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THIS MONTH'S LETTER

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Dear Friends:—

Some years ago, Mr. P. H. Trant of Grimsby, Ontario, visited our store regularly and purchased stamps for his collection and part time dealings. He developed a nice business and accumulated a fine stock, which was all kept in apple pie order. We became good friends. Unfortunately ill-health has plagued Pat Trant the last year, to the point of making it necessary for him to dispose of his stamps. He wrote me of his intentions, and a week later on my way to Buffalo, I stopped in at Grimsby to value the stamps. Pat and his sister, Miss Trant, extended a warm welcome and made my visit a most pleasant one.

There was a stamp room with a number of large stock books crammed full of stamps, mainly Canada, dozens of albums, drawers of foreign sets, boxes of bundled stock, first-day covers by the hundred, mixtures and so on. I looked it over casually for about an hour.

"What is your price for the lot, Pat?" I asked. He wrote a figure on a piece of paper and handed it to me. For a few moments I did some fast mental calculations and said "O.K. it's a deal". We shook hands and I gave him a cheque for the full amount. We loaded part of the stock into the car, and I shuffled off to Buffalo. A few days later I picked up the rest of the stamps.

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It was on a Monday about 11 A.M. that I was called to the telephone.

"Hello, this is Mr. R. Freeman, and I want to know if you would be interested in buying a world wide collection." I answered "Yes, can you tell me how many stamps, what does it catalogue, and how much are you asking?"

"Well," he said, "there are thirty albums, and in all about 100,000 stamps. I have no idea of the catalogue value or my price, but I would like an offer today."

Monday is rather a busy day with me, but after lunch I drove out to his home in the west end of Toronto, and valued stamps all afternoon. He really had a lot, and my arm ached from turning over album pages. It was about 6 P.M. when I finally totalled my figures. The offer was accepted and another fine collection was locked up in the safes at Empire.

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On the last week end in November, I took a quick trip by car. In Kingston I valued a British Colonial collection for an Estate, which was contained in 18 albums. In Montreal I offered $30,000.00 cash for an accumulation, and the owner is thinking that one over. I also visited several of the local dealers, and at one place bought a foreign mint stock, cataloguing over $3,000.00 and also some Canada. I telephoned the Royal Canadian Philatelic Society President, Dr. Geldert, who happened to be in Montreal, and we had an interesting conversation. He urged me to get this letter in quickly.

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During the last month I was honoured to be the guest speaker at The Toronto Stamp Collectors Club, and also at the Kitchener and North York Clubs. Each group had spirited meetings, and everyone seemed to have a lot of fun. Please let me urge you to attend and support your local stamp club.

Philatelically Yours,

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The Editor Speaks Out . . .

From the President and Directors of the Society, to all our members at home and abroad
"A Very Happy and Prosperous New Year"

NO DOUBT most of our members will have heard of the "inverted" Dag Hammarskjold stamp which appeared in the United States in mid-November.

What rather tickled us was the character somewhere in New Jersey who got hold of a sheet of 50 of this error and immediately proclaimed to all and sundry that these were worth some hundred and even thousands of dollars, and no doubt, each reporter who set out to investigate this incident added his little quota, the whole finally attaining half a million. May have gone higher but we did not note any more.

As everyone knows by now, the U.S. P.O. decided to print a liberal supply of the error. Whether the U.S. Post Office was right or wrong in this decision is problematical and a matter of opinion. Plenty of people feel somewhat bitter against the U.S. P.O., and just as many seem to think that it acted rightfully.

But what jarred us was the remark made by the aforesaid N.J. character who was slated to have said, and actually did say (we heard him on the TV news) "There will be no more collectors after this"! And even his wife interjected "It's pretty lousy". Of course, they must have been somewhat disappointed, as in the interview seen on TV, when asked what he would have done with the money, he replied that he would have constituted a trust

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fund for his sons, bought himself a station wagon, as his car was a 1954 one, built a house for his father, and so on and so on.

His fatuous remark just shows what he knows about stamp collectors!

