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THOUGHTS & THINGS

by Peter M. Mann

CAPEX '78

We are so late in preparing the copy for this issue that we can include some of our impressions of opening day at CAPEX '78.

The first impression was that of the weather. June 10th was a fine sunny day with the 20° + C. temperature moderated by the light breezes blowing off nearby Lake Ontario.

We were surprised to see the length of the queue of people who were waiting to buy tickets to the show. It looked as if half of the population of Toronto had converged upon the CNS grounds for Capex.

Paid attendance, other than the 3,000 Royal Beaver Club members, was 14,270 on the first day.

Once inside the building the queues reformed. Two queues converged upon the Information Booth where the three Canadian security printers' souvenir cards were being sold. There were many disappointed people when the day's quota of cards was exhausted early in the afternoon.

Each of the Canada Post philatelic wickets had a long queue of those who wanted to buy the Capex issue. But the queue at the U.S. Postal Service booth was even longer. We heard that some people waited for as long as four hours to buy the U.S.P.S. Capex souvenir sheet and that was after waiting for as long as three hours just to get into the building!

There were queues elsewhere. They were not long ones however, and the waiting periods were relatively short. These queues were at the Capex post office, the restaurant and snack bars and, naturally, at the Court of Honour (to view

portions of the Queen's collection, the National Postal Museum display, the U.S. National Postage Stamp Collection, Gems of Canadian Philately, etc.) and at Greg Manning's booth to view the World Rarities.

For a time it seemed that everyone was in a queue somewhere since very few people were actually viewing the exhibits.

As expected, the dealers' and the governments' philatelic booths were very busy during the entire eleven hours the show was open on the 10th.

In general, satisfaction was expressed by most of the people we talked to as we wandered through the exhibits and past the booths. However, there were comments made about the long waits that some had experienced in the various lines. Many simply considered that such waiting was a part of the discomfort that one can expect at such a large and important exhibition. Furthermore, it was a good way to meet fellow collectors from other parts of the country or from other countries.

There was one deficiency that many people remarked upon. There was a decided lack of chairs, benches and the like, on which one could rest. Some of us are not as young as we used to be and found it very tiring to be on our feet for hours at a stretch. True, there were society lounges where one could sit down, but these were too few and had too few chairs for the many weary people.

In spite of the tired feet and aching legs and almost empty wallet, the first day at CAPEX'78 was very enjoyable.

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PHILATELIC SERVICE

We thought that the trouble that beset the Philatelic Service during 1976-77 were cleared up and service was back to normal.

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NEW FELLOWS OF THE R.P.S.C.

Fellows of the R.P.S.C., meeting at Capex on June 17th, elected the following new Fellows:

Dr. Robert A. Chaplin, Director, R.P.S.C.

Col. James T. DeVoss, Executive Secretary, American Philatelic Society

Dr. Charles W. Hollingsworth, former Secretary of the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain

Col. Robert H. Pratt, Chairman, Board of Directors, British North America Philatelic Society.

The congratulations of our members is extended to them on being given this distinction.

Mrs. G. M. Geldert, F.R.P.S.C. Secretary, Fellowship Committee

1979 DUES HAVE BEEN INCREASED

It should come as no surprise that the members who were present at the annual meeting of the Society at Capex approved an increase in the annual dues. The increase in membership during the past few years has made it necessary to hire more help for the Society's office. This added expense and the inflation of the cost of printing and mailing The Canadian Philatelist have made it imperative that the annual fees be raised,

and they were.

Effective with the 1979 fees, the annual dues will be \$10, the admission fee will be \$2 and a Life Membership will be \$150.

R.P.S.C. INSURANCE RATES REDUCED

Because of good experience the rates for the collection insurance available through the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada have been reduced. For those who presently do not carry this insurance, it is advisable for them to consider it now since it becomes open at only certain times during the year. For those who have coverage your next premium notice will reflect the rate change.

In any event, whether you have insurance and wish to increase it, or whether you would like to apply for the first time, an application form is included with this issue of the CANADIAN PHILATELIST. Insurance is available only to residents of Canada.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

The same staggered mailing system for the 1979 annual dues notices will be used again this year from August onward. It will be done on a geographical basis.

Renewal of your membership as soon as possible after you receive your notice would be appreciated.

(Mrs. G. M. Geldert, Honorary Executive Director.

AVIS AUX MEMBRES

Le même système de correspondance sera encore utilisé cette année à compté de août pour les avis de cotisation de 1979. Il sera fait sur une base géographique.

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> (Mme.) G. M. Geldert Directrice exécutive

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CANADIAN PHILATELIST AWARDED LARGE SILVER MEDAL LA REVUE CANADIAN PHILATELIST GAGNANT D'UNE GRANDE MEDAILLE D'ARGENT



The Canadian Philatelist (Vol. 27, 1976) was awarded a large silver medal in the literature class at Rocpex Taipei '78, March 1978. The attractive medal (shown above) has been received at the editorial office and was displayed at the annual meeting at Capex '78.

Our thanks go to those members whose articles which were published in that volume of the journal helped to win the

award for the Society.

La revue Canadian Philatelist (Vol. 27, 1976) a gagné une grande médaille d'argent dans la section littérature à l'exposition Rocpex Taipei '78, en mars 1978. Cette magnifique médaille (photo en haut) fut envoyeé àu bureau de l'éditeur et exposeé à la reunion annuelle tenue durant CAPEX '78.

Nous désirons remercier les membres qui ont écrit des articles dans ce numéro de la revue et qui ont aissi aidé l'association à gagner ce prix.

ESPAMERA '78

Philatelic Exhibition of The Americas, Spain and Portugal to be held in Bogata, Colombia, October 12 - 21, 1978. Among the sponsoring groups is FIAF of which Canada is a member. The Canadian Commissioner is H. Sutherland, P.O. Box 100, First Canadian Place, Toronto, Canada, M4T 2M1 who will be pleased to send copies of the entry form to those who might be interested.

THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST REQUESTS RESEARCH ARTICLES

LA REVUE CANADIAN PHILATELIST DEMANDE DES ARTICLES POUR SES PROCHAINS NUMEROS

Members and other readers are invited to contribute research articles in all areas of philatelic specialization and postal history. If you have prepared a study of your specialty, share it with your fellow members by offering the manuscript for

publication in your journal.

Write to Editor Peter M. Mann, P.O. Box 575, Guelph, Ont., N1H 6K9 (articles in English), Assistant Editor Dr. Fred G. Stulberg, 15 Westgate Crescent, Downsview, Ont., M3H 1P7 (postal history articles) or Dr. André Bisaillon, 2590 rue Decelles, Saint-Hyacinthe, P.Q., J2S 1C5 (articles in French), with your manuscript or your plans for an article. They will assist you in preparing your work for possible publication in THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

One of the greatest and more lasting contributions a member can make to the Society is the sharing of his or her philatelic research and knowledge.

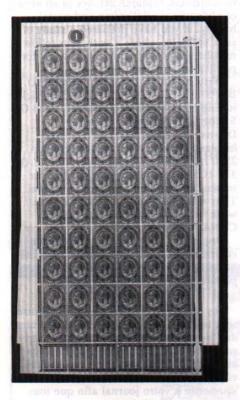
Les membres et tous les autres lectures sont invités à rédiger des articles traitant de l'histoire des postes ou de tous autres sujets philatéliques specialisés. Si vous avez déja préparé certains articles dans votre spécialité, nous vous invitons à les soumettre à votre journal afin que tous puissent en bénificier.

Vous pouvez soumettre votre texte ou vos ideés sur un sujet particulier en écrivant à l'editeur de la revue Peter M. Mann, P.O. Box 575, Guelph, Ont., N1H 6K9 (articles en anglais) ou aux éditeurs adjoints, Dr. Fred G. Stulberg, 15 Westgate Cresc., Downsview, Ont., M3H 1P7 (histoire des postes) ou Dr. André Bisaillon, 2590 rue Decelles, Saint-Hyacinthe, Qué., J2S 1C5 (articles en français). Ces personnes se feront un plaisir de vous aider à préparer votre texte afin de le publier, si possible, dans la revue Canadian Philatelist.

Une des plus grandes satisfactions

qu'un membre peut apporter à l'association, c'est de partage avec les autres ses connaissances et ses recherches.

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This rare unused pane of 60 of South Africa's 1916 £1 pale olive-green and red was sold for 85,000 Rand (\$109,650) at Stanley Gibbons' first international stamp exhibition in South Africa, held at the Sunnyside Park Hotel, Johannesburg from April 6 - 8. It was bought by a South Africa collector who paid in cash! The buyer assured Gibbons that the pane would remain intact.

Prior to this sale, an envelope bearing the 1861 Cape Triangular woodblock error of colour, worth \$41,200, was considered the most valuable South African item.

NORTHWEST FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS

In the less than one year that has elapsed since the Bulletin of the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs first came to my attention, their membership has risen from 39 to a possible 44 clubs in this very active area of the United States and Canada.

The interactions and cooperation between the stamp clubs on both sides of the border set an example that other groups of clubs could emulate.

The clubs in this 40 year old federation, regardless of their country or other philatelic affiliations, have complemented each other so much that they like to look upon the whole as one. May it long flourish.

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Letters to the Editor

POSTAGE DUES AGAIN

Sir:

It would appear that I have managed to answer my own question in that I recently purchased copies of the 1c., 4c., 6c., 8c., 10c. and 12c. values of the 1969 issue on plain paper with dextrine gum from a local stamp dealer. Therefore, it would appear that the Canada Specialized Catalogue is correct in its listing of these values.

