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R. K. Malott,  
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# THOUGHTS & THINGS

by Peter M. Mann

## SEASON'S GREETINGS

Preparing copy for this issue of your journal so far ahead of the publication date tends to make one forget that Christmas and the New Year are fast approaching. The commercials for children's toys on television are not much help because they start to appear shortly after Labour Day. However, the announcement by the many postal administrations of their forthcoming Christmas stamps soon makes it apparent that the holiday season is rapidly approaching.

On behalf of the executive and officers of the R.P.S.C., I should like to take this opportunity to extend to all of our members and other readers Season's Greetings and best wishes for the holiday season and the New Year.

It is obvious that, between the time of writing the above and the mailing of this issue, there has been quite an interval of time.

Your Canadian Philatelist is not late because of the short postal strike or because of trouble with our printer. It is late because Mother Nature delivered a low blow to your editor just when the copy was being prepared for the printer.

A session in hospital set things right for the editor but greatly delayed getting the copy to the printer.

We hope that this is a one-time occurrence and that the Jan.-Feb. issue will be in the mails at the usual time.

A stamp's a tiny, flimsy thing,  
No thicker than a beetle's wing,  
And yet 'twill roam the world for you  
Exactly where you tell it to.\*

"The Three-Halfpenny Traveller"  
Edward Verrall Lucas.

\*Except at those times when the postal workers are on strike for a 30 hour non-work week. Ed.

## FURTHER ON COVERS STOLEN FROM MARITIME ARCHIVES

We have received full lists of the covers that are known to be missing from the several archives in the Maritime Provinces. We have also been requested to publish these lists.

However, since the lists occupy some forty typewritten pages and have been published elsewhere, e.g., Canadian Stamp News, we do not think that it is necessary to publish the lists also.

We do strongly urge any collector who has any doubts about covers in his/her collection to consult the lists in the Canadian Stamp News or to contact the archives to determine whether or not the cover(s) was/were stolen from the archives. Under no circumstances should the cover(s) be destroyed.

The addresses of the archives from which covers have been stolen are:

Provincial Archivist,  
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Archives Section,  
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## UPU MEMBERSHIP

At the beginning of 1978, UPU membership stood at 158 when Granada was admitted. Recently, the membership increased to 159 when the Seychelles was admitted.

## Buying Canadian

1. Any number of errors and varieties if found in current stamps including booklets and coils. Since 1959 I have purchased over \$1,000,000.00 worth net of such. Prompt cash and no limit to number I will buy. In case of any major discovery please phone 204-667-6881.
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**F. W. L. KEANE, R.P.S.C. 11428**

It is with regret that I have to advise of the passing of F. W. L. Keane in his 82nd year. Fred was one of my best friends, a really good philatelist, a very generous person and above all, a gentleman.

Philately was his whole life, at least since his retirement from the Government Research Station at Westbank. He would have been 83 in November.

He authored two handbooks and numerous articles. I am sure that a great many people will miss him.

J. Paul Hughes,  
Sidney, B.C.

Fred was not just a collector but a true philatelist. His interest in carrying out research on many Canadian issues was well known. His special interest over the last years were the Admiral stamps including the Admiral precancels. An extensive study of the 7c. brown led to the almost complete plating of the two plates used. His attempt to classify the precancels resulted in a listing of the known types which were used during the Admiral period. This study, now being continued by R. S. Cheshire and H. Reiche, owes the basis to Fred and his work.

Not only will he be missed by the Admiral fans but by all who had met him and all who have seen his writings.

H. Reiche

Fred Hughes will be remembered as the co-author, with Paul Hughes of the report on the 1967 Centennial Issue in the BNA Topics and the main part of the 1975 handbook "Canada: The 1967-73 Definitive Issue.

This handbook which has and will serve as the starting point for subsequent studies of this issue, is a fitting memorial to Fred Keane.

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**CORRESPONDENCE COURSES IN PHILATELY**

The American Philatelic Society has provided a grant of \$4,000 to The Pennsylvania State University to assist in the development of a correspondence programme in philately.

Details of the entire programme are still tentative, however, the initial indications are that courses will be available as follows:

1. Two courses for the novice or beginning collector (youth and adult).
2. One course for the more advanced collector.
3. One course for the expertising of stamps.
4. One course for stamp dealers (business).
5. One course for stamp show judges.
6. And possibly one for the stamp investor.

The A.P.S. grant is intended for the development of the first of the courses. An advisory committee of philatelists is being set up to guide the planning of the entire programme and the development of the courses.

We shall keep you informed as plans develop further.

**POSTAGE DUES FOR POSTAGE DEFICIT?**

The second issue of the Canada Post's Philatelic Bulletin mentions (p.3) that sometime during 1979, a completely new set of postage due stamps will be issued, the first new design series since 1967.

**WHY?**

The current series (set) as described in the July-August 1978 issue of the Canadian Philatelist is seldom seen in use so why spend the time and money to prepare a new design and new set of values?

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It would be more economical to release a new denomination of the present series, if such was needed, which I doubt. Or, if Canada Post wanted to make a distinctive change, use a new colour for additional denominations and new printings of currently used denominations.

A new series in a new design seems to be only another attempt to have the collector help reduce Canada Post's deficit, by producing unnecessary and relatively useless stamps.

### SLOVENIA STUDY GROUP

A new study group has been formed within the Croatian Philatelic Society and is headed by R.P.S.C. member A. H. Stokes, 396 Main Street, Toronto, Ontario, M4C 4X8. The Slovenia Study Group will delve into all aspects of Slovenian philately.

Slovenia is a part of the present Yugoslavia and is bordered by Italy, Austria, Hungary and Croatia. Most of its over 100 issues were overprintings of Yugoslav and Italian stamps.

Interested persons are invited to write to Mr. Stokes for membership details. Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

### TUVALU PHILATELIC SOCIETY BEING FORMED

The first meeting of the new Tuvalu Philatelic Society was held at the Chicago Philatelic Society exhibition on October 7. Collectors who wish to receive more information on the society should write to Mr. Theodore Castro, P.O. Box 2760, Chicago, IL, 60690, U.S.A.



The above cancellation was applied to mail from Stockholm and from Goteborg, Sweden, from April to November 14, 1975 and some who received mail with this cancel probably wondered why there seems to be a combination of Swedish and English.

The American Topical Association's journal *Topical Times* published two explanations for it as follows: The "English" seems self explanatory while the Swedish translates to "Never write street address/to those who have post office boxes. Thanks!" . . . The slogan was used to encourage persons writing to those who had both a box number and a street address to use the box number.

The second "explanation" was that "when returning to Sweden, after having emigrated to the U.S.A., the Swedes told about the hard conditions found in the U.S. and of customs that had developed. In early days of emigrating, it seems that if you wished to become acquainted with strangers, you said yes, then you had to accept a "box" or a blow, then it was all right."

I have a third explanation which was provided by an official of the Swedish Post Office. He stated that the slogan has a very special history. "In 1908, in a

## DEADLINES ARE IMPORTANT

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stage review in Stockholm, there was a very funny song in which a person of little education met King Edward VII of England when he debarked from his ship on a visit to Stockholm. The king speaks to him and he pretends that he understands what the king said and he answers in what he thinks is English: "Yes, alright, kolbox". This expression caught on and was later changed to "Yes, box, alright" and it simply means that everything is OK, or that an order or wish is correctly understood. The expression is colloquial only and can hardly be found in a Swedish dictionary.

The slogan on the postmark is a part of a campaign of the Swedish Post Office that our customers use the P.O. Box number instead of the street address to a person having a P.O. Box address."

I leave it to you to decide which explanation is the correct one.

#### GREAT BRITAIN ANNOUNCES SPECIAL STAMPS FOR 1979

Great Britain's GPO has announced their special stamps for 1979. Each issue will comprise a set of four stamps.

February 7 - Dogs (horizontal format)

March 24 - Wildflowers  
(vertical format)

May 9 - European Assembly Elections

June 9 - Horseracing

July 18 - UNO Year of the Child

August 22 - Centenary of death of Sir Rowland Hill, miniature sheet with surcharge for London 1980 International Stamp Exhibition.

September 26 - Metropolitan Police 150th Anniversary

November 21 - Christmas  
(three stamps only)

#### FORTHCOMING ISSUES

The Bermuda Philatelic Bureau has announced that the current "Flower" definitive series will be replaced by a Bermuda Wildlife Series, in three stages beginning November 15, 1978 with five stamps depicting some Bermuda Birds. Part II, Amphibians and Crustaceans (six stamps) will be released January 29, 1979, and Part III Fish and Marine Life

## WANTED

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- Saint John, NB
- Saskatoon, Sask.
- Vancouver, B.C.

Cacheted envelopes preferred but not absolutely necessary. The complete set must be on one envelope. Condition must be very fine. Would appreciate hearing from anyone who can help out.

## STAN LUM

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(six stamps) will be released on March 12, 1979.

The total value of the 17 stamps will be \$13.29 (Bermuda dollars). All stamps will be in a horizontal format (42.5 mm x 28.5 mm) in two panes of 25 stamps on Crown Agents spiral watermarked paper. They are designed by Gordon Drummond and printed by multicolour photogravure by Harrison & Sons Ltd., England.

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## *Letters to the Editor*

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### **On Canada Post, Its Philatelic Service, and numbers of stamps issued.**

Canada Post,  
Philatelic Service.

I am so fed up with your service that I am all but decided to forget the stamps. You may have set up a beautiful expensive computer but between it and your wholesale issuing of stamps, I'd suggest you're really ripping off your customers. If you're trying to create profits in your department to cover the deficit of the fouled up Post Office, I hope you are successful. With the number of stamps you are printing these days there shouldn't be any deficit.

There was a time when a balance of \$50.00 (interest free) in your account would be more than sufficient. Now — \$200.00 wouldn't last two months.

What are you trying to do — discourage the average collector or gouge them? I'm suggesting you are doing both!

Pardon my frustration and language but you're ruining the enjoyment of collecting Canadian stamps.

On August 7th, according to your statement, I had a balance of \$120.67. On August 7th you charged out \$60.84 leaving \$59.83.

Kindly close out my account and return my \$59.83 by return mail.

Donald C. Warren,  
Toronto, Ontario.