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Some people remarked that never before had any P.O. done this sort of thing, but we immediately recalled the Descartes stamp of France, issued in 1937. Descartes' opus magnum was shown on the stamp as Discours SUR la méthode instead of DE la méthode, an error which was immediately pointed out and which jumped the price of the stamp up to somewhere around $2 if our memory is not at fault. Within a week or so, the French P.O. issued the same stamp with the correct title. The printing was about the same for both stamps, i.e. 5,000,000.

It is interesting to note that the error is quoted to-day at 20c. and the correct stamp at 40c. mint, both being 20c. used.

Just at this time, we received our copy of the Bulletin Philatélique du Midi and noted an interesting—and hitherto unknown to us—error in 156 of France, the 1 centime Sower. This was originally printed in bistre-olive, and three or four years later in bistre-brown, and what we learned was that the second colour was due to an ink error during a printing of the stamp, and rather than correct this and thus create a possible rarity, the French P.O. decided to go on printing it in the new colour!

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It is indeed a great pleasure to us to reproduce elsewhere the plate of our Twelvepenny Black, with a few notes on it.

We were in Ottawa in October and called on the Postage Stamp Division, where our good friend Jack Carpenter asked us if we would like to see the plate of the 12d. Black. We would and did.

Immediately, we sensed a scoop as we had not then heard anything about it. When the famous box was opened at Windsor, only the top plates were taken out, those of some of the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia stamps, and the 12d. plate was found later, when the contents of the box were examined in greater detail.

We asked Mr. Carpenter if a proof of the plate had been pulled in its present state. It had . . . and we ended up with the photos reproduced on another page.

Needless to say, we are as pleased as a cub reporter on his first assignment who has just obtained a scoop for his paper!

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As was adumbrated recently, Montreal has definitely been awarded the 1967 World's Fair in celebration of the Centenary of Confederation and plans are already being laid to put on something outstanding in the way of World's Fairs.

This will be a wonderful occasion "to put the Canada on the map"—if we were not already there!—and we have not the slightest doubt that with the help of the millions Ottawa and Quebec are allocating to this, plus the city's contribution, we are going to see something **really** worth while. Montreal is on her mettle

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Each member will have received by now a bill covering his dues for 1963, which are the same as for 1962. We would like your complete co-operation in the payment of this bill as promptly as possible in order to cut down the expense of sending out reminders.

YOU can assist in this economy drive by being **PROMPT** in sending your remittance.
Kindly note that the March-April PHILATELIST will **NOT** be mailed to you unless your 1963 dues are in the hands of the Secretary before the 20th of February.
Thank you for your kind co-operation.

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We are aware that the opinion we voiced in a recent issue about holding the projected great philatelic exhibition during the Montreal World's Fair does not meet with the approval of some philatelic circles, but nevertheless, we are still convinced that 1967 should be the year of its holding and not 1968.

Many considerations lead us to this thought, but perhaps one of the main ones is that Canadians will be flocking to Montreal in vast numbers, among whom will doubtless be many philatelists and collectors, from village, town and city, from St. John's to Victoria. To many of these visitors, nay to most, a great international exhibition would be a novelty, as many have never even seen a club show.

Sure, if the exhibition is held in '68, many will also come, but, in the main, they will be mostly from Southern Ontario and Quebec, plus a sprinkling from the rest of the country, and, of course, as usual, a splendid representation from our friends south of the border.

If we hold the show in '67 we get tremendous crowds from Central Canada, tremendous crowds from the Maritimes, tremendous crowds from the West, tremendous crowds from U.S.A. Need we say more?

President Visits Montreal

Dr. G. M. Geldert, F.R.P.S.L., F.R.P.S.C., accompanied by Mrs. Geldert, visited the Westmount Stamp Club on Thursday, November 22 and received a very warm welcome from the crowded meeting held under the chairmanship of R. J. Sutherland, the honorary treasurer, in the unavoidable absence of the president K. G. W. Smith. Among those present were ten of the executive officers and members of the South Shore Stamp Club. The President was introduced by J. Watson Yuile who spoke of the great progress the Society had made and paid tribute to the splendid work that Dr. Geldert had done for the Society.

In the course of his address Dr. Geldert urged all members of the club to support the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada and said that he was very gratified to find so many of those present were members of the Royal.

He referred to the fact that the Society, which represented organised philately in Canada, was able to do much to look after the interests of stamp collectors.

