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Playboy Martin Visits England

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Dear Friends:-

For obvious reasons the word "Playboy" is used only on minus "Mrs." trips. Well, lonely Martin departed from this country on the bleak, cold, windy and icy January 7th for the warm (?) climes of the Strand in London. During the stopover in Montreal, a chap said he thought he knew me. After a run down of our private lives, it came to stamps, and sure enough that was it. He was Jim Fowler, a member of the North Toronto Stamp Club, en route to England on business, and we had a most pleasant conversation during the trip. I think he would have been willing to chuck his business and join me on my stamp safari.

Four important lots were purchased during the six-day trip. One of these concerned E. & R. Cooke Limited, a very old established stamp firm and one of the leading buyers of stamps in London, who for personal reasons were liquidating their stock, and I purchased the major portion of it. To give you some idea, the inventory of our purchase starts off with over 250 sets of the 1937 Coronation issue, cataloguing \$40.29 per set, and finishes with 161 sets of Virgin Islands George VI to the £. In between you can guess, but a further indication is that some of the Centenary sets are in thousand quantities. There is really much more to tell about

this transaction but I will leave it for another time.

Another transaction was for a tremendous stock of mint Newfoundland. I was most happy to buy this lot on account of the decided uptrend in demand and prices for Newfoundland stamps. There were over 100 Caribou sets, over 100 Gilbert sets, airmails and the country generally complete and in quantities. For collectors wanting blocks or larger pieces, this is a grand opportunity, perhaps the last, as I know of no other lot like this one. By the way, another item was the unique sheet of 100 4¢ Edward VIII, #189a, cataloguing \$2,000.00. This has already been sold.

The third lot was purchased from an old friend who really is in no hurry to sell stamps. What he has he holds and only on the "right" days is one perhaps lucky enough to get something. After a long conversation and a good cup of tea, the right time arose and I was fast about buying mint British Colonies, cataloguing over \$43,000.00. In the lot was an excellent lot of B.W.I. with complete sets and

commemoratives.

Last but not least of the big deals, was one made in Brighton. On arrival Saturday noon, I was telling my host of my purchases. One lot, not mentioned above, that caught his fancy was a group of Canada I had sold a London dealer 18 months previous, and then bought it back giving the dealer a satisfactory profit. Well, he said, if that's unusual, how would you like to buy 8 large cartons that I bought from Empire some years ago? I couldn't believe it, until we went up to the top of the house (4th floor) and there, in a room piled high with boxes, were the 8 boxes unopened, stamped and sealed as we had shipped them 5 years ago. I asked why he had not done anything with the lot and the answer was "that he had just not had time to get around to it". This was the Ethier of Oshawa wholesale stock, practically all Canada with 50¢ Bluenose, \$1.00 Parliaments, O2, EO1, EO2 etc. all by the hundreds. Yes, I bought the lot and it is on the way back to Canada. I wonder if I can sell it back to Oshawa.

After all these purchases my theme still is "Have Money-Will Travel". What

have you got to sell?

Philatelically yours,

Harry Mar

HARRY B. MARTIN JR.

P.S.—While I was behind the counter of a London dealer, who comes in asking for good Australians but former Toronto dealer Max Cohen. Without his knowing who I was, I suggested he try Empire Stamps in Toronto. Max couldn't believe his ears until he recognized me and we both had a good laugh!

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The Editor Speaks Out . . .

DURING the past year we had the pleasure of visiting in Port Perry our ex-Librarian, Herbie Buckland, one of our oldest members and certainly one of those who have served the Society for many long years, probably for more than Herbie cares to remember.

Herbie was 79 on New Year's Eve, and if the weight of his years has caused him to slow down somewhat, we have not noticed it. He has already booked his passage for a trip next summer to England and Scotland, plus Norway and Sweden. In Norway, he has arranged for a journey by boat from Oslo to the North Cape, a journey of over 1200 miles.

He told us that he has finally managed to re-arrange 30 of his albums following the destruction of his home two years ago and now has only ten or so more to do.

A pleasant trip 'back 'ome' Herbie, and our best regards to all our good friends of the CPS of GB!

In THE MAIL BAG, our readers will note letters from members Paul Brown, of Grimsby, Ont., and R. McCallum, of Pointe Claire, P.Q. and we hang our head in shame! So cocksure were we of having discovered an "error" by the P.O. that we omitted the most elementary precaution of checking up our assertion in our array of dictionaries and encyclopedias, French and English!

We goofed in another direction, but our President Dr. Geldert, was the only one who pointed out our error, i.e. using the spelling "d'Acunha" for "Da Cunha".

Your editor has done quite a lot of reading on Tristan d'Acunha (he is very fond of reading about such lonely outposts!) during the past 40 or 50 years and has a vague idea that his version of the name of the island has some

To All Clubs and Members

In the November-December issue of the Philatelist, a special insert was enclosed, stressing the fact that the Sales Department needed BOOKS—BOOKS—and MORE BOOKS.

Three months after this article was written I have to report to ALL of you that the response has been disappointing, that in receipt of NEW BOOKS for the Sales Circuit we are 400 behind last year at this same date.

Except for the Lethbridge Club who made a concerted effort as a club, no other Society from Coast to Coast has made any contributions to the Sales Circuit. It has been kept going by individual collectors, most of them not belonging to any club. Unless a steady supply of new books is forthcoming, the Sales Circuit is in trouble. At the present rate of receipts, for every book coming in, the equivalent of two books is sold.

There has been criticism from various clubs that some of the books received in the Circuits were half empty. When it comes to Canada and B.N.A., I have had no choice but to keep half empty books or have none in stock. Within the last two months, I was unable to send Circuits to different clubs because I didn't have a single book available of Canada or B.N.A. And this applies also to some foreign, such as: Germany, Russia, Scandinavia, Vatican, etc.

The situation has been deteriorating steadily, and unless clubs and individual collectors supply us with books necessary to carry on, the end can be foreseen.

I have been told so many times that "I haven't the time to make books", that the time has come that unless members find the time there will be either no Circuit or half empty books available.

We have now 1600 members in the Society, an increase of more than 700 within the last four years, but the number of books for the Circuit instead of increasing has been steadily going down, both in quantity and quality.

I would like all the members to realize that writing this article is no pleasure to me, but in all fairness to the Sales Department, I must say that if you are disappointed in the contents of the books you receive in the Circuit, this article is the answer.

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From now on, a maximum of two dozen books to clubs and one dozen to individuals will be sold, and further books will be sold only when these are returned for circulation in the Sales Circuit.

Our Annual Exhibition is only two months away, and frankly 95% of the books in the Sales Department are unfit for Sales presentation for such an occasion. MAY I EXPECT YOUR FULL COOPERATION SO THAT NEW BOOKS WORTHY OF OUR SOCIETY BE AVAILABLE FOR CANPEX AT WINDSOR ON MAY 3, 4 & 5.

justification but a hurried visit to the Toronto Reference Library produced no results. All the modern versions seen show indubitably "Da Cunha". He apologizes for misleading his readers!

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Our next issue will be mailed on the 20th April and should be in the hands of our readers in ample time for the Windsor Convention.

We hope to meet many of our readers there and that they will not be bashful in seeking us out and telling us what they think of our CP and what we can do to improve it!

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In the Nov.-Dec. issue, we asked our readers to let us know, briefly on a post card, just what they would most like to see in a philatelic exhibition. Result: a stony silence!

Does this mean that the exhibition is of secondary importance and that the "gathering of the clans" is what counts? We wonder!

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We asked for some good usable ideas on the "How I Did It" basis, and there again, no result at all!

This somewhat surprised us, as we have had, in the past, more than one letter asking us for some explanation of a very basic point, such as washing large quantities of stamps, albums, and such like.



Notice to Advertisers and Contributors

It is our intention to have THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST in the mails by the 20th April so that practically all our members will have their copy before the start of the great Convention and Exhibition in Windsor.

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Nepal and It's Stamps

By Eric Glasgow, M. A., Ph. D.

THE mountain-kingdom of Nepal, secluded in the Himalayas, between Tibet and the United Provinces of India, has had its share of publicity, if only because it is the country from which have been organized the successive efforts to conquer Mount Everest, culminating in the triumph of Hillary and Tensing, in 1953. In 1960, Nepal again received some British attention, when its King and Queen visited the United Kingdom; and in 1961, Nepal was again in the news, owing to Queen Elizabeth's visit to India and Fakistan.

Always a land of mystery, Nepal has many features to attract the stamp-collector. As its more modern issues illustrate, it has a primitive, picturesque, and very precipitous terrain, a hard environment in which to live. Only in the southern valleys, draining towards the great basin of the River Ganges, is settled agriculture possible; and there crops of rice, wheat, and maize are grown. The lower hills are covered with jungle, in which wild animals abound.

Nepal has a total population of some eight millions, but this is spread over some 54,000 square miles, and the only area of any density of population is that immediately surrounding the capital, Kathmandu, with over 100,000 people. The inhabitants are of Mongolian origin, Buddhist or Hindu in religion; and the dominant tribe is the famous Gurkhas, that intrepid people usually identified with Nepal.

The mountain-scenery, with its wild and rugged grandeur, the temples, and the stern condition of life, are all readily apparent from the extant postage-stamps of Nepal, which are certainly most unusual and exotic in their appeal, despite the obvious "westernizing" influences within the last decade. There are now sufficient stamps to form a reasonable uint, and although these are fairly costly, they are not beyond the pocket of the

serious collector who is prepared to invest in a compact, specialized unit. Nepal is an unfrequented field, as far as stamp-collectors are concerned; yet a number of quite outstanding specialized studies of this country have been made, notably that of E. A. Smythies, F.R.P.S.L.

