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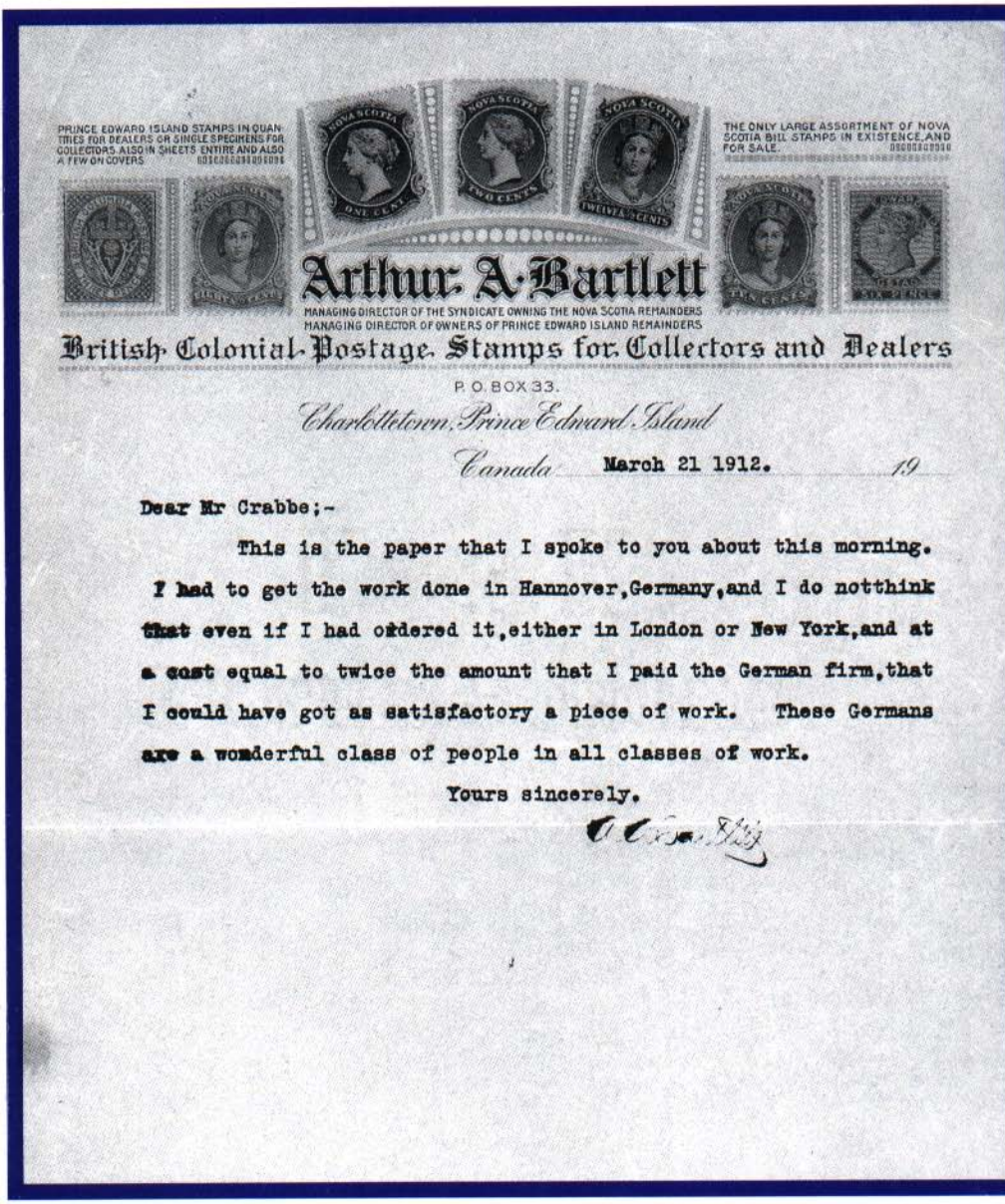
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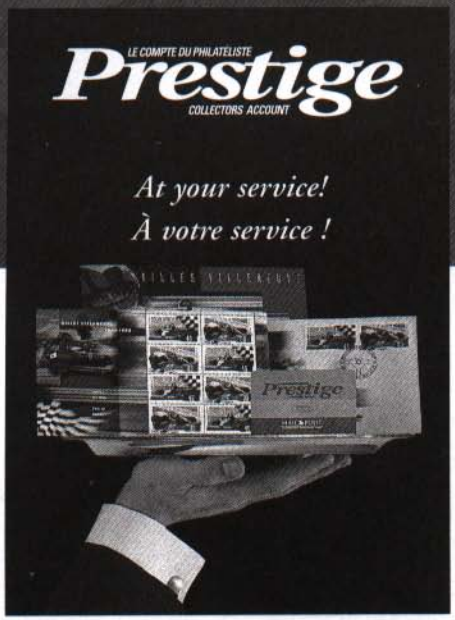
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From the Editor's Desk

by Steve Thorning

COMPUTERS OR TONGS?

After a slow start, computer technology has made extraordinary inroads in philately very recently. I have heard a lot of talk at club meetings, and readers have seen the matter discussed in our letters column, and by two of our regular contributors, Hans Reiche and Michael Millar. I commented briefly on computers in the January-February issue, and already my comments then seem dated.

The RPSC Web Site has been well received, and has brought in new members. Our Society Reports column this issue lists several with E-mail addresses. Still, computer owners comprise only a minority of collectors. Philately the old-fashioned way, with tongs, remains strong, and may have a particular appeal to those forced to spend their working days staring at a screen.

In the long run, it is likely that the commercial side of the hobby will ultimately decide the place of computers in the hobby. Inventory programs have been around for years, but so far they have attracted only limited interest. Other developments are more significant.

For example, many dealers are using the Internet for orders, and some are posting their inventory for perusal by potential purchasers. There is an obvious advantage here for auction houses, and particularly for dealers with one-of-a-kind private treating offerings. Not only will these dealers avoid the cost of producing and mailing an illustrated catalogue, but they will also need not fear late delivery of either the list or the returning bid sheets. Private treaty dealers can update their offerings daily, avoiding the frustrations of requests for material already sold.

With a wider use of half-tone scanners, we may see a revival of the old-fashioned swap session: collectors sending illustrations of their duplicates instantaneously around the world.

Another potential for computer use is with stamp catalogues. It may well be that the printed catalogue is an endangered species. They are costly to produce, bigger every year, and obsolete the minute they are printed. There are obvious benefits in having an Internet-based catalogue, or one available on disk. The transition period, though, is unlikely to be smooth, and there will be those who will be infuriated at not having a bound catalogue in front of them as they work on their collections.

WE'RE RUNNING LATE

The publication schedule of this journal has fallen behind, and I apologize to RPSC members for not getting the past couple of issues into their hands in a timely manner. I had considerable demands on my time, with many unexpected developments, during the first half of 1997. I am dedicating August to get caught up with *The Canadian Philatelist.* The next two issues are following on the heels of this one. We intend to be back on track in the fall, with the September-October issue in your hands by mid-September. Correspondence has also piled up. if you have written or submitted an article recently, please be patient. You'll hear from me in August.

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Letters to the Editor

HATS OFF TO C.F. BLACK

Sir,

May I express my personal delight and extreme enjoyment gained from Mr. C.F. Black's beautiful historical article on "Prince Edward Island, As Postally Recollected." I am a fifth generation Canadian and my people were Empire Loyalists — my mother's people came into New Brunswick and my father's people into Nova Scotia, Digby County. Mr. Black filled in all the huge blank spaces which our high school teachers knew absolutely nothing about. In fact, more than 80% of my teachers back in the 1920s and 1930s were from England, and knew literally nothing about our early settlement, from John Cabot's landing up to and including the 1870s and 80s. Thank you, Mr. Black, for your knowledge and wisdom.

Aubrey Trefry
Osoyoos, BC

MIDLAND POST OFFICE ANNIVERSARY

Sir,

Nov. 1st 1997 marks the 125th anniversary of the Midland post office, and special events are planned, including an open house during business hours and Saturday, Nov. 1 from 10 to 1.

There will be a special cover, showing dowtown Midland about 1885. A special hand cancel will be used on these covers. They are $3 each, and feature a special hand cancel portraying the fourth Midland post office, in service from 1913 to 1964. Only 500 covers will be available. Proceeds will be donated to the local museum.

We have also had a slogan cancel made for our Klussendorf machine, which will be in use from Oct. 1 to Nov. 1. Strikes are available by sending a stamped self-addressed envelope to the Midland post office.

Those wishing either cover to bypass the regular mail stream should enclose an additional stamped addressed envelope for return of their covers. Sed requests to the Midland Post Office, 525 Dominion Ave., Midland, ON L4R 4K6.

David Archer
Midland, ON



MONTREAL WEST CENTENNIAL

Sir,

On June 24 1997 the Town of Montreal West was granted a special cancellation stamp to mark its 100th anniversary. A limited edition of 500 special first day covers, featuring the John Cabot stamp issued the same day, have been produced. The cancellation, designed by M. François Brisse, is unusual. It is triangular in shape, with the town's name in both French and English on each shoulder flanking the official centennial logo. The cachet is a reproduction of Berge Missakian's painting and gift to the town, *Jazz It Up in Montreal West.*

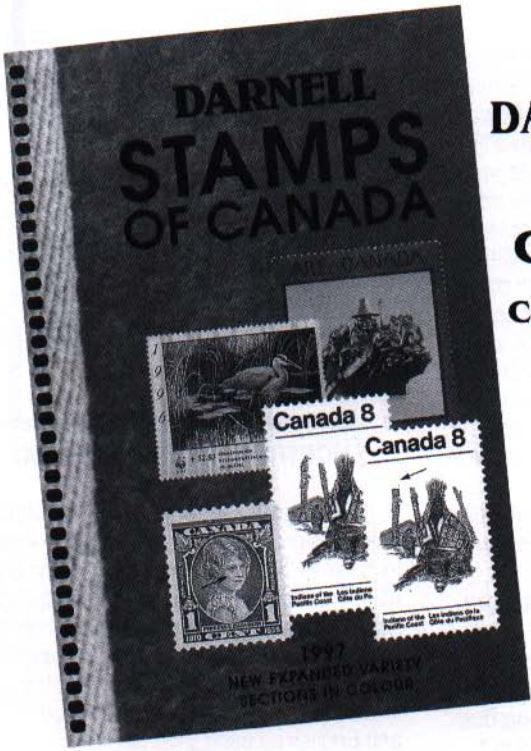
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Hugh J. Upton
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The CWH Museum has now decided to create a new series of covers in the No. 8 size. These will feature the Avro Anson, the Avro Lancaster, the de Havilland Tiger Moth, the de Havilland Chipmunk, the Douglas DC3, the Fairey Firefly, the Goodyear FG1 Corsair, the North American Harvard, and the North American B24 Mitchell. Each cover will feature a photograph of the airplane on the front, and a three-quarter drawing on the back. To be produced and flown in 1997 as weather and opportunity permit, these covers will carry Canadian stamps and those from other countries. Since this is the Museum's 25th anniversary, a commemorative cancel will be used. All covers will be signed by the crew and numbered.

Each cover contains an insert giving a general history of the aircraft, and the Museum's example in particular. The covers are $4.50 each, or a complete set of nine for $35.00, taxes included. Mail orders should be addressed to Maj. W. Randall, Lancaster Support Club, 9280 Airport Road, Mount Hope, ON L0R 1W0.

DANISH RAILWAY POST OFFICES

May 31 marks the last run of a railway post office in Denmark. Known as bureaus in Denmark, the service began in 1856. To mark the occasion, the Danish post office scheduled a commemorative stamp for a June 12 release.



Although mail is no longer sorted on Danish trains, the mail will continue to move by rail in new specially-built cars. Improved rail facilities have shortened travelling times, and mail that currently moves by truck or air will in future return to the rails.

NORTH TORONTO SHOW

The dealers were busy and exhibitors picked up an impressive number of awards at the North Toronto Stamp Club's 54th annual exhibition and bourse in March. Attendance for the two-day show was more than 750, down a touch from the previous year's record, likely due to inclement weather and an overlap with the end of the March break.

The judges were obviously impressed with the exhibits, passing out three golds, four vermeils, two silvers, two silver bronzes, and two bronzes. The grand award went to Ken Snelson for "Great Britain Underpaid International Mail 1875-1940."

One of the silvers went to Harold Gosney, FRPSC, a collector for 70 years and an exhibitor at the North Toronto Club for 50 consecutive years. He joined the club in 1945 and still recalls his first exhibit 50 years ago — a six-page display of "Architecture on Stamps." The silver tray he won for the best novice entry is still in use today.

Mr. Gosney does not recall how many awards he has collected over the years. "I don't count them; I exhibit for the fun and enjoyment," he says. He does admit that they include two grand awards.

Ben Marier, club president and show chairman, said the 22 dealers "were more than satisfied with the sales numbers," and reported that visitors were ready to buy if the right material was available.

IBRA 99

The first FIP International Show in Germany in two decades, IBRA 99, takes place in the Bavarian city of Nuremberg from April 27 to May 4, 1999. The occasion marks the 150th anniversary of the first Bavarian postage stamp. For more information on this show, contact the Canadian Commissioner, R.K. Malott, at 16 Harwick Cres., Nepean, ON K2H 6R1; phone/fax (613) 829-0280.

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The President's Page / La page du président



by William G. Robinson

This page is being prepared as I am getting ready to take exhibits from western Canada to PACIFIC '97, while Cliff Guile will be taking those from the east. We are looking forward to an excellent show there, and hope that Canadian exhibitors will bring home some high awards. Participation in such International shows is one of the duties imposed on the RPSC as the National stamp organization. While it is sometimes an onerous duty, and it does not concern the bulk of the membership, it is essential to maintaining the staus of Canadian philatelists and collectors in the world community. Next time I hope to have a report for you on this show.

Ray Ireson is continuing his efforts to re-organize our Chapters throughout the country, and in the process is receiving much valuable feedback concerning our shortcomings — and even about positive aspects. One of the main concerns which has surfaced concerns the lack of replies to correspondence in the past — at least I hope it is all in the past. When our National Office was staffed on a volunteer or part time basis, it appears that some enquiries didn't receive replies. now that our Administrator is available every day, one of his priorities is replying to such mail in a timely way, or referring it to the appropriate officer for a speedy reply. In my own case, I have tried to reply to each letter either addressed to me, or sent to me by the Office for reply. Sometimes this may involve delays as I have been travelling quite a bit , but if you know of any letters which are not receiving replies, please let me know by post, fax, or phone, and I'll do my best to reply quickly. Sometimes the replies may not be exactly what you request, but we're doing our best.

Some of the feedback concerns the content of *The Canadian Philatelist,* and the comments are exceedingly varied. Some readers complain that the articles are too specialized, and that we should include more material for beginning or general collectors. Others comment that their specialty isn't covered. I can only remind you that the Editor can only print the articles he receives or solicits. How about some new writers or some articles on your pet subject?

You will find in this issue the information regarding those nominated as Directors of the Society for the next two years. You will notice several new names, including one from the U.S.A. I hope that you will continue to give us feedback on such matters, so that we can direct the Society in the way the membership wishes. Please let us know.

The RPSC Annual General Meeting will be in September this year because of PACIFIC '97, but we hope that this will not restrict the numbers attending. The Calgary Committee is working hard to make this another of their memorable National meetings, and they should certainly succeed. If you have never been to Calgary, here is your chance to visit one of the most interesting and vibrant cities in Canada. While there, extend your trip to include the mountain paradises of Banff and Jasper, so you can return home with your batteries recharged from contact with some of the most beautiful National Parks in the world. So long for now.

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BEWARE OF FAKES

Recent Canadian coils have been noted with double perforations. Careful examination shows them to have been faked. Unfortunately, this can only be seen if the coils are in strips, not just pairs. Expertization by a well established committee is advisable before purchase.

Expertization brings up another question. The German inflation stamps of 1923 exist used and mint. Because the time period for rates, usage of these stamps was very short in most cases. Used examples often bring higher prices than the cheap mint stamps. A number of these used stamps are priced in the range of DM 3.00, or about $2.80. The question is, do these used stamps have to be expertized? The Michel catalogue states that prices are valid only for genuine cancelled stamps, as expertized by the Inflation expertizing committee. Doing this with several thousand stamps does not sound very practical, unless one wants to make expertizers rich.

THE 5¢ BEAVER

One of the very interesting classic stamps remains the five cent 1859 Beaver. The stamp was manufactured by the American Bank Note Company in New York, formerly known as Rawdon, Wright, Hatch and Edson.

Many students of this issue grappled initially with the question of the number of plates used to produce this stamp. Because of the change in location of the imprints it was believed that two plates were used to produce this stamp. Because of the change in the location of the imprints, two plates were probably used.

