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by H. Burgers

THE NEW AND IMPROVED CP

As you no doubt have already noted, our magazine is somewhat delayed this time. This is partly due to the editorial staff having celebrated an extended holiday season (well, not really, I'm just desperately looking for excuses). However, it is also due to some teething troubles as is common with new cars and new magazine lay-outs.

The design used until 1990 has been around for a long time. It dates back to 1969 and was starting to show its age. When the new editorial team started last year, it was felt that we should not attempt to change the magazine too drastically, but make a number of small changes as we were ready for them. It is, of course, impossible to change the overall look of a publication gradually, so this year we start with a new look. The Board of Directors had an opportunity to look at our mock-ups and the feedback was positive. The redesigned CP is expected to enhance the Royal's image and provide a more modern, dynamic touch. We also hope that the response of our advertisers will be favourable and that the rejuvenated magazine will convince others to use it as a vehicle for their advertising. There will still be minor adjustments as we progress, but the general "look and feel" of the journal will be as it is now.

In time, we hope that our budget will allow us to use colour more extensively. That will also be an incentive to advertisers who now cannot get that service. In short, the editorial staff hopes that you like what you see and we are looking forward to your comments, suggestions and, above all, articles.

ANOTHER PROOF READER FIRED

Please note the following corrections to the Admiral Precancel article in Vol. 41, No. 6, pages 487-88.

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2-105iii	1¢ Yellow	$0.10

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In addition, somehow Geof. Walburn's initials were also wrong; they should, of course, be H.G.

HELP!

The editorial staff would welcome some assistance in reviewing publications received. If you are willing (and able) to review catalogues and other philatelic publications, we would like to hear from you (in either official language).

AU SECOURS!

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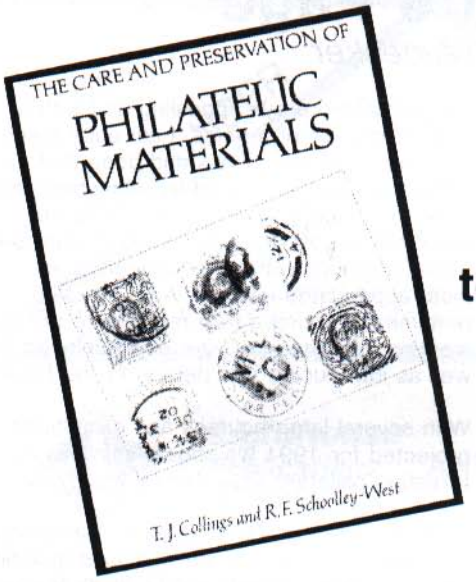
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President's Page

by Michael Madesker

During 1990 the Society lost several of its members to whom we will pay our respects at the Annual Meeting. One of these was Hon. Henry Hicks, a Director of the Royal, who lost his life together with his wife in a traffic accident in December (his obituary appears in this issue). Henry's sojourn on earth was accented by his love for Canada and in service to his fellow citizens: a soldier, Provincial Premier, University President, Senator and a friend to all who knew him. He will be missed.

This message is written on the day when Royal Assent was granted the GST bill. Frankly, I have mixed emotions about it; I do not understand fully except for the fact that it replaces an existing tax and encroaches on areas hitherto untouched. It will cost me more to live (and die). On the other hand, I am told, it will eventually lower the lost of our goods abroad and thus bring greater prosperity to Canada as a whole. Time will tell. As philatelists we will now be taxed on our purchases and memberships in various organizations. These are some of the "hitherto untouched" areas, with correspondence being another. It is difficult to assess how it will affect collecting in Canada; Collectors in other countries have adopted to this indignity with various degrees of grace. Many of us who have purchased philatelic materials abroad paid their value added taxes and will likely accept the domestic version with less grumbling than those who have not. I do think that there may be a greater activity among collectors trading materials and perhaps an initial release of philatelic properties for sale to supplement discretionary funds for purchase of needed items for a person's collection. I hope that in the long run the philatelic market in Canada will not suffer unduly.

Our publication, *The Canadian Philatelist, le philatéliste canadien,* is undergoing some changes. The Editor, Mr. Henk Burgers aided by Ms. Maria Krupp, Assistant Editor and by Editorial Consultant, Mr. Ralph Mitchener, are working hard to make our journal more eye appealing and with a greater mixture of articles. I am quite taken with the preliminary plans and hope that my enthusiasm will be shared by you when you have this issue in your hands. Articles by members sharing the knowledge of their particular interests with other collectors are most appreciated anytime. And, please remember to bring a new member to the next meeting you attend in your community as well as introducing that person to the Royal.

With several large bourses and exhibitions projected for 1991 we should enjoy an interesting philatelic year. Happy New Year.

Notre publication, *The Canadian Philatelist, le philatéliste canadien,* subit quelques modifications. Le rédacteur-en-chef M. Henk Burgers, secondé de Mme. Maria Krupp, rédactrice adjointe et de M. Ralph Mitchener, rédacteur-consultant, s'affaire à transformer notre revue afin d'en faire une publication plus attrayante et dont le contenu sera plus varié. Je suis particulièrement impressioné par les ébauches et j'espère que vous partagerez mon enthusiasme lorsqu'il vous sera donné de lire la nouvelle édition. Les manuscrits des membres desirant partager le fruit de leurs recherches et de leurs spécialisations sont toujours les bienvenus.

Pour la nouvelle année, faites la résolution de parrainer un nouveau membre à la prochaine réunion de votre club local et n'oubliez pas de lui souligner les avantages d'adhérer à la Royale. Avec 1991, qui s'annonce prometteuse en fait de bourses et d'expositions, l'année philatélique devrait être bien remplie.

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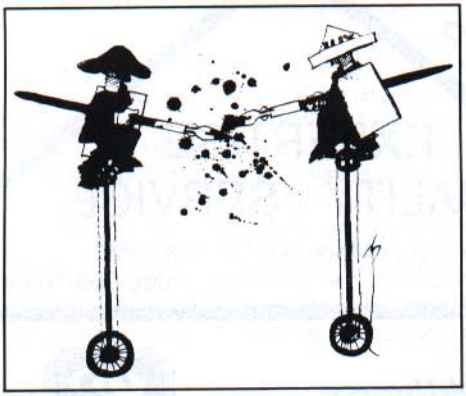
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CLARIFICATION RE FALSE CANADIAN TWO-TOWN PRECANCEL RARITIES

Dear Sir:
Could you please help to correct a serious error by publishing the following information regarding false Canadian Precancel rarities.

In a letter to the Editor of *The Canadian Philatelist*, (Vol. 39, No. 5, Sept-Oct 1988) I indicated that multiple copies of each of the four known Two-Town Combination Overprint Precancels had been "found" and described the differences between two copies of each rarity. These observations were based on examinations of photographs and photocopies which had come into my possession.

Subsequently, some of these photographs were used to illustrate the Two-Town rarities on Page 29 of the *Canada Precancel Handbook*, of which I was the co-author.

Recently, it was pointed out to me that three of the photocopies described in the Letter to the Editor and used to illustrate the Handbook were, in fact, photocopies of altered illustrations of genuine Two-Town rarities which had been previously published. It appears that the illustrations were falsified to give the impression that there existed at least one additional copy of each of the three stamps in question.

To set the record straight, I now believe that only one copy is currently known of each of the Ottawa/Bridgeburg, Windsor/Bridgeburg and Windsor/London precancels. These three stamps which presently reside in the Lussey collection, were correctly illustrated in an article by Mr. Lussey in *BNA TOPICS*, (Vol. 43, No. 2, March-April 1986) and again in the article which I wrote in *The Canadian Philatelist* (Vol. 38, No. 1, Jan-Feb 1987).

I sincerely regret any difficulties publication of this erroneous information may have caused.
H. Reiche

STICKY REGISTRATIONS

Dear CP:
I felt you should have this matter brought to your attention; that is, registered incoming mail. I have attached a sample of what I am

writing about and as you may remember *The Canadian Philatelist* did print a previous letter of mine on the same subject.

A member, Gerhard Stahl, of West Germany, wrote me about this and I sent a copy of his envelope to The Editor. To date I have had no reply.

About letters to the editor: mine don't get included any more! Any reason for that?

Look forward to hearing from you about this.
Regards,
Basil Stead

We have had discussions with Canada Post about this and have been assured that their staff have been instructed to place the bar code stickers on the envelope, not on the stamps. However, if there is not enough room left on a philatelic cover for the sticker, then they do not have much choice. It might be a good idea to ask your correspondents to leave the appropriate space, so as to avoid damaging the stamps.
(Editor)

UP, UP AND AWAY!

Dear CP:
This small note is to let you know that I discovered an interesting typo in the Stamp Shoppe Auctions' catalogue dated October 30, 1990.

Lot #710 describes the flying G's overprint as "flying Geese ovpt.".

I think it would be a strong contender for the "Philatelic Typo of the Month" award if your organization had such an event.
Philatelically yours,
Normand Veilleux

DANISH, ANYONE?

Dear CP:
I am trying to find information of the Postal History of Canada, particularly as it relates to the transportation of the mail from the East Coast to the West Coast in the period 1849 - 1969. I would appreciate any help you could give me. I am not a member of the RPSC but am a member of the APS, RPSL, SCC, Collectors Club, Philatelic Foundation, etc.

If you would like I will send you a copy for your reference library gratis of the DWI Study Groups publication - Appendix to DWI Mails - by Bob Stone.

Interested members, please write directly to Danish West Indies Study Unit, Scandinavian Collector's Club, Coordinator, Roger G. Schnell, MD, 4800 N.E. 20th Terrace, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33306, (305) 565-4201.
Sincerely,
Roger G. Schnell, MD

GST - A THREE LETTER WORD

Dear CP:
I appreciate that this subject can be called political and our hobby should be above politics.

However, I am surprised that so little notice has been taken by our Society of this matter.

According to media reports, the Canadian Government has modelled their tax on the New Zealand retail tax. As the N.Z. Philatelic Bureau prepares separate order forms for overseas customers it is not clear to me that their tax is added to mint stamps.

In Britain where the VAT is similar, no tax is added to mint stamps by the Post Office and if current mint stamps, eg. Machins, are purchased from a dealer, the VAT is paid on the difference between face value and the dealer price. Of course, overseas customers are exempt as is proposed by Canada.

In my opinion I believe our executive should be protesting the imposition on postage stamps purchased for use on the mails.
Yours truly,
Ian A. Lee

See "Varia" elsewhere in this issue, for more delightful GST News. (Editor)

INFO ON INDIA

Dear CP:
I am writing in response to Mr. George Wm. Hill's letter asking for information on varieties and literature specializing in Indian/Indian States philately. He and any other member with similar interests should consider the India Study Circle. It was organized, and is still headquartered, in the United Kingdom but has a North

American branch affiliated with the A.P.S. (you do not have to be a member of the APS to join the I.S.C.). The I.S.C. publishes a quarterly journal dealing with all aspects of Indian philately. Specialized literature on Indian and Indian States stamps is available through the I.S.C.'s library. Further information can be obtained by writing to: John Warren, Regional Secretary, India Study Circle, P.O. Box 70775, Washington D.C. 20024. If there are other organizations and sources of literature concerning Indian States stamps, I too, would be pleased to hear of them.
Yours sincerely,
Alan Lewis

MORE ON INDIAN STAMPS

Dear CP:
Reference to the letter of George Wm. Hill, Lively, Ont. (p. 428/Nov-Dec '90), I am also keen to join any society or club of members interested in Indian States (pre-Independence '47) and India.

Having emigrated in May '88, much of my collection including library is back home in India. However, small collection is brought and current stamps are added through an account with Philatelic Bureau, Indian Post & Telegraphs, Bombay G.P.O., Bombay 400001, India.

In this connection, RPSC can help in giving names/addresses from its members list of those interested in Indian stamps, so that a circular can be sent.
Prakash Mody

STAMP ISSUING POLICIES

The following is a copy of a letter sent to the President of Canada Post Corporation.

At the last meeting of the Saskatoon Stamp Club, many of our members expressed concern regarding the new trend in the stamp issuing policy of Canada Post.

Specifically, the members felt that the issuing of special mini-panes of the Canadian Forest stamps for sale through Petro-Canada will create a very negative attitude toward collecting Canadian stamps on the part of stamp collectors world wide. The Petro-Canada stamps are different from those sold at the regular postal counters. They are not produced in ase-tenant design, making it possible to have pairs which cannot be obtained from the Post Office, and they are printed on different paper.

The club members expressed no particular concern about Petro-Canada using postage stamps as part of a promotion, however, they felt very strongly that the production of a special stamp which is only available to collectors who purchase product from Petro-Canada will be detrimental to the promotion of stamp collecting in Canada.

The club members request that Canada Post reverse its position and make the mini-panes of four of each design available through the regular Post Office counters at face value, and that in the future, it return to its previous policy of making all philatelic material available to the general public at regular postal outlets.

As stamp collectors, we welcome attempts to create a wider interest in stamp collecting and do not object to the use of stamps as a promotional item, provided the stamps are also available to the general public at face falue.
Yours sincerely,
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Editorial Consultant's Notes

by Ralph Mitchener

FAREWELL TO HENRY HICKS

Several tributes to Senator Hicks are in *The Canadian Philatelist*. Perhaps I can add a bit to them. I did not know him well, but certainly appreciated the man.

My only non-philatelic association with him was in the final year of my civil service career as a technical adviser to the Senate Standing Committee on National Finance in its examination and report upon the activities of the Government of Canada in its financial support of post-secondary education and vocational training. The committee's report, *Federal Policy on Post-Secondary Education*, was published in 1987.

Senator Hicks was a member of the committee. He was a faithful attendee and a thoughtful contributor at its meetings. His attitude and contributions could well be described as being buoyant. Indeed, when he walked into a meeting, his stride was often buoyant. It was as if he walked with springs in his shoes!

He will be greatly missed – and not in the least because of his interest in, and his contributions to, Canadian and international philately.

NATIONAL PHILATELIC EXHIBITIONS

For those who aspire to exhibiting internationally, or who wish to exhibit at the highest level in Canada, Canada has three or four annual national-level exhibitions through which qualification can be obtained for applying for international exhibitions.

The RPSC's annual convention and exhibition is one. When it is not held in conjunction with one of the others, there are three more – the Edmonton Spring Show, ORAPEX sponsored by the Ottawa RA Stamp Club, and STAMPEX Canada held in Toronto.

In 1992 and 1993 the RPSC conventions are slated to be held in Edmonton and Ottawa respectively, so that in those years there will only be three national-level shows.

Exhibiting can be enjoyable. As both an exhibitor and a judge, I know that consistency in judging is not always perfect and as a result can only urge prospective exhibitors to do their best with the realization that part of the challenge of exhibiting is to impart one's enthusiasm for one's subject to others. An exhibit may be better appreciated by show attendees than by some judges! Unhappiness about one's medal level is not a good reason to stop exhibiting.

CANADA '92

Bulletin #1 for Canada '92, the World Philatelic Youth Exhibition to be held in Montreal from March 25-29, 1992, is now available together with the provisional entry form for prospective exhibitors. They can be obtained from Canada '92, P.O. Box 1992, Station Place d'Armes, Montreal H2Y 3L9.

The exhibition will be under the patronage of the Fédération Internationale de Philatélie (FIP), and will be sponsored by the RPSC – Canada's official FIP representative – with the cooperation of Canada Post Corporation and under the auspices of the Fédération québécoise de philatélie. Members of these four organizations are on the Canada '92 executive committee.

