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What Is A Specialist?

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Dear Friends:-

There has been so much happen during the last few weeks that I hardly know where to begin my letter.

On November 16th. I was privileged being the guest speaker at the annual banquet of the Philatelic Specialist Society of Canada. It was a jolly affair, with stories, some of them not censored, being told from the time of my arrival until the time I got up to speak. Actually they stole my thunder, as I had a few good ones to tell at the beginning of my talk. During the dinner, someone suggested that Dr. Fred Stulberg tell a few of his latest, and after about the fourth story Vinnie Greene had to interrupt to ask who was the speaker for the evening, Dr. Stulberg or Harry Martin? Then when it was time for me to speak, the President of the Club, Dr. Don Welsh had to tell his little story, before asking Bill Maresch to introduce the speaker. Bill, of course, had to tell one or two, and so by the time I got up it was rather inticlimaxed, and I might as well have gone home. Without telling my jokes, I did talk about stamps, but first of all I told the members what I thought a "specialist" was. A stamp specialist is one that would pay me a tremendous price for the item that I had just sold to someone else, or for a stamp that I haven't got in stock. However, at the same time he'll offer me a few dollars for that big box of old covers, and unusual odd stamps with those queer cancellations that are over in the corner, "just to take them off my hands." Vinnie Greene was pointed out as a perfect example of a specialist.

Perhaps not considered a large or important deal, but nevertheless an interesting one, was the purchase of a collection from Mr. W. E. Bishop, a 91 year old gentleman who has been collecting stamps all his life. He is still in reasonably good health and relatively active, but unfortunately he is having problems with his eye-sight, and with the albums being so large he could hardly handle them. There were 12 albums in all, in the jumbo size, crammed with tens of thousands of stamps, and so he deemed it adviseable to sell. He called me in and we spent a pleasant afternoon looking through the albums. I made an offer to him, but did not want to take the stamps that day. I thought it best that he think it over and discuss it with his wife, just to make sure that he was doing the right thing. A couple of days later I got a telephone call, and regretably he had decided to part with the stamps and asked me to come and get them. He had been a Civil Engineer and had marvelous experiences of travelling throughout the world during the course of his work. All his stamps went with him, and he added agressively to his collection.

A trip to the States in November to visit the New York A.S.D.A. Stamp Show was also on my agenda. It was a great opportunity to meet a lot of friends and to compare notes on stamps stories and also buy and sell stamps. Mr. Harold Beaupre, a Waterloo stamps dealer, and his wife Margaret were driving, so they invited my wife and I to join them. We virtually talked stamps all the way to New York and all the way back.

I was fortunate in buying an unusual error in the current 8c Canadian stamp which was completely imperforated in a strip of 13. Canadian stamp errors keep turning up and we are always interested buyers.

By mail in several parcels we received a beautiful 6 volume collection of Europe in Scott's Specialty albums. This is part of the collection that we have been purchasing over a period of time and is an extremely good lot. The lawyer who formed the collection has been an active collector for many years and regretably parted with his stamps. Once the hobby has lost its interest, or a collector finds it impossible to carry on, it is nice to know that the stamps are going to another collector who again will have the joy of ownership and collecting. Stamps are not like old cars that eventually wind up in the junk yard.

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THOUGHTS & THINGS ..... FROM THE EDITOR



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WOMEN'S LIB AGAIN

Men, their rights and nothing more; women, their rights and nothing less.
- Susan B. Anthony.

A year ago (Volume 25, Number 1) the above quotation headed an editorial which was inspired by a letter from one of our readers. It pointed out the inequality of the woman's position as related to man's as it pertained to philately and asked that recognition by given - irrespective of sex - when the situation warranted. The editorial was strongly in favour of this concept and, elsewhere in the same issue of the Journal, it was stated that any article or comment on this subject or about stamp collecting in any of its phases, submitted by a woman, would be given the same consideration as those submitted by a man.

In one full year only one article, or to be more exact, commentary has been received. Ironically, this has been from a man, John Alden. Mr. Alden is the Curator of Rare Books of the Boston Public Library and an avid student of philately as well as a recognized writer and authority. His comments are herewith published as a guest editorial.

WOMEN AS STAMP COLLECTORS

by JOHN ALDEN

In this column, in this journal, some time ago the editor called attention to the tendency on the part of males not to take women seriously as philatelists. But by deploring this stance, in an age of liberation, he may, with the best of good will, himself have been, unconsciously but insidiously, sexist, and in raising the issue in this contect have unwittingly given undue importance to a purely male assumption. That is, that to be a philatelist is in some way a mark of superiority to which a woman's right to aspire should be acknowledged.

Bookmen have long been aware that in their world distinguished women collectors are exceptions. In this no judgment is implied; it is simply a fact of life. It has required the astute insight of one of America's leading antiquarian booksellers to provide an explanation. As collectors, he observes, men are romantics, whilst women on the other hand are realists. To exemplify this he tells a tale of the wealthy young collector who brought his bride, who did not share his bibliophilic tastes,

shopping with him. After selecting a number of rare editions he asked her approval of the purchase. Recognizing their appeal for him she sensibly gave assent, and then added, "But they are also going to cost you a mink coat for me."

In this context should not the male philatelist stand back and take a fresh look at his own involvement in collecting? Should he attach the importance to it that he does? For while each of us savors satisfaction in our hobby, valid enough in itself, does it in fact merit, in universal terms, the significance we attach to it? Is it not possible that stamp collecting is at least in part a form of male posturing, a self-adornment with bright plumage? Or even a romantic escapism from the harsh reality of earning a living to sustain one's home? This, alas, may well be the case. In itself harmless, it becomes reprehensible however only when the fact that few women have achieved eminence as philatelists is evoked as disparagement of them as a sex. For the truth may well be that women are too sensible to give weight to such a foible.

If one were to quarrel with the efforts of women to free themselves from male pretensions to superiority, it would be with a denial that there are characteristics imposed on us by the natural order which, howsoever we may attempt intellectually to free ourselves, assert themselves. Rather than trying to obscure such differences, should we not recognize and rejoice in them? (The French slogan "Vive la difference" has merit in more senses than one.) For such characteristics make their contributions, and not to acknowledge them is to limit their potential and frustrate creative efforts to utilize them.

As one takes a long view of women collectors in general, the thrust of their fields of interest and their successes also tend to differ from those of men. Whilst men in collecting books, stamps, coins and works of art go off into tenuous areas of abstractions and ideas, women tend to remain attached to more immediate values. It is not without import that the latter frequently collect items in some way associated with the home or a perfectly legitimate feminitiy. Thus they make fine collectors of Furniture, china, glass or jewelry. To applaud them for this is not patronizing but due recognition of their contribution to the fabric of human existence for which we are all the richer. When men disparage women as philatelists, may it actually reflect not contempt but mere discomfort that the latter should undertake what, whilst not exclusively a male prerogative, is in an oblique and subtle way somehow an inappropriate one for a woman?

Yet justice does require that one should not prejudge the place of women in the philatelic world. One can only wonder why they have been attracted to the hobby. (The answers may on occasion provide compassionate insights into character and personality.) If in the meantime someone suggests that all of this, with its concern for abstract ideas, represents yet another form of male nonsense, SHE may indeed be correct. But men and their notions have a role in the human sphere as well.

