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EDITOR'S NOTES

by Ron Richards

CANADA POST'S APPOINTED ROUNDS

The following "letter" is a reprint from the March 14, 1983 edition of the Vancouver Sun, courtesy of Jim Kraemer. I found it so "interesting", that I couldn't resist reproducing it ...

"Dear Postman:

You'll find the key under the mat as usual. You can leave the Hydro bill on the hall table. We've left cheques there for the phone and cable TV, which you can take with you. Please put the milk straight into the fridge — one of the bottles you left on the doorstep the other day went sour.

We must say we appreciate the service you have been providing since Canada Post decided to expand out of mail delivery and meter reading into general delivery and household services, even if you swift couriers aren't as swift as you used to be, ha ha.

That was a nasty experience you had with Mrs. Smith's Doberman Pinscher up the street. We think we know why it happened. Mrs. Smith's son Billy is the boy who was delivering the afternoon paper until you took over the route, and he's still a bit put out at losing his main source of income. Too bad you didn't have your can of mace with you, but you can't be expected to carry that as well as all those Fuller brushes.

Hope you remembered to pick up the shirts from the laundry and the rental glasses for our wine and cheese party tonight. We'll get the wine ourselves this time, but hope the post office doesn't take too long to reach agreement with the LDB on a liquor delivery service.

Is this our day for Canada Post's Maid in Canada service? If so, the living room carpet could use a once-over with the vacuum, and maybe you could mop the kitchen floor as well. While you're there, would you mind feeding the cat? The pet food is in the cupboard under the sink. She likes the liver best. Incidentally, that kitchen tap has been dripping lately. Could you take a look at it?

Do help yourself to a cup of tea and a cookie after you've put the roast in the oven. About 325 degrees should do it. On your way out, could you take out the garbage? If you brought any junk mail, that can go straight into the garbage can too.

Pretty soon the lawn will need mowing. Do you think Canada Post will provide its own lawnmower this year? Ours is getting pretty clapped out, so we'll have to get you to fix it if we're supposed to supply our own again.

You posties sure lead an interesting life now compared with the old days when all you had to do was carry mail through rain, snow, sleet, hail and gloom of night, eh? By the way, the mail service is picking up. That special delivery letter that arrived from Burnaby yesterday was postmarked less than a month ago.

Well cheerio, and thanks again.

The Homeowners"

Fact or fiction — only time will tell. According to a marketing spokesperson, reading hydro meters is only one of the new services Canada Post is trying on a trial basis. But — before expanding too far, one hopes that Canada Post will continue its attempt to bring our postal service in line with other twentieth century countries. Stamp collectors of all people, know how much faster mail moved over 100 years ago, and at much less cost and hassle!

a pair of scissors which could give me a 1¢ Parliament stamp (created from what?) or create for example a 17¢ Queen Elizabeth stamp, perf. 12 x 12 1/2 with no straight edges. I will pay postage both ways if they'll kindly send me the scissors!

I also note that Canada Specialized lists, catalogues *and* prices *a single $1.25 stamp from the CAPEX souvenir sheet — now, if that isn't an orphan I don't know what is!*

Perhaps we could carry your rationale one step further then. In a regular post office, no four or more se-tenant design is available as a single on particular demand. Take for example the Flags miniature sheet. No postal clerk (philatelic or otherwise) would have sold you 100 copies only of the Quebec stamp. Is not a single Flag stamp also an "orphan" in the same way that a single stamp from a booklet pane might be so classified? Exactly where do you draw the line as to orphans and what is collectible? You are missing the point that a booklet pane is only a different packaging tool and a single stamp from it is as COLLECTIBLE as one of the Flags stamps or Canada Map stamps from 1981. Think about it. — Ed.)

CANADIAN NUMBERING SYSTEM

I have not yet seen a copy of the new Canada Specialized Catalogue, but in spite of that, I would like to comment on your editorial in the March / April C.P.

I most emphatically agree that a booklet stamp issued in that format only *must* have a catalogue number, and a major number at that! One certainly cannot ignore the 1¢ and 5¢ Parliaments or the 5¢, 8¢ and 10¢ Maple Leafs.

And of course the 60¢ Street Scene, the 30¢ Q.E. and the Waterton Lake and Point Pelee stamps are part of their respective series. After all, if the 12¢, 14¢ and 17¢ Q.E.'s are a series, even though issued over a period of three years, a gap of a couple of years doesn't exclude the 30¢ from the set! Each value was issued for exactly the same reason — a change in the letter rate. (What about the 10¢ "Caricature" stamp — or the 7¢ and 8¢ Centennial values?)

Perhaps for a continuing definitive series one should consider the method currently in use by Gibbons for the British definitives.

It is my belief that all definitives of a given design should be listed consecutively as a set, but that all special issues should be numbered chronologically, then cross-referenced as a set. So therefore the 13¢ Quebec Citadel (NOT "Bridge") follows the 12¢ in the same design, just as the 14¢ Ram Tank follows the 13¢ Ram Tank. So also should the three Jet Planes (7¢, 8 on 7 and 8¢) be consecutive numbers, and perhaps also the 20¢ Forest Products and 50¢ Textiles.

Also I feel that definitive stamp shades should always be sub-numbers. Shades are in the main accidents in the course of any given issue — "accident" here being given a wide interpretation. Of course a deliberate colour change is altogether a different matter, and is always a major number. If you give shades major numbers, where do you stop?

As to special issues, presently the Arms & Flowers and the Indians are listed consecutively, but all other sets — Olympics, Inuit, Ships, Aircraft, Wildlife, Prime Ministers, Endangered Wildlife, etc., are listed chronologically. This is inconsistent, and isn't the reason for developing a new numbering system to get rid of the inconsistencies in present catalogues??

So here's hoping that someday we can arrive at a truly satisfactory system!

J.J. Johnston
Surrey, B.C.

CANADIAN NUMBERING SYSTEM

As a new subscriber to the Canadian Philatelist and a relative newcomer to philately, it is with considerable timidity that I enter the arena of the pros' question concerning the (new) Canadian Numbering System, which you raised in the recent issue of C.P. After reading Dr. Stulberg's article and your comments, I must agree with you that to reserve full numbers for shade variations, as is the case with the Newfoundland listings, does not make sense. Your suggestion that it might well have some-

thing to do with dealers' inventories, makes it even more questionable.

Over the last 4 or 5 years I have had a lot of correspondence with dealers and some of the questions I asked were concerning the prominence certain minor varieties were given in the listings of their stamp inventories. Their answers were invariably, that although I was technically correct, it would not serve their interest to reduce the number of items which they listed, by not maintaining as many "varieties" as possible, to boost sales. Although I can very much appreciate that this point of view is popular with dealers, I personally find that it does not necessarily help collectors and it definitely should not be a criterion for putting together a new Canadian numbering system.

Nevertheless, the authors of the Canada Specialized Catalogue should be congratulated for an excellent job in publishing a valuable reference for collectors of Canadian stamps.

Mark O. Bakker
New Westminster, B.C.

NUMBERING COMMITTEE

It was interesting to read your comments in the March / April issue regarding the new Canadian Numbering System, along with Dr. Stulberg's (partly) differing opinion.

Messrs. Maresch and Leggett are to be commended for their daring in shooting the sacred (Scott) cow, even though their first attempt is not "perfect".

I would like to suggest that a joint Committee be set up by the RPSC and the BNAPS, the two major societies with a serious interest in the subject. If this Committee has good representation of both amateur "experts" and professional dealers, I should think that its findings would be more generally accepted than any system developed by a group of two philatelists, regardless of how experienced these two may be.

Dr. Sidney V. Soanes
Toronto, Ontario

(In a subsequent letter, Dr. Soanes mentions that the Canadian Stamp Dealers' Association should be included in the joint committee. — Ed.)

CANADA SPECIALIZED CATALOGUE

Dr. Fred Stulberg reviews the catalogue in some detail and generally his comments are very favourable. I do not quite agree. The most contentious issue being the new numbering system. I think standardization is a good thing (in stamps, in measurement, or whatever) and it makes possible easy communication on a worldwide basis. For example, right now a no. 302 brings to mind the $1 Fish Resources stamp to most collectors of Canada. In future, if this new system should get some degree of acceptance, then this stamp becomes no. 270. But no. 270 under the "old" Scott system is the 14¢ hydro dam. It is easy to see how confusion will arise.

The numbering system aside, I think the accuracy of the catalogue leaves something to be desired. For example, Canada Specialized refers to no. 832C, the 30¢ red and blue Maple Leaf definitive in coil format. To my knowledge and that of Canada Post's no such stamp exists. The 5¢ and 10¢ Maple Leaf's which only appeared in booklet form (Scott nos. 941 and 942) do not appear to have unique numbers in Canada Specialized since no "equivalent" to them exists in sheet form. And so on ...

Finally, a comment on Dr. Stulberg's comment that "Canada Specialized 1982-83 edition is, once again, a true net-price catalogue". I don't believe there is such a thing. The best any catalogue can do is purport to give you *relative* values. For example, at the last few meeting of our club I have picked up a number of 1946 / 47 commemoratives (including plate blocks) at face. Many recent issues are available below face. No catalogue will ever reflect that situation.

Lloyd Slaven
Montreal, Quebec

QUIZZICAL LOOK AT CANADA

I read with delight "A Quizzical Look at Canada - Part One - The Provinces". I can hardly wait for Mr. Black to present Part Two. I spent some time in the 1950's in Newfoundland and learned to like and admire Newfoundlanders for their concentration upon the end result without worrying too much about detail.

My favourite fantasy has to do with Newfoundland No. 139 — Humber River Canon. I can just hear the engraver saying "so I left out a "y" buoy — no matter! No one can read that small stuff."

I cannot tell you how pleased I am to see you print articles of interest to those of us interested in the stories behind and about the stamps. I suppose I am not a true philatelist since I have no interest in flyspeck philately. I would gather from the tenor of most of your articles that you have many readers who feel as I do. Anyway — keep it up!

W.A. Stearman
Edmonton, Alta.

(This is only one of many letters congratulating Mr. Black on an interesting and informative article — Ed.)

