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Dear Friends:-

The other day I took a quick trip to Winnipeg and sold a valuable lot of B.N.A. then I bought a lot of mint Canada. Upon boarding the plane for Toronto, I was put through security precautions, which required me to go through a door frame, presumably filled with electronic gear to detect whatever they don't want you to take aboard. Before walking through this device, my brief case was taken by an attendant who carried it around to the other side of the desk for examination. The Inspector, a big, burly sort of a fellow, was a bit startled when I said "Be careful how you open that - the stuff may all fall out." Standing back, he said, "You open it" which I did and thousands of Canadian stamps flowed over the sides onto the counter. I had not had time to pack them properly. Well being an amateur collector, he was all eyes and questions, and although I had no bomb or weapons, it took ten minutes to get clearance while he examined my stamps with envious delight.

A long time counter customer decided to sell his collection to me. I should say accumulation, because there were albums, sheets, blocks, covers and many envelopes of new issues and purchases made over the years which had not been sorted. The United Nations were complete in every which way, and in quantity. the British Colonial and topical collections were beautiful. Included were St. Kitts 1923 Tercentenary to the £ mint, Swiss almost complete with the scarce League of Nations and Department sets. The Canada was excellent but not mounted, just loose in an envelope - what a grab bag! Pence issues and other better stamps were mounted on temporary pages. In all a very wonderful lot.

Mr. & Mrs. Greaves of Toronto collected Kennedy stamps. This is an interesting and popular topical theme for some years and they have been working at it with enthusiasm as a team. He bought the stamps and his wife mounted them. Practically complete with all stamps in superb mint condition and the album pages were beautifully arranged and most of the items were in Hawid mounts. They had other supporting material such as a large frame with his inaugural speech and pictures from magazines and so on. They had gone about as far as they could and had years of pleasure, and so they decided to sell it. I was indeed pleased to buy it along with various other albums of British Colonies and foreign. They have kept their Canada and are still having a lot of fun with it.

A young married man in Sudbury decided to sell his collection in order to help buy a home, and for this purpose one cannot find fault. He had put together a beautiful 11 volume British Colony, all mint, practically all complete sets, and in very fine condition. Also included was a handsome lot of France in 3 volumes. This was shipped down to us by Express, and of course, after a few days of valuating we sent off our cheque and the deal was completed. I am sure when this chap gets settled in his new home, that he will return to active collecting again.

We purchased a very large stock of used British Colonies from a dealer, including many complete sets. Total catalogue value was over $60,000.00, and the condition was very fine throughout. Included in one of the deals was over 3,000 used copies of the Canada 15c U.P.U. This is an item that has been short in our stock for some time, but this should set us up for a while.

With Spring and Summer just around the corner, I will be looking forward to some trips around the country to value stamps, so if you are thinking of selling, please get in touch with me.

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EDITORIAL

You cannot make a cheap palace"
Emerson

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If one considers that philately is an educational experience then stamp clubs can be likened to "encounter groups" and dealers can be classed as teachers of the various grades from kindergarten to university.

Examinations of proficiency are conducted at the great international exhibitions and in the auction rooms.

The auction room is a great leveller. It reduces the many facets of collecting down to the ultimate measure - monetary value. Unfortunately for some collectors the lessons of the dealer's shop are ignored and it is with dismay that they learn that their stamps purchased at such "bargain" prices are going to realize far, far less than they expected. They never learned the basic lesson that is demonstrated in all responsible dealers' stores, that it is far better to have one perfect stamp than ten copies that are not so perfect.

It is easy to own ten "not so perfect" stamps but to own only perfect stamps takes discrimination, patience and sometimes courage. In Harmers annual review a perfect copy of a 2c stamp cataloguing $2.50 realized $130.00, and closer to home, two bidders competing for a perfect copy of the 5c Large Queen (catalogue $125.00) drove the price up to an astronomical $2,300.00. The stamp was not picked up and will be resold by the auctioneer J.N. Sissons. It is doubtful if it will reach so high the second time, but it will certainly realize many times normal catalogue value.

Imagine the value of a collection made up of only the most superb copies of all stamps!!

The moral of this comment being, "It's condition that counts - not catalogue".

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I would have thought that all collectors had learned their lesson about the dangers of transparent adhesive tape, but apparently some have not got the message. I was recently told of a collection in transparent mounts that had had the open end of each mount closed with a small piece of transparent adhesive tape. Needless to say, the adhesive had deteriorated and run into the mounts. A misguided effort at protection that greatly reduced the value of the stamps.

Transparent adhesive tape should not be used in any fashion near anything philatelic. Don't even use it on the outside of your albums. It can be transferred onto your stamps accidentally.

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The index enclosed in this issue has again been prepared by member J. Charron of Longueil, Quebec. Mr. Charron has done this as a labour of love for the society for many years now. Contributions such as this are of value to all philatelists.

ERNEST JULIUS CHRISTENSEN

"Ernie" Christensen, Secretary-Treasurer of the Edmonton Stamp Club, Finance Chairman of Canpex '72, and a Director of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, died of cancer in an Edmonton Hospital, December 30, 1972.

He was born in Denmark, February 9, 1901, and emigrated to Canada with his family in 1911. In the second world war, he served in the R.C.A.S.C. in Italy, Belgium, France, Holland and Germany, and he lives on in the memory of his sisters Sophie and Lily of Toronto, his brothers Heino of Toronto and Herbert of Vancouver, six nieces, six nephews and twelve grand-neices and grand-nephews.

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The National Librarian, Dr. Guy Sylvestre looks on as President Harry Sutherland signs the Visitors Book after opening the exhibition "Philately - The Label and The Mark." Director Colin Bayley was instrumental in organizing the exhibition.

NATIONAL LIBRARY

Mr. Harry Sutherland, President of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada officially opened a National Library of Canada exhibition "Philately - The Label and the Mark" on December 11, 1972.

Books selected from the National Library's recently acquired Philatelic Collection were displayed for the first time and included earlier publications relating to adhesive stamps and more recent publications on postal history.

The variety of items displayed illustrated the major developments of philately during the last 30 years, and the numerous and diverse facets of collecting in this field.

