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Dear Friends:—

I gave it this name because that's what it is — a pocket on a piece of paper. We became interested in Pocket Pages about six years ago. This was a white piece of paper 5½ inches wide by 8¼ inches high. Affixed toward the top is a clear piece of tricite 4¾ x 6. At the bottom of the page is a printed space for the country, catalogue price, catalogue number and our price. Then there is a perforated line and the printing is repeated. The pages are punched for a standard three ring binder. Now what's so special about this and why am I telling you about it? After we entered into manufacturing these for our own use, we were surprised at the number of other dealers, collectors and accumulators who liked them and wanted to purchase these and have a steady source for supplies.

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An accumulation of Canada mint Maple Leaf and Numeral issues was brought into our store and we bought it. Included were full sheets and all values up to the 5c. Some were in quite large quantities and the lot included the overprints and the 2c. Maps. (sorry the Maps are already sold.) Original finds of this kind in brilliant fresh mint condition are a delight to handle.

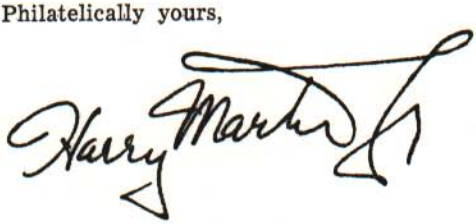
Many large collections have recently been purchased — one from the Estate of Mr. Grannell of Oakville, Ontario. This was contained in fifteen loose leaf albums. Having collected for over 50 years, he had a fine range of the older issues and the unusual. Another was completely opposite being in 12 modern Scott albums, all recent issues of a topical nature and with many of the stamps not yet mounted.

An important purchase was made of a large stock, mint and used, of the early issues of Maldive Islands with a catalogue value in excess of $30,000.00. As a British Colony, these Islands are a popular group with collectors.

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EDITORIAL

"All animals are equal but some are more equal than others"
George Orwell (Animal Farm)

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For some little time after a large convention or exhibition, whether on the local or the national level, one hears criticism that this or that "in-group" is running the thing . A little common sense will make it clear that to organize any complex function. and conventions can be very complex, an "in-group" to do the organizing is essential. Conventions and exhibitions don't just happen. It takes a lot of work usually by a comparatively small number of people to put on even a modest local exhibition.

It takes an "in-group" of officers to run a local club and it takes an "in-group" of directors and officers to run a national society and when they cooperate to put on a show, the combination appears to the casual visitor to be a clique from which he is excluded. If he has made no contribution to the function other than to register or pay for his ticket, this is quite true. The organizing group has quite enough on it's hands without trying to be "hail fellow well met" with every Joe who comes through the door.

It is quite easy to become part of this "in-group". All that is necessary is that one be willing to work.

There are also those naive souls who think that a mutual love of stamp collecting will sweep away the social barriers that exist in the every day world and that clerks and financiers should be able to socialize equally. Unfortunately such mutuality requires a strong foundation of background, similarity of interest and personality to be successful. The only way to join some of the social "in-groups" is to be acceptable on an individual basis. Merely being a stamp collector is no guarantee of social acceptability.

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TAX

Elsewhere in this issue will be found correspondence relating to the new tax regulations which should be noted by every member. The ruling made by the Department of National Revenue is an important clarification of this confusing legislation. Director Colin H. Bayley of Ottawa was the driving force behind the Society's efforts in this regard and is to be congratulated upon the results which will be of value to collector and dealer alike.

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YOUTH PROGRAMME

The British Post Office has been most kind to us by making available two booklets:

Stamps in School
Thematic Collecting

Although both booklets deal with British stamps only they can be easily adapted to the postage of any other country. British stamps are beautiful and express a definite purpose, a teacher or youth group leader will find them admirable to introduce to youngsters.

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The Youth Program of the Royal printed a booklet: Come Blow Your Horn. This booklet deals with study of history, geography and economics of Canada through postage. Designed primarily for the under 15 group it would, nevertheless be of interest to topical collectors of any age as well as to beginners.

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There is no charge for these booklets to teachers and youth group leaders.

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FORTHCOMING ISSUES

1 November: Christmas Issue - four stamps

29 November: 100th Anniversary, Death of Cornelius Krieghoff

1973 PROGRAMME

Jeanne Mance (1606-1673)
François Xavier de Laval (1623-1708)
J. E. H. MacDonald (1873-1932)
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The Royal Canadian Mounted Police
Joseph Howe (1804-1873)
Christmas
Canadian Indians

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We were sorry to learn of the death of Edith M. Faulstich. Well known in postal history circles Mrs. Faulstich had written many articles and her book on the Canadian Expeditionary Force in Siberia is only one of her contributions to Canadian philately.

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SALES DEPARTMENT

With many requests being received from new members for sales circuits I find the supply position becoming drastic in certain respects. Firstly most of the enquiries are for good early Canada and with early Great Britain taking a close second and sorry to say supplies are not coming in fast enough to meet the demand . Many members to date have not received a single circuit due to lack of suitable material. So here and now I am asking for more books of early CANADA, GREAT BRITAIN and U.S.A., both mint and used. Also required at this time is supplies of **USED** British Pacific Islands. Plenty of mint books of these in stock.

The early Canadian covers mentioned in the last issue have nearly all been sold so if any of you have any surplus please mount them in books and send them in . . . members are waiting for them.

Please note that books of the following are NOT required;

ISRAEL: BRITISH ASIA: BRITISH COLONIES: LATIN AMERICA.

I note that some members are looking for good Canada at 40% catalog, and of course they are looking in vain. Please do not request Canadian circuits at these prices because we do not have any. Too many of you are waiting for the available Canadian circuits at realistic prices, to waste time and postage on those looking for what we haven't got.

Still having problems with poorly hinged stamps. I would appreciate some attention being given to this by those sending in books.

It won't be long until Christmas is here so may I take this opportunity of wishing you all a pleasant holiday season.

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THE CAPITAL GAINS TAX

AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT

During th early part of 1972 Director Colin H. Bayley commenced discussions with the Department of National Revenue aimed at clarifying this legislation for our members. The following two letters are self explanatory and members are advised to retain them for reference.