"REAL" JACQUES CARTIER

I enjoy reading your series by C.F. Black published under the general title of "A Quizzical Look at ...". I have particularly enjoyed his study on Canadian stamps. There is one detail however which I would like to correct for the benefit of C.P. readers.

Black states that the original painting on which the portrait of Cartier is based, *hangs* in the Hôtel-de-Ville in St. Malo, France. Previously the author had detailed the same information in "A Quizzical Look at France", July / August, 1981.

It is a fact that François Riss, a Russian-born artist living in France in the 19th century, received a commission from the City of St. Malo to paint a portrait of Cartier. But this painting no longer *hangs* in the City Hall which is located in the old castle of St. Malo. I have a letter from the Museum authorities stating that "this painting was destroyed by bombing during the Second World War". Another source indicates that the City Hall was destroyed in 1944.

I have personally visited the City Hall and found no evidence of this painting. There is only one painting of Cartier, done by Auguste Lemoine in 1895.

The portrait by Riss was copied by noted French-Canadian painter, Theophile Hamel in 1846. The original copy by Hamel is the property of the National Archives in Ottawa, but many other copies exist, one of which is in Le Château Ramezay, Montreal, a donation of La Compagnie de Navigation Richelieu. Later the portrait of Cartier by Hamel — very similar to the model by Riss, was popularized by a lithography done by Davignan in 1848.

The question arises whether the Canadian postal authorities took the Riss or the Hamel portrait for the model of their stamp in 1855, or if in fact they used the lithography by Davignan. We know that Deputy Postmaster-General, W.H. Griffin, strongly advocated the issuance of a stamp featuring Jacques Cartier. But where exactly did the model come from? Unless we can find any trace in his correspondence or old departmental files, we should only assume that the portrait of Cartier on the 10-pence stamp "is attributed to Riss".

Denis Masse
Montreal, Quebec

LITTLE NORWAY STAMP

The Little Norway story has long been one of my favourite areas of study and I had the pleasure of writing two articles for B.N.A. Topics (June / July and Nov. / Dec. 1974). Since then I have added considerably to my files on the subject.

Because of my interest I thought I should put the record straight regarding the caption to the Wings for Norway stamp illustrated on pg. 95 of the March / April C.P. Very briefly, the Norwegian Government in exile resided in England with a Norwegian Consulate office in Toronto. Recruitment for the Royal Norwegian Air Force fell to a group of Officers in Canada. The majority of recruits were young Norwegians who escaped from Norway and made their way to Canada. Approximately 2600 Norwegian aircrew and groundcrew trained here.

In December 1941 a special postage stamp was suggested, its purpose being to publicize and help finance the Norwegian war effort. It was intended that the stamps be sold at Norwegian camp post offices, but the Canadian Government refused to allow this; and it was after the war on 28 March 1946 when these stamps were first used on mail in Norway. A total of

1,050,000 stamps were printed by the Canadian Bank Note Company from two plates and later shipped to Norway.

The figures depicted on the Wings for Norway stamp were both Norwegian servicemen. On the left, Sergeant Ulf Wormdal and on the right, Quartermaster Henry Bernhard Malmoe. Both men lost their lives in active service. The wings at top centre of the stamp represent those worn over the top right tunic pocket by graduate pilots. The crest at upper right is official while that at upper left is of rather unofficial and stylized design. Not a coat-of-arms in the true sense.

Colin Campbell
Kelowna, B.C.

BOOKLET VARIETIES

With reference to Hans Reiche's column in the March / April issue in which he mentions paper types and format changes in the 30¢ Maple Leaf vending machine booklets.

The first pane layout has two major paper types known: 1) Uncoated, with a dull to medium fluorescent range; 2) Coated, dull flrsc. One example of an uncoated paper with a *high* flrsc. level has been seen — from Bancroft, Ont., dated 8/4/82. Of the examples found, paper type no. 1 is most common.

Two major paper types have also been found for the revised pane layout. The earliest date seen for this format is 22 November 1982 on a coated paper. For this pane format the coated paper is by far the most common — found from cities across Ontario, the uncoated paper being relatively scarce by comparison.

Within a paper type, across both pane layouts, no difference has been discerned in the weight or thickness of paper used. As well, the paper types also seem to be identical with respect to fluorescent levels in both formats.

The 32¢ Maple Leaf vending machine booklet reverts back to the original pane layout. So far only one paper type has been reported — an uncoated paper identical in fluorescent range, texture and apparent weight to the papers found on both 30¢ panes.

Bruce Murduck
Kingston, Ont.

INTERESTING LARGE QUEEN VARIETY

I am writing in response to Mr. Jim Watt's letter in the March / April C.P.

Mr. Watt is quite correct in stating that the flaw at position No. 4 of the half-cent Large Queen is a constant flaw. However, I would bring to his attention an article by Mr. Horace Harrison (B.N.A. Topics, July / Aug. 1976, pg. 17-18) which very clearly documents the history of this particular flaw.

Mr. Harrison describes this transfer flaw from its inception at position No. 11 at the lower-left spandrel ornament, until its culmination at position No. 4 where the sliver of steel from the transfer roll relief "broke off and ceased to affect the plate".

The variations of the spur flaw occur as a result of the weakening of the sliver of steel causing the sliver to diverge from the spandrel ornament until at position No. 4 it had been bent through more than 90 degrees at which point it broke off.

Mr. Watt's "Bumble-bee" is in reality the final position of the sliver of steel which affected 32 plate positions. It is interesting to note that Mr. Harrison refers only to position No. 4 as the "spur flaw".

Dr. Zane Gordon
Toronto, Ont.

BELGICA '82

The expectations at Belgica '82 have been disappointing, in one particular area. Great were the expectations for postal history collectors, it being the first combined international FIP postal history, postal stationery, and aerophilately exhibition. Of the collections entered, 209 were in the postal history class, 57 in postal stationery, and 101 in aerophilately. Total entries were 367. Postal history made up 57% of the total, postal stationery 16% and aerophilately 27%. From the jury's report it would seem there were no difficulties. On the contrary there have been major problems. In fact 47 out of the 209 postal history collections were noted on the last page of the Palmares as being marcophily collections, i.e. cancellations arranged in an alphabetical / chronological order similar to a traditional collection. Years ago when the marcophily collections were few, they were judged as

part of the traditional class. After the expanded interest in postal history took place and due to a superficial knowledge of postal history marcophily collections began to be included, wrongly, in the postal history class. At Bruxelles there were two avenues to consider, either to exclude all the collections not conforming to postal history rules without judging them as there was not a traditional class (in so doing the exhibitors would understand that their entries were not postal history), or to accept them and judge them, as it was done, according to rules and regulations which were not in the judging criteria. (by considering hors concours the traditional philatelic entries.) In choosing the second avenue, the easy way out and a diplomatic one does not make the exhibitor understand the format of a postal history collection. The exhibitor has received his medal and will not be concerned, even if in the last page of the Palmares there is a note of those collections which have been considered marcophily collections by the jury. It would have been much better to state clearly in the jury report, which is read during the awards ceremony, and referred to after, since it would be on the first page of the report and therefore reprinted in press-communications and specialized magazines.

Vito Salierno
Florence, Italy

INFLATION AND PHILATELY

Further to the article by C.W. Strong in the Jan.-Feb. issue, I would like to make two small points which have I think, major impact as far as the importance of the article is concerned.

1) In Germany, 1 billion is 1,000,000,000,000.

2) The inflation period referred to had absolutely nothing to do with free enterprise. It was the direct result of government stupidity in that they thought they could print their way out of their problems. In fact the government brought free enterprise to its knees — just as the Trudeau government has done in Canada.

R.W. Ormerod
Kingston, Ont.

EXCHANGES WANTED

Since The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada is the national society of philatelists in Canada, many requests for exchange partners are referred to us. As a service to our members, we are pleased to present these names so that those who wish to do so can make overseas contacts. We have no way of checking the credentials of the individuals who write to us asking that their name be published, therefore we urge that caution be taken when answering these requests.

Algeria
Karim Absi
6 rue Tarik Ibn Ziad
Bordj-el-kiffan
Algeria

A 23-year old wishes to exchange Algerian stamps for those of Canada. Writes in **French.**

Brazil
Paulo Antonio
QNE 13, CASA 02
7200 Taguatinga D.F.
Brasilia
Brazil

A 21-year old university student wishes to correspond and exchange stamps. Writes in **English** or **Portuguese.**

DEMANDES D'ECHANGE

La Royal Philatelic Society ne s'occupe pas normalement des échanges entre philatélistes, mais comme elle est la société philatélique nationale du Canada, on lui transmet de nombreuses demandes de philatélistes désireux de trouver des correspondants pour échanger des timbres. Ainsi a-t-elle décidé, pour rendre service à ses membres, de publier les noms des intéressés d'outre-mer, afin que ceux qui désirent établir des rapports avec eux puissent le faire. Je vous signale toutefois que nous ne savons rien des personnes qui nous demandent de publier leur nom, c'est pourquoi je vous conseille d'être prudent en répondant à ces demandes d'échange.

Cuba
Luciano Loure Pineire
Apartado Postal 2222
Cuidad Habana 2
Cuba
Wishes to exchange Cuban and other stamps for complete mint sets, FDC's, etc. of Canada, USA and Spain. Also baseball. Writes in **English, Spanish** and **French.** No beginners.

East Germany
Dr. Peter Spichal
9030 Karl Marx Stadt.
Galilei Strasse 30
D.D.R. (East Germany)
Interested in exchanging East German stamps for Canadian stamps. Writes in **English.**

Ghana
Samuel Moroo
c/o Appiah Komeng
P.O. Box 96
Askawkaw
Ghana
A 17-year old wishes to exchange letters in **English.**

Malaysia
Mr. Edwin Tan
28 Jalan Yeoh Chai Lye
Ipoh, Perak
Malaysia
Wishes to exchange stamps of Commonwealth countries and the topics of fauna, flora, Scouts and Christmas. Writes in **English.**

Mexico
Alma Rosa Miramontes Soto
Calle Once y Azteca No. 154
Ensenada B.CFA.
Mexico
Wishes to exchange Mexican and U.S. stamps for Canadian. Writes in **English** and **Spanish.**

Poland
Mr. Andrzej Szczepanski
ul. Skaleczna 5-14
31-065 Krakow
Poland
Wishes to exchange mint Polish sets for Canadian mint and FDC. Corresponds in **English.**

Spain
Jorge Olive Garriga
Prat de la Riba, 10 "C", 4-1
Tarragona
Spain
Interested in trading stamps of Spain and Andorra for Canada. Writes in **Spanish.**

Sweden
Mr. Goran Westerlund
Box 6
91300 Holmsund
Sweden
Wishes to exchange large quantities of used Swedish stamps for similar Canadian. Writes in **English.**

U.S.A.
Sheldon S. Yerian
3787 Ritamarie Drive
Columbus, OH 43220
U.S.A.
A recent collector of Canadian stamps seeking a partner with whom to exchange stamps.

