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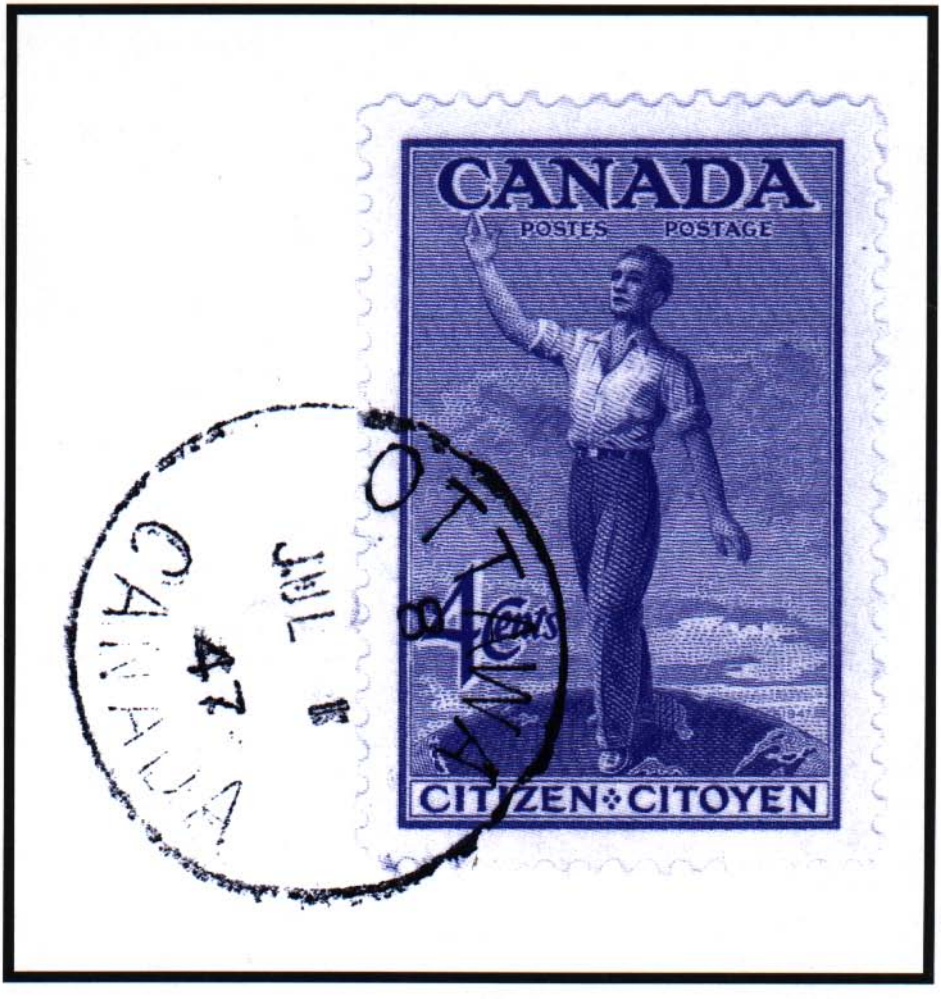
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From the Editor's Desk

by Steve Thorning

PHILATELY OR CORPORATE MARKETING?

Of late I have been hearing a lot of talk about the stamp issuing policies of various postal administrations — ours included — and their impact on the present and future of the hobby.

Some of the complaints go back several years: too many new issues, trivial subject matter, the decline in engraved issues, the proliferation of souvenir sheets and other special formats that nudge collectors into purchasing many copies where they formerly collected only singles.

More recently, the debate has taken a different turn. Postal administrations have become very aggressive in their new issue policy. The potential market for new issues has expanded beyond the hobby to those seeking an inexpensive collectible item. The larger the market the better. Often there is a corporate connection.

The Canadian example was the recent Canadian Tire stamp, with a design that virtually duplicated the cover of the firm's 1997 catalogue. As well, the stamps were sold in Canadian Tire stores as a promotional item.

The situation has been much livelier in the United States. The USPS garnered much publicity in 1993 with its search for a design for the Elvis Presley stamp. Millions of people voted, all sending their opinion by mail using first-class rates. The bottom line results: $36 million profit from the 29¢ stamps.

USPS marketers are even more delighted with this year's Bugs Bunny stamp, which is expected to generate a profit of $38 million. The stamp, a self-adhesive, is sold in panes of ten stamps, one of which is on a maximum card. The expectation, undoubtedly, is that few of these stamps will ever turn up in the mail stream.

As I write these words there is a raging debate in the United States over semi-postal stamps. Postmaster General Marvin Runyon has been opposed all along, stating that semi-postals would "open the floodgates to all worthy social causes."

The American Philatelic Society has supported the Postmaster General, with the additional argument that the financing of charities through semi-postal stamps would fall disproportionately on stamp collectors. There is also the possibility that some collectors, for personal reasons, may not wish to support particular charities.

Despite the reservations, semi-postals are coming to the United States. A two-part coalition, led by Senators Feinstein and Faircloth, pushed bills through Congress directing the USPS to issue a stamp to help fund breast research.

The reaction of the philatelic community and the public at large will be worth watching.

Canada's experience would offer little encouragement. The Olympic semi-postals of 1974-76 were a failure, though this was never acknowledged officially by Canada Post. The more recent Literacy issue, despite mammoth publicity and an innovative and expensive design, raised only about $250,000. I have no doubt that this was a considerable amount for the charity involved, which is a commendable one. But as a general fund-raising method for charities, semi-postals do not appear to have much of a future, in North America at least.

How many semi-postal issues could there be in a year, and how would they be selected? Who would handle the publicity? What are the costs to the postal system of the printing and stocking of these stamps, and the extra accounting necessary? These are just some of the points that should be considered by postal authorities. Americans are more distrustful of their government than we are. They also place a high value on the independence from government of their charities and volunteer groups. There will probably be many voices raised against semi-postal stamps.

Charities, meanwhile, will queue up to get their names on the list. It is unfortunate that charitable organizations have joined those who see stamp collectors, or rather, stamp collecting, as a cash cow that can be milked with ever increasing vigour.

WANT A CHANGE?

TAKE UP CANADIAN REVENUES!

Here is the situation. Just about every dealer has a box of these that can be picked up reasonably. All auctions have collections and accumulations, and tremendous bargains are fairly normal. Even when prices look high, you usually wind up with stamps that exist not in the hundreds or thousands but in 10 to 50!

Best of all, consider this: NOT ONE CANADIAN REVENUE STAMP WAS EVER ISSUED WITH COLLECTORS IN MIND!

As I've pointed out before, nearly all come engraved (mostly the work of the American Bank Note Company) and if you think the 50¢ Canada Bluenose or the $1 USA Trans-Mississippi is the height of beautiful engraving, wait until you see any of the Canada Supreme Court Law Stamps.

Here is an excellent start. I recently purchased 100 packets of 200 different from a dealer who spent several years assembling the lot. Now a packet of 100 different sells at $25 or more every time. This 200 lot is well worth $100.

To it I'm adding more revenues, including complete sets all well worth $300 alone.

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Letters to the Editor

CANADIAN FLAG

Sir,

I wish to comment on the "Canadiana" article in the March-April issue, featuring "....flags that have flown over St. Lucia."

Canada did not have destroyers in its new navy until after the Great War, when, with the light cruiser *Aurora*, and two destroyers, named *Patrician* and *Patriot*, were transferred, as a gift, from the Royal Navy to the Royal Canadian Navy. All three ships arrived in Halifax on 21 December 1920.

Neither of the destroyers was of the V nor W Class, and none that we acquired in later years were, either.

The only mention I can find of a R.C.N. ship serving in the West Indies during the Great War was of the armed yacht *Grilse*, formerly the United States yacht *Winchester*. She was fitted with a gun and one torpedo tube, and commissioned as a torpedo boat on 15 July 1915. She was unsuited for winter service in our waters, and so was sent south in December 1916, to become a patrol ship in the Caribbean. She was reported lost in a storm en route, but turned up in Shelburne, N.S. a few days later. After several months refit, *Grilse* resumed her patrol duties, but I do not know where these took her, or whether she eventually reached the Caribbean. She completed her service in our navy in December, 1918.

At all times, ships of the Royal Canadian Navy wore the White Ensign at sea, until our new flag came into use in 1965. In harbour they wore, in addition, the Blue Ensign as a Jack.

My references include *The Naval Service in Canada*, Vol. 1 (the official history), and *The Ships of Canada's Naval Forces, 1910-1981*, an authoritative pictorial history of Canadian warships. I cannot comment on how John Batchelor reached the conclusions he did.

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Philatelic News in Brief...

NOVAPEX 97

The 75th anniversary exhibition of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club is now history. The combined efforts of many members under the dedicated and inspiring chairmanship of George MacKenzie all melded together to produce what was, undeniably, the best show in the long history of the club on May 9 to 11.

Some statistics: 80 state-of the-art 16-page frames; 1,272 pages of philatelic material assembled by 26 senior and 5 junior exhibitors; seven gold, one silver, and 6 bronze medals awarded by the judges; over 400 visitors; 12 dealers on hand; and 86 members and guests addressed in a very down to earth manner by Lt. Governor James Kinley at the awards banquet.

All who visited the show retail their own special memories of the event. A special visitor was Mrs. Josephine Britten who, at 96, is the only remaining member of the small group which founded the club in 1922. Mrs. Britten still retains a strong interest in stamp collecting. She spent considerable time studying the exhibits and was an honoured guest at the banquet.

The Sportsplex Common Room proved to be an ideal venue for the show. The proximity of the dealers' tables to the exhibits was a definite plus, permitting people to gravitate to the dealers and return with ease to the frames. Without exception, the dealers were very satisfied with their sales results.

On the Saturday afternoon a meeting of the British Collectors Club was held. Special visitors were Dr. G.L. Harper, president of the Postal History Society, and his wife from Colwyn Bay, Wales. Seasoned exhibition visitors, they affirmed their admiration for the quality of the show.

