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by Ron Richards

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and I will forward it directly to the author. However, when it comes to a letter to the editor, I do not keep copies once they have been published, and therefore, am not in a position to forward letters. These letters should be forwarded to the National Office which maintains a complete listing of all members' addresses.

SOCIETY REPORTS

Once again members will note a rather healthy increase in the number of 'New Members' published in this edition, and this is expected to continue for a couple of issues. Canada Post inserted one of our application forms in one of its 'PS14' mailings.

I have been instructed by the Executive to maintain the C.P. at a maximum of 72 pages (rather than the 80 pages I had been publishing) and therefore, will apologize in advance if the journal becomes 'New Members' topheavy. If the situation gets really out-of-hand, I will try my best to adjust accordingly.

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OCTOBER 12-14 — UKRAINPEX 85, annual convention of the Ukrainian Philatelic and Numismatic Society to be held in Montreal. Information: Ivan Perederyj, 6365-24th Ave., Rosemont, Montreal, P.Q. H1T 3M4.

OCTOBER 12 – OKTOBERFEST 85, exhibition and bourse of the Kitchener-Waterloo Philatelic Society, at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Queen & Weber Sts., Kitchener, Ont. Sat.: 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Information: C.L. Hogg, P.O. Box 8101, Bridgeport, Ont. N2K 2G6.

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by James E. Kraemer

There are several items of interest that I wish to bring to members' attention at this time:

Stamp Collecting Month/International Youth Year

This year, International Youth Year has been designated as the theme for October's Stamp Collecting Month. As president of the "Royal", I was pleased to recently join Canada Post in a joint press release announcing this year's programme of events. The release was sent to all Chapters, several hundred societies and to the national and philatelic press. Post offices are being encouraged to have open house, give tours and set up displays. Postmasters across Canada are prepared to speak to schools and stamp clubs. If your club did not receive a copy of the press release, this and other promotional material may be received from Denis Hamel, Youth Program Coordinator, #11-390 ch. St. Louis, Ouebec. P.Q. G1S 1B6.

The "Royal" is Growing

In recognition of our position as the national society for philately in Canada, Canada Post recently included our membership application in one of their general mailings. As a result, hundreds of new members are being recruited. The Directors and Officers join me in extending a heartfelt welcome to all these new members. We trust you will find enjoyment and inspiration by being a member of the "Royal". Thanks too to Canada Post -- we appreciate their help.

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Several years ago a number of European firms advertised that they would re-perforate stamps, repair rips or tears, regum stamps, replace missing corners, perfs, etc. They offered to perform this service for a fee in order to "improve the appearance of the stamps".

European philatelic societies quickly condemned this practice stating that many of the repaired stamps would eventually be sold to unsuspecting collectors at high prices. Recently a wealthy but uninformed Canadian philatelist passed away. His collection contained many rarities collected over the years. When the time came to liquidate the estate, it was found that practically all the rarities had been skilfully repaired. Although the owner had paid substantial prices, the items were practically worthless. An unscrupulous dealer had sold these stamps to an unsuspecting collector.

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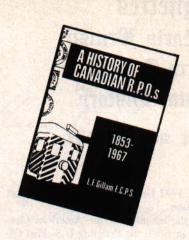
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AN OCCASIONAL FEATURE

III. The 1792 United States-Canada Postal Convention

Until the adoption of the American Constitution in 1789, the fledgling U.S. Post Office was mainly concerned with improving the service on the main post road from New Hampshire to Georgia and with such problems as collecting the correct postage in states which had their own paper currency. During these years, quite a number of cross-posts were established from the larger towns on the main road, although Albany remained the only interior town in New York to have a postal service. With respect to this latter service, it was converted from courier to stage coach in 1786, and operated three times a week in summer and twice a week in winter.

The Constitution stated that "the Congress shall have the Power to Establish Post Offices and post Roads"; but for three years after the new government began in 1789, no one knew exactly how that power was to be used. Finally, after temporarily continuing the old Confederation Post Office, Congress passed the Post Office Act of 1792, which created the U.S. Post Office, headed by a Postmaster General. This Act was limited to two years, but was reaffirmed and made permanent by a second Post Office Act in 1794.

The three basic principles of these Acts were that the Post Office must be self-supporting; make no profit; and Congress, not the P.M.G. must establish the post roads. They also allowed the P.M.G. to make agreements with foreign post offices, and to enter into contracts for the carriage of mails, allowing the contractors on new routes to retain all the postage collected on the route, instead of an annual stipend. The 1792 Act provided for

post roads in central New York and the Lake Champlain and Vermont regions, thus approaching the needed links to the Canadian postal system.

Reacting to the passage of the 1792 Post Office Act with effect from 20 February, Hugh Finlay, the Deputy Postmaster General for the province of Canada, sent Mr. Edwards, the Montreal Postmaster, to Philadelphia to work out an arrangement for the carriage of the British Mails between New York and Canada with Timothy Pickering, the newlydesignated United States Postmaster General. On 17 March, Pickering sent Finlay a copy of the proposed convention, which Edwards thought "will be adequate to the purpose." If Finlay approved, he was to sign a duplicate and return it to Pickering, who had concluded his letter: "If a more formal convention on the subject should be preferred, or if any improvement on the plan should occur to you, and you are pleased to communicate them to me, I will give them due consideration."