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### **Too Many Christmas Stamps.**

It is difficult to make sense of the selection criteria of the postage stamp division of the Canadian Post Office Department. In spite of the standard official alibi that there are more legitimate requests for commemorative subjects than can be met in the actual stamp programme, the Post Office still produces multiple Christmas issues to the exclusion of other subjects. In 1978, for example, there are three Christmas stamps, and no Corona-

tion Anniversary issue. In 15 years, there have been 55 Christmas stamps. Is it now really necessary to have a Christmas stamp for card, letter, and airmail rates each year?

Charles Addington,  
London, Ontario.

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### **New collector thinks number of stamps satisfactory.**

Through the past months there has been a lot of activity in the philatelic press suggesting that Canada Post issues too many stamps. The editor of the "Canadian Philatelist" goes so far as to suggest to members of the R.P.S.C. write to you to complain.

Undoubtedly many "philatelists" will; however I suspect they will be the self-satisfied snobs of the philatelic world sitting on gobs of classic material. They seem unable to grasp the fact that new collectors cannot afford to go backwards and must therefore look to new issues to maintain interest and add to their collection. I say keep up the good work and keep the new issues coming!

D. E. Norman,  
North Vancouver, B.C.

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### **A Thank You from a member in the U.S.**

It was indeed a pleasant surprise to receive in the mail the copy of the Capex '78 Catalogue, with the compliments of the R.P.S.C.

Because of personal circumstances, I was unable to get up to Toronto for the big show, so getting the catalogue helped alleviate some of the disappointment.

Having been rather active over the years in Canadian philately, especially in one of the leading specialty groups, I was understandably "put out" when I failed to receive any material from Capex '78, either from the organization itself, or from individual officers or members.

Although a member of the R.P.S.C. for a few years, I have been unable to attend any of its conventions, so cannot be classified as a real active member. Thus, it was much appreciated when the catalogue came through the mail.

Whoever was responsible for the decision to do this mailing is to be congratulated — this was real public relations in action! Keep up the good work.

(Dr.) Ian W. Taylor,  
Wheeling, Illinois.

### Capex Comments

The Sept.-Oct. issue arrived today and after reading it just before bed I was too disturbed to sleep without first writing this reply to those who criticize CAPEX '78, especially after reading Fred Stulberg's comments partially in rebuttal. I had also read some of the critical letters in another publication with a deep feeling of disgust.

Those who complain and criticize CAPEX must have been very ill-informed or have some other hidden reasons for

complaining because nothing else seems to explain such reactions.

Do they think that those who planned, organized and ran CAPEX were paid handsome salaries and were not giving value for the money? Alan McKanna addressed our chapter, Credit Valley Philatelic Society, at our February meeting telling us much of the story of developments to that time. It was a low-keyed talk just telling us some of the story without in any way seeming to seek praise or gratitude. I had the honour of thanking him for his visit and was nearly speechless (our members know that is an accomplishment!) and could only express our wonder at and appreciation for so much hard work having been contributed by so few people who still had many more long hours of labour ahead of them before CAPEX could open, to say nothing of the tremendous efforts still required after opening day and beyond closing day. His quietly told story was breathtaking and the entire philatelic world should be deeply grateful for what

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I attended CAPEX three times and have only two complaints, one that the excellence of the exhibits nearly discouraged me to the point of quitting the hobby and second, that the world famous British Guiana #13 (a lucky or unlucky Scott numbering chance?) is so ugly that I can't even envy its owner — and he dares not even keep it in an album where he can "enjoy" it.

My really bad experience and a crowning insult could not be blamed on CAPEX. A Canadian dealer, in Canada and talking to me, a Canadian, stated that all his prices were in U.S. dollars. I nearly exploded! And then later I heard an American dealer who was trying to sell some stamps to a British dealer from whom I was selecting my "gems" speak in a derogatory fashion about our currency. I got my chance to reply when the British dealer asked me if I agreed with him that one of the stamps had a small thin — it did.

CAPEX was fun, fascinating and educational and I say to those who slaved so hard — ignore the carpers — congratulations for a job well done!

J. Gordon Hird,  
Mississauga, Ont.

. . . . As Vice President of the Sixth International in the United States and Chairman of the Frames Procurement Committee for the Seventh International in the United States, I have had some small experience with international shows in this country. I do not believe there is a single international show where, if the opportu-

ity were given, reentries would not be made on the plate of performance. However, we are not so fortunate as those engaged in stamp production, and we do not have the opportunity to correct our mistakes. Therefore, one must judge the exhibition on its overall quality and, in that regard, CAPEX was an outstanding and rousing success, in my opinion.

Elsewhere in the current issue of the magazine (Sept.-Oct. CP), I note with distate, but understanding, the increase in the dues made necessary by the ubiquitous inflation which pervades both our countries. Enclosed herewith is my check to bring my life membership payment up to the current fee. I do this voluntarily, knowing that it is not required, as an expression of my appreciation for the marvelous job done by the CAPEX Committee and the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada in promoting philately throughout the North American Continent this past year.

Horace W. Harrison,  
Baltimore, Maryland.

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**MAY 18-27** — PHILASERDICA 79, International Stamp Exhibition, Centenary of Bulgarian Post Office and of the first Bulgarian postage stamp. Sofia, Bulgaria. Canadian Commissioner: W. H. P. Maresch, Suite 703, 330 Bay St., Toronto, Ont., M5H 2S9.

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# The Counters of the Large Queen Issue

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Fig. 1. One half cent counter

There are counters of shaded capital letters in the upper sheet margins of the large queen issue, with two significant exceptions. The counters of the twelve and one half cents sheets are unshaded capital letters and there are no counters on the fifteen cents sheets.

The one half cent counters (Fig. 1) are composed of shaded capital letters and are in the left upper margin above stamps two and three. There are several good examples of this counter.

The one cent yellow stamp (Fig. 2) shows lines of shading in the upper margin. These correspond to the letters O N E. Therefore one may conclude that there is a counter with shaded capital letters in the upper margin.



Fig. 2. One cent yellow with counter shading in upper margin



**Fig. 3. Two cents plate proof counter is above stamp eight**



**Fig. 4. Counter of three cents large queen**

Figure three is a block of four plate proofs. It was lot number 163 in Sissons' (Toronto) auction of 18 April 1951. A



**Fig. 5. Five cents large queen counter**

similar, or the same block was in the Cohen exhibit at CAPEX '78. The right edge of the imprint is in the upper margin and a portion of the counter is above stamp eight.

A block in the Leggett collection does not have a counter above stamps one or two. A block illustrated in *Maple Leaves* vol. 7, no. 8, page 218, February 1959, shows that there is not a counter above stamps six and seven.

There is probably a counter of shaded capital letters in the right upper margin above stamps eight and nine of the two cents large queen issue.

Figure four shows a portion of the counter of shaded capital letters in the upper margin above a three cents large queen stamp.

The counter of shaded capital letters is in the upper sheet margin of the five cents large queen stamps (Fig. 5).

The Doctors Duckworth have illustrated the counters in the upper margins of both plates of the six cents large queen stamps in their excellent article published in *B.N.A. Topics* vol. 32, no. 1, page 4, January 1975.

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Fig. 6. Unshaded counter above stamps 1-4 of the 12½ cents large queen



Fig. 7. Fifteen cents large queen stamps have no counters

The counter of the twelve and one half cents large queen stamps is above stamps one, two, three and four (Fig. 6). This is the only counter in the large queen issue

which is printed in unshaded capital letters.

There is no counter on the sheets of the fifteen cents large queen stamps. (Fig. 7).

(Author's photographs)

### POSTAL USE OF NAURU STAMPS

Figures recently released by the Post Office of the Republic of Nauru indicate the use of postage stamps on mail sent from Nauru to overseas addresses.

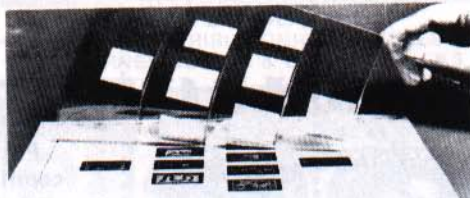
Surface mail averages 560 letters and other articles a week (97 bags a month). Most of this is sent by air since airmail service is frequent and regular. Surface shipments depend on vessels calling at the island, and these can be affected by adverse weather conditions.

On average 580 letters, 230 other articles and four or five parcels are carried weekly by Air Nauru. These amount to a total weight in excess of

1,000 kilos a year, with parcels making up some 700 kilos of that weight.

As with all other countries, these figures are monitored by the Universal Postal Union and, since most Nauruan overseas mail incurs a carriage cost outside of Nauru, the UPU prepares data from which each country is allocated a credit against all others in respect of the cost of carrying other countries' mail through its own services. Naturally, Nauru features as a 'debtor nation' and the debt is settled by an exchange of currency between the member nations of the UPU.

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## Part 1



Fig. 1. Sc. 39, 1862



Fig. 2. [left] Sc. 80, 1880; [right] Sc. 99, 1883

Along with the honour of issuing the first postage stamps on May 6th, 1840, Great Britain had the less welcome distinction of revealing on that same day the first error in postal design. The Mulready covers and envelopes, which had been expected to be popular companions of the first stamps, quickly became the subjects of ridicule. Part of the humour was provided by the messenger flying above Britannia's left hand, for she had only one leg.

This conspicuous and amusing mistake was the first of many. Almost all countries have contributed to the growing total. Numerous collectors and other observant persons keep eagerly searching for such oversights. Those of us who have become so addicted are continually amazed at the number and variety of mistakes committed through ignorance or inadvertence, errors of fact, of judgment or omission, mirror images, departures from established convention. And they keep showing up with increasing frequency.

The errors range from the glaring and obvious to those minor ones that take the alert and knowing eye to discover. They are

mostly pitfalls that could, and should, have been avoided by the designer or issuing authority.

Since that unhappy beginning in 1840 Great Britain has had her full share of these embarrassments, and it has not usually taken the observant watchers long to discover them.

The next two found in the issues of Britain were fairly modest examples that showed up in the expressions for denominations, but they were taken seriously, at least by purists. The first of these occurred in 1862. Up until then the SIX PENCE stamps had the denomination expressed, properly, in that form. In the new issue of that year it somehow became SIX-PENCE, with a hyphen (Fig. 1). This hyphen also appeared on the 1865 issue. The subject of this hyphen aroused a good deal of interest, and was even brought up in the House of Commons. In 1867 the matter was resolved, and the hyphen removed, its removal assisted by Rowland Hill's brother Ormond. Improperly hyphenated denominations were never to recur.

