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IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS

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Dear Friends:

Recent events have put my mind to reminiscing about old times in the stamp business and particularly in our take-over of the Marks Stamp Company. This was in 1953, and I well remember that on the first day there that it was quite an experience to go through all the stock books, safes, cabinets and the boxes on the shelves to see what stamps were in the stock. The Canada was very extensive and to give you an idea, there was one shoe box with about 30,000 20c. Admirals, all done up in glassine envelopes and in fine condition. In the safes, I remember quite clearly a good stock of mint Newfoundland, particularly the Publicity Issue of the 1929-1931 period in quantities from one hundred to several thousand of almost all values. Apparently they had a very good source of supply and had loaded up on these issues. Another item in Newfoundland was the 3c. Queen Victoria brown, Scott #51, issue of 1887, on which there were about 12,000 used in bundles. These now catalogue $2.50 each.

At that time Neil Carmichael had a store down on Bay Street, and he came around one day anxious to buy part of the Marks surplus stock from me. At the time I was not anxious to make a deal, but said "how about if you buy that safe and all the contents?" I was actually joking, but he said that he was agreeable, even without looking at the stamps, and for me to put a price on it. I told him that I would do so in the next day or so. Well, I did, I went through the safe and figured it all out, and put a price on the safe and contents, and if I remember correctly it was $6,000.00. When Mr. Carmichael came in he was quite prepared to buy it, again without looking. However, there was the matter of payment, and after some extensive negotiations in this direction, a deal was made. The next day the movers came in, took the locked safe full of stamps. That wasn't the finish of the deal, as it took some time to finalize the matter.

Another part of the Marks stock that was extensive, and in which they had specialized in for years, was the Canadian Revenues. I made an all out effort to put this in order and to start to merchandise it, but I must admit that I ran into pretty slow sales as we just didn't seem to have the customers or the knack of selling these stamps. At that time Marks put out the Canadian Revenue Catalogue, and eventually I sold the Revenue Catalogue along with the cuts and rights, plus the stock to Kasimir Bileski in Winnipeg.

In the British Colony stock of Marks were extraordinary quantities of some of the older issues which apparently they had bought in the early days. They didn't mind quantity and just loaded stamps into stock. The early Barbados, Bermuda and other West Indies were fantastic. Oh how I wish I had all that stock today. Even in the foreign group there were quantities of the early Belgium imperfs. of the first issues and early Germany, Austria, etc. enough to make me sick thinking about it today.

Actually we had been buying parts of the Marks stock back in the late 1920's when Mr. Leslie Davenport, Mr. Frank Aretz and Mr. Gordon Crouch were with the Company. I well remember going with my father to buy job lots and accumulations, as small dealers do, and I was tremendously impressed with the large business of the Marks Company. I also remember Mr. Aretz taking us to the back of the store (the inner sanctum) and trying to sell Dad many barrels of Seebeck issues in cut squares that they had acquired in some way or another. We backed off this one, but you never see these around today even in singles. They must have had at least a ton of them. Somewhere in the 30's we bought tremendous quantities of Canada from the Marks people - one item was the 2c. green Confederation and in one deal purchased about 4½ million of this stamp. At the same time we bought over 20 million of the Admiral issues and we still have some of this stock kicking around. Another interesting item was the ½c. Tercentenary in unused condition, and we purchased 12,000 all done up in large glassine envelopes with 100 per packet - but the re-entry variety had previously been removed. Even today I get letters from dealers who bought from the Marks Company 50-60 years ago, and everyone has a pleasant story to tell of their dealings with that firm.

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Philatelically Yours,

Harry Martin Jr.

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THOUGHTS & THINGS ..... FROM THE EDITOR

During the past few months we have received some letters that do not deserve to be buried in the Mailbag section. We have brought one forward and herewith present it as a guest editorial.

"After having read the comments of Harry B. Martin Jr. (inside front cover Jan.-Feb. 76 edition), I felt compelled to pass along a few of my own.

Recently, I was offered the opportunity to buy an Olympic stamp collection through a German stamp dealer. Several days later, what should appear in my mail but a duplicate offer by one of the leading American stamp companies. Both collections were heavy in Canadian Olympic Issues, and both contained #624 (15c Olympic Logo).

My order to the Canada Post Office for #624 first day covers was returned to me with the comment "out of stock" inscribed upon it. It is true that my order must have arrived there about two days after that issue being placed on sale.

It is unfortunate that the holder of a Customer Service Account at the Ottawa Post Office cannot obtain his requirements within a reasonable time after the issue date, while those dealers outside the country have access to our issues at a reduced rate.

I must compliment the Canada Post Office on it's setting up and maintaining the Philatelic Retail Counters across our country but in turn I must condemn them for not making the proper use of this facility. Surely, those stocks of back issues remaining at the main Post Office can be distributed to the Philatelic Retail Counters and just as surely the dealers (foreign or not) should be made to pay face vaue for these stamps.

It is most unfortunate that the Olympics were used to such an extent by our Post Office in order to increase sales during these past few years.

There is no denial on my part that the semi-postal issues were a necessary evil to help raise funds in support of the Olympic games. Compare, if you will, the cost of purchase of one each of the surcharged stamps versus those which were not surcharged but bore the Olympic theme. The result of this compaison paints a pretty black picture for the collector insofar as his future dealings with the Canada Post Office is concerned.

Quite obviously, black blotting of Canadian issues is in order if the current trend continues.

If the rising costs of business are the real reason behind our Post Offices' attempt at increased sales then may I submit the following suggestions for the consideration of the Postal Administrators:

1. Cease issuing "garbage" stamps, and concentrate on making the design appealing to those dealers and collectors outside Canada as well. The Bailiwicks of Jersey and Guernsey are prime examples for you to have a look at.

2. Fancy pre-packaging is costing a bundle and in the past was not necessary. Why now? A good product sells itself and doesn't need fancying up to make it saleable. It is in fact a bother more than a boon because of its added bulk. True, it might make a dealer's work a little easier.

3. Canada Post Office "Official First Day Covers" are too large to fit in most first day cover albums. By reducing the size of these covers the saving in cost of paper would provide you with more working capital which could be applied to creating and applying a decent cachet to the covers. For the most part, what passes for a cachet on "Official Canadian First Day Covers" does little else but help fill out an otherwise blank side of the envelope. I hesitate to

term them ugly for fear of insulting the artistic temperament of your cover designers. Certainly, applying the existing designs differently could enhance their appearance. Switzerland, as an example put out some exceptionally fine covers. They are but one example.

If the Canada Post Office is the type of progressive organization they advertise themselves to be, then the foregoing remarks will be taken as constructive criticism and given some consideration.

I close with this remark. Collecting stamps is a fun type hobby. When it ceases to be, then it is time to turn your interest elsewhere.

My feelings are, I believe, echoed by many collectors of Canadian Philatelic material."

J.H. Corcoran
RPSC #12067

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BUSINESS REPLY MAIL

A Neglected Collecting Interest

By Wm. Pekonen

An article on Business Reply Mail by Hans Reiche in 1974 attracted my attention so I set aside for study, samples of them that arrived in the mail. My findings from a study of them differs from those of Mr. Reiche.

The provision for this type of mail has existed for many years. One should understand their purpose. Various reasons for their use exist but perhaps the main purpose is to elicit replies to direct mail advertising. Direct Mail Order business has grown immensely over the past 40 years. Today even large oil companies and department stores in Canada use direct mail methods to increase their sales.

It has been estimated by national sales organizations in the United States that each call made by a salesman costs approximately $50. Therefore, unless a firm is selling items which can support such costs, it is obvious that it cannot afford to hire salesmen to make calls upon all potential customers. The cost per order is high because a salesman rarely makes a sale on the first visit. As many as ten or more visits may be necessary before an order is received. Several sizable support industries providing publication type advertising (special controlled circulation magazines and newspapers) and direct mail advertising (flyers sent to specific key personnel on special mailing lists) have grown because of this factor.

Sophisticated techniques have developed in the direct mail industry. The ones which concern us at the moment are the methods used to encourage people to reply. It has been found that the best way to accomplish this is to enclose a self addressed envelope. The reason for this is quite simple. Many business executives and householders do not have a supply of envelopes within easy reach. The same is true for stamps.

The problem can thus be clearly seen. How can one make it simple and easy for people to send an inquiry or an order without having to look for an envelope and/or postage stamps? Answer - enclose a self addressed stamped envelope.

But there is a catch to direct mail. Under the best of condition, a 1% - 4% response is considered to be quite good. On rare occasions one might receive a 10 % response. And even all those who may respond do not necessarily buy. Therefore, to place postage stamps on pre-addressed envelopes would be to incur considerable cost which may not be recovered. Similarly it would be too expensive to use postal stationery envelopes or cards. (The latter may be used to ask information or on matters to which there is a great degree of certainty that a reply will be sent).

The solution? Use Business Reply Envelopes and Business Reply Mail. For such mail, the Postal regulations provide that the **recipient** pays the first class rate plus 2c (or 10c currently). At first glance, it may appear to be very inexpensive but there are many other costs associated with the Direct Mail Order Business.

Direct Mail Order cannot be used for all items because the costs are too great. Certain rules of the thumb have been established but these are not important nor related to this article. However, there is one additional factor which is important. The cost of mailing **one ounce** in Canada is currently 8c. Most envelopes contain only one piece of paper and consequently weigh much less than one ounce. An example of this is the monthly credit card statement from a department store or oil company.