The preamble of the convention is worth noting, in view of some of the past difficulties over the use of the Hudson River-Lake Champlain route:

"His Britannic Majesty having established a regular communication between his European dominions and the United States of North America by means of his packets; and the direct conveyance of the British mails brought by those packets to New York and destined for the province of Canada, and the mails from that province which are to be put on board those packets being thro' the States of New York and Vermont: a friendly and commercial intercourse also existing between his subjects in that province and the citizens of the United



Figure 1. Letter from London dated 6 February 1793 with 1/1 Stg. postage prepaid (1d. local postage + 1/- packet postage to New York). Carried by the Roebuck packet on 16 February to New York. Taken overland to Montreal, where rated 1/7 Cy. postage due (22 cents or 1/1 Cy. U.S. inland postage to Burlington + 6d. Cy. inland postage to Montreal.)

States; which conveyance and intercourse may be facilitated and increased, by mutually beneficial regulations - "

The first paragraph was straightforward:

"1. To convey, by post, all British letters, Packets and Newspapers, from the city of New York to Burlington in the State of Vermont, and from Burlington to the city of New York, at the same rates of Postage with which they would be chargeable if received and conveyed by post for citizens of the United States."

The second paragraph related to the determination of the amount of postage due to the U.S.P.O. for each Mail, as it was contained in a sealed bag and the letters only handled by British officials:

"2. That the dignity of the two nations and the friendship subsisting between them, require a mutual confidence in the officers who conduct the business relative to their mutual intercourse, The Post Bills made out under the hands of the sworn officers of the Department of the British Post Office specifying the numbers of single, double and triple letters, the

number and weights of Packets, and the numbers of newspapers, contained in any British mails destined to pass thro' the States of New York and Vermont, to or from the province of Canada, shall be admitted as conclusive evidence of the contents of such mails, the postage of which shall be rated according to those bills - The Deputy Postmaster General for the province of Canada to make due provision for the payment of the amount of such postage quarter-yearly into the General Post Office of the United States-"

The next two paragraphs are important with respect to B.N.A. postal history, for, although undoubtedly only proposed to meet an existing situation, they introduced a system of postage collection which was continued for at least fifty years, being extended as the need arose:

"3. As it often happens that letters addressed to British subject in the province of Canada are received from vessels arriving in the ports of the United States, and sometimes letters in like manner addressed may be dropped into the Post Offices of the United States,

without notice to the postmasters; all such letters shall be made up into proper mails, directed to the postmaster at Montreal, and conveyed as far as Burlington aforementioned. The postmaster at Montreal will be charged with the postages of those mails, which he will be pleased to collect and after deducting a commission of twenty percent on the monies so collected, for his trouble, remit the residue to the General Post Office of the United States. Any of these letters becoming Dead, may be transmitted quarter-yearly by the postmaster at Montreal, to the General Post Office of the United States, for which he will receive due credit.

"4. A similar arrangement would be proposed respecting letters from the province of Canada to citizens of the United States, but here the Post Offices will be so numerous (from one to two hundred) that the account for the postages of letters so dispersed would be extremely troublesome. It will therefore be expedient that the postages of all these letters as far as Burlington should be paid at the post offices in the province of Canada, and the Postmaster at Burlington (to whom the mail containing them may be addressed) will sort and send them in mails to the respective post

offices in the United States, which shall be at or nearest to their places of delivery -"

An additional paragraph was proposed, presumably by Finlay, which was accepted and formed part of the convention. This read:

"5. The law of the United States relative to the Post Office makes no provision for the conveyance of any periodical publications, other than Newspapers; but as Magazines and Reviews may sometimes be sent in the British Mails they may severally be charged with a postage of eight cents for their carriage from New York to Burlington."

Not long after George Heriot succeeded Finlay in 1800, there appears to have been a reconsideration of the 1792 Convention by the British Post Office, in which several alterations were proposed. There is no indication on the existing manuscript whether these were accepted by the Americans; however Heriot signed it on 1 January 1801 and there is a notation: "In Mr. Freeling's No. 57E 26th May 1801", indicating that it went to England and was returned to Canada. Although the changes did not affect the carriage of the Mails or the collection of postage, they were aimed at pinpointing responsibility.

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Figure 2. Letter from Glasgow dated 25 February 1804. Carried by a private trader to New York, where entered as a SHIP LETTER on 18 June and rated 22 cents postage due (2 cents ship letter fee + 20 cents inland postage to Burlington). At Montreal, this was converted to 1/1 Cy. and 6d. Cy. inland postage added for a total postage due of 1/7 Cy.

raph 2 above reading: "The Post Bills made out . . . the numbers of newspapers, contained . . . " was changed to: "The Agent for His Britannic Majesty's packets at New York, shall have authority to affix a padlock to and to Seal with his official Seal (which under no pretext whatever is to be broken) the Mail containing the Letters for the province of Canada, and a Specification under his hand, of the numbers of Single, double and triple letters with the numbers and weight of the packet letters, together with the number of Newspapers and other periodical publications contained . . . "

The reference in paragraph 3 to letters to Canada mailed in the United States was deleted and a footnote added to the bottom of the paragraph read: "NB But all Letters put into the Post Offices of the United States addressed to British Subjects in the province of Canada must have the postage paid upon them as far as Burlington at the time that Letters are posted." This was obviously to limit the accounting workload to the overseas letters on which there was no way that the U.S. inland postage could be prepaid.

William Smith in his History of the Post Office in British North America noted that in 1810 the exchange office for Mails between Lower Canada and Boston and New York had been moved from Burlington to Swanton, Vermont at the northern end of Lake Champlain, and about five miles from the Canadian border, without any change in the operational arrangements. As the connections between New York and Swanton were poor, letters usually took over two weeks to reach Quebec. Heriot proposed that his couriers carry the Mails to New York and that the U.S.P.O. be paid as if its couriers had provided the service, but Washington would not consider it. He was also unsuccessful in having the Falmouth packets land the Mails at Boston in the winter months. The War of 1812 made the whole matter academic for the next few years.