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The annual convention and exhibition of the Federation of Inter-American Philatelists (F.I.A.F.) took place recently in Mexico and all reports indicate a successful meeting. Sr. Bonilla Larra, past president, installed Dr. Manuel Risueno as president. Mr. H. Sutherland, Q.C., president of the R.P.S.C. retained his position of vice-president. Sr. Jairo Londono is secretary-treasurer.

Two Canadians participated in the exhibition and brought back honours. Michael Madesker, co-ordinator of youth activities for the "Royal" was awarded a silver-bronze for his exhibit of Booklets and Booklet Panes of Canada. Mr. A. Steinhart, with two entries, was awarded a Vermeil for his Medallion Issue of Canada, and a Silver and Special Award for his Special Delivery Stamps of Canada.

THE GELDERT AWARD

Each year an editorial board reviews the articles published during the past year in the CANADIAN PHILATELIST to determine if one (or a series) is worthy of the Geldert Award. This year it was agreed that Kieth D. Thompson of Yellowknife, N.W.T. would receive this Award for his article entitled Modern Day Postmarks of the Northwest Territories - A Checklist and Description. It was felt that this work showed an unusual amount of original research and was, in fact, a pioneer study of these postal markings. Although the information contained therein was by no means complete, it nevertheless stimulated so much correspondence that this interesting facet of Canadian philately will likely become a collecting entity.

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TWO SWISS PHILATELIC SOCIETIES MERGE

Members of the Helvetia Philatelic Society of America and the Swiss American Stamp Society have voted overwhelmingly to merge the two societies effective January 1, 1975. The merged society will be called the American Helvetia Philatelic Society, and, with 350 members, will be the largest Swiss specialist society outside of Switzerland.

Helvetia was formed in 1938, and has been active primarily in the New York New Jersey area. SASS was formed in 1969, and has been active primarily in the Boston area. However, both societies have many members throughout the United States, Canada and abroad. The local groups will continue as active AHPS chapters, and the national membership will be served by the new society.

Membership and other information may be obtained from Robert C. Ross, 28 Kenmore Place, Glen Rock, New Jersey 07452.

A PLEA FROM THE TOP

From the Secretary of the R.P.S.C. at Box 4195, Station E., Ottawa, Canada, K1S 5B2 (and from the MASONIC LIGHT of Springfield, Ohio) comes the following message.

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Forget the slander you have heard;
Forget the quarrel and the cause,
Forget the whole affair because
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Forget the storm of yesterday,
Forget the knocker and the squeak,
Forget the bad day of the week;
Forget you're not a millionaire,
Forget the grey streaks in your hair;
Forget to even get the blues - - - -
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Members are reminded that their subscription to the Canadian Philatelist will cease with the next issue if dues are not received before January 31, 1975.

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The following members and chapters of this Society are hereby recorded as having sponsored new members during the year 1974. Special mention should be made of the Canada Post Office who, in support of philately in Canada, endorsed the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada in one of its mailings. This produced a significant increase in our membership.

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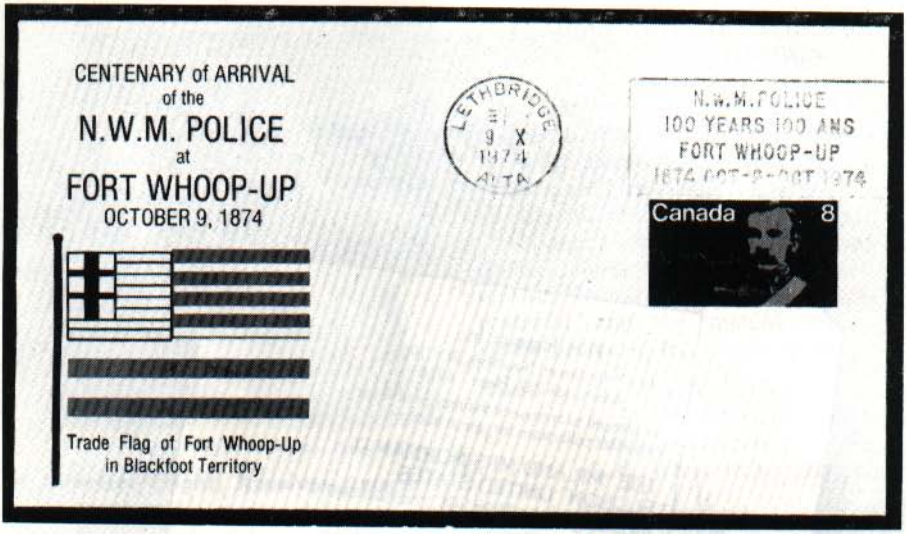
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CHAPTER NEWS FROM THE WEST

The Lethbridge Philatelic Society has a membership of 50, and the attendance at the monthly meetings is at least 80 per cent. One of the reasons for the vitality of the Club is a policy of participation in historical or current local events.

The latest successful venture was to help commemorate the arrival of the North West Mounted Police at the notorious whiskey trading post, Fort Whoop-Up, on October 9, 1874. The fort was a few miles upriver from the present site of the City of Lethbridge. The Club purchased the canceller which was used on all mail from September 15 to October 15, 1974. Canceller has now been returned to Ottawa. Club members designed the envelope and enclosure, and arranged for the cancelling and distributing on October 9th, 1974, of the Centenary Cover.

One thousand covers were printed and cancelled, and over 800 were sold on October 9. The Club has decided that members of the Royal should have first chance to buy the remaining covers at cost, four for $1.00.