I agree that the main point of the note (C.P. Mar.-Apr., 1978) was correct, however, it does appear that the choice of wording, indicating that only the 5c. was issued with dextrine gum, could tend to confuse non-specialists such as myself or

novice collectors.

The statement that the 1977 12c. postage due is unavailable in Ottawa appears to be correct, as I have tried without success to obtain copies both here in Montreal and in Ottawa. The local philatelic counter at the post office cannot supply information on this stamp although they have the 1977 1c. value available which was put on sale only recently.

I am anxious to see if other collectors will agree with my findings concerning the 1969 postage dues.

Walter D. Yovdoshuk, Pierrefonds, Québec.

Ed. note: See the letter below and the article by John G. Schmidt, elsewhere in this issue. Other letters have been received, e.g., from D. Gronbeck-Jones and others, which confirm that the Canada Specialized Catalogue is correct to date of publication. The latest dues on white paper with PVA gum and perf 12½ x 12 is a new set.

Sir:

Re. Mr. Yovdoshuk's letter "Postage Dues" in the May-June Canadian Philatelist.

My collection contains 1c., 4c., 5c., 8c., 10c., and 12c. values with dextrine gum. PVA gum can be found on 1c., 2c., 3c., 4c., 6c., 8c., 10c., 12c., and 16c. The 5c. (1969)

has only dextrine gum while 5c. (1978) has only PVA gum, as far as I can tell, and when the perforation is checked also, one should be able to distinguish between the two issues.

. . . The Canada Specialized is accurate.

Bruce Priems,

Hamilton, Ont.

QE II 12c. DEFINITIVE

Sir:

I have been checking dozens of the new QE II 12c. definitive issued on 1 March 1977 and believe that I have found three distinct 'types'.

I use the term 'types' to distinguish these stamps from those that have shifts in 'Canada' and '12', blotchy ink, etc.

In one type the base of the queen's neck has a very thick and blunt line. The second type has a much thinner and pointed line while the third type has only a thin line

which is pointed at the left end.

Another feature that I have noticed with several of the stamps, and possibly connected with the above three types, is that under a magnifying glass the queen's head appears to be looking toward the left, on another she appears to be looking straight ahead, and on yet another, the queen's head appears to be tilted and she appears to be looking slightly to the right.

Has anyone else noticed this? I also have copies with the queen's head ranging from clearly outlined to a very blurred and doubimage, one even has a definite curl level with the queen's left eye. It is not on the

other stamps.

I have copies with a white face (no shading), to all dark shading; some with highlighted face, no mouth, double chin, etc.

. . . It is a pity that in these days of modern technology and highly paid but poor workmanship, a good, clear, well centred stamp is a rarity.

K. W. Goodall, C.D., British Columbia.

COMING EVENTS

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AUGUST 19 — 4th Annual Coin and Stamp Show of the Collingwood Coin and Stamp Club at the Lions' Den, Hurontario Street, Collingwood. Cacheted covers. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Admission free. Information from Box 565, Collingwood, Ontario, L9Y 4B2.

AUGUST 12-13 — HINTONPEX 78, third annual exhibition of the Yellowhead Stamp and Coin Collectors Society, R.C.M.P. Centennial Museum, Hinton, Alta. Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun. 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Souvenir card and souvenir sheet. Information from Piet Steen, Box 820, Hinton, Alta., T0E 1B0.

SEPTEMBER 6-10 — National Postage Stamp Show, New York Coliseum, New York, N.Y.

SEPTEMBER 8 - 17 — PRAGA 1978. International exhibition to be held in Prague, Czechoslovakia. Canadian Commissioner from whom information may be obtained: Mr. W. H. P. Maresch, 330 Bay Street, Suite 703, Toronto, Ontario, M5H 2S9.

SEPTEMBER 16 — COPEX '78, ninth annual stamp exhibition and bourse of the Cobourg Stamp Club at St. Peter's Anglican Church Hall, King St. E. at College St. Information from Mrs. Irene Sedgwick, 15c James St. E., Cobourg, Ont. K9A 1G8.

SEPTEMBER 20-24 — EURPHILA '78, annual international philatelic commercial bourse and exhibition, sponsored by Italian Post and Telecommunications Ministry. Palace of Congress, Rome, Italy.

SEPTEMBER 21-24 — STaMpsHOW 78, exhibition and 92nd annual convention of American Philatelic Society, Indiana Convention-Exposition Center, Indianapolis, Indiana. Competitive exhibition open to all. Bourse of 62 dealers, government booths, seminars, etc. Entry forms and prospectus from STaMpsHOW Prospectus, American Philatelic Society, P.O. Box 800, State College, PA, 16801, U.S.A.

SEPTEMBER 22-24 — SOOPEX '78, third annual exhibition and bourse of the Soo

Stamp Club, Holiday Inn, St. Mary's River Drive, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. Fri. 7 p.m. - 10 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Admission free. Information from Susan Korab, 26 Ferguson Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., P6B 3J4.

SEPTEMBER 30 — MUSPEX '78, annual exhibition and bourse of the Muskoka Philatelic Society in the Trillium Room, Gravenhurst Opera House. Special attraction: Barrie's 125th Anniversary Display. Admission free. Information from T. E. Lyons, Sec., Muskoka Philatelic Society, P.O. Box 187, Gravenhurst, Ontario, POC 1GO.

SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 1 — Eighth Annual Exhibition, Bourse and Auction of the David Thompson Stamp Club at the Arena Sports Complex, 439 - 6th Ave. S., Castlegar, B.C. Exhibition Sat. 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Sun. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Banquet, Sat. 6:30 p.m. Auction, Sun. 10 a.m. Information from Mrs. M. Munns, Secretary, Box 3273, Castlegar, B.C., V1N 3H6.

OCTOBER 6-7 — Vancouver Island Philatelic Exhibition and bourse of the Greater Victoria Philatelic Society and the Vancouver Island Philatelic Society, at the Christ Church Cathedral Hall, Victoria, B.C. Limited to Vancouver Island residents. Chairman, George Freeman, 3963 Cumberland Rd., Victoria, B.C., V8P 3J7.

OCTOBER 12-21 — ESPAMERA '78. Philatelic Exhibition of The Americas, Spain and Portugal in Bogata, Columbia. Canadian Commissioner from whom entry forms may be obtained: H. Sutherland, P.O. Box 100, First Canadian Place, Toronto, Canada, M4T 2M1.

OCTOBER 14 - 15 — 8th Annual Guelph Stamp Show, bourse and dinner of the Guelph Stamp Club, John F. Ross Collegiate Inst., gymnasium, Eramosa Rd. (Hwy 24N) at Meyer Dr. Admission free. Chairman, T. H. Jefthas, Box 1745, Guelph, Ont., N1H 6Z9.

OCTOBER 14-15 — ROYPEX '78, 39th annual exhibition of the Royal City Stamp

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Fig. 1. The Wyon Head on the Penny black [Sc. 1]



Fig. 2. The start of it all, William Wyon's City Medal, 1837

by R.C. Willey

Most philatelists are unaware of the sources of the royal portraits on stamps. Many, especially those of Queen Victoria, on British Empire and Commonwealth stamps were adapted from heads used for coins and medals.

The first portrayal of Queen Victoria on the British penny black (Fig. 1) was adapted from the head on the City Medal of 1837 (Fig. 2). The medal was designed by the Guildhall in London in 1837. For the stamps, a drawing was made by Henry Corbould, and from this the dies and plates were engraved by Charles and Frederick Heath. These were used on all British line-engraved stamps. In 1854 the portrait was re-engraved by William Humphreys.

This same head was used by William Wyon for the dies for the embossed 6d, 10d, and 1/- stamps of Great Britain (Sc.







Fig. 3. Great Britain embossed stamps [Sc. 5-7]

William Wyon, Chief Engraver of the Royal Mint, and the dies were cut by him. The medal was struck in 1838 to commemorate the first visit of the young queen to 5-7, Fig. 3) and the embossed postal stationery. The head was adapted by F. Joubert de la Ferté, the famous engraver of Thomas De la Rue & Co., for the British

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Fig. 4. Victoria, Sc. 169

surface-printed stamps of Queen Victoria, which were first issued in 1855 and 1856. The same head was also used for India's first surface-printed issues (Sc. 9-18).

India's first stamps (Sc. 1-7) were lithographed in 1854 from a die engraved by Manirruddin, who copied the Wyon head. In 1855 Canada's ½ pence stamp (Sc. 8) was issued with a copy of the Wyon head by James Parsons Major. The Australian state of Victoria issued a 1d stamp (Sc. 169-171) (Fig. 4) in 1890, which was designed and the die engraved by



Fig. 5. Prince Edward Island, Sc. 5

Samuel Reading. The head of the queen is a copy of Wyon's head. The pence issues of Prince Edward Island (Sc. 1-9) (Fig. 5) were produced by Charles Whiting, and feature a rather crude version of the Wyon head.

Only one stamp, Scott 18 of Victoria, shows a copy of the British coinage head of Queen Victoria used before 1887 (Fig. 6). The stamp is a 1s. value produced by Campbell & Ferguson of Melbourne (Fig. 7). The coinage head is a charming filleted young head, again designed by William



Fig. 6. British coinage head, 1838-1887



Fig. 7. Victoria Sc. 25 [same design as Sc. 18]



Fig. 8. New South Wales Sc. 44

Wyon. English silver and gold coins show the head from 1838 to 1887, and copper coins from 1838 to 1860.