The category of youth philatelists includes four age groups – 14-15, 16-17, 18-19 and 20-21 with the age being considered as that attained on Jan. 1 of the year in which the exhibition takes place. To be accepted, an entry must have obtained at least a silver bronze medal in a national exhibition. No fees are charged for entries. Exhibitors must be members of philatelic clubs or societies affiliated to member societies of the FIP.

Canadian participation in past world youth philatelic exhibitions has primarily been by Quebec and Alberta collectors who have qualified for entry by exhibiting at national-level exhibitions.

Canada '92 will be the 11th world youth exhibition, and the second to be held in

Canada. Canada's first took place in Toronto in 1982. The 1992 event will commemorate the 350th anniversary of the founding of the city of Montreal, and the 500th anniversary of the first voyage to America by Christopher Columbus.

These exhibitions are not cheap to stage. Canada Post should be congratulated for its cooperation. That cooperation includes financial assistance. Perhaps, if appropriate corporate sponsors can be found for one or more stamp issues to commemorate Canada '92, more funding from Canada Post will be available.

ROYALE *1991* ROYAL

There will be mention elsewhere in this issue of this year's RPSC convention and exhibition, to be held from April 5-7 in Dorval, but I would be remiss if I didn't mention it here. It promises to be a great show and I urge all who can to attend.

RECRUITING FOR OUR HOBBY

There is a good deal of discussion in philatelic circles about the future of stamp collecting and the need to attract more adherents to the hobby. An obvious recruiting source is youth. Many adult readers of these notes will recall that their attraction to stamps began at an early age – often with the encouragement of an adult – and may or may not have continued in an uninterrupted fashion, depending on other interests.

Those of us who are getting on in years will surely agree that youngsters today have many more possible outside interests – be they television or computers or sports or whatever – than we had. For those who have enquiring minds – and today's youth do not seem to be deficient in that respect – philately offers an understanding of the world and its peoples as they were, are, and perhaps may be in the future.

Another possible source of recruits that has been discussed – and it may appeal more readily to some of the dealer fraternity for obvious reasons – is the group of people in their 30s and 40s who may have leisure time, money, and intellectual interests that can be whetted by philately.

Whatever the age group, some guidance is necesary for the greatest enjoyment of our hobby. Art Holmes' columns in *The Canadian Philatelist,* the youth section in *Philatélie Québec,* and Canada Post's Stamp Travellers' Club are excellent examples of attempts to interest youngsters in the pleasures of philately, as are youth booths at a number of stamp bourses and exhibitions.

It behooves all of us to promote philately, if only for the selfish reason of ensuring that there will be a market for our collections when it comes time to sell them! That mercenary aspect aside, is it not sensible to encourage others to find the enjoyment and friendships we have had in our collecting careers?

A PROBLEM FOR AN EDITORIAL CONSULTANT

I obviously don't have the last word in what goes into this journal. The table of contents of the Nov.-Dec. number, and one of my notes in that issue, indicated that an article on judging stamp columns in non-philatelic newspapers would appear in it. The article was typeset, but didn't appear. It should be in this number. RP SC

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From the National Office

by Maria Krupp

The first month of the new year has been very busy at the National Office: a couple of thousand dues notices have been processed and deposited, the Jan.-Feb. 1991 dues notices have been shipped out, correspondence has been attended to, etc. It seems that many of our members did not read my explanations in the Sept.-Oct. 1990 issue of *The Canadian Philatelist*, in which I explained to members that there is an overlap period from when the journal labels are printed and payments are credited to memberships. Therefore, members will quite often receive a label with "last issue" on it, even though they have paid. As I mentioned previously, the correct expiry date will appear on the subsequent issue. Dozens of letters/requests have been sent to the National Office on this very matter - I had hoped to avoid this time-consuming exercise by advising members through the journal.

A few of our Québec members have asked about bilingual dues notices: I would like to advise that bilingual dues will be printed as soon as we exhaust our current supply. All of our printing needs are ordered in bulk to save on costs; thus, we still have a substantial supply of dues notices that must be used up before new bilingual dues notices are ordered.

CANADIANA OFFICERS NAMED

The Canadiana Study Unit has named its officers for the 1991-1993 term. Serving the Unit for the next 3 years will be John Peebles of London, Ontario, President; Robert Haslewood of Montreal, Quebec, Vice-president; Mark Wilton of London, Ontario, Secretary-treasurer; Steve Forgo of Roxboro, Quebec, Director; and Elmer Kennedy of Victoria, British Columbia, Director.

The Canadiana Unit has been affiliated with the American Topical Association since 1988. Members specialize in world-wide stamps and other philatelic materials that have ties with Canada. The C.S.U. produces a 30-page quarterly journal called *The Canadian Connection,* which is included with membership. Dues are $10 in Canada, $10 in U.S. funds to U.S. addresses, and $15 elsewhere.

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Canada's Small Queen Era: Underpaid Overseas Letter Mail

by George B. Arfken

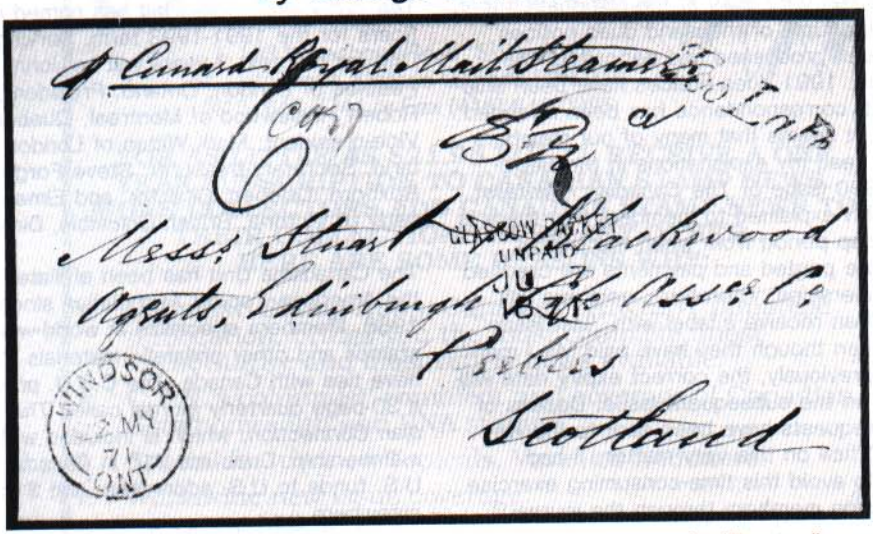


Figure 1. From WINDSOR, ONT., 22 MY 71, to Scotland, by Canadian packet "Prussian," completely unpaid. Rated due 6 (pence): 6¢ or 3d deficient postage plus 3d fine. The GLASGOW PACKET UNPAID postmark is rare from the Small Queen era.

Rowland Hill had a great idea for improving the mail service. Just prepay the postage by affixing postage stamps to the letter before you mail the letter. Perfectly simple. But what about the people who could not, or would not, follow simple directions? What about the letters that were mailed without full prepayment or without any prepayment at all? This article illustrates what happened to underpaid and unpaid Canadian overseas letters during Canada's Small Queen era, 1870 - 1897.

Part 1 - Letter Mail to the United Kingdom Jan. 1870 - Sept. 1875

A NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC, dated December 30, 1869, announced that the letter rate to the U.K. would be 6¢ per 1/2 oz. by Canadian packet, 8¢ per 1/2 oz. via New York. The NOTICE added that letters to the U.K. post unpaid or underpaid would be "charged on delivery with double the amount of deficient postage." This was an error. A correction was sent out to the marine mail officers on January 19[1].

The postage due was to be calculated as given below.

In the early 1870s, postal regulations for Canadian mail to the U.K. were set forth in the annual "List of Post Offices in Canada, Tables of Rates of Postage." The 1870 edition, published in October 1870[2], presented the revised postage due calculation:

> *Letters for the United Kingdom, if posted unpaid, or insufficiently paid, will be forwarded, but they will be charged on delivery with the amount of deficient postage, and a fine of three pence sterling.*

The 6¢ rate and the above regulation meant that a totally unpaid letter (not over 1 oz.) would be rated at 6¢ or 3d for the deficient postage plus a fine of 3d for a total of 6d. Figure 1 illustrates this rating. The manuscript "6" at the top left means postage due 6 pence.

While marked for a Cunard steamer (from New York), this letter was posted on a

Monday, too late for the traditional Wednesday sailing[1]. Instead, the letter was sent to Quebec for an Allan packet sailing on Saturday. Incidentally, the U.S. had given the traditional Wednesday sailing time to the Guion Line when the Cunard Line refused to agree to a lower payment in line with the new, lower 6¢ postal rate.

Another type of insufficiently paid cover was the cover prepaid only the 3¢ domestic rate. Figure 2 shows this situation. The deficient postage was 3¢ or 1½d. Adding the 3d fine resulted in 4½d postage due. The British postal clerk had a little trouble figuring this out as seen by the crossed out figures just to the left of the Small Queen, but he did get the correct 4½d eventually.

Postal Union effective July 1, 1975. The basic international letter rate was set at 5¢ per 1/2 oz. Because of objections from France and Spain, the U.K. was unable to have Canada admitted as a member of the union[4]. In response to these objections, the U.K. established the same 5¢ per 1/2 oz. rate as a preferred rate for Canadian letters to the U.K. whether by Canadian packet or via the U.S.

Canadian Post Office Department Order No. 15, dated September 1, 1875, announced that the letter rate to the U.K. would be 5¢ per 1/2 oz. by any route, effective October 1, 1875. As a sort of postscript to the order, the following paragraph was added:

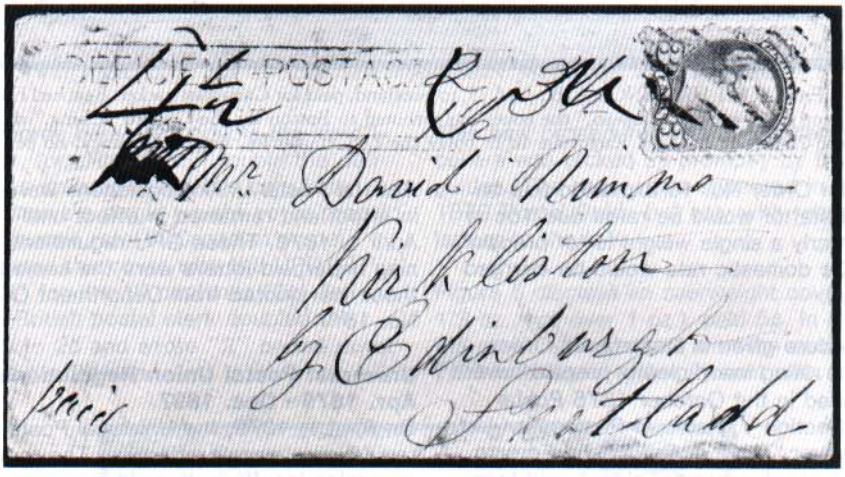


Figure 2. From HAMILTON, ONT. JA 7 71, to Scotland, prepaid only the 3¢ domestic rate. Rated due 4½d: 3¢ or 1½d deficient postage plus 3d fine. Note the credit for the part payment.

Sometimes a cover would be properly paid 6¢ for the Canadian packet but would be routed via the U.S. by the Post Office for faster service. The U.S. imposed a transit fee[3] so the letter rate for this route was 8¢ per 1/2 oz. Figure 3 shows a cover subject to this change in routing and thus underpaid 2¢. For this special situation, there was no penalty, no fine. The letter was charged simple deficiency, 1d to cover that U.S. transit fee.

Preferred Rate and General Postal Union, Oct. 1875 - Mar. 1879

Most of the major postal nations of the world signed the Treaty of Berne, October 9, 1974. This treaty established the General

When letters addressed to the United Kingdoms are posted after 1st October, wholly unpaid, they are to be forwarded rated with double postage, viz., five pence Sterling per 1/2 oz.; and when insufficiently prepaid they are to be charged at the same rate, deducting what may have been prepaid; thus, a letter weighing more than half an ounce and less than a full ounce, if posted prepaid one rate only of five cents, equal to 2½d Sterling, is to be charged 7½d Sterling, equal to 15 cents unpaid, being the double rate of 10d Sterling less the 2½d prepaid.



Figure 3. From PORT HASTINGS, C.B., JA 6 75, to Scotland, paid for Canadian packet. Reached Halifax too late for Allan packet "Caspian." the cover was rerouted to Boston for the Cunard "China," though underpaid 2¢ for via the U.S. Rated due 1d to cover the U.S. transit fee, simple deficiency, no penalty.

Department Order No. 15 explained that an overweight letter would be rated due 15¢ or 7½d. Similarly a single weight letter prepaid only the 3¢ domestic rate would be charged 7¢ or 3½d.

The procedure given in Department Order No. 15 for rating insufficiently prepaid covers was included in the October 1875 Postal Guide in Section V, Rates of Postage on Letters. However, Table 4, British and Foreign Postage Table disagreed. Table 4 said twice the deficiency (which was Canada's new way of charging underpaid domestic letters). Table 4 was finally brought into agreement with Department Order No. 15 a year later in the October 1876 Postal Guide.

Rating underpaid covers to the U.K. in accordance with Department Order No. 15 continued until April 1, 1879. When French and Spanish objections were withdrawn, Canada joined the postal union on July 1, 1878 and adhered to the postal union rate schedule on August 1, 1878. The Convention of Paris, signed June 1, 1878, had renamed the General Postal Union as the Universal Postal Union and had made a significant change in the way insufficiently paid letters were rated. However, the General Postal Union regulations were still in effect and remained in effect until April 1, 1879. These GPU regulations governing underpaid letters were the same as those just quoted from Department Order No. 15.

Universal Postal Union Regulations, Apr. 1879 - Dec. 1897

On April 1, 1879, the Universal Postal Union regulations became effective. The regulations governing insufficiently paid mail were:

Unpaid or insufficiently prepaid correspondence is impressed with the stamp T (tax to be paid), the application of which devolves upon the office of the country of origin. (Article VI)

When an article is insufficiently prepaid by means of postage-stamps, the dispatching office indicates, in black figures placed at the side of the postage-stamps, the amount of the deficiency, expressing in in francs and centimes.

According to this indication, the exchange office of the country of destination charges the article with double the insuffiency ascertained. (Article VIII)

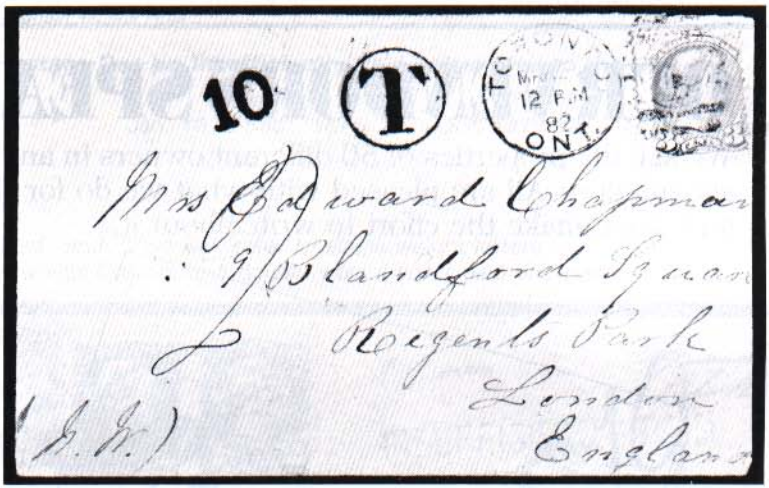


Figure 4. From TORONTO, ONT., MAR 20 82, paid only the 3¢ domestic rate. Stamped with encircled "T" and "10" for 10 centime deficiency. Manuscript "2" for 2 pence due.