June 15, 1972

Mr. J. S. Stewart
Estate and Gift Tax Division
Department of National Revenue,
Taxation

Dear Mr. Stewart:

Following our meeting at your office, of March 21, 1972, I had intended to record the substance of our discussion in a memorandum to Mr. Harry Sutherland, President, The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, since, as I pointed out to you, the Society is very much interested in the bearing, on the hobby of philately, of the new Capital Gains aspect of the recent tax reform legislation.

However, before doing this, I thought I should write you a letter setting out my understanding of the conclusions reached in our discussion, for your comment. I would have done this sooner, but I was awaiting an opportunity to discuss some further points with you and this was not possible until our telephone conversation of May 25, 1972.

I must first thank you for the insight which you gave me on the Department's basic philosophy in the matter of capital gains on collections of stamps and other collectable items, namely,

a) that in view of the readily saleable nature of rare stamps of high philatelic and monetary value, such stamps can be used to generate substantial capital gains;

b) but, that in seeking to bring this situation under reasonable taxation control, the Department does not wish to impose a system whereby philatelists would be required to be accountable for each and every stamp collected, traded or sold by them.

These two views seem to be reasonable and I was gratified to learn from you that your Department's present interpretation of the new capital gains legislation, as it applies to the hobby of philately, is that it is only items valued at more than one thousand dollars (expected current auction realization) that would be concerned; that where, in a collection, such items were present along with other items having values of less than one thousand dollars, the aggregate of these latter items, even if in excess of one thousand dollars would not be subject to the capital gains tax; and that, by the same token, a collection containing no items valued at more than one thousand dollars, but having a total value of more than one thousand dollars, would not be subject to capital gains tax on being sold.

You will recall that we also discussed the meaning of such terms as "item" and "set" as applied to philatelic tax matters, my understanding of the meaning of these terms in the context of our discussion being:

"item — a single stamp, block of stamps, sheet of stamps; or an essay or proof either single or in multiples; or a folded letter, cover or postal stationery piece.

"set" — a number of stamps belonging together and relating to each other, produced and issued simultaneously or over a short period of time.

Finally, it is my understanding that, in order to have the information required under the new capital gain legislation, philatelists should have a record of the following information with respect to items valued at more than one thousand

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c) the expected current auction realization of such item or items;

d) the amount realized on any such item or items sold since Jan. 1, 1972, this being, of course, a matter relevant to the owner's current income tax return.

I would appreciate receiving your comments on my understanding, as given above, of the various points which we discussed.

If you are in agreement with what I have written we would wish to publish it, together with your reply, in the Canadian Philatelist for the guidance of our membership.

On behalf of the President and Directors of The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, I should like to convey the Society's very best thanks for your courtesy and helpfulness in this matter.

Yours very truly,
Colin H. Bayley

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July 20th, 1972

Mr. Colin H. Bayley, M.B.E.,
Director
The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada

Dear Mr. Bayley:

Re: Valuation of Stamps

Thank you for your letter of June 15, 1972 which sets out the items discussed at our meeting of March 21, 1972.

With regard to the third paragraph of your letter I would point out that policy with regard to the subject matter of taxable property is not the responsibility of this Department. These matters are determined by Parliament with the advice of the Department of Finance. However, administration of the law is the responsibility of this Department and our interpretation of the capital gains provisions as it applies to collector's items is generally as set out in your letter.

For purposes of clarification, however, I would like to make the following comments.

You use the term "expected current auction realization or price" as the definition of value. The Act uses the term "fair market value" which has been defined as "the highest price expressed in terms of money or money's worth obtainable in an open and unrestricted market between informed prudent parties under no compulsion to act and acting at arms length". We interpret this to mean what the owner could expect to receive for the property in the best market available to him, without any deductions for commission or selling cost. Whether or not auction is the best market in all circumstances is of ccurse open to question.

Your definition of "item" and "set" shown on page 2 of your letter is noted. The term "item" is not used in the Act. When referring to capital gains the term used is "a property". Its definition would cover the definition you use for "item".

The term "set" which is used in the Act is not otherwise defined and therefore takes on its normal meaning. Your definition is in accordance with our interpretation.

The information which we would recommend that each philatelist should maintain is:

(a) the original cost of each stamp or set where cost exceeded $1,000.

(b) the market value of each stamp or set held on Valuation Day (December 31, 1971) where such value was in excess of $1,000.

(c) the proceeds of disposition (sale price less selling costs) of each stamp or set where such proceeds exceed $1,000.

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information relates to the Income Tax Act at this date as it is presently being interpreted by this Department. Amendments to the Act or future court cases could lead to different interpretations and the Department's interpretation could change accordingly.

I hope that this will be of assistance to you and to members of The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada.

Yours truly,

J. S. Stewart
Chief Appraiser,
Estate and Trust Division.

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Dear Sir:

In the past, many handbooks and articles have been written on Canadian cancellations. All of these handbooks convering RPO's, precancels, rollers, squared circles, registered etc. have provided the collector with a variety of interesting sidelines, and for some specialists, the basis for entire collections.

On perusing the literature I feel that one area of cancel collecting has been 'left out' - that being modern Canadian cancels and handstamps. The number of types of cancels used in the Elizabethian period is extensive if one considers turn-date stamps, machine stamps, registered markings, tax handstamps, no such address, crash cancels, return to sender, coloured cancels etc. . . .

I'm sure that there is a member who is willing to take on the challenge of writing an article or two for the Canadian Philatelist on this topic.

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On a network of roads the important service of mail was developed called "CURSUS PUBLICUS". To commemorate this event the French Postal Administration, on 16 March 1963, issued a stamp to celebrate the annual stamp day and dedicated it to Postal History. The engraver, J. Piel, reproduced a bas-relief of a monument situated in the Postal Museum of Paris showing a postal wagon of the Gaul-Roman period carrying two persons and drawn by two horses. (Fig. 1).

