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Dear Friends:-

Early in March I took a trip to Winnipeg and then on to Hawaii where I basked in the sun for two full weeks. It was most pleasant to swim in the ocean every day, to be tossed upside down, this way and that by the heavy surf, and to walk along the beach to see the pretty mermaids in their inny minny bikinis. I really should have been out in the back country on the outer islands where the missionaries were looking for the very famous Missionary stamps, but I wasn't. Incidentally, do you know about the Hawaiian stamps? There are 4 different values issued in 1851. Only a few exist and they now have a catalogue value from $6,500.00 to $65,000.00 each. These are rather ugly looking stamps but are extremely rare and very much in demand. The largest lot of these were found many years ago in the "outhouse" of one of the missionary's properties. Apparently he used to take his letters out to this "holy" place to read and then peel the stamps off and somehow stick them to the inner walls of the outhouse decorating one side of the wall. How strange that an outhouse turned out to be worth millions of dollars.

On April 3rd. a well known Toronto stamp dealer, Leslie Davenport, celebrated his 80th birthday. I think it rather extraordinary that this is the 3rd. Toronto dealer to celebrate his 80th birthday within the last few months. There was Dr. R. Maresch, Leslie Davenport and my father. Collectors and fellow dealers are fortunate to have three such fine gentlemen so active in putting their mark on the stamp collecting fraternity over all these years.

On April 2nd. the Canadian Stamp Dealers Association held their regular meeting at the Harmonie Club in Toronto, and Les Davenport as is his usual custom, attended. He was the speaker and gave the members a very interesting talk about his experiences in stamp dealings. He started in 1901, by being attracted and captivated by the 1c. and 2c. Pan American stamps that he bought at the local Post Offfice. In New Jersey where Les lived, there was a dealer by the name of Rosseler and Les got a job with him making packets in his spare time. By 1911, Les was finished school and started full time in stamps. I don't know the name of his boss, but apparently he was the biggest man in the trade, weighing some 325 pounds.

On January 25th, 1914, Les started with the Marks Stamp Company in Toronto as approval manager. He still has the original letter written to him by Elly Marks giving long details about the position and how he was to get to Toronto and start work. There were many other stories that he told. The one that sticks in my mind was how in 1926 he went down to Ottawa and visited the philatelic department and through an error on the part of a clerk was able to buy the last remaining quantities of the 2c. and 3c. Canada Scott No. 140. There were 10,000 copies at 2c. each - total $200.00; incidentally todays value is $60,000.00.

On April 3rd, Mr. Davenport's birthday, a dinner was held in his honour at the Granite Club in Toronto, attended by some members of the Toronto Stamp Collectors Club and their wives. It was a very happy occasion. One person, a very good and old friend of Les was Mr. Fred Jarrett who could not be there as he was in Ottawa being the first person to ever receive the Canada Medal for his interest and participation in Canadian philatelly.

In my next letter I will tell you what I have been buying lately and in the meantime if you have any stamps for sale I sure would be glad to hear from you.

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THOUGHTS & THINGS ..... FROM THE EDITOR

MIXED EMOTIONS

"The great ends for a statesman are, security to the possessors, facility to the acquirers and hope to the people."

Samuel T. Coleridge

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The National Postal Museum, but a hope and a dream several years ago, has announced that it will officially open at Ottawa on September 26th of this year. Those of us who have seen the excellent displays already formed by the staff of the Postal Museum of Canada and exhibited at some of the major exhibitions both here and abroad cannot help but feel that this venture will be something that we, **as Canadians**, will point to with pride. However, **as philatelists**, we cannot help but feel a little bit uneasy. This concern focuses on two major aspects of institutional collecting - how is the material to be acquired and what will be its disposition.

The material for our postal museum comes mainly from three sources: post office and printer's archives, the open market and donations by interested people.

There is little doubt that the major portion of philatelic material and related artifacts that will make up the national collection will come from the post office sources not normally available to the collector. However, it would be naive to assume that a complete collection could be formed in this way and the Postal Museum must inevitably compete with the collector for some of its material. This raises two questions - one moral and one physical. Firstly, is it proper for taxpayer's money to compete with the taxpayer himself in the acquisition of the substance of his hobby? Secondly, would it be a deterrent to collectors if they thought that would have to compete with an institution such as the Postal Museum in order to obtain significant items to form a collection?

More questions are raised when we consider the implications of donations to public institutions. Many people motivated by patriotic fervor, tax benefit or even the chance of gaining philatelic immortality will, without doubt, decide to donate or bequeath their collections to the National Postal Museum with the possibility that, in time, much significant material ends up out of the reach of collectors. This, of course, would rock the very foundations of Canadian Philately.