In keeping with the holiday season visitors saw a number of Christmas stamp designs submitted by children. Other items of special interest were an essay proof of a design by Sir Sandford Fleming for Canada's first stamp; an original transcript of a Queen Anne document making the first mention of postal service for Canada, and loaned by the National Postal Museum. Other items were on loan from friends of the Royal Philatelic Society and the Public Archives of Canada.

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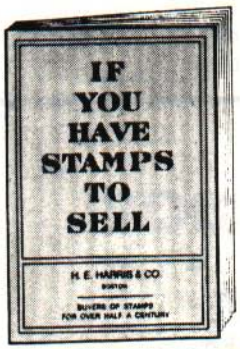
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Mr. George LaMesurier an Ottawa teacher and philatelist proposed to cooperate in preparing a manual for teachers. We expect that it will become available in the late Fall of 1973.

The junior section at TORONTO '73 will be under the jurisdiction of the Junior Philatelic Society of America whose Canadian Director is a member of the Royal, Mr. Graham J. Noble. This group will oversee the philatelic entries in the exhibition and have a table in the Governments and Societies Section. The members of the jury for youth exhibits will be Mr. Doug Patrick of Toronto, Dr. Albert Friedberg of Cleveland and a junior apprentice judge appointed by the JPSA.

Sales Department

New books have been coming in steadily since the new year and among them has been some nice Canadian material but the demand from members is such that I regret all requests for Canadian circuits cannot be fulfilled. So those of you who have some good stuff to spare please remember that we have many members wishing to buy it.

Stock of most countries are sufficient at time of writing but new books of the following are still wanted NOW.

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At time of writing we in this part of the world (Ontario) are enjoying weather fit for the golf enthusiast. . such as me, so if you do not hear from me you can guess that I am knocking the white ball around instead of shipping out philatelic goodies. Seriously though, sales circuits are still coming and going (postal service permitting) and the good books are emptying fast so I hope that those of you with surplus stamps or covers that I require, will find the time to mount them in our blank sales books and send them in. Books are available at a cost of one dollar for five, postpaid.

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16 May: 100th Anniversary, Death of Joseph Howe, journalist, orator and former premier of Nova Scotia.

8 June: 100th Anniversary, Birth of J.E.H. MacDonald famous Canadian painter and one of original members of Group of seven.

29 June: 100th Anniversary, Entry of Prince Edward Island into Confederation as Canada's seventh province.

15 August: Algonkian Indians (two stamps).

10 October: 100th anniversary, Birth of Nellie McClung, Canadian writer, temperance leader and champion of women's rights in the 1920's.

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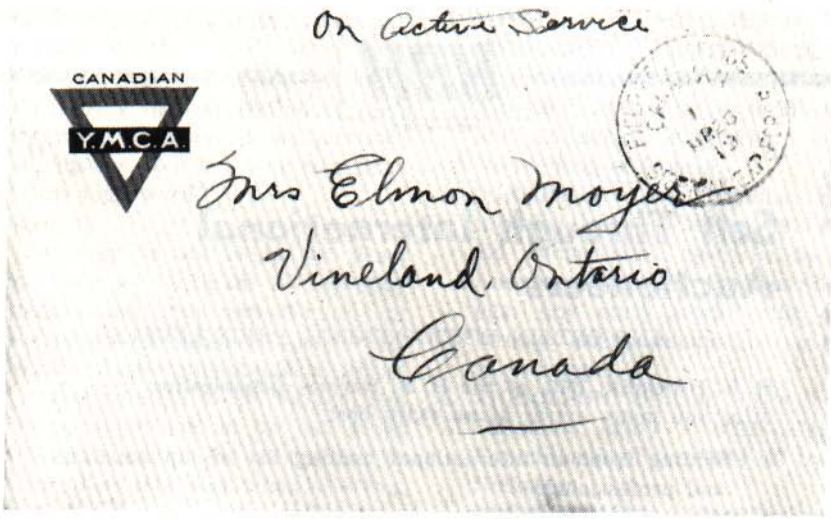


Fig 1

An attractive Y.M.C.A. corner card, one of the four covers from the Moyer correspondence. Bears the FPO-CEF(S) No. 1 postmark of MR 26 19. Type III YMCA cover.

Canadian Expeditionary Forces Mail - Siberia, 1918-19 - A Study of it's Markings & Stationery

by Ed Richardson, FRPSC

PART I

Introduction

Just a bit more than twenty-five years ago we came into possession of our first Canadian Siberian Expeditionary Force cover. a few months later, April 1948, it became the subject of packet No. 1 of our new column, The HOLLOW TREE, which then ran in **Popular Stamps**, and which continued later in the **Canadian Philatelist** for a total span of twenty-one years. Our interest in this military sideline, like that in Canadian Philately generally, has never dimmed. It is still a very facinating facet in Canada's History.

Much has been written during those intervening twenty-five years on the subject, yet for the most part these studies have been relative to the Siberian Expeditionary Forces, the units making up the force, their movements, sailings, return, and relationships with units from other nations, together with the over all purpose of the Expeditionary Forces themselves. This information is most valuable, and indeed very necessary to the study of the covers and postal markings born of this short lived adventure.

We do not intend that this study be a duplication of earlier works. Rather we hope that it will be a useful supplement. Our intention is to give primary attention to the markings and to the stationery provided by auxillary services and to do it in a manner that will make for easy reference. We aspire to be able to give the student of Siberian Expedition covers an easy reference where all the known data relative to any marking and stationery is recorded, and where such data will not be buried

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under a mass of other historical information.

A great deal of the data is new, but much of it is merely the correlation of facts already known. We will ask more questions than we answer, so it is a long way from being "the final word."

Bibliography

We certainly do not follow the usual pattern when we place the bibliography near the begining of our work. We feel that it is necessary in this instance, in order that students are made immediately aware of other studies relating to the subject. But even more important, in the list given below, the first word is the one that will be used throughout this work when referring to that particular reference, rather than always to have to use the full title. The first three form the basic reference works on the subject, but the others will be found to be useful.

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Historical Background

A.) **Northern Russia.** It may surprise many postal history students that there actually were Canadian forces in Northern Russia during this period. Quoting from Ministry "It was in May 1918 that the War Office approached Canadian Authorities with a view to securing the services of a number of officers and non-commissioned officers — Accordingly a Volunteer Party of five Officers and 11 non-commissioned officers proceeded to Archangel in June. — It was shortly after the organization of the above party that the War Office asked whether the Overseas Military Forces of Canada could furnish two Batteries of Canadian Field Artillery — and the 16th Brigade Canadian Field Artillery, consisting of the 67th and 68th Batteries, with a strength of 18 officers and 469 Other Ranks was organized at Whitley and embarked for Russia on September 17, 1918. — These two Batteries were in much of the recent hard fighting near Shenkursk—."

