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I.B.R.A. SHOW ON MUNICH

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Dear Friends:-

The big International Postage Exhibition this year was held in Munich, Germany from May 11th to 20th. I.B.R.A. as the show was referred to was held at the Munich Exhibition Centre about 10 minutes from the downtown area. Two large well lighted halls each with several floors, provided ample accommodation for the over 5,000 frames of stamps, the 95 dealers booths and numerous Government Post Office sections, (Canada being one.)

I flew to Frankfurt on May 5th. by C.P. Air and was at the show filled with vim, vigour and vitality (and money) to buy stamps. Through the courtesy of a friend, I had an invitation to the special opening ceremonies held in the Convention Hall. All the dignitaries were on hand, but unfortunately most of the 2 hours were taken up with speeches - all in German. The 20 piece orchestra and the pretty usherettes in native costume provided some relief from boredom. I sat through to the bitter end hoping a luncheon or refreshments would be served to ease the pain, but no such luck.

I visited all the dealers booths wanting to buy Canadian, Newfoundland or British Colonial stamps. No luck again - the very few items offered were "out of this world pricewise." There was a 2 day (dealers only) bourse held in an adjoining hall with about 150 tables. Here I knew a good many of the dealers from many countries and hit the Jack Pot. I made several sizeable deals and more important, made appointments to see dealers at their own offices in St. Galen Switzerland, Paris France and London, England. So you can see I was kept busy.

I rented a car in Munich and drove south through the mountains of Germany to Austria into Switzerland and to the town of St. Galen near Lake Constance. Here I visited with a dealer I had done business with years ago. We worked for hours under the most pleasant conditions although an interpreter was needed. There was also the need of referral from Michel Catalogue to Scott and from Swiss Francs to dollars - after hours and hours of this, it was enough to drive me up the wall. A tasty fish luncheon beside the lake, an hour visit to his beautiful home just across the border in Austria, plus a gourmet dinner in the evening helped us to come to a final agreement and I purchased a stock of European stamps cataloguing over \$280,000.00 Scott.

Afterwards I drove back to Germany through the Black Forest and up the Rhine River to Koln. Here I took the plane to London and had a most pleasant few days stay at the famous Savoy Hotel. It sure lives up to its reputation as a fine hotel and helps make a working traveller comfortable. Just outside London, I valued and purchased a very fine stock of British Colonies - mostly complete used sets with quantities ranging to 300 of a set. Altogether a handsome lot. Remember I mentioned Paris, well I just couldn't make it so that deal is still pending.

Before going to Europe I made a quick trip to Montreal. The outcome of this trip was the purchase of a beautiful mint collection of Canada cataloguing over \$68,000.00. The main part was a collection in blocks of 16, starting with Jubilees 1897, through to date almost complete, and from 1912 it is complete but not with the inverted Seaway. Outstanding are the Admirals, including some engine turning, #103a the coil block of 16. There was also 4 other Bluenose blocks and so on. The owner had been a most conscientious and careful collector and everything was in super-fine condition.

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EDITORIAL

"And we must part? Well - if we must, we must - and in that case the less said the better".

—Sheridan

P.P.C.

When its operations were taken over by the Chinese Post Office in the late 19th Century one of the Treaty Port Local Post Offices over-printed the last issue of local stamps with the letters "P.P.C." standing for "Pour Prendre Congé" or "Goodbye for Now".

As this is my last editorial as editor of the magazine a philatelic farewell seemed appropriate.

I have had the benefit over the last six years of the writing talents of many members whose contributions have raised the quality of the magazine considerably. A number of these contributions have been recognized by the presentation of the Geldert Award. To the others go my thanks for their efforts.

During my term as editor I have had the valuable assistance of Mrs. G. M. Geldert as Advertising Manager. Her contribution is quite apparent when one examines the current issue of our magazine.

The production of our magazine is dependent upon the contributions of many officers and members. The editors job is to assemble and present this material to the membership in a balanced manner. He can only do this if he has sufficient manuscripts in hand to prepare an interesting issue.

It is therefore, in this area that all members may make a contribution both to the society and philately in general. All members are interested in reading about the various specialties of others and it is an excellent way for members to obtain confirmatory information for theories that they are in process of developing. If you have an interesting specialty or sideline, or even an interesting individual item, why not share it with your fellow collectors.

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Dr. F. G. STULBERG

We are fortunate that one of Canada's leading postal historians Dr. F. G. Stulberg has agreed to assume the position of editor. Those of you who are familiar with his writing in various BNA journals including our own will look forward with anticipation to future issues of the magazine. I was pleased to note that at Munich he was awarded a silver medal with the felicitations of the jury for his exhibit of the Half Cent Small Queen. A very high award for a display of a single stamp. He is currently the President of the Toronto Stamp Collectors Club and the Philatelic Specialists of Canada and has been for a number of years a director of our Society.