Although the post-war period produced a whole new setting for the carriage of transatlantic mails with the advent of weekly, fast American sailing packets between New York and Liverpool, the terms of the original convention were maintained. The 1841 report of the Commissioners on the B.N.A. Post Office attributes the agreement for the Canadian

D.P.M.G. to act as an agent of the U.S.P.O. in the collection of postage to Heriot. This was due to the fact that they had no documents relating to the early history of postal matters in Lower Canada. They reported that this agency netted Thomas Stayner, the current D.P.M.G. in the years 1838, 1839 and 1840, £540.6.8, £555.11.8 and £603.10.10 Currency respectively.

At some point along the way, the D.P.M.G. shared the responsibility for the collection of the U.S. postage and the commissions with the various exchange offices. The 1841 Commissioner's report noted that "the collection and remittance of American postage on letters, &c. for or from the United States, is effected under a private agreement (meaning not with the G.P.O.); in pursuance of which certain Provincial Post Offices appointed by mutual agreement between the two Departments, exchange Mails direct with the United States, and are charged with the collection of American postage. There are at present eleven of these offices, viz:

Sandwich, Queenston, Niagara, Toronto, (in summer only), Kingston, Brockville, Prescott, Montreal, Stanstead, Quebec, and Woodstock, N.B.

Of these, the Offices at Niagara, Toronto and Brockville, receive Mails only for their own Towns respectively; the others, for distribution and transmission into the interior.

"The Kingston Office is the only one that accounts directly to the General Post Office at Washington; the rest accounts through the Deputy Post Master General. The Offices in the interior have to keep separate accounts for American postage with every exchanging Office which may happen to have forwarded to them anything with such postage due upon it, or to have received from them anything on which the American charge is prepaid."

It is not known whether the practice was ever discontinued before the Universal Postal Union came into effect. There are Ship Letters and Packet Letters for Canada put in an American bag charged with postage due to be collected on delivery throughout the 1840s and 1850s.

STORE CHILD OF STREET

The "Admiral" Booklets of Canada

by Michael Madesker



Figure 1.



English text



French text

Part IV - The Two-Cent Green

The two-cent green Admiral booklet was produced at the same time as the general printing of the definitive stamp, June 6, 1922. Its release, however, was delayed until December 1922.

The booklet stamps were printed from plates 1 to 3 of 360 subjects each, a departure of the pattern of 168 and 252 subjects. There were two panes to a booklet of which there were 1,750,000 English and 200,000 French versions printed (Figure 1). A seeming difference from the one-cent yellow Admiral is the fact that the English booklets appeared with a spine while the French were held together by the staple alone. Although there were several printings of the covers, fewer colour changes are seen due to better stock colour control.

A four subject booklet pane with long selvedge was also produced to incorporate into combination booklets. The discussion of this type of pane was not included in the description of the one cent yellow Admiral and will be further delayed until the second booklet issue will be presented. Of great interest is the printing technique which has been mentioned in the write-up of the one-cent green Admiral booklet stamps, guide marks. During the 1915-1922 printing period, the American Bank Note Co., Ltd. introduced small guide arrows on sheets of stamps to aid in cutting and perforating operations. In 1922 these were replaced by PYRAMID guide lines on one side of the plate. The term pyramid was coined since the guide marks were arranged in straight lines in decreasing sizes thus giving it 20 DEEP CREEN
FYRAMID GUIDE LINES

The 4-stamp pane of the 2¢ green Admiral can be found only in a combination booklet which includes the 1¢ yellow and the 3¢ brown. According to postal records, this booklet was released for sale in December, 1923 in both, English and French editions.

Ferforation guides can be found on panes of the 2¢ green Admiral printed from Plate No. 1.



During the period 1915 - 1922 the printers used small guide arrows on sheets of stamps to aid in cutting and perforating operations. In 1922 these were replaced by FYRAMID GUIDE LINES on one side of the plate (in this case only on Plate No. 1) opposite the 5th and 6th horizontal row of stamps.

Pyramid guide lines were used as an aid for cutting purposes only.

Figure 2

the appearance of a sketch of an Egyptian Pyramid (Figure 2). In the case of the two cent green the pyramids are known only in plate 1 opposite the 5th and 6th rows of stamps.

For some reason, there is little material found with booklet stamps until approximately 1925. The first cover illustrated here is dated January 29, 1923, a very early date for this issue (Figure 3). The two-cent green Admiral was used here in conjuction with a 1¢ yellow Admiral in prepayment of the two-cent letter rate and 1¢ War Tax.

The 4¢ Empire letter rate was in effect until July 1, 1926 when it was again reduced to 3¢ (an unusual occurance in postal rates when something that went up did come down). The cover illustrating this rate is dated January 21, 1926 and has two 2¢ green Admiral booklet stamps from the lower right hand corner of a pane (Figure 4). The domestic 2¢ rate was

extended to mailings to the U.S.A. shown in a nice cover dated February 17, 1927 (Figure 5).

Stamps with the 2¢ denomination were used extensively in combination with other stamps or as duplicates, a case which was discussed previously. It is interesting to see the various configurations. We have an illustration of a 2¢ stamp, likely applied at home, used in conjunction with two 5-cent stamps of the Historical series on a letter which was registered. Since registration was applied at a postal station it is most likely that this is where the additional postage was purchased and applied (Figure 6).

Germany is not an "exotic" destination for Canadian mail but this postal card is certainly most absorbing. A postal card was purchased for inland use and a two-cent green Admiral booklet stamp was added to comply with the 4¢ U.P.U. rate then in effect (Figure 7).