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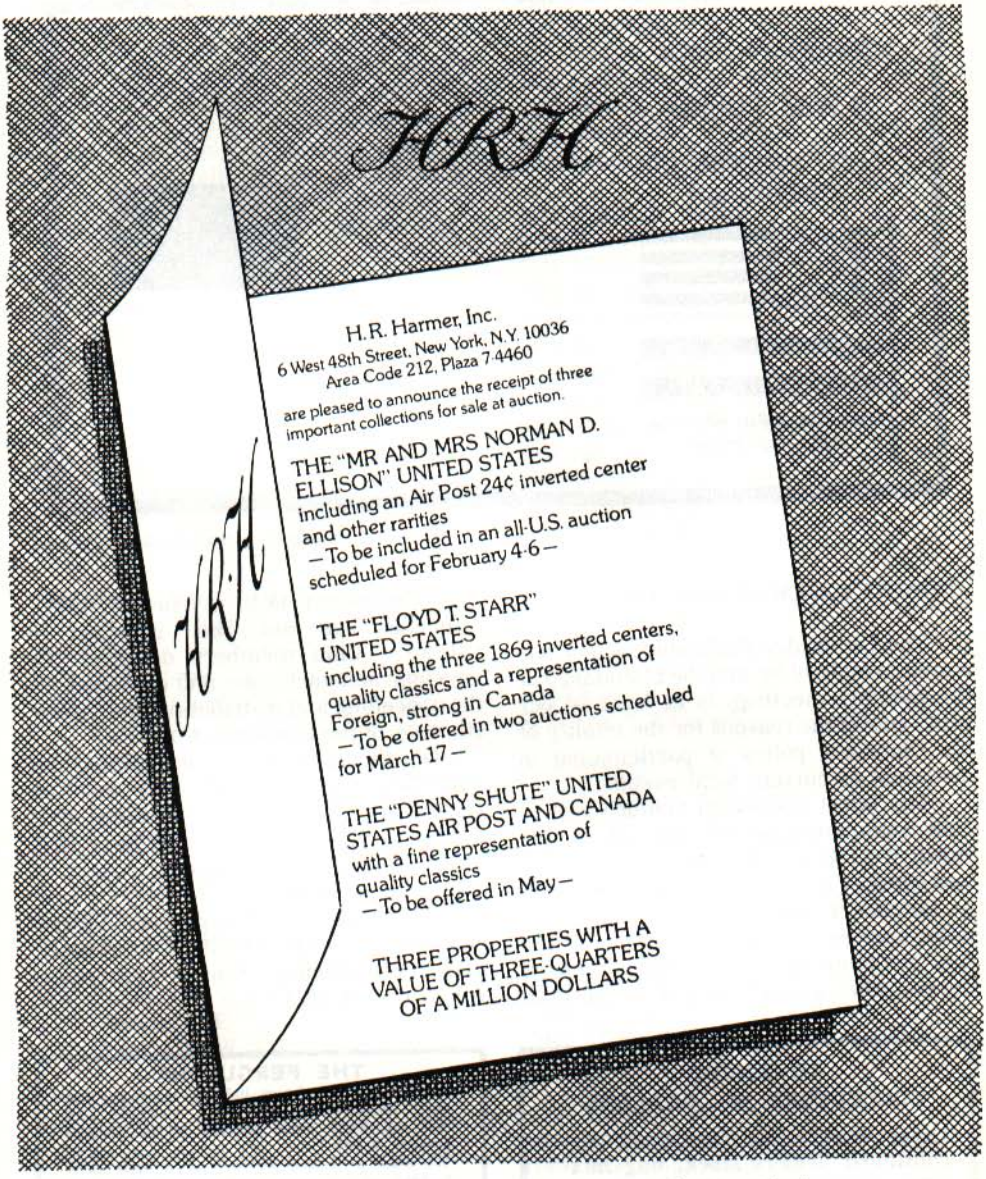
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H. Harrison (right) Receives Award

H. HARRISON IS HONOURED

Member No. 6779 of the R.P.S.C., Horace W. Harrison, received the Grand Award at the United Postal Stationery Society's Convention in Chicago on October 12, 1974. This Award is symbolic of the best exhibit of Postal Stationery in the United States during the period July 1, 1973, through June 30, 1974. Mr. Harrison's exhibit was of "Canadian Postal Stationery with advertising on the face, emphasizing the cooperation between the Post Office Department and the advertising industry to provide an inexpensive means of advertising with emphasis on pictorial ads".

At the same Convention, Horace was awarded the John N. Luff Award for distinguished philatelic research. This Award is the highest which the American Philatelic Society can grant, and has been awarded to only seven other living philatelists, and only to seventeen philatelists since its inception in 1940.

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THE CONVENTION OF THE CANADIAN PHILATELATIC SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN

Members and wives from Canada, U.S.A., and all parts of the British Isles gathered recently in Perth, Scotland to participate in the 28th Annual Convention of the C.P.S. of G.B. Mixed with traditional Scottish hospitality was the annual auction which confirmed the upward trend in the prices of B.N.A. material and the annual competition which produced the following results:-

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1. D. F. Sessions - Montreal machine cancels 1896-1962
2. G. Whitworth - 1859 Issue

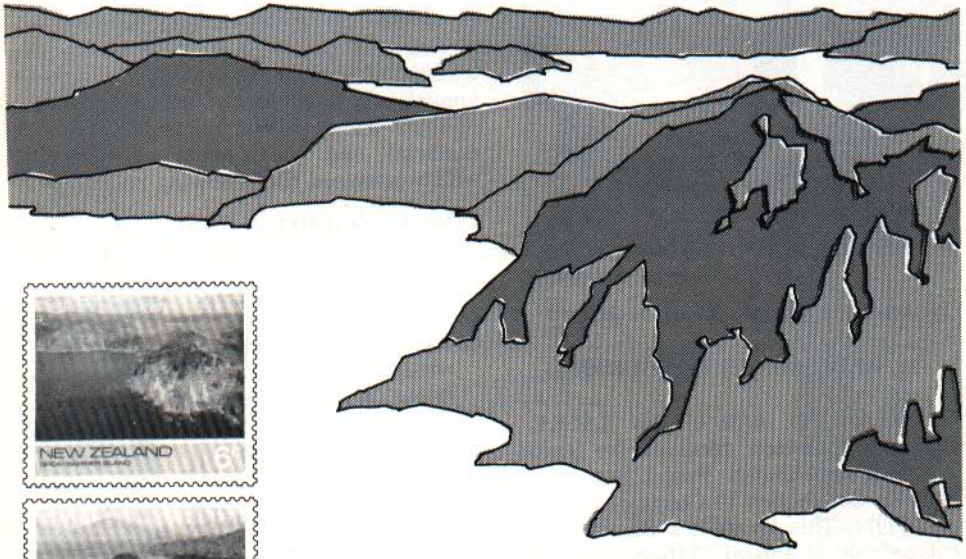
Class 2 - Group Displays
1. Yorkshire Group - Halifax N.S. markings pre - 1900
2. London Group - registered mail to 1900

Class 3a. Pre 1897
1. C. G. Banfield - Parliamentary mail
2. F. Laycock - 2 cents Small Queens

Class 3b Post 1897
1. R. H. Holdeman - Police postal agencies
2. M. W. Carstairs - Uses of Map Stamp

Trophies: Godden Trophy - C. G. Banfield - Parliamentary mail
Bunny Cup - R. F. Holdeman - Police postal agencies
Admiral Cup - F. Laycock - 1c Green Admiral
Lees-Jones Trophy - D. F. Sessions - 6c value 1967 issue
Members Trophy - A. R. Sharman - Covers to 1875
Aikins Trophy - F. Stulberg - ½c rates
Founders Trophy - P. R. Grey - R.P.O's.

The next convention of this society will be held at the Holiday Inn, Birmingham, England from the 1st to 4th of October, 1975.









SPECIAL STAMP ISSUE
New Zealand Off-Shore Islands

Designed by D.A. Hatcher of Auckland, the stamps depict Great Barrier Island (6c), Stewart Island (8c), White Island (18c) and The Brothers (23c).

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A REGULAR FEATURE

The postmaster general of Switzerland recently announced that he, himself, is taking a personal interest in the design of new stamps. He has formed, under his chairmanship, a committee of renowned stamp collectors to advise him about the designs for future issues. This type of selection, he feels, should be made 'at the top' because anything less then that often produces unsatisfactory results.

He also mentioned that many countries issue semi-postals but very few are actually used on normal mail. In Switzerland, however, almost 90 of the semi-postal issues are used by the general public. In Canada, indications are that the ratio is reversed.

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The new postcards that were issued at the opening of the National Postal Museum in Ottawa on September 27, 1974 can be obtained with two different first day cancellations. Both incorporate a beaver in the design but one is a large oval and the other a smaller circle. This is probably the first time that two different special first day cancellations were used in Canada.

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The stamps to be issued in 1975 show that the guidelines pertaining to subject matter which have been traditional over the years, have now been relaxed. We see the inclusion of religious themes, political figures as well as credit unions. This opens the door for endless new requests which may, in time, degrade the Canadian image as represented by our postage stamps.