A number of prominent philatelists have worked on this problem, together with the flaws and re-entries. Among them ar Brig. Gen. M.A. Studd, R.W.T. Lees-Jones, B.K. Denton, A.F. Lichtenstein, and H.L. Lindquist. In 1940 Senator J.A. Calder published a book about this issue with details taken from his extensive collection and the proof sheets that were available to him.

His collection eventually came on the market, and parts of it went to G. Whitworth and Maj. G.A.E. Chapman. Both made extensive studies of the 5¢ Beaver. Chapman owned the famous strip of three that clearly identified the position of the major re-entry.

After reviewing the numbering system of Calder, he revised this system and prepared a new classification scheme in 1948. It eliminated some of the duplications and simplified the available data in what today would be called a spreadsheet format.

When Maj. G. Grenier purchased this collection plus additional material, he too tried to make some changes in the numbering system using his total collection for this purpose. At this time his collection contained about 8,000 stamps plus over 400 covers franked with 5¢ Beavers. A collector in New York purchased Grenier's collection but did not carry out further research.

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Dealers and societies complain that no new blood is entering the hobby. Few young people take up stamp collecting. Perhaps we ask too much of them, and make the hobby unattractive and too complicated. We talk about perforations, watermarks, papers, shades, varieties. All this does not make much sense to youngsters.

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Jim's Stamp Corner

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ONLY FOUR STAMPS SHOW KING EDWARD VIII

On January 20, 1936, King George V died and his eldest son, "David," became King and chose the title Edward VIII. This was the beginning of one of the shortest yet one of the most dramatic reigns in history.



For the philatelist it is but a brief footnote since only four stamps were issued by Great Britain for this King. He never appeared as King on the stamps of any Dominion or Colony of the Empire, though he is portrayed on a number of issues (including Scott 214 of Canada) as Prince of Wales.

The first omen noticed by the public was during the funeral procession for the old King. The Royal Crown had been balanced on the coffin as it was carried by a heavy gun carriage. On the top of the crown is a Maltese Cross, set with a square sapphire, eight medium, and 192 small diamonds. When the procession turned into the Palace yard, the cross fell off into the gutter.

A sergeant-major of the Grenadier Guards rescued it but two M.P.s heard the new King exclaim, "Christ! What will happen next?"

What happened next was that for 11 months Edward fought his government, the Church, and his conscience trying to have the lady he loved for his queen. Wallis was an American woman with two living husbands. She would soon be divorced from Ernest Simpson, but the British Government and the Church of England would not accept a divorced woman as queen.

After a terrible struggle of conscience, Edward abdicated on December 10. In his speech he spoke of his brother, now King George VI — "He has one matchless blessing, enjoyed by so many of you and not bestowed on me - a happy home with his wife and children."

This was one of the great personal dramas of our time, but the most cruel stroke of all, in the view of Edward, came a few weeks later when King George VI issued a decree naming him Duke of Windsor. Officially, when he abdicated, he became Mr. David Edward Windsor, private citizen. It was felt that as a former King he should have a title, yet they feared that if he married Wallis and shared his title with her, she might divorce him (as she had done twice already) and keep the royal title. Therefore, the decree specified that the title could not be shared with his wife or passed on to any child.

From a philatelic viewpoint, 1936 was an interesting year. A new set of George V stamps was cancelled. Four stamps portraying Edward VIII were issued by Great Britain. Most Dominions and Colonies, including Canada, prepared Edward VIII stamps but never issued them.

On December 11, the front page of the *Daily Herald* was taken up with the story of the abdication. A small item stated: "The existing King Edward stamps will be issued until the stocks are exhausted. Within a quarter of an hour of the abdication announcement, post offices at Southampton were raided by philatelists who purchased all King Edward stamps of the higher denominations."

Someone must have thought that these stamps would become rare and expensive. The truth is that in the current Stanley Gibbons catalogue a mint set is valued at £1, and £1.25 for a used set. Nevertheless, I prize my set of King Edward VIII stamps as a reminder of the century's most dramatic love story.

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UNDER THE HAMMER

.... with Dean Mario

Two reports are included for members this issue. The first sale which we will review was that conducted by Ian Kimmerly Stamp Auctions held on January 28-29, 1997. Kimmerly's sale contained many choice items for collectors, and errors and varieties were at the forefront. Lot 10 in the sale contained a rare item from Newfoundland, the 1929 3¢ provisional overprint with a black surcharge instead of the usual red one. Estimated at $600, the mint LH stamp realized $522 (prices include the 10% buyers fee).

A 1978 14¢ "White Queen" definitive with the red missing was offered in lot 46 at an estimate of $900. It sold for $990. Another error was found in lot 50, a 1994 $2 Normal School with inscriptions omitted, and estimated at $1,200. It sold for $880. This stamp has retained at $1,495. The following lot contained another important and dramatic error, the 1992 42¢ Space pair with a missing hologram. Estimated at $1,500, the pair went to a happy collector for $1,705.

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Our other report concerns the private mail auctions of Polar Bear Philatelics, owned by Joseph L. Lynch, Jr. His sales feature stamps and postal history associated with the Arctic and Antarctic and related areas. Auction 35 was held on February 22, 1997 and offered numerous interesting items. Lot 1 contained a colour postcard with a "British Antarctic Expedition, New Zealand" 1908 postmark. It was estimated at $250 and realized $205 (no buyer's fee is charged).

Lot 19 offered an unusual cover with a "Dundas Harbour, NWT" 1947 postmark and a straight line auxiliary marking, "Salvaged from Steamer Nascopie/Sunk off Cape Dorset". It had an estimate of $175 and reached $115. A cover with the "Eastern Arctic Patrol RMS/ Canada" 1945 cancel was sold as lot 286. It sold for a reasonable $16 against a $15 estimate.

An unusual souvenir letter-sheet was offered in lot 287. It featured a large map of the Canadian Northwest and photos of the ship *Nascopie* and Inuit. Estimated at "?", it realized $30.50. Lot 363 contained a cover from the Ronne Antarctic Research Expedition of 1946-48. The 1947 cover featured a block of four of the 1d Falkland Islands Dependencies issue and it was signed by a member of the expedition. Estimated at $40, it found a home for $67.

Polar Bear Philatelics usually runs two or three sales every year. For a copy of the next sale catalogue, the firm can be reached at 213 Clay Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15235 USA; phone (412) 793-8153; fax (412) 793-2515.

Until next time, good luck and good bidding!

CORRECTION

In the March-April issue, the catalogue values of several lots were inadvertently transposed, and indicated as estimated values. Catalogue values were used for lots 1709. 1726, 1977, and 1829. The writer regrets any inconvenience caused to R. Maresch and Son.

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This is the information age, so we are told. Even our worthy Society has got into the act with a web site. I heard a commercial on the radio a while back where the announcer stated that if he wanted to check out a web site, he'd go and poke around in the attic for a spell. Thus it is, I suspect, with most stamp collectors, and they would rather poke around their collections than the Internet. Our sister organization to the south of us conducted a survey last year and discovered that the vast majority of their members didn't have a computer and furthermore had no intention of getting one. The American Philatelic Society president expressed shock at this revelation. How, he agonized, can one be a completely fulfilled philatelist and not have a computer? Well, have I got news for him. Most collectors prefer to spend their money on items of philatelic importance rather than the latest pentium-based gizmow with all the bells and whistles like CD-Rom drives, sound boards, modems — to get onto the "information highway" — interactive graphics, etc. ad nauseum. Not to mention the whole vast range of printers that are now available. You think I'm kidding about bells and whistles in a PC don't you, you should try my version of Trainmaster. It's got lots of bells and whistles!

The philatelic computer literati would have you believe that the machine will do wonders for you. You can purchase an inventory program that will keep track of your collection. However, given the choice of spending $75 or $80 on a choice GB squared circle cover or spending it on a philatelic inventory program, I know where my money would go. I suspect that the great majority of collectors would feel the same way. But suppose that you do have a PC and you do decide to invest in an inventory program, what then? What then is that you now have to spend many hours keying in all of the information pertaining to your collection. You want information out, you first have to put it in. Is it worth the hassle? I leave that up to you. But keep in mind this is time away from working on your collection. Our hobby has always prided itself as being the hobby of "Kings and Commoners" and a hobby, surely, is something you do for relaxation. Spending endless evenings hunched over the keyboard isn't going to give you much relaxation.

Having said all that I should say that I do have a computer and have had since 1983. Do I use it for philatelic purposes? Yes I do in a limited way. I use the dBASE 5 database program to keep track of my GB squared circle collection and that is all. I certainly have no intention of doing up an inventory of the rest of my material. Life is too short for one thing.

Computers do have a place in philately, but don't go overboard with one. Remember, the object of the exercise is to relax of an evening or during a weekend with one's collection and you can't do that if you are worried that your computerized inventory is not caught up. My wife is fond of saying that even if she did have all of her recipes in the computer, the machine isn't going to contribute one little thing towards getting dinner cooked. So it is for philatelists. The computer — no matter how sophisticated — isn't going to mount up your collection for you, although it might make some fancy pages upon which you can mount your stamps.

So, to the philatelic geeks out there, please continue your work in cyber-philately and the best of luck to you. But don't look down your noses at those of us who prefer to work at the hobby in the old fashioned way. We are, after all, philatelists too, complete with tongs and magnifying glasses.

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by William G. Robinson, FRPSC

The first two parts of this series covered post offices opened from 1894 to 1939. All these were civil offices of the Canadian Post Office Department. With the exception of the office at Watson Lake, all of those listed in this part were United States Army Post Offices serving the units constructing the Alaska Military Highway, or operating the Northwest Staging Route to Russia.



POST OFFICES OPENED FROM 1940 TO 1946

Watson Lake

This office opened July 1, 1942, just north of the 60th parallel on Watson Lake. A large airport was built here, and the site developed into an important road junction and trading post. This office is still open. Numerous markings have been used, and several are shown.



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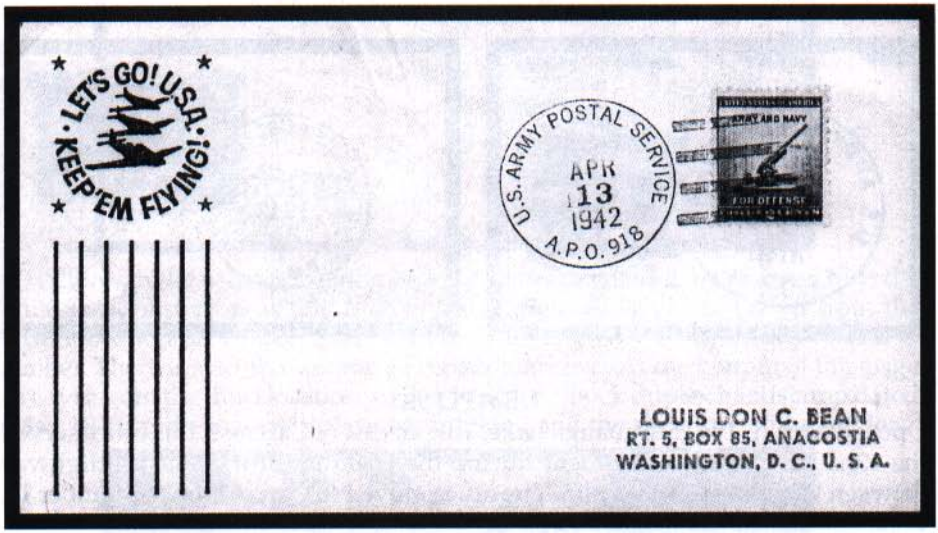
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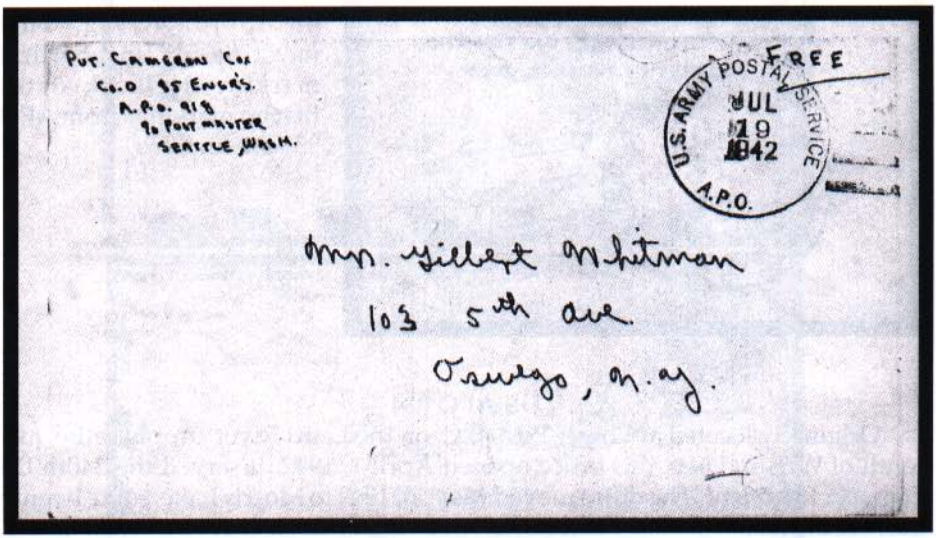
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US APO 918

Opened March 9, 1942 at Muskwa, B.C., adjacent to Fort Nelson, this office was established to serve the 35th US Engineer Regiment while building the Alaska Highway in the area. The office moved to Watson Lake, Yukon, on July 10, 1942 and closed March 1, 1943. Below is a strike of the Helbock APO Type 1 duplex.



Below is a very early strike of the Helbock Type 2 duplex with the APO number removed. The item was mailed on the first day of operation at Watson Lake.



US APO 931

This office opened March 1, 1942 at Kluane Lake, Yukon, west of Whitehorse. It served the 18th US Engineer Regiment building the Alaska Highway between Whitehorse and the Alaska border. It closed January 8, 1943. Markings are known

with and without the APO number. The office reopened at Canyon, Yukon on December 30, 1943 to serve maintenance units, closing permanently July 29, 1947.

Below left is the latest date reported for the Helbock Type 1 duplex. At right is the Helbock Type 2 duplex without the APO number. The date, 7 Aug. 1942, is three months earlier than the earliest date recorded by Helbock for this marking.





US APO 933

Opened April 1, 1942 at Squanga Lake, Yukon, east of Carcross, this office served the 93rd US Engineer Regiment during the building of the Alaska Highway between Whitehorse and Teslin. The office moved to Carcross on September 10, 1942, and closed in February 1943.

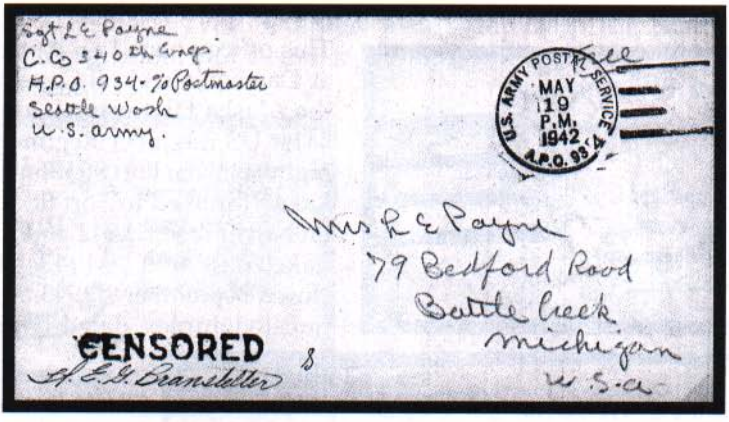


At left is a strike of the APO 933 duplex marking, struck on 16 June 1942. This marking is unrecorded marking; Helbock states that no markings from APO 933 are known.

US APO 934

Originally located at Lower Post, B.C. on the Laird River supply route, just south of Watson Lake, this office opened April 1, 1942. It served the 340th US Engineer Regiment. The office moved May 30, 1942 to Morris Lake, some twenty miles southeast of Teslin, Yukon. It moved again March 1, 1943 to Whitehorse, and closed August 12, 1943.

At the top of the following page is a strike of an unlisted duplex handstamp, inscribed "A.P.O. 93 4" with the "4" inserted in a larger type style. The cover is signed by an officer, and has an unreported straight line "CENSORED" marking.



Although the second location of APO 934 was stated to be Morris Lake, the actual location was probably Morley Lake. Below is a cover mailed from the second location on 15 Dec. 1942, with the Helbock Type 1 duplex with no APO number. There is also an unreported censor marking. At the bottom of this page is a cover from the third location, with a Type 1 Helbock duplex handstamp dated 9 Mar. 1943, and a manuscript censor marking and the signature of the sender.



US APO 996



This office opened on April 14, 1942 at Dawson Creek, B.C. — Mile 0 of the Alaska Highway — to serve the 341st US Engineer Regiment on the highway from Fort St. John to Watson Lake. It moved to Fort St. John, B.C. on November 1, 1942 and to Watson Lake on March 1, 1943. The office closed September 8, 1943. At left is an unlisted duplex, dated 11 June 1942.



