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# What About Small Collections?

March 1, 1961.

Dear Friends:

On January 3rd, a Mr. Spencer of Midland, Ontario, came to my office and asked if I would be interested in buying a small British Colonial collection. I valued the book and he accepted my offer. The album was put in our collection safe with a number and price on it and will be sold complete as purchased.

There is a twofold purpose in telling you about this particular deal. First point is that although my previous letters about my travels and purchases mostly related to big deals, I'm always interested in small lots. The second point is that when you are interested in beginning a collection or going into a new field you should contact us and enquire about the dozens of collections large and small, that we have on hand. There might be just the lot for you, and as we have not had to do a lot of work sorting, mounting and preparing the stamps, the price will be reasonable. Please remember the so-called little fellow is always welcomed at Empire.

Early in January I purchased a mint accumulation of Canada and U.S. from an Owen Sound collector. All stamps were in full sheets going back about 20 years and included the good dollar items. I've stored this in the Elly Marks safe until I get time to break it down into stock. Dealers and investors should enquire about this lot.

In January, Mr. Harold Kuhl of Kitchener, a well-known stamp dealer in that area, passed away after a short illness. Harold was a good friend of mine and for many years he purchased all of his stamp requirements from me during his weekly Wednesday visits. His store was closed on this day and he would arrive in the morning and scout around our place finding special items that he needed, good Canada, Germany and that sort of thing; also collections, job lots and so on. The desk would be piled high but before making any purchase or discussing price we would go out for lunch—a good lunch. Perhaps he felt I was more lenient on price afterwards or maybe if not making a good deal he would at least get the satisfaction of a free meal. Whatever it was this was our habit. When we got back to the office at mid-afternoon we would delve into stamps, "pile of junk," he always called it, argue, disagree, take this out, put this in and so on until 5 p.m., when he had to leave to take the train home. At this point he always made his final decision, and with a grin of satisfaction would say: "ship it up." During the last 15 years Harold's purchases from me totalled over $100,000.00. Customers and friends in the Kitchener area will join with me in expressing sincere sympathy to Mrs. Kuhl and their six daughters.

Canon Reverend Chester Mixer of Kitchener, only 48 years of age, passed away early in January after a serious illness. His entire collection and accumulation has been placed with me for disposal.

A couple of local dealers have quizzed me on the value of the British Colony stock purchase that was announced in my last letter. To quell any doubts I have worked out an exact 1961 catalog value from the inventory and it is $301,950.00.

Philatelically yours,

Harry Martin

HARRY B. MARTIN, Jr.

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## THE EDITOR SPEAKS OUT . . .

THE Editorial Board, which decides on the policy of our journal, had recently added to its members a very distinguished philatelist in the person of "Mr. Canada" himself, to wit, our old friend Fred Jarrett, and, as a result, the Board has just held a meeting at his home just outside the Toronto City limits.

It was a great pleasure to us to note that in spite of the disposal of a great deal of his material at Jim Sissons' auctions during the past year, Fred maintains an enthusiastic interest in stamps and still has material that would be the envy of humbler collectors.

We noted also with great satisfaction that Fred has that true mark of the great philatelist, a very broad conception as to what should go in *THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST*.

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We are publishing in THE MAIL BAG this month a letter from a member who, if we understand him right, is protesting, among other things, against too many *"cancellation"* articles. He may be right, but we feel that a great number of our readers are interested in cancellations, and that we are simply following the general trend of the present time.

While we are inclined to agree with the oft-expressed opinion that following specialization in many fields, some of us are inclined to lost sight of the main object of philately, i.e. THE STAMP, we have to follow the popular trend up to a point and we do feel that a large proportion of our members are liking "cancellation" articles at the present time. But we also feel that this is a passing trend and that THE STAMP will never lose its high standing in the collection tastes of philatelists everywhere.

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No doubt some of our readers may point out to us, after reading our remarks on the collection of U.S. stamps in Canada in our February number,

that the Grand Award at the recent Westmount show in Montreal was given to an outstanding U.S. exhibit. Quite true, but it must also be noted that the winner in question, Dr. D. F. Green, while a member of the Westmount S.C., is a resident of Burlington, Vermont.

We are still of the opinion that in Canada, there are very few collectors of the stamps of our great neighbour, compared to what one would find, for example, in France, by way of collectors of any of the neighbouring countries, such as Belgium or even Spain.

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For the first ime—in many years at least —the day of issue of one of our stamps coincided with a philatelic exhibition, to wit, the issue of the Northern Development Stamp with the first day of the Westmount Stamp Show.

The Post Office Department had a counter there and installed a machine canceller, with a Slogan boosting the Exhibition (reproduced on page 156). The Post Office started in business about 6 p.m. and immediately started doing a land office business; it was very impressive indeed to watch the huge piles of covers going through that machine before closing time and it would be interesting to know how many covers were cancelled.

No doubt many covers were serviced by the P.O. Dept. in Ottawa that same day, but we wager that, philatelically speaking, the Montreal ones were far more interesting.

AND—it shows that the installation of a canceller at an exhibition is not quite the arduous task that we have been led to believe it is. We watched the installation of counters and machine in the course of the afternoon before the official opening of the show and there was certainly nothing in it that required any super mechanical or organizational feat.

The P.O. also had a good supply of recent commems. for sale and good business was done in this direction, most of it sheer profit for the P.O. Dept. as few of these stamps sold over the counter would be used for postal purposes.

Maybe one of these days we shall get in Canada the same kind of co-operation that the U.S. Post Office gives its philatelic societies and clubs.

Have YOU made your reservation for North Hatley yet? Now is the time to do it!

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We hope our readers will note that the item STAMP STORING on another page is culled from THE STAMP COLLECTOR'S MAGAZINE of 1863, almost one hundred years ago!

We like the passage " . . . *continue in vogue for several years, and that before it goes out . . .*", "Timbromanie" may have been a fad a hundred years ago, but it seems to have been a mighty healthy one for none will deny that it is in a very flourishing condition to-day . . . with no sign of its "going out"!

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## She Collects Canadian Philatelic Periodicals

THOSE of our readers who collect philatelic literature, more especially Canadian philatelic periodicals, will be interested in the ambition of Mrs. Eleanor A. Totten (RPSC #7043), of Minneapolis, Minn., who is currently endeavouring to form a collection of both old and of currently published Canadian stamp magazines.

If you should point out to Mrs. Totten that she is collecting in a very difficult field, she will mention that she already has complete bound volumes of such rare publications as "The Stamp Collector's Monthly Gazette" (Saint John, N.B., 1867), "The Philatelic Courier & Stamp-Collector's Journal" Halifax,, N.S., 18881-89) and a number of others. Of the currently published magazines she has complete bound sets of our own "The Canadian Philatelist" (binding in "Royal" blue with title in gold on fronts and spines), Maple Leaves, BNA Topics, together with many other Canadian philatelic periodicals that have ceased publication within comparatively recent years.

Our Classified Ad department carries an ad of Mrs. Totten's in this issue. Therein she lists some of her "Wants". We hope that some of our readers may be able to help her in her quest.

# Numeral Cancels on Canada's Large Queens

By H. W. HARRISON (R.P.S.C. 7504) and S. COHEN (R.P.S.C. 6779)

## PART THREE

### THE NUMERAL "TWO" OBLITERATORS OF TORONTO

AT the time of Confederation, Toronto was the second largest Post Office in the Dominion, and as such, was assigned the numeral "2" in the Dominion series of obliterators.

It is our conjecture that the Berri duplex containing 13 broken bars in the obliterator portion, which was issued in the early 1860's, was misplaced or destroyed sometime during late 1868 or early 1869. In any event, it was rarely used after the establishment of the Dominion Post Office Dept. The circular date stamp with complete outer circle was frequently used as an obliterator commencing in the spring of 1869. This is not to say its use as an obliterator did not occur prior to that time, but only to say that its use as such increased noticeably.

We suggest that during the spring of 1869 a vast increase in the amount of mail originating at Toronto, or the loss of the Berri duplex and/or other obliterators, or a combination of both factors, resulted in the ordering of additional 2 Ring "2" hammers. We further surmise that Types 47 and 49 were the product of the original supplier of the entire 2 Ring series, thought to have been Berri. We have seen a cover with a Type 47 obliterator dated May 28, 1869, and a type 49 dated April 12, 1869.

The next unusual type which we have recorded is Type 43 on a cover dated May 31, 1869. Note that this is the earliest date recorded so far for an obviously locally-produced obliterator, and that this Type retains the 2 Ring configuration. Thus it is apparent that the introduction of a new obliterator, supplied by the original maker, was insufficient to handle the volume of mail. Shortly thereafter, still more obliterators were required and someone undertook to provide them. The numeral "2" was retained in the design, but the plain double ring surround was discarded for various fancy designs, more satisfying to the artistic nature of the maker.

We record here in chronological order the various Fancy "2" designs which we have recorded on cover:

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| April 12, 1869 | Type 49 |
| May 28, 1869 | Type 47 |
| August 11, 1869 | Type 37 |
| August 30, 1869 | Type 30 |
| September 6, 1869 | Type 1a |
| September 10, 1869 | Type 32 |
| September 23, 1869 | Type 50 |
| September ?, 1869 | Type 50 |
| October 18, 1869 | Type 10 |
| October 19, 1969 | Type 36 |
| November 26, 1869 | Type 12 |
| December 10, 1869 | Type 11 |
| December ?, 1869 | Type 23 |
| October 19, 1870 | Type 38 |

It should be noted for the record that few, if any, of these fancy obliterators were made of cork. It is our thought that most were probably carved from soft pine, which rapidly deteriorated under the hard usage, resulting in the relatively short life which each type evidently enjoyed, and the consequent replenishment with another artistic achievement. (See Types 1, 1a, 1b, and 1c.).

We also believe that most of the hammers were carved with very shallow indentations, which rapidly filled up with dried ink and lint from the pads so that only very early strikes in the life of a hammer show clearly the fancier efforts of the maker. Thus it is quite easy to fall into the error that a new type has been discovered, when in reality, it is merely a heavily inked or late strike of an already recorded type. It is the belief of one of the authors that Types 7 and 17 are actually strikes from the same hammer, although the illustrations would not lead one to think so. (One must remember that the illustrations are far from exact). Nevertheless, close examination of actual strikes developed so many points of duplication that it is a distinct possibility that Types 7 and 17 are from the same hammer. It is also a possibility

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Type 4



Type 5



Type 6



Type 7



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Type 9



Type 10



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that Types 12 and 33 are from the same hammer, and the same can be said for Types 14 and 38.

We have recorded here as many as these Fancy "2's" as we have seen on the Large Queen Issue. Since the use of these carried over well into the Small Queen period, it is quite possible that there are still more Types which are only to be found on stamps of the Small Queen Issue. Good Hunting!