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The 10 cent and 50 cent values of the medium value definitives now show as having been prepared by a new printing process. Both are on very white paper (blue under UV) witha 4 mm. tagging instead of the previous 3 mm. Also, the design detail is much less clearly defined. Incidentally, the 2 cent postage due stamp is now out on the ribbed paper similar to that found on the 1 dollar stamp.

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The recently issued 8 cent U.P.U. stamp shows some interesting varieties. The sheets purchased from regular post offices seem to have a strong impression of the engraved portion of the stamp. Those purchased from the Philatelic Branch are a very light violet shade with the engraved portions much less clearly defined. The difference is so striking that it appears, at first, as though two different printing plates were used. In all probability, the difference is because those stamps printed at the end of the run would show the effect of some plate wear and would not register as clearly as those produced from a new plate.

Although many minor and not constant varieties have appeared on this stamp, one can find a vertical red line through all stamps of the second vertical row on some sheets. Actually every third sheet displays this peculiarity.

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The philatelic counters throughout the country have initiated the practice of selling stamps and other postal items in sealed plastic envelopes. At the same time, there has been an increase in reports of damaged stamps within them. One dealer found 43 damaged blocks in 150 plate sets. It is therefore advisable to examine one's purchases immediately and return, for exchange, those that are damaged.

CANADIAN STAMPS WANTED

In order to maintain our stock of Canada, we pay high prices for mint, unhinged well centered stamps, full sheets and rarities. Below is just a sample of our buying prices. WHAT DO YOU HAVE FOR SALE?

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97 $1.60
98 $2.25
99 $10.50
100 $11.00
101 $30.00
102 $30.00
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143 $1.50
144 .75
145 $1.75
146 .75
147 $1.50
148 $3.00
151 $3.50
152 $2.90
153 .90
154 $1.50
155 $1.70
156 $3.00
157 $3.50
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—Philatelic Photographics, Toronto

by A. H. Hinrichs

One hears much of "Stamps on Stamps" but the above is a somewhat tougher topic and over more than a dozen years the collection amounts to precisely three stamps.

Let me explain a bit. On a visit to the family home in Scotland I noticed an enamelled souvenir spoon of the type which used to be so popular in the early years of this century when in general they were of a much higher standard of workmanship than the spoons of todays souvenir shops. This spoon, given to my Grandfather during his travels as a Master Mariner, dates from around 1908 and bears on the handle an excellent reproduction in correctly coloured enamel of Chile, Scott No. 71, 5c ultramarine of 1905, the metal edges being serrated to simulate the perforations. Below the stamp is the name of the city - Iquique - and the interior of the bowl has a coloured enamel view of the Plaza Arturo Prat. The back of the bowl is engraved "With Campbell & Co.'s compliments" - presumably some firm of Ships Chandlers who had these spoons made as gifts for their customers.

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After another couple of fruitless years, then a letter to a dealer in Philadelphia after seeing his advertisement of souvenir spoons in an antiques magazine, resulted in the purchase of spoon number three which bears on the handle the two centavos Philippines, Scott No. 198 of the 1898 issue.

I have carried these spoons round many an antique fair and shown them to hundreds of dealers, with one exception they have all said that they had never seen anything similar. The exception was a lady dealer in New York who said she knew of a lady collector of souvenir spoons. who had "several" but could not be more specific. Apparently this lady collector was not approachable with an offer so another dead end was reached.

One incident in my search might be of interest. An advertisement in a British Magazine some years ago brought an offer to sell me, for a substantial sum, a collection of fifty different spoons. The cash was to be sent to U.K. first. Subsequent correspondence before sending any cash added to my suspicions as to the genuineness of the offer and a friend who lived in a nearby town in U.K. was asked to check. The would-be seller was found to be the object of a police search as the perpetrator of similar swindles. This while disappointing was not as expensive as it might have been.

And there so far, the collection has come to a grinding halt. Should any of our farflung readership be able to add to this tale or, even better, find some more spoons for me, I would be more than grateful.

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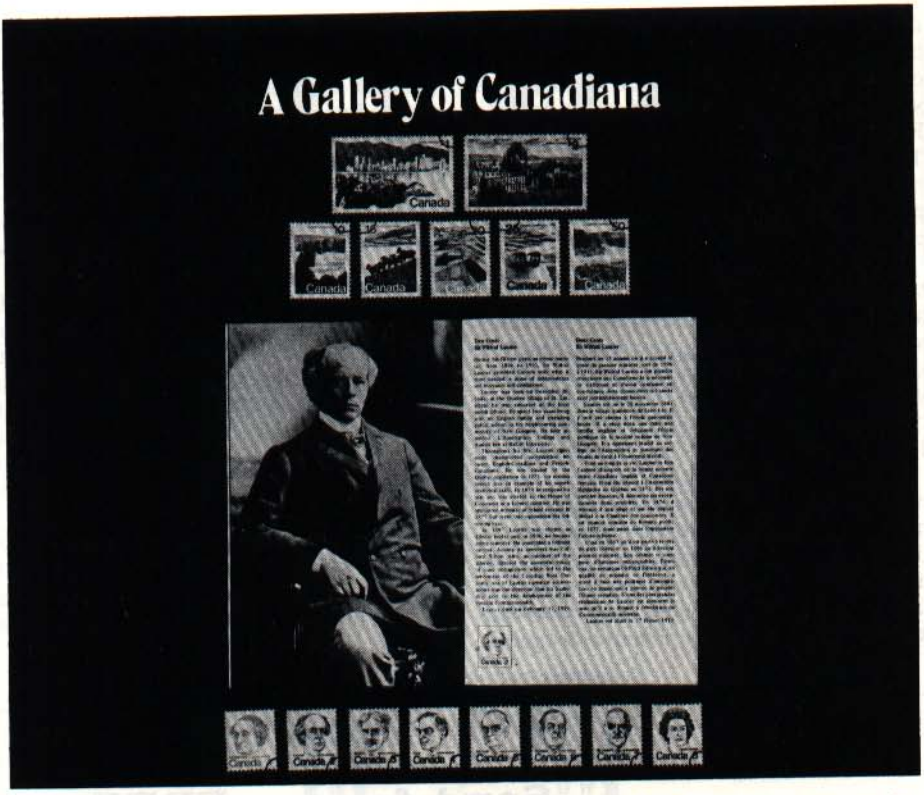
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Left to Right - M. Lysack, Director of Postal Museum; J. Kraemer, Manager of Postal Museum; J. Newcomb; D. Roberts

BRITISH POST OFFICE MAKES SPECIAL PRESENTATION TO CANADA'S NATIONAL POSTAL MUSEUM

On the occasion of the opening of Canada's National Postal Museum in Ottawa, Ontario, the British Post Office and the National Postal Museum of London, England presented Canada's Postal Museum with a complete photographic copy of the De La Rue philatelic proof book of Newfoundland.

The original book is in the philatelic archives of the British postal Museum, London. The fascimiles are remarkable reproductions of the originals and will enable Canada's Postal Museum to have a reference collection of this famous proof book on file for reference and study purposes. Among the proofs are interesting essays of the Newfoundland King Edward VIII stamps prepared for use but never issued due to the King's abdication. The late King Edward VIII game up the British throne to marry Mrs. Wallace Simpson and became the Duke of Windsor.