Mounting NOVAPEX 97 entailed a great deal of work, both prior to and during the event. Not the least was the transporting, assembly, and dismantling of the frames. Many willing



hands accomplished these tasks. The presence of Town Crier Peter Cox and Dennis Richards, MLA for Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage added a nice touch to the opening ceremonies.

Above: The large size commemorative cover for NOVAPEX 97, signed by the artists. only 500 were produced. They are available from the club for $5.

STAMP CAMP

An innovative activity in conjunction with the recent PACIFIC 97 show in San Francisco was a three-day stamp camp for youngsters. Sponsored by the ASDA and the Postal History Foundation, the goal was to stimulate a strong interest in philately by putting together a mini-exhibition.

SELF-ADHESIVE COILS COMING

Test marketing is under way by the United States Postal Service for rolls of 100 self-adhesive coils, which come with a dispenser. The 32¢ Flag over the Porch stamp is being used.

For mass mailers, a different self-adhesive format is under test, using the Juke Box stamp with no value indicated. Sold in rolls of 10,000 and 30,000, these have no backing paper.

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PACIFIC 97 AWARD

President Bill Robinson has received a thank you note from the organizers of PACIFIC 97 for the Inuit sculpture donated by the RPSC as a special prize at the show. The judges selected Fritz-Walter Lange to receive the sculpture, for his gold medal exhibit, "Mexicio."

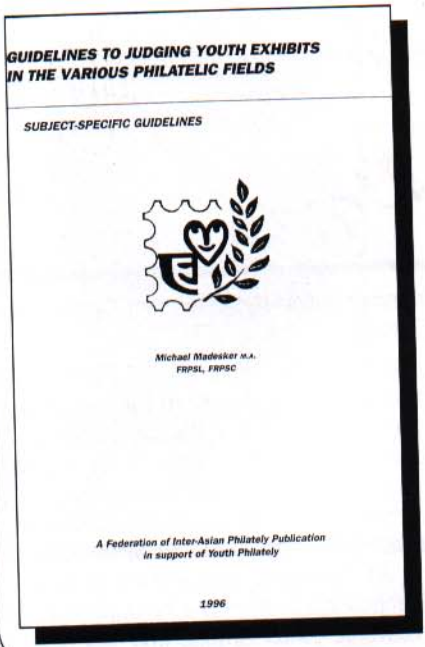
MAJOR POSTAL THEFT SOLVED

A United States Postal Service employee, Satjagroop Singh Randhawa of Oakland, CA, was recently convicted in largest case of its type in the history of the US post office. Recovered material totalled more than 16,000 packages and letters. The American Philatelic Society played a major role in the case, lodging complaints after a rash of claims for missing sales circuit packages in northern California. The recovered APS material consisted of 48 circuits totalling 508 sales books valued at $77,000.

As Randhawa destroyed the addresses, it is impossible to determine the ownership of the recovered goods. Anyone who may have lost mail through Oakland between 1994 and May 1996 should contact Inspector Judy McDermott, 2501 Rydin Rd., Richmond, CA 94804-9751.

Fifty Years Ago: As Cabot celebrations were getting under way in Newfoundland, Ross Irwin of Guelph stumbled across the cover below, with a hand-drawn cachet. It is postmarked at Bonavista on June 24, one day late for the first day of the 1947 Cabot stamp.





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As well, some operators have been using non-regulation stamp pads to ink their cancelling devices. The ink on many of these pads washes off the stamps easily, permitting them to be used again. The ink on the pads approved by Canada Post is not water soluble.

PORTUGAL 98

As we prepare to go to press, we learn that the PORTUGAL 98 exhibition, scheduled for Lisbon from July 25 to Aug. 2, 1998, has been downgraded to a European exhibition. Consequently, there will be no official Canadian participation in the event. Those seeking to show internationally in 1998 should contact the commissioners of the four remaining FIP-sanctioned shows scheduled for next year.

PITNEY BOWES GALLERY AT MUSEUM

Pitney Bowes, the leading supplier of postage meters in Canada, is sponsoring a 500 square foot gallery in the new Canadian Postal Museum which opened June 12. Funded by a $60,000 donation over five years, the gallery will feature art designed or used for postage stamps. There will be displays of mail art (postcards, postmarks, and other artistic items sent through the mail).

As well, Pitney Bowes is providing antique models of postage meters from its own corporate collection for public display at the Canadian Postal Museum.

The inaugural exhibit at the Pitney Bowes Gallery is "Collages: Mixed Media Works by Edna Myers." The Museum is part of the Canadian Museum of Civilization, and is located at 100 Laurier Street in Hull.

EXHIBITION IN MONACO

To celebrate the 700th anniversary of the Grimaldi Dynasty, and the 60th anniversary its Stamp Issuing Office, Monaco, is organizing a

philatelic exhibition on Nov, 28 to 30 this year. On display will be many rare stamps and philatelic documents from around the world, loaned by individuals and postal museums. Several stamp issues are planned in connection with the exhibition. The design of one is depicted below.



PHILATELIC COLLECTIONS MOVING

Over the next few months the Philatelic Collections of the British Library will be moving to new quarters at St. Pancras. Storage, display, and research facilities will be much improved. Moving the 36 main collections and over eight million items will take a major logistical effort. The current site will be closing in November, and the re-opening is scheduled for early April, 1998 at the new address, 96 Euston Road. Officials expect to be able to handle enquiries by February. Philatelists planning to visit England should take this move into account. Up-to-date information can be found at the British Library Website: http://www.bl.uk/ There is also an E-mail address: philatelic@bl uk

Construction work has also been under way at the British National Postal Museum, located in the King Edward Building on King Edward Street in London. The NPM re-opens Aug. 5, with special exhibits on the 1953 Coronation and the 1972 Silver Wedding issues.

CROATIAN SOCIETY ANNIVERSARY

Devoted to the study and exchange of information on Croatian, Central European, and Balkan postal issues, the Croatian Philatelic Society is marking its 25th anniversary in 1997.



The interests of members, who are scattered over 32 countries, embrace stamps, post cards, coins, currency, maps, military decorations, and other collectibles. The group publishes an award-winning journal, *The Trumpeter.* To mark the anniversary, the society has issued a commemorative cover, the cachet of which is shown above.

Information on the group is available from the Croatian Philatelic Society, Box 696, Fritch, Texas 79036-0696.

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The President's Page / La page du président



by William G. Robinson

For the past four years I have been sending you these messages every two months. This is Number 24. Not much of it has been deathless prose, but I hope these pages have given you the information you need to function as a member of the RPSC. If things progress as planned, this should be my last message as President. Four years are long enough, and I would like more time to spend on my personal collecting, exhibiting, and travelling interests.

Most of my time as President has been enjoyable — I have met many of you at local, regional and national events, and have been fortunate to work with a fine group of volunteers as Directors and Officers. My predecessor, Michael Madesker, has been a tower of strength and advice, and the two Vice-Presidents, Keith Spencer and Charles Verge, have carried out many projects admirably. I wish the incoming President every success, and pledge myself to assist him and his management team to the best of my ability. I could not have asked for better Directors from all over the country for the whole period. Sadly, we will say goodbye to three at Calgary: Bill Bailey, Michael Millar and Don Wilson. I wish their successors the best for their terms.

Harry Sutherland has acted as Board Secretary and International representative with energy and diplomacy, while on the financial side, Treasurer David Oberholtzer and Chairman of the Finance Committee Alan McKanna have kept us solvent and the records up to date.

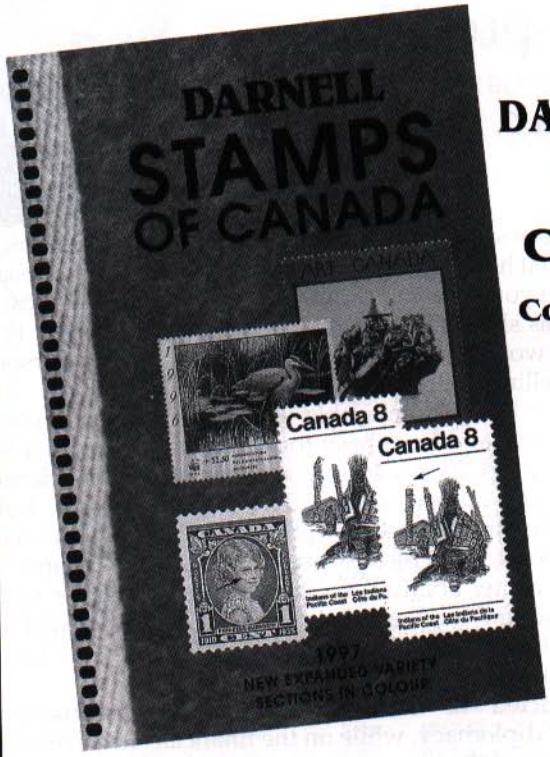
Michael Millar, Denis Hamel, and recently Warren Dickson and Denis Gratton, have done great service to our Anti-Theft Committee. Arthur Leggatt and Don Wilson have handled complaints deftly.

Steve Thorning has greatly improved *The Canadian Philatelist* under adverse conditions, while Molly Krajewski has continued to manage the Sales Circuit following the death of her husband. George MacManus competently manages our medal stock, and Kimmo Salonen dispenses slide shows on request. George Vandenburg has tried to improve our membership and public relations, while recently Ray Ireson has been stirring up our moribund Chapters.

Past President Jim Kraemer, and quite recently Charles Verge, have managed the affairs of the RPSC Philatelic Research Foundation, and both have helped with liaison duties with Canada Post. Michael Madesker and Charles Verge have the National Level judging program, and it is in good shape.

Recently we have hired Andrew Parr and Associates of Toronto to administer the Society, and their continuous presence has already made an impact on our day-to-day business. In the past, many routine queries weren't answered, and members became frustrated. Now, I hope that such complaints will no longer arise.

The past four years have passed quickly, and I will leave this position with mixed feelings — relief from the continuing problem, sadness from missing



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the interaction with our Officers, some satisfaction at having done the best job I could under the existing conditions, and wishing that I could have done a great deal more for the Society. I'll continue to work with the new President and the Directors in the foreseeable future.