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Fig. 3. Sc. 292, 294, 296

came in 1880, when THREE-HALFPENCE was incorrectly expressed as THREE HALF PENCE (Fig. 2). That or THREE HALFPENCE have appeared every time that this denomination has been expressed in words on British postage or postage due stamps, despite the firm guidance of the Oxford Dictionary, which allows of no option - it must be THREE-HALFPENCE.

There have also been indignant comments from sticklers for accuracy on the



Fig. 5. [Upper] Sc. 302-5;  
[Lower] Sc. 316

typography used on some stamps in the numerical expressions for denominations such as the omission of the fraction bar on the 1½d value of the 1952 issue, while the bar is present on the ½d and 2½d values (Fig. 3). What many also see as a solecism is the use of a capital 'I' for '1' in the figures on the ten-shilling and one-pound values of 1955 (Fig. 4). Critical comment has as well been directed to the rendering of letters in inscriptions. One example is



Fig. 4. Sc. 311, 312

found in the 1952 regular issue, where on the 8d to 11d design the 'U' in 'REVENUE' is an inverted lower-case 'n'. A similar usage is found on the 1/6 value of the Coronation issue of 1953 (Fig. 5).



Fig. 6. [Upper] Sc. 118, 134;  
[Lower] single tressure in Arms  
[see also Fig. 7]



The representation of heraldic devices on stamps has proven to be troublesome for many countries, Britain surprisingly among them. She got off to a bad start, with her first use of Arms, on the 5d value of the last Queen Victoria issue of 1887. The Scottish lion in the second quarter should be surrounded by a double, not a

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Fig. 7. Sc. 249, 250



Fig. 8. [Upper] Sc. 289; [Lower] enlarged Arms showing double tressure

single, border (heraldically 'tressure') (Fig. 6). In these Arms, too, the heraldic conventions for colours were not followed, such as the indication for red (heraldically 'gules') by vertical lines and blue ('azure') by horizontal lines. This design, with its imperfections, was also used for the same value in the King Edward VII issue (Fig. 6). Similar comment applies, as well, to the 2/6 and 5/- values of 1939 (Fig. 7); and the one-pound stamp of 1951 (Fig. 8), although it had the double tressure around the Scottish lion, still has not the proper heraldic representation of the colours.



Fig. 9. Sc. 234, 313

In the related field of the Royal regalia it was noticed that the Coronation stamp of 1937 had the Orb, shown at the left, improperly depicted. The half-circlet of gems above the 'equator' is at right angles to the plane of the cross, but it should be in that plane, as on the Coronation issue of 1953 (Fig. 9).



Fig. 10. Sc. 264

Now to nautical matters. The 2½d of the Peace issue of 1946 (Fig. 10) has a ship at the lower right, which is depicted with two anchors at the port bow. A Commander of the Royal Navy quickly drew attention to the fact that such a ship, a large one, would never, irrespective of the number of anchors, carry more than one at the port bow.

Another one in which the designer was said to be at sea is the Chichester GYPSY MOTH IV issue of 1967 (Fig. 11). Letters to 'The Times' and other papers hastened to

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Fig. 11. Gypsy Moth IV, Sc. 517

point out that the wash should be on the lee, not the windward, side and not nearly as long. As well, she could not possibly carry full sail in such heavy weather and survive.

Some collectors extend their critical observations to such ancillary items as booklets and presentation packs. They have noted that the pack for the British Ships issue of 1969 stated in the original version that R.M.S. Queen Elizabeth II sailed on her maiden voyage on 17th January, 1969 (the intended date), but the sailing was delayed until 2nd May. Consequently a revised version was prepared, which carried the more acceptable statement '... she sails on her maiden voyage early in 1969.'



Fig. 12. U.P.U. 75th anniversary  
a) Great Britain Sc. 277  
b) Bahawalpur Sc. 27

An example of deliberate toying with accuracy is found on the 3d value of the 1949 set marking the 75th anniversary of the formation of the Universal Postal Union (Fig. 12a). It showed the U.P.U. monument at Berne, which features human figures in counter-clockwise motion around the globe. On this stamp, however, one figure was incorrectly shown standing, facing in the wrong direction (against the traffic). Comparison with the same monument shown elsewhere, such as on a contemporary set of Bahawalpur (Fig. 12b), will confirm this departure from accurate representation.



Fig. 13. Jubilee Jamboree, Sc. 334



Fig. 14. National Productivity Year, Sc. 388

On the 1957 issue marking the 50th anniversary of the Boy Scout movement, on the 2½d stamp (Fig. 13), the scout badge and the Queen are the prominent features. They are framed by 'a rope coiled to make a rolling hitch', which is intertwined. On the assumption that there is just one rope it is hard to understand how the strands come to be twisting in opposite directions.

A map of Britain on the 3d National Productivity Year issue of 1962 (Fig. 14) had two omissions, the Shetland Islands (about which the Scots were particularly



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indignant) and the Isles of Scilly. Correspondence in the philatelic press on the latter omission was headed 'A Scilly Mistake'.

The Scots got stirred up again two years later, when a set was issued to mark the 10th International Botanical Congress, which was held in Edinburgh. There were four floral stamps. Through what some consider at least an error of judgment, one showed a typical English rose, two more had wild flowers that never grow wild in Scotland - the spring gentian and the fringed water lily - and the other showed a honeysuckle (Sc. 414-7).

The year before, on the National Nature Week issue, a bee or wasp was shown visiting a bouquet of cut flowers (Sc. 393), and nature lovers said that no self-respecting insect would attempt to collect nectar from such a source.



Fig. 15. Shakespeare commemorative, Sc. 403



Fig. 16. Shakespeare aerogramme stamp

Two of the great writers, Shakespeare and Burns, have suffered from calculated and inadvertent departures from accuracy. On the four stamps of the 1964 issue commemorating the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's birth his portrait is a mirror

image of the Droeshout engraving (Fig. 15). In this matter, however, some contend that the portrait itself is a strange one, as it shows Shakespeare with two right eyes and two left sides of his coat, a front and a back. On the accompanying air letter forms his portrait is a similar reverse image, and the scene on the stamp on this letter is from Holler's 'Long View' etching of London, on which the Bear Garden is incorrectly labelled 'The Globe' (Fig. 16)\*. Also on the letter a large view of the Theatre in Stratford-Upon-Avon is, on the original version, wrongly labelled 'SHAKESPEARE MEMORIAL THEATRE, STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE', whereas the name had been changed in 1961 to ROYAL SHAKESPEARE THEATRE, STRATFORD-UPON-AVON. This error was corrected in a revised edition.



Fig. 17. Robert Burns commemorative, Sc. 444

There was prompt criticism of the two Burns stamps of 1966. On the 4d (Fig. 17) the Cross of St. Andrew, on the flag behind Burns, is out of proportion; it should be about five times as wide. On the 1/3 value the portrait of Burns is based on a mirror image of a painting by Nasmith. A Burns air letter of 1964 also had a mirror version of the Nasmith portrait and a clock face that lacked '2' and '12'.

On the 6d World Cup stamp of 1966 a most curious slip occurred, the soccer player at the left had his feet backward, with his heels to the front (Fig. 18).

Examples of what may perhaps be excused as excessive artistic license ap-

\* This error was known by the G.P.O. but because the engraving was so well known, they decided to use it unaltered [G.P.O. Phil. Bull., No. 7, 1964].