The De La Rue book contains unique essays and items not previously listed.

Making the presentation on behalf of the British Post Office were Mr. Denis E. Roberts, C.B.E., Director of Operations and Mr. John S. Newcomb, of the Postal Operations Department. Both gentlemen are long service employees of the British Post Office, London, England.



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1975 CHRISTMAS STAMP PROJECT

The Canada Post Office has organized an imaginative 1975 Christmas stamp design project directed to Canadian children under the age of 13.

The project will begin on December 2, 1974.

Canadian children from coast to coast are invited to contribute their own drawings or paintings, expressing the theme "What Christmas Means To Me". These will be used to produce several distinctive Christmas stamp designs-reflecting the essence of the Christmas spirit and the freshness and variety of young minds.

The Departments of Education in every province are cooperating with the project.

The Canada Post Office issues special stamps each year to mark the Christmas season and normally these are designed by professional artists. For Christmas 1975 designs by Canadian children will be used.

Children are invited to participate in the project by submitting their personally executed designs between December 2, 1974 and February 14, 1975. Selection will be made initially on a regional basis and subsequently at the national level.

To assist with the screening of designs, the Canada Post Office has enlisted the aid of regional panels, including directors of art galleries, artists, art educators and members of the Advisory Committee on stamp design.

When the provincial jurying has been completed, selections on the national level will be made by the Department's stamp Design Advisory Committee.

It is hoped that this project, which offers an opportunity for children to see their own drawing or painting on a Canadian Stamp, will be an interesting experience for them as well as being fun.

A similar contest in 1970 drew participation from more than 50,000 children.

1—All entries must be in some way appropriate to the theme "What Christmas Means To Me".

2—All entrants must be residents of

TIMBRES DE NOËL 1975

Le ministère des Postes vient de faire savoir qu'il a organisé un concours, ouvert à tous les jeunes Canadiense de moins de 13 ans, dans le but de trouver les motifs qui orneront les timbres de Noël de 1975.

Le concours durera du 2 décembre 1974 au 14 février 1975 et les participants devront soumettre des dessins ou des peintures soulignant ce que la fête de Noël signifie pour eux. Ces dessins serviront à la production de timbres de Noël dont la fraicheur et la variété ne feront pas de doute.

Les Postes canadiennes émettent des timbres spéciaux depuis 10 ans, à l'occasion des Fêtes de fin d'année. Habituellement, elles choisissaient des oeuvres d'artistes professionnels.

Le choix des dessins des timbres de Noël 1975 sera d'abord fait au niveau de chaque province, grâce à l'appui des ministères de l'Education et de musées provinciaux ou de galeries d'art. A cette fin, de nombreux artistes et éducateurs uniront leurs efforts pour choisir les gagnants régionaux.

Une fois ce choix connu, il appartiendra aux membres du Comité consultatif de l'esthétique du ministère des Postes de déterminer les grands gagnants.

Les Postes canadiennes espèrent fortement que ce concours, qui permettra aux enfants de voir leurs propres dessins orner les timbres de Noël du Canada en 1975 tout en leur permettant une expérience enrichissante et agréable, saura attirer un grand nombre de participants.

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3—Each entry must measure approximately 12" x 15" and be mailed flat or rolled. DO NOT FOLD.

4 —One entry per child.

5—Each child should be allowed as much freedom as possible. E.g., paint, pencil, crayon, ink, charcoal, pastel, collage, etc., are all acceptable.

6—Entries should not be in the form of stamps or stamp designs. E.G., they should not include denominations or the word Canada. The paintings or drawings selected will be made into stamp designs by the appropriate Post Office staff.

7—The name, age, address and school of the child must be clearly PRINTED on the back of his or her entry.

8—Entries must be mailed between December 2, 1974 and February 15, 1975. All entries must be post marked before midnight, February 14, 1975.

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—Apply the franked, addressed label supplied to the package.

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2—Tous les participants doivent être résidants du Canada et être âgés de moins de 13 ans au 14 février 1975.

3—Chaque dessin soumis doit mesurer environ 12 pouces sur 15 en doit être posté plat ou roulé. Ne pas plier.

4—Un enfant ne doit pas soumettre plus d'un dessin.

5—Afin d'accorder le plus de liberté possible à l'enfant, la peinture, le crayon, l'encre, la gouache, le fusain, le pastel, les collages, etc., seront acceptés.

6—Les dessins ne doivent pas eux-mêmes prendre la forme d'un timbre-poste et ne doivent pas, par exemple, inclure une valeur faciale ni le mot Canada. Le personnel compétent des Postes canadiennes se chargera de ce travail.

7—Le nom, l'âge, l'adresse et le nom de l'école fréquentée doivent être clairement indiqués au dos du dessin soumis.

8—Tous les dessins doivent être postés entre le 2 décembre 1974 et le 15 février 1975. Ils doivent être oblitérés au plus tard le 14 février 1975, à minuit.

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WHAT'S NEW IN OLD CANADA

BY FRED STULBERG

A REGULAR FEATURE



—Philatelic Photographics, Toronto

UNUSUAL FRANKING

Many philatelists use the word 'franking' to denote the stamps affixed to a mailing. In fact, the definition of this word clearly states that franking is the privilege extended to individuals, groups, agencies, etc., whereby mail-matter may be transmitted free of postage. Ironically, the root work of 'philately' is the Greek ATELEIA which means exemption from tariff. Thus two key words that we have come to associate with the presence of postage stamps actually mean the exact opposite.

Franking privileges, especially during the nineteenth century, make an interesting study and, to do it justice, would require much more space than we have at our disposal. However, speaking generally, it can be stated that all postmasters and postal agencies could send letters without having to pay postage. This right was also extended to members of parliament and to governmental departments - but this time there were strings attached. The important restriction was that parliament had to be in session before (free) franking would be permitted. However, once allowed, mail could be sent to, as well as from, the privileged ones - or so it seemed.

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The envelope (at the head of the article) shows such a mailing. It was mailed to the House of Commons, Ottawa from Toronto on April 12, 1897. Normally this would have required a fee of 3 cents for postage and 5 cents for registration. However, all we see here is the 5 cent registration fee prepaid with a Maple Leaf Issue stamp of this denomination. Postage was free.



Philatelic Photographics, Toronto

This envelope (fig. 2) shows a similar situation but this time in the opposite direction. Sent from Ottawa to Toronto it was obviously entitled to franking privileges and would have been totally free of postage if the sender had not decided to send it special delivery. Once this was done a 10 cent special delivery stamp had to be affixed, but still no postage.

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THE COORDINATOR OF YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Sincere congratulations are due to Graham Noble who was elected President of the Junior Philatelic Society of America. This is the first time a Canadian has been honoured. Knowing Graham, we are sure that the trust is well placed.

A heartfelt thanks to Mr. Doug Patrick who gave the Society the residue of the Douglas Duncan Collection for use in work with young collectors. The materials will be well used. This collection was donated to R.O.M. by Mrs. J. P. Barwick of Ottawa, sister of Mr. Duncan.

Approximately two years ago our young collectors entered, for the first time, an international exhibition. Canada was runner-up for the last position in national tabulations, hardly a record to be proud of. This year we have placed in the middle of 32 competing countries! Congratulations to our young cometitors.