The key words here are "double the insufficiency" or, for alliteration, "double the deficiency." As an example of this calculation, Figure 4 shows a single weight cover prepaid the 3¢ domestic rate. A Canadian postal clerk stamped the cover with the UPU "T" and a "10" for the 10 centimes (2¢) deficiency. A British postal clerk doubled this deficiency to 2d and wrote "2" on the cover to indicate the 2d due.

This new procedure for rating underpaid covers was picked up promptly by the postal guides. The new recipe appeared in the April 1879 Postal Guide but only with respect to letters to the U.K.

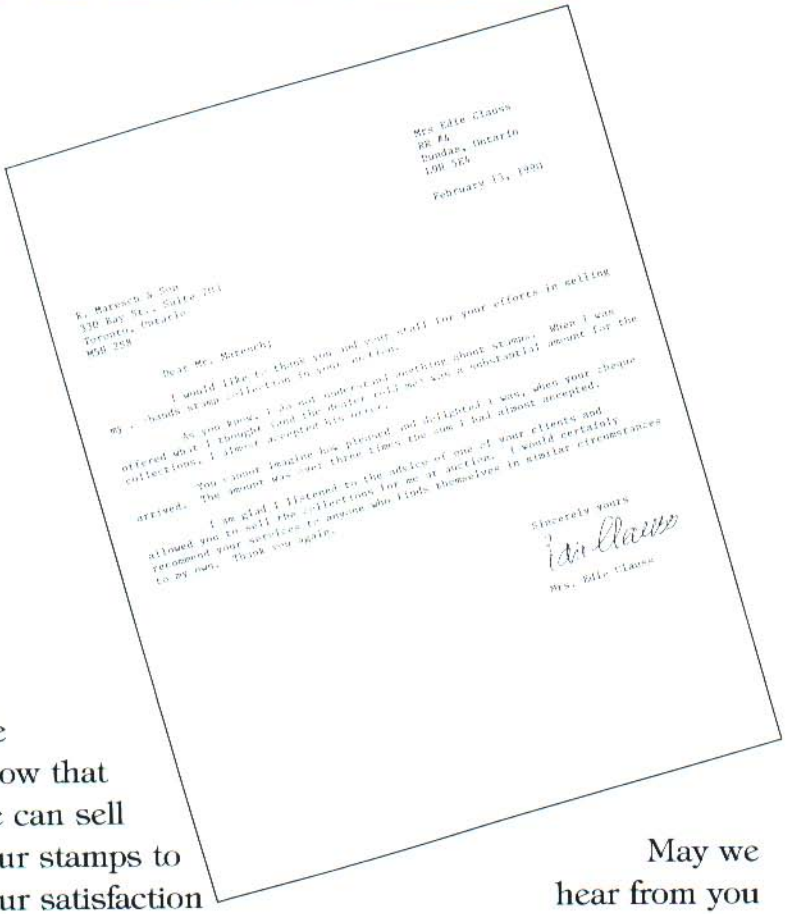
Figure 5 displays an overweight cover (over 1/2 oz., not over 1 oz.), paid 5¢. In Canada, the cover was stamped with the encircled T/25 to indicate underpayment with a



Figure 5. To England, AU 7 96, paid one rate but overweight. Stamped T/25 (in circle) by Canada to indicate 25 centime (5¢) deficiency. The 5¢ deficiency was doubled by England to 5d due.

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deficiency of 25 centimes (5¢). In England, this was doubled to 5d due.

Table 1 summarizes these cases.

Table 1. Postage Due on Insufficiently Paid Letter Mail to the U.K.

	6¢ rate Jan. 1870-Sept. 1875	5¢ rate Oct. 1875-Mar. 1879	5¢ rate Apr. 1879-1897
Unpaid	6d	5d	5d
Overweight	6d	7½d	5d
Paid 3¢	4½d	3½d	2d

Note: "Unpaid" and "Paid 3¢" refer to single weight letters.
"Overweight" refers to a double weight letter paid one rate.



Figure 6. From ST. HYACINTHE, QUE., FE 17 75, to France overweight. The cover was routed to Boston for the Cunard "Marathon." Rated due 12 (decimes) or 24¢ by French Post Office. No credit allowed for partial payment.

Part 2. - Pre Postal Union Letters to Other Countries

Here, in Part 2, we consider underpaid overseas letter mail to countries other than the U.K. during the period 1870 through July 1878. During this period, postal rates and the treatment of insufficiently paid letters varied from country to country. The treatment and the postage due rating are illustrated with three covers to France and one to Newfoundland. Canada adhered to the postal union rates and regulations August 1, 1878. Underpaid letters subject to the postal union regulations will be discussed in Part 3.

Many Canadian letters in the early 1870s went to France. The danger of underpayment of these letters was particularly severe. From October 1870 through December 1875, the letter rate to France was 10¢ for the first 1/4 oz. That's one fourth ounce. The cover pictured in Figure 6 was over this very low weight limit and was stamped INSUFFICIENTLY PAID. Although paid only for a Canadian packet, the cover was routed to Boston for the Cunard "Marathon." The cover was carried to France by British vessels and stamped GB/2F. This was Britain's claim for 2 francs per 30 grams of letters. The French Post Office rated the covers as due 12 decimes or 24¢[5]. There was no credit for the partial payment.

Figure 7 presents a similar underpaid cover to France. Same 10¢ payment, same British accountancy mark but this cover was rated at 24 decimes or 48¢! Here we encounter the problem of how the

postal rates were calculated during this period. Great Britain and France had agreed to use a 1/3 oz. weight basis (corresponding to about 10 grams) for letters exchanged between them. Britain invited Canada to adopt this 1/3 oz. basis but Canada declined. At this time, some 120 years ago, Canada simply didn't have a supply of 1/3 oz. weights.



Figure 7. From MONTREAL, C.E., JY 3 74, to France, overweight. The cover should have been prepaid 16¢. Rated due 24 (decimes) or 48¢ for being 6¢ short.

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Figure 8. From MONTREAL, QUE., MR 26 77, to Algeria, prepaid only the 3¢ domestic rate. Underpaid 7¢ tand treated as totally unpaid. Due 9 decimes or 18¢.

Instead of using a 1/3 oz. weight basis, Canada charged letters to France 10¢ for the first 1/4 oz., 6¢ for the second 1/4 oz., 10¢ for the third 1/4 oz., 6¢ for the fourth 1/4 oz., etc. Apparently the letter of Figure 6 was over 1/4 oz. but not over the French limit of 1/3 oz. The cover of Figure 7 was over the French limit of 1/3 oz. and drew the high due 24 decimes rating. Again, no credit for the 10¢ paid in Small Queens.

Figure 8 shows a cover addressed to Algeria, then part of France. Like the covers of Figures 2 and 5, this cover carried a 3¢ Small Queen paying Canada's domestic rate. Insufficiently paid, this cover was sent to the Dead Letter Office in Ottawa. The cover was stamped "3" for the 3¢ charge for returning it. The attempted return failed and the cover was forwarded to France via England. A British postal clerk added the bold "T," the postal union symbol for underpaid mail. By this time Great Britain and France had abandoned the 1/3 oz. weight basis and the postal rate to France was 10¢ per 1/2 oz. (January 1876 through July 1878). The underpaid cover was rated due 9 decimes or 18¢. Still no credit for the 3¢ partial payment[6].

Canadian postal regulations specified that the mail to France (and to other overseas countries) must be prepaid. For the covers of Figures 6, 7 and 8, the Post Office relaxed a bit and forwarded the insufficiently paid covers. Next is an underpaid cover that did not get forwarded.

Figure 9 presents a cover to Newfoundland prepaid only the 3¢ domestic rate. At this time, 1874, Newfoundland was a separate colony, not part of Canada and the letter rate was 6¢ per 1/2 oz. (November 1872 - December 1878). This cover was stamped RETURNED FOR 3¢ POSTAGE and sent to the Dead Letter Office. The 1874 Tables of Rates of Postage, p. 259, specified:

> *Letters for Newfoundland are charged at the rate of 6 cents per half ounce, and must in all cases be prepaid.*

The practice of the Dead Letter Office was to send a notice asking for the deficient postage[7] -if the writer's address could be determined. The cover shows no Newfoundland receiving mark. It appears that the 3¢ deficient postage was never received and the underpaid letter never reached Newfoundland.

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Part 3. - General Postal Union, August 1, 1878

Canada joined the newly named Universal Postal Union July 1, 1878, and adhered to the postal union rates and regulations on August 1, 1878. However, the Convention of Paris with the UPU rates and regulations did not become effective until April 1, 1879. The postal rates and regulations in effect on August 1, 1878, were those of the General Postal Union formed by the Treaty of Berne. The GPU regulations concerning insufficiently paid letters were as follows:

The charge on unpaid letters shall be double the rate levied in the country of destination on prepaid letters. (Article III)

Other articles (not newspapers or other printed matter) when unpaid or insufficiently paid shall be charged as unpaid letters, after deducting the value of the stamped envelopes or postage stamps (if any) employed. (Article V)

This was the same formula that had been used for rating underpaid letters to the U.K. since October 1879.

The "Detailed Regulations" that accompanied the Treaty of Berne included the following provisions for the country of origin to mark the cover. These provisions were needed because the foreign postal clerk might be unfamiliar with Canadian postal regulations and with the values of the Canadian stamps.



Figure 9. From MONTREAL, C.E., OC 10 74, to Newfoundland, prepaid only the 3¢ domestic rate. Underpaid 3¢, the cover was sent to the Dead Letter Office and never reached Newfoundland.

Unpaid or insufficiently paid correspondence shall be impressed with the stamp "T" (tax to be paid), the application of which shall devolve upon the office of the country of origin. (Article III)

When an article shall be insufficiently prepaid by means of postage stamps, the despatching office shall indicate, in figures, in black ink, placed by the side of the postage stamps, their total value. That value shall be expressed in francs and centimes. (Article V)

Figure 10 shows a totally unpaid 1879 cover to Switzerland partially marked in accordance with these GPU regulations. The Canadian postal clerk stamped the cover with the encircled "T" stating that the cover was unpaid. The clerk was somewhat uncertain about what to do about "francs and centimes" and settled for "10¢ to pay." Doubling the 5¢ postage that should have been paid came to 10¢ and with no partial pay



Figure 10. From COMMANDA CREEK, ONT., MR 17 79, to Switzerland, totally unpaid. The T (in circle) was stamped by Canada and bold T was stamped by Britain. The 5¢ deficiency (25 centimes) was doubled, a mandatory GPU penalty. 50 centime postage due stamp affixed by Switzerland.

ment to subtract, the postage due was 10¢ or 50 centimes. A Swiss postal clerk affixed a 50 centime Swiss postage due stamp. The letter went by way of England and a British postal clerk stamped the bold "T" at the lower right.

Universal Postal Union, April 1, 1879

Under the terms of the Convention of Paris, effective April 1, 1879, the provision of the GPU for marking an underpaid cover with a "T" was retained. But, as seen in Part 1, the method of rating or charging an underpaid letter was change. the new UPU formula for calculating the postage due was to take the deficiency marked by the sending country and double it. A very simple "double the deficiency." Canada had been doing this on underpaid domestic letters since October 1875.



Figure 11. From YARMOUTH, N.S., NO 20 95, to Siam, overweight. Stamped T/25 (in circle) by Canada to indicate 25 centime deficiency. Rated by Siam as due 20 (atts).

It might be noted that, until October 1881, the Canadian postal guides made no statement about unpaid or partially paid letters to GPU or UPU countries (except for letters to the U.K.) The implication was that letters must be fully prepaid. Finally, in the October 1881 Postal Guide, a sentence appeared stating that insufficiently prepaid letters to UPU countries would be charged with double the deficiency.

The UPU continued the 5¢ per 1/2 oz. basic rate. The cover of Figure 11 was paid for up to 1/2 oz. but was overweight (but not over 1 oz.) The deficiency, in centimes, was included in the circle under the "T." This was 1895 and Canada had adopted a new style "T" handstamp. This cover was forwarded to Siam by way of Marseilles and rated by Siam as due 20 (atts).

Figure 12 takes us back to the fairly common prepaid 3¢ domestic rate. Underpaid 2¢ or 10 centimes, the cover was stamped in Canada with the encircled T/10. The Italian Post Office affixed two 10 centesimi postage due stamps[8]. Note that under the GPU and UPU regulations, the partial payment was recognized. This contrasts sharply with rating of the covers shown in Part 2.

The next two covers are different from the preceding covers. Neither cover was overweight. The cover of Figure 13 was posted in 1887, addressed to India. Both India and Canada were members of the UPU but the letter rate to India was 10¢ per 1/2 oz., not 5¢ per 1/2 oz. The UPU had authorized a rate of up to 10¢ per 1/2 oz. where lengthy sea transit was involved. This additional 5¢ was a UPU authorized surtax[9].



Figure 12. From MONTREAL, OC 3 (1891), to Italy, prepaid Canadian domestic rate and so 2¢ short. Stamped T/10 (in circle) to indicate 10 centime shortage. The deficiency was doubled by Italy and receipted with two 10 centesimi Italian postage due stamps.

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Figure 13. From WEST WESTCHESTER, ONT., NO 30 87, to India. The writer paid te 5¢ UPU rate but not the 5¢ UPU authorized surtax. Stamped T (in circle) by Canada.

The surtax was optional, not mandatory. Great Britain, which carried Canadian mail to India, elected to apply the surtax. Paid the normal 5¢ rate but not the 5¢ surtax, this cover was 5¢ short and was stamped with the encircled "T."

Another example of this UPU authorized surtax is shown in Figure 14. The letter was carried by a British packet sailing from Halifax to Jamaica. This was 1880 and both Jamaica and Canada were members of the UPU. However, Britain set the rate at 10¢ per 1/2 oz. The letter, paid only the normal UPU 5¢, was underpaid 5¢. The Halifax postal clerk stamped the cover with the encircled "T" and wrote "25" for the deficiency in centimes. The U.S. declined to apply the UPU authorized surtax. If this letter had been routed via New York and carried by a



Figure 14. From HALIFAX, NO 19 80, to Jamaica by British packet. The 5¢ UPU rate was paid but not the 5¢ UPU authorized surtax. Stamped T (in circle) by Canada. (The rate via New York was 5¢ per 1/2 oz.)

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U.S. packet, the 5¢ Small Queen would have paid the postage in full.

From the previous examples, the reader will have noted that Canada used two quite different styles of "T" handstamps to apply this UPU "insufficiently paid" symbol. The encircled large "T" with serifs was in use from at least 1879 (Figure 10) through 1889. The encircled Gothic "T" over the numeral appeared at least by 1891 and continued in use through the remainder of the Small Queen era.

Part 4. - Non Universal Postal Union Letters

Even after August 1, 1878, Canadian overseas mail was not entirely GPU/UPU mail. Many countries and colonies, including in particular, New Zealand, the Australian colonies and the colonies of South Africa did not join the UPU until considerably later. Letter rates to these countries and colonies were set by separate postal conventions and were dependent upon British and U.S. packet service.

Figure 15 shows an 1889 cover to Cape



Figure 15. From SANFORD, N.S., FE 20 89, to Cape Colony, 15¢ rate underpaid 5¢. Forwarded from Canada with blue ms. T and 25. Red 50 added in Cape Town. This cover was non-UPU mail but it was marked and rated following UPU procedures.