West Germany
Mr. Walter Tappert
Eichendorffstrasse 2
4100 Duisburg 14
Germany
Wishes to exchange stamps of the following topics: transportation, flora, fauna, conservation, paintings, religion and music. Writes in **English** and **German.**

Yugoslavia
Dr. Alexander Knezevic
Neuropsychiatric Clinic
21.000 Novi Sad
Yugoslavia
Would like Canadian contacts interested in stamp collecting. Writes in **English.**

Zimbabwe
Mrs. Moira Orange
43 Northleach Avenue
Montrose, Bulawayo
Zimbabwe
A beginning collector who would like to exchange used stamps. Corresponds in **English.** □

Officer of Library Affairs Appointed

Ralph D. Mitchener, Ottawa, Ontario has been appointed a new officer of the Society in charge of Library Affairs. The Board of Directors confirmed Mr. Mitchener's appointment at a recent meeting held in Ottawa.

The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada does not have a library but supports the National Library and the Postal Museum's Research Library. In future issues Mr. Mitchener will be advising our members how they can make use of the vast holdings of philatelic materials in these and other libraries. The Postal Museum's Research Library is undoubtedly the largest and most comprehensive source of philatelic and postal history material in Canada.

Mr. Mitchener's address is:
Ralph D. Mitchener
1253 Sherman Drive
OTTAWA, Ontario K2C 2M7

Members may also contact Mr. Mitchener through the National Office.

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

by

Beverlie Clark

Although this column will not be published until July, at the time of writing our annual meeting and convention are foremost in my thoughts. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many members who forwarded their proxies, and especially those from such far away places as Hong Kong and Sweden, not to mention the many members from the Atlantic to the Pacific in both the U.S.A. and Canada. It is impossible to acknowledge each one individually so to all a sincere thank you.

The middle of April saw a meeting of the Directors and Officers convened in Ottawa, but as the reports received are to be presented at our annual meeting I will not go into a synopsis of these or the deliberations of the meeting at this time. However, one item of worthy mention was the appointment of Mr. Ralph Mitchener, of Ottawa, as Officer in charge of Library Affairs, and I am very pleased to make this announcement and to welcome Mr. Mitchener as an Officer of the Society.

One other decision made which I would like to mention is that from now on all our annual conventions will be known as ROYAL 83 or whatever the case may be, thus clearly designating all future conventions as ROYAL conventions.

In April I visited Thunder Bay, at the request of the Lakehead Stamp Club, to present our judging seminar. The occasion was their annual exhibition and it turned into an active philatelic weekend as well as a most enjoyable visit with a very enthusiastic and friendly group.

This seminar will also be presented at the Calgary Philatelic Society's annual exhibition CALTAPEX 83, which will take place October 15th and 16th. This will give members living in and around that area another chance at attending this seminar, so make your plans now. Remember, attendance at a judging seminar is a requisite for any apprentice judge with our Accreditation Programme. As well it is an excellent programme for exhibitors - in finding out and knowing what judges look for when judging exhibits.

Our Handbooks of Information for both Chapters and Members, which we have been busily working on since January, are well on their way to finalization. The Chapter Handbook is now in its final draft and the Member Handbook is into a second draft. It is our hope that these will be published before the end of the year.

Due to our publishing deadline, which is prior to OAKPEX '83, I am unable to report on our annual meeting until my next column - until then happy holidays and a pleasant summer of relaxation to all. □

COMING EVENTS

1983

AUGUST 25-28 — STaMpsHOW 83, annual convention of the American Philatelic Society at the Pittsburgh Convention Expo Center. Information: American Philatelic Society, P.O. Box 8000, State College, Pa 16801.

AUG. 31 - SEPT. 3 — STAMPEX '83, National Junior Stamp Exhibition, Auckland, New Zealand. Entries accepted from 7-23 year olds under F.I.P. judging system. Information and applications: Stampex '83, P.O. Box 34-253, Birkenhead, Auckland 10, New Zealand.

SEPTEMBER 1-3 — BNAPEX '83, Annual Convention and Exhibition of the British North America Philatelic Society at the Westin Hotel, Winnipeg, Man. Information: Beverlie Clark, 924 North Dr., Winnipeg, Man. R3T 0A8.

SEPT. 17 — Cobourg Stamp Club - COPEX '83, 14th Annual Exhibition and Bourse; 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. St. Peter's Church Hall, King and College Sts., Cobourg, Ont. Information: Show Chairman, 51 Elgin Street North, Port Hope, Ontario L1A 2L8. Free admission and door prizes.

SEPT. 24 — MUSPEX '83 Exhibition and Bourse in the Trillium Room, Gravenhurst Opera House. Contact Doris E. Lyon, Box 187, Gravenhurst P0C 1G0.

OCTOBER 15-16 — Annual stamp exhibition and bourse of the Calgary Philatelic Society at the Marlborough Inn, 1316-33rd St. N.E., Calgary. Information: P.O. Box 1641, Calgary, Alta. T2P 2L6.

OCTOBER 22-23 — VANPEX 83, sponsored by the British Columbia Philatelic Society at the Sheraton Landmark Hotel, 1400 Robson St., Vancouver. Free admission. Information: P.O. Box 2356, Main P.O., Vancouver, B.C. V6B 3W5.

NOVEMBER 5 — NORAYPEX '83, Annual exhibition and bourse of North Bay Philatelic Exhibitions at the Ramada Inn, 700 Lakeshore Dr., North Bay, Ont. Includes 100 frame exhibition, door prizes, seminars, auction. Information: P.O. Box 273, North Bay, Ont. P1B 8H2.

1983

NOVEMBER 18-20 — EXUP XV, annual exhibition which commemorates the 50th anniversary of the Union Philatélique de Montréal in room 201-C of the Montreal Convention Centre. Fri. and Sat. from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Sun. from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Information: P.O. Box 870, Station "C", Montreal, Quebec H2L 4L6.

1984

APRIL 27 - MAY 6 — ESPANA '84, International Exhibition under the patronage of the F.I.P. in Madrid. Canadian Commissioner: Jim Kraemer, 17 Commanche Dr., Ottawa, Ont. K2E 6E8.

MAY 18 - 20 — ROYAL '84, 56th Annual Convention of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, Quebec City. Information: Guy des Rivières, 71 rue St. Pierre, Québec, P.Q. G1K 4A3.

SEPTEMBER 21-30 — AUSIPEX 84, Australian International Philatelic Exhibition in the Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne, Victoria. Canadian Commissioner: David Dixon, P.O. Box 1082, Oakville, Ont. L6J 5E9.

OCTOBER 5-11 — MLADOST '84, International F.I.P. Youth Exhibition, Bulgaria. Canadian Commissioner: Michael Madesker, 565 Alness St., Downsview, Ont. M3J 2T8.

OCTOBER 22-31 — PHILAKOREA 84, an FIP-sponsored International Exhibition, Seoul, Korea. Canadian Commissioner: David Dixon, P.O. Box 1082, Oakville, Ontario L6J 5E9.

1986

AUGUST 28 - SEPTEMBER 7 — STOCKHOLMIA 86, an FIP-sponsored International Exhibition at the Stockholm Trade Fair, Stockholm, Sweden. Canadian Commissioner: Peter Mann, P.O. Box 575, Guelph, Ontario N1H 6K9.

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1984 — Québec City by La Société Philatélique de Québec, May 18 - 20.

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Highlights From The Early Days of The Cunard Line

by J.C. Arnell, RPSC 8170

XXI. The Captains of the Early Cunard Steamers

So far no mention has been made of the captains who successfully brought the Cunard steamers through fog and storm to maintain a transatlantic mail service that had no equal. While nothing has been found about the men themselves, some judgement is possible of their comparative abilities by examining their progression in the command of the successively larger and faster vessels.

Probably even before serious thought had been given to the selection of the first captains, Thomas A. Stayner, the deputy postmaster general at Quebec, wrote to Samuel Cunard at Halifax early in 1839 to recommend Captain Jesse Armstrong of the **British America,** a St. Lawrence River steamboat, for the command of the proposed Pictou-Quebec steamer, and Captain Walter Douglas, another river steamboat master, who sought the command of one of the transatlantic steamers. In a follow-up letter to Cunard at London date 17 May 1839, Stayner added:

> "You can find no where Men better qualified for the situations they seek, than these two - They are both thorough Sailors - well acquainted with the management of Steam Boats, and the treatment of Passengers - and as to Armstrong, he is better acquainted with the navigation of the Gulf and River St. Lawrence than any other Captain that I know. Do endeavour to find places for them both. I pledge myself that you will have cause to be satisfied with my recommendations."

While Cunard was not one to be moved by such pleas, he must have interviewed the two men, for Walter Douglas was selected for the **Unicorn** and commanded her until she was sold. As Armstrong's name does not appear in the record, he obviously did not meet the requirements.

It must have been very difficult to select captains for a new venture such as this, where there was little experience to draw on. It seems likely that the first four chosen came from steamboats operated by Burns and MacIver, Cunard's associates, in the Irish Sea. Whatever their backgrounds, these men - Richard Cleland, Robert Ewing, Robert Miller, Henry Woodruff - whose names appeared in the advertisements for the new line in July and August 1840, do not appear to have been suited for the North Atlantic. This is suggested by the fact that Ewing only commanded the **Britannia** on her maiden voyage on 4 July 1840, and Woodruff only took her second voyage on 4 September; Cleland had command of the **Caledonia** for the first two voyages and then the **Britannia** for four voyages, before being retired or otherwise leaving the service in September 1841. Miller lasted a little longer, being the captain of the **Acadia** for five or six voyages until July / August 1841 and of the **Columbia** for two voyages about a year later in the last quarter of 1842.