I hope that all members will support him as you have supported me.

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HERBERT BUCKLAND

We are sorry to report the death on May 15th of our oldest member. Herb celebrated his 90th birthday on December 30th and was active up to his death.

He was born in England in 1882 and fought in the Boer War before coming to Canada in 1910. He was an active



Louis Lamouroux and Herbert Buckland

philatelist all his life and has served our society in various capacities for many years. He is fondly remembered by older members for the work he did as Librarian until both the library and his home were destroyed by fire some years ago. He was a Fellow of our Society and of the Canadian Philatelic Society of G.B.

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LIST OF CLUBS

A list of clubs is currently being prepared. If you are interested in having your local club on the list (Chapter Membership is not necessary) please supply Title, Affiliation, Meeting Dates, Secretary's name and address to J. Holmes, 290 Springdale Blvd., Toronto, Ont. M4C 2A2

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Postal Museum Advisory Committee

The Advisory Committee of the National Postal Museum met recently in Ottawa. It was the first occasion that all members of this prominent group were in attendance. The opportunity was taken for a group photograph.

The purpose of the National Postal Museum Advisory Committee is to provide advice and guidance in the planning, development, implementation and operation of the Museum to ensure that it establishes and maintains the capability:

1. To contribute to national unity and international understanding and goodwill.
2. To reflect the cultural heritage and pride in Canada's national achievements.
3. To trace the historic and philatelic development of Canada's postal service.

4. To receive, display and preserve philatelic material and post office equipment.

5. To provide to the people of Canada, and visitors to the country, an opportunity to view and appreciate our postage stamps and postal artifacts.

The Committee is comprised of 7 members and two museum officials serving as Chairman and Secretary.

The Committee members, composed of philatelic experts, museologists and other specialist advisors, normally hold office for three years. To ensure the Postal Museum shall benefit from the wide range of professional expertise available, the membership will change each year by the replacement of two members.

Special consideration is given to having representation from the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, the British

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The well-known collection of B.N.A. forgeries assembled by Mr. Evelyn Arthur Smythies C.I.E., F.R.P.S.L., F.C.P.S., of Tralee, Ireland has been gifted to Canada's National Postal museum. This outstanding collection is considered by philatelists to be the finest of its kind and will be known as the "Smythies' Collection of B.N.A. Forgeries". It was the basis for Mr. Smythies handbook, entitled "B.N.A. Fakes & Forgeries", recently published by the British North America Philatelic Society.

Mr. Smythies, a retired professional forester, spent most of his life in India and Nepal pursuing his chosen vocation. He was awarded a decoration by the Indian government in recognition of his distinguished services to that country. He has written numerous articles for philatelic journals and has authored or co-authored numerous publications. Many of these handbooks are considered to be "the authority" in their respective fields. Of importance to Canadian philately are Mr. Smythies' comprehensive studies of Canadian postal markings including the Fancy, Duplex, Registration and Roller cancellations. He has also written extensively about the Canadian 1897 Victoria Jubilee issues and the Registration stamps.

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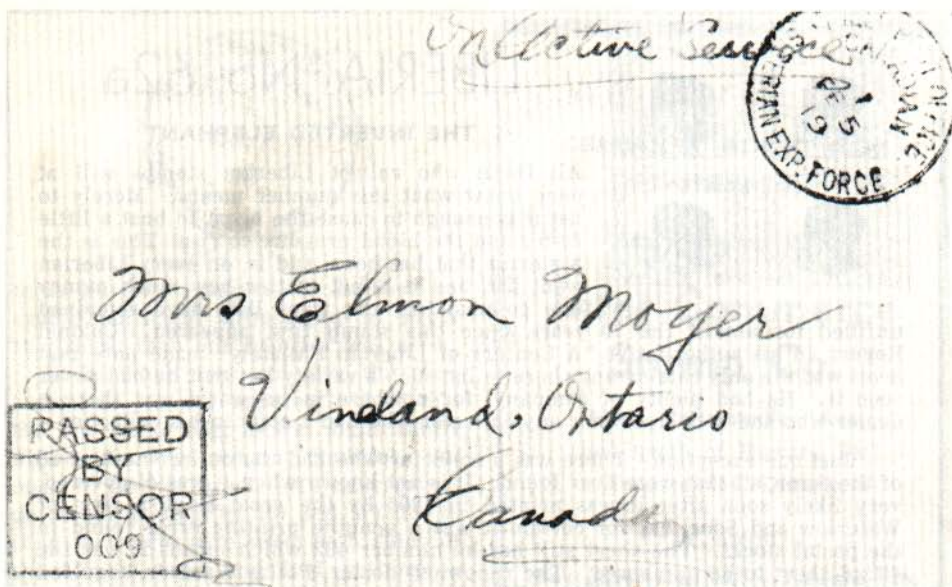


Fig. 2

Another cover from the H. Kenneth Moyer correspondence. Bears the FPO-CEF(S) #1 postmark of February 5, 1919. Also the only recorded copy of 009 Censor Mark, in blue.