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Figure 16. From SARNIA, ONT., MR 8 87, to Launceston, Tasmania, properly paid 15¢. Rated due 1d for inland postage, Hobart to Launceston.

Table 2. Dates of Adhering to UPU Rates and Regulations

Southern Africa	Natal	July 1, 1892[10]
	Transvaal	January 1, 1893
	Cape Colony	January 1, 1895
	Orange Free State	January 1, 1898

Colony paid 10¢. The rate at that time was 15¢ per 1/2 oz. Although this cover was non-UPU mail, the Canadian postal clerk marked the cover with a "T" and a "25" to indicate the deficiency. There is a manuscript "50" suggesting that the Cape Colony clerk was also following UPU rules for rating this non-UPU cover.

Why were the Canadian markings manuscript and not handstamps? There is a YARMOUTH backstamp (and no other Canadian markings). This suggests that the cover left Canada on a ship sailing from Yarmouth. As Yarmouth was probably not a regular foreign exchange office, it is reasonable that the postal clerk did not have the appropriate handstamps.

The four colonies that later united to form the Union of South Africa joined the UPU on the dates given in Table 2.

The 1887 cover of Figure 16 is different from all of the covers shown thus far in that it was properly paid - 15¢ to Tasmania. Yet it arrived at its destination underpaid and postage due 1d. The problem was that the 15¢ paid only to the port of entry, Hobart, in this case. (Payment only to the port of entry was fairly common in the pre-postal union years.) This payment to the port of entry was all that the Canadian writer could pay with Canadian stamps. The destination, Launceston, was on the opposite side of Tasmania from Hobart. To carry the letter from Hobart to Launceston, there was an inland postage charge of 1d.

The GPU and UPU had eliminated this extra inland postage between member nations. The 5¢ per 1/2 oz. postal union rate paid for delivery to the destination. Canada was a member of the UPU but Tasmania was not, so the letter arrived postage due.

Figure 17 shows an 1891 cover properly paid the 12¢ per 1/2 oz. rate to New Zealand. The trouble here was that the addressee, book publisher W.F. Fargo, had gone to Sydney, New South Wales. Now, UPU regulations required that redirection be free.

No additional charge is levied for the reforwarding of postal matter within the

interior of the Union. (Convention of Paris, Article 10.)

However, neither New Zealand nor New South Wales were in the UPU in early 1891. Redirection between these two non-UPU colonies was not free. There was a charge - postage due 2d. A 2d N.S.W. postage due stamp was affixed as a receipt for this 2d redirection charge. The Australian colonies, New Zealand and Fiji all joined the UPU on October 1, 1891.



Figure 17. From Guelph to New Zealand arriving AP 25 91, 12¢ rate properly paid. Redirected to New South Wales. Between these non-UPU colonies, redirection was not free, postage due 2d.

NOTES

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(10) The dates given in Table 2 have been taken from U.S. Official Postal Guides. RP SC

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Take notice that the 63rd annual annual general meeting of the members of The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada will be held on the 6th day of April, 1991 at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon (local time), at the Dorval Community Centre, Dorval, Quebec, for the following purposes:

1. To receive and consider financial statements of the Society for the year ended December 31, 1990 and the reports of the directors and officers there;
2. To elect directors;
3. To appoint auditors;
4. To transact such further or other business as may properly come before the meeting and any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

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To approved the election of the following slate of 8 (eight) directors, each of whom has been properly nominated according to the Society's by-laws and as selected by the Nominating Committee, to serve a two-year term of office ending at the annual meeting in 1993.

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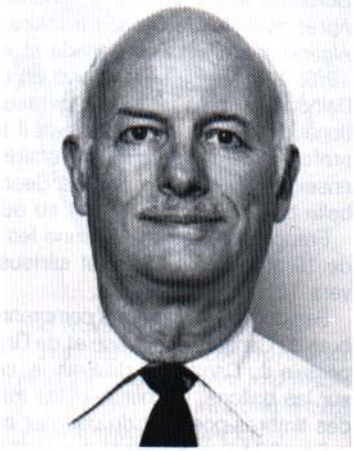
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Nominees For Directors

The following members of the Society have been nominated to serve as DIRECTORS for the two-year period, 1991 to 1993. Nominees are listed in alphabetical order and, in comformance with bylaws of the Society, a short biography for each nominee follows:

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Richmond, B.C.

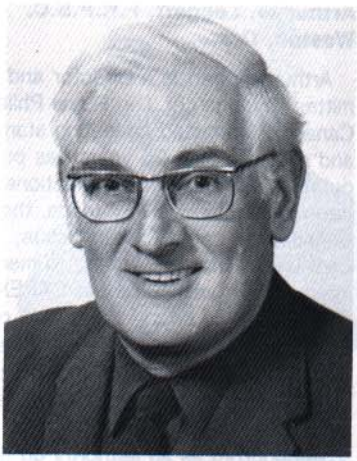


Bill Bailey was born in Vancouver in 1927. Married with two children, he is a graduate of the University of British Columbia. He joined the Canadian Army in 1951 and served for 28 years in a variety of locations in Canada, Asia, Africa, Europe and the Middle East. After retirement from active military service, he returned to Vancouver to work for the St. John Ambulance until 1989. Made an Officer in the Order of St. John, he still works for that organization in a voluntary capacity.

An accredited national judge, his philatelic interests include Canadian and some foreign military postal history, the Gold Coast, Tibet, and all material relating to the Order of St. John.

He is a member of numerous national and international philatelic societies and has written extensively on Canadian military postal history, including three volumes with E.R. Toop on Canadian military posts from the colonial period to the present.

Keith F. Baldwin
Renforth, N.B.



After service in England with the Royal Air Force, Keith Baldwin emigrated to Canada. A chartered accountant, he has been associated with Thorne, Ernst and Whinney, Chartered Accountants, and since 1962 has been a partner. Active with the New Brunswick Institute of Chartered Accountants including a term as the President, Keith was awarded the F.C.A. in 1986.

He joined the high school stamp club in his high school days and has been collecting stamps ever since. His interests are Canada and Provinces, Great Britain, Australia and New Zealand. Keith has been active in the East in collecting circles particularly with the St. John Stamp Club, our Chapter No. 156.

Mr. Baldwin, a historian and museologist at heart, has served many organizations including the New Brunswick Museum where he was a board member and treasurer for many years.

François Brisse, Ph.D.
Beaconsfield, Que.



François Brisse, né à Paris (France) en 1935, a résidé à Bordeaux jusqu'à l'age de 20 ans. Il a entrepris ses études universitaires à l'université de Bordeaux et y a obtenu le diplôme d'ingénieur chimiste. Après avoir fait le service militaire en France et en Algérie, il a émigré au Canada et est arrivé à Halifax en 1962. Il a obtenu un doctorat en chimie de l'université Dalhousie. Après un séjour de deux ans au Conseil national des recherches d'Ottawa il a été engagé comme professeur de chimie à l'université de Montréal où il enseigne encore. Il a épousé Seana Hanrahan, une belle haligonienne, et ils ont eu deux enfants.

François Brisse collectionne les timbres depuis l'age de 10 ans, mais ne s'y est sérieusement intéressé que vers 1955.

Ses domaines d'intérêts comprennent: collection des timbres du Canada, de France et de Grande-Bretagne; histoire postale du Canada et de France; collections thématiques sur les ballons, la chimie et les minéraux; collection des timbres-poste et du courrier arctique et antarctique.

En 1984 il a organisé une exposition sur "La Chimmie et la philatélie" (72 cadres) dans le cadre d'un congrès de chimie à Montréal. Il était le responsable des publications de l'exposition CANADA '84. Il a réalisé à cette occasion, avec la participation de Richard Gratton et Marc-J. Olivier, une brochure intitulée "Les jeux de la philatélie".

Il est depuis 1987 le rédacteur en chef de *Philatélie Québec,* un magasine philatélique mensuel.

Arthur W. Leggett, F.R.P.S.C.
Weston, Ont.



Arthur Leggett is a Director and the Complaints Committee Chairman of The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada. He started collecting stamps as a young lad and over the past 25 years has put together several outstanding gold medal collections. Some of these have been the Provinces of Canada, the 1859 issue of Canada, the Large Queens issue, The Victoria Maple Leaf issue, and the Victoria Numeral issue. He has won international gold medals at CAPEX, AMERIPEX (Philadelphia), London 90, and at other internationals.

In 1968 Mr. Leggett became a dealer. Today he is considered one of Canada's most knowledgeable and successful dealers. His specialty is the early Canada classic period. He was elected a Fellow of the R.P.S.C. in 1984.

Recognized as an authority on the stamps of Canada, Art Leggett is regularly seen in the stamp marketplaces of Canada, the U.S.A. and Europe. In every day life, he is the President of Belmont Chevrolet Ltd., in Toronto.

John James MacDonald, Ph.D., F.R.P.S.C.
Antigonish, N.S.



Born in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia in 1925, J.J. is a graduate of St. Francis Xavier University in science and the University of Toronto in physical chemistry. Married with seven children, he joined the staff of St. Francis Xavier in 1949 and is at present its Executive and Academic Vice-President.

He has served with many national and international organizations, among them being the Canada Council, the Canadian National Commission for Unesco, the Science Council of Canada and the World Union of Transport. He was awarded the Centennial Medal of Canada in 1967.

Apart from academic and philatelic interests, he has designed two public golf courses and was a coach at the first international tuna fishing tournament.

A member of the R.P.S.C. since 1970, he was elected as a Fellow in 1987.

He began collecting stamps at the age of about seven with the encouragement of a stamp collecting father. His present major interests are Nova Scotia postal history, the New Brunswick Connell stamp, Nova Scotia pence issues and Nova Scotia proofs.

His 1985 book, *The Nova Scotia Post Offices: Masters and Marks 1700-1867,* was awarded a large vermeil medal at CAPEX '87.

Michael Millar, F.R.P.S.C.
Barrie, Ont.



Born in Darlington, England in 1934, Michael Millar has collected stamps since he was 10 years old except for the period he served in the military with the Royal Engineers. An acknowledged authority on the British Squared Circle postmarks, he collaborated over an 11-year period with Stanley Cohen in his recently published book, *Collecting British Squared Circle Postmarks.* Mr. Millar has co-authored and written many articles. He has served the R.P.S.C. as a Director, Chapter Co-ordinator, Judging Programme Co-ordinator and is currently Chairman of the Anti-Theft Committee. Mr. Millar was named a Fellow of the R.P.S.C. (1981). He is a national judge and an accredited international judge for youth.

While his chief interest is postal history, he has also formed specialized collections of Canada, Great Britain and United States of America. Mr. Millar retired from the Canada Post Corporation after 27 years of service, including six years spent in the 1960's with its Railway Mail Service on the Toronto & Montreal R.P.O.

Married with three daughters, he is at present a part-time employee with the Ministry of the Ontario Attorney General, as a Courtroom Services Officer in Barrie.

Ralph D. Mitchener, M.A., F.R.P.S.C.
Ottawa, Ont.



Born in Winnipeg in 1926, Ralph has lived in Ottawa since 1951. Married with two children and one grandchild, he is a graduate of the University of Manitoba, the University of Toronto, and Carleton University.

Now retired, he was a federal civil servant, first with Statistics Canada and then with the Department of the Secretary of State, for just over 35 years.

A member of the R.P.S.C. since 1962, he has served as library affairs officer since 1983, as historian since 1986, and last year became editorial consultant for *The Canadian Philatelist*. He was elected as a Fellow of the Society in 1989.

An accredited national judge, he has been a director of the Postal History Society of Canada since 1985. In 1983 he began writing a weekly column about stamps for *The Ottawa Citizen*.

Among his philatelic interests are various aspects of Canadian and foreign postal history, Ethiopia, thematic collections on ice hockey and on teeth and dentistry, philatelic literature, and the history of philately in Canada and elsewhere.

Harry Sutherland, Q.C., F.R.P.S.C.
Toronto, Ont.



Harry Sutherland is a long time member of the Board of Directors and is a former President of the Society. He acts as International Liaison Officer and in addition, acts as Board Secretary and is Chairman of the Arbitration Committee. He has worked in conjunction with other officers for better, wider and less expensive coverage for members' collections under our Group Insurance policies and has acted as the lawyer for the Society when the occasion arose. He has an internationally recognized collection of Montenegro and has acted as a judge internationally, nationally and locally and is the Society representative at meetings of the Fédération Internationale de Philatélie. If elected, he will continue to work for the expansion and betterment of the Society and its members.

Mr. Sutherland was elected a Fellow of the R.P.S.C. in 1968 and is also a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society, London. He has served on the Board of Governors of the British North America Philatelic Society and on several other philatelic organizations. He was vice-chairman of CAPEX '78 and CAPEX '87.

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Practically all are boxed type cancels in black, red, blue or green.

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Mention was made of a dot or dots on the 39-cent coil stamps. It appears now that none of these dots is constant. One some rolls the entire top, just above the design, shows dots as well as inside the design. It is interesting that all the dots above the design are located in the tagged portion with none outside. This would indicate that the tagging picked up some of the printing ink.

The $3.90 booklet with the 39-cent stamps has been seen with the top right stamp tagged differently from the rest. It appears, but is not certain, that tagging was done in two steps – perhaps because of the two labels to the left of the top stamp. It would be interesting to hear from others who may have noted this.

In case anyone happens to go to Germany, in September the German Post Office opened a Philatelic Museum in Frankfurt on the occasion of the 500th anniversary of the German postal service.

Recently the Philatelic Foundation celebrated its 45th anniversary. This organization is known not only for its expertizing services but also for its extensive reference library and collections and for the various interesting seminars which it gives. Seminar topics include expertizing, fundamentals, judging exhibitions and specialized subjects. Recent talks included such subjects as the 25-centime blue Ceres issue of 1870 of France, 19th century markings, Old German States, etc. Certificate No. 225,000 was issued recently for a Sanabria No. 2 Vin Fiz Flyer 25-cent stamp on a postcard, probably the only one known. It was submitted by Robert A. Siegel. Anyone who is ever in New York is welcome to any of their seminars and to visit their interesting offices. RP SC

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PREPARATION OF STAMP PAPER FOR PRINTING

The making of paper, especially for the printing of stamps has been examined in a previous column. The design of stamps was discussed in a previous article. Now there remain three more facets of importance before we proceed with the different forms of printing. These are: (1) the significance and use of tagging, (2) the types and application of adhesives, (3) the determination of color(s) and the subsequent choice of inks (unless a multi-color process is to be used). In other words, the title of this article might well be 'Phosphors, Gums and Dyes'.

