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From the Editor's Desk

by Steve Thorning

OLD SCHOOLBOY COLLECTIONS

Everyone who is known to be a stamp collector is asked, from time to time, for advise on the value and disposition of an old schoolboy stamp collection. I have had a rash of these over the past few months. Sometimes the owners think they can cash in on a worldwide collection they assembled 35 of 40 years ago. Others have found a collection among the possessions of a deceased relative, and are certain they have stumbled on a surprise inheritance of untold worth. Still others are anxious to dispose of an accumulation of cacheted first day covers from the 1960s and 1970s, confident that they have appreciated greatly in value.

I have yet to see one of these collections with anything of substantial value in it. The "ancient bearded king" described to me on the telephone turns out to be George V, and the "rare stamp with Queen Victoria" is badly thinned and has a missing corner.

It is not pleasant to tell these people that there is nothing salable in their collections. Some insist that I give them the names of several dealers who will buy their stamps. I no longer do this. I would be wasting the dealer's time, as well as raising the expectations of the owner.

My usual advise is to give the collection to a junior collector, or to a youngster who might be interested in starting a collection. I also sometimes suggest that the owner hold on to the stamps, and become a collector. So far I have had no luck in my recruitment efforts.

It often worries me that an encounter such as this is the only one that these people have with organized philately, and that it is not a satisfactory one. There seems to be an assumption among the public that dollar value and market activities are the only preoccupations of stamp collectors. We would all like to become wealthy through buying and selling stamps in our spare time. It is hard to get across the point that monetary value is not a major part of the hobby.

Some people seem to think that we are anxious to get our hands on anything with perforations around it. One man, a few weeks ago, became abusive when I insisted that I had no interest in purchasing his first day covers from the 1970s. He was convinced that I was trying to beat the price down.

I am troubled both by the perception of the hobby that so many people hold, and by our inability to attract owners of these old collections to the active ranks of philately. A generation ago virtually every newspaper ran a weekly stamp column. These performed a valuable function in providing basic philatelic information to the general public—fundamental points such as the importance of condition and the point that age does not equate with rarity.

Today the public sees new issue promotions by postal administrations, and expensively packaged stamps and covers advertised with an implied investment potential on television and in magazines. No wonder so many people think we are only investors and speculators.

DID YOU ENJOY CAPEX?

Although I have not seen any attendance figures, by all accounts CAPEX 96 was an outstanding success. Due to a serious family matter I was able to attend only briefly, rather than the three or four days I had originally planned. Consequently, I missed many people I had hoped to chat with, and I saw only a small portion of the exhibits.

It struck me that covers were much more prominent in the exhibits than in previous CAPEX shows, not just in the postal history, but in all classes. My impression was supported by several other collectors. There were some truly outstanding exhibits. Others I found disappointing, but perhaps I am becoming more opinionated as I get older.

Dealers as a group seemed satisfied, but I did hear a few comments that there was not enough material for sale for the novice and casual collector. The dealers, of course, had to emphasize their more expensive material to cover their expenses.

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Letters to the Editor

OUR MAY-JUNE ISSUE

Sir,

I have just received my May-June copy of the journal. I have found the series of James E. Kraemer, "The Battle of the Atlantic and Canadian Mail," intriguing, and I marvel at the detail he has gathered. I don't think that many of us who lived in the days of the Second World War realized or in fact were even aware of the terrible loss of life in the merchant marine. One wonders how many of the ships torpedoed on the east coast were even involved in the war effort, but submarine warfare was as cowardly an occupation as one could devise and could be compared to a "hunter" potting at a sitting duck. It is also incredulous how soon we can forgive and forget and why the commanders should have been awarded for valour.

I also think that Basil Stead should be commended for his "Philatelic Commentary." I think there are many stamp collectors who can agree with everything he said, and while he didn't blame Canada Post or criticize it in any way in the last paragraph, I don't mind saying that I am through collecting mint Canadian stamps for several reasons, after some 60 years of collecting stamps. Booklets and self-adhesive stamps make it a farce.

L.F. Bence
Regina

Sir,

Thanks for publishing Jim Kraemer's fine articles on "The Battle of the Atlantic and Canadian Mail." There are well documented and cover a field, if you'll pardon the term, that is seldom covered in the literature.

The article led me to search out an old autograph album I had in my youth. When I went to live in England in 1938, I got people I met on the Continental Limited to write a page, and we agreed to send one another postcards of our ships. My ship was the splendid *Empress of Britain,* a Mr. Alex Richardson went over on the *Athenia,* and a ship's surgeon I talked to was on the *Lady Hawkins.*

I think the *Athenia* was the first of the big ships to be sunk (3 Sept. 1939). The article says the *Lady Hawkins* was the first ship carrying Canadian mail to go down, in January of 1942, and the *Empress* was sunk in October of 1940!

Would there have been any mail on the *Empress of Britain*?

Patrick Campbell
Pierrefonds, QC

AN ADMIRER FOR MALOTT

Sir,

As a stocktaker in a Canadian Forces Ammunition Depot, one of the books on the bookshelf is *An Analysis of Depot Stocktaking Procedures within the Canadian Forces Supply System,* co-authored by S/L Richard K. Malott and dated August 1966. I enjoyed reading the article about him in the May-June issue of *The Canadian Philatelist.* It was nice to see a picture too.

Robert J.H. Poulin
Victoria

A CORRECTION TO "THE IRON ROAD"

Sir,

I am returning from a visit to CAPEX. While enquiring about steps to join the RPSC, I received a copy of *The Canadian Philatelist,* Sept.-Oct. 1992.

Although this is a rather old issue, I would like to comment on a stamp depicting a train accident ("The Iron Road, p. 423). The description of a 1950 Cuban stamp says that "the derailment occurred during the Battle for Santa Clara." I would guess that the author refers to the battle of Santa Clara that took place during the uprising against the government in late 1958. Therefore, the stamp could hardly commemorate an action that had not yet taken place.

This set (Scott 452-54) was released on 21 September 1950, as the eighth annual issue for the Communications Employees Pension Fund. It depicts two postal clerks (Manuel Balanzategui and Antonio L. Pausa) and a train wreck at San Luis, province of Oriente. The wreck took place on 30 May 1947. Both clerks died as a result of the wreck. By the way, San Luis is some 400 km from Santa Clara.

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A SPRAY CANCEL VARIETY

Sir,

I have a question to present to the membership. An overseas stamp colleague of mine, from Austria, is an avid collector of Canadian stamps and cancels. He has come across a curiosity which to date has been unsolved: a mirror-image cancel.



Spray cancels are on the rise, no doubt. These cancels are usually readable in the normal fashion, from left to right. The question is, how can such a cancel happen mirror-image inverted? This is not a prank. It actually happened, as the example shows. Does anyone know how come?

Konrad Reinegger
Maynooth, Ontario

PROOFS AGAIN

Sir,

Let me briefly respond to the letter of Mr. M. Madesker (May-June issue) criticizing me for my comments regarding the definition of proofs published in the March-April issue of *The Canadian Philatelist.*

My intention was to show that certain definitions of proofs are illogical and as such are ambiguous and misleading. I do not think that a dissetaion was necessary for this and the readers can judge for themselves whether or not I was successful in achieving my goal. When criticizing one definition I had to offer an alternate definition or at leasrt point out a direction to pursue. I chose the later option. This is why my comments had been entitled "Proof: Towards the Correct Definition."

My opponent claims that when commenting on the definition of a proof, I have created a controversy but did not bother to show where and how I did it. He states that I have accomplished nothing. Well, he is not exactly right, although his letter is not what I would normally expect. The future will show whether my publication was a pure waste of time or whether it initiated efforts to clarify the issue.

Mr. Madesker insinuates that by writing my comments I targeted the exhibit which I had previously judged and accuses me of breach of mandate of a philatelic judge. My comments are about defining. I did not identify an exhibitor or his exhibit; even stamps which made me question the definition were described very generally. What I have identified was a catalogue which was used by the exhibitor as a reference, but the catalogue is also not a target. The only target is one definition included in it. The charge of unethical behaviour has therefore no foundations.

I believe that even the most controversial issue can be discussed. Discussion, however, means arguing about the subject of the opponent's opinions, reasoning, etc., not attacking the opponent himself. Discrediting me will not improve the definition that I have criticized.

Mr. Madesker's contribution to philately cannot be overestimated and I have a great deal of respect for him. I am astonished, however, by the way he responded to my comments.

J.J. Danielski
Scarborough

"NO" TO UNCUT PANES

Sir,

Now that Canada Post has broken the ice by issuing an uncut sheet of five panes of the birds stamps, perhaps they could be persuaded to issue double width rolls, so that I could paper my den.

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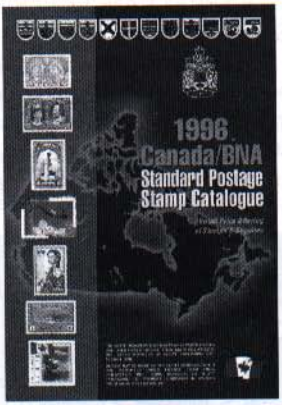
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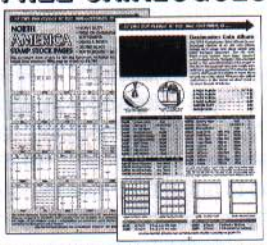
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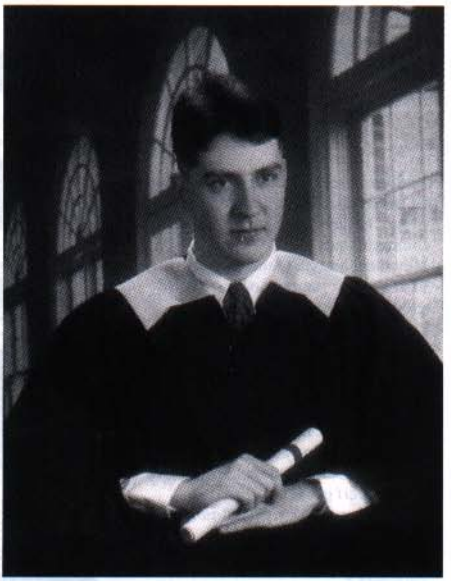
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Competition was intense at CAPEX 96 as 52 youths from all over the world, aged 15 to 21, vied for top honours.

The jury awarded four Large Vermeil medals, the highest that can be given to a Youth exhibit in International competition. These top winners were Guillaume Vadeboncoeur of Canada, Staffan Ferden of Sweden, Kathryn Yadon of the United States, and Andrade Liliana of Romania.

Mr. Vadeboncoeur (pictured below) also won the best in class award, and a special prize of a silver cloisonne plate donated by the Cyprus Philatelic Society. He showed his five-frame exhibit on the Small Queens of Canada, a specialized study featuring essays, die and plate proofs, issued stamps and usages. He was Canada's Philatelic Youth of the Year in 1992.



Fifteen Canadian youth, almost a quarter of the total, competed at CAPEX. Their names and awards are listed elsewhere in this issue.

From all appearances philately is thriving among our youth—a good sign for the future.



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The Lindemann Collection	The Canadas, 1851-1867	

Gold

Jack Wallace	British Columbia and Vancouver Island	
Stephen J. Menich	Canada's Large Queen Stamps	
Allan J. Steinhart	Prestamp and Stampless Covers to and from BNA, 1685-1865	

Large Vermeil

The Douglas Collection	Postage Stamps of Canada, 1851-1901	
Edward J. Nixon	Cabada—1870-1897 Small Queen Issue	
Leslie H. Porter	Nova Scotia, 1860-1868	
F. Warren Dickson	Estonia, 1918-1940	
Leon Balian	Egypt, 1871-1881	
Alan Meech	Japanese Occupation of Burma	
Robert Parsons	Steamboat Mail in Eastern Canada	
Piotr S. Madej	Postal History of Katowice to 1939	
J.J. Danielski	Internment of Polish Servicemen during WWII	
Frederick R. Stubens	The Postal History of Hong Kong and the Treaty Ports	
Michael Shand	Airmails of New Zealand, 1919-1940	
Guillaume Vadeboncoeur	The Small Queens of Canada	(Junior)
Michel Forand	*The Congress Book*	(Literature)
Joseph Monteiro	*Definitives of Canada: The Last Quarter Century*, Vol.1	(Literature)

Vermeil

Fred Fawn	Canada Imperial Penny Postage, 1898	
Alan Selby	Canada—The King Edward Issue of Canada, 1902-1912	
Kenneth Magee	Ireland, 1840-1901	
William J. Liaskas	The Ionian Islands, 1501-1900	
Donald R.J. Welsh	Fiji—King Cakobau and Queen Victoria Issues, 1871-1902	
C. Faucher & J. Poitras	Histoire Postale de la Gaspésie et du Bas-du-Fleuve (1780-1870)	
Eric Manchee	Bytown/Ottawa: Postal History up to Confederation	
Jim A. Hennock	Canadian Fancy Cancellations of the Large Queen & Small Queen Era	
Ross Gray	Railway Postmarks of Canada: The Early Years	
Alex Artuchov	Dot Postmarks of Imperial Russia	
William Topping	Yukon Airways and Exploration	
Raymond Ireson	The Panama Canal Story	
V.G. Greene Foundation	*Canada's Decimal Era*	(Literature)

Large Silver

Herbert L. McNaught	The Half-Cent Small Queen Issue of 1882-1897	
Michael Rixon	The Small Queens of Canada: 6-Cent and 2-Cent Values of 1872	
Patrick Durbano	The Perforated Officials of Canada	
Richard P. Thompon	The Four-Ring Numeral Cancels of Canada	
David G. Nixon	(Australia) "The Georgians"	
William L. Percy	New Zealand, First Pictorials, 1898-1908	
Colin Troup	Postamrk Niagara, 1789-1859	
"Maritimus"	Postal History of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia	
Kathryn Lamb	Newspaper Covers and Cards from U. C., C.W., and Ontario	
David Handelman	Canadian RegistrationSince Joining the UPU	
Robert Heasman	Canada's Bickerdike Mail Marking Machines	
E. Richards Toop	Prisoner of War Mail—World War II	
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Michel Forand	*British Caribbean Philatelic Journal*	(Literature)
Gordon Stimmel	*The Penny Post*	(Literature)
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John McEntyre	Cartier of Canada	
Dieter Kuehner	German State of Bavaria — The Numeral Issues, 1849-1867	
Raili Neuhäuser-Berggren	West German Building Series, 1946	
William G. Robinson	Northern Gold	
John Frith	The Canadian Expeditionary Force, 1914-1919 (Medical Corps)	
Kevin O'Reilly	The Eastern Arctic Patrol, 1922-1965	
Roger (Hank) Narbonne	MOOD — Money Order Office Datestamp	
Viktor E. Sten	Denmark Postage Due	
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Ian S. Robertson	Articles from *Canadian Stamp News*	(Literature)
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For members who do not have a copy of the CAPEX Palmares, we have listed the Canadian winners on pages 259 and 261. We congratulate all the exhibitors on their achievement and the fine and diverse showing they presented of philatley in Canada.

A number of Canadians served on the jury, which consisted of 57 members, apprentices, and consultants. Dr. Robert Chaplin of Toronto served as President of the jury, Harry Sutherland of Toronto as Vice-President, and Charles Verge of Ottawa as Secretary. Jurors included Murray Heifetz, Miet Kamienski, James Kraemer, Jean-Claude Lafleur, Michael Madesker, and Kenneth Rowe. Richard Gratton provided services with the Expert Group. R.K. Malott acted as a consultant, while Cimon Morin and Joseph Shelton gained International level experience as apprentices.



AN IMPORTANT BIRTHDAY

To celebrate her 100th birthday, Mme. Berthe de Tremaudan was honoured by her philatelic friends at a gathering hosted by the Greater Victoria Philatelic Society and the Vancouver Island Philatelic Society on April 19. Above, Rick Deegan and Don Shorting, presidents of the two clubs, give their personal greetings to the guest of honour.

Canada Post prepared a specially designed commemorative cover, featuring her portrait in stamp format as the cachet. The stamp received a cancel featuring a birthday ribbon (probably a first in Canada). Following the formal presentations, she narrated a slide presentation of one of her interests, "Humour in Philatelic Terminology."

As well as being a knowledgable and active collector, she is a published author and poet, and has won literary awards in Quebec. Attending society members received copies of the cover, many of which were autographed by Mme. Tremaudan.



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The Lucan post office, opened in 1857, predates the 1871 incorporation of the village. Some covers may still be available from Postmaster Vicki Whitters, Lucan, ON N0M 2J0; telephone (519) 227-4400.

FREE ADMISSION AT PACIFIC 97

The organizers of the PACIFIC 97 International show, running from May 29 to June 8 next year, have announced that there will be no admission charge at the show. This is a major departure from the standard practice at International shows. In foregoing admission revenue, exhibition manager Bob Thomson hopes to encourage more families to attend, and to be more effective in promoting philately by encouraging the largest possible attendance.

The PACIFIC 97 show has already proven to be popular with potential exhibitors. Commissioner-General Joseph Schwartz reports that some 1,300 applications have been received, requesting space that would consume 7,500 frames. As only 3,500 frames are available for competitive exhibits, the Committee will be busy through August with a selection process. Notification to exhibitors will go out in early October. Preliminary entries had to be submitted by 3 June 1996. The space restrictions do not apply to literature entries, and all qualified literature exhibits will be accepted.