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

by Ed Richardson, FRPSC

PART II - The FIELD POST OFFICE MARKINGS #1 and #2

The marking common to most of the covers of the Canadian Siberian Expeditionary Forces, is the postmark we designate as FPO-CEF(S) #1, or Faulstich's CS-1. With but two exceptions it appears on all the covers illustrated throughout this work. The marking measures 30 mm. in diameter, and the lettering is in sans-serif caps.

The Moving "I"

Apparently the indicia "I" was a moveable slug. Either that, or new hammers were made and used. An examination of over twenty such markings show that the positions fall into three classifications:—

"I" Under "AD" of CANADIAN - all November-December 1918 covers. Very minor variations during this period.
 "I" Under the "D" of CANADIAN - for a short period. All we have record of are those February 5th thru the 16th. What about January dates?
 "I" Under the "A" (2nd) of CANADIAN - some might be said to be under "NA" they have moved so far to the left. Some variations during this period. February 26th thru May 18th 1919.

Maybe some other student can come up with a further refinement of these positions. Perhaps too, someone who has sufficient cover material to work with, can determine whether new hammers were produced. My own admit-



LIBERIA No. 62a

THE INVERTED ELEPHANT

All those who collect Liberian stamps will at once know what this number means. Merely to list it is enough to cause the heart to beat a little faster and the blood pressure to rise. This is the big error that has been, and is, on every Liberian want list, and it didn't matter how much money one commanded, the want lists have remained unfiled for almost the 70 years since this stamp first appeared. Colonel Rogers, in his authoritative "A Century of Liberian Philately" made note that Scott was the only catalog anywhere to list such a variety but that he had never seen it. He had plenty of company, for nowhere in the world was there a dealer who had it in stock, nor any collector who had a copy in his collection.

Just one exception. There was a collector who had the entire sheet of 60 of the error, all that were ever found. It is not known when it was discovered, very likely soon after it was printed in 1905 by the great English firm of Waterlow and Sons, but for certain it was a genuine printing error found in the postal stocks. The sheet still has the number 482 which means it was the 482nd sheet to be numbered. The renowned dealer, Philip Ward Jr. acquired and sold it intact to a specialist in Liberian stamps and the sheet has remained in this collection for very many years.

In a private treaty transaction through H. R. Harmer I've recently acquired the sheet and have broken it up. 44 copies either have been sold or are reserved for my customers, 12 are offered in this advertisement at \$500.00 each. The unique corner number block is available at \$3000.00.

It is quite a stamp, this handsome engraved error, and very reasonable at \$500.00 a copy. It is about 4 times rarer than the Canadian Seaway Invert and almost twice as rare as the U.S.A. 24c. airmail inverted centre. Liberian are not exactly on the same popularity basis as these two nations but one has only to look at the present day catalog to realize that the days when Liberian stamps were only considered juvenile collector material are gone forever. It's rather strange that there should have been any such ideas as most of the great collectors of the past had excellent specialized collections of Liberian stamps, and why not; most were the work of the world's foremost printers, a great number by Perkins Bacon, who back in 1840 and in the following years printed the world's first stamp and firsts for many nations.

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tedly cursory examination has not revealed sufficient differences to prove that more than one hammer was used.

While Webb does not give the measurements he did apparently feel that the one strike (fig. 3) was significantly different. We remain doubtful, but open to further proof. We have covers dated MY 8, 19 (Fig. 10) and MY 18, 19 (Fig. 9) which were used both sides of the MY 12 date, and find nothing to indicate a new hammer as far as they are concerned. We find that generally the only variations are due to 1.) wear, 2.) a slight bounce when struck, or 3.) thick contents of letter giving a cushion effect.