TAGGING

With the increasing use of the mails, it was becoming more and more evident that some sort of equipment was needed to assist, if not replace, hand-sorting of letter envelopes. A device was first required to face the envelopes so that the stamps appeared facing upwards and in the same position to facilitate faster cancelling. The simple postage stamp was to play yet another useful role. Great Britain first experimented with graphite, printing the back of the 1957 second and third series of the Wilding portrait of Queen Elizabeth II low denomination stamps with vertical graphite lines before applying the adhesive. Electronic sorting equipment was manufactured and was first installed experimentally in Southampton. (See Scott #317c to 322d, 353c to 356c). This process was in use up to 1959. The chemical industry meanwhile was continuing to develop a molecular experimentation in the hope of finding an application for the use of phosphor (a fluorescent substance) on the face of stamps, such as would provide a virtually unseen series of vertical bands overprinted after printing. This was being undertaken as a further development continued to provide for automatic facer/cancelling machines. By November, 1959, in Great Britain, in the early 1950s in the U.S.A., and on the 13th of January, 1962, in Winnipeg, a chemical breakthrough made the use of phosphorescent tagging a reality. General tagging, which is fluorescent, has been in use universally since 1973. Fluorescent tagging can be seen quite readily by the naked eye. Tagging glows more brightly when exposed to ultraviolet light (black light). To detect fluorescent bands or other arrangements on Great Britain and the United States stamps, it is necessary to use a shortwave ultraviolet lamp. (They do not react to longwave radiations.) Some stamp paper is fluorescent bright, and therefore blue-white borders are seen with ultraviolet lamps. Some stamps have been printed with fluorescent inks and are known to date back to the 1800s. The characteristics of these stamps are that the printing glows in bright colors under an ultraviolet source. (A word of caution at this point is advisable. NEVER look directly at ultraviolet light, not even when using the somewhat less harmless longwave lamp. Its use should not extend beyond fifteen minutes at a time).

ADHESIVES

The importance of gum (generic term) has been stressed right from the beginning when Sir Rowland Hill first invented the prepaid adhesive stamp. Printed on the margins of the Penny Black was the warning, "In wetting the back be careful not to remove the cement!" Adhesives are materials or compositions that enable two surfaces to be held together. Gums used by printers of postage stamps are classified as 1. gum arabic, 2. dextrin, and 3. polyvinyl alcohol (PVA). All of these are dried and become activated by moisture. The earliest gums tended to cause cracking, peeling, and yellowing of the stamps. This then calls for care

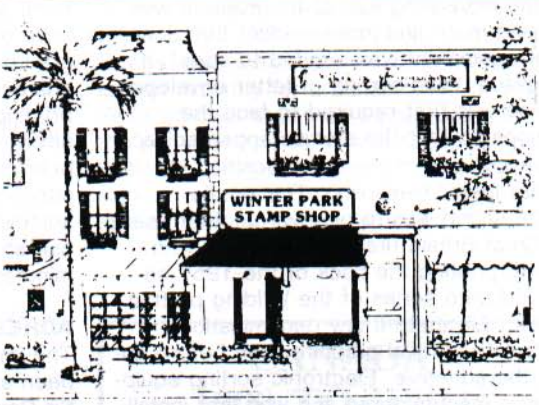
when handling the older nineteenth century stamps, many of which are in a state of deterioration.

Gum arabic is derived from the acacia tree found in various tropical countries, and is often referred to using the location of origin, such as Gum Senegal. Dextrin, sometimes known as 'British gum' is manufactured from local natural sources, like potato starch derivatives, which also has the effect of causing deterioration with age, usually allowing a crack to deepen, damaging the paper. The modern replacement for natural glue, made from dextrose or the earlier gum arabic, is dry synthetic gum or PVA, which was first used by the printers, Harrison and Sons, in 1968 on British stamps. The late printing of the definitive issue commemorating the 1967-1973 Canadian Centennial saw the first use of PVA gum in Canada. In 1971 the Eisenhower booklet stamps were gummed with PVA in the U.S.A. PVA is a colorless, water-soluble resin, but does not absorb moisture, is ideal for tropical use, and for vending machines where booklets may remain for weeks with varying humidity. PVA is applied to the paper in the manufacturing of the paper process, as may scenting and flavoring agents. Here again the chemical industry has played a major part in the development of adhesives, as also in dyes for printing inks, well before its involvement with tagging and gums.

PRINTING INKS

The use of color in the inks used by printers of stamps has been increasing steadily over the decades since 1840 when postage stamps were first printed. Black, grey, and greyish shades from carbon black were used extensively originally. Through the use of natural plant dyes such as indigo and animal dyes like cochineal, low chroma reds and browns were developed. Today many man-made dyes and pigments provide for a much stronger and varied grouping of stamp colors. Pigments are the result of the use of minerals in nature mixed with suitable oil, without dissolving, to form a uniform flow of the substance. A striking example of an early pigment is ultramarine, a very common blue

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For the first one hundred years in te history of the printing of Canadian postage stamps there are few exceptions to the use of just one color, with varying shades. The first stamp printed in Canada with more than one color was the 1898 Christmas issue, showing a map of the world with the British Empire (as it was known then) countries in red with varying shades of the blue oceans, along with a black border and printing. Of course there were several black or red provisional overprints on a variety of single colored stamps. Great Britain, however, commenced the use of more than one color as early as the 1880s Queen Victoria issues. The King George V issues reverted back to one color, a practice carried on into the reign of Queen Elizabeth II to the end of the 1950s. Similarly, in the printing of U.S. stamps (with the exception of the Pan-American Exposition series of 1901, the flag issue of 1943/44 displaying the national flags of the countries overrun by the Axis in World War II, and three or four single issues), one color printing prevailed with varying tones of the same color until the mid 1950s. Modern printing processes have produced multiple colored stamps enabling miniature works of art to be reproduced in true original colors, replacing the former outstanding skills of the fading art of engraving.

JUDGE HELPS VICTORIA JUNIORS

One of the judges of Vicpex 90, Peter Steernberg, came some distance to take part in a very successful two-day affair, sponsored by the Greater Victoria and the Vancouver Island Philatelic Societies, and graciously declined the honorarium, agreeing to donating the amount to the Victoria Junior Stamp Club. He was very pleased with the suggestion of the chairman, Dr. Don Shorting, that this be used to run a weekly advertisement in the Times-Colonist encouraging young people to join the local junior club. What a terrific way to assist the cause of junior philately.

NEW ZEALAND JUNIORS LOOKING FOR PENPALS

A communications link has been established with the Philatelic Youth Council for New Zealand. Its treasurer, Deborah Bevan, is anxious to learn what is happening in Canada to promote stamp collecting among young people. We have advised her of the tremendous success which the Canada Post Corporation is having in establishing their Stamp Travellers' Club. We will soon be able to advise her of plans which the 'Royal' will be undertaking to implement an active youth education program in Canada. Details will be announced in the next issue of this column. Please advise the writer if you would like to correspond with a N.Z. junior.

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Country	Identifying Inscription	Location
BRUNSWICK	Braunschweig	Now part of Germany
CAMBODIA	Cambodge	Adjacent to Vietnam and Thailand
CAMEROON	Kamerun	Mid Africa, bordering on Atlantic Ocean
CAPE VERDE ISLANDS	Cabo Verde	Off the west tip of Africa
CAPE JUBY	Cabo Jubi	Part of Spain
CAROLINE ISLANDS	Karolinen	East of Philippines - USA Trust Territory
CASTELROSSO	Castellorizo/ Castelloriso	Close to Turkey in the Aegean Sea
CAVALLA	Cavalle	Part of Greece
CENTRAL AFRICA REPUBLIC	Centrafricaine Republique	South of the Congo River
CENTRAL LITHUANIA	Litwa Srodkowa	A republic of the U.S.S.R.
CHAD	Tchad	Mid Africa, bordering on the Atlantic Ocean
COMORO ISLANDS	Archipel des Comores Etat Comrien	Between Mozambique and the east Coast of Africa
COOK ISLANDS	Rarotonga (overprint on N.Z. stamps)	Northeast of New Zealand
CROATIA	Hrvatska	Part of Yugoslavia

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Colonel James T. DeVoss



Colonel James T. DeVoss, member 8623, was elected a Fellow of our Society in 1978.

Born in Ocheyedan, Iowa on March 22, 1916, he graduated from Ocheyedan High School in 1933 and then attended the University of Iowa, and the University of Maryland where he received a Bachelor of Science degree. From 1938 to 1940 he was with the circulation department of the Des Moines *Register & Tribune*. On January 2, 1941 he was called to active duty with the U.S. Army. After twenty years service with the army he retired on May 31, 1961. Although commissioned in the infantry, he spent most of his military career as a staff intelligence officer. In 1958 he was honoured as the recipient of the U.S. Army's Legion of Merit Award, on behalf of President Eisenhower.

Jim DeVoss is probably best known in the philatelic community through his position as Executive Director of the American Philatelic Society, a position he took over on June 1, 1961, retiring on May 1, 1981.

Jim started collecting stamps at the age of ten and still has the first stamp he collected which he traded in the fifth grade for some movie film. His collecting interest have focused on the United States and Central America, with emphasis on the stamps and postal history of the Panama Canal Zone. His exhibit "Via Panama" has won numerous Grand Awards (nationally), Large Golds (internationally), and received the award for the best postal history exhibit at Philympia '70 (London International), also the Prix d'Honeur at Stockholmia '74 and Interphil '76.

Besides being honoured as a Fellow of our Society, in 1981 he received the prestigious honour of being invited to sign The Roll of Distinguished Philatelists which was established at the 1920 Philatelic Congress of Great Britain with the late King George V as the first signatory.

Other honours include the Alfred F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award (1967) from the Collectors Club of New York; the American Philatelic Congress Walter R. McCoy memorial and the Jere Hess Barr Awards; the A.P.S. John N. Luff Award (1952 & 1958); and the Tilleard Medal of The Royal Philatelic Society, London. Since 1967 he is listed in *Who's Who in America*, and also is listed in the fifth edition of *Who's Who in the World*.

Jim is a member of practically every important philatelic organization including The R.P.S.C.; The Royal Philatelic Society, London; The U.S. Classics Society; the Collectors Club of New York; the Philatelic Foundation; Essay Proof Society; the Society of Philatelic Americans; Postal History Societies of America and Canada, and others. He is a founder and trustee of the American Philatelic Research Library, a founder of the Cardinal Spellman Philatelic Museum, and one of the founders of the Canal Zone Study Group.

He is an American Philatelic Society accredited judge and has served on numerous juries both regionally and nationally. His latest duty as a jurist in Canada being our ROYAL '90 ROYALE Convention in Regina. Also, he has served philately in the capacity of president or chairman of a number of societies and national and international exhibitions. As a much sought after guest speaker he has been invited to speak at stamp clubs and exhibitions from Honolulu to Heidelberg.

As an author, his contributions to philatelic literature are many, such as his Canal Zone series; the Counterfeit Kansas-Nebraska Overprints; the Ten Cent 1847 Cover; Panama Markings used in Jamaica; British "Panama" Postal Markings; Via Panama; U.S. Dispatch Agent at Panama; Forwarding Agents on the Isthmus; and the Canal Zone Section of The Yucatan Affair; to name a few.

His other hobbies are photography and genealogy.

Jim and his wife, Dorothy, live in State College, Pa. They have two sons and one daughter living. One daughter died in infancy. They have five grandchildren. RP SC

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Obituaries

HENRY DAVIES HICKS (1915-1990): A PHILATELIC TRIBUTE

by J.J. MacDonald

Beverlie Clarke, in the November-December issue of *The Canadian Philatelist,* has written an excellent biography of Henry Davies Hicks which delineates his public career from lawyer through his political life and his academic career to the presidency of Dalhousie and then again in his last years in the Senate of Canada. This fitting tribute sadly became an obituary on his tragic death in an automobile accident near Halifax just prior to Christmas. The public expression of sadness has been great but also there are many philatelists abroad and in North America who mourn "Henry D.", none more numerous than those in his native province of Nova Scotia.



Senator Henry D. Hicks

Dr. Hicks could not be described as overly humble in any discussion or expression of opinion regarding his public life in politics or academia, however, he was, in every sense of the word, a true philatelist and a very humble collector. He always appreciated a fine display of material on exhibition, eagerly read every page of the display and sought knowledge from others. He always demurred to fellow collectors even in fields where his collection was almost the world's best. Many members of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club have been the recipient of his kindness and knowledge. He would often refer to some scarce item to a fellow collector whom he knew needed the item more than he.

Henry D. was always ready to "spin a good yarn" on request at a philatelic banquet and did so often, especially in Truro and Halifax. He loved to dwell on his stamp adventures when in Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar before World War II. He had a wonderful memory and could describe in detail his encounters with noted philatelists, particularly Sir Henry Tucker, regarding Bermuda material, and with Jarrett, Maresch and others closer to home. It was an exciting evening in Toronto, when, much to the delight of Jim Sissons, Henry was forced to bid the then record amount for a Nova Scotia stampless item - his first St. Margaret's Bay Crown Circle. Henry was a wonderful supporter of the Royal and took great pride in shepherding the Nova Scotia Fellows of the Society. I am certain that in the last decade he felt, and rightly so, that all good collectors and exhibitors in the province were his philatelic children.

My first encounter with Henry as a philatelist was as a fellow judge with Collins Baugild in Sydney in May, 1962. His Court of Honour exhibit was, of course, Bermuda Proofs and Essays. A few years later he was the driving force behind the major exhibition in Nova Scotia, a meeting of the Royal in May, 1965. He wheedled more support from the provincial government than has ever been seen since and many of us can still recall the fabulous reception and lobster party of that meeting.

Henry D.'s collection of Bermuda and of Crown Circles of the Empire were his famous ones but he had equally good collections of the Tercentenary and the Edward issues of Canada and the Gilbert issue of Newfoundland. His sentimental and pet collection in recent years was one of the Bluenose.

Unfortunately, only those in Nova Scotia ever really had a chance to see these splendors as he was reluctant to exhibit until things were "just right". Only this fall had he finally determined that he had time to ready them for national exhibition.

A few of us have been very privileged to visit his stamp den and admire these excellent collections housed in superb cabinets, built by a master cabinet maker - none other than Henry D. himself. Mr. Minister, Premier, Dean, Mr. President, Senator, Fellow of the Royal, we miss you much more than you would ever have dreamed or that we would ever have believed.

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Mr. Heinrich Mannhart

Nous avons le regret de vous annoncer le décès du Président de la Commission pour la philatélie de la jeunesse de la Fédération internationale de philatélie Monsieur Heinrich Mannhart.

Au nom de tous les amis canadiens de M. Mannhart et au nom de tous les membres de la Société Royale de Philatélie du Canada, nous désirons offrir nos plus sincères condoléances à Madame Mannhart et aux membres de la famille.

It is with great regret that we are announcing the passing of the President of the Commission for Youth Philately of the Fédération Internationale de Philatélie, Mr. Heinrich Mannhart.

Mr. Mannhart's Canadian friends and all the members of The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada wish to express their sincere condolences to Madame Mannhart and all the members of the Mannhart family.

MAJOR ROBERT THURLOW FRASER, ED

Thurlow Fraser, Member No. 8168 of the RPSC, was born at Pembroke, Ontario, January 30, 1905, the son of a Presbyterian Minister. He was educated in Owen Sound, Ontario, and Winnipeg, Manitoba, worked in Winnipeg for some time, and then moved to Rossland, B.C. in 1935 to work in the purchasing department of Consolidated Mining & Smelting Corporation (COMINCO) until he retired in 1970.

His sense of patriotism led to 44 years of service, both active and reserve, with the Canadian Armed Forces. He joined the Militia in 1921, was commissioned in the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps, with whom he served four years in England and Northwest Europe, and was awarded the Canadian Efficiency Decoration for 20 years of exemplary commissioned service. After returning to Canada he served with the Reserve Force until 1965, and was then appointed as an Honorary Aide de Camp to the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia until 1980. For this service he received the Queen's Jubilee Medal in 1977.

Thurlow was a dedicated postal historian, specializing in western Canadian, Military, and Railway markings. He wrote the section on the Railway Post Office Ornaments of British Columbia for George Melvin's 1972 book on the Post Offices of B.C. For many years he was the impetus behind the annual shows of the David Thompson Stamp Club at Castlegar, B.C., and was the only nationally accredited philatelic judge in the B.C. Interior - by the APS, and then by the RPSC. He belonged to numerous National and International philatelic organizations for many years - including the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, the British North America Philatelic Society, the Postal History Society of Canada, the American Philatelic Society, and the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs - by whom he was honoured as a Distinguished Philatelist.