Type 41



Type 42



Type 43



Type 44



Type 45



Type 46



Type 47
Normal 2-ring
Different type
2 insert



Type 48



Type 49
Normal 2-ring
Different type
2 insert



Type 50



Type 51



Type 52



Type 53



Type 54
Normal 2-ring
Diff.Insert



Type 55
Cover dated
Oc 21 72



Type 56



Type 57
Cover dated
Ap 12 69

**(Further types on page 144)**

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To PHILATELIST READERS:

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As a collector of CANADIAN plates, I need a few corner positions (plate blocks of four) to complete the following issues. Perhaps you can help me.

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| 190 | 2 | X | | X | |
| 190 | 3 | X | | X | |
| 195 | 3 | | X | | |
| 195 | 4 | | X | | |
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Best personal regards to Norman S. C. and George L. L.

# The North Hatley Convention

By A. H. CHRISTENSEN,
*Convention Chairman.*

THE Hon. William Hamilton, M.P., Postmaster General of Canada, has accepted the invitation of Dr. G. M. Geldert, F.R.P.S.L., President of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, to be present at the Society's forthcoming Convention.

This, the Society's 33rd Annual Convention, will be held at North Hatley, P.Q., from May 11 to 14 under the Distinguished Patronage of our Patron, His Excellency Major-General Georges P. Vanier, D.S.O., M.C., C.D., Governor General of Canada.

The Postmaster General will address the Convention on the Saturday afternoon and will be the guest of honour at the special buffet supper that evening.

Plans have been made to present at North Hatley several very interesting addresses by leading specialists on the classic issues of Canada and a number of well-known philatelists from the United States and England have intimated that they will be attending the Convention.

During the North Hatley Convention a meeting of the Canadian Fellows and Members of the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain will take place for the first time in Canada.

The Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain is well-known throughout the world as an outstanding B.N.A. specialist society, having among its membership many of the leading specialists in the stamps and postal history of Canada and the Provinces.

Stanley H. Godden, F.C.P.S., President of the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain, is coming over from England for the Convention. He will be one of the principal speakers at North Hatley and with his wide knowledge of Canadian material will take a prominent part in the various study and discusssion groups which are being arranged during the Convention.

This will be the first time that such a gathering of the Canadian members of the C.P.S. of G.B. has taken place on Canadian soil and this joint meeting with the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada will give an opportunity for the many Canadian and American members to meet together and also to meet the President of the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain.

A special meeting will be convened by A. H. Christensen, F.C.P.S., the Convention Chairman, so that Mr. Godden may have the opportunity of personally meeting the members from this side of the Atlantic and telling them something about the work of the Society in Great Britain. Also taking part in this special gathering will be Hedley J. Hollands, who was for several years Hon. Secretary of the Society before coming out to Canada in 1957.

Hotel booking has been coming in very well and it now appears that the North Hatley Convention will be one of the largest gatherings of philatelists ever to assemble in the Province of Quebec, with of course the exception of the crowds visiting the larger stamp exhibitions held in Montreal over the years.

All enquiries as to hotel reservations must be made to Bruce McKay, at the Connaught Inn, North Hatley, P.Q., a convenient form for which appears on page 154 of this issue.

If any of those who are contemplating coming to North Hatley have not already completed the form, which appears at the bottom of page 154, indicating their preferences as to study and discussion groups, would they please do so now. This information will be of help in making the programme as interesting as possible to those attending the Convention.

Reservations for Bourse Tables have also been coming in well and if any dealer requires accommodation in the Bourse, will they please communicate with the Convention Chairman at P.O. Box 250, North Hatley, P.Q., as soon as possible. The Eastern Townships Stamp Club, under the presidency of the Rev. Abbé Hector Lafrance of Sherbrooke, is arranging an interesting schedule of events for the Saturday and Sunday afternoons when the Club will act as hosts at "Open House" meetings to which visitors are cordially invited.

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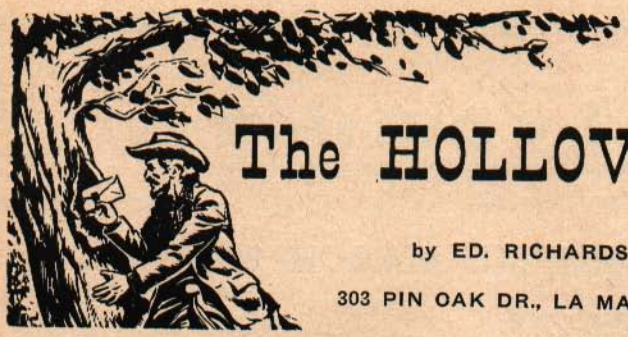
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by ED. RICHARDSON (R.P.S.C. 6991)

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### No. 519—NIAGARA FALLS MACHINE CANCEL OF 1908-11

This interesting, neat machine cancel may have been used at other post offices, but the only examples I have seen are those from Niagara Falls, and were dated 1908 to 1911. This is quite a lot like some of the earliest Canadian machine cancels which incorporated the world "CANADA" in the killer device. The killer portion consists of 7 straight lines, with "CANADA" appearing in place of a portion of the fourth line, far over to the left side. The letter "R" appears between, and breaking the bottom two lines.

It is a most attractive early machine cancel and will be included in the new handbook on Flag, Banner and Early Machine cancels.

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### No. 520—COMMERCIAL AIRWAYS—PURPLE ISSUE

This is Sanabria #544 and Holmes #S-033. While Holmes calls attention that there are shades of this stamp, it is not generally known that there are two very distinct shades. The one is the normal stamp, the other is a very deep, dark shade and worthy of separate listing. Sanabria now lists this as #544a, but does not price. The dark shade is the scarcer.

Incidently any copy of this stamp is a good item, as this purple stamp appears on a good many want lists. It is not common on cover.

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### No. 521—No. C3b—PAIR, ONE WITHOUT SURCHARGE

Recently we added a block of four of this variety to our collection. This was one item that had long been missing, although we had a rather good counterfeit pair on our page of counterfeit varieties of this surcharged issue. Under a good glass it could be determined that the counterfeit pair was made up of one normal stamp—#C1, plus one copy of #C3 and "joined" into a pair.

However the fabricator of this fake made several mistakes. 1. The stamps in the fake genuine copies all came from a sheet which was badly off center; 2. The surcharge in the fake pair is almost perfectly placed in its normal position,—in the genuine it is well off to one side; 3. In the genuine too, the right hand bars are either incomplete or entirely missing. There are other details as well, but the above will serve in most instances. There is no use in giving such full details that we make it easy for another "artist" to do his work!

This is a rare item, and supposedly only one sheet with ten of these pairs were ever issued.

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### No. 522—VARIETIES ON 2c. POSTCARDS

Sometime ago Dirk van Oudenol, of Calgary, reported to us a minor flaw in the 2c. green card of 1955. It is in the "E II R" in the upper left corner. There is a flaw in the "E" in the form of a white spot.

More recently Russ McNeil of Burlington, Ont., showed us a 2c card of 1960 with a white circle between the "A and D" of "CANADA", touching the left side of the "D".

While not too important philatelically, these minor varieties are of considerable interest to specialists in Canadian Postal Stationery.

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### No. 523—"DOG TEAM" COVER OF 1929

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collection, and enclosed were a couple of clippings of interest. We believe both clippings were from "The Stamp News"—one from the issue of Jan. 1, 1929.

The dated clipping tells of the "First International Dog Team Mail" from Lewiston, Maine, to Montreal, in the winter of 1928-29. The Dog team left Lewiston on Dec. 20th and arrived at Montreal on Jan. 15th. Our cover is one of those carried on this trip, and bears the blue on white special sticker, in addition to 2c. U.S. and 2c. Canadian postage.

According to the clippings, covers which were carried on the return trip from Montreal, caried a red on white sticker.

**No. 524—SQUARED CIRCLE COMMENTS**

We have not had much luck in adding much news to our Squared Circle collection of late, the last two being a fine strike on cover of the "NEWPORT, N.S." squared circle, and an off cover copy of "HOCHELAGA". This brings our totals to 270 diff. towns, of which 251 are on cover. Of the 270 towns, 252 are of type II.

Actually our interest is mainly in adding new towns, and indicia varieties, on full cover or cards, and therefore have passed up a good many opportunities of trading for off cover strikes of missing towns.

What surprises us is the fact that there are still a number of towns with RF values of 50 or less which are still missing in our cover collection. We find that several other collectors of these on cover are also lacking them, and therefore they are apparently much scarcer on cover than they are off cover. Among these towns are:—

**Type I**

| | |
|---|---|
| Mansonville | RF 50 |
| St. Hilarion | RF 50 |

**Type II**

| | |
|---|---|
| Farnham | RF 25 |
| Rivière-du-Loup | RF 25 |
| Comber | RF 50 |
| Durham | RF 40 |
| Grafton | RF 45 |
| Hawkesbury | RF 30 |
| Oshawa | RF 30 |
| Thornhill | RF 50 |
| Prince Albert | RF 45 |
| Donald | RF 50 |
| Union | RF 50 |
| Vancouver | RF 25 |

As mentioned in packet #488, GALT is another low RF valued squared circle (RF 20) which is rather scarce on card or cover. TERREBONNE and ORILLIA are a couple of others which deserve higher RF ratings for on cover strikes. Hope you are lucky!

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**No. 525—CROWN CANCELS ON EXCISE REVENUES**

Ever notice those Crown Cancels, generally struck in red, on the excise revenue stamps? The usual form is the word "CANCELLED" with the Crown centered above. Most often they are so struck so as to give two strikes of the crown portion. We have also seen these struck in blue.

Of course if you are one of those who must have all of your stamps in mint condition, you are missing out on these. We have made up a couple of pages of singles and blocks and they are most attractive. So far we have found these on some 30 different excise and war tax issues. Try it.

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**No. 526—BRUNEL HANDBOOK ON P.E.I.**

This is no recent publication,—rather it appeared in 1917, but has seemed rather scarce. It was published in Paris, in French, by Publications Modernes, and was edited by Georges Brunel. A small, 12 page illustrated handbook,—and we would guess that it is missing in most BNA Philatelic Libraries.

While our high school French is in deplorable condition through lack of use, we found it rather easy to use, and useful and informative. ☆ ☆ ☆

**No. 527—"PARCEL DELIVERY" STAMPS**

Along with our Canadian "Locals" and Express stamps we have always laid aside any "Parcel Delivery" stamps that came our way. Most of these seem to have originated in Montreal although some may have come from other large cities. We have very little information on them, but report herewith those which we have:—

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2—Deep red, rouletted.