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THE VALUE OF STUDY GROUPS

A look at most European auction catalogues shows that any stamp that has been expertized is either done so twice or has been done by one of the many expertizers of the BPP (Bund Philatelistischer Prufer). Apparently, many stamps that had been expertized by others now must be looked at again, taking into account much new knowledge that has been gereated over the past few years.

The various study groups that exist have contributed to a better understanding of many stamp issues. A number of societies run specialized study groups and report their findings in newsletters. To keep informed is important for serious collectors, as the philatelic field continues to change. Membership in any of the study groups costs very little for what one can get out of it in knowledge.

PERF 12 COIL WITH TWO LARGE HOLES

In his book on the Admiral Issue of Canada, Marler describes the experimental rolls with two large holes, the so-called Toronto coil, by stating, "...then for two days in July 1918 — the exact date is not known — the new perforation was tried, but because the large holes were mechanically very irregular, the experiment was a failure and was not repeated."

Two plates were used for these coils, according to Marler, Plates 1 and 2. He adds, "but it is evident that some rolls were made from post office sheets originating from the retouched die." Plate No. 2, approved 15 Nov. 1915, can easily be identified by the break in the left numeral box, as well as from Plates 123, 124, 129 and 130 of the regular sheets. The latter were approved in 1916.

Inscription type E1 was the first that contained the transferrer's number, with a "T" plus the number. The first of such inscriptions appeared on the 1¢ with T6 on plates 153 and 154, approved 15 March 1918, followed by the 2¢ with T6 on plates 127 and 128, approved 13 January 1919.

We now find a paste-up strip of these experimental coils with the letter "T" below the paste-up. Since it appears that these coils were

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issued experimentally in July 1918, and the "T" inscription did not appear prior to 15 March 1918, it must be assumed that these coils come from Plate 153 or 154, and not from the coil plates No. 1 or 2.

PACIFIC 97

Others will write at length about PACIFIC 97, but from what we hear the show was about the same as CAPEX, with the exception that larger crowds from the Pacific rim countries attended. Post Offices from Canada, the United States, and Hong Kong did very well with long line ups. Some dealers complained; others did well. This is normal for such a show.

TORONTO PRECANCELS

Collectors of Canadian precancels may have experienced some difficulty in separating the Toronto Style 3 and 5. The scrolls on Style 3 should be the key for identification, but these are often worn and cannot be seen. Therefore, styles 3 and 5 may look the same.

Recently, Mr. Marasco pointed out that there is an easy way to tell the difference. Measure the base of the "A" in Ontario. On Style 3 the base measures 1.5 mm. On Style 5 the base is 2.0 mm. This provides an excellent aid.

SHEET FORMATS

Practically all Canadian commemoratives are now being issued in small sheet format. These usually have decorative margins around them. Similar decorative designs can be found, for example, on stamps from Israel and the United Nations. These are listed as tabs, and command higher prices than thos without the tabs.

One of these days someone will prepare a listing of these Canadian tabs. Many of the early tabs will be hard to locate now.

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LEARNING ABOUT SOME OF THE SMALLEST COUNTRIES

One of the interesting aspects of stamp collecting is learning about some of the world's smallest countries.

The world's smallest sovereign state has the world's largest church. The Vatican covers only 109 acres, or a few blocks of the city of Rome. St. Peter's Cathedral covers about 5% of the whole country. Almost all Vatican stamps have a religious theme and therefore are popular with topical collectors who are interested in religion on stamps.



Liechtenstein is a tiny country of 61 square miles on the border between Switzerland and Austria. It is located in a picturesque valley in the Alps, with the Rhine River running through. Several world class skiers have come from Liechtenstein, but of more interest to philatelists is the fact that HAWID stamp mounts are manufactured there. Most collectors will agree that for mint stamps, HAWID is the Cadillac of stamp mounts.



Some other small countries that might be overlooked by most people include Andorra, 175 square miles in the Pyrenees, between France and Spain. Another is Monaco, a 392-acre resort town on the Mediterranean between France and Italy.

As a stamp collector, my favourite tiny European country is San Marino. This is the smallest and oldest republic in Europe and covers only 24 square miles. The population is only 19,000 and the capital "city" of San Marino has a population of only 4,350. Most of the people work in agriculture, although there is some light industry.

San Marino is located just half way between Rome and Venice, overlooking the Adriatic Sea. It was founded in the fourth century by a stone mason from Dalmatia. The castle on a mountain is evidence that more than one stone mason has participated in the building of San Marino.

In 1865 San Marino signed a postal treaty with Italy, and used Italian stamps for 12 years. The tiny country began issuing its own stamps in 1877. They were printed by the Italian Government printing works until 1926.

The book and movie *The Mouse That Roared* was based on a mythical country much like San Marino. This story is a humorous look at life in such a country and shows how it can be affected by the actions of the larger nations.

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The March 4-6, 1997 sales of R. Maresch & Son held in Toronto offered proof to collectors that above-average and choice material is still readily available but is highly in demand, and competition to obtain it is fierce. Let's look at a few items from these sales, which featured the David Roberts collection of Canadian stamps and covers.

Lot 13, a full-margin used 1851 12d Black from the Roberts collection, came with 1953 Philatelic and 1985 Greene Foundation certificates. Estimated at $35,000+ (the auctioneers noted a *Unitrade 1997 Canada Specialized Catalogue* value of $75,000), the stamp sold for $24,150 (prices include the 15% buyer's fee).

Another choice item, also from the Roberts collection, was an 1876 registered cover to Scotland in lot 327. The cover bore an 1876 Bright Blue 8¢ registered stamp and an 1876 5¢ Slate Green Small Queen along with a red crown registered marking. Stated to be "one of the finest 8¢ registered covers" by the auctioneers, it was estimated at $10,000+ (it sold for that sum in the firm's 183rd sale in 1986). The cover went to a new home for $6,900.

A centred used copy of the 1897 $5 Olive Green Jubilee (lot 344) sold for $1,150 against an estimate of $1,000+. Used copies of the 1935 1¢ "Weeping Princess" variety (lot 384) and the 13¢ "Shilling Mark" variety (lot 385), sold for $69 and $575 respectively.

The second session of the sale yielded more interesting results. Lots 423 to 426 contained different plate singles of Great Britain's 1840 1d Black Victoria. All had good clear margins and similar *1997 Scott Catalogue* values of $180. Prices reached $161 for the highest (lot 423) to $126.50 (lot 425) for the lowest, averaging $140.88. Lot 593 contained an 1847 U.S. 10¢ Washington single used with clear to full margins, cancelled with a red grid. A *Scott* value of $1,250 was noted. It sold for $517.50.

One of the more interesting Canadian items offered was a lot of three different perfins ("SUN LIFE", "SLA Co.", and "WJG") on the 1898 2¢ Map stamps (lot 1425). Stated by the auctioneers to be "rare," the stamps were estimated at $500+. The realization, at $891.25, far exceeded the estimate. This issue is still one of the most popular stamps of Canada. The firm's early fall schedule looks just as promising for collectors to add that rare item to their collections. Contact R. Maresch & Son at 330 Bay Street, Suite 703, Toronto, ON M5H 2S8, by telephone at (416) 363-7777, or by fax at (416) 363-6511. The Maresch is now accessible on the Internet at bids@maresch.com, and there is also a website: http://www.maresch.com

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Many collectors over the years have assembled calendar collections. Indeed, this aspect of the hobby seems to be making a comeback. For those who are not familiar with this rather esoteric philatelic byway, allow me to explain how it works. You take a common stamp and try to get a dated copy for every day of a particular period the stamp was in general use.

The standard 8$^{1}/_{2}$ by 11 inch manilla stockbook pages are handy for sorting the dates because they have twelve pockets on them, one for each month of the year. Album pages can be ruled up to take the appropriate number of stamps, depending on the month. Computer geeks (myself included) can use programs such as Printmaster and Printshop to produce calendars for the years and months required. The day squares are just the size to take one stamp.

Nowadays, with very few post offices hand cancelling their mail, it is virtually impossible to form this type of collection. Indeed, I think it would be a far greater collecting challenge to form a calendar collection for, say, 1996 than it would be to form one for 1896 using the 3¢ Small Queen. Try it some time using the current 45¢ Queen. I suppose the first challenge would be to find any Queen Elizabeth 45¢ definitives!

Over the years many people have formed this type of collection using the 3¢ Small Queen. I have also seen one using the 5¢ Beaver. A friend of mine (yes, indeed, I do have a friend), in Barrie is working on a calendar collection using the 3¢ Map stamp.

You may work at this any way you want to by taking a particular year or period of years, or the entire period a stamp was in general use.

I got started several years ago when I purchased a large lot of the Great Britain $^{1}/_{2}$d Green Jubilee of 1900. I decided to assemble a collection for the entire period the stamp was in general use, from the 17th of April 1900 to the 31st of December 1901. The collection requires 624 stamps. I now have 492.

Having enjoyed some modest success with this particular stamp I then turned my attention to the Great Britain $^{1}/_{2}$d and 1d Edwards from the 1st of January 1902 to the 31st of December 1911. A general comment is necessary here. Ordinarily, when a definitive issue was changed in Great Britain, the old issue disappeared within a month. Edward VII died on the 6th of May 1910, and the first of the George V stamps came out on Coronation Day, the 22nd of June 1911. One would have expected the use of the Edwards to have ceased by the end of July 1911.

Unfortunately for both the Post Office and the printers of the new stamps, Messrs Harrison & Sons, His Majesty, a very fine philatelist, was not at all pleased with the quality of the $^{1}/_{2}$d and 1d stamps. Printing of them ceased while Harrison's re-engraved the dies, and as a stop gap measure, printing of the Edward $^{1}/_{2}$d and 1d stamps resumed. As a result, these stamps were in general use until the end of 1911, so I decided to take the full ten-year period of use.

Because of the change of colour from blue-green to yellow-green with the $^{1}/_{2}$d on the 26th November 1904, I have dual calendars for both colours from November 1904 to February 1905. Thus, the $^{1}/_{2}$d collection contains 3,747 stamps, as against 3,652 for the 1d. I need 446 stamps to complete the $^{1}/_{2}$d collection and 136 for the 1d.