# THE CENTENNIAL DEFINITIVES OF CANADA 1967—1973

Canada		Plates			
Spec. No.	Dist. Name / Hinged	Singles	Blocks	Blanks	Wtchd. Set
<b>1C BROWN</b>					
454i	plain paper, dex gum	05	20	—	—
	plates 1 & 2	—	—	75	3.00
	plates 3 & 4	—	—	100	4.00
454ii	plain paper, dex gum, tagged Wpg. 2 bar	25	100	125	5.00
454iii	plain paper, dex gum, tagged Wpg. 1 bar	15	60	100	4.00
454iv	HB paper, dex gum	1.00	4.00	5.00	WTD
454v	HS paper, dex gum, tagged Wpg. 1 bar	4.50	18.00	22.50	100.00
454vi	frsc. paper, PVA Plate 5	05	20	75	WTD
454vii	frsc. paper, PVA tagged Wpg. 1 bar	10	40	75	WTD
454viii	frsc. paper, PVA tagged general	05	20	50	2.00
454ix	precancel, plain paper, dex gum	25	1.00	1.50	6.00
454x	precancel, frsc. PVA gum	25	1.00	1.50	6.00
<b>2C GREEN</b>					
455i	plain paper, dex gum	05	20	—	—
	plate 1	—	—	1.00	4.00
	plate 2	—	—	1.00	4.00
455ii	plain paper, dex gum, tagged Wpg. 2 bar	25	100	150	6.00
455iii	plain paper, dex gum, tagged Wpg. 1 bar	15	60	100	4.00
455iv	frsc. paper, PVA	05	20	—	—
	plate 1	—	—	7.50	35.00
	plate 2	—	—	7.50	35.00
455v	frsc. paper, PVA, tagged Wpg. 1 bar	10	40	1.00	WTD
455vi	frsc. paper, PVA, tagged general	10	40	1.00	4.00
455vii	precancel, plain paper, dex gum	30.00	120.00	150.00	600.00
<b>3C DULL PURPLE</b>					
456i	plain paper, dex gum	05	20	—	—
	plate 1	—	—	1.50	6.00
	plate 2	—	—	1.25	5.00
456ii	plain paper, dex gum, tagged Wpg. 2 bar	20	80	1.50	6.00
456iii	precancel, plain, dex gum	25	1.00	2.50	—
456iv	precancel, frsc. PVA, tagged general	25	1.00	2.50	WTD
<b>4C CARM. ROSE</b>					
457i	plain paper, dex gum	15	60	—	—
	plate 1	—	—	1.25	5.00
	plate 2	—	—	1.50	WTD
457ii	plain paper, dex gum, tagged Wpg. with bar either edge	30	1.20	2.50	10.00
	plate 1	—	—	80	25.00
	plate 2	—	—	100	—
457iii	plain paper, dex gum, tagged Wpg. 1 bar	25	100	125.00	—
457iv	frsc. paper, PVA, plate 3	15	60	2.00	WTD
457v	frsc. paper, PVA, tagged Wpg. 1 bar	15	60	1.00	4.00
457vi	frsc. paper, PVA, tagged general	15	60	1.00	4.00
457vii	precancel, plain paper, dex gum	25	1.00	1.50	WTD
<b>5C BLUE</b>					
458i	plain paper, dex gum, plates 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5	10	40	1.25	5.00
458ii	plain paper, dex gum, tagged Wpg. 2 bar	40	1.60	2.00	8.00
458iii	plain paper, dex gum, tagged Wpg. 1 bar	25	1.00	1.50	6.00
458iv	HB paper, dex gum	30	1.20	2.25	9.00
458v	HB paper, dex gum, tagged Wpg. 1 bar	50	2.00	2.50	10.00
458vi	frsc. paper, PVA, plate 6	10	40	1.00	WTD
458vii	frsc. paper, PVA, tagged Wpg. 1 bar	45	1.80	2.50	WTD
458viii	precancel, plain paper, dex gum	25	1.00	1.50	6.00
458ix	precancel, HB paper, dex gum	50	2.00	3.00	12.00
458x	precancel, frsc. paper, PVA gum	1.00	4.00	6.00	WTD
<b>6C ORANGE PER 10</b>					
459i	plain paper, dex gum, plate 1, 2 & 3	30	1.20	3.00	12.00
459ii	variety, frsc. speck, paper, dex plate 1	60	2.40	4.00	16.00
459iii	variety, frsc. speck, paper, dex plate 2	40	1.60	2.50	10.00
459iv	frsc. ink, plain paper, dex gum	39.50	158.00	250.00	WTD
459v	precancel, plain paper, dex gum	1.00	4.00	7.50	WTD
<b>6C ORANGE PERF 12 1/2 x 12</b>					
459bi	plain paper, dex gum, plate 3	25	1.00	2.00	10.00
459bii	plain paper, dex gum, tagged Wpg. 2 bar	40	1.60	2.50	10.00
459biii	HB paper, dex gum	20.00	80.00	WTD	WTD
459biv	HB paper, dex gum, tagged Wpg. 2 bar	—	—	—	WANTED MINT
<b>6C BLACK PERF 12 1/2 x 12 DIE I</b>					
460i	plain paper, dex gum, plates 1, 2 & 3	20	80	1.75	7.00
460ii	plain paper, dex gum, tagged Wpg. 2 bar	40	1.75	3.00	12.00
460iii	HB paper, dex gum	15.00	60.00	77.50	WTD
<b>6C BLACK PERF 12 x 12 DIE I</b>					
460fi	frsc. paper, PVA plates 1 & 2	35	1.40	2.00	10.00
460fii	frsc. paper, PVA, tagged Wpg. 1 bar	30	1.20	2.00	8.00
460fiii	frsc. paper, PVA, tagged general	20	80	2.00	8.00
460fiv	printed on the gummed side	9.00	36.00	45.00	185.00
460fvi	precancel, frsc. PVA gum	WTD	WTD	WTD	WTD
460fvii	precancel, frsc. PVA, tagged general	25	1.00	2.00	WTD

Canada		Plates			
Spec. No.	Dist. Name / Hinged	Singles	Blocks	Blanks	Wtchd. Set
<b>6C BLACK PERF 12 1/2 x 12 DIE II</b>					
460ci	plain paper, dex gum, plate 4	20	80	1.25	5.00
460cii	plain paper, dex gum, tagged Wpg. 1 bar	40	1.60	2.50	WTD
460ciii	precancel, plain paper, dex gum	30	1.25	2.00	8.00
460civ	back part 10 HBRITE tax booklet	70.00	—	—	—
<b>7C EMERALD GREEN</b>					
543i	plain paper, dex gum	25	1.00	—	—
	plate 1	—	—	8.00	34.00
	plate 2	—	—	1.50	6.00
543ii	plain paper, dex gum, tagged Wpg. 2 bar	40	1.60	2.50	10.00
<b>8C SLATE</b>					
544i	plain paper, dex gum	25	1.00	—	—
	plates 1 & 2	—	—	2.50	10.00
	plate 3	—	—	5.00	20.00
544ii	plain paper, dex gum, tagged Wpg. 2 bar	30	1.20	1.75	7.00
544iii	frsc. paper, PVA, tagged general	25	1.00	1.50	6.00
544iv	frsc. paper, PVA plate 4	20	80	1.75	7.00
544v	frsc. paper, PVA, tagged Wpg. 2 bar	50	2.00	3.00	12.00
544vi	frsc. paper, PVA, tagged general plates 5 & 6	1.50	6.00	7.00	28.00
544vii	HB paper, PVA	4.00	16.00	WTD	WTD
544viii	HB paper, PVA, tagged Wpg. 2 bar	5.00	20.00	30.00	120.00
544ix	almost HB paper, PVA, tagged general plate 7	75	3.00	4.50	18.00
<b>8C VIOLET BROWN</b>					
461i	plain paper, dex	30	1.20	2.00	8.00
	plates 1	—	—	2.00	8.00
	plate 2	—	—	2.00	8.00
461ii	HB paper, dex	12.00	50.00	WTD	WTD
<b>10C OLIVE GREEN</b>					
462i	plain paper, dex, plates 1 & 2	30	1.20	1.75	WTD
462ii	plain paper, dex, tagged Wpg. 2 bar	1.00	4.00	5.00	20.00
462iii	HB paper, white gum	60	2.40	3.50	14.00
462iv	HB paper, white gum, tagged Wpg. 2 bar	1.25	5.00	7.50	30.00
	tagged Wpg. 2 bar	—	—	1.25	—
462v	HB paper, white gum, tagged general	3.00	12.00	15.00	60.00
462vi	frsc. paper, PVA plate 3	50	2.00	WTD	WTD
462vii	frsc. paper, PVA, tagged Wpg. 2 bar	4.00	16.00	25.00	100.00
462viii	frsc. paper, PVA, tagged general	60	2.40	3.75	15.00
<b>15C DULL PURPLE</b>					
463i	plain paper, dex, plates 1 & 2	35	1.50	2.50	10.00
463ii	plain paper, dex, tagged Wpg. 2 bar	60	2.40	4.00	16.00
463iii	plain paper, dex gum	1.25	5.00	3.00	WTD
463iv	frsc. paper, PVA, plate 3	40	1.60	3.00	WTD
463v	frsc. paper, PVA, tagged Wpg. 2 bar	1.00	4.00	5.00	20.00
463vi	frsc. paper, PVA, tagged general	75	3.00	5.00	20.00
<b>20C DARK BLUE</b>					
464i	plain paper, dex, plates 1 & 2	45	WTD	3.50	14.00
464ii	plain paper, dex, tagged Wpg. 2 bar	1.00	4.00	5.00	20.00
464iii	HB paper, dex gum	2.00	8.00	12.00	48.00
464iv	frsc. paper, PVA	65	2.60	4.00	16.00
464v	frsc. paper, PVA	75	WTD	4.00	16.00
<b>25C SLATE GREEN</b>					
465i	plain paper, dex	1.00	4.00	—	—
	plate 1	—	—	6.25	25.00
	plate 2	—	—	6.25	25.00
465ii	plain paper, dex, tagged Wpg. 2 bar	1.50	6.00	7.50	30.00
465iii	HB paper, dex gum	1.75	7.00	10.00	40.00
465iv	HB paper, dex gum, tagged Wpg. 2 bar	20.00	80.00	100.00	400.00
<b>50C</b>					
465Ai	plain paper, dex, plate 1	2.25	9.00	12.50	50.00
465Aii	HB paper, dex gum	3.00	12.00	15.00	WTD
465Aiii	frsc. paper, PVA, plate 2	2.25	10.00	12.50	WTD
<b>\$1 CARMINE</b>					
465Bi	plain paper, dex, plate 1	12.00	48.00	56.00	225.00
465Bii	HB paper, dex gum	20.00	80.00	WTD	WTD
465Biii	frsc. paper, PVA, plate 2	12.50	50.00	60.00	245.00
<b>COILS</b>					
466	3c dull purple, plain paper, dex gum	95	2.00	—	—
466	3c precancel, plain paper, dex gum	70	1.40	—	—
467	4c carmine, plain paper, dex gum	95	2.00	—	—
468	5c blue, plain paper, dex gum	45	90	—	—
468	5c precancel, plain paper, dex gum	95	2.00	—	—
468A	6c orange, plain paper, dex gum	25	50	—	—
468Ai	6c orange, HB paper, dex gum	45	10.00	—	—
468B	6c black, HB paper, dex gum	20	40	—	—
468B	7c emerald green, HB paper, dex gum	35	70	—	—
549	7c slate, frsc. paper, PVA gum	25	50	—	—
550	8c slate, frsc. paper, PVA gum	25	50	—	—
550p	8c slate frsc. paper, PVA gum, tagged general	25	50	—	—
550i	8c slate, HB paper, PVA, tagged general	1.00	2.00	—	—



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**Fig. 18. World Cup Soccer, 1966, Sc. 459**

peared on the Battle of Hastings issue of 1966, which depicted parts of the Bayeux Tapestry. The strip of six of the 4d showed scenes which were generally in proper sequence, but number three, showing the death of Harold, should have been between the fifth and sixth, to preserve the continuity. As well, some scenes were altered by moving parts about within the whole, such as archers brought in from the edging and reversed.



**Fig. 19. Christmas 1967, Sc. 524**

Christmas issues seem to be jinxed, and have given rise to a succession of critical comments. The first came in 1967 when, on the 1/6 denominations (Fig. 19), the value was expressed in words only, 'ONE SHILLING AND SIXPENCE', in contravention of the U.P.U. instruction that the value be shown in Arabic numerals. The 4d of the 1970 issue (Fig. 20), while in perhaps one sense not wrong, perpetuated an error that had come about long before. The design showed an illumination from the 14th Century de Lisle Psalter. The psalter had originally borne the inscription 'Gloria



**Fig. 20. De Lisle Psalter, Sc. 645**

in Excelsis Deo', but many years ago, during restoration after fading, the long 's' was mistaken for an 'r' and 'Excelsis' became 'Excelris', the word appearing on the stamp. The Christmas issue of 1972 showed angels playing musical instruments (Fig. 21). On the 2½p (new pence were now in use) a pipe carried by the angel had no reed or mouthpiece; on the 3p an unfretted cittern, with tuning pegs half-way down the neck, could not be played; and on the 7½p a harp, shown unsupported, would have fallen. It was said, further, in the correspondence columns of 'The Times' that the angels, to support such wings, would need larger breastbones. Another writer said, however, that, as angels are presumably weightless, they and their instruments do not follow the usual rules. On the 1973 issue, illustrating the carol 'Good King Wenceslas', the phases of the moon are not consistent on the various 3p values, and

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Fig. 21. Angel musicians, Christmas 1872, Sc. 680-2.