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1—Vermilion, Perf. 11.

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# The K. E. Major Retouch

By HANS REICHE (R.P.S.C. 6397)

IT is not very often that multiple pieces can be found of the older issues especially of those showing interesting constant plate varieties. The hunt for such items is great amongst collectors because these are many times more valuable than singles for the reason that they add additional information. It is often only due to such items that certain positions of plate varieties can be traced at all.

The variety shown in this photo is one of the best known major retouches amongst all Canadian stamps. The top right stamp shows a heavy retouching of the cross hatching between the letters A of Canada and P of Postage. The reason for this




retouch is a heavy wear and weakening of these lines. One can note that the two bottom stamps show such a weakness. Of additional interest is that this stamp with the retouch has a slight re-entry or doubling of many design features, especially in the left numeral 5 and in the lettering. The top left stamp has a strong re-entry on the top above the frame line and many minor indications of a re-entry can be found throughout the design. The two bottom stamps have no identifiable features with the exception of the retouches above the crowns, common to all four stamps. The writer has in his collection, and seen others, stamps in which the re-entry does not show evidence of any retouch. It must be assumed that the retouch was made after the re-entry.

A similar retouch exists but here the bottom of the stamp has been retouched between the letters E of Five and C of Cents. This stamp shows also a re-entry and again this specimen can be found with and without the retouch.

The stamp with the retouch shown in this block has been identified as stamp No. 28 Plate 4 Lower Pane. It is listed as number 91-5 in the Catalogue of Constant Plate Varieties and its price suggests its rarity.

This block is owned by a member of the Royal, Wayne Fry of San Francisco, California.

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By T. P. G. SHAW

Mr. J. C. Astwood sends the following notes of some studies he has made on some of the western runs. He arranges them by clerk no.

| Shaw Serial No. | Run | Clerk Nº | Train Nos. | Period of Use |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 191 | Winnipeg and Moose Jaw | Nº 6 | 2, 4, 62 | Oc 19, 15, to Oc 25, 36 |
| " | " " " | Nº 7 | E | Oc 5, 08 Scarce |
| " | " " " | Nº 9 | E, W, 2 | My 2, $8 to DE, 10, 24 |
| " | " " " | Nº 10 | E | Oc 6, 08 |
| " | " " " | Nº 13 | 2, 3, 6, 43, 44 | No, 12, 24 to No, 21, 59 |
| " | " " " | Nº 14 | 2, 4 | No, 24, 24 to Jun 19, 39 |
| " | " " " | Nº 15 | 2, 4 | Oc 15, 35 to SP, 6, 54 |
| 196 | W'P'G & M.JAW Ampersand sharp angled | No. 1 | E, 1, 2, 6, 4, 3, 44, 58 | FE 9, 02 to My 6, 60 |
| " | " " " | No. 2 (1st Hammer) | W | MR, 11, 01 to FE, 4, 05 |
| " | WPG & M.JAW Ampersand rounded | No. 2 (2nd Hammer) | 1, 2, 4, 8, 43, 44 | MR 1, 41 to JUN 14, 60 |
| " | W'P'G & M.JAW Ampersand sharp angled | No. 3 (1st Hammer) | E, 2 | JUN 25, 01 to OC 15, 36 |
| " | WPG & M.JAW Ampersand rounded | Nº 3 (2nd Hammer) | 2, 5, 6, 43, 44, 55 | NO 1, 40 to MR 14, 59 |
| " | W'P'G & M.JAW Ampersand sharp angled | Nº 4 (1st Hammer) | E | AU 10, 08 to MR 21, 12 |
| " | WPG & M.JAW Ampersand rounded | Nº 4 (2nd Hammer) | 4, 8, 43, 44, 58, 62 | NO 1, 40 to JUN 18, 58 |
| W-196 | W'P'G & M.JAW Ampersand sharp angled | No. 5 | E | JUL 21, 00 to OC 12, 04 Scarce |
| " | WPG & M.JAW Ampersand rounded | Nº 6 | 1, 2, 5, 8, 43, 44, 57 | JUL 21, 42 to JUN 6, 60 |
| " | " " | No. 8 | 2, 4, 8, 43, 44 | MR 30, 35 to JUN 28, 59 |
| " | " " | Nº 9 | 2, 4, 5, 8, 18, 43, 57 | FE 15, 36 to JUN 5, 59 |
| " | W'P'G & M.JAW Ampersand rounded | Nº 10 | 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 57, 58 | JUN 11, 27 to JUN 13, 60 |
| W-197 | Winnipeg & Napinka Ampersand sharp angled | Nº 2 | 122 | 1916 |
| " | " " | Nº 3 | 122 | 1915 |
| W-189 | W'PEG & KAM | Nº 2 | 2 Scarce | DE 21, 15 |
| | | | 9 Scarce | OC 5, 35 |
| | | | 10 Common | AP 4, 22 to ? |
| " | " " | Nº 1 | 10 Common | NO. 16, 31 to JUN 25, 36 |
| " | " " | Nº 3 | 10 Common | |
| " | W'PEG & KAM Ampersand rounded | No. 3 | 10 Common | 1955 to date |
| " | W'PEG & KAM | No. 4 | 9, 10 | 1943-58 |
| W-190 | WPG & KAM | No. 1 | 10 | 1939-59 |
| " | " " | No. 2 | 10 | NO 12, 41 to AP 5, 60 |
| " | " " | No. 4 | 10 | AU 7, 30 to AU 7, 59 |
| " | W'P'G | No. 4 | 10 | 1942-49 |

The notes of this interesting study may stimulate other readers to contribute their findings.

# THE BELGIAN CONGO

## Its History and Stamps

By F. H. ANGOLD, Ph.D.

IT has been said that if history does not repeat itself, it bears remarkable resemblances. Recent events bear testimony to the truth of this assertion. Belgium is feeling somewhat bitter in the knowledge that Britain and the United States, as members of the Security Council of the United Nations, voted for the immediate withdrawal of Belgian troops from the Congo.

The feelings of the Belgians at the present time are akin to those experienced by the Dutch when compelled to vacate Indonesia, and the French in regard to Indo-China. In each case the aggrieved suffered humiliation by reason of what they believed to be further instances of British perfidity. The world has been afforded another example of diplomatic ingenuity, under the guise of righteous expediency. It ill becomes Britain to adopt the role of deliverer in the light of the Colonial policy directed, in modern times, towards the Africans.

Events taking place now, invariably result from those which took place at an earlier date. The Belgian Congo is no exception. The independence of Belgium, it must be remembered, was only accomplished in 1830, an event which synchronized with the advent of Lord Palmerston to the British Foreign Office. Had British foreign ministers, through the centuries, not suffered from a fear complex, or if they had distrusted other peoples less, the world situation might have been more peaceful. Palmerston, far from being the great statesman he has been made out to be, was in fact nothing more than a poseur, a political turncoat who, through his arrogant jingoism, involved Britain in a most ignominious campaign in the Crimea.

### PALMERSTON'S THREATS

The Belgian National Congress, convened in 1831, elected on February 3rd the Duke of Nemours, second son of Louis-Philippe, as their king. Palmerston, indulging both in threats and warnings, finally induced Louis-Philippe to reject the election. After a period when the country was administered by a Regent (Surlet de Chokier), a second election took place. On June 4th, Prince Leopold of Saxe-Coburg (1790-1865), the widower of Princess Charlotte of England, and uncle of the future Queen of England (Victoria), was elected.

How differently the story of the Congo would have developed had the Belgians adhered to their original choice is a matter of speculation. Leopold II, who succeeded his father as King of the Belgians, built up a great African Empire, mainly as a personal enterprise. On May 2nd, 1885, this venture became the Congo Free State. The new state had developed from the International Association for the Exploration and Civilization of Central Africa (1876) and, later, the International Association of the Congo (1878). These undertakings had been financed by Leopold, and were designed to exploit the discoveries of H. M. Stanley.

That *bon mot*, "Balance of Power," which since the time of Wolsey has been exploited by a sequence of inglorious politicians, was never far from the purblind mind of Palmerston. At the time of Belgian independence he feared the spread of French influence in Belgian affairs. It seems incongruous therefore that, at the time of the Crimean debacle, he should have regarded Napoleon III as a suitable ally.

### BOTH DIED IN 1865

Palmerston died in 1865, the same year that witnessed the decease of Leopold I! Of them it may be truly said that in death they were not divided. In 1894 Britain had reverted to her suspicion of France and one outcome was, on May 12th, the signing of the Congo Treaty between England and the Congo Free State, by means of which it was hoped to frustrate the advance of France in Africa. Under the terms of the treaty, Britain leased to Leopold for the duration of his life the entire region west of the Upper Nile from

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We see the shadows of later events: war in Europe, and a re-carving of Africa. It was not until 1897, the year which witnessed a treaty between Russia and Japan to ensure the independence of Korea under the protection of the two powers, that slavery was abolished in the Congo Free State. This very belated deliverance was commemorated in the 1947 (August 25th) 51 Belgian Congo issue. This







issue consisted of five stamps. The 1f. 25 depicts slaves being driven to market. On the other four stamps, which are smaller in size, various portraits are shown. The 1f. 50 carries the likeness of Cardinal Lavigerie, under whose supervision the Mission of the White Fathers carried on their work. To this Cardinal, in 1878, the Pope entrusted the charge of Catholic missions in Africa. On August 30th, 1895, instruction in the Catholic faith was made compulsory in all public schools. On the 3f. we discovered a portrait of Baron Francis Dhanis who, on November 22nd, 1892, defeated a force of Arab slave-holders and traders of the Upper Congo region. The 3f. 50 depicts Lambermont, and the 10f. Leopold II.







In 1903 what came to be known as the Congo Scandal broke upon the world. The person largely responsible for bringing to the knowledge of English people the appalling conditions under which the people of the Congo were working was Sir Roger Casement, then British Consul in the Congo. Later, on August 3rd, 1916, Casement, with several others, was executed for his part in the Easter Rebellion in Ireland. In 1959 the controversial diaries of Sir Roger Casement were deposited on show at the Public Record Office. The outcome of this revelation of conditions in the Congo was the appointment of a commission of three to undertake investigations, the report of which was published in November, 1905. The nature of this report being unfavourable, the agitation continued until 1908 when the Congo Free State, which had been a personal possession of the king, was ceded by him to the Belgian nation, becoming thereby the Belgian Congo.

### FIRST STAMPS—1886

The first stamps of the Belgian Congo were issued in 1886 (January 1st), eight in number, the values ranging from five cents to five francs, bearing the head of Leopold II. The colour scheme consisted of deep and pale green; deep and pale carmine; blue; deep and pale sage-green; and mauve. Later issues, in 1887 (October 20th) and 1889-94, carried a different reproduction of the monarch. On December 1st, 1887, the five franc of the October issue was surcharged Fr. 3.50 and, in April, 1889, the same five francs was surcharged Fr. 3.50, but with a copper hand stamp on which the surcharge was enclosed within a border. These stamps of 1887 and April, 1889, are of considerable value.

