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WHAT'S THE TROUBLE WITH HARRY?

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Dear Friends:—

Keeping our stock organized is quite a big problem. Although we occupy the entire building, space shortage is still a big factor. During the summer months a new system was installed to take care of part of the stock, and this necessitated moving over 20 million stamps. It was a lot of hard work, but now it is completed we are now enjoying the benefits of faster and easier handling of the stamp stock.

There was a beautiful stock of British Colonies that came in from Mr. Rajamany of Hong Kong. Thousands of hours of labour must have been taken to sort and prepare these stamps. such nice condition and neatness is a joy to see.

The Montreal Trust Company of Winnipeg sent us the stamps from the Estate of the Late William Taylor. I appraised the lot and sent off a cheque. Mr. R. S. Richardson, the Senior Trust Officer writes, "Your offer is being accepted and the cheque is being deposited to the Estate account. We appreciate your prompt service."

The Taylor lot of stamps were all Canadians and included an excellent lot of Jubilees and other good issues of the same period — all fine used condition. My thanks go to Mr. Mason Merrihew who recommended Empire to the Montreal Trust Company.

Here is an interesting story about a Toronto man who decided to sell his world wide collection. Advanced years and failing eyesight prompted the decision. but nonetheless, rather than sell it off as one lot he chose to catalogue each album, marking the catalogue number and value under each stamp with a total at the bottom of each page and the book total on the front page. In more recent years he hasn't bothered with his stamps, but now he is really enjoying them and the work he is doing is occupying a good part of his free time. He comes to the store about every week, sometimes twice. with one of the albums which I value and buy. We always have a friendly discussion about the stamps, then he is on his way home to start on another album. I don't know how many more there are (at this point, I've bought about 12 albums) but the well seems to be very deep.

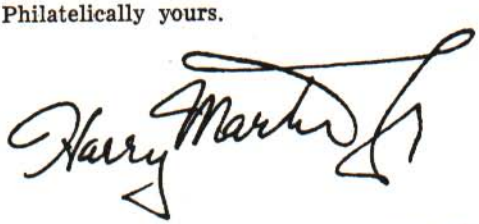
Many of the Toronto collectors will remember the Late Edgar Spurgeon, the ardent and dedicated collector of stamps on religion, and especially those relating to stories in the Bible. He would plague the local dealers for certain stamps — one from the middle of a set of Belgium, worth perhaps 50c., Afghanistan worth 5c.. and then again another $50.00 stamp. I would always be happy to serve him on the last item, but hated digging for hours to find the penny items. However, we did our best and over a period of several years he formed a very fine and beautiful collection, all neatly arranged and written up in handsome albums. He had many slides and prepared notes so was happy to go anywhere, anytime to give talks on "Stamps and the Bible."

The Executors of the Estate called me in for valuation and I was very surprised to see just how active a stamp collector Mr. Spurgeon had been. Hundreds of thousands of Canadian stamps, collections of all kinds. Our bid was the highest and when I picked up the lot, it filled the trunk, the back seat and three quarters of the front seat.

The recent Canadian coil strips imperforated between have created a lot of interest among collectors. We handled a number of the 6c. orange and just recently bought the 7c. green in a strip of 13.

What's the trouble with Harry? I'm still buying stamps! What have you got for sale?

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EDITORIAL

"I am not covetous for gold . . .
But if it be a sin to covet honour
I am the most offending soul alive"
Shakespeare. Henry V

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When you think about it for a little while, you realize that of all the collecting and hobby fields, philately is the only one that can stage truly international competitions. The main purpose of any international show is the exhibition. The bourse, the meetings and the social functions are only the icing on the cake. The exhibition is the raison d'etre for local, national and international shows and is the aspect that not only differentiates us from other hobbies, but also acts as a unifying feature at all levels.

One of the most important reasons for holding an annual convention is to provide the competitive framework of a nationwide exhibition. Just as in horse racing and motor racing, the competitive effort improves the breed.

There are. of course, many collectors who have no desire to exhibit at any level but for a significant percentage of us showing our material is an added attraction which provides almost as much fun as the act of acquisition itself.

One can no more exhibit internationaly without prior experience than one could enter an untried horse in the Queen's Plate. The function of local and national shows is to provide this experience and the organizers of international shows rely heavily on the awards of the national shows when evaluating exhibits for acceptance.

For the individual collector, the participation in competition with other non-local collectors allows him to refine his exhibit and improve the quality of the presentation.

Exhibiting is a learning process and those participating must be willing to learn for the experience to be of value. To complain that ones exhibit was not given a high enough award without trying to find the reason is futile. To exhibit the same display without modification in the hope that a different set of judges will give a higher award is also self defeating.

Canada's next international exhibition will be held in 1978 and now is not too soon to start getting ready. If you intend to exhibit at this important show, enter your material at the local and national shows over the next few years and let it win the awards which will qualify it for acceptance in 1978.

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I am always tempted whenever I pick up a copy of Ice Cap News, the journal of the American Society of Polar Philatelists, to take up the collection of Canadian Arctic material In almost every issue Editor Bernard V. Coyne, illustrates extremely attractive Canadian material from such distant places as Fort Providence and Resolute.

The latest issue also has an informative article on the illustrated postcards used by the Norwegian "Nordkap-Trondhjem" service.