On the other hand, few can deny that some philatelic items actually belong in the Postal Museum where they can be seen and appreciated by the greatest number of people. Also, those who have had any experience with the management and advisory committee of the National Postal Museum cannot help but feel that the reins are in the hands of knowledgeable and aware philatelists, sensitive to their potential influence, for good and for evil, on Canadian philately.

However, many collectors are still apprehensive. They would, with justification, like to see a statement of policy concerning the acquisition and disposal of material. Then, perhaps, our pride in our National Postal Museum **as philatelists**, will match or surpass that which we will have **as Canadians**.

ABOUT EXHIBITIONS

Some member chapters have asked that the Society establish an exhibition registry whereby a specific date could be registered in order to insure that no other member organization in the immediate geographical area would hold their exhibition at the same time. Although this appears to be fine in theory, it is difficult to administer in practise.

The problem appears to mainly affect those in southern Ontario. In this area there are far more stamp clubs than there are suitable dates for exhibitions. Thus, the solution comes in the creation of a new calender having more weekends in the late spring and early fall. This, of course, is beyond the control of the R.P.S.C. A registry would only put the "Royal" in the position of being referee between two opposing factions with the subsequent inevitable hard feelings.

Some member chapters have asked that the Society establish a judges roster whereby they would be able to obtain suitable people to judge their exhibitions. This also proves to be easier in theory than practice.

If a national society such as ours endorses certain people as being qualified to judge exhibitions, then it must be sure that these people meet certain competency standards. As a national philatelic organization recognized by international organizations, any list of judges that we publish must conform to their standards. At the present time we are not equipped to establish certification but the time is rapidly approaching.

EXFILMEX '74

The Annual Exhibition of the Federation of Inter-American Philatelists (F.I.A.F.) will be held this year in Mexico City from October 26 to November 3. The prospectus for those interested in exhibiting is now available from Mr. George S. Wegg, 37 Victoria Street, Toronto, Ontario who is the Canadian Commissioner or from the editor of the C.P.

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Several errors crept into the past volume of the CANADIAN PHILATELIST. They were - (1) page 69; inverted illustration. (2) page 74; the wrong date for the Exhibition of the London Philatelic Society. (3) page 121; illustrations wrongly numbered. (4) page 127; deadline for copy was incorrect.

To those who were inconvenienced, I humbly apologise.

JERUSALEM '73 AWARDS



The international exhibition scheduled to be held in Jerusalem in December, 1973 was changed to March of this year because of the state of war that existed at that time, or just prior to it. However, the postponed exhibition was held as planned and several Canadians received awards.

They were: Gold - R.K. Malott; Vermeil - A. Ben David, Harry Sutherland; Silver - M. Madesker; Bronze - A. Ben David; Diploma - I. Baum, M. Croy.

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His contribution to philately has been monumental. He has willingly, and quietly, supported almost all aspects of philately with both time and money. He was general manager of CAPEX (Canada's International Exhibition) in 1951 and, at present, is a member of over thirty five philatelic societies or organizations.

Presentations were made on behalf of the Royal Philatelic Society by Harry Sutherland, and on behalf of those present by Vincent Greene. Mrs. Davenport, a constant companion to Les and an integral part of his charm and popularity, was also recognized. Those who know her realize her contribution to her husband's success.

We all join in wishing these two beautiful people many more happy years together.

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This exhibition was held in Toronto on March 29 and 30. Despite constant rain during the entire week-end, an estimated 1100 people attended this show to patronize the 17 dealers or to view the 100 frame exhibition.

The North Toronto Stamp Club was honoured to have Mr. H. Sutherland, Mr. K. Rowe (president and vice-president of the R.P.S.C. respectively) and Mr. M. Rasic form the jury. Awards were as follows.

Gold: J.M. Shelton (Grand Award and best B.N.A.)

Silver: Wm. Flemming, S. Shelton, Wm. McCann (Best Novice).

Bronze: S. Sheppard, M. Madesker, Z. Staron, J. Carrick, D.A. Young (Best Tropical), R.J. Cowan.

In addition to these awards in the general competitive section, the following were awarded in the Experts Class:

Gold: Dr. R.A. Chaplin, A.L. Steinhart, Dr. F.G. Stulberg.

Silver: H.G. Gosney.

The Experts Class was established several years ago to provide a vehicle for the many members of this Club who are proven exhibitors to participate in the exhibition and yet not be in competition with those members with less exhibiting experience.

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I did my share of the buying and have a fairly good stock but am not quite satisfied with it, so first of all will go on record that am in the market for any stocks of these Centenaries, in any shape or form as long as it's mint, and in face value from $10.00 to $100,000.00.