What collectors can achieve with Nepal was evident from the amazing display of this country, which was shown at the London International Stamp Exhibition of 1960. Postmark studies are especially rewarding from so isolated a country: in addition to Kathmandu itself, there are post-offices at Bhatgaon, Patan, Dhankuta, Palpa, Pokhra, Salang, Jumla, Sil Garhi, and other places. Covers from these post offices, with the arresting stamps of Nepal, are outstanding in any collection.

With its background, Nepal is bound to have a fascinating postal history, beginning with messengers journeying on foot, in hazardous circumstances. Since the country turns, economically and geographically, towards India, its earliest connection with civilization, and therefore with the post as the chief medium of civilization, was through the British in India. A British Resident went to Kathmandu in 1792, and although he was recalled two years later, he returned in 1815, when the Treaty of Sugauli was made, between Nepal and Britain. Despite troubled internal politics since then, there has been no serious break in the harmonious relations between the two countries.

Modern Nepal has, indeed, its own serious problems, since the King's efforts towards greater democracy are much resented by the feudal dynasty of the Rana barons. Thus the new democratic constitution, of 1959, has become unworkable, and in 1960, it had to be suspended by the King. Although even the stamps show that Nepal can isolate itself from

the tendencies of modern times no more than can Tibet, it is fortunate that the politics of Nepal are of no more immediate concern for stamp-collectors.

Nepal used the issues of British India from 1854 until its own stamps were first issued, in 1881. Stamps, and cover material, for this long period, are readily obtainable; and they are certainly well worth looking for. The strange designs of 1881, with their perforation variations, are also worth attention, although they are rather expensive. Equally exotic is the set of 1907, symbolic of the mountainous setting of Nepal.

For many years, these were the only two sets which represented Nepal in the stamp-album. Disturbed by the Second World War, however, Nepal produced a pictorial set, in 1949, which does some justice to its unusual architectual heritage: these stamps are most attractive, colourful, and inexpensive. The subsequent stamps of 1954, include a small map of Nepal, and again, the colours are both vivid and varied, and the cost surprisingly low.

Since 1954, the increasing "modernization" of Nepal is apparent from the stamps. A stamp of 1956, for instance, illustrates the mechanization of agriculture, a surprising feature in a country like Nepal. Another stamp, of the same year, an impressive triangular, marks the first anniversary of Nepal's admission into the United Nations Organization. Further issues, of 1958 and 1959, commemorate the beginning of the country's internal air-mail service, and its first Parliamentary elections.

Not until the year 1959, as a special set of stamps illustrates, was Nepal admitted as a member of the Universal Postal Union. Consequently, most of the present stamps of Nepal — i.e. all those issued from 1881 up to 1959—were valid only within its own frontiers. So few countries have for so long remained outside the U.P.U. that collectors tend to overlook this peculiar (and interesting) feature about the stamps of Nepal. Until 1959, the stamps of India, since 1948 those of the Indian Republic, were normally used for the pre-payment of



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(In passing, I might add that the use of "stamp book" is rather objectionable. The proper word is album.)

Hinges are tiny pieces of thin paper, die cut to size (generally about half an inch wide by three-quarters of an inch long) and gummed on one side.

The gumming of stamp hinges is something rather special. Instead of the thick film of gum we find on envelope flaps, gummed tape and even stamps, the gum used on hinges is applied in two or more thin layers, each layer being allowed to dry before the next is applied.

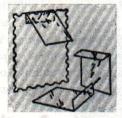
This makes the hinge "peelable," as we say. After a hinge applied to a stamp or album page has dried it can be peeled off without damage to the stamp or the page.

No matter what you may hear, stamp hinges provide the best-known means for mounting stamps in albums. You'll hear that stamps are damaged by hinges, which is mostly poppycock. When there's damage to a stamp mounted by a hinge it's because the hinge wasn't properly used.

Hinges are sold in packages (usually containing 1,000) and the most popular are those which are folded for use. A few collectors like to fold their own hinges, but using the ready-folded hinges is so convenient that most of us prefer them. Personally I prefer the Dennison

hinge, but the Fold-O, Universal and Peerless stamp hinges are all good ones.

Hinges are easy to use. We present an illustration showing two views of a folded hinge (if you fold your own you'll



do it the same way) and a third picture showing a hinge affixed to a stamp.

Use your tongs to pick up a hinge. Moisten the gum on the short end (not too much) and

affix it to the stamp, placing it at the top and just below the perforations.

Then you take the hinged stamp in your stamp tongs, moisten the long end (again not too much) and put it in position in the proper space in the album.

Yes, it's very simple and tho it may seem a little clumsy at first, in no time at all you'll get the knack of hinging your stamps and mounting and will do it so easily you'll be scarcely conscious of what you're doing.

But there are a number of things to be careful about.

Don't moisten hinges too liberally. The film of gum is mighty thin and too much moisture will literally wash it off and it will have no adhesive power. Most of the damage hinges are said to do to unused stamps is the result of too generous moistening.

And don't moisten the whole hinge, either the short end or the long end. If half of the gummed surface is moistened it's generally enough.

If you want to move a stamp to another place after you've mounted it, wait until the gum on the hinge is thoroughly dry. A hinge isn't "peelable" when it is moist.

Avoid the use of substitutes for hinges. Don't use bits of gummed paper, etc. in-

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There are a number of stamps, issued by other countries, that form a group which should be of particular interest to collectors of Canada. These are stamps which picture Canadians or Canadian scenes, or have been issued to commemorate events or persons having a direct connection with Canada.

The following list is undoubtedly in-It may, however, encourage others to contribute references to additional appropriate items, so that a check list may be compiled. Such a list might well include those stamps which have been printed in Canada for use elsewhere.

Argentina

Alexander Graham Bell is shown on a semi-postal stamp issued in 1944. was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1847, but came to Canada as a young man in 1870 and later moved to the United States. He died at his summer home on Cape Breton Island in 1922.

Bahamas

In 1916 a number of Canadian troops were stationed in the Bahamas. In order to hasten the delivery of Canadian letters to them, and to civilians as well. some 6,600 copies of the "Queen's Staircase" 5d. stamps were forwarded to Ottawa, where they were overprinted "SPECIAL DELIVERY" and placed on sale in Canadian post offices. stamp, placed on a letter in addition to the required Canadian postage, ensured prompt delivery.

Colombia

The airmail stamps issued by the Sociedad Colombo-Alemana de Transports Aéreos, "SCADTA", during 1920-1932 were the only legal franking for airmail service in Colombia both for internal and international mails. were sold for use in other countries. Such stamps were overprinted with certain letters indicating the country of sale, where they were affixed and cancelled. A number were overprinted "CA" and used in Canada,

Cook Islands, New Zealand, etc.

Captain James Cook, who explored the coast of British Columbia, appears, although not in this connection, on a number of stamps issued by these Pacific islands.



Cook also accompanied Wolfe to Quebec and made the hydrographic surveys which enabled Wolfe's ships to proceed safely up the St. Lawrence.

Cuba

A typical Canadian scene, so described. appears on the 2 cent value of the 1937 set issued for the benefit of the Association of American Writers and Artists.

Niagara Falls is shown on the 10 cent value of the 1940 airmail set commemorating the centenary of the death of Jose María Heredía.



Dominican Republic

Gerald Ouellette, a Canadian, was the 1956 Olympic winner of the gold medal for small-bore shooting. He is pictured on the 1 cent triangular stamp of 1957.

France

Jacques Cartier appears on two stamps issued in 1934 to commemorate the 400th anniversary of his first voyage to Canada. This portrait, which hangs in the St. Malo town hall, is after a painting



by an unknown artist. St. Malo, whence Cartier sailed, is shown on a 20 franc stamp issued in 1938.

The Vimy Memorial appears on the two stamps issued in 1936, on the occasion of its unveiling by King Edward VIII. The Memorial stands on Canadian soil, land given by France to Canada. These stamps reveal an engraver's error, as the mourning figure of Canada on the front of the Memorial appears toward the left of the space between the pylons, instead of toward the right.

The Allied landings in North Africa, Normandy and the South of France were commemorated in 1954 by a 15 franc stamp. Canadian troops were prominent partners in both the landings in France.

The view of the ruins of Caen, pictured on a semi-postal stamp of 1945, will be familiar to many Canadians who were engaged in the prolonged and bitter struggle for that key centre during the Summer of 1944.

In 1855 a French corvette, La Capricieuse, visited Canada. It was the first time since the Treaty of Paris in 1763

that a French ship had come to this country. The centenary of this event was marked in 1955 by the issue of a 30 franc stamp.

Samuel de Champlain is pictured on a 12f. + 3f. semi postal stamp issued in 1936.

Other French stamps portray Cardinal Richelieu, Colbert and Louis XIV, all of whom had a great deal to do with Canada at that time. Places also closely connected with Canada and shown on the stamps of France include Brouage (Champlain) Rouen (whence came many immigrants) and La Rochelle (home of many immigrants and point of departure of numerous ships bound for Canada. Great Britain

Some years ago, when in Edinburgh, I was told that, during the early days of Canadian colonization, part of the forecourt of Edinburgh Castle had, by Royal Decree, been constituted a part of Nova Scotia. This piece of land was granted to the new Baron of Nova Scotia, who had to be a landowner before he could receive his barony.