At left is an unlisted duplex handstamp used at APO 996 with both "A.P.O." and "996" removed.

US APO 998

This office opened June 1, 1942 at Dawson Creek, B.C., serving the 95th US Engineer Regiment. The office moved to Muskwa, B.C. on November 5, 1942, and closed April 23, 1943. No postal markings are known.

US APO 702

Located at Whitehorse, this office served the headquarters of the Northwest Service Command and associated units. It opened July 8, 1942, and closed June 1, 1946. The terminus of the White Pass and Yukon Railway and the site of an airfield, Whitehorse was the focal point for many Canadian-American defence projects.



Above are two items from APO 702: a Helbock Type 1 duplex with the A.P.O number in the indicia, and Helbock Type 2 duplex with no A.P.O. number.

Below: a Helbock Type 3 duplex handstamp with the Seattle, Wash. forwarding designation, and a similar marking, but designated San Francisco rather than Seattle.







Unit 1 APO 702 opened July 8, 1942 at Whitehorse to serve the Headquarters of the Northwest Service Command at the Whitehorse Air Field. The office closed June 1 , 1946.

US APO 701

This office opened on July 18, 1942 at Fort St. John, B.C., and served the Headquarters of the 477th Q.M. Regiment. The office moved to Dawson Creek on December 31, 1945, and closed in January 1946.



US APO 722

Opened October 10, 1942 at Edmonton, Alberta, this office served units scattered along the Northwest Air Staging Route. It closed June 1, 1946.



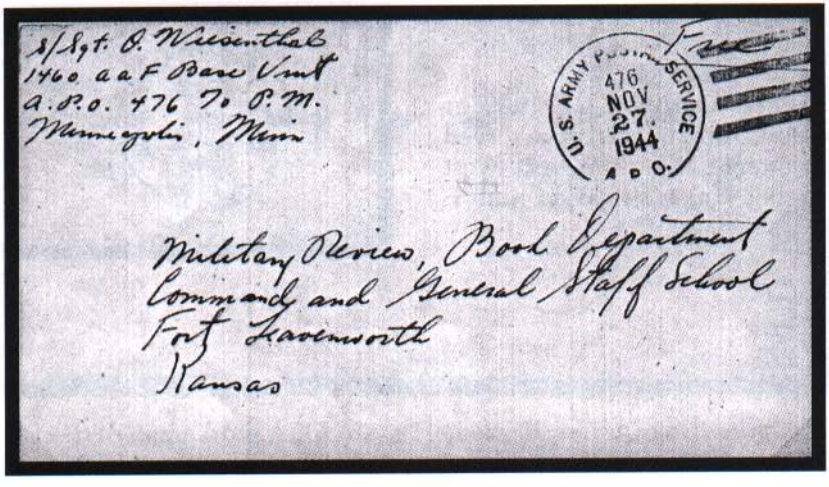
US APO 724

This office opened on December 9, 1942 at Dawson Creek, B.C. to supply postal service to a number of service units. Located in the Peace River region some 250 miles northwest of Edmonton, Dawson Creek was the terminal of the Northern Alberta Railways which brought in construction and materials for the Alaska Highway. Shown below is a cover with an unlisted duplex, in which "A.P.O." covers less than 45 degrees of arc, compared the 60 degrees in Helbock Type 2 markings.



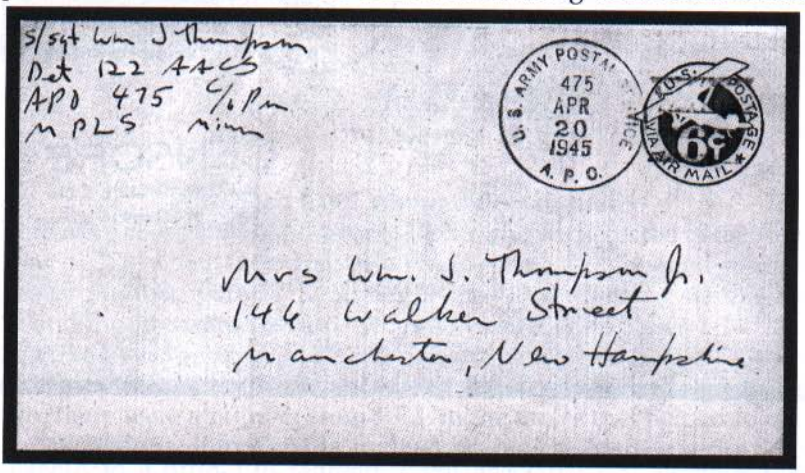
US APO 476

Serving Air Corps support units, APO 476 opened on January 19, 1943 at Fort Nelson, B.C. It moved a few miles to maintenance establishment at Muskwa, B.C in April 1943, and then back to the Fort St. John air field on February 1, 1944, where it remained until it closed on February 15, 1946. Below is "Free" cover with a Helbock Type 1 duplex handstamp.



US APO 475

Opened at Watson Lake on February 19, 1943, APO 475 served the 122nd Squadron of the 60th Supply Group, Army Air Corps. The 60th was headquartered at Edmonton, with detachments along the Northwest Staging

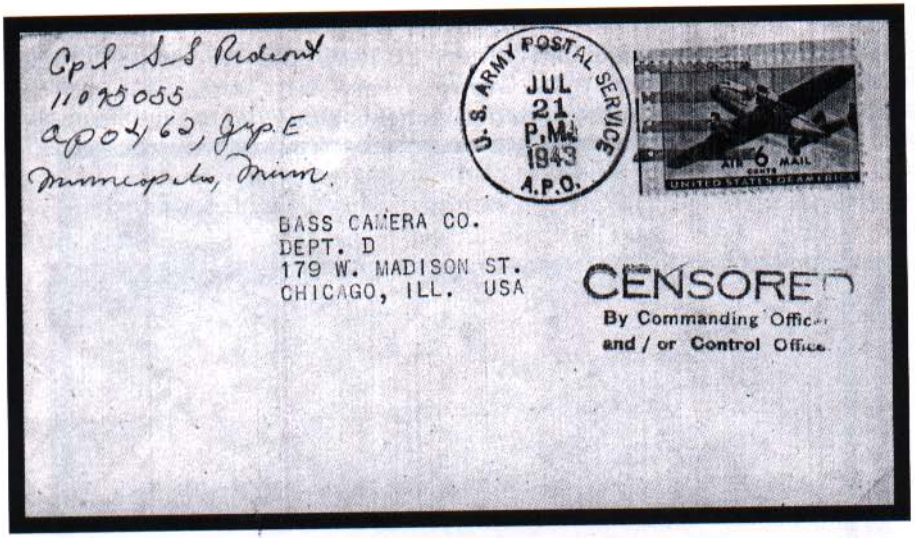


Route from Edmonton to Alaska. APO 475 closed July 29, 1947. Shown above is a cover with a Helbock Type 1 duplex, and no censor marking. The date of 20 Apr. 1945 is two months later than the latest date reported for this marking by Helbock. Originally under the Seattle postmaster, the office was transferred to Minneapolis. in February 1944.

US APO 462

APO 462 opened on April 9, 1943 at Edmonton Airport. The office served the Alaska Wing Headquarters and various units of the US Air Transport Command, closing on April 1, 1946. Below is a cover mailed by a Staff Sergeant in the 122nd Supply Squadron , postmarked with the Helbock Type 2 duplex handstamp. Note the absence of a censor marking.





Shown above is a letter sent by a member of Group E of Alaska Wing Headquarters on July 21, 1943. Note that this APO was distributed through Minneapolis, rather than Seattle, as was the case with most other American APOs operated in connection with the Alaska Highway and the Northwest Staging Route. The cover bears a Helbock Type 1 duplex. The censor mark is an unlisted type.

US APO 478

This office opened on May 5, 1943 at Fort St. John, B.C. and served Quartermaster units. The office closed less than a year later, on March 21, 1944. Only one example of a marking has been reported from APO 478.

US APO 479

Opened at Fort Nelson on May 5, 1943, APO 479 moved to Muncho Lake, B.C. on August 8, 1943. On February 1, 1944 the office returned to Fort Nelson. It was closed five weeks later, on March 9, 1944. The office was established to serve maintenance facilities. Its short life is explained by the fact that it duplicated other postal facilities. A single example of a postal marking has so far been reported.

(To be concluded in the July-August issue)

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, AS POSTALLY RECOLLECTED, Part II

by C. F. Black, FRPSC

American Civil War and Fenian Raids

There were about 200 Island-born soldiers who participated in the American Civil War of 1861-1865, including one who became a regimental commander. The greater number were in the forces of the North. Related stamps are U.S. 1178-82 and the 20-stamp sheet of 1995, and Confederate States 1-14. Islanders are known to have fought in the Battles of Fort Sumter (U.S. 1178), Gettysburg (U.S. 1180), and the Wilderness (U.S. 1181).

Also, there were a number from P.E.I. in the forces that helped to repel the raids, or incursions, into Canada in 1866 by radical Irish-American Fenians (Ireland 238-39), who had strong anti-British feelings.

One who was entitled to wear the Fenian Raid 1866 Medal issued by the British Government was Frederick W. Hyndman. During a career in the Royal Navy he had trained on Nelson's flagship, the *Victory* (G.B. 286, 993), and in 1869 was present at the formal opening of the Suez Canal (Egypt 386 and 812, the latter marking the centenary of the event). Hyndman paid the first canal dues, thus enabling his ship, *H.M.S. Newport*, to be the first to pass through after the ceremony.



Clockwise, from upper left: U.S. 1078; G.B. 286; Egypt 386; Egypt 812; Ireland 238.

Y.M.C.A.

The "Y" (Australia 283) started its first organized group in England in 1844. By 1851 it had expanded to North America. (U.S. 2160), and by 1855 it was in seven countries.

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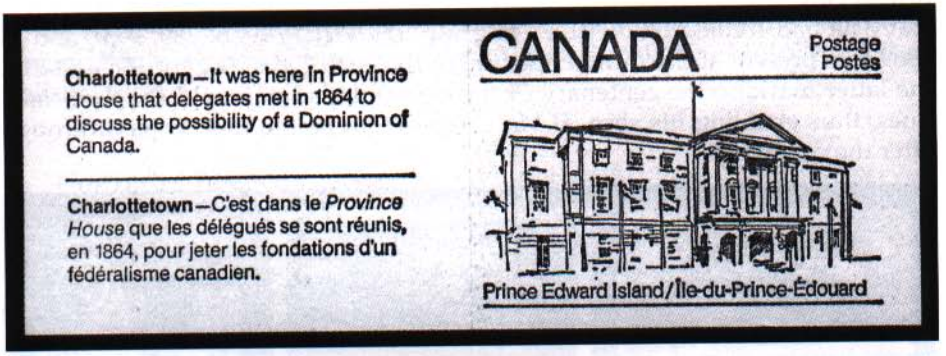


Australia 283

The First Confederation Conference

In the spring of 1864 the Assemblies of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island each passed a resolution indicating an interest in a possible political union, and agreed to have representatives gather in Charlottetown in September to discuss the matter. When the Canadas, East and West, heard of this development they expressed a desire to participate, as they had been having difficulty living together in harmony and thought a larger union might be viable. They were invited to attend.

The meetings, six of them, were held in the Colonial Building, now Province House, built in 1847 as the home of the Island's Legislative Assembly (Canada 431, 484, postcard Webb 201 and stamp booklet 82VIII).



Cover to Canada Booklet 82VIII

The chairman was the leader of the Colonial Assembly, Col. John Hamilton Gray, the Crimean veteran. The cause of the proposed union was discussed favourably and it was agreed to meet briefly in Halifax and to have more detailed discussions in Quebec in October. The Charlottetown delegates are shown on the front steps of Government House (Canada 224).

The Quebec meetings resulted in detailed proposals that led to discussions with the British Government in 1866-67. The Quebec delegates are seen on Canada 135 and 142, and those who went to London appear on 448.

The British North America Act was passed in March 1867, and proclaimed into law on July 1. Although Prince Edward Island had originally been interested in the proposed union it did not join the Confederation until 1873, as noted a century later by Canada 618.



Canada 135; 448; 618

Robert Harris

The painting of the Fathers of Confederation at Quebec (Canada 135 and 142) was by Robert Harris. He had been born in Wales in 1849 and was brought to Charlottetown when the family emigrated to the Island in 1856. He soon displayed an artistic talent and was musical. When he was 15 he was a member of the orchestra that played at a ball given for the Fathers of Confederation.

He painted the picture of the Fathers in 1883-84. The original painting was unfortunately lost in the fire that largely destroyed the Centre Block of the Parliament Buildings in 1916.

Another painting by Harris, "The Meeting of the School Trustees" (Canada 849), shows a teacher (Kate Henderson) before the forbidding-looking Board of the Island's Long Creek School.

Harris died in 1919, and is buried in Charlottetown.



Canada 849

Early Ferries to the Mainland

Among the terms under which Prince Edward Island had entered the Confederation in 1873 was one that promised the establishment and maintenance of continuous steamer service between the Island and the mainland. This proved to be a difficult promise to fulfill.

The earliest ferry constructed to provide regular winter service was the *Albert*, named after Prince Albert, Queen Victoria's consort (Canada 2, 5, 16; Newfoundland 27). She attempted the run from Georgetown, P.E.I. to Pictou, N.S. in 1875-76, but this old wooden steamer refused to budge when confronted with heavy ice, and was quickly withdrawn from the service.

The *Albert* was succeeded by the *Northern Light* (Canada 778), which ran from 1876 to 1888, in 1886-87 supplemented by the *Neptune* (Canada 672), but neither ship was satisfactory. The *Northern Light*, for example, missed an average of about 60 days each winter.



Canada 778; 672

When they were caught in the ice the mail was brought across Northumberland Strait by small ice-boats equipped with runners for hauling them over the ice.



Canada 1460

Then, in 1888, the vice-regal yacht *Stanley* came into service and remained on the route until 1909, and returned in 1914 for a period of three years. She has not been seen on a stamp, But Governor Lord Stanley of Preston, after whom she was named, first presented the Stanley Cup (Canada 1460) to the hockey champions of Canada. It was awarded from 1910 until 1925 to the professional hockey champions of Canada and since 1926 to the best team in the National Hockey League. A Prestige Booklet (Booklet 148) also has a picture of the Cup.

The *Marco Polo*

Of all the shipwrecks off the shores of the Island, and there have been many, the most famous was that of the *Marco Polo*, in 1883.

She was a three-decker of 1,625 tons built in Saint John, New Brunswick in 1850. Her name was that of the famous Venetian traveller who journeyed widely through the Orient in the 13th century. The 700th anniversary of his birth was commemorated by Italy in 1954 on 655-56.

She was said to have represented the best of the glorious days of sail, and was "the fastest ship in the world." She sailed for England in 1851, and was taken over by the Black Ball Line and put on the Australian route. On her first run there she carried 930 emigrants in a week less than it took the new steamer *Australia*, and in 1867 she beat the famous *Great Britain* (G. B. 579) from Melbourne to Liverpool by eight days. In her 15 years on the route she carried more immigrants to Australia than any other ship, an accomplishment represented by Australia 1141a.



Italy 655; G.B. 579

Later in her life she became a cargo carrier, and while carrying deals from Montmorency, Quebec to London in July 1883 she was caught in a gale in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, started leaking badly, and, to avoid being sunk, headed with all sails set for the shore near Cavendish, P.E.I., where she ran ashore. Her crew were safely brought to shore. One of those who saw her being wrecked was the future author Lucy Maud Montgomery (Canada 658), then a girl of eight.

A later gale carried the wreck out to sea, where it still rests in about 30 feet of water and, when the sea is calm, is still visible.

A Sailor Prince

During the 1880s *H.M.S. Canada* (Antigua 252), of the West Indian and North American Squadron of the Royal Navy, paid two visits to Charlottetown. On the earlier of these, in mid-August 1884, one of its junior officers was the second

son of the Prince of Wales, Sub-Lieutenant Prince George, also seen on the stamp, who was later to become King George V.

During the visit the round of formal events was relieved by games of cricket and lawn tennis, played between the crew and local teams. In a cricket match H.R.H. scored four runs in the first inning before being caught out, and in the second he was bowled out after three; in tennis the Prince and his partner in men's doubles won by 6-2.



Antigua 252

The Prince was already a stamp collector at this time, but there is no record of any philatelic activity during this visit.

Silver Fox Industry

The credit for starting and developing the industry of raising silver foxes for their furs must be given to a few persistent Islanders.

It started in the 1870s, when a pair of young ones was dug out of a den near Tignish, and two out of a litter of four were raised to maturity. Development was a long process, however, for it was not until 1894 that litters or ranch-bred foxes, such as that on Russia 3372, were successfully raised.