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### CONGO TO BELGIUM—1908

The issues of 1894 (November 21st) and 1896 (November) were inscribed "Etat Indépendane du Congo." To mark the transfer of the Congo to Belgium on November 15th, 1908, existing stocks were overprinted "Congo Belge"; these appeared in 1909 (January 1st). In 1909 (June) came the first stamp (a pictorial) to be inscribed "Congo Belge." This and others which followed in 1910 (January 1st and October 10th), 1915 (November) and 1918 reproduced the same views. In 1920 the first Air stamps made their appearance, four in number. The values, depicted: 50c. (Congo Wharf), 1f. (District Stores) 2f. (Congo Landscape), 5f. (Provincial Prison).




A perusal of these early Congo stamps introduces us first to the monarch who planned and brought into being this State. We become acquainted with some of the majestic waterfalls, watch both native craft and river steamer. In the same manner we are made aware of both the fauna and flora. We encounter the railway, wander into a Congo village and meet a chief and his wife.

The developments since 1920, synchronized with the introduction of air travel, consequent upon the first world war, are too familiar to require repetition. Our concern has been with the events which have led up to the recent upheaval. Sober reflection makes it clear that what is happening now is the inevitable outcome of the past. The western powers took in hand the distribution of the African continent. Leopold II, like his father, was able, strong-willed and energetic, and withal a man of vision. At the Berlin Conference on African Affairs, 1884 (November 15th) to 1885 (February 26th), fourteen nations, including Britain and the United States of America, found themselves compelled to recognise the Congo Free State; it was an accomplished fact.

Palmerston inaugurated the Belgian monarchy. The second of this line created an empire the scandal of which, in later times, aroused the indignation of the common people throughout the world. Now Britain and the United States speed the departure of the Belgian Lion from the land which indirectly Britain helped to develop and from an overseas empire which, with the U.S.A., she was forced to recognise. The tables have been turned, if not the balance restored. Now, as in the past, Britain plays the role of deliverer.

The Church, particularly the Roman Church, has made a great contribution to the Congolese people. As far back as the 13th century, Franciscan friars were at work in the Congo, with the result that, in those far-off days, one of its rulers was converted to the Christian faith. Whereas monarchs and politicians have vied with one another for the spoils of Africa, the Church has sought not only to save the souls but to nurture the bodies of the Africans. The history and the stamps of the Belgian Congo reveal the graphic story of man's inhumanity to man.

**—Courtesy The Strand Stamp Journal.**

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by HANS REICHE (R.P.S.C. 6397)

THE tremendous economic comeback of West Germany has increased the number of collectors in Germany to such an extent that the demand for modern German stamps far outweighs the number of stamps printed. Although printing orders vary from a couple of millions to about 30 millions, soon after their appearance the commemorative West German stamps disappear from the post offices. And it is not that the dealers simply stock up on these issues and then unload them at a higher price. Recent price lists from German dealers indicate this very well. Many items are missing in either used or mint condition and often notes indicate that these stamps are wanted for purchase rather than for sale. A glance at the U.S. stamp papers show ad after ad wanting the recent West German stamps. Scott catalogue prices, just issued in the 1961 edition, have already increased in some cases by almost 400%!! Unfortunately there seems to be always a black streak in philately once some people feel that money can be made in certain issues, and there is no exception here. Forgeries of a number of these higher priced German stamps have come on the market. Shortly after the war, a great number of obscure issues were advertised for sale but soon the very active German organisations weeded these items out and only here and there does one come across an auction catalogue offering these bogus stamps. It is much more difficult though to separate the faked stamps and overprints. Certain gangs in Germany and especially in Northern Italy, have been known to operate and dwell on such business but penal and civil penalties await them if found guilty. East Germany stamps have been found forged as well, but prices here are not high and not much profit can be gained. On the other hand the East German government practice for years has been exploiting and extremely unfair sale of their stamps. Out of every set one value is so called "blocked" and printed only in small quantities. This value is not sold together with the set but must be bought separately with hard currency such as dollars. These stamps are not sold over the post office counters. All values can be bought cancelled to order. The latest in philatelic piracy is that one stamp has been issued of a set in imperforated condition. It says: "to satisfy the demand" (I wonder who is demanding?). This stamp could be obtained only by special order and at a fantastically inflated price over face. So, do not just buy everythng you are offered!

Again listing of available stamps from the Philatelic Agency here has been cut down. The 7 cents Goose can now only be purchased in the following positions: Plate 1 UL and LR and Plate 2 UL and UR. There is some talk that a new Airmail stamp may be on the drawing board. Plate 1 LL with the overprinted G is sold out in the 4 cents regular.

Some believe that the long awaited stamps on natural resources and conservation will yet be issued this year. This stamp was one amongst the many to be issued last year. Another good possibility is the issue of a stamp commemorating the founding of the first British Colony at Cupids, Conception Bay, in Newfoundland. This event took place 350 years ago and is certainly a major historical one. The 100 years celebration of Canada's birthday in 1967 will be commemorated by an issue of stamps. Some thoughts have been given to issue at that time a series of Canadian Governor Generals. Mr. Gollop of Ottawa has made a suggestion to the department in that line. His theme is the first Governor General of Canada, Viscount Monk and such a stamp would be very fitting the occasion.

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By LT-COL. R. H. WEBB (RPSC 7119)

THE Armed Forces Air Letter, otherwise known as Air Letter Card (ALC), Air Letter Form (ALF), Forces Letter (FL) and Forces Air Letter (FAL), was introduced into the realm of Canadian philately on 15 June, 1942. Whether or not it can be classified as an item of official postal stationery depends on the definition of what constitutes such stationery. Even then, philatelists being what they are, the definition may be open to argument. Regardless of any opinions on this point, it is a fact that the ALF was supplied to the Public and the Armed Forces by or on authority of the Post Office Department, that it was entitled from time to time, to free transmission either by air or surface mails, and that it is the forerunner of the aerogramme now in general use throughout theworld. For these reasons alone, the ALF is believed to warrant a place in Canada's Postal History and the interest of philatelists.

When this article was conceived, a search was made through a number of philatelic textbooks and journals. Except for brief references in Holmes and Sanabria and an article in BNA Topics (May '59) by Harry M. Daggett (RPSC 7364) on Prisoner of War air mail stationery, little information on the subject could be found in these sources of knowledge. Permission was then requested of the Director of Army History to peruse the war-time files and this was kindly granted. Accordingly, this story of the ALF is based principally on the correspondence contained in these files and on a number of actual ALF. Even so, the story is not considered to be complete by any means as, for instance, one whole block of files is missing, having been destroyed when a storage room was flooded shortly after the end of the War. While it will deal principally with Canadian ALF, reference will be made to those used by British and other Allied Forces. After all large numbers of Canadian sailors, soldiers and airmen served with or alongside these other Forces and their postal facilities were usually available. Moreover, failure to mention these other ALF might be taken to imply that the ALF was solely a Canadian achievement, which was not the case at all.

In the early days of the Second World War, mail service to and from the Armed Forces depended almost entirely on surface means of transportation. Air services were irregular and expensive while a system of priorities severely limited the amount of pay load which could be allotted to mail. Enemy action along the sea lanes caused heavy losses of shipping and intolerable delay to ordinary mail. For example, the closure of the Mediterranean in 1941 and the consequent routing of convoys around the Cape of Good Hope meant anywhere from 12 weeks to six months for delivery of mail to and from the British Forces located in the Middle and Far East. To counteract this situation, some more reliable and rapid method which would also permit an increased number of individual communications was essential. Thus an airgraph service was inaugurated but since it could not be applied everywhere, it was supplemented by ALC for correspondence *TO* the United Kingdom. In these respects, a pound of air mail normally averages 30 ordinary letters, 168 ALC or 3500 airgraphs. Early in 1942, the ALF was introduced for correspondence *from* the UK to the British Forces in the Middle and Far East. Postage rates were 3d. for the airgraph and ALC and 6d. for the ALF, which was available to the public at any post office in the British Isles, and later to the Forces through their FPO's.

The enemy's toll on Allied shipping during the early days of the Battle of the Atlantic also had its effect on mail between Canadian troops stationed in the U.K. and Gibraltar and their relatives and friends at home. As all but the very fast ships travelled in convoy, the delivery for ordinary letter mail was 3 to 4 weeks provided they were not delivered to Davy Jones first, as often happened. Airmail, which was routed via New York, Ber-

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muda, Azores, Lisbon and London, took as long if not longer and was expensive. In addition, the amount of mail that could be carried on this route was strictly limited by a priority system. Obviously, this situation could not be tolerated for long without serious deterioration in the morale of the Forces and their dependents, particularly when it was known that military planes were crossing the Atlantic in ever increasing numbers.

Early in April 1942, Canadian Postal Corps (CPC) Headquarters in London suggested to Ottawa that an airgraph service to Canada should be established inasmuch as the U.S.A. had recently agreed to extend the Pan American "Clipper" service to Foynes, Ireland. The reply stated that there would be no objection to this step but as reproduction facilities were not available in Canada, the film would have to be processed at Rochester, N.Y. In the same reply, CPC HQ was informed that the Post Office Department was