The Castle appears on the current 10/-stamp.

Iceland

Leif Ericsson, son of Eric The Red, is commemorated by a semi-postal souvenir sheet of three stamps issued in 1938. Two of these show the Ericsson statue in Reykjavik, and the other depicts a map of the North Atlantic area. The map identifies Newfoundland as the Vinland of the Vikings, probably incorrectly, as modern scholarship now generally agrees that Vinland lay further south, perhaps in the vicinity of Cape Cod and Long Island.

The 35 aurar stamp of the New York World's Fair issue of 1939 pictures a map on which Ericsson's route is shown. One of Leif Ericsson's associates was





Thorfinn Karlsefni, who in 1008 also explored Canada's Eastern coastline. His statue is shown on two values of the New York World's Fair issue, and on a three value set issued from 1939 to 1945. Italy

Korea

Canadian participation in the United Nations action to restore peace in Korea was commemorated by two 500 weun stamps issued in 1951.

Netherlands, Netherlands Antilles (Curação) and Surinam

In June 1940 Princess (now Queen) Juliana came to Ottawa to stay for the duration of the war. Her third daughter Princess Margariet was born in Ottawa on January 19th, 1943. This Princess was the first Royal child ever born in It was not possible at that time for the Dutch Government to mark this event by the issue of a stamp for During the use in the Netherlands. latter part of 1943, however, a fourvalue set in honour of the Princess was issued in the Netherlands Antilles (Curacao) and in Surinam. After the war, in 1946, the Princess was pictured on two semi-postal stamps issued by the Netherlands.



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Captain Roald Amundsen was the first man to accomplish the North-West Passage. His ship, the GJOA, made the Fassage in 1903 to 1906. He is shown on the lower value of the 1961 issue commemorating his 1901 successful dash to the South Pole.



Pakistan

One of Canada's major contributions under the Colombo Plan has been the financial and technical aid given to the Government of Pakistan in connection with the Warsak hydro-electric and irrigation project in Northern Pakistan. A 40 paisa stamp was issued on June 1st, 1961 to commemorate the dedication of this project. (This stamp was shown on page 40 of Jan.-Feb. issue).

Salvador

Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King is shown on a single stamp and a souvenir sheet issued in 1948 to mark the third aniversary of the death of President Roosevelt. Mr. King also appears on an airmail stamp issued that year. The group picture on which these



designs were based appears to have been taken at a wartime meeting in Quebec.

United Nations

In 1955 a set of two stamps was issued to mark the tenth anniversary of the International Civil Aviation Organization. Canada took a major part in the original discussions which led to the formation of the ICAO. The Headquarters are in Montreal.



United States

The Pan-American Exposition issue of 1901 shows border scenes on two values. The 5 cent stamp pictures the International Bridge at Niagara Falls, and the 8 cent value the canal locks at Sault Ste. Marie. Of the five locks, four are in the United States and one in Canada.





The 25 cent value of the regular issue of 1922-25 also shows a picture of Niagara Falls. It appears to depict the Canadian Horseshoe Falls, although it is supposed to be a view of the American (Continued on page 96)

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How Crazy Can We Get?

We have received the following press release from the Dept. of Transport in Ottawa and publish it in extenso. We don't think any further comments are needed other than our heading!

A sudden upsurge in the desire to collect arctic postal station cancellations has resulted in carloads of unwanted letters being dropped into already stuffed D.O.T. "in" baskets.

Although this isn't a new fad—small numbers of these requests have dribbled in in the past and were carried by northbound Canadian Marine Service vessels—this year the situation got out of hand. Beginning early in February thousands of letters, addressed in a variety of ways, found their way to the office of Captain E. S. Brand, director of marine operations. Collectors around the world had been alerted by philatelic journals about Canada's unique arctic postal stations and all wanted one or a dozen-and-one cancelled covers for their collections.

Dealers, too, thought they would take advantage of the "service". Some sent detailed instructions to ships' captains asking that a series of as many as 32 envelopes be mailed on successive days from different spots along the routestarting in Montreal and northward to Fadloping Bay, Alert and Eureka. They even went as far as to microscopically instruct the captains to "use the handstamp containing the ship's name and date to apply a clear, but dark, impression in the left hand corner and autograph the envelope". As well, they suggested that if no postal service existed at a certain place, the envelope be stamped on the day the ship was there and held for mailing at the next post office. To carry out such requests would require the full-time services of a postal clerk aboard each CMS vessel.

Transport officials, after consulting with the Post Office, decided that all such mail be opened, stamped to show receipt, and turned over to the Post Office Department's philatelic section. There it was to be recorded and returned to the sender with a letter explaining that when a vessel docks in an arctic post her officers are too busy to become part-time postmen.

Although it would be impossible to read every one of these letters, a spot check on one particular batch turned up some interesting "case histories".

An Austrian collector, realizing that

his requests would mean extra work for many people, included complete sets of his country's stamps in case his "mailmen" were collectors themselves. A discouraged philatelist from Smiths Grove, Kentucky, said he had been trying for four years to obtain an arctic postmark. This year he tried the "personal" approach. He addressed his letter to the purser of a particular vessel, imploring that the envelope be returned with an arctic cancellation. He got it back all right—but with an Ottawa postmark.

One New York City collector might be well-advised to hang on to the Canadian stamps he used on the inside, self-addressed envelopes. They represented more than 50 years of Canadian issues—including ones from the reigns of Queen Victoria, George V and VI and others of 1930 vintage showing the then-young princesses. Apparently, he didn't think it odd that a 50-year-old stamp would bear a 1961 cancellation, but his friends might get a strange idea of Canadian postal service!

Some requests were written in German and Dutch, so what they wanted could only be guessed at, while yet others included coins in lieu of Canadian stamps.

Scores of the same letters from members of an American society of polar philatelists followed what must have been a suggested form letter — each closed off cheerily wishing the captain well on his arctic voyage (presumably

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The popularity of the so called "tagged stamps" is well indicated by the early sell-out of these stamps in the post offices of Winnipeg and Ottawa. Soon after the first day of sale these stamps were only available from the Fhilatelic Agency in Ottawa. Centering in general was poor and most of the covers seen have at least one denomination which shows a badly centered A large number of collectors stamp. who had ordered first-day covers from the Chamber of Commerce in Winnipeg suddenly received a letter from a dealer in Winnipeg telling them that their first day cover request had been received too late for processing and that the dealer would now supply some of these wanted covers to them. In addition other "rare" offers of these first day covers of tagged stamps were listed. Although no definite date was given when the "too late" orders were turned over by the Chamber of Commerce to the dealer it is implied that this was the 1st Jan. 62. No such announcement had ever been made in the philatelic press that this would be the case and many collectors, rightly so, took this procedure as nothing more than a good sales gimmick. A number of letters complaining about this procedure went out to the Chamber of Commerce in Winnipeg and the Post Office Dept. As a matter of interest, none of these covers did go through the special sorting machine for which these stamps have been prepared. The machine has not been installed and it is simply the intention of the Post Office to saturate the district with these stamps so that when the machine arrives in July these will be the only stamps in use.

Once a year, normally within a period of three months, the activities of all clubs seem to concentrate on holding exhibitions. Looking through various

philatelic magazines, one can note that around this time of the year an extremely large number of exhibitions are being held throughout the world. It is the ambition of most collectors to exhibit their collection at least once, in the hope that some recognition for their effort can be obtained. It takes a lot of time to prepare a collection for an exhibition and when the collectors finally believes that he is ready he has to make a choice as to the best place to exihibit. two or more exhibitions occur at the same time and it becomes impossible to exhibit in more than one. A difficult decision must be reached and he may lose out on an award. Another consideration is that the attendance of exhibitions must drop if two or more exhibitions, especially international, are (Continued on page 72)

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"CANPEX" with some 1,300 frames of exhibits from the cream of Canadian collections as well as many outstanding exhibits from the United States will be staged in ideal surroundings in the new Cleary Convention Hall situated in the heart of Windsor across the river from Detroit. The Hon. Chairman of the Exhibition Committee is Fred Jarrett, F.R. P.S.C., of Toronto, who will personally supervise the mounting of the exhibition.

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held on the Saturday with the President, Dr. G. M. Geldert of Ottawa, in the chair, following which will be the Directors Meeting for the election of officers of the society for the new term.

On the Friday, a special gathering of the Canadian and American Fellows and Members of the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain will take place and will be addressed by Sir George A. Williamson of Aberdeen, Scotland, President of this world famous British B.N.A. specialist society, who will be in Windsor for "CANPEX". Other societies and specialist groups including the Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada and the Peninsular State Philatelic Society of Michigan will also hold special meetings at Windsor at this time.

The Hon. William Hamilton M.P., Postmaster General of Canada has accepted the invitation to be the guest speaker at the "CANPEX" banquet on May 5. Mr. Hamilton will also attend the 7th Annual Breakfast of the Tie on the Sunday morning having been made an Honorary Member of the Windsor "Y" Stamp Club at the North Hatley Convention last May.

The Canada Post Office is arranging a special display of Canadian stamps for the Exhibition. There will be a Post Office at "CANPEX" and special covers are being prepared for the first day of issue of the new Canadian commemorative stamp which will mark the 150th anniversary of the Red River Settlement and be issued on May 3, the opening day of the exhibition.

An extensive Bourse has been arranged which will be a feature of "CANPEX".