U.S.S.R. 3372

Then the industry became established and greatly expanded, with about 85% of silver foxes in captivity held on Island farms. International demand for furs became urgent. By 1913 the price paid for a proven breeding pair reached as high as $35,000, the present equivalent of over $300,000, and a good pelt was worth up to $3,700 in the London market.

During World War I the boom collapsed, but business later recovered and again expanded. By the mid-1930s there were more than 1,000 ranches, with over 20,000 foxes. But fashions changed again, demand fell off, and farming foxes has since had lesser significance.

One of the places in which the industry had developed was St-Pierre & Miquelon, which had obtained its breeding stock from P.E.I. They later issued a pair of stamps, 343-34, showing a silver fox, in recognition of its one-time importance.



St-Pierre & Miquelon 344

Yukon Gold

In 1896 Robert D. Henderson went to the Yukon from Prince Edward Island and, as recounted in the book *Gold Fever*, became the real discoverer of bonanza gold in the Klondike. He found it that summer on several creeks to which he gave such names as Gold Run and Gold Bottom.

While on his way out of the area for supplies and to register his claims he met George Washington Carmack and his two Indian brothers-in-law, Tagish Charley and Skookum Jim, and unwisely confided to them the news of his

discovery. They quickly went to where Henderson had been, confirmed the presence of gold, named the location Bonanza Creek, staked their claims, and hastened to the registry office at Forty Mile, where they arrived before Henderson, and registered them. The P.E. Islander was to profit little from his discovery. On the selvedge of one of the five stamps issued by Canada in 1996 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Klondike Gold Rush that followed the news of the find, Skookum Jim is given the credit for it all.



The marginal inscription on one of Canada's 1996 Klondike Gold Rush stamps credits Skookum Jim, rather than Prince Edward Islander Robert Henderson, with the Bonanza Creek discovery.

The importance of gold to the Yukon is indicated in the Arms of the Territory, which include four bezants and a wreath of alternate gold and red, as shown on Canada 428 and 832.

Another Canadian stamp, 695, would not have been issued if it had not been for Yukon Gold. This stamp honours the Scottish-born Robert W. Service, who had a gift for writing verse that did not flourish until, as an employee of the Canadian Bank of Commerce in Whitehorse and Dawson, it blossomed. Miners and their adventures in the goldfields were the subjects of *Songs of a Sourdough* and *Ballads of a Cheechako*, which quickly brought his fame. It is interesting to reflect that if it had not been for Henderson's discovery, Sam McGee, as seen on Canada 695, would probably not have been cremated, nor would Dan McGrew have been shot in the Malamute Saloon.

South African War

More than a hundred Islanders enlisted in various arms of the service to fight in the war against the Boers which lasted from 1898 until 1902 (Great Britain 1191; Nevis 258).

They participated in some of the greater battles, including Paardeburg, which is named on the South African War Memorial adjacent to the Provincial Building (Canada 1930 Pictorial Postcard Webb 201). It honours the two fatal casualties suffered by Island members of the Royal Canadian Regiment (Canada 1007) during that engagement. Others were in the Mounted Rifles as they took part in the operations that led to the relief of Vryburg (Cape of Good Hope N1-4, N5-8).

All those who served in South Africa were awarded the Queen's South Africa Medal, pictured in the Canadian Forces Souvenir Thematic Pack 33 of 1985. The names of those who lost their lives are in a Book of Remembrance in the Memorial Chamber in the Peace Tower in Ottawa (Canada 241).

Two names given to Island communities during the period of the War have a direct relationship to it. One is Churchill (Canada Pictorial Postcard Webb 203), named for Winston, who even by then had earned high regard for his writings and various adventures relating to the field of battle. Stamps depicting him at this stage of his career include Great Britain 73; Isle of Man 48; St. Kitts-Nevis 290.



Canadian Pictorial Postcard Webb 201 of 1930 shows the South African War Memorial.

The other, Strathcona, for Donald Alexander Smith, first Baron Strathcona and Mount Royal (Canada 531), who had raised Strathcona's Horse for service during the War and, perhaps of equal relevance, had donated a union flag to every school in the eastern Inspectorate, of which the community formed a part.

A South African War cover, addressed to Charlottetown, P.E.I.





Isle of Man 48; Canada 531

Pauline Johnson and Oscar Wilde

In mid-August 1900 the Canadian poetess Emily Pauline Johnson (Canada 392) was welcomed to the Island. She was the daughter of Onwanonsyshon (George Johnson), the chief of the Mohawk Indians (Canada 578-81) and his English wife. Pauline, who grew up in an Indian environment, was there the Princess Tekahionwake.

Her gift for writing poetry brought her a reputation that extended throughout North America and to Great Britain. She was received by Queen Victoria at Buckingham Palace.

While on P.E.I. she gave readings, and was considered "an elocutionist of the highest order." When here she took time to write verses she entitled "Charlottetown, in August," one of which reads:

"And her long, warm days, and her moonlit nights,
And her twilight grey and sweet
Are filled with the song that the sea delights
To murmur about her feet."

Appropriately, when Pauline Johnson departed for the mainland it was by the steamer *Princess.*



Canada 392; Ireland 479

Her impression of the Island was evidently much different than that gained by Oscar Wilde (Ireland 479), who had been here briefly in 1882. He gave a lecture in the market hall in Charlottetown and, as reported, gazed in pre-Raphaelistic wonder at the surroundings and sensed the redolent smells of stale butter and cabbage as he gave his ideas of decorative art and kindness and beauty to an audience whose young men engaged in ridiculous chattering. The reporter wondered, "Whatever will Oscar say about us when he is away?"

A Famous Letterhead

One of the best known of all philatelic letterheads was that designed by A.A. Bartlett, a Charlottetown collector and dealer.

Arthur Allison Bartlett in 1884 bought the remainders of Prince Edward Island stamps from the Provincial Government, paying $1,100 for a face amount of $90,960, and in 1896 a syndicate formed by him paid $18,000 for the Nova Scotia remainders, the face amount of which has not been disclosed. With these and much other material he became active as a dealer, in partnership with Donald King of Halifax.

In 1896 he designed a letterhead for the firm Bartlett and King that featured in the upper left corner a grouping of the Nova Scotia Cents Issue. About four years later this letterhead was superseded by a remarkable, and justly famous one showing across the top, and in full colour and actual size, a British Columbia 3 pence, five of the six Nova Scotia Cents Issue, and a 6 pence (No. 7) of P.E.I.

The letterhead had been produced in Germany, and was so well done that some of the reproductions were being passed off as genuine stamps. The postal authorities in Ottawa were so concerned that they instructed Bartlett to discontinue their use. He protested, telling them that he had spent much time and money on the letterhead, and he was finally given permission to use the quantity on hand, but to have no more printed.

Since then these letterheads have continued to attract the interest of philatelists, and to have a significant value. An example appears on the cover of this issue of *The Canadian Philatelist*.

Not long before his death in 1920 Bartlett sent a number of stamps to King George V for his collection, a gift which His Majesty was pleased to accept.

More Place Names

As the population increased, mainly during the nineteenth century, many new names were given to geographical features and settlements.

One of the sources for place names came from Christian sources, reflecting the religious leanings of the people. About 50 of them were those of saints, a goodly number of whom have appeared on stamps, particularly on those of the Vatican (for example, St. Mary on 171-72; St. Peter on 158; and St. Teresa on 534). Some are patron saints of countries. England's St. George is on Great Britain 209 and 288; Ireland's St. Patrick is on Ireland 179-81 and Vatican 315; and Scotland's St. Andrew is on Greece 837. There is also a Piusville, named in honour of Pope Pius IX, who is portrayed on Vatican 176-78 and 632.

Clockwise from upper left: Vatican 315, 158; Canada 335; Newfoundland 27; Ireland 341; St-Pierre and Miquelon 360; Newfoundland 3.



The names of homelands, which may be illustrated by their stamps, are also found. There is England's Point, Britain's Creek, Britain's Pond, Scotchfort, Irishtown, and Guernsey Cove.

Old or poetic names include Albion (England), Caledonia (Scotland), Cymbria (Wales), and Fodlha (Ireland). The former school district of Thistle and Shamrock (now Shamrock) recalled the heraldic flowers of Scotland and Ireland (Newfoundland 1, 3), and Emerald Junction was named by settlers from the Emerald Isle.

The British Royal Family is represented in such names as St. Eleanors, for the Queen of Richard the Lion-Hearted (Barbuda 48); ?Victoria and Victoria Cross are for Queen Victoria (Canada 3, etc.). Her consort, Prince Albert (Canada 2, 5; Newfoundland 27) is recalled by Alberton, a name that is a great improvement over its original one, Stumptown. Alexandra is for the Danish Princess, the "Sea King's daughter from over the sea," chosen by Edward VII to be his Queen (Canada 98; Newfoundland 83, 112).

In the mid-nineteenth century the name Stratford was given to a school district, at the urging of a prominent English-born settler, it is thought because the town where Shakespeare was born was also his birthplace. In 1995 it was the name chosen for a new town created in that area by the amalgamation of a number of small communities. The older Stratford is represented by Maldives 1374 and Grenada 1792, which show Shakespeare's birthplace, and (if Mickey Mouse is acceptable) by Grenada Grenadines 1175-84.

For some time in the 1800s there were a river, a post office, and a school district labelled with the unattractive name Quagmire. Since then the river has become the Grand, and the post office, the school district, and a village in the area have each been named Wellington, for the Duke (Gibraltar 245-46) who became a national hero following his defeat of Napoleon (France 1385, B263) at Waterloo (St. Lucia 633) in 1815.

The works of two poets have left their marks in Island names . Afton Lake, post office and Road are thought to have been so called for the Sweet Afton of Robert Burns (Great Britain 444-45); and The Deserted Village, Sweet Auburn, by Oliver Goldsmith (Ireland 341-42) is believed to have been the inspiration for the Auburn a few miles from the Aftons. And not far from Auburn is Avondale, named for the birthplace of the Irish nationalist Charles Parnell (Ireland 837).

Those who came to P.E.I. from the United States brought with them the name of a President, Garfield (U.S. 205), for their settlement, and the names of two presidential mansions, Washington's Mount Vernon (U.S. 1032) and Jefferson's Monticello (U.S. 1047) are in the list of Island geographical names. Also, from 1885 to 1914 a post office was named Lincoln, in tribute to the assassinated President (U.S. 77, and many others).

There is another name with a U.S. ring to it: Alaska (U.S. 800), but that assumption is not well founded. In an area in the western end of the Island the people had been waiting impatiently for years for a separate school district. When, about 1903, they were granted their wish they were said to have remarked that they ha "at last a" school district, and Alaska became its name.

Various forms of wildlife on the Island and in its surrounding waters have given names to such places as Bear River (U.S. 1663), where a Roderick MacDonald is reported to have killed a 600-pound bear in 1820, after a four hour fight. Other

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wildlife-related names are Beaver Point (Canada 336, 1161); Falcon Point (Canada 752); Fish Island (Newfoundland 24); Lobster Point Canada 458 has a lobster trap in the foreground); Seacow Head (Canada 335, 1171); Seal River (Newfoundland 70); and Sparrows Road (Canada 596).

Lady Slipper Scenic Drive, which runs around much of Prince County, is named for the Provincial Flower, Cypripedium acaule, seen on Canada 424, 786, Domestogrammes LS14, LS26, Air Letter sheets A43, A56, and St-Pierre & Miquelon 360.

Anne of Green Gables

During the early years of this century a young Island woman, Lucy Maud Montgomery, was busy in Cavendish writing a story that was to bring her world-wide fame. The heroine of the story, Anne of Green Gables (Canada 658) has ever since had affectionate friends in many countries.

Since 1953 there has been a Green Gables post office in the Prince Edward Island National Park.



Canada 658

The *Fedor Litke*

From 1909 until 1914 a vice-regal yacht, the ice breaker *Earl Grey*, provided a ferry service between the Island and the mainland. She was named for the Governor General who in 1909 donated the Grey Cup (Canada 1154) to be awarded to the rugby football champions of Canada. Since 1954 it has been awarded to the champions of the Canadian Football League.

In 1914 the *Earl Grey* was requisitioned for naval service, becoming *H.M.C.S. Earl Grey.*



Canada 1154; U.S.S.R. 4534

Later that year she was sold to Russia and became the *Kanada*. She had a varied and adventurous career. In 1917 she hit a shoal and sank, was salvaged, and sent to Britain for repairs before returning to her northern run. During the Russian Revolution she was to serve on both sides. In 1920 she was renamed *III International*, and the next year she became the *Fedor Litke*, the ship seen on Russia 4534. In 1934 she sailed across Russia's northern waters, the first time the feat had been accomplished in one season. During World War II she was a member of Russia's Northern Fleet, and then did oceanographic research. In 1954 she sailed to within 400 miles of the North Pole, reaching latitude 83°11ᵐN, the closest that a surface vessel had ever come

to the North Pole under her own power.

The *Fedor Litke* was scrapped in 1959. Her wheelhouse is on display in the Hermitage (Russia 5523b), and her bridge is in the Maritime Museum in Moscow.



Canada 241

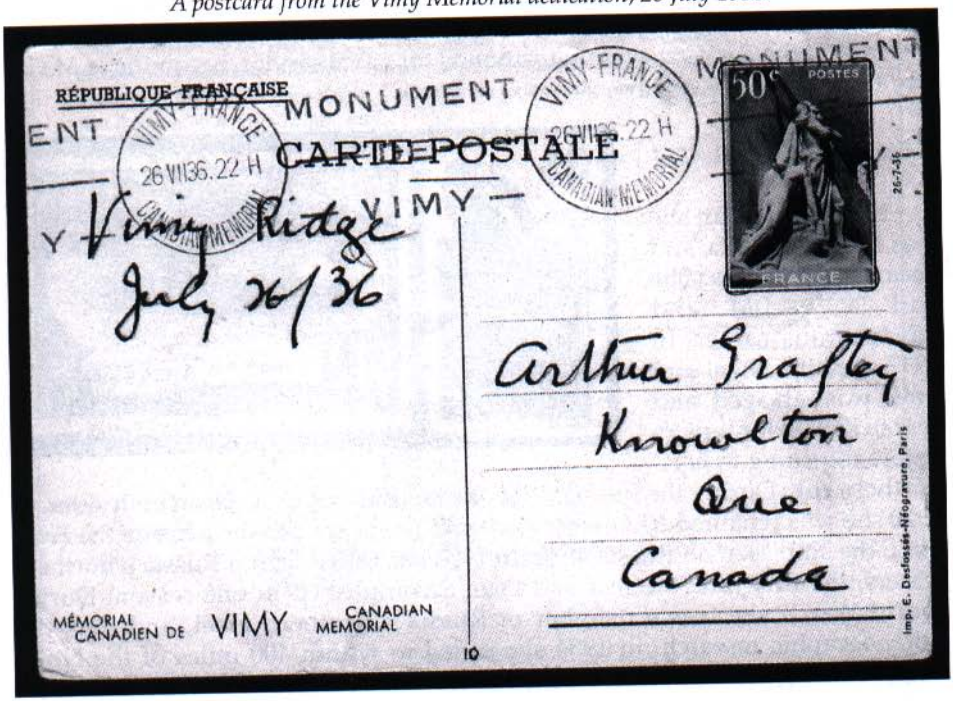
World War I

During this War about 3,700 from Prince Edward Island enlisted for active service and 461 of them are known to have become fatal casualties. The names of those who lost their lives in France and have no known graves are inscribed on the Vimy Memorial erected on the field of battle of the Canadian victory in April 1917. On the unveiling of this Memorial in 1936 France issued two stamps, 311-12, and two series of ten stamped postcards, the latter for postal use on the site on the day of the unveiling. Canada 486, showing part of the Memorial, was issued to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Armistice on November 11, 1918.

The Menin Gate Memorial, a great arch spanning a main gateway into Ypres, is depicted on Belgium B95 and B730. On it are tablets bearing the names of those of the British Empire, including 6,994 Canadians, who died in the Ypres Salient and have no known graves.

Also, those who lost their lives among the poppies in Flanders Fields were honoured by Canada 487, issued in 1968 in tribute to the poet Lt. Col. John McCrae (1872-1918).

A postcard from the Vimy Memorial dedication, 26 July 1936.





Belgium B730; Newfoundland 148; Canada 487

In Canada the National War Memorial (247) honours the war dead, and their names are inscribed in a Book of Remembrance in the Memorial Chamber (Canada 241 and 1930 postcard Webb 53). The Island dead are also honoured by the Memorial in Charlottetown (1930 postcard Webb 202) in the grounds of Province House. And at least one Islander's name is on the R.M.C. Memorial Arch (Canada 692).

A selection of decorations and medals awarded to those who served the forces is shown in the Canadian Forces Thematic Souvenir Pack 33, and on G.B. 1331-35.