The first replacement was Captain Judkins, who took command of the **Britannia** on her third voyage from Liverpool on 19 October 1840. He had obviously established his credentials by then, as he was given the command of the **Columbia** on her maiden voyage on 4 January 1841, three weeks after his return from his one trip on the **Britannia**. From this beginning, he took command of each new ship or lead ship of each new class. Judkins must have been an outstanding merchant captain, for the news story about the **America** just prior to her maiden voyage on 15 April 1848 concluded with:

> "our earnet wish and confident hope is, that the America will have a brilliant and prosperous career; and that in her Captain Judkins will obtain new laurels for his skill and energy as a navigator; and that the company to which she belongs will be duly rewarded for their praise worthy enterprise, in their producing such perfect ocean steamers."

Judkins was named the Commodore of the Cunard fleet when he assumed command of the **Asia** in May 1850.

Following Judkins in seniority was Captain Ryrie, who took command of the **Acadia** on either the sixth (19 July 1841) or seventh (20 September 1841) voyage, and remained with her until 15 May 1844, when he succeeded Judkins on the **Hibernia.** In May 1848, he was given the initial command of the **Niagara,** Judkins not having returned from taking the **America** to New York on her maiden voyage. After sixteen voyages, Ryrie took command of the **Africa** for her maiden voyage on 26 October 1850, remaining on her for over four years and thirty-three voyages.

Captain Lott appears to have been the next in line. He commanded the **Caledonia** from 4 November 1841 (v. 7) to 19 December 1847 (v. 36), after which he was named to the newly completed **Europa,** the third of this class, for her maiden voyage on 15 July 1848 and served on her for over four years during thirty-one voyages, until he succeeded Captain Judkins on the **Asia** in November 1852.

It is difficult to decide the seniority of the captains who followed on. Captain Hewitt appears to have been the next in line, but after serving on the **Britannia** for seven years, he apparently retired before the end of 1846. Captain Harrison was probably the next in seniority, followed closely by Captain Shannon. The next generation of captains were Laing, Leitch and Stone, who all received commands in 1848.

Below are listed the captains and their commands. The occasional relief captain, who took one or two voyages during the period of a command has not been included, as it would contribute little to the story.

JUDKINS	
Britannia	20 Oct 40 (v.3)
Columbia	4 Jan 41 (v.1) - 4 Mar 43 (v.12)
Hibernia	19 Apr 43 (v.1) - 19 Apr 44 (v.7)
Cambria	4 Jan 45 (v.1) - 4 Oct 47 (v.16)
America	15 Apr 48 (v.1) - 22 Jul 48 (v.3)
Canada	25 Nov 48 (v.1) - 29 Dec 49 (v.9)
Asia	18 May 50 (v.1) - 25 Sep 52 (v.20)
Arabia	1 Jan 53 (v.1) - 21 Oct 54 (v.15)
Canada	7 Jul 55 (v.48) - 29 Sep 55 (v.50)
Persia	26 Jan 56 (v.1) -
RYRIE	
Acadia	12 Jul (V.6) or 20 Sep (V.7) 41 - 4 Apr 44 (v.19)
Hibernia	4 Jul 44 (v.8) - 4 Dec 47 (v.25)
Niagara	20 May 48 (v.1) - 3 Aug 50 (v.16)
Africa	26 Oct 50 (v.1) - 18 Nov 54 (v.33)
	Crimea War?
Niagara	24 May 56 (v.46)
LOTT	
Caledonia	4 Nov 41 (v.7) - 19 Dec 47 (v.36)
Europa	15 Jul 48 (v.1) - 28 Aug 52 (v.31)
Asia	6 Nov 52 (v.21) - beyond Jan 56

HEWITT

Britannia	19 Oct 41 (v.8) - 20 Oct 46 (v.30)

HARRISON

Acadia	4 Aug 44 (v.21) - 4 Nov 46 (v.26)
Britannia	4 May 47 (v.31) - 19 Nov 47 (v.34)
Cambria	1 Jan 48 (v.17) - 11 Nov 48 (v.23)
America	24 Feb 49 (v.7) - 9 Feb 50 (v.13)
Canada	20 Apr 50 (v.11) - 20 Sep 51 (v.21)
Africa	20 Jan 55 (v.34) - 13 Oct 55 (v.39) and beyond?

SHANNON

Columbia	4 Jun 43 (v.13) - wrecked 1 Jul 43
Margaret	Halifax - Liverpool 9 Jul 43
Hibernia	29 Jan 48 (v.26) - 21 Oct 48 (v.31)
Cambria	14 Apr 49 (v.24) - 15 Dec 49 (v.29)
America	6 Apr 50 (v.14) - 21 Aug 52 (v.31)
Europa	9 Oct 52 (v.32) - 14 May 53 (v.36)
America	25 Jun 53 (v.37) - 17 Sep 53 (v.39)
Niagara	2 Sep 54 (v.44) - 14 Oct 54 (v.45)
	Crimea War?

STONE

Acadia	15 Jan 48 (v.28) - 4 Nov 48 (v.33)
Hibernia	16 Jun 49 (v.33) - 1 Dec 49 (v.36)
Niagara	14 Sep 50 (v.17) - 27 Nov 52 (v.33)
Canada	23 Jan 53 (v.32) - 17 Feb 55 (v.47)
	Crimea War?
Arabia	19 Jan 56 (v.16) -

LEITCH

Caledonia	11 Mar 48 (v.37) - 24 Jun 48 (v.39)
America	16 Sep 48 (v.4) - 30 Dec 48 (v.6)
Caledonia	12 May 49 (v.40) - 10 Nov 49 (v.44)
Cambria	13 Apr 50 (v.30) - 15 May 52 (v.40)
America	13 Nov 52 (v.33) - 2 Apr 53 (v.36)
Niagara	11 Jun 53 (v.36) - 8 Jul 54 (v.43)
Europa	30 Sep 54 (v.46)
	Crimea War?
Cambria	29 Mar 56 (v.43)
Niagara	5 Jul 56 (v.47) -

LAING

Britannia	22 Apr 48 (v.36) - 18 Nov 48 (v.40)
Hibernia	4 May 50 (v.37) - 24 Aug 50 (v.39)
Canada	13 Dec 51 (v.23) - 11 Dec 52 (v.31)
Niagara	30 Jan 53 (v.34) - 19 Mar 53 (v.35)
Europa	9 Jul 53 (v.37) - 19 Aug 54 (v.45)
	Crimea War?

LANG

America	10 Dec 53 (v.41) - 15 Sep 55 (v.54)
Canada	10 Nov 55 (v.51) - beyond Feb 56

Captains who served as relief or gained seniority in 1855-56 were: Harvey, Little, Moodie and Wickman. □

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Constant Plate Flaws on Centennial Booklets

by Douglas C. Irwin

There have been a number of constant plate flaws on the engraved stamps of Canada. Many of these have received catalogue recognition such as the "burr on the shoulder of Jacques Cartier" (208), the "weeping Princess" (211), the "dot in the water by the loon" (369) and the "broken flower of the pitcher plant" (427). There are a number of constant plate varieties to be found on the centennial definitive sheet stamps and booklet panes, but none of our catalogues have bothered to list any of them.

In January of 1969, a booklet containing one pane of 25 of the 6¢ orange centennial (459) plus two printed labels was issued. Every full sheet of uncut booklet panes from the press produced two individual booklet panes showing constant printing cylinder (plate) flaws. One pane shows a flaw on the lower left stamp (R 9/1) in the form of a small oblong mark on the bridge of the Queen's nose (figure 1), while the other pane also shows a flaw on the lower left stamp (R 9/1) as a small orange dot above the lip of the Queen (figure 2).

On January 7, 1970, the colour of the 6¢ definitive was changed from orange to black. New $1.50 booklets were issued with the 6¢ black definitives perforated 10, but the constant printing cylinder flaws found on the 6¢ orange $1.50 booklets no longer occur, indicating that the printer, the British American Bank Note Company prepared a new printing plate for these 6¢ black booklets. In the summer of 1971, the perforations of these $1.50 booklets were changed from 10 by 10 to 12 1/2 by 12. For some reason, the B.A.B.N. Co. utilized the original printing plate they had prepared for the 6¢ orange booklet panes as these new perf. 12 1/2 by 12 black panes show the same constant varieties found on the 6¢ orange panes (figures 1 and 2).

A couple of constant printing cylinder flaws can be found on some 25¢ booklet panes of the 8¢ centennial definitive (pane includes three 1¢, one 6¢ black and two 8¢ definitives). A brown dot (figure 3) between the eyebrows of the Queen can be found on the 1¢ stamp (R 2/2) on some of these 25¢ panes. This variety can be found on panes occurring in the initial two different black cover designs (tagged and untagged panes) and throughout the ten different brown cover designs (on all the paper fluorescences, both tagged and untagged), indicating that this flaw was present during the entire printing of this complex booklet and that one printing plate was used to print these booklet panes.

Other 25¢ booklet panes show a constant brown ink spot in the sky above the mountains on the 1¢ stamp (R 2/2). The shape of this spot resembles an airplane and can be seen clearly in figure 4. This variety is found on some panes throughout



(Figure 1)



(Figure 2)

the ten different brown cover designs (on various paper fluorescences, both untagged and tagged) but not on panes in the two different black cover designs. This indicates that the flaw appeared on the printing cylinder after the panes had been printed for the two different black covers (which were released December 30, 1971, the date of issue of the 8¢ definitive (544)) and during the printing of the panes for the ten different brown cover designs.

The author would be interested in hearing of additional examples of constant plate flaws on centennial stamps. Please write me at: 2250 Lawrence Avenue East, No. 406
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(Figure 3)



(Figure 4)

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VICTORIA BOOKLETS of CANADA

by Michael Madesker

Postal booklets first appeared in Switzerland in 1889 when the 5 centimes deep green stamp of the Numeral issue of 1882 and the 10 centimes red were placed between covers for sale to the public. In May of 1891 Great Britain put on sale postage stamp books, incorporating materials from the Queen Victoria Jubilee Issue, through automatic vending machines.