Fig. 22. "Good King Wenceslas", Sc. 712-3, 1973



Fig. 23. Tarr Steps, Sc. 560

the dishes of alms carried by the King and page have ornamentations that vary between the third and fourth stamps of the 3p strip (Fig. 22). And finally, so far, the Christmas 1975 air letter has in the inscription 'Senders (for 'Sender's) name and address.'

In the realm of historical inexactitudes there are several examples that keen eyes and erudition have brought to attention.



Fig. 24. York's 1900th anniversary, Sc. 655

Among the British bridges on the 1968 set was one inscribed 'Tarr Steps, Prehistoric' (Fig. 23), but in a letter to 'The Times' Lady Fox pointed out that they have no claim to be prehistoric and are, in fact, listed by the Inspectorate of Ancient Monuments as 'medieval.'

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The centurian shown on the 7½p stamp of 1971 (Fig. 24) that commemorated the 1900th anniversary of the founding of York is depicted on horseback, carrying an eagle. It did not take long for a suggestion to appear that the stamp be included in the catalogue of national infelicities. No centurian was ever mounted while on official business, and would never bear an eagle while on horseback. The eagle, the legenary standard, would be carried, as the name suggests, by an aquilifer, who would be on foot. The subject attracted learned correspondence in the columns of 'The Times' and expanded into dissertations on Roman life in Britain that went on for some time.

The aeroplanes shown on the 5½p and 10p values of the U.P.U. Centenary issue of 1974 (Fig. 25) also drew fire. That on the 5½p was a Farman biplane, identified on the stamp with the carrying of the first British official airmail in 1911; but that



Fig. 25. U.P.U. Centenary, Sc. 721, 723



Fig. 26. British explorers, Sc. 689, 691-2

mail was carried in a Bleriot. The 10p shows a flyingboat, and is inscribed 'Imperial Airways Flyingboat 1937', but a Scot from Fife wrote to say that the aircraft depicted was not delivered to Imperial Airways until June, 1938. On this stamp, as well, was a postmark intended to be contemporary, but it was wrong; the authentic one would have had the letters of the month in uniform size, and not a capital followed by lower-case letters, and the '37 indicating the year should not have the apostrophe.

In the British Explorers issue of 1973, in the names of the three that had 'i's in them (David Livingstone, Francis Drake and Walter Raleigh) (Fig. 26), only the first 'i' in 'Livingstone' was dotted. This may not seem far removed from flyspeck philately, but there is a valid point involved.

The sesquicentennial of public railroads in Britain was marked in 1975 by a set of four stamps. On the highest value, the 12p (Fig. 27), appeared the locomotive of British Rail's new high-speed train, designed to travel at 125 miles an hour. Un-



Fig. 27. Sc. 752

fortunately it did not show an actual locomotive, but a model which lacked the buffers of the prototype, and it had an extra side window on the driver's cab.

On the 11p value of the 1976 issue commemorating the centenary of the first telephone call a district nurse is shown making a phone call, while her car in the background appears to have a flat tire (Fig. 28). The purpose of her call has aroused some curiosity. Also in 1976, an anachronism appears on the 13p Caxton stamp (Fig. 29), whereon is shown a printing press of 1514, but Caxton had died in 1491.

(To be concluded)



Fig. 28. Sc. 779



Fig. 29. Sc. 797

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# The Post Office in Bermuda

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In the Sept.-Oct. 1978 issue of *The Canadian Philatelist*, Max Rosenthal delved deeply into 'Bermuda's Postal Beginnings', culminating in the famous Perot handstamps of 1848.

This article complements the interesting results of Mr. Rosenthal's fruitful research by providing further information on Mr. Perot and illustrating Bermuda's postal history with its related adhesive stamps.



Fig. 1. Par-la-Ville, Sc. 112

Mr. William Bennet Perot, who died in 1871, was of Huguenot (French Protestant) extraction, but the final "t" was sounded. He built his home between 1807 and 1814 on four acres of land at Par-la-Ville, i.e., "By the Town" (Fig. 1), so-called because at that time it was on the edge of the capital city of Hamilton which now extends well beyond it.

The front of the house did not face the street. William H. Harrington of Elbow

Beach, designer of the 1962 pictorial issue and the 1970-75 floral definitives, took some liberties with the design for the 9d. stamp (Sc. 182, Fig. 2) when he removed the gigantic rubber tree from the lawn to show the front of Perot's house. This fine tree grew from a small sprig which Perot's



Fig. 2. Perot's house, Sc. 182, 1964



Fig. 3. Rear of Perot's house [post office], Sc. 168, 1959

eldest son Dolphus sent from South America.

The post office was originally on the



Fig. 4. Perot's Post Office  
[Sc. 180, 1962]

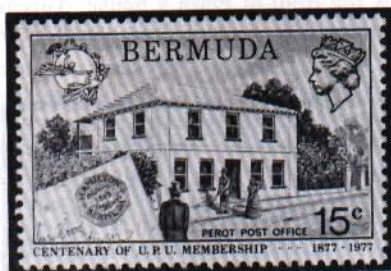


Fig. 5. Perot's Post Office  
[Sc. 351, 1977]

ground floor of his home until Perot built a new post office next door (Sc. 168, 180, 243, 351, Figs. 3, 4, 5). The building is now the home of the Historical Society as well as the Library. Stamps can be bought there but it is not an official post office.

One of Perot's problems was that people deposited mail in the night postal box often without including the required penny for postage. Since he was entitled to all inland postage fees in addition to his annual salary of £70, he decided to issue his own stamps (Figs. 6, 7). In doing so, he made Bermuda the sixth country in the world to issue stamps, although the first official government product was not introduced until 1865.

No more than eleven of these Perot stamps, issued between 1848 and 1854, are known to be still in existence. One of them was sold at auction by Stanley Gibbons in 1974 for \$121,000, three are in the Queen's Royal Collection and another three are in the collection of Bermuda's former Government leader, Sir Henry Tucker. The 20



Fig. 6. Perot Stamp centenary,  
1948 [Sc. 136]



Fig. 7. Perot Stamp on Sc. 144, 1953



Fig. 8. Joseph Stockdale's home,  
[Sc. 350, 1977]

volume Tucker Collection, estimated to be worth \$1 million, will be auctioned by Harmers in London and New York this fall.

Joseph Stockdale's home on Printer's Alley in St. George's, the original capital of Bermuda, is shown on one of the five stamps (Sc. 350, Fig. 8) issued June 20, 1977 to commemorate the centenary of the islands' membership in the Universal Postal Union.

Another stamp in this set (Sc. 352, Fig. 9) shows the post office in St. George's about 1860 when postmaster James H.





Fig. 9. St. George's Post Office, 1860  
[Sc. 352, 1977]



Fig. 10. Somerset Post Office, 1890  
[Sc. 190, 1962]



Fig. 12. Opening of New Post Office  
1867 [Sc. 210-13]



Fig. 11. Old General Post Office  
[Sc. 353, 1977]

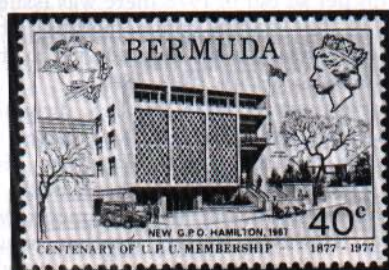


Fig. 13. New General Post Office  
[Sc. 354, 1977]

This also started to issue one penny red hand struck stamps.

The scene now shifts to the other end of the islands to Somerset where there was a post office in 1890 as depicted on stamps Sc. 190 (Fig. 10) and Sc. 253.

The old General Post Office in Hamilton

(Sc. 353, Fig. 11) has been the Magistrates Court Building since the new General Post Office was opened in 1967. This new building has had good philatelic coverage both with the commemoratives of its opening (Sc. 210-213, Fig. 12) and one (Sc. 354, Fig. 13) of the 1977 UPU issue.



Fig. 14



Fig. 15



Fig. 16



Fig. 17

Fig. 14-17. 50th anniversary of air mail service to Bermuda [Sc. 318-21, 1975]

Bermuda has never issued air mail stamps per se but in 1975 there was issued a set of four stamps commemorating the 50th anniversary of air mail service to the islands (Sc. 318-321, Figs. 14-17).

On February 21, 1925, the U.S. dirigible Los Angeles left Lakehurst, New Jersey to carry the first air mail to Hamilton. The USS Patoka was docked there with a specially constructed mast to moor the airship. However, stormy weather, what the Bermudians modestly call a 'blow', prevented the mooring. The dirigible's crew merely dropped the mail of some 2,350 letters on the main island and returned to Lakehurst. This is why the 17c. stamp of this series (Sc. 319, Fig. 15) is inscribed 'First Air Mail to Bermuda by Airship Los Angeles April 1925'. Following the tragic losses of their three huge dirigibles, the Akron, Macon and Shenandoah, the U.S. decided to terminate the programme and began dismantling the Los

Angeles in December 1929.

Almost ten per cent of Bermuda's stamps to date have been devoted to its postal activities. No other country has a greater proportion, not even Great Britain which issued the first adhesive postage stamps.

The writer visited Bermuda in 1975 and 1978 and has very pleasant memories, particularly of the trouble that the post office people took to furnish single copies of every available stamp which had been issued since 1970.

Like General MacArthur in another context, "We shall return".

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Ed. Note: Further on Bermuda's postal history may be found in "The Bermuda Postmasters' Stamps" by L. N. Williams, in Stamp Collecting, Vol. 131, Nos. 1 & 2, Aug. 24, 31, 1978.