In mid-August 1919 Edward, Prince of Wales (Canada 193 and Newfoundland 106, 148) arrived in Charlottetown on *H.M.S. Renown* (Antigua 253 and Gibraltar 96-99). Following the formal welcome at Government House His Royal Highness, the future King Edward VIII, presented to a large assemblage of returned soldiers the decorations and medals for which they had qualified during the War.

Louis Henry Davies



Canada 669

Canada 669, issued in 1975 to mark the centenary of the Supreme Court of Canada, brings to mind Louis Henry Davies, who was born in Charlottetown in 1845. He was a prominent businessman, lawyer and politician, and became premier of the Province in 1876, at age 31 the youngest ever to attain that position. He later entered federal politics, becoming Laurier's Minister of Maritime and Fisheries. He was knighted in 1897.

In 1901 he was appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada, and in 1918 became its Chief Justice, remaining in that office until his death in 1824.



Salvador C115

W.L. Mackenzie King

In 1919 William Lyon Mackenzie King succeeded Sir Wilfrid Laurier as leader of the Liberal Party, although he was not then a Member of Parliament. That October he was elected, unopposed, as Member for Prince, P.E.I. He retained that seat until the next federal election, in December 1921. The Liberals won, and he became Prime Minister, then representing North York, Ontario.

King is seen on Canada 304 and 589, and is one of the figures appearing on Salvador 609 and C115.

Early Air Mail Flights

On September 24, 1919 the first plane to carry letters to Prince Edward Island arrived at Charlottetown from Truro, N.S. It was the first in the Maritimes, and the first in Canada to carry mail over water. There was no airport, so the small plane landed in the oval of the race track at the city's exhibition grounds. It took off from there on the 29th for the return flight, again carrying mail.

The earliest official Government flight to bring mail was in 1928. Canadian Transcontinental Airways obtained a contract early that year, and on February 19th brought letters from Moncton to Charlottetown, landing on the ice in the harbour, and later in the day also carried mail on its return flight. Later flights started from a lake near Middle Sackville, N.B. On March 11 mail was flown from Charlottetown to Grindstone in the Magdalen Islands. By the next year mail was also being carried to Summerside. Covers from these flights may be identified by backstamps applied at their destinations.

For some years there was considerable interest in these covers. They achieved catalogue status in the Holmes catalogue of the 1940s and 1950s. The Truro-Charlottetown ones were valued at $225, the equivalent of about $1,600 today. None of the others exceeded $50.

A Moncton to Charlottetown First Flight Cover, 1 July 1929.



Prohibition

An Act Prohibiting the Sale of Intoxicating Liquor came into effect across the Province in 1906, and it was to remain, in theory, a way of life until 1948, but it was not universally obeyed.

The smuggling of rum, gin and some whiskey and wine by the crews of agile vessels became fairly common, most of it coming from St-Pierre & Miquelon in such craft as those seen on St. Pierre & Miquelon 104-9.

One of the smugglers was the schooner *Nellie Banks* (St-Pierre & Miquelon 511). She had been built in 1810 for fishing off Nova Scotia, and became a champion in the field. But when by 1926 fishing became unprofitable she was purchased by two Islanders for bringing in beverages from these nearby islands. Her career lasted twelve years, until she was captured by the R.C.M.P. in 1938. It was said that after her capture the price of rum went up and the quality went down. The situation in which P.E.I. found itself during those years was the subject of some verses in the June 6, 1935 issue of *Punch*, he whose smile is the subject of Great Britain 1306. The "Drinking Song of Prince Edward Island" concludes that:



St-Pierre & Miquelon 511

"....a timely glass is a wonderful thing,
So, till it desists from dryness
And the pubs re-operate, I who sing
Will please be excused from visiting
The isle of His Royal Highness."



Great Britain 1306

World War II

The National War Memorial in Ottawa (Canada 247), dedicated to those who lost their lives in World War I, was unveiled in May 1939 by King George VI during a Royal Tour with Queen Elizabeth (Canada 248). In mid-June they visited P.E.I. Within three months we were at war again.

Fifty years later Canada began issuing an annual series of four stamps for each of the War's seven years, commencing with 1360-63, each stamp devoted to a different aspect of Canada's contribution, for example, the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan, of which two of the bases were at Charlottetown and Summerside.

The are no relevant battlefield memorials that appear on stamps. In Canada the National Memorial and the one in Charlottetown seen on 1930 postcard Webb 202 each have "1939—1945" added to their original inscriptions, and there is a Book of Remembrance in the Memorial Chamber (Canada 241, 1930 postcard Webb 53) with the names of the 500 or so Island war dead on its pages.

As for World War I, a selection of the decorations and medals awarded to those who served in the forces are shown in the Canadian Forces Thematic Souvenir Pack 33 and on Great Britain 1331-35.

The only Victoria Cross (G.B. 1331) ever awarded to an Islander was won in this War. He was Captain Frederick T. Peters, a grandson of John Hamilton Gray, the Father of Confederation. Peters was serving in the Royal Navy in

1943 in an action at Oran (Algeria 212, 281-82) in what Churchill called "the finest British naval engagement since Trafalgar." He did not live to be presented with his V.C., as he lost his life when the aircraft taking him to England was shot down over the Channel.

Another Island-born man to distinguish himself during this War was Sgt. Charles MacGillivray, who was in the U.S. Army in North Africa, Italy and northwestern Europe. For outstanding heroism he was awarded the U.S. Medal of Honor (U.S. 2045), which was presented to him by President Truman. He is believed to have been the only Canadian-born man to receive this Medal, that nation's highest award for bravery.



Canada 247; Great Britain 1331; United States 2045

Post-War Royal Visits

In early November 1951 Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh (Canada 315) paid a short visit to the Island. In less than three months she was to become Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. They returned, as Queen and Consort, at the end of July 1959 (Canada 386) and again in October 1964 (Canada 433) for the celebration of the centenary of the first Confederation Conference (Canada 431), this time spending several days. While here their home was the Royal Yacht *Britannia* (Australia 868; St. Lucia 833). In 1973 they came again (Canada 620-21) for the centenary of P.E.I. joining the Confederation (Canada 618).



Great Britain 950

The Queen Mother (Great Britain 919) paid a visit in July 1967, Canada's centennial year.

The Prince and Princess of Wales (G.B. 950-51) arrived on the *Britannia* for a visit of several days in June 1983. In June 1987 Prince Edward (Antigua 870) was on the Island for five days, and in July 1989 the Duke and Duchess of York (G.B. 1154-55) were also welcomed to the Island.



Canada 386

Confederation Centre

The most important event during the Royal Visit in 1964 was the official opening of the confederation Centre of the Arts (Canada 433), adjacent to Province House, where in 1864 the first Conference took place.

Since then the new building has provided a fine library, art gallery and theatre. Each summer since its opening the theatre has featured a dramatized version of Lucy Maud Montgomery's *Anne of Green Gables* (Canada 658) and other attractions, such as the dancing group Les Feux Follets, the "Dancing Fireflies," which were shown in 1965 on Great Britain 429 as representative of the performers at the Commonwealth Arts Festival being held that year in various parts of Britain.



Canada 431; Great Britain 386

In 1989 Canada issued four stamps (1252-55) to mark anniversaries in the field of the performing arts, one of which was the 25th anniversary of the opening of the Centre.

Peackeeping

Canada has been an active participant in all the peacekeeping initiatives undertaken by the United Nations (U.N. 320-21; Geneva 92, 175; Vienna 11, 90).

The first of these which involved a large military force followed the invasion of South Korea by communist North Korea in 1950. Fighting continued until a truce was signed in 1953. Among the fatal casualties suffered by Canadians included six from this Province. They are buried in the Tanggok United Nations Memorial Cemetery, Pusan (South Korea 316). The Korean years "1950—1953" have been added to the National War Memorial in Ottawa (Canada 247) and "Korea 1950—1953" has been added to the Memorial in Charlottetown (1930 postcard Webb 202). There is also a Korean Book of Remembrance in the Memorial Chamber (Canada 241, 1930 postcard Webb 53).

Another Islander lost his life while a U.N. peacekeeper in Cyprus (Cyprus 232-36, 265-68, 424-27). There were also a number from P.E.I. who enlisted in the U.S. forces fighting in Vietnam. The name of at least one of them is inscribed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington (U.S. 2109).

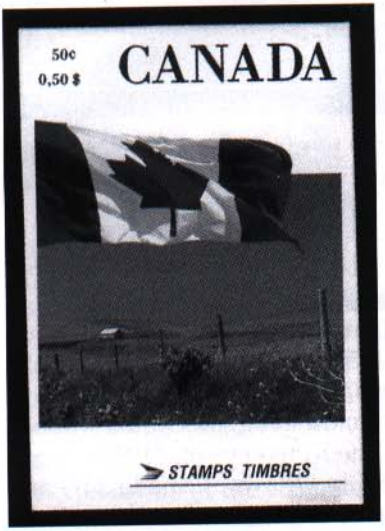
United Nations 321; South Korea 316; United States 2109



Island Scenes

Canada's Christmas stamps of 1970 and 1982 each have a stamp giving an artist's view of a local feature. The former depicts on No. 526 a child's idea of what a P.E.I. country church looks like, while the latter, on No. 959, reproduces a painting of the beach at Tea Hill by the artist Molly Bobak.

Views of typical scenery are found on five of the Canada View postcards of 1972 (Webb VC76-80). These show Rustico Harbour; the park at royalty Point, Malpeque Bay; a red clay country road; the wharf at Malpeque Bay; and the village of New Glasgow, in the foreground of which is the Presbyterian Church where Lucy Maud Montgomery played the organ for a number of years.



Rural scene at Park Corner, near Kensington, Prince Edward Island on Canada Booklet 111 of 1990.

Other scenes are found on a Canada Day stamp of 1984(1022), and the cover of a stamp booklet of 1990 (Bk. 111), which shows a view of Park Corner. A Heritage River stamp of 1992 (1409) pictures the West (Eliot) River. The Canada Day Stamp of 1992 has a painting of a country scene by the Island artist Erica Rutherford (1422), and the Canada Day Parks set of 1993 includes a scene in Cedar Dunes Provincial Park (1474). In the same year an envelope (Webb EN134) featured an aerial view of Charlottetown.

Some of these illustrate, perhaps, why the Italian General Italo Balbo remarked that the Island presented the finest view he had ever seen from the air. He flew over the Island while he was leading the 1933 flight of 24 Savoia-Marchetti flying boats from Rome to Chicago (Italy C48-49), to participate in the Century of Progress Exposition.



Canada 1409

On the other hand, there are stamps which leave the impression that all the above are imaginary. In 1964 St-Pierre & Miquelon marked the inauguration of an airmail service by issuing an air post stamp (C28) with a background map which does not even acknowledge the existence of P.E.I. Nor does a 1977 Ivory Coast souvenir sheet (439) issued for the 50th anniversary of Lindbergh's solo flight across the Atlantic.



St-Pierre & Miquelon C28

XV World Boy Scout Jamboree

The 75th anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scout Organization in Canada was commemorated in July 1983. Canada issued a stamp (993) and the Organization held the XV World Jamboree in Kananaskis Country, Alberta. Donald Deacon, of Charlottetown, then the National Commissioner of Scouting, was the Camp Chief.

There were an unusual number of stamps and souvenir sheets issued for the Jamboree: Aitutaki 284-87; Central Africa C291A; Chad 466-71; Cook Islands 705-09; Guinea C164; Niue 376-79; and Penrhyn 219-22. In 1987 Lesotho issued a souvenir sheet (598) in connection with the XVI World Jamboree to be held over the end of that year in Australia. Among the World Jamboree emblems pictured on the sheet was that of the one held in Kananaskis Country.

Cruise Ships

Some of the cruise ships that have been visiting Charlottetown have been pictured on postal issues. One of the earlier ones was the *Alexandr Pushkin*, seen on Russia 3182 and 5558, and on St. Vincent 373. Pushkin himself, whose place in Russian literature ranks with Shakespeare's in English, was honoured on the centenary of his death by Russia 590-96.

The *Enchanted Seas* is on Bermuda 508, although on that stamp she was the *Queen of Bermuda*, one of her other names. She has also at other times been variously known as *Enchanted Odyssey, Canada Star, Liberte, Island Sun, Volendam, Monarch Sun*, and *Brasil*.



Cruise visitors to Charlottetown: U.S.S.R. 5558; Bermuda 508

The *Europa* is on Isle of Man 550 and Pitcairn 350; the *Maxim Gorki* is shown on Bahamas 557 and Russia 5557. Maxim Gorki, for whom she was named, was another Russian writer, seen on Russia 470-71 and on North Vietnam SG N510. The *Regent Star* is on Grenada 1019 (when she was the *Statendam*, one of her other two names, the third being the *Rhapsody*). The *Royal Viking Sky* is on Isle of Man 548; the *Royal Viking Star* is seen on Pitcairn 351; the *Royal Viking Sun* on Tristan da Cunha 495; the *Sagafjord* on Antigua 1189, Barbuda 1049 and Pitcairn 353; the *Stefan Batori* is on Poland 1781 and 2191; and the *World Discoverer* is on Pitcairn 352.

Widened Horizons

In October 1984 Canada's first astronaut, Marc Garneau, entered space on the shuttle *Challenger* (U.S. C125). While out there he took a photograph of Canada's Atlantic Region. Part of it, including a portion of P.E.I., is seen on the commemorative postcard used by Canada Post as an F.D.C. for the Canadians in Space stamp (1046) issued in 1985.

More recently there has been an Island presence, in a sense, on another planet, Mars (U.S. 1759 and 2572). Two Martian craters are named for Island communities: Tignish Crater at Lat. 31.1S, Long. 273.0W, and Kinkora Crater at Lat. 25.3S, 241.0W. In the event of visitors arriving from Mars, there should be for them two points of interest.



United States 1759

Ocean Fish

On May 30, 1997 Canada issued four stamps picturing fish that are found near our country's coastline. Two are of interest to P.E.I., the great white shark and the bluefin tuna.



In the Gulf of St. Lawrence, just off the town of Alberton, fishermen captured the largest great white shark ever caught in Canada's waters. Because of this feat the official first day covers for the issue carry the Alberton postmark. The bluefin tuna, which can weigh more than 900 kg., is also found near our shores. It has been of commercial value, as well as being popular among sports fishermen. The latter have been so successful that they call the village of North Lake the bluefin capital of the world.

The Confederation Bridge

The continuous steam service across the Northumberland Strait that the Island was promised in the 1873 terms of Confederation has not been found possible to maintain fully with ships. Even the icebreaking carferries that have been crossing these waters since 1917 have not been fully able to cope. For more than a century alternatives have been considered: a tunnel, a causeway, or a bridge. Finally, in 1988 the federal government agreed to a bridge. Construction of the 12.9 km. Confederation Bridge, between Borden-Carleton, P.E.I. and Jourimain, N.B., began in 1993. It opened to traffic on May 31, 1997, and is said to be the longest continuous marine span in the world. Canada issued a se-tenant pair depicting the bridge, fittingly designed an Islander, Charles Burke, and Jim Hudson, from New Brunswick.



Such is the Prince Edward Island story thus far, as reflected in postal issues.

WHERE HAVE ALL THE COLLECTORS GONE?

by J. J. MacDonald, FRPSC

A decline in membership has become an ever increasing worry, almost bordering on fear, at many stamp clubs around the country. It extends even to the National Societies. Granted some groups, the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors for example ,appear to buck the trend. However, the A.P.P.E.S. is mainly composed of senior and more affluent collectors. Suggestions as to how to correct this disturbing trend have been slow in coming and there has been more hand-wringing about the demise of our hobby than there have been suggestions and concrete ideas on positive steps that can and should be taken.

The author must state immediately that he has no extensive education or training in sociology or psychology and what follows relies on a few authors who publish in the field.[1] The author does, nevertheless, have 60 years of experience in collecting – especially of stamps and postal history, and he hopes that what follows will at least summarize the debate on the future of the hobby.

To be certain we know what it is we are discussing let us look at the very fundamentals. Webster defines a collection as "an assembly of objects, for the purpose of interest, education or research." A stamp collection fits well within this boundary. Note that the definition distinguishes, really excludes, someone who simply gathers every stamp they can find, one whom we might call and accumulator or a hoarder. Such people have no real purpose nor aim behind what that do. Youngsters as they begin the hobby might be said to behave this way. Purpose is all important in true collecting. Some fundamental questions also arise such as: Why do people collect? Who collects? When during life do they collect? And what is collected? How do individuals determine the thrust or focus of their collection?

We need to know more on what makes collectors behave as they do. Unfortunately, there appears to be little in the scientific psychological or sociological literature that helps answer these questions. In the case of philately, we all believe that certain things contribute to the hobby, such as friends, stamp clubs, newspaper columns, exhibitions and so on. But how and why things help specifically is more difficult to analyze.

