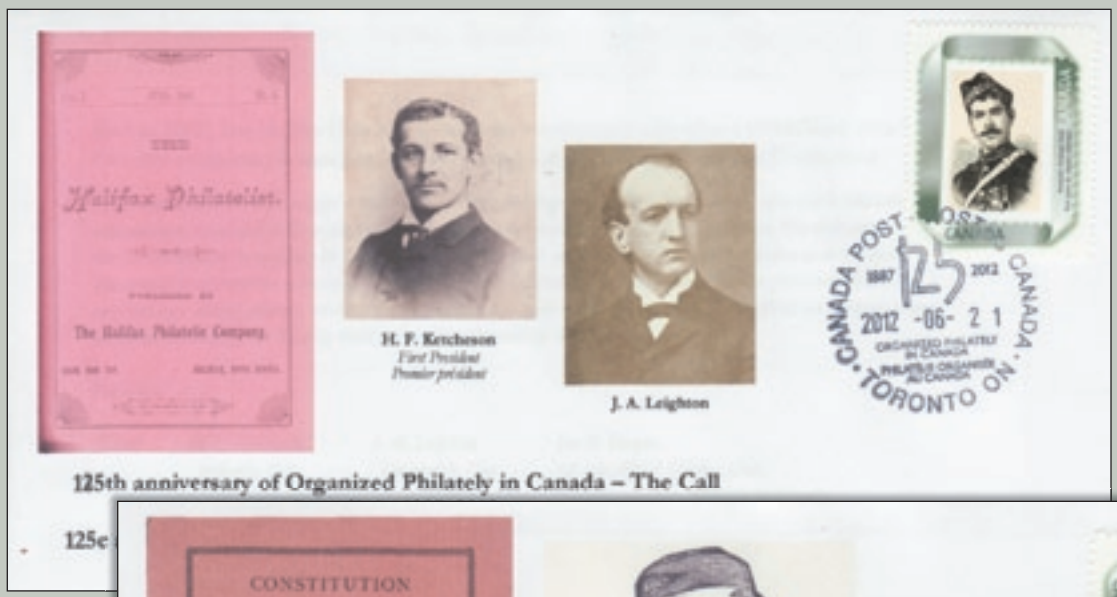
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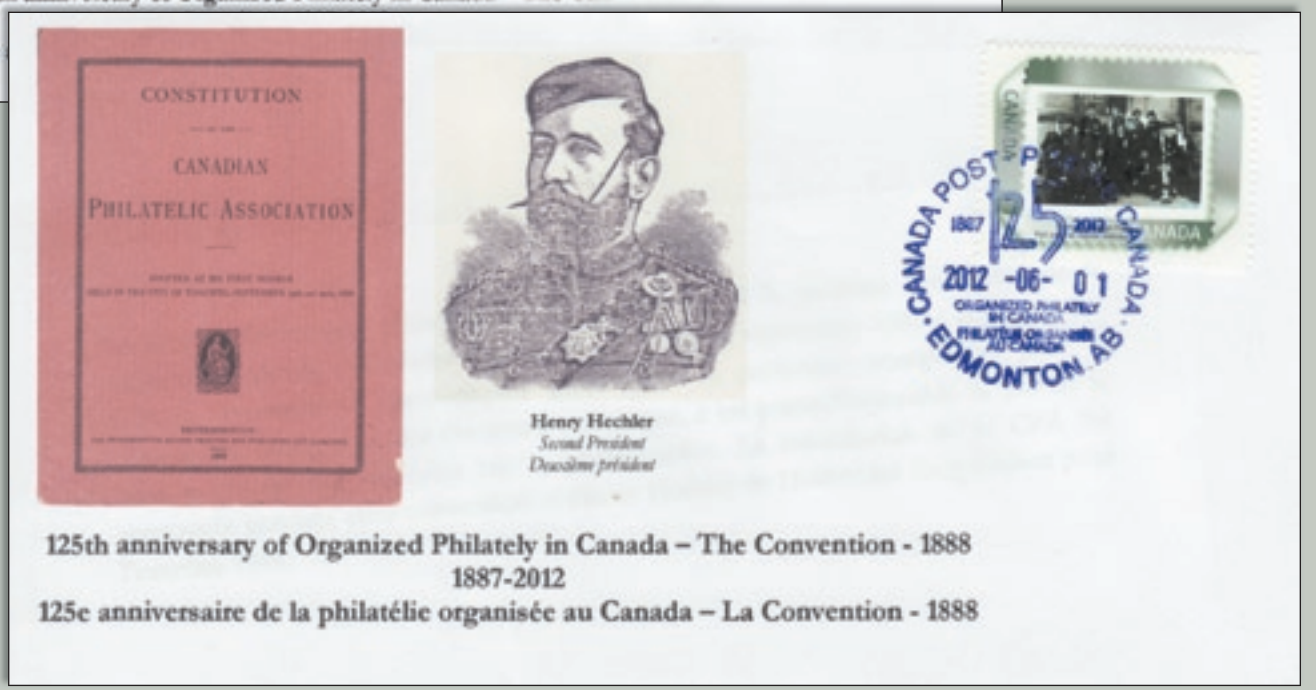
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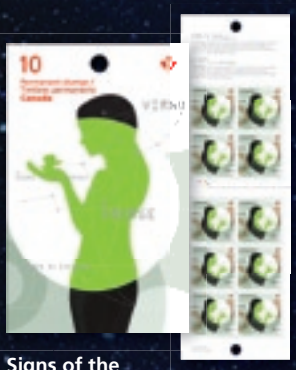
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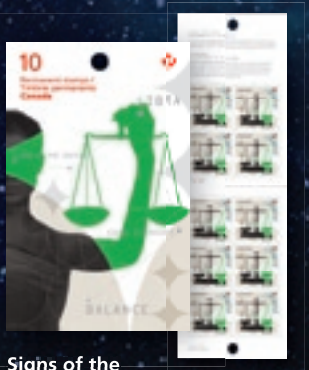
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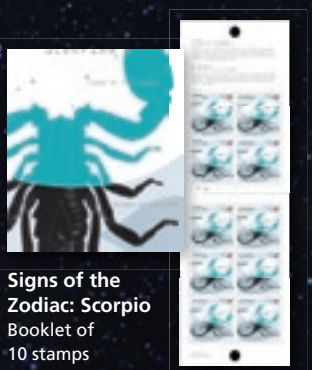
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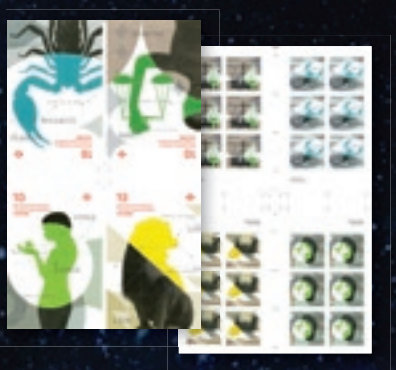


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Le Bureau National a préparé deux plis commémoratifs afin de célébrer le 125e anniversaire de la philatélie organisée au Canada. Le premier commémore L'appel à l'organisation en 1887 et l'autre rappelle le première Convention en 1888. Chaque pli a reçu une oblitération d'Edmonton ou de Toronto. Un encart dans chacun des plis explique le cachet et le timbre.

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The year 2012 marks the 125th anniversary of organized philately in Canada and we have dedicated this edition of your magazine to commemorate this historic milestone. To celebrate the event, we have enlisted the writing talents of several noted philatelic writers to pen the history of philately in Canada as it evolved in their respective geographic regions.

Regrettably, Ontario had to be left out simply because it was too big a project to be undertaken at this particular time; Newfoundland was omitted because no one was available to take on the project in the relatively short time that was available until the magazine was scheduled to go to print. However, the rest of the country will be covered.

Noted postal historian Gray Scrimgeour of Victoria, BC, has undertaken to document the machinations of our hobby for British Columbia. The philatelic story of the Prairie Provinces will appear in the next issue.

Longtime contributor to The Canadian Philatelist, Michael Peach has tackled the historical developments of philately in Nova Scotia and Price Edward Island.

Michael Nowlan, who makes his home in Oromocto, NB, is a regular contributor to Canadian Stamp News and for many years was responsible the Press Releases for our Society, has agreed to cover New Brunswick.

Cimon Morin, who was the individual that provided his fellow collectors with unstinting service and advice while he served as Librarian of the National Postal Museum and subsequently organized and developed the National Postal Archives in Ottawa, has undertaken to review the developments of stamp collecting in La Belle Province.

Lastly, our own historian Charles Verge, who in real life is a professional historian, writes about the events encompassing the creation of the Canadian Philatelic Association, the drafting of its constitution and its first convention in Toronto.

Much of this philatelic history unearthed by these writers makes for fascinating reading and provides a slant that is not ordinarily available from the usual sources. We are confident that you will enjoy reading about our philatelic predecessors, some more colourful than others, that have left their mark on a hobby that adds a daily dash of spice to our lives. ✉

L'année 2012 marque le 125e anniversaire de la philatélie organisée au Canada et nous avons consacré la présente édition de votre revue à la commémoration de ce jalon historique. Pour célébrer l'évènement, nous avons fait appel aux talents d'auteur de plusieurs de nos rédacteurs philatéliques bien connus afin qu'ils racontent l'histoire de la philatélie au Canada, tel qu'elle a évolué dans leurs régions respectives.

À notre grand regret, l'histoire philatélique de l'Ontario a dû être laissée de côté, car le projet était trop volumineux pour être entrepris à ce moment-ci. En ce qui concerne Terre-Neuve, son développement philatélique a été omis parce que personne n'était disponible pour prendre en main ce projet dans le laps de temps relativement court précédant la mise sous presse de la revue. Par contre, le reste du pays sera raconté.

L'historien renommé de la poste, Gray Scrimgeour, de Victoria, C.-B., a entrepris d'expliquer les rouages de notre passe-temps en Colombie-Britannique. L'histoire philatélique des Prairies apparaîtra dans le prochain numéro.

Quant à Michael Peach, un collaborateur de longue date du Philatéliste canadien, il a suivi le développement historique de la philatélie en Nouvelle-Écosse et à l'Île-du-Prince-Édouard.

Michael Nowlan, qui habite à Oromocto, N.-B., collaborateur assidu du Canadian Stamp News et pendant de nombreuses années, responsable des communiqués de presse de notre société, a accepté de couvrir le Nouveau-Brunswick.

Cimon Morin, celui qui ne ménageait pas ses efforts pour servir et conseiller ses compagnons collectionneurs alors qu'il était bibliothécaire au Musée national de la poste et qui, par la suite, a mis sur pied et développé les Archives postales canadiennes, à Ottawa, s'est donné le mandat de revoir l'évolution de la collection de timbres dans la « Belle Province ».

Notre historien, Charles Verge, un professionnel en la matière, nous informe sur les événements qui conduisirent à la création de la Canadian Philatelic Association, sa constitution et son premier congrès à Toronto.

L'histoire philatélique mise à jour par ces rédacteurs constitue une lecture fascinante et fournit, dans une bonne mesure, un angle qui, d'ordinaire, n'est pas traité par les sources habituelles. Nous sommes convaincus que vous aimerez votre lecture sur nos prédécesseurs du monde philatélique, certains plus colorés que d'autres, qui ont laissé leur marque dans un passe-temps qui, chaque jour, ajoute un soupçon de piquant à nos vies. ✉

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DEAR EDITOR,

In George Arfken's latest article in *The Canadian Philatelist* covering the usage of the 5-cent registration stamp concerning the cover shown in Figure 10, Arfken mentions that the U.S. Registration label was applied in New Orleans. Looking at the actual item shown in Figure 10, this is clearly not the case. The U.S. label is tied to the cover by both the Saint John N.B. circular date stamp and also by the handwriting of the name of the addressee.

This U.S. label must have been applied to the envelope in Saint John, NB, prior to the letter being addressed.

Doug Irwin
Niagara Falls. ON

DEAR EDITOR,

Sharp-eyed Doug Irwin noticed that the U.S. registration label described in Figure 10 in my article entitled, The 5-Cent Registered Letter Stamp on Letters and Post Cards, in *The Canadian Philatelist*, July/August 2012 issue, pp.210-212, was tied to the Saint John cover by a Saint John date stamp and by the handwritten address. So the U.S. registration label was applied to the cover in Saint John and not in New Orleans.

Question: Did Canadian Post Offices regularly stock these U.S. registration labels?

Sincerely
George Arfken
Clearwater, FL

DEAR EDITOR,

This morning, July 6, 2012 I and about 150,000 other Calgarians watched the Stampede parade on the streets of downtown Cowtown in this the centennial year of the world's largest rodeo. After the parade was over I walked to the Central Post Office where I have my box number, and was delighted to find in it the July/August issue of *The Canadian Philatelist* with Lane Robson's history of the Calgary Stampede post office. I talked to some other Calgary philatelists and they received their copies of *TCP* today as well. Delivery of the issue couldn't have been timed better!

Although the Stampede post office is long defunct on the exhibition grounds, there is a nearby retail postal outlet called Stampede Station. It is in a Shoppers Drug Mart one block straight west of the LRT station that serves the Stampede grounds. It is named for the train station rather than the actual rodeo. Nonetheless, we Calgary philatelists used it for first-day cancels of the Stampede centennial stamps in May.

If any readers want to get the Stampede Station postmark, they can send SASEs to:

Postal Station Manager, Stampede Station
Shoppers Drug Mart
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Calgary, AB
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I advise they include a letter with a diagram and drawing of how they want their covers cancelled, and a bigger SASE for their return so they won't get spray-on postmarks.

Sincerely,
Dale Speirs,
Calgary, AB

DEAR EDITOR;

As a member of The RPSC / SRPC, I receive *The Canadian Philatelist* and find it has a wealth of information relating to philately. However, the May/June 2012 issue featured an article on page 154 which looked, from the abstract in English included for readers not conversant in French, like a wonderful article on paper used to print the Large Queen issue.

This article, which includes information about the Stoneywood Mill in Aberdeen, Scotland, established in 1770 by John Boyle & Richard Hyde, is still manufacturing all types of paper today.

While one might have a command of other languages, and possibly "un peu" of French, the insertion of an English abstract - a condensed version of a piece of writing or the important highlights of an article - is in my mind, and possibly in the minds of others, an editorial blunder. While just about everything in *The Canadian Philatelist* is printed in both official languages, could the article in question, as well as any subsequent articles written in French, not be translated into English?

In conclusion, one would think that the author, associated with AIEP, a worldwide association for the expertization of philatelic material, would be able to provide an article in both of Canada's official languages.

Don Hedger
Toronto, ON

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When Herbert L. (Herb) McNaught died suddenly on June 19, 2008, the McNaught Family created two memorial trophies to commemorate his active participation in stamp exhibiting over a 74-year period.

Herb was born in Harwood, Ontario, on August 12, 1919 and raised in the small villages around Ottawa, White Lake, Balderson and Russell. It was in Russell that Herb found his passion for stamps when his father gave him some stamps in his possession, including a 7-cent Quebec Tercentenary stamp, which had been cancelled with a large "R" denoting registered mail. Shortly afterward in 1934, the local druggist, Mr. J. L. Steele, an avid stamp enthusiast, started a youth stamp club, which Herb joined. In 1938, Herb entered his small collection at the Russell Fair and placed second, receiving a prize of 35 cents. There were only two entries in the competition.



Bill McNaught presenting the Herbert L. McNaught Memorial Trophy to Fred Fawn at the Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada meeting in Toronto.

Herb completed his high school education in Russell and was admitted to Ottawa Normal School in 1939. Upon graduation, he obtained his first teaching assignment at the Skye Elementary School near Dunvegan in eastern Ontario. He taught all the elementary grades in the one-room schoolhouse for $725 in his first year of teaching. Herb enlisted in the army in 1941 and was assigned to the 23rd Field Ambulance Corps (reserve). He continued teaching and as a reservist received training at Camp Petawawa and artillery training at St. Catharines. His unit was slated to mobilize to Europe in 1945, when the war ended.

In 1945 Herb joined the Kingston Public School system as a teacher and progressed to vice-principal and then principal. Herb's passion for stamp collecting continued and he served as president of the Kingston Stamp Club in 1954. In 1959, he was appointed Assistant Director of the Audio-Visual Branch of the Ontario Department of Education, where he remained until his retirement in 1977. During these years, Herb was a member of the North York Stamp Club and began exhibiting in earnest. In 2003, he was invited to join the Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada, which is a noted research-oriented organization based in Toronto.



Herbert McNaught (left) with son Bill, flanking one of Herb's Quebec Tercentenary exhibit frames on display in the Court of Honour at ORAPEX 2008.

Herb developed three Gold Medal exhibits: the Half-Cent Small Queen Victoria issue, 1882-1897, which won International Gold Medals in Romania and Prague in 2008 (the half-cent value was used for mailing newspapers and advertisements); the Diamond Jubilees, issued in 1897 to commemorate the 60 years of Queen Victoria's reign (this exhibit won the BNAPS Gold Medal in Calgary in 2007); and the 1908 Quebec Tercentenary exhibit, which won a Gold Medal at ROYALE*2008*ROYAL in Quebec City; and a second (posthumous) Gold Medal at the BNAPS show in Halifax in September 2008.

After his death, the McNaught Family created two different trophies to be awarded annually in Herb's name. The first was the Herbert L. McNaught Memorial (ORAPEX) Trophy to be presented at the ORAPEX Philatelic show in Ottawa, which he considered to be his hometown. One of Herb's closest friends, Mr. Fred Fawn of Toronto, won the first ever awarding of the trophy in May 2009 and won the trophy a second time in May 2010. Mr. Gary Steele of Halifax subsequently won the trophy in 2011.

The second trophy was created with the help of BNAPS to commemorate Herb's avid interest in International exhibiting. The Herbert L. McNaught Memorial (BNAPS) trophy was awarded to Mr. Jack Forbes at BNAPEX in Kingston in September 2009. Mr. Derek Smith of London, Ontario won the BNAPS trophy at Victoria in September 2010 and Mr. David Bartlett won the trophy at North Bay in September 2011.

Family members attended ORAPEX on May 5, 2012 and expect to attend BNAPEX on September 2, 2012, in Calgary to present the trophies to this year's winners.

The purpose of these trophies is to encourage new exhibitors and to recognize their efforts and artistry. Herb especially enjoyed meeting new exhibitors and he always gave them this advice:

"My exhibits may not be worth a million dollars, but they have brought me a million dollars of fun."

125TH ANNIVERSARY - A PREAMBLE TO THIS COMMEMORATIVE ISSUE

As Historian of the Society it is with great pleasure that I coordinated the input for this special issue of *The Canadian Philatelist*. I am grateful to the editor, Tony Shaman, for his enthusiastic agreement with my proposal to make the Sept.-Oct. issue one to celebrate the 125th anniversary of organized philately in Canada. Furthermore my thanks go to Dr. K. Gray Scrimgeour, Dr. Michael Nowlan, Dr. Michael Peach and Cimon Morin, who have worked diligently over the last few months to research and write the articles presented in this issue. I am also grateful to Neil Coker, Research Librarian, American Philatelic Research Library, for his help in providing much information required by the authors and several of the illustrations found in our articles.

The commemorative envelopes you see on the cover of the magazine were prepared using picture postage, to commemorate the event. My thanks go to Garfield Portch for the design of the covers and the stamps. Two covers were prepared and cancelled on June 1, 2012 in Edmonton at the Convention of The RPSC and the same two covers were cancelled in Toronto where the organizing meetings were held in 1887. The covers will again be issued at the end of September with a Halifax cancel to commemorate the important and vital participation of the philatelic community of Nova Scotia in the creation and maintenance of the Canadian Philatelic Association. If you are interested in purchasing them, they are available through the National Office at $3 each or a pair of covers for $5. Please make cheques payable to "The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada."

125E ANNIVERSAIRE – UN AVANT-PROPOS À CE NUMÉRO COMMÉMORATIF

En tant qu`historien da la Société, il m'a fait grand plaisir de coordonner cette édition spéciale du PC. Je suis reconnaissant au rédacteur-en-chef, Tony Shaman, pour son support lorsque j'ai proposé de faire du numéro de Sept.-Oct. un numéro commémoratif pour le 125e anniversaire de la philatélie organisée au Canada. Mes remerciements aussi à Gray Scrimgeour, Michael Nowlan, Michael Peach et Cimon Morin qui ont travaillé avec diligence pour rechercher et écrire les articles que vous lirez. Je remercie aussi Neil Coker, bibliothécaire de recherche, de l'American Philatelic Research Library pour son aide à retrouver l'information requise par les auteurs et plusieurs des illustrations qui se retrouvent dans nos articles.

Les plis commémoratifs illustrés sur la couverture de ce numéro spécial du magazine utilisent des timbres-photos pour commémorer l'événement. Le design des plis et des timbres sont gracieuseté de Garfield Portch que je remercie. Deux plis ont été préparés et oblitérés le 1er juin 2012 lors de la Convention de La SRPC tenue à Edmonton. Les mêmes plis ont reçu une oblitération de Toronto pour commémorer le lieu des rencontres organisationnelles. Ces plis recevront aussi une oblitération d'Halifax à la fin de septembre pour souligner l'apport important de la communauté philatélique de la Nouvelle-Écosse à l'organisation et à la survie de la Canadian Philatelic Association. Si vous désirez obtenir ces plis, ils sont disponibles au prix de 3$ par pli ou 5$ par ensemble de deux par l'entremise du Bureau National. SVP libellez vos chèques à « La Société royale de philatélie du Canada ».

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Collecting Was More Fun When I Was a Youngster:

Recollections of a Collector **PART II**

By C. R. McGuire, FRPSC, OTB

My sources of obtaining stamps got even better when I realized Ottawa was the location of foreign consulates, embassies, legations and high commissions. Over the winter of 1950-51 I wrote letters to each one requesting stamps and was pleasantly amazed with the results. I continued this practice for another winter or two. I kept many of the envelopes I received because of their corner cards, which later became part of my Ottawa postal history and 'free franked' envelope collections. Several embassies continued to send me stamps on a regular basis without me having to continue asking for them. The Embassy of Columbia was an example. Figure 5 shows envelopes in which I continued to receive stamps from them as late as 1958 without requesting them. Little did I know that the free postage permitted on official mail posted by members of the Pan American Postal Union would someday interest me and that those two covers would become part of that particular collection.



Figure 5.

During Easter holidays in 1951 I visited each foreign representative's office personally by traveling on my trusty bicycle which I had just learned to ride. They were located from virtually one end of the city to the other and it took me every day for a week to do them all. It was such a success I would repeat it twice during the summer holidays, at the beginning of July and the end of August, and every Easter for several years. Some of the secretaries would even keep stamps for me until my next visit. A very pretty young receptionist at the Royal Norwegian Legation brought my attention to a framed enlargement of a stamp Norway issued, hanging on the wall. It was Scott #274, issued in 1946, and their brief catalogue description sums it up as: "issued in honor [sic] of Little Norway, training center during the Second World War in Canada for Norwegian pilots." This stamp really intrigued me and I eventually formed a collection of Little Norway and the much less-known Camp Lunenburg. The two camps were located near Chester and Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, where the Norwegians trained their naval personnel; the naval headquarters was in Halifax. I published a booklet recording their postal history[2]. Norway did not elevate its office to embassy status until the 1970s and today its secondary offices in various cities across Canada are consulates.

I was seven years old at the time and not yet interested in girls although I began to notice that some young ladies were prettier than others. My 'embassy runs', as I called them, made it obvious that many of the offices had attractive receptionists and secretaries. All were friendly and helpful and would offer me a drink of water, or sometimes a soft drink. I was also given brochures about their respective countries that, along with collecting stamps, helped me to be far more knowledgeable about geography, history and the world in general, than most of my contemporaries.

Another memorable incident took place at the Mexican Embassy. At the time, they had a combined chancery [office] and official residence for the ambassador in an impressive, circa 1930s house on The Driveway where they still have their residence today. Unknown to me at the time, it was a Mexican holiday and the embassy was closed. When I received no answer at the office and as I was riding down the driveway the front door of the residence opened and the ambassador in his housecoat asked what I wanted. He told me to go back to the office where he let me in, offered me cake and a glass of milk, while he searched for stamps. He was very congenial and I later discovered from a newspaper article that he was the Dean of the Ottawa Diplomatic Corps. It stated he was very well liked and, from personal experience, I could understand why. I met him again several times and was always impressed that he remembered me, asking how my stamp collection was coming along.

This contact with the diplomatic community and watching one of my favorite television programmes, "Passport to Danger," a series about a diplomatic courier who traveled to embassies

around the world[3], inspired one of my early career ambitions: to be a member of the diplomatic corps. It was realized in part in 1964 when I joined the Department of External Affairs. I say 'in part' because, not being a 'diplomatic' sort of guy, I was employed in the very important Administration stream of the organization, which included the administration, consular and passport and information services at Canada's posts abroad. I recall my first day after joining when I was given a tour of the Department, then spread over half a dozen buildings scattered around central Ottawa. Today, known as Foreign Affairs, it is in one location on Sussex Drive across from the Memorial Wall, dedicated to Canada's Hong Kong Veterans-POWs. (I am proud to have been one of the Hong Kong Veterans Commemorative Association's five-member Memorial Wall Committee that planned, arranged construction and organized the Wall's unveiling ceremony on 15 August 2009.)

When we reached the Passport Office I noticed a large barrel chock full of stamps, literally from around the world. They were clipped off the envelopes which had contained passport and visa applications, renewals, and other related matters and were sold on a highest bid basis. Bids were submitted in sealed envelopes four times a year by interested people, mainly stamp dealers. The successful buyer no doubt soaked the stamps for stock and packets. The proceeds were used to finance the Department's annual Christmas party; known for being the biggest and best of any government department. For various reasons, I was pleased I was never assigned to the Passport Office. One reason being that I avoided the temptation of digging into that barrel of stamps which was a strictly enforced rule! Another time that I was exposed to stamps that were not accessible was during the two Christmas Holiday periods when I worked as a mail carrier's helper. It was while we sorted the mail before we delivered it, [no inside mail sorters in those days], that I would see many envelopes and small parcels franked with desirable stamps, often high denominations.

My father managed the Ritz Hotel, located at 352 Somerset Street West, at the corner of Bank Street, where we lived in an apartment on the top floor. My room had a bay window that faced west and I loved to watch the streetcars go by as I sorted stamps on a card table. The Ritz was one of the city's smaller hotels that began life as the Crosby Brothers Dry Goods Department Store in the 1890s.[4] E.L. Horwood, a prominent Ottawa architect, created a building with many fascinating architectural elements. I was also impressed with the small Bank of Montreal building, which I will refer to as 'My Bank,' located across the street on the southwest corner of Bank Street. Built in the 1920s, it was what I later learned was a 'flat iron' style building with scaled-down architectural features that the banking industry utilized to make their buildings impressive and say to the public, 'you can trust us with your money.' No doubt this is where I first acquired my interest in architecture and why I collect postcards depicting banks and post office buildings of the world. I particularly like postmarked post office cards and imagine that the cancellation was applied in the building depicted on the card.[5]

I also prepared a four-frame exhibit utilizing picture postcards depicting ten major and several minor styles of architecture used for post offices built across Canada and around the world. It also had a binder attached to the first frame giving more details of the different styles of architecture shown on the postcards. The exhibit was shown non-competitively at STAMPEX '85, and later at several stamp exhibitions and venues.

This article was updated and published in *BNA Topics,* Oct. 2002 and received my second 'V.G. Greene Award'.

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Early Philately in **NOVA SCOTIA** and **PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND**

By Michael Peach, FRPSC

Stamp collecting was a very active hobby in Nova Scotia during the latter years of the nineteenth century. A list in *The Canadian Philatelic Handbooks*, No. 2, 1892, shows that there were120 stamp collectors in Nova Scotia of whom 34 resided in Halifax and 27 in New Glasgow. On Prince Edward Island only five are listed and 60 in New Brunswick.

NOVA SCOTIA

Several early philatelic publications originated in Nova Scotia. The first issue of the quarterly journal *The Philatelic Courier*, published by the Halifax stamp dealer Henry Hechler, appeared in the fall of 1881. At age 18 Henry Hechler had emigrated from Germany, settling in Halifax, where he opened a fancy goods business. This soon developed into a tobacconists and stamp dealer. Publication of *The Courier* was suspended in the spring of 1885 when Hechler served as a Captain in the 63rd Rifles of Halifax during the Riel Rebellion. It ceased publication in 1889. *The Courier* contained many adverts from Halifax merchants, but Hechler was the only local stamp dealer advertising (Figs 1, 2).


The Philatelic Courier,
AND STAMP-COLLECTORS' JOURNAL.
Vol. 2. HALIFAX, N. S., APRIL, 1884. No. 8.

Fig. 1 *The Philatelic Courier*


WANTED!

NOVA SCOTIA STAMPS. Will pay from one (1) dollar to two ($2) dollars per hundred.

NEWFOUNDLAND STAMPS. Will give from seventy-five (75c.) cents to one ($1.25) dollar-and-a-quarter per hundred.