The beautiful 5s. stamp of New South Wales (Sc. 44) (Fig. 8) first appeared in 1861, and was inspired by William Wyon's great masterpiece of coinage, the Gothic crown of 1847 (Fig. 9). The portrait is a crowned bust of the queen. A sketch for the stamp was made by E. H. Corbould, the design being by T. H. Levinge, and the die was engraved by Frederick Heath, who

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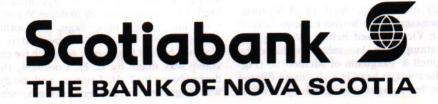




Fig. 9. William Wyon's Gothic Crown of 1847



Fig. 10. British Honduras Sc. 4



Fig. 11



Fig. 12



Fig. 13

Fig. 11. L. C. Wyon's Nova Scotia penny of 1856 and stamps depicting the same head. Fig. 12, Nova Scotia Sc. 8; Fig. 13, Canada Sc. 44

considered it his best work. It ranks as one of the masterpieces of early stamp design.

This crowned bust had imitations which were not as fine as the New South Wales stamp. F. Joubert de la Ferté created an adaptation of the head for surface-printed stamps. It was used only by British Honduras for the pence issues (Sc. 1-37) (Fig. 10). In Victoria, a 9d. stamp (Sc. 127) was issued in 1873 with a very crude crowned head imitating the Gothic bust. The stamp was designed and the die engraved by William Bell who also designed the 2s. value (Gibbons F2 and F3) of the postal-fiscal stamps of 1869 of Victoria. On those stamps the head faces right.

In 1865 Leonard Charles Wyon designed a beautiful diademed head of the queen for

the Nova Scotia coinage of 1865 (Fig. 11). It was adapted in 1860 for the Nova Scotia 1c., 2c., and 5c. stamps (Sc. 8-10) (Fig. 12) by Alfred Jones from a drawing by Charles Henry Jeens. This head was also used by James Parsons Major for the Newfoundland 12c. stamp of 1866 (Sc. 28) and the Canadian second issue bill stamps. The Canadian 8c. stamp of 1893 (Sc. 44) (Fig. 13) is a later adaptation of this head. The head was used in reverse for the Canadian Large Queens of 1868 and all the Small Queens except for the 8c. mentioned above.

A remarkable coincidence in stamp design is the use of this portrait by South Australia for the 4d and 2s. stamps of 1867 (Sc. 18, 27). These stamps were produced by Perkins, Bacon & Co., and

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Fig. 14. South Australia Sc. 65 [above] uses the same design as Sc. 54

show the diademed head in a frame identical to that of the Nova Scotia stamps mentioned above. A comparison of the stamps of the two countries shows the different styles of engraving used by Perkins, Bacon & Co., and the American Bank Note Co. of New York. A surface-printed 2d stamp of the same design was introduced by South Australia in 1868 (Sc. 54) (Fig. 14). The head is slightly modified, perhaps by F. Joubert de la Ferté.



Fig. 16. Prince Edward Island Sc. 16

British revenue stamps, notably the Consular Service and Foreign Bill stamps, and on postage stamps of the colony of Behuanaland (Sc. 11-22). The decimal issues of Prince Edward Island (Sc. 11-16) (Fig. 16), prepared by Charles Whiting, show a cruder portrayal of this head. The head also occurs on a 1d postal-fiscal of New Zealand (Gibbons F144, F145) and on British 1d postal-fiscals of 1867-1881.

Leonard Charles Wyon designed a



Fig. 15. The Wyon-Theed head on a Canadian 50c. coin

The diademed head of Queen Victoria which appears on the Canadian twenty-five cent and fifty cent pieces of her reign (Fig. 15) was designed by L. C. Wyon, who copied a sculpted bust by William Theed. The head appears on most British surface-printed postal stationery, notably the special blue 1d envelope issued to commorate the golden jubilee of postage stamps in 1890. It is interesting to note that the medallion struck for this event shows a facsimile of this special envelope. The head of the queen was used on many varieties of



Fig. 17. L. C. Wyon's Laureate bust for British Bronze coinage, 1860-1894

laureate bust of the queen in 1860 for the British bronze coinage introduced that year (Fig. 17). It was adapted by Frederick Grosse for the laureate issue of Victoria (Sc. 74-80), which were first issued in 1863. The first issues of Jamaica in 1860 show a laureate head by F. Joubert de la Ferté, but it does not resemble the bust of the coinage, although it may have been inspired by it.

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Fig. 18. J. S. Wyon's Confederation 'medal of 1867

Canada (Fig. 18). This medallion was used for presentation purposes by the government. The bust of the queen is a draped bust with a coronet and widow's weeds, and was later employed on some British war medals, notably the Abyssinia Medal of 1868. The first law stamps of the Dominion of Canada depict this bust of the queen.

The "Jubilee Head" of Queen Victoria was designed for the British gold and silver coinage of 1887 by Sir J. E. Boehm and the



Fig. 19. Jubilee Head of British gold and silver coinage, 1887-1893

dies cut by L. C. Wyon (Fig. 19). It was adapted for the New South Wales 6d stamp of 1888 (Sc. 80) (Fig. 20) by M. Tannenberg. The New Zealand 2½d stamp of 1891 (Sc. 68) (Fig. 21) shows a rather crude adaptation of the Jubilee head by A. E. Cousins. New Zealand's 5d stamp of 1891 (Sc. 69) (Fig. 22) shows a portrayal by A. W. Jones.



Fig. 20



Fig. 21



Fig. 22

Figs. 20-22. Adaptations of the "Jubilee Head" of stamps of New South Wales [Sc. 80] and New Zealand [Sc. 68, 69]

In 1893 a diademed bust of the queen in widow's weeds was designed by Thomas Brock for the British gold and silver coinage (Fig. 23). The dies were cut by G. W. De Saulles. In 1895 the bust was used on the British Bronze coins. The Diamond Jubilee of the reign was celebrated in 1897,





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Fig. 23. Boch's design on British coinage, 1893-1901



Fig. 24. New South Wales Sc. 99, 100



Fig. 25. New Zealand Sc. 67A



Fig. 26. Queensland Sc. 124

and was commemorated by a set of stamps in New South Wales, of which the 2d and 2½d values (Sc. 99, 100) (Fig. 24) show a copy of this bust of the queen. Victoria's first semipostal stamps (Sc. B1, B2) bear a copy of this bust by M. Tannenberg. New

Zealand issued a ½d stamp (Sc. 67A) (Fig. 25) with a copy of this portrait by Bock and Cousins. In 1899 Queensland issued a ½d stamp (Sc. 124) (Fig. 26) designed by M. Keller, featuring the bust as used on the British coinage of the day.

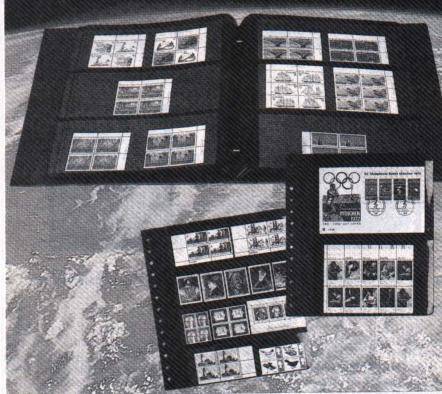
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Many more of these letters and covers are now in the hands of both dealers and collectors, who obtained them in good faith. Nevertheless, these are stolen property liable for recovery at any time. The thieves, when apprehended will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. One arrest has been made and several more are expected to follow. The entire episode places all collectors of Eastern Canada postal history in a dilemma. Everything possible must be done to rectify the situation.

A list appears at the end of this news release that details some of the items that have been stolen. It is by no means exhaustive, but is simply intended to show the scope and type of material involved, and to alert collectors to the meticulous records maintained by archives. With

records such as these, including microfilm records, positive proof of ownership will be easily to prove. Arrangements have been made to give world-wide circulation to this information. Needless to say, it would be infinitely preferable if the original material was reported and/or returned voluntarily. However, in the interests of preserving the historic record, photocopies of suspect items should be sent to the Archivist at one of the archives concerned for positive identification. There is concern that some people, rather than risk the problems involved with being completely honest, would destroy items in their possession of which they are suspicious. This of course would be a far worse crime and must not happen. Some of the missing items that have been recovered have had the visible archival number torn away leaving a jagged hole or tear.

An appeal is made to the dealers and collectors, the vast majority of whom have a high integrity, to help in the recovery of this material and eliminate the taint of suspicion that stolen items are being traded and might be part of legitimate collections. Through the complete and willing cooperation of philatelists, postal historians and dealers many of the items will be recovered and the good name of our hobby re-established.

The following addresses appear on much of the missing correspondence (stampless covers) which were stolen. The items listed are a condensation of a list of the stolen items and does not imply that all items in collectors' hands containing these names are stolen property.

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The question of perforations on recent stamps seems not to be understood by many collectors. The Goebel press used by the British American Bank Note Co. requires that all press and perforation dimensions be specified in metric units. The original standard sizes which were specified for stamps were:

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Originally the production was on a 10 gauge perforation. This was subsequently changed to 12 and then to 13 gauge. Collectors have not paid much attention to the change from random perforation to registered die or comb perforations.

Where the corner holes on each stamp are registered to the printed stamp image the distance between the corners are divided into a definite number of equal perforation spacings. This means that the gauge can be calculated as well as measured. For example, on the 20 mm dimension of the small size definitives, the perforation gauge of 13 means there are 13 equally spaced holes on that side. On the

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The definitive 14c, which was issued from a Plate 1 and 2 gave rise to a study by an Ottawa collector. A number of constant plate flaws were noted which to his surprise appeared on both plates in the same position. This would indicate that the same master was used for both plates and that the only difference between Plates 1 and 2 are the inscriptions. This is most unusual as we have been given to understand that a new plate will only be prepared when the steel engraved plate has to be changed. A good example of this principle was the 15c. medium size definitive which suddenly was issued with a change of the lithoplate but using the same engraved plate, and for this reason Plate 1 inscription was continued.