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"These forces are serving on a front roughly 120 miles south-west, south and south-east of the Base (Archangel) along the River Dwina."

"The Canadian Overseas Ministry was asked in August 1918 whether it could furnish a number of Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers to act as instructors for a Special Mobile Force at Soroka (Murmansk-Murman Peninsula). — 18 officers and 74 non-commissioned officers arrived — in October 1918. —This party up to the end of March (1919) had suffered no casualties."

Thus, there were in Northern Russia, during the same period that other Canadians were in Siberia, a goodly contingent:-

Archangel (Admin)
5 Officers 11 Other Ranks
Archangel (Dvina Column)
18 Officers 478 Other Ranks
Murmansk-Murman Pen.
18 Officers 74 Other Ranks
Totals 41 Officers 563 Other Ranks

This information is given here as it raises one very big question - Where are all the covers from these contingents? All of the students that I have discussed this with - know of none! Yet at least one cover is known from the American contingent at Archangel, it is illustrated on page 63 of the STAMP SPECIALIST, Gray Book. Supposedly the Americans had some 5,100 men and officers located there.

B.) Siberia.

Surpisingly enough while the Ministry report must have been written late enough in 1919 so that the Forces sent to Northern Russia were adequately covered, no mention of the Siberian Expeditionary force is made!

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The Canadian Government made the decision to participate in the Siberian action on the 12th of July, 1918. But no action was taken until mid-August. Within a few weeks the concentration of troops for embarkation began at Willows Camp, near Victoria, B.C.

The first troops left Vancouver on October 11th and arrived at Vladivostok on October 26th. This was the advanced party of approximately 700 troops, and they sailed aboard the "Empress of Japan."

No additional members of the CEF left Canada until mid November, and December. In the meantime the Armistice had been signed at Versailles on the 11th. there seemed to be considerable public opposition to further military adventures and the Cabinet hesitated. Only the "B" Squadron, R.N.W.M.P. and a few others left on November 17th. Since the Mounties numbered 190, it is unlikely that this entire contingent exceeded 220.

On November 27th the Cabinet reaffirmed it's decision to despatch the main body of the C.E.F.

These left in three separate groups aboard the "SS Monteagle," the "Protessalus" and the "SS Teesta."

There were approximately 4,000 Canadians in Siberia at the peak. Webb says 3,800 - Faulstich says 4,188.

Troops started to withdraw from Siberia in April 1919, and the last group, including the No. 5 Detachment, Canadian Postal Corps, left on June 3rd.

While stationed in Siberia, only a small group evidently proceeded far into the interior. On December 9 a small group of administrative personnel left via the Trans-Siberian Railway for Omsk, reaching that city after twenty-one days travel! They returned, apparantly taking even longer due to the revolution, not reaching Vladiovostok until mid-May.

The 259th Infantry Battalion was sent to Shkotova, only 35 miles from Vladivostok in April 1919. Otherwise, the Canadian units of the Expeditionary Force were not permitted to go inland.

So, considering how scarce any Siberian cover is today, - what a great find it would be to come across even one cover from the Omsk area, or other interior point!

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Hiawatha's Stamp Collecting

By C. P. RAVILIOUS

Then to matters philatelic
Turned my learned Hiawatha;
Turned to proofs and duplex markings,
Perfins, cancels, postal fiscals,
Used-abroad and first-day covers:
All this lore of postal history
Pondered then my Hiawatha.

Where the river murmured faintly,
Where the meeting-tree rose skyward,
Where the merchants brought their bundles
To attract the eager buyer,
Hiawatha bought an album,
Bought a spring-back loose-leaf album
To preserve his stamp collection;
Bought a quantity of hinges
(Double-gummed for easy peeling),
Bought a gauge for perforations.
These did Hiawatha purchase.

Then, much daring, Hiawatha
Sent for medium-priced approvals,
Choice approvals (suit beginner),
Quality all-world approvals
To augment his stamp collection.
All impatience Hiawatha
Waited then the postman's coming;
Rose while yet the dawn was stealing
Moccasined across the water
By the shores of Gitche Gumee;
Rose to wait the postman's coming.

Full of joy was Hiawatha
As he handled those approvals,
Choice approvals (suit beginner):
Ajaman paintings, Ras al Khaima,
Christmas triptych from Anguilla
Fifty Munich, fifty moonshots,
Fifty nudes from Abu Dhabi;
Plus—the high-spot of the package—
Giant free-form stamps of Tonga,
Free to introduce approvals,
Guaranteed five-star approvals
(Mainly singles and thematics),
Choice approvals (suit beginner).

These did Hiawatha purchase,
Mailing off a postal order,
To the dealers in approvals,
Quality all-world approvals,
Guaranteed five-star approvals,
Choice approvals (suit beginner).
But the careful Minnehaha
Raised her voice in vengeful anger.
"Did our fathers ever purchase
Bits of paper from a dealer,

THE CANADA CENTENARY STAMPS 1967 - 1973(?)

It is not certain yet but chances are excellent the last replacement for the long lived 1967 Centenary set will appear in 1973 and we shall then have a completely new set of regular postage.

This Centenary set started out with about a dozen varieties but over the past 6 years, what with additions, reissues, experimental papers, tagging, not to mention a few very interesting errors, the sum total must be close to, or over 200 different. Specialists are going to love this set. Already several booklets have appeared concerning it and one well known English catalog has priced over 100 of the stamps. One thing is certain; no one who has a small or large hoard of the stamps is going to part with them until he figures out exactly what it is he has.

I'll have a fairly complete PRICED check list available later this year. And, of course, good sized collections of the many varieties all correctly identified, at still reasonable prices.

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A COMEDY OF ERRORS

The final commemorative stamp for 1972, in honor of the famous painter Cornelius Krieghoff, has come up with quite an array of errors (if one has the plate set). A complete set of plate blocks shows no less than 4 spelling errors of the name Krieghoff. And that isn't all; 4 of the stamps in the right hand blocks show a good variety: the "latch on the door."