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CANADA POSTAL GUIDE
METHODS OF PAYMENT OF POSTAGE

4340. BUSINESS REPLY MAIL

(a) Firms sending out letters, etc., for delivery within Canada, may enclose an addressed business reply card or envelope having the words "BUSINESS REPLY MAIL, No Postage Stamp Necessary If Mailed In Canada, Postage will be paid by", and the name and address of the firm printed on the face of the card or envelope and bearing a return postage impression as follows:

Business
Reply Mail
No Postage Stamp
Necessary if mailed
in Canada

Postage will be paid by

Canada Post Postes Canada 123

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(b) As the reply postage will be paid by the addressee, such items are date stamped at the office of posting and forwarded on to the office of destination where the cards or envelopes are treated in the same manner as other "postage due" mail, that is, they are delivered to the addressee upon payment of the postage chargeable thereon at the first class rate plus a surcharge of 2¢ per item.

(c) The Department also permits firms to incorporate in their advertisements, in newspapers or publications, labels prepared along the lines of the above design which labels may be clipped from the advertisement and pasted on to the face of an envelope for return to them. Envelopes bearing these business reply labels are treated in the same manner as outlined above, that is, delivered to the address shown on the label and postage collected thereon at the time of delivery at the first class rate plus a surcharge of 2¢ per item.

(d) Firms wishing to print and send out business reply cards or envelopes must make application on form 43-73-043, to the local Post Office together with a specimen of the item to be printed. If the application is approved the applicant is assigned a permit number and furnished with an electro, on payment of a deposit of $10.00 which amount is refunded when the electro is returned in good condition

Business Reply Mail - Canada Post regulations

Why not include a special advertising offer with the monthly statement? It will get a "free" ride because the envelope still weighs less than one ounce and more important, it may result in more sales. In this way the company has changed an expense item into what may become an extra profit item. No immediate payment is necessary in many cases because the puchase price is merely added to the existing credit card account. This is a simple, easy, and very convenient system





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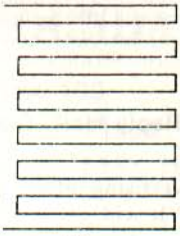
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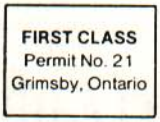


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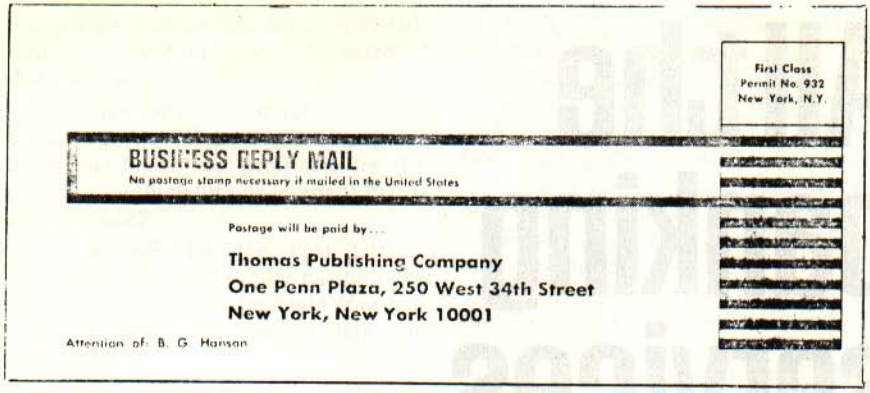
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Discriptions of figures opposite and above (1-13)

1. TYPES 1 & 6 combination. Note: Chevron style 6 up with extra wide bars. No city name with the permit number. 8 cents value shown within inner circle.
2. TYPE 2 - "Post", chevron bars 13 up. Unusual number of bars. No city name.
3. TYPE 3 - "Postage", style 3 up. Note unusually wide thick chevron bars.
4. TYPE 4 - "Post Postes", style 4 down. This is the common type illustrated in the Canada Postal Guide as being the typical Business Reply electro. Note also that the chevron bars almost touch the outer circle.
5. TYPE 5 - variety. Style 4 up with wide bars. Note that Canada is printed in bolder, darker typeface.
6. TYPE 6 - Style 17 up, another unusually large number of chevron bars.
7. TYPE 7 - Style 4 down. Note the large size circle.
8. TYPE 8 - Style 4 down. Note Canada in larger typeface.
9. TYPE 9 - Faint dots, before Postes and after Postage. Style 4 up. Notice the narrow width bars. A variety of this type, with one dot missing, has been observed.
10. TYPE 10 - Chevron style 10 up. Note: Permit No. This is a very common type. It is the electro used on "Postage Paid in Cash" THIRD CLASS mail under section 4330 of the Canada Postal Guide. The electro usually shows "cents". According to the strict literal interpretation of the Postal Guide, this is an incorrect usage of this electro. However, it is probably not considered too important by most postmasters. When that postage system is used, postage must be paid in cash **at the time of mailing,** not upon receipt of the mail.
11. TYPE 11 - This is combined with Type 1. Note the rectangular box with Postes/ CANADA/Postage/10/CENTS/54. Presumably the "54" is a permit number. Note the unusual design of the horizontal bars. This type of horizontal bar design is often found on Business Reply Cards in the United States of America.
12. TYPE 12. Note the rectangular box and 23 horizontal bars. This is definitely an adaptation of the type of Business Reply Card used in the United States (see 13).
13. One example of the type of Business Reply Card used in the United States of America. The same basic box plus horizontal bars appears in many interesting variations.

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for the person at home who may not be able to visit the store or otherwise learn of useful products.

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Is it junk mail for the Post Office? Certainly not. The mail carrier has to make his rounds anyway. And the Post Office has to raise money somehow to pay the delivery costs.

Is it junk mail for the letter carrier? Well, maybe so. He may just as soon carry the least amount he can so that his load is lighter. But that problem has been solved in other ways by the Post Office.

It is therefore no great wonder that the use of business reply methods has increased greatly during the last few years as firms seek cheaper ways of obtaining orders and as the techniques have become better known.

How many different types are in use? The following is comprised of items which have come to hand and can serve as a starting point for further study. The types of indicia illustrated are described below.

TYPE 1 - Usually found in combination with one of the other types described but it is distinguished from them because it includes the **postage value to be paid** by the addressee.

TYPE 2 - "Postes Canada Post" between an inner and an outer circle, with no dots or dashes.

TYPE 3 - "Postes Canada Postage" between two circles, no dots, no dashes.

TYPE 4 - "Canada Post Postes Canada" between two circles, no dots, no dashes.

TYPE 5 - "Postes - Canada - Postage" between two circles, no dots, dashes between words.

TYPE 6 - "Postes . Canada . Postage" between two circles, dots between words, no dashes.

TYPE 7 - "Postes . Canada . Postage" between two circles, 3 dots, one each at 2 o'clock, 6 o'clock and 10 o'clock, no dashes.

TYPE 8 - "Postes . Canada . Postage" 4 dots between two circles. Dots at 2 o'clock, 5 o'clock, 7 o'clock and 10 o'clock.

TYPE 9 - "Postes - Canada - Postage" with 2 dashes between wording plus 2 **very faint**, barely distinguishable **dots** usually at 4 o'clock and 8 o'clock, sometimes at 5 o'clock and 7 o'clock.

TYPE 10 - Similar to Type 9 but the dots are quite distinct.

TYPE 11 - Rectangular instead of circle containing wording Postes/Canada!Postage.

TYPE 12 - Rectangle instead of circle containing wording: FIRST CLASS/Permit No. /City, Province.

Various differences exist (amongst all of the foregoing Types) in size and shape of typefonts as well as with lightface or boldface printings. Chevron bars of various widths, thickness, spacing and style are usually located below the circle. Both up and down directions exist. Straight horizontal bars have also been observed. The number of bars on different cards vary also and the following checklist gives an account of those seen to date. The numbers range from 3 to 23. The purpose of these bars is unknown. It is assumed that they exist to draw attention to the nature of the mailing. Is there any reason for a specific number of bars? Does anyone know?

Appended to this article are verbatim instructions of Section 4340 of the Canada Postal Guide and a checklist of various chevron bars found on the covers which have been observed to date by this writer.

Take a look at you **your** Business Reply Mail. Compare them with the check-list. I would appreciate receiving reports of new findings with an example (will be returned) or a photo-copy. An up-dated report can be published later in the **Canadian Philatelist**. Write to P.O. Box 1175, Station A, Surrey, B.C. V3S 4P6.

Editor's Note: for a discussion of Permit stamps which employ indicia and chevron bars similar to these, see: Davey, Wm. J. Canadian Permit Stamps. Canadian Philatelist, Vol. 19, No. 5, pp. 227-232, 1968.

IRELAND

THE IRISH POST OFFICE'S SPECIAL AND COMMEMORATIVE STAMP PROGRAMME FOR 1976 IS AS FOLLOWS:-

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Preliminary Check List Of Business Reply Indicia Types And Chevron Bar Types

as of January 20, 1976

INDICIA TYPES

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Fig. 1

Part Two - The 1c and 2c Values

The 1c green and the 2c red were reportedly issued on December 22, 1911. Frankly I doubt it. If they were issued prior to Christmas some would have survived on either Christmas or New Year's cards or letters. This is the type of mail which is preserved. When I see a copy on cover dated late in December 1911, and with an arrival or transit back stamp proving the date I'll believe it.