Members interested can learn about the A.S.P.P. by writing to Mrs. A. McComas, 5836 Compass Drive. Los Angeles, California 90045.

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Back from an invigorating vacation on the Isle of Man I am now busy shipping out the new season's sales circuits to those of you who have requested them.

New material is starting to come in and by and large most requests for circuits can be fulfilled. We still need more Canada both early and middle periods, in mint and used condition. Supplies of early U.S.A. and Great Britain are also required, at this time.

Due to the fact that the Canadian dollar is floating and fluctuates daily, our members in the United States who make purchases from the sales circuits

are reminded to check the current value of the dollar so that the correct allowance can be made.

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8 September: Medium Value Definitives - five stamps

4 October: Canadian Indians - two stamps

1 November: Christmas Issue - four stamps

29 November: 100th Anniversary, Death of Cornelius Krieghoff

1973 PROGRAMME

Jeanne Mance (1606-1673), founder of the Hôtel-Dieu in Montreal and the first secular nurse in North America, will be the subject of a commemorative marking the 300th anniversary of the year in which she died.

François Xavier de Laval (1623-1708), first bishop of Quebec and founder of the Séminaire de Québec, will be commemorated with a stamp upon the 350th anniversary of the year of his birth.

J. E. H. MacDonald (1873-1932). famous Canadian painter and one of the original members of the Group of Seven, will be the subject of a commemorative marking the 100th anniversary of the year of his birth.

Prince Edward Island will be featured in its centennial year on a commemorative issue marking the 100th anniversary of its entry into Confederation as Canada's seventh province in 1873.

Nellie McClung (1873-1951), Canadian writer, temperence leader and Champion of women's rights in the 1920's, will be remembered with an issue commemorating the 100th anniversary of the year of her birth.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police, founded in 1873 as the North West Mounted Police, will be featured in an issue commemorating their 100th anniversary.

Joseph Howe (1804-1873), journalist. orator, politician and premier of Nova Scotia during Canada's pre-Confederation days, will be commemorated with a stamp upon the 100th anniversary of the year of his death.

Christmas stamps will be a continuation of the annual issue of special stamps for use on Christmas mail.

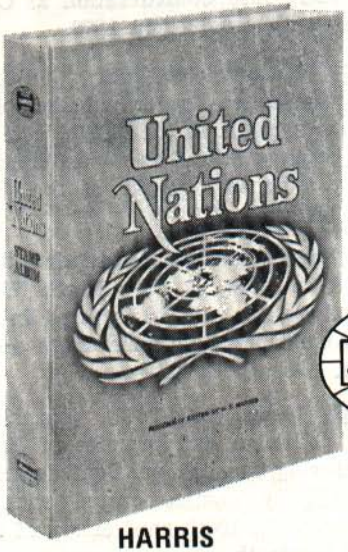
Canadian Indians, the new series begun in 1972 with the Plains Indians will continue with stamps featuring the culture of the Algonkian Indians.

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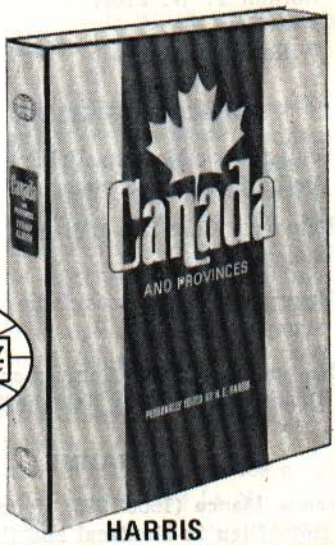
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The phrase "Western Hospitality" became reality at the 44th Annual Convention and Exhibition of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada held at Edmonton. Alberta from July 6th to July 8th with the members of the Edmonton Stamp Club as hosts. The convention opened in a spectacular manner, to say the least. A "Royal Mail" Klondike Stage Coach brought the official party into the coutryard of the inn (Chateau Lacombe) and just as they were ready to disembark, highwaymen swooped down on horseback to steal the mail and hold the passengers captive. suitable ransom was paid to affect the release of both people and mail and the thieves made their escape.

Harry Sutherland, President of the R.P.S.C. and Gerald Cobbe, Parliamentary Secretary to the Postmaster-General officially opened the convention which featured many interesting and informative facets of our hobby, liberally spiced with interludes of conviviality, and mellowed by the warmth of our hosts.

The exhibition itself contained 415 frames (8 pages each) of competitive exhibits representing most branches of collecting and. generally, of national standards. Included was a section of seven exhibits by junior collectors formed through the encouragement of Michael Madesker, Co-ordinator of Youth Activities. In addition, there was a court of honour featuring many of the classical stamps and covers of Canada; a picture display provided by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police showing the role that the members of the Force played in the transmission of mail in nineteenth century Canada and a truly magnificent showing from the National Postal Museum featuring the Map Stamp of 1897, the Jubilee Issue of 1898 and the Special Delivery Stamp of 1898. This was the first time that such a display has been sent from the newly formed museum and, if it was the peephole of what the museum is to be, Canadians will be justifiably proud of this effort.