The first Canadian booklet appeared on June 11, 1900 (fig. 1). The subject was the 2¢ red stamp of the Numeral Issue of Queen Victoria. The stamps were printed by the American Bank Note Company of Ottawa. The cardboard covers were supplied (in various shades of red and pink) by Jas. Hope & Sons. Judging by the number of the various shades of covers and the texts inside, there were nine issues of the booklet prepared in 12 printing runs and delivered to the Post Office as the need arose, in bunches ranging from 500 to 10,000. The original order, signed by the then Deputy Postmaster General of Canada, R.W. Coulter, called for one million eight hundred stamps to be contained in 150,000 booklets. According to accounting records only 1,202,000 stamps were sold in 100,167 booklets; two panes of six stamps to each booklet.

Booklet stamps were printed from plates No. 1 and No. 2 of the Die II variety. It must be noted here, that according to researchers, Die I variety stamps were used for the hand assembled experimental booklets. Printing of the booklets was in sheets of 168 subjects, arranged in tête-beche (head to toe) fashion (fig. 2).

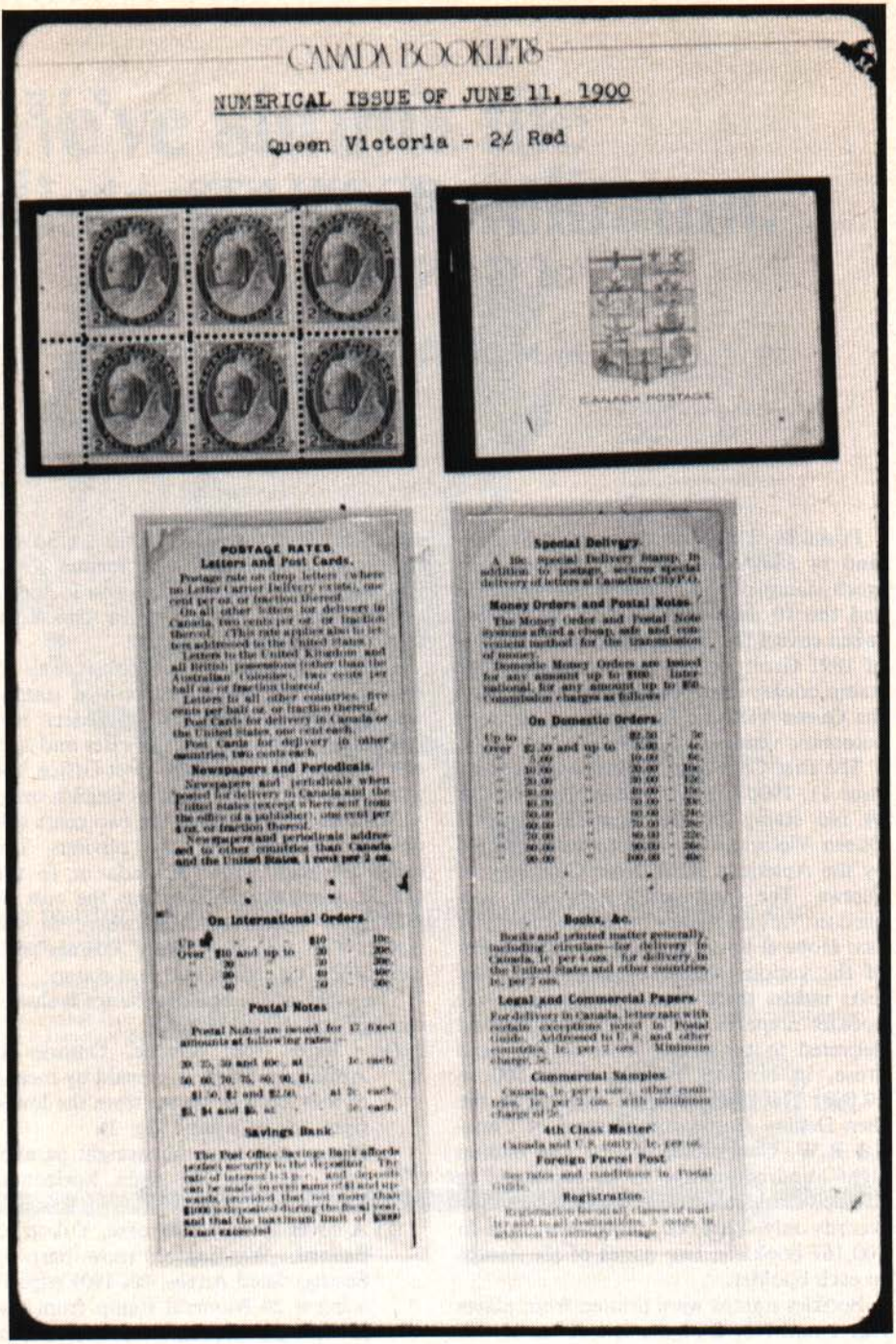
The selling price of a booklet was 25 cents, although only 24¢ worth of stamps was enclosed. Inside, the booklets had interleaving showing postage rates and special services offered by the Post Office, for a fee. The text was printed in English only.

The reason for picking the two cents value for a booklet was quite obvious. The tariff for mail within Canada or to the U.S.A. was two cents as was the cost of mailing a postal card anywhere in the world. The Imperial Penny Postage also called for a Canadian two cent stamp.

The usage of the booklet stamps is shown through the following items:

(1) a letter from Simcoe, Ontario to Armadale, Ontario prepaid by means of a 2¢ booklet stamp from the lower right side of a pane (fig. 3).
Please note here the straight parallel edge meeting the right horizontal straight edge.

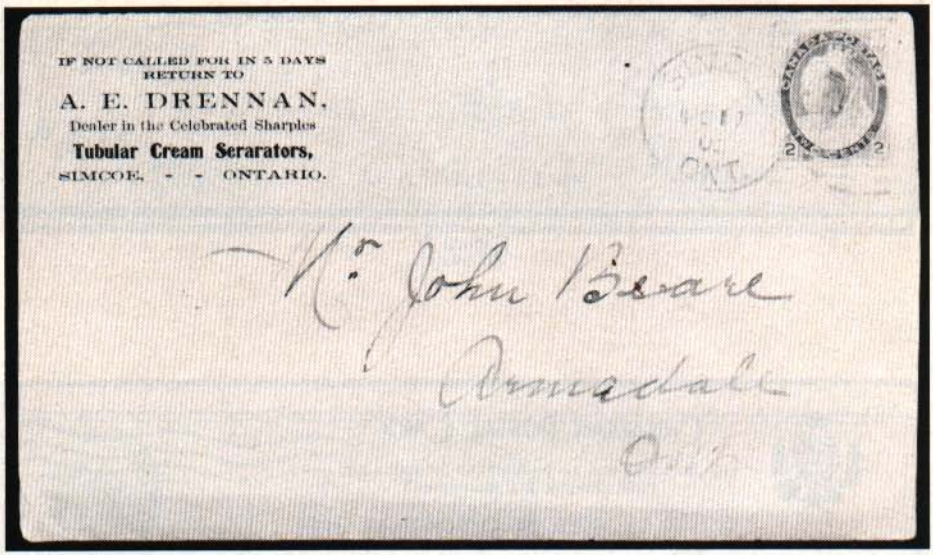
(2) A cover from Whitehorse, Yukon to Ballard, Washington (now part of Seattle) dated August 20, 1901 (fig. 4) using a 2¢ Numeral stamp from the lower right side of a pane, similar to the one above.


CANADA BOOKLETS
NUMERICAL ISSUE OF JUNE 11, 1900
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(Figure 1)



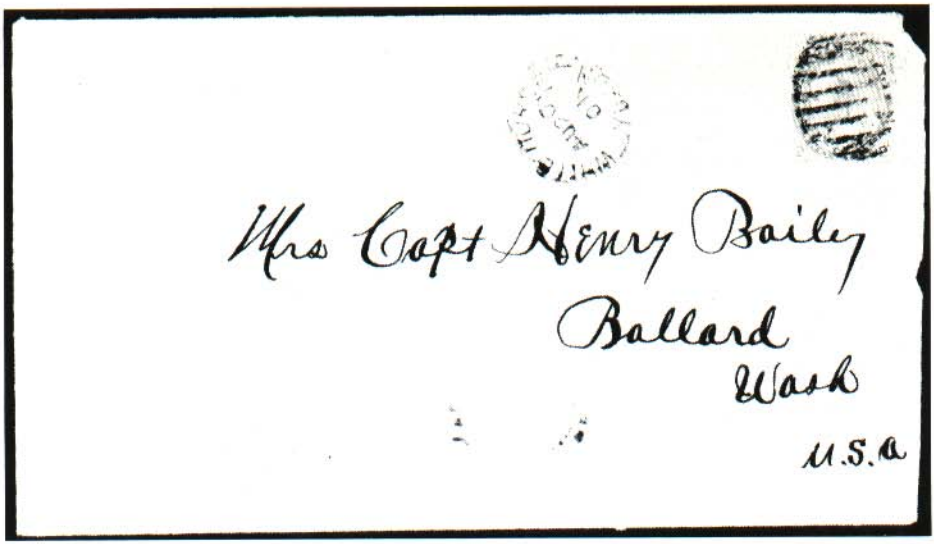
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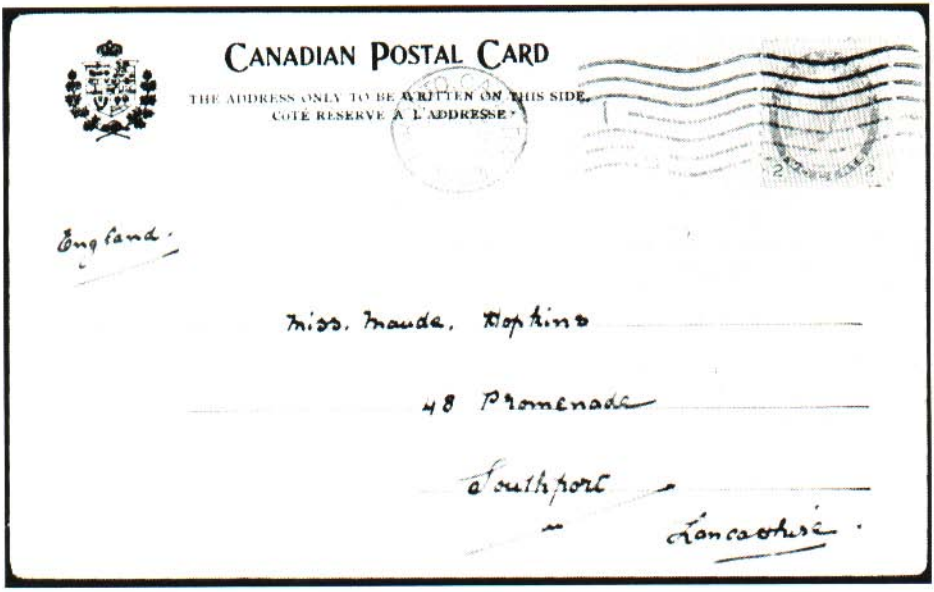
(Figure 3)

(3) A postcard from Toronto, Ontario to Southport, Lancashire, Great Britain (fig. 5) using a 2¢ booklet pane from the middle of the lower row of a booklet pane.