The early plate strips show inverted imprints on the lower panes and they illustrate that, in the case of Plate #3, those produced in the first printing order, Number 83, are much darker than those from the second p.o. #100. Plate #7 shows a clear re-entry at the bottom of stamp #6 from the U.R. pane. Plates #9 and #10 have a much larger plate number. The hairline plates #55 through #58 are shown. Plate #159 is unusual in that neither the transferers number nor the printing order number appears in the margin. On plate #163 there is no imprint and not even an engraved plate number on the U.R. pane of 100. It was punched in. The upper left pane has a blank upper margin. The same holds true with Plate #164. The two types of lathe work, B and C, are known. This denomination also has a well known major re-entry as well as an example of another major re-entry (75% doubled) which I do not recall having been reported.

The rare thin Grey Paper Mint is reported, I believe, for the first time. Two years ago I found two blocks. They gauge .0029, with gum, and the used specimens, without gum, gauge .0025. The paper is rather crisp and the stamps are from the retouched die.

This denomination also has the squat booklet panes, including the light green as

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Fig. 2 - top, Fig. 3 - bottom

well as the usual dark green shades. Also seen are the coils. The perf 8 vertical coil must be very scarce as a single on cover during the 1913-1915 period. A single on Edward 1c stationery dated October 13, 1913 is seen (Fig. 1). The perf 8 horizontal coil was apparently first produced from the regular sheets and a pair on cover dated October 18, 1912 from Winnipeg is shown (Fig. 2). The perf 12 vertical coil on cover must be extremely scarce due to the War Tax levy early in 1915. I cannot help but feel that the perf 12 coil may have been issued **after** it was found that the perf 8 items would not separate readily. Covers dated 1913 or 1914 may exist but the earliest is in my collection with the experimental vending machine holes is on an April 30, 1915 cover from Montreal (Fig. 3). Most items with the vending holes are known from Toronto in the 1917-1918 period.

The changeover to the 1c yellow took place in June 1922 following a change in the postal rates late in 1921 which set the post card rate at 2c.

Plates #169 and #170, the last used for the 1c green, produced the first printings of

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the 1c yellow. This stamp, as well as the 2c green and 3c carmine, was produced in imperforate form. The Philatelic Agency reports October 6 as the issue date for the imperfs but blocks of all three values cancelled at Ottawa on January 20, 1924 are known. Also a block of the 3c cancelled February 11, 1924 proves a date well before October 6th. My lathe work blocks of the imperf 1c yellow all show type D inverted with a line above the design. This is recorded as appearing on plates #175 and #176. Accordingly it appears that four plates, rather than only #179 and #180, were used. My experience is that the imperf without the line above the inverted D type is a rare item. Insofar as I have been able to determine no imperf imprint material from Plates #175 and #176 has been recorded. There is a mystery here. The 1c, as well as the 2c green and 3c carmine, in blocks perf 8 vertically is from the first printing of the coil sheets, Die 1. The 3c gutter block variety is shown (Fig. 4). The 1c and 2c were reprinted later on dry paper and are Die II. The 1c with lathe work, which is always type "B", cannot be faked from the imperf as the latter has type "D" machining. The perforated sheet stamps and the coils may be found in both wet and dry printings. The early printings were by the wet process. The imprint strips from Plates #186 and #187 are noteworthy in that they are from Die I and were produced by the dry process.

The 2c red also has inverted lower imprints on the early plates and the examples of plate #4 show extremely sharp hair lines. On these it is evident that those produced for the second p.o.'s are lighter in shade. Plate #5 or #6, possibly both, have no bottom imprint. Some plates, #49, #50, #51 and #53 have a large plate numeral and the lower on plate #51 is inverted. At least one position from #52 has the usual small numeral. The Anilines are known from plate #81 through #94. One of the scarce items in the Admiral group is the pink shade of the 2c red, plate unknown at this time. The perf 8 vertical coil used in 1912 or 1913 is far from common. My collection contains a single on cover is shown dated July 12, 1913 and a



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Fig. 4

pair, which is scarce, on cover dated April 17, 1913. Many were affixed by the postal officials to World War I mail on arrival in Canada during 1915 and 1916 and also by the dead letter office when forwarding mail for which deficiency postage had been paid, mostly post cards.

The perf 12 vertical coil was reportedly issued "probably early in 1913". As in the case of the 1c, I feel this stamp may have come out somewhat later. It was first made from the regular rather than the coil plates. An early registered cover dated February 15, 1915 is known with a pasteup strip of three. Both this stamp and the 1c green were used experimentally in vending machines. These are from the sheets cut into vertical strips and pasted up.

The 2c green resulted from the change in rates effective October 1, 1921 and was issued in June 1922. The first printings on the changeover plates from the 2c red - #159 and #160, have a very bright color

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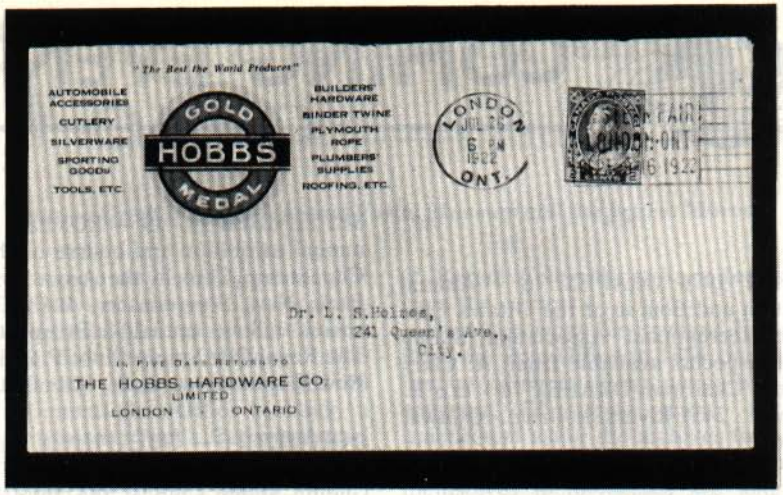
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Fig. 5

due, I believe, to the remnants of the red ink on the plates. The thin paper varieties were produced during the latter half of 1924 and are usually attributed to plates #182 through #186. None of these plates had lathe work and you see two thin paper blocks with "D" lathe work inverted. These are probably from plates #188-189. Accordingly thin paper printings are likely to have been produced from plates #182 through #189 but not all printings from these plates were on thin paper. A strip from plate #190 shows a most unusual error. Between the No. and A of the imprint appears an "8" giving a No 8A 190 plate number. One of the scarce booklet items is the pane of six. This is known in both Wet and Dry printings. The same coil sheet items described on the 1c yellow exist on this value but the lathe work is type "D". Types "C", "D" and "D" inverted on the regular sheet stamps are displayed. In my collection we have two with complete double paper on the upper stamp and two thirds doubling on the lower. The perf 12 vertical coil is a rare bird in more than one way and there are all kinds of fakes being offered. While the issue date is reportedly in 1922, the earliest commercial cover I have been able to acquire is dated October 3, 1931 and carries copies of both the 1c and 2c green perf 12 coils. I have airmail flight covers with this stamp in combination in 1929 but my search is still on for a single on cover dated in the mid or early 1920's. I cannot help but look upon the reported issue date with considerable reservation. The perf 8 horizontal coil is common but early covers are scarce (Fig. 5).

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A REGULAR FEATURE

R. E. FLORIDA

Notes on Great Britain's National Postal Museum and the British Museum

London has two very exciting permanent national displays of interest to philatelists, the National Postal Museum and the stamp section in the British Museum. The National Postal Museum is located in London's General Post Office building, a short walk from St. Paul's Cathedral, and the British Museum is, of course, one of the sights that few tourists ignore.

Even if you only have a few minutes to spare on a whirlwind tour, both of these are well worth a look. To see them properly, however, would take days.

Mr. A.G. Rigo de' Righi, the Curator of the National Postal Museum, who is British as expected though with an unexpected Italian name, showed me some of the highlights of the collection. Undoubtedly the most spectacular item is the first proof sheet of the penny black as seen in the accompanying photograph.

The other spectacular item in the picture is Miss Australian Philately of 1974. Mr. Rigo de' Righi had another photograph of this proof sheet with himself holding it; however, while he was perfectly clear, the stamps were somewhat out of focus. True philatelist that he is, he preferred that I use a picture with the stamps in sharp detail rather than one with him in it.

The proof sheet is of an early stage before the letters were entered into the plate. It may well be the most valuable single property in philately when one considers that in 1974 a mint block of 12 of the penny black sold for £20,000.

That this first sheet survived intact is rather an accident. From about 1865 to about 1900, it was the custom of the Post Office to give away blocks and singles from its Empire wide files of proof sheets to visiting dignitaries. For example, the lucious imprimatur sheet of the first stamp of British Columbia lacks a few stamps from the corners.

However, when Sir Rowland Hill retired from the Post Office in 1864, he kept the first proof sheet of the penny black as a souvenir. Of course, today both the practices of using the archives for souvenirs and of retiring officials helping themselves to mementos are long since gone.

At any rate, in 1905 the Sir Rowland Hill family returned the sheet to the Post Office. Had it been in the archives from 1864 to 1905, it almost certainly would have been mutilated.

Although based on the ancient records and collections of the Post Office, the National Postal Museum was not established until 1965. In that year, Reginald M. Phillips of Brighton donated his magnificent collection of 19th century British stamps and postal history and gave a capital grant to establish the Museum. The Phillips collection is on permanent display and should be seen by every serious collector of Great Britain.