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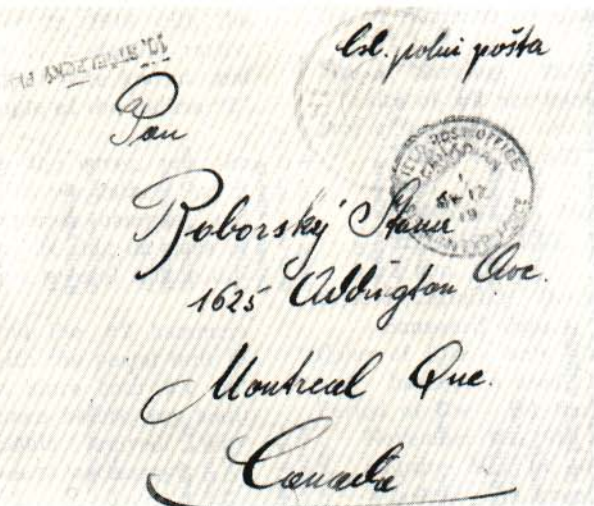


Fig. 3

From Webb Collection. FPO-CEF(S) #1 dated My 12 19. Webb states "Lettering in postmark is noticeably smaller than in other (FPO) postmarks".

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Fig. 4

From Webb Collection. The RARE FPO-SEF(S) #2 marking. So far the only example recorded. Also this is the earliest Siberian Expeditionary Force cover - dated OC 28 18 - just two days after the advance troops arrived in Vladivostok.

The FPO #2 Marking

For a long time it was assumed that only the FPO #1 was used on the Forces mail. Then some five or six years ago Lt. Col. Webb discovered a card dated October 28, 1918 with the indicia "2". This is a double rarity, first it is the earliest date known, and it is the only example of the indicia "2" so far recorded.

We have not seen the cover, just the photo, and from this we gather that it definitely is a separate hammer, and not the use of the "2" slug in place of the "1". There are several minor differences.

Both the #1 and the #2 hammers must have gone with the postal unit in the advance party, since both #1 and #2 strikes are known before any additional re-inforcements arrived. Why were the two hammers necessary?

It seems quite possible that since the original plans called for a large number of the troops to go into the interior to Omsk, that one was intended for Vladivostok - the base, while the other was to be used in the interior. But, as we have already reported, almost the en-

tire Canadian Expeditionary Force remained in or near Vladivostok.

Summary - Details of Field Post Offices - Canadian - Siberian Expeditionary Force markings.

- No. of Hammers - Probably two - #1 and #2
- Size of Markings - 29½-30 mm. (#1) size of #2 not known.
- Size of Lettering - (in #1)
 - FIELD POST OFFICE - 2¾ mm. high
 - CANADIAN - 2¼ mm. high
 - SIBERIAN EXP. FORCE - 3 mm. high.
- Style of Lettering - (both #1 and #2) - Sans-serif Caps.
- Color of Inks - only black seems to have been used.
- Period of Use - #1 Earliest known - November 13, 1918. Latest known - May 18, 1919
 - #2 Only date known - October 28, 1918
- Position applied - near Upper Right corner, in relation to the address.
- No. of Covers known - approximately forty, but it is likely that as many again exist without our knowledge.

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Certainly World War II (1939-45) generated the greatest amount of material. World War I (1914-18) was not far behind. However, the war that today seems to command the most philatelic reverence is the Boer War (1899-1902). This saw the troops of Great Britain in combat with the troops of the Boer Republic of Transvaal (the "South African Republic"), each with their own allies. Canada, of course, allied with Great Britain and sent troops to South Africa on five occasions from October 30th, 1899 to May 1, 1900. The cover illustrated here reflects the fourth of these troop departures.

On March 17th, 1900 a contingent made up mainly of men from the Strath-

cona's Horse left Halifax for South Africa, arriving at Cape Town twenty-five days later. This unaddressed and apparently unmailed envelope was likely prepared as a souvenir memento of the departure. However, the story does not stop here.

There is no doubt that troops passing through Halifax would be recognized and possibly entertained by the local militia. At that time this was the Halifax Rifles under the command of Captain Henry Hechler. Hechler was a well known stamp dealer who, today, has the reputation of having been the inspiration for many items manufactured especially for collectors. This cover could easily fall into this category. However, before we condemn Hechler, let it be realized that many war souvenirs exist and are collected with a significant degree of respectability because other philatelists (and dealers) have done—and are still doing—what was done on March 17th, 1900.

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The ICCS came into being at 2400 hrs. 27 January 1973 when the Ceasefire came into effect for Viet Nam. The ICCS is composed of four nations called "CHIP" - ie, Canada, Hungary, Indonesia and Poland. The first contingents began to arrive shortly after 27 January and the first postal facility of the ICCS was opened by the Military Component of the Canadian Delegation on 1 February 1973 - CFPO 5005. As stated in an earlier story the Canadian postal facility is the only military facility provided among the four delegations.