(4) A most interesting cover from Vancouver, B.C. to Côtes-du-Nord, France (fig. 6) using a one cent numeral stamp and two 2¢ booklet stamps from the centre of a pane, the upper edge of the stamp and the lower parallel edge are straight. The 5¢ rate prepaid the UPU rate from Canada to Europe.



(Figure 4)



(Figure 5)



(Figure 6)

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AS AT

DECEMBER 31st, 1982

BALANCE SHEET

	December 31 1982	1981
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	$ —	$ 20,766
Bank Certificates	40,000	70,000
Accounts receivable	7,829	5,714
Accrued interest on investments	1,617	2,396
Prepaid expenses	1,500	1,000
Inventory	18,189	9,557
	69,135	109,433
INVESTMENTS:		
Government of Canada and Ontario Hydro bonds, at cost (quoted market value $4,821; 1981 - $4,030)	5,664	5,664
OTHER ASSETS		
Office equipment and exhibition stands	2	2
	$74,801	$115,099
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Bank indebtedness	$ 838	$ —
Accounts payable	4,148	9,817
Payments received in advance		
Advertising	2,668	466
Membership fees	5,959	18,806
Chapter fees	100	240
	13,713	29,329
RESERVES		
Life members	16,528	14,405
General	44,560	71,365
	61,088	85,770
	$74,801	$115,099

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE

	Year ended December 31	
	1982	1981
INCOME		
Membership fees	$ 41,627	$45,320
Chapter fees	542	557
Admission fees	649	750
Sales department net income	7,965	13,676
Slide programmes (net)	(62)	2,131
Income from investments	8,288	12,309
Foreign exchange	(64)	1,731
Total income	58,945	76,474
EXPENSE		
Magazine		
Printing, postage and distribution	53,362	49,831
Editorial costs	324	258
	53,686	50,089
Less: Revenue from advertising	11,398	12,672
Net magazine cost	42,288	37,417
Sales department net expense	5,595	5,795
International representation	288	321
Convention	2,283	207
Society promotion	714	—
Donations	250	250
General administration	21,108	12,571
Audit and legal	1,300	950
Printing and stationery	5,247	1,721
Postage	4,049	1,875
Miscellaneous	573	129
Director's expense	2,055	—
Total expense	85,750	61,236
Excess of income over expense	$(26,805)	$15,238

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION

	Year ended December 31	
	1982	1981
SOURCE OF WORKING CAPITAL		
Operations		
Excess of income over expense	$ —	$15,238
Life memberships received	2,123	429
Proceeds of matured investment	—	2,000
	2,123	17,667
USE OF WORKING CAPITAL		
Operations		
Excess of expense over income	26,805	—
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN WORKING CAPITAL	(24,682)	17,667
WORKING CAPITAL, BEGINNING OF YEAR	80,104	62,437
WORKING CAPITAL, END OF YEAR	$55,422	$80,104
REPRESENTED BY		
Current assets	$69,135	$109,433
Current liabilities	13,713	29,329
	$55,422	$80,104

NOTE TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 1982

Significant accounting policies:

(a) Inventory is determined and valued at approximate cost from the records as at the year end.

(b) Income and expense are accounted for on the accrual basis. Membership fees received in advance are deferred and brought into income in the applicable year.

(c) Office equipment and exhibition stands are recorded at a nominal value of $1 each. Additions are expensed in the year acquired.

(d) Current assets in foreign currencies are translated into Canadian dollars at the exchange rate prevailing at the balance sheet date. Foreign currency transactions during the year are translated at the average exchange for the year.

STATEMENT OF RESERVES

	Year ended December 31 1982	1981
LIFE MEMBERS		
Balance, beginning of year	$14,405	$13,976
Contributions from new members	2,123	429
Balance, end of year	$16,528	$14,405
GENERAL		
Balance, beginning of year	$71,365	$56,127
Excess of income over expense	(26,805)	15,238
Balance, end of year	$44,560	$71,365

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of
The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada:

We have examined the balance sheet of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada as at December 31, 1982 and the statements of reserves, income and expense and changes in financial position for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests and other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances except as noted in the following two paragraphs.

Fees and commissions received, by their nature, are not susceptible to complete audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of receipts from these sources was limited to a comparison of recorded receipts with bank deposits.

No physical inventory was made and accordingly the value of inventory (which consists of medals, pins and ties) was not susceptible to audit verification.

In our opinion, except for the effect of any adjustments which might have been required had we been able to audit fee and commission income and examine the inventory, these financial statements present fairly the financial position of the Society as at December 31, 1982 and the results of its operations and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

PRICE WATERHOUSE
Chartered Accounts

May 13, 1983

The "THREE PENNY BEAVER" On Cover

by Graham Locke

While there is plenty of information concerning the production and delivery of Canada's first stamp in the standard literature, there would appear to be little available concerning the *usage* of these stamps. To fill this gap in our knowledge, over the last few years, more than eight hundred covers have been recorded and this article is a start at analysing them.

Firstly I want to look at the earliest dates on which the various types of the three pence stamps were used; then at the latest uses. Finally there is a table showing the distribution of the use of the various types in relation to the years of use.

The largest single source of information has been dealers' auction catalogues. Because of the current value of this type of material, covers are usually found illustrated and/or with good descriptions giving dates and origination post offices. Another source is the exhibits at major stamp shows. I have often been asked what I am doing prowling along the frames taking copious notes. Of course the standard literature, Boggs, Lowe, etc. illustrate many covers. Covers from my own collection are listed as are any spotted in dealers' stocks.

I have listed any cover which shows a date, preferably from the originating post office, and any carrying an indication from where it was sent. While the vast majority are folded letters or envelopes, I have also included complete fronts. There has been no attempt at expertisation of any item so it may be expected that there are a few fakes, but I think not many. Except for obvious errors, the paper types quoted are those claimed by the source. Some dates are not clear and a few changes may be needed as clearer photos or the actual items themselves become available for examination.

The earliest dated Beaver cover I have been able to find is *from* the United States and carries a U.S. 1847 five cent stamp in addition to the Canadian three pence. It is shown in Boggs (1) page 77, Fig. 34. It is dated May 4 (1851) at Rochester, N.Y. A transit postmark applied at Queenston U.C. is dated May 6, 1851. An undated cover from Toronto is shown on the same page, fig. 33, franked with five (!) 1847 five cent U.S. stamps in addition to the Beaver. Susan McDonald writing in the Chronicle of the USPCS (2) demonstrates that this cover arrived in New York too late for the May 7th steamer requested, but caught a May 10th sailing. Could this have been mailed prior to the date of the Rochester cover? Boggs says "Probably left Toronto about May 1 ..."

There is a third contender for the earliest Beaver cover. It is dated May 5, 1851 within a circular 'Steam boat letter Quebec'. The stamp, which has been lifted for examination, is rather faded and is just tied with a pen cancelled cross. It is a well travelled



A pair of wove paper stamps tied with two strikes of the Montreal four ring '21' cancel, paying the 6 pence rate to the U.S.

cover. My first record of it was in an Ottawa Stamp Auctions April 29, 1978 sale, and it reappeared in their Sept. 23, 1981 auction. It next surfaced in the 'Rex' auction of May 25, 1982 and most recently in the Colonial Stamp Co's Los Angeles auction on Nov. 14, 1982. If the cover is genuine, it is a significant piece of Canadian postal history. The present owner should have it expertised.

The previously listed three covers are of course franked with laid paper stamps. The earliest recorded wove paper stamp on cover is dated Ap 17 52. It is franked with a vertical pair of three pence Beavers and was mailed from Canton U.C. to Bangor, State of Maine. This cover was exhibited at Orapex 80.

The earliest ribbed paper cover on record is a mourning cover sent from Quebec to Montreal on Mar 6 1857. The stamp is tied by a double strike of the four ring '37'. This was auctioned by Maresch on Sept. 30, 1981. Unfortunately, it was not illustrated in the catalogue. It should be noted here that it is not always easy to establish the type of paper when a stamp is on cover. This would appear to be a very early date for ribbed paper. Perhaps too early.

The problem of recognition does not apply when we come to the perforated stamps, so provided there is no faking, it is easy to establish the earliest date for this issue. The first use of the officially perforated stamps in this record is a cover franked with a perforated three pence in combination with the imperforate ten pence value. It was sent from Galt U.C. to Brooklyn, New York on October 20, 1858. This would appear to be a double rated cover overpaid by one penny in spite of the usual "CANADA PAID 10CTS" handstamp. Its Provenance would appear impeccable, it was sold in the Dale, Lichtenstein sale of November 18 1968 as lot 102. It realised $750! The first perforated three pence seen alone on cover was sent from Belleville to Toronto. It is dated FE 3 1859. This cover was shown at Capex 78.