There were six seminars and, understandably. the postal history of the West was dominant. James A. Pike of Van-

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couver, B.C. spoke on the "Colonial Post Offices of Vancouver Island and British Columbia"; R. Thurlow Fraser of Rossland, B.C. told of the "Ornaments on the Railway Post Office Cancels of British Columbia"; Ed Richardson of League City, Texas revealed the "Fun Building an Alberta Collection". Other seminar participants were James E. Kraemer of Ottawa who, as manager of the National Postal Museum, revealed some of the future plans; Fred Stulberg of Toronto, told the "Henry Hechler Story"; Mrs. M. Lane of St. Petersburg. Florida (official representative of the American Philatelic Society) spoke on "Stamp Thefts". This presentation proved to be so popular that it had to be repeated.

The bourse was made up of fifteen dealers from Canada and the United States. In addition, there was a United Nations Post Office and a Canadian Post Office which provided the usual philatelic service plus on the spot cancelling of covers with the day-by-day special CANPEX cancellations. Two new Canadian Stamps co-incided with the first day of the convention and special souvenir cachets were available from the Host Club.



Social functions (the scheduled ones) included the President's Reception early in the convention and the Awards Reception and Banquet as the final function. The ladies attended a coffee party at the Canadiana Galleries, a tour of the provincial museum and tea at the University of Alberta. The theme of the convention dealt with Klondike Days and was a prelude to week long municipal celebrations that were imminent. The feeling was heightened by the nineteenth century dress of members of the Edmonton Stamp Club and their spouses and solidified at the Klondike Supper Party and the Klondike Music Hall entertianment that followed.

Of course, all is not fun and play at a convention. The annual meeting was held at which the various reports were received and the governing body of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada was elected for the coming year. George Marler of Montreal a well known Philatelist and Author was chosen to join the distinguished Fellows of the Society.



The members of the British North America Philatelic Society participated in the convention by holding a luncheon for attending members. They were justifiably proud of their president, Sam Nickle, who was the speaker at the Awards Dinner.

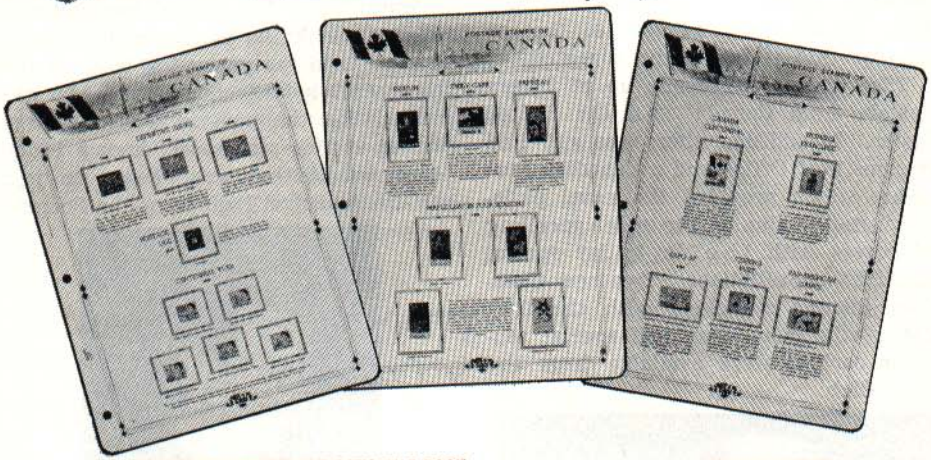
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Mr. J. E. Kraemer, Manager of Canada's National Postal Museum, left, is discussing displays with new staff members, Mr. C. R. McGuire. Research/Administrative Officer, centre, and Mr. Al Lang, philatelic display technologist, right.

CANPEX 72

An Address by G. R. COBBE, M.P.
Parliamentary Secretary to the
Postmaster General

It is at exhibitions of this nature that the long established and ever growing spirit of amicability and co-operation in the philatelic community is most evident. The Canada Post Office through its minister, its officers, its employees and its actions has committed itself to playing a major role in that co-operation. This is more than just a statement of policy or an affirmation of principle since there are innumerable concrete signs of this reality.

I don't think it would be out of place for me to do some breast beating on behalf of the Post Office Department which just a couple of weeks ago became the first government service in North America to receive the Philatelic Press Club Award.

The award is presented annually to a postal administration considered to render outstanding service to. and co-operation with, professional journalists. As you may already know, the Philatelic Press Club is an international organization whose president this year is a Canadian, Mr. Mark Weiner of Montreal. Everyone in the Post Office Department takes pride in having been recognized in such a way.

The award is indicative of the effort being made by the Post Office to increase the availability of information and assistance to people interested in philately. Various services are equally accessible to the public at large and to the expert who may require information of a more technical nature.

Perhaps the most ambitious plan announced in recent months involves the establishment of a national postal museumto preserve & display Canadian and British North American postage stamps and related material. This somewhat formidable task has been accepted by Mr. James E. Kraemer, a vice-president of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada.

As a kind of thumbnail progress report, I may say that the organization and planning of the museum is progressing well. When he announced plans for the

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museum, the Postmaster General asked for the co-operation of all philatelists in making the project a success. I am happy to report today that Mr. Côté's call has been answered gratifyingly and we hope that help and advice will continue to be offered.

I am told that there are an average of four or five inquiries per week from people wishing to offer material and this is appreciated. Contributions have varied from first flight covers to postage stamps to a cancelling machine. There is still a very great need, however, for philatelic studies of specialized subjects; material on postal history and on the background of Canadian stamps is especially lacking.