28 million stamps were printed which sounds like a lot until one realizes it is just a bit more than 1 per each Canadian! Seems like everyone in the country heard about the errors as the stamp was sold out in just about every post office in the land within a week.

I have 100 of the plate sets complete with errors etc., to offer at $10.00 a set; one to a customer as long as they last. More important, would like to get in touch with anyone who may have 10 or more sets for sale. State quantity available and price wanted.

THE MAPLE LEAF IN AUTUMN ERROR

Now for one of the very rarest of all major errors. A pane of 50 of the 1971 Maple Leaf in Autumn stamps was discovered in Sherbrooke, Quebec with all lettering missing. I purchased this pane in 1971 and nearly all have long since been dispersed. Have yet on hand 2 superb copies and they are a bargain at $3000.00 each as this error is roughly 5 times rarer than the famous Seaway Invert.

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Needless to say, am always interested in purchasing any major Canadian error discoveries. The phone number is 204-667-6881.

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At these words of Minnehaha;
Till a thought caressed his fancy,
Roused him like a distant war-drum.
"Could not I become a dealer?"
(Thus the thought caressed his fancy.)
"Could not I by drive and know-how
Make my hobby self-supporting,
Prosper as a part-time dealer?"

Soon the shores of Gitche Gumee
Echoed with excited rumours,
While the fame of Hiawatha
Spread like wildfire through the wigwams
And the people thronged to witness
Painted on a monster placard
Over Hiawatha's wigwam:
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But the biggest money-spinners—
So my Hiawatha tells me—
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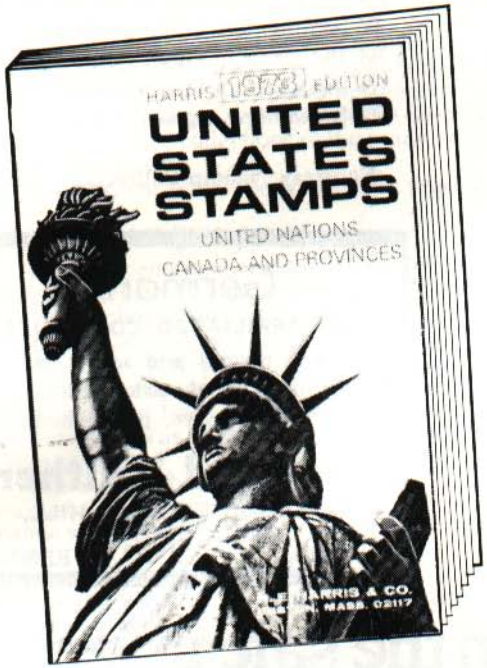
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WHAT'S NEW IN OLD CANADA

By FRED STULBERG

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In 1863, Mr. E.L. Cull of Toronto was concerned about the cleaning of stamps and illegally re-using them so he wrote to the Post Office Department suggesting that a cancelling device be devised that would have pins on the face so that the stamp would not only be "killed" but mutilated as well. The reply from the Post Office Department stated that experiments of this type had already been done and it was found that short pins dulled too quickly and that long pins damaged the contents of the envelope. Apparently Mr. Cull did not discourage easily because in 1867 the post office at Toronto started to use cancelling devices of this type which appear to have been locally made and have become known as the Toronto Scarifying Grids.

These were of the diamond grid design introduced ten years earlier, with the addition of pyramidal pins. When struck they would punch "X" shaped holes in the stamp and would apply the ink pattern as well. They were used contemporaneously from February, 1867 to November of the same year.

Not only did these devices prove to have the disadvantages already mentioned but there was one more that the Post Office Department could not anticipate. The pins extending below the face of the hammer had a tendency to deflect the paper enough so as to cause a poor registration of the ink. thus it is difficult to accurately establish the number of Scarifying Grids and the pattern differences of each.

The Jarretts's Catalogue (1929) shows five types and Boggs' (1945) seem to have copied the information from Jarrett. However, close examination of over fifty stamps and covers has established that every device contained three pins - no more, no less - and that these were never closer then 3 mm. center to centre. If these factors are indeed true then three, rather then five, of these implements were used. These are illustrated above.

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Perhaps it is now time to discuss those varieties which although very interesting to collect, do not warrant very much cash being paid for them.

When looking through several philatelic journals, newspapers, and auction lists, I was amazed at the asking price for many of these items, and I shudder at the thought of many novice collectors paying exorbitant prices, and not fully knowing what they are buying.

Although in many cases, the dealer is equally uniformed as the buyer, such transactions are very likely to lead to ill feelings between them when the true nature and value of these varieties come to light.

For a dealer to persist to advertize these items as "great rarities", or items of great value is of course detrimental to the hobby of stamp collecting, and a flagrant violation of professional ethics.

For a clearer understanding as to how many of these varieties are caused I suggest you read - Canada - Varieties of the Queen Elizabeth Era (Part I-Basic Types).

1) Blunt perfs - At first glance two stamps with blunt perfs appear to be imperforate. Most collectors and dealers have recognized that as long as a trace of the perfs is visible that the variety would be classed as "blunt perfs", and not as imperforate and have little value.

2) Coil pairs - "Imperforate horizontally between" (see photo). To my knowledge these have been reported with the six cent black perf 10, seven cent green, and eight cent slate issues. All of the examples I have seen, and have read about have the faint impression of the scoring knife, and similarily to the "blunt perf" varieties, cannot be classed as true imperforates. As horizontal pairs are rarely if ever used on regular commercial mail, I hold these items to be of a purely philatelic origin, and of little value.

If you really wanted to, you could obtain a strip of 10 horizontally joined rolls from the Post Office, and by not breaking the rolls apart, have an entire sheet of one thousand stamps "imperf horizontally" between.

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impossible to separate. Prices have varied from $1.00 a pair to $13.00 a pair.
3) Hickies - (see photo - 1969 - six cent Christmas - between AN of CANADA). Although these lithograph varieties may appear for a few dozen sheets or more, they are too numerous, and not nearly constant enough to warent catalogue status. Prices should range from 10 cents to 50 cents over the catalogue price of the stamp.