The CFPO 5005 is operated by one Sergeant and one Corporal of the Canadian Forces Postal Corps. They serve 290 Canadian military personnel and about 100 Canadian Department of External Affairs Personnel, all stationed in Viet Nam. The personnel may send Canadian Forces Air Letter Forms to Canada and the U.S.A. via air mail at the .08 cent rate, or pay .15 cents for letters sent at the civilian air mail rate to Canada and the USA. All other mail addressed to other countries must have Vietnamese postage at the rate of 75 piasters for air letter forms and 90 piasters for letters (5 grams) sent via air mail. Many interesting South Vietnamese stamps are available for preparing mail from ICCS personnel. Of course mail addressed to Canada and the USA may also bear Vietnamese stamps at the forementioned rates. CFPO 5005 uses the following cancellations - a small steel hammer cancel showing CFPO 5005 and the applicable date (this is usually used on parcels and registered envelopes), a steel roller cancel showing 8 bars and CFPO 5005 (this is used on parcels), and a CFPO registration cachet for the insertion of registration numbers. There is

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The other three "CHIP" countries do not have military postal facilities. The mail of the military and civilian members of Hungary, Indonesia and Poland is sent to the respective countries, either by a diplomatic courier bag or by using Vietnamese stamps. Mail addressed to Saigon from the Regional HQ's of all four countries using Vietnamese stamps is available. All envelopes so used receive a cachet in the appropriate language denoting the Regional HQ and the Vietnamese stamps are cancelled with applicable city cancellation to denote the origin of the envelope. All Vietnamese stamps have the words "Viet Nam Cong Hoa" (Republic of Viet Nam) and Buu Chinh (Postage), the postage value in dong (currency of Viet Nam), and the name of the subject matter of the stamp.

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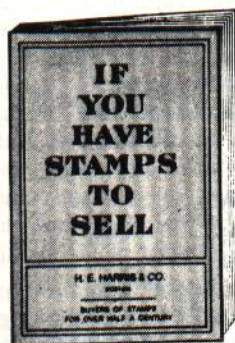
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Certain Canadian stamps can be found with large differences in dimensions. When one compares the size of one stamp of the same design the stamp may be narrower or wider, or longer or shorter than the other stamp. That is the actual design of the stamp is different in size. Most of these stamps can

be found on two different papers. The paper may have been fed into the press 90° out of phase from the other stamp of the same design but with different dimensions. A vertical or a horizontal paper grain may be noticed when comparing the two stamps. A little new book called Canadian Stamp Varieties 1973 has just been published and it explains these differences and how to detect the two papers. It also lists some of the following stamps which can be found on a vertical or a horizontal type paper: the large and small Queen stamps, the Maple Leaf and Numeral issues, the Map stamp, King Edward VII, King George V on some values, Queen Elizabeth II 1954 issue, the 20 cents Special Delivery of 1922 and the Registration stamps. Obviously a much neglected field but an interesting one.

Well it looks like it that Canada will issue its first Semi Postal for the Olympics. We feel it is an unfortunate decision as this opens the gate for any profit making philatelic venture. It will no doubt, as it did in almost all countries using such methods for profits, result in reduction of interest by Canadian collectors. Already the issue of fairly large number of philatelic items and the problem with the tagged stamps, has many unhappy. In connection with this it will be of interest to many that during my recent visits to US and Canadian stamp shows, dealers are looking towards other collecting areas to avoid a possible loss once the modern Canadian stamp prices may come down, similarly as it happened some years ago with Germany, Italy, Vatican, Israel, Switzerland etc. The countries which apparently are wanted are the South Americans.

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

There was quite a good response to a preceding article in this series concerning crease and fold freaks. As a natural follow up, this month's article will deal entirely with perforation freaks.

It is interesting to note that most collectors wish to obtain a superb copy of every issue for their collections. To qualify as superb condition the stamp must be perfectly centered, i.e.: the design portion of the stamp should be in such a position that the widths of the margins on each side are equal. As the design becomes 'off-centered' its value decreases. However, if the perforations are very badly off-centered and intrude well into the stamp design its value may be greatly increased.

It is important to establish some sort of personal criteria to determine what is worthy of an increase in value, or what is just a poorly centered stamp.

The following notes are based on my own personal tastes and should not be considered to be hard fast dogma.

The 10c. Christmas, 6c. Manitoba Centennial, 5c. International Hydrological Decade, and the 6c. Group of Seven issues illustrated are examples of poorly centered stamps. As the perforations do not enter the design, they have little value as perforation varieties. They are interesting curiosities, however, and might make an interesting display.