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Am now at work on comprehensive PRICED catalog of the Centenary stamps. It will be incorporated in new editions of the Canada Basic Catalogue and the Canada Plate Block Catalogue. Publishing date uncertain as yet, but should be sometime in 1974. Due to paper shortages will have to restrict both editions to potential total of orders. No need to write in if you are already a customer; others had best indicate their wishes now. Both catalogs will be of the greatest interest as besides a very complete listing of the Centenaries, there will be described, listed and priced for the very first time anywhere, a number of major Canadian errors and varieties.

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Major Flaws On Plate One Of The 2 Cent Registered Letter Stamps Of Canada

A SPECIAL FEATURE



The 2¢ Registered Letter Stamp of 1875

By ROBERT A. CHAPLIN, M.D.

The 2 cent registered letter stamps of Canada were issued on 15 November 1875 to prepay the registration charge on letters passing within the Dominion. They were printed in Montreal until 1888 when the operation was transferred to Ottawa. Two plates were used. The first plate was re-entered in 1886 and a second plate was placed in use the same year. The domestic registration rate was increased to 5 cents on 8 May 1889 and the production of the 2 cent registered letter stamps was terminated.

Plate one printed fifty stamps in ten horizontal rows of five each. Major plate flaws are manifest on stamps number twenty-two, thirty-seven and thirty-eight.

The flaw on stamp number twenty-two extends laterally from the T of CENTS across the right frame lines. (Fig. 1 and 2). It is found in two states. The larger flaw is probably less common.

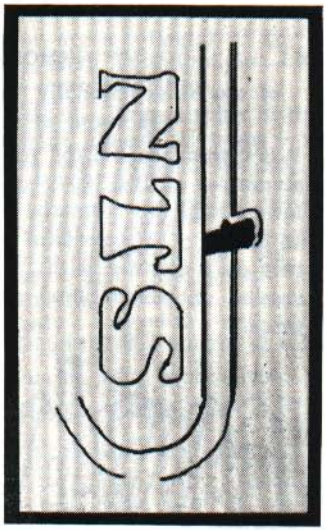


Fig. 1. Original Flaw

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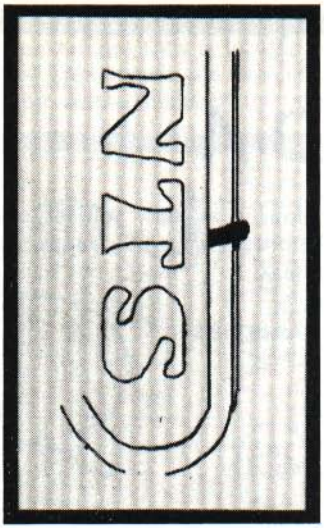


Fig. 2. Repaired Flaw

more common. The examples which I have examined are from the re-entered plate and rose-carmine or orange-red. This suggests that the flaw occurred during the use of the original plate and may have been improved at or about the time the plate was re-entered.

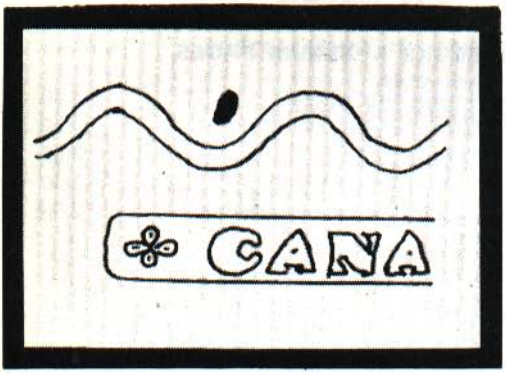


Fig. 3. Oval Flaw

There is an oval flaw in the upper margin above the C of CANADA on stamp number thirty-seven. (Fig. 3). This flaw was present on both the original and re-entered plates. There is no evidence that an attempt was made to correct it. It is common and found on the orange, rose-carmine and orange-red

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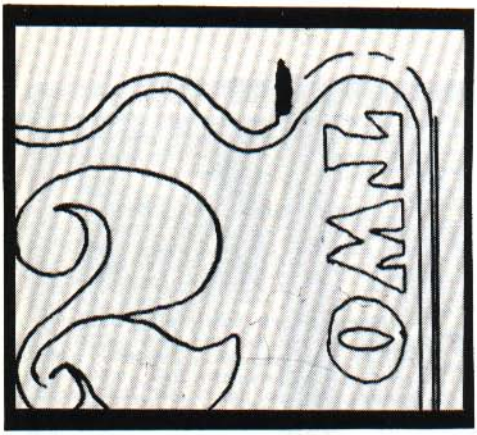


Fig. 4

(Fig. 4). The stamps are orange from the original plate and may be perforated 12 x 12, 12 x11¾ or 12 x 11½. Copies examined on cover are perforated 12 x 12 and dated 11 February 1882, 10 November 1882 and 30 September 1885. The flaw may have been caused when the plate was made or early during its use and was repaired just before or at the time it was re-entered.