4) Doctor blade flaws - These may be found on the Mowat issue (see photo), or the Hearne issue. They are not constant enough to warrant a price over 50 cents.
5) Scratches - Despite the fact that scratches are less common than dots, they surely do not warrent the price of $10 as asked for by one Toronto dealer, for a block of six of the World Figure Skating issue containing a scratch'. The ad stated, "This error was quickly corrected. An estimated three hundred sheets only exist of this error." As lithograph varieties such as dots and scratches are quick to wear out I find his explanation dubious.

6) Colour shifts - Major colour shifts in which one colour runs into the adjoining stamp should be catalogued at $10 to $15, but many minor shifts have been grossly overpriced. One rather common shift on the 1969 Christmas issue was discribed by one dealer as, "Rare Canadian Double Image - an extreme rarity, these stamps have double and triple images due to shifting of overprint colours. Single - $15, block of four $50."

Another dealer's ad read "unheard of Canada six cent Christmas error. A block of the Lyman No. 503 in double image, all four faces in this stamp are in double.

I would suggest you place firm orders immediately as this would be a quick seller. Single - $20, block of four $75".

What bunk! These items should be priced at 50 cents each.

If you have any varieties to report or further examples of inflated prices I would be most interested to hear from you. Because of the large volume of mail I receive, please enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope if a reply is requested. My mailing address is 134-20th Street, Brandon, Man. R7B 1L4.

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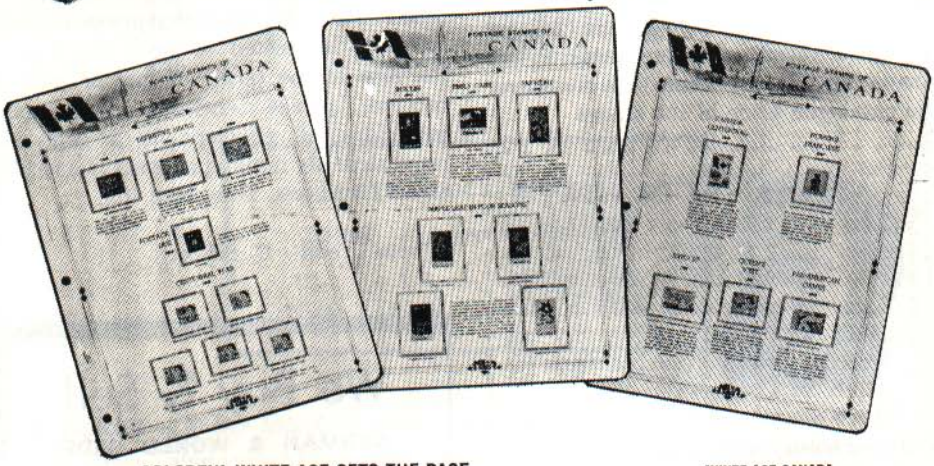
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Canada: The Large Queens Issue Of 1868

Dr. Robert A. Chaplin F.R.P.S. (L).

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In anticipation of these changes the British American Bank Note Company had been contacted in 1866 and a contract for stamps was completed in October 1867. One half of the first order was to be delivered by 1 March 1868., The demand surpassed expectations and a second order was placed in May 1868.

The vignette was engraved by Alfred Jones from a contempory coin which had been engraved by Charles Henry Jeens(1.) The vignette is the same for each denomination.

ESSAYS and PROOFS.

There is a three cents essay on india paper (Fig. 1). It is similar to the approved design. The significant difference is that the "three cents" curves upwards around the central vignete. They are recorded in blue and green (2.)

There is a progress proof of the completed vignette in black on card and two similar engraved vignettes with artists sketches of proposed designs for a two and a twelve and one half cents stamp. These are not the accepted design.

A progress proof of the five cents on india paper has been reported (3). This impression was made before "canada postage" and "FIVE CENTS" were engraved.

are on large cards and some have been cut from a trade sample sheet which was produced by the British American Bank Note Company late in 1869. There are plate proofs in color of issue as well as the occasional color trial.