We need new contestants for several forthcoming international exhibitions in 1975 and 1976. The major problem is that those proven winners have now reached the age of majority and are no longer eligible for junior status. The Youth Education Program will assist all those willing to prepare for international tests.

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By G. David Prouse

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There is a regular Canadian Post Office at Canadian Forces Station Alert which serves the military personnel and people working with the Department of the Environment. Full postal services are available to the residents of Alert, including parcel insurance, money orders, registration, and all other post office amenities to which we are accustomed thousands of miles to the south.

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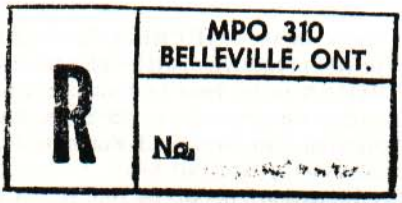
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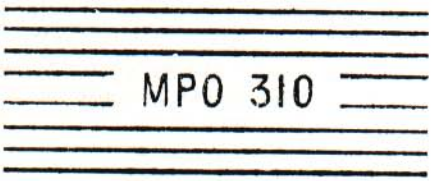
The money orders from CFS Alert bear the POCON No. 690023. The enclosing square border to this dater is made of flexible rubber and the bulges at both sides are noticeable.



The postmaster also uses a plain rubber stamp on money orders with only the Post Office Computer Office Number "690023".



The "R" stamp for registered mail does not have a date in it. Neither does the



parcel canceller which is a self-inking roller.

The PB postal meter No. 827896 is used to prepay government (military) postage. Of course the illustration will not be able to show that this meter inking has the usual red fluorescence under a UV lamp. The



postmaster explained that the red inking pad had to be replaced very frequently because of the continuous dry conditions. This part of the artic is a cold desert and the virtually perpetual winter means that the inside air must be heated (and dried) tremendously.

Readers will now be able to update Keith Thompson's excellent feature in volume 25 No. 5 of the CANADIAN PHILATELIST. At the top of the column on page 280 after Alert one can add that there is a closed POCON, 6 digit, rubber, and can indicate that there is a large rubber circle cancellation. One might also note that a CFS Alert cachet is available in red and probably a DOE cachet in blue.

Now, before you flood the poor postmaster of CFS Alert with your requests for cancellations from the "Top of the World" I should remind you of the item from our sister publication BNA Topics, May 1974, page 118.

> "Postmasters of MPOs in Canada and CFPOs abroad are directed to conform to the POD policy on philatelic requests to the extent possible, provided the requests are reasonable and the volume does not interfere with the normal operations....Excessive requests involving 10 or more items may be ignored by a postmaster."

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Be careful when you address your letters. I watched the postmaster re-directing a multitude of mail from all over the world inscribed "Alert Bay, Canada". These letters were several thousand miles off route as they were intended for Alert Bay, British Columbia, which is near the north end of Vancouver Island.

COMING EVENTS

1975

MARCH 1 & 2 - VANPEX '75. EXHIBITION AND BOURSE OF THE BRITISH COLUMBIA PHILATELIC SOCIETY at the Sheraton Landmark Hotel, 1400 Robson Street, Vancouver. Further informations from Mr. D. Godfrey, 304 - 1315 Broughton Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6G 2B6.

MARCH 7 to 9 - INPEX '75. INTERNATIONAL NORTHWEST CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN STAMP DEALERS ASSOCIATION will sponsor the fourth annual Northwest Stamp Exhibition at the Jantzen Beach Thunderbird Motel. Information from H. Lea Hone, 7290 SW Canyon Lane, Oregon 97225, U.S.A.

MARCH 22 - 23 — ANNUAL EXHIBITION OF THE NORTH TORONTO STAMP CLUB at North Toronto Memorial Gardens, 180 Eglinton Ave. W., Toronto.

MARCH 15 & 16 - KAPEX '75 19TH ANNUAL EXHIBITION AND BOURSE OF THE KAWARTHA PHILATELIC SOCIETY at the Holiday Inn, George St., Peterborough, Ont. Chairman is Harry Van Oudenaren, 36 North St., Bobcaygeon, Ontario.

APRIL 4 to 13 - SPAIN 1975 - WORLD STAMP EXHIBITION to be held in Madrid, Spain. Information and brochure can be obtained from the editor, Canadian Philatelist.

APRIL 25 - 27 - 3RD ANNUAL STAMP - EX, TORONTO'75. Four Seasons Sheraton Hotel, Toronto. Information from Toronto '75, 157 Clifton Avenue, Downsview, Ont., M3H 4L6.

MAY 3 & 4 - STAMP DAY. Annual Exhibition & Bourse of the Edmonton Stamp Club. Information from K. R. Spencer, 10631 - 148 Street, Edmonton, Alta., T5N 3G9.

MAY 9 to 11 - 12th ANNUAL EXHIBITION OF THE LAKESHORE STAMP CLUB in the auditorium of the Fairview Shopping Centre, Pointe Claire, P.Q. (Montreal area). Information from Wayne R. Curtis, P.O. Box 1, Pointe Claire Dorval, P. Q., H9R 4N5.

MAY 29 - 31 QUEPEX, THE 47th ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CANADA will be held in Quebec City. Chairman: Guy des Rivieres, P.O. Box 2222, Terminus Postal, Quebec, Que., G1K 7N8.

JUNE 6 to 16 - 'ARPHILA 75' PARIS. INTERNATIONAL PHILATELIC EXHIBITION to be held in Paris, France. Canadian Commissioner: Mr. M. R. Rasic, 172 Hillhurst Boulevard, Toronto, Ontario.

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UNDER THE LOOKING GLASS

BY KEN PUGH

This summer while taking the family on 'that vacation' promised to them for the last half a decade we found ourselves in B.C. (often called 'God's Country' by its inhabitants).

Stamp collector friends encountered en route, and in that province, bent over backwards to display some real down to earth hospitality. As the albums opened and numerous varieties were discussed, I felt as though I was back home with the gang in Brandon.

Returning home in August only started me off in another Archaeological dig, this time not too far from Brandon. As the levels of earth were slowly being excavated, my wife sent word that some imperforate 8 cent coils (1973 issue) were found near Brandon - was I interested? "Is the night dark?" I asked.

One strip of the coils had almost met its Waterloo, a la scissors, when the store manager cried out to stop his secretary from committing a sure act of hideous destruction. (Not too loudly, you realize, since the secretary was also his wife and good help is hard to find these days).

After obtaining that strip I drove up north to the small town from whence it had come. Slowly the story unfolded.

The Postmistress in Meldrum's Drug Store in Wasagaming, Man., had run out of coil stamps. Since the small post office was just a nook in an equally small town (Wasagaming is situated in Riding Mountain National Park), the main depot in the big city (that being Winnipeg) sent only six rolls to her.

She sold one roll to our secretary, and the second to 'one of them there tourist types from the south'.

Fortunately I was able to obtain the remaining four imperforate strips before they were sold to the general public.

What happened to the remaining five coil strips I have not been able to determine as yet. I have not even heard of an angry fisherman somewhere, complaining about some more poorly printed stamps.

Keeping one roll for my reference collection, the other 20 imperforate pairs were distributed to dealers in the Halifax and Toronto Areas. Some pairs have sold for as high as $350.00, but $300.00 seems to be average.