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Last summer one of the secretaries at work gave me the Egyptian stamp (figure 1) that gave me the idea of collecting macabre stamps. I could hardly believe my eyes when I looked at that stamp; an elongated skeletal hand printed in the most lurid red contrasted against a black background was dripping blood on a flaming jet airliner. The hand has "KILLERS" in Arabic and English printed on it, and there are four jet fighters streaking from the doomed airliner. It was designed by Salah El Din Abdel Kareem and issued on 1 May 1973 to "commemorate" the shooting down of a Libyan airliner by Israel over Sinai on 21 February 1973. More than 100 people were killed, most of them Egyptians.

Three headlines on page three of the 25 February 1973 New York Times sum up the reactions of those nations most involved: "Libyan Cabinet Minister calls downing of Airliner Deliberate", Victims Buried in Cairo Amid Cries of 'War' ", "Israeli Erred in Judgement, Dayan Asserts." The last headline seems a fair judgement. From the newspaper accounts, it appears that the radio navigation equipment of the Boeing 727 failed, and the French pilot strayed 100 miles off course over the Sinai. When the Israeli Air Force intercepted his plane, he thought they were Arab Migs as his conversation into the flight recorder shows:

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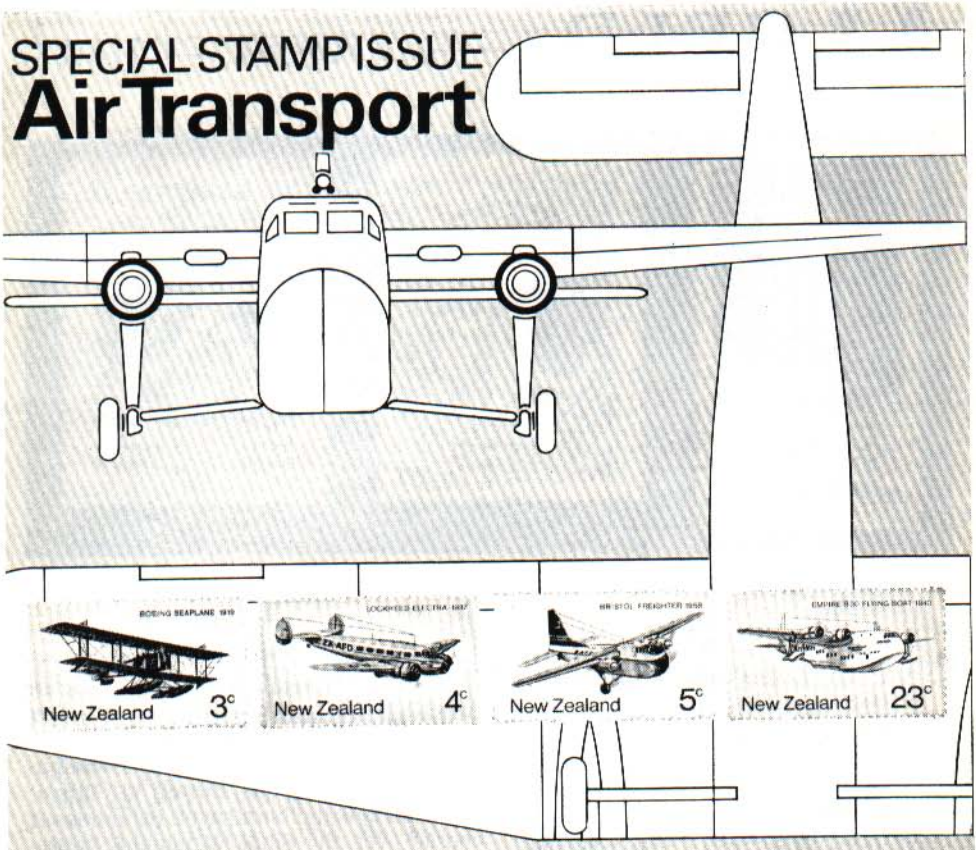
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For a few years after the Russian revolution of 1917, the Ukraine maintained herself as an independent republic. The whole period of independence was one of civil war and great hardship, and the Ukraine finally became part of the Soviet Union in 1923. In ordinary times, the Ukraine is one of the best grain producing areas in the world, but because of disruptions of war, there was a great famine in the country. A set of four semi-postals was issued in 1923 with the surtax presumably destined for the victims of famine. Two of this set are certainly menacing. The 10+10 value (figure 2) has the "grim reaper" in black menacing a mother and child while the 90+30 (figure 3) depicts "death" struggling with a peasant farmer. This set has long been famous for its unsettling subject matter and bold lithography.