As might be expected, most of the required dates are Sundays. This brings me back to the title of this column. If anyone has a GB Edward VII 1d dated 24 October 1909, please sell it to me. It is the only one I am missing to complete the year. Thanks.

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The youth stamp club "Les Timbrés" de Boisbriand, whose membership includes 42 youngsters, 15 school groups, and their adult mentors, has seen all its philatelic equipment and stamp collecting training materials disappear. In December 1996 and again in March 1997 their club lockers, which are housed in a building of the City of Boisbriand, have been vandalized, ransacked, and everything stolen.

In addition to the financial help, the RPSC Philatelic Foundation is also sending out an appeal to collectors to help replenish the materials needed by the club to continue developing stamp collecting with the children and young people of the area. If you are able to help with any stamps, stock books, tweezers, perf gauges, old catalogues, or any other philatelic materials, or with any other donation, please fell free to send materials directly to the secretary-treasurer of the club, Jacques Charbonneau at 875 Cournoyer, Boisbriand, QC J7G 2G5.

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In 1946 the Canadian House of Commons and Senate passed the Canadian Citizenship Act. Up to this time, the basic identity of Canadians had been as British subjects, with Canadianism as a local variant. The new Act reversed the order, giving primacy to Canadian citizenship, and setting out the conditions under which Canadian citizenship could be granted.

The Citizenship Act was a product of post-war optimism and nationalism, and received wide and general support. A youthful John Diefenbaker remarked that it introduced "...a citizenship free of racial origin and unhyphenated." Despite this, it was a very radical measure, raising all sorts of legal and constitutional issues. All the other Dominions in the Commonwealth were forced to pass similar measures, as was the United Kingdom, which passed an act, defining its citizenship for the first time, in 1948.

The Canadian Citizenship Act came into force on January 1, 1947. The Post Office Department issued a stamp on Dominion Day, July 1, which was also the 80th anniversary of Confederation. The stamp graces the cover of this issue.

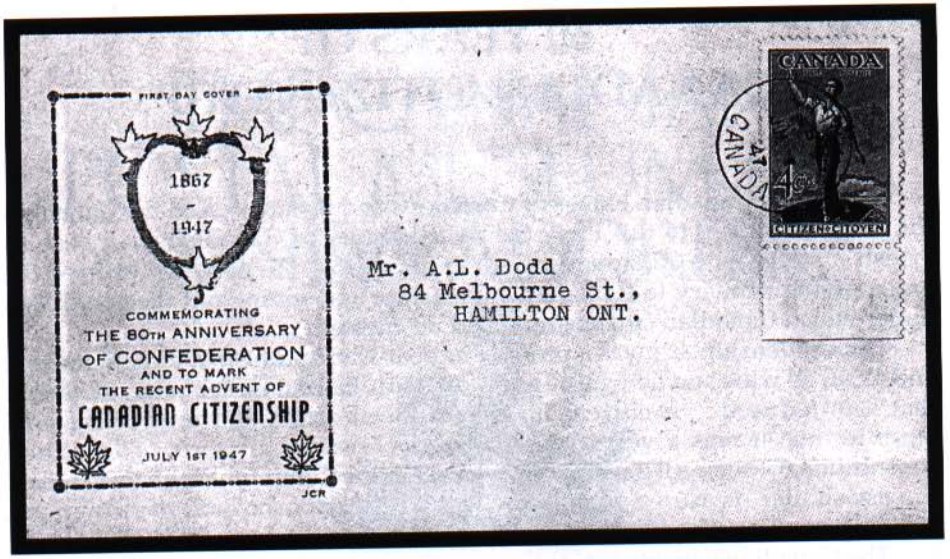
On the suggestion of Robert Toombs, we asked readers to offer their reflections on the golden anniversary of this stamp issue. A few of these follow.

Bob Hatcher writes:

I was very fortunate that my employers sent me to the four corners of Canada to do many tasks. Everyone I met was proud of their part of Canada, from MacKenzie, B.C. eastward to Petty Harbour, Newfoundland, where a group of retired fishermen and sealers proudly spoke about their work off the Labrador coast. My grandfather had done this job and had tattooed stars on his hands to prove it.



I offer the Krieghoff 8¢ stamp of 1972. This artist has, I believe, shown, through his paintings, a real pride in being a Quebecker and a Canadian. In Quebec City you can see his small home on Grand Alee, surrounded by apartment blocks.



First Day Covers and cachets of the Citizenship issue are popular with many collectors. Trelle Morrow offers the above example, with sienna brown lettering and a green border, designed by artist "JCR."

Below, Robert Toombs gives an example of the Art Craft commercial FDC.



The technical details of the Citizenship Issue are similar to other stamps of the period. The designs and engraved dies are the products of staff members of the Canadian Bank Note Company. There were two hardened steel chomium-plated plates (Numbers 1 and 2), each divided into four panes of 50 stamps. A total of 25,100,000 stamps were issued.

DO YOU REMEMBER THIS?

by Hans Reiche, FRPSC

Here are a few odd stories from over the years. They may interest and amuse readers.

A Bargain on Re-entries

One day I walked into the Jack Spier stamp shop in Montreal. Next to the door stood 15 shoe boxes packed full with Admiral stamps. Each box contained about 400,000 stamps. The price was $25.00 each. Three boxes landed in Ottawa, and the rest in Montreal. These boxes contained not less than 16 of the 1¢ Green major re-entries. Today these are listed in the catalogues at $1,000 each, or $16,000 in total.

Some Nice Admiral Sheets

C. Bond of Montreal used to sell large quantities of full sheets cancelled for bulk mailing. Practically all the values of the Admirals, including the War Tax stamps with plate inscriptions and lathework. Each sheet was priced at $15.00. One of them was the 2¢ Carmine lathework Type C, at current catalogue prices worth about $4,000.

Those Are Beavers, Not Cats

One Ottawa collector received a call from a woman in Prince Edward Island. She had a hatbox full of cat stamps on envelopes. The cat stamps were printed in red. It turned out that the cats were nothing less than 5¢ Beavers and 3d Beavers on cover. The collector offered $85.00 for the lot.

Up in Smoke

A grocery shop in Winchester, near Ottawa, had what looked like a crate full of used stamps. These went back to about the 1910 period. Many who passed by made an offer on the lot, but the owner was always reluctant to sell. One day he made a deal with me. I told him to hold the crate until the next week, when it would be picked up and paid for. A couple of days later the entire grocery store burned down, and with it the crate of stamps.

A Missing Gem

Most Admiral collectors would love to own a 5¢ Blue major re-entry. Very few exist. The Marler collection contained one, but when it was auctioned off, this stamp was missing from the collection.

What's the Right Quantity?

Fred Jarrett was convinced that the 3¢ Admiral part perforated (Scott 130A) existed in only a limited quantity. He believed that only 800 copies were issued. The catalogues indicated that the issued quantity was 2,200. For many years I collected all the illustrations of this stamp from auction catalogues and price lists. Putting these together, a total of 513 can be accounted for. Some of these are pairs, and others multiples. Of these, certain stamps have appeared more than once on the market, others only once. The question remains: where are all these 2,200 stamps?

Sissons Called Them "Junk"

When the OHMS overprinted stamps came out with the missing periods, few knew about this variety. I called Jim Sissons, asking him if he could sell just the lower corner plate blocks to me. He asked why I needed this kind of junk. All the plate corner blocks were sold for just double face value. The price for these blocks was $16.08. Today the catalogue valuation for this same material is $4,879.00.

Want a Seaway Invert?

A clerk in my office once produced a postcard with the Inverted Seaway on it. He asked me if it was of any interest. The card was slightly worn from being carried around in his pocket. I was able to purchase it for $100.00. The card is presently worth about $15,000.00.

Collecting Under Fire

An Army officer who was a collector noticed a large album in a house in Germany that had been taken over by the advancing troops in Germany. The album contained large quantities of the stamps of the old German States. He was under fire, and did not know what to do, but soon concluded that life was more important than stamps. Five years later, when he was posted to Germany, he located the house again. It was mostly in ruins. In the basement he found the stamp album, intact and only slightly soiled. The stamps in it catalogued at DM 8300.

Watch The Spelling

Have a good look at the 8¢ Krieghoff stamp that was issued in 1972. All the plate inscriptions have the named misspelled as "Kreighoff". I wonder why this error was never corrected during the printing.

NORTHERN GOLD: The Post Offices of the Yukon and Northwestern British Columbia

by William G. Robinson, FRPSC

The preceding three installments covered post offices opened from 1894 to 1946 by the Canadian Post Office Department and as United States Army Post Offices serving units constructing the Alaska Military Highway or operating the Northwest Air Staging Route to Russia. The following are the post offices opened since that time.

POST OFFICES OPENED SINCE 1946

Elsa

This office opened May 26, 1949 to serve the Calumet silver-lead mining camp in the Mayo district, 150 miles east of Dawson. The office closed June 30, 1989 when the mine closed. Below is the earliest known cover, mailed June 2, 1949, with the full circle datestamp with large letters, and an 11-bar circular grid cancel.



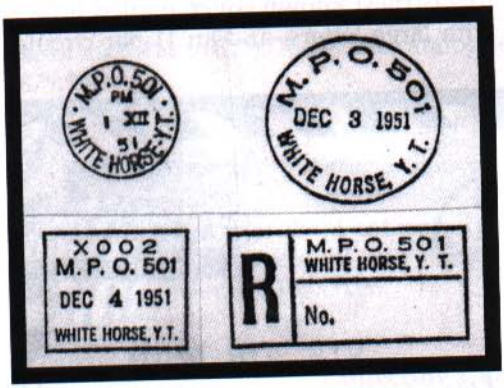
Haines Junction

Opened on July 1, 1950, Haines Junction is at the junction of the Alaska Highway and the road to Haines, Alaska, some 100 miles west of Whitehorse. This office remains open. A registered cover, dated August 14, 1957, with strikes of the circle date stamp and boxed registered handstamp, is illustrated at the top of the opposite page.