Many individuals have graciously provided items. Mr. Sam Nickle of Calgary gave an exceptionally fine copy of the Queen Anne Act; Mr. Robert D. Johnson of Mount Royal, Quebec, donated an extensive Canada collection; a specialized collection based on the Canadian five-cent stamp of 1918 issued to honour the Canadian press was presented by Major R. K. Malott of Ottawa; and the family of the late Mr. J. R. Cooke of Thamesford, Ontario, recently donated the Canadian portion of his comprehensive philatelic library. Also on the list of individual donations is Premier Robert Bourassa of Quebec who presented several early documents from various post offices in that province.

Not only individuals have gotten into the spirit, however, as much appreciated presentations have been made by organizations such as post offices in Eastern Ontario, Newfoundland and Nova Scotia. the Bank of Canada, the British General Post Office and the Royal Trust Company of Montreal to name but a few.

Many of the artifacts will be used for displays that will be shown in the Postal Museum as well as forming part of travelling exhibits that will travel across the country. At Canpex '72, the Postal Museum displayed its first major exhibit. Unfortunately, due to a lack of resources, such extensive exhibits will be limited to major national functions.

The museum itself will house the national postage stamp collection, the Post Office collection of the U.P.U. nations of the world, and other philatelic items such as postal documents. books and articles on the postal history in Canada. A significant portion of the museum will be given over to a reference centre where collectors will be able to check on the authenticity of items in their possession. Over 300,000 stamps will be displayed in the museum.

The precise and systematic classification of our Canadian and B.N.A. stamps, artists' drawings, plate proofs, progressive colour proofs, essays and other material is well advanced. There have been two recent and substantial additions to the staff of the museum, Mr. Ron McGuire, formerly of the External Affairs Department and a philatelist in his own right. who is the administrative research officer, and Mr. Al Lang, an artist and specialist in graphics and design.

The objective is to present the material in a manner that will trace the historic and philatelic development of our postal service, reflect cultural heritage and pride in the national achievements.

The establishment of the Postal Museum is but one of several recently announced innovations aimed at serving collectors and the public at large.

In recent months, four philatelic centres were opened in Quebec City, Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto. These centres are in the vanguard for the testing of new marketing programs by the Post Office. The demand for these services has been so great that preliminary reports indicate their general expansion and the definite opening of other centres. This summer alone, centres will be operational in Victoria. B.C., Hamilton and Windsor, Ontario, and Banff and Jasper in Alberta.

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Canadian Coil Blocks Found Imperforate

Richard A. Coomber of Windsor, Ontario, Canada reports that two full coil rolls of the 8c. Queen Elizabeth definitive. originally placed on sale 30 December 1971, have been found imperforate horizontally. At the present time it is believed that five such rolls exist. The malfunction in the cutter assembly was repaired very soon after the discovery of these rolls, and as the discovery was made in Ottawa there is doubt that very many more imperforate rolls are in circulation elsewhere. There are fifty blocks to a roll of 200 stamps.

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There are seven themes highlighted in special and commemorative stamps this year as well as two definitive stamp issues . Some of the commemorative and special stamps have already been issued.

July 6, marked the issuance of the first in a series of 20 stamps on Canadian Indians. Four separate stamps will be issued later this year to mark the holding of international conferences in Canada dealing with various phases of Earth Sciences.

In order to accentuate the importance of the stamp program, the Post Office this year decided to mark each issue with a little more "flare", meaning simply that special ceremonies are held to provide a complete historical picture and background reasoning behind each stamp. I know that this policy is of interest to the public and I hope that it has helped the more technically expert as well.

Those are just a few of the services available now or which will be fairly soon. I would like to emphasize that no matter how well things may be going now. they would proceed much more smoothly if the Post Office could hear from its customers on a regular basis and especially from people such as those gathered here. Feedback is important and so is constructive critism. We welcome both.

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By M. HEIFETZ #6104

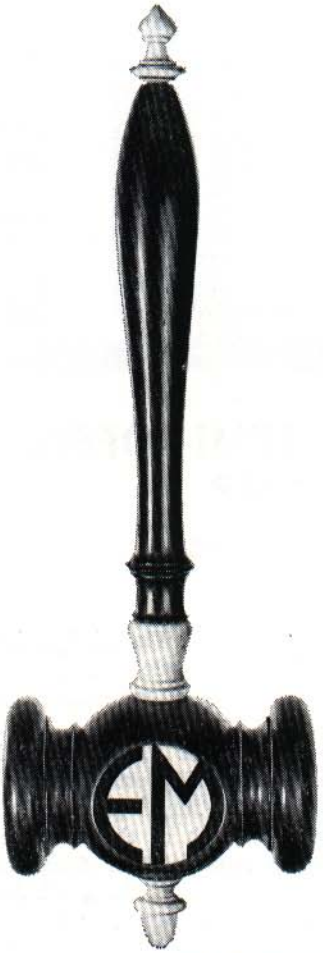
Commercial Airways was organized for service in Northern Alberta and the Northwest Territories. Its stamps were designed by J. G. Housez of Edmonton and printed by typography in panes of 10 consisting of five rows of two stamps each. The stamps were distributed in booklets of 25 panes. The first issue date was May 18, 1929 and consisted of a 10c. black stamp. It was used on service between Edmonton and Grand Prairie.