An attractive 28-page Prospectus was mailed in January to all members of the Society and to many prominent collectors in the United States and Great Britain. It contains particulars of the Committees, layouts of the floors in the Cleary Exhibition Hall, together with the rules and regulations for the entry of exhibits for competition, classification of exhibits and official exhibition entry form. A

short historical background of Windsor was also included with illustrations of points of local interest.

The official catalogue, containing descriptions of the exhibits, will be available at the Exhibition on the opening day and may be obtained by mail from the General Chairman at the price of 50 cents.

The General Chairman of "CANPEX" is Dr. N. O. Boyd of 1175 Kildare Road, Windsor, Ontario, to whom all enquiries should be addressed and they will be forwarded to the Committees concerned, with the exception of correspondence regarding exhibits which should be sent direct to the Chairman of the Exhibits Committee, Alan G. McKanna, 41 Saybrook Avenue, Toronto 18, Ont.

Entries for competition at "CANPEX" have been coming in well and members who have not already done so are urged to send in their application for frames as soon as possible. All entry forms must be received not later than March 21. General Awards will be made on the basis of Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards with no special number assigned to any particular class or group, but it will be left to the discretion of the Jury to determine the number to be awarded. Other special trophies and awards will be listed in the Exhibition catalogue.

The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada's annual trophies will be awarded to members of the Society. All exhibitors will receive a certificate of participation and will be eligible for the general awards. The Society's Trophies for annual competition are the Brisley Trophy for the best exhibit by a member of the R.P.S.C.; the Seagram Trophy for 19th Century B.N.A.; the Woodhead Trophy for 20th Century B.N.A.; the Hanselman Trophy for 20th Century Canadian Covers; the Christensen Trophy for Great Britain; the Harris Trophy for British Commonwealth; the Lamouroux Trophy for France and Associated Countries; the Green Trophy for Europe; the B. F. Goodrich for United States of America: the Montreal Trophy for Topicals; the Ford Inter-Club Trophy; and the Canadian Stamp Dealers Association Trophy for the Most Popular Exhibits.

Not since "CAPEX" in 1951 has such an array of philatelic material been on public exhibition in Canada and Members are urged to make a special effort to be in Windsor from May 3 to 5 and to do everything possible to publicise this great philatelic event among collectors in this country, and in the United States.

Strategically placed with easy access to Ontario cities and the American Mid-West "CANPEX" will undoubtedly bring together one of the largest groups of philatelists ever to assemble on this Continent.

-A. H. C.

Parliament Hill from page 69 being held at the same time. There is a definite need for an exhibition committee which could allot exhibition dates to clubs and other organizations.

Canadian stamps are being printed on pregummed paper. One might expect that some sheets might be fed into the printing press with the gum on top. Such an error would produce a stamp printed on the gummed side. As far as we know only a single case has ever been reported in Canada. The 3 cents carmine of the 1935 King George V issue exists printed on the gummed side. This stamp is listed in the Catalogue of Canada Constant Plate varieties as number 219-7. It is a very rare stamp but some specimens have recently come on the market through auctions. Such an error could easily slip through the eye of an inspector.

The recent amalgamation of the German Michel and Mueller catalogues will result in the issue of a specialized German catalogue in 1963. Such a specialized catalogue has not been published German collectors should since 1948! look forward with great interest to this undertaking and all are advised to place their orders as soon as the announcement is made. A Canadian specialized catalogue is long overdue. A combination of Jarrett, Boggs, Holmes and Scott could produce such a book. We hope that some of the large publishers such as Scott or Minkus will come up with this.

A New Service for Chapters

In order to assist chapters, and in particular, the more isolated ones, to have a more varied and, we hope, more interesting programme, your directors have decided to start the provision of illustrated talks on stamps and the first six subjects have been gathered together and will be available for sending out to chapters by the middle of February.

Each talk consists of a script and a series of 35mm, coloured slides. The cues for the slides are included in the script, so no difficulty should be experienced in finding some member of the chapter to put the show over. We understand that most public libraries have projectors and screens available on loan to non-profit societies such as stamp clubs, so with those facilities or the services of some member who combines philately and photography as his hobbies, the chapters should be able to obtain some additional programme material from these talks. The chapters will be required to pay registered postage both ways and to be responsible for any loss or damage to the slides.

The Subjects presently available are:

- 1. Faroe Islands
- 2. Birds on Stamps (by W. J. Banks)
- 3. Religion on Stamps
- 4. Music on Stamps
- 5. Heroes on Stamps
- Greek and Roman Mythology (by Rev. Walter McLeary, Minister of Gale Presbyterian Church, Elmira, Ontario.)

It is realised that at present we are heavy on topical subjects, but to get things started and to get some idea of the demand for such a service it was decided not to wait for a more balanced selection but to press ahead with the subjects immediately available to the Society. It is hoped to add other subjects as soon as possible and any member who can contribute either a complete talk or the script and the material for photographing is asked to get in touch with the director presently in charge of

this service, Andrew H. Hinrichs, as arrangements can be made to have the necessary slides made and the script typed.

Eventually, we intend to have the scripts taped so that chapters will be able to choose whether one of their own members reads the script or they listen to the dulcet tones of Norman Boyd who has offered to do the taping.

Application for the use of these talks should be sent to Andrew H. Hinrichs, 461 Briar Hill Avenue, Toronto 12, stating which subject is wanted and the date required. Alternatives should be given in both cases.

Arnold Banfield Passes

We much regret to have to announce the death on December 17, of Arnold Banfield, one of our senior members.

Arnold was one of Canada's greatest collectors and his collection of Prince Consorts was renowned everywhere and had won numerous awards on many occasions.

Besides being a member of our Society, he was also a member of the Royal Philatelic Society of London, the Toronto Stamp Collectors Club, of which he was President at his death, and the B.N.A. P.S., of which he was a Vice-President.

His passing leaves a great void in Canadian philately.

The President and Directors and all members express their deepest sympathy to Mrs. Banfield and his family in the great loss they have suffered.

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THE LONDON LETTER

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

This letter is being started in London while waiting for the aircraft to take off to Dublin. The Singer re-trial continues to drag on and one can but wonder at the endurance and patience of the judge, the counsel and the jury. At any rate they had two weeks Christmas recess.

Early in December I went to Holland and saw the Post Office Stamp Exhibi-It is not surprising tion at Arnhem. that a country that produced so many fine artists in the past should continue the artistic tradition on their stamps. A survey of Dutch postage stamps shows a high standard of design in most issues in accordance with the artistic standards of the time. This exhibition showed the original motif for the design (such as an original engraving, the artist's rough sketches and finished drawing) compared with the finished stamp. I believe that the exhibition was mainly visited by art students but it was one of profound interest to me. This exhibition had been previously shown in Paris and it is one that should find an appreciative audience in any country.

Later in the month I went to Zürich where I was entertained by Professor and Madame Oskar Winterstein. The Professor's collection of Russian stamps is quite exceptional and I could have played with these for a long time. However it was Madame's collection of miniature books and miniature china that absorbed my immediate attention. There is more than one reason why miniature books were made but I had not thought of the necessity for tiny volumes for the travellers in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries who had to WALK and carry their own baggage with them. There is an interesting comparison to be found in those letters carried in England during the reign of James I - the 1610-20 period - when letters were very much smaller than those sent fifty years earlier. Two examples in my collection suggest that a hundred and fifty of them would not weigh more than a pound. The reason given to me for this decrease in size is that the successor to Elizabeth I came from Scotland and in consequence the number of letters carried between the countries greatly increased; as the mail carriers were very limited in number (there were only six mounted men employed in carrying the Royal Mail in England in 1560), preference was given to private correspondence which was small in size. I own a miniature letter written in 1840 housed in an envelope made the same size as the then newfangled penny black; the sender, a man writing to a woman, mentioned that the officers of the Post Office would be sure to admire his ingenuity. I am not so certain!

While in Holland I was given a collection of Venezuela for sale by auction and included were two covers of the 1869-70 bearing the rare locals "Correo de Coro á la Vela y viceversa" which were used on letters sent by railway between these towns. Both these letters were written and posted in Coro to the same address in Caracas. One stamp is in one of the known colours, black on orange, and the other is in a hitherto unrecorded colour, black on lavender. This is the first time I have come across these locals on covers; fortunately, railway stamps do not fetch the same prices as ship stamps (I wonder why, for there are millions of railway enthusiasts) so these rare stamps are not likely to fetch much money. The rarest British railway stamp would probably sell for under \$25 on cover while some repulsive example of philatelic obscenity issued last week (a wonderful investment-only two million printed) fetches \$100. We are a mad lot!

Incidentally, we have now taken off and have left the cold drizzle of London Airport to bask in the warm sun some three miles over Oxford.

A few months ago, the B.P.A. Expert

Committee were sent a copy of the New Zealand Chalon 2d imperforate and asked if it was plate I or plate II (the latter is normally found perforated). many years I have collected these stamps and for some reason this question had not arisen before. In 99% of the cases, the printing and state of the plate is sufficient to identify the plate with certainty. Checking through my own reference material I was lucky enough to spot the difference. -plate I is shorter and wider than plate II. This started me off and as a result of this question I have written a monograph* dealing with the differences between the two plated and describing the recutting on plate I (there are two states of some stamps on this plate) which will enable the enthusiasts to reconstruct the sheet. Plate II has been written about before and all the retouches have made reconstruction possible, but here is the gen for a new field of exploration. How many other of our popular classics have yet to be studied?