He also spoke of the great exhibition held last May in Windsor and of the forthcoming convention at Niagara Falls, urging all those present to make a special effort to attend this event at the Falls from May 16 to 18.

Mr. Sutherland thanked Dr. Geldert for visiting the club and stressed the fact that he would always be most welcome at their meetings.

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BRITISH WEST INDIES

The classic stamps of this section of the British Empire were mostly printed by Perkins, Bacon & Co. and, long after their printings had been withdrawn from use, large quantities of remainders came on the philatelic market. In the main, this large stock falls into the following three groups:—

Firstly: Stamps exactly the same as those issued but not delivered to the colony concerned because either the quantity printed was in excess of the quantity ordered or the sheet was partly defective.

Secondly: stamps which were not printed exactly in the same shade as those delivered to the colony. Of course, stamps sent to the colony tend to show evidence of the climatic conditions of the colony, so that it is easy for the inexperienced to think that there are two printings whereas there was only one—the part which went to the colony and the surplus which remained in the printers' archives in this much more equable climate. The second group also includes a number of defective or faulty prints (possibly the first few sheets run off in the morning in an endeavour to reach the exact standard required).

Thirdly: the imperforate varieties of those stamps normally perforated (these could come from the first two groups and not have been perforated because the printing was unsatisfactory or the quantity surplus to requirements); also the stamps that are wholly or partly perforated with a perforation which was not used for the post office issue.

Readers are reminded that **the purpose of this article is to list those items mentioned in the standard catalogues but which were not sold over the post office** counter. Therefore, those stamps which were isued only for revenue purposes (such as most stamps of 5/-face value or more issued prior to 1914) but were normally purchased across the post office counter, and either used for their true duty or for a stamp collector, do NOT find their place in this record.

Antigua

The 1862 6d., printed on unwatermarked paper with the perforations 11-12 and 14-16 x 11-13, and the 1d. watermark star, compound perforation 11, 12 and 14-16, were **printers' experiments.** The used **imperforate** varieties of the 1863-67 are not known to me. The only used pair of the 1d. rosy mauve known to me was once a large pair imperforate between until a saboteur exercised the surrounding perforations; I have never seen genuine imperforate pairs in used condition, but it is worth considering that proofs are known in imperforate state.

About 1930 I was told that the 2½d. orange-yellow issued about 1928 was only distributed in London by the Crown Agents, and the only supplies to reach the Colony came from philatelic sources. The only confirmation of this tale is that I have not yet seen an example of this stamp used on normal correspondence, so there is a possibility that it was not sold across the post office counter, not even to a collector!

Bahamas

There were large remainders of the first one penny, most of which were on thin paper. A small quantity were perforated 11-12, often only vertically, and these varieties are **printers' experiments.**

The 1862 De la Rue printed 1d. and the "CC" 4d. and 6d. imperforate were cut from **imprimatur sheets.**

The eight locally overprinted stamps during 1917 to 1919 for Special Delivery, War Tax and War Charity purposes provide eight double, six inverted, three

double one inverted, and a pair, one with overprint omitted. One must be very credible to believe that the incompetence of both the printers and the post office staff would combine to allow all eighteen varieties to be innocently sold over the counter.



Barbados

The many stamps printed by Perkins, Bacon & Co. remaindered included most of the stamps in the catalogue.

The following stamps were among the remainders that I have **not seen genuinely used** (the issued shades in unused condition are very rare, the used differ from the remainder shades either in colour and/or in impression):

1852-55, on blued: ½d. yellow-green, 2d. greyish-slate and 4d. (deep) brownish-red.

1856-57, on white: ½d. yellow-green (a curious mottled shade unknown used, while the normal used shade shade has not been seen by me unused).

1861-70, no watermark, imperforate varieties: ½d. blue-green (worn impression), ½d. grass-green (slightly worn), 1d. blue (very worn), 4d. dull rose-red,* 4d. dull brown-red, 4d. lake-rose, 4d. dull vermillion, 6d. dull orange-vermillion.*

1870-73, wmk. large star, imperforate varieties: ½d. green, 1d. blue, 6d. orange-vermillion.*

* Although chronicled used, no satisfactorily used pair is known to me; the normal stamp can be found so large that a potential imperforate single becomes obvious.