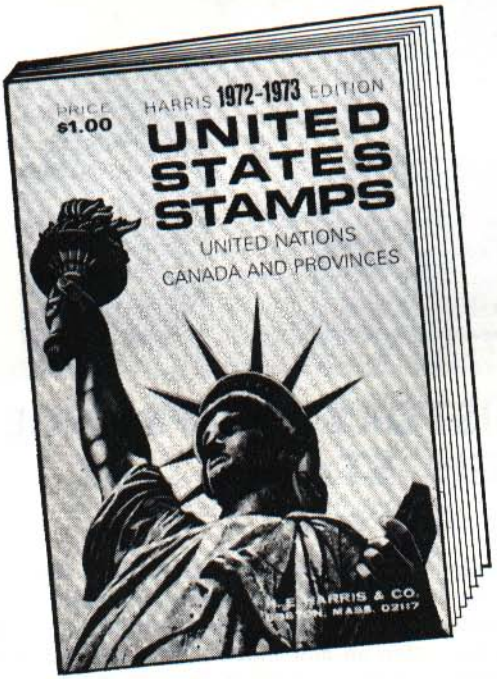
The Roman Empire fell and Gaul was conquered by various barbaric tribes and we do not have detailed in formation on how much of the efficient postal service organized by the Romans survived during their domination.

Between 768-814 Charlemagne (742-814), second king of the CAROLINGIAN dynasty. founded a vast empire and his reorganization placed particluar emphasis on the postal service which became an important instrument of control and coordination among the various regions of the empire. The Carolingian dynasty was followed by the CAPETIAN which for almost three hundred years fought vigorously to give unity back to France by destroying the power of the feudal system. The last Capetain king was Charles IV (The Handsome).

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porations. For example the kings of France had instituted the "King's Messengers" to whom was entrusted the official mail.

The engraver, R. Cami, utilized the figure of a royal postal messenger of the end of the middle ages drawing it from an ancient miniature for a commemorative stamp issued on 18 March 1962, to celebrate the Annual Stamp Day. (Fig. 2).

The postal messengers also accepted the task of carrying private correspondence for compensation predicated on the distance, the weight, the value of the item and the discomfort to overcome for the delivery. As time went by discord and rivalry among messengers arose. With this rivalry inaccurate service in relation to mailing instructions resulted and they could not continue in competition with the State Post which was established on a more solid base.

Louis XI (1423-1483), after a secular and victorious war against England. ascended to the throne of France in 1461. He consolidated national unity and independence. One of his aims was to arrange an efficient postal service in conformity to the requirements of the nation. On 19 June 1464 he created an effective postal organization which became the French Post. The event was recorded on 13 October 1945, with the issue of a commemorative engraved by R. Serres, who depicted King Louis XI and in the background a mounted postal carrier. (Fig. 3).

In the XV century a network of efficient postal communications was organized in the most important centres of Europe by members of the TASSIS family, (the family, known as TASSI, came from the Bergame Valley in the mountains of Northern Italy). Francois de Tassis (1450-1515) lived in an eventful period of political life in Europe. Not only did he know how to develope and improve the postal system created by his predecessors, bringing it to a remarkable importance. but he was also able to conduct himself diplomatically among the conflicting interests of the various

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nations and the different dynasties. He improved his services in the principal nations of Europe including France. For his efforts he was made General Quaestor and Great Master of Post by Charles V (1500-1558), Emperor of Germany and King of Spain. Francois de Tassis is shown on a commemorative issued in 1956. The engraving was by Pheulpin. (Fig. 4).

Fouquet de la Varanés contribution in 1598 was honoured by a commemorative engraved by R. Serras. (Fig. 5).

In spite of the remarkable impulse given to the development of the State Post by Louis XI the growing importance of the famous University of Paris which had its own private post brought serious conflict between them. Consequently, Louis XIII of Bourbon, called the "Just" (1601-1643), under the guardianship of his mother, Maria de Medici (because he was under age) ascended to the throne of France in 1610 and came to power in 1617. With the energetic guidance of his most important collaborator and political Armand Jean Duplessis, Duke of Richelieu and in succession Cardinal (1585-1642). he set the postal service under the supreme direction of the State. The famous minister was honoured by issuing on 12 June 1935 a commemorative to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the Academy of France founded by the Cardinal. The engraving was by Ouvre. (Fig. 6).

The Final suppression of the University Post and the creation of the Royal State Post was attributed to the Italian Cardinal Giulio Mazzarino (1602-1661) who succeeded Richelieu in 1642. Cardinal Mazzarino, while minister during the reign of Anne of Austria (1602-1666) instituted the great Postal Reform in 1643. In order that the new system would not be too great a burden on the Treasury, impoverished by internal wars, the shrewd minister made overtures to the private postal agencies. This had an interesting result in the service instituted in Paris in 1653 by Count de Vélayer, who placed in the city postal

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boxes and organized a regular pick-up and delivery of the correspondence. That laudable initiative did not have, however, a great success. Since at that time very few people could read or write the movement and the volume of correspondence was limited.

During the reign of Louis XIV (1643-1715). also called the Sun King, the French Postal services, under the superintendence of General Francois Michel Le Tellier, Marquis de Louvois (1641-1691), proceeded with swiftness and regularity, but from the civil rights point of view they left much to be desired. Louvois tightened control of travel and mails. All travellers had to have passports. They were frequently stopped and searched and the letters they carried were opened and read. There was very little freedom in the Sun King's State. He also put through two important measures against the private post. The first was a decree laying down that all postal services in France belonged to the State and that only those who could prove that they held an earlier contract might still run private services. The other measure was what was called "farming" the Post. By "farming" was meant hiring out the right to run the Post. At first "farming" led to good results, but in the long run the "farmers" were spoiled by their own monopoly and began to raise fees without giving better service. Postal rates climbed so high that the public were unable to accept the letters addressed to them, (in those days the receiver paid the fee). The Post. like other State activities in France, sank deeper and deeper into corruption until revolution engulfed the country.

Louis XIV and the General Superintendent of the Post were honoured with two commemoratives; the first is the final value of a set issued in 1944 to celebrate the famous Frenchmen of the XVII century, (the engraver was Gandon). (Fig. 7). The other was issued in 1947 to celebrate the annual Stamp Day. The engraver was R. Serres. (Fig. 8).