Do we have here a deliberate attempt to lure collectors into buying more stamps or is there another reason?

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As His Majesty has thought fit, for the advantage of trade, to establish a Post Office in Canada, under the direction of Mr. Finlay, residing at Quebec and for the accommodation of the public, a post office has been established by the said gentleman, in the town of Trois-Rivieres, We order all masters of post houses in this Government on the route from Quebec, to furnish to Mr. Finlay or to such person as he may appoint for that purpose, the saddle horses of which he may have need for carrying the sack containing the letters at the rate of half a shilling a league, Quebec currency, both going to and returning from Quebec, whenever they shall be required. We also order the ferrymen on the rivers within this Government, to give him or the carrier of the letters, conveyance in the ferry boats, bateaux or canoes which they may have on these rivers, without charge, and also without delay or hindrance, under penalty of punishment to those who shall be convicted of having contravened these orders.

Given at Trois-Rivieres this 23rd August 1763.

R. Burton."

"His Excellency

J. Bruyere.

The same order as above has been given regarding the posts from here to Montreal." (5)

Three new offices were established. The one at Quebec was the principle office and under the charge of Hugh Finlay who was also "Controller of the Posts of Canada." Finlay was a young Scotsman who had come out three years previously with the British forces and, because of his knowledge of French, had been made a Justice of the Peace. He was later nominated to the Legislative Council where he strongly supported the Canadiens, particularly in relation to the "maitres de poste" who, of course, were so necessary to facilitate the transport of the mails. The other two Postmasters were: Aaron Hart at Three Rivers, a merchant who had also come up with the army, and John Thomson at Montreal.

The speedy introduction of postal services made them among the first civil services in the Province, actually pre-dating the introduction of civil government which did not take

place until August, 1764.

William Smith in his "The History of the Post Office in British North America" states that Benjamin Franklin himself visited the new Province of Quebec and established post offices there (6). No specific evidence of this has been found. The relevant footnote to this statement refers to correspondence on the opening of the posts which is mentioned below. It is recorded, however, that shortly after the termination of the War and the cession of Canada, Franklin and his co-deputy Foxcroft, undertook a survey "to extend, at least, through the whole present Post Roads, in order to examine everywhere into the state and

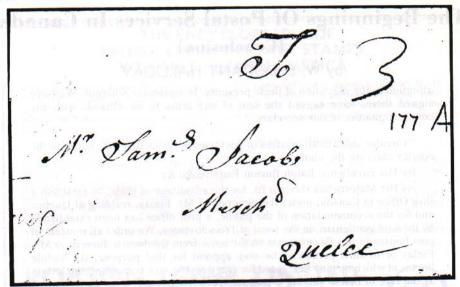


Fig. 5. Letter from Aaron Hart, merchant and first postmaster of Three Rivers, to Samuel Jacobs, Quebec, 23 Nov. 1763 showing rate of 3 [pennyweight]. In it he refers to damage by rats to goods belonging to Jacobs and is dated at "Trois Revires". [Public Archives of Canada].

management of the General Post Offices, to make such new Regulations as should appear to be necessary and to observe what improvement the Revenue might be capable of in the different Colonies'. (7) One direct result of this survey must have been the opening of the Post Offices in the new Province and arrangements for communication with New York. This is reported in a memorandum from the Postmaster General to the Lords of the Treasury:-

"The necessity of a regular Post between New York and Quebec which has been strongly pressed by General Murray, the Governor, and by such a Body of British Merchants residing there, as well as at Montreal and intermediate places, that it has been undertaken about one a month on the arrival of the Packet Boat at New York, except for a part of the winter season, at a much greater charge than the letters can be expected to procure, especially on account of the high rate of postage for the Governors Gage and Murray have both taken notice of the legal Postage being so high on account of the Distance, that in Canada which is represented to be in a manner destitute of cash, and in all places where money is scarce, the people will forbear to correspond until they find occasion, by friends, travellers and the like, to send their Letters, which makes it to be wished the Legislature might enact. That the rate of postage for the greater Distances between one place and another upon the Continent of America may not exceed 1/6 for a single letter, and so in proportion."

The report in which the above is contained adds the following:-

"In connection with the recommendation a monthly mail was set up between New York and Quebec, with a regular Post between Quebec and Montreal. Hugh Finlay on undertaking to establish the last was appointed Postmaster at Quebec and Controller of Posts in Canada." (7)

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- 4. or all 3 as above \$120.00

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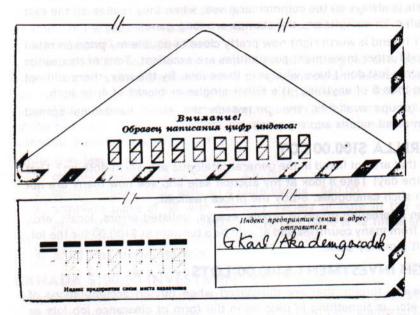


Fig. 1. a [upper]. Flap of U.S.S.R. printed postal stationery envelope [1975]. b[lower] Bottom portion of the front of the same envelope showing the boxes for the postal "index numbers"

The U.S.S.R. has a postal code system, but unlike Canada's which uses a combination of letters and numbers, the U.S.S.R. system uses a series of six digits. Their post offices employ optical scanners to read the code and to direct the mail to the proper sortation bins.

To insure that the code is placed in the proper position to be read, and for it to be in a machine readable form, government printed postal stationery bears the markings shown in the accompanying illustrations.

Figure 1a shows the flap of an envelope

which bears the following text: "Attention! / These are samples of index numbers". The boxes below the notice show how the digits from 0 to 9 are to be marked in the appropriate boxes. Note that the digits are angular in form and each is comprised of a different combination of vertical, diagonal and horizontal lines.

Figure 1b shows the lower portion of the front of the same envelope. The boxes with the dotted outlines are where the index number of the addressee is to be written using the outlines of the boxes to form the

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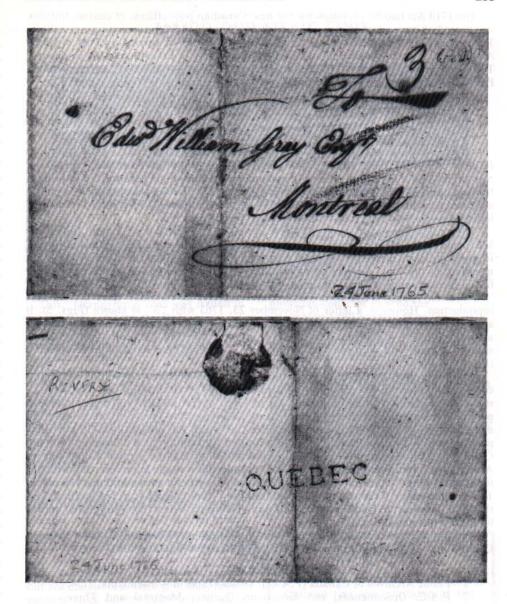


Fig. 6. a[upper] Letter, John Gordon, Quebec, 25 June 1765, to Edw. William Grey, Montreal, enclosing a Bill of Lading for personal effects forwarded by vessel. In October of that year, the rate was reduced from the 3 [dwt.] shown to 2 dwt. 16 grains.

b [lower] Reverse of the letter showing the first use of a straight line handstamp for the Quebec post office. [Public Archives of Canada]. The 1710 Act had no provision for the new Canadian post offices, of course, but this was remedied by a set of ratings which were made as an addition to existing rate tables. They appear in "TABLES for the Port of all single LETTERS, carried by Post in North America . . ." which was issued under the joint authority of Franklin and his co-deputy. The charges are in "Penny-weights and Grains of Silver at Three Pence Sterling for each Penny-weight." For a single letter (one sheet) these were:-

New York			and the same of
3	Albany		
5	3	Montreal	
7	5	3	Quebec

It must be noted that, although the representations in the Postmaster General's memorandum quoted above were for a maximum rate on a single letter of 1/6 (sterling), the rate between New York and Quebec worked out at 1/9, with that between Montreal and Quebec at 9d. sterling. The highest charges set out in the 1710 Act were for a single

letter between New York and "Charles Town" which cost 1/6.

The earliest known letter to have been carried by the new Posts is dated August 25, 1763, and, as the other examples mentioned, is in the Public Archives of Canada. It was from Aaron Hart, merchant and first postmaster at Three Rivers, to Samuel Jacobs, a merchant of the time. As was customary before the introduction of envelopes, it is a folded sheet of paper sealed at the back. It is marked on the front with a "3" in red ink and "3d" (dwts.=penny-weights) in black. Unfortunately, its condition does not warrant reproduction. However, a letter of November 23, 1763 with "3" is shown (Figs. 5). It also went from Hart to Jacobs, the latter now at Quebec. It indicates that rates were already a problem in Canada. Also shown is a 1765 letter (Fig. 6), posted just prior to a change in rates and with the first example of a straight line handstamp for Quebec (fig. 6a).