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The following stamps were not issued:

1852-55, on blued (without value expressed): slate-blue, slate.

1861-70, no watermark, perf. 11-12: ½d. green, 1d. blue (the 6d. also exists but is not catalogued; perf. 14-16: 1/- blue (this stamp is normally pen-cancelled, but most of the few known copies have had the cancellation chemically removed).

The following merit some comment:

1858 imperforate 6d. deep rose-red—a rich shade on stout ungummed

paper was found among the remainders; it is closely allied to but subtly different to the issued shade.

1861 no watermark 1/- and 1873 large star 6d. **imperforate between** pairs: I have not seen the former and the only examples of the latter known to me have been fraudulently manufactured from the unissued imperforate variety. **Caveat emptor.**

1874 large star, imperforate variety: 1d. blue. I believe this to be a **proof.**

The 1892 "HALF-PENNY" on 4d. deep brown with double (or treble) surcharge, one in red, is a **printer's trial.** The 1907 Kingston Relief surcharges when double, inverted double and in **tête-bêche** pairs are rare, but I have some reservations about their status.

Cayman Islands

Some years ago I secured photographs of a number of sheets of the 1907 and 1908 hand-stamped provisionals taken in the Cayman Islands before they were broken up and sold. These photographs are of more than half the issue and, like the late A. J. Watkins, I know of no genuine examples of the inverted, double one inverted, surcharge omitted in pair of the "½D" on 5/- or the double "2½D" on 4d.

Dominica

No comment.

Grenada

Although quite a number of early stamps were remaindered, the only varieties which need comment here are the following which **were not issued:**

1881 watermark large star: imperforate, ½d. deep mauve, 2½d. rose-lake; imperforate between pair, 2½d. rose-lake

The local "WAR TAX" overprint made in 1916 is so rare inverted that one feels that this must have been a genuine error.

Jamaica

The "CC" 1872 ½d. and 1875 2/- and 5/- were cut from the **imprimatur sheets.**

There are eight different local "WAR STAMP" overprints made in 1916 which provide only two double, five inverted, one on the back and one sideways overprint. Some of these are so rare that they are probably genuine errors, but others are so common (they may still be bought in sheets) that either the printer did not care or there was a useful market for selling panes of half-penny stamps (face 2/6) for £3.

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#618—$30 SUPREME COURT LAW

In packet #591 we mentioned seeing a copy of the $30 Supreme Court Law, —an overprinted item on the $1 Perf. 11, King George V issue of 1935, in the milky blue shade. (Holmes #FSC 15a).

We can now report that there are at least two additional copies of this scarce stamp, one of which has landed in the writer's collection. We believe that other copies also exist, and will try to keep readers informed.

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#619—ANOTHER U.S. CIVIL WAR PATRIOTIC USED FROM NOVA SCOTIA

In packet #530 we reported the first example of a U.S. Civil War Patriotic being used from Nova Scotia. We now can report the second,—this one being in the collection of John Pratt of Wayzata, Minnesota. Like the first, this one is also franked with the 10c. value, and is addressed to "Kendall Mills, N.Y." The Patriotic was published by "Fisher, Rochester", N.Y. Since Kendall Mills was not too far from Rochester, in all likelihood the envelope was purchased at or near Rochester and carried to Nova Scotia.

The cachet, in blue and red, shows a soldier with flag, and a four line verse beneath. The cover also bears a "PAID 10" in a single circle, in red. The stamp is pen cancelled.

Incidently, the cover reported back in packet #530 is now in the collection of yours truly.

#620—ELECTION ENVELOPE NOTES

Been some time since we've reported anything new in the election envelope line, so we have a number of notes.

First:—Holmes' #1126a should read "FORMULE 95 - 1-46-50" instead of "FORM".

Second:—Holmes' #1068 should read "FORM 95 - 11-27-75M" instead of "15M". Also note that it is printed in green.

Third:—The following Queen Elizabeth election envelopes have been seen, not recorded in Holmes', nor reported previously by ourselves:—

FORMULE 95 - 6-57-50M
FORMULE 140 - 6-57-1400M
(no stamp imprint), kraft.
FORM 95 - 6-60-130M
FORULE 95 - 6-60-40M

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#621—EARLY MACHINE CANCELS

Back in packet #538 we reported that we had seen McCready's type 5 machine cancel (described and illustrated in his

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Flag Cancel Handbook), from some 32 different towns. In addition we reported Kingston using a similar killer without indicia.