In 1973, Austria issued a propaganda stamp against the non-medical use of drugs. It pictures a pretty young girl with half of her face dissolving into a hideous skull. Of all the macabre stamps mentioned so far, this one is the only steel engraved example and is a typically excellent Austrian product. The Egyptian, Ukranian and Austrian stamps discussed in this article all seem to meet the definition of a "macabre stamp" offered in the last issue of the CANADIAN PHILATELIST: "the subject depicted must be brutally tragic and ... the design stark and unidealized." Furthermore they all confirm the observation that macabre stamps seem to be issued very shortly after the events they mark took place.

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Blue Bonnets, 1887 (Fig. 6). A railway station named after a nearby race track gave this post office its first name. The community it was in was called St. Pierre aux Liens. After it was incorporated as Ville St. Pierre, the post office name changed to the latter in 1908. It was then located at 206th Avenue.

Bougie, 1879. Its name was changed in 1904 to Youville, recalling Marie-Marguerite Dufrost, Dame d'Youville, founder of the Grey Sisters. The post office was just north of Cremazic Road, sometimes on Lajeunesse, other times on St. Hubert.

Cartierville, 1893. This post office was in the community municipality known as Jacques Cartier, at a railway junction 1½ miles south of Sault-au-Recollet.

Cote des Neiges, 1854-1909. "In the rear of Mount Royal", as a directory put it, the Town of Notre Dame des Neiges was the location of this post office. When Montreal sub-post office no. 22, which had been established in 1907, got a new postmaster two years later, it officially replaced Cote des Neiges.

Cote des Neiges West, 1890. 1494 Cote des Neiges Road. The post office was in the Village of Notre Dames des Neiges Ouest.

Lachine, 1829 (Fig. 7). The name Lachine "China" was given in decision by the locals when La Salle's expedition left it in 1669 to go to the Indian nations to the west, to find a passage to China. After the British conquest it became the rendezvous of the fur traders of the West and Northwest. Lachine became the residence of the Governor of the Hudson's Bay Company. The Lachine Locks were constructed in 1821 to 1824. Five years later C.E. Crossman opened the post office. Lachine Lock's post office was opened in 1858 (Fig. 8) still farther southeast from Lachine, where the railway from Montreal Junction approached a bridge over the St. Lawrence River on its way to Adirondack Junction, was opened in 1879 Lachine Rapids.

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Mount Royal Vale, 1889. This post office was on the Cote St. Luc Road west of Girourd Avenue, in Notre Dame Grace.

Outremont, 1886-1907. Cote Sainte-Catharine became the Village of Outremont in 1876 because it was located in the west, that is to say the "other side of Mount Royal from Montreal, "outre la montagne" - beyond the mountain. As the 1892 Montreal Directory put it, "it leads from Mount Royal Avenue to Cote des Neiges by the St. Catharine Road." The post office was kept in the latter in the south end. In 1895, the year it was incorporated as a town, Outremont Junction post office was opened in the north end, near the Outremont Railway Yard, on Van Horne Avenue. It was also closed in 1907. Although the name Outremont continued municipally, it did not reappear postally until 1920, when Montreal Postal Station Outremont came into being.

Park Avenue Extension, 1910. 3015 Park Avenue.

St. Laurent, Montreal, 1881. The 1906 Montreal Directory described this as "a thriving post village", but under the name Ville St. Laurent. An electric railway connected it with the city, 7 miles away. Gedeon Gagnon was postmaster then, in his bakery at 193 St. Laurent Avenue.

Summerlea, 1895. 726 St. Joseph Street. Better known then as Dixie after its railway station. It was a summer resort for Montrealers on Lake St. Louis, between Lachine and Dorval.

Turcot, 1890-1895. Dosithe Deslauriers kept this post office in his grocery store at 59 Cote St. Paul Road, between Cote St. Paul and the south eastern corner of Notre dame de Grace.

Upper Kensington, 1906. P.P. Laval seems to have kept this obscure post office on the Kensington Avenue running north from Sherbrooke Street to Cote St. Luc Road in Notre Dame de Grace.