Collecting is not something that began with the issuing of stamps. Maurice Rheims has outlined early and famous collections of 'objects d'art' and claims that the Romans began the avocation of collecting in the second century, B. C.[2] Some magnificent collections of art existed in Greece and ancient Egypt earlier, as far back as the 7th century B. C. Rheims argues that by the 18th century, collecting had spread to all walks of life, probably coinciding with the increasing availability of consumer goods.

Sociologists relate modern society with its sense of isolation, loneliness and alienation to an increasing need to find identity, some of which translate into the importance of serious leisure in our world today.[3] Mass or popular culture has increased rapidly in the 20th century, together with rising levels of education, income and leisure time, in turn accompanied by feelings of powerlessness and alienation. Television has only been the most dramatic illustration of the emergence of passive activities for leisure time. A more recent manifestation has been the tremendous interest in the Internet and the World Wide Web, with their links to others, but no actual contact. Serious leisure collecting allows participants to alleviate isolation by identifying with items and "fabricating a social reality outside the dictates of mass consumerism."

In addition to a social climate favouring the emergence of collectors, there are apparently also psychological factors in the make-up of individuals who become collectors. One that has been identified – the need for 'closure' as the technical term goes – the very strong desire to find the last missing value in a set, as it were, whether this is a portrait of an animal in a theme collection or the last volume in a book edition. The drive for satisfaction, the search for the perforation variety, the rarer colour and the scarce postmark are illustrations of this in philately.

Stamp collecting also allows competitive instincts to be satisfied through exhibitions, by winning medals and the satisfaction of having done a good job. Finally, there is the need to know, why was something issued; what is shown; how many of a certain item was issued and why were proofs made in so many colours what route or what ship carried an old letter across the ocean? All of these can be gathered if the collectors does enough digging. The research dimension of philately probably explains why so many advanced collections and philatelic authors have a background in research or academic life.

There are other demographic characteristics of individuals who are collectors which have been described. A number of studies have shown that as a class, collectors are disproportionately only children, or nominal only children, a classification used by psychologists when there are no siblings within five years of one's age. This leads to a popular assumption that collecting, especially stamp collecting, is a "loner" activity.

Collectors do identify strongly with their own collections and collecting interests and can preach, describe and elaborate at length on the singularity of them. The author often feels he can educate and inspire, but likely also bore, anyone who will listen to the importance, the thrill and beauty of finding a Shubenacadie, N. S. PAID cancel of the late 1850s. He has heard a 12 year old become very excited over a relatively common stamp depicting a beautiful African tiger and how it fits so well into her arrangement of cats of prey. Stamp collecting provides an infinite opportunity for such satisfactions. However, individual work and interests do not necessarily mean one is isolated.

Chad Neighbour, writing in *The American Philatelist* last year, has discussed the psychology associated with the hobby. He noted that the findings show that stamp collecting definitely attracts introverted people and that gifted children are more likely to form advanced collections as they readily learn the skills of selection, classification, labelling, organization and presentation.

So far the author has discussed some psychological reasons and social conditions that predispose one to form collections – remembering always the importance of a purpose and plan for a group of objects to be called a collection.

Allan D. Olmstead has neatly divided collectors according to the stage in life when they began and the reasons why they collect.[5] The original observations were based on the collecting of antique cars. Nevertheless, the author believes they are applicable to stamp collectors. He identifies four categories: a) **youth fascination** where no great social pressures nor even any direct encouragement is necessary to get one interested; b) **late bloomers**, those who may have had a youthful passion that was suppressed until almost middle age when the hobby was resumed; c) **hitchhikers**, those who follow several routes to involvement and often lack the passion of the other categories of collections. Finally, he identifies a general category d) **others**.

Olmstead found that the first group comprised almost exactly one half of those surveyed and the next three about one-eighth each. The large youth fascination group also presented an impressively consistent picture of a 'self-generated' commitment that led in turn to social participation in clubs and societies. The proportion of true or functional only children was twice that of others in this category. Many collectors tended to join national societies before local chapters or clubs. Their first involvement is with an abstract or impersonal body rather than with a local or more personal one. This is further evidence of a solitary activity, at least initially.

Too much stress must not be placed on the differences between those who start collecting as children and as adults. There is frequently a progression from one to the other.

Youngsters, the Youth Fascination crowd, may have seen someone they admire collecting stamps and were drawn to the hobby by their interest in the subject pictured. Surprisingly, there appears to be little difference between girls and boys, although the former tend to collect flowers, people and animals, rather than sports, space themes or airplanes. Both sexes, on reaching their teen years, experience new social pressures from both peers and puberty, and often these competitive pressures force collecting to take on a lesser importance. Even a beautiful 'penny black' can't compete with the girl next door or the hockey goalie. But initial interest never really dies and if dormant is easily flamed to life. It is only if new items are not available that the interest dies and something else takes its place.

Philately does not exist in a vacuum in which only interest determines collecting patterns. There are financial dimensions to this interest as well. In early adulthood, when careers are being launched, student loans paid off, and a new house or family commitments made, the lack of cash available for purchases is a great discouragement. It is generally only in later years when some discretionary dollars become available that interest in the hobby is next aroused.

This stage may even have to wait for years until after marriage, parenthood and career development.

Today's lack of new serious young collectors may well have its root in this lack of money and the uncertainty about the future. Other attractive hobbies often provide alternative uses of money, time or passion. The author has never seen an excellent collector with a 3 handicap in golf nor a national rating in bridge nor one who was a devotee of the bar scene. But, given stability and adequate finances, the interest is often revitalized, the collection dusted off and a lifelong collector resurrected.

When an adult begins collecting, he or she has the same problems of finances, family needs and career to consider as the re-starter. However, adults adapt their life skills to the hobby quickly. They can find the nearest stamp store or the pertinent Internet address, locate sources for stamp newspapers, decipher catalogues and understand the functions of an auction. The problems more quickly sink in too – the fact that it is no longer possible to collect everything, with almost 15 thousand new issues per year; and that it is extraordinarily expensive to create nationally significant collections of popular countries. The author, for example, calculated that at CAPEX 78 it would have taken about one million dollars to form a Nova Scotia and New Brunswick exhibition that would merit a large gold medal whereas for CAPEX 96 it is likely closer to two million.

So collectors set new, more modest, goals, in thematics, in cancellations, in more obscure countries, or don't worry about national gold awards and just have fun. Often the fun is in the knowledge generated, the reasons why, when and where items were issues, how letters travelled to far off destinations, why certain denominations were used for certain routes or rates. The collector focuses on finding out information about aspects of the hobby and ultimately begins to write about it, to share this information with others. For many, a published paper on a special interest gives as much satisfaction as a gold medal.

Many collectors, in the twenty-five year period from age 45 to age 70, with diminished child rearing responsibilities and possibly more discretionary income, become true philatelists, writing and researching special topics and contributing to the organizations of the hobby, chairing the local clubs, serving on national societies and volunteering in a host of ways. Finally, in the senior years, he or she sells their collections, understanding that their expertise in the stamp world is an important dimension in insuring their material is treated appropriately. Likely this has relieved their spouse and both can be content.

The above idyllic outline of the life of stamp collectors spring directly from the author's imagination and draws from the individuals he has known in many years of collecting. But does it reflect others' experiences or is it simply fantasy?

To find out both the reasons people became collectors and their philatelic biographies the author developed a survey questionnaire and distributed it to two philatelic audiences. One was to the membership of the largest stamp club east of Montreal and the second was circulated through the Internet. The latter was, of course, a self-selected audience, and therefore cannot be considered a valid statistical sample. Internet replies were received through Seaside Book and Stamps, a philatelic store in Halifax, thanks to the good graces of Gerry Tucker and John Hahn.

Approximately 100 individuals responded on the Internet and were from three continents and a wide age group. The questionnaire was distributed to the members of a stamp club and approximately 40 responses were received. Remarkably, the average values for both audiences were very similar.

The initial survey questions concerned collecting biographies. Of the combined respondents, 64% began collecting before they were eleven years old, 24% in their teens, 8% from ages 21 to 40 and 5% over age 40. Slightly over half (53%) ceased collecting in their teen years but 39% claim never to have stopped. Remarkably, 80% of those who ceased, began to collect again between ages 21 and 40.

Not surprisingly, 85% stated that they collected for the pleasure of it while 10% put knowledge as their main reason and only 5% were in it for profit. Two thirds of the respondents said they belonged to a local stamp club and 38% belonged to a national stamp society, but only 10% were involved in an exchange club.

The answers also revealed that fully 71% subscribed to a stamp journal or newspaper and 45% bought one, at least on an irregular basis. Amazingly, 56% subscribed to one or more auction catalogues. More of these latter came from the Internet response group, possibly indicating that they were more sophisticated or more affluent collectors.

When asked the source of stamps for their collections, just over half, 54%, indicated similarities in the four sources from which they gathered their material. These are from their own and friends' mail, a stamp shop, a dealer through the mail and from the post office. Almost half, 44%, got items from stamp auctions but only 8% through exchange clubs.

Eighty-five percent attended about three stamp shows a year, on average. Only 68% had attended a stamp exhibition in the past year, a surprisingly high number, 30% had exhibited their material at some time, but only 20% do so now.

Finally, as an indication of the nature of the respondents and without having the terms defined, 91% considered themselves 'collectors' and 35% 'hoarders.' Two-thirds defined themselves as 'philatelists.'

Many respondents from the Internet (all of whom were anonymous) commented on various items and a representative selection of these follows, as they give interesting insights into collecting.

a) This was because I had many other interests in my youth (and I still do) but I always returned to stamp collecting since the topics included on stamps are so numerous and one can learn a lot about history, geography, scientific discoveries, archaeology, art, geology, etc. etc. I also became even more interested in stamps once I learned about paper varieties, ink varieties, different printing processes, etc. The other part of stamp collecting that I found attractive was that even with a tremendous variety of collecting possibilities, it was a hobby with good catalogs that provided stability and a structure that I can use to neatly organize my collection. There is a consistent and easily understood base reference to the hobby that permits this regular focus in my life and yet provides virtually unlimited potential to expand my collecting instincts to whatever area of interest and depth of detail that I want to pursue. I also like the concept

of collecting something readily available, issued by a governmental authority (which authenticates its relationship to history of a country) rather than collecting something that anybody can print up — such as sports cards.

b) I cannot say for certain why people become interested in stamps — but stamps, like coins, have a unique blend of potential value, beauty, availability, significance, and prestige that makes them attractive as the subject of a hobby. One dealer-friend of mine noted that people like the mystery associated with stamps — the potential that when buying an accumulation (or even getting the mail for that matter) there is the chance of finding something unique, significant and even valuable. These things, together with an undescribable intrinsic attraction, motivate me to collect.

c) Finished school, career, marriage, children, all were stable, so I found myself with time on my hands and remembered how much fun my stamp collection was.

d) I started collecting at this late age by chance. One day at the local zoo, I picked up a packet of animal stamps at the gift shop. (I am very interested in animals, birds and ecology). I had so much fun with the animal stamps that I started looking for more stamps and thus became interested in stamp-collecting in general. It wasn't easy to find information at first. The library had a very dated collection of books about stamp collecting. Fortunately, however, I discovered rec.stamp.collecting on the Internet and the people there were extremely helpful. I'm still very much a novice but I enjoy it a lot.

e) I found my old collection, and realized what fun I used to have before I discovered girls (AND, I still like girls).

f) SERIOUS stamp collectors generally have an affinity for history, geography and the arts. Contrary to popular opinion, they are not 'loners' but tend to congregate and enjoy social contacts, especially with other stamp collectors. They have a sense of order and a desire to understand their place in the world. They usually like themselves and find themselves good company when not around others.

g) I found a couple of albums at a yard sale, and realized that I was still very interested in stamps. Plus now I have money that I didn't have as a kid.

h) I visited the Stamp World London exhibition in 1990, and got bitten by the bug again.

As the last comment mentions, monetary interest is always at the back of a collectors mind. The survey showed that only 5% of respondents listed financial gain as a reason to collect and thus must be applauded as it is enjoyment, not profit, that should drive any hobby. It is likely the most advanced exhibitors, who must spend more than $1000 to acquire a new item for their exhibition

collection, who are most concerned with the ups and downs of the stamp market. Recently, the editor of *BNA Topics* succinctly pointed out the long time-frame needed for substantial improvement in value of even rare items, unless they are unique and preferably on cover. He also discusses that old bromide,

> The old line that the collector should ignore such crass concepts (as economic gain) is a holdover from the 19th century, and, like the idea of amateur sporting competitions, is dead for the 21st. We may not like it, but it really does not change because of our likes, spend sensibly and with a plan. I believe both the enjoyment and reward will be greater.[6]

Somewhat in contrast, Bill Welch, the editor of *The American Philatelist*, as recently as December 1995, in responding to economic aspects of philately stated that stamp collecting is a hobby and not a business. "That's for the dealer. The goal is pleasure, not profit. The hobby is intellectually challenging and aesthetically rewarding." It is relaxing and stimulating at the same time.[7] Welch claims that an increasing number of new collectors are adults who did not collect as youngsters and that they are the future of the hobby. Whichever perspective you take, good collecting requires brains, both to prevent making foolish purchases and to research and exhibit what you have accomplished. Finally, a local group for the support of common interests and to exchange information is essential.

This paper started out as an attempt to assemble some ideas or issues to be considered by all of us in attracting and most importantly in keeping collectors interested and active in our hobby. Now is an appropriate time to do so, but first of all some of the factors which the author believes discourage new or beginning collectors.

In the last century the worst things were the availability of spurious reprints or fantasy issues that were in no way real stamps but were foisted on a gullible collecting public. Even more dangerous were the forgeries of better stamps. When you could discover that a prized collection was awash with fakes or forgeries, it is little wonder that collectors of the era gave up in disgust. Today the problems are slightly different. No one bothers to forge stamps for collectors; today the culprits are the governments themselves under the guise of the marketing arm of the General Post Offices. Today's discouragement for young collectors are the vultures working for the sand, sickle and siesta countries, flooding the market with 'stamps cancelled to order,' the CTO labels. These things not only never did postage duty but often never even went to the country from which they supposedly came.

Young people are also overwhelmed by the flood of new issues each year, over 10,000 world wide. Hence country collecting is now a very expensive proposition in order to get the complete annual issues. Most countries, including the United States, Canada and Germany, with their marketeers, are at fault.

Also, nothing discourages or puts off even senior collectors more than being ignored because of what you collect. Don't ever ignore someone's sideline interest — be nice even if their topic is not of great interest to you. Don't put others down or turn them off. What they mount, show or accumulate is their bag, even if its not yours.

At club meetings a collector wants to talk stamps, show stamps to others,

add to his or her collection through trading or buying and when they can't they soon lose interest. Club business, exhibition planning, raising money, the future program, should be left to the executive or members who volunteer. The hobby is collecting, not meetings.

Finally, I believe that nothing discourages more than being outclassed by pure dollars. Don't always bid against the new member at club auctions so that the only thing he or she ever gets is discouraged. We all hate to see bidders from other countries at our good auctions when we know full well that the currency exchange rate dooms our purchases before we start. If you are the seller, however, it is a different story. But be good to young collectors and new club members.

While it is easy to specify what individuals and clubs themselves should not do, what positive steps to take are harder to list. Remember the 'youth fascination' theme? Strive to revive and maintain it. Give collectors an opportunity to collect and something to collect. Show youngsters what 'sets' mean, what 'themes' or 'topicals' mean and allow the natural instinct 'to complete' to take over. All this will require a good library, as information is the key to good collecting. Clubs must maintain a good library and it must be accessible. To make all of this more logical, develop a register of the members' collecting interests and specialities, otherwise how do you know who might have or want what? Turn over some portion of some club meetings to allow members with like interests to trade or discuss favourite items.

Keep information flowing. Develop a newsletter, have a member or panel discuss basic items such as how to use a catalogue, especially a specialized one. Inform new members as to just what the values so listed really mean. Explain the auction world, especially the mail auction one. Show and discuss the stamp publications available, journals, papers, price lists. Possibly even bring a computer to a meeting and have someone 'surf the net' for 20 minutes to show what's available there. In March 1996, for example, there was a very good discussion on the future of our hobby on the Internet, prompted by the views expressed by the President of the American Philatelic Society.

Have a good club meeting program. Make use of slide shows compiled by societies, try exchange circuits, get local dealers to speak on their views of the hobby and have a discussion on the future of philately.

Develop some criteria to honour a few members of a club each year. Don't let the list become the same each year. Recognize new, medium and advanced collectors.

The yearly club program should include presentations by senior members on such topics as the whys and wherefores of mail auctions; exhibitions, especially one frame exhibits; disposing of material and when to do it; circuit books; resources needed for gold medal collections at CAPEX or at national shows; collecting fads and their effect on the value of your collection. Finally, get someone from the Post Office Department, who will likely be from the marketing division, to speak on new issues and their selection. Find out their views on new issues, who sells them and why they are so scarce on ordinary mail.