We can now report 17 additional towns using this killer:—

Charlottetown, PEI — Owen Sound, Ont.
Chatham, Ont. — Prince Albert, Sask.
Edmonton, Alta. — Prince Rupert, B.C.
Kingston, Ont. — Regina, Sask.
Lindsay, Ont. — St. Hyacinthe, Que.
Nelson, B.C. — Sydney, N.S.
New Westminster, B.C. — Nanaimo, B.C.
North Bay, Ont. — Truro, N.S.
Trois-Rivières, P.Q.

In addition, the "no indicia" type reported only for Kingston, has now also been reported for:—

Cobourg, Ont. — Moose Jaw, Sask.
Lethbridge, Alta. — Port Arthur, Ont

The best source of material for making a study of these early (1902-1918) machine cancels are the vast accumulations of post cards of that period. Good luck!

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#622—DOUBLE PRINT— YUKON AIRWAYS

For many a year both Sanabria and Holmes have listed a "double impression" or "double print" variety of this attractive Canadian Semi-Official Airmail,—the 25c. Blue of the Yukon Airways & Exploration Co., Ltd.

The "Mathews Collection", recently auctioned by Fred Kessler of New York, contained two copies of this on cover. One copy ended up with Lloyd Banner of B.C., and the other with yours truly. However imagine my surprise, when, after receiving the lot and giving it some study, I then locate one other copy on cover in my own collection. But best of all, a nice little mint strip of 4 which had been in my collection helping to prove that certain varieties are constant plate varieties,—also turns out to be a "double print" as well!

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#623—HALIFAX LAW LIBRARY STAMPS ON WATERMARKED PAPER

Harold Walker, of Barrie, Ont. called our attention to the fact that the 2nd Issue, perf. 14 varieties come on watermarked paper, as well as on the common unwatermarked. The watermark is found in both single and double lined letters, forming part of the papermaker's watermark.

Oddly enough, this issue has been in existence for some 60 years, and only now have these interesting varieties come to light! We have been able to find them in both the 25c. and .50c values. Better look over your copies closely.

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#624—"2 / CENTS" 1926 OVERPRINT FORGERY

Recently we obtained an example of the 2-line 1926 surcharge "2 / CENTS" on 3c. carmine Admiral, with a counterfeit DOUBLE SURCHARGE.

We don't go into details, but the first signal is the fact that the stamp was used. Not that this couldn't happen, and did,—but it is a good time to take a second look!

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#625—COUNTERFEIT SURCHARGES ON THE 3¢ LEAF AND NUMERAL ISSUES

A long time ago we discussed some of these forgeries. These are the "2 CENTS" surcharge on the 3¢ Leaf and Numeral issues. We have long had a mint copy of the fake surcharge on the 3¢ numeral, with INVERTED SURCHARGE. Not a bad job either. However, we reecntly added the following

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counterfeit surcharges, all of pretty fair workmanship:—

1. Inverted surchage on 3¢ Leaf.
2. DOUBLE surcharge on 3¢ Leaf.
3. Inverted surcharge on 3¢ Numeral
4. DOUBLE surcharge on 3¢ numeral.

All of the above are Used copies! Yep, —no doubt done by the same party as the fake described just before.

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#626—2¢ IMPERFORATE EDWARD, PLATE #2 BLOCK OF 16

Who says the days of finding "sleepers" is over? Not if you keep your eyes open, and **not if you are willing to spend a little money for philatelic literature and keep yourself posted!**

Sometime ago, in reading over an auction catalogue, I noted "Top Pl. Block of 16, No. 2, ungummed, very fine . . . (90a) $28.00 plus". That is all. Does it ring a bell? No it didn't read the common "Plate #13 or 14"; it read "No. 2".

Since there were only 4 sheets of Plate #1 and #2 printed in the imperfs. only two plate no. blocks of plate # 2 exist today. I believe one such block is in the wonderful collection of Clare Jephcott of Toronto. So here was the other block!