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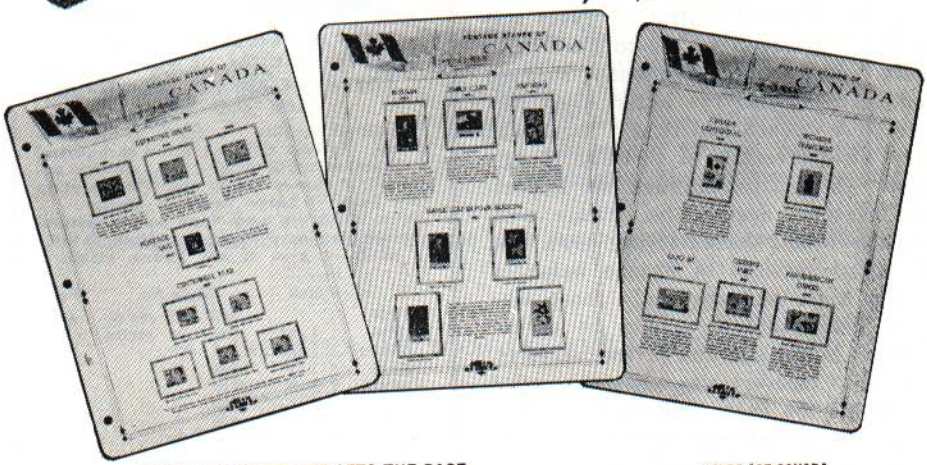
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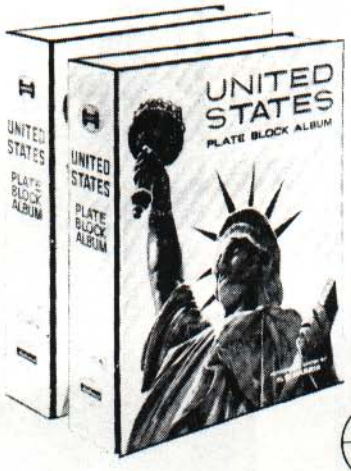


irregular and depended on the movement of fish. The State, therefore, put its own mail boats into use. The disgruntled fisherman, who had come to regard the mails as their monopoly, attacked the new vessels and it became necessary to arm them. Thus. the armed mail "Packets", as the State ships were called, came into being. To record this period in postal history the Postal Administration issued in 1965 a commemorative to celebrate the annual Stamp Day. The engraver, R. Cami, depicted on the stamp the Packet Ship "La Guienne". (Fig. 9).

The two other General Superintendents of Post during the reign of Louis XV (1715-1774) are shown on two commemoratives issued in 1953 and 1949. On the first one the engraver, R. Serres, has shown the Count d'Argenson (1694-1757). (Fig. 10). On the second. the Duke Choiseul (1719-1795). (Fig. 11).

The Maritime Postal Service, as it existed in 1870 is shown on a stamp issued in 1957. The engraver, Decaris, showed on the stamp a Felucca of the XVIII century. (Fig. 12).

More fortunate than Vélayer was M. Piarron de Chamousset (1717-1773), a Parisian philanthropist, who in 1760 resumed and improved the Paris postal service system initiated by Vélayer. It must be remembered that in the XVIII century Paris which already had regular postal connections with the principal European nations and the world, did not have an organized internal postal service within the city walls. A citizen who wanted to send a message to an acquaintance would make use of his own servant or if he did not have one he was compelled to turn to agents who charged high fees without assuring delivery. Such unfavourable postal conditions for the private citizen induced de Chamousset. concerned for the people's welfare, to resolve the inconveniences and on 9 June 1760 he obtained from Louis XV letters patent, with which he was authorized to establish the pick-up and the delivery service of the correspondence within the city of Paris and it became known as "Petite Poste" to distinguish it from the State Post. The messengers of this institution ran through the city shaking a kind of rattle inviting the citizens to deposit their letters in the closed box which they carried. At the same time citizens paid them the amount of two centimes which constituted the charge for the service. On their return



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The "Petite Poste" had a remarkable success and although its orginiator had to cover all the expenses initially he was later able to draw remarkable profits. De Chamousset was the originator and organizer of the local postal service. The engraver, R. Serres, has reproduced the figure of a postman of the "Petite Poste". drawing it from a painting by de Chamousset himself, on a commemorative issued in 1961 to celebrate the annual Stamp Day. (Fig. 13).

During the stormy period of the French Revolution the Post was the object of particular scrutiny and attention by the National Convention and the Directory and eventually passed into government control and became a true State monopoly. This system, lasting until 1878, operated under war conditions in 1870 when the correspondence between Paris, under siege by the Prussians, and Tours, temporary seat of the government was ensured by means of aerostatic balloons. This event was remembered in 1955 the 85th anniversary of the Balloon Post with a commemorative issue, on which the engraver, R. Serres, has represented the scene of the dispatch of the mail by means of balloon. (Fig. 14).

The postal service by means of postal railway coach, as it was in 1844, was recorded by issuing a commemorative to celebrate the centenary of France's travelling postal service on which the engraver, L. Pellitan, has represnted a railway coach of the Postal Administration on a typical XVIII century line. (Fig. 15).

During the Napoleonic Empire, the general director of the Post (1804-1815) was Antoine Marie Chamans, Count of Lavallette (1769-1830) who was honoured by a commemorative issued in 1954 to celebrate the annual Stamp Day. The engraver was J. Piel. (Fig. 16).

Following the English example the first adhesive postal stamp was approved. The change, nevertheless, did not meet in the beginning with the approval of the general public. The result was that the government to make the new system popular directed that the letters affixed with adhesive stamps would have precedence over the others, obtaining thus, in spite of mistrust, a postal traffic increment. At the same time the tariff scale in use in the first half of the 1800's was substituted with the single fee established as 20 centimes and later in 1850 increased to 25 centimes. Monsieur E. Arago who influenced adoption of adhesives was recognized by the French Postal Administration in 1948 by the issuance of a commemorative in the annual celebration of Stamp Day and the centenary of the first French postage stamps. The engraver, R. Serres, has reproduced schematically, one of the first French stamps and Etienne Arago. (Fig. 17). The first postage stamps issued on 1 January 1849 were 20 centimes and 1 Franc values; in the following year (1850) other values were issued: 10, 15. 25 and 40 centimes. The design of these stamps is the representation of Ceres' profile head. Designer and engraved by J. J. Barré.