1# YELLOW & 2# GREEN

USAGE

The letter rate in Canada in 1923 consisted of 2¢ postage and 1¢ War Tax. In this case it was prepaid by means of a 2¢ booklet pane stamp (straight upper edge) and 1¢ YELLOW booklet pane stamp taken from the lower right corner of a booklet pane (straight edges on the lower and vertical right sides).

Letter originated at Cayuga, Ontario on January 29, 1923 and was addressed to Hamilton, Ontario.



Figure 3

Four cent Empire rate from Toronto to England was prepaid by means of two 2c Admiral deep green stamps from the lower row of a tooklet pane.

The 4c Empire rate was valid until July 1, 1926 when it was reduced to 3c. This letter was mailed at Toronto at 11:00 F.M. on January 21, 1926.



Figure 4

Letter from Hannon, Ontario (Postal District "T", Office No. 3133, West of Hamilton in Wentworth County) to Adams, N.Y., U.S.A.

The two cent rate on February 17, 1927 paid for this letter was equivalent to the domestic mailing rate extended to the United States of America.



Figure 5

A 2¢ booklet stamp and two 5¢ Historical Series stamps constituted prepayment of a registered letter from Bowmanville, Ontario to Toronto. The letter was mailed on November 14, 1928 and was delivered at the House of Assembly following day.



Figure 6

The U.F.U rate for post card to Europe was 4s in 1928. This card was prepaid by means of two cents printed statinery value plus 2s Admiral booklet stamp from the upper right hand corner of a pane.

The letter originated at Dodds, Alberta (Fost Office No. 8331 in the "E" District of Camrose) on September 23, 1928, and was cancelled in transit at Kingman, Alberta (Post Office No. 8552 in the "E" District of Camrose) on September 24, 1928.

The Dodds cancellation was by means of an obliterator. Destination on the card was Germany.



Figure 7

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WAR TAX ADMIRAL STAMPS

Philatelists, in general, consider revenue stamps as being a separate study. In keeping with this dictum I will not go into the intricacies of this field but will make brief mention of an Inland Revenue War Tax booklet which utilized the Admiral design. This booklet was issued in accordance with Bill No. 76 of February, 1915, containing 4 panes of six

stamps each and unlike booklets of this period which sold for 25¢, this Tax booklet sold for 50¢ due to a larger number of stamps (Figure 8). These stamps were to be used on financial documents such as cheques, bills of exchange, promisory notes, money orders and travellers' cheques but postal usage is well known also.

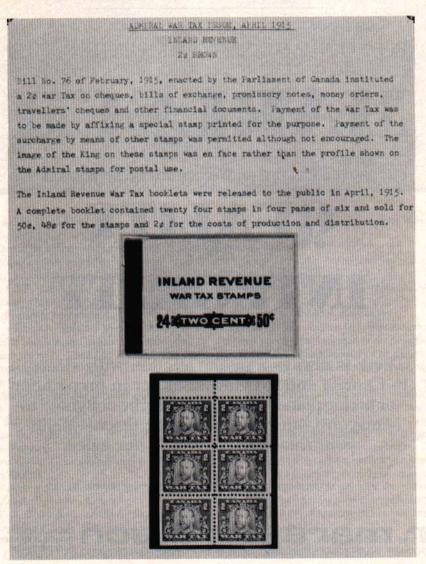


Figure 8

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Argentina '85

by Andrew Cronin



I was the Canadian Commissioner for this international philatelic exhibition which was held from 5 to 14 July in Buenos Aires. It was an unusual exhibition in that it was really twoin-one: an international thematic exhibition under F.I.P. patronage; and an exhibition of traditional philately under the patronage of F.I.A.F. (the Inter-American Philatelic Federation, which is affiliated with the F.I.P. and has Spain and Portugal as associate members).

There were 12 Canadian entries with the following results:

Large Gold:

R.K. Malott: Canadian Pioneer Airmails

Allan Steinhart: Pre-stamp and Stampless Mail to and from B.N.A., 1685-1865.

Large Vermeil:

Clifford Guile: German Inflation Covers Large Silver:

Territories

David Dixon: Canadian War Tax Issues

W.J. Liaskas: Ionian Islands Dr. K.G. Scrimgeour: Postal History of the

Silver:

T.W. Cummings: MacRobertson Air Race Covers, England-Australia-England Col. Stephen Luster: Citizens of Europe

M. Lubinski: Mail of the Polish POW's in Germany, 1939-1945

Silver-Bronze:

Piet Steen: The Latin American Post (Lit.)

Bronze:

P. Barbatavicius: Lufthansa Flights to South America

Peit Steen: The Mexican Revolution

The FIAF jury, drawn from the Americas, Portugal and Spain, included both myself and Mr. D.N. Jatia as an honourary FIP judge. An unusual aspect was the fact that there were four FIP consultants attached to the Jury who also participated in its work and deliberations.

Without knowing the exact cost of staging such an exhibition, I can only hazard a guess that approximately \$1 million U.S. was spent, most of it in precious foreign currency. This would appear to be quite a burden for Argentina, with its staggering debts and economic and social problems. In spite of the national woes. I felt the show was well staged and the hospitality of our Argentine hosts was absolutely first class.

A big thank-you is due to all our Argentine friends, but especially to Enrique Buttini and Nestor Ferre, the President and Commissioner-General respectively of Argentina '85.



Postage Usage of Canada's 12½; "Large Queen"

by George Arfken



Figure 1. A pair of 121/2¢ Large Queens with a Sandwich 4 ring 41 cancel, possibly used to pay for up to 16 oz. parcel post.