Since we know that ordinary imperforate blocks from these plates#1 and #2 sell for approx. $15-$20 per block, we expected the plate block to go for at least $80, and certainly it was worth a great deal more than that. So we placed a substantial bid. What did it cost?—just $34.00.

Yep,—the days of catching a sleeper or two are not over!

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#627—IMPERFORATE GUTTER BLOCKS

Back in packet #598 we discussed some of the Imperforate Gutter Blocks which had been sold through Jim Sissons' Private Treaty sales. We mentioned a number that had shown up, and commented that "all of these were large-sized stamps." However we further commented that "it is likely that gutter pieces also exist of the small-size regular issues".

Jim also reads the Hollow Tree, and immediately upon reading packet #598 wrote us to the effect that "you know of everything that exists". He very kindly listed those he knew of, and except for the 1898 Numeral issue, there WERE NO SMALL-SIZE ISSUES in Gutter Blocks. We list below those which are know to exist:—

1898 Numeral Issue

½¢
2¢
7¢ (of this we are not certain, but we seem to recall having seen such a block!)

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2¢
3¢

1935 Silver Jubilee

3¢
10¢

1935 Regular Issue

10¢

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Other comments:

American Philatelist, "A quality product superbly illustrated, well edited and printed on good paper stock".

Mekeels Weekly, "A reference work and guide that any collector of Canada's stamps would be proud to own."

Mercury Stamp Journal, "A must for every Canada collector."

Collectors Club Philatelist, "A veritable handbook rather than a catalogue."

Stamp dealers are taking up large quantities of the catalogue, in fact of the first printing of 12,000 we have sold 4000 direct to collectors and 8000 to dealers. The well known stamp dealer Fred Eaton of Vancouver sums it up as follows "Personally I think it's one hell of a fine Catalogue . . . a catalogue that every collector of Canada should have." We now have under way a second printing of 12,000 and invite orders from collectors and dealers. Price is $2.00 retail. Wholesale terms on request and dealers need not worry about unsold, out of date stock, as this edition of the Canada Basic Cat. was designed to be of permanent reference value.

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THE LONDON LETTER

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

The first of the Burrus sales was held by Balasse in Brussels on 13th October when French Colonial issues for Diego Suarez and Tahiti and Roumania came under the hammer. Prices were generally high, particularly for the sensational pieces but there was plenty of scope for the average collector. The following were the high spots and it should be remembered that the buyers had to pay a further 15% as is usual in most European auctions.

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1859—5p. black on white, type I unused $6,000

The total for the French Colonies was just over $20,000 while Roumania realised $70,000—if only the latter were popular.

Loi Pemberton and Gillian Stevens attended the sale and they were duly impressed by the efficiency with which Willy conducted the sale, the press photographers and the waiters who were available to provide drinks. As the sale commenced at 3 p.m. and continued to 8 p.m. (there were 440 lots) without an interval, one could only slake one's thirst at the expense of even greater discomfort unless one was prepared to miss part of the excitement. We must ask Willy if he and his staff have retractable undercarriages.

The November sales at Hanover, Hamburg and London will call for comment later but Fred Rich tells me that he has had to postpone the auction when Canada and Venezuela will be offered.

The revised second volume of **"The Postage Stamps of Great Britain"** has just been published by The Royal Philatelic Society; the issues covered are the perforated line-engraved and with the mass of new information to help the plater and the thousands of illustrations it is remarkable value at $6 (say $6.25 with postage). Morris Ludington's **"Bermuda"** was published a few days earlier, 60% of the edition having been already sold. A brochure describing the contents is available for those who ask for it.

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This letter was started at Basel airport for I have been in Switzerland for the last four days. The excitement in Zürich was the run on sugar and more than one local told me that the Cuban crisis will double the price (50c. for 5 lbs. in Toronto to-day. —ED.) In Berne, Marcel Kottelat provided a delightful surprise at lunch by producing Tevfik Kuyas and his charming wife, Nihal. How rare it is to find advanced philatelists married to each other. He collects the classic stamps of Turkey and Egypt while her interests lie in the consular posts of the latter. Kuyas is anxious that I should go to Istambul for the international exhibition which is to be held there next September. The temptation is great for I could continue to travel eastwards and look in on the in-

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ternational due to be held at Melbourne two weeks later. This would provide an excellent excuse to return via Los Angeles and Vancouver and renew those many Canadian friendships which are such vivid memories after twelve years away. (We're waiting for you! —ED.)