Prices offered for the above vary according to denomination.

Torn and soiled stamps not taken at any price.

HENRY HECHLER,
Stamp Dealer,
184 Argyle Street,
Halifax, N. S., Canada.

N. B.—This business will be attended to only between the hours of 1 and 4 p. m.

Fig. 2 1882 Hechler Advert

The Halifax Philatelist was published between January 1887 and July 1889 by the *Halifax Philatelic Publishing Company* (Halifax stamp dealer and Commission Agent at the Liverpool Wharf, A. B. S. DeWolfe). It can be viewed online, at the RPSC website, in *The Canadian Philatelist* section. At least nine Nova Scotia dealers, all part time, had adverts, including Henry Hechler, Donald A. Smith, and Harrison L. Hart. In the late1880s none of them were listed in the Halifax Street Directory as stamp dealers. The first advert in the directory mentioning stamps was from Henry Hechler in 1888, emphasizing toys and fancy and oriental goods rather than stamps (Fig. 3). Donald A. Smith (Fig. 4) as an employee of the Post Office, traded from about 1890 using his wife's name Emily King (Fig. 5), not his daughter Emily who was


HENRY HECHLER,
103 Granville St., Halifax, N. S.
DIRECT IMPORTER OF
Toys, Fancy and Oriental Goods
OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS.
The importation of the Latest Novelties in these Goods is made a specialty.
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL
Manufacturers' Agent. Broker in Foreign Stamps and Coins. Orders by mail promptly and carefully executed. STAMPS OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA IN USE PRIOR TO 1867, BOUGHT AT HIGHEST CASH PRICES.

Fig. 3 1888 Hechler Advert in the street directory

born in 1898. His signature is shown on the April 1888 postcard to Henry Hechler (Figs. 6, 7). The message, *Dear Sir*, reflects the much more formal style of the Victorian age, and an age without telephones. Some, including Hechler, had shops and presumably sold stamps on the side: John R. Findlay was a bookseller, Theodore Larsen and Harrison Hart both had Boot and Shoe shops (Fig. 8), and John A. Craig (Yarmouth) was a druggist (Fig. 9).



Fig. 4 Donald A King

By 1888 *The Halifax Philatelist* was the official organ of the *Nova Scotia Philatelic Association* and from January 1889 *The Canadian Philatelic Association (CPA)* (Fig. 10). The *Nova Scotia Philatelic Association* had 18 members in February 1888,


REGISTERED
EMILY KING,
N. S. Dickey Esq
Newton
Kansas

Fig. 5 1920 Emily King cover.

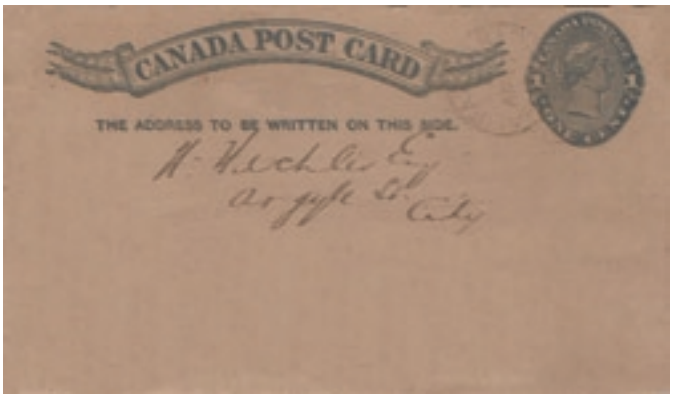


Fig. 6 1888 King Postcard front

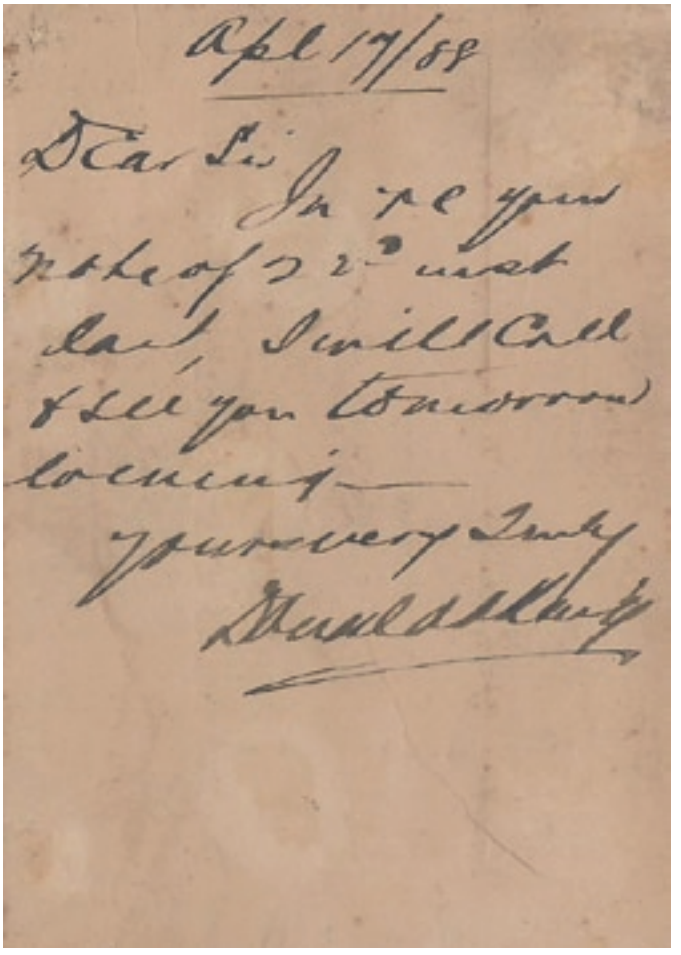


Fig. 7 1888 King Postcard message

with J. Noble Crane as President, Donald A. King as Secretary and Harrison Hart as Treasurer. It met on the second and fourth Mondays of the month. The meetings started at 8.30 pm, reflecting the Victorian lifestyle. In the September 1888 issue, following the first CPA Convention in Toronto, it is noted that several Nova Scotians were among the officers: Henry Hechler – President, Alvan J. Craig (Pictou) – Vice –President N.S., Harrison L. Hart – Treasurer, Theodore Larsen – Official Editor, and Frank C. Kaye, another Post Office employee, was on the executive committee. The local Halifax group organized the second CPA Convention in 1889 at the Halifax YMCA, then on Prince Street, from Wednesday 31 July to Friday 2 August. There were five business sessions and it concluded one Friday afternoon with a philatelic exhibition that was open to the public. Following the election of officers, Alvan J. Craig became President and Donald A. King Secretary (Fig. 10).



Fig. 8 June 1887 *Halifax Philatelist* Hart Advert

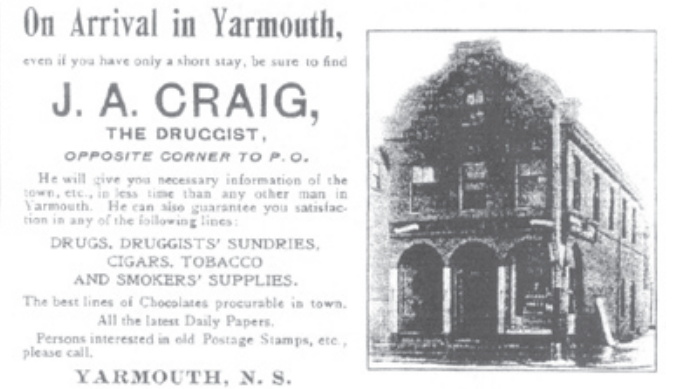


Fig. 9 Craig advert

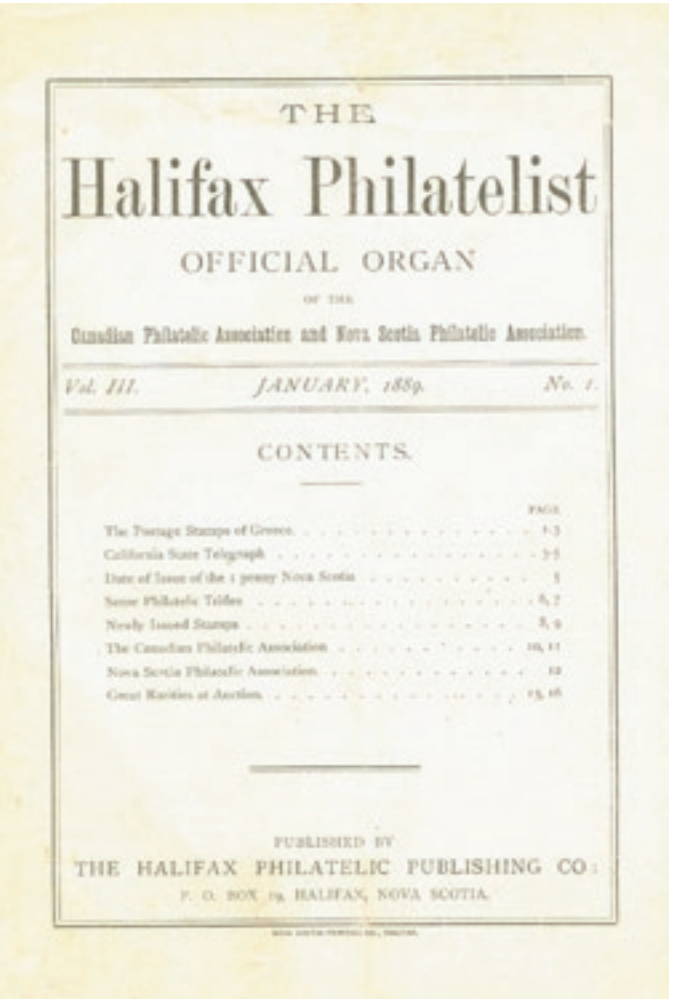


Fig. 10 *Halifax Philatelist* January 1889

The relatively short-lived journal *Canada Stamp and Coin Journal* was published in Halifax by John R. Findlay, Editor and Proprietor (The Maritime Printing Co.) between July 1888 and May 1889. Most of the contents are either CPA news or articles by John Findlay.

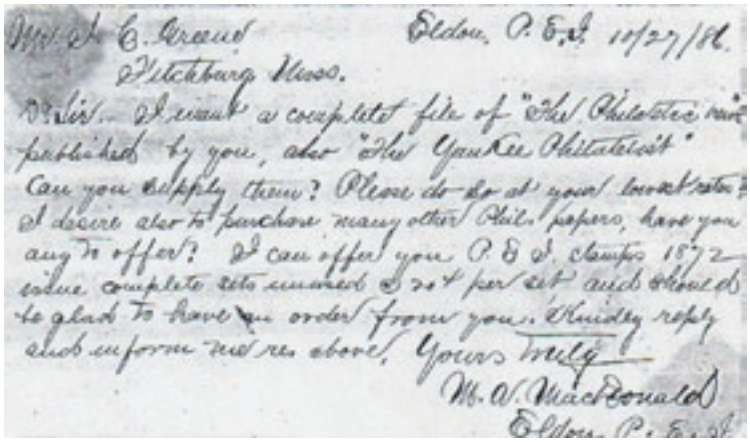
Around the province, three issues of *The Maritime Philatelist*, edited and published by James J. Wallis, Salem, Yarmouth County, appeared in 1891. Ten issues of the short-lived *Nova Scotia Philatelist* were published in 1893, from Amherst, NS. The editor was W. T. M. MacKinnon of Amherst, who was also a dealer. It was published by the Nova Scotia Philatelic Publishing Company. There were at least three other dealers in the Amherst area. *The Maritime Philatelic Association* was formed in Amherst on 1 May 1893, with E. R. Morrison of Amherst as secretary. Mention is made of the *Bluenose Philatelic Association* organized by William Fraser of Pictou, but no details are given.

January 1897 saw the first issue of the *Halifax Philatelic Magazine*, with editors Alex M. Muirhead and W. F. van Malder and published by the Halifax Philatelic Co.. After nine issues it ceased publication in September. Of particular note is the formation of the *Halifax Philatelic Club* on September 2, 1897, having an initial membership of seven, with Edward A. Whalen as secretary.

I have outlined briefly the roles of Henry Hechler, Donald A. King, Harrison Hart, Alvan J. Craig, and John A. Craig in the development of philately in Nova Scotia previously. [1] Many others were involved in philately, such as Edwin J. H. Pauley of Halifax, born in 1873. He was a stamp dealer with a large retail tobacco store. In 1893 it was noted that he was vice president of the Philatelic Society of Canada since its formation. J. Foster Hood was a well-known stamp collector, and vice-president of the *Halifax Philatelic Club* in 1897.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

One of the well known P.E.I. philatelists was Arthur A. Bartlett.[2] He had relocated from New Brunswick to Charlottetown shortly after marrying Margaret Rankin daughter of the former mayor of Charlottetown, Neil Rankin, in 1883. He was a stamp collector, building up superb collections of Great Britain and Colonies, and an authority on Prince Edward Island stamps. In 1884 he purchased the remainders of the P.E.I. stamps, which had been withdrawn from service in 1873. He was the prime mover involved in a syndicate which purchased the remainders of the Nova Scotia stamps. Donald A. King, a native of P.E.I. and a member of the syndicate had found the stamps in the attic of the old Parliament building in Ottawa. Bartlett was a member of the CPA, being vice-president in 1893, but never became president. He was a general agent and after retiring maintained an office in Charlottetown for his stamps and an insurance business. He produced a letterhead incorporating some of the remainder stamps of Nova Scotia and a P.E.I. one and also a British Columbia stamp.


Eldon, P. E. I. 11/27/86.

Mr. A. C. Crane
Fitchburg Mass.

Dear Sir.— I want a complete file of "The Philatelic" published by you, also "The Yankee Philatelist" Can you supply them? Please do so at your lowest rate? I desire also to purchase many other Phil. papers, have you any to offer? I can offer you P. E. I. Issues 1872 value complete 25 cts unused & 20 per cent used & I will be glad to have an order from you. Kindly reply & inform me as above. Yours truly

M. A. MacDonald
Eldon P. E. I.

Fig. 12 1886 P.E.I. Dealer.

There was only one issue of *The Prince Edward Island Philatelist*, in April 1888. In it there is an advert from the P.E.I. Stamp Company, based in Charlottetown. No name is given, although this was probably not a Bartlett venture, as the P.O. Box number was 509, and Bartlett's was 33.

There was another dealer/collector in Eldon, M. A. MacDonald who in 1886 was offering P.E.I. stamps (Fig. 12).

Various P.E.I. philatelists were associated with the *Nova Scotia Philatelic Association*: Bartlett became member #21 at the June 11, 1888 meeting, and Rev. M. R. Knight member #22 on June. 25. In September 1888 Williston Brown of Charlottetown became vice-president of the CPA for P.E.I. He was member # 27 of the CPA and an employee of the Post Office. ✉



Fig. 11 King CPA cover

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NEW BRUNSWICK ACTIVE
SINCE THE DAWN OF STAMP COLLECTING

By Michael O. Nowlan, FRPSC

As Canadian stamp collectors celebrate 125 years of organized philately in this country, it is of interest to note that New Brunswick had several philatelic publications and much stamp-collector activity well before 1887 when the Canadian Philatelic Association, the forerunner to the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, was founded.

That does not mean New Brunswick was organized into a stamp society or local clubs, but the presence from dealers and publications of little papers suggests a well-balanced and active hobby.

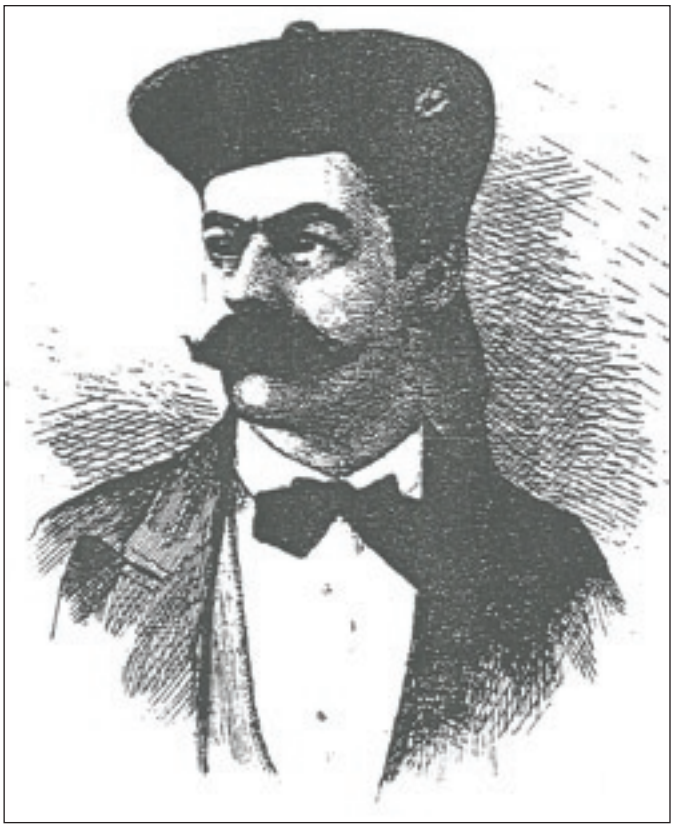
That several stamp publications existed before 1887 more or less spells some type of structure. A review of those publications reveals considerable information about the clientele of the time.

Let's start with a look at George Stewart, a 16-year-old schoolboy who started *The Stamp Collector's Monthly Gazette** which made its appearance on June 1, 1865 and ran for 24 consecutive issues. The *Gazette* flourished with news of new stamp issues and data provided "by correspondents around the world."

Stewart wrote features on specific stamps, exposed forgers and dishonest dealers, and carried on a "Chit-Chat" column which was largely editorial comment. One very significant comment revealed "so large a trade is being done" by forgers and dishonest dealers, so he took it upon himself to expose them with considerable success.

Stewart was also a dealer and, even though he used his publication to promote his business, the *Gazette* was not a mere house organ for a business. In a paper delivered to the Ottawa Philatelic Society on November 6, 1952, A. L. McCready, a singular stalwart of Canadian philatelic literature, cited among others *The Stamp Collector's Monthly Gazette* as "well done both editorially and topographically" and "had scholarly articles in the matter of stamp research."

It is most impressive that the final issue of May 1867 the *Gazette* featured advertisements from nine different stamp dealers in Saint John, New Brunswick; namely, New Brunswick Postage Stamp Emporium, Rankin & Co., The Excelsior Stamp Association, C.A. Fisher, Frederick A. Hunter, D.C. Dawson, W.F. Hatheway, The Foreign Stamp Depot, and, of course, Stewart himself. That list illustrates how busy a stamp community that



city and the province had when stamp collecting was in its infancy. To examine Stewart's work today is a feast of knowledge about the hobby's early days.

George Stewart was born in New York, but W. G. MacFarlane says he "removed" to New Brunswick as a child where he grew up and was educated. Among other ventures, Stewart ed-



ited *Stewart's Literary Quarterly Magazine* which was to become one of the influential literary magazines of the time. In 1879 he became editor of the *Quebec Daily Chronicle*, a position he held until 1896. MacFarlane lists his accomplishments as writer and journalist and says Stewart was "one of the best known of literary men and journalists abroad." His honours included several international citations.

And Stewart had competition right in his own city. *The Stamp Argus** made its appearance on 15 July 1865 under the editorship of Edward A. Craig, and proprietorship of Robert J. Melvin. The opening manifesto announced "we intend to be as obliging as we can to our subscribers and correspondents and to make our paper useful in its sphere and to be depended on for veracity."

Like Stewart, Craig and Melvin ran a stamp business, and like Stewart, they had plans for a respectable publication. Sadly, the goals and aims of *Argus* did not have a persistency. The paper went from two pages to four with its second issue, but by No. 5, which appeared in December rather than November, the fledgling venture was little more that advertisements even though it had eight pages. And that was the last issue.

E.A. Craig, however, did not leave the philatelic scene. He was back on May 1, 1866 with *The Postman's Knock*,* a four-page paper in which he stated "we do not issue it for our own personal aggrandizement," and he encouraged advertisers to come forward. By August 1, the paper had reached eight pages.

Owned "by the Excelsior Stamp Association of Saint John and Albert C. Killam of Yarmouth Nova Scotia," *The Postman's Knock* enjoyed almost monthly publication through 18 issues until November 1867 when "extreme illness" forced Craig to suspend publication. Nonetheless, in October 1869, Craig was back with Number 19 and 20, but with No. 21 (March 1870), Craig said, "we bid you farewell. During our period of editorship have made many warm friends by our little paper." It never matched Stewart's *Gazette*, but it is still worth more than passing interest.

As this chronology from the 1860s continues, it is of note that George Stewart in the September 1865 issue of his *Gazette* announced the Prospectus for *The Colonial Stamp Advertiser*, but there is no evidence to its existence.

After that flood (for the time) of little papers, W. Harry Bruce was next to try his efforts with *The Stamp Collector's Chronicle* * in Saint John giving it birth in November 1872. Bruce was modest in his aspirations, saying "we shall issue this sheet (four pages) quarterly, or monthly, as occasion may require."

Initially, the *Chronicle* was little more than a sales journal for the editor, who like his predecessors, was a stamp dealer running The Stamp Depot. Although the *Chronicle* published irregularly, a couple of the advertisements are worth a look. One read: "a few of the old New Brunswick and Nova Scotia one shilling stamps on hand which we offer at $3.00 each." Another read: "On hand - a few genuine New Brunswick Connell - 5 cent stamps, at $2.00 each. Cash." Imagine and compare the price today for such copies!

By March 1873, Bruce announced a new series in a Prospectus and he promised "a journal under the above title, which, with the countenance and support of our thousands of patrons and friends we shall make the leading Amateur Philatelic Organ on the [North] American continent." A further promise of "solid philatelic matter" was underscored.

The new series of the *Chronicle* lasted three more issues with the last appearing in September 1873. It rarely reached beyond an advertising menu, but advertise it did with items from Stanley Gibbons and Stanley Thomson (England), The Eagle Stamp Company (Chicago), and L.W. Durbin (Philadelphia).

What was quite noticeable in some of these journals was the inclusion of a few poems on the hobby, some of which were written in a sort of ballad format. It made the poetic voice wonder if there was sufficient for a small pamphlet.

Between 1873 and the 1890s little by way of philatelic news or publications is available. One comment suggested there was a decline in collecting during that time, but it was not substantiated.

With 1887, of course, Canada's Canadian Philatelic Association was formed, and soon on its heels came the announcement that New Brunswick had organized its own society. Both *The Dominion Philatelist* (February 1889) and *The Halifax Philatelist* (February 1889) carried the report.

The Halifax Philatelist copied an extract from the *St. John Gazette* (New Brunswick's Port City was once referred to as St. John), and "congratulated our New Brunswick friends on their successful launching of this society into the philatelic ocean." The Saint John newspaper indicated the first meeting was held January 24 with 15 members. The officers were A.N. Hanson, President; O. Watson, Vice-President; F. Alwood, Librarian; J.K. Pattison, Treasurer; H.R. Donahoe, Secretary; T. Barker, Auctioneer; and A.W.D. Knapp, Counterfeit Detector. The report concluded "every stamp fancier in the city and province is invited to join this association, which will meet once a fortnight."





The Philatelic Messenger

VOL. 1 April 1st, 1897. No. 3.

The Philatelic Messenger is published quarterly, and contains reading matter and advertisements of interest to stamp collectors. It will be sent regularly for one year to any address in Canada or United States upon receipt of 10 cents, in current unused stamps. A stamp catalogued at 5 cents or more is given away with every number.

CHRONICLE

Of Newly Issued British Colonial Adhesives.

Gleaned from the stamp papers for January, February and March. Type References are to Scott's 1897 catalogue. The color of surcharge is printed in Italics.

British Central Africa.—The £1 stamp has been printed in blue and surcharged "1 shilling" in red.

1s on £1, blue, *red.*

Stamps of 2s and 10s have been added to current series.

2s, black, green and rose.
10s, green, carmine and rose.

The colors of some of the series have been changed.

1p, brown, violet and yellow.
3p, green, lilac and blue.
4p, red, blue and green.
5p, red and green.
£1, black and blue.

British East Africa.—Several of the Zanzibar stamps have been surcharged "British—East—Africa" in 3 lines.

½a, green and red, *black.*
1a, chocolate, "
4½a, orange, "
2a, olive-brown, "
Thin, mauve, "

The 1a and 3a have received the same surcharge with an additional "2½" in brown.

2½ on 1a, dark blue and red, *black and brown.*
2½ on 3a, gray and red, *black and brown.*

British South Africa.—The following values of current set have been re-engraved.

½p, olive-black and violet.
1p, scarlet and emerald.
2p, gray-brown and mauve.
3p, brown-red and ultramarine.
4p, ultramarine and mauve.
6p, purple and pink.
8p, olive-green and violet on buff.
£1, black and red-brown on green.

Cape of Good Hope.—The 1p stamp has appeared in a new color. Wmkd. and perf. as before.

½p, green.

Cochin.—The 1 puttan stamp has been re-engraved, and is now of larger size. Perf. 12.

1 puttan, mauve.

Deccan.—The current ½a has appeared in a new shade.

½a, vermilion.

Fiji.—The current 1p, 2p and 2½p stamps, types A18 and A21, are chronicled with perf. 11 all around.

1p, black, perf 11.
2p, green, "
2½p, brown, "

Negri Sembilan.—The following values have been issued in the new type, wmk., crown and ca.

4d, green and carmine.
5d, " " slate.
10d, " " violet.
25d, " " yellow.

Pahang.—Additional values in the new type. The 25c. is watermarked, crown and ca, the others crown and ce.

2½, green and carmine.
4d, " "
5d, " " slate.
10d, " " violet.
25d, " " yellow.

Perak.—The current 5c has been surcharged "service.

Official.

3c, lilac and yellow, *black.*

St. Helena.—The ½p stamp of new series has appeared.

½p, green.

Samoa.—The color of the 2½p stamp has been changed.

2½p, brown.

The Dominion Philatelist only listed the officers and said "this is a step in the right direction, and we wish you success." There is no further information available on how successful this venture was or how long the Association was in operation.

That, however, was not the end of philatelic activity in New Brunswick in the 19th century. On October 1, 1896, Matthew Knight, a Methodist minister, at Oak Bay in Charlotte County launched the first issue of *The Philatelic Messenger*.* Knight said *The Philatelic Messenger* "is published Quarterly and contains reading matter and advertisements of interest to stamp collectors."

Despite being 'a man of the cloth', at no time did Knight mix religion and stamps in his publications even though there were suggestions from Hannah M. Lane that the title of his paper "faintly echoed Knight's evangelical commitment."

The first issue had eight pages while the second (January 1897) had 24 pages. There were items on new stamp issues, features on specific stamps, and Knight's quarterly price list. His "Notes" column was informative editorial material and newsy. He speculated on the upcoming issue for Her Majesty Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in that it should be a fine tribute to our monarch. He asks whimsically, "What would you give me for the Connell stamp on original cover if I had one?" At no time does he admit he had any offers. Like George Stewart a generation earlier, he lists stamp clients who could not be trusted.

With Volume 2 Number 1 (November 1897), Knight moved the *Messenger* to monthly publication, and an examination of advertisements from many parts of the United States, Canada, and Germany. It was most successful. The *Messenger*, though, ran into publication problems trying to get second-class mail rates "granted" and printing delays, so there were several gaps in regular publication.

In June 1898, Knight moved to Boiestown, New Brunswick, probably for work with his church. He soon stated: "There are several philatelic papers published in Canada, each of which claims to be Canada's best. We make no comparison of that sort. We do not have to."

Unfortunately, Matthew Knight could not maintain his promises or enthusiasm. In December 1898, he changed the title of his paper to *Philatelic Messenger and Monthly Advertiser*. The paper was to "be devoted to advertisements almost exclusively." In January 1899, he announced the demise of his paper and transferred his subscription list to the *Philatelic Advocate*, Berlin, Ontario, but, by March, he was back with Volume 4 No. 17, and the last known issue is 15 August 1901. The American Philatelic Research Library indicates there were as many as 49 issues, but there is no evidence; nor is there a farewell from Knight beyond the August 1901 date.

Like today, stamp collecting in New Brunswick did not get great coverage in the secular press in the early years, but it has survived. There is no provincial association, but several clubs are very active. The Fredericton and District Stamp Club, for example, hosted ROYAL*1999*ROYALE where the special commemorative cover honoured George Stewart. The Fredericton club along with one from Saint John and another from Moncton hold annual stamp shows.

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BREF APERÇU DE L'ÉVOLUTION
DE LA PHILATÉLIE AU QUÉBEC

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Cet article n'est pas le reflet d'un ensemble historique de la philatélie québécoise, mais de quelques bribes liées à des philatélistes qui ont animé les grands courants de son histoire.