Military Post Office 501 — Whitehorse

This short-lived office opened January 8, 1952 and closed May 27, 1952. It served military units on field exercises. Examples of markings are rare. Below left are proof strikes of the four handstamps assigned to this office. Below right is an example of the circle date stamp, on April 5, 1952.





McCabe Creek

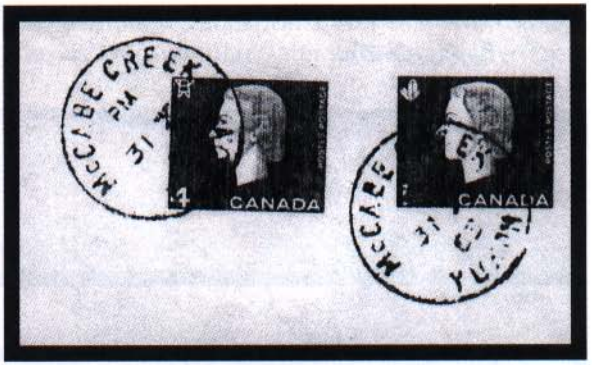
This office opened December 5, 1953 at the mouth of McCabe Creek, where the old Whitehorse—Dawson stage road leaves the Yukon River, about 140 miles south of Dawson. It closed August 30, 1969.

At right is the first circle date stamp, with "Y.T." at the bottom, in use 1953 to 1957. This example is date June 1, 1957.



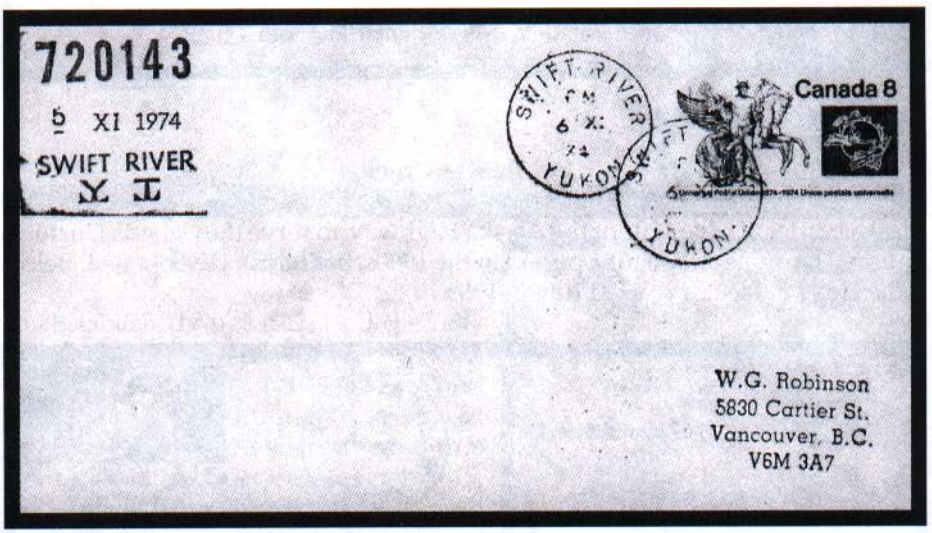
The second circle date stamp, known to be used between 1958 and 1964, had "YUKON" at the bottom. This example is dated October 31, 1963.

A trading post and a road house were situated at McCabe Creek. The office was named for a trader who was active in the area in the 1920s.



Swift River

Located at a highway maintenance camp about 150 miles southeast of Whitehorse, between Teslin and Upper Liard, Swift Creek was opened March 8, 1954, and operated until May 10, 1983. The circle date stamp and POCON marking, used November 6, 1974, are shown below.



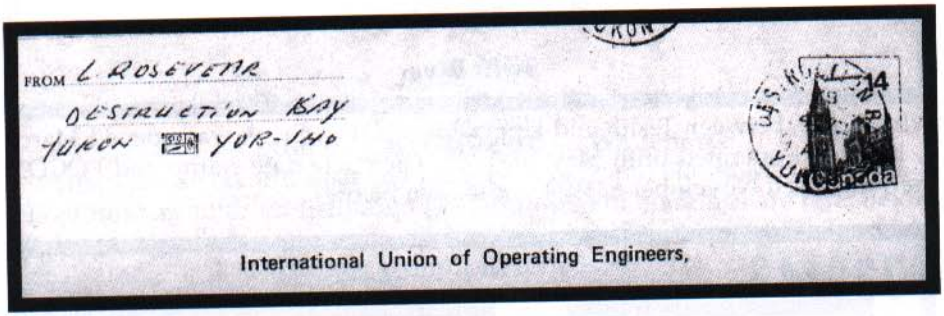
R.C.A.F. Station Whitehorse

This office opened August 9, 1954 to serve the Air Force Station at Whitehorse Airport. The office closed October 1, 1966, when the civilian post office named Hillcrest at the same location replaced it. A 1964 usage of the circle date stamp is shown opposite, top.

Destruction Bay

Located on the west shore of Kluane Lake at Mile 1083 of the Alaska Highway, Destruction Bay opened December 4, 1958. The office, serving some tourist facilities, is still open. The circle date stamp, used in 1979, is shown opposite, second from top.





Beaver Creek

On December 5, 1958 the Beaver Creek post office was opened near the Alaska border at Mile 1202 of the Alaska Highway, to serve the Canada Customs station. The office closed for a period in the 1980s, but has since reopened. Below is the circle date stamp, used July 3, 1959.



Old Crow

The Old Crow post office was opened on February 25, 1959 to serve the Loucheux Indian village, some 300 miles north of Dawson and north of the Arctic Circle. Previous to the opening, mail was delivered from Fort Yukon, Alaska. Originally a revenue post office, Old Crow was converted to a contract station on May 14, 1992. It is still open. Two items illustrate mail from Old Crow. The first is an example mailed from Fort Yukon, Alaska, in 1946, before the Old Crow post office opened. The return address on the reverse is "Joe

Netro, Old Crow, Y.T." The second item shows mail from October 8, 1965 through Old Crow post office, bearing the 23.5 mm circular dater with small letters, and the money order handstamp.



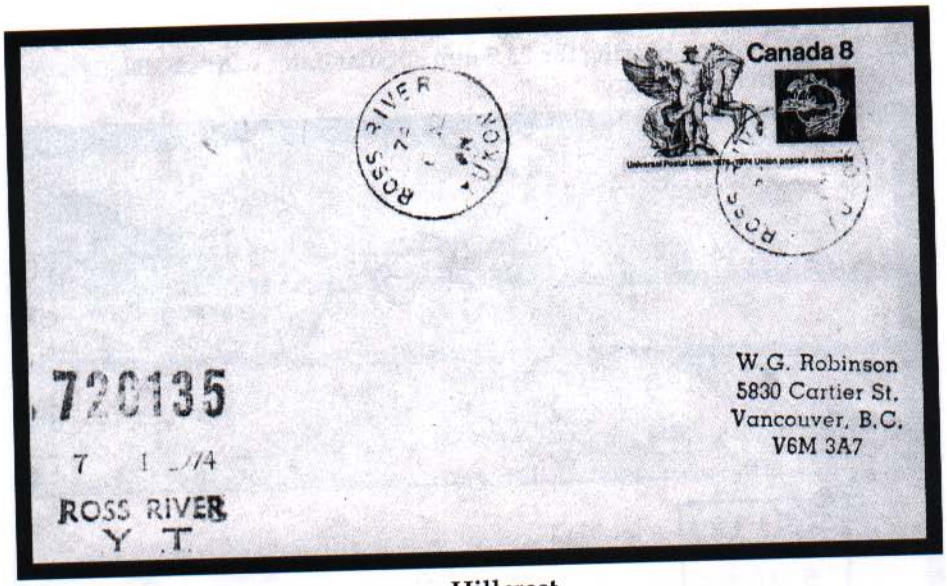
Pelly Crossing

Established August 22, 1960, the Pelly Crossing post office is located where the Klondike Highway crosses the Pelly River, some 130 miles southeast of Dawson. The office was converted to a contract postal outlet on November 15, 1993 and remains in operation. At right is a 1983 strike of a circle date stamp.



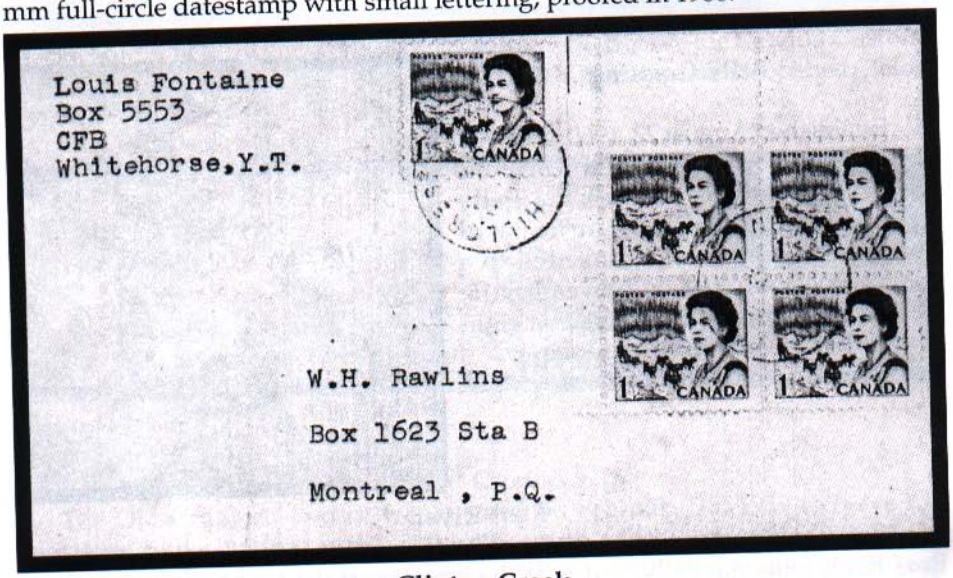
Ross River

Ross River post office opened on October 5, 1964. It is located where the Ross River joins the Pelly, and is at the junction of the CANOL Road and the Robert Campbell Highway, 115 miles northeast of Whitehorse. The office was converted to a contract postal outlet on November 15, 1993, and is still open. Shown opposite top is a cover dated 1974, with strikes of the circle date stamp and the POCON handstamp.