On June 2, 1930 the stamp was reissued. The stamp was still black and had a value of 10c. but the ovals at the sides of the design were inscribed "Air Fee" instead of "Via Air". On December 6, 1930 a fourth issue with the same design was printed in orange. This stamp had its first usage on December 9th flight from Edmonton to Fort McMurray. Earlier in the year in July, 1930, there was a third issue. This was from the original "Via Air" design. It was printed in purple and was used to commemorate the flight from Edmonton to Fort McMurray.

The numbers of the various issues printed is not fully established to the writer's satisfaction. Most catalogues list 5000 for each of the first, second, and fourth issues. Both Sanabria and John Cornelius report the black Air Fee stamp in two printings. The original June 1930 printing is shown as 3000 and a later intense black printing. Sanabria lists the later printing as 2000. Cornelius shows it as an "emergency" printing on November 5, 1930 in a quantity of 3000. Judging by the number of reported covers carried on various flights, the number of sheets available in recent auctions, and the relatively low price of the stamp in catalogues. there must be many more available than reported in a printing of 5000 each.

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The black Air Fee printing raises some additional questions. Very few covers are seen with either the Via Air or Air Fee stamp for dates between June 1929 and December 1930 other than the July 1930 flight from Edmonton to Fort McMurray and for this, the purple Via Air stamp was issued. Why then the need for a reissue in June 1930 and why an "emergency" issue in November 1930. There were no new routes inaugurated during this period and the orange issue of December 1930 was in time to serve the various routes opened from December 1930 to February 1931. If the stamp was in frequent use on normal commercial flights between route openings why don't more covers show up in auctions. Why the emergency issue? Can anyone shed any light on these questions?

There is another curiosity about the "Air Fee" printings. The panes were perf. 12 or completely imperforate. It would be logical to assume that the black perf. and imperf. sheets came from the same printing plates and that the same applied to the orange. There is an unexplained discrepancy however. The major plate varieties of the Air Fee issue are found in all sheets of both orange and black, perf. and imperf. Hence the master plates used for all the printings must have been the same. On the underside of the starboard wing in stamp #2 there is frequently found a white circle surrounding a coloured patch. It is dominant in this position and appears with lesser intensity in positions #1, #3, and #4 but nowhere else. It appears on all orange shades in the perf. sheets but not on the imperf. In position #2 it appears on the black imperf. but only rarely on the black perf. Therefore, either the plates were interchanged between the colours or the sheets reveal the printing plate in various stages of defect, discovery. and repair.

The positions of the stamps in the Air Fee pane can be readily identified. The perf. 12 panes were imperforate along the top, bottom, and right hand sides. There are constant plate varieties that distinguish each position. These, combined with the obvious identification provided by the combination of perf. and imperf. sides, and some secondary plate varieties also remaining constant for some positions enables one to plate the pane quite easily.

1	2
3	4
5	6
7	8
9	10

Layout of typical pane with numbers assigned to each stamp position to identify its location in the pane.

Below is a description of the characteristics of each position. The reference numbers apply to those shown on the enlargement of the stamp design.

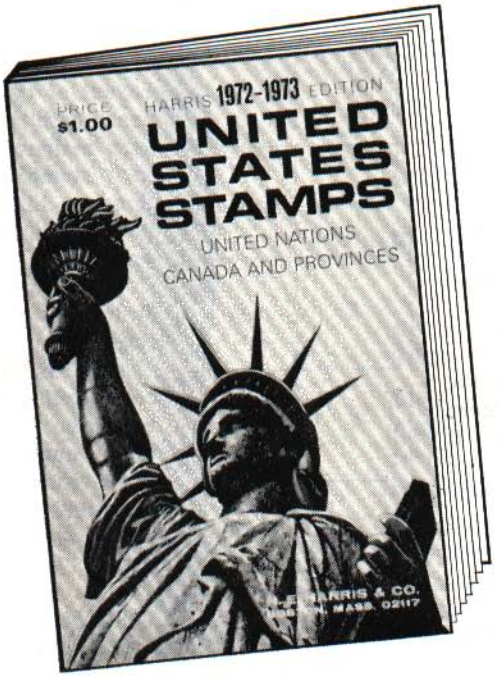
Position 1:—There is a blob of ink filling the left hand oval of "Air Fee" under the "F". (1). There is also a "degree" under the heel of the "L" of Commercial (14).

Position 2:—In many sheets, there is a break in the right hand oval of "Air Fee" above the "A". This "broken circle" variety does not appear in all sheets. (2). As already noted. there is a white ring surrounding a coloured patch on the aircraft starboard wing. This also does not appear in all sheets (3). The middle dash in the second line of cloud shading from the top is bent downward at its left end (4). In addition to all these the stamp is imperf. top and right side.

Position 3:—In the left margin, to the left of the "c" of Commercial, there is a white dot. Beneath this dot is a small slanting coloured line across the margin (5).

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Position 5:—The two middle horizontal lines in the shading above the name ribbon have a break just above the "A" of Airways giving the appearance of a small slanted white line (7).

Position 6:—There is a little white dot above the second "c" of Commercial. (8).

Position 7:—There is a notch along the top side of the extreme top right outside border of the stamp (9).

Position 8:—The left border is broken by a large white dot just above the "C" of Commercial. (10).