Two years after the Canadian post offices were established, as a result of continuing complaints both from Canada and the Atlantic Colonies about the high cost of postage, a remedy was effected by an amending Act of 1765, operative Oct. 9. This contained a preamble referring to the increase of territory following "the Treaty of Peace" and the establishment of new posts in North America 'for which the present law did not allow postage rates to be established." The Act provided for a uniform set of charges from the Chief Post Office established or to be established within the British Dominions of America, the rates going up in multiples of twopence for a single letter, starting with 4d. for up to 60 miles, 6d. up to 100, 8d. up to 200, and 2d. extra for each additional 100 miles. This had the effect of reducing the charge from New York to Quebec to 1/4 sterling, and that from Montreal to Quebec to 8d. sterling, which were below those suggested earlier

by the Postmaster General.

Two hundred and fifteen years ago there were four post offices in Canada, three in

Quebec and one in Nova Scotia. Today there are six thousand and thirty one.

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MAJOR PHILATELIC FIND



"Orangeburg coil" strip of five. The largest strip known of this special issue of January 24, 1911

Hailed as "the philatelic find of the decade", the largest strip yet known of the rarest of all U.S. coil stamps has been announced by H. E. Harris & Co., Boston, MA.

This "Orangeburg" coil was issued in January 24, 1911 for the Bell Pharmaceutical Co. of Orangeburg, N.Y., which used the stamps to mail samples of its patent medicines to doctors.

The only examples of the stamp (Scott #389) known heretofore were a small handful of singles and pairs and one paste-up strip of four. The Harris strip of five has a line at the extreme left end; it is unused with original gum, and has been certified as genuine by the Philatelic Foundation.

For some years after they were first issued in 1908, coils were considered "philatelically uninteresting" and few persons collected them. Only the fact that an occasional sharp-eyed physician-collector noticed the Orangeburg coil on mail from the Bell company and in some cases, wrote to the pharmaceutical firm for more, preserved the few copies known to exist.

Scott prices a pair at \$25,000 and the strip of five has been estimated to have a value of approximately \$125,000.

The Harris "find" was first exhibited at The Boston Show, May 5-7, and is also expected to be shown at several forthcoming major stamp exhibitions around the U.S.A.

POSTMARKED OTTAWA [from page 247]

change, coils, booklets and regular stationery. Instead nothing has been announced and the Plate 2 of the two Dollar, the new 50c. booklets, the postal stationery envelopes, the precancels have all been released but not announced. On top of this, regular postage stock carries items which are not even available at the philatelic counters (thanks to the "control" of the keeper of the vault from which items are being released).

Sweden has just decided to discontinue its tagging of stamps. The procedure was said to be ineffective. Australia using a similar tagging technique is considering if they should follow Sweden's example,

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Two Interesting Items From Lebanon

by Steven Slavic, No. 12716

I have encountered two interesting and apparently unnoted variations in issues from Lebanon. One is an ordinary printing flaw in a lithographed issue and the other is an overprint (surcharge) of a size differing from the usual.

The first item is a flaw in Scott #152 (Yvert & Tellier Grand Liban #164), in which there appears to be a column of smoke rising from the roof of the building (Fig. 1). Figure 2 shows the normal stamp. I am not acquainted with the lithographic techniques of Imp. Catholique of the time (although I suspect it may have been done by offset), but the flaw could possibly be constant on the plate (due to a poor transfer to the stone at some point, or damage to the plate at some time), in which case it would probably be a catalogued variety.

There were 3,000,000 copies printed (according to Gebara's Syrie/Liban catalogue). If they were printed at 400 to the sheet (a guess), this means there were 7500 impressions and 1875 copies of the flawed stamp, if there was only one plate. These should be sufficient to have been noticed before. Also of interest, depending on the techniques of making the plates, if there were a flaw on the plate, it could appear also on Sc. 153 and 154 which use the same vignette.

The flaw could be a wet spot preventing inking. This latter seems likely at this point.

It appears to be unnoted in catalogues that the Lebanese stamp (Sc. 150) has two distinct types of overprint. In the more common one the figure "12" is 3mm high, (Fig. 3b), and the variety "12" is 4mm high (Fig. 3a). They are of similar face,





Fig. 1. [upper] "Smoke" rising from the roof. Fig. 2. [lower] Normal stamp

though not identical. The larger "2" has a curl at the top not present in the smaller; also the smaller "1" has a longer serif. The larger-sized Arabic symbols are with the smaller "12" and vice-versa. There are slight differences in the Arabic symbols, but I cannot tell if they are significant beyond heavier inking in one or the other.

Although Yvert and Tellier list the stamp they do not picture the overprint. Gibbons pictures a rather idealized version of the 3mm variety.

I do not have well-inked copies of either, (continued on page 261)

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Fig. 3. Lebanon Sc. 150 photographed using Wratten 47 filter. a [upper] Overprint 4 mm high. b [lower] Overprint 3 mm high



Fig. 4. The same stamps as in Fig. 3a, b, photographed without the filter

and I wish I did; it is rather difficult to photograph clearly. It seems to have been a very poorly printed issue; every copy I have is faint or smeared.

If any readers have comments or further observations to make on these varieties, I would like to know of them.

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Canadian Postage Dues 1967-1978

by John G. Schmidt

The short note on Canadian postage dues that appeared on page 110, March-April, 1978, was a bit confusing so I have prepared what I believe is an up-to-date summary of all the postage due stamps of the present design.

FIRST ISSUE: 1967, J21 - J27

The first issue was released on Feb. 8, 1967, the same date as that of the Centennial Definitive Issue of 1967. The stamps were printed in sheets of 100 by the Canadian Bank Note Co., with inscriptions in the upper margins reading from left to right above stamps 1 & 2 and 9 & 10, and in the lower margins below stamps 91 & 92 and 99 & 100. It was printed on plain paper (fluorescence DULL, my 1c. is very DULL). The stamps had dextrine gum and were line perforated 12 x 12. The design is 21 mm wide (including the sides of the arrows) and 17.25 mm high. The values are 1c., 2c., 3c., 4c., 5c., 6c., and 10c.

SECOND ISSUE: 1969, J28 - J36

The second issue was released in 1969 (dates unknown). The stamps were printed in sheets of 100 by the Canadian Bank Note Co., with inscriptions as in the first issue. It was printed on plain paper (fluorescence DULL) but the 8c. and 12c. stamps are also on Hibrite paper. The gum is dextrine and they were line perforated 12 x 12. The design is 20 mm wide (including the sides of the arrows) and 15.75 mm high. The values are 1c., 4c., 5c. (the scarce one of this series), 8c., 10c. and 12c.

THIRD ISSUE: 1973-1974

The third issue in this series was issued in 1973-74 (dates unknown). The stamps were printed in sheets of 100 by the Canadian Bank Note Co., with inscriptions

as in the first issue. It was printed on white paper, fluorescence being MED, with the 10c. a MED- and showing fluorescent fibres in the paper. The stamps were backed with PVA gum and line perforated 12 x 12. The design is 20 mm wide (including the sides of the arrows) and 15.75 mm high. The values are 1c., 2c.,



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Fig. 1. Upper. First issue, 1967, 21 mm x 17.25 mm, perf. 12. Lower. Second and/or third issue, 1969-1974. 20 mm x 15.75 mm, perf. 12





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Fig. 2. Marginal inscription blocks. Upper block shows the lower left marginal inscription location as seen in the first three issues [1967-1974]. The lower block shows the change of location and orientation of the marginal inscription of the fourth series.

Fig. 3. Perforation differences between issues 1-3 and issue 4. Upper block shows the smaller 2nd or 3rd issue, perf. 12, line perforated as were all of the first three issues. The lower block shows the new [1977-78] 4th issue, comb perforated 12½ x 12

3c., 4c., 6c., 8c., 10c., 12c., and 16c. The 1c. - 6c. denominations were printed on ribbed paper.

FOURTH ISSUE: 1978

The fourth issue of this series of postage dues which utilize the 1967 design was released in 1978 (dates unknown). The stamps were printed in sheets of 100 by the Canadian Bank Note Co., with inscriptions placed in the side margins reading up next

to stamps 11 & 1 and 91 & 81, and reading down next to stamps 10 & 20 and 90 and 100. It was printed on white paper, fluorescence being MED-, except for the 10c. and 12c. denominations which are DULL. The stamps have PVA gum and are comb perforated 12½ x 12. The design is the same size as the third issue. The values are 1c., 4c., 5c., 10c., 12c., 20c., 24c. and 50c. The 10c. and 12c. stamps were released in 1977.

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NEWS

July 1, 1979 - Canada Post Goes Metric

All Canada Post business will be transacted entirely in metric units on M-Day, July 1, 1979.

The Triner scales which are now in use across Canada will be replaced by 500 gram scales. First class mail will be measured in 30 grams which is a close equivalent to the current one ounce (28.3 g). The 16 ounces limit on letter mail will rise slightly to 500 grams (16 oz. = 452.8 g).

Parcel post will start at .5 kilograms and go to 16 kg, which is equivalent to 35.2 lbs., slightly more than the present limit of 35 lbs. First class parcels will be accepted

up to 30 kg.

The extensive conversion to mechanized mail sortation has required exact measurements for letter mail standards. To be sorted quickly by means of the postal code, letters fed into Group Desk Suites and Optical Character readers must conform to certain dimensions. These dimensions are now given in metric terms.

The maximum length for international letter mail is 235 mm (9¹/₄ inches) and height is 120 mm (4³/₄ inches). The maximum thickness is 6 mm or one quarter of an inch.

Canada Post Philatelic Bulletin

We mentioned in Thoughts & Things in the last issue that Canada Post may be supplying more information to collectors in the near future. That future is now. Canada Post has introduced a Philatelic Bulletin which is scheduled to appear quarterly in the form of a bilingual newsletter. Everyone on the philatelic mailing list will receive, or has received a free copy of this bulletin.