We will publish further updates on PACIFIC 97 when information is available.

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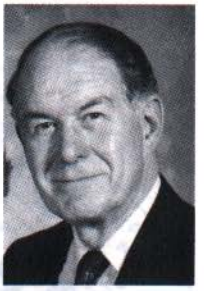
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The President's Page / La page du président



by William G. Robinson

Well, CAPEX 96 is history. After years of preparation it sped by in a few days. Although the crowds weren't large by Asian or European standards, the dealers and postal administrations appeared happy with their financial results.

The show was graciously opened by our Patron, the Governor General, Romeo LeBlanc, and was jointly hosted by Canada Post and the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada. A reception was held on the opening day to welcome RPSC members, and visitors from the Royal Philatelic Society of London and the Commonwealth and foreign societies. This was held in the atrium of the new Canadian Broadcasting Corporation building—across Front Street from the CAPEX site. The guests were welcomed by the Honorable André Ouellet, chairman of the board of Canada Post Corporation, and myself, along with our respective wives. There was a full house.

Over 3200 frames filled with the finest exhibits ever seen in Canada greeted visitors, along with showings from the Queen's collection brought by the curator, Charles Goodwyn. There were exhibits of Canadian rarities assembled by Charles Firby, Yukon exhibits gathered by Gray Scrimgeour and Ken Kutz, and many Championship Class exhibits from all over the world.

Numerous philatelic societies hosted lounges to greet their members and to attract prospective members. Our own booth was efficiently hosted by Michael Nowlan of Oromocto, N.B., assisted by our treasurer, David Oberholtzer of Waterloo, Ont., and numerous dedicated members. Over seventy new members were recruited, and many RPSC ties, scarves, pins, and other products were sold. Our sincere thanks are expressed to the many volunteers who made this a success.

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday, June 15. We elected eight directors to serve from 1996 to 1998, received the audited financial statements for 1995, received reports from all the officers and section heads, decided to start publishing a Chapter Newsletter (to be edited by Ray Ireson of the Lakeshore Club of Dorval, Quebec). The directors re-elected the officers by acclamation for 1996-97.

During the year we lost three Fellows of the Society—Robert H. Pratt, E. Richards Toop, and Ralph Mitchener. This dropped the roll to 38 (of whom two are inactive. To replace them the Fellows elected K. Gray Scrimgeour of Victoria, Joseph M. Shelton of Toronto, and F. Burton Sellers, RDP, of Sun City, Arizona, FIP Coordinator for CAPEX and past president of the American Philatelic Society.

We hope to see many of you at PACIFIC '97 in San Francisco next May, and are looking forward to this show which will emphasize Pacific Rim philately.

Our next convention and Annual General Meeting will be held in Calgary, September 19 to 21, 1997. Calgary is noted for fine western hospitality, and we hope you will be able to attend. CAPEX 96 will be a hard act to follow, but we have no doubt that Calgary will succeed. ALL THE BEST et BIEN A VOUS.

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CAPEX 96 *UPDATE. . .*

by Michael O. Nowlan

RPSC BOOTH A GREAT SUCCESS!

Our booth at the CAPEX show was a busy spot, and often was a beehive of activity. Several members volunteered to serve two-hour shifts, and several helped out for longer periods. Many members stopped by to chat and sign the guest book. Some raised concerns that we were able to answer on the spot, and we referrwed others to the RPSC office for follow-up.

The booth raised the awareness of and profile of the RPSC. During the show we signed up 76 new members. Visitors also had a chance to purchase RPSC materials. We sold out the available supply of ties and almost sold out the scarves. RPSC pins were also popular. Back issues of *The Canadian Philatelist* were also available.

A feature to attract new members was a free RPSC pin, six assorted back issues of *The Canadian Philatelist,* and a chance to win a daily prive or one of two grand prizes.

These were the daily prize winners:

June 8: Lawrence Greer, Cobourg, Ontario
June 9: Gerald Parsons, St. George, Ontario
June 10: William Wright, Sacramento, California
June 11: David Beech, London, England
June 12: Keith Rourke, Lachine, Quebec
June 13: Gerald Dunn, Mississauga, Ontario
June 14: Richard Hale, Vancouver, British Columbia
June 15: Patrick Hollingworth, Holland Landing, Ontario
June 16: David McIntyre, Amherst, New York

The Grand Prize from Canada Post Corporation, a framed uncut Historic Vehicles sheet, was won by F. Beattiie McDonald of Burlington, Ontario. The other Grand Prize, a Life Membership in the RPSC, went to Lenore Gray of Livonia, Michigan.

I want to thank everyone who worked in the booth and those who supported the RPSC cause in any way during CAPEX 96. It was an event at which the Royal was very visible,and members seemed very pleased.

I also want to thank President Bill Robinson and the executive for the confidence they placed in me to organize the booth. A special thanks goes to David Oberholtzer who gave me much assistance in setting up the booth and the return of materials to the office on Merton Street after the show.

Members who assisted it the booth included John Lane, Mark Armstrong, George Vandenberg, John Robertson, Ronald Allen, David Oberholtzer, John Powell, Graham McCleave, Bill Bailey, Niels-Erik Jensen, Ernie Moyle, Brian Limbourn, Molly Krjewski, Don LeBlanc, André Theriault, and Bill Robinson. If I missed someone, I am very sorry. I took these names from my work sheet, and there may have been one or two who did a shift and whose names I did not record.

Thanks again, everyone!



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Fellows of the Society

by Beverlie A. Clark, FRPSC

Alan G. McKanna



Alan McKanna, membership number 6661, was elected a Fellow of the Society in 1965 and is now the longest serving Fellow.

Mr. McKanna was born in England where he lived until after the Second World War. He is a chartered accountant by profession, but is now retired.

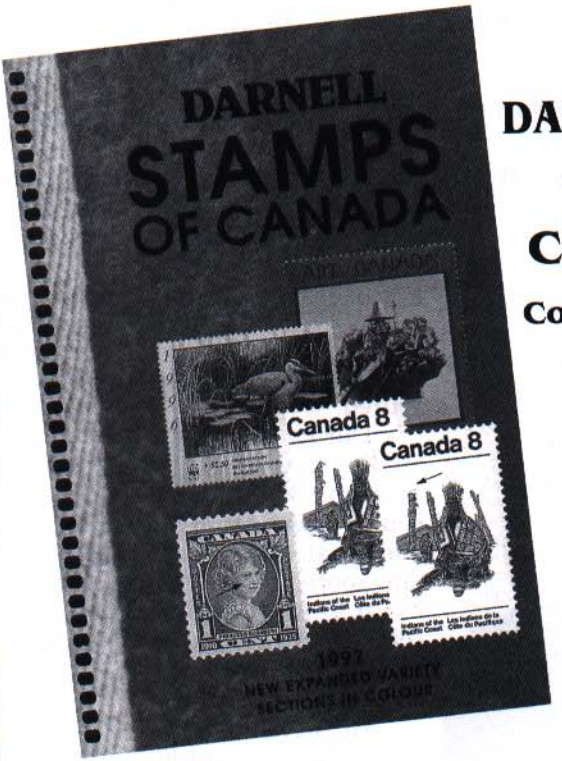
During World War II he served in the Royal Artillery and saw service in India and Burma. After the war he held senior accounting positions in the chemical industry, in Britain and Singapore. In 1951 he came to Canada to establish a Canadian subsidiary company. Upon his retirement he was Vice-President, Finance, still in the chemical industry.

Mr. McKanna has been a collector most of his life and his main interest has always been French philately with an emphasis on the Sower Issues of France, as well as cancellations during that period and Paris cancellations in earlier periods. In addition, he developed specialized collections of the Wilding and Machin Issues of Great Britain, New Zealand, and some definitive issues of Denmark. His exhibits have won him many high awards nationally, and he has served for a number of years on national juries.

He has been actively involved in organized philately for many years and his service to the Royal has been extensive. From 1958 to 1968 he was Treasurer of the Society, and a Director from 1968 to 1970 and from 1979 to date. Mr. McKanna was directly involved with the late Dr. G.M. Geldert, the then President of the Society, in the process leading to the Society receiving Royal recognition in 1959.

He served as Treasurer of CAPEX 78, CANADA 82, CAPEX 87, and was on the committee for CAPEX 96. In 1982-83 he served as President of the Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada. From 1987 to date he has been the Treasurer of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada Philatelic Research Foundation.

Mr. McKanna and his wife reside in Alliston, Ontario, but are quite frequently in Toronto pursuing their interests.



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by Hans Reiche

FORGERIES

If you ever need to look for the information on the identification of forgeries of any country, it may be useful to consult the well-known *Album Weeds—How to Detect Forged Stamps,* by the Rev. R.B. Earleé, Rector of Miserden, Cirencester. His third edition starts with some technical notes on papers, watermarks, methods of printing, and perforation. This is followed by a number of pages of typical postmarks. Unfortunately, the cancels have been drawn in by hand and are not very accurate. Accuracy is very important for the identification of fakes. Although this book is outdated by almost a hundred years, it still ranks as a good reference for the subject of fakes. Stamp issuing entities from Afghanistan to Zurich are covered. Canada is listed on two pages, starting with the Three Pence Beaver.

Other excellent references for classic European nineteenth century stamps and old German states are the two books by Hermann Schloss. Schloss was an expert in classic stamps, and especially old German states. He once owned one of the best collections of Thurn and Taxis.

Many classic stamps exist with faked cancels. Mr. Edwin Muller from Vienna once suggested the following reasons: At the beginning cancels were not faked to improve the value of a stamp. In early collecting times catalogues seldom indicated higher prices for used stamps. One did not realize that older classic stamps had short usages. In addition, collectors often did not want to add to their collections mint stamps, and rather looked for used stamps. Used stamps were often unavailable from dealers.

Only later on did catalogues begin to list these stamps with higher values in used condition. This soon led to the faking of cancels to increase stamp values. Muller mentioned specifically such faked cancels on stamps from Austrian Levant, old German states, and the old Italian states.

CANADIAN PRECANCELS

Many different stamp shades exist on certain values of Canadian precancels. These are not specifically listed in the precancel catalogue. It would be interesting to collect data on these shade varieties from existing collections. For example, Toronto 7-113, the 7¢ Admiral, can be found in olive bistre as listed, but also in the straw shade. Your reports would be welcome.

Precancel collectors have asked how on can distinguish the two Toronto style precancels. The *Standard Canada Precancel Catalogue* of 1992 does not identify the differences among Styles 7,8, and 9. Although dimensions are given for Styles 8 and 9, the dimensions for Style 7 were omitted accidentally.

All this information was originally published in the *Official Catalog of Canada Precancels,* 14th edition, in 1983. The Style 7 dimensions should read as follows: "Toronto 13.5 mm long, Ont. 11.5 mm long. Lines not parallel." The next edition of the *Standard Canada Precancel Catalogue* should include this information.

FIFTY-CENT ADMIRAL

The 50¢ Admiral, printed from four plates, exists in both wet and dry printings. Plate 4 is known as the last plate, the dry printing. Stamps from this plate are 0.25 to 1.0 mm wider than wet printings because of less horizontal shrinkage in the drying process after printing.

Auction Sale 131 of R. Maresch and Son (11 June 1981) contained two lots described as Plate 4 in black and one "with re-entered inner framelines." Plate 4 is usually in sepia or black brown. Stamps from Plate 4 in black are very rare. Measurements show that these are about 0.75 mm narrower than others from this plate. Paper used for these black stamps must have had a higher moisture content, like wet printed stamps, resulting in horizontal shrinkage. Only a few copies have been located.

A PECULIAR BOOKLET

Illustrated below is an interesting booklet, a sample from the British America Bank Note Company. It shows a suggested design of two children. The format and style is typical of the 1967 period. The pane is gummed, perforated 10 vertically and horizontally, with the tab mounted on the inside. The colour of the engraved part is grey. This booklet is badly miscut. Does anyone have any explanations, information, or suggestions?



ADVANCES IN COLOUR REPRODUCTION

Many collectors have trouble with the identification of shades of the Small Queens and the Admirals. Some attempts were made many years ago to publish charts that would reflect the various shades of these two series of stamps. But colour photography and colour reproductions were not as advanced as they are today.

When one looks at the latest colour auction catalogues, especially from Europe, one can note the excellent reproductions that are now possible, and without very high costs. For example, the Admiral Colour Identification book, by this writer, was published in Switzerland almost 20 years ago. Major improvements could today be made to such a publication.

Here is an opportunity for someone to work in the projects of producing two new colour charts and booklets, one for the Small Queens and the other for the Admirals.

NEW CONCEPT IN PAGES

Mr. Rockford Gauthier recently developed some new and interesting stock or album pages. These are for mint stamps. Each pocket is designed to match a particular size of stamp, and is enclosed on three sides, and open on the fourth to allow for air circulation. The pages allow a complete visual examination of the stamp on both sides; that is, one can turn the enclosure over and examine the stamp from front to back.

These features are important. Many existing enclosures and mounts are practically closed on all four sides, allowing no air circulation and thus drying the stamp out. The viewing of stamps enclosed in mounts is difficult unless one takes the stamp out of the mount, and this often leads to damage. No such problem here.

At the same time, space is given to each enclosure for labelling, something not normally available with mounts. These enclosures are ready for insertion in a three-ring binder. The pages go by the name "Stampview."

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Vignettes of Early British North American Postal History

by J.C. Arnell, F.R.P.S.C.

XLIV. Comments on Special Packet Rates Pertaining to B.N.A.

On 5 April 1792, the General Post Office, London issued an extensive table of local, overseas, and foreign postal rates. The pertinent ones applying to British North America were the inland ones and two packet rates, which were:

> For letters conveyed by Packet-Boats between London and any Ports in His Majesty's West India Islands, or North America ..... 12d.
>
> For Letters conveyed by Packet-Boats from any Port in the West-India Islands, or His Majesty's Dominions in North America, to any other Port Thereof ..... 4d.

While this seems very straightforward, it was obviously subject to misinterpretation, as the letter below illustrates. This was written by George Bethune at Halifax, when in transit from New York to Tobago, on 25 October 1799. He noted that "A Packet is daily expected here on her way to you [New York]."



The letter was mailed the following day—Halifax backstamp—rated 4*d.* Stg. prepaid postage, and struck with an encircled "POST PAID". This was incorrect, for the 4*d.* Stg. rate only applied between British possessions. However, the table of postage rates did not cover the packet postage between Halifax and New York, so the 4*d.* was applied.

Over fifty years later, another letter caused some confusion as to the correct rating. This was the result of an earlier attempt by Thomas Stayner, the Canadian Deputy Postmaster General, to speed up the transfer of letters between the Maritime Provinces and the Canadas by means of the Cunard link between Halifax and Boston. In 1845-46, he sought the agreement of his U.S. counterpart to send "closed mails" between the two regions via Boston. Although they were able to reach an agreement, legal opinion in Britain was that such letters would be subject to the full 1*s.* 0*d.* Stg. transatlantic packet rate, plus any B.N.A. inland postage. After further argument with the British authorities, the Treasury agreed to a total postage of 1*s.* 0*d.* Stg. in November 1846. However, before this could be implemented, the regular "closed mail" agreement for transatlantic packet mails was cancelled by the U.S. Post Office prior to the retaliatory Act. Such an arrangement was finally adopted in October 1851.



In the meantime, it appears that the original opinion to include inland postage was applied to such letters. Above is a letter from Pictou, N.S. dated 17 June 1849 to New York, which was mailed the same day with 1*s.* 8*d.* Cy. postage from Pictou to Halifax plus 1*s.* 2*d.* Cy. packet postage. This letter arrived at Boston in the early days of the U.K.-U.S. Postal Convention and, although it had the packet postage prepaid, it was not shown in accordance with the new agreement, nor was the U.S. credit shown, coupled with the fact that it was not arriving from Britain, although on a Cunard steamer. Obviously not sure of what to do, the Boston postmaster took the safest course, treating it as a ship letter and rating it with 24 cents postage due as a transatlantic letter.

Letters such as these make collecting packet letters so fascinating.

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by/par James E. Kraemer, President/président

JAMES E. KRAEMER STEPS DOWN AS PRESIDENT OF FOUNDATION

After guiding the RPSC Philatelic Research Foundation through its formative years, beginning with its incorporation in 1986, Jim Kraemer has decided to step down as the Foundation's President. He has agreed to stay on as a Director for another year. Succeeding Mr. Kraemer as President is Denis Hamel of Toronto, Ontario.

The Foundation was registered as a charitable organization in 1990 with tax exempt status and the right to issue tax receipts for tax purposes. Since that time the Foundation has received more than $100,000.00 worth of philatelic material from generous donors.

One of the Foundation's notable achievements has been the establishment of Canada's Philatelic Youth of the Year. Beginning in 1992, the youth chosen to receive this annual award receives the Foundation's Roland Michener silver medal and a cheque for $100.00. The latter is known as the Manfred Walther Award and is made possible from funds given to the Foundation by the Harmonie Stamp Club of Toronto for this purpose.

Opusculum I, a volume of collected postal history and philatelic articles by outstanding worldwide philatelic authors, was published by the Research Foundation in 1995. A second volume, *Opusculum II*, is being prepared for release in 1997. The author of the best article in each volume, as judged by a panel of FIP International judges, is awarded a Roland Michener medal for philatelic authorship.