The block of 50c. 1967 definitives is an interesting curiosity, for the two left stamps are shorter by 1.9 mm than the two stamps on the right. By themselves these stamps would have little value, but because both sizes are included in the same block they make an interesting combination. One should not pay any more than double the face value for such an item, or \$1.00 for a

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The original sheet of the 1972 World Skating Commemorative with the misplaced vertical perforations was reported by the Rev'd David Prowse. The perforations have intruded well into the design (in this case 7.0 mm) and as a result their value is considerably higher. These varieties usually sell for \$6.50 for single copies, and \$25.00 for blocks of four. You should not pay much more for major perforation varieties of this sort.

I am interested in hearing about any perforation freaks you have come across, especially those issued since 1952. My mailing address is 134-20th Street, Brandon, Manitoba, R7B 1L4.

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Yours truly,
William N. Wiles
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Dear Sir:

The issues that posed the original problem of offsetting and migration of the OP4 phosphor ink will continue to present serious problems to collectors in the future.

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You are advised to continue to exercise considerable caution with Ottawa tagged stamps. Keep them wrapped in aluminum foil until advised of a sure method of isolating the infection, or you are satisfied that any migration and/or offsetting is unimportant in their particular location.

Above all, if you are unhappy about the situation, write to the Canadian Post Office and let them know. You may help prevent similar transgressions in the future.

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ED NOTE: I am not too sure that wrapping them in aluminum foil would be good. A better idea would be to segregate them on separate pages in a separate binder.

Dear Sir:—

I refer to Mr. Jim Hogen's (10123) letter in the May issue of The Canadian Philatelist (Vol. 24, No. 3) regarding Canadian stamp issues the last two or three years and in particular the R.C.M.P. Commemoratives.

I agree whole heartedly with his remarks and have quit collecting Canadian Stamps since 1970 on this account.

With the possible exception of a very few issues, trash, is a good description.

Yours very truly

A. V. Davidge (4353)

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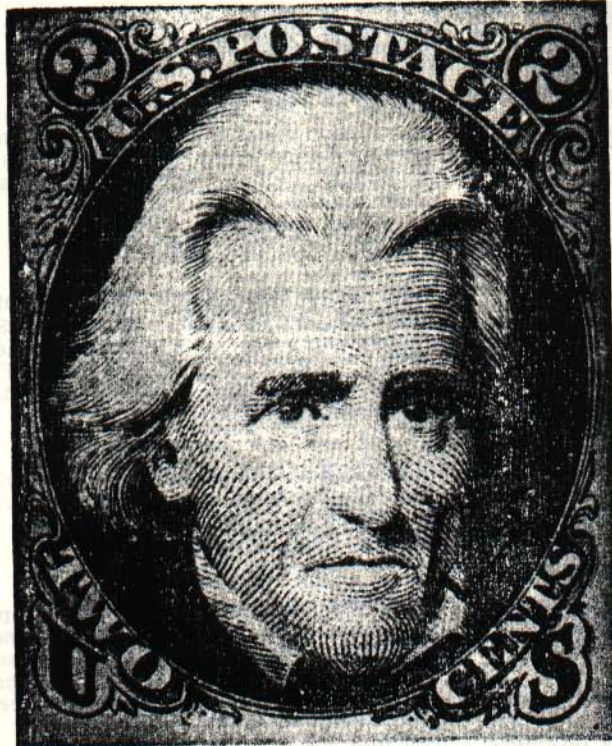
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Each convention seems to have its own personality and this year the focus was on the exhibits. All in all there were 115 competitive exhibits in almost 700 frames. Sixteen of these were in the Junior class. According to Mr. Sam Nickle, Chairman of the Jury, the calibre of the material was sufficiently high so as to cause the judges to approach international standards in their decisions. A list of awards will be included in the next issue.

In addition to the competitive exhibits there was a court of honour (senior and junior) and an official class. Space does not permit a detailed description of each, however, of special appeal were

several glass cases holding various types of early Canadian postal devices (daters, rollers, squared circles, seals, etc.) together with their imprints. This was by courtesy of the Canada Postal Museum. A pleasant innovation were the lounge areas scattered throughout the exhibition hall, sponsored by some of the Toronto stamp clubs.

The activities began at 10:00 a.m. on June 8th with Mr. Harry Sutherland, President of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada and Mr. Arthur Cohen, President of the Society of Israel Philatelists cutting the ribbon into the exhibition hall. Activities included a lecture program representing both Societies. Mr. Ken Rowe and Dr. Fred Stulberg presented papers on Philatelic Pollution and the Postal History of Early Toronto respectively on behalf of the "Royal".