He was also active in church and Red Cross work, and died in Vancouver, B.C. after a lengthy illness on January 26, 1991. A memorial service was held on January 30, 1991, in St. David's United Church, West Vancouver, B.C. Philatelists attending included Bill Bailey, Ken Barlow, Alan Brooks, Sam Horton, Basil Hunter, Bill Pekonen, Bill Robinson, Bill Thorne, Bill Topping, and John Wheeler.

We will miss his wisdom and his patient counsel.

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Judging Stamp Columns in Non-Philatelic Newspapers

by Ralph Mitchener

This article is an expansion of two columns that appeared in *The Ottawa Citizen* on Sept. 22 and Oct. 20, 1990. Ed.

The judging of philatelic literature at stamp exhibitions may at first thought seem to be an esoteric topic, of interest to very few, yet without philatelic literature our hobby would be in sad shape.

Having been asked to be a judge this year at two national-level exhibitions that will have a literature section, one of which will have a category for stamp columns in non-philatelic newspapers, I did some reading and subsequent thinking about the content of such columns.

In the Jan.-Feb. 1970 number (vol. 21, No. 1) of *The Canadian Philatelist*, Kenneth Rowe devoted an editorial to what should be the function of a philatelic column in a non-philatelic newspaper. It resulted from his experience as a judge of such columns at a philatelic literature competition in the United States.

He settled on four requirements "for an ideal newspaper column."

A. Reports of new issues.
B. Reports and announcements of philatelic events.
C. Original articles either by the columnist or by invited contributors.
D. Value to the junior or non-collector.

His conclusions were that the American columns he examined did well in categories "A" and "B" and fairly well in "D", but were sadly lacking in category "C".

Some points that came to mind to add to Rowe's four basic requirements – in some cases expansions of them, which I realized I've tried to follow in writing weekly columns in *The Ottawa Citizen* for seven years, are listed in no particular order below.

- Unlike those of philatelic publications, many readers of newspaper columns – Perhaps a majority – will not be stamp collectors. Stories behind stamps, book reviews, postal history and early philatelic history – including trivia that can be related to them – help ensure continuing readership and may also encourage some readers to try stamp collecting.
- Too much emphasis on detailed technical discussions of specific aspects of individual stamps would seem to be out of place in non-philatelic newspapers, given the number of non-collectors who are readers.
- A bit of criticism, of for example Canada Post, is not out of place if it is carefully and honestly made and especially if it is not just negative but offers possible solutions to what is being criticized.
- Illustrations – if practical, given a column's format – can add impact. A picture is certainly often worth many words of text.
- Wherever possible, credit should be given for material lifted from other sources.
- When in doubt, don't guess or pad or waffle unless guessing or padding or waffling is acknowledged as such. There is bound to be a reader who knows more about the subject than the writer does!
- Room should be found to publicize not only local philatelic events, but also those staged regionally, nationally and internationally that have some participation by local collectors or are of sufficient importance that readers should know about them.
- Typographical and editing errors, despite the best of intentions, sometimes occur in columns. Most, if minor and obvious, can be overlooked – especially if the more glaring ones are corrected in subsequent columns and assuming, of course, that the news paper authorities will acknowledge the errors (they sometimes do not) –

but one should be less forgiving for errors in columns written by employees of the newspaper in which the column appears. Those writers would presumably be able to check the content after it is typeset.

- Gossip should be kept to a minimum. Better still, it should be avoided. Speculation, on the other hand, if done judiciously, has a place.
- Unwarranted conclusions based on insufficient evidence should also be avoided. Sherlock Holmes and other detectives may sometimes have jumped to correct conclusions, but stamp columnists are a different breed of sleuths.
- Pride in what is written should be evident by the care taken in doing required research and in the subsequent writing.
- Columnists have a responsibility to be accurate in what they write. Readers – especially those who are not collectors – may believe some statements that more informed collectors know to be wrong.
- Announcements of new issues should not just be regurgitations of official press releases. Readers deserve more.
- Philately can be related to the world around us. Two recent examples I've used are soccer stamps and the 1990 World Cup soccer tournament, and the possible effects of the proposed federal Goods and Services Tax on the hobby.
- Credit should be given where it is due, for example to Canada Post – it sometimes does deserve praise – and to local and other collectors who merit recognition.
- Columns should be written in an entertaining manner while not talking down to the reader. The first person to edit my *Citizen* columns once suggested that I should not be too folksy! I've also been accused of using too many big words. I'd like to think that my readers - be they collectors or not - are intelligent and that their intelligence should't be insulted by the manner in which I write.
- Columnists should become involved in philatelic activities by reading as much as possible; by joining – and participating in – local, regional and national clubs and societies; by attending philatelic exhibitions and bourses; by getting to know philatelic personalities; and by trying philatelic exhibiting. In other words, they should keep thoroughly informed and up to date about happenings in the areas about which they write. They shouldn't wait for the world to come to them.
- A large and comprehensive dictionary is an invaluable asset for any columnist.

I'd be happy to have suggestions for additional requirements and would welcome criticisms of any of those I've mentioned.

Some of these points could also apply to other types of philatelic literature, including articles and columns in philatelic society journals as well as to individual philatelic books and monographs. Indeed, a few could apply to non-philatelic columns and to other writings that appear in our daily newspapers!

A regulation of la Fédération Internationale de Philatélie (FIP) states that entries of newspaper columns in international philatelic literature exhibitions should consist of a selection of 10 columns.

I disagree with the FIP's use of the word "selection", and would much prefer that the regulation read "a minimum of 10 consecutive columns." The latter provision will apply to entries of newspaper columns at ROYALE *1991* ROYAL, the annual convention and national-level exhibition of The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada that will be held in Dorval, Quebec, in April. That was my proviso when I was asked to be a judge.

A selection – of presumably what the author thinks are the best – doesn't necessarily allow for a proper assessment of continuing quality. Consecutive columns would help in that assessment and should give a clearer picture of consistency, or lack of it, over a period of time. Indeed, more than 10 would be of more assistance. Authors of books are not asked to submit a selected chapter. The book is judged on its complete content.

Judging of stamp columns must primarily be done on the basis of those that are present, not of those that are not, even if it is known that what is not present is better or worse than what is present. To be fair to judges, a proper sampling is more honest than picking and choosing selected columns to try to impress the judges.

Judges – especially those with a great deal of experience – are often, however,

conversant with what is not present and may occasionally base their decisions in part on the track record of the writer.

Two quotations from the chapter on judging philatelic literature exhibits in the American Philatelic Society's *Manual of Philatelic Judging* (3rd edition, 1990) offer wise commentaries for consideration by both writers and judges.

"The judging of philatelic literature must be looked at primarily as a means of recognizing, encouraging, and promoting such efforts, and only secondarily as a competition for various levels of awards ...

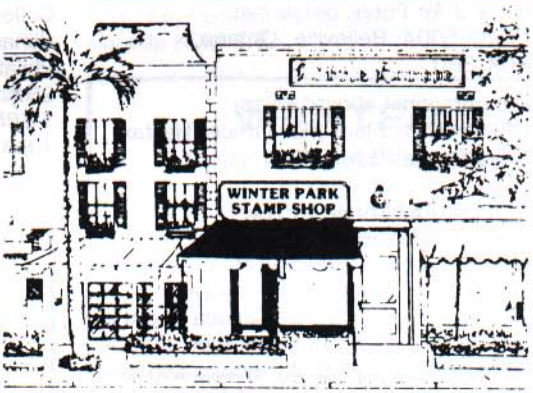
"A point also should be made about articles and newspaper columns. 'Significance' has to be evaluated in terms of the role of that piece of literature in the overall philatelic program. A continuing column in a mass circulation non-philatelic paper, for example, can serve an important function in educating and encouraging the general public. It may not be the most weighty piece of original research, but it certainly can score points for its contribution to the growth of philately and the promulgation of sound collecting practices. The author may never win a Gold medal, but definitely can aspire to a respectable award if he goes beyond the press-release level in his writings."

I heartily recommend the manual to all exhibitors and judges. Although its title may imply that it is only for judges, its contents are of equal value to all types and levels of exhibitors.

It can be ordered directly from the American Philatelic Society, P.O. Box 8000, State College, PA 16803, and is priced at $6.80 U.S. for APS members or at $8.50 U.S. for non-members.

Prospective and established exhibitors and judges in all branches of philately should seriously consider membership in the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors. It publishes a quarterly journal, *The Philatelic Exhibitor,* which is brim full of useful information. Details about membership can be obtained from Stephen J. Rod, Secretary of the AAPE, P.O. Box 432, South Orange, NJ 07079. RP SC

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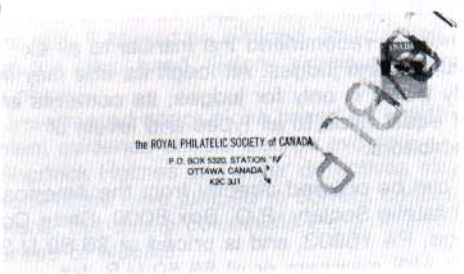
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GST - NEW ZEALAND STYLE

News from New Zealand sometimes travels slowly, but a recent magazine from Australia contained some stories about the New Zealand version of Revenue Canada and the GST police. According to the author, anyone in Australia who thinks that a goods and services tax is a good idea, should spend a week in New Zealand and try it out! Apparently, overseas dealers were forced to line up on three separate occasions at the GST desk and hand over all the GST collected. Anyone not complying was fined on the spot. Everything is taxed, books, all food and clothing, even parking tickets! The rate started at 10%, is now 12½% and will soon rise to 15%.

Overseas dealers say that it was almost impossible to claim exhibit Expenses such as fees, travel, etc. against GST collected, although there is some obscure procedure that should make it possible.

Well, our 7% GST probably will not stay at that level for very long either. Any bets on an increase in the next budget? Or, at the very least, in the first budget following the next election?

CANADA'S US STAMP AGENCY CLOSES

Canada Post Stamp Service in the US, operated by Unicover Corp. of Cheyenne, WY was discontinued on August 31. The last issue sold was the Canadian Forest block issued August 7. The service opened on 1 September 1988. It was discontinued because collector demand for the service was below expectations, according to James A. Helzer, Director General of the Canada Post Stamp Service in the US.

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LITHUANIA STAMPS

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stamps. Four imperf, ungummed stamps have appeared on the philatelic market. The stamps are only valid for domestic use, and for mail to Estonia, Latvia and Russia. The Soviet government does not recognize the stamps as valid and requires its stamps on any mail passing through its offices. The UPU also has not yet recognized the issue, but many countries will no doubt accept them as valid postage stamps.

CHAPTER NEWS MEDLEY

The *British Columbia Philatelic Society Newsletter* is a quarterly publication edited by Ron Koop. The most recent issue is dated January-March 1991 (these guys are ahead of us!). It containes the programme for the next few months and a review of the Vanpex '90 medal winners. It also has a very informative article on philately and the GST that should be required reading for all.

The Bulletin, published by the Edmonton Stamp Club (RPSC Chapter 6) is always a welcome sight. It usually has some off-beat banter by Keith Spencer, a note by "President Deirdre", and other informative articles. One nice idea is a group ad feature by Edmonton dealers. The current issue has a centrefold featuring the Edmonton Stamp Show, being held March 15-17 at the West Edmonton Mall. Maybe Keith will take us all on a submarine ride! RP SC

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The Iron Road

by Charles Gayral

Translated from the French by Jacques Plante of Baden/Solingen, Germany. Part of a continuing series started in Vol. 40, No. 3, May-June, 1989.



Spain: Yv. 2294, MI. 2558, Sc. 2300

1925 Spain: The locomotive is a "Santa-Fe", type 241, built by the Los Caminos de Hierrodel Norte company, No.s 4601/4656 and 4690/4699, width was 1.067 m. six were built by HANOMAG, the others in Spain. They were referred to as No. 241 - 4001 - 4066.



Kenya, Uganda Tanzania: Yv. 214, MI. 217, Sc. 229

1926 East African: locotender Type 131T, C1-11, width 1.000 m. Built by Vulcan Bagnell, Hunschel, Great Britain.



South West Africa:
Yv. 138, Mi. 180, Sc. 110

1926 South West Africa: Type 241, Series 92, locomotive. Width 1.067 m. 26 were built by Alco, 12 by Baldwin, 10 by Breda and 47 by British Locomotive Company.



Rep. Malagasy: Yv. AV 141, MI 175, Sc. 128

1926 Madagascar: Garratt articulated locomotive Type 130 plus 031 Width 1.000 m. Built by Beyer Peacock of Manchester. This type of articulated locomotive had different types of wheels and different gauge (width), with two articulated chassis, each having a set of wheels on each end moved by two cylinders. The chassis carrying the boiler and the Driver's cabin lay on two movable and independent assemblies moved by steam from the boiler. A powerful locomotive, it took curves and counter-curves easily on a small radius. Used in many countries particularly in Southern Africa where it is still used today.



First Day Cancellation,
Tananarive, Madagascar June 7, 1974.



Zaire: Yv. 968, Mi. 628,

1926 Rhodesia: Locomotive Type 2409, No.s 1 to 15. Width 1.067 m. Series KL 7 built by Porter, U.S.A. for the Rhodesian Railway Company.



Mauritius: Yv. 486, Mi. 473, Sc. 479

1927 South Africa: Garrett articulated locomotive, No. 62, Type 140 plus 040 built by Beyer Peacock of Manchester.



Denmark: Yv. 312, Mi. 299, Sc. 302

1928 Denmark: Locomotive Type 140, Cl. H. Built by Als Fricas, Aarhdi. Denmark.



Belgium: Yv. CP317, Mi. 392, Sc. Q322

1928 Belgium: Type 48 Formula 140, built by Cockerill of Seraing, Belgium.



Austria: Yv. 1390, Mi. 1560, Sc. 1068
Cancellation Deutsch Wagram 17-11-1977

1928 Austria: Locomotive Type 142, Series 13 Built for the fast train service of the Vienna-Salzburg line and later, until 1962 on the South Line.



Angola: Yv. 575 and BF-3, Mi. 578

1929 Angola: Articulated Garrett locomotive Type 241 - 142 Built by Speyer Peacock, of Manchester. 88 km/h.



Sao Tome and Principe: Yv. 726

1929 Portugal: Type 132T locotender built by Henschel, Width 1.676.



Cachet Manchester, England, April 28, 1972.

1930 Great Britain: Type 220, Sandringham Class locomotive. Built from 1928 to 1932 for the Great Eastern Section. 24 of the series were named after a football team. This one was named "Manchester United F.C."

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Bulgaria: Yv. 632/3, Mi. 725/6, Sc. 679

1930 Bulgaria: Locotender type 041T, Cl. 48 built by Hanomag.



Belgium: Yv. CP175/7, CP318, Mi. 292, Sc. Q182

1930 Belgium: Locomotive "Goliath", Type 5-141 with 4 cylinders. Built by the workshops at Tubize.



Jugoslavia: Yv. 524, Mi. 584, Sc. 270

1930 Jugoslavia: A KL 389, Pacific type locomotive built by SCHWARTZHOFF of Berlin.



Cancellation Kikinda November 15, 1982



Jugoslavia: Yv. 1790

1930 Jugoslavia: Type 06-141 locomotive, width 1.435 m. Speed, 80 km/h built by Borsig. This locomotive is pulling a boat on the Siper canal.