Other countries' stamps are also on display. These are mainly the samples of each new stamp which all UPU countries must send to all members. This practice began in 1872, and thus the very early classics tend to be the weak point of the National Postal Museum's collection. Oddly enough, however, the first issue of Turkey (1863) is well represented even though one of the stamps was mounted upside down.

I noticed that the janitor was systematically cleaning the glass of each frame and asked him how long it took. He said it took three days to clean the 1000 frames, which gives some idea of the extent of the collections and some idea of how long it would take to study it properly.

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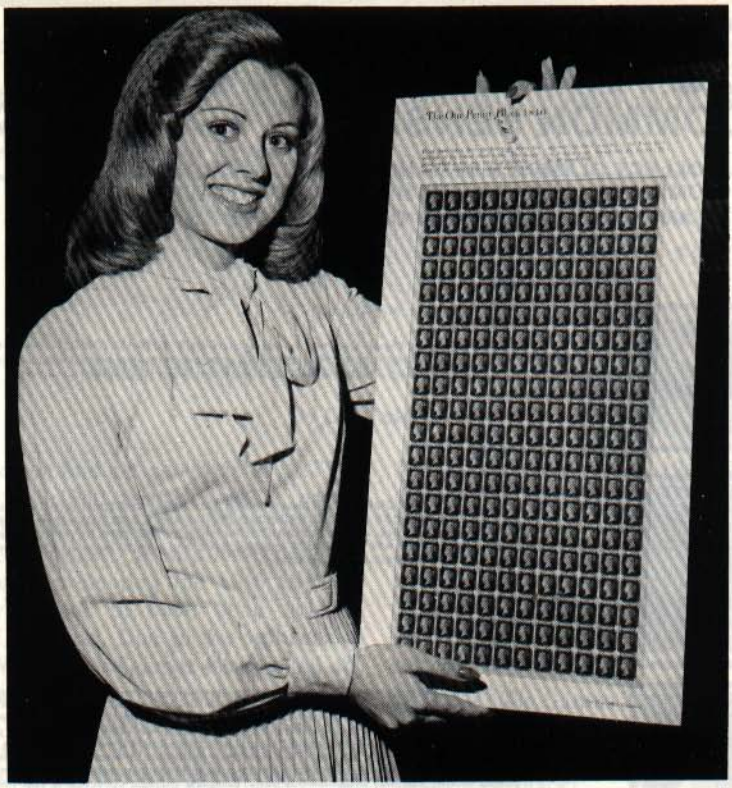


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However, the collection is rich beyond imagination. As random examples, I noted the 1871-72 issues of Afghanistan plated and complete sheets of most of the 1873-74 issue, Corrientes in complete panes and sheets, Norway's first stamp with five mint singles and a pair while mint stamps of this issue are exceeding scarce, and the first issue of Zurich incompletely plated.

If you wish to see this collection, I would advise first buying the guide book, **The Tapling Collection of Postage Stamps and Telegraph Stamps and Postal Stationery** by J.A. Mackay, in the British Museum bookshop and studying it a few minutes before plunging into the material. Without this precaution, it is easy enough to drown in the surfeit of riches in the 1188 frames.

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display. The one I liked best was "German Local Postage Stamps, 1945-46" donated by Dr. W. Model von Thunen, which included many provisional overprints of the Hitler definitives and many rare covers.

I understand that there is a great deal of philatelic material at the British Museum that cannot be displayed due to insufficient space and facilities. It can however, be consulted if arranged for in advance with the curator.



Fig. 1

THE OLYMPIC GAMES THAT WEREN'T

By Leo Tukums

Should you find a used stamp of LATVIA of the 1939-1940 period with a partial cancellation of the 5-ring Olympic symbol, don't be surprised. Such a cancel (fig. 1) was in use, promoting the 1940 Olympic Summer Games to have been held in Helsinki, Finland. Due to the outbreak of World War II, these games were called off.

In french and german, the cancel notes - "To the Olympic Games 1940 via Latvia". On a post card or full cover these are now quite rare. The known period of usage seems to have been between Sept. 4th, 1939 the March 15th, 1940 as can be determined from various covers in the hands of Latvian collectors (fig. 2). This cover also shows a large multi-coloured tourist label.

As a cancellation, this one seems to fit into three categories for the thematic-cancel collector:

a) Olympic Games Theme:
b) Tourism advertising:
c) Advance advertising of an event that never took place!



Fig. 2

Frank W. Campbell, Postal Historian



PHSO President J. Barchino presenting Citation of Merit to Frank W. Campbell

On July 27, 1975, Frank W. Campbell of Royal Oak, Michigan, was presented with the Postal History Society of Ontario's first "Citation of Merit" in recognition of his outstanding contributions to Canadian postal history. Taking part in the presentation in Royal Oak were PHSO President, John Barchino and Secretary Pete Wiedemann.

Mr. Campbell, born in Tilbury, Ont., 91 years ago, began his working career in 1897 as a typesetter for $1 a week, and a year later was earning $2 a week. He later worked as a printer in Chatham, Ont., Prince Rupert. B.C., Windsor, Ont., Kalamazoo, Mich., and Sarnia, Ont. During World War I he served with the Canadian Militia and was in the U.S. Army of Occupation in Germany in the 1930's.

After he retired from the printing trade in the late 1950's he ran a plant nursery in Royal Oak and takes pride in the private gardens that are the remnants of it.

Mr. Campbell's experience in printing has enabled him to provide solutions to many questions that have arisen regarding cancellations, cancelling devices, stamp printing and other aspects of postal history. He has also put that experience to good use in his well known book "Canada Post Offices, 1755-1895" which he distributed privately in 1958. It was first published in 1972.

He also co-authored "The Canada and Newfoundland Stampless Cover Catalog" with Henry Konwiser in 1946 and co-edited with J.N. Sisson, the BNA section of the "American Stampless Cover Catalog" in 1971.

Mr. Campbell is currently awaiting publication of his last manuscript "Canada Postal History" which was completed in 1957 and which he has been adding to since.

In addition to his books, Mr. Campbell has contributed numerous articles and notes to many philatelic publications, including the Canadian Philatelist. He has also made collections and studies of the Admirals and had a comprehensive collection of Canadian precancels.

In recognition of his achievements and contributions to philately, Mr. Campbell was made a Fellow of the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Briain in 1953, is a Fellow of the R.P.S.C. and last year was

named "Postal Historian of the Year" by the Western Canada Postal History Society. All of these honours have been justly deserved. Not only is Mr. Campbell knowledgable in his field, but he has shared, and is sharing that knowledge with fellow philatelists throughout Canada.

KAPEX '76



The Kawartha Philatelic Society's 20th annual exhibition, Kapex '76, held in Peterborough, Ont. on 13 and 14 March, was quite successful according to reports from exhibition chairman John P. Grace.

There was 19 exhibits totalling 111 frames and an 11 dealer bourse for the two day show. The society obtained a flag concellation (shown above) to commemorate the 20th year of their exhibition. It was used on all Peterborough mail from 16 Feb. through 15 March and was echoed in the exhibition by a 16 frame Court of Honour display of "Canadian Flag Cancellations, 1896-1975" by Mr. L.R. Paige, Chesapeake, Virginia.

An added feature of Kapex was Media Presentations, literary works and tape/slide presentations. In the literary group were short articles on stamps and biographies of famous chemists by Robert Bowley. In the tape/slide programs were: The Olympic Games: a Philatelic Study by Robery Bowley; Canada: A History on Postage Stamps, Part I. The Beginning to Confederation by B.M. Killingbeck; and Guernsey: Its People and Stamps by Bruce McLean.

Awards were as follows: GOLD: G.J. Noble, Canadian Postal history; H. Van Oudenaren, Bobcaygeon postal history; and J.P. Grace, Canadian stamped postcards.

SILVER: R.E. Bowley, Man and Art on Rocks; G.W. Beatty, India, and B.M. Killingbeck, Women on stamps.

BRONZE: R.E.Bowley, Albert Schweitzer and Rotary on stamps; I. Sedgewick, Hockey; F. Bowley, postal stagecoaches; J.P. Grace, Ontario Hydro stamped postcards, and T. Troop. Oddities.

The Novice Award went to J.M. Olver for Elephants on Stamps. The Hatton Trophy for entries from elementary and secondary school student entries went to Mark Jones (Grade 5) for his antique cars on stamps.

A few of the flag cancellations are still available for 75c each from Graham J. Noble, Champlain College, Trent University, Peterborough, Ontario.

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NEW CHAPTER

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THE CONVENTION COORDINATOR--

INTERPHIL '76

Anyone who plans to attend INTERPHIL '76 and wishes to stay at the Sheraton is advised to contact the hotel directly at 1725 John F. Kennedy Boulevard, Philadelphia, PA, U.S.A., 19103 [tel. (215) 568-3300].

All available data has been distributed. If you require data on the Philadelphia area, write to the Philadelphia Convention and Visitors Bureau, Tourist Center, 1525 John F. Kennedy Boulevard, Philadelphia, PA, U.S.A., 19102 [tel. (215) 864-1976]. The bureau has indicated that data will be available to those registering at the various hotels and INTERPHIL '76.