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			Mint	FDC	Used
F1-3	1952	Postal Fiscal, ¼R, ½R, 1R, 3v	$ 1.75	——	$ 2.00
1-7	1962	First Deft. set, 7 values—complete	2.50	——	2.00
10-12	1963	Colombo Plan, 3 values, complete	1.00	2.00	1.00
13-4	1963	Freedom from Hunger, 2 values, Complete	.50	2.00	.75
15-3	1964	Dancer, complete set, 9 values	4.00	——	2.80
24-30	1964	Tokyo Olympic (without 15 ch) 6 values	2.00	——	2.00
——	1964	Tokyo Olympic Miniature sheet, perf & imperf	3.00	3.00	3.00
31-33	1964	Kennedy Memorial, 3 values complete	1.50	——	1.50
31-33	1964	Do miniature sheet, perf & imperf (2)	3.00	——	3.00
34-41	1964	Flower of Bhutan, 8 values, complete	3.00	3.00	2.80
47-52	1965	New York World fair, 6 values, complete	2.00	——	2.00
47-52	1965	Do Miniature sheet, perf & imperf (2)	2.50	——	2.50
53-5	1966	I.T.U., 3 values complete set	1.80	——	1.75
53-5	1966	Do Miniature sheet, perforated alone	2.00	——	2.00
56-67	1966	Animal, complete mint—12v	5.00	——	4.00
——	1965	SURCHARGED DOWN, 6 values	2.00	——	2.00
76-8	1966	Rinpung Dzong (2nd deft. issue) 3 values	.25	——	.10
88-02	1966	Abominable Snowman, 15 values, complete	5.00	7.00	5.00
103-7	1967	AIRMAIL, 33ch, 50ch, 70ch, 75ch, 1/-, 5v	1.00	——	1.00
113-1	1967	Bhutan flowers, complete set 9v	4.00	4.50	3.50
122-7	1967	Boy Scouts, 6 values complete	1.50	2.00	1.25
——	1967	Boy Scouts Miniature sheet, perf & imperf (2)	3.00	3.00	3.00
128-0	1967	Churchill commemoratives, 3 values, complete	1.75	2.50	1.75
128-0	1967	Churchill Miniature sheet, perforated (1)	2.50	——	2.50
131-3	1967	Expo-67, complete 3 values	3.00	——	2.50
134-9	1967	World Jamboree IDAHO, USA overprint, 6v Comp.	2.80	——	2.80
140-5	1967	Girl Scout, 6 values Complete set	2.50	5.00	2.50
140-5	1967	Girl Scout, 6 values Imperforated issue 6v	6.50	10.00	7.50
145-57	1967	3-D Space achievement, 12v Complete	6.50	10.00	——
158-9	1968	Dzong issue, 10ch & 50ch (regular issue) 2v	.10	1.00	.10
160-9	1968	Pheasant Birds, 10 values complete	6.00	10.00	5.75
170-3	1968	Winter Olympic Games, OVERPRINTED, 4v Complete	3.00	——	2.50
174-88	1968	Mythological creatures, 15v complete	5.00	7.00	5.00
174-83	1968	Mythological creatures, but imperf., 15v complete	8.00	8.00	8.00
179-86	1968	3-D Butterfly, 8 values complete	4.50	4.75	——
179-86	1968	3-D Butterfly miniature sheet (2 sheets)	5.00	——	——
187-02	1968	Relief Painting, 16 values, complete	7.50	10.00	7.50
203-11	1968	Mexico Olympic Games, 8 values complete	2.80	4.00	3.00
203-11	1968	Mexico Olympic Games, IMPERFORATED, 8v	4.00	5.00	4.00
212-14	1968	Human Rights, GOLD COIN OVERPRINTED, 3v	2.00	3.00	——
215-17	1968	Flood Relief overprinted, 3 values Rare	1.00	2.00	1.00
218-32	1969	Bhutan rare birds, 15v Complete	5.50	6.50	4.75
218-32	1969	Bhutan rare birds IMPERFORATED, 15v Complete	8.00	9.00	8.00
233-38	1969	3-D Fishes, Complete 6 values	3.80	4.00	——
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239-46	1969	U.P.U., 8 values complete IMPERFORATED	2.75	3.50	2.75
247-54	1969	3-D Insects, 8 values complete	4.00	4.50	——
247-54	1969	3-D Insects, miniature sheets (2 sheets)	5.00	——	——
255-66	1969	Steel Industries, 12v complete	6.00	7.00	——
267-74	1969	3-D Birds, complete 8 values	4.75	6.00	——
275-79	1969	Religious Banners, on silk screen, 5v comp.	3.80	4.00	——
275-79	1969	Religious Banners, Miniature sheet, perf & imperf (2)	4.00	4.00	4.00
280-91	1969	3-D Moonlanding, 12 values complete (Apollo)	4.00	4.00	——
292-93	1969	Mahatma Gandhi, 2 values, complete	.50	.50	.50
294-01	1970	3-D Painting, complete 8 Values	4.50	5.00	——
294-01	1970	3-D Painting, Miniature sheet (2 sheets)	5.00	——	——
302-05	1970	U.P.U. Building, 4 values complete	.40	.50	.40
306-07	1970	Daga Dzong, 3rd Deft. issue, 2 values	.35	1.00	.10
308-23	1970	Famous Flower Painting, 16 values, complete	4.00	4.75	4.00
308-23	1970	Famous Flower Painting, Miniature (4) sheets	4.50	——	——

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Fig. 2

Fig. 3

Fig. 4

THE PLATES.

Each plate had one hundred subjects laid down in ten rows of ten each. There was an imprint in the centre of each of the four margins and a counter (the denomination) in capital letters was in the upper left margin of some plates. There were three types of imprints consisting of colorless letters in a colored bar (**in intaglio**).

Boggs' type three imprint (Fig. 2) British American BANK NOTE Co. Montreal & Ottawa, is known on the one, the two, a three, the unused plate of the five and plate two of the six cents.

Boggs' type four imprint (Fig. 3) BRITISH AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. MONTREAL & OTTAWA, is known on the one half, a three, plate one of the six, the twelve and one half and the fifteen cents plates.

Boggs' type five imprint (Fig. 4) British American Bank Note Co. Montreal, is on the five cents plate which was used to print the stamps (4.)

The counters are in the upper left margin above the first stamps (Fig. 5). they are in capital letters approximately 4½ m.m. high and are known on the one half, the two, one plate of the three, the five, plate one of the six and the twelve and one half cents.

THE PAPERS.

Many types of paper were used in the production of the large queen stamps. Mr. Gerald Firth classified six groups in an article published in 1924 (5.) In 1931 Mr. Charles Lathrop Pack described fifteen different papers (6.) The next year Lt. Col. M.A. Studd added six more to Pack's classification (7.) It is practical to classify the major types and not to labor with minor varieties.



Fig. 5

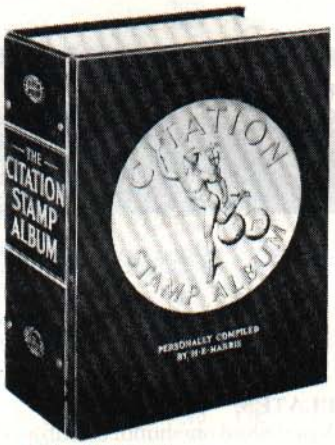
A. The earliest printings were on thin to medium crisp semi transparent wove paper. It has often a yellowish tint. The impressions have a blurred appearance. The one, two and three cents stamps are readily identified by shade alone. The six, twelve and one half and fifteen cents stamps are on a somewhat thicker paper and more difficult to identify.

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C. Medium to thick wove paper, watermarked in two lines "E. & G. BOTHWELL CLUTHA MILLS", was used for all denominations except the one cent yellow and the five cents. It's use was very rare for the one half cent stamps. The paper has a vertical mesh.

D. Horizontal laid paper was used for the one cent brown, the two cents and the three cents. Only two examples of the two cents have been reported.

E. Medium wove paper watermarked "Alexr. Pirie & Sons" in single line script was used for a very few fifteen cents.

F. A very smooth thick white paper commonly refered to as "carton paper" was used for a short time to print only the fifteen cents stamps.

G. Medium to thick poorer quality paper was used for the later printings of the one half cent and the fifteen cents stamps.

PERFORATIONS.

All denominations are perforated 12 by 12. The one half, five and fifteen cents stamps are also perforated 11½ by 12. The five cents stamps perforated 12 by 12 are uncommon.

GUM.

The gum varies considerably. Early it was thin and clear. The Montreal printings have a streaky darker gum. The second Ottawa printings have a smooth brown gum.