Before this issue of the Canadian Philatelist appears, volume IV of the Encyclopaedia of British Empire postage stamps will have been published. Through a series of accidents and incidents including the death of the director in charge of its production, the appearance of this volume has been delayed for several However, those who are interested in the stamps of Australia will find plenty of meat in this tome, which will cost you \$12 and is heavy enough to make a useful tie-press. Volume V, which includes B.N.A. and B.W.I., is already under way and David Fortnum and I are betting that the time needed for production will be less than that required for the gestation of an elephant. Any takers?

Christmas was quiet and peaceful as most of the family had 'flu. Therefore I dug out my Blood's Penny Post locals of Philadelphia and spent two heavenly days probing into the problems. If you have any examples in bronze on black or multiple pieces of any of these printings, may I see them? The reconstruction of each pane has been worked out. There

are apparently four panes to a sheet, some positions having been retouched. All three printings have been recorded with the stop after "BLOOD'S" but only the last two (the bronze on black was the first printing) are found without the stop. The question I want to answer is

"Were there two stones of 100 impressions, the first with and the second without stop? Or if there was only one stone, at what stage were the stops removed?"

It is inexplicable that this question should interest me so much. The boiled eggs I cooked for my Christmas dinner must have proved less distracting than our normal festive diet, but to my delight I found that the recess had been an exciting and pleasurable one. All are better now and the normal state of bedlam at home shows that all is well.

Why here is Dublin. I must be off. P.S. When next in Dublin, call at the Gresham and have a seafood pancake—oysters, prawns and scallops, folded in the pancake, overprinted with a cream sauce, surcharged with grated cheese and then glazed. Quite something!

Further note received from Mr. Lowe

You will no doubt have heard that Dr. Paul Singer has been acquitted of the charge of fraudulent conversion of £1,800.

I think it is also of interest to our readers to know that one press report states that Dr. Singer will be coming to Canada to visit his mother. They might also be interested to know that he says "I have got my itch for stamps back"!

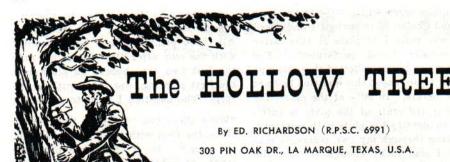
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#576-NEW PERFIN HANDBOOK

The first edition of the BNAPS handbook "Canadian Stamps With Perforated Initials" has been sold out for some time. Therefore the appearance of the second edition is welcomed by Canadian Perfin fans.

Not only have new discoveries been added, additional varieties identified, and questionable items dropped, but the new edition has several new features not contained in the earlier edition.

The first of these new features is the use of Rarity Factors (RF values) on each type. Thus we have for the first time some guide as to the scarcity of each perfin. The second of these new features is the inclusion of a check list of Scott's Nos. as used by the various Federal and Provincial governments and departments.

#577—MOON CANCEL REPORT

It has been about a year since we last reported on the MOON cancel count. In that year our collection has grown from 1175 diff. to 1605, a net gain of 430—one of our better MOON years! The count by provinces is:—

Protinces in	
Ontario	375
Quebec	287
Saskatchewan	234
Alberta	175
B. C	165
Newfoundland	105
N. S	95
Manitoba	75
N. B	49
P. E. I	8
N. W. T	6
Yukon	6

C. F. P. O	3
Misc	22
1 14	1605

Of these nearly one-third, or 522, are on full cards or covers. These are our favorites.

We note an increasing number of collectors who have taken up the MOON hunt as an extra sideline to their Canadian collections. These interesting Money Order Office Number cancels are the 20th century numeral cancels. Don't put off starting a collection until they are no longer available!

#578—3RD ISSUE BILL STAMPS WITH IMPERFORATE MARGINS

The latest (9th) edition of Holmes lists, but does not price a 4¢ brown "Left Sheet Margin Imperf." Thanks to G.M. Tuttle of Youngstown, N.Y. we are able to report that we have also seen this same value with the RIGHT sheet margin imperf.

Again, thanks to Tuttle we also can report seeing the 50¢ value with RIGHT sheet margin imperf.

These imperforate sheet margin varieties are not very common, and are well worth the attention of Canadian Revenue collectors.

#579—U.S. CIVIL WAR PATRIOTICS USED FROM CANADA— TWO MORE!

Last year we started a series of short articles in COVERS magazine, each one devoted to illustrating, and writing up a single U.S. Patriotic cover used from or in Canada. The series was prompted

PALL MALL PREVIEW (Early) 1962

February opens with a General Sale at Bournemouth which is full of interesting general collections from which have been selected such rarities as the Indian Scinde Dawks and New South Wales Sydney Views (2d. and 3d. pair unused). There are many useful collections by countries.

The sale on the morning of the 7th includes some fine EUROPEAN. Among the more unusual items is a used pair of the Austrian 1850 3 kr. with St. Andrew's Crosses in the lower margin and an unused corner block of the contemporary 10 cent black of LombardyVenetia.

The "ESTERO" overprints made on Italian stamps in 1874 for use in their Post Offices abroad include many spectacular pieces among which are the 10c, and 30c, with all four corners altered, the 5c, with right lower corner unaltered and the 10c, with the left upper and both lower corners altered are the best. The companion collection of





SAN MARINO includes the fine Sardinia and Italian stamps used on covers with the boxed cancellation and the second type with "S.MNO." is shown on covers. There are nineteen Italian-Egyptian covers carried by the Italian post from Egypt between 1864-65, some bearing the adhesive stamps of one country, some of both countries.

On the afternoon of the 7th, there is a valuable lot of China from the collection formed by Sir Percival and Lady David including a pair of the 1897 large inverted "½ cent" on 3c. and an imperforate between pair of the 1898 \$5. Chinese P.O.'s in Tibet offer a block of four of the inverted "3 pies" on 1c. The French P.O.'s in China include many rarities including the Canton 1901 5c, mint inter-panneau block showing the millesime "8", a block of the Hoi-Hao 1901 15c. on quadrillé, and the rare Mong Tseu and Yunannfou errors. German China includes the rare 3 pf. used on a card. In the same sale there is an American section, Brazil, U.S.A., Uruguay and Venezuela are the best, the latter including two covers bearing the 1869-70 Coro and La Vela Railway Stamps, the last an unrecorded colour black on lavender.

There is a splendid sale of GREAT BRITAIN being held on the 14th February which includes a mint strip of twelve of the 1840 penny as well as used blocks of four and eight; among the 2d. is a mint strip of three and a pair. The surface-printed include corner imprimatur copies of the 1855 4d. and the 1867-82 5/- plates 1, 2 and 4.

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On the 21st March there is a British Empire sale which includes good sections of Canada, Cape of Good Hope, (a marvellous 4d. steel-blue), Ceylon, a fine used block of the Mauritius Post Paid penny, New South Wales, Sydney Views and St. Helena.

On the 28th there is a fine specialised collection of imperforate line-engraved offered by the order of a Swiss collector and a further portion of the 20th century collection offered on the instructions of Sir John Dodd.

The last sale in the month is another General Auction which will be held at Bournemouth. Subsequent sales include attractive specialised lots of India Used Abroad, Indian Feudatory States, Postal History of Belgium, Mexican cancellations and the late W. A. Edgar's collections.

THE ENCYCLOPAEDIA

On Saint Valentines Day volume IV of the Encyclopaedia of British Empire postage stamps will have been published. Through a series of accidents and incidents including the death of the director in charge of its production, the appearance of this volume has been delayed for several years. However, those who are interested in the stamps of Australasia will find plenty of meat in this tonic which will cost you £4 4s, or \$12.

Volume V, which includes British North America and British West Indies, is already under way.

THE NZ CHALON 2d.

A monograph recently published at 10/on the New Zealand Chalon 2d. imperforate will prove of interest to specialists. This deals with the differences between the two plates and describes the recutting on plate I (there are two states of some stamps on this plate) and will enable enthusiasts to reconstruct the sheet. Plate II has been written about before and all the retouches have made reconstruction possible, but here is the information for a new field of exploration. Also available are two photographs comprising a complete sheet of plate I at 30/-.



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ENGLAND

by the current centennial of the Civil War. As a direct result of this series, we have located, and added to our collection, two additional examples. Both are what are known as "Ellsworth" patriotics.

- 1.) A stampless cover, Hamilton, C.W. to New York, Ju 27, 1862. The design is Connett's type XLIX Ellsworth patriotic, showing a Zouave carrying the U.S. flag, with legend below "Remember Ellsworth."
- 2.) Originally a stampless from Quebec to England, July 31, 1861. Forwarded to Ireland, with a 1d red GB stamp added and cancelled with a London duplex. This is Connett's type VIII Ellsworth patriotic and shows a bust of Ellsworth in blue, with a quotation "He who noteth even the fall of a sparrow, will have some purpose even in the fate of one like me."

Ellsworth patriotics are a popular branch of U.S. Civil War partiotics. E. E. Ellsworth was the first Union officer killed in that conflict, and therefore the subject of a great many designs.

Also in passing I might note that the U.S. Patriotic used from Nova Scotia, and mentioned in packet #530, is now in our collection.

#580-MANITOBA 1877 ".C.F." LAW STAMP WITH "DOUBLE STRIKE"

Until reecntly I had no idea as to what was meant by the notation in Holmes-ML8A-"Double Strike"-as a sub-variety of the 20¢ "9 scallops" basic C.F. issue. Since the term - double strike - is often misused when it was intended to imply a re-entry, we often wondered about this. However the term refers to a DOUBLE SURCHARGE. The "C.F." is slightly doubled.