The annual meeting of the R.P.S.C. was held the following day and the reports by the officers showed significant growth and development of the Society during the past year. Also, a new Board

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A meeting of the directors led to the appointment of the following officers for the coming year. President, Mr. H. Sutherland; Vice-President, Mr. K. Rowe; Secretary, Mr. W. Anderson; Treasurer, Mr. A. W. Leggett; Editor of the Philatelist, Dr. F. G. Stulberg; Advertising Manager, Mrs. G. M. Geldert; Director of Sales, Mr. F. W. Frost; Chapter Coordinator, Major R. K. Malott; Chapter Coordinator (pro tem), Mr. M. Millar; Coordinator of Conventions, Dr. F. G. Stulberg; Coordinator of Youth Activities, Mr. M. Madesker. Honourary Officers are Mrs. G. M. Geldert and Mr. J. Kraemer.

At the Awards Banquet Mr. H. Sutherland announced the names of two gentlemen who were made Fellows in the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada. They are Mr. Doug Patrick and Mr. J. N. Sissons.

If one were to judge the success of the convention and exhibition on the basis of numbers alone, this one would be an unqualified success. More than 300 people registered and over 6000 attended over the three day period. However, the success was not confined to numbers alone and almost all aspects of the convention were well planned and carried out. We are truly indebted to Mr. G. Snels and Mr. M. Madesker, Co-Chairmen; Mr. A. Ruta, Publicity;

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Ontario County — The First Post Offices

by Max Rosenthal

In 1799, Asa Danforth carved out the first rough version of the Danforth Road east from York (Toronto) to Kingston. The townships in Ontario County fronting on Lake Ontario through which it went were Pickering and Whitby. Originally a township, Whitby was to be divided in 1857 into Whitby and Whitby East Townships. Benjamin Wilson, a United Empire Loyalist, was the first settler in the original township, in 1794, on the lake shore at the mouth of Oshawa Creek. In 1804 A.M. Farewell bought what is now southeast Oshawa. On the Danforth Road he opened a tavern in 1812.

Whitby

When John B. and William Warren commenced storekeeping on the Kingston Road, now Highway 2, in 1823 at Hamer's Corners, in lot 20 concession 1, 1½ miles east of the present center of Whitby, theirs was the only store between York and Port Hope. There was no post office between the latter two places, and their store was a logical spot for one. In the account book of York's postmaster, William Allan, in the Toronto Reference Library, was copied out this letter written by him on March 9, 1824 to John B. Warren.

"I herewith enclose you your commission as a Deputy Post Master at Whitby together with a bag for the padlock of the post bag, which you will please acknowledge the receipt of and you will also receive your blank way bills, etc. In order you may commence after the 5th proximo, you had better up a notice at Mr. Stills, or any other public place, that a post office is to be opened at that time. You will upon no occasion detain the courier in his going or coming. You must always be ready to receive him, and put up any letters you may have to forward as he happens along. N.B. Any letter on your own business you are

entitled to get free of postage or to forward any for yourself from you own Office only free also."

On September 1, 1830, while visiting at Whitby, William Purdy wrote a letter now in the Ontario Archives to Peter Robinson, M.P., York. Purdy was the founder of Lindsay. Postmarked on the front is a small double circle broken by WHITBY "3 Septemb." is written in the center.

After Peter Perry came to Whitby in 1836, the business of the town gravitated towards "Perry's Corners." This is now the "four corners" of Whitby, its center. James Heermans took over Whitby post office at its southwest corner. He was replaced in 1839 by Alex McPherson. A letter written by Peter Perry, Whitby on March 6, 1841 to Robert Baldwin, Toronto (Baldwin Papers, Toronto Reference Library) is postmarked with a large double circle broken by WHITBY, U.C., with Mar. 7, 1841 in type. It is in red.

Pickering

Along the banks of Duffin's Creek, on the north side of the Kingston Road, had lived before any permanent white settlers an Irishman called Duffin, who had cleared a few acres but lived mainly from hunting and fishing. In the 1820's, with the growing completion of settlement in Pickering

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Township, and the increasing importance of the road, the village of Duffin's Creek began to take form, just east of that stream. Francis Leys, who had come some years earlier, opened a post office nearby in 1829, called Pickering, after the township. Located on lot 12, concession 1, his house was actually a half mile east of the centre of the village, but, while not a public house, offered a town's comforts to immigrants and travellers.

In 1836 Brougham post office was opened in lot 19, concession 6, at the northwest corner of the Brock Road and what is now Highway 7, by Reverend George Barclay. In 1831 Henry Howell had settled nearby and opened a milling business on Spring Creek. The first store was opened in 1835 by William Bentley, and the place was called Bentley's Corners until the post office opening next year replaced it with the English statesman's name. In 1840 Nicholas Howell took over as postmaster a half mile east, in lot 15 concession 5.