The Post Office Act of 21 December 1867 established postal rates for the Large Queen era effective 1 April 1868. Extracts are given by Boggs, p. 773-777 (1). In accordance with this Act the Post Office Department on 1 March 1868 issued Department Order No. 2. Section 22 of this order stated that a "twelve and a-half cent" stamp, "bearing, as a device, the effigy of Her Majesty" has been prepared and would be supplied to postmasters for sale. This is the story of the postal usage of that stamp, the blue 121/2¢ Large Queen. This story is a story of dependence on four specialized postal rates, the elimination of these rates one by one and the slow, lingering death of a beautiful stamp.

Three of the rates satisfied by the 12½¢ Large Queen were specified in Department Order No. 2. They were:

- 1. Letter mail to the United Kingdom by Canadian packet. Section 7 included the statement "On letters to or from the United Kingdom, in Mails by Canada Packets, to or from Quebec in the summer, or Portland in winter; or by Mail Packet to or from Halifax 12½ cents per ½ oz." This was a continuation of the existing Canadian packet rate established 1 July 1859. The cover in Figure 2 illustrates this rate.
- 2. Letter mail to Newfoundland. Section 7 of Department Order No. 2 also included the statement "On letters to Newfoundland, 12½ cents per ½ oz.; to be in all cases prepaid." This also was a continuation of an existing rate (2). The cover shown in Figure 3 is an example of this usage.
- Parcel Post. The parcel post rate had been
 per pound. The Post Office Act of 1867



Figure 2. "Via Portland" Canadian Packet to England. DE 11 1868. (Cover courtesy of Arthur W. Leggett.)

modified this. In Section 20 of Department Order No. 2. - "The rate on Parcels, by Parcel Post, will be twelve and a half cents per 8 oz." A photo of a 12½¢ Large Queen on a parcel post wrapper appeared in an article by Chaplin in Maple Leaves (3).

4. A fourth 12½¢ rate was listed in "Tables of Rates of Postage" in "List of Post Offices in Canada, July 1868". This was the "Cana-

dian Packet Book Post" rate for mail to Great Britain. The rate applied to books, cartes de visite, printed circulars, handbills, lithographed letters and circulars, pamphlets and occasional publications, patterns of merchandise for sale, periodicals not published in Canada, photographs, prices current (bulk rate), book and newspaper manuscript, printers' proof, maps etc., printed matter, school returns,



Figure 3. From Canning, N.S. to Harbour Grace, Newfoundland, MY 17 1872, 121/2¢ postage.

seeds, etc. and parliamentary papers. This material could also be mailed to Great Britain by Cunard packet at somewhat higher Cunard Packet Book Post rates.

The Canadian Packet Book Post rates for July 1868, 1869 and 1870 are shown here in Table 1.

Canadian Packet Book Post rates

	July 1868	July 1869	July 18/
Under 1 oz.	7¢	3¢	2¢
1 to 2 oz.	7¢	5¢	4¢
2 to 4 oz.	7¢	7¢	6¢
4 to 8 oz.	121/2¢	12½¢	12¢
8 to 12 oz.	19¢	19¢	18¢
12 oz. to 1 lb.	25¢	25¢	24¢

For the time covered by the July 1868 and July 1869 tables, the postal fee for 4 to 8 oz. of "book post" material was 12½¢, conveniently paid by the 12½¢ Large Queen.

Parenthetically, in these same Tables of Rates of Postage the rate to Bermuda was given as 12¢ per ½ oz. Both Laycock (4) and Robson Lowe (5) note a cover to Bermuda franked with a 12½¢ Large Queen. This cover was overpaid a half cent. This was legal usage but certainly not required usage of the 12½¢ Large Queen.

In 1868 there was clear justification for issuing the 12½¢ Large Queen. It could be used for four different rates: letter mail by Canadian packet to the UK, letter mail to Newfoundland, domestic parcel post and for circulars and miscellaneous material to the UK via Canadian packet. This situation lasted for less than two years.

This was the period in history when postal rates were falling. On 1 January 1870 the Canadian packet rate for letter mail to the UK was reduced to 6¢ per half oz. The postal need for the 12½¢ Large Queen for this mail suddenly disappeared.

About this same time, as listed in the July 1870 Tables of Rates of Postage, the 12½¢ Canadian Packet Book Post rate was eliminated. The postal charge for 4 to 8 oz. of this sort of material was reduced to 12¢, Table 1. A tiny reduction, but it eliminated another need for the 12½¢ Large Queen. Still, letter mail to Newfoundland and domestic parcel post continued to call for this 12½¢ stamp.

In 1872 the 121/2¢ rate to Newfoundland was reduced to 6¢ per half oz., matching the rate to the UK. There is some uncertainty re-

garding the exact date of the rate change. Howes, P. 120 (6) citing the 30 June 1872 Report of the Postmaster General, said 1 November 1872. Yet the rate reduction is listed in the July 1872 Tables of Rates of Postage. This apparent contradiction in the date might be resolved (a) by collectors having 12½¢ or 6¢ covers to Newfoundland in the period July 1872 through October 1872 or (b) by collectors having access to 1872 Canadian or Newfoundland newspapers. Regardless of the exact month, the third of the four postal uses for the 12½¢ Large Queen disappeared. Only domestic parcel post remained.