How do we know? We just recently added this item to our revenue collection.

#581—CANADIAN REVENUE STUDY GROUP'S 1962 YEARBOOK

The Canadian Revenue Study Group, with a charter membership of sixty members, has come up with its first publication. It is a handbook and yearbook combined. Each member's revenue collecting interests are described in detail and in addition the booklet contains a number of revenue articles.

According to present plans this study group will issue a similar booklet once every two years.

#582—DOUBLE REPLY CARDS

For one who wishes to make a small collection of Canadian Postal Stationery without tackling the whole field, we suggest that they look into the interesting possibilities of Double Reply Cards.

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- a) complete mint cards
- b) complete mint cards, plus complete cards with only the message portion used.
- c) complete cards with only the message portion used, plus used severed reply portions.

We favor (b) above, and we prefer really mint cards and not just unused There are still a (but printed) ones! number of holes in our collection of these, and frankly we've found it toughest to locate the complete card with the message portion used.

#583—SMALL QUEEN IMPERFORATES USED

They have been showing up so darn regularly of late in auction catalogues that it may be well to again call attention to the Small Queens issues which are around purporting to be used imperforate singles. Even if they have boardwalk margins I'd have nothing to do Any collector who has with them! handled a goodly number of these knows that the perforation spacings were such as to produce singles with abnormal margins,-really jumbo margins. While I can't imagine anyone cutting down

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The Last Days of Tristan

As told to C. N. Richardson and D. M. Bolton by the Administrator

THE damp fog that hung around Pendell Camp was almost as thick as the rumours as to what had happened to the Tristan stamps since the eruption.

We had decided it was high time we had a few facts straight, stampwise, from the Islanders themselves, and so Thursday, December 21st, found us driving to Redhill and through the gates to the ex-army camp, where the Islanders, under the efficient leadership of Mr. Wheeler, the Administrator, were being housed temporarily until their move early in the New Year to Southampton.

Philatelically, there were many questions we wanted to ask, particularly about the fabulous Tristan Relief set overprinted in St. Helena.

There had been rumours that the Islanders themselves had stored sets of these away, or had covers from relatives bearing this issue.

Mr. Wheeler was, justifiably, a little wary at first. Whilst we were there he had telephone calls asking permission from the Press to photograph the camp Christmas dinner!

However, we soon explained to him our requirements and that with any luck we could advise the Islanders about the disposal of any sets they had.

Asked what had happened to the Island's supply of stamps immediately before the eruption and evacuation, Mr. Wheeler said: "I had about £10,000 worth of the old sterling sets, immediately before the arrival of the decimal set. When these arrived I was instructed to destroy the holding, and this I did. We had a bonfire on the Island and I burnt them all, sheet by sheet.

"We were inundated with requests from London, and particularly Germany, for the new set, and I spent hours cancelling each cover personally. Then, of course, came the eruption. The Post Office was closed on the 10th of the month, and the mail bags were trans-

ferred to the Sealion.

We asked: "What happened to the remainder of the decimal sets?" Mr. Wheeler replied: "The volcano was literally breathing down the backs of our necks by then but, after a day, I decided to return to the Island. I was rowed ashore by the crew of the Tristanian and went back to the Post Office. The stock of stamps, Post Office equipment and other documents were in a steel filing cabinet.

"We manhandled the cabinet on to the rowing boat unopened. I had not got my keys, and had already decided the best way to destroy them would be to sink them.

"We heaved the cabinet over the side of the rowing boat, in the glare of the volcano, and I fired shots in it from my revolver until it sank, fathoms deep."

We then asked Mr. Wheeler about the Relief stamps, and whether the Islanders had any.

"They couldn't possibly have got them," he said. "After we had embarked upon the Tristanian we sailed straight to Capetown. It was there that we first heard about them from reporters. I was most upset. A few days later we sailed direct to England. We did NOT call at St. Helena."

We told Mr. Wheeler that the stamps were reported to have raised about £80 for the Islanders. He said it was the first time he had heard of it.

We suggested to Mr. Wheeler that the Islanders might have relatives in St. Helena who could have purchased the Relief stamps from their Post Office and sent them on to them in England.

Two of the Islanders have daughters who are nurses on St. Helena and Mr. Wheeler sent for them and asked them if they had had letters from their daughters. They were simple and charming men who seemed not the least excited when they were told that the two envel-

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Book Reviews

CANADIAN & B.N.A. REVENUE YEARBOOK, by Ed Richardson—Published by the Canadian Revenue Study Group of the B.N.A.P.S.

We have received a copy of the above handbook, compiled by our enthusiastic contributor Ed Richardson and find it full of interesting information.

There are three major articles: "The Precancelled Canadian Revenue Stamps used on Playing Cards", "The Consular and Visa Fee Stamps of Canada" and "Revenues used for Postage", which are bound to be of the greatest interest to all who are interested in Revenues.

Printed on excellent quality stock and comprising a list of the members of the Group, this is a bargain at \$1.00. This is the first publication of this new Group.

Obtainable from Ed Richardson, 303 Pin Oak Drive, La Marque, Texas, U.S.A.

ORIGINES DE LAS TRES PRIMERAS EMISIONES DE LAS ESTAMPILLAS "ESCUELAS" DE VENEZUELA, by Dr. Santiage Hernandez Ron.

A very erudite and fascinating study of the first three issues of the ESCUE-LA" stamps of Venezuela, and a welcome addition to the very scarce material which is available on the stamps of Venezuela.

While written in Spanish and therefore practically limited to Spanish-reading collectors, it is a must for all philatelists interested in Venezuela.

Unfortunately, there is no mention anywhere as to price and where obtainable, except that it was printed by the Tipografia Eizmendi, of Caracas.

JULIARD CLASSICS, Magazine & Catalogue, Published by Alex S. Juliard, Bryn Mawr, Pa.

A most interesting catalogue of stamps offered by the firm of Juliard, many of them scarce and not easy to obtain.

We notice, besides U.S.A., some delectable items such as some lovely £5 Q.V. G.B., some really nice 3d Beavers and other pence issues of Canada, Cape triangulars, Mauritius, Nova Scotia and

New Brunswick, Australian States, some Brazil "Bulls Eyes", a Finland Serpentine rouletted with perfect teeth, a beautiful pair of the 15c. of the first issue of France. Greece, German and Italian States, and a lovely little cover with a 6 rp. Zürich.

A good place to find some of those hard-to-get items.

Obtainable on request from Alex S. Juliard as above.

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opes might be worth hundreds of pounds to them! They went back to their huts and returned with them. Both envelopes were stampless and devoid of postal markings and had obviously both been enclosed in covering envelopes that had been destroyed.

No Islander has received any of the Relief stamps on letters, nor has any of them even seen a mint set!

We told Mr. Wheeler that we had seen one genuine commercial cover, and some pieces and that they were obviously very rare indeed.

We asked him about last day covers from the Island. He laughed ruefully and answered, "The Skipper of the Tristanian is a keen stamp collector and even he didn't get one, but I had done a few for friends of ours who had helped us out in the past. While we were on the Sealion there was a raffle on board for the Islanders. We had little to give, so I chipped in with my ten last day covers. The raffle fetched a few pounds. When I arrived in Capetown they told me they were worth £100!"

As we took our farewell, Mr. Wheeler said, "Tell the dealers in London we can't help them!"

We walked back through the camp gates thinking that the last persons to whom the Tristan Relief stamps brought relief this Christmas, were the Tristanians themselves.

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Sir:— PLONGEON — N. M. Genre d'oiseaux palmipèdes des régions septentrionales, qui plongent souvent et vont chercher les poissons jusqu'au fond de l'eau.

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PAUL L. BROWN,

Grimsby, Ont. R.P.S.C. 6557

Sir:—Enclosed is my cheque for Four Dollars (\$4.00) to cover my membership dues for the year of 1962.

I certainly enjoy reading the Canadian Philatelist, and look forward to receiving each edition. Please extend my congratulations to the editor and staff, and may they continue with the good work throughout 1962.

J. J. ROBINSON.

Downsview, Ont. R.P.S.C. 7310 (Many thanks, Mr. Robinson, but—what staff, Ed.)

Sir:—I am glad to report that my previous letter published in CP of Jan. Feb. has already brought to me many comments and therefore, to follow in that line, I would like to tell other things to members of the club. I would like to

speak about collecting Revenue Stamps of Canada.

In my opinion, there is a considerable loss of these stamps with the years and therefore, any effort should be done towards preserving these stamps from being destroyed for always. Accumulation and old records are destroyed every day, therefore, a lot goes this way. In my opinion, if such movements are noted my members of the RPS, they should make an effort to prevent these Revenue Stamps being destroyed and they should offer them to dealers or to other collectors for getting other stamps in exchange of these if they are not interested.

Revenue stamps are stamps with a future and with the years and attached to documents will become of an historic nature and therefore should be preserved.

In my opinion, many of our Revenue stamps are the best produced stamps in Canada.

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Cancellation on the 1897 Jubilees By J. E. KRAEMER, RPSC 4254

Take a look at Canada's 1897 Jubilee stamps if you want some fun and, at the same time, a specialized collection of interesting cancellations.