Position 9:—There is a colour blob between the design border and the margin to the right of the right hand "Air Fee" oval (11). In addition, there is a notch in the outside border just above this dot (12).

Position 10:—There is a coloured dot in the scroll border under the second "c" of Commercial. (13). There is also a dot under and to the left of the R in Commercial (15, 16).

In addition to the plate varieties, all positions in the pane with the exception of (3, 5. 7) and (4, 6, 8) can be recognized by their combination of perf. and imperf. sides. One of the conclusions from this study is that the catalogues have been misleading in highlighting some varieties of the Air Fee issue, the broken C variety of the Via Air issue, and some others, as exceptional value. They appear with almost the same frequency as any of the other varieties and are no more scarce, hence should be no more valuable. This has already been acknowledged by the catalogues with the positional plate varieties of the Jack V. Elliott issue and is no less true in the Commercial Airways stamps.

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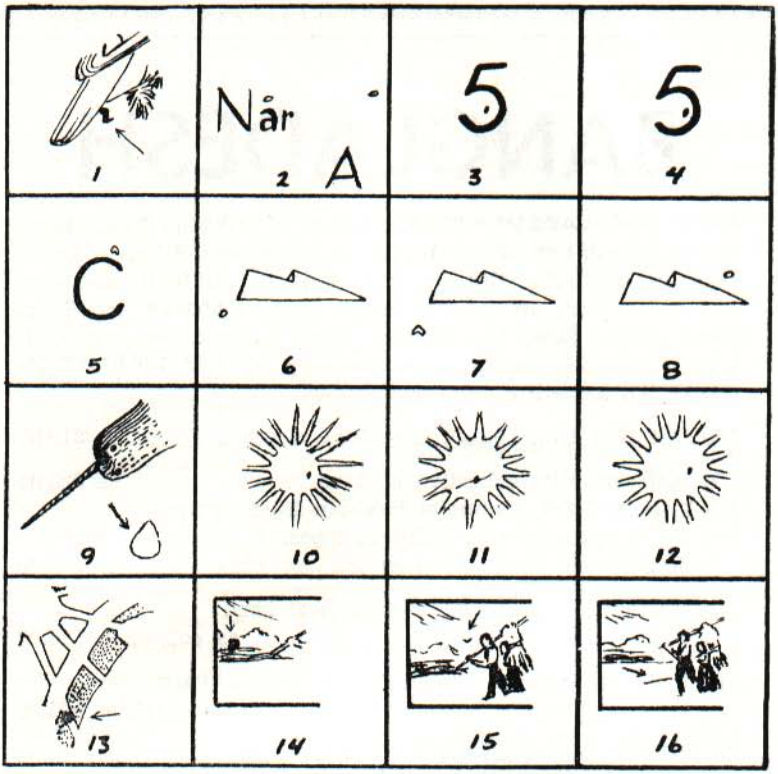
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During CANPEX '72 in Edmonton, I was very fortunate to meet many of the readers of this column. They provided me with the material for quite a number of articles in the future. As I am sending all these varieties away to be photographed, they will appear in a later column. My thanks to Mrs. Anne Cottenden for sending me the following varieties. All of the flaws listed below, unless otherwise stated were caused by particles or scratches damaging the plate and can be seen with the naked eye. Interesting colour shifts also exist. Some need pane positions identified. your assistance in this task would be most appreciated.

Gray Jay (June 15, 1968)

1) 'Pine Cone Seed' Variety - This variety, mentioned in Glenn Hansen's Guidebook and Catalogue of Canadian Stamps, consists of a dark coloured dot near the tail of the lower bird.

Narwhal (April 10, 1968)

2) White dot over first -a- of NARWHAL, and to the upper right of the last -a- of CANADA. R1/3.
3) Blue dot in 5.
4) White dot in 5. R6/1.
5) White dot above -C- of CANADA.
6) White dot to the lower left of the iceburg. R2/3.
7) White inverted 'V' dot to the lower left of the iceburg.
8) White dot to the upper right of the iceburg.
9) Blue dot below the Narwhal. R9/1. (Submitted by Mrs. Doris Church (9349).

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10) Red 'sun spot' Variety. R /2.
11) Black 'sun spot' Variety with faint black line.
12) Blue 'sun spot' Variety. R /1.
13) "Sun ray' Variety - blue dot.
Suzor-Cote (March 14. 1969)
14) 'Blue Moon' Variety - large blue dot just above horizon.
15) 'Blue Line' Variety. R9/1.
16) 'Blue Bird' Variety. R8/1

(Reported by L. E. Stonehouse).

The handbook 'Varieties of the Queen Elizabeth Era - Part I' has proved very popular, with the first printing almost sold out in the first four months. A second printing will be made shortly.

Part II - Checklist and Price Guide is presently being compiled. All reports of varieties you have would be most appreciated. If you have purchased varieties from collectors or dealers in the past, a report of the prices paid would prove useful as well. In this way the price guide will be as accurate as possible and of benefit to collectors and dealers alike. Please send your results to:

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At the present time there appears to be no solution to the problem of offsetting the Ottawa tagging to other stamps. The separation of stamps by themselves does not solve the problem, unless you are absolutely certain the stamp or block inside the envelope or below the separation sheet will not move. A recent offer of a block of four with the Ottawa tagging moved to the right side instead of the two margins, turned out to be a "fake" intentionally or unintentionally.