The RPSC's lounge is No. 19, near the 500 seat restaurant in the Philadelphia Civic Center, Exhibition Hall A. The BNAPS lounge (No. 20) is next to the RPSC's lounge. The Annual Meeting of the RPSC will be held on Saturday, June 5, 1976. The location and time is announced on the Coming Events page and will be posted at the RPSC lounge.

You are invited to contact me if you have any questions regarding INTERPHIL '76 and the Society's meeting.

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THE CHAPTER COORDINATOR--

One new slide program is available. It is No. 80: Postal Stationery and the Canadian Pacific Railway, by Horace Harrison. This program has been purchased from the Baltimore Philatelic Society.

Changes which are effective on 1st of March 1976 in domestic insurance arrangements have been announced by Canada Post. Of particular importance to the R.P.S.C. is that the first class mail is now included as one of the classes of insurable mail. Effective immediately, slide programs may be returned to me via first class mail insured for at least $50 per program. The cost of this will be 20c for up to $50, plus the cost of the postage. Programs must be handed in at a post office and a receipt obtained.

Michael Millar

THE SALES CIRCUIT--

The last three months have been very busy ones for the Sales Department. We now have 57 Chapters and 90 individuals receiving circuits. The Chapters receive them at least once a month while individuals get one every two months.

We have been able to maintain this pace because we have received so many new books. However, as many of the older books will be retired in June, we will need more to begin the fall season.

We need: Canada - everything, especial-

ly Revenues; Newfoundland, Great Britain, U.S.A., Australia, New Zealand, Switzerland. We do not need more British Colonies at the present but we probably will need them by the new year.

I would like to ask each club to let me know, by the middle of August, their meeting dates, beginning in September. With that information at hand I can be sure that you have your first circuits on time. It would help it I knew the meeting dates for the entire year. Then I can plan ahead. Be sure to let me know as soon as you can in the fall if there are any changes in your needs.

Now a note to the individuals who received circuits this year. I am going to scrap my present list and start afresh in the fall. If you would like to have circuits during the 1976-77 season, be sure to send me the necessary information in August.

I will be available during the summer. If you wish to buy sales books or send in filled ones, please do so and we will be doubly ready in the fall.

(Mrs.) Margaret Allen

THE COORDINATOR OF YOUTH ACTIVITIES--



Centenary of the first telephone call by Alexander Graham Bell 1976

The centenary of the invention of the telephone by Alexander Graham Bell was celebrated on March 10, 1976. Many countries claim that they have laid the groundwork to his success and in a sense they are correct. The invention of the telegraph preceeded that of the telephone and gave impetus to a German scientist, Philip Reis, to devise a machine that reproduced sounds. Transmission of sounds, however, had to wait for Bell. Of course, we must not rule out the inhabitants of deep forests who were able to transmit messages by the use of drums. The many forms of communication, past and present, are the subject of many a philatelic study and can form a beautiful stamp collection.

The machine that "talked" was produced by Alexander Graham Bell after several years of experiments at Baddeck, Nova Scotia, where he and his young bride settled after emigrating from Scotland. The date was June 2, 1875. On February 14, 1876, Bell obtained his patent for the telephone. it must be noted that he started his experiments in England, before coming to Canada, and actual finishing touches were put on the machine at Brantford, Ontario, when Bell spoke to his assistant in Paris, Ontario. The assistant's last name was Watson.

Canada issued a stamp honouring Alexander Graham Bell on the centenary of his birth in 1947. This year many countries will issue stamps to commemorate the anniversary of the invention of his talking machine. Among those countries is Bell's native Great Britain. While the British stamps do not portray Bell himself the various uses of the instrument are shown in some detail.

Canada will be well represented at the International Stamp Exhibition for the Young, JUVAROUEN 76, in Rouen, France. Three exhibits have been accepted as of the time of writing this report and three more are expected to be given a green light shortly. This will be the largest and best group of materials ever presented by Canada in an international youth gathering.

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ORNITHOLOGY IN CANADIAN PHILATELY

(Canadian stamps are NOT for the birds!)



By Geoffrey F. Briginshaw



Canada has made no serious effort to depict its extensive bird life on its stamps. We have been so busy lauding our leaders and recording our material achievements that we have almost overlooked these delightful creatures.

The very limited avian coverage to date has been associated mainly with manned flight or as parts of series devoted to wildlife and conservation generally.

It is perhaps not too surprising that some attention has been paid to that symbol of Canadian identity which is known internationally almost as much as the maple leaf or the beaver - the Canada Goose [**Branta canadensis**). Even so, only three different stamps have been issued: the 1946 7c airmail (Scott C9), the 1952 regular 7c (320) and the 1963 regular 15c (415).

The Gannet (**Sula bassana**) was the only winged creature included in the three issues recording National Wildlife Week in each of the years 1953-1955: the 1954 15c (343). Those of us who have visited Bonaventure Island in the Gulf of St. Lawrence or any other sea-bird sanctuary on and around the Atlantic coast cannot fail to have been impressed with the beauty and grace of the countless thousands of this species, whether on their nests or diving for fish from great heights.

We cannot claim that the Whooping Crane (**Grus americana**) is distinctively Canadian as this endangered species spends the winters in Texas and Louisiana. However it does breed in Canada in Wood Buffalo National Park and the Mackenzie River Valley in Alberta and the Northwest Territories. It also was commemorated as part of a National Wildlife Week issue in 1955 (353).

The Loon (**Gavia immer**) can be regarded as almost a uniquely Canadian feature as its mournful cry echoes over the northern lakes. It was honoured by a single issue in 1957 (369).

Almost ten years pass.....

The 'Gray Jay' issue in 1968 (478) aroused much controversy among naturalists at the time. The Gray Jay (**Perisoreus obscurus griseus**) is primarily an American species which inhabits the interior from California to British Columbia. It is a variant of the Oregon Jay (**Perisoreus obscurus obscurus**) which is distributed along the Pacific coast, also from California to B.C. What our postal authorities meant to commemorate was the Canada Jay - in fact the correct Latin tag (**Perisoreus canadensis**) is right on the stamp. This well-known species occurs all across Canada from Alberta to the East. Like the

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Some of Canada's stamps depicting Canadian birds

Americans, we also give our 'Gray Jay' the popular name of Whiskey-Jack. It is a colourful character, full of fun and given to picking bacon right out of the pan at camp-sites - hence its other popular name of Camp-Robber.

The truly beautiful 1962 issue of British Honduras (167-178) and the 1966 issue of Great Britain (461-464) might have been responsible for our Ottawa mandarins producing the first Birds of Canada issue in 1969 (496-498). The three birds portrayed: White-throated Sparrow (**Zonotrichia albicolis**), Ipswich Sparrow (**Passerculus princeps Maynard**) and Hermit Thrush (**Hylocichla guttata**) are scarcely typical of the hundreds of species across Canada. The first and last are fairly well-known to visitors to our forests but the Ipswich Sparrow is more or less limited to Sable Island, the ships' graveyard off Nova Scotia.

And there the story of Canadian birds on Canadian stamps stops.....

It may be significant that the defunct Toronto Telegram issue of April 26, 1969, carried a cartoon under the title of 'Postmaster-General seeks new stamp designs...' with the cartoonist's own suggestions which included an ostrich inscribed 'Cabinet' with its head in the sand, and a bleary-eyed 'Confederation Dodo'.

We cannot justifiably include in this review the emblematic dove in the 1955 issue (354) which commemorated the 10th anniversary of the founding of the International Civil Aviation Organization in 1945.

Certainly the only bird-like philatelic representations to emerge since 1969 have been The Enchanted Owl by Kenojuak in 1970 (506) and the Big Raven by Emily Carr in 1971 (532). Both these belong more properly to another article on Canadian Painters in Philately.

Canada Post / Postes Canada NEWS

NEW PLATES FOR 8 CENT AND MID-VALUE DEFINITIVES

New plates are now being used in the printing of the 8c definitive of the Queen; 10c Forest, 15c Mountain Sheep, 20c Grain Field, and 50c Sea Shore. A new plate for the 25c Polar Bear stamp will be introduced at the end of March.

Following are the plate numbers::

8c - plate 5
10c - plate 3
15c - plate 2
20c - plate 3
25c - plate 3
50c - plate 2

Cylinders for plate 2 of the 20c and 25c stamps were not utilized beacause they were defective.

The printing of the mid-value definitives (10c to 50c) will have a 13 + perforation compared to the earlier 12½ x 12 perforation.

The stamps are now available at Canada Post philatelic outlets and through the Philatelic Service, Canada Post, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0B5.

NOUVELLES PLANCHES POUR LES TIMBRES COURANTS DE 8c ET DE VALEUR NOMINALE MOYENNE

On utilise maintenant de nouvelles planches pour l'impression des timbres courants de 8c. représentant la Reine; de 10c Forêts, 15c Moufflons, de 20c Champs de céréales, et de 50c Rivages. A la fin de mars on utilisera une nouvelle planche pour les timbres de 25c Ours blanc.

Voici donc les numeros de planches:

8c - planche no. 5
10c - planche no. 3
15c - planche no. 2
20c - planche no. 3
25c - planche no. 3
50c - planche no. 2

On ne s'est pas servi des cylindres de la planche 2 des timbres de 20c et de 25c parce qu'ills présentaient des défauts.

Les timbres courants de valeur nominale moyenne (de 10 à 50c) auront une dentelure de 13 +, à la différence de la dentelure precedente qui était de 12½ x 12.