The RPSC Philatelic research Foundation fulfills its mandate of assisting in the education of junior collectors by various means. The Research Foundation and Canada Post Corporation have announced that they will be embarking on a joint endeavour, the research and preparation of subject matter, using postage stamps as a medium, for use in schools.

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VENICE:
SOME EARLY POSTAL HISTORY
PART VI — THE 18th CENTURY

by Michael Madesker, FRPSC

(Note: Earlier parts of this series appeared in the issues of Jan.-Feb. 1995, July-Aug. 1995, Jan.-Feb. 1996, Mar.-Apr. 1996, and May-June 1996. This installment describes mail in the second half of the 18th century. The series concludes in the Sept.-Oct. 1996 issue.)

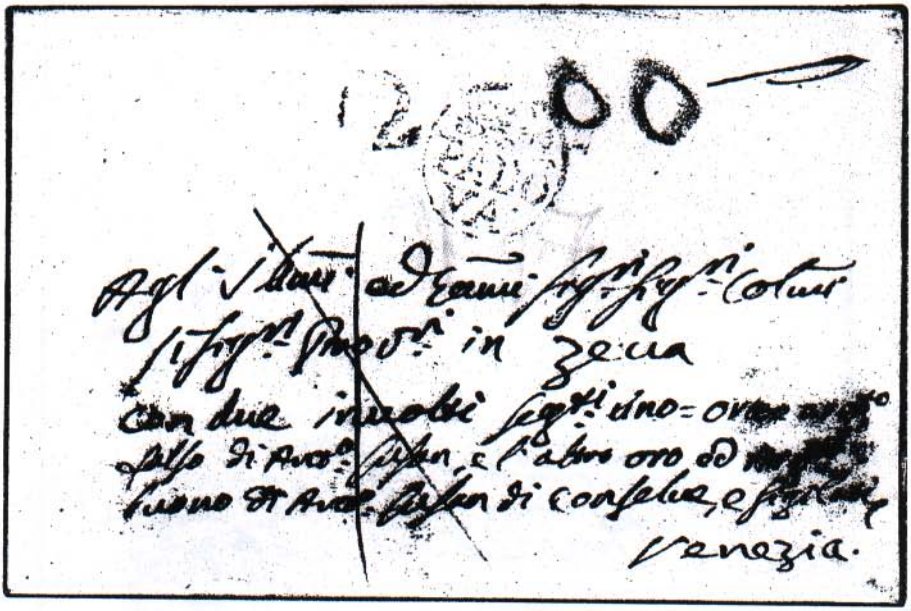
Shown below is a letter dated 19 January 1762 from Treviso to Venice. It demonstrates a most interesting phenomenon. Postage was collected on departure and acknowledged on the sealing flap with a Treviso red handstamp; 2 soldi dazio (tax) was noted on the address side.



The Senate of Venice approved new postal tariffs on August 22, 1782. A combination fee structure is shown on a letter accompanying a parcel sent on 9 June 1788 from Padova to Venice.) Illustrated at the top of page 279). The enclosed parcel consisted of two rolls of documents: "Con Due Involti."

The red "2" handstamp marked payment of one soldi postage and one soldi dazio. The manuscript "X" indicated enclosure, while the two circles, Rötelkreisen, were applied to show payment of postage and dazio for the parcel.

The PADO/VA handstamp with the St. Marc's Lion was applied on departure. An *en face* St. Marc's Lion was embossed on the sealing wafer.

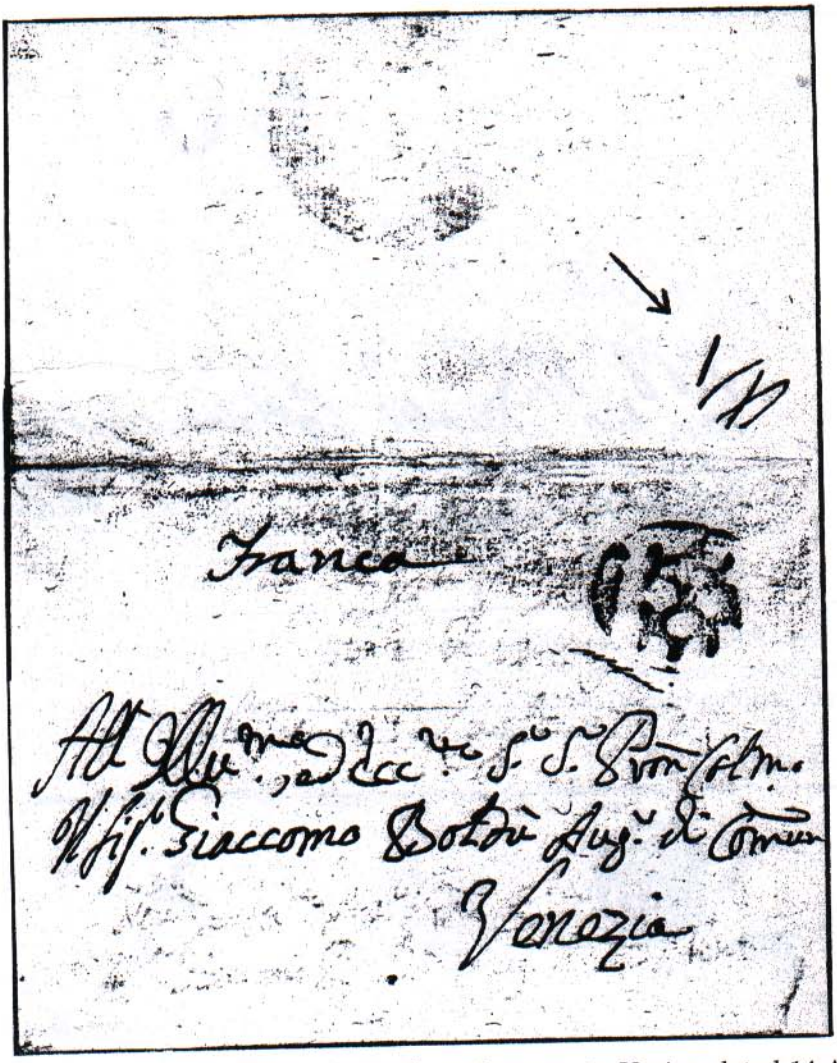


The 1782 Tariffs provided payment of 2 1/2 soldi postage and one soldo dazio for a single sheet letter. The letter of 25 June 1785 from Lendenara to Venice, shown below, carries a 3 1/2 soldi handstamp. This device was used from 1782 to 1797. The departure postmark, applied to the sealing flap, was in use from 1779 until 1792.



The paper strip overlapping the seal was intertwined in much the same manner as if it were a string, and held both sides of the sealing flap, securely reinforced by wax or wafer.

At the top of page 280 is a letter, with an enclosure, dated 12 July 1777, from Calaijio, Lombardy to Venice via Bergamo. It was taxed 5 soldi. The fees of 4 soldi postage and 1 soldo dazio were marked in manuscript near the crease of the sealing flap. The address side carried the designation "FRANCA" — prepaid — and a mute transit postmark of Bergamo.

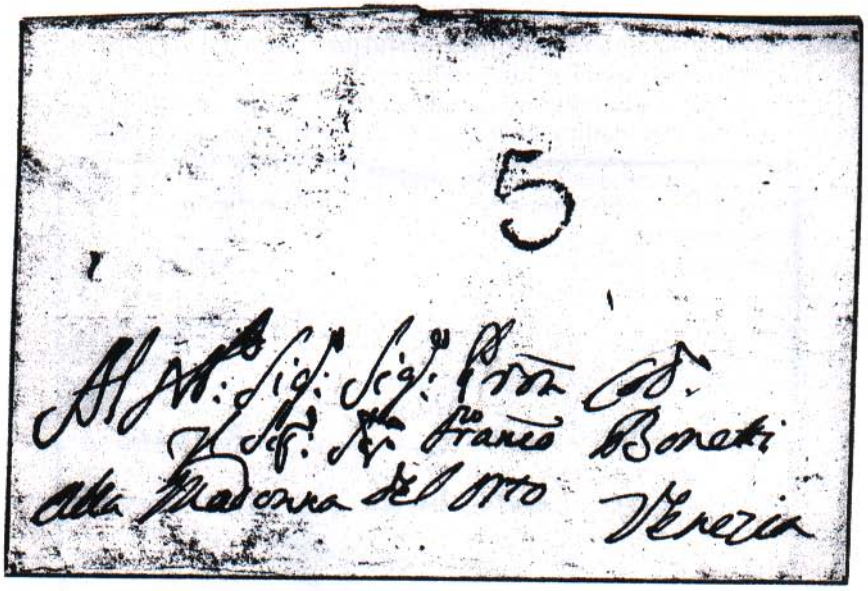


At the top of page 281 is a letter from Bergamo to Venice, dated 14 April 1795, and bearing a 5 soldi handstamp. The breakdown of fees followed the now familiar pattern: 4 soldi postage and 1 soldo dazio. The "BERG/AMO" departure handstamp was applied on the sealing flap.

It must be noted that in special instances, temporary raises in fees were permitted. This fact makes it important for the student of this subject to study all documents carefully for verification. These temporary raises are not to be confused with special assessments which are, as a rule, well documented.

Services Outside the City of Venice

The Republic of Venice was served by the postal services of several states and cities, by private couriers, and its own institutions, in most cases for the convenience of its citizens. The activities of all came under the jurisdiction of an officer appointed by the Senate.

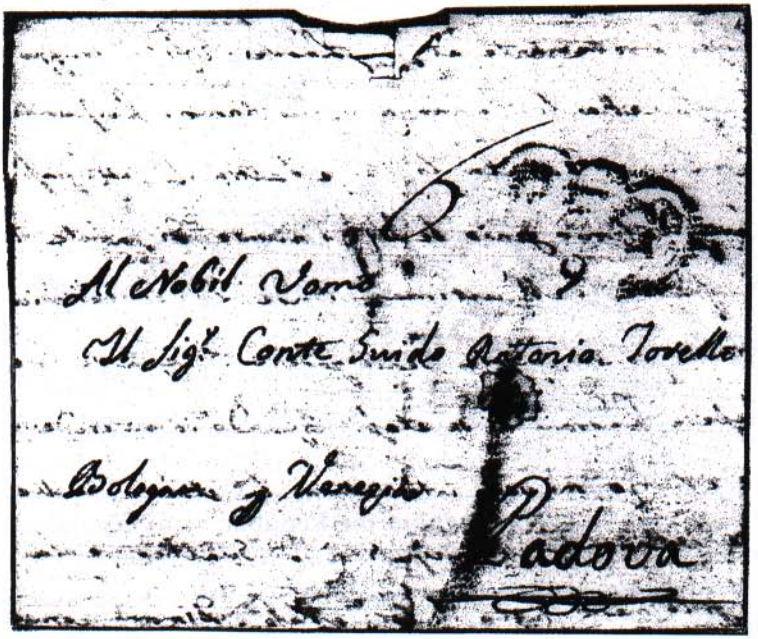


Most of the postal services had their terminals within the city of Venice and, as a rule, did not have the licensing rights to deliver or pick up mails within the Republic. Services within the Republic were maintained by the Compagnia dei Corrieri Veneti, its agents and transformations.

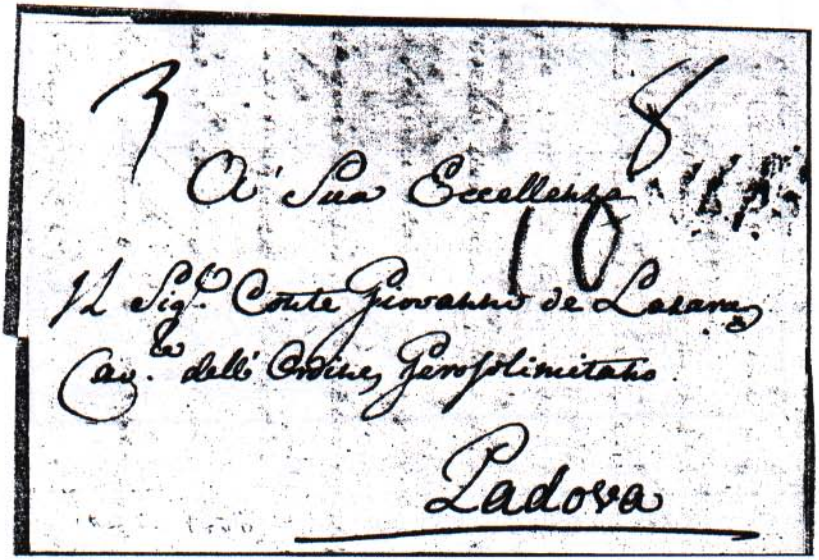


The City-State of Ferrara was one of the jurisdictions providing its services to Venice. Above is a letter dated 22 February 1794 from Ferrara to Venice, It was taxed 8 soldi for one ounce weight, according to the Regulations of June 3, 1716.

Below is a letter from Reggio nel Emilia to Padova. It was carried by Corrieri di Modena via Bolgna to the terminal in Venice and then delivered to Padua by Corrieri Veneti. The letter was taxed 7 soldi: 6 soldi postage from Reggio to Venice, 1 soldo for delivery to Padua. The letter was postmarked on departure with Reggio's bollo di cuore, showing that mailing took place in the ninth week of the year.



The Corrieri di Roma carried a letter dated 16 May 1786 (shown below) from Naples to Padova via their Venice terminal. The letter was taxed 10 soldi: 8 soldi on behalf of the Corrieri di Roma, 1 soldo for postage from Venice, and 1 soldo dazio.



ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CANADA
AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada

We have audited the balance sheet of The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada as at December 31, 1995 and the statements of members' equity (deficit), income and expense and changes in financial position for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Society's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

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

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

In our opinion, except for the effect of adjustments, if any, which we might have determined to be required had we been able to audit the fees and miscellaneous income and examine the inventory, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Society as at December 31, 1995 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Fergus, Ontario
March 7, 1996

Robinson, Lott & Brohman
Chartered Accountants

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. OPERATIONS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada is a non-profit organization incorporated under the laws of Canada without share capital. The objectives of the Society are to:

(1) Encourage and promote the science of philately by the acquirement and study of stamps;

(2) Encourage and assist new collectors and to assist local clubs and societies wherever possible;

(3) Stimulate and advance affiliations between collectors and similar organizations in other countries.

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

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

(c) The computer equipment is recorded at cost and is being amortized on the straight line method at 20% per annum.

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

2. TRUST FUNDS RE SALES DEPARTMENT

The Society operates a sales department where members can offer stamps for sale to other members. The funds received from the sale of such stamps net of commissions are held in trust for owners until the books containing the stamps are retired at which time payments are made. The operation of the sales department is contracted out and the details of the operation are not part of the records of the Society. The net funds received on behalf of owners however are held in bank accounts in the name of the

Society. There were balances totalling $57,728 on deposit as at December 31, 1995 (1994 - $58,966).

3. LIFE MEMBERSHIP EQUITY

In the current year the Society adopted the policy to amortize life memberships to General Equity over a thirty year term. Life Members Equity is credited annually with interest at 4 3/4% per annum on the end of year balances.

The $19,892 transfer from Life Members included in comparative figures represents retroactive application of the amortization policy to December 31, 1993.

4. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified in order to conform with current year presentation.

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1995

ASSETS

	1995	1994
CURRENT		
Cash	$ 12,729	$ 60,359
Bank certificates	30,000	0
Accounts receivable	16,554	9,110
Accrued interest on investments	1,050	1,050
Inventory	11,244	13,403
Prepaid expense	2,840	1,439
	74,417	85,361
INVESTMENT		
7% Guaranteed investment certificate due December 31, 1997	15,000	15,000
CAPITAL		
Computer equipment	17,372	17,372
Accumulated amortization	13,538	10,563
	3,834	6,809
	$ 93,251	$ 107,170

LIABILITIES

CURRENT		
Accounts payable	$ 1,288	$ 12,536
Payments received in advance		
Advertising	2,609	2,210
Membership fees	31,255	34,923
Chapter fees	901	872
	36,053	50,541

MEMBERS' EQUITY

BALANCE, end of year		
Life members	47,303	50,370
General	9,895	6,259
	57,198	56,629
	$ 93,251	$ 107,170

STATEMENT OF MEMBERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1995

	1995	1994
LIFE MEMBERS		
BALANCE, beginning of year	$ 50,370	$ 72,021
Transfer to General Equity (note 3)	0	(19,892)
	50,370	52,129
Contribution re new members	685	1,080
Transfer to General Equity (note 3)	(3,752)	(2,839)
BALANCE, end of year	$ 47,303	$ 50,370
GENERAL		
BALANCE, beginning of year	$ 6,259	($ 16,749)
Transfer from Life Members Equity (note 3)	0	19,893
	6,259	3,143
Transfer from Members Equity (note 3)	3,752	2,839
	10,011	5,982
Net income (loss), for the year	(116)	277
BALANCE, end of year	$ 9,895	$ 6,259

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1995

	1995	1994
INCOME		
Membership fees	$ 65,656	$ 70,227
Chapter fees	1,534	1,491
Admission fees	547	856
Slide programme (net)	195	257
Income from investments	2,812	2,170
Foreign exchange	4,276	4,725
Miscellaneous	711	2,458
	75,731	82,184
EXPENSE		
Magazine		
Printing, postage and distribution	59,500	62,947
Editorial costs	2,295	1,007
	61,795	63,954
Less - advertising revenue	18,810	10,956
Net cost of magazine	42,985	52,998
International representation	1,700	1,147
Convention	1,937	1,780
Society promotion	1,754	645
General administration	16,671	17,573
Sales department - net	1,674	993
Audit and legal	1,358	1,422
Printing and stationery	442	199
Postage	2,484	2,157
Directors' expense	1,867	1,428
Anti-theft committee	0	129
Computer maintenance	0	128
Amortization of computer equipment	2,975	1,308
	75,847	81,907
NET INCOME (LOSS), from operations for the year	($ 116)	$ 277

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1995

	1995	1994
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net income (loss) from operations for the year	($ 116)	$ 277
Items charged to operations, not requiring a current outlay of cash		
Amortization	2,975	1,308
	2,859	1,585
Net change in non-cash operating balances		
(Increase) decrease in current assets		
Accounts receivable	(7,444)	1,011
Accrued interest on investments	0	(1,050)
Inventory	2,159	(1,336)
Prepaid convention expense	(1,401)	(439)
Increase (decrease) in current liabilities		
Accounts payable	(11,248)	(6,669)
Payments received in advance	(3,240)	(165)
	(21,174)	(8,648)
	(18,315)	(7,063)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Life memberships	685	1,080
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of capital assets	0	(2,000)
(DECREASE) IN CASH, for the year	(17,630)	(7,983)
CASH, beginning of year	60,359	68,342
CASH, end of year	$ 42,729	$ 60,359
REPRESENTED BY:		
Cash	$ 12,729	$ 60,359
Bank certificates	30,000	0
	$ 42,729	$ 60,359

THE BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC AND CANADIAN MAIL, PART IV

by James E. Kraemer, FRPSC

(Note: the first part of Mr. Kraemer's article on Canadian mail and mail losses on the North Atlantic during World War II appeared in the May-June 1995 issue, the second part in the November-December 1995 issue, and the third part in the May-June 1996 issue. This is the concluding part of the series.)