In a recent publication we suggested that many early stamps have never been found with a First Day cancel. At the same time we suggested that a study of the earliest dated copies on cover be made which may qualify as equivalent to the first day until such time as an earlier date can be found. We now hear that a study is being made. If and when issued, it will be a very valuable addition not only to collectors of First Day Covers, but to researchers.

We also hear that a small group is working on a book which will cover the many facets of the latest regular series which has produced so many interesting varieties. Also along this line you will be interested to know that additional values of the regular set will be Ottawa tagged. Around September we will have some other values replaced similar to the Dollar value which was issued a few months ago. The large size values will be replaced before the low values.

A Canadian dealer purchased a number of collections in England. Included was one small envelope of a few hundred 3c. small Queens. When checking this envelope (you may not believe this) 19 copies of the 12½ by 12½ perforation were found. It probably is the largest such find ever made. Another true story is that one collector bought ten rolls of the 6c. regular orange coil from the Philatelic Agency. They came in one package unseparated. When opening this roll he found ten strips of 13 imperforate coils. In one of the RPSC circuit books containing large Queens a member of the Society took out a 15 cents Large Queen with the famous script watermark and all for four Dollars.

There can be no doubt that when it comes to illustrating a variety on a stamp for an exhibit or an article, that it is very difficult to display the variety properly. Books and journals make use of various methods. Some prepare enlarged photos of the actual stamp and others take a regular stamp without the variety, enlarge the photo and then add the features of the variety in ink. Still others prefer to make a sketch of the variety. The actual photo of the variety should result in the best display and should show all the details as they occur on the stamp. Unfortunately the enlargement of the best photo reduces definition and when reproduced in a journal suffers a further loss. Examples of unsatisfactory reproduction are such books as Holmes Catalogue. The Admiral Handbook by Marler and part of Canada Constant Plate Varieties by Reiche. To use enlarged photos and add the variety features by ink adds another problem in that it is not possible to draw all the details of a complex variety. Only the main features can be shown and confuses the collector. Examples of this can be seen in The Canadian Map Stamp book by Tomlinson, The War Tax Stamps by the War Tax Study Group and the Small Queen's Varieties by Reiche. This

leaves the last possibility of making a sketch or using a duplicated offset print and sketching in the features. Again one is faced with the problem of inaccuracy of the sketch. One major advantage is that such sketches reproduce well because one deals with a line drawing. Examples of such sketches can be found in the Canada Varieties of the Queen Elizabeth Era by Pugh and the The Admiral Stamps by Reiche. What is needed for any good display is an impression of the main features of the variety. We believe that sketches or even good photos with the main features sketched in plus some additional arrows are preferable to actual photos which in many cases are indistinct and misleading.

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By J. C. ARNELL, #8170

XIV. Hurricanes vs Steam Power

In Part IV of this series of articles, a description was given of the **Caledonia** running into a hurricane in February 1842 on a westbound voyage from Liverpool and having to turn back after fighting the storm for four days because of extreme damage to the vessel. In January 1848. the **Cambria** on a similar voyage encountered winter gales, which slowed her down so that she took 14½ days to reach Halifax ,instead of the usual 11-12 days. A passenger described the crossing under the above title in almost poetic prose in an article which appeared in the 1 February 1848 issue of the Bermuda Royal Gazette. As this article illustrates the tendency to overdo the verbal imagery of that period, while still containing many interesting operational details, it is quoted in its entirety:

"Jan 1st, 1848, at 4 o'clock. P.M., we left Liverpool with 83 passengers, and for four hours the Cambria headed out of the Southern passage.

During all this time, however, there was an appearance in the Southern sky which, to the experienced mariner. denoted no rest for the morning watch —

"Clouds were passing o'er the sky,
With a black and threatening eye."

Eight bells were struck, and our noble captain quickly walked the quarter deck in a still and thoughtful mood, with his eyes occasionally turned to the Southern horizon. The course we were then steering would, in a few hours, clear us from the coast of Wales, the ancient Cambria. and we should meet the storm without any protecting barrier. The powerful engines, as they made their revolutions,

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seemed to say, we are ready to do our duty, and the Cambria to lift her head with animation, and snuff the gale as it came sweeping from the headlands of these shores from which she received her name. and to announce to her old friends, with joy, her new route to New York.

One bell was struck, half past 8. P.M., and Captain Harrison's voice was heard: "Port your helm, hard a port."

In a few moments, we were running for the Northern passage with all sails set. and the Cambria flew away from the southern storm like a coy girl pursued by her lover.

Hibernia now in turn, became our protector, and the Emerald Isle, where so much misery dwells, seemed to tower above the waters to shield us from the winds. We passed the bay where the steamer Great Britain went on shore, and many remarks were made by the passengers, contrasting our situation with that of those who left Liverpool as we had done animated by such pleasing hopes and prosperity.

For thirty-six hours we ran along the Irish coast, when we again met with the same enemy, rolling from the west which we had so successfully and pleasantly, ran away from in the other channel.