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—Philatelic Photographics, Toronto

Some of these are:
1) break in the Queen's tiara, (R2/2).
2) portion of CANADA missing, (R2/2).
3) fuzz on the Queen's cheek, (R2/2
4) beauty mark (or fly) on the Queen's cheek, (R2/2).
5) dot above -S- of POSTAGE, (R2/2).

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Around 600 A.D. the Turks, who were already known as great warriors, left their original homeland in Central Asia, led on by the legendary gray wolf. This event is shown on a stamp from 1961 (figure 1). Constantly fighting, they moved westward until they finally reached what is now Turkey in the eleventh century. In 1071 they defeated the Bysantine (Greek) army in the battle of Malazyirt (figure 2) and began their long conquest of Byzantium. Osman, the founder of the Ottoman dynasty, reorganized the army in 1363 as commemorated in 1963 (figure 3).

After a war lasting more than 400 years, the Turks finally toppled the Greeks in 1453 by conquering Constantinople, now Istanbul. To mark the 500th anniversary of this, Courvoisier was commissioned to produce a very handsome 12 value set along with a souvenir sheet. The 8k stamp (figure 4) shows the Turkish artillery being brought up for the final assault. Similar cannon can still be seen in Istanbul.

The final seige of Constantinople was marked by a remarkable military exploit. To complete the encirclement of the city by both land and sea, the Turks transported part of their fleet overland (figure 5). This surprising tactic both demoralized the defenders and stretched their lines too thin and precipitated their defeat.

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Empire never had an entire year of uninterrupted peace. Some of the minor wars have philatelic significance. For example, in 1898 the army was issued special octagonal stamps (figure 6) to use in the province of Thessaly that Turkey occupied in the 1897-1898 war with Greece. These, I believe, remain the only octagonal stamps ever issued. The counterfeits can be detected in their perforation of 11½ and by their left vertical border, which has the stripes slanting down from left to right, the reverse of the genuine.

Turkey fought on the losing side of the First World War and was stripped of most of her territory. However, the Turks were never defeated in the heartland of the country and thrashed the British at Gallipoli. This 20k stamp (figure 7) illustrates one of the six crews that kept the British fleet from Istanbul.

Although the war ended for everyone else in 1918, Turkey and Greece fought on until 1922. In this war Turkey eventually secured her present frontiers. Greece had been awarded the territory around Smyrna (now Izmir), and for a few years Greek stamps were used in that part of Turkey. The cover illustrated (figure 8) was postmarked in Smyrna in 1921 and was addressed to Mitylene. Many Turkish stamps commemorate the campaigns in Asia Minor that ended in the devastation of the Greek army of occupation.



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The modern Turkish army is represented on a stamp from a set issued in 1952 to honour the brigade that served in Korea (figure 9). Turkey did not fight in the Second World War. The navy (figure 10) and airforce (figure 11) are seen on stamps from 1965 and 1961. From the news reports from Cyprus, it would seem that all three forces upheld the military tradition of the nation.

Only a few of the Turkish stamps relevant to military history are mentioned in this column; one could put together a huge historical collection using the stamps of Turkey and her former enemies. Bulgaria, for example, has issued scores recalling her wars of liberation against Turkey.

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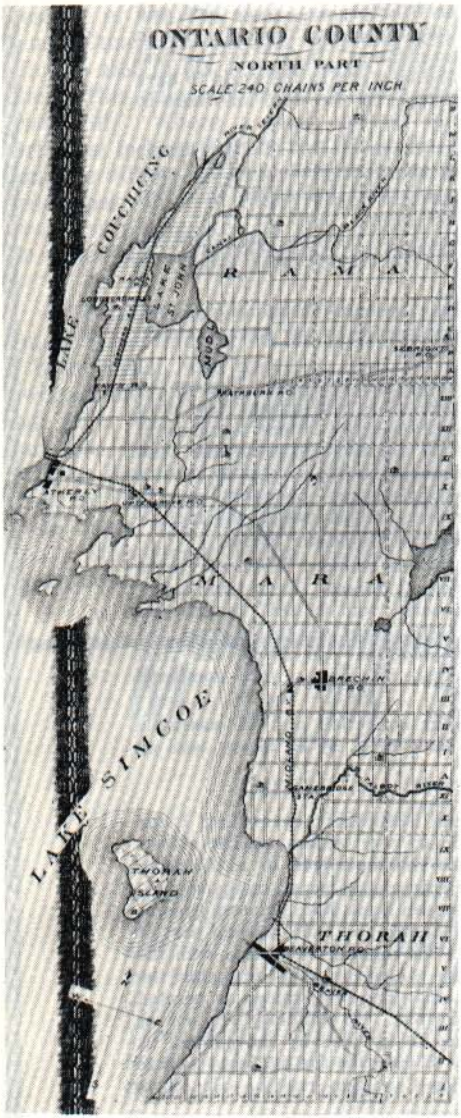
As a result of the persistance of Peter Perry, the founder of Whitby (see 'Ontario County, The First Post Offices', Canadian Philatelist, July - August 1973), the government began work on a plank road north from Windsor Harbour, at Whitby, in 1845 north to Manchester, then northeast to Port Perry, the 'road to Skugog' mentioned in Smith's Gazette as going through Winchester (Brooklin). From Whitby to Manchester it is now Highway 12, from the latter to Port Perry 7A. Concerning it William Johnson, founder of the village south of Lake Simcoe which was to be called Pefferlaw, wrote on May 19, 1846 to Baldwin.

'I am glad to see there is only 100 £ . of the 2,000 £ . for the Windsor Road gone. I sincerely hope that the work will now go on in opening the road, for the farmer has been tantalized enough. I have built a grist mill but, at present, it is scarcely of any use to me, for it is only in winter that one can carry a load of flour to market. There will be a line of Post Offices established which will bring in letters here, at least two days sooner than by the present curuitous route of Newmarket. 'He referred to an extension north from Manchester.

Farther north, Michael McDonagh, post master of Mara, :(see same previous article) informed Baldwin on June 2. 'I had written to you when the session of Parliament opened enclosing a petition from the inhabitants of this township, showing the Board of Works the wretched condition that the settlers are left in without any access by road to a very expensive bridge which is likely to rot

before it is used, called the Narrows.

'So the people here are all anxious to know what turn this contemplated road from Windsor Harbour has taken this session. I can't understand how the Board of Works in defiance of an Act of Parliament withheld the expenditure of 2,000 £ voted by the last session of Parliament or how it is the present session would have any hesitation in supporting you to grant the further sum required to complete this important road as a Provincial work.'



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At the Narrows, connecting Lakes Simcoe and Couchiching, was opened in 1851, in Mara Township, Atherly post office, right opposite Orillia. W. C. McMullen was postmaster, and it got mail three times a week.

THE REACH ROAD

Where the 7th concession road of Whitby East Township crossed the Reach Road, or Simcoe Street, Columbus post office was established the same year as Brooklin, its neighbor a few miles southwest-1847. So many English people from Cornwall and Devon had settled around Columbus, that it had been known as 'English Corners' before getting postal service.

As mentioned in the previous article in Ontario County, Simcoe Street had been cut through north from the later Oshawa in 1828. Where it met the Plank Road from Manchester, near the shores of Lake Scugog, in Reach Township, Peter Perry laid out lots, and a village sprang up, named after him. It got Port Perry post office in 1852, run by general storekeeper Joseph Bigelow. Steam mills and an extensive lumber business had made it grow fast since 1847.