Hillcrest

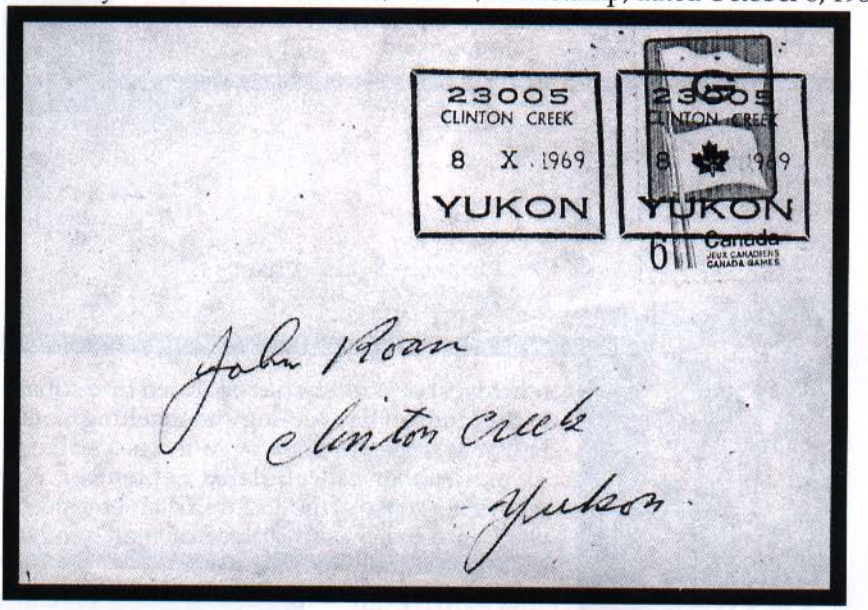
This office opened on October 1, 1966 as a replacing RCAF Station Whitehorse. It closed less than two years later, on July 31, 1968. It was named for the location of the Whitehorse air field, on top of the hill overlooking the city. Below is an example mailed to Montreal on November 23, 1967, bearing two strikes of the 24 mm full-circle datestamp with small lettering, proofed in 1966.



Clinton Creek

This office opened November 13, 1968 to serve a mine operated by Cassiar Asbestos Corporation, 60 miles northwest of Dawson. The post office was named for Clinton Felcht, who prospected the creek in 1886-87, and was the first white man to die in Dawson, on August 16, 1897. The office closed March 8, 1979,

after the mine ceased operation. Illustrated below is a local cover, with two strikes of the Money Order Office Number (MOON) handstamp, dated October 8, 1969.



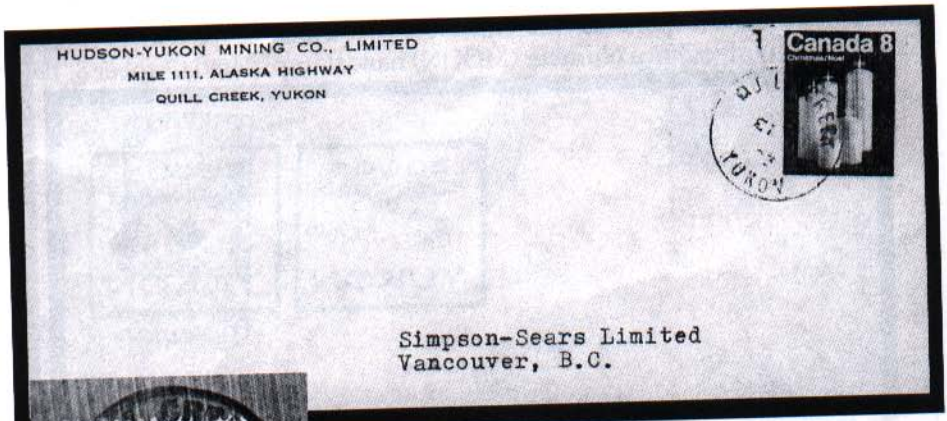
Faro

This office opened October 1. 1969 to serve a mine some 130 miles northeast of Whitehorse on the Pelly River. The office is still open. The 1969 cover below carries strikes of the circle date handstamp and the boxed registered handstamp.



Quill Creek

A short-lived post office, Quill Creek operated from January 27, 1972 until July 31, 1973. It served a mining camp at Mile 1111 on the Alaska Highway, 200 miles



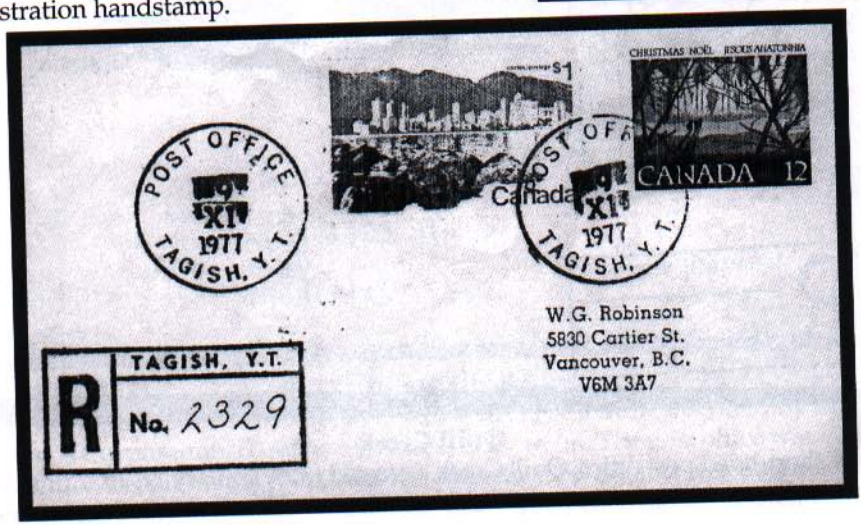


northwest of Whitehorse, operated by a subsidiary of the Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting Company. Few markings are known. At left is a strike of the 31 mm rubber cancel, dated September 9, 1972. Above is a strike of the 23.5 mm diameter steel dater used as a cancel on a piece of mail sent by the mining company to Vancouver.

Tagish

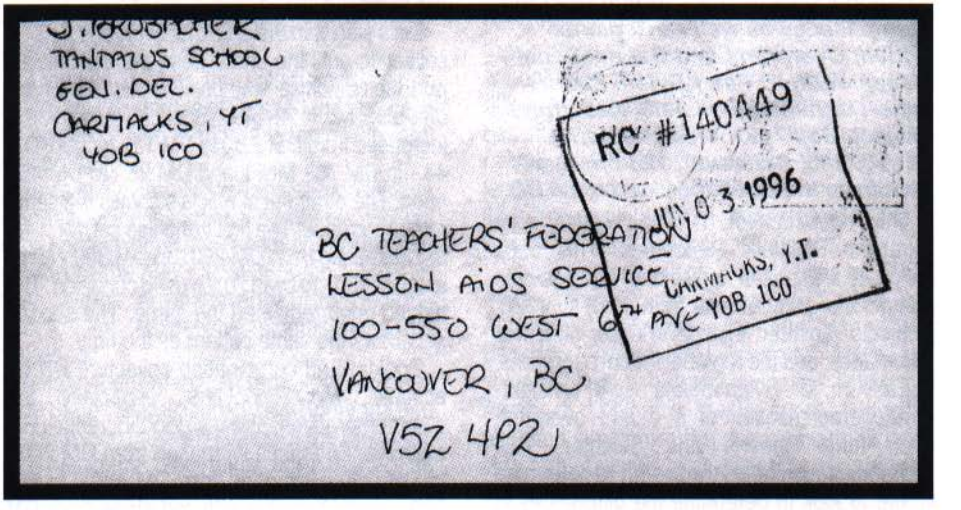
The Tagish post office, which is still open, was established on June 29, 1977 near the junction of the Alaska Highway and the Carcross Road, 50 miles southeast of Whitehorse. The steel circle dater, used on November 9, 1977, is shown at right. Below is a registered cover with strikes of the rubber circular handstamp and the boxed registration handstamp.





Carmacks

The Carmacks post office, opened in 1908, was converted to a contract postal outlet on November 15, 1993. A strike of a square rubber handstamp, applied to a piece of metered mail on June 3, 1996, is shown below.



Whitehorse — Sub-Offices and Franchises

The foregoing pages complete the listing of the post offices of the Yukon and northwestern British Columbia, with the exception of the sub-offices and franchises which have been opened at Whitehorse since 1972. The following is a listing of these offices, with their opening and closing dates, and their office numbers.

WHITEHORSE SUB 1	26 Sept. 1972	1 Oct. 1989	720216
	(became Qwanlin Mall RO)		
WHITEHORSE SUB 2	1 May 1980	23 Nov. 1982	720232
	1 June 1987	30 Nov. 1987	720232
WHITEHORSE SUB 3	15 June 1987	1 Feb. 1989	720259
WHITEHORSE SUB 4	8 Sept. 1987	27 May 1993	720267
MAIN STREET RO	25 Oct. 1988	12 Jan. 1992	720313
	13 Jan. 1992		73539
WHITEHORSE DEL. CTR.	31 Oct. 1988		720321
QWANLIN MALL RO	1 Oct. 1989		720348
PORTER CREEK RO	1 Oct. 1991	28 Jan. 1994	70718
	17 Feb. 1995	16 July 1995	168955
	17 July 1995		175129
WHITEHORSE RO	24 Feb. 1992	28 Feb. 1994	76155
RIVERDALE RO	19 Mar. 1992	20 Feb. 1992	75736
	1 Mar. 1994		150711

Currently the President of the RPSC, Bill Robinson of Vancouver has been active for many years in philatelic organizations at both the local and national levels. His four-part series on Yukon and northwestern British Columbia post offices was based on his own collection, which was shown most recently at CAPEX 96.

New on the Philatelic Bookshelf...