Allied shipping went through a very difficult period in 1942. The German U-boats were ranging far into the Atlantic. They could remain at sea for four months. Allied raids against the U-boat pens in Germany proved useless. By April 1943 the Germans were delivering a new U-boat every Tuesday. The first months of 1943 saw an all-out German onslaught on the North Atlantic sea lanes. In February and March alone U-boats sank 171 Allied ships.



Postal Corps clerks sorting mail at a Canadian Base Post Office.

S.S. Newton Ash

The British steamship *Newton Ash*, which left Halifax on 22 January 1943, was the first ship carrying Canadian mail to be lost at sea in 1943 due to enemy action. She carried a total of 4,432 bags of mail, most of the which was parcel post. There were 1,991 bags from the Sub Base Post Office in Montreal, 189 bags from Montreal, and 2,000 bags from the Base Post Office in Ottawa. In addition there were 250 bags of newspapers from the Ottawa post office and two bags of empty mail bags from National Defence, Ottawa.

The *Newton Ash*, a 4,625 ton steamer, was on a voyage from Saint John, New Brunswick to Hull, England with a load of grain and mail. She was torpedoed and sunk on 8 February 1943 by the German submarine U-402 under Lt. Commander Siegfried von Forstner, K.C., at 25° 25'N, 22° 26'W, about 700 miles west of Inishtrahull. Of her crew of 38 and five gunners, there were only four survivors.

The steamer was built in 1935 by C. Strubin and Company, for W. Pickersgill and Sons. She had 346 n.h.p. triple expansion engines and measured 372 feet by 54 feet.

Mail Loss Complaints

Despite the U-boat successes, the Canadian wartime Postmaster General, William P. Mulock, reckoned that all but three per cent of armed forces mail was getting through.

Not everyone was so certain. A parliamentary exchange recorded in Hansard of 15 April 1943 has Mulock commenting on criticisms levelled against the Post Office in letters and in an editorial in the Toronto *Globe and Mail:*

> As a matter of fact total losses of all parcels for armed forces and civilians from all sources, including enemy action, theft, fire and other causes did not amount to three per cent. In regard to parcels containing cigarettes and tobacco, during 1942, 2,149,974 parcels were dispatched to the troops overseas. Of these, 61,889 parcels were lost as a result of enemy action, a percentage of 2.87.

James Ralston, the Minister of Defence, said that a Canadian army overseas order restricting the number of cigarettes any one serviceman could receive to 1,000 per month, was passed because British authorities were alarmed at the sale of duty-free Canadian cigarettes to British civilians.

Matches and Fires

Relatives of those in the armed forces liked to send matches with their cigarettes, and the fires they caused were almost as dangerous as the U-boats. On 5 December 1942 a major fire caused by matches in a parcel on board a ship at Halifax resulted in damages to part of a shipment of 7,041 bags of mail destined for overseas.

Another loss of mail took place on 20 April 1943 when matches in a parcel caught fire in the Halifax post office. Fortunately, the fire was extinguished and the loss was small. Warnings continued to be given in the Post Office Bulletin following every fire. The Post Office Act was amended to make the mailing of inflammables (matches were classed as inflammables) a summary offence with a $100.00 fine or three months in jail or both. In addition, it was made an indictable offence. A notice reporting these changes to postal regulations was printed in the Post Office weekly bulletin of 19 June 1943.

A further small loss of mail resulted on 29 November 1943 when matches in parcels ignited at a Base postal facility.

S.S."T-1"

The Chief Superintendent of the Railway Mail Service received word on 29 March 1943 that the *S.S. "T-1,"* on which mail had been loaded on February 26

in Halifax, had been lost at sea in early March as a result of enemy action. The steamer carried 3,837 bags of mail as follows: three bags of registered mail and 19 of letters from Halifax; one bag of registered, 18 of letters and 212 of parcels from the Halifax Base Post Office; two bags of registered and ten of letters from the Fleet Mail Office; 31 bags of registered, 151 of letters and 386 of parcels from Montreal; 1,450 bags of parcels from the Montreal Sub Base P.O.; 40 bags of diplomatic mail and one of registered from Ottawa; 17 bags of registered mail, 237 of letters, 110 of newspapers, and 1,090 of parcels from the Ottawa Base P.O.; 42 bags of registered mail from Newfoundland; and a single bag of registered mail from St. Pierre and Miquelon. There were also 16 bags of empty mail bags from Montreal.

S.S. "T-2"

The *S.S. "T-2"* was due in Saint John, New Brunswick on or about 9 March 1943. She was overdue and presumed lost. On board were 2,427 bags of mail destined for Canada. The mail was posted in England and Scotland between February 17 and 25 inclusive. Included in the mail were magazines posted between February 8 and 25th.

Were the *S.S. T-1* and the *S.S. T-2* the *S.S. Empire Standard* and the *S.S. Fort Norman*? Both ships were approximately 7,000 tons and were reported lost at sea by enemy action on 9 March 1943.

S.S. "M-790"

The steamer *S.S. "M-790"* left the United Kingdom bound for Canada on 12 April 1943. The ship was lost at sea. In her hold was an unknown amount of mail addressed to Canada. It had been posted in England and Scotland from April 1 to 8 inclusive.

In the interests of secrecy some ships were identified by a number. Many of these numbers were prefixed with the letter "W." The ships mentioned above have the letter "T" or "M." Despite many enquiries the author has been unable to determine the actual names of these ships.

The Battle Turns

During April 1943 the tide of battle began to turn and May proved to be as disastrous for the U-boats as March had been for the convoys. More escorts, more experience, continuous air cover and support groups, new weapons, and improved intelligence were defeating the U-boat. During the month of May 1943, 41 U-boats were sunk. Admiral Dönitz lost his son when U-954 was destroyed. On 24 May 1943 Dönitz called off the U-boat offensive and announced, "we have lost the Battle of the Atlantic." The Axis forces in North Africa surrendered on May 7.

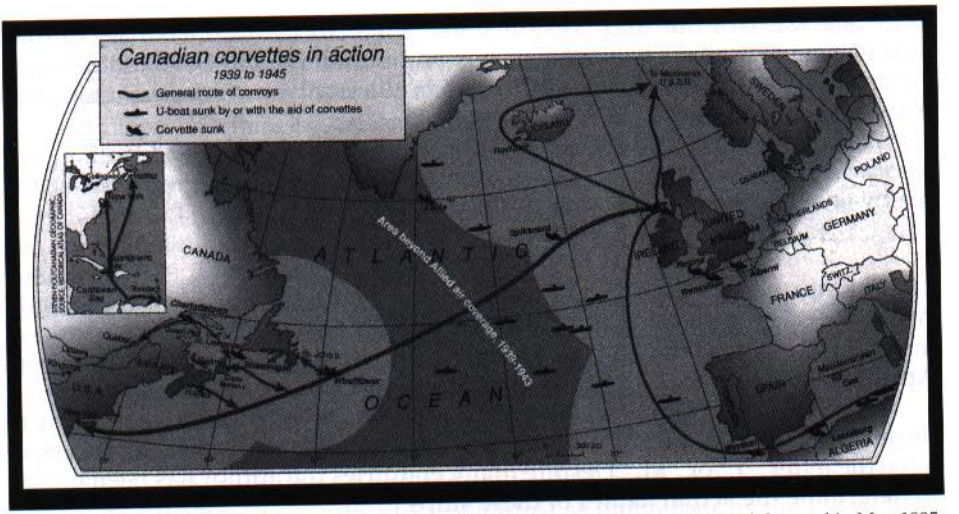
During the War bigger and better U-boats were developed. The use of snorkels, improved batteries, radar detectors and other electronic devices made the submarine difficult to sink. On the other hand, the Allies developed an underwater sound location device known as "asidic" or "sonar," and became skilled in the use of depth charges.

Another new device, known as the "hedge-hog," was an effective weapon. An increased American presence helped turn the tide against the U-boat. In 1943 more than 200 U-boats were destroyed.

The Corvettes

In 1943, 26 Canadian corvettes were modified. They carried the latest in radar and heavy secondary armament of Overlikon guns. The latest ant-submarine weapon, the "hedge-hog," proved successful 30% of the time. Its 24 bombs, spread over a wide area, were effective to a depth of 1,300 feet.

Canada built 122 corvettes and Britain 147 during World War II. These inexpensive, small, cramped, uncomfortable little ships that the sea tossed about like corks, played a major part in escorting and protecting convoys. Ten Canadian corvettes were lost in World War II, but they sank or helped sink 16 U-boats. Not bad for a navy that the British in 1941 considered "an assembly of wildly misdirected amateurs." On 10 July 1943 the Allies invaded Sicily and on September 3 they landed on the mainland of Italy. Five days later, On September 8, Italy signed an armistice. The Russians recaptured Kiev on 6 November 1943.



Map courtesy *National Geographic*, May 1995.

The Canadian navy came to assume responsibility for escorting all North Atlantic convoys, and provided about 30% of the anti-submarine strike force. In mid 1943 a unique Canadian-administered theatre of war was created in the northwest Atlantic. Rear Admiral L.W. Murray became Canada's only Commander-in-Chief. By now, Canada's navy was the third largest among the Allies.

Expanded Mail Service

A big expansion of transatlantic airmail took place with the inauguration of government service in 1943. The Post Office arranged with the Royal Canadian Air Force to provide a supplementary service with a special squadron of Flying Fortresses carrying first class mail, airmail, and airgraphs across the Atlantic. Parcels still went by sea. On 28 February 1943 the rate on airmail lettercards, sent to Canada from the United Kingdom by members of the armed forces, was reduced from 6 pence to 3 pence. At the same time, the rate from India was reduced to 4 annas and from Ceylon to 20 rupees.

The Canadian Post Office constantly endeavoured to increase the mail, but at the same time reduce the weight of the mails. The following table of weights and shipping space for one 60 lb. bag of mail was used in postal calculations.

	No. per lb.	No. per bag	Cu. Ft.
Ordinary letters 1/2 oz. or less	32/60	1920	6.36
Ordinary letters 1/2 oz.	40	2400	5.10
Light airmail 1/3 oz.	48	2880	4.26
Light airmail 1/2 oz.	64	3840	3.12
Armed Forces Airletters	166	9960	1.23
Airgraphs (1600 per 3.75 oz.)	6800	408,000	3

On 15 April 1943 the Honourable W.P. Mulock, Postmaster General, rose in the House of Commons in Ottawa in order to reply to the Leader of the Opposition who alleged that only 60% of the parcels sent to the Canadian forces on active service were actually delivered. Mulock stated that total losses of all mail to the armed forces and civilians from all sources (fire, theft, enemy action, and other causes), was less than three per cent.

S.S. Colin

At 8:46 pm on the night of 26 April 1944, the German U-boat U-859 under Lieutenant Commander Jebsen torpedoed and sunk the 6,254 ton steamer *Colin*. The *S.S. Colin* was under Panamanian registration and was formerly known as the *Villarparoza*. She went down at 54° 16'N, 31° 58'W. At the time of sinking she was being operated by the United States Maritime Commission. The *Colin* had been built in 1921 by Soc. Anon. Ilva Piombino. The vessel was 397 feet long and 52 feet wide, and had a crew of 39 plus 15 gunners.

She was on her way from New Orleans and Halifax to Garston. Her cargo included 4,500 tons of sulphur, 47 tons of vehicles, five tons of aircraft parts, and 4,629 bags of Canadian mail. The latter had been loaded on board at Halifax on 14 April 1944 and was made up as follows: two bags of registered mail from Halifax; 38 bags registered, 218 of newspapers, and 521 of parcels from Montreal; a bag of registered mail from Ottawa; 350 bags of newspapers and 2,175 of parcels from the Ottawa Base P.O.; 963 bags of parcels from the Montreal Base P.O.; and a bag of registered mail from the Fleet Mail Office in Halifax. One crew member was lost in the sinking.

Another heavy loss of mail, over 109,000 lbs. (approximately 1,820 bags), took place in April 1944. These were newspapers and parcels despatched from the Ottawa Base Post Office, and were destined to the Canadian armed forces in the United Kingdom. They were lost at sea through enemy action. The loss was not reported in Canada until 14 May 1944. No further details are to found in existing records.

Mail Losses by Air

As more and more mail went overseas by air rather than by sea, the losses at sea lessened dramatically while losses in the air increased.

It was reported on 8 May 1944 that 5,059 lbs. of air and surface letters were lost when jettisoned by an airplane damaged by enemy action. This happened on 29 March 1944 while the aircraft was on its way to the Mediterranean.

An aircraft bringing Canadian armed forces mail to Canada from the Mediterranean developed engine trouble on 9 May 1944. Those on board jettisoned 176 bags of ordinary mail, plus one bag of airmail. On the same date another airplane carrying 4,851 lbs. of Canadian letter mail from Britain to the Canadian Mediterranean forces crashed and burned.

In early May 1944, 861 bags of mail (all types), addressed to Canada, were lost while enroute from a Base Post Office overseas. Another 361 bags of similar mail were also lost in May as a result of enemy action. Postal records do not give any further particulars, but the author believes the losses were suffered in air crashes.

A Lancaster plane carrying 85 lbs. of letter mail and 4,815 bags of armed forces mail crashed and burned on 29 December 1944 while enroute from Canada to Africa.

Matches, Fires, and More Fires

By June 6, 1944 (D-Day), when the invasion of Europe at Normandy took place, the U-boat menace had subsided. But fires caused by matches continued to plague postal officials.

Fire severely damaged 34 bags of armed forces mail early in 1944, but the loss was not reported until 8 May 1944. The loss occurred in March 1944 in a consignment of parcels for the central Mediterranean. On the same date (May 8), a parcel on board a Canadian train, east of Montreal, was destroyed when matches in the parcel ignited. More bad news arrived at postal headquarters on May 9 when they received a report from British authorities that 301 bags of mail for Canada from a United Kingdom Base Post Office had been destroyed by fire as a result of enemy action.

Then, on 22 July 1944, 23 bags of Canadian armed forces mail was destroyed on a mail train in the United Kingdom during a fire caused by matches in a parcel.

Post Office authorities' worst fear, that a major fire might take place as a result of a parcel containing matches, had materialized. The first major fire took place on 25 October 1944 on shipboard in Montreal. This fire badly damaged 691 bags of Canadian armed forces mail. Six days later, on October 30, fire on board a ship at Saint John, New Brunswick damaged another 245 bags of mail being despatched to England. A much larger loss of armed forces mail caused by matches in parcels was still to come.

On 28 June 1945, 4,000 bags of Canadian forces mail were damaged when fire broke out on board a ship in the harbour at Liverpool, England.

S.S. Beaverhill

The *S.S. Beaverhill* grounded on Hillyards reef while proceeding out of Saint John, New Brunswick harbour on 24 November 1944. She was enroute to Liverpool with a general cargo and grain. To that date, the *Beaverhill* had led a

charmed life. Over a four-and-a-half year period, 1940 to 1945, she made 55 crossings of the North Atlantic, almost as regular as in peacetime, without being attacked by the enemy.