LES DÉBUTS DE LA PHILATÉLIE

L'apparition de collectionneurs de timbres a débuté en Europe à la fin des années 1850 soit quelques années après l'apparition du premier timbre-poste en 1840. Nous devons au Français Oscar Berger-Levrault d'avoir amorcé la publication, en septembre 1861, d'une première liste de timbres. Toutefois le mérite revient surtout à Alfred Potiquet d'avoir publié, en décembre 1861, un premier *Catalogue des timbres-poste créés dans les divers états du globe*. La philatélie était née. À partir de ce moment, d'autres catalogues et albums firent leur apparition et, en décembre 1862, le premier périodique *The Monthly Advertiser* voit le jour en Grande-Bretagne.



Illustration 1 : Alfred Potiquet publie le premier *Catalogue des timbres-poste créés dans les divers états du globe*, 2e édition, Paris, 1862.

JOHN APPLETON NUTTER, PREMIER COLLECTIONNEUR ET MARCHAND DE TIMBRE

Le premier collectionneur et négociant important du Québec semble avoir été John Appleton Nutter (1847-1910) de Montréal. Il était encore adolescent quand il commence sa collection de timbres vers 1861 et agit à titre de marchand de timbres à Montréal pendant plusieurs années. Il annonçait régulièrement dans les journaux philatéliques du Canada, des États-Unis et de Grande-Bretagne et il publiait ses propres listes de vente Il décède à Montréal en 1910. Il est souvent associé avec S.A. Taylor au début de sa carrière.



Illustration 2 : Liste de prix du marchand John Appleton Nutter de Montréal, 5e édition, 1886.

SAMUEL ALLAN TAYLOR, MARCHAND CONTROVERSÉ

Samuel Allan Taylor (1838-1913), né en Écosse, émigré aux États-Unis à l'âge de 12 ans, vient s'établir à Montréal à la fin de l'année 1861. Intéressé par les timbres, il publie, en février 1864, le premier périodique sur timbres en Amérique du Nord et par ricochet, au Canada : *The Stamp Collector's Record*. S.A. Taylor était négociant de timbres à Montréal, mais il n'était pas un simple marchand comme J.A. Nutter Il s'aperçût vite qu'il existait un moyen beaucoup plus lucratif de vendre des timbres : en fabriquer soi-même. La vogue, à cette époque, était non seulement de collectionner les timbres-poste officiels, c'est-à-dire ceux émis par les administrations postales reconnues, mais aussi les vignettes émises localement par des compagnies privées. Il était difficile d'établir une liste de timbres officiels et les collectionneurs du temps amassaient tous les timbres qu'ils pouvaient trouver. C'est à partir de l'idée de ces vignettes locales que Taylor décida d'ajouter à son stock régulier des timbres locaux dont il serait l'imprimeur et le distributeur, par exemple les vignettes de la « Ker's City Post », compagnie fictive de Montréal. Il ne resta pas très longtemps à Montréal et déménagea à Boston à la fin de l'année 1864 où il



Illustration 3 : Samuel Allan Taylor, marchand controversé de Montréal.

fit partie du célèbre «gang de Boston» qui fit beaucoup de tort à la philatélie par l'émission frauduleuse de timbres. Il continua à publier *The Stamp Collector's Record* (1864-1876) aux États-Unis.

Bien que les vendeurs se soient intéressés de près à la collection de timbres, ils ont été souvent à l'origine des publications philatéliques. La majorité des périodiques de la fin du XIX[e] siècle étaient publiés par des marchands ou sous l'égide de marchands qui profitaient de l'occasion afin de publiciser leur matériel de vente. Par exemple, *The Canadian Philatelist* (1872-1873) publié à Québec par Birt William & Co. et éventuellement par The International Stamp Co.



THE
STAMP COLLECTOR'S RECORD.

No. 1. MONTREAL, FEBRUARY 15, 1864. PRICE 5c

To our Readers.

IN presenting the first number of this miniature sheet to the public, devoted as it is to such a peculiarly unique pursuit as the collection of Postage Stamps, we would beg leave to appeal to those who are pleased to term the collection of Postage Stamps a "mania," a juvenile effeminate amusement, and other delicate and complimentary designations, that this is not by any means the first organ distinctly devoted to the promotion and extension of the [illegible] which has yet appeared. Upwards of a twelvemonth since a Journal devoted to the business made its appearance in England, and since that time various others have sprung up, and we are not aware that any of them have as yet, become defunct; on the contrary most of them appear to be in a highly prosperous condition, and look likely to outlive their defamers, a result which, we trust all Stamp Collectors will fervently pray for. Of course, the foregoing remarks are not intended for collectors. Those interested in the business will we trust favor us with that patronage and support which we shall endeavour to deserve, in an humble way. We shall be happy to receive original articles on the subject of Postage Stamps, and we shall also be glad to offer any assistance in our power to Collectors, through the medium of the column devoted to correspondents. We shall devote our attention more particularly to the notice of matters of more direct interest to Collectors on this side the Atlantic than in Europe, but we shall duly notify our readers of all new issues which may be chronicled in the European Publications. In conclusion we trust our patrons will favor us with that support, which will enable us to publish the only medium at present available to Canadian Stamp Collectors, and trusting that our hopes in that direction may not be in vain, we boldly take our stand in the ranks of the Journals of Canada, and we would respectfully state for the particular benefit of the Ministry, the Opposition and the G. T. R., that our influence may not be purchased either through fear, favor, affection, or hope of reward.

Canada 1c. Newspaper Wrapper Stamps.

This Stamp is entirely fictitious, no such Stamps ever having been issued by the Government of Canada. We are at a loss to understand why any person should have interested themselves in [illegible] such Stamp, and that too before the collection of Postage Stamps became general in Canada. As only one or two specimens are known to exist, we presume the Stamp is hopelessly obsolete. It is a poorly engraved imitation on wood block of the present 1c. Stamp, and having the words "Newspaper Wrapper" irregularly engraved across the face of the Stamp.

New Brunswick 2c. Yellow.

This Stamp made its appearance about December first, it is in the corresponding style of the 5c. and 10c. of that Province, and was issued, like the Nova Scotia 2c. for the convenience of soldiers letters. It was engraved we believe by the American Bank Note Company, New York.

Answers to Correspondents.

J. K., Kingston.—The only Stamp used in British Columbia is the 2½d.

A. L. D.—The Danish Envelope Stamps have not yet appeared in America.

Illustration 4 : *The Stamp Collector's Record*, premier périodique philatélique d'Amérique du Nord publié à Montréal en février 1864

LE COLONEL ERNEST F. WURTELE DE QUÉBEC INFLUENCE LA PHILATÉLIE CANADIENNE

En 1878, un jeune cadet du nom de Ernest F. Wurtele de Québec, fraichement sorti du Collège militaire royal du Canada à Kingston faisait son entrée dans la philatélie organisée. Quelques années plus tard, en 1887, il devient un des premiers membres de la Canadian Philatelic Association, première société philatélique nationale qui donna naissance à ce qu'est maintenant la Société royale de philatélie du Canada. Lors de la première assemblée publique qui se tenait à Toronto, il est candidat au poste de vice-président pour la province de Québec mais on lui préfère R.A. Baldwin Hart[1] de Montréal. Lors de la 5[e] convention annuelle de la Canadian Philatelic Association en 1892, il en deviendra le président national. Entre-temps, avec l'aide du colonel J.S. O'Meara de Québec, il fonde et devient le président du Québec Philatelic Club[2]. À 32 ans il est un collectionneur sérieux car il vient de remporter la médaille de bronze (c'est-à-dire le troisième prix) pour la présentation de la meilleure collection de timbres lors de l'exposition centrale de l'Ontario qui se tenait à Ottawa[3]. Il culminera les honneurs tout au long de sa carrière. Il sera président de la Canadian Philatelic Association de 1892 à 1897. Cette dernière s'amalgame avec la Dominion Philatelic Association et E.F. Wurtele en sera le président en 1901. Il devient aussi le 1[er] vice-président de la League of Canadian Philatelists et membre correspondant de la Montréal Philatelic Association[4].



Illustration 5 : Le colonel Ernest F. Wurtele de Québec et président de la Canadian Philatelic Association.

Plusieurs années plus tard il déménage à Montréal. Lors de la 3[e] et très importante exposition philatélique canadienne qui se tenait à Montréal en 1925, il était le vice-président honoraire de l'exposition. Une de ses dernières causeries devant les membres du St. Lawrence Stamp Collectors' Club of Montréal faisait état de sa collection qui comprenait l'ensemble des timbres-poste du Canada et des provinces sous toutes ses formes (neufs, usagés, épreuves, variétés) ainsi que les timbres fiscaux et locaux[5]. Il était aussi membre du Canadian Cancellation Club[6] - le premier club associé à la collection de marques postales au Canada. Le colonel Wurtele décède à Montréal en 1936.

L'année 1899 avait vu la publication, au Canada, du premier album de timbres. Intitulé « The Illustrated Canada Postage Stamp Album » et publié par la compagnie Canada Stamp Co. de Québec. Cet album relié en rouge et vendu au prix de 50 cents, permettait d'insérer les timbres du Canada et des provinces[7]. De plus le marchand A.C. Roussel de Montréal annonçait « The Canadian Revenue Album » disponible à son commerce sur la rue Ste-Catherine à Montréal[8].

DR LEWIS L. REFORD ET LA GRANDE EXPOSITION DE MONTRÉAL EN 1925

Lewis L. Reford est né à Montréal en 1879 et débute une collection de timbres une fois ses études en médecine terminées. Issu d'une riche famille montréalaise il était indépendant de fortune et il semble avoir consacré son temps à la philatélie, le jardinage, la pêche et ses visites au Zeta House à l'université McGill ou il était résident[9].



Illustration 6 : Le Dr Lewis L. Reford de Montréal – un des plus important collectionneurs de timbres du Canada.

La philatélie québécoise des années 1920-1940 s'est développée principalement à Montréal avec le concours du Dr Reford. Fin connaisseur à cause de son grand intérêt philatélique et de ses nombreuses acquisitions, il est le président de la 3e exposition philatélique canadienne, tenue à Montréal du 5 au 9 octobre 1925[10].



Illustration 7 : Page couverture du catalogue de la première exposition philatélique tenue au Québec en 1925.

Cette exposition constitue non seulement la première exposition philatélique au Québec et la troisième au pays après Yorkton, Saskatchewan (1923) et Winnipeg (1924), mais la plus grande exposition jamais organisée au Canada avant les expositions internationales CAPEX. L'exposition s'est déroulée à l'Hôtel Mont-Royal de Montréal. On disait que cet hôtel était le plus vaste hôtel de tout l'Empire britannique. Le Comité d'organisation de l'exposition était composé de l'élite philatélique de Montréal, tous membres du St. Lawrence Stamp Collectors' Club of Montréal (fondé à l'hiver 1921) : colonel E.F. Wurtele, J.O. Labrecque, E.E. Goodchild et le professeur R. DeL French. Le Comité était aussi composé des marchands importants de Montréal : S. Norris Oughtred (St. Lawrence Stamp Co.), Christopher H. Goulden (Century Stamp Co.) et Albert H. Vincent (La Maison Vincent). Les pièces exposées provenaient de toutes les régions du Canada, ainsi que de New York, Chicago, Philadelphie, Boston, d'Amérique du Sud, du Japon, de Hollande et de l'Angleterre. Chaque jour, un philatéliste éminent prononçait une conférence, et des divertissements avaient été prévus pour les exposants venus de l'extérieur de la ville.

Plus de 350 collections étaient présentées dont 70 provenaient de la région de Montréal. Un comité de direction avait nommé un jury composé de philatélistes éminents du Canada et des États-Unis. On remarque la présence du Sénateur J.A. Calder d'Ottawa, Fred Jarrett, G.A. Lowe et L.A. Davenport de Toronto, Donald A. King d'Halifax, A.F. Lichtenstein, Theo. E. Steinway,, Charles J. Phillips de New York et Eugene Klein de Philadelphie. Dans *La Presse* du 6 octobre 1925 on peut lire « le jury des récompenses à fait connaître ses décisions. Les exhibits du Dr Lewis L. Reford sont d'un tel mérite, a-t-on déclaré, que s'ils avaient été jugés séparément dans chacune de leur section, ils eussent obtenu plusieurs médailles d'or et d'autres récompenses. En dépit de cela, il a été recommandé de décerner au Dr Reford la 'Grand Gold Medal' avec les félicitations du jury pour ses superbes exhibits. C'est la plus haute récompense décernée à cette exposition ». A.H. Vincent, membre du Comité organisateur et important marchand de timbres à Montréal pendant des décennies déclara que l'exposition « fut plus qu'un succès, ce fut un triomphe. Jamais pareille exposition philatélique ne s'est tenue sur le continent américain avec autant de mérite et de réussite ».

Lorsque le Dr Reford décède en 1949 il avait accumulé la plus importante collection de timbres du Canada que l'on puisse trouver au pays. C'est la firme Harmer, Rooke & Co., Inc. de New York qui dispersa sa collection au cours des années 1950-1953.

L'ÉMERGENCE DE LA PHILATÉLIE FRANCOPHONE DANS LES ANNÉES 1930

La grande exposition philatélique de Montréal en 1925 marqua définitivement la métropole et les philatélistes venus de tous les coins de la province et du pays. Quelques années plus tard, un mouvement philatélique francophone allait se créer

et donner naissance à La Société philatélique de Québec en 1929[11]. Il faut remarquer que les présidents honoraires de la Société étaient, à cette époque, le colonel J.-S. O'Meara, Andrew Johnson et F.-O. Judge – tous trois de la ville de Québec et fellows de la Royal Philatelic Society, London.

En 1933 naissait l'Union philatélique de Montréal qui organisa de très importantes expositions. On retrouve une autre fois J.O. Labrecque, président honoraire ainsi que l'abbé Jean-Charles Beaudin qui jouera un rôle important en popularisant la vie philatélique à Montréal. Éminent conférencier du poste radiophonique *CKAC* et de *La Presse*, il était aussi connu comme l' « Oncle Joe » à la radio[12].

POPULARITÉ DE LA PHILATÉLIE DES ANNÉES 1930-1940

D'autres clubs allaient aussi être créés tels que le Westmount Stamp Club (créé en 1933) et des clubs en région allaient aussi se développer : l'Eastern Townships Stamp Club à Sherbrooke (vers 1924), l'Association philatélique de Rimouski (vers 1936), le Dolbeau Stamp Club (vers 1942).



Illustration 8 : Annonce du *Club de timbres-poste 'Salada'* et écoute du poste radiophonique C.K.A.C. « À travers les timbres-poste » en 1938.

C'est aussi l'émergence des grands distributeurs de produits de consommation qui allaient offrir des timbres-poste aux jeunes collectionneurs, tels le Club de timbres-poste 'Salada' (vers 1938) et le Club de timbres du thé Red Rose (vers 1940)– tous deux ayant leur siège social à Montréal. Les grands magasins de la rue Ste-Catherine à Montréal ont aussi eu leur section philatélie. Qu'il suffise de mentionner la compagnie Eaton (depuis 1934), Dupuis & Frères Limitée (depuis 1936), et Henry Morgan & Co., Limited (depuis 1939).

C'est avec l'envoûtement populaire de ces années que le Québec se préparait, dans l'effervescence de la révolution tranquille, à faire croître la philatélie sur son territoire.





DENIS MASSE ET LES CHRONIQUEURS POPULAIRES DES ANNÉES 1960



Illustration 9 : Gravure d'Yves Baril à l'occasion des 40 ans de chroniques philatéliques à *La Presse* de Denis Masse.

La vulgarisation de la philatélie prend sa source principale dans l'écoute des émissions de timbres à la radio et dans les chroniques populaires des grands quotidiens. Un des pionniers québécois dans ce domaine a été Denis Masse qui a rédigé une chronique hebdomadaire de philatélie intitulée « Les timbres et leur histoire » dans le quotidien *La Presse* de Montréal de 1961 à 2001. Il s'agit d'un record absolu, qui mériterait bien d'être homologué. D'autres chroniqueurs suivirent ses traces tels Jean Moisan dans *La Patrie* (vers 1962), Ken Coneley dans *The Montréal Star* (vers 1964), James Montagne dans *Le Nouvelliste* de Trois-Rivières, Louis G. Vaillancourt dans le *Journal de Montréal* (vers 1965) et Raymond Dubé dans *Le Soleil* de Québec.

Pendant près de 40 ans, Denis Masse s'est dévoué entièrement à la philatélie. Conférencier recherché et intéressant, éditeur de plusieurs magazines et documents, fondateur de cercles philatéliques, il a été impliqué au premier plan dans l'activité philatélique de la deuxième partie du XX^{e} siècle au Québec.

LA FÉDÉRATION QUÉBÉCOISE DE PHILATÉLIE, ORGANISME RASSEMBLEUR

L'idée d'un groupement ou d'une fédération de toutes les sociétés philatéliques prend naissance lors de l'exposition philatélique EXUP-X, organisé par l'Union philatélique de Montréal en mai 1965. À cette réunion, plusieurs représentants de sociétés philatéliques du Québec décidèrent de prendre les mesures nécessaires en vue de créer une fédération. Celle-ci prit le nom de Fédération des sociétés philatéliques du Québec (FSPQ) lors de la réunion du 5 décembre 1965.

La FSPQ est un organisme qui reçoit une subvention annuelle du Gouvernement du Québec et, avec le concours de bénévoles et des clubs, encourage le développement de la philatélie récréative et éducative, appuie des activités provinciales et fait la promotion de la formation de sociétés philatéliques au Québec. Bien que plusieurs personnes importantes aient été impliquées dans la formation de cet organisme, nous devons sa réalisation aux efforts soutenus de Marguerite Fortin, membre fondatrice, secrétaire et ancienne présidente de la FSPQ. Cet organisme, maintenant connu sous le nom de Fédération québécoise de philatélie (FQP) a un siège social permanent au Regroupement des organismes nationaux de loisir et de sport du Québec à Montréal. La publication *Philatélie Québec*, indépendante depuis quelques années, a été pendant longtemps la revue de la FQP qui unissait l'ensemble des clubs de la province. Plus de 300 numéros sont parus jusqu'à ce jour et témoignent de la vitalité de la philatélie québécoise.

Depuis les années 1960 et la formation de la FSPQ / FQP, un très grand nombre de clubs et sociétés ont vu le jour, tant à Montréal et Québec que dans les régions.

La philatélie active s'est développée aussi grâce aux grandes expositions philatéliques, telles que EXUP-X qui se tenait à Montréal en 1965, ainsi qu'aux autres expositions régulières de l'Union philatélique de Montréal[13] et de la Société philatélique de Québec[14]. Il faut aussi mentionner le Club philatélique du Lakeshore à Dorval, qui fêtait ses 50 ans en 2011.

D'autres groupes plus sélectifs furent aussi constitués dans les années '80, principalement la Société d'histoire postale du Québec (fondée en 1980) et l'Académie québécoise d'études philatéliques (fondée en 1982).

La Société royale de philatélie du Canada a tenu plusieurs congrès et expositions au Québec (12 congrès entre 1949 et 2011), comme ce fut le cas pour des organismes spécialisés tel que la British North America Philatelic Society (5 congrès entre 1953 et 1979). Il est important de souligner l'exposition philatélique mondiale de la jeunesse qui s'est tenue à Montréal en mars 1992 et qui a rassemblé des milliers de collectionneurs au Palais des congrès de Montréal. ✉

ENDNOTES

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- They made the call to organize and Canadian philatelists replied

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Historian of The RPSC

JUIN 1887

- Un appel à s'organiser est lancé – Les philatélistes canadiens y répondent

par Charles J. G. Verge, FSRPC, FRPSL,
historien de La SRPC

In June 1887, *The Halifax Philatelist* (Vol. 1, No. 6, pp. 5-6) published a circular addressed to Canadian philatelists (Fig. 1). The short circular sent in by the Committee of Organization (Fig. 2) read as follows:

"The Undersigned Committee of Organization have decided to issue a general invitation to all interested in Philately in Canada, to join them in forming a Canadian Philatelic Association. Officers will be elected as soon as possible after all details have be (sic) arranged. All correspondence of those collectors intending to join should be addressed to the Secy. pro-tem, at Ottawa, Can. The officers to be elected are a President, a Vice-President for each Province, a Secretary, a Treasurer, official organ, official editor, counterfeit detector, Executive Committee, etc. All names should be sent forthwith to the Secretary,

By order.
(Signed)
H. F. Ketcheson,[1]
Belleville, Ont.,

J. A. Leighton,[2]
Orangeville, Ont.

Jno R. Hooper,[3]
68 Albert St., Ottawa, Ont.,
Sec'y. pro. tem."

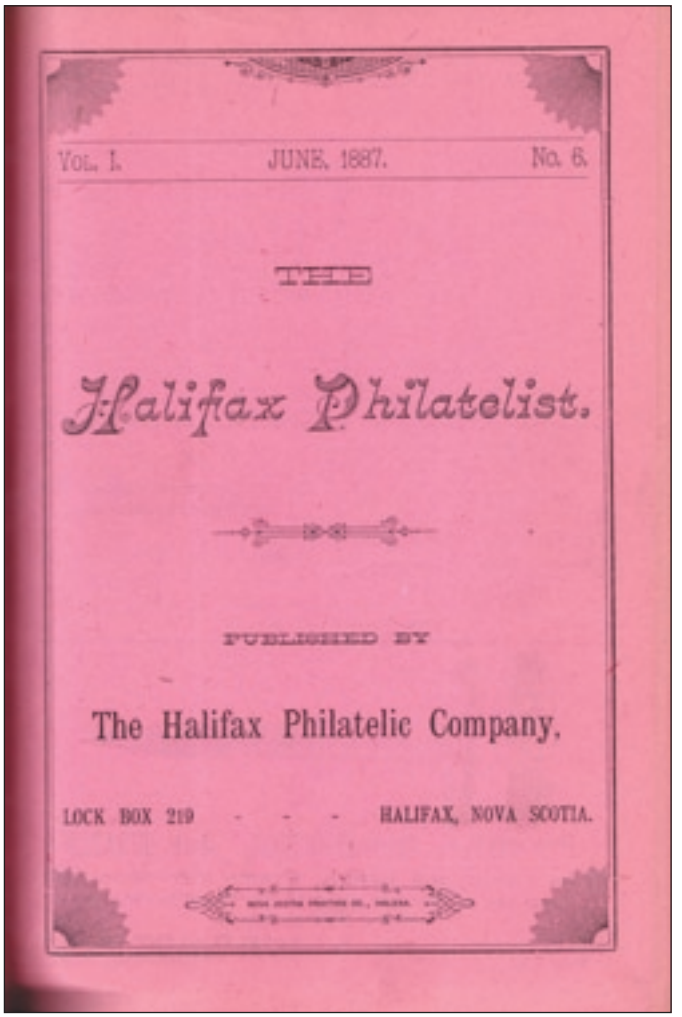


Fig. 1.
The June 1887 issue of The Halifax Philatelist.
Le numéro de juin 1887 de The Halifax Philatelist.

En juin 1887, The Halifax Philatelist (vol. 1, no 6, p. 5-6) publiait un communiqué adressé aux philatélistes canadiens (fig. 1). Ce court communiqué émis par le comité d'organisation (fig. 2) se lisait comme suit [Traduction] :

« Le comité d'organisation soussigné a décidé de transmettre une invitation générale à tous ceux et celles que la philatélie intéresse au Canada afin qu'ils se joignent à lui pour former une association philatélique canadienne. Des dirigeants seront élus dès que possible lorsque tous les détails auront été réglés. Toute correspondance des personnes désireuses de se joindre à cette organisation devra être adressée au secrétaire intérimaire à Ottawa, Canada. Il faudra élire un président, un vice-président pour chaque province, un secrétaire, un trésorier, un organe officiel, un rédacteur en chef officiel, un détecteur de faux, un comité de direction, etc. Tous les noms doivent être acheminés au secrétaire.

Par ordre.
(Signé)
H. F. Ketcheson[1]*,*
Belleville, Ont.,

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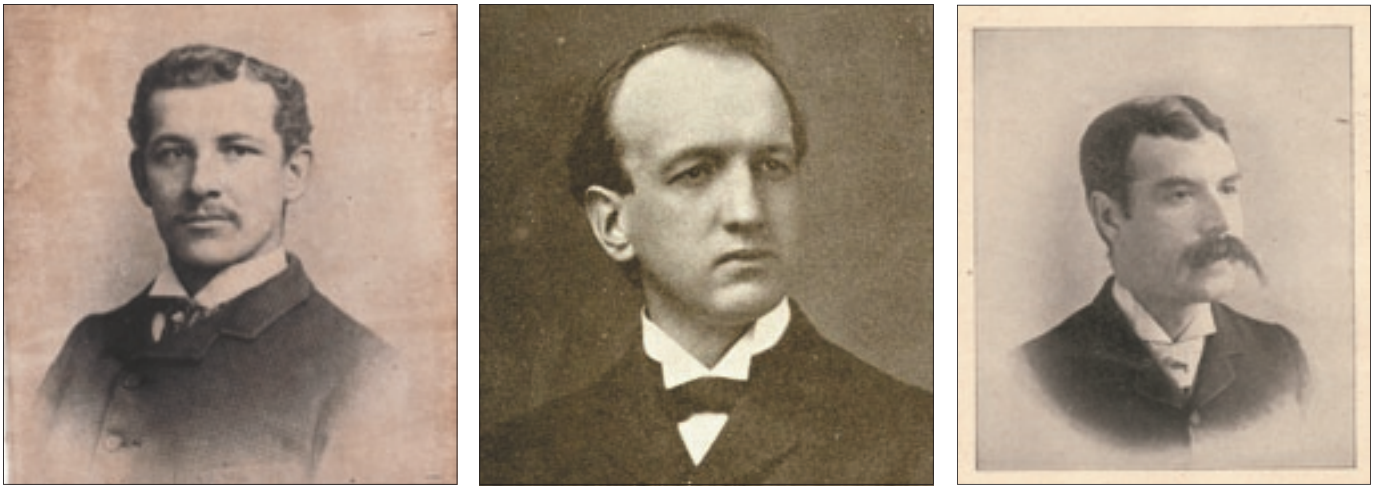


Fig. 2.
The three original signatories to the call letter: from left to right, H. F. Ketcheson, J. A. Leighton and J. R. Hooper.
Les trois signataires de la lettre d'appel originale: de gauche à droite, H. F. Ketcheson, J. A. Leighton et J. R. Hooper.

After publishing the circular on pages 5-6 of the June 1887 issue (Vol. 1, No. 6), The Editor[4] of *The Halifax Philatelist* remarks that he hopes the endeavour will be a success but he cautions the organizers that he is "rather doubtful if it is practicable to successfully run an Association, such as the above circular implies." The Editor was basing his comments on the difficulties of the American Philatelic Association (APA), created less than a year be-

Après avoir publié le communiqué aux pages 5 et 6 du numéro de juin 1887 de The Halifax Philatelist (vol. 1, no 6), le rédacteur[4] en chef dit espérer que ces efforts portent leurs fruits, mais avertit les organisateurs qu'il « doute sérieusement qu'il soit possible de diriger avec succès une organisation comme celle dont il est question dans le communiqué ». Ses commentaires étaient fondés sur les difficultés de l'American Philatelic Association (APA), créée un peu moins d'un an plus

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fore, in recruiting members. In June 1887, the APA had a membership of about 300. The Editor felt that Canada, with "one-fiftieth part of the Philatelists that the U.S. has" would find itself pressed "to make a success of such an association." However, he concludes that he "hopes it will be a success and we will do all in our power to help it become so." The circular was reprinted in the July 1887 issue of the magazine.

By August, the Reverend Henry S. Harte of Petitcodiac, New Brunswick; R. F. McRae of Montreal, Quebec; G. H. Todd of Brandon, Manitoba; and, Francis J. Grenny[5] of Brantford, Ontario, had joined the original three on the Committee of Organization (Fig. 3). A new circular was prepared bearing all their signatures. This new appeal was published in the first issue of *The Niagara Philatelist* (August 1887, Vol. 1, No. 1). The magazine was a full supporter of the effort and appealed to other philatelic publications to "give it a hearty support". The Committee met in Toronto on Saturday, September 17, 1887 at the residence of E. G. Parker. This was during the last weekend of that year's Dominion & Industrial Exhibition the precursor to the annual Canadian National Exhibition. At the meeting, the Committee received strong support from the Toronto philatelic community.

A similar circular was published in the United States by *The Philatelic Journal of America* (June 1887, Vol. 3, #4). It was signed by the original three and Grenny.

tôt, à recruter des membres. En juin 1887, l'APA comptait environ 300 membres. Il était d'avis que le Canada, dont le nombre de philatélistes représentait « un cinquantième de celui des États-Unis, aurait bien du mal à faire un succès d'une telle organisation ». Il conclut cependant en disant qu'il « espère que ce sera un succès et nous ferons tout ce qui est en notre pouvoir pour qu'il en soit ainsi ». Le communiqué a de nouveau été imprimé dans le numéro de juillet 1887 de la revue.