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The motorized rural postal service, as it is today, was symbolized by the Postal Administration in 1958, by a commemorative on which the engraver, Gandon, has represented a country landscape on which on a principal road. a postman on motorcycle and another on a bicycle are removing the mail from a postal truck for distribution. (Fig. 19).

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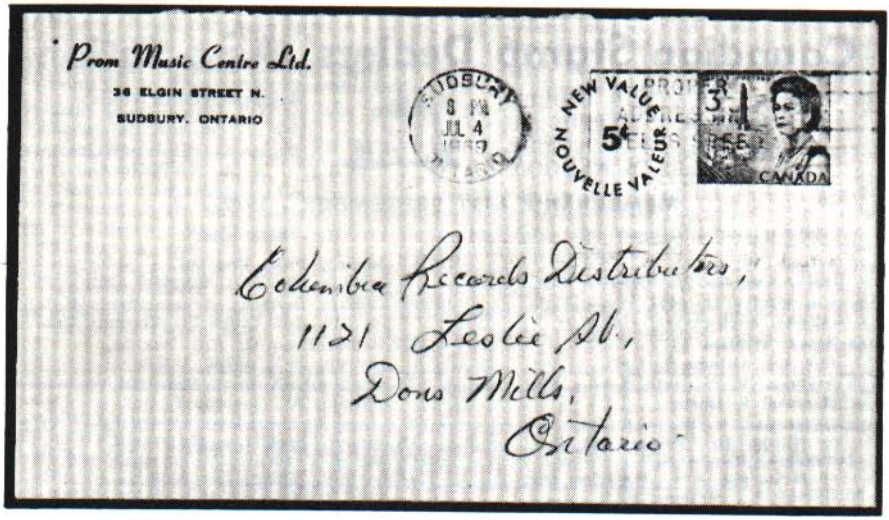


Figure 3

CENTENNIAL STATIONERY ENVELOPES

By HORST KAHLMEIER

The 1967 centennial stationery series has turned out to be what I think the most fascinating issue ever, especially the envelopes. A lot of both major and minor varieties have appeared over the recent years and they were all available to the general public at one time. This particular issue has created a number of "firsts" in the stationery field, as follows:— 1) created both a triple and quadriple printing impression, something which has not yet been found on any other issue, 2) only issue that has witnessed three postal rate increases within a matter of only four years, 3) has five different major types of surcharging dies as follows:— a) circular with central figure of "5" being five milimeters high, b) circular with central figure of "5" being four milimeters high, c) circular with the cent symbol closed, d) circular with the cent symbol open and e) the red maple leaf surcharge. 4) both the 7c. and 8c. postcards, #8 and #10 envelopes exist with the official Ottawa Day of Issue cancel, with both the adhesive stamps and the stationery items having been issued on the same day! There are only around four hundred of each 7c. and 8c. #10 envelopes first day cancelled, but nevertheless they should be included in a good Canada collection just like the ordinary stamp first day covers.

Having recently been very fortunate to go through several thousands of the centennial stationery envelopes, I have come across some new major varieties which I am now reporting on. Only two of the 5c. PRECANCELLED surcharged 6c. #10 (figure 1) have been found so far. This is definitely rarer than the 3c. not precancelled surcharged 5c., and no #8 size has yet been found.

The 4c. #10 Cameo stamp size 24½ x 21 mm and the 4c. #8 Cameo stamp size 25½ x 21½mm exist with the Gasparo surcharge (figure 2) and they may also exist on the smaller die on the #8 and on the larger die of the #10 size. In any event, these are also extremely hard to get items, much scarcer than the 5c. Cameo surcharged and for some unknown reason only the Gasparo type with

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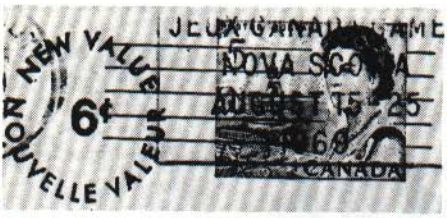


Figure 1

the closed cent sign are found on the Cameo issue. Perhaps the other surcharging company was alert in rejecting these obsolete envelopes more so than Gaspero. Both the 4c. and 5c. surcharged Cameos have been found with postmarks from all over Canada, mostly from Ontario, Quebec and British Columbia though, and mostly used in 1969.

Another new major find are the 4c. and 5c. both envelope sizes surcharged 6c. on the first 1967 printing that had no inside security printing of Postes Canada Post as the second 1968 printing has. A very small amount has been found so far, all used and surcharged by the Gasparo type. There were none available at the Ottawa agency and boxes containing these varieties were distributed again to most parts of Canada. How many survive today is, of course, completely unknown and anything in mint is unheard of. How is it that some of the old Cameo and the first 1967 printing issues were still around and eventually surcharged along with the intended 1968 issues? Perhaps some postal stations didn't have too much business and just didn't sell the stationery items. Then, with a lack of communication somewhere along the line, these older issues that were supposed to have been destroyed were accidently submitted for surcharging back in 1968.



Figure 2

Having studied the postmarks of the International type open "¢" variety, I find that getting together a set showing a cancellation of each province and territory is extremely difficult. Even though Ontario, Quebec and British Columbia postmarks are somewhat plentiful, those from Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and the territories are very rare, as are the mint envelopes of this type. Genuine commercial covers of the centennial issue are also very scarce and always seem to command a nice premium at auctions. These are covers that have a corner return address printed ,and not rubber stamped, on them from some company, as seen in figure 3 which is even rarer since it is on the 3c. not precancelled envelope! I have not yet seen any other centennial commercial stationery envelopes so it sems to be another hard to come by item.