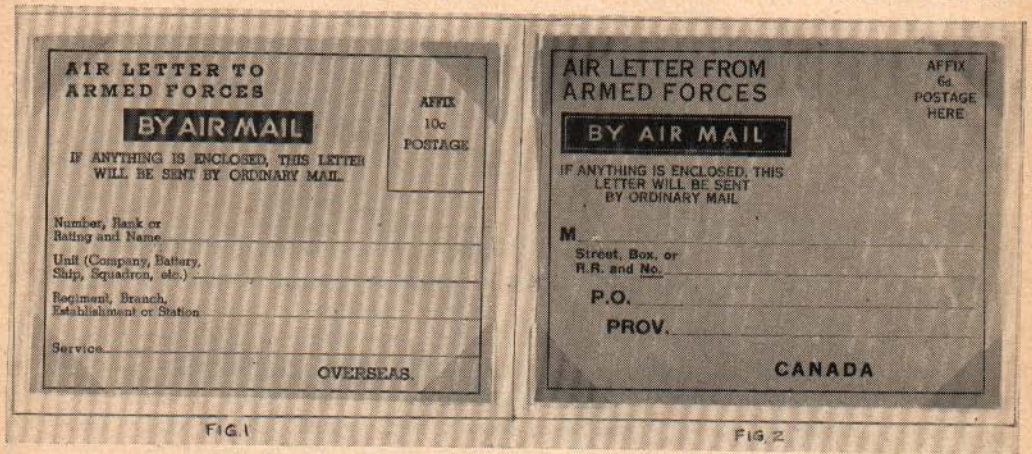



FIG. 1 FIG. 2

was not long before CPC HQ requested authority from Ottawa and the British GPO to provide a similar form for use *from* the Canadian troops in Europe. Approval was received from Canada on 15 July in a cable which indicated that a supply would be sent as soon as all arrangements had been consummated. A 10c. rate was recommended to correspond with the rate for ALF from Canada. The GPO also concurred and agreed to a 6d. rate, the nearest equivalent to 10c. In doing so, the GPO warned that "the vagaries of winter weather over the Atlantic and the lack of sufficient aircraft accommodation might jeopardize the scheme". Some consideration was given to embossing Canadian postage on the ALF but this proposal was quickly dropped when the financial complications were appreciated. On 26 Aug., CPC HQ cabled Ottawa that arangements had been made for No. 1 Printing and Stationery Detachment (No. 1 P & S Det), a unit of the

going to introduce "a 10c. *air letter card* for use between Canada and Canadian, British and Allied Forces in any theatre of war". At this time, the question of patent rights on the proposed ALC was raised but subsequently, the Patent Office advised that as a similar form had been patented in 1900, it was now public property. On 28 May, CPC HQ was told that the term *air letter form* would be used in lieu and that supplies would be distributed to PO's in Canada for issue to the public on 15 June. This first Canadian ALF is shown in *Fig.* 1.

The new ALF proved to be a welcome addition to the means of communication, and it

Canadian Army located in London, to print the ALF. A source of supply of suitable paper had been found and the unit could do the printing with its own equipment but an outside contractor would have to gum the flaps. As the initial supply of these would not be available for 6 to 8 weeks, Ottawa was requested to produce a quantity provided they could be received by an earlier date. Canada agreed to forward 160,000 forms within two weeks but as so often happens, this estimate was over-optimistic and the first lot did not reach London until about the 11th of October, having been transported on the Ferry Bomber Service. In the meantime, the

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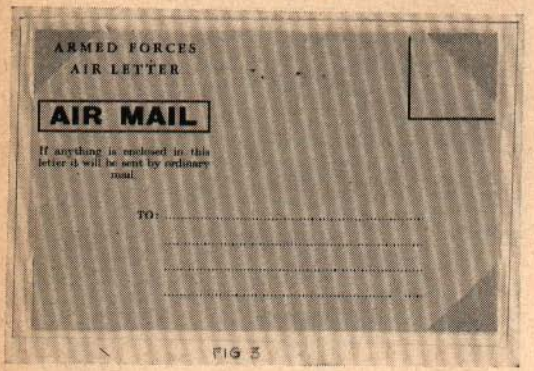



FIG 3

The introduction of the ALF was officially notified to our Forces by the following Army Routine Order published on 29 Sept., '42 and which, of course, was reproduced in similar orders of the Navy and RCAF:

**"2568—AIR LETTER SERVICE — WESTBOUND TRANSATLANTIC**

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2. Armed Forces Air Letter Form CFQ 11 is obtainable from the Officer i/c No. 1 Printing and Stationery Detachment, R.C.A.S.C., Canadian Military Headquarters, upon submission of proper stationery indent.
3. Owing to the limited aircraft capacity on the Trans-Atlantic Service, the issue of the Air Letter Forms will be restricted to four forms per individual per month. OsC units will ensure that suitable arrangements are made to see that this quota is not exceeded.
4. It is to be understood that this Air Letter Service is dependent upon the capacity of aircraft for carrying Air Letters as well as upon weather conditions, and therefore certainty of service cannot be assured."

The ration of 4 ALF was the same as that for the British Forces. Based on this figure, the annual requirement for the three Services overseas was 6,000,000 copies and No. 1 P & S Det estimated this number could be produced at a cost of approximately $22,000. All in all, well over 20,000,000 ALF must have been issued but their relative scarcity today seems to belie this fact.

As stated earlier, the British ALF could be procured from any civilian post office in the U.K. and from F.P.O.'s in the Mediterranean, the Middle and Far East theatres, but they were intended for use only between these regions. This rule failed to recognize human nature, as many Canadians serving in the British Forces and in the U.K., as well as civilians, obtained forms and used them for corespondence to relatives and friends in Canada, the U.S.A. and the West Indies. These improperly posted ALF arrived sooner or later in the G.P.O., London whence they were handed over to C.P.C. HQ. In accordance with a gentleman's agreement, they were bundled into a parcel and sent by surface mail or bomber to C.P.C., Ottawa, for onward trans-


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mission to the addressees. This unofficial arrangement continued until the spring of 1943 when those concerned agreed in effect to accord similar privileges to all ALF regardless of type or origin.

Another problem arose over the postage rate for ALF. The original rate of 10c. or 6d. applied on ALF between Canada and the U.K. and on the ALF from the U.K. to the Forces in the Middle and Far East. One of the principal reasons for this rate was the desire of the postal authorities to encourage the continued use of airgraphs, since so many of them could be included in the pay load allotted to the mails. However, the airgraph was not too popular and the 3d. rate applied on ALC and ALF to the U.K. *from* the Forces in the Middle and Far East, and from those in North Africa after the landings there in late 1942. Naturally, when Canadian troops moved into the latter theatre, they followed suit and placed 3d. stamps on their ALF addressed to Canada. Such ALF, being handled initially by the British military postal service, were rubber stamped: "Service not in effect—fwd Surface". It was not long before action was initiated to correct this practice but owing to the absence of any tripartite agreement between the U.K., U.S.A. and Canada, many months before the 3d. rate was made applicable to all ALF. In fact, not until 17 March, 1944, was it accepted officially. In the interim, it seems that most ALF with 3d. stamps posted by Canadians in Africa, Italy and the Middle and Far East actually received air transportation all the way to Canada, U.S.A. or the West Indies, just as though they bore 6d. postage. At this point it is of interest to add that Canadian troops serving in the West Indies and British Guiana had been granted a 6d. concessional rate on ALF to Canada. Also, an agreement was made early in 1943 between Canada and the U.S.A. for Canadian troops serving in the U.S.A. to use our ALF at the 10c. (U.S.) rate in the Mediterranean and other theatres, to use the American "V-Mail" service.

Some time in 1942/43, the Post Office Department in Canada decided to combine the two ALF for use *to* and *from* the Forces into a single form. The new form was similar in design to that printed by No. 1 Printing and Stationery Detachment except for the instructions concerning postage (*Fig.* 4). A further change occurred when the 3d. rate came into effect by which time the ALF was in general use wherever Canadians were serving (*Fig.* 5) and therefore a specific rate of postage was not appropriate.

The ALF, intended solely for use by members of the Armed Forces, was valid for air transportation at the reduced rate only if posted through military postal facilities. However, an appreciable number found their way into civilian post boxes throughout the U.K., so to stop this abuse, a change was made in the design of the ALF produced by No. 1 Printing and Stationery Detachment. The new design came into use on March 7th, 1944 (*Fig.* 6) and was followed by others with minor changes in the instructions for the sender.




FIG. 4




FIG. 5

By the Spring of 1944, the military success of the Allied Forces and the output of the aircraft factories permitted a much greater volume of mail to be given air transportation over most of the world. At the same time, delivery was speeded up to such an extent

that the chief advantage of the airgraph over the ALF was nullified and more and more, the ALF came into general use. For instance, the monthly issue to the RCAF overseas alone was 300,000. On March, 1944, the ration was increased to six per month and shortly thereafter, it was removed entirely. But this increased use of the ALF presented a new problem in respect to censorship. The requirement for letters to be censored by unit officers had always been a bone of contention with the troops so the "Green Envelope" system, which was devised in the First World War, continued to be used in the Second. With the widespread acceptance of the air letter, there arose a need for a type of ALF which permitted censorship by officers outside the immediate ken of the troops. When the British Forces introduced a special form with a large blue triangle for this purpose early in 1944, No. 1 Printing and Stationery Detachment was directed to produce a similar form for Canadian use. A routine order issued on 19 April, 1944, notified the availability of and instructions for the use of a new type of ALF designated as CFQ 11A. The initial supply of this form was obtained by simply overprinting a portion of the stock on hand




FIG. 6

of an earlier type (*Fig.* 7) pending the issue of an entirely new design (*Fig.* 8). As the overprinted CFQ 11A was a measure of expediency only,it is probably the rarest of all the Canadian ALF. These new ALF were rationed on a scale of one per four weeks and doubled in August 1944. In order to use up stock on hand after the cessation of hostilities in mid 1945, authority was granted for the use of the CFQ 11A form without the necessity for the sender to sign his name to the certificate.

*(To be continued)*




FIG. 7




FIG. 8

# With The Auctions

### HARMER, ROOKE & CO.

A superb mint block of eight of the Cape of Good Hope, 1s. dark green triangle of 1855-58 (#6a) sold for $950, against a catalogue value of $760 for eight singles, when Part I of the John Morton collection was auctioned on Jan. 25-27.

The three-day sale of Part I realized a total of $30,084, and Part II of this collection will be sold in May.

Second highest price of the 892-lot January sale was $750, which was paid for a Canada 7½p. green of 1857 on cover addressed to Scotland. This stamp, off cover, catalogues $140.

Early British West Indies on cover fetched "all-time record prices," to quote Gordon Harmer, who conducted this sale.

An **Antigua** cover with a pair and three singles of the 1p vermilion of 1863 was sold for $144, the stamps cataloguing $25. Another Antigua cover bearing four of the 1p vermilion and a 6p yellow green (#3, 4a) realized $140, the stamp cataloguing $28.

The magnificent Morton collection of Cape Triangles, offered in 121 lots, brought $7,119. Interesting prices in this section included a used pair of 1p red, #1, with large margins, $115 (cat. $80). Two used pairs of 1p rose, #3, each $100.

Other noteworthy prices:

**Canada** #2, 6p grayish purple on cover, $100 (cat. $85). **New Brunswick** #1a and 2 on cover to San Francisco, $270 (cat. $110). **Newfoundland** #26, 5c black of 1868 in unused block of four, $180 (cat. $120). **Nova Scotia** #4, 6p yellow green, tied to piece, $85 (cat. $50).

### CANADA SEAWAY INVERT ON COVER BRINGS $2,800

THE record price of $2,800 was paid for a superb, on-cover, lightly cancelled copy of Canada's 1959 error, the St. Lawrence Seaway 5c. with center inverted, at the Feb. 14 - 17 auction of Harmer, Rooke & Co., New York by Ezra Cole, Nyack professional.