All of this activity requires time, energy and even some monetary resources, which many clubs lack, so get out there a find a few benefactors to donate from $200 to even $500 to your club. There are ways to make such eligible for income

tax deductions. Senior collectors want to sell their holdings and to recover as best they can their investment after 50 years. But if the hobby is not going to be strong through new members, there will be no future buyers. So it is in everyone's best interest to keep clubs and societies healthy and growing. You never receive if you don't ask. Try it.

We have seen that stamp collecting almost always starts at an early age so clubs have a responsibility to encourage youth collectors. Have every senior collector bring to the next meeting a 100 stamp packet from their duplicates and let the junior liaison officer give them away. Even if they may not always stick with the hobby in their teens keep a record of everyone as they will return in later years. Hold a couple of socials each year and invite former juniors. Advertise these in the local press and on cable TV Bulletin boards. It will pay off.

Finally, encourage the most advanced collectors in your club to share their interests and information. These philatelists likely have knowledge and specific information of which no one else is yet aware. Encourage these seniors to publish in society journals. It is good for the knowledge base and for their self- esteem or pride. Comments and other feedback will further enhance the knowledge we all will have on the topic.

Stamp collecting is the most eclectic and diverse hobby activity that can be undertaken. There are literally thousands of ways to approach any topic be it a thematic subject (the art of Goya, the Panama Canal, beards and goatees, green postmarks etc.) or special studies (reentries, overprint varieties, local carrier issues, etc.) or as many have attempted to do assemble a complete showing of a given country or territory over a specific time frame (the reign of Queen Victoria in India, post World War II Germany, Montenegro, or again in postal history studies, the rates of first class mail from the West Indies in the 19th century, registered mail in Africa etc. Thus there are almost as many approaches as there are collectors, so unless one's collecting interests are extremely broad it is not easy to find a closely compatible soul-mate on the album circuit. It is easy to see why stamp collecting, by its very nature, is almost a solitary activity, and that a psychological profile of collectors would include the 'loner' qualification. There are few truly gregarious philatelists and yet there are no more friendly people!

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VICTORIAN ORDER OF NURSES / LES INFIRMIÈRES DE L'ORDRE DE VICTORIA



On May 12 Canada Post Corporation issued a stamp to honour the centenary of the Victorian Order of Nurses of Canada. The VON was formed at the instigation of Lady Aberdeen, wife of the Governor General, as an organization to provide qualified nurses as home helpers for the sick and needy. The stamp was designed by Margaret Issenman of Halifax, her first for Canada Post.

Specifications:

Date of Issue:	12 May 1997
Last Day of Sale:	11 May 1998
Denomination:	45¢
Printer:	Ashton-Potter Canada Ltd.
Quantity:	7,000,000
Dimensions:	40 mm x 30.5 mm (horizontal)
Perforation:	13+
Paper:	Peterborough
Gum:	P.V.A.
Printing Process:	six-colour lithography
Pane Layout:	pane of 20 stamps
Tagging:	general tagged, four sides
First Day:	Ottawa, ON

La Société canadienne des postes a annoncé l'émission d'un timbre pour souligner le centaire des Infirmières de l'Ordre de Victoria du Canada. Lady Ishbel Aberdeen, épouse du gouverneur général du Canada, forme ub comitécharg· de fournir aux personnes dans le besoin des aides domestiques qui se dévouent par amour du prochain et par bonté d'âme. La conception du timbre a été confiée à Margaret Issenman, de Halifax.

Spécifications techniques :

Date d'émission :	12 mai 1997
Dernier jour de vente :	11 mai 1998
Valeur :	0,45 $
Imprimession :	Ashton-Potter Canada Ltd.
Tirage :	7 000 000
Format :	40 mm x 30,5 mm (horizontal)
Dentelure :	13+
Papier :	Peterborough
Gomme :	A.P.V.
Procédé d'impression :	lithographie (six couleurs)
Présentation de feuillets :	feuille de 20 timbres
Marquage :	procédé général, sur les quatre côtés
Premier jour :	Ottawa, ON

LAW SOCIETY OF UPPER CANADA / LE BARREAU DU HAUT-CANADA

On May 23 Canada Post Corporation will issue a stamp to honour the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Law Society of Upper Canada, the oldest law society in the country. The society now has 27,000 members. The stamp depicts Osgoode Hall, headquarters of the Society. It was built between 1829 and 1832, and is named for William Osgoode, Canada's first chief justice. The stamp was designed by Les Holloway of DesignSource in Toronto.

Le 23 mai, la Société canadienne des postes émettra un timbre à l'occasion du bicentennaire de la fondation du Barreau du Haut-Canada, la plus ancienne association de droit du pays. Le Barreau du Haut-Canada compte 27 000 membres. L'image centrale est une photo d'Osgoode Hall, le siège officiel du Barreau. Osgoode Hall, qui doit son nom à William Osgoode, premier juge en chef du Haut-Canada, a été construit entre 1829 et 1832. Le timbre a été conçu par Les Holloway, de DesignSource, à Toronto.

Specifications:

Date of Issue:	23 May 1997
Last Day of Sale:	22 May 1998
Denomination:	45¢
Printer:	Canadian Bank Note Co.
Quantity:	7,000,000
Dimensions:	30 mm x 40 mm (vertical)
Perforation:	13+
Paper:	Coated Papers
Gum:	P.V.A.
Printing Process:	five-colour lithography plus varnish
Pane Layout:	pane of 20 stamps
Tagging:	general tagged, four sides
First Day:	Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON

Spécifications techniques

Date d'émission :	23 mai 1997
Dernier jour de vente :	22 mai 1998
Valeur :	0,45 $
Imprimession :	Canadian Bank Note Co.
Tirage :	7 000 000
Format :	30 mm x 40 mm (vertical)
Dentelure :	13+
Papier :	Coated Papers
Gomme :	A.P.V.
Procédé d'impression :	lithographie (cinq couleurs) à vernissage
Présentation de feuillets :	feuille de 20 timbres
Marquage :	procédé général, sur les quatre côtés
Premier jour :	Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON



OCEAN WATER FISH / LES POISSONS DE MER

On May 30 at PACIFIC 97 in San Francisco, Canada Post Corporation will unveil a four-stamp set featuring four ocean water fish: the great white shark, the bluefin tuna, the Pacific halibut, and the Atlantic sturgeon. Designs are by Q30 Design Inc. of Toronto.

Specifications:

Date of Issue:	30 May 1997
Last Day of Sale:	29 May 1998
Denomination:	4 x 45¢
Printer:	Ashton-Potter Canada Ltd.
Quantity:	10,000,000
Dimensions:	48 mm x 30,5 mm (horizontal)
Perforation:	13+
Paper:	Coated Papers
Gum:	P.V.A.
Printing Process:	six-colour lithography
Pane Layout:	pane of 20 stamps
Tagging:	general tagged, four sides on fluorescent paper
First Day:	Alberton, PEI

Le 30 mai, dans le cadre de PACIFIC 97, la Société canadienne des postes émettra un jeu de quatre timbres mettant vedette des poissons de mer : le grand requin blanc, le thon rouge, le flétan du Pacifique et l'esturgeon noir. Les timbres ont été conçus par la maison Q30 Design Inc. de Toronto.

Spécifications techniques

Date d'émission :	30 mai 1997
Dernier jour de vente :	29 mai 1998
Valeur :	4 x 0,45 $
Imprimession :	Ashton-Potter Canada Ltd.
Tirage :	10 000 000
Format :	48 mm x 30,5 mm (horizontal)
Dentelure :	13+
Papier :	Coated Papers
Gomme :	A.P.V.
Procédé d'impression :	lithographie (six couleurs)
Présentation de feuillets :	feuille de 20 timbres
Marquage :	procédé général, sur les quatre côtés sur papier fluorescent
Premier jour :	Alberton, PEI



CONFEDERATION BRIDGE / LE PONT DE LA CONFÉDÉRATION

A pair of commemorative stamps to be issued on May 31 marks the official opening of the Confederation Bridge, the new permanent link between New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.

Le Société canadienne des postes a annonc l'émission de deux timbres, le 31 mai, à l'occasion de l'inauguration du pont de la Confédération, le premier raccordement permanent entre l'Île-du-Prince Édouard et le Nouveau-Brunswick.



Specifications:

Date of Issue:	3l May 1997
Last Day of Sale:	30 May 1998
Denomination:	2 x 45¢
Printer:	Canadian Bank Note Co.
Quantity:	8,000,000
Dimensions:	48 mm x 27.5 mm (horizontal)
Perforation:	13+
Paper:	Coated Papers
Gum:	P.V.A.
Printing Process:	six-colour lithography
Pane Layout:	pane of 20 stamps
Tagging:	general tagged, four sides
First Day:	Bordon-Carleton, PEI

Spécifications techniques

Date d'émission :	31 mai 1997
Dernier jour de vente :	30 mai 1998
Valeur :	2 x 0,45 $
Imprimession :	Canadian Bank Note Co.
Tirage :	8 000 000
Format :	48 mm x 27,5 mm (horizontal)
Dentelure :	13+
Papier :	Coated Papers
Gomme :	A.P.V.
Procédé d'impression :	lithographie (six coleurs)
Présentation de feuillets :	feuille de 20 timbres
Marquage :	procédé général, sur les quatre côtés
Premier jour :	Borden-Carleton, PEI

Society Reports / Rapports de la Société

From the National Office....

by Andrew D. Parr

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

For many of you who watch with interest the membership reports, you will have noticed that we have not been publishing the names of members dropped due to non-payment of annual dues.

Last November, it was decided that a survey should be conducted of those members who have resigned, without providing any reason, and those members who have simply not paid their annual dues. While this was being implemented, the Board of Directors decided not to drop members without first sending the survey.

The survey is well underway and while the response rate is predictably low (on average, the statistical return on this type of initiative is 5% or less), the information that is being provided is of interest to the Board and National Office.

It is premature to talk about specific results or trends from the survey but members who have received the survey are asked to complete and return it as soon as possible. This information is helpful in charting the future of the Society and, in particular, the types of services for which members are looking.

To return to where these notes began, the membership reports will be updated very shortly. The office is putting the finishing touches on streamlining the membership database which will make it easier to track members, their addresses, renewals etc. Over the course of the summer, all members who have not paid their annual dues will be dropped from the roles of the RPSC.

Other News!

The RPSC and its National Office are in need of volunteers to help establish a presence at various events. To start, the RPSC staffed a booth at the CSDA National Postage Stamp Show in Montréal in the April. Many thanks to Ray Ireson for his assistance. We would very much like to keep doing this in the future but to do so we need volunteers to staff the booth and talk to the public about the Society and its services. Those interested should contact the National Office at (416) 979-7474. We are currently accepting volunteers for the CSDA Fall shows (November 14-16 in Toronto, November 28-30 in Montréal).

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Membership Report....

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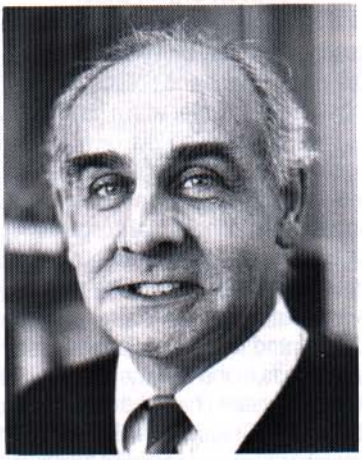
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NOMINATION OF DIRECTORS

The following members of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada have been nominated to serve as Directors for a two year period, from 1997 to 1999. Nominees are listed in alphabetical order. In compliance with the bylaws of the Society, short biographies of the nominees are included. A ballot and a proxy form are in the centre insert of this issue for the use of those unable to attend the Annual General Meeting.

François Brisse, PhD
Beaconsfield, Québec



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

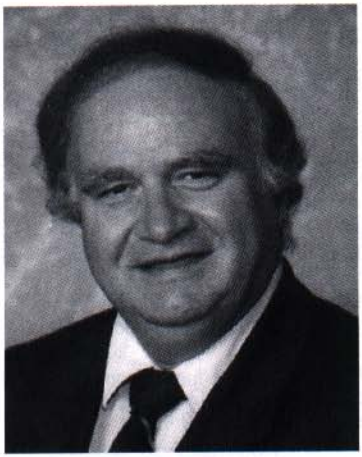
François Brisse collectionne les timbres depuis l'age de 10 ans, mais ne s'y est sérieusement intéressé que vers 1955.

Ses domaines d'intérêts comprennent: Collection des timbres du Canada, de France et de Grand-Bretagne; histoire postale du Canada et de France; collections thématiques sur les ballons, la chimie et les minéreaux; collection des timbres-poste et du courrier artique et antarique.

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

P. Jean-Claude Lafleur
St-Augustin, Québec

Jean-Claude Lafleur est né à Hull en 1937. Après ses études secondaires au Séminaire St-François et obtention d'un baccalauréat en théologie à l'Université d'Ottawa, il entreprend





sa longue carrière de professeur au Séminaire St-François en 1964.

Membre de plusiers sociétés philatéliques, il est accredité comme juge internactional. Il fut commissaire et juge pou CANADA 92. Il est responsable actuel des juges à le fédération Québecoise de philatélie.

La formation philatélique de la jeunesse est le préoccupe particulièment depuis des dizaines d'années. La philatélie thématique est la voie qu'il préconcise chez les jeunes depuis sa propre "Conversion" à cette philatélie.

Il est l'auteur de plusieurs articles sur ce type de philatélie et donne des stages à travers la vrai thématique. Prêtre depuis 29 ans, la philatélie est pou il lui presque un deuxième sacerdoce, car il y voit un chemin de fraternité, de beauté, de regard sur le monde, de partage et de don de soi à la jeunesse.

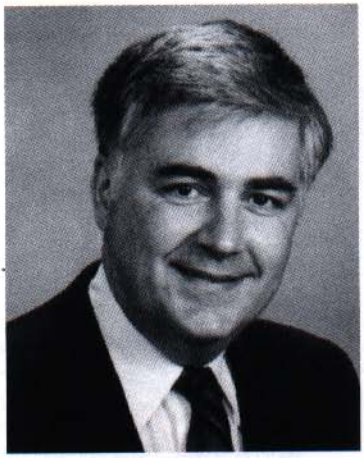
Raymond W. Ireson
Roxboro, Quebec

Born in Lancashire, England, in 1929, Raymond and his family (wife and three children) became Canadian citizens in 1978. After his retirement from a 42 year career with the Royal Bank of Canada, during which time he saw service in Peru, Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Cuba, Colombia, Montreal, and Coral Gables (Florida), he returned to Montreal in 1987 and resumed his former active role with the Lakeshore Stamp Club in Pointe-Claire, Quebec. He is an active member of various philatelic societies and specialty groups: he joined the RPSC in November 1977 and is the first incumbent of the recently created position of Chapter Liaison Officer. It was his initiative that gave birth to the Society's quarterly Chapter Newsletter. He has exhibited successfully at all levels, including international: his thematic exhibit, *The Panama Canal,* received the Grand Award at the 1994 Royal Show, and his article, "The Development of Aviation and Airmail Services in Colombia," published in *The Canadian Philatelist,* earned him the Geldert Medal in 1995. He is also an accredited judge at the Regional level.

John Keenlyside
Vancouver, British Columbia

John Keenlyside is a native of Vancouver, graduating from the University of British Columbia in economics and political science. Following a ten year career with a national investment firm, he founded his own investment counseling firm in 1973 which today serves a clientele including pension funds, charitable organizations and individual accounts.

Mr. Keenlyside is active with a number of community organizations. At the present time, he is an international advisor to the Canadian Red Cross and is chair of Simon Fraser University Friends of the Library. For a number of years he has been chair of the Pacific Northwest Regional Group of BNAPS. He is an active member of many philatelic and historical societies including BNAPS, Postal History So-





ciety of Canada, and the Royal Philatelic Society of London.

Collecting interests include Canada Small Queens, with a focus on British Columbia postal history. He has formed a substantial collection of colonial B.C. and Vancouver Island documents which he enjoys integrating with postal history material to produce stories illustrating the development of the west coast of Canada in the 19th century.

Mr. Keenlyside frequently gives lectures and slide presentations to non-philatelic groups to introduce the hobby to others. If elected, his objective would be to, encourage membership growth in the Society and to serve effectively the existing members.

John James MacDonald, PhD, FRPSC
Halifax, Nova Scotia

Born in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia in 1925, J.J. graduated from St. Francis Xavier University in science and the University of Toronto in chemistry. He served St. Francis Xavier University for 42 years as a professor and administrator, retiring in 1991. He is now Vice-president Emeritus.

