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THE BIGGEST BUYER AT THE RITTER SALE

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Dear Friends:-

The legendary stock of stamps of the Late Milton Ritter were sold in New York City early in March. I was there, and am happy to announce that we were the biggest buyers in terms of dollars, ($32,000.00) and stamps (millions.)

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This must be the largest lot of Canadian stamps to come on the market at one time. There were some U.S. British Colonies and foreign, but the bulk of the stock was in the stamps of Canada and Provinces.

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From the time I was a boy my father spoke of "Ritter" a most unusual person, short, slightly heavy, dark eyes, heavy glasses, shy, but rather forward when the conversation was stamps. He never married, had no car to my knowledge, never travelled, not to Montreal, Buffalo, Ottawa, Windsor or to New York, where his stamps were finally sold.

He was a stamp dealer, but more a collector-accumulator - a real hoarder. I was at his office once when he was on Victoria Street, and I'm sure that everyone who visited Ritter remembers it well. His greeting would be an offhanded "hello, what have you got to sell, where is your good stuff?" He usually had a cigar in his mouth and was in shirt sleeves. There were dozens of albums around, all bulging with stamps, but even as a young inexperienced, wet behind the ears, stamp nut, I recognized the collections had all been skimmed, the goodies all gone, and spaces filled with crappies. I don't remember the purpose of my trip, but in any case, no business was done.

Back in the mid 30's we had one lot of over 1,000 of the 5c Beavers that Mr. Ritter had heard about and he was determined to buy them. On the 3rd. visit to 349 Lippincott, he made his final offer of $350.00 and peeled off the bills and I accepted. He almost ran out of the office and it was the only time I had seen him look happy. (No wonder.)

Many times in later years he would drop into the store and with his peculiar grin, cigar in mouth, ask "Watcha got for cash?" and at the same time pulling out a roll of probably several thousands of dollars, but, still shy, not knowing any other approach, or with anything else to say. Seriously, at first, and later, just for the fun of it, I would offer him some good things at top prices, some he really wanted and we would haggle, but I'd learned my lesson and stuck to my price (and the stamps.) I used to say "Milton, you have a lot of Canadian stamps that I need to fill orders, let's make an exchange." He never wanted to sell or trade except on a few occassions and his proposals were ridiculous. One thing I can say, is that he did know stamps.

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EDITORIAL

"It is the superfluous things for which men sweat"

Seneca

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The announcement that an organization hopes to raise a large amount of money to support the Olympic Games from the issue of special stamps seems to have disturbed some people.

This has led me to question the value of such programmes as the A.P.S. Black Blot reports and the F.I.P. listing of unacceptable issues. The literature at the end of the last century was full of criticism of the 1897 Canada Jubilee Set and at about the same period there was established in England a Society for the Suppression of Superfluous Stamps (S.S.S.S.) and yet in retrospect one has to agree with the comment of J. W. Scott who said at the time that the Jubilee issue "has done more to popularize and revive stamp collecting in Canada than all the stamp papers ever published put together".

When one asks the question as to why such programmes as the S.S.S.S. failed, one is forced to the conclusion that the individuals who form the market for "unnecessary issues" are not reached by the programmes. They are in effect preaching to the converted who probably would not purchase the issues anyway.

The major portion of all stamp purchases are made by individuals who are not affiliated with philatelic organizations and may read no more about philately than the column in the local newspaper. It is to this tremendous group that the prosletyzing efforts of the suppression programmes should be directed.

It is obvious that the only thing which is going to have an effect upon the issuing governments or departments is whether or not the stuff sells. It is also obvious that without the current interest in topical collecting, the market would not be half as attractive as it is to the postal departments. A topical collector is seldom concerned with the purely philatelic aspects of the material. He is primarily concerned with the design content i.e. he is buying pictures not stamps!

In view of this, programmes designed to reduce unnecessary issues are exercises in futility. They are not only misdirected but even if successful may be detrimental to philately in general by reducing the number of recruits from the ranks of unorganized collectors.

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In the absence of Major R. K. Malott, who has been called for service in the Canadian Contingent to the I. C. C. in Vietnam, the Society is happy to announce that Michael Millar, 192 Shanty Bay Rd., Barrie, Ontario has agreed to act as Chapter Coordinator.

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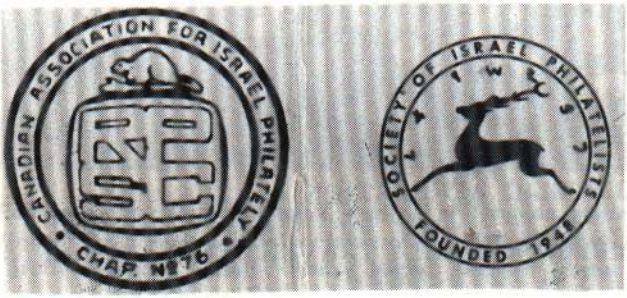
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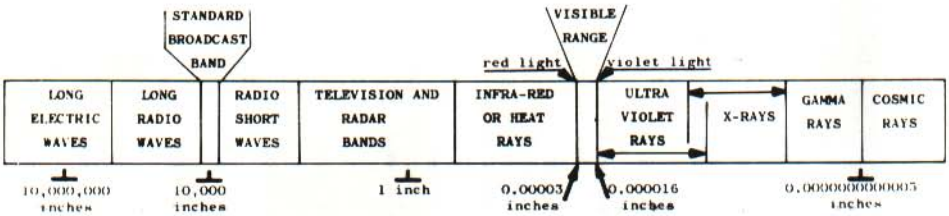
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The Hazards Of Ultra-Violet Philately

By DR. FRED STULBERG

People who have had training and experience in the use of invisible light sources not only learn how to take advantage of their unusual qualities but also to recognize their hazards and respect them. Thus when someone is to undergo extensive exposure to x-rays, for instance, the radiologist will question the patient about previous exposure to make sure that the person does not receive excessive radiation. It was with this in mind that a rather pretty, shapely young lady was asked "Have you been x-rayed lately?". The answer was "No, but if it makes any difference, I've been ultra-violated".