The 12½¢ per 8 oz. parcel post rate lasted for eleven years but finally in April 1879 the Official Postal Guide, p.xv, announced the change in the parcel post rate schedule to 6¢ per 4 oz. (7). The last postal need for the 12½¢ Large Queen was gone. The impact of this change in the parcel post rate showed up in a dramatic drop in the quantity of 12½¢ stamps issued to the postmasters. The numbers for the years 1877 - 1880 are listed in Table 2. (data from Boggs, p. 790 [i]):

Quantities of 12½¢ Large Queens Issued to Postmasters for the year ending June 30.

1877	80,050
1878	84,150
1879	13,400
1880	4,950

The 121/2¢ Large Queen did linger on through the mid 1880's. The last entry in Boggs' tabulation is 1100 121/2¢ Large Queens issued to postmasters in the year ending 30 June 1887 down radically from the 84,150 of 1878. The end had come.

Well, not quite yet. There is always late usage. Figure 4 shows an example of a registered parcel post wrapping dated JU 4 91. The London Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Canada apparently had a stock of the 121/2¢ Large Queens and used two of them to pay the postal charge of 24¢ on 8 to 16 oz. of parcel post. This brings in an interesting twist to this 121/2¢ saga. Laycock (4) stated "sales by 1872 of this stamp were so slow that they were offered at 12 Cents each". While this 1872 date should perhaps be 1882, the idea is plausible, certainly sensible after the parcel post rate reduction eliminated the last need for 121/2¢ stamps. Conceivably The London Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Canada purchased



Figure 4. Registered Parcel Post, JU 4 91.



Figure 5. 121/2¢ Small Queen Essay Plate Proof, Green on India.

these two 121/2¢ Large Queens for 24¢ but, as Figure 4 shows, they used these two stamps to pay 1¢ of the 5¢ registry fee in addition to

paying the 24¢ postage!

The very limited and steadily diminishing demand for the 121/2¢ Large Queen meant that the plate never wore out. That, in turn, meant that there was no need to issue 121/2¢ Small Oueens. Actually a 121/2¢ Small Queen die was prepared. A 121/2¢ Small Queen plate was laid down. Plate Proofs are known (8) in india paper, Figure 5, and on wove paper. Some of the latter were even gummed and perforated. But no 121/2¢ Small Queens were ever needed and none were ever issued. The 121/2¢ Large Queen was the last of Canada's 121/2¢ stamps.

The photographs for this article were prepared by Lee Ha of Creative Concepts, Brattleboro, Vermont.

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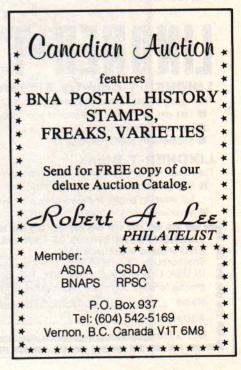
In 1954 Canada issued a set of definitive stamps bearing a portrait of Queen Elizabeth by Dorothy Wilding in a series of six values, from 1¢ to 6¢ inclusive. Since it was current for nine years, many shade variations occurred on most values.

The 1¢ value is normally listed as violet brown and was first issued on 10 June 1954. A light brown and a dark violet brown shade can also be found. The 2¢ green exists in a light green shade. The 3¢ carmine rose can be found in a rose carmine (more rose than carmine) and in a deep carmine rose from the final plate. The 4¢ can be split into shades of light violet, reddish violet and very dark violet. The 5¢ is normally referred to as bright blue and a very dark blue shade exists which is not that common. Only very minor shade variations exist on the 6¢ orange.

The British-made Clark paper is being replaced by the more suitable Harrison paper for the printing of many Canadian definitive stamps. Collecting the various paper varieties is posing somewhat of a problem as many philatelic counters are unaware of the changes, let alone ordering them for stock. For example, the \$2 Kluane underwent four plate printings, several just prior to the release of the new \$2 Banff definitive. Although no printing quantities have been announced, if one assumes that each plate was printed in a quantity

of 35 million, which is normal, then some 140 million were printed. Compare this to the \$2 Quebec with 15 million, or the \$1 Vancouver with 74 million! Since parcels and much of the registered mail make use of meters, just where are all these \$2 stamps being used? Or, is it merely a ploy by Canada Post to sell more high-value plate blocks to collectors?

The new 50¢ booklet with the steel-engraved stamps and a new cover with architectural detail from the Centre Block, shows only the 34¢ stamps tagged all-around. However, off-centre tagging has produced a 2¢ stamp with a single right-side tagging bar and a 5¢ with a single bar along the bottom. These booklets must have been printed in a hurry since minor fly-speck varieties can be noted on most.





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A total of 26.5 million booklets were printed by Ashton-Potter using four-colour lithography on Harrison paper. Designed by Rolf Harder, once again the 10 stamps are in three different sizes and each is available as a "tab" single with a brief description of the fort in the adjacent selvedge.

The ten forts chosen for this year's stamps are: Lower Fort Garry (Man.), Fort Anne (N.S.), Fort York (Ont.), Castle Hill (Nfld.), Fort Whoop-Up (Alta.), Fort Erie (Ont.), Fort Walsh (Sask.), Fort Lennox (Que.), York Redoubt (N.S.) and Fort Frederick (Ont.).

New Definitives

At the time of going to press, Canada Post had yet to release a new issue bulletin giving details of the new definitives, so we'll simply list them and their dates of issue:

- 21 June 34¢ Parliament
- 21 June 50¢ Vending Booklets
- 12 July 34¢ Oueen Elizabeth







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COLLECT BRITISH STAMPS, 36th edn., Summer 1985. Published by Stanley Gibbons Publications Ltd., 5 Parkside, Ringwood, Hants, England BH24 3SH. 16.2 cm x 19.2 cm, iv — 107 pages, colour illus., flexible cover, 1985. £2.50 or equivalent.