Some more minor varieties have been found recently which I feel are important enough to mention and look out for. There are some very interesting shade differences on the new 8c. especially #8 size envelopes. These can be collected in shades ranging from grey blue to an ultramarine tint, the later being the scarcer of the two. They may be different printings although some were found with the same month postmark but from different locations. A few covers of the 6c. black #8 exist with a very weak strike of the stamp impression. Figure 4 shows no lines in the figure "6" and the Queen's portrait lacks many of the fine dots and lines, giving her a ghostly appearance. This looks more to have been due to worn out dies than lack of ink, as I have seen a very light shade stamp impression of this issue but the fine details were still all present in the design.

In both the 6c. orange and the 5c. surcharged 6c. #8 envelopes, I have seen what definitely are double stamp impressions. Upon close examination, one can see without glass a light "ghost" impression printed a little towards up-

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Figure 4

per left in relation to the more heavily stamp impression. The designs have a slight double and shadowy image in the background, just as there is in the triple printing variety of the black 6c. Double stamp impressions do not seem to be in existence in the large #10 size for some reason.

It has proven to be that approximately 2% of the total quantity envelopes printed of any denomination of the 1968 and subsequent printings have appeared with the stamp impressions on the reverse, or coarse side of the paper. These are also found on the surcharged envelopes, creating even a wider range of varieties for the centennial specialist.

With the appearance of new difinitive stamps some time this year, the end seems to be coming near for the very interesting stamps and stationery issues, which have seen a lot of major changes in the postal system itself. Also numerous experimental and new products were introduced during this issue and almost everyone was available to the general public, making the study and collecting of just the centennial issues and the new items of the era almost a lifetime work for the serious collector.

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A section dealing with the oval registry markings shows ten similar markings from seven different cities. There is one each from London, Kingston, Toronto, Winnipeg, Belleville and Cobourg. In addition, four different ones from Hamilton are shown. All were used in a period from 1874 to the latter part of the 1880's—although not simultaneously.

The only thing that these ovals have in common is the word "REGISTERED" on the upper portion. The post office designation in the lower portion varies from dater to dater. Hamilton had two with the name of the city alone. Belleville and Cobourg had the name of the town, the province (ONT) and CANADA. Hamilton, London, Kingston, Toronto and Winnipeg had the name of the town and CANADA only. Hamilton and Peterborough had the name of the town and the province (ONT) only.

A quick recount shows that there are eleven, rather than ten, of these ovals and that the extra one is from Peterborough. Although Mr. Harrison mentions the possibility of its existence, it is not illustrated in his fine book. The illustration above (the only one reported to date) shows it to be of the "town and province" type and used in 1886.

Incidentally, two covers in the author's collection show yet one more type. This is from Hamilton (showing the name of the town only) and has a completely blank indicia. This, therefore, brings to twelve the number of such markings known.

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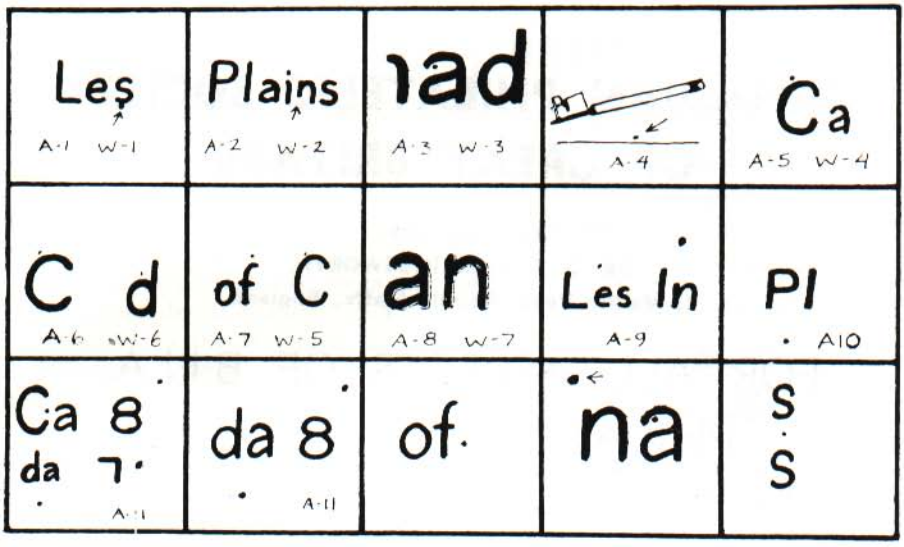
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UNDER THE LOOKING GLASS

By KEN PUGH (R.P.S.C. #9503)

As the title suggests, you will require the use of a "looking glass" or magnifying glass to find the flaws mentioned in this month's article, although some of the flaws can be seen with the naked eye. A 10 power glass should be used.

Like the Paul Kane, Group of Seven, and B.C. Centennial commemoratives, the two Plains Indian stamps issued on July 6th may be noted for the numerous primary flaws found on them. Earlier I had discussed how the variety collector could tell in which direction the step-and-repeat machine travelled in making the plate by noting the pattern of the primary flaws. On the Group of Seven issue it travelled across the plate, while on the B.C. Centennial and Paul Kane commemoratives, it travelled up and down the plate.

Upon examining the pattern of the flaws on the Plains Indian stamps three things can be discovered: 1) The step-and-repeat machine moved across the plate. 2) The words Indians of the Plains Canada 8 were printed for both the Artifacts and the Catlin Painting stamps at the same time. This can be detected, when a flaw in the wording appears across the sheet and is found on both stamp designs. 3) The step and repeat machine photographed only one of the two designs at a time. This can be detected by a flaw being found across the rows, but on one design only (either the Catlin Painting or artifacts).

I hope I haven't confused you, but if you consider the positions of the following varieties, things should sort themselves out.