The Canada Post press release that accompanied the Bulletin states that it will contain information about philatelic pro-

ducts and service that are not being covered by other publications. That may be so, but the first edition contains nothing new. All information in it has been published elsewhere, either from Canada Post press releases or from information gathered by collectors.

We hope that the next issue will tell us something new. Perhaps the editor of the bulletin should regularly read the Canadian philatelic press and attempt to find the answers to the many questions that are posed in it.

Reported Varieties

Western Columbine, 2c, definitive [Sc. 706]

A used copy of this stamp was being shown around Capex. It was reported to have been found in a packet of used stamps. The stamp lacks the brown that is printed by steel engraving, i.e., CANADA, 2, and the outline of the flower, are missing. Obviously there should be more of these stamps in existence so keep your eyes open.

This same stamp has also been found with a fairly wide lateral displacement of the engraved plate colour.

Parliament Building, 14c. definitive [Sc. 716?]

Stamp 44 (R4-4) in every sheet has a short lightning rod, the right one of the three on the roof to the right of the tower (Fig. 1 over).

Endangered Wildlife, Cougar [Sc. 732]

Mr. Adams, Longueuil, Que., reports



Guelphoto

Fig. 1. Missing "spire" [in circle] on stamp on right

finding a light green 'banana' on this stamp (Fig. 2). It starts between the 'P' and 'O' of Postage and points towards the cougar's nose. It is 3 mm long and 5/8 mm wide. The position of the stamp in the sheet was not stated.

Christmas Stamp 1977, 12c. [Sc. 742]

A large irregularly shaped horizontal light spot (blue missing), 6.5 mm x 4 mm, lies over the angel choir on stamp 92 (R9-2) of post office panes. It was found on a minimum of 12 sheets (exact number not known) in a package of 25 sheets.



Fig. 2. "Banana" [above arrow] on cougar stamp

Resources Development, Cobalt & Silver, 14c.

The miner at the left of stamp 35 in every third sheet of this commemorative issue has a green ear.

CAPEX '78, \$1,25 denomination

Although the post office brochure stated that the \$1.25 Capex '78 stamps would not be tagged, all sheets examined to date are tagged. The souvenir sheet \$1.25 stamp is not tagged.

Stamp 73 (R7-3) in every third sheet of this stamp has a true fly speck of black ink to the right of CANADA (Thirkell position B7).

Forthcoming Issues

There will be four issues of definitives and commemorative stamps during July and August. To date we have information on only the first two issues — medium and low value definitives and the Commonwealth Games commemoratives. The specifications of these stamps are given below.

XI COMMONWEALTH GAMES SOUVENIRS

Canada Post has available for \$2 a XI Commonwealth Games Poster, 36 x 24 inches in horizontal format. It carries a short history of the Games, sports and photographs from previous Games, colour reproductions of 22 stamps, 16 from host countries of previous Games and the 6 issued by Canada Post for this year's Games in Edmonton. It also contains

historical highlights and a brief article on lacrosse, a sport that will be demonstrated at the XIth Games.

Canada Post will have available for sale on 3 August, a Souvenir Stamp Pack which will consist of a folder with a separate panel having three stamp mounts holding all six of the Canadian XI Commonwealth Games commemorative stamps. The pack folder will outline the history of the Games and illustrate some of their past highlights. This will be contained in a decorative cacheted envelope. The pack contains \$1.32 in mint stamps and will cost \$2.

Both the poster and the pack were designed by Stuart Ash of Gottschalk and Ash, designer of the commemorative stamps.







Stamps: Definitives — Streets of Canada Denominations: 50c., 75c., 80c. Date of Issue: 6 July 1978 Design: Tom Bjarnason Printer: British American Bank Note

Co. Ltd.

Quantity: Continuous printing
Dimensions: 36 mm x 30 mm (horizontal)

Perforation: 13 Gum Type: PVA

Paper Type: Coated one side, gravure
Printing Process: Steel engraving (one
colour) with gravure (three colours)

Pane Layout: 50 stamps

Plate Inscription: In the side margins facing in at the four corners:
British American Bank Note No. 1
Design: Tom Bjarnson: Dessin
Engraving: Arthur Ponting: Gravure
Tagging: 50c. stamp general tagged, 75c. and 80c. stamp untagged.



Stamp: Definitive — Jewelweed

Denomination: 12c.

Date of Issue: 6 July 1978 Design: Heather Cooper

Printer: British American Bank Note Co. Ltd.

Quantity: Continuous printing

Dimensions: 20 mm x 24 mm (vertical)

Timbre: Timbres courants — Rues du Canada

Valeur: 50c., 75c., 80c.

Date d'émission: 6 juillet 1978

Dessin: Tom Bjarnason

Imprimeur: British American Bank Note Co. Ltd.

Tirage: Impression continue

Format: 36 mm sur 30 mm (horizontal)

Dentelure: 13 Gomme: A.P.V.

Papier: Couché d'un côté, photogravure Procédé d'impression: Gravure sur acier (une couleur) avec photogravure (trois couleurs)

Présentation du feuillet: 50 timbres Inscription de la planche: Dans les marges, tournée vers l'intérieur, aux quatre coins, l'inscription:

British American Bank Note No. 1 Design: Tom Bjarnason: Dessin Engraving: Arthur Ponting: Gravure

Marquage: Le timbre de 50c. sera marqué par le procédé général. Les timbres de 75c. et 80c. ne seront pas marqués.

Timbre: Timbre courant — Impatiente

Valeur: 12c.

Date d'émission: 6 juillet 1978

Dessin: Heather Cooper Imprimeur: British American Bank Note

Co. Ltd.

Tirage: Impression continue

Format: 20 mm sur 24 mm (vertical)

Dentelure: 13+ Gomme: A.P.V.

Papier: Couché d'un côté, photogravure

12c. definitive

Perforation: 13+ Gum Type: PVA

Paper Type: Coated one side, gravure Printing Process: Gravure (three colours) plus steel engraving (one colour)

Pane Layout: 100 stamps

Plate Inscription: In the side margins facing in at the four corners: British American Bank Note Company No. 1 Design: Heather Cooper: Dessin

Impatiens capensis Tagging: All general tagged

Timbre courant 12c.

Procede d'impression: Photogravure (trois couleurs) avec gravure sur acier (une couleur)

Présentation du feuillet: 100 timbres Inscription de la planche: Dans les marges, tournée vers l'intérieur, aux quatre coins, l'inscription: British American Bank Note Company No. 1 Design: Heather Cooper: Dessin Impatiens capensis

Marquage: Tous les timbres seront marqués par le procédé général



Stamp: XI Commonwealth Games (4 stamps)

Denominations: 14c., 30c. Date of Issue: 3 August 1978

Design: Stuart Ash

Printer: Ashton-Potter, Toronto **Quantity:**

14c. Stadium/Running 43,000,000 30c. Edmonton/Bowls 23,000,000

Dimensions: 40 mm x 24 mm (horizontal) Perforation: 13+ Gum Type: PVA

Paper Type: Coated-one-side lithography Printing Process: 6-colour lithography Pane Layout: 14c. Stadium/Running 50

stamps se-tenant, each design appearing across and down the pane (checker-



Timbre: XIe Jeux du Commonwealth (4 timbres)

Valeur: 14c., 30c.

Date d'émission: le 3 août 1978

Dessin: Stuart Ash

Imprimeur: Ashton Potter Limited,

Toronto

Tirage: 14c. Stade/Course 43,000,000 30c. Edmonton/Boules 23,000,000 Format: 40 mm sur 24 mm (horizontal)

Dentelure: 13+ Gomme: A.P.V.

Papier: Couché d'un côté, litho

Procédé d'impression: Lithographie en

6 couleurs

Présentation du feuillet: 14c. Stade/Course 50 timbres se tenant, chaque dessin board pattern), commencing with the Stadium design in the upper left corner. 30c. Edmonton/Bowls 50 stamps setenant, each design appearing across and down the pane (checkerboard pattern), commencing with the Edmonton design in the upper left corner.

Plate Inscription: In the side margins facing in at the four corners:

Ashton-Potter Limited, Toronto Design: Gottschalk + Ash: Dessin

Tagging: All general tagged

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apparaissant alternativement à l'horizontale et à la vertical du feuillet (en damier) en commençant par dessin consacré au Stade dans le coin supérieur gauche.

30c. Edmonton/Boules 50 timbres se tenant, chaque dessin apparaissant alternativement à l'horizontale et à la verticale du feuillet (en damier) en commençant par le dessin consacré à Edmonton dans le coin supérieur gauche.

Inscription de la planche: Dans les marges latérales, tournée vers l'intérieur aux quatre coins:

Ashton-Potter Limited, Toronto Design; Gottschalk + Ash; Dessin

Marquage: Tous les timbres seront marqués par le procédé général.

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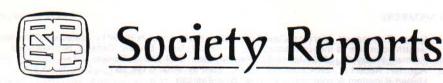
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- 10899 Wickson, Dr. R.D. #108, 3223 - 83 N.W., Calgary, Alberta T3B 2P9
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FROM THE CHAPTERS --

Exhibitions have been many but reports of them have been few. Herewith are those that we have been told about or have attended.

The Provincial Philatelic Exhibition, held in the Dalhousie Art Centre, April 7-15, was sponsored by the Nova Scotia Stamp Club with the cooperation of the Antigonish Stamp Club, Chester Stamp Club, Greenwood Stamp Club, Sydney Stamp Club, Truro Philatelic Society and the Valley Stamp Club. It was the first provincial exhibition in Nova Scotia and was a great success with a recorded attendance of 1251 persons.