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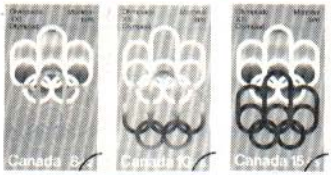
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BY KEN PUGH

I was most pleased and honoured to learn that I would be the recepient of the Geldert Medal for producing this series of articles. Perhaps you might like to hear how this series came about.

Four years ago I attended my first large philatelic exhibition, Manipex 70, in Winnipeg. Like many seeing a Royal show for the first time, I wandered about, mouth open, quite amazed at seeing such a fine array of exhibits, scores of dealers bourses and meetings galore.

At such a convention one soon becomes swept away by the course of events and it was not long until I met some very nice people.

One such fellow was Mr. James Kraemer, at that time our Chapter Co-ordinator. As I was the President of the Brandon Philatelic Society we had much to talk about. Eventually the discussion turned to recent Canadian Varieties and I showed Jim some of those I had with me.

We expressed a concern that there were few sources of information on recent varieties available to collectors.

It was not long after that he suggested that I send a 'variety article' to THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST to get something started. I would use my own reference collection as a basic source of information and, it was hoped, fellow Royal members would report additional new finds through the medium of these articles.

Kenneth Rowe, editor at that time, approved the idea and the series started.

Progress was slow at first and confined mainly to the smaller flyspeck varieties.

Gradually more and more letters came in until I have enough data now to support two series such as this. Hence the major varities tend to get prominent space now.

I must stress again that the success I have had with these articles has only been a result of the hundreds of letters I have received from you. Without your co-operation this series may have died long ago.

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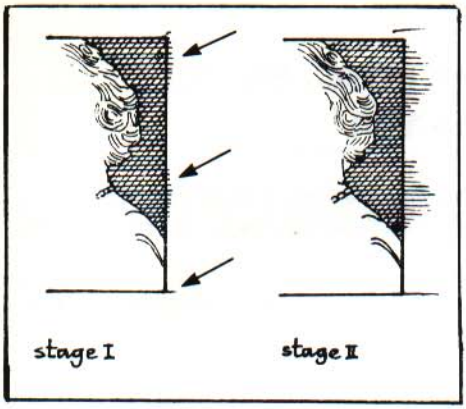
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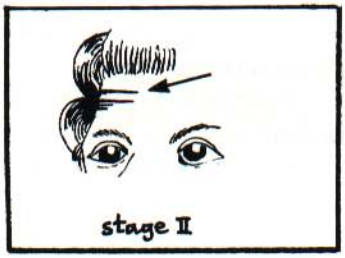
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This variety shows some remarkable extensions of the horizontal shading lines, right side and lower right frameline. As well some horizontal cracks appear on the Queen's forehead just above her right ear.



The extensions appear to be just as deep and wide as the regular shading lines and at first glance appear as retouching or reworking.

Because the lines go so far into the margin, in some cases right to the vertical perforations, and the appearance of the forehead crack, I rule this possibility out.

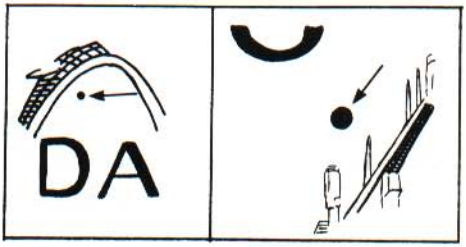
It should be noted that the variety seems to appear in varying degrees.

On copies I have seen posted from mid summer to January 1974, only a slight extension of the horizontal shading lines and the lower right frame line protrusion was noticeable. The forehead was clear. This variety I call Stage I.

On copies found in Brandon, Manitoba, early in January 1974, the extension lines were quite longer and the forehead cracks appeared. Very thin 'hairlines' could also be seen in all margins. I call these Stage II.

I first dismissed these extensions as a non constant inking variety, when I examined the panes in the post office pad and found that the positions and lengths of the extensions varied. I reasoned that a constant variety such as a retouch would appear in every consecutive sheet in the pane.

However, two new discoveries shed some new light on the problem.



On position R5-6 a large black dot appears between the figure 8 and the library. This 'Black Moon Over Library' variety appears constant but not on every sheet down the pad. It usually appeared on every third, fourth or fifth pane down, and always on panes with the Stage II shading line extensions.

Another variety at position R3-5, termed the 'Queen's Vaccination Mark' appears on a different pane than the Black Moon over Library variety and is associated with the Stage I shading line extensions.

Some panes in the pad did not contain any plate varieties, nor were the shading line extensions of any significance.

Thus in summary, one post office pad contained about equal amounts of Stage I and II, shading line varieties, Black Moon over Library varieties, Queen's Vaccination Mark varieties and no varieties at all.