The word "violated" is perhaps more apt than one suspects. The use (or better still - the abuse) of the ultra-violet lamp in the hands of the inexperienced and the uninformed is as much a violation to an individuals well-being as the indiscriminate use of drugs. If this hazard continues to be ignored we could easily end up with an entire generation of philatelists with impaired vision.

As we have already mentioned, light need not be something that we can see. In fact, visible light makes up only a small portion of the electromagnetic spectrum which is based on the wave length of the various rays that we know. (fig. 1). With the naked eye, we can see only those rays that produce the colour spectrum of red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet. Invisible infra-red rays are those whose wave length is slightly longer than visible red. Also, ultra-violet and x-rays are those with a slightly shorter wave length than visible violet. It is significant that there is no clear demarcation between short wave ultra-violet and x-rays.

One of the properties of ultra-violet light is its ability to burn tissues and herein lies its main hazard. Most of us have experienced the agony of exccessive skin exposure to the ultra-violet rays of the sun and go to great lengths to avoid it. However, few of us associate this with the rays of the ultra-violet lamps although they are much more concentrated and can be much more devastating. For the philatelist, the tissues of the e y e are the most vulnerable to damage.

In the first place, the lens of the eye will concentrate the harmful rays on the delicate tissues in much the same manner as a magnifying glass will focus visible light to a point. Secondly, the short wave ultra-violet light takes on some of the properties of x-rays and the resultant burn penetrates deeper into the tissues than normally. This situation is intensified by the practice of the philatelist to view his articles in a darkened room. In the darkness the pupils of the eyes open wide allowing greater amounts of the harmful rays to enter.

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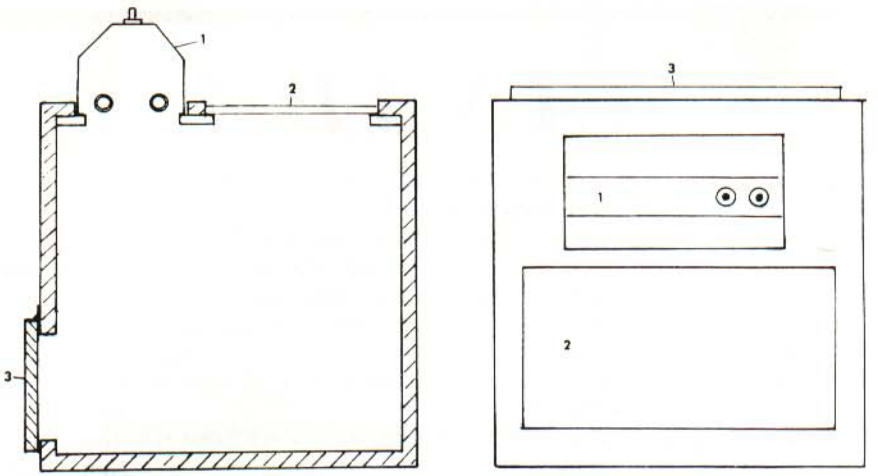
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For those who say "But I never look directly into the light" on the assumption that this is safe, let it be pointed out that reflected light varies from direct light only as a matter of degree. After all, a sunburn is no different when the rays have been reflected off water or sand than when they fall directly on the skin.

Eye damage caused by the improper use of ultra-violet light is not usually instant. Body tissues have an amazing tolerance to irritation but this is not infinite. Eventually a point will be reached where these tissues are no longer capable of a healing response and a chronic, irreversible situation develops. The more specialized the tissue is (as in the case of the eye) the quicker the damage will start. Many authorities agree that an usually high number of ultra-violet irritations become malig nant.

Does this mean that those who collect fluorescent stamps and papers must change their collecting interests? Not really. The answer lies in the fact that ordinary glass is one of the most effective filters of ultra-violet rays and if this material is placed between your eyes and the light source, it provides almost total eye protection. When the solution to the problem is so simple, there can be no excuse for evading it.

Ideally, one should use a light box (fig. 2). Rules of construction are not hard and fast and the size is determined mainly by the size of the material that the collector will be viewing. However, a piece of glass, preferably ¼ inch plate, must always shield the eyes from the light; there must not be any openings that allow unshielded light to escape; and, preferably, the ultra-violet lamp should be activated and de-activated by controls outside the box so that the safety factor is not diluted or destroyed. If portability is important, one should wear glass safety goggles similar to those used by machinists or welders. Of course, it goes without saying that these should be placed over the eyes before the lamp is activated and removed only after it is off. Eye glasses alone offer only limited protection.

One of the strongest forces that we must overcome is human nature. People do not usually react to a situation unless there is an actual "cause and effect" circumstance. When dealing with ultra-violet rays, if we wait for the effect before we remove the cause, it is too late.

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Canadian Internment Camps Of World War One

By COLIN CAMPBELL

In 1911 there were 81,248 non-naturalized aliens in Canada. At the beginning of World War One there were approximately 60,000 enemy alien nationals in Canada counting only those males of military age.

Following the declaration of war the Canadian Government acted quickly in August 1914 by promising those of German nationality protection provided they pursued their usual avocations and refrained from espionage etc. A few days later an identical proclamation was issued regarding Austro - Hungarians and still later Turks and Bulgarians were included.

The power already held by the Militia to make arrests and detentions was now extended to the Dominion Police and the Royal North-West Mounted Police. Provision was made for the release of any alien enemy who should sign a prescribed undertaking to refrain from acts of hostility, though refusal was made punishable by internment under the Militia of Canada.

By October 1914 a certain number had been apprehended and interned. Some after screening were allowed to leave the country in search of employment, others staying in Canada were put on a monthly report system. Those who failed to report or adjuged to be dangerous were interned as prisoners of war. It was at this point that internment operations proper were said to begin. Some of these early interned were lodged in Fort Henry (Kingston), in the Citadel (Halifax), at Vernon B.C. and Lethbridge, Alberta. Also at other points in the Prairie Provinces.

By Order-in-Council of November 6, 1914 a new and final military organization was created to provide full and sufficient internment services. The man chosen to head this organization was Major-General Sir William Otter, K.C.B., C.V.O. He was recalled from retirement

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The work of registration went on and even by June 1918 the final returns and analysis of these had not been made but a total of almost 80,000 persons of enemy nationalities were counted.