R.P.S.C. Director, Senator Henry D. Hicks, President and Vice-Chancellor of Dalhousie University, opened the exhibition of over 80 frames by tearing a strip of coil stamps.

A banquet was held on Saturday evening, April 8th. The guest speaker was Judge R. F. McLellan of Truro, who spoke humorously on the pains and frustrations of stamp collecting. He was thanked by

George Robertson who presented him with a plaque on behalf of the N.S.S.C.

Mr. Collins Baugild was presented with a gold pin in recognition of his 50 years as a member of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club and for his many services to the club during that period.

The awards, which were presented by J.
Ross Elliot were:

Gold award: Collins Baugild.

Silver awards: J. Douglas Allen, Mona Stewart and Dale Walker.

Bronze awards: Peter Douglas, J. Ross Elliot, E. Anne Warner (2), Anne-Marie Belliveau, Capt. R. B. Mitchell and David Harvey. Silver tray (Best in Show): Collins Beaugild.

Bill Stephenson Award (British Colon-

ies): David Harvey.

Madge Morrison Trophy: Dr. J. J. MacDonald (outstanding contributuion to philately in Nova Scotia).

Novice Award: Dale Walker.

Next year the Provincial Exhibition will be held in the town of another Nova Scotia club.

Mona R. Stewart, Publicity.

LAKEHEAD STAMP CLUB, CHAPTER 33



On Saturday, April 15th, the Lakehead Stamp Club held its 30th Anniversary Exhibition.

Seventy frames were entered plus a very fine display from the Post Office Department.

At this very happy time for us, the L.S.C. would like to send best wishes to all Chapters and individual members of the Society across the whole of this great land of ours.

Bert Foster, Secretary, Exhibition Committee

L'UNION PHILATELIQUE DE MONTREAL, INC. CHAPTER 3

The Union Philatélique de Montréal held its eleventh exhibition, "EXUP XI" in collaboration with the leading philatelic societies of Quebec. It was the second Quebec Provincial Stamp Exhibition and was held in the Vélodrome Olympique on May 12 - 14, 1978.

The programme listed 212 exhibits of which 85 were from juniors. The exhibits ranged from excellent to those that looked as if they had been prepared the night before the show. They ranged in size from two pages on ROCPEX TAIPEI '78 to 600 + pages of Canadian plate blocks.

The extensive bourse had a wide variety of material available at the many booths and was always better attended than the exhibits themselves.

The exhibition was well advertised,

particularly through the use of the overprinted 1c. floral definitive (which was described in the last issue of the Canadian Philatelist) 100,000 of which were prepared and on sale at EXUP XI along with souvenir covers, booklets of the overprints and souvenir EXUP XI medals. The catalogue was well produced and contains a number of interesting articles e.g., La Marque Postale "Bishop", by Jacques J. Charron, Swiss Hotel Stamps by Mark Weiner, "Histoire Postale de l'Empire Ottoman" by Yves Drolet and "Radio Moscow" Special Flight from Drifting Station "North Pole-23" via Tscherski to Moscow by E. S. Anasir, and others. Altogether it was a worthwhile show but could be improved upon by having fewer and better exhibits.

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R.A. STAMP CLUB, CHAPTER 41



Although we received no report of the R.A. Stamp Club's ORAPEX 78, we have been informed that the cover bearing their new flag cancel is available in limited quantities for \$1 each. Their address is R.A. Stamp Club, R.A. Centre, 2451 Riverside Dr., Ottawa, Ont., K1H 7X7.

HINTONPEX '78

The Yellowhead Stamp and Coin Collectors Society (R.P.S.C. Chap. 153), will be hosting their 3rd annual exhibition on August 12-13 in the R.C.M.P. Centennial Museum, Hinton, Alberta. The theme of the show will be Canadian Unity.

A souvenir card (21.4 cm x 13.7 cm) will be available at the show and by mail. It is printed in white on black with the Canadian Coat of Arms in gold and includes a reproduction of Canada Sc. 135 in red and a copy of Canada Sc. 453. These will be cancelled with two different cancellations.



A souvenir sheet of the Sc. 135 reproduction will be available also. It is perforated on a hand operated machine dating back to the time of Confederation.

Both items will be available for \$2 (U.S. or Can.) with the proceeds going to the society's Youth Development Programme. Orders should be addressed to Hintonpex '78, Box 820, Hinton, Alta, TOE 1B0.

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LYMAN'S SPRING-SUMMER 1978 CANADA, BRITISH NORTH AMERICA POSTAGE STAMP RETAIL CATALOGUE: 27th Edition. Robert W. Lyman [Canada]. P.O. Box 23, Station 'V' Toronto, Ont., M6R 3A4. 14.1 cm x 21 cm, 112 pages, illus., offset, soft bound. 1978. 12.50 from most dealers.

With the rapidly escalating prices of stamps, an annual catalogue soon becomes little more than a listing of issued stamps and a record of past prices. H. E. Harris has attempted to keep their catalogue more pertinent by revising and publishing it semi-annually. Now the familiar Lyman's catalogue is to be published semi-annually also.

This edition is a completely reworked catalogue. The illustrations are new and, for the most part, quite clear. The rearrangement of the contents with the placing of the provincial issues before those of Canada should make it easier to flip through to find a particular Canadian listing in a hurry. Other changes, e.g., a description, with photos and a comparison chart of grading stamps, will be useful also as well as instructive.

As might be expected when so many changes are made in such a short time, errors are present. The 12 penny black certainly is worth more than the stated \$3500 M,VG! Contents of pages 74 and 75 have been exchanged, the Maple in Autumn and Winter (#537, 538) are 7c. stamps not 6c, and what has happened to the listings of the Small Queens perf. 111/2 x 12, the script watermarked 15c. Large Queen? Why is no premium given for MNH coil stamps? And for my part, I would like to see a little more space between the prices of mint and used stamps, particularly in those areas where the headings for those columns only appear at the tops of the page.

It may be asked why illustrations are given for all the values of such issues as the 1897 Jubilees, Trail of the Caribou issue, the Admirals, etc., which have common

designs. The answer is given on page one. The next edition, No. 28, is to be in colour! This will be a great advance but what will it do to the cost of the catalogue which is already 150% greater than it was a few years ago?

In spite of the omissions and errors which can be readily corrected, Lyman's is

still a very useful catalogue.

THE 1977-78 DEFINITIVES OF CANADA: A LISTING OF PAPER VARIETIES by Andrew Chung. Privately printed. 17.5 cm x 21.7 cm, 1 + 27 pages, illus., offset. stapled, soft covers. 1978. \$3.00 from Geo. S. Wegg Ltd., 36 Victoria St., Toronto, Ont., M5C 2N8 or some dealers.

Andrew Chung's new guide follows the same pattern as his earlier "The Caricature Definitives". The reference devotes a page to each of the current definitives (1c. bottle gentian to 30c. red oak) and lists the paper varieties, as detected by UV light, of the sheet stamps, precancels, coils and booklets. Tagging, perforations and gums are included in the listings.

Since the definitives listed are still in use and more (4) will be issued on July 6th, an addendum will be prepared which will include these new stamps and any further paper types found in those already listed.

This small booklet makes a good beginning for further studies of our definitive stamps.

THE CANADIAN OCEAN MAIL CLERK 1860-1887 by Kenneth S. Mackenzie. National Postal Museum, Confederation Heights, Ottawa, Ont., K1A 0B1. 14 cm x 22.5 cm, 47 pages, illus., card covers. 1978. \$2.00.

This is the first of a planned series of inexpensive Occasional Pamphlets which the National Postal Museum intends to publish to supplement their series of detailed advanced studies in hard bound editions.

Dr. Mackenzie tells of the Government of the Province of Canada's attempts to

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subsidize the transport of mail from Montreal and Quebec to overseas destinations. The first attempt of 1851 "was an unmitigated disaster". The second attempt, using the Montreal Ocean Steamship Line in 1855 was more successful.

Further changes were made in the service and on 16 March 1860, the Ocean Mail Branch became a legal entity and employed six Ocean Mail Clerks. Dr. Mackenzie goes on to relate the troubles that beset the service — ship wrecks, dereliction of duty or even desertion by the clerk, and the attempts that were made to correct the troubles.

He details the orders under which the clerks worked, their duties, equipment, dress and the like. He concludes his tale with a discussion of the reasons for the demise of the Ocean Mail Branch in December 1887.

The text is well documented with footnotes and appendices and is well illustrated with contemporary prints and two paintings by A. Lang, Head of the museum's display section. The originals of these illustrations (one in colour on the cover) will be hung in the new museum building.

One error should be noted. On page 34, H. R. Long is listed as resigning from the branch (on 2 Apr. 1864) before he was appointed postal clerk on 24 June 1864. The year of his resignation should read 1868.

This is an interesting and informative start to what should prove to be a useful series.

PHILATHEQUE: LE COMTE DE SOUL-LANGES by Anatole Walker. L. A. Walker, 8844 Notre-Dame est, Montreal, Que., H1L 3M4. 21.4 cm x 27.6 cm, 84 pages [unnumbered], illus., offset? paper covers, stitched. 1977. \$7.50 postpaid from the author.

Philathèque is the termed which was coined by the author to describe this compilation. It is not a postal history but a series of documented notes which are brought together like a bibliography (bibliothèque) and which are philatelic.

Mr. Walker has combed the Annual Reports of the Postmasters General, the historical records of the post office at Montreal and Ottawa and the proof books of the British Post Office, Pritchard & Andrews and Sterling Market Products which are in the National Postal Museum.