It is usually the case to find a variety occurring on consecutive panes down a pad, not in every third, fourth and fifth panes down. Why???

I would appreciate hearing your comments. Write to 134-20th St., Brandon, Manitoba, R7B 1L4.

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THE SALES CIRCUIT

At the time of writing it is supposed to be Spring by one wouldn't know it by the temperature in this part of the country. The coming of Spring is a reminder that our stamp activities are about to come to a close for a few months while we get out to the great outside. It is also a time to look forward to September when requests for sales circuits will once again begin to come in but what will there be in the "cupboard"? If present stocks of books on hand is any indication there is going to be a scramble to make up circuits for the increasing number of you who are interested in adding to your collections. It has been a most difficult winter because new material, particularly that of Canada, has not been forthcoming. It would seem that most of you are hanging on to your surplus stamps. I would hope that many of my readers will look into their stock books, etc.. and see if there are any items that would be useful for the circuits.

In the last issue of the CANADIAN PHILATELIST it was seen that about one thousand new members had been obtained recently and I noted that most of them are collectors of Canada and B.N.A. It can readily be seen that demand for books this next winter will be heavier than ever so I appeal for material from the following countries:

Early Canada - both mint and used, all aspects including **early** covers.

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All Western Europe except Italy.

Australia and New Zealand and the Pacific Islands - the latter in used condition.

British West Indies - mint mostly.

Blank sales books are available for mounting stamps, and are still priced at a dollar for five, postpaid, until present stocks are exhausted. I am informed that costs of new supplies can be expected to go where everything else is going these days ... UP.

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69 WHAT'S NEW IN OLD CANADA (Part 1) by Dr. Fred Stulberg, Toronto, Ontario.

I would also like to remind all Chapters that slide programmes MUST be returned promptly within three days of your meeting. Several Chapters have not been complying with this regulation. If, for some reason, a Chapter is not able to use the slide programme for the night it was requested and wants to hold it over for the next meeting, I must be informed. I may have another request for the programme which would mean that it would have to be returned to me. At the Chapters request another programme will be substituted or the original programme would be returned at a later date. The co-operation of all Chapters in this matter is requested.

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The Canadian revised stamp program reduces the number of items to be issued from 45 to 33, certainly a welcome move. Of course this new list does not reflect all the stamps that will actually be issued because no coils, booklets, stationery, revised dies are announced. The reason for this policy has never been explained. The new definitive 8c. will be issued in Plate 3 by the time this information will be published and we will see what type of paper will be used. Finds are still being made of the 1967 issue. Ken Pugh reported the extended horizontal shading lines into the right margin of the 8c. slate. This appears to come from a very late printing. It is an interesting variety. Another variety reported is the missing crown on the Royal Visit stamps. Because these are printed in two processes, it is certain that the missing crown comes from a misregistration and not a plate damage.

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If you are interested in some of the older Canadian issues such as the "Admirals", two interesting finds were made recently. Mr. S. Lum found what we believe is the first reported 8c. blue on a very thin paper, similar to the 7c. brown. The 7c. brown is a very rare items indeed but this 8c. must be even more elusive, especially in a block. Another dealer found a beautiful plate block of the thin paper 7c. brown, probably the only one known so far.

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Although a few writers have prepared articles on booklets and booklet panes, the last published to show detail listing was around 1940. This is a very long time ago. Not only has the last definitive issue brought about a very large number of booklet varieties in addition to chose of previous issues as well. Another subject which needs updating are the coil stamps. There has been only one specialized publication of the Admiral coil stamps and that was many years ago by Drew Smith. However various articles have been written.

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Much has been written about the specially printed postal stationery from Barrie with the 6c. black and 8c. Alaska Highway. Now we hear of another one which apparently was prepared by the comptroller of the protestant school board of Montreal with a 6c. black. There is also some information that a new CNR Express card is out. These express cards are very difficult to find especially mint. Only some are listed in the catalogues but we know others exist. Let us know what you have so that we can record them.

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We hear through the grapevine, or is that the stamp juice, that there may be an attempt by one large company to bring out a specialized retail Canadian stamp catalogue quarterly. If this is correct it would be ideal for collectors and would certainly keep the prices up to date which is not possible with annual catalogues. Because of the difficulties of

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pricing, a dealer in Los Angeles showed me a monthly listing of Canadian stamps which he had for sale. This may be a big job but his stock was realistically priced. Although there are a large number of dealers in L.A., distances are so great that it is hard to get around. Two of them had a good Canadian stock.