Plains Indian - Artifacts

Primary Varieties

1. black dot below -s- of Les r1/1,3,5 r2/2,4
2. short leg on -n- of Plains r1/3,5 reported by the Winnipeg Philatelic Society)
3. black dot on second -a- of Canada r3/1,3,5
4. red dot below pipe r4/2,4

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6. black dot above -C- of Canada and above -d- of Canada r8/2,4
7. black dot above -f- of of, black dot above -C- of Canada, black dot to the right of the drum r10/2,4

Secondary Varieties

8. doubling of black letters
9. small blue dot above Les, large blue dot above -In- of Indiens r1/5 (reported by the Winnipeg Philatelic Society)
10. black dot below -Pl- of Plains, white dot on -C- of Canada r7/1
11. blue dot in -C- of Canada, black dot Upper Right of 8 and below -d- of Canada, large red dot to the right of the design r9/3
12. same as variety #10, but with no blue or red dot r9/3

Plains Indian, Way of Life

(Catlin Painting)

Primary Varieties

1. black dot below -s- of Les r1/2,4 r2/1,3,5 (see artifacts #1)
2. short leg on -n- of Plains r1/1,4 (see artifacts #2)
3. black dot in second -a- of Canada r3/2,4
4. black dot above -C- of Canada r8/1,3,5 r9/2,4 r10/1,3,5 (see artifacts #7)
6. black dot above -C- of Canada and -d- of Canada r8/1,3,5 (see artifacts #6)

Secondary Varieties

7. doubling of letters (see artifacts #8)
8. blue dot to the right of -of- r7/2
9. large blue dot above -n- of Canada r3/2
10. red dot between -s- of Les, and -s- of des r1/2

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Canada stamps have been printed from three different papers over the last few years. Until recently the Post Office did not offiically recognize these papers for collectors but now the Philatelic Agency is starting to sort out some of these stamps, at least whatever is left, and sell them to collectors if asked for. Not all collectors are interested in the large number or variations which have appeared but certain catalogues and price lists begin to offer these variations. Some of these variations are quoted at very high prices but we do not know the basis for the prices. One thing is obvious though, that many post offices did not get all the paper varieties. For example some received one type and others another type of paper. And to make it more complicated the Agency did not receive all types either. The three papers are recognized as the Non Fluorescent paper which has a kind of dull appearance and does not reflect or activate under the UV light. The Fluorescent paper has some reflectivity under the UV light. The third one is the Hybrite paper which is a smooth paper which reflects brightly under the UV light. Since 1968 and not counting the regulars 38 were printed on non fluorescent, 19 on fluorescent and 85 on Hybrite of a total of 119 stamps.

The Ottawa tagging still remains a problem for collectors. Not only must these stamps be separated from any others but even single normal album sheets will transfer the tagging information onto the back of other stamps on the previous page with time under pressure. It will not transmit through plastic sheets. I recently ordered from one dealer two Ottawa error tagged stamps, advertized at seven and ten Dollars each. It was obvious that both were manufactured by pressing one stamp against the other to create the error tagging. The outside edges of the tagged stripes were not sharp but ragged and slightly smudged.

With the unusual amount of rain which we are getting this year it is not surprising to hear of flooded basements and unfortunately some people keep their stamps there. A collection which was shown to me for evaluation had suffered considerable damage from water. The difference in value before and after damage was used to obtain from the house contractor payment for the loss after a court case. What was of interest to me was the fact that all eleven albums, except one, suffered more damage than one. The one album was a regular stamp album in which pages were lying flat, the others four ring binders with loose sheets or home made albums. May be there is a lesson to be learned.

We hear that the National Library in Ottawa is planning a big exhibition of philatelic literature in November. The library owns an extensive collection of such material and we are certain that such venture will not only be welcome by many, it also will help publicize the importance of this field of philately.

We had a preview of the Scott Part 1 and although by the time this appears, you many have your copy. The classic material is still advancing and this time not only the mint but the used as well. The middle period remains steady and some advances are noted in the modern. Booklet panes show an increase this time.

The growing interest in postal stationery all over the world is evident from the new catalogues. A very fine catalogue for the Germany postal stationery including the Old German States was published by Michel. But just try to get such material. We have been trying for years to complete the Admiral postal stationery and although some are listed as only a few cents worth, never found them. If you have any holdings, let me know.

We noticed dealers and collectors are becoming worried about the large number of exhibitions every year. Dealers can not attend them all, may be they like to, and collectors can not afford so many and their exhibits are limited. In USA and Canada there were over 480 exhibitions last year, some probably were not even listed. Should a society co-ordinate or let things go as is? We would rather like to see a few but good exhibitions than many poor or medium shows.

Exfilbra 72

Mrs. Geldert, the Canadian Commissioner to EXFILBRA '72 reports Canadians did very well at the exhibition held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil August 26th to September 2nd. The awards were as follows:—

VERMEIL—A. Ben-David, Toronto, Ontario. (Israel)
Major R. K. Malott, Ottawa, Ontario. (Canadian & Newfoundland airmail flight covers)

SILVER—Andrew H. Hinrichs, Labrador City, Newfoundland. (19th century Indian covers)
Dr. M. A. Kamienski, Scarborough, Ontario. (Poland)

SILVER BRONZE—(two) Michael Madesker, Downsview, Ontario.
(1) Canadian booklet panes, and
(2) Tete-beche issues of Israel.

Edward L. Willard (U.S.A.), Captain Alboran I. Dujmovic, Ecuador, Lois M. Evans (U.S.A.) all R.P.S.C. members won small gold medals; Mr. Willard also won a silver medal.

The jury consisted of twenty distinguished philatelists from North, Central and South America including Mr. J. N. Sissons of Toronto.

EXFILBRA '72 was the fourth exhibition sponsored by F.I.A.F. The first in Bogota, Colombia in 1969, the second in Caracas, Venezuela in 1970 and the third in Lima, Peru in 1971. 1973 in Cordova, Argentina has been cancelled and will probably be replaced by Caracas, Venezuela. Santiago de Chille in 1974 has also been canceled and the exhibition site for that year may be Mexico City. Details will be announced later. However, the official F.I.A.F. exhibition sites from 1975 to 1978 remain as follows:—

1975 - Montevideo, Uruguay;
1976 - Philadelphia, Pa. U.S.A.;
1977 - La Paz, Bolivia and
1978 - Toronto, Canada.