Last night I spent a happy hour in Basel looking at the collection of Great Britain which gives such obvious joy to my host, Max Guggenheim. Our tastes are mutual and his approach to the subject is that of an enthusiast. He restricts the size to six volumes and in consequence knows where everything is and what each stamp means. To-day he took me to the Stamp Stock Exchange in Basel where some fifteen dealers had their stocks laid out for over a hundred collectors to pore over. The traffic was steady and during the hour that we were there at least another fifty people arrived. Almost all the stamps on view were the modern issues of Switzerland and Liechtenstein but one volume of the seated Helvetias was being carefully picked over for cancellations.

Although not a lover of modern stamps, I appreciated a mint collection of United Nations forerunners — the Swiss overprinted **"Société Des Nations"** and **"Bureau International du Travail"**. Of the 237 varieties only six were missing and included was the great rarity (numerically among the rarest stamps in the world in mint condition), the 1924 1.20 Fr. lilac and red on rose with the variety "HFLVETIA". The price, 40,000 Swiss francs (say $9,300) did not strike me as dear. A rarity among the airmails was a used block of four of the 1937 inverted "10" on 15c. green on a flown card at $3,200.

Among the classics were mint blocks of the 1854 Munich 10r. (6), Berne 5r. (6) and 15r. (4), 1855 5r. and 10r. for $2,750. Best of all, I liked the pair of 1862 2r. on a newspaper, one stamp bisected, for which the owner asked a meagre $550. It seems to me that the older they are the cheaper.

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C. H. STEEPLE,
Edmonton RPSC 5796

(Once upon a time, we could have eaten the whole of that Plum Pudding, but alas, Anno Domini now only allows us to eat but a small, albeit respectable, portion thereof. —ED.)

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OPEN LETTER TO THE P.O. DEPT.

Sir:—Thought you might like this for CP. It may be rough in spots, but it is about time the P.O. Dept. smartened up stamp designing.

B. B. STEAD,
Saint John, N.B. RPSC 7249

"They say it is easy to criticize, but when the opportunity is made blatantly available, this occasion almost asks for it.

"Our reactions to to-day's new 5-cent stamp is: Thank heaven for the colour! Mr. Roch studied in Austria but if this is the result, then he should go back—now!

"If the head of wheat is symbolic of Canada's wheat production, we are heading for starvation. The feeling of plenty has been sacrificed for a stylized mean object pressed into the corner of the design.

The stamp would have been "happier" if a shade more border had been added. As in many Canadian stamps, the artist's drawing may have looked fine, but when the design is reduced to 5/8" x 13/16", only the young can see it. Those with "old" eyes must take a reading glass to see what is on the stamp! This had been the fault of a number of rather nice Canadian designs. To be readable and effective, they should have been at least half as large again.

We are all aware that the Queen has not got the finest of features, yet she has a very lovely expression and three-quarter face is probably her best. With many people, the profile is tricky. Mr. Roch walked right in and I'm sure the results would please no woman. The squint eye, turned-down nose, heavy mouth, plastered hair, stick-like neck, are appalling to say the least.

Before the rest of the regular issue appears, could we not have a few changes? Let us flatter our Queen, not insult her."

(In fairness to the P.O. Dept., we feel we should publish the letter from Mrs. Fairclough, Postmaster General, which appeared in the Toronto Globe & Mail of Oct. 16, 1962. —ED.)

In the October 9 edition of your paper you carried a letter from Mr. Gordon Bazeley (New Canadian Stamp) with several comments on the new regular issue Queen Elizabeth stamp which was released on October 3. I would like to take this opportunity to explain some of the details involved in the choosing of the design for this stamp.

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When the preparatory work was being done for this issue Her Majesty was consulted on two separate occasions concerning details for the stamp. In February of this year Mr. Ernst Roch, whose design was used for the stamp, was granted two private sittings with Her Majesty in order to work on the portrait. The portrait was then submitted to the printing firm who produced the stamp for engraving.