Ivory Coast: Yv. 696

1931 A "Superpacific" locomotive, series 31251-31290 by the Du Nord company. Two HP external cylinders and two LP internal cylinders, width 1.90m, equipped with the De Glehn system allowing the feeding of steam in five successive operations. The tender of this splendid locomotive in glossy chocolate brown finish has a huge capacity, 7 tons of coal and 37m³ of water. They pulled express trains at 120 km/h and were built at Denain by the workshops of Cail and Co.



Mongolia: Yv. 1030, Mi. 1237

1931 Mongolia: Type 040, series KB4 locomotive for a railway of 0.750 m in width, used on the Oulan-Bator-Nalajh run.



U.S.S.R.: Yv. Express 3, Sc. E-3

1931 U.S.S.R.: locomotive type 152, TA-Class.



GDR: Yv. 2222, Sc. 2148a

1932 Germany: Type 141T locotender 99323 for a railway with a width of 900 mm for the Bad-Doberan-Osteebab Kühlunsborh line.



Congo: Yv. 279, Mi. 261, Sc. 233

1932 Congo: Type 141 Mikado locomotive for a railway width of 1 m built by Haine Saint Pierre. Speed 60 km/h.



Egypt: Yv. 149, Mi. 163, Sc. 171

1932 Egypt: Type 221 locomotive No. 787 built by North British Locomotives Co.



France: Yv. 340, Mi. 346, Sc. 328

1932 France: Type 3-1280 (S.N.C.F. 231, C. 78), Pacific locomotive built by the Société Française de Constructions mécaniques of Paris.

1932 France: Type 241 "Mountain" locomotive. This type of locomotive was used on all French railways and on some foreign railways as well. Those of L'ETAT were built at Fives-Lille.



France Yv. CP 177/178, 187/188-195

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France: Yv. CP 174/76 - 183/185, 191/193, 200/202, 204/206, 208/210, 212/214, 221/223, 226/228

The Mountain locomotive of the L'Etat network were transformed to type 242 from 1943 to 1946 at Saint-Chamond. They had a super-heated steam engine of 3 cylinders, motor carriage wheels of 1.95 m, Pressure - 20 kg/gm², Power - 2800 HP. Their smoke stacks were of different shapes.



Monaco: Yv. 756, Mi. 900, Sc. 696

The Mountain used on the P.L.M. line had special streamlining for the fire box door.



Chad: Yv. 459

1934 Hungary: Type 231 Pacific locomotive of M.A.V. (Magyar Allamvasutak).



Gabon: Yv. Av 165, Mi. 559, Sc. C-165

1934 the U.S.S.R.: tried this big type 272 "Alexander Andrejewcl". AA cl. AA 20 2G2 locomotive for pulling coal trains between Donetz and Moscow.



South Africa: Yv. 536, Mi. 631, Sc. 594

1935 South Africa: Type 231 Cl. KL 1 GE locomotive No. 858, width 1.067 m, built by Henschel and Sohn.



Bulgaria: Yv. 797/798, Mi. 918/919, Sc. 865/866

1935 Bulgaria: Type 150 Cl. 10 locomotive built by Schwartzkopf - Krupp.



Grenada: Yv. 1060, Mi. 1158, 1125 Lesotho, Yv. 601, Mi. 435, Sc. 454

1935 Germany: Locomotive DB No. 05 001, Type 232; integral streamlining done by Adolph Wolf, constructed by Borsig - Aeg of Henningsdorf. 3 cylinders of low expansion, Carriage wheels of 2.30 m, Pressure 20 kg/cm², Power - 400 HP. On the 11th of May, 1936 this locomotive pulled a light passenger train of 297 tons on the Berlin - Hamburg line at 196 km/h at a top speed of 200.4 km/h. This locomotive is now at the museum in Nurnberg.



Cancellation 42nd anniversary of the event September 27, 1977

1935 Great Britain: Pacific-Gresley A-4

locomotive No. 4498, pulled the Silver Jubilee train on the London - Newcastle line of 431.3 km.



Cancellation: London Sir Nigel Gresley locomotive No. 4498



Israel: Yv. 662, Mi. 724, Sc. 676

1935 Israel: One of 6, type 230 locomotives built in Scotland for the Haiffa - Kantara line, Width - 1.050 m. (Built during the period of the British mandate).



Mongolia: Yv. 1031, Mi. 1238, Sc. 1082

1936 U.S.S.R.: Type 050 locomotive used on the Moscow - Ulan Bator line.



Poland: Yv. 528, Mi. 504, Sc. 435, Yv. 2371, Mi. 2545, Sc. 2231



1936 Poland: Pacific PN36 locomotive type 231 built by the Cegielski workshops at Poznan and streamlined by Chrzanow. She was present at the World exhibition in Paris in 1937.



Cancellation Lublin August 8, 1984



Cachet: Bournemouth July 5, 1978

1937 Great Britain: Pacific "Coronation", locomotive streamlined by L.M.S. built specially for the "Coronation Scott", train on the London-Glasgow line. 4 cylinders of low expansion, carriage wheels of 2.06 m, superheated, speed 183 km/h.



Republic of Central Africa: Yv. 622, Mi. 1030

1937 France: Pacific locomotive 231 - 726 of P.O., Series 3500. Alterations



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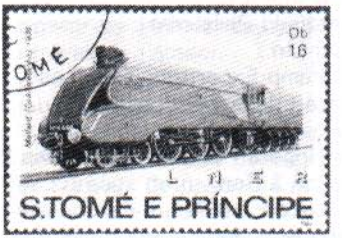
Republic of Central Africa: Yv. 624, Mi. 461

1937 Germany: Locomotive type 151, series 45, built by Henschel for freight trains. 3 cylinder engine, carriage wheels of 1.600 m, power - 3000 H.P., max. speed 90 km/h. Tender has 5 axles and carries 35m² of water and 10 tons of coal.



Niger: Yv. 317, Mi. 462, Sc. 313

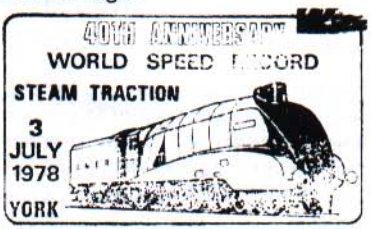
1937 Germany: Type 232, series 05 locomotive No. 5003 built by Borsig. Speed 175 km/h. Same type as the 1935 locomotive but with "elephant ears", added.



Saint Tome et Principe: Yv. 726, Grenada & Grenadines: Yv. 459, Liberia: Yv. 804, Mi. 1102

1938 Great Britain: Mallard locomotive, Pacific type A.4 No. 4468, streamlined by L.N.E.R. Holder of the speed record of 202.7 km/h, set on July 3, 1938 at Stoke Band near Peterborough pulling a train of 240 tons.

Built by Sir Nigel Gresley with 3 cylinders superheated, carriage wheels of 2.03m, pressure - 17.6 km/cm². Withdrawn from service in 1963, now in the museum of York Used during the last season of operations by the Scarborough SPA Express between York and Scarborough.



Cancellation York July 3, 1978



Rep. of South Africa: Yv. 538, Mi. 633, Sc. 596

1938 Rep. of South Africa: Type 141 Mountain locomotive, 15 F, No. 2954. More than 350 were built by Henschel, Beyer Peacock and the North British Locomotive Co.



Cancellation: Poznan June 10, 1983 to commemorate the 45th anniversary

1938 Poland: Type 150 locomotive Ty-23, J. Tuwima.



Germany - Berlin: Yv. 454, Mi. 490, Sc. B519

1939 Germany: Type 150, series 050 locomotive No. 50.001 built by Henschel.



Belgium: Yv. CP320, Mi. 294, Sc. Q-325

1939 Belgium: Type 221 Atlantic locomotive T-12. Two internal cylinders of low expansion, carriage wheels of 2.10 m, pressure - 18 kg/cm², power - 25000 HP, could reach a speed of 140 km/h in 3 minutes. 6 were built by Cockerill.



Ireland: Yv. 532, Mi. 429, Sc. 582

1939 Ireland: Type 230 locomotive, width - 1.600 m of the Great Southern Railway. Built by Inchicore Workshops of G.S.R. for the Macha train of the South line.



Romania: Yv. 1169, Sc. B-416

1939 - 1940 Romania; Type 142 series 214 locomotive. 78 were built by Resita in 1939 and Malaxa in 1940.

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This year, (1991), is the year of the sheep. The next year of the sheep will not occur until 2003.



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Last year (1990) was the year of the horse. Next year, 1992, will be the year of the monkey. It is said that the observance of the Chinese Zodiac began when the lord Buddha called all the animals of the world to him one New Year's day. He promised that those who came to pay homage would receive a gift for their fealty. Of all the animals of the world, only 12 responded to the call, starting with the rat and ending with the pig. As a mark of honour, a year was named after each of them.

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Ashish Manchanda
H. No. 106, Sector 16
PANCHKULA - 134 109 (Haryana)
India

Collector would like to hear from philatelists who are interested in exchanges of stamps. Writes in English.

Denmark's Stolen Bicycles & Drunk Drivers

by Jay J. Edward

Stolen bicycles and drunk drivers are modern plagues suffered by society throughout the world. In some countries like Canada and the U.S.A., stolen automobiles could be added. The cost to insurance companies is enormous and we the public pay for it all in increasing insurance costs and taxes.



Canada's Bicycle Stamp - Scott No. 642. Issued in 1974 to mark the World Cycling Championships in Montreal.

Denmark is a flat country and this probably accounts for the popularity of cycling in that country. Most Danes own a bicycle and they make good use of them. During the 1950's, bicycles reached their greatest usage. Traffic counts in Denmark at that time showed that there were four times as many bicycles as automobiles. Today these figures are reversed. This doesn't mean that there are fewer bicycles. In fact, Denmark has more bicycles today than at any other time. Unfortunately, more bicycles are stolen today than at any time previously. In 1989, a record 101,603 bicycles were stolen. As a result, this year, Denmark started a central computer register. This means that a police patrol can determine in a few minutes whether or not a bicycle has been stolen. The Association of Danish Cyclists, the Danish Council for the Prevention of Crime and the Danish Insurance Information Department have started a campaign to better safeguard bicycles and help prevent thefts. To publicize the fact that more than 10% of all Danish bicycles are stolen and that steps must be taken to prevent thefts, the Danish Postal authorities have issued a new stamp.

The fight against drunk driving has intensified in most countries during the past few years. Denmark is no exception. A new campaign against drinking and driving in Denmark has been launched with the theme, "En pind i øret er en Koep i hjulet", (One for the road is one too many). Danish statistics show that in 1988 alcohol was a contributing factor in 1,929 road accidents, in which 228 people



Figure 2.

were killed and 1,491 seriously injured. The Danish Road Safety Council reports that 60% of these accidents occur in the

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Figure 3.

summer. The number of accidents in Denmark due to drunk driving reached its peak in 1981. Since then campaigns against drinking and driving have seen a decrease each year. Regretfully, there are still too many deaths. The greatest problem group are in the 23 to 25 age group, who have the attitude that one, two or three drinks before driving are all right. To promote the idea that liquor and driving should not be combined, the Danish Post has issued a second stamp.

Both multi-coloured stamps, designed by the Danish artist Torben Skov, were issued on November 9, 1990. They were each printed by offset on fluorescent paper in sheets of 50 stamps, perforated 12-3/4. The printer was Postens Frimaerkecenter in Copenhagen.

It would be interesting to know how Canada compares. According to the Ontario Provincial Police, in 1989, there were 90,116 automobile accidents on provincial highways in Ontario. This does not include cities or municipalities such as Toronto, Ottawa, etc., which have their own police forces. Of the above accidents, 51% were due to excessive speed. Alcohol related accidents made up 26% of the total or 18,030 accidents. Of these, 741 accidents resulted in a total of 878 deaths. While these figures are only a portion of the total in Canada, or even in Ontario, they are staggering statistics. Statistics Canada advised that they do not keep statistics of this nature.

There also seems to be no central authority in Canada that monitors bicycle thefts. Every year the police departments of nearly all the cities in Canada hold auctions where they sell hundreds of unclaimed bicycles. A city of about 100,000 sells between 500 and 600 unclaimed bicycles every year. The total number of bicycles stolen every year in Canada must be very high. Local police departments seem quite reluctant to give out information. Perhaps it would detract from the city's good name. Considering that fewer Canadians own bicycles than their Danish counterparts, it is the author's unverified opinion that more bicycles are stolen in Canada on a percentage basis than in Denmark.



Figure 4. First Day Cancellation

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For information, application forms etc. write to the following:

ORAPEX: Charles J.G. Verge, P.O. Box 2788, Station "D", Ottawa, Ont. K1P 5W8

SPRING SHOW: Keith R. Spencer, 5005 Whitemud Road, Edmonton, Alta. T6H 5L2.

STAMPEX: P.O. Box 204, Station 'Q', Toronto, Ont. M4T 2M1.

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FEB. 9 – BURLPEX '91, the 10th annual exhibition and dealer bourse sponsored by the Burlington Stamp Club will be held at the Appleby Mall (corner of Appleby Line & New Street, Burlington). Hours: 9:30 to 5:30. Information: Frank Haller, P.O. Box 387, Station A, Burlington, Ont., L7R 3Y3.

FEB. 16-17 – NIPEX '91. Niagara Philatelic Society, Stamford Lions Club Hall, 3848 Portage Road, Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada. Data from Dave Hill, P.O. Box 2038, Station B, St. Catharines, Ont. Canada L3N 6P5.

MARCH 2-3 – NYPEX '91, the annual exhibition and bourse of the North York Philatelic Society at Edithvale Community Centre, Finch Ave. between Yonge St. and Bathurst St. Free admission and parking. Hours 10:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. Information from: Alan J. Hanks, 34 Seaton Drive, Aurora, Ontario L4G 2K1.

MARCH 8-9-10 – FLORIDA WEST COAST STAMP EXPO. The annual exhibition and bourse will be held at the AHEPA Convention Centre, U.S. Alt #19, Tarpon Springs, Florida 34688, U.S.A. This is a national exhibit. For further information and prospectus please write: E. Walter Parker, P.O. Box 532, Crystal Beach, Fl. 34681, U.S.A.

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MARCH 16 – OAKPEX '91. The Oakville Stamp Club will be holding its 18th Annual Exhibition and Bourse in Room 'A' of the River Oaks Recreation Centre, 2400 Sixth Line, Oakville, Ontario from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Exhibits, Dealers, Sales Circuit and refreshments. Free admission and parking. Everyone welcome.

MARCH 16 – OXPEX '91. Chapter #65 R.P.S.C., The Oxford Philatelic Society's 42nd Annual Exhibition & Bourse featuring 200 (6 page frames), local level W/5 tier judging, 17 dealers & Canada Post sales counter. Contact: Gib Stephens, (exhibition at College Avenue Secondary School, Woodstock, Ontario).

MARCH 22-24 – CANADIAN STAMP DEALER'S ASSOCIATION TORONTO SPRING SHOW will be held at the Arts, Crafts, Hobby Building, Exhibition Place, Toronto, Ont. Information from (416) 653-9885.

MARCH 23 – AMPEX '91. The annual exhibition and bourse of the Fraser Valley Philatelic Club will be held in the Clearbrook Community Centre, 2825 Clearbrook Rd., Clearbrook (Abbotsford). 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Information: Show Chairman, Fraser Valley Philatelic Club, P.O. Box 3, Abbotsford, B.C. V2S 4N7.