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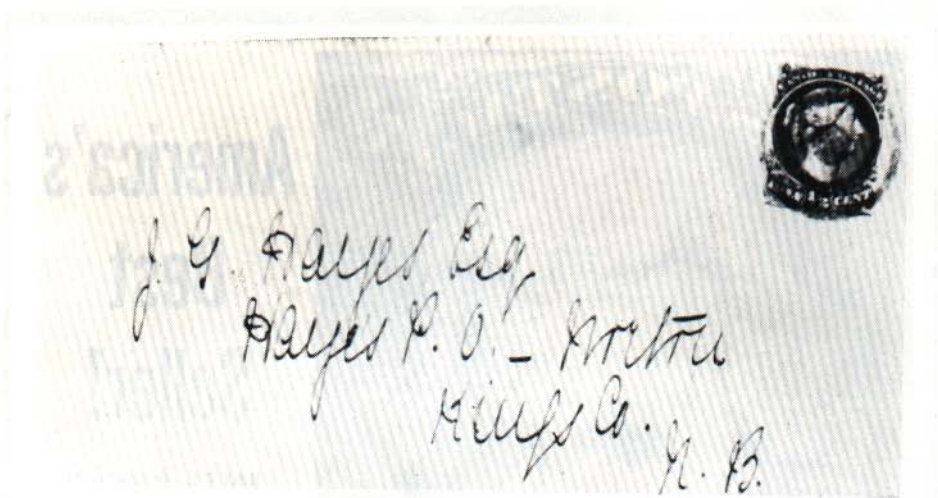


Fig. 6

THE ONE HALF CENT STAMPS.

The one half cent stamps were issued on 1 April 1868. (Fig. 6). They were replaced by the one half cent small queen stamps in July 1882.

"The rate of postage upon peridical publications, other than newspapers, shall be one cent per four ounces, or half a cent per number, when such periodicals weigh less than one ounce and are posted single, and when such periodical publications are posted in Canada, these rates shall in all cases be prepaid by postage stamps affixed to the same". (8.)

Only one plate was used to print the one half cent black stamps. Boggs' type four imprint is in each of the four m argins. The counter is 4 mm. high and is composed of shaded capital letters. The most significant variety is the unshaded chignon. It is most marked on stamp number forty-three and exists to a lesser degree on the two stamps above it and the four below. The stamps printed in Ottawa are an intense black. The later printings in Montreal tend to a grey-black. some Montreal printings are perforated $11\frac{1}{2}$ by 12.

Boggs estimates that 6,707,000 were isued to postmasters.

THE ONE CENT STAMPS.

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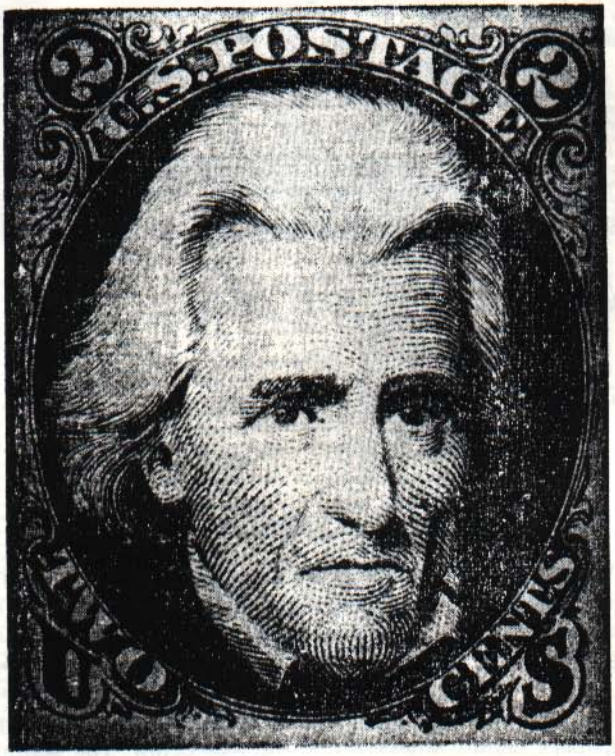
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Fig. 7

to orange-yellow in January 1868. They were replaced by the small queen stamps in March 1870. The one cent stamp was required to prepay the postage on local or drop letters per one half ounce, (Fig. 7) periodical publications other than newspapers per four ounces and for books and a large group of miscellaneous items including pamphlets, printed circulars, current prices, etc., per one ounce.

One plate was used to print the one cent large queen stamps. Boggs' type three imprint is in each margin. It is not reported if there was a counter. There are no significant plate varieties. The red-brown was confused with the three cents stamp and the color was changed. The first printings in the new color were deep orange followed by pale yellow and then orange-yellow.

Boggs estimates that 12,000 were issued to postmasters.

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Another study area is the tagging and some outstanding research is done by a few collectors who report in various journals. The Ottawa tagging appears to present some difficulties to the manufacturer. We have noticed stamps which show only one band on one side and none on the other or sometimes just a very fine band on one side. Does one collect these narrow or wide bands or are these just curiosities?

The Krieghoff stamps are certainly very nice and a large number of collectors used these instead of the Christmas stamps on their letters. An interesting and constant plate variety occurs on this one. The fourth row, vertical, shows a horizontal line inside the door frame on the right side. A flaw which repeats itself due to the photo offset method used for laying down the plate. A pair with and without this flaw makes a nice addition to a variety collection. This stamp was so popular that in a very short period all plate blocks were sold out. Suddenly, out of the blue, appeared another lot of plateblocks. It has been suggested that some stamps were used for an experiment and then released for sale?! This and many others using the PVA gum are difficult to soak off from the envelopes. Even, after long watering, they will stick to such surfaces as blotting paper when drying them. Most of these stamps are printed with fast colours and very hot water will not damage them, but it will take off the gum. Even a short exposure to boiling water helps.

An extensive study of the Canadian RPO cancels is now being carried out by a Canadian philatelist living in Japan. The existing book will be updated and we hear that a large number of new finds and other original information is being assembled for this purpose.

Another new book will deal with the King Edward issue and one philatelic society intends to issue a book on the recent definitives with all its ramifications. An introduction to the major constant plate varieties in Canada should also appear this year. A number of the Billig Handbooks are being reprinted and some include such information as the Canadian War Tax stamps and the original listing of constant plate varieties which appeared may years ago.