# CAPEX '78 and Canadian Air Mail Covers

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Everyone seems to have something to say about CAPEX '78. Fortunately not all said is derogatory. Constructive criticism is certainly to be encouraged to aid future organizers to present better philatelic exhibitions wherever they may be held. It is unfortunate that some supposedly experienced and mature philatelists expected too much personal pampering, and when they did not receive it, became vitriolic critics. It is hoped that, in the future, these individuals will display the philatelic maturity that they must have and constructively aid future organizers, whoever they may be, in presenting better exhibitions, whether local, national or international.

I unreservedly had a wonderful and a very busy time at CAPEX '78. Since I was to attend for the full time I did a little advance planning concerning the allocation of time and expenditures. The Royal Beaver Club membership was a most worthwhile investment, saving time in line-ups and providing the interesting set of the three security printers' souvenir sheets.

It was indeed a pleasure meeting old friends and greeting for the first time old and new philatelic correspondence acquaintances. It was a most enjoyable experience meeting so many philatelic members of the R.P.S.C., the British North America Philatelic Society, the American Air Mail Society and several other groups.

When one adds the wonderful opportunity to view the exceptional international

philatelic displays of individual collectors and postal authorities, and the treasures available from the dealers and other collectors, I find it difficult to find fault with some inconvenience due to the large attendance. Although I attended the full nine days, I could have spent nine more days meeting fellow philatelists, viewing the exhibits, and inspecting the stock of the bourse.

My main area of philatelic interest is Canadian air mail flight covers from the beginning of air mail in Canada circa 1909 to the present. CAPEX '78 presented to me, an exceptional opportunity, directly and indirectly, to acquire several desirable items for my collection. Without CAPEX '78 as a catalyst, I might not have had an opportunity to acquire them. To stress the exceptional opportunities of finding items for one's collection I would like to list the items I located at CAPEX '78. They are not listed in any order of significance but all were important to me.

a) A post card mailed from Parrsboro, Nova Scotia on 9 October 1919 by Colonel Ernest Stedman, to Rev. E. Rusted, Upper Cove, Newfoundland. It was cancelled with the two line cachet "Handley Page Aerial Mail/from Parrsboro, N.S." with the postal cancellation "Greenport N.Y., Oct. 10, 11:30 A.M., 1919". It was one of six mailed by Stedman on the flight.

Rev. Rusted's son located this card in his father's effects and apparently decided that the time of CAPEX '78 would be

opportune to offer it for sale.

b) A letter and envelope flown from Toronto, Ontario to New York, N.Y. as part of the mail flown on the Aero Club of Canada flight of 25 August 1919. The cover was a personal civilian correspondence from a Mrs. John Drew of Guelph, Ontario to a friend, Mrs. Norman Macdonald of Champlain Mills, Willsboro, Essex Co., New York. The envelope bears the special \$1.00 Aero Club of Canada vignette (semi-official stamp), was cancelled at Guelph, Ontario early on 25 August 1919, taken to Toronto and carried on to New York, all on 25 August 1919.

c) A collection of approximately 250 Canadian pioneer and semi-official airmail flight covers.

d) A flight cover from the Grand Army of

United Veterans Flight, Toronto to Hamilton and return on 25 May 1920. The Grand Army of Canada's special \$1.00 vignette complete with selvage from the left side of the strip of stamps is tied to the front of the envelope with the Toronto date stamp of 28 May 1920.

My personal collection of Canadian air mail flight covers benefited greatly through CAPEX '78. I am sure other collectors of all interests and stages of development had similar opportunities to enhance their collections. To those who were responsible for the development and presentation of CAPEX '78 I extend my most sincere thanks and appreciation for a job exceptionally well done. Will there be a CAPEX '88?

## ONE WAY TO DO IT

### Raising Money

Does your chapter need money for a specific project? This may be one way to raise it. This note came our way some time ago from the B.C. Philatelic Society (Chap. 31) by way of the Penticton & District Stamp Club (Chap. 127) and the Okanagan-Mainline Philatelic Society (Chap. 100) and has been waiting for an appropriate time to appear.

It originated with Mrs. H. Jean Bissell of the B.C.P.S. who gets the stamps from the many received from various sources throughout the province, so they cost her nothing.

Mrs. Bissell said that "this is the stamp game we use on our 'fun night' at B.C.P.S. We have been doing this on the 5th Wednesday (whenever there is one) making it a kind of social affair." Coffee and sandwiches are served on this night only.

"All proceeds go to the Cancer Campaign and are designated for either dressings (given free to cancer patients) or for research. Had a game last night at

B.C.P.S. and raised \$18.25. There is really no limit as the amount raised depends upon the number of people playing and the number of envelopes sold".

This could be an alternative answer to donation auctions and the like as a means of raising extra funds for your chapter.

Now for the game of "Put and Take" with stamps.

1. Make up small envelopes containing 10 items (single stamps, pairs, blocks, etc.) with catalogue value of around \$2.00.
2. Make 1/3 as many similar envelopes also containing 10 items with a catalogue value of about \$2.00.
3. Mark the first group of envelopes in Black, starting with "1" and going as high as you require — usually enough for one envelope for each person playing.
4. Mark the second group (called the "Roving" envelopes) with Red, also starting with "1".

## The Apfelbaum

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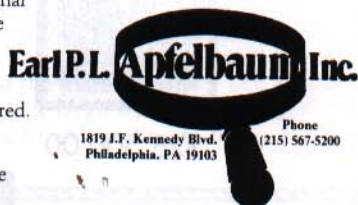
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  6. Now pass out the Roving envelopes in numerical sequence. Anyone may receive the first with the second and subsequent envelopes going to every third person as there are three times as many Black envelopes as Rovers. Players then choose 2 pieces from the Rover and replace them with their 2 discards from their Black envelope. The Rover is then passed to the player on the left and the procedure is repeated. The Rover then is passed to the third player and finally back to the player who received it first.
  7. By having the Rover in the hands of every third person at the start the game is speeded up and the players do not have to wait too long to "Put and Take". With between 20 and 30 players, it is usual to give them about 30-40 minutes (as long as they are having a good time). By then they have ended up with 10 stamps to their liking and have seen a lot of others that they may not have seen before.
  8. The Rovers are gathered in and sold by auction. You should get at least 25c. for each Rover in the auction.
  9. If a player buys more than one envelope he is usually allowed to swap two pieces from each envelope purchased.
- Those are the rules as set forth by the B.C.P.S. If you have any variations to them or other tried ideas for raising funds, we would like to hear of them.

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It is interesting that privately printed postal stationery continues to surface. Recently we have seen the following items:

—kraft window envelope, 7 3/16" x 3 5/8" with 4c. Cameo dotted hair, from Shelburne Water and Sewage System

—white with window, 6 1/2" x 3 5/8" with 5c. Cameo lined hair, from Office of Tax Collector, Township of Orillia

—white No. 10 envelope with Canada Post printing inside, 6c. black, from The Comptroller The Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal

—white No. 8 envelope with 8c. gray from Eureka Lodge Belleville

—kraft No. 10 envelope with 8c. gray from Statistics Div. Farm Economics and Statistics Branch Toronto

—blue-gray with window, 8c, gray from Dr. G. A. Vanderburgh

—white No. 8 with 8c. gray from Service Des Affairs Sociales, Montreal

—kraft window envelope, 7 1/2" x 3 5/8", 14c. red and blue, from Case Postale Ste Foy P.Q.

How about sending a few of your finds to us for the record?

Speaking about stationery, we have noticed the type EN525-10d which is precancelled on a postage saver envelope in two different precancel types from Toronto. In one the numerals 4530 are small without serifs while the other has larger numerals with serifs.

With the Post Office to become a Crown Company, one must speculate what influence this may have on us as collectors. Among the things that may occur are: an increase in postal rates are pretty certain, tighter control over expenditures such as production of unnecessary stamps (maybe?), transfer of certain unprofitable mail to other agencies, increased use of automation and possible reduction in

stamp requirements, and, let us hope, no change of policy regarding the Postal Museum which serves collectors so well.

Even though there has been some tough criticism about CAPEX, which we feel is unfair, we hear that one chap must have had a busy time. He walked around with a glass from frame to frame, from dealer to dealer, from collector to collector and achieved the plating of the 6 and 10 Pence stamps to a large extent. We doubt if he had time to wait in line to buy a souvenir sheet.

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Three multicolour (6 colours) lithographed stamps were released on October 20th for Christmas 1978. The stamps depict the main features, mother and child, of three early Renaissance paintings from the National Gallery of Canada.

The 12-cent stamp is taken from "The Madonna of the Flowering Pea" by an anonymous 15th century master of the Cologne School.

The 14-cent stamp is based on the late 15th century painting "The Virgin and

20 October 1978 (1978-10-20)

Child with Saint Anthony and Donor" by Hans Memling of the Flemish School.

The 30-cent stamp illustration was taken from the centre portion of a 14th century triptych, "The Virgin and Child with Saints, The Annunciation, The Nativity and the Crucifixion" by Jacopo Di Cione.

Layout and typography for the three stamps are by Jean Morin of Montreal. Ashton-Potter Limited, Toronto, Ont., printed 111,000,000 12-cent, 76,000,000 14-cent and 24,000,000 30-cent stamps.

**CANADA SHIPS Series 4 — ICE VESSELS** 15 November 1978 (1978-11-15)

Four 14-cent multicoloured stamps depicting old and new vessels which were developed to combat ice are to be issued on 15 November.

The ships shown are the Chief Justice Robinson which made the Toronto-Niagara River passenger run from 1842-1857, maintaining, during that period, a reliable winter service.

The Northern Light, the second ice vessel shown was used as an ineffective icebreaker across the Northumberland

Strait between Prince Edward Island and the mainland. In spite of its uselessness as an icebreaker, it served from 1876 to 1888.

Now in a Vancouver museum, the St. Roche originated in the Burrard Dry Dock Company in 1928 as an R.C.M.P. supply vessel for its arctic outposts. As such it served until 1948. It is most noted for its west-east passage of the Northwest Passage in 1940-42 and the reverse passage in 1944.

The most modern ice vessel of the four is



the Canadian Coast Guard heavy ice-breaker Labrador. It was originally an R. C. N. Arctic Patrol vessel commissioned 8 July 1954 which, during its maiden voyage became the first naval vessel to traverse the Northwest Passage. She was transferred to the C.C.G. in 1958 and is still in service.

The stamps were designed by Tom Bjarnason and printed in panes of 50 stamps by the Canadian Bank Note Company, Ottawa in 1 colour steel engraving (Pl. No. 1) and 8 colours lithography. There were 36,000,000 printed.