Within a few weeks of the order of November 6th, 8,200 enemy aliens (two thirds of them Austrian) the maximum number at any time under apprehension, were handed over for detention. The most pressing accumulation of prisoners was in Montreal with nearby areas of Ontario and Quebec next. Fort Henry and a camp at Petawawa provided for most of these with smaller establishments at Toronto and Montreal. Soon after, two large camps were erected at Kapuskasing, Ontario and Spirit Lake, Quebec. Before 1914 ended establishments were located in Halifax, Brandon, Vernon, Lethbridge and Nanaimo. Border stations at Niagara Falls and Sault Ste. Marie were actually receiving stations rather than detention camps proper.

In 1915 a camp at Amherst, N.S. was set up catering chiefly to certain prisoners of war captured at sea. They were mainly Germans.

Additional camps were built for purely Canadian enemy aliens in 1915 at Beauport, Quebec, Banff, Edgewood, Fernie, Monashee and Revelstoke in B.C. Still later a camp in Jasper, Alberta was added.

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FURTHER NOTES:

Enemy aliens are not prisoners in the civil sense, but are "prisoners of war" and entitled to the privileges of such under the Hague Rules. Their detention being essentially a measure of security and not punishment.

Gaols or prison buildings may not be used to house enemy aliens. Many camps resembled Canadian lumber camps. Barbed wire did however surround the camps and sentries were posted day and night. Such, in the fourth year of the war, was Kapuskasing. Amherst however consisted of a made-over factory while Morrissey was a former hotel. Vernon was a commodious building surrounded by ten acres of land. A temporary camp at Valcartier used canvas tents for shelter.

To the end of the fiscal year 1917-18 the cost of internment camps reached $3,250,000.

NOTE:

At the time this reference material was being written the war was still in progress.

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NOTE:

As so often is the case while searching for material on a specific topic one finds something else instead. This was the case leading to the finding of historical information on Canadian Internment Camps in the World War One period. Others have written briefly on this subject (see Camparison References) and reported covers bearing censor markings from a few internment camps. It is perhaps not widely known how many camps were built during the early years of the First World War, or their location. From the postal historians point of view this is important information. For this reason, and the possible connection the cover shown in this article may have with one of the early camps, the article is presented. Comments on the censor marking would be appreciated.

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THE TWO CENTS STAMPS

The two cents large queen stamps were issued 1 April 1868 and replaced by the two cents small queen stamps in February 1872. They were used to prepay the soldiers' letters, domestic transient newspapers, periodicals printed in Canada and mailed to the United Kingdom, domestic registration, ferriage and adjoining area rates. They were also used with the six cents stamp to make up the eight cents rate on letters to the United Kingdom via New York effective 1 January 1870.

One plate was used to print the two cents large queen stamps. Boggs 'type three imprint is in each margin and there is a counter of shaded capital letters in the upper left margin. A significant re-entry (or double entry) is described on stamp number seven (9). It consists of a doubling in "CANADA POSTAGE". This was subsequently confirmed when identified on an imprint block (10). They were printed in green and there are several shades from yellow-green to blue-green.

Boggs estimates that 8,900,00 stamps were issued to postmasters.

THE THREE CENTS STAMPS

The three cents stamps were issued 1 April 1868 and replaced by the three cents small queen stamps in January 1870. They were used to prepay the three cents domestic letter rate (five cents if unpaid).

Two plates were used concurrently to print the three cents large queens stamps. One plate has Boggs 'type three imprint and the other Boggs' type four imprint in each margin. There was a counter in at least one plate. The plates were made with such skill that so far it has not been possible to identify which plate a specific stamp is from.

There are two significant plate varieties. A patch of color below the Queen's lower lip on one stamp is commonly refered to as the "goatee flaw". At some

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time cracks occured in a plate. This resulted in a flaw which runs from the "C" in "CENTS" vertically across the neck just below the chin through the ornament below "POSTAGE" and another starts in the "R" of "THREE" and runs up through the neck into the chignon (11).

There many minor varieties of paper and shades. The earliest printings on the thin crisp paper are free from any rose tint which is present in all subsequent printings in varying amounts.

Boggs estimates that 25,000,000 stamps were issued to postmasters.

THE FIVE CENTS STAMPS

The five cents olive stamps were issued 1 October 1875 and were replaced by the five cents small queen stamps in February 1876. They were used for only four months and in reality were provisional stamps. They were required when the rate to the United Kingdom, via any route, was reduced to five cents per one half ounce effective 1 October 1875. They were also used to prepay the combined three cents domestic letter rate and the two cents registration charge.

Two plates were prepared but only one was used to print the stamps. There are blue plate proofs on cardboard with Boggs' type three imprint. Position sixteen has a lump on the Queen's neck and it has been suggested that the plate was made in Ottawa and discarded because of this flaw (12). The second plate has Boggs' type four imprint in each margin and a counter composed of shaded capital letters in the upper left margin. No significant plate varieties have been recorded.

Fairbanks estimates that 1,000,000 were issued to postmasters.

THE SIX CENTS STAMPS

The six cents brown stamps were issued 1 April 1868 and replaced by the six cents small queen stamps in January 1872. They were required to prepay the postage on a letter to the United States (ten cents if unpaid), to the Red River settlement, and to the United Kingdom effective 1 January 1870. They were used with the two cents stamps to make up the eight cents rate to the United Kingdom via New York effective 1 January 1870.

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There is a re-entry manifest on a stamp from plate one. The ornaments are double in the right upper corner. An interesting double print occured late in 1871. The stamps in the right vertical row have a double impression on the right one third of the stamp. The color of these stamps is yellow-brown.

The early printings tend to be a deep brown, some are reddish-brown and the later are yellow-brown.

Boggs estimates that 8,160100 were issued to postmasters.



Flaw in "A"

THE TWELVE AND ONE HALF CENTS STAMPS

The twelve and one half cents stamps were issued on 1 April 1868. They were required to prepay the postage on letters to the United Kingdom via Canadian packet and to prepay the postage to Newfoundland. Parcel post was twelve and one half cents per eight ounces.