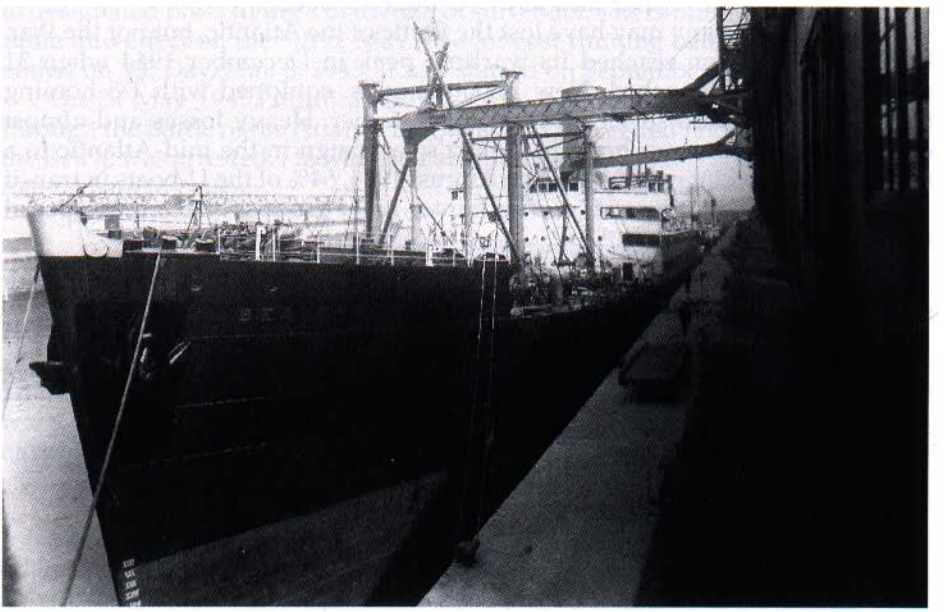
A towing hauser snapped, wrapping itself around the propeller. The wind and tide stranded the vessel on the reef where, the next day, she broke in half as the tide ebbed. On 11 December 1946 the stern section was refloated, towed out to sea and scuttled off Grand Manan Island.



A purple ink marking, "DAMAGED BY WATER", applied to the back of a cover. The front of the cover bears a split ring cancel of East Southampton, N.S., dated 15 Nov. 1944. It is likely that this cover was salvaged from the S.S. Beaverhill.

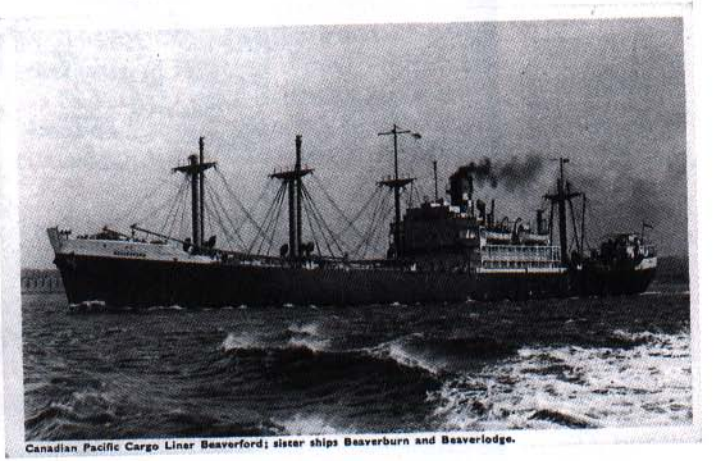
Below: the S.S. Beaverhill *in Montreal Harbour.*

Photo Courtesy Canadian Pacific Ltd.



The *Beaverhill* was launched from the yards of Barclay, Curle and Company of Scotstown on 8 November 1927. She was 503 feet long and 62 feet wide, and had a gross tonnage of 10,041. She had Parsons marine engines providing a speed of 14 knots. The *Beaverhill* arrived in London on 3 September 1939, the day war was declared.

Of the five "Beaver" cargo liners built for and operated by Canadian Pacific, the *Beaverhill* was the last one. The *Beaverburn*, which was torpedoed on 5 February 1940, was the only one that had no mail on board when she sank. A few bags of civilian and military parcel mail on board the *Beaverhill* were lost.


Canadian Pacific Cargo Liner Beaverford; sister ships Beaverburn and Beaverlodge.

The second S.S. Beaverford. *It is customary in shipping circles to replace a ship that has been lost or retired with one of the same name. Canadian Pacific purchased the* Empire Kitchener, *built in 1945, and renamed it the* S.S. Beaverford. *It is quite different from the "Beaver" ships lost in the Battle of the Atlantic.*

The End of the U-Boat Menace

By 1944, Germany may have lost the Battle of the Atlantic, but not the War. U-Boat construction reached its wartime peak in December 1944 when 31 submarines were launched. New 1,600-ton subs, equipped with T-5 homing torpedoes, went into service during the summer. Heavy losses and almost complete lack of success brought Dönitz's campaign in the mid-Atlantic to a halt in early November 1944. During August 1944, 64% of the U-boats in transit were sunk. American aircraft carrier hunter-killer groups, directed by special intelligence, took a dreadful toll.



Surrendered German submarine U-889 *off Halifax, Nova Scotia in 1945.*

Photo courtesy National Archives of Canada.

Between June and August 1944, Germany lost 74 U-boats, 57 of which were destroyed by aircraft carrying the latest equipment. A pack of six U-boats, located in mid-Atlantic waters and headed for North America, were plotted by Allied intelligence in December 1944. Massive American forces caught and destroyed the group.



A whaler from H.M.C.S. Chilliwack *beside the* U-744, *which it sighted, fired on, hit, and boarded. Note the shell-battered conning tower. This action took place on the North Atlantic in 1944.*

Photo courtesy National Archives of Canada.

Between January and May 1945 the Allies sunk 153 German U-boats. The Battle of the Atlantic was rapidly coming to an end. On 4 May 1945 the 43 remaining German U-boats at sea were ordered by Dönitz to surface and proceed to designated ports flying a black flag of surrender. The capitulation of Germany came into effect on the 5th of May. The longest running battle of World War II ended on VE Day, May 8, 1945. It had started on September 3, 1939.

On 23 May 1945, Admiral Dönitz, who had directed the German forces through the Battle of the Atlantic and who had succeeded Hitler as President of the Reich, was arrested. He was tried at Nuremberg, found guilty, and sentenced to ten years in prison.

The Cost to the Allies

The Battle of the Atlantic was over. Its cost to the Allies amounted to 2,673 merchant ships sunk, totalling over thirteen and a half million tons. As well, 175 naval vessels of the Allied forces were sunk. The Royal Canadian Navy lost 2,024 men. Another 95 were taken as prisoners of war and 319 were wounded. There were 1,451 Canadian merchant seamen killed and 198 taken prisoners of war. Canada lost 67 ships. Canadian ships sunk 27 U-boats and sank, captured or destroyed 42 enemy surface ships.

The Cost to Germany

The cost to Germany was great. Of the 830 U-boats taking part in the Atlantic operations, 784 were lost. Of the 40,900 men in the submarines, 28,000 lost their lives and 5,000 were taken prisoner.

Of the 1,162 submarines built by Germany, only 378 survived the war. A few were scuttled by their crews, but most were scuttled by the British off the west coast of Ireland.



Lieutenant Commander Friedrich Bruecker, Commanding Officer of the German submarine U-889, which surrendered to the Royal Canadian Navy.

Photo courtesy National Archives of Canada.

A Summary of Mail Volume

Before the war ended, postal authorities in Ottawa released the following statistics to show the growth of mail to Canada's armed forces during the war.

	No. of Armed Forces Letters	No. of parcels despatched	Tobacco parcels (lbs.)
1940	5,618,640	954,275	not available
1941	11,415,260	1,428,520	2,506,606
1942	20,116,360	2,875,622	4,643,376
1943	not available	not available	not available
1944	65,475,000	34,709,000	3,339,000

In addition, 1,487,000 newspapers were despatched overseas in 1944.

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One of the best known figures in Canadian philately, James E. Kraemer is the former Director of the National Postal Museum. He has served as President of the RPSC, and currently is President of the RPSC Philatelic Research Foundation. Mr. Kraemer pursues his many philatelic projects from his home in Ottawa.

IS THERE ANYTHING COLLECTABLE IN YOUR MAIL?

by Ross W. Irwin

Introduction

These are difficult times for philatelists. The press is full of reports that the minions in Canada Post have used advanced mechanical technology to destroy the value of the postage stamp due to these efficient cancelling techniques. Collectors overlook the fact that the purpose of the operation is to cancel the stamp. Cancellation indicates the stamp has fulfilled its original purpose of prepayment for a service.

If a stamp has any residual value as a collectable item once it passes through the system it is of no concern to Canada Post. One of the questions to be asked is whether anything issued by Canada Post over the past half century is truly collectable if an increase in value is the measure of collectability, regardless of the appearance of the item or whether it is collected from circulation in good condition or bad. Looking at our philatelic newspapers and magazines it is obvious that what gives current postage stamps any premium is the fact that printing quality control is low. Errors are eagerly sought after. Is this philately?

If excessive cancellations haven't discouraged philatelists, then the fact that over 60 percent of incoming mail is metered will surely put a damper on collecting. Canada Post recently reported, in their submission to the Radwanski Commission which is currently examining the mandate of Canada Post, that 74 percent of the letter mail carried by Canada Post is posted by banks, utilities, credit card companies and other financial institutions. Another 13 percent is sent by individuals to businesses. So, almost 90 percent of today's mail is business related and much of it is delivered at incentive volume rates below 45 cents. Practically all of this mail is metered or permit mail.

Collecting Opportunities

So, why not add metered mail to your collecting interest? Collecting metered mail presents a number of collecting opportunities. Prior to 1982 the postal rate system was simple. It was reasonably easy to acquire examples of each use. A very challenging opportunity is now the study and collection of examples of the myriad of postal rates used since 1982. Today there are over 50 postal rates offered to customers! You can't collect postal rates unless you collect metered mail.

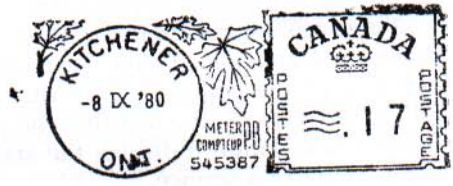


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Another collecting opportunity is that of postage meter ads. Exhibitors often include examples of postage meter ads for added information in prize winning thematic exhibits. The variety is great—not just the current POSTAL CODE/ CODE POSTAL. A collection of postage meter ads will stand on its own. Books have been written on metered slogans used to promote the Olympics and similar events. With a little effort, you can find ads for every theme.





After the above wide-ranging (and possibly controversial) introduction the main purpose of this article is to detail the types and form of metered impressions are to be found in today's mail.

Postage Meter Distributors

Manufacturers and corporate distributors of postage meters in Canada are only four in number. Pitney Bowes Inc. was the first to market a postage meter in Canada, back in 1923. Postalia of Germany started in 1960. Friden, now called Friden Alcatel Neopost, marketed postage meters beginning 1967. The Swiss-made Hasler postage meter, distributed by International Mailing Machines entered the market in 1981. If there is a market for a postage device these companies will provide a machine to fill the need.

Distributors attempt to minimize cost when they can by using the same meter model on several types of mailing machine. This becomes confusing as each small modification to a postage meter or mailing machine usually means that a new model number is assigned by the distributor.

Canada Post requires that the "postage meter" is rented to the user by a postage meter distributor. The distributor is responsible to ensure the postage meter operates properly, is secure and accurately accounts for the postage used. The postage meter is attached to a mailing machine. The mailing machine is purchased or rented from the distributor by the user.

Postage Meters and Mailing Machines

Each distributor offers a low cost standard postage meter model for

imprinting postage on envelopes. Such a meter will be a hand-operated desk model suitable for use in a small office where mail volume is low. The meter also has the ability to print tapes for use with parcel post and larger envelopes. The postage meter and mailing machine is combined in a single unit and is taken to the post office for resetting with postage. Pressure sensitive tape has been adopted for many meters of this class for postmark ads.

The next improvement is to change the hand operation to an electric assisted operation, called semi-automatic operation. Each envelope is still fed by hand into the meter which automatically applies the postage rate that is preset by the operator. Semi-automatic machines can feed envelopes at 120 a minute through the postage meter, where the postage is applied. The mailing machine can also seal the envelope. Power stacking can be added, as well as folding and inserting at 20 times faster than manual processing.

Small electronic models now seal, stamp, and stacks envelopes at 30 per minute. The postage meter is removed from the mailing machine and taken to the post office for resetting. On resetting, postage is added and paid for and noted in the meter account book, and a lead security seal is applied by the postal clerk.

Upgrading after this stage is one of applying modules to make a system appropriate for a particular business. Many tasks can be performed.

Fully automatic mailing machines now feed mixed sized envelopes at 10,000 per hour. They electronically weigh and imprint the correct minimum postage to regular and oversize envelopes, flats, and small parcels. These machines have an integrated system for electronic information processing. It interfaces with electronic scales and/or data systems for tracking the mail. The computerized data system permits complete department accountability; that is, it records the mailing Department Number, the number of items mailed by that Department, and the value of postage. Electronic scales, which weigh from 0.1 g to 5 kg, can select the least postage rate for each item. The postage meters use the RMRS (remote meter resetting system) system where postage is set or added to the postage meter by telephone. They cost a lot!

Rates

Rates that could be printed by a mini or small desk model postage meter until recently were from 1¢ to 20¢ and $1.00. We all know such rates are no longer convenient. Only a few meters of this type now exist. Their use of postage is very small.

There are many 3-bank postage meters; that is, they have three print wheels that apply postage. Commonly, such meters print values from 1¢ to $9.99. The postage meter itself usually has a maximum capacity of $9,999.99 in unused postage. Most companies only fill a meter with a fraction of the capacity.

Larger companies and financial firms often use a 4-bank postage meter; that is, a meter with four print wheels. These meters are capable of printing postage values from 1¢ to $99.99.

Companies that are specially licensed to use the post office volume incentive program will have a decimal postage meter. There is much variation on what is available but generally the values printed are from 1/10¢ to $9.99[9]. Before 1982 postage meters were fractional and printed a 1/2¢ rate, when applicable.

Postage Meter Ads

The postmark ad is optional at the operators discretion. A postage meter ad can be printed by most meter models. Often they are omitted as they add to the cost of use through using 60 percent more ink. They also use 60 percent more pressure sensitive tape paper when printing labels. Probably 40 percent of today's mail carries some form of postmark advertising.

There are tape only models used to apply postage to flats, parcels and bulky envelope packages. Courier companies use similar equipment but must call them parcel registers instead of postage meters. They perform the same function of accounting for money spent to send a package.

Indicia

Everyone recognizes the indicia; that is, the so called postage stamp which infers the postage has been prepaid. The general design is mandated by Canada Post regulation. We won't spend time on the varieties that exist. The indicia, that is, the printed impression, is in two parts.

The townmark includes the town name, province and the datemark. There are variations in type fonts. The province is usually abbreviated, but not always. Some use the two letter system with or without a period. There is a lot of collectable variety here. Since 1949 bilingualism brought a datemark that is in one line, usually with the month in Roman Numerals, as DMY. Some newer postage meters use the European style dating of YMD, with the month as a numeral.

The frank is the portion of the indicia that contains the postage rate. The amount of postage that can be applied is dependent on the number of print wheels. These are usually three or four. Pitney Bowes meter impressions printed a star in place of the dollar value when postage was less than the dollar. The U.S. triad (3 wavy lines) is now used. These print wheels are made in the U.S. and have been standardized for most uses in Canada. They may not be operational or they may contain the ten dollar value. This may be followed by a "0" for the dollar rate. The period is part of the 10 cent print wheel. If the meter is a decimal meter there is usually a triad following the 1 cent print wheel. There are variations in the size and form of the final triad. Colons are a substitute for a triad.

The third portion of the indicia is the decorative border and overall design. Each meter type has its own design. Within the design the word POSTAGE and POSTES must appear as well as a serial number which identifies the particular postage meter printing the indicia.

An ascending register (total amount of postage used in dollars and cents) and decending register (how much postage is left) provide automatic postage accountability.

Identifying What's in the Mail

Space does not permit a complete listing of postage meter indicia found in today's mail; however, examples are shown below to show the trends of collectable material. Pitney Bowes developed a new postage meter indicia in 1959 which has been used with many of their products for the next 30 years. The only way of differentiating the model and capability is by the serial block used and the appearance of the ratemark.



The first meter in the new series used the 540000 serial block. This series is now well over 590000. The ratemark has 0.00 preceded with a long triad.

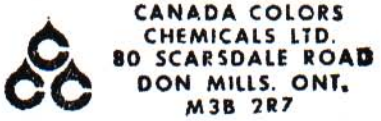


This postage meter was followed by one sharing the same serial block but the ratemark was 0.00: preceded by a short triad. Some of these postage meters printed a ¢ value when fractional rates were introduced.

The same design was carried into the other blocks in the same series. For example, 500000 (T0.00), 520000 (T.00T), 557000 (T.00:), 6000000(T.00), 630000(T0.00). Two examples are shown below.











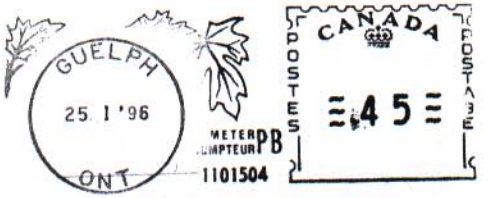
In 1969 Pitney Bowes introduced the Touchmatic 800000 series, a replacement for an older Desk Model used in small offices. Again, the design did not change although a new serial block, 630000, was adopted when the previous one was filled.





The electronic series of postage meters use an upgraded indicia design. A modified indicia was adopted for a new postage meter which was produced to fill the small office market.