Les timbres sont maintenant en vente à tous les comptoirs philatéliques des Postes canadiennes et l'on peut également se les procurer par l'intermédiaire du Service philatélique, Postes canadiennes, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0B5.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Although the following article is not from the Canada Post, it is included here because it directly concerns the material that is available from the Philatelic Service.

MATCHED PLATE BLOCKS

By Dennis Thorp

This article will serve to introduce collectors to the varieties found on the current medium value definitives and also to alert them to some pitfalls.

A few years ago it was customary to visit a philatelic counter at a post office and buy a matched set of plate blocks. The clerk would tear the four corners off the sheet and you would know they were indeed matched. From time to time new printings are offered on the same plate numbers and these were duly collected if you were a specialist.

I will use the 50 cent plate 1 as an example of what is now available:

1st issue plate 1 on dull paper with 0/P 4 tagging;

2nd issue plate 1 on purple paper with 0/P 2 tagging;

3rd issue plate 1 but reprinted.

In between these issues one could find varieties on normal postal stock consisting of 3M/M tagging, 4 M/M tagging, vertical ribbed paper and different fluorescent papers. It would therefore seem that this issue is going to shape up the same as the Centennial issue.

A pitfall that may now befall the unwary collector when a matched set of plate blocks, all neatly sealed in plastic, is purchased at the philatelic counters. Close examination will often reveal that not only do the selvage edges not match, but that the papers do not match either.

A recent experience with a "matched" set of the 50 cent showed one corner 0/P 4 tag, one corner 0/P 2 tag plain paper and two corners on ribbed paper. To a specialist this is quite disconcerting, especially if it was necessary to drive several miles to the post office. An order mailed direct from Ottawa also had 3 matched corners plus one different. All values from the 10 cent to the 50 cent show these various varieties.

To sum up - If you just want four corners for your collection, go ahead and buy a "matched" set. If your are a specialist, check your corners as soon as you get home. Most philatelic counters have really helpful clerks and allow you to check your purchases with the magnifying glass, but don't expect them to plug in a U V lamp.

The following ciculars, code numbers in parentheses, have been released recently by the Public Affairs branch of Canada Post:

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THE PERFECT PARCEL (24-028-082)
THE NATIONAL POSTAL MUSEUM (024-028-081)
CANADA'S POSTAL NETWORK (024-028-078)

The above are bilingual, multifolded brochures similar to the PS-14 which describes new stamp issues. Larger circulars (28 cm. x 21.5 cm., 12 to 16 pp.) which are bilingual also are:

CORRECT ADDRESSING (24-028-083)
MAIL CLASSIFICATION (24-028-084)
ALL ABOUT POSTAGE PREPAYMENT (024-028-085)
INTERNATIONAL MAILING (024-028-086)

On 30 December 1975, the Canada Post Office released an up-dated Canadian Forces Air Letter Form in a pleasant light green colour, much nicer than the weak green coloured from issued in November 1974 [code Number 43-74-078 (9-74)]. The new issue is coded Number 43-074-078 (8-75). All other aspects of the from are unchanged. There were 100 cancelled on 30 December 1975 at the Postal Museum.

On 2 February 1976 the Canada Post Office released across Canada a new 20 cent aerogramme to meet International Postal Union requirements. The design is the same as the last aerogramme with the fold down flap and the goose on the back. The noted changes are a darker blue print, larger dashes for the three folding lines, and a larger "CANADA 20".

Since the design was the same with only an increased rate, the Post Office did not choose to prepare first day cancellation services. There were approximately 1200 cancelled with the 1-1-76 postal cancellation in Ottawa.

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WHAT'S NEW IN OLD CANADA

BY FRED STULBERG

A REGULAR FEATURE

ANOTHER JUBILEE FORGERY?

Several years ago, a dear friend and a foremost specialist of the Jubilee issue of 1897 made me aware of what was considered to be an engraved forgery of the 50 cent value of that issue. The excellent engraved forgeries of the dollar values had, by that time, been well documented and described but this value was virtually unknown. Only a few people knew of its existence and it had only been hinted about in print.

The forgery (upper stamp) appears to be coarser in overall appearance. The letters FIFTY CENTS are thicker and all white areas (including numbers and letters) are thinner than the normal one (lower). The two papers are similar, but the ink of the normal one is a more intense in its blue colour. Although the differences are clear, I was not convinced that we had a new forgery on our hands. Although there were differences, there were also similarities.

The most significant aspect of these similarities was that all the shading dots and lines in the faces are identical in position and spacing as are the background lines in the frame design. Also, the printed portion of the stamps themselves are identical is size. Further, the papers are quite similar and in no way look like the toned paper of the engraved dollar value forgeries. All in all, it would be impossible for one engraver to create a new die that so accurately copies the origianl. Also, there are no known photo-engraving processes that can truly reproduce the sharpness of pattern.

It then, the stamp is not a forgery, how can we explain the differences?

If we examine closely the words FIFTY CENTS we get a definite clue as to what happened. We see what appears to be a halo effect which thickens the normal



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The light blue "forgery" [upper] and the darker blue normal stamp [lower]

printing seen as a slightly darker outline. This doubling carries through all of the rest of the printed design causing the facial features to be coarse and the white areas to be filled in slightly with ink and thus becoming thinner than on a normally printed stamp.

This total doubling tends to indicate that what we have here is not a forgery but rather a slip or shift printing. In other words, just as the printing plate is making contact with the paper the paper shifts slightly (in this case to the left) thus

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creating a double or blurred impression. Since the ink is distributed over a larger area, the overall effect would be a lighter colour.

Armed with this information and the fact that three copies were known, I assumed that either a full sheet or a large portion of it was, at one time, available to collectors and had not been used up as postage. I started a tour of the dealers in Toronto and, sure enough, came up with another copy - identical in every way. This leads one to assume that more examples exist either in the hands of dealers or in collections and offer an interesting variety of a stamp of an issue known for its printing perfection.

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By Beverlie A. Clark

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The 1900 Trouble Maker [Sc. 114]

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In 1900 the Dominican Republic issued a set of stamps featuring a map of the island of Hispanola. The design shows as a part of the Dominican Republic territory that was claimed by Haiti. This resulted in a bitter border dispute (with an estimated 15,000 islanders slain) between the two Republics. Diplomatic pressure led to withdrawal of the stamps and to destruction of unsold stocks. It was nearly four decades later that a possible settlement of the dispute was announced.

The Dominican Republic and Haiti jointly occupy the island of Hispanola in the West Indies. It was named La Espanola by Christopher Columbus who discovered it on December 6, 1942, and the following year founded the city of Isabella, the first European settlement in the New World.

The original inhabitants were the Arawak Indians who became extinct as a result of widespread persecution and exploitation by the early Spanish Colonists. Negro slaves were then brought in to take the place of the Indian labourers. When the Spanish migrated to South America the island was virtually deserted.

French adventurers then moved in and occupied a portion of the island, which they called Saint Dominique. In 1697, by the Treaty of Ryswick, Hispanola was formally ceded to France. The independence of the island was proclaimed, in 1804, when the slaves revolted under the leadership of a Negro general, who expelled the French, assumed the title of emperor, and changed the name of the island to Haiti.

The inhabitants of the eastern two-thirds of the island declared their independence from Haiti in 1844, and formed the Republic of Santo Domingo, now the Dominican Republic. The administration of this newly formed republic was marked with unrest and political strife. One faction advocated return to Spanish rule, while another advocated annexation to the United States of America. The result was

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that Spain regained control in 1861. A general revolt in 1863, aided by the Haitians, forced the Spanish government to withdraw. The second Dominican Republic was proclaimed in March 1865.

For the next fifty years the republic was governed by a succession of military governors under a system of direct rule by the governor and council. Under this system, political turmoil continued with successive revolts and constant changes in administration. It has been reported that from 1862 to 1882 there were eleven constitutional Presidents and fourteen provisional Presidents; in 1878 alone there were three constitutional and three provisional President. This instability in the government explains some some of the problems existing between the Dominican Republic and Haiti.

In 1929 an attempt to settle the border controversy was made by the signing of the Treaty of Frontiers (commemorated by the stamp issue of 1929, Scott's Nos. 249-253). But in 1930 a new president was proclaimed who had an obvious desire to modify the treaty. The dispute was submitted to an international commission for study, and finally a new treaty was drawn up in March 1936, with the exchange of ratification taking place on April 14 of the same year.

It seemed, at the time, that the causes of misunderstandings between the Dominican Republic and Haiti had disappeared permanently and that the boundary dispute was settled. However, within a year relations worsened and for several decades a wide range of differences, including border incidents continued. Throughout the history of the two neighbour Republics and a very delicate state of relations existed at all times.

This stamp, one of a set of nine values, was issued on October 12, 1900, unwatermarked, perf 12 (low values) and perf 14 (values from 10c to 1p). Several varieties, which were deliberately made, are known to exist, as well as many counterfeits.