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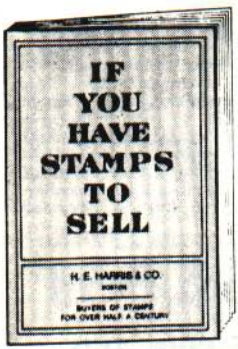
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Some minor varieties exist. Stamp number one has a dot in the left 12½, stamp number two has a dot below the "P" of "POSTAGE", a stamp number sixty-seven has the outer frame missing from the left value table, and a plate flaw occurs in the "A" of "HALF" in an unidentified stamp.

The early printings were a deep blue and the later printings a lighter blue.

Boggs estimates that 2,430,000 stamps were issued to postmasters.

THE FIFTEEN CENTS STAMPS

The fifteen cents stamps were issued 1 April 1868 and were available until after 1900. They were used regularly for a longer time than any other Canadian stamps. They were issued originally to prepay the postage on letters to the United Kingdom via the United States.

One plate was used to print the fifteen cents large queen stamps. Boggs' type four imprint is in each margin. There is no counter.

There is an interesting plate variety on stamp number ten. Three dots are in the right lower margin lateral to the upper part of the "5" in "15". This is refered to as the pawnbroker's variety.



Pawnbroker Variety

Only one significant re-entry has been recorded and this consists of doubling in the left numeral tablet and in "FIFT" and "CANADA P".

It is convenient to classify the fifteen cents large queen stamps into four groups.

1. The first Ottawa printings. These stamps were printed before 30 June 1869. The first, on the thin crisp wove paper, were a deep reddish-purple. Grey-purple shades followed on medium wove paper. The Bothwell watermarked paper was used late in 1868 and these stamps are reddish-purple to pale grey-violet. Then red-lilac shades appear on medium wove paper. None was printed between 1869 and late 1874 or early 1875.

2. The Montreal printings. These stamps were printed from late 1874 or early 1875 until late 1887. The first of this group are the "muddy" brownish purple on medium to stout wove paper and may be perforated 11½ by 12. A similar dull brownish grey was printed on the Alexr. Pirie & Sons watermarked paper. The deep dull purple on the carton paper was printed in 1880. During this period there were many other printings on medium wove paper resulting in gradations of shades from pale grey-violet, slate-grey, bluish grey to Studd's brilliant cold blue. Some stamps are perforated 11½ by 12.

3. The second Ottawa printings. The stamps were again printed in Ottawa. The paper was a much poorer quality. There are shades of slate-violet and slate-purple. After 1893 no fifteen cents stamps were received from the manufacturer except four hundred in 1896. There are dark brown imperforate stamps in this group and it has been suggested that this unusual lot of four hundred stamps may be the imperforates. Although this is possible there is no documentary evidence to support this theory.

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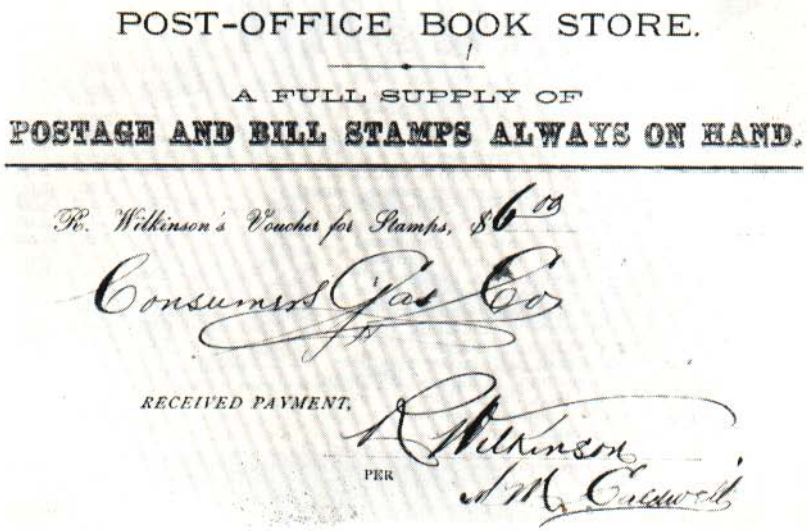
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By FRED STULBERG

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The problems involved in handling large quantities of mail have introduced new words and processes into our lives adding a new dimension to the complexities of living. How much easier it was to handle mail 100 years ago - or was it? Actually, the same problem existed at that time and, as today, special measures had to be introduced to relieve the strain, especially in the larger urban centres.

Prior to 1880 a small town had one small post office; a large town had one large post office; a city had one very large post office. To maintain a certain degree of efficiency, as the volume of mail increased the post office introduced new equipment and procedures rather than opening up new post offices. It adopted the duplex cancelling hammer which would cancel the stamp, date the mailing and identify the post office in one operation. It made the use of adhesive stamps compulsory, eleminated collect letters and thus freed the time of postal clerks for other things. It established post boxes so that mail handling could be controlled and it permitted private business to sell stamps.

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The receipt for postage stamps (above) is dated June 11th, 1878 at Toronto. Three years later Toronto opened three branch offices to help cope with the increased demand for postal services. Another new era had begun.

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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
174-88	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	——
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302-05	1970	U.P.U. Building, 4 values complete	.40	.50	.40
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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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UNDER THE LOOKING GLASS

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

Many thanks to those readers who have taken the time to report their finds to me, and thus have made these articles possible. Because of the large number of letters I receive, a stamped self addressed envelope is most appreciated if a reply is requested. I also appreciate those who have sent photos for me to use in this publication. Un fortunately X-erox reproductions are not clear enough to be used.

Quite a few readers were quick to discover the 'broken door frame' variety in the Krieghoff issue. It is a primary repeating flaw, similar to the 'tear in the tent' variety in the Paul Kane issue, and may be found in all ten stamps in the fourth vertical row. You should have no problem finding this one as it can be seen quite clearly with the naked eye. Catalogue publishers take note.

Andre Beaugard sent the photo of a very unusual paper fold in the 15 cent 1967 definitive. I believe this to be similar to if not the same fold that turned up in Winnipeg about six months ago. It is unusual for a variety of reasons.

It is Winnipeg tagged, and has PVA gum. As all 1967 definitive tagged stamps sheets have the plate inscriptions trimmed off, this paper fold revealed that this particular sheet was from plate no. 2, and was printed by the Canadian Bank Note Co., Ottawa.