En août, le révérend Henry S. Harte, de Petitcodiac, Nouveau-Brunswick; R. F. McRae de Montréal, Québec; G. H. Todd de Brandon, Manitoba et Francis J. Grenny[5] s'étaient greffés au groupe original de trois personnes du comité d'organisation (fig. 3). Un nouveau communiqué portant toutes les signatures a été rédigé. Ce nouvel appel a été publié dans le premier numéro de The Niagara Philatelist (août 1887, vol. 1, no 1). La revue appuyait entièrement cet effort et invitait les autres publications philatéliques à « lui manifester un appui ferme ». Le comité s'est réuni à Toronto, le samedi, 17 septembre 1887 à la résidence de E. G. Parker. C'était la dernière semaine de la Dominion & Industrial Exhibition (exposition industrielle et du Dominion) de l'année, exposition précurseure de l'Exposition nationale canadienne. À la réunion, le comité a reçu un appui solide du milieu philatélique de Toronto.

Un communiqué semblable a été publié aux États-Unis dans The Philatelic Journal of America (juin 1887, vol. 3,



Fig. 3.
Francis J. Grenny, at 47, the oldest member of the Organizing Committee.
Francis J. Grenny qui, à l'âge de 47 ans, est le plus âgé des membres du Comité organisateur.

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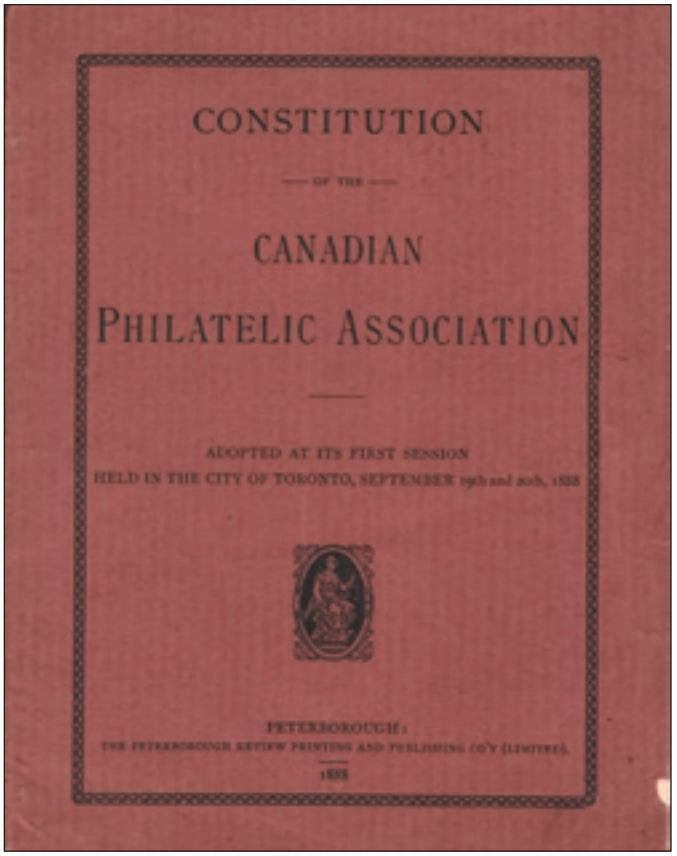
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It became quickly evident that a Canadian Philatelic Association (CPA) was wanted and needed. By the end of the year more than 80 members had signed up and when the elections were held in January 1888, 108 members were on the rolls. Hooper was member #1, Leighton #3 and Ketcheson #4. The first American on the list was N. E. Carter of Delavan, Wisconsin (#13) and the first European was Rud. Wohlfahrt of Erfurt, Germany (#41). By the end of 1888, the CPA had one Chapter or Branch Society as it was called then. It was the Nova Scotia Philatelic Association in Halifax.


CONSTITUTION

— OF THE —

CANADIAN

PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION

ADOPTED AT ITS FIRST SESSION
HELD IN THE CITY OF TORONTO, SEPTEMBER 19th and 20th, 1888

PETERBOROUGH:
THE PETERBOROUGH REVIEW PRINTING AND PUBLISHING CO'Y (LIMITED).
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Fig. 4.
The approved version of the CPA's first Constitution and By-laws.
La version entérinée de la première Constitution et des règlements administratifs.

During the summer of 1887, Hooper, Ketcheson and Leighton worked on the Constitution and By-Laws which were published in the October 1887 issue of *The Halifax Philatelist*. Additions, omissions and alterations to them – some proposed by a number of members from Halifax – were published in the November issue (Vol. I, Nos. 10 & 11). The Constitution and By-Laws were formerly adopted at the CPA's first convention held in Toronto, September 19-20, 1888 (Fig. 4 & 5).

The trio had planned that elections for the remainder of 1887 and 1888 would be held by mail ballot in November 1887. However, Hooper fell ill with typhoid fever and the elections were postponed to December 15 and then held on January 3, 1888. The results were published in, amongst others, the February 1888 issue of *The Toronto Philatelic Journal* (Vol. 2. No. 8). This journal, published by George A. Lowe, a Toronto stamp dealer, was voted the official organ of the CPA, beating out *The Halifax Philatelist* 49 votes to 40 with 6 six votes going to *The Niagara Falls Philatelist* and one vote for *The Canadian Philatelist* – a different journal than the one you are reading.

As Ketcheson was running for office he was replaced by Grenny on the Committee of Elections. Leighton and Hooper, who were also running for election, remained on the Committee. Ketcheson was elected the first President of the CPA, defeating Henry Hechler (Fig. 6) who was

nº 4). Il était signé par les trois membres originaux et Fred J. Grenny.

Il est rapidement devenu évident qu'une Canadian Philatelic Association (CPA) était souhaitée et nécessaire. À la fin de l'année, plus de 80 membres s'étaient inscrits et lorsque des élections eurent eu lieu en janvier 1888, le nombre de noms figurant au registre s'élevait à 108. Hooper était le membre nº 1, Leighton le nº 3 et Ketcheson le nº 4. Le premier Américain de la liste était N. E. Carter de Delavan, Wisconsin (nº 13) et le premier européen, Rud. Wohlfahrt d'Erfurt, Allemagne (nº 41). À la fin de 1888, la CPA avait une division ou une succursale, selon le terme de l'époque, la Nova Scotia Philatelic Association d'Halifax.

À l'été 1887, Hooper, Ketcheson et Leighton se sont attelés à la rédaction d'une constitution et de règlements administratifs, qui ont été publiés dans le numéro d'octobre 1887 de The Halifax Philatelist. Des additions, des omissions et de modifications — certaines proposées par des membres d'Halifax — ont été publiées dans le numéro de novembre (vol. I, nos 10 et 11). La constitution et les règlements administratifs ont été officiellement adoptés au premier congrès de la CPA, à Toronto, les 19 et 20 septembre 1888 (fig. 4 et 5).

Le trio avait planifié que les élections pour le reste de l'année 1887 et pour 1888 seraient tenues par bulletin de vote postal en novembre 1887. Cependant, Hooper fut atteint de fièvre typhoïde et les élections ont d'abord été remises au 15 décembre puis ont eu lieu le 3 janvier 1888. Les résultats ont été publiés, entre autres, dans le numéro de février 1888 de The Toronto Philatelic Journal (vol. 2, nº 8). Cette revue, publiée par George A. Lowe, négociant en timbres-poste de Toronto, a été proclamée organe officiel de la CPA par un vote de 49 contre 40 pour The Halifax Philatelist, 6 pour The Niagara Falls Philatelist et un pour The Canadian Philatelist — une autre revue que celle que vous lisez en ce moment.

Comme Ketcheson briguait l'un des postes, il a été remplacé par Grenny au comité des élections. MM. Leighton et Hooper qui se présentaient eux aussi aux élections sont cependant demeurés au sein du comité. Ketcheson a été élu premier président de la CPA, défaisant Henry Hechler (fig. 6), qui allait devenir le second président pour le mandat de 1889, lors



Fig. 5.

A photograph of the participants at the first Convention of the CPA held in at Richmond Hall, Toronto in September 1888. All 16 recorded attendees are seen on the photograph. Although the list of names is known, it is difficult to attach a name to each of the individuals shown on the photograph.

Une photographie des participants à la première convention de la CPA tenue en septembre 1888 à la Richmond Hall de Toronto. La photographie montre les 16 personnes enregistrées pour la convention. Même si la liste des noms est connue, il est presqu'impossible de joindre le nom à chacun des individus sur la photographie.



Fig. 6.

Henry Hechler of Halifax. The CPA's second President.

Henry Hechler d'Halifax. Le deuxième président de la CPA.

to become the second president for the 1889 term at the 1888 Convention held in Toronto. Ketcheson and Hooper also ran to be Ontario Vice-President. With Ketcheson out of the running, Hooper withdrew from the vote for the secretary position leaving the way clear for his friend Leighton to take on this position and Hooper became Ontario vice-president.

Philately in the second part of the 19th Century was a young man's hobby. Most of them were also numismatists. Compared to today and to most Executives of our Society in the last 100 years, the first Executive of the CPA reflected that youth. Hooper was 30, Ketcheson 26, at 17 Leighton was still a student, H. L. Hart, the Treasurer, was 23, Robert F. McRae, Vice-President for Quebec, was just 20 and A. J. Craig, Vice-President for Nova Scotia, was 31. Other members were also young ranging in age from 23 to 32. The oldest was Grenny at 47. The age of the Board members reflected the ages of the members. In January 1888 there were 35 members under 20; 25 between 20 and 25; 22 between 25 and 30; 15 between 30 and 40 and six who were over 40. Five members did not give their age.

A few years after its founding, Hooper disappears from the CPA and creates a rival society, the Philatelic Society of Canada. It doesn't last long as it was a one-man show and it faded away when Hooper went to prison. The CPA continued to grow and prosper for another decade or so and, through a number of successor societies, it is

du congrès de Toronto. En outre, MM. Ketcheson et Hooper s'étaient également présentés à la vice-présidence de l'Ontario. Ketcheson n'étant plus de la partie, Hooper se retira de la course au secrétariat, laissant la voie libre à son ami Leighton, et devint vice-président de l'Ontario.

La philatélie, dans la deuxième moitié du 19e siècle, s'avérait un passe-temps de jeunes hommes, la plupart étant aussi numismates. En comparaison d'aujourd'hui et de la majorité des directeurs de notre société au cours des 100 dernières années, le premier conseil d'administration de la CPA reflétait bien cette jeunesse. Hooper était âgé de 30 ans, Ketcheson, de 26 et Leighton, 17 ans, était encore aux études, H. L. Hart, le trésorier, avait 23 ans, Robert F. McRae, vice-président du Québec, n'avait que 20 ans et A. J. Craig, celui de la Nouvelle-Écosse, 31. Les autres membres étaient tout aussi jeunes, dans la tranche de 23 à 32 ans. À 47 ans, Grenny était le plus âgé. L'âge des membres du conseil était représentatif de celui des autres membres. En janvier 1888, 35 membres étaient âgés de moins de 20 ans; 25, de 20 à 25 ans; 22, de 25 à 30; 15, de 30 à 40 et 6 avaient plus de 40 ans. Cinq membres n'ont pas dévoilé leur âge.

Quelques années après la fondation de la CPA, Hooper est disparu du paysage pour créer une société rivale, la Philatelic Society of Canada. Comme Hooper menait seul la barque, la société a fait long feu lorsqu'il prit le chemin de la prison. La CPA a continué à prospérer et à croître pendant plus ou moins une autre décennie et, au fil des sociétés qui lui ont succédé, est devenue l'ancêtre de La Société royale de philaté-

the ancestor of The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada. Our thanks go to these first pioneers of organized philately in Canada. Without their foresight and interest we would not have come to where we are today. ✉

ENDNOTES

1 Henry Freeman Ketcheson (1862-1930), Insurance Broker, Lieutenant, Hasting Rifles and Mayor of Belleville (1916-1917). He was married to Mary Elizabeth Scantlebury (1866-1918) who bore him nine children. At the time of his election as President of the Canadian Philatelic Association (CPA) in 1888 he was employed by the Post Office.

2 Reverend Joseph Alexander Leighton, Ph. D., LL. D. (1870-1954), graduated from Trinity College of the University of Toronto (1891) and received his Ph. D. from Cornell in 1894 before studying in Europe (1894-1897). He wrote extensively on philosophy, metaphysics and theology. An Episcopalian Minister, most of his career was as a professor of philosophy at Ohio State University. Only 16 when he signed the call letter he had just turned 17 (December 1870) when he became the first Secretary of the CPA in February 1888 and had not reached 18 when he became the CPA's Librarian – a post he resigned from in February 1889. He was a world class lacrosse player. He married Helen Gager in 1932 in Columbus, Ohio and has no descendants.

3 Col. John Reginald Hooper (1859-1944), Postal employee, publisher of technical books and journals. He was first married to Georgina Leblanc-Malo (1883) whom he was accused of murdering in 1893. He was sent to prison for twenty years for attempted murder and pardoned in 1902. He moved to Toronto and then to Winnipeg after his release and married 2nd Lucy Charlotte Wagner. He had one son, John A. Hooper, by Lucy. He continued his philatelic writing while in prison and was again involved in organized philately in Winnipeg. Little of his life is recorded from after World War One to the early 1930s. At that time he was in Los Angeles and founded the Pioneer Philatelic Phalanx.

4 The Halifax Philatelic Co. is listed in The Halifax Philatelist as its editors and Publishers. However, the Company shared the same Post Office Box as A. B. S. DeWolfe, a Halifax stamp dealer, who was likely the Editor. DeWolfe was member #21 of the CPA.

5 Francis James Grenny, (1840-?), a postal employee starting around 1859 (Cainsville, ON). He worked at the St. George, Morrisburg and Brantford post offices. He was in active militia and a major in the Dufferin Rifles. He was member #2 of the CPA and was known as a numismatist and collector of philatelic literature. After the January 1888 election he was appointed the CPA's Exchange Superintendent. In Brantford, on September 23, 1869 he married Mary Ann Peatman. In 1898, he emigrates to California.

lie du Canada. Nous remercions ces pionniers de la première heure de la philatélie organisée au Canada. Sans leur clairvoyance et leur intérêt nous ne serions pas où nous en sommes aujourd'hui. ✉

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1 Henry Freeman Ketcheson (1862-1930), courtier d'assurance, lieutenant des Hasting Rifles et maire de Belleville (1916-1917), a été marié à Mary Elizabeth Scantlebury (1866-1918) qui lui a donné neuf enfants. Au moment de son élection en tant que président en 1888, il travaillait au bureau de poste.

2 Révérend Joseph Alexander Leighton, Ph. D., LL D. (1870-1954), a été diplômé du Trinity College de l'Université de Toronto (1891) et a obtenu un Ph. D. de Cornell en 1894 avant d'étudier en Europe (1894-1897). Il a rédigé de nombreux écrits sur la philosophie, la métaphysique et la théologie. Ministre de l'Église épiscopale, la plus grande partie de sa carrière s'est déroulée en tant que professeur de philosophie à l'Ohio State University. Il n'avait que 16 ans lorsqu'il a signé la lettre d'invitation et venait tout juste d'en avoir 17 (né en décembre 1870) quand il est devenu le premier secrétaire de la Canadian Philatelic Association (CPA); en 1888, alors qu'il n'avait pas encore atteint sa 18e année, il est devenu bibliothécaire de la CPA, une fonction qu'il a quitté en 1889. C'était un joueur de crosse exceptionnel. Il a marié Helen Gager en 1932, à Columbus, Ohio, mais n'a pas eu de descendants.

3 Colonel John Reginald Hooper (1859-1944), employé de la poste, éditeur d'ouvrages et de revues techniques. Il a contracté un premier mariage avec Georgina Leblanc-Malo (1833), qu'il a été accusé d'avoir assassiné en 1893. Il a écopé d'une peine de vingt ans de prison pour tentative de meurtre et a été réhabilité en 1902. Il a déménagé à Toronto puis à Winnipeg, après sa libération, et s'est marié pour une deuxième fois à Lucy Charlotte Wagner. Cette dernière lui a donné un fils, John A. Il a poursuivi ses travaux de rédaction philatélique en prison et a de nouveau participé à la philatélie organisée à Winnipeg. Très peu de renseignements sur sa vie sont connus de la fin de la Première Guerre mondiale au début des années 30. À cette époque, nous le retrouvons à Los Angeles, où il fonde le Pioneer Philatelic Phalanx.

4 The Halifax Philatelic Co. figure au générique de The Halifax Philatelist en tant que maison d'édition. Cependant, l'entreprise partage une case postale avec A. B. S. DeWolfe, un négociant en timbres-poste d'Halifax qui est vraisemblablement l'éditeur. M. DeWolfe était le membre no 21 de la CPA.

5 Francis James Grenny (1840-?), employé de la poste à compter de 1859 (Cainsville, ON). Il a travaillé aux bureaux de poste de St George, de Morrisburg et de Brantford. Il a été membre actif de la milice et major au sein du Dufferin Rifles. Il était le membre no 2 de la CPA et s'est fait connaître comme numismate et collectionneur d'écrits philatéliques. Après l'élection de janvier 1888, il a été nommé responsable de l'échange à la CPA. À Brantford, le 23 septembre 1869, il épouse Mary Ann Peatman. En 1898, il immigre en Californie.

PHILATELY IN WESTERN CANADA

PART 1 – BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Organized philately developed later and more slowly in western Canada than it did in central and eastern Canada. Though this is the 125th anniversary for Canada, philately really became organized in western Canada only in the 20th century. Twenty-five years ago[1], Ralph Mitchener wrote, "There must have been some collectors in western Canada, especially in the coast region, in the 1870s if for no other reasons than there were collectors in the American west at that time and that postage stamps had been issued for both British Columbia and Vancouver Island." Like Ralph, I have found few collectors in the 19th century. In this article, I consider the known early philatelic collectors, clubs, dealers, and publishers living west of Ontario up to about the 1940s or 1950s. I have separated the discussion into two installments: British Columbia and The Prairies. It includes the highlights that I know of; it is selective – limited by a lack of much early detail. Each section of this presentation is organized in chronological order, with the sections started with their earliest known philatelists.

One would think that the first traces of organized philately in British Columbia would be found in either Victoria or Vancouver, not Hector or Kamloops! The Canadian Philatelic Association (Canada's first national philatelic society) was launched in the spring of 1887. Mitchener wrote that "The first B.C. resident to join the C.P.A. (and the eighth member to join) was J.H. Todd, the Canadian Pacific Railway station agent at Hector, B.C."[1] By September 1887, Todd's address was Brandon, Manitoba but he was still listed as Vice President British Columbia of the C.P.A. in September 1888. I have not found any information on Todd or his collection. In February 1888, there were four other C.P.A. members from the west – all from Manitoba – and in November 1888, there was another B.C. member, W.A. DeWolf Smith of New Westminster[2] (discussed below).

The Philatelic Society of Canada, a rival of the C.P.A., started in 1891 by J.R. Hooper and L.M. Staebler, lasted about two years[3]. J. Harding of Kamloops was Vice President for British Columbia. In December 1891, after the C.P.S. formed branches, Branch No. 10 was the British Columbia Philatelic Association of Kamloops, with six charter members: Harding, Harold Burnett, E.H. Goodfellow, A.H. Goodfellow, Dalton Marpole, and D. Power. J. Harding may have been John (Jack) Harding (age 16 in December 1891), the son of Rev. Freeman Harding (1842-1893), the Church of England minister in Kamloops. Dalton Penberthy Marpole (1880-1908, nicknamed 'Dot") was the son of C.P.R. Superintendent Richard Marpole. He later ran the Dot Ranch south of Spences Bridge. One night in 1908, the ranch house caught fire and burned up, with an inebriated Dot in it. Information from the 1891 Canada Census suggests that the other members of the British Columbia Philatelic Association in Kamloops were between the ages of 11 and 20. In the 1890s, most stamp collectors were teenagers or young men. Perhaps this association – the earliest stamp club I have discovered for B.C. – was an outreach activity of the Anglican Church in Kamloops.

NEW WESTMINSTER

The earliest serious stamp collector I have found in B.C. was Dr. William Andrew DeWolf Smith (1859-1947, Figure 1)[4]. W.A. DeWolf Smith was born in New Brunswick. He achieved his medical degree at McGill University in 1884. Sources say that he went to New Westminster in 1888, but I have a September 1886 cover addressed to him at New Westminster. He was a pioneer doctor in New Westminster, Surgeon to the British Columbia Penitentiary there, and a medical health officer for New Westminster, and had a practice that extended up the Fraser Valley. In the late 1880s, he wrote several short medical articles in *The Lancet*. He was a busy man: a talented organist, President of the Operatic Society, and a member of the Tennis Club.

His obituary in the Vancouver *Province* noted that, "He was an ardent philatelist, owning one of the finest stamp collections in B.C. or Canada, and kept an album of pioneer events in the Royal City which since has become an historical treasure." He seems to have collected worldwide postal stationery because I have an 1888 U.S. Postal Card addressed to him in answer to his ad in the *Philatelic Gazette* offering to exchange cards. The Secretary of the B.C. Philatelic Society wrote in 1939 that he had seen DeWolf Smith's collection about 1900, and "the display of stamps of this Province… still lingers in his memory." DeWolf Smith saved envelopes that he received in the mail; I have them spanning a half century. Many have Masonic corner cards. He was a Freemason, and served as Grand Historian, Grand Librarian, and Grand Secretary for British Columbia, and wrote two books on Masonic history in B.C.

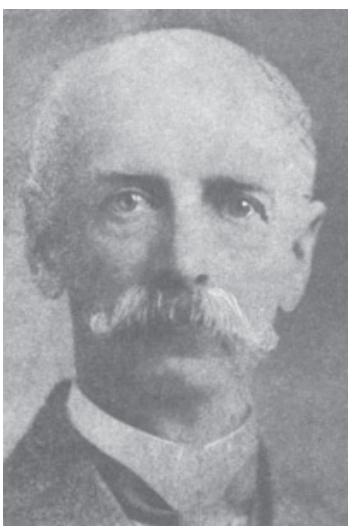


Figure 1. Dr. W.A. DeWolf Smith (from freemasonry.bcy.ca).

James J. Robinson (1843-1927, Figure 2) of East Collingwood and then New Westminster apparently was a charter member of the 1919 B.C. Philatelic Society. He sent regrets for missing the initial meeting of BCPS in 1919. Robinson was born in Liverpool, and helped to found the hobby of philately there[5]. He came to B.C. in 1910. His obituary in the June 21, 1927 *Daily Province* says that he was an internationally known philatelist, a recognized authority on the stamps of the Cape of Good Hope. Even past his 80th birthday, he "carried on stamp transactions by cable to London and other world markets". Robinson … "never wore spectacles and until near the end retained all his faculties." He is described in BCPS records as a "venerable white-haired old gentleman, very deaf… looked up to as an authority."



Figure 2. James J. Robinson (from *The Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*).

Robinson's early activity in Liverpool was fully related by Fred Melville in 1931[5]. He was dealing in stamps by the age of 14, in 1857. As an apprentice at a merchant's firm, he was sent to the post office to await the foreign mails. While waiting for the mails, he traded stamps. He obtained stamps from several large firms, and found willing buyers for them. About 1864, he gave his large stock of stamps to William Young to sell for him on a profit-share basis. Robinson then became and remained a collector. Melville says that he investigated the history of the stamps of Barnard's Cariboo Express, with Henry C. Hitt of Bremerton, Washington as a friend. Robinson was one of very few western Canada philatelists who really was a pioneer in our hobby.

The Royal City Stamp Club of New Westminster started on March 5, 1937[6] and was an affiliated club of the Canadian Philatelic Society in 1945. Robert Wulff, Sr. (died June 14, 1962; age 70) joined the club at its second meeting. He was also a member of the B.C. Philatelic Society. Wulff owned Bob's Stamps store at 620 Clarkson Street in New Westminster – the only stamp store in the city then. John Cheramy (a good friend of Bob Wulff, Jr.) says that Bob Sr., who sold both stamps and coins, had a spittoon behind the counter. He was also a stamp collector. He was a member of the 21 Club of Vancouver, and gave presentations there on India, Norway, and postmarks of British Columbia. Figure 3 shows his wants in 1950. He also was the organizer of PIPEX when it was held in New Westminster. Bob Wulff, Jr. took over the store when his father died.



Figure 3. Bob Wulff's ad in the Royal City Stamp Club 1950 membership booklet.

James I. Keary was President of the Royal City Stamp Club in 1940. Keary was a real estate and insurance agent. At a November 1940 meeting of the British Columbia Philatelic Society, Keary said that he was a member of that group in 1901. He rode a bicycle to meetings in Vancouver over the old Westminster Road. He was Secretary of the New Westminster Lacrosse Club in 1909. His ad in the 1950 membership booklet stated that his 50-year stamp accumulation was for sale.

As well as PIPEX in 1948 and 1961, New Westminster was the site of B.C. Cenpex '71, held at the Royal Towers Hotel from September 3 to 5, 1971 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of B.C. joining Confederation. This show hosted the launch of Scott #537, the Maple Leaf in Fall stamp. Cenpex, sponsored by "the Philatelists of B.C.", was advertised during July and August by a slogan cancel used in New Westminster (Figure 4).



Figure 4. Slogan cancel advertising B.C. Cenpex '71. (Courtesy of Charles J.G. Verge).

VANCOUVER ISLAND

Vancouver Island has had many more collectors than Kamloops or New Westminster. The earliest I know of (thanks to Rick Fleet's research) was Thomas Futcher. In 1899 and 1900, Futcher (1847-1928, Figure 5) of Victoria was Vice President of the Dominion Philatelic Association (an organization that existed from 1894 to 1903)[7]. He was born in Salisbury, England and was mayor of Salisbury in 1883-1884. About 1862, Futcher assembled a collection of stamps, revenues, covers, and postal stationery, but then gave up collecting until 1887, when he opened a stamp store. He brought his family to Victoria in 1889[8]. In 1900, he wanted to trade revenues and bill stamps for British Columbia Law Stamps. In Victoria, until 1904, he was involved in importing of products from Asia through a business called the Japanese Bazaar, then he became Secretary of the Victoria Retail Grocers Association. He was an accountant, and was appointed Judge of the Court of Revision for Vancouver Island and the Islands in 1905. His obituary says that he was known as an ardent philatelist, with one of the finest collections on Vancouver Island.

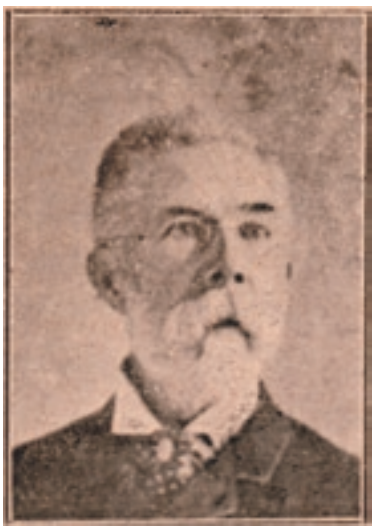


Figure 5. Thomas S. Futcher.

Rick Fleet comments that Futcher seems to be the first collector to take a deep interest in British Columbia Law Stamps. He prepared (and Ron Angus typed) a set of specialized notes about the second issue of the B.C. Law Stamps and their perforations[9].

Gerald E. Wellburn (1900-1992, Figure 6) was an early major Vancouver Island collector – and the mentor of many Victoria collectors. Born in Scarborough, England, he started collecting stamps when he was five[10,11]. His family moved to Vancouver Island in 1911. In 1915, he was involved in Vancouver Island's earliest known stamp club, at his Victoria high school – Boys' Central School. Gerry became interested in the stamps of Vancouver Island and B.C., and found that some of the old families in Victoria had saved their correspondence. For example, he visited Dr. J.S. Helmcken at his home and was given envelopes. Luckily, he was able to acquire many early envelopes. They now are the basis of many collections of early B.C. covers.

Gerry worked for the CPR, then the Victoria *Times* newspaper. In 1922, he started work with Gwilt Lumber Company, and in 1928 started his own sawmill and lumber business, Wellburn Timbers. He remained in the forestry trade (later with H.R. MacMillan) until his retirement in 1963.



Figure 6. Gerald Wellburn with one of his albums. (Photograph from Eaton and Wallace, 1987).

Wellburn collected Great Britain, Canada, and the Canadian Provinces. The highlights of his early B.C. exhibit were recorded in the book *The Stamps & Postal History of Vancouver Island & British Columbia*[12]. The Philatelic Library in Ottawa has photocopies of pages from his other collections. His exhibits won many high awards.

He was elected to the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists in 1951. He and Bury Binks were placed on the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists of the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs in 1960, the first year of that award. Gerry became a Fellow of the RPSC in 1968.



Figure 7. Hand-lettered page prepared by Gerald Wellburn. Note the inclusion of a relevant newspaper clipping.

He hand-lettered his exhibit pages, and used 7¼-inch by 10-inch, two-hole punched paper (Figure 7). I've been told that many of these pages were prepared in evenings by coal-oil lamp light when the Wellburns were living in Deerholm, near Duncan.