Since it is now in its 36th edition, this mini colour catalogue is undoubtedly familiar to all collectors of British stamps on both sides of the Atlantic. This edition contains the listing of booklets which alternates with the specialized FDC listings.

All prices have been revised up to and including the 1985 Europa issue of 14 May.

STANLEY GIBBONS FALKLAND IS-LANDS AND BRITISH ATLANTIC IS-LANDS CATALOGUE, 2ND ED., published by Stanley Gibbons Publications Ltd., 5 Parkside, Ringwood, Hants, England BH24 3SH. 19.6 cm x 20.0 cm, x + 105 pages, soft bound, 1985. £7.50 or equivalent.

Originally published in 1982 at the height of interest in the stamps of this area due to the Argentinian conflict, this collecting area has apparently not waned and may even be increasing in popularity.

This second edition has a revised, clearer typeface and includes all issues for the territories of Falkland Islands, its various dependencies, British Antarctic Territory, Ascension, St. Helena and Tristan da Cunha up to the end of 1984. Many specialized listings have been incorporated and the listed updated prices supersede those found in either Part I or the Elizabethan catalogues.

STANLEY GIBBONS GREAT BRITAIN SPECIALIZED CATALOGUE, Volume 4, QUEEN ELIZABETH DECIMAL ISSUES, 4th edn. Published by Stanley Gibbons Publications Ltd., 5 Parkside, Ringwood, Hants, England BH24 3SH. 14.5 cm x 22.5 cm, x + 641 pages, illus., hardbound, 1985. £14.95 or equivalent.

This volume completes the publishing cycle

of the four-volume set begun in 1983. Being over 3½ years since the previous edition, this volume includes much new information including 50 new basic definitives, 40 new booklets and 29 commemorative sets, all inclusive to the end of 1984.

A completely new section details the development and a priced listing for the Royal Mail Postage Labels introduced on an experimental basis in 1984.

As this reviewer has stated with past volumes, this catalogue contains the ultimate 'completeness' in collecting modern issues of Great Britain and is a must for any serious collector.

THE POST OFFICES OF NEW BRUNS-WICK 1783 - 1930 by George E. Mac-Manus. Published by Jim A. Hennock Limited, 185 Queen St. E., Toronto, Ontario M5A 1S2. 21.6 cm x 27.9 cm, XII + 201 pages, illus., softbound, 1984. \$30.00.

Over 2000 New Brunswick post offices that operated between 1783 and 1930 with name changes, county, opening and closing dates, revenue information, names of Postmasters of each office along with their periods of service, cancellation hammers and proof dates as well as remarks indicating where the post office is located are all included in a comprehensive listing in one book. This postal history oriented book is a major work. It will be of interest to local historians and a must for the New Brunswick postal historian.

Major MacManus of Ottawa deserves our plaudits for performing the monumental task of assembling this information. It is hoped that he can be persuaded to do a second volume listing the New Brunswick post offices from 1930 to date. (EC)

CANADIAN STAMPS WITH PERFORATED INITIALS by J.C. Johnson and G. Tomasson. Published by The Unitrade Press, 127 Cartwright Ave., Toronto, Ontario M6A 1V4, 15.2 cm x 22.9 cm VIII + 124 pages, illustrated, softbound, 1985. The fourth edition prepared by the BNAPS Per-

fin Study Group. \$9.95 retail. Available from your stamp dealer, the BNAPS book

department and the publishers.

This is the handbook that all "Perfin" (perforated insignia/initials on stamps) collectors have been waiting for since the late 1960's. More than four times the size of its precedessor, the 1967 third edition, this book contains the latest work on an interesting specialized sideline of stamp collecting. The information on each perfin has been greatly expanded. The earliest and latest dates of use have been revised and updated.

Well illustrated, easy to follow, with a factor relative to the number of stamps reported to assist in valuation, this book will be needed by all serious Perfin collectors. The handbook numbers assigned to each Perfin in the third edition have been changed. An addendum on page 122 gives a comparison of the assigned numbers. This reviewer is pleased to note specialized lists of: Precancelled Perfins, Revenue Perfins, Federal Government issues of the O.H.M.S. Perfins, Provincial Government check lists, Winnipeg Tagged, General Tagged and others. These will be of special interest to the specialist collector. It would have been nice to see a list of Perfin Precancelled Revenue stamps. Perhaps the Revenue Study Group will be listing these.

The greatly improved and revised fourth edition, containing the work of Messrs. Johnson and Tomasson has been dedicated to the late Dr. C.M. Jephcott and the late Robert J. Woolley who developed the early studies on Perfin collecting. No doubt this latest edition will result in greater interest in Perfins. It is an interesting guide and checklist recom-

mended to all philatelists. (JEK)

THE CANADIAN PATRIOTIC POST-CARD HANDBOOK, 1904 - 1914 by W.L. Gutzman. Published by The Unitrade Press, 127 Cartwright Ave., Toronto, Ontario M6A 1V4, 15.2 cm x 22.9 cm, III + 139 pages, colour illus., softbound, 1985. A handbook of The British North America Philatelic Society. \$12.95 retail. Available from your stamp dealers, the BNAPS book department or the publishers.

The Canadian patriotic postcard studies begun by the late Clarence Westhaver of Milton, Maine in the 1960's and carried on by Wally Gutzman of Dorval, Quebec from 1970 to 1984 in a series of articles that are published in the BNAPS journal, "TOPICS", have culminated in the printing of a beautiful handbook. Profusely illustrated in colour with a rarity factor assigned to each set of cards, this handbook is a must for the patriotic postcard collector as well as those philatelists interested in patriotic postcards as a sideline. Probably the greatest contribution this book makes is as an historic record of the period when it was permitted to devote one side of the card completely to the illustration (1904) until the intrusion of W.W. I (1914).