The man who cut through Simcoe Street, in 1828, Reuben Crandall, lived at its crossing by the Plank Road, at the western edge of Port Perry. There, at Crandall's Corners, a post office called Borelia existed from 1863 to 1872.

At the same time as the opening of Port Perry, Manchester, where the Plank Road turned east to Lake Scugog, obtained a post office in 1852, W. Powson was the first postmaster.

In 1831, another road had been cut through north from Whitby, more to the west, the Brock Road. Where it crossed the 9th concession road of Whitby Township, Ashburn post office came into being

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in 1852 with James Lawder postmaster. There were two hotels and a store in this village of 200. At McKercher's Corners, its crossing of the 5th concession road of Reach, Duncan McKercher opened a post office in 1853 in his general store, called Utica. This village of 50 had a hotel and grist mill. Where a road curved off northwest to Uxbridge, in the 7th concession, the village of Jockey Hill obtained Epsom post office in 1856. Anson Button served as postmaster for this village of 150, which had three stores and two hotels.

O'Boyle's Corners, at the corner of Simcoe Street and the 9th concession road of Whitby east, was provided with Newtown post office in 1853. This village of 300 had mills run by Luther and Ralph Harnden. The British general in the Crimean War then going on had his name given to this community when the post office name was changed to Raglan in 1855. Storekeeper Philip Ranous was postmaster.

SCUGOG AND RAMA

Scugog and Rama were the last two townships in Ontario County to be provided with postal service. The former, consisting of Scugog Island, got its first settlers in 1834. A floating bridge three-quarters of a mile long was built in 1856 to connect it with the mainland at Port Perry. In 1862, James Gordon opened Scugog post office. Until well into the 20th century it was the only post office in the township, located in the store at the crossing of the 11th concession road by the road running the length of the island.

Settlement in the northern most township in the county, Rama, began in 1836, when Captain Garnet settled there. His daughter married James McPherson, son of Captain All McPherson, the second settler. In 1839, the latter successfully petitioned to have a road opened to Orillia. This was the Rana Road, and on it, at its southwest corner with the 24th sideroad, his son opened Rama post office in 1868.

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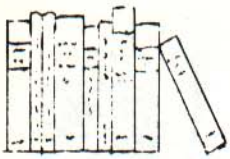
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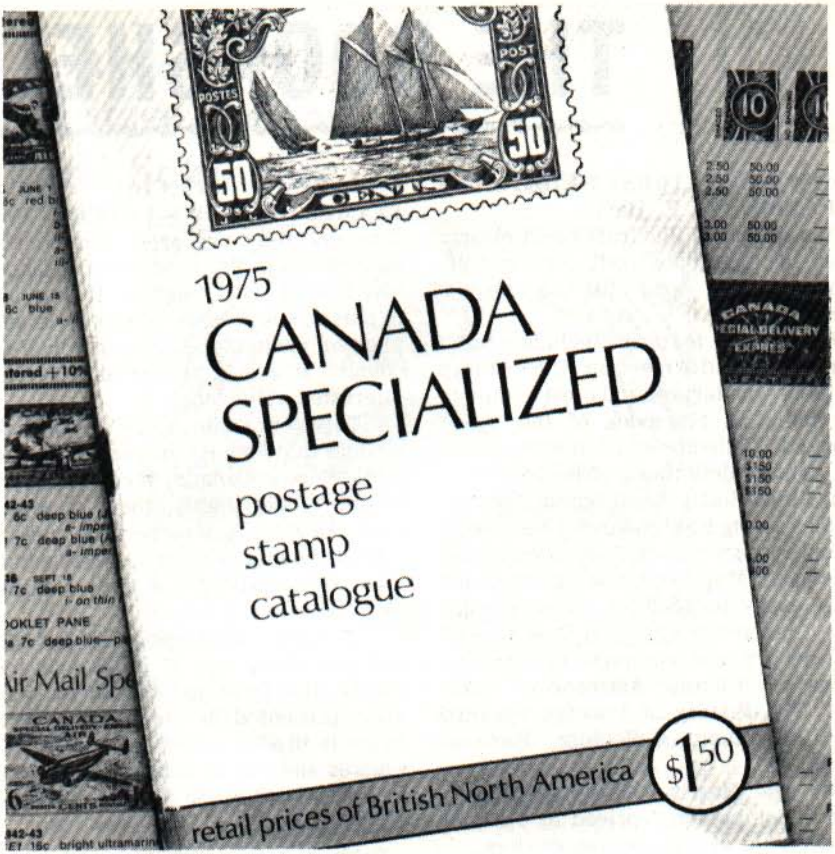
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Collaborators in this effort are William Barber of Stamford, Conn. and Marcus Samuel of London, England.

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MICHAEL SQUIRELL of LIVELY, ONTARIO asks about EARLY ISSUES OF THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST

I am trying to gather information as to the publishing dates or, to be more exact, what numbers of what volumes constitute a complete unbroken run of the CANADIAN PHILATELIST. Actually, my interest is in Volumes 1 to 4 (those prior to January 1954). If any of your readers have any of these issues in this period, I would like to know the volume number and the date of pulication. My address is 241 12th Avenue, Lively, Ontario.

EDITOR'S NOTE.

Mr. Squirell is the librarian of the British North America Philatelic Society and is presently preparing a cumulative index of BNA TOPICS and the CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

MAURICE MALENFANT of St. Leonard, N.B. writes:

I have three different souvenir sheets of the Vatican City Pavilion at the New York World's Fair (1964-65) and have been unable to find any information about them. I would certainly welcome any help that your readers can offer. Also, I would be interested in hearing of a Society devoted mainly to Vatican City Philately.

My address is P.O. Box 15, St. Leonard, New Brunswick, E0L 1M0 Canada.

H.D. ALLEN of Truro, N.S. writes about COLOUR CHANGES:

A warning of possible colour changes in a number of recent issues of Canadian and United States postage stamps has been given by a Canadian student of security printing and stamp design. In an address at the thirteenth annual banquet of the Truro Philatelic Society, Truro, N.S., Harold Don Allen, FRNS, noted that several recent issues are prone to basic changes on contact with a wide range of chemicals. The yellow component of green inks on Christmas stamps of 1973 very readily dissolves in acids and organic solvents, causing a colour shift from green to blue-green and leaving other colours colours unaltered. A similar process can cause a spectacular appearance change in the Narwhal issue, blue-green shifting to a bright blue. Recent United States issues prone to marked selective dissolving are the Sleepy Hollow and Pharmacy issues. In each instance orange and yellow are completely removed in organic solvents. The orange moon on sleepy Hollow becomes white, and the yellow-on-black value and inscription become white-on-black.

According to Professor Allen, who undertook experiments in response to questions on colour changes, such organic solvents as chloroform can change colour without removing the gum on a mint block and without detaching cancelled stamps "on piece".

HANS REICHE, Ottawa asks about A MODERN BARRED CIRCLE.



Dr. Chaplin's article on Barred Circles (Volume 25, No. 6) is excellent. I have a partial strike on a one cent green admiral with a similar, but not identical mark and would appreciate hearing from anyone who could give me any information about it. My address is 22 Chapleau Avenue, Apt 3, Ottawa, Canada K1M 1E2

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