 a.m."

The Post Office Location

Under the heading "Post Office" the Quebec Directory for 1822 stated: "This Office is situated in Buade-Street, at the head of the stairs in the large stone building, generally known as 'Free-Mason's Hall'."

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In 1824 the Quebec Almanac could announce: "Letters for the United States are now forwarded from the Post Office in Quebec on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays at 4 p.m. The letters from United States will be due on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 8 a.m.

Francois Bélanger

The 1791 Quebec Directory had listed a "Francois Bélangé, cartwright", the 1822 Directory "Frs. Bélanger, merchant". Bélanger became postmaster of Quebec in 1825.

In 1828 the Quebec Almanac stated: "The mails from Quebec to the several Post Offices in Upper-Canada, the Ottawa River, Fort Chambly, St. John, Isle aux Noix and Phillipsburg, are made up and forwarded every Tuesday and Saturday, at 4 p.m.

John Bignell

The postmaster of Three Rivers, John Bignell, was transferred to the same position at Quebec in 1828. That year the Quebec Almanac reported for the first time a new form of navigation:

"During the winter - mails for every part of the United States are made up at Montreal on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays — and during the season of Steam-Boat navigation ,every day—Sundays excepted.

"Letters for Europe intended to go by way of Quebec must be post paid to that place."

In 1830 service to the eastern most outposts of the province was mentioned for the first time. "Mails for the Baie Chaleur and Gaspé are sent only two or three times in the course of the winter, by special Express, there being no established line of Post upon that route.

"The mails from Quebec to the several Post Offices on the route to Montreal, are made up and forwarded every day, at 8 p.m. in summer, and 4 p.m. in winter, Sundays and Fridays excepted."

The Route To Maine

In 1833 the Quebec Almanac first listed a mail leaving for La Beauce, Saturdays at 10 a.m. On February 28, 1834 the Quebec Gazette carried this news item.

"Two young gentlemen from Quebec to the States by the Kennebec Road a few weeks back, and have written an account of their journey. The roads were excellent, and they found at Hilton, 60 miles from St. Mary's, a regular weekly stage running to Portland. It appears that this Stage is connected with the United States Post Office, which only two years ago had come to an under-

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"This route, which ought really to be opened, would give us papers from Boston in four days, and from Portland in three."

On November 3 the Gazette was able to announce: "A weekly mail by the Kennebec Road, is to be run from the 5th instant, and will be due at Quebec every Monday, at 8 o'clock, A.M." The 1836 Quebec Almanac listed this route as "La Beauce and Hilton's, State of Maine, by the Kennebec Road, Wednesdays at 9 a.m."

A change of schedule had been reported by the Gazette on December 22, 1834: "We hear that a number of persons have determined upon running a stage from Quebec to Hilton, on the American Lines every week: the first to start from this on Wednesday next, at 8 o'clock A.M. The mail is now transported to meet the United States mail; but a misunderstanding, the bags have hitherto been delayed at Hilton a week, arriving there the evening of Friday, the Canada courier having left that place for Quebec the same morning."

John Sewell

In the spring of 1834 it became necessary to find a new postmaster for Quebec. On June 17 the Quebec Gazette reported:

"Mr. Wm. Griffin, a Clerk in the Deputy Post-Master General's Office, is, we understand to act temporarily as Post-Master of Quebec, in the room of Mr. Bignell. The appointment is in the patronage of Mr. Stayner, the Deputy Post-Master General, now absent in London, and whose duties are performed by Thomas H. Thomson." A quarter of a century later, when Canada had control of its Post Office, Griffin was to become the highest civil servant in that Department, Deputy Postmaster-General.

On October 10 came the news that the Usher of the Black Rod in the Provincial Legislature, John Sewell, a veteran of the 1812-14 War, would be the new postmaster at Quebec.

Daily mail service out of Quebec first appears in the 1838 Quebec Almanac: "The mails from Quebec to the several Post Offices on the route to Montreal, to Upper Canada and the United States, are made up and forwarded every day at 6 p.m. in summer, and 4 p.m. in winter."

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"Mails for Gaspé and Baie Chaleur via Metis and the Restigouche every Wednesday, at half-past 11 P.M."

The Freemason's Hall

Hawkins' "Picturesque Quebec" in 1834 had said about the Freemason's Hall, "this building is immediately opposite to the General Post Office, situated in Buade Street, near the steps leading through Prescott Gate, to the Lower Town." This apparently indicates that John Bignell did not keep the post office in the Freemason's Hall. However, the 1851 Canada Directory gives the address of the Quebec post office as "Freemason's Hall, Buade St., Upper Town." Postmaster John Sewell must have moved it back there, as he was still postmaster then.

The Quebec Directory for 1848-49 advised that the post office was open in summer from 7 A.M. till 6 P.M., in winter from 7 A.M. till 4 P.M., also that it was open on Sundays 7 to 10 A.M., and 3 to 4 P.M. There were three clerks and three letter carriers. By 1851 there were four clerks. Thus had the Quebec post office progressed from its beginnings, which had also been the beginnings of the Canadian Post Office.