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A REGULAR FEATURE

...HANS REICHE

One does not have to collect the classic issues of Canada to find some elusive items. It is amazing how many modern items have come out which are hardly noted by collectors and, when once superceded by other items, just cannot be found. To give you an idea or sample of some of these items we list the following: The early Permit stamps for mailing third class mail were used in many cities. They show the coat of arms and some wording such as Postage Paid In Cash, The PO used small envelopes from their undeliverable mail offices with an imprint of Postage Due and a value, such as, for example, 10. A Postage Due card exists which you mail back with a stamp for the due fixed on the card. The cards are for all cities and the city is rubber stamped for return mail to the Postmaster of that city. How about the special MOON cancel used for the Germany Philatelic Society meeting in 1971 from Rostock Ont (4210) on a cover showing the old Rostock. An urgent mailing for a ballot had to be made in Ottawa in 1967. The PO was closed and the Postmaster himself undertook to get the mail out by cancelling the envelopes with Postmaster Station C Ottawa, Ont. Few envelopes survived. Does anyone have an envelope of the last flight of the Lockheed 10A from Montreal to Ottawa? The envelope is cancelled MTL. A.M.F. Dorval in 1968. AMF stands for Airport Mail Facility. A type of election envelope exists from Ottawa with the inscription "A Message From Your Federal Member," no other postal markings. The British American Bank Note Co. once issued an advertising card with a beautifully engraved picture of a large sailing ship inscribed Ocean Travel, Engraved in 1871. This makes a nice addition to ship collections. The Office of the Minister for CMHC did use a cover with OHMS, coat of arms inscribed in gold. When postage was raised from 5 to 6 cents some offices obviously did not have the 6c stamps. One envelope from Montreal shows the 5c on the cover with a handwritten 1c. Who paid for the 1c, we do not know. Webb Post Card No. P 99a, the precancelled 3c QE II exists on a beige card used by candidates in the last Ontario election and the inscription reads You Vote At.

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An interesting development is taking place in Isreal. Because of continuing inflationary trends Israel is issuing so called "Stand-By" stamps. These stamps will be put into service, if for any reason the stock of definitives of any denomination should run out or, if unforseen changes in postal tariffs occur. This is a new idea and should save the post office money especially if postal rate changes continue.

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The latest seems that cancellations no longer include the name of the originating city or province, instead Canada and a postal code appears as the only indication of the place of origin.

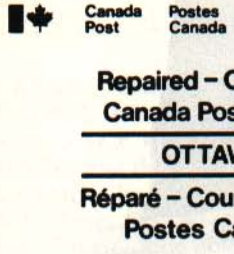
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We noticed recently two facsimiles of the 4 and 5 Dollars Jubilee. They were made in the UK in the original colours, heavily embossed on a large white card. They looked very attractive and maybe other values have been manufactured. They may have been issued for a stamp exhibition as gifts or for a display but others may know more about them.

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How many of you have seen the experimental test coils which were used around 1968 in Ottawa? They come in perforated and imperforated strips and on each label is written: For Testing Purposes Only - Aux Fins D'Essai - Canadian Bank Note Company Ottawa. The USA made use

of similar coils and these could be purchased at the Philatelic Agencies. The Canadian coils were not available to the public.



Another little label has been issued by the Post Office. This one reads Repaired Courtesy Canada Post Office Ottawa. We wonder if this applies to damaged philatelic mail as well.

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Of great interest is the news that a new perforating machine now exists in Ottawa and that some of the current stamps, which had been perforated 11.9, can now be found perforated 13.2. The small size medium value stamps such as the 15c, 20c, and 50c, exist with two perforations. The new plates show the perforation 13.2, the older plates the 11.9. The question arises: can the same plates be found with both perforations? The definitives should be watched closely. They certainly will require a new listing.

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The recent 8c QE stamp comes in what is called the pale Queen. Three entire rows of the sheets show a very weak and light blue impression. A nice offset exists on this stamp with the CANADA 8 on the face of stamps 5 and 6. The Trent Canal authorities have been using a special card with an imprint OHMS. The stamp is 2c but apparently this card was never authorized by the PO and no one knows who overprinted the cards with the OHMS. The New plate of the 6c shows some strong vertical lines, similar to the 2c mentioned many months ago. These vertical lines appear to come from the wiping mechanism used which damages the plate.

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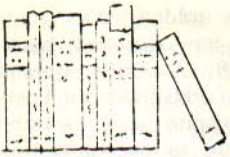
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This book deals with what has now become known as CANADA CENTENNIAL ISSUE. Although much has been written on this subject, this is actually the third major work in book form and not only gives the information found in the previous ones, but brings up to date most of the information that has subsequently appeared only in articles.

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There is little doubt that this work is the most comprehensive yet published on the subject and fills in many of the "holes" found in other publications.

BOLAFFI CATALOGO NAZIONALE DEI FRANCOBOLLI ITALIANA 1976 [1976 Bolaffi Italy and Colonies stamp Catalogue.] Edizioni S.C.O.T., Torino, Italy. xxxvi + 656 pp., illus, 16 cm x 23 cm, paper. 1975. $10.00 [US] from Ronald Frank Co., Lincolndale, NY, 10540, and other dealers.

A complete catalogue, in Italian, fully illustrated and priced. In addition to the stamps of Italy and Italian colonies, it has Italian States, San Marino and the Vatican. The illustrations accompanying the listings and prices are slightly reduced but are very clear. Although the catalogue is in Italian, the introductory notes and keys to the symbols and abbreviations makes it easy to use. A useful adjunct for collectors of Italy, colonies, etc.

CATALOGO BOLAFFI STATISTICO FINANZIARO 1976. Edizioni S.C.O.T. Turin, Italy. Distributed by Philatelic Publishers Representative, Inc., Route 202 & Lovell St., Lincolndale, N.Y., 10540. 80pp., 40 x 18cm., illus., paper cover. No price given.

There have been times when we would have liked to know how the value of a particular stamp or stamps has/have changed over a number of years. If the stamps of Italy, San Marino, the Vatican or 'Trasvolate Italiane' interest you, then you would find such information in this catalogue.

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The values for 15 years (1962-76) have been taken from the Bolaffi catalogues and are listed in table form for all stamps, single or in sets, as issued along with the Bolaffi catalogue numbers. Also indicated are the maximum and minimum values for the 15 year period.

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HARRIS CATALOGUE SPRING-SUMMER 1976 EDITION: STAMPS OF THE UNITED STATES UNITED NATIONS AND CANADA AND PROVINCES. H.E. Harris & Co., Boston, MA, 02117, U.S.A., 1976. 224pp., illus., 13.5 cm. x 21 cm., soft cover. $1.50 [U.S.].

The new Spring-Summer, 1976 edition of the Harris catalogue is now available at stamp dealers throughout the United States and Canada.

The catalogue has long been regarded as a reliable and realistic price list for stamps of the United States, United Nations, and Canada and its provinces because it quotes the actual retail prices for which the stamps can be purchased from the publisher, H.E. Harris & Co., Inc.

The latest edition features more than 10,000 price changes from the previous edition. Of interest to collectors of Canada are the following changes from the Fall 1975-76 edition.

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The market for United Nations stamps remained fairly stable with only a few issues showing any appreciable signs of above average activity.

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HJMR NEWSLIST, NO. 26, FEB.-APR. 1976. HJMR Co., P.O. Box 610308, North Miami, FA, 33161. 32pp., 25c from publisher.

The current edition of the HJMR Newslist lists Spain and Colonies, Cuba and Puerto Rico and a complete price list of U.S. stamps.

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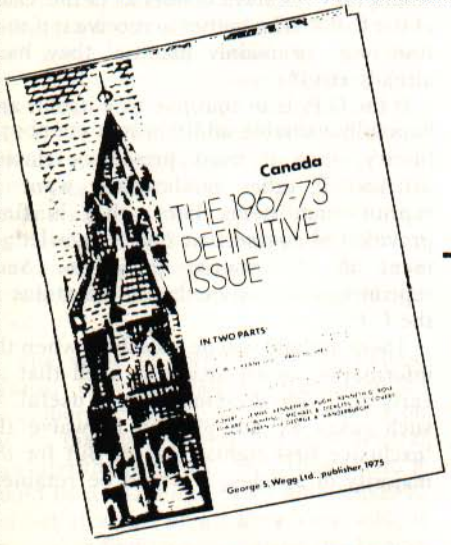
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B. Wayne is critical of the editorial policy as stated in the Jan-Feb. issue.

"In the Jan.-Feb. 1976 editorial, editor Peter Mann requests that material for publication be sent now..."We MUST have your articles and notes..." And then in the same breath is: "Our publication policy" in which guidelines restricting material is explained thusly -- "Only original manuscripts shall be submitted..."

"During my 15 years as an RPSC member I have seen a great improvement in the journal, thanks largely to Mrs. Geldert's advertising and to the general financial health of the Society (what Louis Lamoureaux did years ago, with so few dollars, is nothing short of a miracle).

"The Canadian Philatelist must prosper and it must have material to publish. And by Peter Mann's own admission the material is not coming in. Therefore, why these restrictive guidelines?

"I submit that we should encourage material by the bagful. Sure, perhaps the vast majority might be substandard but the Name-of-the-Game is to then select and edit. Far better to have 100 articles from which to choose than to only get 2 or 3 in the first place -- and then complain because they are not 'exclusive'.

"If the policy of the Canadian Philatelist is only to publish 'exclusive first printing' articles then the members will suffer. A fat commercial periodical can do this but not a society journal where dissemination of information is paramount -- not exclusiveness.

"This new guideline is the most disturbing article I have read in the Philatelist. It merits discussion at the Annual Meeting."

B. Wayne

Ed. Note: This is not a new policy nor did it originate with me. If B. Wayne and others who have criticized this policy would consult the Canadian Philatelist Vol. 20, No. 1, Jan.-Feb. 1969, p.1., they will find: "The submission of a manuscript to this journal is held to imply that it has not been published, is not under consideration for publication, elsewhere. Postage is required if the material is to be returned."