The invert catalogues $2,500, and the auctioneers believe only one other cover exists. This is the first invert to be auctioned on cover. The bidding started at $2,100.

Another record auction price was the $950 paid for a very fine unused **Newfoundland** #16, the 1p. reddish brown of 1862-63. It catalogues $900.

The entire four-day general sale realized $62,000, with the British West Indies selling remarkably well. Interesting prices were paid for a number of the British Commonwealth stamps:

**Barbados** #26, superb unused (4p.) dull red of 1871, full catalogue of $125. **British Guiana** #O10, the 8c. rose Official of 1877, unused, $240 (cat. $250). **Ceylon** #120A, the 5c. on 24c. green, used, $270 (unpriced in Scott). **Falkland Islands** #19G, unused ½p. on half of 1p. orange brown, $80 (cat. $70).

**St. Vincent** #34, unissued ½p. orange, watermarked Crown CA, $240 (cat. $250); #37, unused 4p. dull blue of 1884, $240 (cat. $225). **Turks Islands** #27, unused 2½p. on 1s., $450 (cat. $600); horizontal pair of #27a and 28, unused, $1,800 (cat. $2,250). **Zanzibar** #1, superb used, $80 (cat. $60).

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6827 Armstrong, J. A., Port Arthur, Ont.
6858 Balassa, Frank, Montreal, Que.
5223 Banfield, Arnold (2), Oakville, Ont.
3602 Baugild, Collins (3), Halifax, N.S.
3500 Baulch, B. L., Port Credit, Ont.
6891 Baxted, George (4), London, Ont.
7053 Beauregard, Mrs. M. J., North Surrey, B.C.
7045 Bolton, G. C., Edmonton, Alberta.
7314 Bowie, L. G., Ambler, Pa., U.S.A.
3608 Boyd, Dr. N. O. (3), Windsor, Ont.
7239 Celestino, J., Windsor, Ont.
6927 Chapman, Dr. C. H., Lethbridge, Alta.
6741 Charron, J. J., Greenfield Park, Que.
4661 Christensen, A. H. (8), North Hatley, Que.
4991 Christensen, E. J. (3), Edmonton, Alta.
4353 Davidge, A. V., Toronto, Ont.
4897 Eardley-Wilmot, V. A., Victoria, B.C.
6750 Gauthier, Henri (5), Ottawa, Ont.
6199 Geldert, Dr. G. M. (9), Ottawa, Ont.
7292 Godfrey, J. E., Nobel, Ont.
7276 Gyorfi, Dr. A. W. (2), Sydney, N.S.
6428 Hirsch, Willie, Prescott, Ont.
6288 Horn, C. E., Worthington, Ohio, U.S.A.
6379 Jackson, R. F., Sherbrooke, Que.
3009 Kelson, Aubrey, Saint John, N.B.
5397 Lafrance, Rev. Hector, Sherbrooke, Que.
6996 Lund, K., Lethbridge, Alta.
6441 Lundy, C. D. (2), Belleville, Ont.
6519 Marrier, L. E. (2), Port Arthur, Ont.
3861 Millen, J., Trail, B.C.
6928 Monger, Mrs. Olive, Lumsden, Sask.
6950 MacInnes, M. T., Truro, N.S.
5444 McCullough, R. D., Edmonton, Alta.
6598 McLellan, R. F., Truro, N.S.
5294 McMurrich, J. R., Gananoque, Ont.
6807 Parry, George (2), Sudbury, Ont.
7329 Pilgrim, E. B., Lennoxville, Que.
7325 Potts, G. H., Halfmoon Bay, B.C.
7293 Ramsay, W. J. (2), Bristol, Conn., U.S.A.
5210 Reavely, Mrs. G. H., London, Ont.
6397 Reiche, Hans, Ottawa, Ont.
6479 Richards, Stan, Sarnia, Ont.
6991 Richardson, Ed. (2), LaMarque, Texas, U.S.A.
5207 Rushton, Eric, Simcoe, Ont.
6781 Russell, W. H. (6), Melrose, Mass., U.S.A.
5395 Shantz, Stan (2), London, Ont.
5064 Smith, Brian T., Chatham, Ont.
6498 Smith, P. L. (2), Montreal, Que.
7089 Stern, W. J., Winnipeg, Manitoba.
7221 Stibbs, N. C., Nelson, B.C.
7084 Thomas, R. L. (2), Toronto, Ont.
7162 Wallace, Sidney (2), Halifax, N.S.
4105 Whitby, L. A., Barrie, Ont.
6491 White, Jay N. (2), Coaticook, Que.
7519 Willard, C. (2), Sherbrooke, Que.
6972 Wilson, F. L. (2), Sherbrooke, Que.


Type 54


Type 55


Type 56


Type 57


Type 58


Type 50a


Type 59


Type 60


Type 61


Type 20

# WHAT IS A BRITISH COLONY?

STAMP collectors have long been puzzled as to what countries should properly be included in a collection of British Colonies.

It would appear that everyone his his own definition and I am pleased to report that we now have a decision of the High Court of Justice of Great Britain to guide us.

Justice Wynns-Parry of the High Court was called upon to give a legal opinion on this question in the case of "Re Van Lessen". I believe that the decision will be of great value and interest to all stamp collectors.

The deceased was an experienced philatelist and the owner of an extensive collection.

He had made a will in which he disposed of his stamps by several bequests.

One of the bequests was to Roland Beamont, and the words of the will were as follows:

> *"I give my collection of stamps of Great Britain and of such of the British Colonies as may be in my collection to Roland Beamont".*

After disposing of some other countries in his collection, the will further provided that:

> *"The residue of my stamp collection is to be given to my nephew Michael Van Lessen".*

The testator died on November 13th, 1951, and a dispute arose as to the true interpretation of the clause regarding "British Colonies", and especially whether the gift included the British Dominions, the Empire of India, Palestine, British Post Offices in the Levant, the Irish Free State, Ireland, Egypt and the Sudan.

In a very scholarly judgment, the Court called on several very distinguished philatelists for guidance.

Mr. Yates of the Royal Philatelic Society, and representatives of Stanley Gibbons Ltd., were asked for their opinion.

The judgment deals with the ordinary meaning of the word "Colony" and of the difficulty of defining it, and says that in its most literal sense it would exclude, for examble, any part of the British Commonwealth which had Dominion status, e.g. Canada. The judgment goes on to say that the Court believes that the deceased meant the phrase to be applied in the meaning that most philatelists would give it, that is, in a wider and less technical sense.

The expert evidence before the Court showed that among stamp collectors at least, the phrase "British Colonies" includes all those stamps listed in Stanley Gibbons' British Empire Catalogue. The deceased had made his will in 1939, and consequently the whole of the stamps in dispute would have been found in the British Empire Catalogue current at that time.

The Court also read many stamp magazines and said: *"What stands out from a perusal of the relevant entries in these publications is that there is in use among philatelists a convenient phrase, "British Colonies', and that phrase is taken by philatelists to include the stamps of all countries in the British Commonwealth, the mandated territories, and even such countries as those which are now the Republics of Eire, Egypt and the Sudan."*

The decision of the Court was that the clause of the will disposing of the "British Colonies" must be given the wide meaning commonly used by philatelists.

I personally found this case of great interest and all collectors should keep it in mind when drawing up their wills.

As a lawyer, I would strongly advise you to have a will drawn up and to leave specific instructions as to what is to be done with your stamps.

JACK CHAPMAN, LL.B.

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# George Lee'S Gift to Smithsonian Institute

AN extraordinary collection of the "Royal Imperforate Printings" of Egyptian stamps, formed by our member George L. Lee, of Bernardsville, N.J., has been presented to the National Postage Stamp Collection of the Smithsonian Institute. Mr. Lee made an exhaustive study of these issues, which were prepared only for the Royal Collection of Egypt. His remarkable gift was accompanied by a catalogue of the stamps compiled by him, in which it is stated:

> " In April 1926, the printing of Egyptian stamps formerly done abroad was turned over to the Survey Department, a government agency, in Cairo. Starting in 1926, the 'Royal Imperforate Printing' Stamps were printed by the Government Survey Department. One sheet of each stamp, as printed, was sent to the Royal Collecton. They included every stamp printed by the Government Survey Department from the 12th Agricultural and Industrial Exposition Issue in 1926, up to and including the stamp celebrating the birth of Crown Prince Ahmed Fuad in 1952. They did not include stamps printed out of the country or overprints. The stamps were first printed for King Fuad, an ardent stamp collector, as a unique item of one sheet only, for the Royal Collection. They were continued throughout the reigns of King Fuad and King Farouk until King Farouk was deposed. The Royal Imperforate sheets were taken over, together with the rest of the Royal Collection, by the Republic of Egypt when Farouk was deposed. They were auctioned off in sheet form at the Koubeth Palace in 1954 by Cyril Harmer of London, for the Republic of Egypt."

The donation adds considerable lustre to the National Postage Stamp Collection, since only one imperforate sheet was printed for each plate put to press. In all, 557 stamps (some are blocks of four) are contained in the collection, which is beautifully mounted and annotated in a special album.

# New Canadian Fellow of The Royal



WE were pleased to learn recently that our member Nick Lagios, of Montreal, has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society of London.

Nick is well-known in Montreal philatelic circles and is a member of the Union Philatélique de Montréal, of which Club he has been President.

He is well-known as a great collector of Greece, in which country Nick has some wonderful items and has done some fine research.

Our congratulations, Nick!

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### NO MORE CP's TO MEMBERS IN ARREARS

This issue of THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST will be the *last* one mailed to members who have not yet paid their dues for 1961.

We therefore appeal to all these to pay up ther dues without further delay if they wish to continue to receive Canada's only philatelic magazine.



A group of the Sydney Stamp Club, Chapter No. 70, at a recent meeting held in Sydney, N.S.
L. to R.: Front—Mrs. William Greenwell, Michael MacDonald, Vice-President; Dr. W. A. Gyorfi, Secretary; and Rev. A. N. Holmes.
L. to R.: Back—Mrs. F. Park, W. Greenwell.

## THE HOLLOW TREE

(Continued From Page 123)

**Uneda Messenger Service**

1—Black on white, printed roulette.

**City Messenger Service**

1—Blue on white, Coil, rouletted vertically.

**Rieder's Rapid Relays**

1—Black on white, printed roulette.

**Reliance Delivery Co.**

1—Red on white, printed roulette.

**Rapid Deliveries, Ltd.**

1—Red on white, rouletted.

**Merchant's Parcel Delivery**

1—Black on Salmon coloured paper, rouletted.

I am certain that these ten varieties are but a small portion of those in existence, and would welcome further information.