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This hard cover book of approximately 170 pages is neither a philatelic work nor a book on Canadian history. What it actually does is relate some of the aspects of our heritage using the postage stamps of this country as illustrations.

The story is set out in divisions (Exploration, Settlement, Government and politics, etc.) rather than in chronological order. In other words, this is a thematic treatment and, as such, is well done. The final chapter is entitled Arts and Letters and deals with Canadian men and women in the creative arts who have had some connection with the postage stamps of this country. It is extremely interesting.

The book is profusely illustrated and it is in this area that its main fault is found. The illustrations are, for the most part, close to the size of the stamps as issued and do not carry the impact that larger ones would have accomplished. Also, a few of the stamps (common ones) are shown cancelled and stand out as blemishes among the others.

Neither historians nor specialist philatelists will gain much from the book. However, it is ideal for the junior collector because it will not only broaden his approach to stamp collecting but will also give him an insight to many of the interesting facets of Canadian history. It would make an excellent gift for the neophyte collector.

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TORONTO '73

THE MUSKOKA LAKES -- THEIR POST OFFICES

By MAX ROSENTHAL

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So rhapsodized "Toronto and Adjacent Summer Resorts", an "Illustrated Souvenir and Guide Book" produced by the Murray Printing Company, of Toronto, in 1894. It was one of many publications enticing an ever increasing number of tourists each summer to Muskoka, a seasonal influx which brought about the opening of the first summer post offices in Canada, postal facilities open only during the warm months.

As mentioned in "Muskoka District — The First Post Offices", in the Canadian Philatelist, May-June 1971, A. P. Cockburn came to Gravenhurst, to build the first steamboat on the Muskoka Lakes, the Wenonah, which went into service in 1866, nine years before the railway reached it, making its maiden trip to Bracebridge. Its hull was wooden, and along the curve at the top of the paddle-wheel boxes was painted "Royal Mail and Express Packet."

The cork W which was used to cancel stamps at Gravenhurst during the middle 1870s undoubtedly referred to the Wenonah. From 1866 an another of the Cockburns, J. P., kept the post office in his stationery and fancy good store. When the railway came through, the line ended west of the town, on Muskoka Bay. There Daniel McPherson opened West Gravenhurst post office in 1880.

Summer Resort Beginnings

The Wenonah ended the excruciating experience of travelling through Muskoka by stage coach, over corduroy roads, to places on its route. Other steamships followed, also carrying the mails as well as passengers, as listed in "Muskoka District Post Offices — The Second Decade", in the Canadian Philatelist of January — February 1972.

Americans first put Muskoka to recreational use, soon joined by people from southern Ontario. By 1879 W. E. Hamilton could write in his "Guide Book and Atlas of Muskoka and Parry Sound Districts" that "a very large proportion of the islands in our front lakes have been bought by wealthy tourists from the 'Front' as places of summer residence."

At first the northern end of Lake Joseph was preferred, but soon islands throughout the lakes were occupied, and hotels appeared on shores and islands everywhere. In the 1880's all of Muskoka developed with a rush.

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"The Beaumaris Hotel commands a fine outlook on Lake Muskoka, and is kept in first-class style by mine host Edward Prowse. There are a number of summer cottages, a store and a church within a short distance of the hotel. There is a daily mail and express office." Prowse had established Beaumaris post office on the Monck Township island in 1881, and it was open all year.

On From Beaumaris

"Situated on a beautiful sheltered bay behind Tondern Island is the Milford Bay House, kept by Robert Stroud. It is a strictly Temperance House, and is much esteemed as a quiet retreat by ministers of the Gospel and others. There are good camping grounds on the premises, and a small general store is kept for the convenience of campers and cottagers." Open only during the summer, Milford Bay post office had been opened by Stroud in 1889, on lot 26 concession 10 of Monck.

"Mortimer's Point is about equi-distant from Beaumaris and Bala. There are a large number of summer cottages in this locality, most of which are owned by citizens from Toronto. The post office is Mortimer's Point, and here also is located the Wingberry Hotel, kept by Wm. Mortimer." Situated on lot 29 concession C of Medora, the post office had been brought into being by Mortimer in 1889, with a daily mail stage to Gravenhurst and Bracebridge.

In lot 15 concession E of the same township, on the western shore of Lake Muskoka, George Fenn opened Dudley in 1894. This was west from Mortimer's Point, but, continuing north from the latter one came to Whiteside, opened in 1886 by William D. White in his general store in lot 18 concession 1 of Medora. A stage carried the mail twice weekly from it to Bala, Port Carling and Gravenhurst. On an island just south of Point Kaye, in Monck Township, Port Keewaydin summer post office was opened in 1894 by Miss Nellie M. Dundas. A little east of Point Kaye, on the mainland, John Hutton established in 1889 Hutton House. A stage carried the mail twice weekly to Bracebridge, but in summer daily as well, by water.

Entering Lake Rosseau

"Port Carling is a picturesque little hamlet situated on the Government Locks between Lake Rosseau and the Indian River. It is the most central point in Muskoka; all the Muskoka Navigation Company's steamers, as well as all craft passing from Lakes Rosseau and Joseph to Muskoka Lake, must pass through the Port Carling Locks.

"The lower part of Lake Rosseau is gemmed with numerous beautiful islets. Ferndale here nestles in a deep sheltered bay. The Ferndale House stands on a high bluff. R. G. Penson is the proprietor of the hotel. Ferndale is two miles distant from Port Carling by water and one mile by land."

Penson had come out from England, to settle in Muskoka ,in 1869, on lot 30 concession 6 of Medora. There in 1888 he opened Ferndale House summer post office; a mail stage went thrice weekly to Bracebridge.

A few days before Penson located on his land back in 1869, Charles Minett had also arrived from England, to take up lot 23 concession 11 of Medora. At the beginning of the 1880's Minett built one of the first hotels for summer visitors, which he called Clevelands. "Clevelands has long been a popular resort. There is a post office here and the M. & G. B. Navigation Co.'s steamers call daily."

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