Pitney Bowes markets the 1000000 and 1050000 serial blocks for their standard high use mailing machines.



The new Paragon (200000 serial block) has all the bells and whistles and is used by governments and financial institutions.









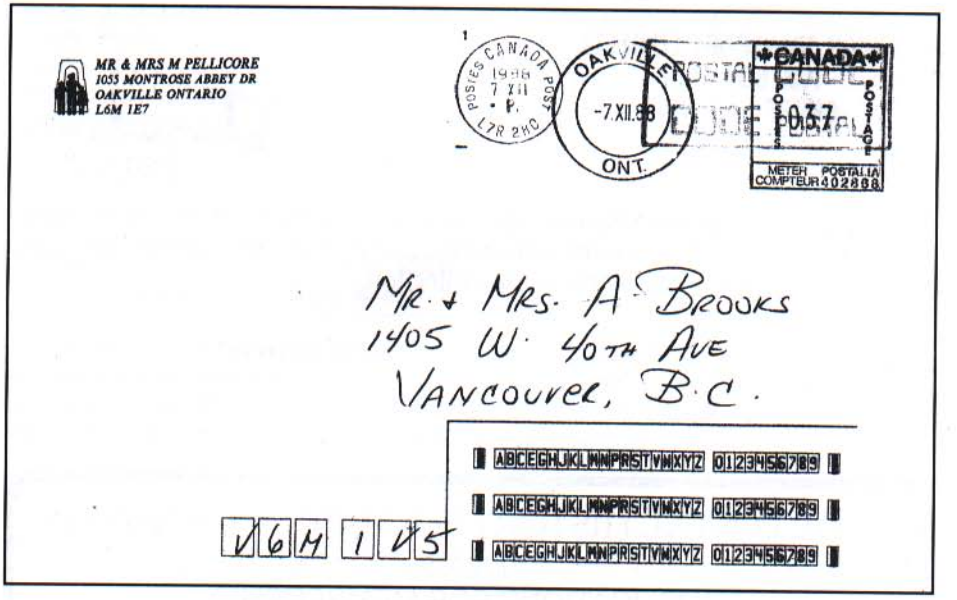


The Hasler postage meter uses a single indicia design. There are 3-bank (above) and 4-bank (right) postage meters with values - 00.00:, or, 0.00: The colon often infers the postage meter will print a decimal value.



The Hasler series began at 2000000 but the models are intermixed within the block (above).

Postalia also have an indicia which is used for all their current models. Their 3-bank and 4-bank indicia is shown below. The assigned serial block is 400000 (0.00) and 465000 (00.00).

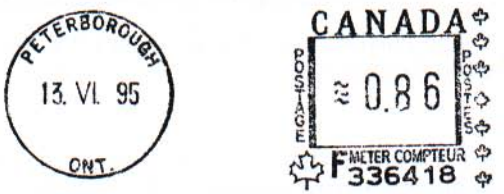




The Friden company have many indicia. Those mostly found in the mail today are illustrated here. The townmark is standard and each of the regulated components are present but are changed for each model. The serial blocks in today's mail tend to be 320000, 330000, 360000, 370000, 380000 and 385000.

Further examles of indicia styles used on various models made by the Friden Company.





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The above examples illustrate the range of material available. Items found in everyday mail are not only collectable, but provide the opportunity for a fascinating and challenging philatelic collection.

Ross Irwin's name is well known to students of Canadian meters in his role as editor of the Canadian Meter Stamp Newsletter. *A retired engineering professor, he now divides his time among his numerous interests, which include philately, numismatics, and local history. He is presently serving as the president of the Guelph Historical Society.*

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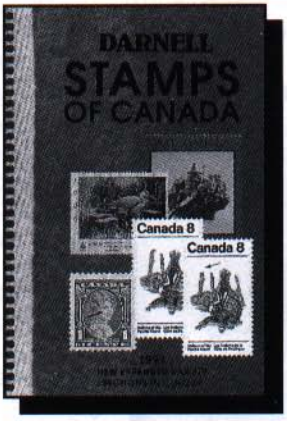
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Darnell Stamps of Canada, 1997 edition. Available in both French and English. Editor: Lyse Darnell. 388 pages, fully illustrated in colour. Published by Darnell Publishing, Inc., Box 104, Station B, Montreal, QC H3B 3K9. Available from dealers across Canada or from the publisher for $22.95 (softcover), $19.95 (spiral bound) or $29.95 (hardbound). Add $4.00 shipping for mail orders.

The 1997 Darnell catalogue of the stamps of Canada is the best edition they have published. It follows the tradition of their first bilingual edition of 1979. This new revised edition, featuring the Canadian numbering system (N.N.S.), has become the number one catalogue in Canada. All the stamps of Canada listed at retail value are superbly and beautifully illustrated in full colour.

Greatly enlarged with a number of added varieties is the section on Canadian constant varieties. Paper folds and perforation varieties are accurately illustrate in colour. Overall this section runs to 64 pages. Between this section and the Canadian booklets are Canada's wildlife habitat stamps, including the provincial issues. The booklet section has been revised and covers the subject completely. Included in the catalogue are sections on bundled used stamps of Canada, annual souvenir collections, official presentation sets, and a listing of Canada's stamps by theme.

In order to understand references in the major Canadian philatelic journals you will need this truly Canadian catalogue.

It is also being put on the Internet. A CD-ROM is also available for those interested in a multimedia presentation of Canadian stamps. The section on Canadian varieties will be available shortly in a special edition. We recommend that you order your copy of this catalogue now.

The River Plata Maritime Postal History. Author: Mario D. Kurchan, FRPSL, AIEF. 256 pages, 200 black and white illustrations. Available from the author at Fernán F. de Amador 1604, 1636 Olivas, Argentina, for $40.00 U.S. ppd.

Mario Kurchan, the well known author and international jurist living in the Buenos Aires suburb of Olivas, has written another very interesting postal history book, a companion to *Argentine Postal History* of 1994. It is bilingual (French and English) and as a result will be very popular among philatelists and historians.

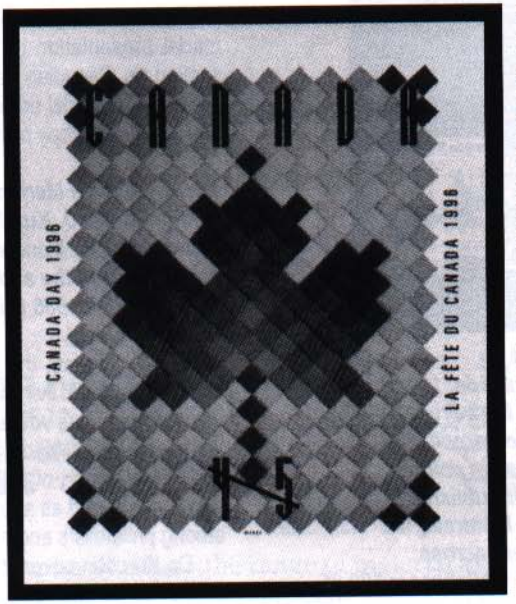
Dr. Kurchan covers the historical-geographical period before 1880 and then describes the Uruguayan mail service in two more chapters. He goes on to describe the conveyance of mail by warships and the German, Belgian and French navigation companies. The part played by the British navigation companies and the British consular post office markings are well described and illustrated in chapter 8. A chapter on forgeries illustrates the spurious cancellations associated with the early mail of Uruguay.

The arrival postmarks used in France on Uruguayan mail are included in a chapter on the LeHavre–River Plata correspondence. Another part of Uruguay's postal history, the Italian and Sardinian navigation companies, are also covered. A chapter on Uruguay's postal markings on foreign maritime mail is followed by a chapter on rates, exchange markings, and arrival markings used under the British–French postal agreement. The book closes with a listing of the forwarding agents, a reference section, and an index.

All in all this is a worthwhile addition to your library and will be of special interest to the historian looking for information on British navigation and consular markings used in South America.

CANADA DAY / LA FÊTE DU CANADA

Canada Post Corporation issued a stamp on June 28 to commemorate Canada Day 1996. The self-adhesive stamp depicts a maple leaf in a quilt pattern. It is available in sheets of 12, superimposed on an enlargement of an identical quilt design. The stamp's artist, Raymond Bellemare, has designed other stamps for Canada Post, including the Birds set issued earlier this year.



Le 28 juin, la Société canadienne des postes émettra un timbre à l'occasion de la fête du Canada. Il s'agit d'un timbre autocollant illustrant une courtepointe ornée de la feuille d'érable. Le motif de la vignette forme également l'arrière-plan du feuillet, composé de 12 timbres. La conception du motif de la vignette est signée par Raymond Bellemare. Au fil des ans, ce dernier a collaboré à la création de nombreux timbres-post canadiens, dont le jeu consacré à des oiseaux du Canada, émis au début de l'année.

Specifications:

Date of Issue:	28 June 1996
Last Day of Sale:	27 December 1996
Denomination:	45¢
Printer:	Ashton-Potter Canada Ltd.
Quantity:	15,000,000
Dimensions:	30 mm x 36 mm (vertical)
Perforation:	die-cut, not perforated
Paper:	self-adhesive, Coated Papers Ltd.
Gum:	Pressure sensitive
Printing Process:	five-colour lithography
Pane Layout:	12 stamps
Tagging:	general tagged, four sides
First Day:	Ottawa, ON

Spécifications techniques :

Date d'émission :	28 juin 1996
Dernier jour de vente :	27 décembre 1996
Valeur :	0,45 $
Imprimession :	Ashton-Potter Canada Ltd.
Tirage :	15 000 000
Format :	30 mm x 36 mm (vertical)
Dentelure :	découpé à l'emporte-pièce (non dentelé)
Papier :	Coated Papers Ltd., autocollant
Gomme :	sensible à la pression
Procédé d'impression :	lithographie (cinq couleurs)
Présentation de feuillets :	12 timbres
Marquage :	procédé général, sur les quatre côtés
Premier jour :	Ottawa (ON)

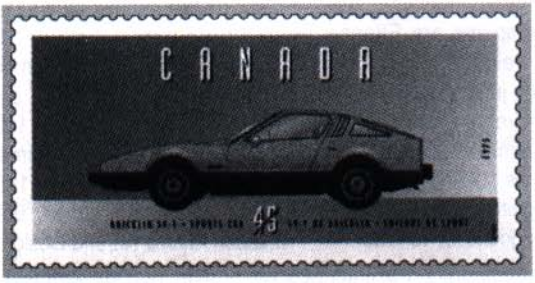
BRICKLIN / LA BRICKLIN

Canada Post Corporation unveiled its "mystery vehicle," the 25th stamp in the Land Vehicles series, at CAPEX on June 8. The design features a 1975 Bricklin model SV-1 sports car. Designed to be both sleek and

La Société canadienne des postes lèvera le voile sur son timbre-mystère durant les cérémonies d'ouverture de CAPEX 96. Le timbre de la Bricklin, qui est le vingt-cinqième de la série consacrée aux véhicles historiques, illustre le modèle SV-1 de 1975. Aéro-

safe, the Bricklin featured gull-wing doors and a body of acrylic plastic with the colour molded right into the material. Production was halted after only two years in 1975. Only 2700 vehicles were assembled.

dynamique tout en étant sécuritaire, la Bricklin était doté de portes rabattantes et d'une carrosserie en acrylique dont la coleur était directemente incorporée dans le matériau. Dont les 2700 exemplaires avaient tous été vendus.



Canada Post will make 1,000,000 25-stamp panes available. Only the Bricklin stamp will be 45 cents. The other 24 will be redenominated at lower values. In addition, 25,000 uncut press sheets, each containing three panes, will be available. The complete Historic Vehicles series is also available as a set of 25 maximum cards, each with an enlargement of one of the stamps.

La Société canadienne des postes produira un million de feuilles de 25 timbres. Seul le timbre de la Bricklin aura une valeur nominale de 0,45 $, les 24 autres vignettes étant affectées d'une faciale réduite. On offrira également 25 000 planches non coupées, formées de trois feuilles de timbres chacune. La série complète des véhicles historiques a également été reproduite sur des jeu numérotés de 25 cartes maximum.

CANADIAN OLYMPIC CHAMPIONS / LA COLOMBIE-BRITANNIQUE



Five Canadian Olympic gold medal winners appear on a set of stamps issued on July 8. The set is a tribute to the 100th anniversary of the modern Olympic Games, as well as to this year's Olympic Games in Atlanta, Georgia.

The featured Olympians are Étienne Desmarteau, 56 lb. weight throw (1904); Ethel Catherwood, high jump (1928); Fanny Rosenfeld, 4 x 100m relay (1928); Percy Williams, 100m and 200m (1928); and Gerald Ouellette, smallbore rifle (1956).

The set was designed by Mark Koudys of Atlanta Art and Design Inc. of Toronto.

Specifications:

Date of Issue:	8 July 1996
Last Day of Sale:	7 January 1997
Denomination:	5 x 45¢
Printer:	Ashton-Potter Canada Ltd.
Quantity:	12,000,000
Dimensions:	33.5 mm x 40 mm (vertical)
Perforation:	13+
Paper:	Coated Papers Ltd.
Gum:	P.V.A.
Printing Process:	five-colour lithography plus foil stamping
Pane Layout:	booklets of 10 stamps
Tagging:	fluorescent coated paper
First Day:	Toronto, ON

L'hommage philatélique que la Société canadienne des postes rendra bientôt à cinq champions olympiques canadiens vaut tout son pesant pesant d'or. Les figurines marquent le centenaire des Jeux olympiques de l'ère moderne ainsi que la tenue des Jeux d'été à Atlanta, dans l'État de la Georgie.

Voici le nom et la discipline des athlètes honorés: Étienne Desmarteau, lancement du poids de 56 livres (1904); Ethel Catherwood, saut en hauteur (1928); Fanny Rosenfeld, relais 4 x 100 mètres (1928); Percy Williams, 100 et 200 mètres (1928); and Gerald Ouellette, tir à la carabine (1956).

Le concepteur du jeu est Mark Koudys de la maison Atlanta Art and Design Inc. de Toronto.

Spécifications techniques :

Date d'émission :	8 juillet 1996
Dernier jour de vente :	7 janvier 1997
Valeur :	5 x 0,45 $
Imprimession :	Ashton-Potter Canada Ltd.
Tirage :	12 000 000
Format :	33.5 mm x 40 mm (vertical)
Dentelure :	13+
Papier :	Coated Papers Ltd.
Gomme :	A.P.V.
Procédé d'impression :	lithographie (cinq couleurs) et estampage àchaud
Présentation de feuillets :	carnet de 10 timbres
Marquage :	papier fluorescent
Premier jour :	Toronto (ON)

BRITISH COLUMBIA / LA COLOMBIE-BRITANNIQUE

Canada Post Corporation issued a stamp on July 19 commemorating the 125th anniversary of British Columbia entering Confederation. The design presents a multi-layered collage of images integral to the history and development of the province. Matt Warburton of Herrainco Design Associates Inc., Vancouver, designed the stamp.



Le 19 juillet, la Société canadienne des postes émettra un timbre à l'occasion du 125e anniversaire de l'entrée de la Colombie-Britannique dans la Confédération canadienne.

Habile montage de silhouettes, le motif rappelle des éléments importants de l'histoire et de l'évolution de la province.

Le concepteur du timbre est Matt Warburton de la maison vancouvéroise Herrainco Design Associates Inc.

Specifications:

Date of Issue:	19 July 1996
Last Day of Sale:	18 January 1997
Denomination:	45¢
Printer:	Ashton-Potter Canada Ltd.
Quantity:	12,000,000
Dimensions:	32 mm x 40 mm (vertical)
Perforation:	13+
Paper:	Coated Papers
Gum:	PVA
Printing Process:	six-colour lithography
Pane Layout:	25 stamps
Tagging:	fluorescent coated paper
First Day:	Victoria, BC

Spécifications techniques :

Date d'émission :	19 juillet 1996
Dernier jour de vente :	18 janvier 1997
Valeur :	0,45 $
Imprimession :	Ashton-Potter Canada Ltd.
Tirage :	12 000 000
Format :	32 mm x 40 mm (vertical)
Dentelure :	13+
Papier :	Coated Papers
Gomme :	APV
Procédé d'impression :	lithographie (six couleurs)
Présentation de feuillets :	25 timbres
Marquage :	papier fluorescent
Premier jour :	Victoria (BC)

CANADIAN HERALDRY / L'HÉRALDIQUE CANADIENNE



Canada Post Corporation will issue a stamp on August 19 commemorating heraldry, the system of symbols such as coats of arms, flags, and badges, that are used to signify people, societies, and nations. The stamp is being issued to coincide with the 22nd International Congress of Genealogical and Heraldic Societies, to be held in Ottawa August 18 to 23. Derek Sarty of Halifax designed the stamp.

Le 19 août prochain paraîtra le timbre que la Société canadienne des postes consacre à l'héraldique, système faisant aux symboles tels armoires, drapeaux et insignes et qui sert à identifier les personnes, les collectivités et les nations. Le timbre sera émis pendant le 22e Congrès international des sciences généalogiques et héraldiques, à Ottawa du 18 au 23 août. Le concepteur est Derek Sarty.