I might add that the phosphor bars had shifted resulting in each stamp being tagged on one side only!

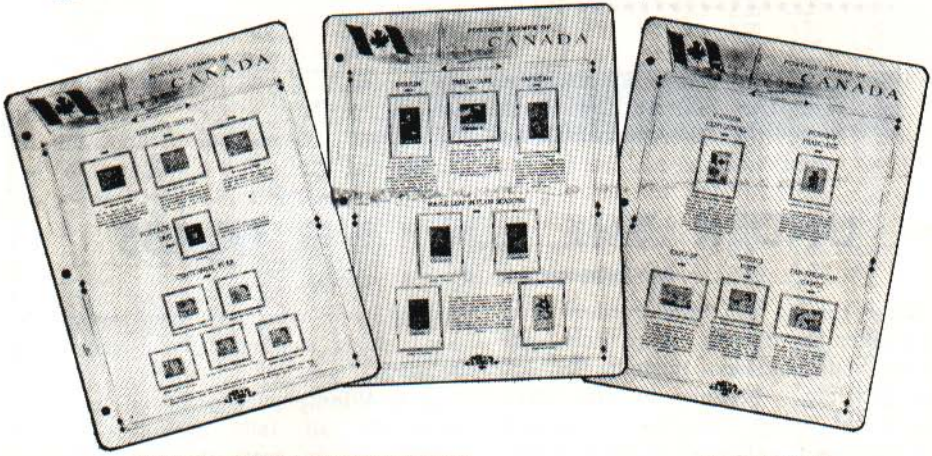




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The next two items are most interesting, as one has to decide if they are genuine or not. The Rev'd David Prowse sent the photo of the pair of 3c.-1967 definitive issue. The straight edge at the top seems to be perfectly straight, and not cut by scissors. The margin appears wider than normal, and seems to rule out the possibility of the perforations being trimmed off. As the item was found by a friend, he could offer no information as to its place of origin. Any comment?



John Sagan reported what seemed to be a most unusual find on the Manitoba Centennial Issue of 1970. If you take a close look at the top stamp you will notice that the red bars are missing.

Mr. Sagan stated that he has seen two other examples of this variety, one of which he owns.

The example illustrated bears a Saskatchewan postmark dated Feb. 11, 1970. Close examination revealed the following observations:

—Orange ink was noted on the yellow bar at the centre, where the red bars normally overlap the yellow bars.

—The lower side of the right blue bar also contained a strip of dark blue. This dark blue strip is also found on normal stamps, and is caused by an overlap of the red ink bar over the blue.

—Upon closer examination under a 50x magnifying glass, traces of red ink were found mixed in with the black ink of the cancel. These occured near the upper right blue bar in the letter -B- of FEB, and in the last 1 of 11.

—Under the ultra-violet light the paper appeared discoloured, and not the normal flourescent white. This colour change can also be caused by contact with a kraft envelope while soaking.

—The blue shade appeared duller than normal.

Conclusion: A normal missing colour can be caused in two ways. A paper fold may result in a colour not making contact with the entire sheet. This caused the 1962, Education issue 'missing light brown'.

Other missing colour errors are simply caused by the sheet missing one of the colour runs. In either case there would be no trace of the 'missing colour' on the stamp. As pointed out, the stamp in question had traces of red ink in places where it would be least noticeable. With these findings, I believe it not to be a genuine missing colour error.

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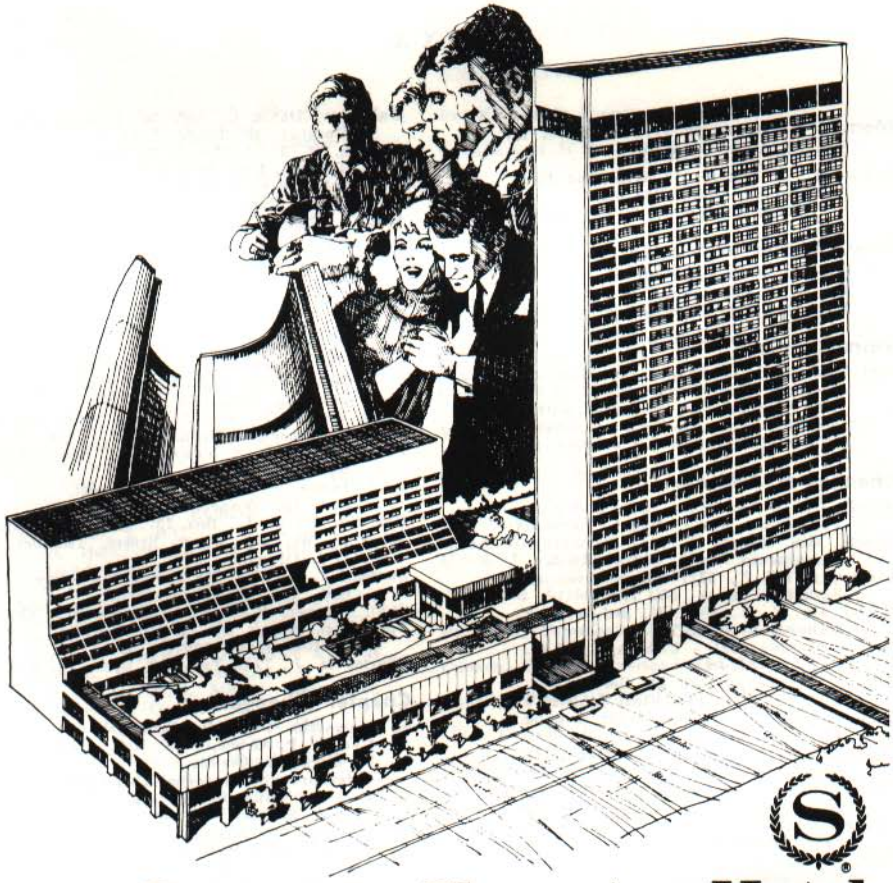
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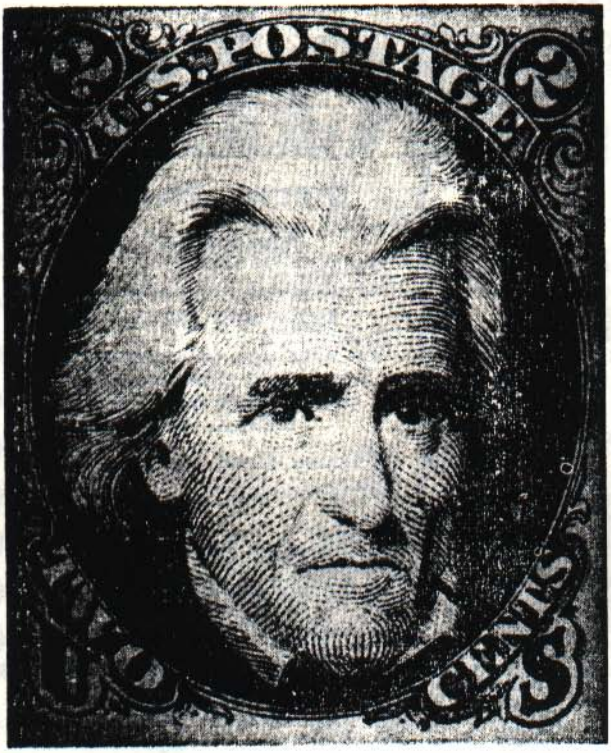
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I wish to thank Dr. Sydney V. Soanes for bringing attention to my error with the symbol "mm". He is correct in assuming that my use of 'mill' was intended to be "mm". I hope there were not too many readers confused by this blunder.