I met Gerry Wellburn (and his wife Ethel Mae) only once, at CAPEX '87 in front of his marvellous 10-frame exhibit of early Vancouver Island and British Columbia. Allan Steinhart introduced me to the Wellburns while Al and I were marvelling at this exhibit, which received the Grand Award at CAPEX. Since I moved to Victoria, I have come to know many who were good friends of Gerry and who benefitted from his philatelic benevolence and knowledge. Many of us own covers that originated in his collections. Ethel Mae Wellburn also was a collector; she had a large collection of Chinese snuff bottles, kept in glass cases.

Alfred Stanley Deaville (1892-1948) published his book on *The Colonial Postal Systems and Postage Stamps of Vancouver Island and British Columbia* in 1928. Deaville was born in Manchester, England, but his family came to Victoria in 1898. After graduation from Victoria High School, Deaville went to work as a clerk at the Victoria post office, where he worked for 20 years. He served in the British Army in World War I. In 1932, Deaville became founder and Supervisor of the Philatelic Branch of the Post Office Department in Ottawa.

In the January 1974 issue of *The Guide Line* (the newsletter of the Vancouver Island Philatelic Society, VIPS) Dr. Joe Pearce notes that the first philatelic group in Victoria was in the Victoria High School in 1915, "when Gerry Wellburn was secretary." Next came VIPS, which was formed in 1931. Reg Nairne and Joe Pearce approached J.K. Hodges, Manager of the Empress Hotel, for a meeting place. Seven prominent Victoria philatelists – Ron Angus, Walter Engelhardt, J.K. Hodges, Reg Nairne, Joe Pearce, Otto J. Weiler, and Henry Whittaker – had an inaugural meeting at the Empress on February 10, 1931. The name "Victoria Philatelic Society" was considered, but in order to include Gerald Wellburn, who was living north of Victoria (soon he was Member #24), the name "Vancouver Island Philatelic Society" was chosen. Wellburn was elected Honorary President of VIPS in 1963. For

about four decades, the club met in the Empress Hotel, first in the Princess Louise Room and then in the Duke of Kent Room, thanks to J.K. Hodges, who arranged for a free meeting room for the club. Hodges later became the club's first Honorary President. He collected British North America, including cancellations and precancels. For the 1970s, the club was meeting in Room 112 of the Provincial Museum. In May 1981, the meetings moved to Gordon Head Lawn Bowling Club.

Ronald Mathwin Angus (1882-1963) was born at Newcastle-on-Tyne, England and educated at Clifton College, Pembroke College, Cambridge, and Durham University[13]. He discovered the mint corner marginal pair of the Canada 12d black and sold it to Alfred Lichtenstein. In 1975, this pair was acquired by Canada's National Postal Museum. Angus had a store in the Arcade Building (part of the David Spencer Department Store) near the corner of Government and View. Angus wrote a weekly column on stamps in *The Colonist*, and his wife Faith continued the column after Ron died.

Walter Engelhardt (born 1877) came from pioneer Victoria stock. Both of his grandfathers settled in Victoria in the 1860s. Walter worked for the Provincial government (in 1900, he was a clerk with the Department of Mines) then from 1909 to 1946 was Water Rates Collector for the City of Victoria. Engelhardt watched the arrival at Port Moody of the first CPR through train from Montreal; his uncle took a photo on this occasion, and 70 years after it was taken, Walter gave Gerry Wellburn the photograph for his collection[14]. Engelhardt saved early covers mailed to him. For example, I have an early registered cover from Atlin to him.

Stamp dealer Reg Nairne (Figure 8, who died October 19, 1977 in his 88th year) was Member No. 4 of VIPS. Nairne opened his first stamp shop in Victoria in 1926. He had a super collection of Cayman Islands. His office was on the 2nd floor of the Hamley Building on Government Street at Broughton. Never married, he lived with his sister at 642 Battery Street. He walked home every work day at noon for his lunch. Reg invited Robin Clarke to his first VIPS meeting in 1955, a meeting at which Gerry Wellburn was the speaker. Reg was the first editor (in October 1940) of VIPS's newsletter, which was initially called *The V.I.P.S. Grape Vine News*. From February 1941, it has had its present name, *The Guideline*. Reg Nairne was its editor for many years.



Figure 8. Left to right, Henry Watson (VIPS Member #68), G.P. Bainbridge, and Reg Nairne, taken in the late 1950s. (Photo by Robin Clarke, courtesy of the VIPS Archives.)

Dr. Joseph Algernon Pearce (1893-1988) was born in Brantford, Ontario. Joe obtained a Master's degree from the University of Toronto and a Ph.D. from California (Berkeley). In 1924, he joined the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory near Victoria for 34 years, becoming its Director from 1940 to 1951 and President of The Royal Society of Canada in 1949-1950. Minor Planet No. 3304 is named in his honour. He served in World War I as signals officer in the 58th Battalion, C.E.F., retiring as major. Pearce wrote several articles on B.C. Law stamps. As well as revenues, he collected Canada, Canadian Provinces, early Great Britain, British West Indies, and Rhodesia. In his house on Union Street, in the dining room, he had rows of albums on shelves.

Henry Whittaker (died October 1971) collected Sudan and Egypt. His Egypt exhibit was awarded gold at PIPEX in 1964. I have not yet found out anything about Otto Weiler.

Miss L.M. Forbes was a dealer and early member (#10). She had an office on Government Street. Alf Russell (VIPS Member #106) also was a stamp dealer. Russell had spent some time in Japan before coming to Victoria, and retained polite mannerisms he learned there. He and his wife lived in a house on Government Street near where the museum is now, and the stamp shop was in the living room. He later had a shop on the north side of Fort Street, east of Quadra. He sold his business to Tom Piddington.

C.B. Hill-Tout (VIPS Member #111) was a house painter and part-time dealer. He was the auctioneer for GVPS for a number of years.

As an alternative club to the VIPS, in 1939 Frank Dyment, Hubert Lethaby, and Vic Bigwood came up with the idea of the Greater Victoria Philatelic Society (GVPS)[15]. There was a need for a club for less accomplished and younger collectors to trade stamps. Ten people met at the home of Frank and Ivy Dyment on May 2, 1939 to organize the new club. The 10 members present were Hubert Lethaby (Member #26 of VIPS), Victor Bigwood (Member #61 of VIPS), Frank Dyment (Member #118 of VIPS), Marlyn Brawn, Mary Lane, Owen Evans, Theresa Wragg (first Vice President), Gerry Dunn, Aubrey Bastin, and Ellen Brayshaw (Campbell; first Treasurer).

The first regular meeting was planned for The Women's Institute Hall, 635 Fort Street, with future meetings to be the second Friday of each month. Other early meeting rooms were a private dining room at Terry's Restaurant, the Elk's Club Room above Sprott-Shaw, the Elk's Club on Cormorant Street, and the King's Daughters Hall & Orange Hall at 725 Courtenay Street.

Hubert Lethaby gave a talk on royal first day covers at the May 2nd inaugural meeting. At this meeting, Aubrey Bastin was voted in as the first President. However, between then and the first regular meeting on June 9th, Bastin was replaced by Frank Dyment. Other early Presidents of GVPS were S.A. Digby in 1940, Frank Dyment again from 1941 to 1947, W. Mooney in 1948, A.R.C. "Chick" Wildig for 10 years, and Lester Small from 1959 to 1961.

Membership numbers for the early members were Ivy Dyment (1), Frank Dyment (2), Vic Bigwood (3), C. Joe Richards (4; still a member in 2012), Chick Wildig (5), Hubert Lethaby (6?), Jessie Gordon (7), and Jean Roberts (8).



Figure 9. Lester Small. (Photo by Robin Clarke, courtesy of Helen Jaques.)

The Victoria Junior Stamp Club was started by GVPS in 1951. Lester Small (Figure 9, Supervisor of the Registration Branch of the Victoria Post Office) developed the programme for junior members and – assisted by his wife Dorothy and his daughter Helen – looked after the junior stamp club for 35 years. Junior collectors have always been active in exhibiting at the Victoria shows in their own section of the spring exhibition. Lester was Chairman of VICPEX-PIPEX in Victoria in 1966. He had a wide variety of collections, including British Columbia postal history – especially related to Victoria. Both GVPS and VIPS are still very active. The differences between the clubs (philately vs. stamp collecting) still exist but are not as marked as they were in 1939.

Dr. Ian McTaggart-Cowan (1910-2010, Figure 10)[16] could fit in either the Vancouver or Victoria section. He assembled his collections of revenues while in Vancouver, but he wrote most of them up in Victoria long after he retired. With the help of Rick Fleet, he learned page makeup after the four-volume series *The Birds of British Columbia* was completed in 2001 and his wife Joyce died in 2002. He then prepared the gold-medal exhibits "Law Stamps of British Columbia" and "Law Stamps of the Yukon" – both published by BNAPS. Ian was born in Edinburgh, Scotland. His family emigrated to North Vancouver when he was three. A biologist, he graduated from the University of British Columbia in 1932, and earned a Ph.D. at the University of California, Berkeley in 1935. After five years working at the Provincial museum, he joined the Department of Zoology at UBC and did teaching, research, and administration. In 1971, he was invested as an Officer of the Order of Canada for his zoological work and as a conservationist. His many publications include 110 television programmes. TV in the mid 1950s was where I first encountered Ian, in the early days of CBUT (Vancouver's CBC TV station, then black-and-white). His academic life was busy, but over many years he managed to accumulate a remarkable collection of revenue material, only recently fully appreciated.



Figure 10. Dr. Ian McTaggart-Cowan.

EARLY VICTORIA SHOWS AND EXHIBITIONS

A Vancouver Island Philatelic Society Exhibition was held at the Empress Hotel on June 4 and 5, 1937. The alternate title for the show was "Victoria City Jubilee Philatelic Exhibition." There were three classes: Senior (over 18), Junior (over 12 to 18), and Juvenile (12 and under).

A Tri-Club Exhibition was held April 23-25, 1964 in the Douglas Room, Hudson's Bay Company. There were 35 exhibitors. The three clubs were VIPS, GVPS, and the Victoria Junior Stamp Club. A Tri-Club Exhibition was held May 10-14, 1965 at the same place. The Junior Stamp Club had a number of competitive entries, and there were non-competitive exhibits from Shawnigan Lake School and Central Junior High School.

The First Vancouver Island Stamp Exhibition was held October 6 and 7, 1978 at Christchurch Memorial Hall, 912 Vancouver Street. The show celebrated the Captain Cook Bicentennial with commemorative covers. The 1979 exhibition also was held at Christchurch Memorial Hall. On October 4 and 5, 1980, the show was held at a new location – the Garth Homer Achievement Centre, 813 Darwin Avenue, with dealer George Freeman as Exhibition Chairman. Dr. Don Shorting became Exhibition Chairman in 1983. In 1987, the name of the show became VICPEX; it was still at the Garth Homer Centre.

VIPS and GVPS combined to sponsor a topical exhibit at the new Ramada Inn on February 6 and 7, 1988. This left the fall show for "more specialized collections." For 1989, the topical show was moved to the Garth Homer Centre.

The C.P.S. annual convention and exhibition was held in Victoria at the Empress Hotel on May 9-11, 1958 (the Society's first convention in the west) and held there again on June 3-6, 1982. Let us now move across the Salish Sea to Vancouver.

VANCOUVER

The earliest information on Vancouver collectors comes from 1903 the *Canadian Philatelic Manual*[17]. Of the 72 collectors from B.C. listed in the *Manual*, 19 were from Vancouver (there were 28 from New Westminster and 13 from Victoria).

The British Columbia Philatelic Society (BCPS) is the only stamp club from western Canada listed in the 1903 *Canadian Philatelic Manual*[17]. The officers at that time were James Whiteside of Philadelphia, President; C.D. Morgan, Vice President; Milton Oppenheimer, Secretary-Treasurer; W.J. Reynard, Auction Manager; and J.C. Bannerman, Librarian.

The Colonial Stamp Co. (Mount Pleasant P.O.) and the B.C. Stamp Co. of Vancouver, and the Jubilee Stamp Co. and the Regina Stamp Co. of New Westminster were four B.C. dealers listed in the 1903 *Manual*.

B.C. members of the Dominion Philatelic Society listed in the *Manual* were F. Allat, W.W. Bolton, T.S. Futcher, and William Wilson of Victoria and J.C. Bannerman of Vancouver. The *Manual* lists James Keary, R.B. Brown, and M. Fierheller (all of New Westminster) as the only B.C. members of the Canadian Philatelic Society.

BCPS notes comment that B.C. collectors listed in the *Manual* were Frank Burnett, Frank Rounsefell, J.P. Bole, Dashwood Jones, and J.I. Keary. However, they report that two prominent collectors, Dr. W.A. DeWolf Smith and Dr. R.E. Walker (both from New Westminster), were not listed.


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Figure 11. December 1922 issue of *The British Columbia Stamp Collector* – probably the final issue.

Another early publication with information about B.C. philately is *The British Columbia Stamp Collector* in 1922[18]. Frank Holgate of Vancouver published at least six issues of this journal, which was boldly touted as "The oldest Monthly Publication issued in the interests of Philately and Philatelists in Western Canada." Holgate was a clerk with Kirkland & Rose, importers (130 Water St.). The December 1922 issue of *The B.C. Stamp Collector* (Figure 11) had a prominent advertisement for the Star Stamp Co., 2330 Yukon Street, Vancouver. This was Holgate's residence, listed in the 1923 city directory. Holgate offered the Calgary Philatelic Society his publication for their official organ[19].

The October-November, 1923 issue of *The Western Collector* [a journal described in Part 2] commented that *The B.C. Stamp Collector* had ceased publication. The same issue had an ad for the Star Stamp Co., "The House of Service."

Two downtown stores placed ads in the December 1923 issue of *The Western Collector*: Colonial Stamp Company, 507 Richards St. ("selling new issues, stamp packets, albums, and other supplies") and Walter Galloway, No. 2, 11 Hastings St. W. (with stamp packets, albums, and accessories; "we buy and sell books of all kinds"). Large ads were also placed by the Royal Stamp Co., 1740 Nelson St., Laurence A. Greig, Rear 2154 38th Avenue W., and Joseph F. Chambers, Box 243, Merritt, B.C. Chambers (not listed in the British Columbia city directories) continued to advertise through 1925 as 'The Stamp House of Merit'. *The B.C. Stamp Collector* carried Club Notes for the British Columbia Philatelic Society. The March-April 1924 issue of *The Western Collector* has an advertisement for The B.C. Stamp and Curio Co. of Britannia Beach ("the Reliable Stamp Dealers").

BRITISH COLUMBIA PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

The British Columbia Philatelic Society (BCPS) originated much earlier than I had previously thought. According to a 1958 article[20], BC Philatelic first met on November 27, 1919. However, notes compiled in August 1961 by Rev. A.B. Ramsay [quoted below] show that a club was active before 1919:

At the 21st annual meeting, Nov. 27th, 1940, Mr. [James I.] Keary of the Royal City Stamp Club recounted belonging to the British Columbia Philatelic Society in 1901-1903. He verified his statements by showing the Year Book of 1903, and an item from a *Bulletin* of 1904 (Feb.). The un-named president of that year [James Whiteside, gs] was living in Philadelphia. The Secretary was M.M. [Milton] Oppenheimer, and membership came from New Westminster and Vancouver. (*B.C.P.S. Bulletin*, Dec. 1940). So far [I] have not been able to locate this Year Book.

B.C.P.S. Bulletin , Vol. 4, #12 quotes a 1913-1914 letter from Mr. Allen Rankin of Revelstoke, B.C., stating he attended a meeting on the last Friday in July [1913], in the Fairfield Block, called to form a stamp club. There were seven present but he had no further knowledge of results, and no names were given. A February 28, 1940 report says that this group never met again.

The BCPS restarted on November 27, 1919 with a meeting of seven members at the old Hotel Vancouver. George Ketcheson (1891-1963) played a major role in inviting collectors to this meeting. He had tried to form such a club some time before World War I (perhaps in 1913), but was not successful.



Figure 12. Samuel Gintzburger. (Photograph L.00238, courtesy of the Jewish Museum & Archives of British Columbia.)

Samuel Gintzburger (1868-1927, Figure 12) was elected the first President of BCPS. Born in Switzerland, he came to Vancouver in 1887. Online references say that he traded with natives on the west coast of Vancouver Island, hunted seals in the North Pacific and Bering Sea, mined silver in the Kootenay, and joined the gold rush to Atlin. He became a real estate, insurance, and financial agent, and was Swiss consul. In 1912, he served on the first West Vancouver municipal council, and for many years was president of Temple Emanuel in Vancouver. In 1939, the Secretary of BCPS wrote that Sam Gintzburger was "always willing to give advice and aid to any tyro, though one of the most unassuming of men." According to the December 1922 *B.C. Stamp Collector*, Gintzburger gave an illustrated lecture on "The Romance of Stamp-Collecting" to the Art and Historical Society on November 9th.

Foster Brett was the first Vice President, and Stephen Golder was the first Secretary-Treasurer. Directors were Morgan, E.H. Taylor, and Ketcheson. Letters of regret from supporters who were unable to attend the initial meeting included one from Dr. W.A. DeWolf Smith. The club met then at the hotel on the second and fourth Mondays each month. In 1924, the club met at the 800 block of Pender Street.

Gerald Southyard (George or 'Ketch') Ketcheson – 1919 organizer and charter member of BCPS, Vice President in 1949-1951 and President in 1954-1957 – collected stamps of Canada, Australia, China, and the USA. George served overseas in World War I with the Royal Engineers. He was a railway mail clerk on

the Calgary and Vancouver run. Other early BCPS members included Bury Binks, G.P. Bainbridge, the Victoria dealers Ron Angus and Reg Nairne. In 1926-27, M. Nicholson was president and the club was meeting at the Sketch Club Rooms, 342 W. Pender Street. In 1929-30, Capt. Bury Binks was president. Dr. Henry R. Storrs was president for 1930-31 (he collected the World and religious stamps). In May 1932, the club was meeting in the *Daily Province* Board Room. BCPS became an Associate Club of the Canadian Philatelic Society in December 1934.

Arthur J. Croker joined the Canadian Philatelic Association in April 1912. Croker lived in Victoria from about 1910 to about 1920, then moved to Vancouver. There, he was a clerk with a ship chandlery firm. In 1922, he gave a presentation to BCPS on the stamps of Papua that was summarized in the December 1922 issue of *The British Columbia Stamp Collector*.

BCPS EXHIBITIONS

The First International Exhibition was held in the Winch Building on November 6 and 7, 1925. The *Vancouver Sun* says that this was the "first large and valuable collection of stamps ever shown in Vancouver"; the *Province* says that is was the "second annual exhibition" of the BCPS. There were 100 frames of exhibits. In 1927, an exhibition was held in Tacoma, Washington. Award winners were for BNA General H.C Hitt, and for BNA Covers G.P. Bainbridge. On April 13 and 14, 1928, BCPS held the Second International Exhibition on the top floor of the David Spencer Store.



Figure 13. The 1925 and 1928 BCPS exhibition slogans. (Courtesy of BCPS.)

Slogan cancels were used by the Vancouver Post Office to advertise the 1925 and 1928 exhibitions (Figure 13). The Postal History Society of Canada listing of Cecil C. Coutts *Slogan Postmarks of Canada* shows that the slogan reading SECOND BRITISH COLUMBIA PHILATELIC EXHIBITION VANCOUVER NOV.6-7 1925 has been seen used from October 12 to November 6, 1925, and that the slogan THIRD BRITISH COLUMBIA PHILATELIC EXHIBITION VANCOUVER APR-13-14-1928 has been recorded from March 13 to April 14, 1928.

The numbering of these BCPS exhibitions requires explanation. BCPS cooperated with the Tacoma Philatelic Society, with the two clubs holding exhibitions in alternate years. The first exhibition outside Tacoma that the Washington-state club participated in was the 1925 show in Vancouver (BCPS's second show), which presumably gave this exhibition the name "First International Exhibition."

The 1929 exhibition was held at the Hotel Winthrop, Tacoma on April 6 and 7. BCPS President Binks showed Canada, F.M. Whitefoot showed China, F.D. Everard showed "original covers", Dr. Henry Storrs showed religious stamps, E.H. Taylor showed Canada, and junior member Peter Storrs showed Irish Free State.

According to the September 1930 issue of *The Western Collector*, BCPS held its 4th annual exhibition at the Moose Hall, Vancouver on April 26 and 27, 1930. Award cards were signed by President Storrs. Stamps of British Columbia owned by Alfred Lichtenstein were on display. C.L. Peck showed Brazil heads. Bury Binks was awarded prizes in all Canadian classes.

Exhibitions were held in Tacoma in 1931 and 1933. There is no record of a show in 1932. In 1934, there was an exhibition in Seattle. The 1935 international exhibition was held in Tacoma, where the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs was organized. The Federation's annual PIPEX gatherings [discussed below] replaced the earlier Tacoma-Seattle-Vancouver international exhibitions.

Starting in 1937, BCPS participated in an annual exhibition held during the Pacific National Exhibition at Hastings Park. This participation continued until September 1941, after which the PNE was cancelled during the war. On November 26, 1943, there was a stamp exhibition in the Moose Hall. There is no record of a BCPS show from 1944 to 1948. During this time, I recall a Kiwanis Club hobby show held downtown in the Hudson's Bay Store (I showed a scrapbook containing picture postcards, but there were stamps at the show) and Bill Liaskas exhibited Greek stamps at a Kiwanis-sponsored hobby show in the Seaforth Armories.

On October 7 and 8, 1949, BCPS held a stamp exhibition in the Theatre Under the Stars Building. Their Second Annual Exhibition was held on November 3 and 4, 1950 at the Ballroom of the Blue Triangle Residence Club (the "Elk's Club Ballroom"; YWCA-Elks), 595 Hornby St.[21]. A BCPS exhibition was held there again November 2-4, 1951 and November 7 and 8, 1953. Because of the high cost and lack of space, the exhibition was cancelled until 1963, when a show was held at the Vancouver Public Library. Starting in 1969, a BCPS-sponsored VANPEX was held most years. From 2001 to 2007, VANPEX was a national level show; since 2009, it has been a two-day regional show.

BCPS RENUMBERS.

For some reason, BCPS started membership numbers again for 1933-34. There were eight "charter members": Dr. Storrs was president and Lt. Col. A.C.D. Piggott was treasurer. Storrs collected Lichtenstein and France; Pigott collected Egypt and Sudan. The May 1935 *Canadian Philatelic Society Bulletin* shows the B.C. Philatelic Society as an active member club.

The name of Col. Augustus C.D. Piggott (1862-1944), Treasurer of BCPS, first appears in Vancouver directories in 1925. Born in England, Lt. Col. Pigott served with Boulton's Scouts in

the 1885 Riel Resistance. His 1885 battlefield manuscript (which includes accounts of the Battles of Fish Creek and Batoche) is preserved at the Métis Museum and is available online at http://www.metismuseum.ca/resource.php/02883.

The 1891, 1901, and 1911 censuses show him living in Manitoba. In 1918, Pigott was Sheriff of the Southern Judicial District of Manitoba. In Vancouver, Pigott was a real estate agent. Figure 14 shows a 1917 cover addressed to Pigott while he was serving in World War I. In 1937, he became the first honorary life member of BCPS.



Figure 14. Cover to Major A.C.D. Pigott, Camp Borden, Ontario. (Courtesy of Dr. Brian Plain.)

Prominent architect Ross Anthony Lort (1889-1968; a partner with Samuel Maclure) was a member of BCPS in 1939 and 1942. He collected stamps with bridges, buildings, and monuments. He gave a talk to the club in November 1940 featuring architectural features on stamps.

Percy Leech, Bury Binks, and G.P. Bainbridge of the BCPS were three of the six charter members of Vancouver's 21 Club, a specialty group started in February 1944. Fred Jarrett of Toronto was an annual visitor. The club remained unnamed until 1948, when Percy Leech used the term "The 21 Club" in a letter.

Percy Leech (who died in August 1957) was a partner in Leech and Woods, 605 West Pender Street ("established 1929"). He collected British Colonies, but his talks at 21 Club meetings usually were general in nature, with such topics as paper and perforations. The other partner was Captain Henry G. J. Woods, 21 Club Member #22. Woods is listed as member of BC Philatelic in 1939, then as On Active Service (with the Royal Corps of Engineers). Woods collected commemoratives. Ed Smele remembers that the Leech & Woods shop (a very narrow store) had classic oak cabinets and white-tiled floors. They sold only British Empire stamps. The long sets were displayed in glass cases; the short sets were in hung on the wall in envelopes.

Capt. Bury Collins Binks (1894-1962) was born in Lincoln, England and came to Canada in 1911[22]. When serving overseas in World War I – he was a motorcycle rider – he was wounded and lost a leg. Starting in 1924, he specialized in early Canada stamps including the 1859 Issue (he plated the 17¢ value), Large Queens, and Small Queens. He was a Director of the CPS in 1948. Binks was President of BNAPS in 1951-1952. His occupation in the late 1930s to the 1950s is listed as "club secretary-management"[22]. Binks was four-time President of BCPS and a Director of CAPEX '51. Described as "an aloof type," he was Secretary of the Quilchena Golf Club, where he sometimes sold stamps from his office, and then Secretary of the Vancouver Club.

George P. Bainbridge (always just called 'G.P.') collected forgeries, and had a valuable collection of them[23]. As a novice collector in London, England in 1898, he was swindled by some "notorious philatelic rogues"[24]. He produced an exhibit entitled "Fakes, Forgeries, and Curiosities" for CAPEX '51, a result of 52 years of study. It included 47 pages of BNA. He showed 10 frames of "Forgeries and Fakes" at the VICPEX-RPSC convention in 1958. The "George Bainbridge Whole World Reference Collection" was sold in London by Robson Lowe Ltd. in October 1961[25]. Bainbridge saved Vancouver Island, B.C., and Large and Small Queen stamps with B.C. numeral cancels. He also collected and exhibited early Great Britain and Tasmania. His daughter Ursula learned a lot about stamps; she wrote up G.P.'s collection of forgeries, and later worked for Jim Sissons in Toronto. A dealer in Vancouver from the mid-1920s, G.P. had his shop in the rear of a stationery store, on the second floor, on Granville Street near Robson. He retired in 1946.

In 1942, seven members of the BCPS were on active service: Sgt. Major John T. Burnett, Lt. F.E. Eaton, Flt. Lt. D.M. Meekison, F/O S.E. Parker, Major D.M. Spankie, Lt. Col. E.B. Westby, and Capt. Henry G.J. Woods. John Towers Burnett (1905−1966) was in the 21 Club (1949 to 1966), as is his son John T. Burnett (from 2006). He collected the stamps of Austria, and he exhibited sporadically in the BC Phil shows and at the PNE. S.E. (Toby) Parker was an early member of 21 Club, and specialized in Egypt.

OTHER VANCOUVER STAMP STORES OF THE 1940s.

Stanley Stamp Co. Ltd. was a major stamp company in Vancouver. It was started in 1937 by Lt. Col. Frederick E. Eaton (born in Nova Scotia; died July 14, 1983. age 67). The company was named after Stanley's Camera Shop; to save money during the Depression, Eaton shared space with C.E. Stanley. During World War II, when Fred went overseas to Jamaica and Holland with the Irish Fusiliers of Canada, the stamp store was operated by his father, F.B. Eaton, who was a member of both BCPS and VIPS. The store was located at 1008 W. Georgia Street at Burrard (SW corner) then moved to 877 Hornby Street. Bill Millard was hired as an employee about 1949. In 1958 (when there were legal problems arising from the sale of fakes and forgeries), Eaton sold the company to Harris A. (Alex) McMaster and Millard. Alex died and Les Churchill bought in, and eventually Millard sold his share to Churchill. The final owner of Stanley Stamps was Bob McGillivray, who bought the business in 1980 and until a few years ago operated the store at 1096 Richards Street.

Fred Eaton later opened the auction house F.E. Eaton & Associates, Vancouver Stamp Auctions, and F.E. Eaton and Sons Ltd. at 6174 East Boulevard in Kerrisdale. I attended several auctions there in 1973-1974, including one at which Fred's son Dan-

iel called 45 lots of his own material – Dan's first experience as auctioneer. After Fred's death in 1983, Dan and Fred Jr. operated the company at 960 Richards Street, and had bidboards there. Bill Millard and Bill Robinson both worked as lotters at 960 Richards. For a few years (1985-1989) the company held auctions in Toronto and had a branch store at 115 Queen Street East operated by Brian Grant Duff, and later offices in the Sterling Tower at 372 Bay Street. Eaton & Sons had Vancouver offices in Bentall One during the late 1980s and early 1990s. Eaton & Sons last Vancouver & Toronto Auctions were held in 1993. In the early 1990s, Daniel started up Paradise Valley Stamp Company in Arizona, which was subsequently sold to Tor Bjork. During the 1980s, Eaton & Sons operated the coin and stamp retail concessions in both The Bay and Eaton's in downtown Vancouver. The Bay concession was closed for the building of the Skytrain. The Eaton's concession ran until Eaton's closed in 1999, and was owned and operated through the 1990s by Brian Grant Duff.