### No. 528—NEWFOUNDLAND INLAND REVENUE—1938

At the time the last edition of Holmes' Catalogue went to press there were three values of the 1938 issue which were known in the 14¼ perforation. These were:—

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$1 ..... Brown
$2.50 ..... Mustard

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# CHAPTER NEWS

● **MONTREAL**

The Union Philatélique de Montréal recently held a banquet at which Paul Bigué, who has been associated with the Club as an officer for the past 20 years, was presented with the Lieutenant-Governor's Medal for his long and valued service.

M. Bigué was also the recipient of a handsome engraved silver tray presented by the Presidents with whom he has served, viz: J. O. Roby, Dr. Maurice Saint-Martin, G. P. Nolan, N. Lagios, J. Des Forges, R. L. Lauzon and Yvon Hurtubise, anl also of the first Life membership conferred by the U.P.M.

The Club supports a large junior section of over 70 active members, many of whom were present at the dinner.

● **PETERBOROUGH**

The Kawartha P.S. has now started a bulletin No. 1 of which we received recently. It is somewhat unorthodox, but interesting and lively and should do a lot to keep up a very active interest in the Club. Keep up the good work, Peterborough!

● **OSHAWA**

The Oshawa Stamp Club informs us that their average attendance of late has been 35 at its meetings. This is very high indeed.

Our good friends and correspondent, Mrs. F. R. MacDonald, has just been elected President of the Club, and Mrs. R. J. Giles, Secretary. We can see a good year ahead for the Oshawa S.C.

● **SYDNEY**

We reproduce on another page a photo of a group of the Sydney Stamp Club members meeting in the Board Room of the Sydney Hospital, and with this photo we received an account of a meeting of the Club celegrating its first birthday.

Best wishes to our friends in distant—and lovely—Cape Breton.

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**WANT TO TRADE STAMPS** with other members of the Royal of Canada, or correspond on various phases of philately? Use Classified Ad section of the Philatelist to get results.

# Fine Westmount Show

THE Westmount Stamp Club staged a really successful two-day Exhibition, "WESPEX", at Victoria Hall, Westmount on Feb. 8 and 9. It was officially opened by His Worship Mayor J. C. Cushing of Westmount and was attended by a record crowd.

The exhibits were generally speaking of a very high standing with many frames of lovely material of the classic issues of Europe and some fine showing of the stamps of Canada and British Colonial issues.

The Exhibition Committee, under the chairmanship of Wayne L. Bungay, is to be congratulated on presenting such an interesting and well planned exhibition.

The President's Trophy, the Grand Award, was won by Dr. D. F. Green of Burlington, Vermont, with his fine representative collection of United States classics, including covers, stamped and stampless, cancellations, proofs and collateral material of the period. The trophy, a Silver Rose Bowl, was presented by Club's President, K. G. W. Smith.

Winners in the various classes were as follows:

B.N.A.—1. D. W. Partridge (Canada and Provinces); 2. R. J. Sutherland (Canada).

BRITISH COMMONWEALTH—1. E. M. Weisman (Cape of Good Hope); 2. W. W. Gear (Specimens).

FOREIGN—1. Dr. D. F. Green (United States); 2. H. A. Dykerman (Netherlands).

TOPICALS—1. Carl R. Mangold (Number Ones); 2. M. Goldsmith (Roosevelt).

COVERS—1. S. W. Ovry (Austria); 2. N. Lagios (Greece).

Silver spoons engraved "WESPEX 61" were presented to the first and second prize winners in each of the five classes.

A feature of the show was the Post Office on the floor of the Exhibition which attracted big crowds and did a large volume of business, especially on the first day of issue of the new Northern Development stamp. A slogan cancellation reading "PHILATELIC EX. / WESPEX 61 / FEB. 8-9. FEV. / EX. PHILITELIQUE" was used on mail posted at the show. Besides frames of material shown by the Canada Post Office there was an interesting presentation by the National Film Board showing various steps in the manufacture of postage stamps.

# Another Squared Circle Discovery

By J. W. TRAVERS, RPSC 6667




IT would seem that the last word in respect of Squared Circles still has not been written. It has also been demonstrated to me, in ample measure, that new discoveries result from patient and earnest search.

For a considerable time, I have been examining the mail received by a large Toronto wholesaler. While the effort has been rewarding in that it has produced a number of interesting cancellations, until recently no major discovery has been made.

However, I recently found several cancellations from Bobcaygeon, Ontario, which, on detailed examination, undoubtedly were from a cut-down broken circle hammer. The lettering and marks compared exactly with those of the original hammer. In order to verify my findings. I obtained confirmation from Dr. Whitehead, the most eminent authority on Squared Circle cancellations.

The history of this hammer and its use were kindly provided by the Postmaster of Bobcaygeon through the good offices of Mr. H. R. McKnight, the Post Office Public Relations Officer in Toronto. Apparently the hammer was pressed into service for a few days five years ago, when delivery was being awaited for a replacement hammer for the regular hammer which had broken. The hammer was again used for one day in the Spring of 1960, and finally for a few days during the 1860 Christmas rush. Although the actual dates of use have not been confirmed, I have covers showing its use on December 10th, 12th and 13th, 1960.

As is apparent, the Postmaster reports that the hammer is not in its original form. At some unknown date, the head of the old Squared Circle hammer was fitted to the style of hammer currently in use, but in order to fit the old head, it was necessary to file it down to a smaller size.

Although the illustration shows a date of February 1961, the hammer was not used as a canceller on that date, its use being restricted to the dates mentioned above.

Thus we can add Bobcaygeon to the other two known cases of cut-down Squared Circle hammers, Schreiber and Nanaimo. Will others come to light? This remains to be seen. However, it shows that the final chapter of the Squared Circle saga still has to be written. It also proves to me that current commercial mail can contain not only much of philatelic interest, but also the unexpected.

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# Harris 2nd 1961 Catalogue U.S. and B.N.A.

THIS new edition of Harris' U.S. and B.N.A. 1961 catalogue has 160 pages and nearly 2,000 illustrations, with special "Americana" and United Nations sections.

This new edition comprises hundreds of price changes and constitutes a valuable guide and reference for all collectors of U.S.A. and B.N.A.

The special "Americana" section features all foreign stamps, from all over the world, honouring the United States, a useful guide for those who collect such interesting items.

Several advances are noted in the prices indicated for Canadian stamps, notably among the earlier issues. The 5c. Large Cent (#26) goes from $21.75 to $24.75 while the unused $1 Jubilee (#61) has risen from $19.75 to $22.75.

Published by H. E. Harris & Co., Catalog Dept. Boston 17, Mass. Price 35c. Post Free.

# YOUR Sales Department

JUDGING by the letters I receive and the new books I get for circulation, my only conclusion can be that many of the members do not read this column. It is rather important, especially for all sellers, to know what is going on in the Sales Department. By not reading it, the result is that I have to hurt some feelings by returning books that do not meet the standards as set forth in the regulations. This is just as distasteful to me as it is to you.

**SO PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS**

**1—Do not add extra pages to the books, either these extra pages will be cut off and returned to the owner, or the book will be sent back.**

**2—Do not put more than two of the same stamp in any one book. I have been quite lenient on this subject, and some seem to be quite willing to exaggerate. So from now on, this will be rigidly enforced.**

**3—Too many stamps on one line. Now, this is getting beyond reason. In one book received there were 18 blocks of four used on one page, I kept that book as an example but it's the very last one. I fully realize that with complete sets, it is difficult sometimes to spread out the stamps, but when you get a book with 8 mint stamps to the line, and 32 to the page, how are you going to examine them? Furthermore, if some stamps fall off, and many do, how are you going to place them back. From now on, any book received in that condition goes right back to its owner.**

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**THE SALES DEPARTMENT IS IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING STAMPS WANTED**

*Canada*—19th Century—Mint or Used in fine condition. (Price them according to condition).

*British Colonies* — 19th Century — George V. Queen Elizabeth used. For 19th Century, price them according to condition.

For Georve V and after, price suggested 40% catalogue.

*Foreign*—Ghana, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Israel, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland. Price them from ⅓ to 40% catalogue.

Price is the important thing. Some books received with stamps in terrible condition were priced as if they were made of gold. Naturally they will never sell. Let your conscience be your guide, ask for your stamps what you yourself would pay for them, depending on the condition.

In some instances, the catalogue prices do not reflect the actual value of the stamps, these cases are the exception but must be taken into consideration.

HENRI GAUTHIER,
*Director of Sales,*
89 Genest St., Ottawa 2, Canada.

## NEW PRIME MINISTER STAMP




A special commemorative stamp, to be issued April 19, 1961, will honour the late Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, who served as Prime Minister of Canada from July 1920, to December 1921, and from June 1926, to September 1926.

The design for this 5 cent stamp to be printed in blue, was prepared by the Canadian Bank Note Company, Limited, and the engraving was based on the best likeness.

Printing order: 32,000,000.

# THE MAIL BAG

### WHAT'S WRONG WITH OUR GUM?

Sir:—I recently received a complaint from a New Zealand correspondent regarding the gum used on Canadian postage stamps and as neither I nor any member of our local club can understand it or offer an explanation, I am passing it along to you in the hope that someone can shed a little light on the subject. Here is what my correspondent says:

> *"I have a grouch about Canadian stamps. Will you write the Canadian Banknote Co., and ask them to change the composition of their glue. Of all the mint stamps that I hold here,—and they come from all over the world—the only ones that stick to album leaves, and to each other, are the Canadian ones. I don't think that dampness can be the answer for if it were I should be having trouble with other issues,—and I don't."*

This is the first complaint of this nature that I have had and cannot understand it. Can you give me a clue as to what may be the answer?

Trail, B.C. SYD T. SPOONER,
RPSC 6489.

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### FLOWERS FROM "MR. CANADA"

Sir:—The January number of the Canadian Philatelist was one of the best pieces of philatelic literature to cross my desk in months. Congratulations to our Editor and all who contributed.

I was particularly interested in the article on "Numeral Cancellations on Canada's Large Queens" and want to congratulate the authors on an excellent job. These numerals offer a challenge and articles like this will eventually give us the complete story.

When I wrote my B.N.A. book in 1929 I leaned on Howe for the 4-ring numerals, but had to start from scratch with the 1868 2-ring numerals. In checking my research with Boggs, who perpetuated one or two of my errors, and with the current article, I don't think I did so badly, good enough at any rate to deserve mention. To be overlooked a second time makes me wonder if philatelic research is worth while, for neither Boggs or the current authors mentioned my name.

Toronto, Ont. FRED JARRETT,
RPSC 118.

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### PHILATELIST OR COLLECTORS?