My error was most shameful for I use these symbols (correctly I hope) every day. I am embarrassed to admit that I am a Science teacher by profession!

In my case his letter has taught me to proof read my articles with a little more care from now on.

Kenneth W. Pugh,
RPSC 9503

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Dear Sir:

My first remarks on viewing the brochure from Ottawa illustrating the R.C.M.P. commemorative issues was, "What the hell!" It appears that again we are going to be plagued with stamp designs which show no imagination or forethought as has been shown for the past two or three years with the exception of a few issues.

The 8c. R.C.M.P. stamp does not, in my opinion, truly depict the historic trek from Fort Dufferin to Fort McLeod but commemorates Commissioner French which could have been done at a more appropriate time. There are many well done sketches and paintings hanging in art galleries which could have been tastefully reproduced to commemorate this historic event.

The 10c. value I have no comments to make about because I just cannot find a place to begin on this ridiculous stamp.

The 15c. value appears to be a reproduction of a very poorly photographed picture postcard which tourists buy every summer across Canada and there are no other words for it but corny. The blurred action photography is terrible.

I have been anxiously waiting the release of this set of stamps hoping for an unique set of stamps showing some good taste and format but after viewing this and past issues I am inclined to chuck in my Canadian collection.

Can anyone give me any information about the advisory board who approves this trash?

Jim Hagen (10123)

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Dear Sir:

I am now with the Military Component Canadian Detachment of the International Commission for Control and Supervision in Vietnam. I am a peace observer and with the Canadians are personnel from Hungary, Indonesia and Poland - ie CHIP. The Canadian personnel have the use of CFPO 5005 that commenced operations on 1 February 1973. Mail from Canada from next-of-kin using the Canadian Forces Air Letter Form is .08c. and air mail letters are .15c. A special rate is given for parcels to the Canadian personnel in Vietnam. Mail coming from other than Canada must include the rank, name, number of the addressee, MCCD ICCS CFPO 5005 via Montreal. Mail from Canadians to Canada goes at the .08c. or .15c. rate and is flown by service aircraft if available or by special arangements with commercial airlines to Canada. Mail to other countries must have Vietnamese stamps on them. The postal markings in use are the metal cancellation (small), the large round hand stamp, a roller cancellation, but no "MOON" cancellation since postal money orders are not available. Mail can not be sent to collectors outside of Canada since Vietnamese stamps must be used. The detachment of two postal personnel can not handle easily Canadian stamp requests since one is out on runs to the seven regional Canadian Headquarters throughout Vietnam and there are 290 personnel to be catered to for mail requirements. Long delays to requests will be experienced.

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I will be pleased to hear from anyone wishing this material.

Yours truly
R. K. Malott, Major

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Dear Sir:

In the November 1972 issue of The Canadian Philatelist (Vol. 23, No. 6) you published correspondence which I had with Mr. J. S. Stewart, Chief Appraiser, Estate and Trust Division, Department of National Revenue on the matter of the new Capital Gains Tax as it related to proceeds from the sale, by collectors, of philatelic material.

My original submission of this correspondence for publication in CP comprised four letters of which the last was a letter thanking Mr. Stewart for his co-operation in the above matter and its publication was not a vital matter.

There was, however, a letter from Mr. Stewart which I sent in and which I consider should have been published along with the other two. It is dated July 12, 1972 and is as follows:—

"Dear Mr. Bayley:

Re: Valuation of Stamps

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 15, 1972.

Before giving you a formal reply to that letter I would like to have it reviewed by our Technical Interpretations Division. As soon as I receive their comments I will be in touch with you.

Very truly,
(Sgd) J. Stewart
Chief Appraiser,
Estate and Trust Division."

I think that you will agree that the information in this letter is of considerable importance since it indicates that the opinions expressed in Mr. Stewart's final letter to me of July 20, 1972 were supported by the outcome of a comprehensive examination, by the Department, of the matter under discussion.

Yours truly,
Colin H. Bayley

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Dear Sir:

As you know, the Convention and Exhibition of the Royal will be held in Toronto June 8 to 10, with the Canadian Association for Israel Philately (Chapter 76) as hosts. We have planned a varied and interesting Convention and, among other things, have placed a good deal of emphasis on youth - the philatelists of the future.

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Sincerely,
Michael Madesker.