Fred Eaton was an authority on the fakes and forgeries attributed to André Frodel[26]. Eaton obtained faked stamps from Frodel and from Alex McMaster (who had been the proprietor of a print shop), and "duplicates among these materials" have been donated to the National Postal Museum[27]. Frodel produced all of the fantasies (including the two-coloured Admiral stamps) and McMaster did all of the overprints.

The store where I shopped for stamps in the mid 1940s was The New Stamp Shop at 508 Hornby Street, owned by Fred Langer. Fred became a member of BCPS in 1943. While I was buying stamps from the 3¢ and 4¢ books, with the help and guidance of Mrs. Langer, the real collectors were at the other end of the counter looking at pages of 5¢ Beavers and the like. I'd peek at what they were doing, in awe. I always enjoyed both my Saturday mornings there and the stamps I bought. The New Stamp Shop later moved to Pender Street, just east of Richards.



Figure 15. Advertisements for Vancouver stamp stores, from the 1950 Royal City Stamp Club membership booklet.

There were many small stores in Vancouver that sold stamps in the 1940s and 1950s. One was the Busy "B" Book Store at 508 Richards Street (later on Pender Street, a half block away). In Grandview, the used bookstore on Commercial near Charles sold prepackaged stamps. I remember buying tiny envelopes of common stamps there for 5¢ a packet in the 1940s.

Another early downtown Vancouver stamp store was All Nations Stamp & Coin, opened in Vancouver in 1949 at 441 Homer Street (Figure 16), and moved later to 434 Richards Street. The original owner was Nick Marmaros. When T. Eaton Co. went bankrupt in 1999 and he lost his concession there, Brian Grant Duff purchased All Nations from Eero Muna (who had purchased the company from Bill Vink). Both Muna and Vink are associated with Giuseppe Iorio at Chantou International. Brian Grant Duff now operates All Nations as a stamp and coin store at 5630 Dunbar Street, with a weekly auction.



Figure 16. Ad for All Nations Stamp Shop (1950).

OTHER PROMINENT VANCOUVER PHILATELISTS

Stuart Johnstone (died November 4,1971, Figure 17), a chartered accountant, was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, lived in Edmonton, and went to Vancouver[28], where he was the Treasurer of McGavin's Bakery. He joined the 21 Club in September 1946.



Figure 17. William Stuart Johnstone.

In his Kerrisdale house, he had a stamp room upstairs – with a sink, cupboards galore, and a large rack that held suit bags. He kept stamp albums in the bottoms of the suit bags. At the 21 Club, he gave presentations on the 1859 Issue and the Large Queen stamps. In 1955, he purchased a copy of the Canada 12d black. Stuart was inducted as a Fellow of the RPSC in 1964, the year that his B.C. exhibit was awarded the Grand at the RPSC convention. His British Columbia collection was sold by J.N. Sissons Ltd. on April 19, 1972. This was the first Sissons sale I attended. I was an onlooker only at a sale described as "the last of his collections and his particular pride and joy." I've been told that he used an electric eraser to tidy his covers – a process that sometimes damages the covers.

Another Vancouver-area man who collected early British Columbia postal history was James A. Pike (1906-1992, Figure 18). Jim was born in Saskatchewan and moved to B.C. in the early 1920s[29]. After graduating from the University of British Columbia as a mining engineer, he lived four years in western Ontario and four years in Ford, Washington, then returned to Vancou-



Figure 18. James A. Pike.

ver. Jim was President of BNAPS in 1975-1976. He was made a Fellow of the Royal in 1976. Jim's B.C. and Vancouver Island also won Gold at the 1964 Royal. Jim was a member of 21 Club from 1957. Once at a convention, Jim had decided to cut his collection of early B.C. back. Anything after 1900 was available. Three collectors (including Ken Ellison) were invited to Jim's room, and they had rotating turns at the covers for sale. Ken purchased covers from Peterborough and Phillips (both just later than Jim's new collecting period). Jim's collection of early B.C. covers was auctioned by Robert A. Lee. I have quite a few cherished covers from these sales.

Lt. Col. Roland H. (Rollie) Webb (1910-1970) joined the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery in 1932. He commanded the 12th Field Regiment when they landed at Normandy on D-Day. He retired from the army in 1961 and moved to White Rock, B.C. Webb had joined the Ottawa Philatelic Society in 1954, and developed a specialty of Canadian military mail. While he lived in Ottawa, he did research on military postmarks, and this resulted in publications in *The Canadian Philatelist*. His manuscript entitled *Canadian military postal history 1636-1974* was never published.

C.B.D. Garrett (1882-1979) was a pioneer member of BNAPS (Member #15) and a member of the B.C. Philatelic Society in 1939. Born in Southsea, England, he came to Canada in 1902. He worked for the Dominion and B.C. provincial governments as an entomologist and ornithologist, and was a taxidermist[31]. He lived in Cranbrook but moved to Horseshoe Bay in 1950. He wrote several scientific books, many scientific papers, and a 35-page monograph about Canadian match boxes and the taxes imposed on them. He collected B.C. Law stamps, Canadian postmarks, reentries, perfins, postal stationery, and the 1898 Map Stamp[32]. Jim Pike said that Garrett was a nighthawk, working until 5 a.m., then retiring, sleeping, and having his breakfast around 2 p.m. Starting in 1939, he originated and published a variety listing for O.H.M.S. perfins[33].

Rowcliffe F. (Roy) Wrigley (1885-1986, BNAPS member #1065) was a collector, dealer, and author on the topic of O.H.M.S. perforations. Wrigley was born in Wallaceburg, Ontario. In 1909, in Winnipeg, he was an advertisement solicitor for *Henderson's Directory*. He came further west and in 1911 was performing the same work for *Henderson's Directory* in Vancouver. From 1912 to 1914, he was with an investment company and then a loan-and-contract company. Wrigley returned his efforts to directories; by 1915, he was the publisher of the *Hotel Red Book of Canada*. His publishing company expanded. Wrigley Directories Ltd. published *Wrigley's British Columbia Directory* from 1918 to 1934. During the 1930s and 1940s, the Roy Wrigley Printing & Publishing Co., Ltd. published many maps and street guides of Greater Vancouver.

From the early 1950s to 1976, Wrigley published many editions of softbound books on O.H.M.S. perfins and G-overprinted stamps. I have been told that he relied heavily on C.B.D. Garrett's published work. In an April 1956 article[34], Wrigley cites Garrett's copyright classification. Wrigley says that Garrett "dedicated his copyright system, through the British Columbia Philatelic Society, for the general use of philatelists." Near the end of his very long life, Wrigley somehow became involved with faked O.H.M.S. perfins.

Now let's examine the philatelic activity east of the Cascade Mountains. Until the 1950s, travel by car between Vancouver and the Interior was not easy. This meant that there was an independent and growing active group of philatelists outside the Lower Mainland.

THE B.C. INTERIOR

We met a few 19th century collectors in interior B.C. collectors (in Hector and Kamloops) at the start of this article. Let me now describe some of the important activity there in the 20th century.

The only philatelists from the B.C. Interior in the 1903 *Canadian Philatelic Manual*[17] were Ernest James Bangs of Fire Valley (farmer and Indian Agent), Joseph Guichon of Quilchena [probably Joseph A. Guichon, who was postmaster of Quilchena from 1907 to 1956 (born 1880), son of pioneer rancher Joseph Guichon (1843-1921)], F.W. Jordan of Nakusp (F.W. Jordan & Co., General Store; postmaster there from 1894 to 1921), William Kinnon of Rossland (not in the B.C. directories), and George Pack of Kamloops (a partner in Pack & Blackbourn, Painters and Decorators).

World Philatelic Periodicals (online at the APS web site) lists a publication entitled the *Canadian Philatelic Circular*, published by R. Beltner of Merritt, B.C. This was published only from November 1915 to February 1916. A cover sent by Beltner (Figure 19) is quite small, indicating that the publication was probably only a few pages in size.



Figure 19. Cover sent in February 1916 by R. Beltner, possibly containing a copy of the *Canadian Philatelic Circular.* (Courtesy of Charles J.G. Verge.)

Robert J. Duncan of Armstrong, B.C. (born 1900) – a collector of BNA philatelic literature for over 25 years, BNAPS member #37, and a member of BCPS in 1939 – farmed in the Okanagan Valley[35]. In the late 1940s, he probably had the best library of BNA philatelic literature at that time. He became the first Librarian of BNAPS in 1945[36] and served in that capacity until the fall of 1962, when he retired due to illness[37]. The Okanagan-Mainline Philatelic Association (OMPA) was founded on May 24, 1959 at a meeting at Duncan's home in Armstrong. The club was formed to serve an area from Kamloops to Penticton (later to Osoyoos) and Salmon Arm to Clinton. Duncan became a Fellow of the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain in 1954.

At the time of the founding of the OMPA in 1959, Dr. Edward C. Banno (died 1984) – a Canadian of Japanese descent and a dentist – was a serious collector in Kamloops. A few years later, he moved to Greater Vancouver. Ed Banno was active in the 21 Club from 1967 to 1980. He collected Canadian squared circle postmarks. Harry Greenwood of Kamloops may have been the first President of the OMPA. Ken Ellison remembers both of the above being at the early meetings. Jim Pike was an early attendee of the OMPA when he was working in Ford, Washington.

Edward William Lionel Veale (born on a farm at Churchbridge, Assinboia in 1890) according to genealogical data "saved stamps religiously". He was determined to get every Canadian issue on cover and was having trouble with the 12d black. He was a strong, tough, retired rancher, packer, teamster, and farmer. He teamed on the construction of the Kettle Valley Railway through the Coquihalla Pass. Ken Ellison, Brian Plain, and Alex Price visited Ed (a pocket stamp dealer) when he retired to Rutland. He was an old chap then. Earlier, he was in the Merritt area – more specifically in Voght Valley and Kingsvale. All the covers from Voght Valley and Dot seem to have come from Ed when he lived and farmed there! He next was in Kamloops. Brian says that Ed was everything that a pioneer of the interior should be: tough, wiry, skin like leather, slightly bow-legged, and fascinating to talk to.

Fred W.L. Keane (1895-1978) came from Ireland, and was a researcher at the Canada Agricultural Research Station (now the Pacific Agri-Food Research Centre) in Summerland. He retired to Victoria (he became a member of VIPS in November 1963). He also did extensive philatelic research on law stamps, on Admirals (including the precancels) and on the 1867 Centennial issue. Paul Hughes travelled from Sidney three times a week to work with Fred on the Centennials. They would visit as many local post offices as possible to purchase stamps, looking for tagging and other varieties. Fred wrote several books: *British Columbia Law Stamps 25¢ Value of the Fifth Issue* (with Howard L. Martin) and with Paul Hughes a handbook on the Centennial Issue. His collections went from Egyptian Interpostal seals to Canadian postmarks. He donated his collection of Canadian revenue stamps, including his specialized collection of British Columbia law stamps, to the National Postal Museum. Once, on one of my many visits to Sidney from Toronto, Paul Hughes took me to visit Fred for an afternoon at his apartment in downtown Victoria. I felt honoured to meet this dignified gentleman.

Jack St. Laurent (died November 21, 1981) grew up in Falkland, B.C., was overseas in WWII, came back, and spent many years in the BC Forest Service Office in Clinton. He always came down to the stamp meetings of the OMPA. He was a great fellow, ready to help anyone. After Clinton, he retired and lived at Silver Creek (south of Salmon Arm). After he passed away, Geoff Walburn and Ken Ellison purchased his collections (mostly postal history, with many nice items).

Henry Geoffrey Walburn of Kelowna (1902-1999, Figure 20) was born in Bramhall, Cheshire, England[38]. When he bought Carl Sonne's large collection of precancels in 1940[39], he also took over as editor of the Hoover brothers' catalogue of precancels. He went on the become "the Dean of Precancel Collectors." Walburn published the *Standard Canadian Precancel Catalogue* for four decades. Geoff was a founding member of the OMPA and a Fellow of the RPSC (1997). He joined the B.C. Philatelic Society in 1942. He owned and operated Pixie Beach summer resort in Okanagan Centre, then moved to Kelowna. Geoff collected, bought, and sold Canada precancels for decades. Brian Plain says that Geoff remained very active as a buyer of precancels at Bob Lee's auctions. He requested that every lot be called. As there was a limited number of buyers, Bob used to call a lunch break for everyone else while he went through the book and called every precancel item for Geoff.

Geoff did not have any use for a computer. He kept his records and inventory lists on small, pocket-sized, spiral-bound note pads. He wrote in a tiny, crimped hand that was totally legible. In the books, he kept a record of every item he purchased, when, the cost, and from whom. This list also included a date on which the item was sold, to whom, and for what price. His memory for 'the business of stamps' was prodigious. Much of the information in the notebooks, particularly relating to price, formed the basis of his pricing in the catalogues.



Figure 20. Geoffrey Walburn.

Brian – who purchased many Assiniboia Dominion Land Office covers from Geoff (only Coulee, Assiniboia West was over $5.00) – says that one of Geoff's pride-and-joys was the publication, in color, of a book showing his personal collection of Canadian Precancels. This was a labor of love; not many copies were ever made. It was a remarkable collection.

I only know George H. Melvin of Vernon (1905-1983) through his reference book *The Post Office of British Columbia 1858–1970*. This book,

published in 1972, is not just a list of BC post offices but includes their opening and closing dates, name origins, postmasters, and locations. His list of acknowledgements in the book, which includes Ken Ellison, Thurlow Fraser, Alex Price, Bill Topping, and some collectors of the previous generation described in this article, is a *Who's Who* of BC postal history. Melvin was born in Portsmouth, England; his family moved to Ontario when he was five. He served with the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps in World War II (with the Field Ambulance on Kiska, Alaska) then settled in Vernon. He was a painter and decorator, and an alderman for six years, and became a postal historian. For many years, he was the auctioneer for the OMPA. The Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs named Melvin to the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists in 1972. The City of Vernon awarded Melvin "Freedom of the City" (their highest civic tribute) in 1978.

Here are two more collectors from the Interior. Peter Beulah was a junior engineer working under Alex Price on the Kettle Valley Railway about 1958. He is a collector of B.C. postal history and got Alex started on town cancels. He is a former manager and part owner of Greenwood Forest Products at Penticton, now partly retired. Peter's father-in-law, Ted Atkinson of Summerland, is listed as being Member #6675 of the RPSC. Atkinson worked at the Federal Agricultural Research Station in Summerland, and founded Summerland Sweets Ltd. (which produces fruit-based goods) in 1962. Atkinson submitted an article to *The Canadian Philatelist* [Vol. 17, No. 4 (July-August 1966) pp. 168 and 173] written by his brother, R.S. Atkinson, first curator of the Penticton Museum. The article tells about their father, Edward O. Atkinson, who worked from 1888 to 1890 on the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway, and then from 1890 to 1897 as a mail clerk on the Calgary and Vancouver run. E.O. Atkinson also acted as relief postal inspector at Victoria. The safe in the Post Office Inspector's office contained sheets of remainders of Vancouver Island and British Columbia colonial stamps. In the mid-1890s, when he was in charge of the Inspector's office, Inspector Rooney died, and his daughter came, claimed, and was given these stamps.

From 1949 to 1957, Douglas Dowsley (Victoria collector Lee Dowsley's father) sold stamps by mail order under the name Kalamalka Stamp House from Kelowna and Rutland. A.W. (Art) Gray had real estate offices in Rutland and Winfield. About 1950 he sold stamps by mail order. Another mail-order dealer in the Okanagan was Richard Clements Lucas, postmaster at Rutland from 1948 to 1970. Lucas lived behind his store, which also contained the post office.

Bob Milne was a dealer who originally lived in Rutland, but moved to Penticton about 1969. Ken Ellison bought a box full of the remainders of the John Jane cover hoard from him after he moved to Penticton. He first met Bob at Ken's first OMPA meet in Kelowna in 1959 (the second meeting of the association).

Up to the 1950s, there were a few other recognized stamp clubs in the Interior of B.C. The Columbia Philatelic Society started in Trail in November 1947 and was affiliated with the Canadian Philatelic Society in 1949. The Kamloops Stamp Club started in 1954 and a year later was affiliated with the CPS. By 1955, it had 30 senior members and 33 junior members, and held a three-day exhibition in May 1955[40].

NORTHWEST FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS

At the April 27 and 28, 1935 exhibition in Tacoma, some clubs from B.C. and Washington collaborated to organize the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs. The first Federation exhibition was held in Bellingham, Washington in 1936. There now are clubs from Oregon, Washington, British Columbia, Alaska, and Alberta, and there has been a Montana club as a member. The Federation keeps its member clubs in touch with each other through a regular newsletter and a web site, and in particular through its annual convention and show, PIPEX (Pacific International Philatelic Exhibition). PIPEX – normally alternating between the United States and Canada – is recognized as a national-level show by both the APS and RPSC. In the early years, PIPEX was held in Victoria in 1938 (Figure 21) and 1951, in Vancouver in 1940, 1953, and 1958, and in New Westminster in 1948 and 1961.



Figure 21. Cover commemorating the first PIPEX in Canada, in Victoria in 1938.

From 1960 to 1999, the Federation maintained a Roll of Distinguished Philatelists. In 2000, the title of this award became "The Northwest Distinguished Philatelist Award." The Federation also presents awards for service to member clubs and for meritorious achievements.

Peter Steernberg (1929-2004, Figure 22), who spent the latter part of his life on the Sunshine Coast of B.C., was Executive Secretary of the Federation on three occasions[41]. Born in the Netherlands, in World War II he was with the Dutch resistance, and the Dutch navy and merchant marine. He worked later in Africa and then British Columbia. He was a leading and respected philatelic judge on the west coast of both Canada and the U.S.A. I first met Peter in 1994, and we soon were close friends. He gave the most off-the-wall but fascinating talks at 21 Club. "Pops" was a man of integrity, and a mentor to many B.C. exhibitors.

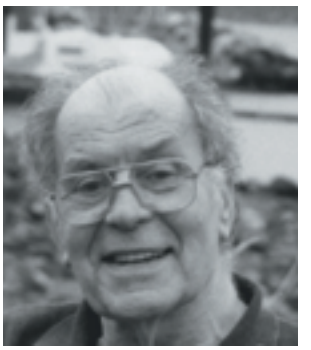


Figure 22. Peter Steernberg.

The next part of the story of western Canada philately deals with the Prairie provinces. Many collectors have assisted with this project in many ways, and they will be acknowledged after Part 2 – The Prairies. ✉

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WHAT DOES YOUR NATIONAL COMMISSIONER DO ANYWAY?

Part 2

By Alexandra Glashan

COSTS

Exhibiting at the international level costs money for the exhibitor and the commissioner. The commissioner must pay all transportation costs both for him or herself and for the exhibits. However, if the country has met its quota of applications then the show itself will grant privileges to the commissioner. More on the perks later. Many costs for exhibitors are rising. The exhibition organizers charge a fee to rent the frames and frame fees are rising. It is the responsibility of the commissioner to collect and send all the frame fees to the organizing committee by the deadline. Collecting the money from the exhibitors before the deadline may present problems. A money order is one way to send the fees either in host country local currency or in the currency requested. All banking costs are borne by the commissioner. When the money I sent INDIPEX 2011 apparently did not arrive and the officials wanted me to send another money order I was upset. After a month of e-mails, the wayward money order miraculously appeared. My stress level subsided.

One way the Canadian commissioner defrays expenses is to charge a commissioner fee. For handling all the paperwork and for processing forms, for transporting the many frames and ensuring they are well treated abroad, etc., Canadian commissioners charge nothing for youth exhibits, $25 for single frame exhibits and literature exhibits and $50 for multi-frame exhibits (five frames and eight frames are charged the same) leaving the airfare etc. to be paid by the commissioner. Needless to say, other countries try to defray expenses differently. In some countries the commissioner starts off by charging a fee for each application handled. Some commissioners also charge a fixed fee for each frame taken to the show. Still other commissioners determine the cost of their airfare, which is then divided by the number of frames, and the exhibitors pay their share. Other commissioners have their airfare paid by their national philatelic society. Some commissioners determine the cost of overweight baggage and upon their return ask each exhibitor to pay their share. There are few countries that do less than Canada; many do more. Exhibitors in Canada are fortunate to pay such small fees. This is due to the willingness of the Canadian commissioners to pay their own travel expenses and other incidental expenses (taxis to and from domestic airports, postage, banking, travel insurance, visas, gifts to other commissioners) beyond the commissioner fees.

The reduction in the number of checked bags allowed on international flights and the cost of extra bags and overweight baggage have recently become big issues. Depending on the number of exhibits, the commissioner is transporting and whether or not there is an assistant commissioner or an accompanying person to share luggage allowance with, the extra luggage and overweight baggage costs can mount. In the past, each passenger was allowed to check two pieces in the hold without additional cost. This is no longer true unless one flies business class or first class. The maximum dimensions are consistent across classes of tickets. Weight restrictions vary with the class. Flying on the cheap limits bags to one checked bag not exceeding 50 pounds, one carry-on not exceeding 20 pounds and a computer bag or purse. It is virtually impossible to pack all the exhibits and personal belongings in one commissioner case or one personal valise and one carry-on bag. Thus, it will be common for the commissioner to check a second piece of luggage and pay extra for it. More about dividing these costs will come later.



INDIPEX 2011 Commissioner Alexandra Glashan arranged for show organizers to cover stamp frames with newspapers to protect the stamps from the harmful rays of the sun.

INVENTORY SHEETS AND EXHIBIT ENVELOPES

Each national commissioner receives from the Commissioner General the multi-copy Exhibition Inventory Sheets and Frame Envelopes, each large enough to accommodate 16 exhibit pages. The exhibitor must complete the Inventory Sheets for each page of each exhibit. On the inventory sheet under the appropriate column must be listed the number of stamps, covers and other philatelic items per page. A monetary value for the exhibit must also be indicated. For one international show, a page-by-page monetary value was also required. The Frame Envelopes are individually labeled with the exhibit title and class, name of the exhibitor and so on. At the same time as the commissioner sends the Exhibition Inventory Sheets and the exhibit Frame Envelopes, the commissioner may also include a Commissioner Release Form for each exhibitor to sign and return absolving the commissioner or the commissioner's heirs of costs if the exhibit is lost or damaged through no fault of the commissioner. The commissioner does not carry exhibit insurance. Each exhibitor is responsible for insuring his or her own exhibits.

The commissioner determines a deadline for receipt of the exhibits, inventory sheets, and release form. It is important to establish a reasonable receipt date so the exhibitors can finish their work. Then the moment of action comes: each exhibitor sends the commissioner the exhibit, accurately completed inventory sheet and the signed release form. At the home of the commissioner the pile of exhibition envelopes and other papers gets higher and higher and keeping it all in order is a must. Exhibits arrive by post or more often by hand. Fellow philatelists help each other out by bringing exhibits from one part of the country to another to avoid using commercial shipping companies. Loss of exhibits may not be covered by insurance if such companies are used. It varies from one policy to another.

Hopefully, all exhibits arrive in good order and on time. The commissioner verifies each inventory sheet for accuracy because the Exhibit Inventory Form is the basis of acceptance at the bin room to the exhibition itself. So page-by-page of the exhibit, the commissioner checks that the number and type of items in each column is accurate, corrects errors and then signs each inventory sheet. The commissioner checks the exhibits verifying that all the pages are present and the page numbers are where the show organizers want them to be. The Organizing Committee page number preferences seem to be whimsical. With the arrival of each new exhibit the verification process begins anew. Making sure everything is in good order before leaving the country saves time later on. The commissioner hopes that all the exhibit pages are standard size because packing double pages causes packing problems. The commissioner is wise to scan all new correspondence and inventory forms prior to leaving for the show. Reference to them can be necessary even months after the event is over so a good e-mail filing system is a must. A good file system for paper copies is a good idea too.

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September 19th-22nd, Bridge of Allan, Stirling

PACKING

The real challenge just before leaving for the show is to figure out how to pack each exhibit in the commissioner case to maximize the number of exhibits per case without going over the weight limits. There is tremendous variety in the weight of exhibits. Placing each exhibit in a plastic bag and weighing it with a small portable luggage scale, rather than perilous attempts with the bathroom scale, gives the weight of each exhibit which is noted on a sheet of paper. A portable weight scale is a great time and sanity saver. It will not be possible to fill up the commissioner case only with exhibits because exhibits alone are too heavy. Therefore each exhibitor is strongly encouraged to use the thinnest possible cardboards and plastic covers to minimize weight. The days of heavy cardboards are over due to the horrendous cost of overweight luggage. Five and eight frame exhibits varied from a low of five pounds to as much as ten pounds. Some of the exhibits will end up in carry-on bags meaning the commissioner's personal items will end up in the cases. A deliberate packing procedure to get as many exhibits in the cases as possible all the while juggling heavier and lighter exhibits to get the weight as close to the maximum without going over takes a lot of patience and plenty of time. This should be done well in advance of leaving for the airport. New commissioner cases in two different sizes allow for easier transport since they have wheels and an extendable handle. They are waterproof, nearly indestructible and require two locks each. The commissioner, however, has to get them to his or her home from where they were last, or from their home base in Toronto.



Youngsters engaged in philatelic activities on the exhibition floor.

TRAVELLING

The next duty of the commissioner is to get the exhibits to the exhibition. The show organizers generally dictate the date of arrival, which the commissioner must respect, and on one occasion even the time of day for arrival. The arrival date is usually one to two days before the start of the show to allow time for customs clearance, inspection in the bin room and installation of the exhibits. This calls for clever choices of flights especially if traveling across the International Date Line. Professional travel agents may be preferred to do-it-yourself bookings. While traveling, commissioners ought to carry original promotional literature about the exhibition, letters of introduction, copies of inventory forms and letters of release in their hand luggage. Airport check-in is usually problem-free if the cases respect weight restrictions. If a piece of luggage is found to be overweight there is the problem of unpacking and repacking in a rush. If the cases are large then a separate security check-in for them may be required by the airlines. If the cases must be opened the commissioner may ask for them to be opened in private, away from prying public eyes. Having an assistant commissioner or an accompanying person can lower stress during the check-in process and security examination; getting to the departure gate on time is a great relief.

A constant worry with checked-in baggage is their safe arrival at the other end. When two or three or even four flights are involved the anxiety level about the bags arriving with the commissioner is high. The cases should be easily identifiable with the addition of a small colourful identification gimmick. The cases must be locked but the locks must be able to be opened for international security inspection along the route. The keys should be handy for arrival inspection. Special locks that can be opened by border security officials without being damaged if the process is necessary. After an en-route inspection, the bag is relocked and notification is placed in the bag to indicate that inspection has occurred. If the locks are broken by inspectors the cases are basically open for thievery. Padlocks with a key are preferable to ones with a number code to avoid inadvertent changes in the code. Having sat on a hotel floor starting with 000 I can say this from personal experience.

Flights are often long and there may be sizeable layovers between flights. On the other hand, there may be hair-raising rides in airport carts racing from one terminal to another with the fervent hope the next plane will still be there and more importantly that the luggage will make that flight. I have experienced both situations.

***To be continued in the next issue of* TCP**

BADEN 1862 1KR

The 1 kreuzer black of 1862 exists with a broken lower right corner. Without the break, the Michel prices are 25 euros for the stamp if it lacks gum but otherwise is what I call Mint Hinged (MH). Let's use NG for these MH stamps without gum. A non-variety MH stamp is 75 euros, and a used one is 200 euros. With the break, the value is 90 euros NG, 220 euros MH, and 300 euros used. Figure 1 is the full stamp with variety location circled in white. Figure 2 is a detailed view.



Figure 1: 1862 1 Kreuzer



Figure 2: Break in lower right corner

As usual, colour images are available to those who e-mail me with requests (napoleon3rd@sbcglobal.net).

RPSC PHILATELIC RESEARCH FOUNDATION — SRPC FONDATION DE RECHERCHE PHILATÉLIQUE

Donations to the RPSC Philatelic Research Foundation

The RPSC Philatelic Research Foundation operates a charitable program whereby collectors may donate philatelic material to the Foundation and receive a charitable receipt equal to its appraised replacement value for income tax purposes.

The objectives of the Foundation are to use the proceeds from donations to promote youth philately and to encourage philatelic research leading to the sharing of information through literature and other media forms with collectors.

Potential donors should contact the Foundation President, Robert S. Traquair, directly (416-921-2077) or call the RPSC National Office (1-888-285-4143) or in writing at 10 Summerhill Ave., Toronto, ON, M4T 1A8, to discuss the type of material intended for donation and the process for receiving a charitable donation receipt.

Dons à la RPSC Philatelic Research Foundation

La RPSC Philatelic Research Foundation (Fondation de la SRPC pour la recherche philatélique) gère un programme de bienfaisance qui accorde aux collectionneurs qui lui font un don, un reçu aux fins d'impôt sur don de charité équivalent à sa valeur de remplacement évaluée par un expert..

L'objectif de la fondation est d'utiliser le produit de ces dons en vue de promouvoir la philatélie jeunesse et d'encourager la recherche qui permettra la circulation d'information philatélique par le biais de publications et d'autres formes de médias.