#### PLATE LAYOUT — Ice Vessels

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2	4	2	4	2	
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4	2	4	2	4	
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- 1 - Chief Justice Robinson
- 2 - Northern Light
- 3 - St. Roche
- 4 - Labrador



#### Canada Postage Due Stamps 1967 Design: Dates of Fourth Issue

A correspondent, who wishes to remain anonymous, has provided evidence concerning the dates of availability of the Fourth Issue of the 1967 postage due stamps.

The dates as given below indicate that the stamps were available about a year earlier than stated in the article by John G. Schmidt (Can. Phil. July-Aug. 1978).

12c. available by the last week of 1976.  
 10c. available early in 1977.  
 1c. available in August 1977.  
 4c., 5c., 20c., 24c., 50c., all available before the end of 1977.

These dates are certainly earlier than the dates when they were generally available in post offices and that raises the question as to the date that should be ascribed to

this issue. Should the date be:

1. the date when they were taken into stock by Canada Post?
2. the dates they were received in supply depots? or
3. the dates on which they were used in post offices?

### NEW ITEMS

The following items were available at the Pioneer Post Office in the National Postal Museum, Ottawa, on Tuesday, October 3, 1978 (1978-10-03):

Plate 2, Canadian Bank Note Company, 10c. floral stamp "Cypripedium passerinum", tagged.

Precancelled 12c. Jewelweed, British American Bank Note Company, Ltd., tagged, PVA gum. Panes of 100 stamps are cancelled with two sets of horizontal red lines (black lines on other precancelled stamps). The warning instructions: "Warning: to be used only as specifically authorized" "Mise en garde: N'utiliser des timbres qu'aux fins autorisées." in red also, are placed at the top and bottom of each pane.

Cancellations on the first day of availability were obtained at the Postal Museum. Further information is available from R. K. Malott, Ottawa.

### AVAILABLE ITEMS

The following items have been available at post offices across Canada:

A 30 cents aerogramme featuring a colour photograph of the Arctic Sky, released 1978-04-01 (1 April, 1978). This is an entirely new aerogramme with more writing space, more protection of contents and easier opening without damage.

Pre-stamped 14 cent envelopes in personal stationery and business sizes. The 12 cent pre-stamped envelopes will continue in stock to accommodate the third-class rate.

Pre-stamped 14 cent postcards.

The indicia design, first used on 1975 stationery, has been retained but is printed in combinations of purple and blue.

12c. Q.E. II stamp, plate no. 2, BABN.

12c. Parliament stamp, precancelled.

Jan.-June 1978 semi-annual pre-pack with 14 stamps plus the CAPEX '78 miniature sheet for \$5.20.

### AEROGRAMMES

A package of 100 30c. aerogrammes (Arctic Sky) purchased in Ottawa in May 1978 contained: 10 copies which were deficient in blue so that the mountains and eskimoes were a rust or dark red colour; several copies had red and blue streaks

## QUANTITIES OF STAMPS ISSUED

### Low Value Definitives, 1973 Issue

Date of Issue 1973-10-17 (17 Oct. 1973)

Printers: CBN Canadian Bank Note Company, Ltd.

BABN British American Bank Note Company.

Stamp	Printer	Quantity	Precancelled
1c. Macdonald	CBN	80,200,000	6,200,000
2c. Laurier	CBN	356,100,100	
3c. Borden	CBN	52,900,000	11,000,000
4c. King	CBN	61,600,000	
5c. Bennett	CBN	63,200,100	5,300,000
6c. Pearson	CBN	418,400,000	60,200,000
8c. Q.E. II (1973-76)	BABN	1,581,500,000	
8c. Q.E. II (1976-77)	CBN	163,700,000	10,100,000
Date of Issue: 1974-04-08 (8 Apr. 1974)			
7c. St. Laurent	BABN	30,600,000	
	CBN	19,000,000	

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across the design and several had the clouds in much different shade than the regular brown shade.

Another variety had three or four donuts at the top of the design around the midnight sun.

Has anyone else found similar or other varieties? Dick Malott would like to hear of them.

### NEW AEROGRAMME

A fourth aerogramme bearing a cloud scene was released by Canada Post on 15 September 1978 (1978-09-15).

This new 30c. aerogramme, in the same layout as the Arctic Sky aerogramme, depicts a summer sky with cumulus clouds over a farm landscape. There are worn mountains in the middle and far background.

The scene would appear to be from along the St. Lawrence River, possibly the south shore, but only confirmation from Canada Post would clarify this.

No advanced warning concerning the release of this aerogramme was given.

A quantity of the aerogrammes was cancelled on the release date at the Pioneer Post Office in National Postal Museum.

The other three aerogrammes which depict cloud scenes are:

1. 25c. aerogramme, 31 Dec. 1976 (1976-12-31) for new postal rate effective 1 Jan. 1977 (1977-01-01). Western Sky with billowy white clouds in a blue sky over prairies with yellowish brown grain elevators.

2. 25c. aerogramme, 10 June, 1977 (1977-08-10) with the Tom Thomson painting "Blue Sky, White Clouds, Green Trees", released at Stampex '77, Toronto, Ont.

3. 30c. aerogramme, 1 April 1978 (1978-04-01) for new postal rate effective on that date. Arctic Sky depicting the midnight sun, grey blue clouds and eskimos in centre. This aerogramme was also the first in the new format.

For further data concerning these items, members may contact R. K. Malott, our Advertising Manager.

## CHAPTER MEETINGS

### CALGARY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

(Chapter No. 66) Regular meetings: First Tues. of the month, Calgary Central Library, 616 Macleod Trail, 7:30 p.m. Auction: Third Tues. of the month, CUPE Hall, 104 - 13th Avenue, S.E., 7:30 p.m. President: E. A. Harris, P.O. Box 1478, Calgary, Alta, T2P 2L6.

### CANADIAN ASSOCIATION FOR ISRAEL PHILATELY

(C.A.F.I.P.) RPSC Chapter #76. Meetings every third Monday of the month (except July and August) at 7:30 p.m. at Coleman's Delicatessen, 3085 Bathurst Street, (at Lawrence). Visitors always welcome. President: Peter Brull, P.O. Box 454, Willowdale, Ontario. M2N 1Y2.

### COLUMBIA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Chapter No. 11. Meetings held monthly on the fourth Monday at 7:30 p.m. Visitors welcome. Secretary - Mrs. E. Bailey, 1490 Fourth Ave., Trail, B.C. 364-1303. President - Rev. J. Fullerton, 714 Eliot St., Trail, B.C. 368-3686.

### EAST TORONTO STAMP CLUB

Cedarvale Park Building, Cedarvale Ave., First East of Woodbine, at Cosburn, North of Arena. 1st & 3rd Wednesdays. Sec'y: Raymond Reakes, 188 Woodmount Ave., Toronto 13. Phone: 425-1545. Visitors Always Welcome.

### EDMONTON STAMP CLUB

Touring stampers welcome. Meetings on Alternate Mondays in the cafeteria of St. Joseph Composite School. Pres. - Keith R. Spencer, ph. 434-0270; Membership - Terry Krawec, ph. 469-8789. Address all mail c/o the Club, P.O. Box 399, Edmonton, Alberta, T5J 2J6.

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(Chapter 32 of the R.P.S.C.) Meets in Windsor Park Pavilion at 8:00 p.m. on the third Friday of each month. Secretary Mrs. Gladys Clarke, 1737 Mortimer St., Victoria, B.C., V8P 3A9. Telephone 477-0261. Visitors Welcome.

### GUELPH STAMP CLUB

Chapter 98, RPSC). Meets first and third Wednesdays, September through May, third Wednesdays June through August, at 8 p.m. in the Guelph Library, Norfolk at Paisley Streets, Guelph, Ontario. Secretary: Marie Starr, 47 Suffolk St. W., Guelph, Ont. N1H 2H9. Visitors most welcome.

### HAMILTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Chapter Fifty-one. 2nd and 4th Mondays Sept. to May inc. Lower auditorium of the Canadian Martyrs Church at the corner of Main Street West and Emerson Avenue in Hamilton (across from McMaster University campus). Secretary - Mr. Roger Robitaille, 82 Dunburn Street North, Hamilton, Ont. L8R 3E3.

### KINGSTON STAMP CLUB - CHAPTER 49

The Kingston Stamp Club meets every second and fourth Monday (except during June, July and August) at the Hall of St. George's Cathedral, Johnson and Wellington Sts. at 7:30 p.m. Visitors welcome. President - Frank Sillett. Secretary - Louis Fontaine, 2D Dieppe Heights, Fort Henry Heights, Kingston, Ontario, K7K 5L7.

### KITCHENER-WATERLOO PHILATELIC SOCIETY

(Chapter 13 of the R.P.S.C.). Meets at 7:30 p.m. on the 2nd Thursday of each month (except during June, July and August) in the Elizabeth Room of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church (Queen Street Entrance). Visitors Welcome. Pres. Gordon Warnock, 192 Blucher St., Kitchener, Ont.

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R.P.S.C. Chapter No. 33. Meets second Wednesday and last Friday monthly from September to June in the Faculty of Education Building. Visitors always welcome. Jan van Geen, Secretary-Treasurer, 230 Peter Street, Thunder Bay "P", Ontario P7A 5H9.

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### NORTH YORK PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month (July & August excepted) at the North York Memorial Community Hall. 5090 Yonge St. Willowdale, Ontario. Sec'y: Mrs. M. Summerfield, Phone 221-0375. Visitors Welcome.

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(chapter 41, RPSC). Meets 7:30 p.m. Every Monday at The R. A. Centre, 2451 Riverside Drive, Ottawa, Ontario. (Except June, July and August). Visitors Welcome - Phone 733-5100.

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oine Morel, Sillery. As in the past we will hold meetings on the first and third Wednesdays of the month - 7:30 Hr., to 10:00.

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Meetings on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m., Except during July and August, at the Centennial Concert Hall - Planetarium Centre - 555 Main Street. Miss H. S. Robertson, Secretary, Box 1425. Winnipeg, Manitoba. R3C 2Z1.

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## THE CHAPTER COORDINATOR - -

Your Chapter Coordinators have been kept very busy these last weeks. Preparing the revised lists of Slide Programmes and lectures, and getting all these in the mail to the various chapters has been time consuming.