As the editor notes, no study is ever complete. Some blank spaces have been left for additions as they are discovered. The listings appear so complete that the reviewer would expect that few additions will be found. We highly recommend this book to the collector, the historian and to all those interested in nostalgia and Canadiana. (JEK)

SCOTT STANDARD POSTAGE STAMP CATALOGUE - VOLUME 1 - U.S., U.N. and BRITISH COMMONWEALTH, 1986 ed. Published by Scott Publishing Co., 911 Vandemark Rd., Sidney, Ohio 45365. 19 cm x 23.2 cm, xiv + 1090 pgs., illus., soft cover. \$20 US or equivalent.

Normally when the Scott catalogues appear there is little to report except the inclusion of new issues and price revisions. However, the 1986 editions are the first published since Scott was purchased by the Amos Press in Ohio, better known in stamp circles as the publishers of Linn's weekly stamp paper.

In recent ads and pronouncements the new owners have gone out of their way to let it be known that they want Scott Publishing to come down from its unapproachable 'ivory tower' and actually listen to collectors and dealers and even answer correspondence. Well once this edition hits the streets the typewriters at Amos Press should be humming off the walls answering floods of complaints and criticisms. While one would like to give new publishers the benefit of the doubt, there is little doubt that this edition is a 'nightmare' and most probably the worst-published Scott catalogue in years.

New issue collectors and dealers alike will be chucking this edition in the garbage. There are sets missing, improper values given to sets, sets are seldom if ever listed chronologically, and the pricing is just simply "out-tolunch". Dealers trying to sell at half-catalogue will find that they are selling for considerably less than they paid -- and I don't mean the difference between the U.S. and Canadian dollars! One can appreciate that it was obviously a rush trying to get this edition out on time, but it would have been preferable if the edition were late and accurate, rather than on time and sloppy.

However, the damage is done and it can only be repaired in the next edition. If collectors would make note of the numerous errors and inconsistencies and forward these to Scott Publishing, perhaps by the 1987 edition, this former 'bible' will once again be back on track.

I also take issue with some of Scott's policies as to what is included. I can fully appreciate not listing Redonda, the Tuvalu outer islands, the outer Grenadines, etc., but I don't feel Scott has any business telling the islands of St. Kitts and Nevis that they shouldn't have split their postal administrations in 1980, since no issues are listed since then. Also the Guernsey island of Alderney has been omitted. These places have popula-

tions greater than postal entities such as Pitcairn and Anguilla, and certainly greater and more legitimate than British Antarctic Territory or Falkland Islands Dependencies. Perhaps the new owners will also take a further look into exactly what should and should not be listed in a standard catalogue.

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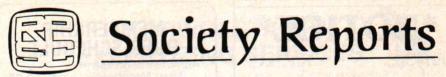
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Stan Wadlow Clubhouse, Cedarvale Ave., first east of Woodbine, at Cosburn, north of arena. 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month (except in July & August). Sec'y: Raymond Reakes, 188 Woodmount Ave., Toronto, Ont. M4C 3Z4. Visitors always welcome.

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Chapter no. 51 meets every 2nd and 4th Mondays September to May inclusive, June, July and August 2nd Monday only. Lower Hall of Sts. Peter and Paul Church, 50 Brucedale Ave. East, in Hamilton. Address % Club, P.O. Box 205, Station 'A', Hamilton, Ontario L8N 2B0.

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CHAPTER MEETINGS

KENT COUNTY STAMP CLUB

Chapter No. 7 Regular meetings the fourth Wednesday of each month (except July, August and December) in the cafeteria of John McGregor Secondary School, 300 Cecile at 7:30 p.m. Visitors always welcome. Secretary Jake Mieras, 38 Lincoln Road, Chatham, Ontario N7M 4Y7.

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RPSC Chapter 49 meets the second & fourth Monday, Sept. to May, at 6 p.m. for juniors and 7 p.m. for all members, at the Hall of St. George Cathedral, Johnson and Wellington Sts., Kingston, Ont. Correspondence to: Kingston Stamp Club, c/o Ronald Tritton, P.O. Box 1202, Kingston, Ont. K7L 4Y8.

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Chapter 21 of the Royal meets on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month - July and August excepted, at the North York Memorial Community Hall, 5090 Younge St., Willowdale, Ontario. Secretary: P.O. Box 62, Willowdale M2N 5S7. Visitors welcome.

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R.P.S.C. Chapter No. 135 meets 7:30 p.m., second and fourth Tuesdays, year round at Trafalgar Hall Auditorium, Trafalgar Road at Hwy. 5, Oakville. R.P.S.C. Representative: Dave Dixon, P.O. Box 524, Oakville, Ont. L6J 5B4. Visitors welcome.

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R.P.S.C. Chapter No. 16, meets Thursdays at 8:00 p.m. September through May in room 021, Marion Hall, University of Ottawa. Contact President Peter Kaulback, 419 Holland Ave., Ottawa, Ont. K1G 3H6; or telephone (613) 728-7863. Visitors welcome.

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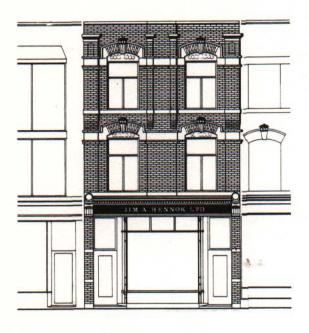
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