Les personnes intéressées à faire un don peuvent s'adresser au président de la fondation, Robert S. Traquair, directement au 416-921-2077 ou au Bureau national au 1-888-285-4143, ou par écrit au 10 Summerhill Ave., Toronto, ON, M4T 1A8, afin de discuter des articles à donner et de la démarche à suivre pour obtenir un reçu pour don de charité.

PRESIDENT'S page



la page du PRÉSIDENT

RPSC news *by / par George Pepall, FRPSC* **nouvelles SRPC**

The sincere thanks of the Board of The RPSC and the members and visitors in attendance go out to the Edmonton Stamp Club for the unique and enjoyable convention they put on in June, in collaboration with The RPSC. Thank you all!

What organization has as its two-part mandate to educate school age children by using philatelic and postal history as a basis for studies in history, art, geography, sociology and related subjects, and to provide them with information and materials to do so? Want a clue? Look through this issue of TCP to Page 305, or any other issue of our journal for a half-page box ad in yellow. That's right - the RPSC Philatelic Research Foundation.

At the Foundation's June 28th annual meeting of directors and members, President Robert Traquair pointed out that, in fact, there currently ARE no members, even though in the past there have been members, and the By-Laws provide for both voting and sustaining members. After some discussion the directors realized that there likely were no members because there was nothing indicated for potential members to do!

So we put our minds to thinking of what members could do, acting voluntarily for the Foundation.....

How about the following specific tasks:

- Develop beginner collectors' kits, and build up lots of topical stamps for clubs and schools willing to work with children;
- Contact schools and individual teachers with a view to starting a stamp club;
- Offer simple stamp-based curriculum materials to interested teachers, perhaps at a teacher PD/PA day;
- Partner with the CSDA, Stakeholders in Philately and other friends of philately in initiatives like My First Stamp Album.

Beyond the specific mandates above, members could be helpful in any of the following ways:

- Publicize with other philatelic organizations the Foundation's successes in fulfilling our mandate, in part through a Foundation page on The RPSC website;

Le conseil d'administration de La SRPC ainsi que ses membres et les visiteurs remercient sincèrement l'Edmonton Stamp Club pour le congrès unique et agréable qu'il a organisé en juin en collaboration avec La SRPC. Merci à tous!

Quelle organisation détient le mandat en deux volets d'éduquer les enfants d'âge scolaire en utilisant l'histoire postale comme base de la formation en histoire, en art, en géographie, en sociologie et pour d'autres sujets connexes, et de fournir l'information et le matériel nécessaire pour ce faire? Vous voulez un indice? Jetez un coup d'œil au présent numéro du Philatéliste canadien à la page 305 ou dans un autre numéro de notre revue où vous verrez un encadré publicitaire d'une demi-page de couleur jaune. C'est bien cela — la Fondation pour la recherche philatélique de La SRPC.

À la réunion générale annuelle des directeurs de la Fondation, qui a eu lieu le 28 juin, le président, Robert Traquair, a souligné qu'en fait, elle ne compte actuellement AUCUN membre, même si elle en a eu par le passé et que ses règlements s'appliquent aux membres votants et bienfaiteurs. Après des discussions, les directeurs se sont rendu compte qu'il n'y avait pas de membres, car rien n'indiquait aux membres potentiels ce qu'ils devaient faire!

Nous avons donc réfléchi à ce que les membres pourraient faire sur une base volontaire pour la Fondation...

Que dire des tâches spécifiques suivantes :

- mettre au point des ensembles de collection pour débutants et rassembler des lots de timbres thématiques pour les clubs et les écoles qui souhaitent travailler avec les enfants;
- prendre contact avec des écoles et des personnes en vue de démarrer un club philatélique;
- offrir aux professeurs qui le souhaitent, peut-être à l'occasion d'une journée pédagogique, du matériel philatélique de base qui pourrait être utilisé dans un cours;
- s'associer à l'Association canadienne des négociants en timbres-poste, aux intervenants en philatélie et à d'autres amis de la philatélie dans des initiatives, comme My First Stamp Album (Mon premier album de timbres).

- Help in the solicitation and/or disposal of donated stamp collections;
- Make personal donations of cash or philatelic material on a tax deductible basis;
- Become a director after some time as a regular member.

Much of what I've said here, with the informal support of the other directors, is blue-sky thinking, and is very much a work in progress. We're motivated to make the RPSC Foundation effective for the unquestionable value of its mandate, and we welcome the involvement of all stamp collectors. Three questions remain for the directors to tackle:

- How do we go about attracting applicants for membership?
- What have we to offer someone considering an application?
- What do we expect from a member?

Please contact President Bob (1-416-921-2077) or me with your input and questions. ✉

En plus d'accomplir les mandats spécifiques énumérés ci-dessus, les membres pourraient fournir de l'aide des façons suivantes :

- faire connaître aux autres organisations philatéliques les succès de la Fondation à l'égard de la réalisation de notre mandat, par exemple en lui réservant une page dans le site Web de La SRPC;
- fournir une aide pour solliciter des dons ou des cessions de collections philatéliques;
- faire des dons personnels en argent ou en articles philatéliques admis en déduction du revenu imposable;
- devenir directeur après avoir été membre pendant quelque temps.

Une bonne partie de ce que j'ai dit ici, avec l'appui non officiel des autres directeurs, c'est rêver en couleurs et plutôt un travail en développement. Nous cherchons tous à faire de la Fondation de La SRPC une fondation performante conformément à la valeur incontestable de son mandat et nous invitons tous les collectionneurs à mettre l'épaule à la roue. Trois questions se posent encore aux directeurs :

- Comment s'y prendrons-nous pour attirer des personnes qui voudront devenir membres?
- Qu'avons-nous à offrir à quelqu'un qui songerait à poser sa candidature?
- Qu'attendons-nous des membres?

Veuillez prendre contact avec Bob, le président (1-416-921-2077) pour émettre vos commentaires ou poser vos questions. ✉

MEMBERSHIP report / Des nouvelles de nos **MEMBRES**

NEW MEMBERS / NOUVEAUX MEMBRES

The following applications were received and are herewith published in accordance with the Constitution. If no adverse reports are received within 30 days of publication, applicants will be accepted into full membership. Any objections should be sent to the National Office, P.O. Box 929, Station Q, Toronto, ON M4T 2P1.

Les demandes d'adhésion ci-dessous ont été reçues et sont publiées en conformité avec la constitution. Si aucun commentaire n'est communiqué au Bureau national, (C.P. 929, Succursale Q, Toronto, ON, M4T 2P1) d'ici 30 jours, les adhérants seront acceptés comme membres.

(M) minor - activity guaranteed by parent or guardian / mineur - activités philatéliques garanties par un parent ou un tuteur.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS / MEMBRES À TITRE PERSONNEL

I-29284 • Mehmood Atcha
Stamps & Coins

I-29285 • Hubert D'Mello
Canada Provinces, Canada (all years), Canada (errors).

I-29286 • Raymond Ball
South Africa, Bahamas, Jamaica, Guyana

I-29287 • Sharon Daniels
Worldwide - branching into Canada and US

I-29288 • Les Crowder
Canada and USA

I-29289 • Maurice Ethier

I-29290 • Michael Mather
GB, Cyprus, Falkland Islands, Gibraltar

MN-29291 • John Palmar

I-29292 • Ronalda Washington

I-29293 • David Stanley
British Commonwealth

I-29294 • Kerry Benford
Canada and Provinces up to present day. WW up to 1970.

I-29295 • Terry Hursh
Canada, Great Britain, U.S., Iraq

I-29296 • Joseph Owen
Canadian Mint from 1930 to Present. British North America, British Caribbean, British Pacific and Falkland Islands, British Channel Islands. US Mint 1920 to Present, Vatican City, Egypt.

I-29297 • Trevor Lynn
19th century Canada, North Korea, Vatican, Great Britain, Falkland Islands, Colonial Africa, Dictators and Despots

I-29299 • Michel Blanchard
Canada mint, Re-entry.

I-29300 • Michael Walker
First day covers, transportation stamps, new coins

RESIGNED MEMBERS / MEMBRES DÉMISSIONNAIRES

I-28945 • Wilfred Boddener

DECEASED MEMBERS / MEMBRES DÉCÉDÉS

HL-4254 • James E. Kraemer, FRPSC
I-28228 • Gerald Matthews

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CHAPTER chatter



parlons des CHAPITRES

RPSC news *by / par George Pepall, FRPSC* **nouvelles SRPC**

This issue of *The Canadian Philatelist* celebrates the 125th year of organized stamp collecting in Canada. With Canada's stamp collecting month, October, coming up soon, all RPSC chapters have a double-barrelled reason to try something new in their area this fall to promote the hobby and look for some new members. Not all of these ideas are new, but they have worked for other chapters, so maybe trying one or two could bring some new energy and fresh faces to your club.

Is there a local fair or heritage day in your area this fall? A stamp club should be welcome to staff a table as part of such an event. The Saskatoon Club prepared stamp packets for kids at theirs in February. Eugene Sonmor reports that their table was busy all day.

There are bound to be service clubs in your area that would like to hear about our hobby, and see stamps and covers on display or in albums. Chances are there is a Lion or Optimist or Rotarian in your chapter who could invite a club member as a speaker.

Does your chapter have someone deignated to do public relations? Meeting information, show date and site, beginners' sessions, philatelic talks: all these activities are worth doing, so they must be worth promoting. Having one director or member do this work is likely to be most effective. So many communities have cost-free means of publicizing events in the print and electronic media these days.

Following up on the last thought, do you have a chapter website? And is it linked to The RPSC, neighbouring clubs and specialty groups in your area? The key to an effective website is keeping it fresh and current, so again, having one member designated as webmaster is a good way to go.

Have you considered for this new season holding an extra or alternative meeting? Some seniors aren't comfortable about going out into the winter evenings if they can help it. Maybe some meetings on Saturday mornings or afternoons would meet that preference. It might also be a way

Le présent numéro du Philatéliste canadien célèbre la 125e année de la philatélie organisée au Canada. Comme, octobre le mois de la philatélie au Canada, arrive à grands pas, toutes les sections de La SRPC ont deux fois plus de raisons d'essayer quelque chose de nouveau pour promouvoir notre passe-temps dans leur région et chercher de nouveaux membres. Les idées suivantes ne sont pas toutes nouvelles, mais elles ont été efficaces pour d'autres sections de clubs; c'est pourquoi en mettre ou une deux à l'essai pourrait apporter une nouvelle énergie et de nouveaux visages à votre club.

Y a-t-il une fête locale ou un jour du patrimoine dans votre région cet automne? La participation d'un club philatélique à ce genre de manifestation serait sans doute bienvenue. Par exemple, le Saskatoon Club a préparé des paquets de timbres pour les enfants lors de la fête qu'il a organisée en février. Eugene Sonmor affirme que sa table philatélique a reçu des visiteurs toute la journée.

Il y a forcément des clubs philanthropiques dans votre région qui aimeraient entendre parler de notre passe-temps et voir des timbres, des plis ou des albums. Il y a de bonnes chances qu'un membre d'un club Lions, Optimiste ou Rotary de votre section puisse inviter un collègue philatéliste de votre club en tant que conférencier.

Votre section a-t-elle un spécialiste des relations publiques attitré? Les renseignements sur les réunions, les dates et les sites d'exposition, les séances pour débutants et les conférences philatéliques sont autant d'activités qui en valent la peine, elles doivent donc valoir aussi la peine d'être promues. Il serait sans doute des plus efficaces qu'un directeur ou un membre se charge de ce travail. De nos jours, bien des collectivités disposent de moyens gratuits de faire la promotion d'activités spéciales dans les médias imprimés ou électroniques.

Pour continuer dans la même ligne de pensée, votre section a-t-elle un site Web? Et, le cas échéant, est-il relié à La SRPC, aux clubs voisins et aux groupes spécialisés de votre région? La clé de l'efficacité d'un site Web est de le renouveler et de le maintenir à jour et, encore une fois, désigner l'un de

to extend your chapter's offerings from simply acquiring and selling stamps to more philatelic learning and sharing.

Does your chapter have a t-shirt or sweatshirt for members? A simple silk-screened design, perhaps using the image of your club's logo or of a popular stamp in your area, might create a team look among your members, and maybe even serve as a simple fundraiser over time.

And lastly, one chapter tackled the problem of getting members to be punctual for meetings by putting all the names of those who arrived on time in a hat, and drew out one for a $5.00 door prize. Worked like a charm, I'm told! ✉

vos membres en tant que webmestre est une bonne façon de faire.

Avez-vous songé à organiser une réunion supplémentaire ou une réunion unique en son genre pour cette nouvelle saison? Certaines personnes âgées préfèrent ne pas sortir les soirs d'hiver. Des réunions les samedis matin ou en après-midi pourraient satisfaire ce choix. Cela pourrait aussi s'avérer une façon d'élargir les offres de votre section — au lieu de simplement acquérir et vendre des timbres, il pourrait y avoir un apprentissage et un échange de connaissances philatéliques.

Votre section de clubs dispose-t-elle de t-shirts et de pulls molletonnés pour ses membres? Une simple conception sérigraphique, peut-être la représentation du logo de votre club ou d'un timbre populaire dans votre région, pourrait créer l'image d'une équipe parmi vos membres et peut-être même, avec le temps, être utilisée dans le cadre d'une collecte de fonds.

En dernier lieu, une section s'est attaquée au problème du manque de ponctualité aux réunions. Les noms de tous ceux qui arrivaient à temps étaient mis dans un chapeau d'ou on tirait un prix de présence de 5,00 $. Cela a fonctionné comme un charme, m'a-t-on dit! ✉

Advantages of clubs being chapter members of The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada

- Access to RPSC insurance plan
- Opportunity to order sales circuit books
- Chapter copy of *The Canadian Philatelist* (TCP)
- Access to network of certified exhibit judges
- Access to inventory of slide programmes
- Publication of club's meeting and contact details in *TCP*
- Networking opportunities with neighbouring chapters
- Link to RPSC website, with website development support
- Eligibility to hold a national exhibition and convention
- Access to all member services of our national office

Avantages d'un club d'être membre chapître de La Société royale de philatélie du Canada

- Accès au régime d'assurance de La SRPC
- Possibilité de commander les carnets du circuit des ventes
- Un exemplaire du Philatéliste canadien (LPC)
- Accès à un réseau de juges d'exposition agréés
- Accès à un répertoire de programmes de diapositives
- Publication dans LPC des réunions des clubs et des coordonnées des personnes à contacter
- Possibilité de réseautage avec les sections régionales voisines
- Lien vers le site Web de La SRPC et aide au développement de site Web
- Admissibilité à la tenue de l'exposition-congrès national
- Accès à tous les services aux membres offerts par le Bureau national

AJAX PHILATELIC SOCIETY
Chapter 163 The Ajax Philatelic Society meets every 2nd & 4th Thursday at the Ajax Public Library (Main Branch), 65 Harewood Avenue South, Ajax at 6.30pm to 9pm. September to June (no meetings in July & August). Discussions and a 40 lot auction at all meetings. Refreshments provided. New members and guests are welcome. For more information contact David Goreski at 905-579-3349 or donaldbeaumont@yahoo.com

AMICALE DES PHILATÉLISTES DE L'OUTAOUAIS (APO)
Chapter 190 Les membres de l'APO se réunissent tous les lundis soir du début septembre à la fin mai de 18h30 à 20h30. Les réunions ont lieu au Centre communautaire Fontaine, 120, rue Charlevoix, Gatineau (secteur Hull), Québec. Carte de membre : Adultes 20$ (10$ pour les moins de 16 ans). Vendeurs, encans, expositions./ Members of the APO (Chapter 190) meet every Monday from the beginning of September to the end of Mai from 6:30 to 8:30. The meetings take place at the Fontaine Community Centre, 120, Charlevoix Street, Gatineau (Hull sector), Quebec. Membership: Adult $20, 16 and under $10. Dealers, auctions, shows and bourse Contacts: Ronald Lefebvre, Président, 439, rue Duquette ouest, Gatineau, QC J8P 3A7 email : lefebvrero@videotron.ca, Alain Bossard, Directeur, 1157, Emperor Avenue, Ottawa, On K1Z 8C3 email: isabelle.alain@sympatico.ca

CLUB PHILATÉLIQUE "LES TIMBRÉS" DE BOISBRIAND
Section adulte: Tous les lundis soirs de 18h45 à 21h. Section junior: Tous les samedis de 9h. à 11h30; au Centre socio-culturel de Boisbriand, 480 rue Chavigny, Broisbriand, QC, J7G 2J7; information: Louis-Georges Dumais Président 450-979-7371 et M. Maurice Touchette Vice-président-Trésorier 450-435-5973.

BARRIE DISTRICT STAMP CLUB
Chapter 73, meets the second Thursday of the month, except July and August, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Owen and Worsley Streets, Barrie, at 7:00 p.m. Contact John Rossiter, 14 Fawn Crescent, Barrie, ON L4N 7Z5. Telephone 705-726-1050, E-mail jrrossiter@bell.net. Website: www.barriedistrictstampclub.ca

BRAMALEA STAMP CLUB
RPSC Chapter 144 meets the 1st Sun. Oct. to June 2-4 p.m. and the 3rd Tues. year round 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Terry Miller Recreation Complex, Williams Parkway (between Dixie Rd. and Bramalea Rd.) Brampton, ON. Contact: Bramalea Stamp Club, Box 92531, Bramalea, ON L6W 4R1.

BRANTFORD STAMP CLUB
RPSC Chapter 1 meets on the 1st and 3rd Tues. Sept. to May, and the 1st Tues. in June, at the Woodman Community Centre, 491 Grey St. ON at 7 p.m., short business meeting at 8 p.m., followed by a program. Circuit books, five dealers. Contact: Secretary, Box 25003, 119 Colborne St. W., Brantford, ON N3T 6K5; (519) 753-9425

BRITISH COLUMBIA PHILATELIC SOCIETY
Chapter 31 meets on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. throughout the year except for some holidays or holiday periods, at West Burnaby United Church, 6050 Sussex Ave., Burnaby BC, near the Metrotown Skytrain station. See our website at www.bcphilatelic.org for details and contact information. Mailing address: Box 40, Grosvenor Building, 1040 West Georgia St., Vancouver, BC V6E 4H1.

BURLINGTON STAMP CLUB
Chapter 200 - The Burlington Stamp Club meets at the Burlington Seniors Centre, 2285 New Street, Burlington, in the Boutique Room from 7 pm - 9 pm on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month from September to June. No meetings in July or August. Visitors always welcome. Contact Norm Macneall at 905-336-8685 or macneall@cogeco.ca.

CALGARY PHILATELIC SOCIETY
(Chapter 66) Regular meeting: 1st Wed. except July and Aug., 7 p.m. Auctions on 3rd Wed. of month except Dec., 7:30 p.m. Kerby Centre, 1133 7 Ave. SW. Contact: Calgary Philatelic Society, PO Box 1478, Station M, Calgary, AB T2P 2L6, or visit www.calgaryphilatelicsociety.com

CAMBRIDGE STAMP CLUB
Chapter 4 - Meets on the first Thursday and 3rd Monday of each month (September to June), on the second floor of the Allan Reuter Center, 507 King St., Cambridge. Visitors welcome. Information: Joseph Sieber, 20-2 Isherwood Ave, Cambridge, ON N1R 8P9, 519-621-8745.

CAMPBELL RIVER STAMP CLUB
The Campbell River Stamp Club meets every third Thursday of the month in the lounge of The Campbell River Community Center, 401-11th Avenue at 1:00 p.m. Guest speakers and discussions. Everyone is welcome. No meetings in July, August and December. For more information contact: David Wood, Secretary/Treasurer at dcwood@telus.net – 250-287-4842 or 918 Hemlock Street, Campbell River, BC V9W 5H5).

CANADIAN AEROPHILATELIC SOCIETY
RPSC Chapter 187, yearly membership for Canadians $20 Cdn, for Americans $22 Cdn. and for all other countries $25. No formal meetings, but members join the RA Stamp Club meetings at the RA Centre, 2451 Riverside Dr., Ottawa, ON at 7:30 p.m. every Mon. except June to Aug. Contact: Brian Wolfenden, 203A Woodfield Drive, Nepean ON K2G 4P2. (613) 226-2045.

CLUB PHILAS
Les membres de Philas se réunissent à tous les deux samedis, de septembre à mai de 9h30 à 11h00. Les réunions ont lieu au Centre Henri-Lemeiux, la carte de membre est de $15 par année et une nouvelle inscription est $40 pour les jeunes et $25 pour les adultes. Pour informations: Johane Perreault, présidente de Philas, 1142, Lloyd George, Verdun (Québec) H4H 2P3, par téléphone au (514) 767-4864, par courriel à philas-alle2@videotron.ca.

COBOURG STAMP CLUB
Chapter 106 meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month (Sept through May) and once a month during June, July and August at the Salvation Army Citadel, 59 Ballantine St., Cobourg. For further information re club activities please contact Harold Houston at 905-885-0075 or e-mail hhouston@cogeco.ca.

COLBORNE STAMP CLUB
Chapter 205 meets on the second Tuesday of the month September to May inclusive at 7pm at the Old St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Hall, 45 King Street East, Colborne,ON. For further information re club activities please contact Sharron MacDonald at 905-355-2691. E-mail sharron@start.ca.

CREDIT VALLEY PHILATELIC SOCIETY - MISSISSAUGA
Chapter 67 of The RPSC meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from September to April, 7 to 9 p.m. at Christ Church United, 1700 Mazo Crescent - one block east of Clarkson Rd. and one block south of Truscott. Contact Bob Laker (905) 608-9794.

EDMONTON STAMP CLUB
Edmonton's Chapter 6 meetings held every other Mon., Sept. to June at 7 p.m., at St. Joseph High School cafeteria (use north entrance), 10830-109 St. Contact: Box 399, Edmonton, AB, T5J 2J6. Keith Spencer (780) 437-1787 or e-mail ameech@telusplanet.net.

ESSEX COUNTY STAMP CLUB
Chapter 154 meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month (except no second meeting in July, August and December), at 7:00 p.m. at 5050 Howard Ave, Windsor, ON. Contact: Brian Cutler, President 2370 Rankin Ave, Windsor, ON N9E 3X6. Tel: 519-966-2276 or e-mail cutler@mnsi.net.

FENELON STAMP CLUB
The club meets on the second monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Fenelon Falls Baptist Church on Colbourne Street in Fenelon Falls. For more information, contact President, Lloyd McEwan, 705-324-7577, 212 Mary St. W., Lindsay, ON K9V 2N8.

FRASER VALLEY PHILATELIC CLUB
Meets at 7 p.m. on the 3rd Monday, except holidays, at Abbotsford Senior Secondary School, 2329 Crescent Way. Contact N. Holden at (604) 859-9103.

FREDERICTON DISTRICT STAMP CLUB
Chapter 148 meets the 1st and 3rd Tues, Sept. to May at 7:30 p.m. at the Hugh John Fleming Forestry Centre, 1350 Regent St. Contact Ron Smith, 12 Chateau Dr., McLeod Hill, NB, E3A 5X2, (506) 453-1792, e-mail: rsmith0225@rogers.com

FUNDY STAMP COLLECTORS CLUB
Meets the 1st Thursday, except July and August, at 7 pm at the CN Pensioners Centre, 1 Curry Street, Moncton, NB. Contact TFSCC, c/o 37 Saunders Street, Riverview, NB E1B 4N8, or visit website www.fundystampclub.ca.

GEORGIAN BAY COIN & STAMP CLUB
The club has two chapters, Wasaga Beach which meets the second Thursday of each month at The Prime Time Club, 1724 Mosley Street, Wasaga Beach, Ontario 6.30PM, and in Midland which meets the first Tuesday of each month at the North Simcoe Sports and Recreation Centre, 527 Len Self Boul., Midland Ontario, 6.30 PM. Contact is Peter Barnes (705) 534-3771.

GREATER VICTORIA PHILATELIC SOCIETY
Chapter 32 meets on the 3rd Fri. at 7:30 p.m. at the Windsor Park Pavilion in Oak Bay. Circuit books, auction and special programs prevail. Contact Lee Dowsley, 1673 Longacre Drive, Victoria, BC V8N 2M9, email: gvps@vicstamps.com.

GUELPH STAMP CLUB
Chapter 233 meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month from September to May, and the 3rd Wednesday of June, July and August. Meetings are held at St. Georges Anglican Church, 99 Woolwich St, Guelph. Meetings start at 6:30 pm. New members welcome. For more information contact George Shepherd, 103 Renfield St, Guelph, ON N1E 4A5. Phone: 519-822-8322, E-mail: ngshepherd@rlproyalcity.com.

HAMILTON STAMP CLUB
Chapter 51 meets at 6 p.m. on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Mon., Sept. to June, including holidays, and 2nd Mon. of July, at Bishop Ryan Secondary School, Quigley Rd. and Albright St. Contact: Clare Maitland (Secretary), Box 60510, 673 Upper James St., Hamilton, ON L9C 7N7; www.hamiltonstampclub.com.

INSURANCE AND BANKING PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN – CANADIAN BRANCH
Chapter 82. Meetings are held at 5:00 pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Premiers Suite of the Albany Club, 91 King St. East, Toronto, ON. Contact either Joe Janthur (President) 416-364-4112 or Herb Kucera (Secretary) at 416-494-1428 prior to meeting date to confirm time and date. Some meetings could be held at other locations.

KAWARTHA STAMP CLUB
The Kawartha Stamp Club, meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month (except July and August) at 6:30 p.m. at the Immanuel Alliance Church, 1600 Sherbrook Street West, Peterborough, ON K9J 6X4. Contact Marie Olver at 705-745-4993 for more info.

KELOWNA AND DISTRICT STAMP CLUB
Chapter 90 meets on the second Monday of the month, September to June, at 7 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Association, Branch 17 (Club 17), 1353 Richter at the corner of Fuller and Richter, Kelowna, BC. Contact: Kelowna and District Stamp Club, c/o The Secretary and Treasurer, 4740 Parkridge Drive, Kelowna, BC V1W 3A5.

KENT COUNTY STAMP CLUB
Chapter 7 meets 4th Wed. except July, Aug. and Dec. in the library of John McGregor Secondary School, 300 Cecile, Chatham, ON, at 7:30 p.m. Contact: Secretary, Allan Burk, 43 Sudbury Dr., Chatham, ON N7L 2K1.

KINCARDINE STAMP CLUB
Chapter 196 meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at the Davidson Community Centre on 601 Durham St. in Kincardine. Contact President John Cortan 519-395-5817 or Secretary Andrew Lunshof 519-396-5910. Club mailing address is 677 Hunter Street, Kincardine, ON N2Z 1S6 or e-mail: kincstampclub@hurontel.on.ca.

KINGSTON STAMP CLUB
Meets 7-9 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Mon. Sept. to May at the Ongwanada Resource Centre, 191 Portsmouth Ave. Free parking and wheelchair access. Consignment table, auctions, bourse, OXFAM, and trading. Contact Richard Weigand, 218 Richmond Street, RR#1, Bath, ON K0H 1G0, e-mail: rweigand@kos.net.

KITCHENER-WATERLOO-CAMBRIDGE REGIONAL POST CARD CLUB
Meets on the 2nd Wednesday in May, September and November at 7:00 p.m. and on the 2nd Saturday in January and March at 1:00 p.m. at Doon Heritage Crossroads, at Homer Watson Blvd and Old Huron Road, Kitchener, Ontario.

KITCHENER-WATERLOO PHILATELIC SOCIETY
Chapter 13 meets the 2nd Thurs. Sept. to June at Albert McCormick Arena, Parkside Dr., Waterloo. Contact: Craig Pinchen, PO Box 904, Station C, Kitchener, ON N2G 4C5. Phone: 519-742-5892. Email: oscar_cormier@rogers.com.

LAKEHEAD STAMP CLUB
Chapter 33 meets the 2nd Wed. and last Fri. Sept. to June at the Herb Carroll Centre, 1100 Lincoln St., Thunder Bay, ON. at 7:30 p.m. Contact: Secretary D. Lein, 232 Dease St., Thunder Bay, ON P7C 2H8.

LAKESHORE STAMP CLUB – CLUB PHILATÉLIQUE DU LAKESHORE

Chapter 84 meets at St. John the Baptist Church, 233 Ste-Claire Street in Pointe-Claire, on the 2nd and 4th Thurs. Sept. to June at 7:30 p.m. Contact: Chuck Colomb, President, PO Box 1, Pointe Claire/Dorval, QC, H9R 4N5. / Le chapitre 84, se réunit les 2e et 4e jeudis de chaque mois du début septembre à fin juin, à 19h30. Les réunions ont lieu à l'Église St. John the Baptist, 233 rue Ste-Claire à Pointe-Claire. Information: Chuck Colomb, Président, Case Postale 1, Pointe Claire/Dorval, QC, H9R 4N5.