Prior to the issue of officially perforated stamps, privately perforated stamps, known as 'Kingston Perf' were used. Two covers, both bearing pairs, appear to have survived. One is from Kingston to New York clearly



A mourning cover from Peterborough franked with a wove paper 3d stamp.



A cover from the Kennedy correspondence demonstrating a fairly early use of wove paper stamps.

dated May 30 1857. The other is to the same recipient addressed in the same hand and is docketed May 30 (1857). The former is illustrated in Boggs page 168, fig. 47. The other is seen in Howes (3) Plate XIII fig. 128.

We have looked into the earliest use of the various types of the three pence Beaver. Now, what about the latest? The overall latest example in my records is the ex De Volpi cover auctioned by Maresch on May 26, 1982. It was sent from Red River Settle-

ment via Pembina Min. to Queenston C.W. and is dated Jun 03 (1862) at Pembina. It is franked with a vertical pair of wove paper stamps. Truly a fine piece of Canadian postal history. The second latest use recorded is also from Red River Settlement. It is a folded letter franked with two ribbed paper stamps and cancelled in Pembina on April 27 (1862). This cover was shown at Capex 78. A photograph is on display at the Postal Museum in Ottawa.

Boggs lists the quantities of three pence Beavers actually sold to the public as follows ...

On laid paper	500,200
On wove paper	2,550,000
Ribbed paper	300,000
Perforated	428,300
Total	3,778,500

At the time of writing I have records of 848 surviving covers divided as follows ...

On laid paper	126
On wove paper	571
Ribbed paper	57
Perforated	96
Total	848

The total does not match exactly because it includes one cover with both laid and wove paper stamps and another cover with both perforated and imperforate stamps. The ninety-six perforated covers includes the two 'Kingston perf' examples.

We therefore have a survival rate of between .019% and .025%. This is consistent with similar studies undertaken in the United States.

The breakdown according to the type of stamp and the year in which it was used is as follows ...

Year	Laid Paper	Wove Paper	Ribbed	Perforated	Total
1851	55				55
1852	57	47			104
1853	8	66			74
1854	3	86			88 (a)
1855	1	84			85
1856		57			57
1857		112	5	2 (b)	119
1858		88	45		133
1859		23	6	90	118 (c)
1860 & later		1	1	4	6
No year date	2	7			9

(a) The total does not match because one cover has wove and laid paper stamps in combination.
(b) These are the two 'Kingston perf' covers.
(c) The total does not match because one cover has perforated and imperforate stamps in combination.

It should be noted that 1851 was an eight month year for purposes of our calculations and in the same way, although a few stamps were used after July 1st, we should consider 1859 as six months.

The records show that these covers originated at 108 different Canadian post offices plus two United States locations. There are also about ten different R.P.O. originating markings and five different Steam Boat markings. In a future article we will explore this field in detail.

It is well understood that most philatelic research, by its very nature, is never com-



A typical example of a money letter of this period franked with a wove paper "Beaver".

plete. We therefore welcome corrections and additions to the foregoing. Future articles are planned to go into more detail using the data currently on hand plus any new information received.

(1) The Postage Stamps and Postal History of Canada by Winthrop S. Boggs.
(2) The Chronicle of the U.S. Classic Postal Issues, August 1980 issue. Published by the U.S. Philatelic Classics Society.
(3) Canadian Postage Stamps and Stationery by Clifton A. Howes. □

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The Freedom of Information Act in Canada and also in the USA made it possible to have researchers access official government files which were otherwise not available to everyone. The information contained in some of these files is of great value to philately as it discloses official actions and stands taken by the governments in matters such as mail, stamp designs, printing and ordering of stamps, policies, procedures and instructions. Very often this information appears to be in conflict with some of the data published by well-known philatelic writers. This is not surprising because when most of the philatelic literature was prepared, the information from the government files was not available and much hearsay, guesswork and assumptions had to be made. Unfortunately, this information has been taken as the gospel by some and when suddenly faced with data which is different from the well-known writings, doubt is expressed. In a very interesting article by the German Postal Specialist, Mr. R.E. Griffin uncovered a large amount of such information on German postal history in official files of the US military government in Berlin. In these files some of the well-known statements by philatelic writers and in German catalogues show now to be incorrect and require revisions. In his last research book on the Admirals, Marler makes a number of major revisions to information which for years had been entrenched in books and catalogues. This information which is new eminated from official files amongst other references. Just a sample will show what is involved here:

The Berlin black overprints are stated by everyone to have been issued 1 Sept. 1948. The issue date is 3 Sept. 1948.

The special Berlin Aircraft cancel is listed as being used from 1 Oct. to 31 Dec. 1948. The actual dates are 1 Oct. to 31 Oct. 1948. The 3¢ Small Queen is listed as being issued to postmasters for the last time in 1897 as well as other denominations except the 8¢. In 1898 the Office of the Superintendent of the Postage Stamp Branch in Ottawa writes that the BABNC delivered to them the final lot of stamps which included all outstanding accounts for the 1, 2, 3, 5 and 10¢ stamps. These stamps arrived on 2 Feb. 1898. Therefore, take care reading information not based on official records.

The Precancel Study Group in Ottawa is busy writing up all the information which has come in from various sources and is continuing collecting data for the final Precancel Handbook. Some very interesting information has been assembled and much authentic data has been taken from the available government files. Some new concepts may have to replace some older ideas. At this time almost two hundred typed pages have been prepared with some illustrations.

In Vol. 33, No. 1 the writer raised a question of philatelic literature distribution and the editor planned to reply "next issue". May we have his reply, please? (Peter Mann, please note!)

An interesting find has been made recently which has not been reported. The 3¢ Cameo stamp exists on three plates. A paper fold on a block of the lower left corner had the plate inscription with a plate No. 4 This would indicate that two plates were run at the same time, namely plates 3 and 4, but that plate 4 was not issued although it had been laid down.

Requests for advertisements by some Arab countries offer special mail order courses with the title Doctor of Philately. The courses include the subjects of regum-

ming, repairs, perforation corrections, removal of cancels, etc. Thanks to the awareness of the philatelic press all such requests have been turned down so far.

A former employee of the British American Bank Note Co. was surprised that so far nobody has found a copy of the New Brunswick 2¢ stamp from the cracked plate. The plate cracked during the printing and a coloured line appears in the sky. This variety has not been reported as far as can be determined. □

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April 8, 1983

Following the theme of the low-value definitives issued in 1982, the three medium-value definitives depict heritage artifacts. As ugly as the first set was, this second attempt proves that there was definite room for improvement — the 48¢ and 64¢ are almost simplistically attractive.

The 37¢ stamp features a wooden plow, the 48¢ a cradle and the 64¢ depicts a wood stove. In addition, the designs bear the inscription "Heritage / Patrimonie" which was absent from the earlier designs.

The three values were designed by Jean-Pierre Beaudin and Jean Morin in a 30 mm x 24 mm horizontal size. They were printed in four-colour lithography by Ashton-Potter Limited in panes of 50, perf. 13 x 13, all with general tagging.

April 22, 1983

A se-tenant pair of 32¢ stamps was issued in honour of author Laure Conan and poet E.J. Pratt.

Laure Conan is the pen name of Félicité Angers, French Canada's first female novelist and the first Canadian to write a psychological novel. The stamp design is an illustration of her novel "Angéline de Montbrun" by René Milot.

E.J. Pratt is widely-known as one of Canada's foremost poets, with some of his better-known works dealing with the sea or Canadian history. The stamp features a multi-coloured woodcut which represents his poem "Sea-gulls". It is the work of Claire Pratt, his daughter.

The se-tenant pair were printed in five-colour lithography by Canadian Bank Note Company in panes of 50, perf. 13, with general tagging in a quantity of 21 million. The final designs were by William Tibbles.







May 24, 1983

For better or worse, some things never change — like the portrait of Queen Elizabeth on our stamps. The new 32¢ definitive carries the same portrait which has been used since 1977, and in fact the "new" colour is blue. If we're lucky, perhaps this total regression on the part of Canada Post will signal the final end of this design. Since I have never read anything but negative comments on this stamp design — not one positive comment in six years, it would be interesting if Canada Post would release the popularity poll or flood of complimentary letters which allowed them to call it a "popular design" in their new-issue announcement.

The technical specifications are identical to those of the 12¢, 14¢, 17¢ and 30¢ stamps.

June 3, 1983

A single 32¢ stamp was issued to mark the 100th anniversary of the St. John Ambulance in Canada.

The St. John Ambulance traces its ancestry back almost nine centuries to the City of Jerusalem, where there had long been a hostel to accommodate Christian pilgrims and to care for the sick. The British founded the St. John Ambulance in 1877 to teach first aid and to provide home nursing care. Its initial Canadian first aid classes were taught in Quebec City.

The stamp was designed by Louis Fishauf who used the eight-pointed cross on a background with centenary symbols. It is an elegantly striking design. It was printed by Ashton-Potter Limited using three-colour lithography in panes of 50, with general tagging in a quantity of 20 million. □

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STANLEY GIBBONS STAMP CATALOGUE, Part 4 BENELUX, 2nd edn. Published by Stanley Gibbons Publications Ltd., 399 Strand, London, England WC2R 0LX. 14.5 cm x 21.5 cm, illus., x + 238 pages, flexible cover. £6.85 or equivalent.

This part covers the issues of Belgium, its colonies, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and its colonies.

The listings are complete to late 1982 and for the Netherlands this includes the first definitives featuring Queen Beatrix. For the first time stamp booklets are listed and priced for Belgium, the Belgian Congo and Luxembourg. Similar listings for the Netherlands and colonies is promised for later editions.

Improvements have been made to the Belgian Congo and Ruanda-Urundi listings based upon suggestions made by Mr. R. Keach of the Belgian Congo Study Circle. An excellent catalogue for a highly popular area of European philately.

COLLECT CHANNEL ISLANDS, 11th edn., 1983. Published by Stanley Gibbons Publications Ltd., 399 Strand, London, England WC2R 0LX. 16.4 cm x 19.5 cm, 66 pages, colour illus., flexible cover, 1983. £1.80 or equivalent.