Uxbridge

Beginning in 1805, Quakers from Pennsylvania settled in the northeast of Uxbridge Township, the area north of Pickering. An Englishman, Beswick, brought what is now the southeast section of Uxbridge village in 1806, and began building a mill. John P. Plank built a frame tavern in 1825, to the southeast of the main corner, the first north of Kingston Road, two years later a small store. In 1835 Joseph Bascom began a tannery, and built a house,

also near the southeast corner. He was instrumental in securing a mail route from Pickering post office through Brougham, Uxbridge, Brock, and Beaverton, in 1836, and each one got a post office. Bascom kept Uxbridge post office, named after its township in his tannery. The mails were delivered once a week.

Brock post office was established by William Bagshaw in lot 5 concession 9 of the township of the same name, that is about halfway between the later Vroomanton and Wilfrid, just east of the old road from Uxbridge to Lake Simcoe. About 1850 Thomas Hill moved it to Jones Corners, where the present Highway 12 turns into the 6th concession road. There in 1867 it was renamed Sunderland. In the Ontario Archives a letter from surveyor William Galbraith to Surveyor - General Thomas Parke, Kingston is postmarked with a large double circle broken by BROCK, U. C. with "18 Octr 1842" written in, in red.

Beaverton

Scott Township, north of Uxbridge, was surveyed in 1807; Reach, north of Whitby Township, in 1809, Brock, north of the latter, in 1817. Another road called the Brock Road, running north from Whitby through the later Utica and Epsom to Sunderland, was surveyed in 1831.

The two townships in Ontario County on the eastern shores of Lake Simcoe, Thorah and Mara, were first surveyed in 1820 and 1821. In 1824, under "Squire" Donald Cameron, emigrants arrived from Glen-garry in Thorah, the next township north of

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Brock. 1830 brought a large influx of immigrants from Scotland, followed by Highlanders to Mara, north of Thorah, from 1833 on.

Due to the efforts of Cameron, by 1827 there was a private mail service between what is now Beaverton and the Kingston Road. By consent of the Deputy Postmaster-General, an early resident, Kenneth Campbell, was employed to carry mail from that village in Thorah to Warren's post office at Whitby, travelling on foot once every two weeks, and receiving a small sum of money from the people for whom he carried the letters. He also served other settlers in the townships through which he plodded.

The first bridge was thrown across the Beaver River in Thorah by 1830, at the site of Beaverton. Kenneth Cameron opened the first store that year in Milton, as it was then called. Donald Calder built saw and grist mills there, and so a village was arising. From 1831 on the nearest post office was at Georgina (Sutton West later), 18 miles southwest. Colonel Cameron, of the 74th Highlanders, settled on the lake

shore 1½ miles north of Beaverton in 1835. His influence with the government got a post office, designated Beaverton, opened at the beginning of 1836. (Milton post office was to be opened the same year in Halton County).

James Ellis kept Beaverton post office in a house on the river bank, and later had a carding and spinning establishment just below. Early in 1844 he wrote to the Legislative Assembly's Post Office Commission.

"My pay amounted in the year ending the 5th July, 1840, to the sum of f4 9s. 7½d. cy., out of which I have to find whatever stationery may be required for the use of the Office. Other involvements I have were whatever, excepting the privilege of receiving and sending my own letters free. I keep no clerk, but am obliged to have an assistant occasionally, as I have to leave home two or three times in the year on business. I have never kept any account of stationery from the time I made a charge of three or four shillings on the quarter accounts, which was disallowed. the Eldon Post Master told he made a similar charge

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Charles Robinson had settled in Thorah in 1833, and was to be a future postmaster of Beaverton. In the Baldwin Papers, Toronto Reference Library, is a letter from him to Robert Baldwin, written July 14, 1845, postmarked with a large double circle broken by Beaverton, U.C. in blue, with "22 July 45" written in. Another letter, written November 13, 1848, has a medium-sized double circle broken by BEAVERTON, C.W., in their lettering, with No. 14, 1848 in type, all in red.

Eldon post office was near the later Woodville

Reach

Reach Township was inhabited only by Indians and wild animals until Reuben Crandell cut his way through the bush from north of the present Oshawa in 1821. In 1828 he began to cut a road between the latter point and what was later Prince Albert, and from there to Brock Township. This was the beginning of Simcoe Street, or Reach Road. In 1824 Abner Hurd and Daniel Dayton settled at the site of Prince Albert, where Simcoe Street was to cross the 5th concession road of Reach, called Dayton's Corners for some years. The first store in the township was opened by P. Hurd in 1833 there, the second in 1836 by J. Leach.

In 1841 Reach post office was opened in Leach's store. The first mail to it was carried on horseback by William Thomas. A mail stage was begun in 1848, with mail twice a week.

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