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A recent incident makes us wonder what the actual policy of the Canadian Post Office is with regard to issuing stamps on the first day. Two separate stamps which were to be issued a few months ago, appeared in collectors hands one week before the actual date of issue. Naturally, prior to the official day of issue, cancels were applied by these owners. If this is a new practice, the first day of issue has lost its significance. We could be interested to hear more about this.

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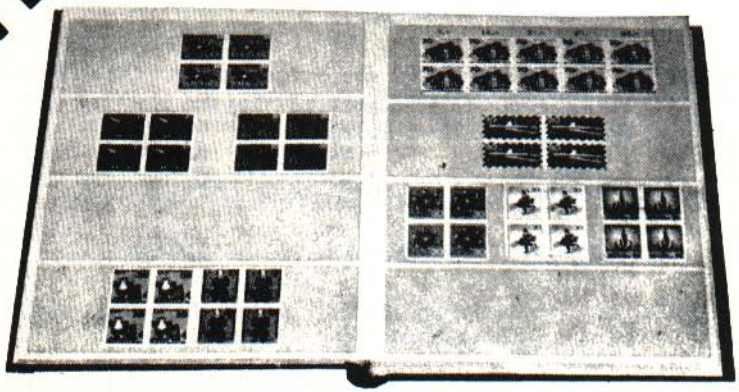
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From 1841 to 1843, the Legislature met at Kingston, Upper Canada. It then moved to Montreal, Lower Canada and remained there until 1849. It was during this time that the cover above, dated February 9th, 1949 was mailed.

A significant feature of this cover is the oval LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY CANADA (struck in green) in the upper left corner, This is the first handstruck legislative marking yet recorded for a Canadian legislature. There is considerable evidence that this was not, in fact, a postal marking but rather an identity mark applied by a clerk of the legislature to give the mailing official identification.

On April 25th, 1849 politically motivated rioters set fire to the parliament buildings at Montreal. As a result of this, the seat of government was moved to Toronto and there is was decided to alternate four year periods between Quebec and Toronto. This ambulatory government finally came to rest with the

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By far the most interesting usage of this device was the one at Montreal for, although examples from Toronto and Quebec are relatively common, it was only recently that there was any indication that Montreal had a handstruck legislative marking of any type. This is readily understandable when one realizes that the earliest known date is the one above (February 9th, 1849) and the parliament buildings were destroyed just ten weeks later.

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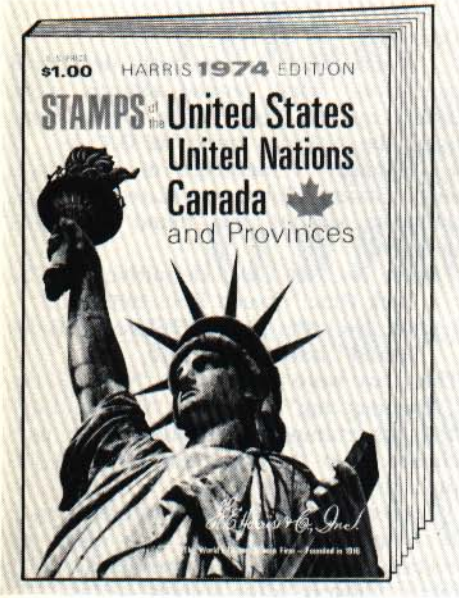
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F.G.S.

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By J.F. Webb

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Dear Sir:

I read with considerable interest the letter in the March-April issue of the Canadian Philatelist by Denby W. Raine concerning the policy of the Canada Post Office to use the slogan part of the cancellation so that it, rather than the circular date stamp, normally will fall on the stamp. Being one who collects both these machine cancellation date stamps as well as Canadian postage stamps, I feel that there are some aspects of this matter that deserve further consideration.

Firstly, from the point of view of date stamp collectors, the most distinct impression, with the features most clearly recognizable, are those struck clear of the postage stamp. Secondly, many date stamps struck clear of the postage stamps are as obliterative as slogans - if not more so. Thirdly, stamping slogans to the left of the postage stamps can obscure addresses.

Yours sincerely,
Charles Addington,
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Scott No. 461. 15c. definitive. "Bylot Island" issued Dec. 1970.

These two were issued with "No tag." the "Winnipeg tag" and the "Ottawa tag" and the stamps in question were purchased from the Philatelic Division Ottawa in November 1970.

According to published information O P 4 tagging compound was used on certain stamps issued or reissued in 1972 and withdrawn after a short period.

The question being: Did the Post Office experiment with this O P 4 or tagging material of a nature which bleeds or migrates to other material during 1969 and 1970, placing such tagged stamps in stock for disposal without any advice to the public?

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