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MARCH 31 and APRIL 1, 1973. THE ANNUAL EXHIBITION AND BOURSE OF THE NORTH TORONTO STAMP CLUB will be held at the North Toronto Memorial Gardens, 180 Eglinton Avenue West, Toronto. Exhibition Chairman: Mr. Dave Lane, 2933 Lansdowne Avenue, Toronto 10, Ontario.

APRIL 7 & 8. Annual Exhibition, Kawartha Philatelic Society, Holiday Inn, Peterborough. Chairman R. E. Bowley, 374 Hunter St. West, Peterborough.

APRIL 14th. ANNUAL EXHIBITION, Guelph Stamp Club, St. Georges Church, Woolwich Street, Guelph.

APRIL 14th. ANNUAL EXHIBITION, Barrie Stamp Club, St. Georges Church Hall, Granville Street.

5 & 6 MAY — ORAPEX '73 of the RA Stamp Club, Ottawa, RPSC Chapter #41. The 100th anniversary of the RCMP will be honoured. Chairman Major R. K. Malott, 16 Harwick Cres., Ottawa K2H 6R1.

MAY 11 to MAY 20, INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION, Munich, Germany. Canadian Commissioner: J. N. Sissons, Suite 27, King Edward Hotel, 37 King Street East, Toronto 1, Ontario.

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NOVEMBER 14 to 23. INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION, New Delhi, India. Canadian Commissioner: J. N. Sissons, Suite 27, King Edward Hotel, 37 King St. E., Toronto.

DECEMBER 19 to 30 — JERUSALEM '73 INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION. Canadian Commissioner: A. Ben David, 7 Old Park Road, Toronto 347, Ontario.

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The sub office was located in Willows Camp which was in the Oak Bay area of Vancouver Island. It was here that the 20th Machine Gun Company was reviewed by Major General Hughes, Novembr 23, 1918 before the Company embarked for Siberia as part of the Siberian Expeditionary Force. Indications so far show this cancel to be very scarce.

Readers interested in Canadian postal his'ory, especially those collecting military cancels, are invited to write RPSC member J. Colin Campbell, RR6, Ross Road, Kelowna, B.C. for details on obtaining a copy of this report.

Dear Sir:

The Philatelist of last July contained the results of a survey concerning Canada Militia Field Post Office cancellations used during the period 1909 - 1941. The plan then was to issue an amendment in March 1973 and this is finished and ready for issue.

Dates reported have been increased by 141 and of these three are most significant and will be of great interest to military cancels collectors.

Contributors to the survey will receive copies of the amendment. Other readers are invited to write to: J.C. Campbell, RR6, Ross Road, Kelowna, B.C. for a copy.

J.C. Campbell
RPSC No. 8804

Dear Sir:

In Mr. Pugh's article in the January CP on page 39, I was momentarily confused by the sizes given in "mill." The word "mil" is commonly used to denote 1/1000 of an inch, which is evidently not what is meant here. I presume he was referring to millimetres. If so the correct symbol that should have been used is "mm." In any case I commend him for using the metric system, and I am looking forward to the day when we will be using it for all our measurements. Fortunately it is already fairly common in philately. I suppose though at this point in time anyone can be excused for using incorrect symbols. Note by the way, these symbols are never followed by a period and they do not add an 's in the plural.

In case you are wondering what right I have to make such apparently dogmatic statements, I might mention that I am a member of the Canadian Standards Association Metric Practice Guide Committee, which is entrusted with preparing the official Metric Practice Guides for the Standards Council of Canada.

Dr. Sydney V. Soanes
RPSC 7405

Dear Sir:

I should be grateful if you would publish in a future issue of "The Canadian Philatelist" the following appeal to your members:

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1. "The Canadian Philatelist"
   Whole No. 6 (Vol. 1-No. 6) March, 1929
   Whole No. 7 (Vol. 1-No. 7) April, 1929
2. "Stamp Collectors Exchange Club Magazine"
   Whole No. 46 (Vol. 8-No. 4) Nov. - Dec. 1943.
3. "Maple Leaves" - Journal of the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain
   Whole No. 1-4 (Vol. 1-No. 4) 1947
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Should any member have spare or unwanted copies of the afore-mentioned magazines, the Museum is interested in acquiring them.

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Dear Sir:

Within two weeks after reading Mr. Stulberg's article about the Peterborough Oval Registered dater (in Vol. 23, page 283), I acquired a cover with an oval dater from Cornwall, Ontario.

As is customary, at the top of the oval is the word "Registered", below it reads "Cornwall, Ont." The date is "Oc28" and below it "85".

The nicest part about this cover is that the 2c RLS is tied to the cover by the oval dater, and in addition there is a clear strike of the dater in the clear part of the cover. Additionally, a lighter strike of the dater ties a 3c small Queen to the cover and to the 2c RLS.

Where the oval dater does not tie the stamp(s) to the cover, I would submit that there should be some independent evidence to establish the genuine character of the cover, and the dater.

You might want to pass this letter on to Mr. Stulberg. I find his column most interesting and informative.

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Homer Hilton, Jr.
(Member No. 9824)

Dear Sir,

May I introduce myself in that, I am representing the Island of Tristan da Cunha in the South Atlantic Ocean, midway, between South Africa and South America.

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K.R.

SCOTT'S VOLUME III (J-Z)

With the publication of Volume III the 1973 Scott Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue completes the listings from Japan to Zambesia in 1,082 pages. Prices have been altered on 27,397 items with a strong market activity in Japanese stamps accounting for 2,059 changes in that country. Of the 124 stamp issuing entities there are, in fact, only 8 in which prices remain unchanged from 1972.

Classic issues of Europe show advances in Netherlands where some of the early air mails are also up. Sweden number one is raised to $2,500. and number three is listed at $3,500. Swiss Cantonal issues are led in significant price changes by the Basel Dove (No. 3Ll) which has moved unused from $2,100. to $2,300. The first Swiss federal stamps also show impressive upward revisions.

Recent auction realizations have been responsible for the higher pricing of Mexico No. C74 p the Amelia Earhart overprint - now quoted at $1,500. unused and $1,750. used. The 1936 air mail (No. C76a) with watermark variety is valued at $2,259.

Less than 100 catalogue numbers have been changed. There is no Addenda since stamps issued as late as October 1972 appear in the body of the catalogue, It has the same features inroduced in its companion volumes for this year - a glossary of philatelic terms in four languages and the advertisements of several stamp dealers.

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