Specifications:

Date of Issue: 19 August 1996	
Last Day of Sale:	18 February 1997
Denomination:	45¢
Printer:	Ashton-Potter Canada Ltd.
Quantity:	8,000,000
Dimensions:	30 mm x 36 mm (vertical)
Perforation:	13+
Paper:	Coated Papers
Gum:	PVA
Printing Process:	six-colour lithography
Pane Layout:	25 stamps
Tagging:	fluorescent coated paper
First Day:	Ottawa, ON

Spécifications techniques :

Date d'émission :	19 août 1996
Dernier jour de vente :	18 février 1997
Valeur :	45 $
Imprimession :	Ashton-Potter Canada Ltd.
Tirage :	8 000 000
Format :	30 mm x 36 mm (vertical)
Dentelure :	13+
Papier :	Coated Papers
Gomme :	APV
Procédé d'impression :	lithographie (six couleurs)
Présentation de feuillets :	25 timbres
Marquage :	papier fluorescent
Premier jour :	Ottawa (ON)

Society Reports / Rapports de la Société

From Molly Krajewski, Sales Circuit Manager....

This is a partial list of Nickel Boxes currently in stock. They cost $2.20 to post to Canadian members and $3.80 to the U.S. Please circle the numbers of those you would like to see and return the list to me. If several boxes are requested, and we have them in, a cost effective parcel of three or four is sometimes sent by parcel post.

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From Michael Millar, Anti-theft Committee Co-ordinator....

The following is an update to two of the reports I detailed in the May-June *Canadian Philatelist.*

File R96/001: I am advised by the victim that the collection stolen is of New Zealand, including semi-postals. Invesigating officer is Cpl. Dickenson, Enfield detachment RCMP, phone (902) 883-7077; fax (902) 883-7060. Occurrence number 95-5782.

File R96/003: Shown as "pending." Shipment of twelve related 16th, 17th and 18th century letters ranging in date from Venice to Tripoli (Syria), 18 February 1504; to Venice to Piano via Udine, 9 February 1793. This shipment was mailed from Castagnola, Switzerland on 2 January 1996 to an address in the Toronto area and appears to have gone missing in the mails. Canada Post inverstigators are dealing with the matter. Contact is Francine Lacelle, 2701 Riverside Drive, Ottawea, ON K1A 9B1; telephone (613) 734-9074. File number ZB09-960075.

Members will remember the brief account in the May-June 1995 issue of *The Canadian Philatelist* of the arrest and conviction of one Paul Carter. Carter is a former staff photographer of the Archives of Ontario who, while working in the Archives in the late 1970s, removed hundreds of letters, covers, and documents from several collections. Some of this material was sold to stamp and postal history dealers in the Toronto area, who in turn sold these items to their customers. One was even purchased by myself, but that's another story.

Carter was arrested and scheduled for trial in 1980, but, in a plea bargain, was given a suspended sentence in exchange for turning over all of the other material in his possession. This he very obviously did not do. In January 1995 at the PHILEX show in Toronto he attempted, fifteen years later, to sell off additional material that had not been returned to the authorities. Through the co-operation of several dealers and the Canadian Stamp Dealers Association, Carter was arrested and his home in Mississauga searched. Some 700 items were recovered. This was reported in the May-June 1995 issue of *The Canadian Philatelist.*

The Anti-Theft Committee has now received from the Archives of Ontario an appalling 68-page inventory of items unaccounted for. Most are believed to be related to the Carter matter. Some items, though, have gone missing since Carter was dismissed from his position. I have been informed by Mr. Richard W. Ramsay, Portfolio Manager at the Archives of Ontario, that he and some of the Archives staff attended CAPEX 96. While there they checked the stocks of several dealers and purchased items they are reasonably sure have come from their collections.

Mr. Ramsay has asked the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada and the Anti-Theft Committee to assist by publicizing the pilfered collections in an effort to recover, what is by this time, widely dispersed historical material belonging to the Province of Ontario. I quote from Mr. Ramsay's letter of 17 June 1996: "I am enclosing with this letter a detailed listing of the missing and stolen archival documents from the collection of the Archives of Ontario. The majority of the items were likely taken by a former employee of this institution in 1978/1979. However, the attached listing, which is probably far from comprehensive, shows that many more remain unlocated. It is likely that over time this individual sold many of these items to stamp dealers and manuscript dealers. While at CAPEX this past week, I and other staff of the Archives of Ontario purchased a number of items which were not on the attached listing, but which likely came from our collections, given their content and dating. The help of your Committee in making all members of the philatelic community aware of the enclosed listing would be especially helpful."

For record purposes I have assigned File Number **R96/007** to this case. While all of the missing material is important, Mr. Ramsay has asked me to draw particular attention to the William Hamilton Merritt (builder of the Welland Canal) collection and the Peter Russell collection. A total of 221 items are missing from the Merritt collection and 47 from the Russell collection. Date ranges are 15 October 1798 to 1865, with the majority of the dates from 1810 to the 1840s for the Merritt material, and 18 October 1735 to 3 October 1805 for the Russell correspondence.

A listing of the pilfered collection follows.

Private Collections: Baldwin, Bidwell, Boulton, Cartwright, Clarke, Elmsley-Macauley, Heenan, Jarvis-Powell, Macaulay, MacKenzie-Lindsay, McQuestin, J.B. Robinson, Peter Russell, Simcoe, Wallbridge, Peter Robinson, Buell, Cunningham, Foster (F70), Dinnick, Baird, Byerley, Eckhardt, Snyder, Shurie, Norton, Askin, Ford, Rousseau, David Barker Stevenson, Galt, Jones, Rev. John Macdonald, Stone, Crookshank, W.H. Merritt, Inderwick, several Miscellaneous manuscripts (complete list in the inventory), Agnew, Foster (F891), Bethune, Hay, Strachan, Colgate, Tupper, Osler, Cumberland, Canniff, Reynolds, and Langstaff.

Government Records: RG1 Natural Resources / Crown Lands, RG2 Education, RG3 Premier's Office, RG7 Labour, RG8 Provincial Secretary, RG18 Commissions and Committees, RG22 Court Records.

Maps and Photographs: 1. Geological map of the Madoc Gold Regions by Henry White, PLS, 1866, hand coloured, 44 x 37 cm. 2. Map of North America, J. & F. Tallis, Publishers. 3. West Canada, drawn and engraved by J. Rapkin, hand coloured, 26 x 33 cm. 4. Photograph of the A.C.R. fire 1931. 5. 19 large nitrate negatives of the Dionne Quintuplets 1934-1939, reported missing December 1979.

Further information may be obtained either from the Anti-Theft Committee at (705) 726-5019, or from Mr. Ramsay at the Archives of Ontario, 77 Grenville Street, Unit 300, Toronto, ON M5S 1B3, telephone (416) 327-1600, fax (416) 327-1999.

All collectors in possession of any of the above listed materials are urged, as a matter of good conscience and philatelic ethics, to return this material to its rightful owner, the Province of Ontario. Remember, you are in possession of stolen property and to continue in possession, knowing that it is stolen, is an offence under Section S.354.1(a) of the Criminal Code. I am assured by Mr. Ramsay that there will be no questions asked of anyone who does return material to the Archives.

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The following applications were received and are herewith published in accordance with the Constitution. If no adverse reports are received within thirty days of publication, applicants will be accepted into full membership. Any objections should be sent to: P.O. Box 929, Station Q, Toronto, Ont. M4T 2P1.

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COMING EVENTS / CALENDRIER

1996

AUGUST 30 - SEPTEMBER 1: BNAPEX '96, British North America Philatelic Society's Annual Convention and exhibition, sponsored by the Texas Prairie Beavers. Information: Jeff Switt, 4005 East Lancaster, Fort Worth, TX 76103.

SEPTEMBER 8: ROYAL CITY STAMP & COIN FAIR, 9 am to 3 pm, at Royal Towers Hotel, Royal Ave. at 6th St., New Westminster, BC. Information: Joe Ochs, (604) 534-1884.

SEPTEMBER 14 - 15: Vancouver Stamp Bourse, Sheraton Landmark Hotel, Vancouver, BC.

SEPTEMBER 22: Richmond Stamp Market, Best Western Abercorn Inn, Richmond, BC.

SEPTEMBER 28: MILTON STAMP FAIR, hosted by the Milton Stamp Club, at Milton Seniors Activity Centre, Milton, ON. 10 am to 5 pm. Information: (905) 878-1533 or (905) 878-9076.

OCTOBER 5 - 6: VICPEX 1996, at the Holiday Inn, 3020 Blanshard St., Victoria, BC. Sponsored by the Greater Victoria Philatelic Society, the Vancouver Island Philatelic Society, and the Victoria Junior Stamp Club. Show cancel, numerous door prizes. Admission by donation. Entry fee: $5.00 per 15 page frame; juniors $1.00 per exhibit. Information: Show Chairman, Box 5164, Stn. B, Victoria, BC V8R 6N4; (604) 721-1940 evenings.

OCTOBER 12: Rose City Stamp Fair, Portland, Oregon.

OCTOBER 18 - 20: CALTAPEX, sponsored by the Calgary Philatelic Society, at the Chinese Cultural Centre. Information: Hugh Delaney, Box 1478, Calgary, AB T2P 2L6.

OCTOBER 19: GUELPHPEX 96, annual show of the Guelph Stamp Club. Further details to be announced. Information from Gord Fulton, (519) 822-0342.

OCTOBER 26: Brantford Stamp Club's annual exhibition and bourse. NEW LOCATION at the Brant Park Inn, 19 Holiday Drive, Brantford. 10 am to 4 pm. Free admission and parking, 14 dealers, sales circuit, beginner's booth, draws and prizes. Information: Brantford Stamp Club, Box 25003, West Brant Postal Outlet, Brantford, ON N3T 5M3.

OCTOBER 26: MIDDPEX 96, annual show of the Middlesex Stamp Club of London, at Whiteoaks Mall, 1105 Wellington Road S., London, Ontario, 9:30 am to 5:30 pm. Free admission and parking, 100 frame exhibit, 30 dealer bourse, silent auction, prizes. Information: Pat Delmore, Box 234, Mt. Bridges, ON N0L 1W0; phone (519) 204-2507.

NOVEMBER 2: KENTPEX 96, 66th annual stamp exhibition and bourse of the Kent County Stamp Club, at the Wheels Motor Inn, corner of Richmond street and Keil Drive, Chatham, Ontario.

NOVEMBER 2 - 3: VANPEX '96, Annual Open Exhibition and Bourse, sponsored by the British Columbia Philatelic Society, at the Sheraton Landmark Hotel, 1400 Robson Street, Vancouver, BC. Information: Maurice Guibord, 101 - 1537 Charles Street, Vancouver, BC V5L 2T2.

NOVEMBER 9 - 10: AAPEX 96, sponsored by the Ann Arbor Stamp Club, at Mack School, 920 Miller Ave., Ann Arbor, Michigan. Competitive exhibits and bourse. Information: Harry Winter, Box 2012, Ann Arbor, MI 48106.

NOVEMBER 15 - 16 - 17: Canadian Stamp Dealer's Association Show, Queen Elizabeth Building, Exhibition Place, Toronto.

NOVEMBER 29 - DECEMBER 1: Canadian Stamp Dealer's Association Show, Place Bonaventure, Montreal.

1997

MARCH 15 - 16: NORTH TORONTO STAMP CLUB's 54th Annual Exhibition and Bourse, at the Civic Garden Centre, Edwards Gardens, 777 Lawrence Avenue E. at Leslie Street, Toronto. Hours: 10 am to 6 pm Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm Sunday. Ample parking, free admission, wheelchair access, competitive exhibits, 22 dealer bourse, refreshments. Information: Ben Marier, (416) 492-9311.

APRIL 12: STAMPFEST '97, sponsored by the Kitchener-Waterloo Philatelic Society, at the Community Christian Reform Church, Bleams Road at westmount, Kitchener, Ontario. Information: Betty Martin, (519) 578-7782.

MAY 9 - 10 - 11: The Nova Scotia Stamp Club will proudly celebrate the 75th Anniversary of its 1922 founding by staging NOVAPEX 97 at the Dartmouth Sportsplex, Wyse Road, Dartmouth. Philatelic societies from all of Nova Scotia will be participating.

Information: George A. Mackenzie, Apt. 175, 1333 South Park Street, Halifax, NS B3J 2K9. Dealer enquiries invited.

AUGUST 28 - 30: BNAPEX '97, St. John's, Nfld. Annual Convention of the British North America Philatelic Society, sponsored by the St. John's Stamp Club. Information: J. Donald Wilson, 11 Elm Place, St. John's, NF A1B 2S4.

International Exhibitions

1996

JULY 18 - AUG. 4: OLYMPHILEX '96, at the Atlanta Merchandise Mart, Atlanta, Georgia, under the auspices of the FIP, to run concurrently with the 1996 Olympic Games. Restricted to Olympic material and sports philately. Information from the Canadian Commissioner: Alan J. Hanks, 34 Seaton Dr., Aurora ON L4G 2K1.

AUG. 30 - SEPT. 8: AEROFILA 96, first Iberoamerican Aero and Astrophilatelic Exhibition, in Buenos Aires, Argentina. An FIAF sponsored exhibition. For information contact the Canadian Commissioner: R.K. "Dick" Malott, 16 Harwick Cres., Nepean, ON K2H 6R1.

SEPT. 27 - OCT. 6: ISTANBUL '96, FIP sponsored international exhibition in Istanbul, Turkey. Canadian Commissioner: James E. Kraemer, 17 Commanche Dr., Ottawa, ON K2E 6E8.

1997

APR. 16 - 21: NORWEX '97, Oslo, Norway, an FIP sponsored World Stamp Exhibition, limited to Postal History, Aerophilately, and Thematics. Canadian Commissioner: Denis Hamel, Suite 1505, 15 Maitland Place, Toronto, ON M4Y 2X3; (416) 925-3404.

MAY 29 - JUNE 8: PACIFIC '97, an FIP WORLD PHILATELIC EXHIBITION, at Moscone Convention Center, in San Francisco. Commissioners: Canada-East: Mr. Clifford R. Guile, 342 St. Clair Ave. E., Toronto, ON M4T 1P4; Canada-West: Mr. William G. Robinson, 5830 Cartier St., Vancouver, BC V6M 3A7.

AUG. 30 - SEPT. 8: MOSCOW '97, an FIP sponsored World Philatelic Exhibition, celebrating the 850th anniversary of the founding of Moscow. Canadian Commissioner: James E. Kraemer, 17 Commanche Dr., Ottawa, ON K2E 6E8.

DEC. 8 - DEC. 14: INDIA '97, New Delhi, India.

1998

MAY 13 - 21: ISRAEL '98, International Show held under FIP patronage in Tel Aviv, Israel. Information from the Canadian commissioner: Mr. Wm. G. Robinson, 5830 Cartier St., Vancouver, BC V6M 3A7.

JUNE 18 - 21: JUVALUX '98, an FIP Sponsored Youth Show to be held in Luxembourg. Canadian Commissioner: Father Jean-Claude Lafleur, 4900 rue St-Felix, St-Augustine, QC G3A 1X3.

JULY 25 - AUG. 2: PORTUGAL 98, FIP sponsored show in Lisbon, Portugal. Information from the Canadian commissioner: Mr. J.J. Danielski, 50 Blackwell Ave., Unit 21, Scarborough, ON M1B 1K2.

OCT. 20 - 25: ILSAPEX 98, FIP sponsored show at Gallagher's Estate Exhibition Centre, 20 minutes from Johannesburg, South Africa. Information from the Canadian commissioner: Mr. Denis Hamel, 1505-15 Maitland Place, Toronto, ON M4Y 2X3.

OCT. 23 - NOV. 1: ITALIA 98, FIP sponsored show in Milan, Italy. Classes will be Postal History, Aerophilately, Thematic Philately, and Literature. Information from the Canadian commissioner: Mr. Peter Madej, 30 Ormskirk Court, Toronto, ON M6S 1B1.

1999

APR. 27 - MAY 4: IBRA '99. World Exhibition under FIP patronage. For information, contact the Canadian Commissioner: Major Richard K. Malott, 16 Harwick Crescent, Ottawa, ON K2H 6R1; telephone (613) 829-0280; fax (613) 829-0280.

The names and addresses of Canadian commissioners to FIP sanctioned exhibitions will be published when they are available.

CHAPTER MEETINGS / RÉUNIONS DES CLUBS MEMBRES

AJAX PHILATELIC SOCIETY

RPSC Chapter 163 meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, September to June at Ajax Public Library, 65 Harwood Ave. S., from 6pm to 9pm. All new members and visitors are welcome. Address: PO Box 107, Ajax, ON L1S 3C3.

AMICALE des PHILATÉLISTES des l'OUTAOUAIS

L'APO, chapitre 190 de la SRPC, se réunit tous les jeudi de début septembre à fin avril, de 18h30 à 21h00. Les réunions ont lieu au Centre Communautaire Tétreau Parc Moussette, Boul. Brunet, Hull. Les visiteurs et les nouvraux membres seront toujours les bienvenus. Visitors and new members are welcome. Information: P. Sarault, 82 rue Kent, Hull QC J8X 3K4.

CLUB PHILATÉLIQUE ARGENTEUIL STAMP CLUB

Chapter 118 meets 2nd Wednesdays of each month (except July and August) at 7:30 pm. Bilingual and bi-province meetings in Hawkesbury ON and Lachute PQ. Information: Yves Lemay, 452 Cécile, Hawkesbury ON K6A 1N9; phone (613) 632-3779.