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THE PIGEON POST INTO PARIS 1870-71, by J. D. Hayhurst. Published at Ashford, England, 1970. Copies are obtainable from the author at 65 Fordbridge Road, Ashford, Middlesex, England, for $3 (Canadian) post paid.

This 45 page monograph contains complete information on the operations of the Pigeon Post into Paris during the Siege of Paris and can be recommended to all postal historians. There are a number of useful illustrations showing, inter alia, the type of material that was sent and a clear explanation is given as to the method of operation. Examples of the mail carried are extremely rare and the descriptions of the facsimiles are most useful for the collector. In addition to carrying official dispatches approximately 95,000 private messages on microfilm were carried by the Pigeon Post Service.

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The censor markings of Surinam 1940-45.
by Frank W. Julsen.
38 pages. $2.00 from Netherlands Philatelic Society, Julius Mansbach Secretary, 6323 N. Francisco, Chicago, Ill. 60645, U.S.A.

This interesting little work is a very detailed study of the censor markings of this colony, covering both handstamped types and resealing labels.
Although the subject is not everyones 'cup of tea' I would suggest that the chapter on Internment Camp Censor Markings alone is well worth the modest price of the booklet.

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Stanley Gibbons 'Elizabethan' Postage Stamp Catalogue 1971.
Published by Stanley Gibbons Ltd., 391 Strand, London,
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The Gibbons Elizabethan which covers the period from 1952 to date is a semi-specialised listing for the entire Commonwealth together with Ireland and South Africa. This is the 7th edition and a thorough revision has been carried out in the G. B. section and modern Jersey and Guernsey are now listed after G. B. with their regional issues to form a compact group.

British Decimal pricing is used throughout and over 500 new varieties have been added and nearly 1,400 new stamps are listed making a grand total of 12,025. To avoid a possible increase of a hundred pages over last year, the editors decided to abandon the practice of illustrating all face different stamps, and selectively eliminated from the catalogue many earlier illustrations not considered necessary. These omissions, although regretable, do little to impair the uefulness of a work of this nature.

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Stanley Gibbons Sectional Catalogue 1971 — No. 2 France

A high standard is expected of any catalogue from Gibbons and this is no exception. It is completely rest, but is easily read. There are changes, the greatest being the use of "decimal" pounds in the pricing. A conversion table is included, but even though Gibbons now have a minimum order charge of 5 new pence, it is misleading to show this as the lowest catalogue value. Many stamps are grossly overvalued.

All stamps are listed in chronological order, with Airmails, Stamps with Surtaxes etc. having their numbers preceded by a letter. However, Postage Dues are given the same treatment, but the numbering is not consecutive. This is most misleading.

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Stanley Gibbons British Commonwealth Stamp Catalogue 1971 Edition

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Here is the old part one with a new name but with the distinctive red cover.

With Decimal Day coming to Great Britain in February 1971 Gibbons have decided to go DECIMAL PRICING throughout and will therefore be in vogue when the new pricing is needed.

Market price trends are reflected but mainly in the form of consolidation rather than steep increases. In **Great Britain** however, there has been substantial price revision following the recent 'Maximus' auctions and the dispersal of fine G.B. material.

A new feature which will be welcomed is the inclusion of hundreds of prices for stamps overprinted 'SPECIMEN', mostly Edward 7th to George 6th issues. (the Victorians are to follow). There have been improvements and additions to the Great Britain listings. Other countries to receive the Editor's attention are Australia: Indian States; Straits Settlements: Morocco Agencies: New Zealand: Niue: Papua: Samoa and Sierra Leone.

Although the new issues are listed, the catalogue has not grown too unwieldy due to the pruning of illustrations. This has resulted in a saving of space and paper making it possible to produce the catalogue with only a modest increase in price.

This new volume is now available at your local dealer or direct from Gibbons. It is a must for the Commonwealth collector.

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Stanley Gibbons G. B. Specialised Catalogue, Vol. 3, Queen Elizabeth II, 1st Ed. Price 30/-

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The arrangement of the work is quite interesting. There are a number of sections, the first dealing with the regular issues bearing the Dorothy Wilding head, the second dealing with the regular issues bearing the Arnold Machin head ,the third dealing with special issues, the fourth dealing with original issues and the fifth with postage due stamps. In addition there are two appendice, the first dealing with perforators and the second dealing with booklets.

It can be thoroughly recommended for any collector of these issues.

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Lyman's British North America Retail Catalogue — 1971 Edition

This edition maintains the format of previous issues with its list and prices for the Stamps of Canada, the Officials, the Booklet Panes, the Plate Blocks and the Stamps of the Provinces (Newfoundland, British Columbia, etc.) There are changes, however, and most of these have to do with pricing.

Because of the rapidly changing market for B.N.A. material some prices were out of date even before this catalogue was finished but, by and large, most are realistic. Absent is the listing for stamps in premium condition since experience of the last few years has shown that superb and special items command prices that bear little relationship to catalogue listings.

The size of the catalogue has increased by four pages (to 56 including covers) mainly because of new issues and also the inclusion of an order form page (without return address) which, if used, will mutilate the catalogue. Gone is the listing of quantities issued started several years ago. Perhaps a separate order form insert with the extra page devoted to philatelic information would have been a wiser choice.

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