Years ago, I decided to collect cancellations on the 3c. stamp (Scott #53). I now collect cancellations on all the Jubilees but the 1c. and 3c. values are still the most interesting. There were a number of reasons why I originally chose the 3c. value:

- The stamp was fairly common. 20 millions were issued.
- This stamp was inexpensive and could be readily obtained in large quantities.
- In 1897, most post offices cancelled their mail by "socking" the stamp "right on the nose" with the date canceller.
- 4. The stamp was large, 25 x 35 mm and therefore a major portion of the cancellation would show on the stamp.
- No one seemed to bother about this particular phase of collecting and therefore the hunting should be good.
- 6. This stamp made a good-looking collection.

I bought Jubilees by the hundred and by the thousand. Accumulations and collections of several hundred cancellations were offered in auctions from time to time. There was no trouble picking up many of these. No one seemed to be particularly interested.

To-day, I seldom see a cancellation collection of 3c. Jubilees offered and when they are for sale, there are always more buyers than supply. Stocks are diminishing. Many philatelists are forming specialized cancellation collections on the Jubilees and present interest is exceedingly high. I predict that the cancellations on the Jubilee stamps will eventually form the basis for a philatelic study and I would not be surprised that a handbook will result.

Let us take a look and see what we could expect to find. According to the Canadian Almanach for 1897, there were just over 10,000 post offices in Canada. Western Canada was just opening up and the bulk of the post offices were in Ontario and Eastern Canada. Manitoba had 477 post offices, Saskatchewan had only 42, Assinaboine 179, Alberta 88 and British Columbia 267.

Although there were very few Western post offices in 1897, there are some interesting double names. Here are a few: Stand Off (Alta.), Flee Island (Man.), Dog Creek (B.C.), Snow Flake (Man.), Horse Hills (Ass.), Forest Farm (Ass.), Pheasant Forks (Ass.), Fox Warren (Man.), Gong Ranch (B.C.), Touchwood Hills (Assa.) and Yellow Grass (Ass.).

Even though the Western Canada list was not large, we find some duplicate names. Peculiarly, these duplicate names

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are found in two areas only, Manitoba and British Columbia. Each of these provinces had duplicate post offices in 1897, known as Greenwood, Midway, Sidney, Roseberry, Nelson and Wellington.

There were a few multiple named post offices that are interesting:

Knee High Valley (Ass.), Big Bear Creek (B.C.), Rivière Qui Barre (Ass.), 150 Mile House (B.C.), North Salt Spring (B.C.), Salt Spring Island (B.C.), Forte à la Corne (Sask.).

If you like people's names, I note 25 different in Western Canada. Here are some of them: Margaret (Man.), Edna (Ass.), Olvena (Sask.), Percy (Ass.), Clayton (B.C.), Gladys (Ass.), Ray (B.C.), Olive (Man.) and Elgin (B.C.). If you like interesting single names, hunt for these: Horsefly B.C.), Anthracite(Alta.), Sengett(B.C.), L'Amoureux* Alta.), Illicillewaet (B.C.), Mistawasis (Sask.), Summerberry (Ass.), Brierwood (Man.), Kleezkowski (Ass.) and Princess (Man.).

If the Western Canada cancellations do not appeal to you, you can concentrate on duplex cancels, squared circles, roller cancels, open circle cancellations, cork cancels, precancels, registration cancellations, leaf cancellations, New Brunswick numerals, Grid cancellations, bogey heads, etc., which I have in my collection.

* We have a cover with this postmark, without the apostrophe—Now a part of Edmonton.—Ed.

Education Stamp



This new stamp was issued on February 28th, 1962.

The stamp depicts, as the main element, a young adult couple gazing into the future. On either side of these figures are two panels of symbolic designs representing every field of education. Around the left, top and right edges of the stamp there is an inscription reading "Strength Through Education—L'instruction fait la force". The main figures, the denomination and the wording are printed in black and the symbols in the background in gold.

The design is the creation of the Canadian artist Helen Fitzgerald of Toronto, who also designed the Associated Countrywomen of the World and Girl Guide commemorative stamps issued in 1959 and 1960 respectively.

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CHAPTER NEWS

LONDON

Great changes in the London P.S. Stan Shantz has been elected Fresident and meetings will take place at the London City Press Club on alternate Mondays, beginning with February 5th. A Club Bulletin is being started under the editorship of A. E. Hetherington.

Far-reaching plans are being laid, as there is serious talk of holding a Canadian National Stamp Exhibition in 1967 in London!

Most encouraging — and we hope we shall be hearing from London during the coming months.

• SOUTH SHORE (MONTREAL)

The South Shore Stamp Club, Chapter 19, is laying plans for an exhibition in May or June. Further details later.

• LENNOXVILLE, P.Q.

The St. Francis Collectors Club, one of our newest chapters, is certainly putting out a lively and interesting Bulletin under the presidency of Ted Pilgrim. This is a Club to be watched, as it will be coming to the fore, judging from what we hear.

NORTH TORONTO

Member Jack Banks, author of the interesting article on the Faroe Islands which has been appearing in CP, was awarded a Gold recently at the Sojex show in New Jersey, for his exhibit of Danish Officials.

VICTORIA

F. J. Sweeney has been elected President of the Greater Victoria P.S. and the Secretary is Mrs. L. E. Small, 1034 Linden Ave., Victoria, B.C., who was also awarded the RPSC Plaque for 1961.

Glad to note that Harold Canham, late of Hamilton and now a resident of Victoria, an old member of the Royal, has become a member of the G.V.P.S.

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PERFORATION

By DON KERR, East Toronto Stamp Club

The earliest postage stamps were imperforate and had to be cut apart with scissors or a knife, but in 1847, Henry Archer, an Irishman, invented a machine for perforating stamps. After numerous experiments, this method of separation was adopted by the British Post Office, and the first perforated stamps were officially issued in 1854.

Since then, almost every country in the world has made use of this convenient process, although occasionally imperforate stamps have been, and are still being issued.

A perforating machine consists chiefly of a row, or several rows of pins, which in operation cut into the paper and punch a series of holes in the spaces between the stamps. When the holes are punched right out so that small pieces of paper are removed the stamps are said to be perforated, but when the paper is merely cut without the removal of any part of it, they are said to be rouletted.

1. TYPES OF PERFORATION

A. Line Perforation:

- —Applied by a "line" machine (or Guillotine Perforator) which usually has a single row of pins which perforate the sheet of stamps row by row, starting at the top. When the last row is reached, the sheet is turned sideways and perforated again row by row.
- —Stamps invariably have irregular corners due to overlapping of the rows of perforation. One corner may have too much paper adhering to it and another will be short and stumpy or torn off altogether. This is noticeable, particularly in blocks of stamps where overlapping of the vertical and horizontal lines of holes can be seen plainly.

B. Comb Perforation:

-Applied by a "comb" machine in

which the pins are arranged in a long row with short rows at right angles to it. The distance between each short row is the space occupied by a stamp. A single stroke of this machine (which resembles a comb with widely spaced teeth) perforates a row of the stamps on three sides at a time. It is necessary to pass a sheet through the machine only once row by row in order to complete the perforation.

When the bottom row of the sheet is done, the teeth of the comb must perforate the marginal paper and sheets perforated by a comb machine can be distinguished by this.

- -The most popular method used today.
- -Comb perforated stamps have regularly shaped corners. However, where the lines cross, the vertical perforations may be slightly out of line, occurring usually when a new row of perforations has been applied by the comb. A triple comb or five comb machine may be used in order to get stamps in more perfect register.

Type: Great Britain—current stamps C. Harrow Perforation:

- —Applied by a "harrow" machine which perforates an entire sheet or pane of stamps at one stroke, the pins being set up in rectangles to agree with the spaces between the stamps.
- —All the perforations are evenly balanced throughout the entire sheet as well as in all the corners.
- —This type cannot usually be told from perforations made by the comb process unless the collector has the entire sheet of each for comparison.

Type: Most miniature sheets.

VARIETIES OF PERFORATION

1. Rough Perforation

-Occurs with holes that are not clean cut, owing to bad workmanship, blunt pins or worn out perforating machinery.

-Many early British Colonial issues, printed by Perkins, Bacon and Co. have rough perforation due to worn

machinery and equipment.

-If the holes are not pierced out at all, they are usually called Blind Perforations (may just show the impression of the pin on the paper).

Type: Barbados-Scott 15-21.

2. Fine Perforation

-A perforation with small holes and teeth close together.

Type: Germany-issue 1909-1919.

3. Coarse Perforation

-A perforation with large holes and teeth wide apart.

4. Double Perforation

- -If the perforation machine by accident makes two impressions slightly apart, the result is a double perforation.
- -May also be caused by a perforation machine going over a sheet twice for a correctionary purpose, which may result in two close rows of perforations.

5. Compound Perforation

- -Stamp is perforated by two sets of pins the spacing of which varies.
- -May be of two different classes:
 - (a) two different gauges used with the result that the horizontal perforations differ from the vertical perforations. The catalogue may describe them as Perf. 11 x 10, the first figure denoting the horizontal perforations and the second figure the



Compound Perforation

vertical measurement of the stamp.

Type: Canada Scott 184 - 12 x 8 (b) more than two different gauges on the same stamp. catalogue may show this as Perf. 14 x 121/2 x 11 x 12. It is usual to indicate the perforation at the top of the stamp first, then the right hand side, followed by the bottom and finally the left side.

6. Part Perforation

-Stamps perforated on the top and bottom or on the sides, with the other sides imperforate.

-Coil stamps and/or stamps sold in vending machines, booklets, etc., are

part perforated.

7. Interrupted Perforation

-Also known as Syncopated Perfora-Netherlandstion. Type: 1925, 1927, 1930, 1934.