Our captain could no longer permit the Cambria to dance to the tune of the "Lad I left behind me," nor further avoid the collision ;and the elements of nature which, from creation till the nineteenth century, had ruled undisputed masters of the North Atlantic. particularly in the dreary month of January, had to be grappled with and overcome by that noble invention of combined powers, which was first conceived and put in successful operation by the sons of North America, Fitch and his disciple Fulton. There appeared no disposition on the part of our captain, the Cambria, nor any one on board, to avoid the struggle for the supremacy on the "wilderness of waters;" but all seemed impatient for the encounter.

The western point of Ireland was on the larboard hand, abaft the beam; the engines were walking off ten revolutions; "and like hounds standing in the leash, straining on the start." seemed struggling to be loosed for greater speed, when the first startling and powerful pass was made by our opponent, in the most uncourteous and abrupt manner, directly at the head, and full in the face of the Cambria.

Our "boony boat" was not, however. caught napping, but fully on her guard; and the beautiful manner in which she parried the blow, and disdainfully tossed it many feet from her sides, drew forth the warmest applause.

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so the ocean called forth her giant strength from the hidden deep; and on it rolling came, with the systematic march of veteran legions..

Often the sea appeared approaching too powerful for our gallant boat to meet; but she "walked the waters like a thing of life" and apparently measured its magnitude with the nicest accuracy. calculating the capacity and the strength of her decks; then, with a graceful bow and courtesey, she would divide its power, taking its foaming crest over her bows, and like a giant bird, secure of its victory, with her iron wings beat down. and rising high on the sea, majestically walk over the subdued, but bellowing waters.

Every point of compass, from the S.S.W. to N.N.W. in the western board, had a fair set to on the Cambria, and all equally failed in arresting her onward march.

Have you seen the noble bird the emblem of our country, as he cleft the mountain air, far beyond the reach of the huntsman's arrow, "with an eye that never winked and a wing that never tired," bearing with an eagle's flight and security, to his mate and nestlings in his eyre, the labors of the day? Thus, securely, did the Cambria, without rest for a moment, till her anchor was let go, bear us through all the dangers of our winter voyage, to the arms of those we love.

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January 12th. we were on soundings, and our decks were for the first time covered with ice and snow. 14th, Nova Scotia, the ancient Acadia, was made in the morning, about 400 miles east of Halifax. 15th, we were within twenty miles of that port, when it became foggy. and Captain Harrison took his station on the wheelhouse, expecting every moment to make the light.

The fog lifted a little, and his watchful eye discovered breakers very near on the starboard bow hand, when he immediately gave the order "hard a starboard — half speed," when the Cambria passed sufficiently near the breakers for comfortable feelings.

In a few moments, the look out forward sung out, "breakers ahead." and the order "stop her, and turn back," was heard from the Captain.

Almost immediately the Cambria had stern way, and the officer aft sung out, "breakers astern," when the order. "let go the anchor," was immediately executed, and the steamer swung round to the sea and wind in 17 fathoms water.

The Captain found himself a short distance west of Halifax, in a horseshoe basin formed by breakers, which did not give him room to turn his head without letting go his anchor; which, having performed its errand, was weighed, and we reached the wharf at Halifax about 4 o'clock. A.M. Sunday, the 16th.

We were detained at Halifax but 4 hours, during which time we took on board 150 tons of coal, some delicious lobsters, fresh fish, &c., and at 8 o'clock. were again on our passage, with a New York pilot on board, who came to Halifax in the steamer Hibernia.

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In this age when over one half the postage spent is in the form of metered mail it is astounding that so few people have recognized the opportunities to collect postage meter indicia as a hobby. This catalogue fills a gap for those who want to add Canadian postage meter impressions to their postage stamp collection as well as for those who wish to establish a specialist collection.

The catalogue lists and describes each major type of Canadian postage meter impression and then describes the subtypes. Each type is illustrated. An ingenious numbering system has been adopted which permits additions without changing the entire pattern.

Prices are difficult to establish since dealers have little stock, however. the catalogue contains a generalized price for each of the major types illustrated.

The catalogue is 5½ inches by 8½ inches and has a glossy card cover. It is offset printed on heavy bond paper. This catalogue is one of a series produced by Canadian Wholesale Supply for the stamp and coin hobbies.

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Collect Channel Islands Stamps. Published by Stanley Gibbons Limited, 391 Strand, London WC2R OLX. Published March 27, 1972. Price 25P. Agents in Canada, Saunders of Toronto Ltd., 1885 Leslie Street, Don Mills, Ontario.

This is the first edition to be published of a check list of the stamps and postal history of the Channell Islands including Jersey, Guernsey, Alderney, Herm and Sark. A fascinating listing of postal markings and stamps of the Channel Islands disregarding any objectionable local issues. The stamps are illustrated in full colour as are the postal markings all of which are priced.

Highly recommended not only for collectors of Channel Islands but for collectors of philatelic literature.

(H. S.)

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Stanley Gibbons British Commonwealth Stamp Catalogue, 1973 Ed. Published by Stanley Gibbons Ltd., 391 Strand, London WC2R OLX. Price: £2.75.

Stamp collectors will welcome the appearance of the Gibbons British Commonwealth Catalogue for 1973. It is interesting to note that this is the 75th Edition and the work is. of course, a must for all serious collectors of stamps of the British Commonwealth. There are numerous price changes and we note with interest that many additional quotations are given for "Specimen" stamps. As usual a number of countries or issues have been rewritten. The catalogue is highly recommended. (H.S.)

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