I feel that this policy needs no defence but, in order that our critics see it for what it is, I can offer the following comments.

Many of our members expect to find articles in the C.P. that they cannot find elsewhere. If we were to consider for publication material that has been submitted to other publications, our publishing schedule is such that the material could appear in a monthly, bi-weekly or weekly publication before it appeared in the C.P.

If our members also received such publications, and that is probably the case, would they not have doubts as to the value of the C.P.? Why bother to receive it if they find only, or mainly material they have already read?

If the C.P. is to continue as a useful and hopefully valuable addition to a member's library, then it must provide exclusive articles. If other publications want to reprint such items later, that is fine, provided of course that due acknowledgement of the source is given. Such reprintings can only enhance the status of the C.P.

There are and will be occasions when the information in an article is such that an early and wide dissemination is useful. In such cases we are pleased to waive the 'exclusive first rights' clause. But for the majority of articles, it would be retained.

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What will be the recognized First Day of Issue of the 1975 Christmas stamps and the Royal Canadian Legion stamp. Miss E. M. Macdonald of Minnedosa, Manitoba, offers her answer. What do you think the dates should be?

"A Question" on page 4 needs modification.

"The statement that "The Postal Strike began on October 21st and ended December 2nd. During that period the post offices were closed to the public".

"**SOME** post office were closed to the public. Offices where emplyees belonged to the postal union were closed to the public. There were hundreds of other offices in Canada in which dedicated staff membrs gave good service throughout the strike. I think we should recognize the efforts of these and all others who tried to keep the mail moving.

"At our office were able to buy all of the Christmas stamps and to mail letters on October 21. All local mail was handled as usual and all outgoing mail was dated and sorted for forward despatch at the earliest opportunity. Letters bearing Christmas stamps were delivered through my box in the usual way dated October 21.

"Perhaps small town cancellations are not considered "Official" but to me, any stamps that have done their duty in carrying a letter to their destinations are much more "official" than any cancelled with a rubber stamp at some specific point. You must have a great many members from these smaller towns. Are we not a part of the "Philatelic Community" to which you refer? There was nothing to prevent anyone from travelling to these smaller places to buy stamps and to mail letters to themselves, which would have been delivered to them at the end of the strike.

"The same is not true of the Legion Stamps. They had not been received by November 10, and so were not placed on sale on that date. It was not until several days later that we were able to buy them. It should be a challenge to all philatelists to find out at which points they were sold, if any, and to find covers bearing the Legion Stamps dated November 10. I did receive my "Official" cover from Ottawa, when the strike ended."

(Miss) E.M. Macdonald

Mr. Gordon Hird, of Mississauga, Ont., expresses some views about collecting mint stamps.

"I don't know whether I am a member of the silent majority or the silent minority but a subject has been bothering me for a long time so I decided to write and get it off my chest.

"What is a postage stamp? I am sure that any kindergarten child could tell us that it is something we put on a letter. An adult would go further and say that it is evidence that the cost of sending a letter or parcel by mail has been paid and that is, after all, the basic reason for the existence of these pieces of paper. They are, of course, also used for many reasons, such as advertising a country or as a means of raising money for that country's treasury. This last point leads to the reason for this letter.

"We are being "put upon". Because so many save these little pieces of paper in mint condition, the world is polluted with many times the number of stamps needed to prepay postage and in face values far beyond reasonable needs. Who needs a $2 stamp in Canada? Will using one $2 stamp instead of two $1 stamps save us any of the cost in mailing the item because it will weigh a little less with one stamp only? The answer is - rarely if ever.

"Philatelists abhor stamp collectors like me who save any postage stamp that comes their way from any country, but this is a fascinating way to collect stamps because of what we learn about those countries, their customs, costumes, industries, etc. Those little pieces of paper, some beautiful some ugly and all ranges in between have carried something important to someone and with luck the stamp has landed in a collector's hands. Oh, the philatelist say, this is not the way to do it because you cannot possibly complete your collection. I agree, it is frustrating sometimes but it is great fun because there is a continuous flow of stamps from somewhere.

"You fellows who collect mint stamps have spoiled the hobby for the rest of us general collectors. Why do you do it? It will be said that mint stamps are nicer looking than used ones because they are clean. You

paid for that privilege, and very dearly, considering the amount of paper you got for your money - you could get much more beauty for the same money in many other ways. And with very few exceptions you cannot use a stamp issued some years ago to prepay postage now so that it no longer has a valid face value. (Canadian stamps are among the exceptions. ED.)

"Oh, the philatelist will say, mint stamps increase in value much more quickly than used stamps, generally (there are of course many notable exceptions). O.K., if you are buying mint stamps for an investment, you can turn over your money much more quickly in other ways. Anyway you investors have spoiled the hobby for others by leading governments to extract more money from you and at the same time many schoolboys and "dear little old ladies" who want to buy the pretty pictures. The romance of true collecting of true postage stamps which have served their real purpose has become real big government business, to say nothing of reputed organizations that help governments get into the business in a bigger way and, quite incidentally, manage to corner the market in those issues.

"If there were no market for mint stamps, there would be fewer issues, fewer values in the sets. They would remain in use longer and accordingly the governments could afford to produce better quality stamps with initial costs spread over greater quantities sold and we would all have stamps that would be a real source of pride.

"Am I caught by my own argument? Those who encourage issuance of more stamps thereby assure us general collectors of used stamps a greater supply to keep us excited. One tenth of the number issued annually in the world would give us ample to collect and a longer time in which to have a chance of getting them. They would not have as much money value of course, but that should be the secondary reason for saving stamps if it has any place at all in the hobby.

"O.K., let me have it with both barrels. A good debate will add life to what is already a fine publication and could stimulate some interesting discussions at Credit Valley Philatelic Society meetings where enthusiasm already runs so high that you can hardly hear yourself think during almost three hours once a month."

Gordon Hird

If anyone can assist Mr. Turner, his address is T.V. Turner, 426, S.W. 175th Place, Seattle, WA, 98166.

"I am working up a collection of Canadiana on Foreign Stamps. I have located the following prominent Canadians on stamps from other countries:

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"I would be grateful if I could get in touch with other collectors working along similar lines."

T.W. Turner

Mr. Frank A. Long poses a question about Capital Gains Tax information.

"In the March 1972, November 1972, and May 1973 issues of the Canadian Philatelist, information was passed along to collectors on the application of the Capital Gains Tax when collectors sold their stamp collections.

"As far as I can recall, no further mention of this subject has been made in subsequent issues of the Canadian Philatelist.

"The point of this letter is to ask if the R.P.S.C. has received any further information of the interpretation of the Capital Gains Tax, and if so, might this information be passed along in future issues of the Canadian Philatelist."

Frank A. Long

The CPO has come in for a fair amount of criticism during the past few months. Charles Addington of Sarnia is concerned about the changes made in the date cancellations currently in use.

Numerical Month-Dating in Canadian Postmarks

"For several years, the Canadian Post Office Department has been phasing in numerical expression of the months of the year in its postmarks, as in 10 IX 1975 instead of SEP 10 1975. Although this system may have advantages, it could evidently be improved by using letter abbreviations for the names of months. The numerical system is rather unnatural and a bit clumsy. Letters are usually dated with the name of the month. Furthermore, no one ever refers to the "eleventh month" if he speaks of November in conversation. Months have names for obvious reasons. Accordingly, the following series of two-letter abbreviations could, for example, meet both the demands of space and directness: JR, FE, MR, AL, MA, JN, JY, AU, SE, OC, NO, and DE. With this possibility, perhaps an improvement can be made in Canadian postmarks in order that they be more readily communicative."

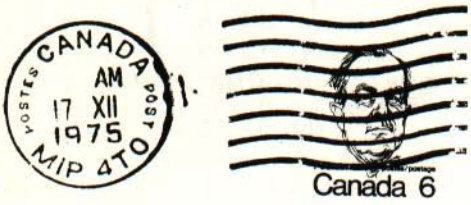




Charles Addington

Ed. Note: G.J. Noble wrote in the C.P.S. of G.B. Maples Leaves (Jan. 1976) that the use of roman numerals was introduced in May 1948 as an initial step toward implementing a bilingual policy. However their use has been, to say the least, irregular.

Nameless Canadian Postmarks



"The Canadian Post Office Department has been using what are called faceless postmarks, ones which include no place name. SCARBOROUGH and VANCOUVER, to mention a couple of places whose postmarks have been so changed, are now POSTES CANADA POST. Nevertheless, current publicity in Ontario telephone directories, for example, requests people to use the names of post offices in addresses, and a recent postal slogan advises the public to HASTEN DELIVER and USE FULL ADDRESS. Clearly then, there doesn't seem to be much logic in replacing the names of post office localities with the ubiquitous and familiar name of the Post Office Department. There is, however, much sense in identifying post offices and places by name. In fact, such identification could only expedite delivery to everyone's satisfaction.

"In the light of decades of postal experience, does the Post Office Department really want to take the unnecessary and irrelevant step of down grading the postmarks of OTTAWA, WINNIPEG, SASKATOON, REGINA, EDMONTON, CALGARY, SCARBOROUGH, TORONTO and MISSISSAUGA when it actually has postmarking equipment in operation in these places anyway? That would hardly seem to be a change for the better."

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