APRIL 5-7 – ROYAL 1991 ROYALE, the 63rd annual convention and national show of The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada will be held at the Dorval Community Centre, Dorval, Que. A national exhibition. Information: Raymond W. Ireson, 86 Cartier St., Roxboro, Que. H8Y 1G8.

APRIL 13-14 – NOVAPEX '91. The Nova Scotia Stamp Club will hold its annual Stamp Exhibition at the Lord Nelson Hotel, Halifax, Nova Scotia. The Exhibition will feature Senior and Junior displays, Bourse area plus a banquet on Saturday night. For further particulars write to the Exhibition Chairman, George MacKenzie, 1333 South Park Street, Apt. 515, Halifax, N.S. B3J 2K9.

APRIL 19-21 – SALON DES COLLECTIONNEURS DE MONTRÉAL, will be held at Place Bonaventure, Montreal, Que. Information from (416) 653-9885 or (514) 252-3035.

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APRIL 27 & 28 – THE NORTH TORONTO STAMP CLUB'S 48TH ANNUAL EXHIBITION & BOURSE will be held at the Masonic Temple, 888 Yonge St., Toronto. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.. Free admission, public transit and parking nearby. Information: Ms. Marilyn Cassie, P.O. Box 159, Port Carling, Ontario P0B 1J0. Telephone: 416-364-3945.

MAY 3-5 – ORAPEX 91, the annual exhibition and bourse of the RA Stamp Club at the RA Centre, Ottawa, Ont. A national exhibition. Information: Charles J.G. Verge, P.O. Box 2788, Postal Station "D", Ottawa, Ont. K1P 5W8.

JUNE 14-16 – STAMPEX an R.P.S.C. accredited national show at The Sheraton Centre, Toronto, Ont. Information: STAMPEX, P.O. Box 204, Station 'Q', Toronto, Ont. M4T 2M1.

JULY 5-14 – ESPAMER '91, Buenos Aires, Argentina under the auspices of the Federacion Interamericana de Filatelia. For information contact Andrew Cronin, P.O. Box 5722, Station A, Toronto, Ontario M5W 1P2.

AUG. 4-14 – PANAMFILEX '91, an FIP and FIAF-approved exhibition to be held in Havana, Cuba in conjunction with the 11th Pan American Games. Canadian Commissioner: Ralph D. Mitchener, 1253 Sherman Dr., Ottawa, Ont. K2C 2M7.

AUG. 29-31 – BNAPEX 1991, the annual convention and exhibition of the British North American Philatelic Society at the Bayshore Inn (Westin Hotel), 1601 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6G 2V4. Information from: P.O. Box 85442, Vancouver, B.C. V6M 4G8.

NOV. 16-24 – PHILANIPPON 91, a World Philatelic Exhibition under F.I.P. patronage will be held at the Tokyo International Trade Centre, Tokyo Japan. Canadian Commissioner: Major Richard K. Malott, 16 Harwick Cres., Nepean, Ont. K2H 6R1.

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JUNE 4-6 – ROYAL 92 ROYALE, the 64th annual convention of The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada will be held in the Europa Conference Centre, West Edmonton Mall. A national exhibition. Information: Keith Spencer, 5005 Whitemud Rd., Edmonton, Alta. T6H 5L2.

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APRIL 17-26 – ESPANA 92, a World Philatelic Exhibition under F.I.P. patronage will be held in Granada, Spain. Canadian Commissioner: James E. Kraemer, 17 Commanche Dr., Nepean, Ont. K2E 6E8.

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OCT. 1-10 – WORLD STAMP EXHIBITION BANGKOK '93 to be held in Bangkok under F.I.P. patronage. For further information please contact the Canadian commissioner; Mr. William Simpson, 20 First Street, Chatham, Ontario N7M 2P8.

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BARRIE DISTRICT STAMP CLUB

R.P.S.C. Chapter 73 meets second Wednesday of each month except July and August, at 7:30 p.m. Meetings held in Parkview Centre, 189 Blake St., Barrie. Table Auction at every meeting. Visitors welcome. Contact: Sec.-Treasurer Lew Metzger - P.O. Box 1113, Barrie, Ont. L4M 5E2.

BRAMALEA STAMP CLUB

R.P.S.C. Chapter No. 144 meets 1st Sunday (1:30-4:00 p.m.) and 3rd Tuesday (7:30-9:30 p.m.), September to June at Terry Miller Recreation Complex, Meeting Room 2, Williams Parkway (between Dixie Rd. & Bramalea Rd.) Bramalea, Ont. All visitors welcome. Correspondence to: Bramalea Stamp Club, P.O. 2041 Bramalea, Ont. L6T 3S3.

BRITISH COLUMBIA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Meetings every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Sunset Community Memorial Centre, Multi 'C' Room, 404 East 51st Avenue, Vancouver, B.C. Visitors welcome. Mail to the club c/o Mr. Leslie Upton, Secretary, 607 East 6th Street, North Vancouver, B.C. V7L 1R4.

CALGARY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

(Chapter 66) Regular meeting: First Wednesday of month, 7:00 p.m. Auctions on third and fourth Wednesday of month, 7:30 p.m. Kerby Center, 1133 7 Ave. S.W. No meetings in July and August. Correspondence to Calgary Philatelic Society, P.O. Box 1478, Station "M", Calgary, Alta, T2P 2L6.

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R.P.S.C. Chapter 205, meets 7 p.m. second and fourth Tuesdays, Sept. to mid-May. Meetings held in the Drop-In Centre, Victoria Square, Colborne, Ont. Visitors welcome. Aris Marcus, Pres. tel. 613-475-2829; Walter Smith, Sec. tel. 416-355-2707.

COLUMBIA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

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Chapter No. 67 meets the 2nd & 4th Monday of every month (except on holidays and in July & August) at 7:30 p.m. at Forest Avenue Public School, 20 Forest Ave., in Port Credit. Visitors always welcome. Further information, contact E.A. Read, (416) 278-4716.

DELTA STAMP CLUB

Chapter No. 138 meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays (except June/August). Visitors always welcome. Further information: Bill Heather, (604) 943-5303, 325-54th Street, Delta, B.C. V4M 3G6.

EAST TORONTO STAMP CLUB

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. M4 3Z4. Visitors always welcome.

EDMONTON STAMP CLUB

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CHAPTER MEETINGS

ESSEX COUNTY STAMP CLUB (WINDSOR)

R.P.S.C. Chapter 154 meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month (except July, August and December) at Roseland Golf and Curling Club, 455 Kennedy Dr. W., Windsor, Ontario. Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. All collectors and visitors are welcome, whatever your interests. Information from: The Secretary, Essex County Stamp Club, P.O. Box 1503, Station A, Windsor, Ontario N9A 6R5.

ETOBICOKE PHILATELIC SOCIETY

R.P.S.C. Chapter 78 meets at Fairfield Centre, 80 Lothian Way, Etobicoke at 7:30 p.m., the first Wednesday of every month except July and August. Visitors are always welcome. Information from C.E. Allen, 5 Aintree Court, Etobicoke, Ont. M8W 2E1. Phone: 251-3425.

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Fenelon Stamp Club R.P.S.C. Chapter 176 meets the 1st Tuesday of each month in the Fenelon Falls Public Library at 7:30 p.m. President Isabel Wessell, R.R. #3, Woodville, ON K0M 2T0. Visitors welcome.

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R.P.S.C. Chapter 51 welcomes all visitors to our membership meetings held twice monthly on the 2nd and 4th Monday during Sept. through May, and the 2nd Monday of May, and the 2nd Monday of June. We meet at the Polonia Club, 4-C Solidarnosc Place (near Barton and Sherman) with plenty of parking available in the church lot. We consistently have a bourse of 12 dealers, as well as auctions, club sales books, slide show or speaker, library and door prizes, free cookies, coffee or tea, but there is a small door charge. For information write: P.O. Box 205, Hamilton, Ontario L8N 3A2.

KAWARTHA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Chapter 58, R.P.S.C. Meetings 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of months September through June (exclude 4th Tuesdays in December and June) 7:00 p.m. Meeting place St. Johns' School, corner of Braidwood and Jane St. Peterborough, Ont. Contact Lloyd Mosher, Pres. Mailing address of Club: Box 2222, Peterborough, Ont. K9J 7Y4.

KELOWNA & DISTRICT STAMP CLUB

Chapter 90 meets monthly, 2nd Wednesday, Sept. to June, from 7-10 p.m. in the Kelowna Secondary School Cafeteria, 575 Harvey Ave. business meeting 8 p.m. followed by an auction - visitors always welcome. Address: Box 1185, Kelowna, B.C. V1Y 7P8.

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 Abie Heersma, 73 Jasper, Chatham, Ont. N7M 4C1.

KINGSTON STAMP CLUB

Meetings held at new location – St. Paul's Anglican Church Hall. Corner Queen and Montreal Streets, Kingston, Ontario. Meets second and fourth Monday, Sept. to May at 7:30 p.m.

LAKEHEAD STAMP CLUB

R.P.S.C. Chapter No. 33, meets second Wednesday and last Friday monthly from September to June in the Herb Carroll Centre, 1100 Lincoln St., Thunder Bay, Ont. Meetings start at 8:00 p.m. and visitors are welcome. Edith Dombrowsky, Secretary, Lakehead Stamp Club, 174 Elron Crescent, Thunder Bay, Ont. P7C 5T5.

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R.P.S.C. Chapter 84 meets at Lindsay Place School, Broadview Ave., Pointe Claire, Quebec. Meeting nights 2nd and 4th Thursdays, September till June, at 7:30 p.m. President David Nickson. Mailing address: Box 1, Pointe Claire, P.Q. H9R 4N5.

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NORTH TORONTO STAMP CLUB

Chapter 5 of the Royal welcomes all visitors to our meetings on the 2nd ad 4th Thursdays of each month (July and August excepted) at 7:30 p.m. in the basement of Bedford Park United Church, 100 Ranleigh Avenue, Toronto, Table auction, Sales circuit and informative lectures. Secretary: Les Porter, 381 Elm Road, Toronto M5M 3V7.

CHAPTER MEETINGS

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R.P.S.C. Chapter 198 meets on alternate Tuesdays, September through June at Queen Mary School Library, 230 West Keith Road, North Vancouver, B.C. Visitors always welcome. Mailing address, P.O. Box 86523, North Vancouver, B.C. V7L 4L1. For current schedule or information please call Herb Williams 984-6218 or Mr. John Wheeler (604) 984-2744.

NOVA SCOTIA STAMP CLUB

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OAKVILLE STAMP CLUB

Chapter No. 135 meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the "Pine Room", Oakville Arena, Rebecca Street, Oakville. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 524, Oakville, Ontario, L6J 5B4. Geoff Hill, President.

OTTAWA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

R.P.S.C. Chapter 16 meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m., September through May, in the National Library and Public Archives Building, 395 Wellington Street, Ottawa. Visitors always welcome. Information may be obtained from the President, Alain Racicot, 521-0458. Further information, P.O. Box 3899, Station "C", Ottawa, Ont. K1Y 4M5.

PENTICTON AND DISTRICT STAMP CLUB

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Figure 1.

In 1936 Consolidated Aviation received permission to sell an unarmed version of its model 28 flying boat - subsequently known as the "Catalina", to Dr. Richard Archbold. It was to be used on an expedition sponsored by the American Museum of Natural History to New Guinea. The aircraft was named "Guba" which meant "violent storm" in a New Guinea dialect.

On August 12, 1937, the Soviet Union launched a flight from Moscow to Mexico City. 300 miles past the North Pole, radio contact was lost with the pilot, Sigismund Lewanewski. The Soviet Union asked the noted Australian explorer, Hubert Wilkins, to organize a search party. His selection included two Canadian pilots - H. Hollick-Kenyon and S.A. Cheeseman.

Archbold was to have commenced his trip to Guinea in November but he was requested by the Soviet Union to sell them the Guba for use in the search. They had ordered 3 of



Figure 2.

the PBYs and were familiar with its performance. The Guba was sent to Coppermine in the Northwest Territories where Wilkins and his associates began daily search flights for about one month. The first cover illustrated was likely now flown on the Guba but, even if not, is a nice historical cover, signed by Wilkins, and posted from Coppermine to Waterways Sept. 13, 1937 at the beginning of the search. *cont. on pg. 78*

Alberta's 1990 Duck Stamp and First Day Covers

On August 1, 1990 the western Canadian province of Alberta issued its 1990 Duck stamp, with stamps and first day covers available to collectors through an Alberta stamp dealer.

This provincial government Duck stamp is an official government issue used to validate game bird hunting licenses and raise funds for waterfowl conservation.

The 1990 stamp features a design by Alberta artist Doris Sims, "Golden Pond-Mallard Pair", winner of the annual competition held by the Government of Alberta in cooperation with Ducks Unlimited Canada.

Funds raised from the stamp and print program will be used to support wetland habitat conservaton.

Until 1989, the validating stamps for duck hunting licences had been a plain white label, and none had been available to collectors. In 1989 a very limited number - about 5500 - was sold to collectors, and the remainder were destroyed after the stamps went off sale.

The stamp printing of 125,000 is unchanged from previous years, with most being used by hunters to validate licences. This year the Alberta Government has increased slightly the allotment to the stamp and print program.

The stamp is issued in booklets of 100 (five panes of 20), with each stamp being consecutively numbered vertically in strips of five across the pane. The stamp was not designed with collectors in mind, so there are no plate blocks or inscription, and the line perforations are rough.

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Alberta 1990 Duck Stamp

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For information on how to purchase 1990 Alberta Duck stamps or First Day Covers contact R.D. Miner Philatelics, Box 1109, Cochrane, Alberta T0L 0W0. 403-932-5268.

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The search was interrupted for a period during the late fall and winter and a longer range aircraft secured. It was then resumed, but was unsuccessful in locating the Soviet crew and the flight/search was abandoned in March, 1938. The second cover was posted at Edmonton Feb. 16, 1938 and was carried on a flight to Aklavik March 18 - likely the last flight of the search party. It is signed by all the crew members of the flight including Wilkins, Hollick-Kenyon and Cheeseman. It is addressed to Hollick-Kenyon and was obviously "favour carried".

As stories should also tell what happened to the other participants, Guba went to the Soviet Union where it was used for cargo flying. It was hit by German gunfire and was destroyed in 1942. Dr. Archbold did leave for his New Guinea expedition and his departure on May 24, 1938 had flown covers listed in the AAMC as #1306 in Trans Oceanic flights.

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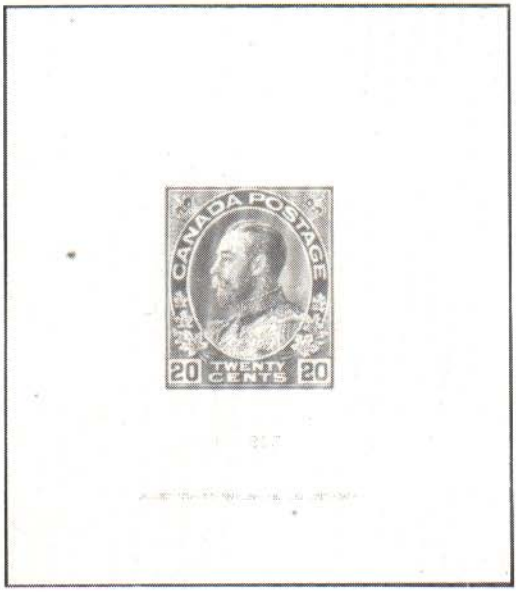
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