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February 10, 1973

Dear Sir:

The St. Lawrence International Stamp Club at its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 6, 1973 passed the following resolution which is being sent to you for information and to solicit the support of the RPSC in this concern:

"Noting the recent announcement of "Medallic First Day Covers" termed "Official United Nations Medallic First Day Covers" (and with ". . . authenticity certified by the United Nations Postal Administration . . .") by the Franklin Mint, with each single cover costing $12.50 and the entire set of five for 1973 costing $62.50; the St. Lawrence International Stamp Club (APS Chapter #847) (RPSC Chapter #54)

1. Publicly denounces these "Medallic Covers" as semi-philatelic items which are over-priced and not issued in the best interests of philately;
2. Recommends to its members and local collectors that these items be boycotted;
3. Recommends that the United Nations Postal Administration evaluate its participation in this program and refrain from further participation in such semi-philatelic activities;
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I must remind those of you mounting stamps in the books for the sales circuits that we do not have any demand for junk so please do not send it in. With the thousands of stamps coming in every month it is impossible for me to catch poor quality material in every instance, but eventually I get around to them and then the books are withdrawn. Regretfully whole books have been rejected because of condition mainly, although occasionally I will reject a book if it is priced that high, its contents will not sell.

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Although we must always be far behind the actual news on acount of the journal being printed only about every two months and that our contributions must be submitted at least another month ahead of publication, nevertheless I will repeat once in a while some of the so called news.

The now well publicised Krieghof stamps are finally sold out. It will be interesting to see how often sold out stocks at the Philatelic Agency will be replaced with an additional stock from a specially retained stock, as it was done in this case. These practices do not encourage Canadian collectors. New here in Ottawa are the 2 cents green regular Ottawa tagged which probably is used by many together with the 6c. to make up the 8c. rate. The 6c. black precancelled Ottawa tagged is out and also a 6c. black postcard precancelled with the single bar tagged. No untagged cards were apparently produced but we hear that these exist. The P.O. suggests that these would be errors. Similarily the two already issued 8c. envelopes, size 8 and 10 were issued with the single bar tagging. Of interest is that this new envelope is printed in a grey colour instead of the original slate of the 8c. The reason for this change must have something to do with the tagging. If so it again would indicate the dependence of colour required to meet the sorting system used. Most collectors feel that the selection of colour should be independent from the sorting requirements otherwise severe restrictions to the optimum choice of colours for a particular design are placed on the design. No other country is working under such constraints. A fairly large number of 6c. black stamps exist which are printed on the gum side instead of the correct side. Although the PVA gum makes it difficult to distinguish them at a fast glance, these stamps certainly do not stick. Putting them into water will ruin the stamp and one is left with only a white piece of paper. Most of the finds so far come from the Western Ontario cities.

Most of the larger cities have now adopted the postal coding system. Of interest is the first cancellation with such a code number inserted at the bottom. We will see if this speeds up the mail delivery or delay it even further. Or will the renaming of some cities may be help? Galt Ontario is now Cambridge.

More and more countries are issuing booklets which contain stamps for airmail letters. Even if we do not have special airmail stamps, present booklets make it difficult, to say the least, to combine values for such a letter. It certainly would be very useful to bring out a booklet with some 10 and 15 cents stamps, especially for the travelling public.

Another envelope on a Kraft type paper has found its way into a few collections. The envelope makes use of the Alaska Highway 8c. stamp for the impression. The envelope is a window envelope and was used by the Arthur Public Utilities. It is a very elusive item.

Recently at a Toronto auction we bought some stamps which were all nicely wrapped up in clear plastic envelopes and strips. We would have never taken them out but tried to look at them more closely. As soon as we took the first block out we noticed that the entire impression remained in form of an offset on the inside of these holders, some more some less. All of them did show clearly the colour of the stamps. This is not to scare anyone from using

protective mounts, but be sure that the type you use will not be detrimental to your stamps. Also before you bid on an expensive item in an auction, try, if at all possible, to see the stamp out of its protective mount.

The updated list of First Day Covers and their prices by George Rogers appears to indicate the continued interest especially in the early material. Even some of the recent covers, which were sold both by dealers and the Post Office have found increases. A number of new books have appeared. One may be of interest to topical collectors it is called Stamps à la Carte A philatelic cookbook.

Lakehead Stamp Club Reaches 25

On Jan. 26 the club celebrates its 25th anniversary. Highlight of the event was a visit by Mr. Sutherland, President of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada.

During the evening program chaired by club president Larry Marrier, Mr. Sutherland presented life memberships to Joe Hughes and Don Jack, two long time members who have served many years on the executive.

A presentation was also made to Mrs. Margaret Gribble-Giles, club past president, by the junior members. Margaret was given recognition for her fine work with the young people, and for having been the club's first lady president.

Introduced by Bert Foster, Mr. Sutherland spoke of the growth of the Royal from its earliest days, and had many fine old items to illustrate his talk. Walter Harris thanked Mr. Sutherland on behalf of the club for his timely message, and for having given of his time to visit with us.

The first club anniversary cover was presented to Mr. Sutherland as a momento of his visit to Thunder Bay.

Formed late in 1947, the first constitution was adopted on Jan. 5, 1948. Although the club has had its rough times, they are over-shadowed by the fine spirit in the club at the present. With 78 paid up members, many of whom support the Royal, and a good number of interested young members the future of the club looks bright.

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PHILATELIC TERMS ILLUSTRATED
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It is not often that a comparative review can be given because rarely do two books that are similar in concept become available at the same time. However, these two books that deal with the language of our hobby are now obtainable.

Although the purpose of both books is to explain the words and phrases of stamp collecting, each accomplishes this in a different way.

The Musson Stamp Dictionary is a hard cover book of over 275 pages. It contains approximately 8,500 definitions and is liberally illustrated. These definitions appear to have been thoroughly researched and care has been taken to retain the fine shades of meaning. Of special value is the translation of foreign philatelic terms to English. It is, as the name implies, a true stamp dictionary and the finest available today.

The Philatelic Terms Illustrated is a soft cover book containing approximately 200 pages with over 450 definitions. These deal with the terms most commonly encountered and almost all are illustrated - most in colour. The strength of this book, in fact, lies in its extensive use of colour plates showing reproduction that is surprisingly faithful for a book of this price.

Actually, it would be difficult to chose one book over the other for a place on the bookshelf of the stamp collector, be he neophyte or advanced. The Musson Stamp Dictionary offers the advantage of completeness which, up to this time, has been unknown in a book of this size. The Philatelic Terms Illustrated, with its fine colour illustrations, contributes the visual dimension. The value of the two together far exceeds the total worth of the two separately.