Sir:—In the current January issue of the Canadian Philatelist, appears an article by Mr. Hans Reiche which I feel empowers me to take issue with him in the statements he makes regarding philately.

In the first place he confuses one with his definition of a philatelist. According to Mr. Reiche a philatelist is one who studies stamps and passes on the knowledge thus obtained for the benefit of all the rest of stamp collectors. In my opinion, any serious stamp collector, be he big or small, who is genuinely interested in the hobby of stamp collecting is also a philatelist. One who delves further into this splendid hobby would be classed as a specialist. Many philatelists like myself are not in the financial position of being able to become specialists, so we are content to add to our knowledge of philately from the findings of wealthier collectors who have the time and the means to study the history of past and present issue of stamps.

I cannot agree with part of his statement which I quote: "Although they (Collectors) do not add basic knowledge to the hobby, they certainly form the vast majority of the guild." I am quite sure that over the years the Collector as Mr. Reiche describes him or her, but to me is a Philatelist, has contributed much basic knowledge to the fundamentals of Philately.

Next I came to "Accumulators". Does it not indicate a keen interest in the hobby if a philatelist does show a desire to obtain a quantity of a particular issue or that of the entire country he is interested in, for at some time or other, these accumulations will eventually find their way to the market.

I cannot agree with his opinion that investors do not contribute to the hobby. Their intention may well be to invest in a rare stamp that may well retain its value in the future, in much the same way as a

connoisseur of art may invest in paintings or other objects of art. By doing so does he not contribute to the cultural life of his or her country?

He next takes up the issue of dealing in stamps, implying that a collector or Philatelist should not follow the practice of being a dealer too. Am I to presume from that one should not make up exchange books but leave this completely in the hands of the dealers? I would refer Mr. Reiche to any issue of a responsible stamp magazine, like THE PHILATELIC MAGAZINE or STAMP COLLECTING in which he will see many small advertisements offering stamps for sale by philatelists who desire to get rid of the duplicate stamps they do not wish to keep. Perhaps Mr. Reiche will show how he would go about stopping this practice. For myself I see nothing wrong in this system. Would he suggest that dealers must on no account become PHILATELISTS or COLLECTORS?

To sum up your article under the caption "FROM PARLIAMENT HILL", we have according to, Dr. G. M. Geldert, the President, some 1,457 members in the R.P.S.C. It would be interesting if Mr. Reiche would say, in his opinion, how many members are PHILATELISTS? According to him they must be a select few. "They (Collectors) certainly form the vast majority of the guild" and I presume he is referring to the Guild as the R.P.S.C. Further those accumulators who collect more than a single copy of any stamp should discontinue this practice so that others may be able to have the assurance that there will be no blank spaces in their collection. I suggest that in future we make a notation in our album that would read as follows:— THIS STAMP ALSO ISSUED IN PALE BLUE — DARK BLUE — INDIGO — etc., etc. That the Government on Parliament Hill be approached with a view to making it an indictable offence for any person who makes the attempt to secure any profit from investing in such articles as stamps, be they used or in mint condition. Therefore, if all those interested in the hobby of stamp collecting stop the practice of buying more than one stamp of any issue the trouble with accumulators acting as dealers would be eliminated. Will Mr. Reiche now suggest to the Board of the R.P.S.C. that the title of the journal be revised to THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST AND STAMP COLLECTOR.

Peers, Alberta. . WILSON-LIGHT, E
RPSC 7124.

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### POSTMARK AND CANCELLATION?

Sir:—How many R.P.S.C. members are postmark and cancellation addicts? Is our bi-monthly journal becoming a picture window for new issues (including topicals? ugh!). Are write-ups on new Canadian issues essential, especially when they are given coverage in most daily papers?

Grudgingly I admit, in all fairness, that we must allow our cork cancelled members some space. The topical collectors (assuming they have paid their memberships) deserve a line or two, and with due respect to those that cannot read, we must publish pictures of the odd new issues.

Don't let this give you the idea that I am against those that delight in these philatelic idiosyncrasies (in moderation) but my orgument is this—do these articles fulfil the wants and requirements of the majority? Or could they be replaced in part by items of more general interest?

All in favour of cancelling some postmarks answer "Aye".

How about some full page reproductions of some of our Candian classics?

Eldorado, Sask. IAN A. D. PATERSON,
RPSC 7243.

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### CANADIAN "USED ABROADS"

Sir:—I have just come across an interesting oddity.

It is a cover addressed to the National Employment Office, Sherbrooke, P.Q. This cover bears the curent 5c. blue Q.E. overprinted "G" and is cancelled by a wavy line machine cancel.

However, the c.d.s. in the machine cancel reads NORTH ANSON, SEPT. 26, 5 - PM, 1958 - MAINE.

On consulting my may, I find North Anson is a town of 875 inhabitants approximately 50 miles from the Quebec border.

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# THE LONDON LETTER

By ROBSON LOWE (R.P.S.C. 7400)

PICTORIAL envelopes are frequently found in collections of 19th century Great Britain and no other country produced anything like such a multitude of *printed pictorial envelopes*. The fashion for the latter started with the Mulready envelopes issued by the Post Office in 1840 which immediately aroused a crop of caricatures by well-known artists, some being cruel political cartoons, others displaying a more Rabelaisian and sometimes indecent humour (the Royal Collection is remarkable of this period). Then following the true pictorial envelopes, of which the Fore's series in 1840 are probably the best known. Later in 1840 came the propaganda envelopes for Temperance, Prison Reform, etc., which were followed in the fifties by a crop which included Ocean Penny Postage, Peace, Anti-Slavery and similar types. There were also a variety of commercial letter sheets and envelopes commencing with *The Post Magazine* and continuing until the eighties. No other country's mail was so pictorial and such items are widely collected today.

There is a curious difference between our hobby and the art world. In the latter, the original drawing, be it oils, water-colour or back-an-white, is of substantially greater value than any print. In our hobby, the printed envelope fetches much more money than the hand-made. The latter are comparatively common from 1856 to the end of the century and are usually found in black and white; wash-drawings, water-colours and oils are much rarer. Of course the artistic standard varies considerably and the themes often contain some personal allusion which is lost on the collector. Sometimes the theme obviously relates to the time of posting (Christmas, Valentine's Day), or to a place where the writer has visited. Of course the picture postcard eventually strifled individual efforts.

The *raison d'être* for all this commentary is a collection og 236 *hand-drawn* envelopes which is coming up for sale in London, on 8th March. The bulk are addressed to William Augustus Morley between 1860 and 1909, and, bearing out the usual experience, most of them were made in the sixties. Two are from artists who were visiting U.S.A. and the rest are internal letters. If the collection fetches an average of $2.00 a piece, I shall be surprised, but if they had been printed then $20.00 a time would be nearer the realisation. I have only seen one such cover from Canada, and that is addressed to my native village—Bournemouth.

*"But what philatelic interest are such envelopes? What do they teach you about postal history"*. These questions have always been asked by those whose fancy does not lead them to admire such Victoriana and they are right. This will not stop those who do collect these envelopes from enjoying the possession or even the sight of such relics of a leisurely age. ☆ ☆ ☆

The colours of the 1840-44 *Maltese Cross* cancellation have always been a problem for collectors. The Gibbons catalogue lists red and black as normal, blue, magenta and yellow at substantial premiums. Now "magenta" did not exist in 1840, being discovered in 1859—a peculiar aniline colour. Having studied and compared over a thousand covers and pieces, I have divided the colours into eight main headings:—

RED—Sixteen abnormal shades including vermilion, blood-, orange-, carmine, crimson, pink, scarlet, etc.

ORANGE—(A mixture of red and yellow)—four abnormal shades varying from bright orange to brownish-orange.

YELLOW—Four shades including brownish-yellow and yellow-buff.

BROWN—Fifteen abnormal shades including bistre-, orange-, purple-, reddish-, yellowish-, sepia and maroon.

BLUE—Fourteen abnormal shades including indigo, blackish-, greenish-, greyish-, and violet-blue.

RED-BLUES—Twelve abnormal shades including the purples, claret, violet and lilac-rose.

GREEN—Four shades including blue—and grey-green.

BLACK—Two shades including blue-black.

This list of seventy six colours has been further identified with the towns and villages whish used these colours and the dates of those examples that I have seen. If any

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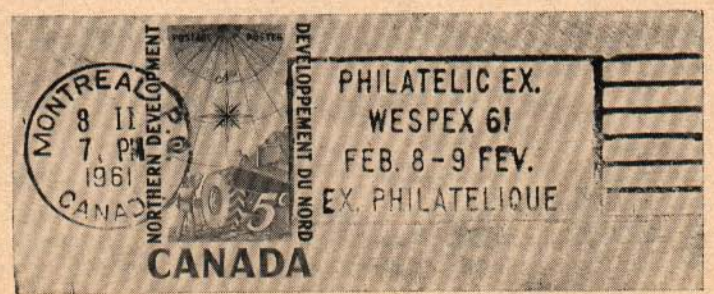
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From February to May 1, I am scampering over the continent valuing collections and (I hope) picking up more finds—Switzerland, Italy, France, Scotland (!) and Scandinavia, so there is a strong chance that the next London Letter will be written in Italian from Venice. (Si non e vero, e ben trovato.—Ed!).



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# WAR TAX COILS ?

By HANS REICHE

GOING over a large quantity of War Tax and Admiral mixture on paper, I came across two items which may be of interest to readers and collectors of the Admiral issue of Canada.

The two pieces which I found in the mixture each had one 2 cents red coil, perforated 8 vertically and one War Tax 1 cent green. The War Tax stamp in both cases had no perforations at the top or the bottom and they were perforated only vertically 12. The top and bottom margins were as wide as the regular stamps. One of the War Tax stamp did show on the right side a definite paste-up strip. This paste-up strip has a straight edge on the left and is perforated on the right side coresponding to the perforations of the right side of the stamp. Although no definite conclusions can be drawn from this, it may be possible that these two stamps came from a "home made" coil strip which was used by someone in order to speed up or simplify handling of large quantities of this stamp. It is of interest to note that in both cases the other stamp is a coil stamp and again here one of these 2 cents coil is a paste-up single. Both pieces were used around July 1915.

# Notice of Annual and Special General Meeting

**TAKE NOTICE that the annual and a special general meeting of the members of THE ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CANADA will be held on the 13th day of May, 1961, at the hour of 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon (local time) at the Community Centre, North Hatley, P.Q., for the following purposes:**

1. *To receive and consider the financial statements of the Society for the year ended December* 31, 1960, *and the reports of the directors and the auditor thereon;*

2. *To elect directors and appoint an auditor;*

3. *To transact such further or other business as may properly come before the meeting and any adjournment or adjournments thereof.*

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(*Signed*) W. F. ANDERSON,
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