LETHBRIDGE PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Chapter 57, The Lethbridge Philatelic Society, meets on the second Thursday of the month (except July and August) at 7 p.m. in the community room of Save on Foods, 1112 2nd A Ave N, Lethbridge, AB. Contact Ted Nicholson at 403-381-7510, email: bandaid@telusplanet.net.

LONDON & MIDDLESEX STAMP CLUB

Chapter 204 meets every other Fri. Sept. to May, at 7 p.m. in the basement of St. Martin's Church, 46 Cathcart St., London. Meeting at 8 p.m. Contact Patrick Delmore at 519-471-7139.

LONDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Chapter 9 meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month excluding July & August at the Dutch Canadian Club, which is located on the Northwest corner of Gore Road and Clarke Road. The doors open at 7:00pm and the meeting starts at 7:45pm. There is usually a presentation followed by an auction. New members and guests are always welcome. For more information check out our website at www.londonphilatelicsociety.com.

MEDICINE HAT COIN & STAMP CLUB

Chapter 146 meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Victory Lutheran Church, side door facing parking lot, 2793 Southview Drive S.E. Medicine Hat. Contact Ron Schmidt, 324 - 2800 13th Ave. S.E., Medicine Hat, AB T1A 3P9. E-mail: medhatcsc@live.com.

MILTON STAMP CLUB

Chapter 180 meets on the last Monday of each month (except December) from 7:30 p.m. at Waldies Blacksmith Shop in the Carriage Room at 16 James Street, Milton, Ontario. For information: Milton Stamp Club, 256 Laurier Ave., Milton, ON L9T 3V6. (905) 864-6140.

MONTREAL PHILATELIC CLUB

Chapter 122 meets monthly from September to June, at 7:30 p.m. at the Westmount Library, 4574 Sherbrooke St. W, Westmount. Contact: 25 Levasseur, St. Constant, QC J5A 1M9. Telephone: 514-735-3941; E-mail: lslaven@sympatico.ca.

MUSKOKA STAMP CLUB

Meets the first Wednesday of each month at Bracebridge Public School, 90 McMurray Street, Bracebridge, ON. (Location for July & August will vary). Contact Bruce Hughes, 29 Sallys Lane, R.R.1, Port Sydney, ON P0B 1L0. Telephone 705-385-2020.

NELSON STAMP CLUB

Meets on the 3rd Thurs. except Dec. at 7 p.m. at #105-402 W. Beasley, Nelson, BC V1L 5Y4.

NIAGARA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The Niagara Philatelic Society meets on the second Wednesday of the month, at Stamford Lions Club Hall, 3846 Portage Road in Niagara Falls at 7 PM. Everyone is welcome. No meetings in July or August. For more information contact: Ed Yonelinas e-mail: mastamps@computan.com or phone: 905-262-5127

NORTH BAY & DISTRICT STAMP CLUB

The North Bay & District Stamp Club meets every second and fourth Wednesday of the month, September to May, at Empire Living Centre, 425 Fraser Street, North Bay at 6:30 p.m. Visitors are always welcome. Contact person: Ms. Terry Turner, tel. (705) 472-6918, e-mail: teron@sympatico.ca.

NORTH TORONTO STAMP CLUB

Chapter 5 meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from January to June and from September to November. Meetings are held at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, 1585 Yonge Street, one block north of St. Clair Avenue. Stamp sales circuit opens at 6:00 p.m. and meetings are from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Contact: NTSC.President@gmail.com. Website:www.NorthTorontoStampClub.tk. Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/groups/9803891585.

NORTH YORK PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Chapter 21 meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month from September to June, and on the 3rd Wednesday of July and August. Meetings are held from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Skaters' Lounge at the Carnegie Centennial Arena, 580 Finch Avenue West (1 1/2 blocks west of Bathurst), Toronto, Ontario. Meetings feature a convivial atmosphere, speakers, auctions, and a number of dealer members. Membership is only $5 per year. Ample parking is free. For more information contact Michael D'Amato, 18 Bunker Road, Thornhill, ON L4J 2N6. Tel: 905-856-8835 or check our website at: http://sites.google.com/site/northyorkphilatelicsociety.

NOVA SCOTIA STAMP CLUB

We invite you to join us at a monthly meeting on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm in the auditoriam - lower level (except July & August). Nova Scotia Museum of Natural History, 1747 Summer St., Halifax, NS B3H 3A6, www.nsstampclub.ca.

OAKVILLE STAMP CLUB

Chapter 135 meets the 4th Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the forum of St. James Catholic Elementary School at 255 Morden Road in Oakville. Contact Oakville Stamp Club, c/o Roy Honess, Phone: 905-822-8450 or e-mail: royhoness@hotmail.com.

OSHAWA/WHITBY STAMP GROUP

The Oshawa/Whitby Stamp Group meets 3 times weekly -Every Monday at 801 Brock Rd. Whitby 10 am to noon - Every Wednesday evening at 115 Grassmere Ave. Oshawa - 6 pm to 8.30 pm - Every Friday - Legends Community Centre - Seniors section 1661 Harmony Rd. North 11.45 to 12.45. For more information contact - Larry Friend at 905-723-8798 or email lfriend@sympatico.ca - or contact Jim Stevenson at 905-576-4449. Also check out our web site at oshawawhitby-stamp-club.com.

OTTAWA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Chapter 16 meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m., September through June, at the Hintonburg Community Centre, 1064 Wellington St., Ottawa, Ontario. Visitors are always welcome. Contact: Jack Gray, Secretary, 3 Leonard Ave., Ottawa, ON K1S 4T6. E-mail: exoc@sympatico.ca. Website: www.ottawaphilatelicsociety.org.

OWEN SOUND STAMP CLUB

Chapter 191 meets the 3rd Wed. at 7 p.m. at St. George's Anglican Church, 149 4th Ave. E. Trading, auctions, circuit books. Contact Robert J. Ford, 721 8th Ave. E., Owen Sound, ON N4K 3A5. Contact Phil Visser, 519-376-6760, email: psvisser@hurontel.on.ca.

OXFORD PHILATELIC SOCIETY:

Chapter 65 meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, September to May, at South Gate Centre, 191 Old Wellington Street South, Woodstock, Ontario at 7:00 p.m. Trading at 7:30 p.m. Program with speakers, mini auctions, dealers, contest with prizes and draws for all ages. Contact: Gib Stephens, P.O. Box 20113, Woodstock, ON N4S 8X8.

PENTICTON AND DISTRICT STAMP CLUB

Chapter 127 meets the 1st Sunday of each month, from Sept. to May, from 2-4 p.m. at the Penticton Library Auditorium, 785 Main St. Contact: Gordon Houston (Secretary), 298 Cambie Street, Penticton, BC V2A 4G8, e-mail: gordandlou@shaw.ca.

PERTH STAMP CLUB

Meets the 2nd and 4th Wed. Sept. to June, 7:30 p.m. in McMartin House, Gore Street. Contact Gus Quattrocchi (A.J.), 69 Harvey St., Perth, ON K7H 1X1.

R.A. STAMP CLUB – OTTAWA

Chapter 41 meets every Mon., except June to Aug. at 7:30 p.m. at the R.A. Centre, 2451 Riverside Dr., Ottawa, ON K1H 7X7. Contact: (613) 733-5100.

REGINA PHILATELIC CLUB

Chapter 10 meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday from Sept. to May, 7 - 10 p.m. at Cochrane High School in the teachers' staff room. Contact: P.O. Box 1891, Regina, SK S4P 3E1.

SAINT JOHN STAMP CLUB

Chapter 156 – Saint John Stamp Club meets at 7:00 pm on the fourth Wednesday of each month, except July, August and December, at the Howard Johnson Hotel, Main St., North End, Saint John, NB. Visitors and new members welcome. Please call 506-849-2250 for more information.

ST. CATHARINES STAMP CLUB

Chapter 53 meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month (except for July and August) at the Grantham Lions Club, 732 Niagara Street, St. Catharines, Ontario. Contact: Stuart Keeley, President, 15 Baxter Cres., Thorold, ON L2V 4S1, or e-mail stuart.keeley@sympatico.ca or visit http://www.stcatharinesstamp.ca.

ST. JOHN'S PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Meets 2nd and 4th Wed., except July and Aug. at 8 p.m. at Marine Institute. Contact: Michael Deal, 107 Springdale St., St. John's, NL A1C 5B7. Tel: (709)754-2807. E-mail: mdeal@mun.ca

ST. THOMAS STAMP CLUB

Chapter 232 meets every second and fourth Thursday evening at the Community of Christ Church, 105 Fairview Avenue, St. Thomas, ON. For more information contact Rick Badgley at 519-637-8432.

SARNIA STAMP CLUB

Chapter 45 meets on the 4th Sunday of the month, September through June, with the exception of December which is held on the 2nd. Sunday. Meetings are held at the Kinsmen Club of Sarnia at 656 Lakeshore Road in Sarnia, Ontario, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Activities include circuit books, silent auction, and dealers. Contact: Doug Fox at 1849 LaSalle Line, RR4, Sarnia, ON N7T 7H5. Telephone: (519) 332-0378. Email: foxfarms@bell.net.

SASKATOON STAMP CLUB

Chapter 80 meets the 2nd and 4th Mon. Sept. to May, 7-9 p.m. at the Saskatoon Public Library - Rusty McDonald Branch, 225 Primrose Dr., Saskatoon, SK S7K 5E4. Contact: secretary: Doug Smith, (306) 249-3092; email: douglasmichaelsmith@shaw.ca.

SAUGEEN STAMP CLUB

Meets on the 1st Tuesday of every month at St. Matthews Lutheran Church, 356 – 9th Street, Hanover, Ontario. Contact Bill Findlay, 393454 Con2 EGR, RR #4, Durham, ON N0G 1R0. Phone: 519-369-5689. Email: billfindlay@bell.net.

SCARBOROUGH STAMP CLUB

Chapter 223 meets the 1st and 3rd Tues. Sept. to June at 7 p.m. at Cedarbrook Community Centre, Contact Ron Dell-Agnese, 14 Overbank Crescent, Don Mills, ON M3A 1W2. 416-447-5677, rdellagnese@rogers.com.

LA SOCIÉTÉ PHILATÉLIQUE DE QUÉBEC

La S. P. Q. tient ses réunions régulières les premiers et troisièmes mercredis du mois au sous-sol de l'église St-Rodrigue, 4760 1ère Avenue, porte 10 à Québec.Les réunions ont lieu de 19 h à 22 h du troisième mercredi de septembre au premier mercredi de juin. Information: écrire a SPQ, CP 70076, succ Québec-Centre, Québec, Qc G2J 0A1. Courriel: jp.forest@videotron.ca, site Web: www.s-p-q.org.

LA SOCIÉTÉ PHILATÉLIQUE DE LA RIVE SUD

Société membre No. 19. Réunions régulières tenues les 2e et 4e lundis débutant en septembre pour se terminer le 2e lundi de juin. De 19h30 à 21h00. Centre culturel, 100 ouest, rue St-Laurent, Longueuil, QC. Secrétaire Bernard Dansereau.

STRATFORD STAMP CLUB

Chapter 92 meets on the 4th Thursday of the month except for July and August in the Kiwanis Community Centre, 111 Lakeside Dr., Stratford, ON. Doors open at 6:30 and meeting starts at 7:45. Sales Circuit, Dealers, Auctions, Regular Meeting Program. Contact William Gard 519-272-2842; e-mail gard2842@rogers.com.

SUDBURY STAMP CLUB

Chapter 85 meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, September through June at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are held at the Delki Dozzi Playground Fieldhouse. Slides, presentations, auction. Contact: Wm "Biff" Pilon at 1779 Graywood Drive, Sudbury, ON P3A 5S5. E-mail: biffandbetty@sympatico.ca.

TORONTO STAMP COLLECTORS' CLUB, FOUNDED 1892

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month except July and August. Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. in Room 504 at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, 1585 Yonge St., one block north of St. Clair Avenue. In December we hold an annual dinner meeting with guests and it is held at various locations. Contact Owen White, tel. (416) 481-4731 or e-mail: owen.white@sympatico.ca or by Canada Post to: P.O. Box 860, Station K, Toronto, ON M4P 2H2

TRENTON STAMP CLUB

Chapter 89 meeting on the 1st and 3rd Wed. Sept. to June at the Trenton Seniors' Club (Club 105) at the corner of Bay and Campbell Streets at 6:45 p.m. Contact: B. Ferguson 613-398-1152, G.A. Barsi at 613-394-2024. Email: wilabet@sympatico.ca.

UKRAINIAN COLLECTIBLES SOCIETY (TORONTO)

Meets on the 1st Monday of the month, September through June, 7-9 p.m. at the Ukrainian Canadian Social Services, 2445 Bloor St W, Toronto, Ontario. Contact Jerry Kalyn: 416-251-6898 or e-mail ucst@upns.org.

L'UNION DES PHILATÉLISTES DE MONTRÉAL

Chapter 3 de la Société se réunit de 19h à 21h30 tous les 2e et 4e mardis et de 13h à 16h30 tous les 1e et 3e mardis, de septembre à juin au Centre Saint-Mathieu, 7110, 8e avenue, Montréal, Qc. H2A 3C4. Visiteurs bienvenus. Contact: ncaron@philatelie-upm.com, site internet: http://philatelie-upm.com. / Chapter 3 meets at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays and at 1:00 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from September to June at Centre Saint-Mathieu, 7110, 8th avenue, Montreal, Qc. H2A 3C4. Visitors always welcome. E-mail: ncaron@philatelie-upm.com, Website: http://philatelie-upm.com

VANCOUVER ISLAND PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Chapter 52, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the 4th Thurs. at St. Aidan's Church Hall, 3707 St. Aidan's St., Victoria, BC. Contact R. Clarke, Sec., Vancouver Island Philatelic Society, 205 - 651 Jolly Pl, Victoria, BC, V8Z 6R9.

WEST TORONTO STAMP CLUB

Chapter 14 meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays (Regular Meetings) at 6:30 pm; and 3rd Tuesday (Discussion Group) at 7:30 pm in Fairfield Seniors' Centre, 80 Lothian Avenue, Etobicoke. Advice, Auctions, Dealers, Exhibits, Group Sessions, Speakers. Contact Frank Alusio (416-621-8232) or falusio@sympatico.ca

WINNIPEG PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Meets at 6:30 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Thurs. except July and Aug. The Scandinavian Centre, 764 Erin Street, Winnipeg. Contact: Michael Zacharias, 808 Polson Ave, Winnipeg, MB R2X 1M5. E-mail: michaelpzacharias@shaw.ca.

To have your event listed in this section of The Canadian Philatelist, please send all details to The RPSC National Office, P.O. Box 929, Station Q, Toronto, ON M4T 2P1. Details may be faxed to 416-921-1282 or e-mail to info@rpsc.org. Information will not be accepted by telephone. THIS IS A FREE SERVICE OF THE RPSC.

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REGIONAL EVENTS / ÉVÉNEMENTS RÉGIONAUX

SEPTEMBER 8 SEPTEMBRE, 2012:
Brunpex 2012 sponsored by The Fundy Stamp Collectors Club will be held from 10 am to 4 pm at the Rotary Lodge Centennial Park, St. George Blvd., Moncton, NB. Dealers and silent/live auctions. Free admission. For more information contact: info@fundystampclub.ca. or visit the website at http://www.fundystampclub.ca.

SEPTEMBER 22 SEPTEMBRE, 2012:
The Cambridge Stamp Club Annual Show will be held from 10 am to 4 pm at the United Kingdom Club, International Village Dr., Cambridge, ON. There will be 10 dealers, club circuit books, snack bar. Free parking. For more information email Steve Klages at klagesss@gmail.com.

SEPTEMBER 22 SEPTEMBRE, 2012:
COPEX 2012 sponsored by the Cobourg Stamp Club will be held from 9 am to 3 pm at the Salvation Army Citadel, 59 Ballantine St., Cobourg, ON. Member stamp displays, 8 dealers, consignment sales, food court and door prizes. Free admission and parking. For more information Contact Harold Houston at hhouston@cogeco.ca.

SEPTEMBER 28-29 SEPTEMBRE, 2012:
VANPEX 2012, the annual exhibition and bourse of the British Columbia Philatelic Society will be held on Friday from 10 am to 5 pm and Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm in the Community Room of the West Burnaby United Church, 6050 Sussex Avenue, Burnaby, BC. Free admission and parking. More information from Derren at verdraco@uniserve.com or www.bcphilatelic.org.

SEPTEMBER 29-30 SEPTEMBRE, 2012:
UKRAINPEX 2012 sponsored by the Ukrainian Collectibles Society Toronto, will be held on Saturday from 10 am to 6 pm and on Sunday from 9 am to 4 pm at the St. Demetrius the Great Martyr Church, 135 la Rose Ave., Toronto, ON. Ukrainian stamps, coins and collectibles exhibition and bourse. For more information e-mail ucst@upns.org.

OCTOBER 6 OCTOBRE, 2012:
The Sarnia Stamp Club's LAMPEX 2012 show and bourse will be held from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm in the OPTIMIST HALL at the Point Edward Arena (under the Blue Water international Bridge betweenSarnia and Port Huron Michigan). Displays, 10 dealers, snacks. Free admission and parking. More information from John Armstrong at sarniastampclub@cogeco.ca or the website at http://www.sarniastampclub.ca.

OCTOBER 6-7 OCTOBRE, 2012:
VICPEX Stamp Exhibition and Bourse sponsored by the Vancouver Island and Greater Victoria philatelic societies will be held on Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm, and Sunday from 9:30 am to 4 pm at the Comfort Inn, 3020 Blanshard St., Victoria, BC. Admission by donation and free parking. More information from Don Shorting at docdon@shaw.ca.

OCTOBER 13 OCTOBRE, 2012:
The Kingston Stamp Club is holding Kingston Stamp Festival 2012, from 10 am to 4 pm at the Edith Rankin Memorial Church, 4080 Bath Road, Kingston, ON. Dealers, door prizes, youth booth, consignment table, and food concession. Free admission. More information from Richard Weigand at rweigand@kos.net or (613) 352-8775.

OCTOBER 13 OCTOBRE, 2012:
GUELPHPEX 2012 will be held from 9 am to 4 pm at the Evergreen Seniors Complex, 683 Woolwich St., Guelph, ON. Member displays, 16+ dealers, silent auction, door prizes, and food booth. Free admission and parking. Information from George Shepherd at ngshepherd@rlproyalcity.com or (519) 242-8022.

OCTOBER 20 OCTOBRE, 2012:
The Barrie District Stamp Club's 2012 Annual Show and Dealer Bourse will be held from 10 am to 4 pm at the Army, Navy & Air Force Veterans in Canada Club, 7 George St., Barrie, ON. Club member exhibits and 20 dealers. Free admission and parking. Information from Michael Millar, FRPSC, (705) 726-5019 or mmillar@apexia.ca. or after August 1st see website at http://www.barriedistrictstampclub.ca

OCTOBER 20 OCTOBRE, 2012:
GRVPA 18th Annual Club Fair will be held from 10 am to 4 pm at the United Kingdom Hall, International Village Dr. Cambridge, ON. Will have 12-14 clubs, 450+ club circuit books, 2 silent auctions (300+ lots), youth area, snack bar. Free parking and admission with draw tickets being sold to cover costs. For more information contact Stuart Keeley at stuart.keeley@sympatico.ca or visit the website at http://www.grvpa.com

OCTOBER 27-28 OCTOBRE:
50th Annual Saskatoon Coin and Stamp Show sponsored by the Saskatoon Stamp Club will be held from 9 am to 5 pm on Saturday and 10 am to 4 pm on Sunday, at the Ramada Hotel, 806 Idylwyld Drive North, Saskatoon, SK. Show has 21 dealers from across Western Canada. Contact is Martin Schofield at douglasmichaelsmith@shaw.ca or see http://www.saskatoonstampclub.ca.

NOVEMBER 3 NOVEMBRE, 2012:
KENTPEX 2012 stamp bourse and exhibition hosted by the Kent County Stamp Club will be held from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm at the Active Lifestyle Centre, 20 Merritt Ave., Chatham, ON. Free admission, free parking, and draw prizes. Lunch and snacks on site. For more information contact Paul V. McDonell at (519) 354-1845 or pvmcdonell@sympatico.ca

NOVEMBER 9-11 NOVEMBRE, 2012:
The CSDA's National Postage Stamp Show will be held in the Queen Elizabeth Building, Exhibition Place, Toronto, ON. Dealers from across Canada, the UK, and the USA, plus Canada Post. Free stamps for kids, club and society information, and much more. Show hours Friday 11 am to 6 pm, Saturday 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday 10 am to 4 pm. Further information from director@csdaonline.com.

NOVEMBER 17 NOVEMBRE, 2012:
Middpex 2012 sponsored by the London Middlesex Stamp Club, will be held from 10 am to 4 pm at the Westview Baptist Church, 1000 Wonderland Road, just north of Southdale Road on the east side of London, ON. Exhibits, 20 dealers, draws, lunches, wheelchair accessible, free stamps for beginners. Free parking and admission. Information from Patrick Delmore at patrickdelmore@hotmail.com.

JANUARY 12 JANVIER, 2013:
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JOSEPH EDWARD JAMES KRAEMER (1918 - 2012)

We are saddened to report that James (Jim) Kraemer passed away on June 30, 2012 at the Ravines Retirement Home in Ottawa.

Born in Listowel, Ontario on November 11, 1918, Jim appreciated early on the importance of organized philately. His work ethic and organizational abilities quickly manifested themselves in the Grand River Valley Stamp Club. Jim was appointed an advisor to the junior stamp club established by the GRVSC and the young club flourished for many years under his tutelage. He was also instrumental in establishing the Germany Philatelic Society (Kitchener), the first chapter outside the United States.

Jim is perhaps best known in philatelic circles as the curator of Canada's first National Postal Museum which he was invited to establish in 1971. When the facility opened only three years later, he was appointed its permanent manager and curator. One of the highlights of Jim's tenure as curator of the National Postal Museum was an invitation to Buckingham Palace to view the Royal Collection.

His long association with The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada began when it was still known as the Canadian Philatelic Society (CPS). In 1954 Jim was selected as the general chairman of the Society's 26th annual convention in Kitchener. Louis Lamouroux, President of CPS at the time, described the 1954 national show as "the best exhibition the society has ever had."

Between the 26th and 32nd RPSC Conventions in 1954 and 1960 respectively, both co-chaired by Jim, he served a term as president of the Grand River Valley Philatelic Association. In 1966, he became vice-president of The Royal, a post he relinquished in 1971 when he assumed responsibility for the establishment of the National Postal Museum.

Among the many honours and awards bestowed on a man who devoted much of his life to philately are fellowships in three national societies: The Royal Philatelic Society London; The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada; and the Order of the Beaver. He was also awarded Canada's Centennial Medal in 1967; the Coronation Medal in 1977 and the Geldert Medal in 1988 for outstanding authorship in *The Canadian Philatelist*.

From 1985 to 1990, Jim served a five-year term as president of The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada Research Foundation.

In addition to his many submissions to philatelic publications worldwide, he co-authored *The Canada Precancel Handbook* in 1988. It touches on all aspects of Canadian precancelled stamps and is a publication that belongs in the library of all serious philatelists collecting Canadian stamps.

Exhibitors at CAPEX '87 will remember him as one of the judges on the jury. Other international judging assignments in which he participated included AMERIPEX '86 and BRAZILIANA '89.

Although Jim took our hobby seriously - he guided The RPSC as



president from May 1987 to April 1991, for example - he enjoyed the fun side of the hobby even when the job entailed high-pressure responsibilities. While chairing the 1960 RPSC Convention in Kitchener, for instance, he and several cohorts walked around the convention floor with beards glued to their chins and wearing fedoras evocative of Waterloo County Mennonite sartorial customs. Pinned to their jackets were oversized promotional buttons reading: *Velcome – Vee Gates*.

Following his retirement as curator of the National Postal Museum in 1981, Jim continued to accept national and international judging assignments, in addition to acting as Canadian Commissioner to show destinations such as ESPANA '84, JOHANNESBURG 100, PHILAFRANCE '89 among others.

A devoted collector, author, organizer, volunteer, exhibitor and judge, Jim will be missed by his many friends throughout the hobby.

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Redesigned and case bound, the 16th edition of the popular *Queen Victoria Catalogue* includes just about all the information that specialists of Great Britain's Queen Victoria stamps could want in a catalogue. The black-and-white images are crisp and clear and the print is easy to read.

Beginning with the essays, the 369-page publication guides collectors through the stamp manufacturing process and on to the plate proof preparation, the colour trials and to the stamps as finally issued. As its predecessor edition is now three years old, the new catalogue has been updated and the listed stamps are re-priced to reflect current market conditions.

Detailed price listings in this revised publication include Departmental Official issues, Postal Fiscals and Post Office Telegraph Stamps with appendices covering the Mulready Letter sheets with advertisements, the protective overprints and underprints, specimen and cancelled overprints, the stamps of the Circular Delivery Companies and the stamps of the various colleges of Oxford and Cambridge Universities.

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The lion's share of the information in the catalogue, quite appropriately, deals with the Victorian issues in all their minutiae. Introductory notes, including a list of abbreviations and symbols used throughout the publication along with six fully illustrated appendices and a comprehensive reading list, complement a professionally prepared work that delivers more than its title suggests.

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The objective of the 27th edition of this ever-popular, perennial publication remains what it was when the first edition rolled off the press in 1986: to provide collectors with an intermediate catalogue between the basic *Collect British Stamps* for novice collectors and the *Great Britain S*pecialized *Catalogue* designed for collectors requiring the most detailed listings available.

Included in this latest work are Britain's definitive and commemorative issues, regional issues, postage dues, departmental official issues, postal fiscal stamps, errors, first day covers, booklets, specimens and post office label sheets. Listings are complete from May 1840 to March 2012.

Machin definitive issues offer a challenge for most collectors, albeit a pleasurable one. The fully illustrated decimal Machin index along with the decimal index of Machins with elliptical perforations make life easier for collectors specializing in these issues.

Also featured in this One-Country publication are missing colour varieties, missing embossing, watermark errors, imperforate errors, omitted phosphor

varieties, gutter pairs and traffic light gutter pairs in mint sets. As a truly comprehensive work to meet the needs of beginner and advanced collectors alike, the editors did not overlook such specialized items as the specimen overprints up to 1952, wartime issues for the Channel Islands, Post Office Yearbooks, Presentation, Collector and Gift Packs and "Generic Smilers." In short, this new work lists just about everything that discriminating collectors could wish for in a stamp catalogue.

There is much that is new in the 2012 edition: Notes on the "Dollis Hill" trial issues, for example, have been included, as have several never-before-listed varieties, including the "double black" variety on the 1982 19½ pence "Cars" stamp. The catalogue is surprisingly up-to-date with listings of the Comics issue released in March 2012 and the new Diamond Jubilee 1st class Machin stamps.

The Philatelic Information section is an eight-page feature delving into areas such as the catalogue's full colour illustrations, names of stamp designers, types of paper used to print the various issues and similar technical matters. The Commemorative Design Index lists the subjects of commemorative issues from 1953 to March 2012. Where complete sets of stamps share an identical design or inscription, only the catalogue number of the first stamp is given.

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The Stanley Gibbons Western Europe Simplified Catalogue lists the stamps of 46 countries, stamp-issuing postal administrations and formerly occupied territories such as Alsace, West Berlin, or Lombardy and Venetia, for instance. Some of these regions, such as East Germany, or the historic Italian States, have long since been amalgamated or have reverted to their mother country.

In total, there are about 70-plus listed political entities that currently provide, or at one time provided, postal services. A massive publication, weighing about five pounds or close to two and a half kilograms and approaching 1,000 pages, it lists in one convenient place each country's commemorative and definitive stamps as one would expect but also lists much back-of-the book material such as postage dues, parcel post and newspaper stamps. Enormous in scope and size, this 2nd edition covers a lot of territory and philatelic material.

Virtually all stamp listings are priced in used and mint condition. As Stanley Gibbons Ltd. also stocks many of the listed stamps, their list prices serve as a valued source and a guide for collectors shopping for stamps.

A two-page "Information for users" guide explains the scope of the catalogue, its organization, comments on the catalogue's numbering system and the need for return postage for correspondence addressed to the publisher. This section also outlines the restricted information provided about watermarks, perforations and se-tenant issues. As stated in the catalogue's title, it is a "simplified price catalogue and, as such, highly specialized and technical information is beyond the scope of the publication.

Lest readers think that the publication falls short of providing required information by most general collectors, I hasten to add that this new work is also a philatelic primer. For instance, it includes information on the currencies appearing on stamps, design descriptions and background information on listed countries, including geographical details.

For the benefit of topical collectors, the catalogue includes brief descriptions of each depicted stamp. Sets of stamps picturing a common theme provide information about each individual stamp in the set.

The Guide to Entries, fully illustrated with actual examples of how to use the catalogue, is a nice touch and makes the publication that much more user-friendly.

A four-page glossary of philatelic terms in five languages, English, French, German, Spanish and Italian, will undoubtedly appeal to non-English-speaking collectors.

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