F.G.S.

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BRITISH NORTH AMERICA STAMP CATALOGUE, 1973 Edition - W. Gandley, Canadian Wholesale Supply, Brantford. Price 95c.

This catalogue deals with the stamps, booklet panes and miniature panes of Canada including the officials and the tagged stamps. Also listed are the stamps of the Provinces.

It is a soft cover book containing 56 pages and printed by offset. The layout is pleasing with the printing easy to read and follow. Almost every stamp is illustrated but these are very small and frequently indistinct.

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This publication is the same general type as LYMAN'S and no doubt intended to replace it. However, it takes more than a slight difference in cost to replace an established and accepted publication.

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"A Postal History of Spain", by Theo. Van Dam. Collectors Club Handbook No. 24, Published by the Theodore E. Steinway Memorial Publications Fund, The Collectors Club of New York, 22 East 35th Street, New York, N.Y. 10016. Approx. 150 pages, with Maps and Illustrations . Price $12.00.

This book is basically an outline of Spanish Postal History, and tries to give an idea of the major developments, starting with the Romans and their precursors, up to the recent developments, such as the United States bases and, finally, the impact of the British Postal Strike of 1971.

It treats the beginnings of the postal services in Aragon during the early Middle Ages; the organization of the Postal System under the Tassis (Thurn and Taxis) family in the 1500-1706 period and follows the organization of the mail system when it was incorporated into the Government service in the 18th Century. By 1779 this organization was taking shape and the basic facts regarding the rates, routes etc. are stated in some detail, as well as the impact of the various wars of this period.

Separate chapters are dedicated to Postal Treaties with other countries, up to the U.P.U. period; the various internal and foreign wars and campaigns; the development of the railroad system; the Maritime and air mails. The last chapter gives an idea of the various postal terms and usages.

There are several appendices for the monetary system, the postal rates from 1849 to 1900 and a Chronology. A selective Bibliagraphy concludes this work.

The so-called "modern" era, from 1850, when stamps were introduced into Spain, until the present is treated by subject, rather than chronologically and several chapters treat the general postal history (mentioning the most important decrees), the rates, the routes up to modern times.

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F.G.S.

Stanley Gibbons Elizabethan Catalogue

The 1973 catalogue, called the "Silver Wedding Edition," includes a check list of the Royal Silver Wedding stamps which were due for issue about the time of its publication. Bangladesh is listed for the first time while Sri Lanka (formerly Ceylon) takes its place with stamps issued after May 22, 1972. With an additional 73 pages one must agree with the publisher's description of the book as "unashamedly short and fat." Another such increase in thickness would make it quite awkward to handle.

The 9th. edition of the "Elizabethan" has been extensively revised. A noteworthy example is the 1967-72 definitive set of Canada which is listed in its many varieties of paper, perforation, with phosphor and fluorescent bands from sheets, booklets and coils. Printings by the British American Bank Note Co. and the Canadian Bank Note Co. are separated with the original and re-engraved dies of the six cent being described and illustrated. South African phosphor and fluorescent banded stamps are listed in great detail. Prices remain generally stable with the exception of some of the early issues. A dramatic increase from £16 to £30 is shown for the Great Britain 1960 phosphor-graphite presentation pack. Because of the completeness of its information the "Elizabethan" should be on the shelf of everyone in the least way interested in the stamps of the present reign.

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We welcome the appearance of the Gibbons Europe Vol. 3, which completes the set of Europe.

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As usual with any catalogue the introduction is highly informative and should be read with care.

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Excess of income over expenditure for the year		$ 1,576		$ 567

AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members,
The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada.

We have examined the balance sheet of The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada as at December 31st, 1972, and the statement of income and expenditure for the year then ended. Our examination included a general review of the accounting procedures and such tests of accounting records and other supporting evidence as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly the financial position of the Society as at December 31, 1972, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

GLENDINNING, JARRETT, GOULD & CO.,
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Toronto, Ontario,
March 19, 1973.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CANADA

AS AT

DECEMBER 31st, 1972

THE ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CANADA
BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1972

ASSETS

	1972	1971
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	$ 9,583	$ 6,353
Accounts receivable	484	497
Accrued interest on investments	455	463
Prepaid expenses	1,112	1,317
Inventory of ties	910	1,036
	12,544	9,666
INVESTMENTS		
Government of Canada and Ontario Hydro bonds, at cost (Quoted market value 1972 $19,026; 1971 $19,457)	21,007	21,007
Bank certificates	10,000	10,000
	31,007	31,007
OFFICE EQUIPMENT & EXHIBITION STANDS	2	2
	$ 43,553	$ 40,675

LIABILITIES

CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	$ 1,075	$ 1,325
Advertising paid in advance	265	242
Fees paid in advance		
Members	9,303	8,076
Chapters	242	240
	10,885	9,883
RESERVES		
Future conventions	750	750
Life members' fund	2,701	2,401
General fund	29,217	27,641
	32,668	30,792
	$ 43,553	$ 40,675

THE ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CANADA
RESERVE ACCOUNTS
For the Year Ended December 31, 1972

	1972	1971
Future conventions		
Balance, beginning and end of year	$ 750	$ 750
Life Members' Fund		
Balance, beginning of year	$ 2,401	$ 2,201
Contribution from new members during year	300	200
Balance, end of year	$ 2,701	$ 2,401
Library fund		
Balance, beginning of year		$ 1,000
Payment to National Library of Canada		1,000
Balance, end of year		$ Nil
General fund		
Balance, beginning of year	$ 27,641	$ 27,074
Excess of income over expenditure for year	1,576	567
Balance, end of year	$ 29,217	$ 27,641

THE ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CANADA
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE
For the Year Ended December 31, 1972

	1972		1971	
Income				
Membership fees		$13,976		$12,766
Chapter fees		401		374
Admission fees		369		324
Slides programme		254		158
Investment income		1,796		2,055
		16,796		15,677
Expenditure				
Magazine				
Printing, postage & distribution	$ 8,577		$ 7,986	
Editorial	178		217	
	8,755		8,203	
Less: Advertising income	3,535		4,025	
Net magazine cost		5,220		4,178