BARRIE DISTRICT STAMP CLUB

RPSC Chapter 73 meets second Wednesday of each month except July and August at 7:30 pm. at Parkview Centre, 189 Blake St., Barrie. Table Auction at every meeting. Visitors welcome. Contact: Sec.-Treas. Lew Metzger, Box 1113, Barrie ON L4M 5E2.

BRAMALEA STAMP CLUB

RPSC Chapter 144 meets 1st Sunday October to June inclusive (1:30-4:00 pm) and 3rd Tuesday year round (7:30-9:30 pm) at Terry Miller Recreation Complex, Meeting Room 2, Williams Parkway (between Dixie Rd. and Bramalea Rd.) Bramalea, Ont. Visitors welcome. Correspondence: Bramalea Stamp Club, Box 92531, Bramalea ON L6W 4R1.

BRANTFORD STAMP CLUB

RPSC Chapter 1 meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month, September to May, and the first Tuesday in June, at the Woodman Community Centre, 491 Grey St., Brantford, Ont. Doors open at 7 pm, short business meeting at 8 pm, followed by a program. Circuit books, 5 dealers. Visitors welcome. Information: Secretary, Box 25003, 119 Colborne St. W., Brantford ON N3T 6K5; (519) 753-9425.

BRITISH COLUMBIA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The British Columbia Philatelic Society meets every Wednesday, September to June at 7:30 pm in the Amenity Room, Grosvenor Building, 1040 W. Georgia St. Information: B.C.P.S., 2955 West 38th Avenue, Vancouver BC V6N 2X2.

CALGARY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

(Chapter 66) Regular meeting: First Wednesday of month, 7 pm. Auctions on third Wednesday of month, 7:30 pm. Kerby Centre, 1133 7 Ave. SW. No meetings July and August; no auction December. Correspondence to Calgary Philatelic Society, P.O. Box 1478, Station "M", Calgary AB T2P 2L6.

CANADIAN AEROPHILATELIC SOCIETY

RPSC Chapter 187, The Canadian Aerophilatelic Society (CAS) welcomes anyone interested in aerophilately or astrophilately, worldwide. Yearly membership is $15 Cdn. No formal meetings; several members meet at the weekly RA Stamp Club meetings at the RA Centre, 2451 Riverside Dr., Ottawa, Ont. 7:30 pm every Monday except June, July and August. Information: Ron Miyanishi, 124 Gamble Ave., Toronto ON M4J 2P3.

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION FOR ISRAEL PHILATELY (CAFIP)

Chapter 76, Jan Bart Judaica Study Group, meets 2nd Monday of each month (except July and August), 7:30 pm, at Shaare Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave., Toronto. Contact: Joseph Berkovits, York Toronto P.O. Box 33, 260 Adelaide St. E., Toronto ON ; (416) 635-1749.

COLBORNE STAMP CLUB

Chapter 205 meets on the second and fourth Tuesday September to May inclusive at 7 pm, in the Drop-in Centre, Victoria Square, Colborne, Ont. All stamp collectors welcome. Information: Mary Jackson, Box 33, Castleton, Ont. K0K 1M0, phone (905) 344-7882.

CREDIT VALLEY PHILATELIC SOCIETY - MISSISSAUGA -

Chapter 67 meets 2nd and 4th Monday of every month (except on holidays and in July and August) at 7:30 pm at Forest Avenue Public School, 20 Forest Ave., Port Credit. Visitors always welcome. Contact Bob Laker, (905) 279-8807.

DELTA STAMP CLUB

Chapter 138 meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays (except June through August) at 8 pm at the Phoenix Club, 6062 - 16th Ave., Delta, BC. Visitors are always welcome. For more information call 943-5738.

EAST TORONTO STAMP CLUB

Chapter 12 meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays (except July and August) at Stan Wadlow Clubhouse, Cedarvale Ave. (first east of Woodbine, at Cosburn), north of arena. Visitors welcome. Sec.: Raymond Reakes, 188 Woodmount Ave., Toronto ON M4C 3Z4.

EDMONTON STAMP CLUB

Touring stampers, new members and guests are welcome to visit Edmonton's R.P.S.C. Chapter 6. Meetings 2nd Mondays, September through July, 7 pm, at St. Joseph High School, 4th floor cafeteria, 109 St. and 108 Ave. Correspondence: Edmonton Stamp Club, Box 399, Edmonton AB T5J 2J6; 437-1787.

ESSEX COUNTY STAMP CLUB (WINDSOR)

R.P.S.C. Chapter 154 meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month (4th Wednesday in July and

August) at the Teutonia Club, 55 Edinborough, Windsor, Ont. Meetings start at 7 pm, program at 8 pm. Lots of parking; all visitors are welcome. Information: Essex Count Stamp Club, 2975 Clemenceau Blvd., Windsor ON N8T 2R2; (519) 974-2390.

ETOBICOKE PHILATELIC SOCIETY

R.P.S.C. Chapter 78 meets at Fairfield Centre, 80 Lothian Way, Etobicoke at 7:30 pm, 1st Wednesday of every month except July and August. Visitors always welcome. Information: C.E. Allen, 5 Aintree Court, Etobicoke ON M8W 2E1. Phone 251-3425.

FENELON STAMP CLUB

R.P.S.C. Chapter 176 meets 2nd Monday of each month in the Fenelon Falls Community Hall behind the Village Office on Market Street at 7:30 pm. Visitors always welcome. Information from the President: Margaret Allen, R R 1, Fenelon Falls, ON K0M 1N0.

GREATER VICTORIA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Chapter 32 meets on the third Friday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Windsor Park Pavilion in Oak Bay. Circuit books, auction and special programmes prevail. Membership $8 per year. Visitors welcome. Information: Don Dundee, 928 Claremont Ave., Victoria, BC V8Y 1K3; (604) 658-8458.

HAMILTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY

R.P.S.C. Chapter 51 meets at 6 pm on 2nd, 4th and 5th Mondays, Sept. to June except holidays, and 2nd Mondays July and August, at Bishop Ryan Secondary School, Quigley Rd. and Albert, in east-end Hamilton. 10 dealers, extensive sales circuit, youth booth, library. Auctions at each meeting, slide shows and speakers periodically. Nominal door fee. Free coffee. Visitors and juniors welcome. Information: H.P.S., Box 60510, 673 Upper James St., Hamilton ON L9C 7N7.

KAWARTHA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Chapter 58, R.P.S.C. Meetings 2nd and 4th Tuesdays September through June (excluding 4th Tuesdays in December and June). Meetings 7 pm at St. Peters High School. Information: Lloyd Mosher, 1269 Royal Drive, Peterborough, ON K9H 6R6.

KELOWNA & DISTRICT STAMP CLUB

Chapter 90 meets monthly, 2nd Wednesday, September to June from 7 to 10 pm at Dr. Knox Middle School Cafeteria, 1555 Burtch Ave. Business meeting at 8 pm followed by an auction. Visitors welcome. Information: Box 1185, Kelowna, BC V1Y 7P8; (604) 765-6174.

KENT COUNTY STAMP CLUB (CHATHAM, ON)

Chapter 7 meets 4th Wednesday of each month (except July, August and December) in the cafeteria of John McGregor Secondary School, 300 Cecile at 7:30 pm. Visitors always welcome. Sec.: Abie Heersma, 73 Jasper, Chatham ON N7M 4C1.

KINGSTON STAMP CLUB

Chapter 49 meets 2nd Monday, Sept.-May and 4th Monday, Sept.-Nov. and Jan.-Apr., at 8 pm, St. Thomas Anglican Church Hall, 130 Lakeview Ave. at Cranbrook (one block west of Days Rd. and one block north of Front Rd. in Kingston Township. Free parking, visitors are always welcome. Information: President, Kingston Stamp Club, 1960 Hwy. 2 East, Kingston ON K7L 4V1; (613) 546-3332.

KITCHENER-WATERLOO PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Chapter 13 meets 2nd Thursday every month (except July and August) at Rink in the Park, Seagram Drive, Waterloo. Visitors welcome. Information: Betty J. Martin, P.O. Box 43007, Eastwood Square Post Office, Kitchener ON N2H 6S9; 578-7782.

LAKEHEAD STAMP CLUB

Chapter 33 meets 2nd Wednesday and last Friday each month, September to June at the Herb Carroll Centre, 1100 Lincoln St., Thunder Bay ON. Meetings start at 8:00; visitors welcome. Sec.: D. Lein, 232 Dease St., Thunder Bay ON P7C 2H8.

LAKESHORE STAMP CLUB

Chapter 84 meets at Karnak Hall, 3350 Boulevard des Sources, Dollard des Ormeaux, QC on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays, September to June at 7:30 pm. Information: David Nickson, President, P.O. Box 1, Pointe Claire, PQ H9R 4N5.

MILTON STAMP CLUB

Chapter 180 meets last Monday of each month (except December), from 7:00 pm at Hugh Foster Hall (next to Town Hall) in Milton, Ont. Silent auction every meeting. For information: Milton Stamp Club, 425 Valleyview Cres., Milton ON L9T 3K9; Phone (905) 878-1533 or (905) 878-9076.

NORTH BAY & DISTRICT STAMP CLUB

Chapter 44 meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, September to May, at the Cassellholme Home for the Aged, 400 Olive Street, North Bay ON at 7 pm. (Basement meeting room.) Table auction and sales circuit. Visitors are welcome. Information: John Fretwell, RR 1, Callandar ON P0H 1H0; (705) 752-1364.

NORTH SHORE STAMP CLUB

Chapter 198 meets on alternate Tuesdays, September through June, at Boundary Community School Library, 750 East 26th Street, North Vancouver BC. Visitors are always welcome. For the current meeting schedule and information, write: 2500 Kilmarnock Crescent, North Vancouver, BC V7J 2Z5, or call (604) 985-2810 or (604) 987-1670.

NORTH YORK PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Chapter 21 meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month (except July and August) at 7 pm in the lounge of Centennial Arena, north side of Finch Ave. W., west of Bathurst. Sales circuit, auctions, speakers, lectures. Visitors welcome. Information: John DeGroot, Box 62, Willowdale ON M2N 5S7; (416) 493-1008.

NOVA SCOTIA STAMP CLUB

The first affiliate of the RPSC, est. 1922, meets 2nd Tuesday of each month, September to June at the Nova Scotia Museum. Visitors welcome. Information: E. Sodero, 831 Tower Rd., Halifax NS B3H 2Y1.

OAKVILLE STAMP CLUB

Chapter 135 meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 7pm in the Cafeteria, St. Thomas Aquinas Secondary School (formerly Perdue High School), 124 Margaret Drive (Lakeshore West/Dorval Drive), Oakville. Visitors welcome. Information: Oakville Stamp Club, Box 69643, Oakville ON L6J 7R4.

OTTAWA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Chapter 16 meets every Thursday at 7:30 pm, September through May, at the Hintonburg Community Centre, 1064 Wellington St., Ottawa ON. Visitors are always welcome. Information: Pres. Mitch Gosselin, (819) 682-6277; P.O. Box 65085, Merivale Postal Outlet, Nepean, ON K2G 5Y3.

OXFORD PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Chapter 65 meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays, September to May, at Woodstock Collegiate Institute Cafeteria, Riddell St., Woodstock, Ont. Trading at 7 pm, program at 7:30 pm. Speakers, mini auctions, draw prizes, contests, dealers. Information: Gib Stephens, P.O. Box 20113, Woodstock ON N4S 8X8.

PENTICTON AND DISTRICT STAMP CLUB

Chapter 127 meets the first Sunday of each month at 2 pm at the United Church Hall, 696 Main St., Penticton, B.C. A short business meeting is followed by circuit books every month and four slide shows in the year. Visitors always welcome. Information: 217 Redwing Pl., Penticton BC V2A 8K6; phone (604) 493-0188.

R.A. STAMP CLUB - OTTAWA

Chapter 41 meets every Monday (except June, July and August) at 7:30 pm at the R.A. Centre, 2451 Riverside Dr., Ottawa ON. K1H 7X7. Visitors welcome. Information: (613) 733-5100.

REGINA PHILATELIC CLUB

Chapter 10 meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month, September through May, from 7 -10 pm at Sheldon-Williams Collegiate Library, 2601 Coronation St., Regina. Visitors are always welcome. Information: Box 1891, Regina SK S4P 3E1.

ROYAL CITY STAMP CLUB

Chapter 104 meets 3rd Thursday of each month (except July and August), 7:30 pm at Community Centre, 65 East Sixth Ave., by Canada Game Pool, corner of McBride, New Westminster BC. Information: Box 145, Milner BC V0X 1T0. Phone 534-1884.

SAINT JOHN STAMP CLUB

Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays (Except July and August), 7 pm at the Saint John High School, Canterbury St., Saint John, NB. Visitors and new members welcome. Information: Saint John Stamp Club, 185 Princess Street, Saint John NB E2L 1K8.

ST. JOHN'S PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays (except July and August), 8 pm at Cabot Institute. Visitors welcome. Information: Ron Bearns, Box 333, Paradise, NF A1L 1C7; (709) 782-3037.

SOUTH CARIBOO COIN AND STAMP CLUB – 100 MILE HOUSE, B.C. –

The club meets 3rd Mondays of each month at the 100 Mile House Elementary School Library. For information, contact Horst Stock, 395-4497.

SUDBURY STAMP CLUB

Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month, September to June, in the library, LaSalle Secondary School at 7:30 pm. Meetings include slide shows, presentations, and a stamp auction. New members are very welcome. Contact Dan McInnes, president, Box 2063, Stn. A, Sudbury ON P3A 1L8.

TORONTO HARMONIE STAMP CLUB

Chapter 94 meets 3rd Thursdays each month, 7:30 pm, Victoria Park Secondary School, Library Seminar Room, 15 Wallingford Rd., Don Mills ON. Information: J. Doehler 438-4862, or P. Mustard 690-9711.

UNION PHILATÉLIQUE de MONTREAL

Chapter 3 meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, September to June at 7 pm, 7110 8th Ave., Montreal (St-Michel) PQ. Visitors always welcome. Information: 9170 Millen St., Montreal PQ H2M 1W7.

WEST TORONTO STAMP CLUB

Chapter 14 meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays (except July and August), 7:30 pm at Fairfield Seniors' Centre, 80 Lothian Ave., Etobicoke. Visitors always welcome. Information: 331 Rathburn Rd., Islington ON M9B 2L9.

WINNIPEG PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Meetings 1st and 3rd Thursdays (except July and August), 7 pm in Room 308, Union Centre, 275 Broadway Ave. (corner of Broadway and Smith St.). Visitors always welcome. Information: P.O. Box 1425, Winnipeg, MB R3C 2Z1.

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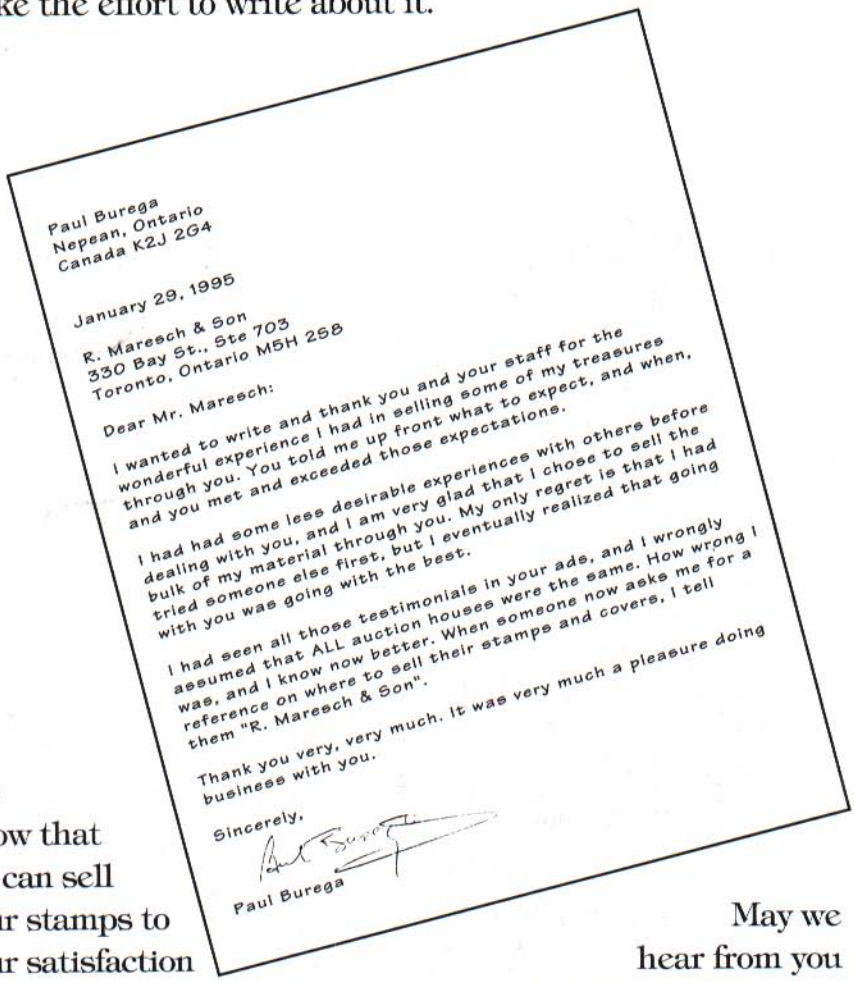
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