This colour checklist covers the issues of Guernsey and Jersey up to the end of 1982. It includes the war-time, 1948 general issue and the British Regional issues before postal independence in 1969. Details are included of the quantities sold, cylinder numbers, sheet size, imprint and withdrawal dates as well as regular philatelic specifications.

COLLECT ISLE OF MAN, 7th edn., 1983. Published by Stanley Gibbons Publications Ltd., 399 Strand, London, England WC2R 0LX. 16.4 cm x 19.5 cm, 42 pages, colour illus., flexible cover, 1983. £1.80 or equivalent.

The Postal History section is recognized as the essential starting point for collectors embarking on a collection of the island's postmarks. Many — especially those of post offices long since closed — are difficult to find and their valuation reflects this scarcity.

The stamp section is complete to the end of 1982 including postage dues and booklets and the first Isle of Man picture postal cards.

HARRIS POSTAGE STAMP CATALOGUE for U.S., Canada and the U.N., Summer 1983 edn. Published by H.E. Harris & Co., 645 Summer St., Boston, Mass., 02210. 13.4 cm x 21 cm, xii + 374 pages, illus., flexible cover, 1983. $2.95 U.S.

The amount of information presented for the low cost is substantial for illustrations, chronology, issue dates, etc., but it is obvious that the cost has been maintained due to the poor quality paper (newsprint) and printing.

In essence this catalogue is the official mail order price list for the H.E. Harris company, and a quick review of prices shows that although some prices have dropped from previous editions, this catalogue is still priced higher than one would expect most dealers to charge or collectors to pay. For example, a VF N.H. copy of the 1928

Bluenose is priced at $600 U.S. or approx. $740 Canadian — need I say more!

TEACH YOURSELF STAMP COLLECTING by F.J. Melville, Revised by Arthur Blair. Published by Hoder and Stoughton, England. 13 cm x 20 cm, xii + 211 pages, illus., flexible cover, 1983. Available in Canada from General Paperbacks, 340 Steelcase Rd. E., Markham, Ont. L3R 2M1. Price not given.

As the title suggests, this is a handbook on stamp collecting which contains 20 chapters divided into three parts: Introduction to Philately, Stamps of the Wide World, and The Study of Stamps.

It is well-illustrated and written in a very easy and understandable style. As far as I'm concerned, there will never be too many introductory stamp collecting books on the market and this one ranks right up there with the best of them, suitable for the junior collector.

STAMP COLLECTING HANDBOOKS, 1st edn. Published by Stanley Gibbons Publications Ltd., 399 Strand, London, England WC2R 0LX. First three: How to Start; How to Identify Stamps; Collecting by Theme; by James Watson. 16 cm x 22 cm, 32 pages each, illus., flexible covers, 1983. £1.25 or equivalent each.

This is a new series of stamp collecting handbooks aimed at the beginner and intermediate collector. "How to Start" provides an outline of the basic essentials of the hobby with a brief history, advice on albums and catalogues, arranging a collection and a glossary of philtelic terms.

Identification of the country of issue is the key to the second handbook. This book makes an ideal companion for users of Gibbons' "Stamps of the World". As its title suggests, the third volume deals with thematic or topical collecting, one of the fastest growing areas of modern philately.

Two further titles in the series are promised later: "How to Arrange and Write up a Stamp Collection" and "A Guide to Modern Philately". rrr

EARLY AMERICAN PERFORATING MACHINES AND PERFORATIONS 1857-1867, by Winthrop S. Boggs. Published by Unitrade Press, P.O. Box 172, Station "A", Toronto, Ontario M5W 1B2. $3.95 plus $1 postage.

This 32 page booklet is a reprint of two articles published in 1954 in the Collectors Club Philatelist, New York.

An early British perforating machine, the Bemrose, was sold to Toppan, Carpenter & Co. in the U.S. Between 1855-1867 the American Bank Note Co. used the Bemrose which they modified for perforating the stamps of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, the U.S. and a number of Central and South American countries.



George Heriot

POSTMASTER PAINTER OF THE CANADAS

Gerald Finley

GEORGE HERIOT — POSTMASTER PAINTER OF THE CANADA'S, by Gerald Findlay. Published by the University of Toronto Press, 5201 Dufferin St., Downsview, Ontario M3H 5T8. 15 cm x 23 cm, illus., cloth, $35.00.

George Heriot (1759-1839) a Scottish gentleman is known for being the third Deputy Postmaster General of British North America from 1800 to 1816, a water colour painter and a writer. His "Travels through the Canada's" was published in 1807. A water colour by Heriot brings a small fortune when they occasionally come on the market today. As you read the book you become aware that Heriot was also a patriot and a spy.

The author describes Heriot's life and his art. The two are interwoven into an enlightening biography that leads one to understand Heriot, particularly his motives and ideals in the context of Canada as a pioneer

colony of Britain. Heriot was groomed for colonial service by education and the manner of his upbringing. A member of the British gentry, he fitted into the public service in Britain and abroad. His public career ended in frustration and sadness in 1816. He was dismissed with a handshake as Deputy Postmaster General when his appointment ended. His chief importance is his painting. It was to his painting that he turned when he returned to the United Kingdom. He was particularly adroit in portraying picturesque landscapes and recording Canadian scenery in a special manner.

This volume at long last recognizes Heriot's skill as a typographical landscape artist. He now has a place in Canadian history. At least one of his paintings as well as other significant artifacts are on display at the National Postal Museum in Ottawa. (Gerald Finlay is a member of the Department of Fine Arts at Queens University, Kingston).

James Kraemer

LYMAN'S STANDARD CATALOGUE OF CANADA-BNA POSTAGE STAMPS, Summer 1983, 37th edition. Published by The Charlton Press, 299 Queen St. W., Toronto, Ont. M5V 1Z9. 13.8 cm x 20.9 cm, 172 pages, colour illus., soft bound, 1983. $3.50.

The former "bible" of Canadian postage stamps has re-emerged from the shadows. Lyman's has undergone substantial revision since its disastrous previous edition.

More than half the catalogue has undergone new colour separations and layout with the promise that it will be completed for the next edition. Lyman's is once again a good colour guide for Canadian stamps and is worth every penny of its $3.50 cover price.

Several new features have been included. Elizabethan era stamps have been listed strictly in chronological order, with commemoratives and definitives kept separate. A new feature has been added after the regular Canadian listings to accommodate collectors who prefer to collect stamps in sets. The topical sets such as the 1951-55 Prime Minister series, 1953-57 National Wildlife Week, 1976 Olympics, Indians, Aircraft, etc., are depicted and priced as complete units.

Many of the errors and omissions of the previous edition have been corrected, but I note that Lyman's still has a problem with current definitive sets, e.g., the date of issue, tagging information and other information is totally incorrect for the Heritage Artifacts definitive series.

Collectors will note that for the most part Canadian stamp prices continue to fall, especially it appears for pre-1951 issues in Fine mint condition. Lyman's has also eliminated the "Very Good" pricing for all issues except those issued prior to 1870.

One of the major stumbling blocks of the new edition, now that Lyman's has a favourable chronological format, is the "Lyman's Numbering System" which bears an uncanny resemblance to that of Scott Publishing, and which at the best of times can be confusing. Now that Lyman's has taken the first step forward, perhaps in the next edition they will give us one giant leap!

One shouldn't compare but ... since the new edition of Canada Specialized recently appeared, and working in black and white they couldn't arrange the Elizabethan stamps with any philatelic expertise, Lyman's is by far the better buy for any collector who is not specializing in classic Canada.

Congratulations to Joanne Lavell and George Papaspyrou of the Charlton Press. This is an issue to be bought, not boycotted!! □

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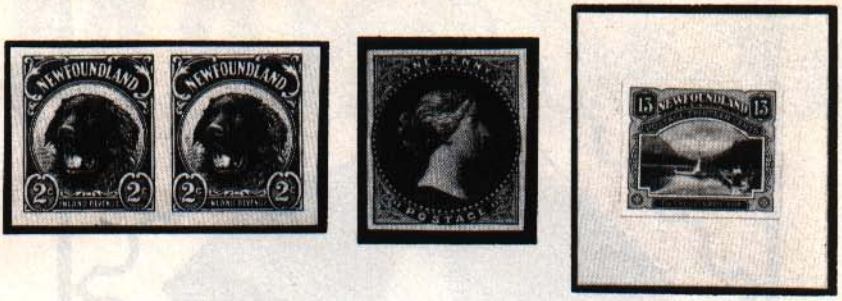
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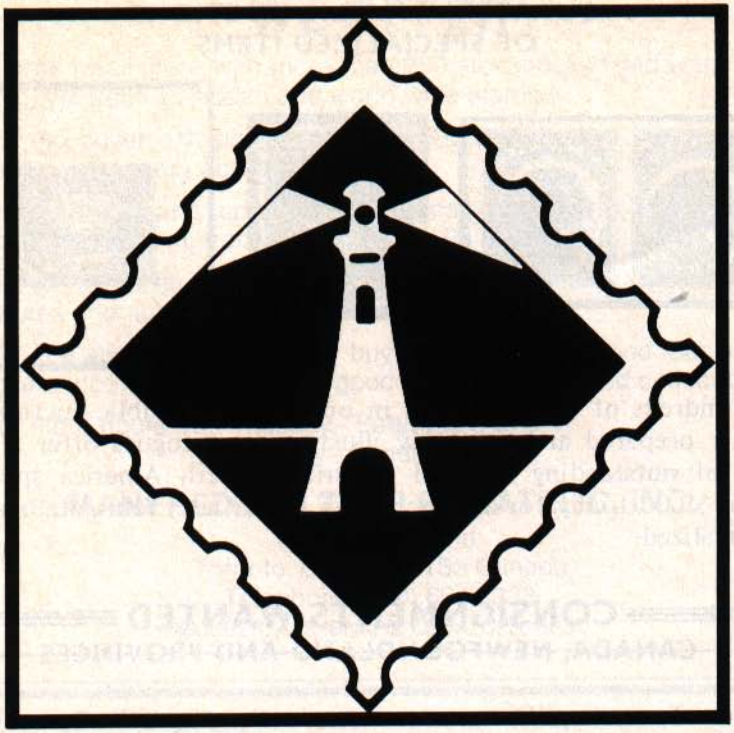
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