Independent Ukraine 1918 - 1920: A Catalog-Checklist of National Postage Stamp Issues as well as Regional Trident Overprints and Occupational Issues. Author: Peter Bylen. Publisher: Ukrainian Philatelic Resources Project, Box 7193, Westchester, IL 60154-7193. Softcover, 128 pp. Available from the publisher for $18.00 US.

This book is No. 5 in the series from Ukrainian Philatelic Resources. This book looks at the postal emissions of Ukraine's democratic governments from 1918 to 1920. Subjects covered include arieties, historical summaries, and the regional trident overprints.

Early on, Mr. Bylen makes use of an eight-part characterization of a trident overprint, used from Roberts and Seichter. This characterization helps the reader to determine where to look to determine the differences in valid trident overprints. As well, this characterization identifies sub-types where there are slight variations in the valid tridents.

While the stamp illustrations are hard to make out, the tridents are illustrated separately, and very clearly, throughout the entire publication. Appendix A compares the Podilia Regional Trident Issues as described by six different authors between 1926 and 1995, and attempts to cross reference the identical items. An excellent six-page bibliography is provided at the end of this work.

The book is indispensable for anyone seeking to determine the validity of their trident overprints, as this issue is known for its complexity and the large number of forgeries in existence.

— Paul Burega

Michel Deutschland-Spezial-Katalog 1997. Distributed in Canada by Lighthouse Publications, 225 Duke, Montreal, QC H3C 2M2; 1-800-363-7082, and available through stamp dealers across Canada.

This review will concentrate on the 1933 to 1945 period of the stamp issues of Germany and related jurisdictions. There have been some substantial price increases in some of the items.

Let's start with the area that everyone puts off collecting until the end. These are the officials and the franchise stamps. The first set of the officials, Mi. 132-143 (Scott O80 to O91) increased from DM 8.50 to DM 12.- hinged; DM 44.- to DM 70.- MNH; and DM 26.- to DM 45.- used. The other set of officials shows the same rate of increase. The first franchise set, Mi. 144-54, increased from DM 200.- to DM 300.- MNH and DM 130.- to DM 170.- in used condition. The hinged price remained the same. The second set shows the same pattern as the first.

Booklet and combination collectors will be ecstatic. Most booklets, especially the commemoratives, show a good increase. For example, Fridericus increased from DM 200.- to DM 300.-, Wagner from DM 450.- to DM 700.-, and Olympics with red stripe from DM 450.- to DM 700.-. The combinations of these show similar increases.

There is a general increase of ten percent in the prices of MNH, used, and mint hinged stamps, though the increases are not evenly spread out.

Most of those common stamps between 1940 and 1945 show this increase. For MI 909 and 910 there is a special notation stating that these stamps are extremely difficult to find in properly used condition and the used prices have been removed.

The Danzig overprint set of 1939, Mi 716-29, increased from DM 360.- to DM 500.- in MNH and DM 425.- to DM 550.- in used condition.

Other increases in the ten percent range are spotty. As usual, the early years show an increase in MNH condition. This is not to say that there are not good increases in other places. For example, the Daimler varieties, Mi 604, increased from DM 600.- to DM 1,000.- in MNH, and the Polar Flight rose from DM 1,700.- to DM 2,400.- in mint hinged condition.

Serious collectors of this material will be rewarded by acquiring the 1997 Michel Specialized so that they will become familiar with the price trends of these stamps.

— Emil Talacko

Stanley Gibbons Stamp Catalogue, Part 8: Italy and Switzerland, 5th edition. Distributed in Canada by Lighthouse Publications, 225 Duke, Montreal, QC H3C 2M2; 1-800-363-7082, and available through stamp dealers across Canada.

Last revised in 1993, this volume contains, in addition to the stamps of Switzerland and Italy, the issues of San Marino, Liechtenstein, and Vatican City.

Revisions to the Switzerland section include changes in the catalogue numbers of some older and newer issues, and a complete price revision of the 1903 to 1936 period. Most of these changes are in the range of 10% to 20%. Most of the inexpensive stamps have not increased.

In Italy, there are scattered price increases in the States issues, particularly Romagna and Tuscany, and the early issues of the Kingdom. Most are in the 10% range, but a few are as high as 40%.

The layout of the countries is now more logical than the previous edition. Italy is followed by the Italian Territories. The Italian listings have been expanded to include left half and complete pairs for parcel post stamps, and there are now prices for grilled gum stamps of Liechtenstein.

The changes, plus new issues over the past four years, have added about 35 pages to the new edition. Like others in the series, it is well bound and easy to use, with in excess of 2,000 black and white illustrations.

— Steve Thorning

Briefly Noted:

James Bendon Ltd. recently issued two new titles. The French Post Office in Yokohama by Jun Ichi Matsumoto is the product of 25 years of research by the author on the operation of the French Post Office in Yokohama between 1865 and 1880. The study places this office in the context of general Japanese postal history, from the rudimentary domestic postal service of the 1950s through the Japan-U.S. Postal Treaty to the joining by Japan of the UPU, and the ultimate demise of the French and other foreign postal operations in Japan. Illustrations include documents and postal markings. The book is hardbound, 234 pages, and is priced at $69.50 US postpaid.

The other new Bendon title is Alan R. Drysdall's *Transvaal: Railway Stamps and Travelling Post Offices.* This is the third volume in a series of handbooks prepared by members of the Transvaal Study Circle. The book describes and lists the railway stamps and their many types and varieties, station handstamps, markings used on travelling post offices, and stationery. An introductory chapter describes the development of the Transvaal railway system. Hardbound and 164 pages in length, it is priced at $48.50 US postpaid. Both titles are available from James Bendon Ltd., Box 6484, 3307 Limassol, Cyprus.

A particularly useful new title is *U.S. International Postal Rates, 1872-1996* by Anthony S. Wawrukiewicz and Henry W. Beecher. This lavishly illustrated 416-page volume gives a virtually complete listing of American UPU and treaty rates. Special attention is given to the complex airmail rate structure. There is also a lengthy chapter on postal rates on incoming mail to the U.S. up to 1971. The book is available softbound at $48.00 US or hardbound at $59.00 US postpaid from Cama Publishing, Box 19730155, Portland, OR 97280-0730, or by phone at (503) 244-8223.

The third printing of *A Century of War Dates, 1859-1959,* by Theo Van Dam, has recently been issued. The book provides a geographical and chronological listing of wars, revolutions, major political events, and newly established nations from the Italian War of Liberation to the Vietnam War. A 206-page softcover volume, it includes 44 maps and a 22-page index. It is priced at $28.00 US postpaid from Postal Covers, Box 8809, Anaheim, CA 92812.

Military specialists should note the publication of *The C.E.F. Roll of Honour,* compiled by Edward H. Wigney. This 880-page hardcover lists over 67,000 Canadians who died as a result of wounds while on active service during World War I. The alphabetical listing gives full names, ranks, honours and awards, age, cause of death, and place of burial. Also included are Canadians who served with other countries. The book is priced at $155.15, including postage and GST, from Eugene Ursual, Box 8096, Ottawa, ON K1G 3H6; (613) 521-9691.

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Gum:	P.V.A.
Printing Process:	seven-colour lithography
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Pane Layout:	pane of 20 stamps	Présentation de feuillets :	feuille de 20 timbres
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Design:	Susan Warr	Design :	Susan Warr
First Day:	Bonavista, NF	Premier jour :	Bonavista, NF



SCENIC CANADIAN HIGHWAYS / LES ROUTES PANORAMIQUES DU CANADA



Specifications:		**Spécifications techniques**	
Date of Issue:	30 June1997	Date d'émission :	30 juin1997
Last Day of Sale:	29 June1998	Dernier jour de vente :	29 juin 1998
Denomination:	4 x 45¢	Valeur :	4 x 0,45 $

Printer:	Canadian Bank Note Co.
Quantity:	7,500,000
Dimensions:	56 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
Design:	Lou Cable
First Day:	Ottawa, ON

Imprimession :	Canadian Bank Note Co.
Tirage :	7 500 000
Format :	56 mm x 27,5 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
Design :	Lou Cable
Premier jour :	Ottawa, ON

INDUSTRIAL DESIGN / DESIGN INDUSTRIEL



Specifications:

Date of Issue:	23 July1997
Last Day of Sale:	22 July1998
Denomination:	45¢
Printer:	Canadian Bank Note Co.
Quantity:	7,000,000
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 24 stamps
Tagging:	general tagged, four sides
Design:	François Dallaire
First Day:	Toronto, ON

Spécifications techniques

Date d'émission :	23 juillet 1997
Dernier jour de vente :	22 juillet 1998
Valeur :	0,45 $
Imprimession :	Canadian Bank Note Co.
Tirage :	7 000 000
Format :	48 mm x 27,5 mm (horizontal)
Dentelure :	13+
Papier :	Coated Papers
Gomme :	A.P.V.
Procédé d'impression	lithographie (six couleurs)
Présentation de feuillets :	feuille de 24 timbres
Marquage :	procédé général, sur les quatre côtés
Design :	François Dallaire
Premier jour :	Toronto, ON

HIGHLAND GAMES / JEUX DES HIGHLANDS

Specifications:

Date of Issue:	1 August 1997
Last Day of Sale:	31 July 1998

Spécifications techniques

Date d'émission :	1 août 1997
Dernier jour de vente :	31 juillet 1998

Denomination:	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
Design:	Fraser Ross
First Day:	Maxville, ON

Valeur :	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
Design :	Fraser Ross
Premier jour :	Maxville, ON



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS / CHEVALIERS DE COLOMB

Specifications:

Date of Issue:	5 August 1997
Last Day of Sale:	4 August 1998
Denomination:	45¢
Printer:	Canadian Bank Note Co.
Quantity:	7,000,000
Dimensions:	26 mm x 32 mm (vertical)
Perforation:	13+
Paper:	Coated Papers
Gum:	P.V.A.
Printing Process:	six-colour lithography
Pane Layout:	pane of 25 stamps
Tagging:	general tagged, four sides
Design:	Alain Leduc
First Day:	Montreal, QC

Spécifications techniques

Date d'émission :	5 août1997
Dernier jour de vente :	4 août 1998
Valeur :	0,45 $
Imprimession :	Canadian Bank Note Co.
Tirage :	7 000 000
Format :	26 mm x 32 mm (vertical)
Dentelure :	13+



Papier :	Coated Papers
Gomme :	A.P.V.
Procédé d'impression :	lithographie (six couleurs)
Présentation de feuillets :	feuille de 25 timbres
Marquage :	procédé général, sur les quatre côtés
Design :	Alain Leduc
Premier jour :	Montréal, ON

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Specifications:

Date of Issue:	18 August 1997
Last Day of Sale:	17 August 1998
Denomination:	45¢
Printer:	Canadian Bank Note Co.
Quantity:	7,000,000
Dimensions:	40 mm x 26 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
Design:	Epicentre
First Day:	Montreal, QC

Spécifications techniques

Date d'émission :	18 août 1997
Dernier jour de vente :	17 août 1998
Valeur :	0,45 $
Imprimession :	Canadian Bank Note Co.
Tirage :	7 000 000
Format :	40 mm x 26 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
Design :	Epicentre
Premier jour :	Montréal, QC

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A set of six full-colour postcards was issued June 13 to mark the 50th anniversary of the Canadian Museums association.Only 12,000 sets have been printed. They are available at museums across Canada and through the National Philatelic Centre in Antigonishat 1 800 565-4362.