He served with many national and international organizations, among which are the Canada Council, the Science Council of Canada, the Canadian Commission for UNESCO, and the World Union of Transport. He was awarded the Centennial Medal of Canada in 1967 and the Clan Donald Award of Achievement in 1993.

Apart from academic and philatelic interests, he has designed two public golf courses and coached at the first international tuna fishing tournament. A member of the RPSC since 1970, he was elected a Fellow in 1987.

He began collecting stamps at the age of 7. His interests are Nova Scotia postal history, the New Brunswick Connell stamp, Nova Scotia pence issues, and Nova Scotia proofs. His 1985 book, *The Nova Scotia Post: Its Offices, Masters and Marks, 1700-1867,* received a large vermeil medal at CAPEX 87.

David Oberholtzer
Waterloo, Ontario



An accountant by profession, David Oberholtzer currently holds the position of treasurer with the RPSC. In addition to the Royal, he is a

member of the Postal History Society of Canada and supports local philately at the Kitchener-Waterloo Philatelic Society.

Harry Sutherland, QC, FRPSC
Toronto, Ontario



Harry Sutherland is a long-time Director and former President of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada. He is currently a Director and International Representative for the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada and in addition, is Board Secretary. As he is now retired as a lawyer, he will have more time to devote to RPSC activities should he be re-elected.

Ann M. Triggle
Buffalo, New York

Ann M. Triggle was born and raised in Wales, educated in London, emigrated to Ottawa after marriage, and then settled in Buffalo, New York.

For many years she has been an active member of two local groups, the Buffalo Stamp Club and the Rochester Philatelic Association. On a regional level she is also involved in the Niagara and Central Philatelic Associations of New York State. Living on the border, she has also had the opportunity to exhibit, judge, and speak at local Canadian clubs in Ontario. She became a member of the RPSC in 1985.

Active in the American Philatelic Association, she has served as chairman of the APS Awards Committee, Awards Coordinator for PACIFIC



97, United States representative to the FIP Thematic Commission, and Accreditation of Judges Committee. She is an APS, ATA and FIP judge.

Ann Triggle is a member or officer of a number of philatelic organizations, including the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors (director), the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, the Royal Philatelic Society of London (fellow), Welsh Philatelic Society, Postal History Societies (GB and USA), Writers' Unit #30 (board member), Great Britain Collectors' Club (director), Collectors Club of New York, American Revenue Association, Bureau Issues Association, United States Postal Stationery Society, British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group, Marmalades (co-founder).

Her collecting interests are diverse: postal markings and postal histories of Wales, Great Britain, western New York State, Newfoundland, Muscat and Middle East, thematics of Fish and Coal, postal stationery of British Guiana, Argentinean revenues, and traditional collections of Great Britain, Canada and India. In several of these areas she has exhibited locally, nationally, and internationally.

On a personal level, she is married with a son and daughter, and all are supportive of the hobby. She is a faculty member in the School of Pharmacy at the State University of New York at Buffalo. She holds an MS degree in medical chemistry. Her mother still lives in Wales, and she tries to combine meetings of the Welsh Philatelic Society with visiting family and friends.

Exchanges Wanted / Demandes d'échange

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

La Société royale de philatélie du Canada ne s'occupe pas normalement des échanges entre philatélistes, mais comme elle est la société philatélique nationale du Canada, ou lui transmet de nombreuses demandes de philatélistes désireux de trouver des corrspondants pour échanger des timbres. Ainsi atelle décidé, pour rendre service à ses membres, de publier les noms intéressés d'outremer, afin que ceux qui désirent établir des rapports avec eux puissent la faire. Je vous signale toutefois que nous ne savons rien des personnes qui nous demandent de publier leur nom, c'est pourquoi je vous conseille d'être prudent en épondant à ces demandes d'échange.

Ricardo Moore
Billinghurst 2197
(1425) Buenos Aires, ARGENTINA
"I am interested in Canadian used stamps, complete year, commemoratives and definitives. I offer Argentinian used stamps, complete year by year, commemoratives and definitives."

Simon Hong
P.O. Box 195
Hsin-Chu, TAIWAN
Collector interested in philatelic exchanges with Canadian collectors.

B. Karthiekeyan
53, Sv. P.N.S. Street,
Virudhunagar - 626001
Tamil Nadu, INDIA
"I collect Canada, USA, British Commonwealth, and Europa CEPT mint and used stamps in full sets. I wish to exchange mint and used stamps of these countries. In return I can give mint and used stamps of India."

Jiang Guowen
109-2 Hanzheng Street
Wuhan 430033
P.R. CHINA
"I can supply RPSC members with FDCs and used stamps of China, and philatelic books. I need FDC, Maximum Cards and MNH stamps, especially about Norman Bethune."

V. Sri Harsha
c/o P. Vijaya Lakshmi
Front Road to Z.P.P. High School
Penamaluru
Vijayawada - 521139
A.P., INDIA
Student in India wishes to exchange stamps and correspondence with collectors in Canada. Offers Indian stamps in return."

Mileta Lutovac
81000 Podgorica
Ivana Vujosevica 14, YUGOSLAVIA
"I am 44 and my profession is English teacher. I would like to establish contacts with philatelic collectors in Canada in order to exchange stamps, FDCs and maxy cards with them on a fair and permanent basis. I can offer Yugoslav stamps, FDCs and maxis. I am a member of the local philatelic club, and am also disposed to help in establishing relations between clubs."

Bikesh Shrestha
P.O. Box 5235
Kathmandu, NEPAL
"I collect stamps of Canada and worldwide. I would like to receive Canadian stamps; in exchange I can offer Nepalese or other worldwide stamps."

Ervin Piedro Cubvez
P.O. Box 2222
CP 10200 Havana 2,
CUBA
"I am interested in the exchange of mint stamps of Canada years 1992-1997. I offer mint stamps and FDC from Cuba and Latin America."

J-L Mathieu
Ingénieur A.I. Br.
Sergeysstraat, 4
B - 3020 Herent, BELGIUM
"J'ai commencé à collecter des timbres postes oblitérés, il y a 7 ans. Ce que Voudrais, c'est que vous m'aidiez à trouver 5 ou 6 corresponants au Canada pour l'échange des timbres oblitérés en Europe, Pays-Bas, France, Allemagne, et autres pays."

COMING EVENTS / CALENDRIER

NATIONAL EXHIBITIONS

1997

SEPTEMBER 19 - 21: ROYAL 97 ROYALE, annual exhibition and convention of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, hosted by the Calgary Philatelic Society, at the Coast Plaza Hotel, 1316 - 33 Street NE, Calgary. Show Chairman: Hugh Delaney, Box 1478, Calgary, AB T2P 2L6; phone (403) 255-0422, fax (403) 255-2984.

1998

MARCH 20 - 22: EDMONTON SPRING NATIONAL AND REGIONAL SHOW '98, hosted by the Edmonton Stamp Club at the Conference Centre, Fantasyland Hotel, West Edmonton Mall, Edmonton. Open exhibits, bourse, and seminars. Information: Keith Spencer or John Powell, Box 399, Edmonton, AB T5J 2J6; phone (403) 437-1787 or (403) 435-7006.

MAY 29 - 31: ROYAL 98 ROYALE, annual exhibition and convention of the RPSC, hosted by the Hamilton Philatelic Society, at the Hamilton Convention Centre. Details to be announced.

1997

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.

JULY 13: Royal City Stamp and Coin Fair, at Royal Towers Hotel, Royal Ave. and ^th St., New Westmister, BC. Information: Joe Ochs, (604) 534-1884; fax (604) 530-3461.

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; (709) 726-2741; fax (709) 726-3433.

SEPTEMBER 14: Royal City Stamp and Coin Fair, at Royal Towers Hotel, Royal Ave. and ^th St., New Westmister, BC. Information: Joe Ochs, (604) 534-1884; fax (604) 530-3461.

SEPTEMBER 27: MILTON STAMP FAIR, at Milton Senior Activities Centre. 9 am to 5 pm. Information: (905) 878-1533 or (905) 878-9076.

OCTOBER 4 - 5: VICPEX 1997, at the Holiday Inn, 3020 Blanshard St., Victoria, B.C. Stamp exhibition, postcard show and bourse sponsored by the Greater Victoria Philatelic Society, Vancouver Island Philatelic Society, and Victoria Junior Stamp Club. Admission by donation. Show Cancel, numerous door prizes. Information and prospectus: Show Chairman, Box 5164, Stn. B, Victoria, BC V8R 6N4; phone (250) 721-1940 (evenings).

OCTOBER 18: 36th annual exhibition of the Barrie and District Stamp Club, at Sunnidale Community Centre, Sunnidale Rd., Barrie, Ont. 10 am to 5 pm. Free admission; luch counter; 12 dealers. Information: Lew Metzger, Box 1113, Stn. Main, Barrie, ON L4M 5E2; phone (705) 721-8354.

OCTOBER 18: annual show and bourse of the Guelph Stamp Club. Details to be announced.

OCTOBER 25: 9th annual stamp show and sale sponsored by the Trenton Stamp Club, at Dufferin Centre, 344 Dufferin Ave., Trenton, Ont. Hours: 10 am to 4 pm. Free admission, exhibits, 10 dealers, door prizes, and hourly table auctions. Great food at our hospitality tables. Information: Peter Howe, (613) 392-4845.

OCTOBER 25: Brantford Stamp Club's annual exhibition and bourse at the regular location, Woodman Community Centre, 491 Grey St., Brantford. 10 am to 4 pm. Free admission and parking, 13 dealers, sales circuit, beginners' booth, exhibits, draws and prizes. Part of the Sesquicentennial celebrations. Information: Show Convenor, Brantford Stamp Club, Box 25003, West Brant Postal Outlet, Brantford, ON N3T 5M3.

International Exhibitions

1997

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: INDEPEX '97, New Delhi, India. Canadian commissioner: Charles J.G. Verge, Box 2788, Stn. D, Ottawa, ON K1P 5W8; (613) 998-9809; fax (613) 998-8620.

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. William G. Robinson, 5830 Cartier St., Vancouver, BC V6M 3A7; (604) 261-1953; fax (604) 736-5097.

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

MAR. 20 - 27: AUSTRALIA 99, an FIP sponsored World Philatelic Exhibition, limited to Traditional, Postal Stationery, Revenues, and Social Philately, to be held in Melbourne. Canadian Commissioner: Mr. Owen White, Box 860, Stn. K, Tornto, ON M4P 2H2; phone (416) 481-4731; fax (416) 482-4256; e-mail: olwhite@zircon.geology.utoronto.ca

APR. 27 - MAY 4: IBRA '99. World Exhibition under FIP patronage, in Nuremberg, Germany. Canadian Commissioner: Maj. R.K. Malott, 16 Harwick Cres., Ottawa, ON K2H 6R1; (613) 829-0280; fax (613) 829-0280.

ROYAL CALTAPEX 1997 ROYALE
SEPTEMBER 19 – 21
CALGARY

Make plans now to attend a great RPSC National Convention and Exhibition, filled with plenty of that famous western hospitality. Use the convention and hotel registration forms in the March-April issue, or write to the Registration Committee:

J.S. Karr
Box 1478
Calgary, AB T2P 2L6

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: P.-Yves Séguin, 2888 Front Rd., Hawkesbury ON K6A 2T4.

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 $15. No formal meetings; several members meet at the 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 Wednesday 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 every other Monday, September through June, 6:30 pm, at St. Joseph High School, 4th floor cafeteria, 109 St. and 108 Ave. Correspondence: Edmonton Stamp Club, Box 399, Edmonton AB T5J 2J6; Information: Keith Spencer (403) 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.

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Chapter 84 meets at Karnak Hall, 3350 Boulevard des Sources, Dollard des Ormeaux, QC on the 2nd and 4th Mondays, 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 always 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 North Vancouver City Library, 121 West 14th Street, North Vancouver BC. Visitors are always welcome. For the current meeting schedule and information, call Erna Krische at 985-2810.

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.

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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: K. Giessen, 217 Redwing Pl., Penticton BC V2A 8K6; phone (250) 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.

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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.

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Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays (except July and August), 8 pm at Cabot Institute. Visitors welcome. Information: J. Don Wilson, 11 Elm Place, St. John's, NF A1B 2S4; (709) 726-2741.

SASKATOON STAMP CLUB

Chapter 80 meets second and fourth Mondays September through May, between 7 to 9 pm at the Saskatoon Field House, 2020 College Drive, Saskatoon, Sask. Visitors always welcome. Information from the secretary: Doug Smith, (306) 249-3092; e-mail: ae245@sfn.saskatoon.sk.ca

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Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month, September to June, in Room 126, LaSalle Secondary School at 7:30 pm. Meetings include slide shows, presentations, and an auction. New members are welcome. Information: David Squarzolo, Box 2063, Stn. A, Sudbury ON P3A 1L8; (705) 566-0378.

TORONTO HARMONIE STAMP CLUB

Chapter 94 meets third Thursdays each month, 7:30 pm, Victoria Park Secondary School, Library Seminar Room, 15 Wallingford Road, Don Mills ON. Information: J. Doehler (416) 438-4862, or P. Mustard (416) 690-9711.

UNION PHILATÉLIQUE de MONTREAL

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Chapter 14 meets second and fourth 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.

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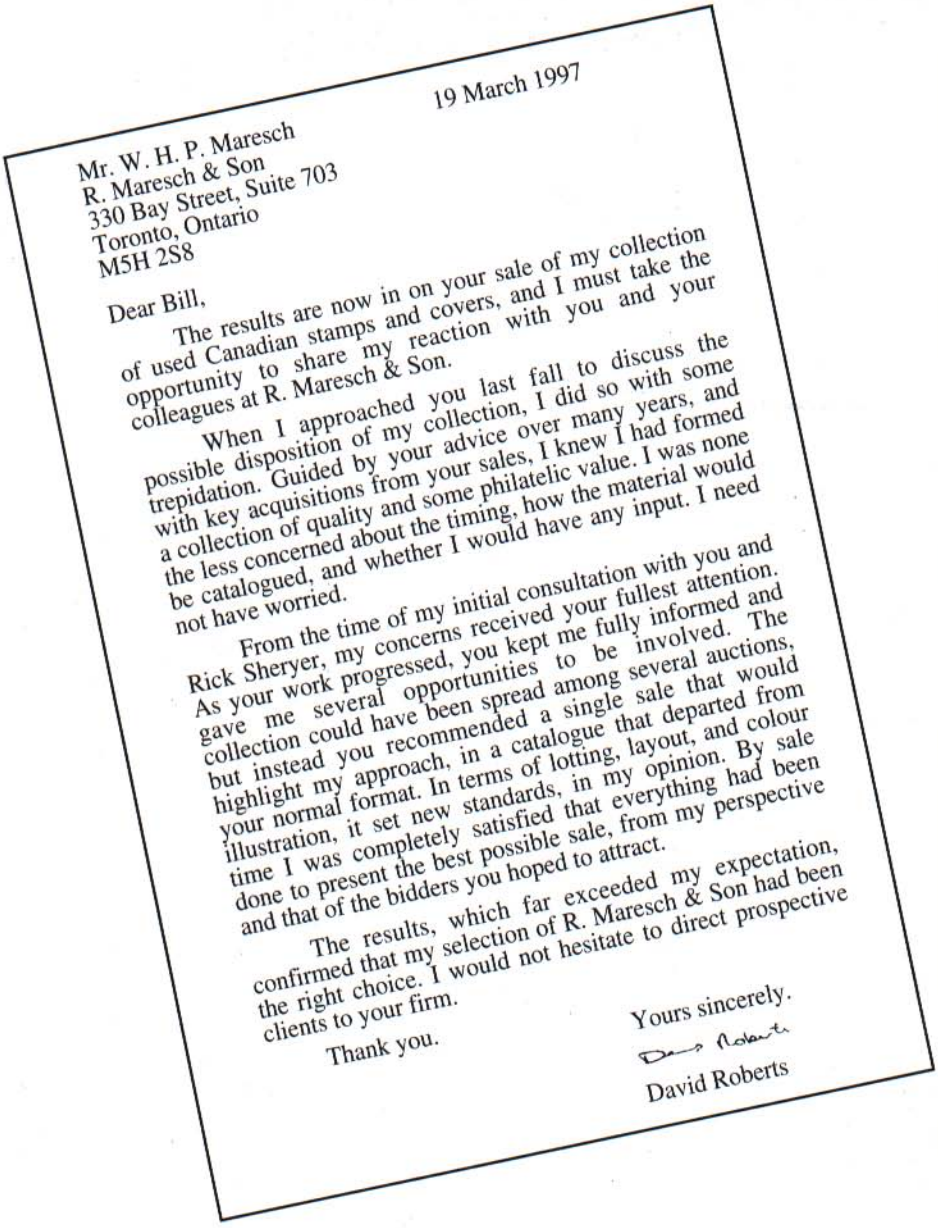
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