-Caused by some of the punches of the comb perforation missing the corresponding holes beneath the sheet of stamps.

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-May also be caused by deliberately removing some of the pins from the perforating machine (as used in Holland for stamps in the stamp vending machines).

8. Irregular Perforation

-The pins of the perforating machine are unevenly spaced, with the result that a line registers different gauges of perforation along its length.

9. Misplaced Perforation

-The perforation holes pass through the wrong part of a stamp.

10. Square Perforation

-Small square holes usually close together as distinguished from the regular round holes.

11. Hyphen Hole Perforation

-Made by cutting narrow, rectangular pieces from the paper.

-United States-certain

Revenue issues.

12. Freak Perforation

-Caused by a corner or part of a sheet being accidentally folded over so that the perforating machine impresses a diagonal, odd or incorrect perforation. If noticed, sheets containing such freak perforations are usually removed as waste paper by the government printing staff.

13. Imperf. Between

-Denotes a pair of stamps which, through error, lack normal perforations between two rows of stamps. This condition may occur on either a horizontal or vertical row.

2. ROULETTING

Besides the method of perforation, there are other means of separating stamps, the principal one of which is "rouletting". In rouletting, the paper is cut partly or wholly through, but no paper is removed (in perforating a part of the paper is removed).

Rouletting derives its name from the French roulette, a small wheel like the wheel on a spur, which is passed over the paper, causing each point of the roulette to cut a short incision through the paper.

Types of Rouletting

A. Rouletted in lines-Percé en lignes-

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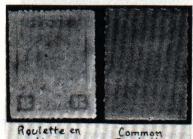
Type-Thurn and Taxis-1865

—Czeckoslovakia

-Germany-Min. sheet-1937

On some stamps, these incisions are coloured and are known as 'rouletted in coloured lines'.

-Thurn and Taxis-1867



lignes

Roulette



Pin Perforation

Sewing Machine Perforation

B. Pin Perforation-Percé en pointsin Punkten durchstochen

-Round equidistant holes are pricked through the paper, but no paper is removed, this distinguishing it from fine perforation.

- —The term is misleading because this form of separation is actually a roulette and not a perforation.
 - -Queensland-1899-1d.
 - -Trinidad-issue of Sept. 1859.

C. Percé en arc—bogen förmiger Durchstich

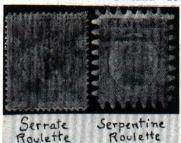
- —A row of small semi-circles is cut which do not quite touch at the ends of the curved lines—in the shape of an arch.
- —When two stamps, percé en arc, are separated, one shows an edge with rounded projections and the other with rounded depressions.

-Brunswick-1864-5.

D. Serpentine roulette—Percé en serpentin—schlangen artiger Durchstich

—In this style, the cuts form a serpentine or wavy line.

-Finland-1860-7.



E. Sawtooth or Serrate Roulette—Percé en scie—sägenartiger Durchstich

-The cuts resemble sawteeth forming small triangles instead of half circles as in Percé en arc.

> —Bremen—1861-3 —Germany—1923

F. Oblique Roulette—Percé en lignes obliques—schräger Durchstich

—The paper is pierced by parallel oblique cuts.

> —Rumania—about 1866 —Tasmania—early issues

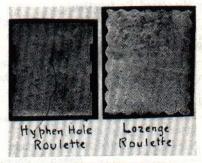
G. Lozenge Perforation—Percé en losanges—Rautendurchstich

- —The teeth of the roulette are diamond shaped and partly cut and partly punch small diamond shaped holes. In heraldry, this shape is known as a lozenge.
 - -Portugal-used in Madeira-1866.

-May also be called Diamond Roulette or Percé en croix.

H. Sewing Machine Roulette

- —Separation is made by means of a sewing machine.
- —May be confused with pin perf. or pin rouletted.
 - -Tibet-1933
 - -Columbia-Barranquilla issue-1902-3



MEASURING PERFORATIONS

It was Dr. J. A. Legrand, a French philatelist, who discovered a means of measuring perforations and his method has been used ever since. In 1866, he produced a gauge containing a number of rows of equally spaced black dots and every row contained a different number from the rows next to it. The perforation is measured by placing a stamp on the gauge and moving the specimen up or down until a row is found in which all the dots coincide with the perforation holes. The gauge of the stamp's perforation is then the number appearing at the side of that row. Each row is 2 centimetres long, and that is the dist-

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APRIL 28—OXFORD P.S., Annual Exhibition and Bourse, 2 to 6 p.m., Dinner 6.30 p.m. Old St. Paul's Parish Hall, Woodstock, Ont.

APRIL 29 — ST. LAWRENCE INTER-NATIONAL S.C., Annual Exhibition at House of Labour, 130 Sydney St., Cornwall, Ont. 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

MAY 3-5 — Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, Annual Convention and Exhibition, Windsor, Ont.

MAY 7/12 — VICTORIA, TRI - CLUB CENTENNIAL Exhibition, Douglas Room, H.B.Co.

MAY 25-27 — COMPEX, 1962, La Salle Hotel, Chicago — Theme: Toward United Nations.

HOLLOW TREE from page 78 these potentially "superb" copies today, yet it is a fact that a goodly number of these have been cut down to simulate imperforates.

The only way to collect imperforate varieties of normally perforated stamps is at least in pairs and better yet, in blocks. If your pocket-book won't let you do this then forget them entirely—and don't fool around with so called imperforates sold "as is".









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CANADA from page 65

Falls from Goat Island.

Alexander Graham Bell is shown on the 10 cent value of the 1940 "American Inventors" set.

In 1948 a 3 cent stamp was issued to commemorate a century of friendship with Canada. It shows the Railway Suspension Bridge at Niagara.

The centenary of the opening of the "Soo" locks was the occasion for the issue in 1955 of a 3 cent stamp showing a map of the Great Lakes.

In 1858 the first Atlantic cable was laid between Valentia, Ireland, and Heart's Content, Newfoundland. The centenary of this event was marked by the issue of a 4 cent stamp in 1958.

The opening, in 1959, by Queen Elizabeth and President Eisenhower, of the St. Lawrence Seaway was the occasion for the issue by the United States and Canada of stamps of similar design.

HINGES from page 59

stead of regular hinges. Such things don't have the type of gum used on hinges and are almost sure to cause damage. The thin transparent gummed paper sold in small rolls for mending tears in book pages, etc. may seem to be exactly the same as stamp hinges, but take my word that it isn't. Use regular hinges only.

Above all, avoid the use of Scotch tape and similar products which have a so-called "self-stick" adhesive. Such things have their place, but not in philately. They stick too persistently and removal is almost sure to cause damage.

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The Cover

THE BASEL DOVE

This stamp was issued on July 1st, 1845. 2½ Rp. Imperf., Black, red and blue.

Designer: Architect Melchior Berry of Base. Frinter: Benjamin Krebs of Frankfurt, a. M. Froduction: three coloured letterpress with embossing.

The Canton Basel City was the third "country" which issued a Postage Stamp, which was, at the time, referred to as a "Franko Label".

The designer, a well known architect whose many fine buildings still can be seen in the City of Basel, designed this classic stamp of Switzerland. The Basel Dove was the first stamp in the world printed in three colors with embossing. It is not the most expensive of the early cantonal issues, such as the double Geneva, but certainly the most popular. It is difficult to obtain the stamp with full margins as the black plate has been closely arranged and the red print appears always shifted so that there is practically no white margin to be seen. It is extremely rare to find a copy with a white margin all around and a great factor is the embossing which sometimes is very flattened by the many handlings for pressing out creases. It is therefore quite a challenge to find superb copies of this popular stamp. A large block of fifteen exists and it will probably end up in the Philatelic Museum in Berne.

Some years ago, Zumstein & Co. had this block but no buyer in Switzerland was interested in it for, approximately, two thousand dollars. It was finally purchased by Duveen in London, and after his death, the block was sold to A. F. Lichtenstein in New York, but it at last found its way back to Switzerland to Iwan Bally. The last price paid for this block was a fantastic one.

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RPSC MEETING in QUEBEC CITY

On January 31st last, a meeting was organized for all Members of the Society in the Quebec City region, at the home of Member Jacques Charron. Miss Marguerite Fortin was nominated as Chairman of the meeting. The host of this meeting acted as Secretary.

Correspondence from the President, the Vice President and the Secretary were read, wishing us all the success in our meeting. In spite of the 25 below weather prevailing, a 60% attendance was recorded.

The object of this meeting was twofold: first, to launch a recruiting campaign in favour of the Society and, second, to provide an opportunity for all RPSC'ers in the region to get acquainted.

As a result of this meeting, the following programme was adopted:

- (a) that recruiting is to be intensified within the local Stamp Club, SO-CIETE PHILATELIQUE DE QUE-BEC, Chapter No. 40 of the Society; and
- (b) that each RFSC'er present at this

meeting is to propose one new Member as soon as possible.

With an appreciable increase in membership over the next few years in this region, the possibility of holding the 1967 Annual Exhibition of the Society was not discounted.

The meeting was adjourned on the note that a similar meeting is to be called annually in order to review our progress in increasing the membership in the Society.

J. J. C.

Faroe Islands Error

An error crept in inadvertently in the captions of the photos shown on pages 26 and 27 of the last issue, in the article on the Faroe Islands. Will our readers kindly transpose the caption on p. 26 "Faroe Betalt Handstamps" with the one on p. 27 "Franco Betalt Handstamps", with our apologies.

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