La Société canadienne des postes a annoncé l'émission d'un jeu de six cartes postales le 13 juin, à l'occasion du 50e anniversaire de l'Association des Musées canadiens. Seulement 12 000 jeux seront en vente dans les musées à travers le pays et seront disponible par commande postale auprès du Centre national de philatélie: 1 800 565-4362.

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Society Reports / Rapports de la Société

From F. Warren Dickson, Anti-Theft Committee....

In June a theft took place from an office in Montreal, and was reported to the police. Although the individual inherited the collection from his father, he is not very knowledgeable in the field. It would appear that this was an "inside" job, as the thief knew exactly what he was looking for. The collection is described as follows:

— red Lighthouse album (sleeved), Canada 1851 - 1970s. Mostly mint, 80% full, including Scott 17 on onion paper with gum, MNH bluenose, three 5 cent beavers in different shades, three used Prince Alberts , one marked with an X, two copies No. 18, Jubilee Issue mint complete except $1, $2, $3.

— red Lighthouse album (sleeved), Canada 1851 - 1970s. Mostly used, 80% complete.

— red Lighthouse album (sleeved), Canada 1970s-1992. Mostly used, 80% complete.

— green Scott Specialized USA album, 1842 - 1970s. Mint and used, 70% complete.

— Scott Specialized USA album, 1970s - 1990. Mint and used, 70% complete.

— brown H.E. Harris Citation Specialized International album, Hongrie-Zimbabwe. 75% complete.

The approximate value is listed as $60,000.00. A reward is offered. If all or part of this collection is offered for purchase, please contact Det. Sergeants Dastout or Fournier at (514) 280-6967, or Warren Dickson at (416) 222-7240 or (905) 889-6133.

Membership Report....

NEW MEMBERS - NOUVEAUX MEMBRES

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Hanson, Timothy A. (21395)
Hicks, Bernie E. (21877)
Johnston, Alexandra (25548)
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Lajoie, Gilles (25810)
Madden, Wayne D. (20117)
McGill, Harold W. (25812)
Rayner, Philip M. (9061)
Ruebenbauer, Jerzy M. (22124)
Smith, Susan E. (24374)
Swift, Charles G. (25215)
Taylor, J. Howard (24724)
Yark, Arie (21591)

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CARTWRIGHT, Ronald F. (26281) Willowdale, ON
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Brown, Phyllis (24935)
Carde, Jim (24955)
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Chartier, Claude (19398)
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Cole, Jack (08322)
Cromwell, William H. (21856)
De Beaupre, Michael (22418)
De Kovachich, Emeric L. (25793)
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Dennis, Brian E. (26050)
Dove, Hardie F. (25915)
Dufour, Charny (26133)
Duquette, Clifford (26331)
Durivage, Yvan (26280)
Enders, Richard H. (22541)
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Feduck, Donald (14967)
Fisher, Leslie (26263)
Fox, Edward J. (10426)
Galvin, Dan (19470)
Gauvreau, Leo J. (24957)
Gelibet, Charles (26229)
Gill, Lawrence (9066)
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Inglis, George (23670)
Jefthas, Titius H. (26266)
Johnson, Jr., Norman O. (20911)
Jones, Michael F. (20835)
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MacMillan, James S. (12412)
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Marcovitz, Melvin A. (10861)
Matthews, Donald D. (16015)
Mattson, Ronald C. (25973)
McMahon, Dennis C. (26324)
Melanson, Ronald (26186)
Mercer, Donald D. (21772)
Mignacca, Robert A. (25619)
Moore, H. Stuart (13066)
Mosher, Lloyd R. (21599)
Moxham, Richard N. (21597)
Murphy, Patricia D. (7412)
Oue, George (13284)
Owsiany, Michael C. (25002)
Palmer, Neville A. (25512)
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Potter, John H. (10630)
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Ruff, Blair (26228)
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Sheffield, Susan (26252)
Skelton, Gary L. (19323)
Sloan, E.P. (9883)
Strathdee, William J. (7480)
Summerfield, Roy H. (20907)
Sutherland, Ian A. (6422)
Taras, Roman (11666)
Taussig, Andrew (7472)
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Wilson, Donald G. (15511)

COMING EVENTS / CALENDRIER

NATIONAL EXHIBITIONS
1997

SEPTEMBER 19 - 21: ROYAL 97 ROYALE, annual exhibition and convention of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, in connection with CALTAPEX, 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 8 - 10: PIPEX '98, National show of the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs, hosted by the Okanagan Mainline Philatelic Association, at Best Western Vernon Lodge, 3914 - 32 Street, Vernon, BC V1T 5P1. Information: Jon Johnson, Box 923, Vernon, BC V1T 6M8; (250) 549-1838 or jcjohnso@junction.net

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

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, & Victoria Junior Stamp Club. Admission by donation. Show Cancel, door prizes. Information & prospectus: Show Chairman, Box 5164, Stn. B, Victoria, BC V8R 6N4; (250) 721-1940 (evenings).

OCTOBER 4 - 5: Sudbury Stamp Show, in the foyer, Civic Square, Sudbury, Ont. Free admission, dealers, and exhibits. 10 am to 5 pm each day. Information: Dan McInnis, (705) 566-0293.

OCTOBER 9: Kitchener-Waterloo Philatelic Society 10th annual Youth Night, for ages 5 to 12. Demonstrations, free stamps, free draw, free admission. 7 pm to 8:30 pm in the Community Room, Rink-in-the-Park, Seagram Drive, Waterloo, Ont. Information: Betty Martin, (519) 578-7782.

OCTOBER 18: 36th annual show 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, prizes. Part of the Sesquicentennial celebrations.

Information: Show Convenor, Brantford Stamp Club, Box 25003, West Brant Postal Outlet, Brantford, ON N3T 5M3.

OCTOBER 25: MIDDPEX 97, annual show of the Middlesex Stamp Club of London, at Whiteoaks Mall, 1105 Wellington Rd., London. 9:30 am to 5:30 pm. Free admission and parking, 100-frame exhibition, 25 dealers, silent auction, prizes. Information: Pat Delmore, Box 234, Mount Brydges, ON N0L 1W0; (519) 204-2507.

NOVEMBER 8: KENTPEX 97, annual show of the Kent County Stamp Club, at Wheels Motor Inn, Richmond and Keil, Chatham, Ont.

Exhibits, dealers, free admission & parking. Information: Paul McDonnell, (519) 354-1845.

1998

MARCH 21: OXPEX '98 and OTPEX '98 (Oxford Philatelic Society Annual Exhibition and Ontario Topical Exhibition), at John Knox Christian School, 800 Juliana Drive, Woodstock, Ont. (off Hwy. 59 near Hwy 401). 10 am to 5 pm. Show features 160 frames of competitive exhibits, judges critique, prize draws, youth booth, Canada Post counter, displays and refreshments. Information: Gib Stephens, Box 20113, Woodstock, ON N4S 8X8.

International Exhibitions

1997

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.

JULY 2 - 11: PHILEXFRANCE 99, World Exhibition with FIP patronage, to be held in Paris, France. Canadian Commissioner: Dr. J.J. Danielski, 71 Gennela Sq., Scarborough, ON M1B 5M7; (416) 283-2047.

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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:

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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 Road and Albert Street, 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.

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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, beginning at 7:30 pm. Visitors are always welcome. Information from secretary: 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.

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

LAKEHEAD STAMP CLUB

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

LAKESHORE STAMP CLUB

Chapter 84 meets at Karnak Hall, 3350 Boulevard des Sources, Dollard des Ormeaux, QC on the 2nd and 4th 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 are always welcome. Information: E. Sodero, 831 Tower Rd., Halifax NS B3H 2Y1.

OAKVILLE STAMP CLUB

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

OTTAWA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

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

OXFORD PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Chapter 65 meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays, September to May, at Knights of Columbus Hall, behind St. Rita's Catholic Church (Dundas St. E.) Woodstock, Ont. Trading and junior program at 7 pm, regular meeting at 7:30 pm. Speakers, draws, 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.

SAINT JOHN STAMP CLUB

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

ST. JOHN'S PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays (except July and August), 8 pm at Cabot Institute. Visitors welcome. Information: 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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The club meets 3rd Mondays of each month at the 100 Mile House Elementary School Library. For information, contact Horst Stock, 395-4497.

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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

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

WEST TORONTO STAMP CLUB

Chapter 14 meets 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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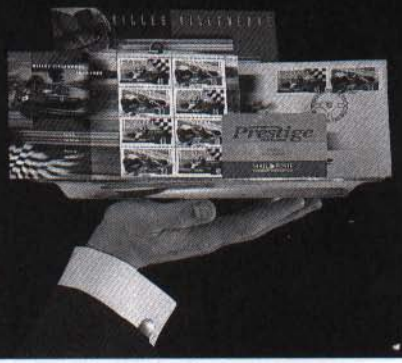
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