From these and other sources he has prepared a document for each post office in Soulanges County, Quebec. In these one will find the opening and closing dates (if closed) of the office; the postmasters and their dates of appointment and retirement or resignation and rough figures of the financial operations of the office. Where possible, illustrations of postal markings of the office are presented.

For the large and more important of the 20 offices studied, Mr. Walker provides additional data such as the transport of mail to other, offices or centres, who held the contract for the service, the duration of the contract and the schedule of delivery. He even has notes on letters that were lost from the mails from that particular office.

Interspersed among the pages are hand-drawn maps and copies of topographical charts which serve to locate the post offices and their environs in the country.

Postal historians, particularly those interested in Quebec postal history will welcome this book as a source of useful data. Mr. Walker has provided a single source for much information from several sources, thereby he has relieved future postal historians of the necessity to go to the primary sources.

We understand that several other counties in Quebec are being treated in a similar manner. If this is so, the future of postal history of Quebec looks very bright.

COLLECT CHANNEL ISLANDS STAMPS, 7th edn. Stanley Gibbons Publications Ltd., 391 Strand, London WC2R 0LX, England. 16.5 cm x 19.4 cm, 56 pages col. illus., soft covers, 1978. 95p. or equivalent from many dealers.

This familiar and much used checklist lists and prices the issues of Jersey and Guernsey up to February 1978. The German Occupation of both Guernsey and Jersey, 1940-45, and the stamps issued

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during that period, notably the local pictorial and 'arms' types, and the unique Guernsey bisects, are recorded, as are the 1958-69 Regional issues. Listings include details of designers, printers, cylinder and plate numbers and authenticated varieties.

COLLECT ISLE OF MAN STAMPS, 3rd edn. Stanley Gibbons Publications Ltd., 391 Strand, London WC2R 0LX, England. 16.5 cm x 19.4 cm, 32 pages, col. illus., soft covers, 1978. 95p. or equivalent from many dealers.

This edition carries the priced checklist of I.O.M. stamps from the Regional issues through the R.A.F. Diamond Jubilee issue (28 Feb. 1978). The comprehensive Postal History section has been extensively revised and augmented and the rare 1918 "Feed the Guns with War Bonds" slogan postmark is now listed.

A useful checklist for I.o.M. collectors and specialists.

THE SPANISH-AMERICAN PHILATE-LIST/EL FILATELISTA HISPANO-AMERICANO, Vol. 1, No. 1, June-July 1978. B. N. Marlowe, editor. The Spanish-American Philatelist, 11 Blue Spruce Drive, Upper Saddle River, NJ 07458, U.S.A. 21.7 cm x 28.1 cm, 8 pages, illus., photocopied? paper covers, stapled. Bimonthly, [US] \$1.00 per year.

The Spanish-American Philatelist is a new bilingual (English and Spanish) magazine which, in this first issue, has little of lasting interest. The main note is a 1/2 page article on "Links Between Spain and the Americas" which is illustrated with appropriate Spanish and U.S.A. stamps. The rest of the magazine is a series of notes on Capex '78, ads, and descriptions of new and forthcoming issues of Central and South America. All items, including the ads, are published in both languages. Given time, it could provide a useful outlet for articles and opinions on Spanish American philately. It is also an easy way to enhance your Spanish philatelic vocabulary.

BRIEFLY NOTED PHILATELIC LITERATURE REVIEW, Vol. 27, No. 1, First Quarter 1978.

The main feature in this issue is "Iceland, a Bibliography" (of English language literature) by Lester Winich. It comprises 561 articles in 57 major philatelic periodicals, 55 books, handbooks and

catalogues.

The Bibliography of Philatelic Literature of the French Colonies, etc., by Robert G. Stone is continued and the regular features of this journal complete the remainder of the issue.

HJMR NEWSLIST, Stamp Edition, May-June 1978. HJMR Co., P.O. Box 610308, North Miami, FL 33161, U.S.A.

This edition is devoted to stamps, covers, postal history and literature of Scandinavia and the British Commonwealth. Also included are seven pages of stamp exhibition seals and related 'Cinderella' material. Copies available from the publisher for 25c.

ROMANIAN PHILATELIC STUDIES, Vol. 2, No. 2, 1978. Romanian Philatelic Club, c/o Miron Abramovici, 209 Berger St., Somerset, NY 08873, U.S.A. Quarterly, [US] \$4.00 per year.

This issue contains several articles: Wrappers of the Romanian Post-Classical Period (1893-1909) by D. Passalega; Early Written Communications on Romania's Territory by G. Racovoceanu, etc., plus shorter notes and reviews of pertinent literature. It also has the second part of an index to Romanian Forgeries by P. M. Leibowitz.

This may be the last issue of this journal for a while as they are looking for a new editor.

THE LATIN [AMERICAN] POST, Vol. 2, No. 1, April 1978. The Latin Post, P.O. Box 820, Hinton, Alta., TOE 1B0. Quarterly, \$10.00 per year.

Contents of this issue are much the same as in earlier issues — comments by the editor, notes on new issues, etc. Boliva is featured with a map and pertinent facts about the country. There is a note on

LITERATURE REVIEWS

Argentina (Sc. 7H) forgeries, the first part of an article on Brazilian Watermarks by J. A. Dingler, and classified ads. We hope they can come up with a better printing of the journal soon.

YAMSHCHIK [The Post Rider], No. 2, March 1978. Canadian Society of Russian Philately, c/o Alex Artuchov, P.O. Box 5722, Station "A", Toronto, Ont., M5W 1P2. \$3.50 from the Society.

Issue number 2 of this journal is a great improvement over number 1 insofar as the quality of the printing of both the illustrations and the text is concerned.

It boasts a new card cover which gives the journal a more professional appearance that is in keeping with the quality of the articles inside. These articles range from Belgium Armoured Cars in Russia 1915-18 by P. J. Campbell, and The Post in the Russian Empire by Fr. Huysmans to a 19 page Tannu Tuva Catalogue by Richard C. Kanak which is intended for the specialist and the student. It includes major and minor varieties of some 146 major stamps (Scott lists only 38). The research that went into this study indicates that, contrary to statements in some catalogues, Tannu Tuva stamps were not just philatelic items but served postal services.

Once again, if the Russian area is in your collecting interests, you should see this journal. Number 3 is scheduled for

September 1978.

THE TRUMPETER. Croatian Philatelic Society. Sample copy \$2 from the editor, Charles Glavanic, 260 Vancouver Dr., London, Ont., N5W 4R8.

This number contains "How Frequently are Rare Issues of Croatia Forged" by Dr. H. Rommerskurchen; "Bosnia and Herzogovina Types of Town Cancels" by Tom W. Minkus; "The Prince Milan Issues of Serbia" by Zoran Petrovic; "Croatian Cinderella Issues (Part 3)" by W. Uznanski, among other items and regular features.

CALLING ATTENTION TO

"Freight Money Covers" by Charles Hahn. Stamp Collecting, 130[3]:251, 253, 255, 257, Mar. 9, 1978. Stamp Collecting, 130[4]: 345, 349, Mar. 16, 1978.

Transatlantic covers from the U.S. and Canada carried by Pioneer steamships and U.S. sailing packets, for which a fee in addition to the postage was charged and collected usually by the receiving postmaster are discussed. The article shows how to tell these covers by their rating, lists known examples and asks for help in listing others that might come to light.

A new American Philatelic Society handbook "Collect Canada Covers" was released at Capex '78. It is a compilation of 86 articles by Ed A. Richardson which appeared over a 10-year span in "Cover Magazine". It is $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x 11", softbound, 100 pages, (US) \$8.00.

Canadian Philatelic Literature

THE MONTHLY COLLECTOR, Vol. 1, No. 1, April 1978. The Monthly Collector, 269 - 50 Shelley Dr., Sudbury, Ont., P3A 4S6. 20.5 cm x 27.4 cm., 8 pages, offset, newsprint. 50c. per issue, \$4.00 per year.

This appears to be an advertising vehicle with notes on new issues and other subjects as required to fill the eight pages. Ads are mainly classified but there are some boxed ads.

PHILATELIC BULLETIN, Canada Post, Ottawa, Ontario. 21.5 mm x 28 mm, 4 pages, unnumbered, offset, 1978. Quarterly, free.

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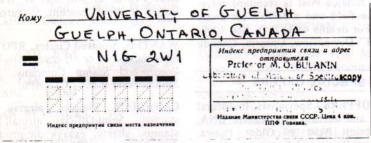


Fig. 2. "Index number" boxes on a U.S.S.R. postal card [1975]

post office postal card. The boxes etc. on the left are similar to those in Fig. 1b. The text of the lower two lines on the right reads: "Printed by the Ministry of SSSR, Price 4 Kop / PPF Government".

If the addresser prints the area index number in the boxes as instructed on the back of the envelope, they may be read by an optical scanner in much the same way as the digits at the bottom of our bank cheques are read.

The black bars above the boxes are instructions telling the machine when to read. The double bars at the left of the boxes instruct the machine to get ready to read and the bars above each box tell the machine to read the digit in the box below it. The envelope passes through the machine from left to right.

Theoretically, such a system, which uses printed envelopes or postal cards with the postal code written in a set fashion in a fixed position, should allow rapid and accurate sortation of the mail. Of course, any mail that utilizes postal stationery that is not so printed, would have to be hand sorted as would mail addressed out of the country.

Canada also uses optical scanner readers for sorting mail but relies on the addresser placing the postal code within certain areas of the envelope. And such codes must be typewritten or printed in order to be machine read.

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