One advantage Mike Millar had — his mail was delivered. We have to drive six miles to town to get ours, which uses up more time.

We have been making a special effort to get all slide programmes requested for up

to the middle of October in the mail with the hope no one will be disappointed. If the threatened strike goes beyond that, please forgive. We tried.

There is pleasure for us to welcome Chapter No. 157, Kirkland Lake Stamp Club and Chapter No. 158, Centennial Stamp Club of Coquitlam, B.C. and we hope they will have many years of pleasant association with the R.P.S.C.

Ted Lyon for  
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## THE SALES CIRCUIT - -

September began with a new series of Sales Circuits being sent to Chapters and members. At this time of writing I am not sure if this will continue or grind to a halt because of a mail strike.

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At this time, I would like to wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all members of the R.P.S.C. and especially to those who send me books to circulate and to whom I send circuits.

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## FROM THE CHAPTERS - -

Cambridge Stamp Club, Chapter 4, has announced that their Annual Historic Cover, which was released in conjunction with the club's annual exhibition and bourse on 23 September 1978, is still available at \$1.25 postpaid from Cambridge Stamp Club, Box 443, Cambridge, Ontario, N1R 5V9.

The No. 8 envelope has a line drawing by F. J. O'Connor of the old Blair Mill, the oldest water-powered grist mill in the area and an historic site. The envelope will contain a filler about the mill and the artist. The cancellation is Cambridge's first flag cancellation.

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## Literature Reviews

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**1979 CANADA SPECIALIZED POSTAGE STAMP CATALOGUE.** William H. P. Maresch, Arthur Leggett, editors and publishers. Philatelic Publishers Co., P.O. Box 714, Station Q, Toronto, Ont., M4T 2N8. 12.2 cm x 21.2 cm, 128 pages, offset, soft covers. 1978. \$3.00 from many dealers.

Before describing what to expect of this year's edition of this conveniently sized familiar catalogue, an error should be noted. On page 127, the second line of paragraph one under Prices, the sentence should end . . . "conditions prevailing in the fall of 1978."

There are no new features incorporated in this edition. Listing and prices are complete to the second issue of Commonwealth Games stamps of August 3rd. Prices have been reviewed and in many cases, especially the earlier issues, have been substantially raised and in at least one case, the 8c. Centennial HB, reduced. The 1977-78 definitives and the 12c. Cougar (1977) have been renumbered.

It remains a compact, useful Canadian catalogue.

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**HARRIS REFERENCE CATALOG OF POSTAGE STAMP PRICES FOR UNITED STATES, UNITED NATIONS AND CANADA AND PROVINCES PLUS: Confederate States, U.S. Possessions, Albums and Accessories, Comprehensive U.S. Stamp Identifier.** Fall/Winter 1978-79 Edition. H. E. Harris & Co., Inc., 645 Summer St., Boston, MA 02210, U.S.A. 10.5 cm x 17.9 cm, 486 + 4 pages, illus., flexible card covers. 1978. US \$2.25 or equivalent from many dealers.

The first feature of this popular semi-annual catalogue is the change in format. It is now paperback book size and much thicker than previous editions. It should now be more convenient to carry.

The catalogue lists, illustrates and shows current selling prices for the stamps listed in the subtitle including regular and

commemorative issues, airmails, special delivery, plate blocks, U.S. revenue stamps, U.S. and U.N. souvenir cards, U.S. mint sheets, U.S. mint sheets, U.S. postal stationery, etc. There are some 7000 price changes from the preceding edition.

Over 700 listings have been added including the Ryukyu Islands, with over 100 prices shown for items previously listed only. The U.S.A. listing is complete to the 15c. Photography stamp and the Canadian listing ends with the second issue of Commonwealth Games stamps (Aug. 1978).

This is a handy, inexpensive, compact reference catalogue.

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**INTERPHILA '78: ADRESSBUCH DER PHILATELIE UND NUMISMATIK.** 16th edition. Fachverlag Ludwig Helwig, Spatzweg 11, Postfach 47, D-8210 Prien/Chiemsee, West Germany. 14.7 cm x 20.9 cm, 400 pages, flexible card cover. 1978. DM18 [Can. \$11.00+] including postage and handling from publisher.

The title of this handbook tells what the contents are. It is a directory of philately and numismatics with the greatest concentration on collectors, shops, journals, etc. in Germany but there are also listings from other parts of Europe and the rest of the world. The addresses are presumably correct as at Dec. 31, 1977.

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Additions or corrections to the directory can be made, at no charge, by submitting the appropriate information to the publisher by September 30, 1979. Such information will appear in the next edition (17th) to be published in 1980.

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**COLLECT BRITISH STAMPS: A Stanley Gibbons Checklist of the Stamps of Great Britain.** 22nd ed., Summer 1978. Stanley Gibbons Publications Ltd., 391 Strand, London WC2R 0LX, England. 16.5 cm x 19.3 cm, 60 pages, col. illus., flexible card covers. 1978. 95p. [Can. \$2.95] available from many dealers.

This edition of the semi-annual checklist includes issues up to the British Architecture stamps and miniature sheet of 1 March 1978. The revised prices show some marked increases since the 21st edition (Nov. 1977). For example, the KGV high values of 1939-48 are well up — the 2s.6d. (476) now £145 unused from £50, the 10s. dark blue (478) now £150 unused from £100, and the £1 brown (478b) now £40 unused from £13. There are similar rises in several other high value stamps.

The Post Office Picture cards list is complete to date with the quantities issued corrected from the 21st edition, in which total and individual quantities were confused in some cases.

This is a useful checklist to keep handy if you are a GB collector.

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**STANLEY GIBBONS OVERSEAS 4, FOREIGN STAMP CATALOGUE: P-Z.** 2nd ed. Stanley Gibbons Publications Ltd., 391 Strand, London WC2R 0LX, England. 14.5 cm x 21.5 cm., xxii + 954 pages, illus., flexible covers. 1978. £7.50 [U.K.] or equivalent from some dealers.

With the publication of this edition of Overseas 4, the quartet of Stanley Gibbons Catalogues comprising the Overseas section is complete in its second edition, and provides a comprehensive priced guide to the stamps of all countries of the world other than those of the British Commonwealth and Europe.

The countries are listed in alphabetical order according to their present names and the volume is as self-contained as possible. It has the usual table of contents at the beginning of the volume and at the end is an entirely new comprehensive Index to all Foreign Countries and Places covering both European and Overseas countries. This index refers the reader to the

appropriate volume in which a particular country's stamps are listed.

This volume is considerably enlarged, the listings have been expanded and improved and many notes and illustrations have been added.

Editorial changes and revision are apparent in most countries; Sudan is now listed in full from 1897 to 1977, including a repeat of the British Commonwealth lists (1897-1954). Tuva has benefited from the advice of Andrew Cronin FRPSL (published critique of 1976 Tuva handbook by Soviet collector S. Blekhan in "Yamshchik" of the Canadian Society of Russian Philately). Transkei, the first of the independent South African territories makes its first appearance and another completely new section covers the general issues made by the SCEDTA aviation company for mail destined for Colombia and the 'consular' overprints. Thailand, South Vietnam and North Vietnam have also come in for revisions.

Altered catalogue numbers and stamps, other than new issues, that have been added to this edition, are listed in the preface.

The quality of the printing, paper and clarity of the illustrations are excellent.

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**STANLEY GIBBONS BRITISH COMMONWEALTH STAMP CATALOGUE 1979.** 81st edition. Stanley Gibbons Publications Ltd., 391 Strand, London WC2R 0LX, England. 17.9 cm x 23.4 cm, xxvi + 1034 pages, illus., hard bound. 1978. £7.75 [U.K.] \$18.95 from local dealers.

Gibbons' "Red" Catalogue is the basic catalogue of all British Commonwealth issues and includes the post-independence stamps of Ireland, Pakistan, Rhodesia and South Africa.

Prices have been revised to reflect current market trends, e.g., Canada's 12d. Black is up from £25,000 to £28,000 unused and from £23,000 to £25,000 used. The 1897 Jubilee set of 16 has risen from £2,500 to £3,500 unused. Improvements, additions and corrections have been made throughout the catalogue as information has been

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received from numerous collectors, correspondents and societies. Additional information has been incorporated in the GB lists between 1902 and 1952 following the publication of the G.B. Specialized Catalogue Vol. 2 (The Four Kings); the Bermuda KGVI definitives of 1939-53 have some new shades; and the heading 'British Occupation of Iraq' now includes the Baghdad and Mosul issues together with the 1918-23 postage and official stamps which had been in the Overseas 2 Catalogue only.

A complete overhaul has been made of the imperforate and part perforated items of Canada from 1908 onwards. Only those examples believed to be genuine errors are now listed, other items are recorded in footnotes. The 1972-76 Indian series has been rewritten for improved clarity.

Under Gambia improvements have been made to the 'cameo' stamps and other early issues. The Malta section covering the 1860-84 ½d. value has been completely rewritten as have the Tobago issues from 1880-1896 and the Leeward Islands' KGVI definitives of 1938-51. Additional New Zealand booklet panes from 1902 onwards have been included.

The table of Omnibus Issues has been expanded to show in detail the complex of Silver Jubilee issues of 1977.

As we wrote last year, this catalogue is a must for any serious collector of Commonwealth stamps.

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**THE SPANISH-AMERICAN PHILATELIST/EL FILATELISTA HISPANO-AMERICANO, Vol. 1, No. 2, 1978. B. N. Marlowe, editor-publisher, 11 Blue Spruce Drive, Upper Saddle River, NJ 17458, U.S.A. 21.6 cm x 28 cm, 8 pages, illus., offset, paper covers, stapled. Bimonthly.**

The second number of this publication shows a decided improvement over the first insofar as the overall appearance is concerned. It still has numerous short notes, often only one paragraph long. The featured item is a two column (each language) interview with F. Burton Sellers. The second long (one column) item is on Thomas Eakins — The Story Behind the Stamp (Sc. 1335).

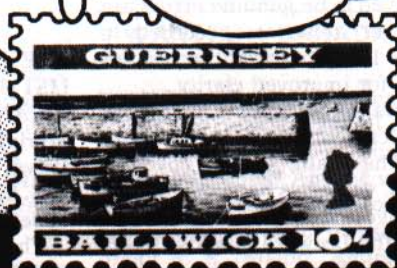
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