An impression was made of this engraving and sent to Her Majesty for her consideration. A letter which was subsequently received from Buckingham Palace stated that Her Majesty had approved the new stamp and was, in fact, very pleased with the design.

Although the Royal Cipher has been used on stamps issued during the reign of Queen Elizabeth, it has not been used previous to this time. Because the new stamp is very simple in design it was decided that we would return to the previous convention of not including the Cipher on the stamp.

The simplicity of design also accounts for the absence of any indication of cents on this stamp. Since Canada does not issue stamps which are of a higher denomination than $1 it was felt that the five without any other designation would be sufficient to indicate the value of the stamp.

The Post Office Department hopes that the majority of the public will agree with our choice and will share Her Majesty's satisfaction with the new stamp.

Ottawa — Ellen L. Fairclough, Postmaster General.

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INFORMATION ON ISRAEL WANTED

Sir:—I wonder if, among my fellow-members, someone could enlighten me on a number of questions on Israel's Ministry of Posts Bulletins.

I am trying to assemble in my collection the Bulletins appertaining to each set issued. I have some gaps which I knew about but have come across rather surprising discrepancies when mounting bulletins and stamps together.

I would appreciate hearing from anyone who can help me. May I add that I am not interested, at the moment, in joining a specialist society.

F. L. BRANDEIS,

Qualicum Beach, B.C. RPSC 5539

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TWO VARIETIES

Sir:—Recently, two interesting varieties on Canadian stamps have come into my possession and since I have not heard of their previous existence, I would like your opinion as to their philatelic novelty.

One variation concerns the Jean Talon issue, where the last A in Canada of the UR plate appears so:  In my possession are two other identical UR plate corners, but they do not have this particular "A".

The other novelty concerns the 2c. Queen Elizabeth 1957 issue. On the wide margin as found on stamp purchased from the Philatelic Branch at Ottawa, is

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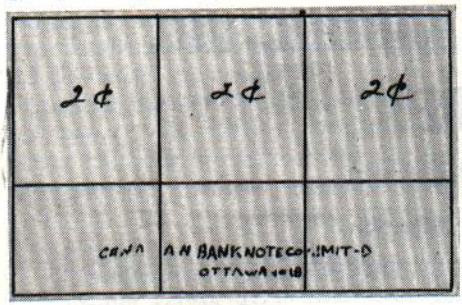
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EDMONTON POSTAL HISTORY

Sir:—This is unusual, me writing a letter to you that isn't intended for THE MAIL BAG, but since I haven't any beefs—and the bouquets would take up too much space—I shall content myself with a personal letter of appeal.

I am undertaking to compile a postal history of Edmonton and I need material (on cover, piece or card) of pre-1930 vintage and I thought perhaps since you are continually moving in philatelic circles that perhaps you might keep your "ear cocked" for anything which might be of interest. I've sent in an ad for CP but it does no harm to have as many scouts as possible.

I disagree with the letter in CP of August, for I have made many contacts and associations through the RPSC, which would have been naught but for the Society. Keep up the good work.

IAN PATERSON,
Eldorado, Sask. RPSC 7243

(We don't get around quite as much as member Paterson seems to think, but we'll keep our ears cocked! —ED.)

From Parliament Hill

Our Ottawa correspondent, Hans Reiche, has been away on business and did not return in time to write his usual column for this issue. It will be resumed in the next number.

NEW FORCES AIR LETTER

Sir:—I was quite interested to learn that Col. Webb had compiled a check list of Canadian Forces Letters and since I'm addicted to this phase of philately, I'd be very pleased to receive a copy of it.

Perhaps you could publish in the next issue the fact that a new type Forces Air Letter has now appeared. I first became aware of it when a friend at RCAF Station Chatham, N.B. used one in writing to me and it is post-marked RCAF STATION CHATHAM 1 NOV 1962. However, I know not when it first became available. The second one to come into my possession came from RCAF Station Trenton about 15 Nov.

The new form is in red printing on light gray unwatermarked paper and bears the imprint "FORCES/AIR LETTER / LETTRE-AVION / POUR MILITAIRES" in 4 lines and completely in block capitals. This form is not yet available here at CAPO in Metz.

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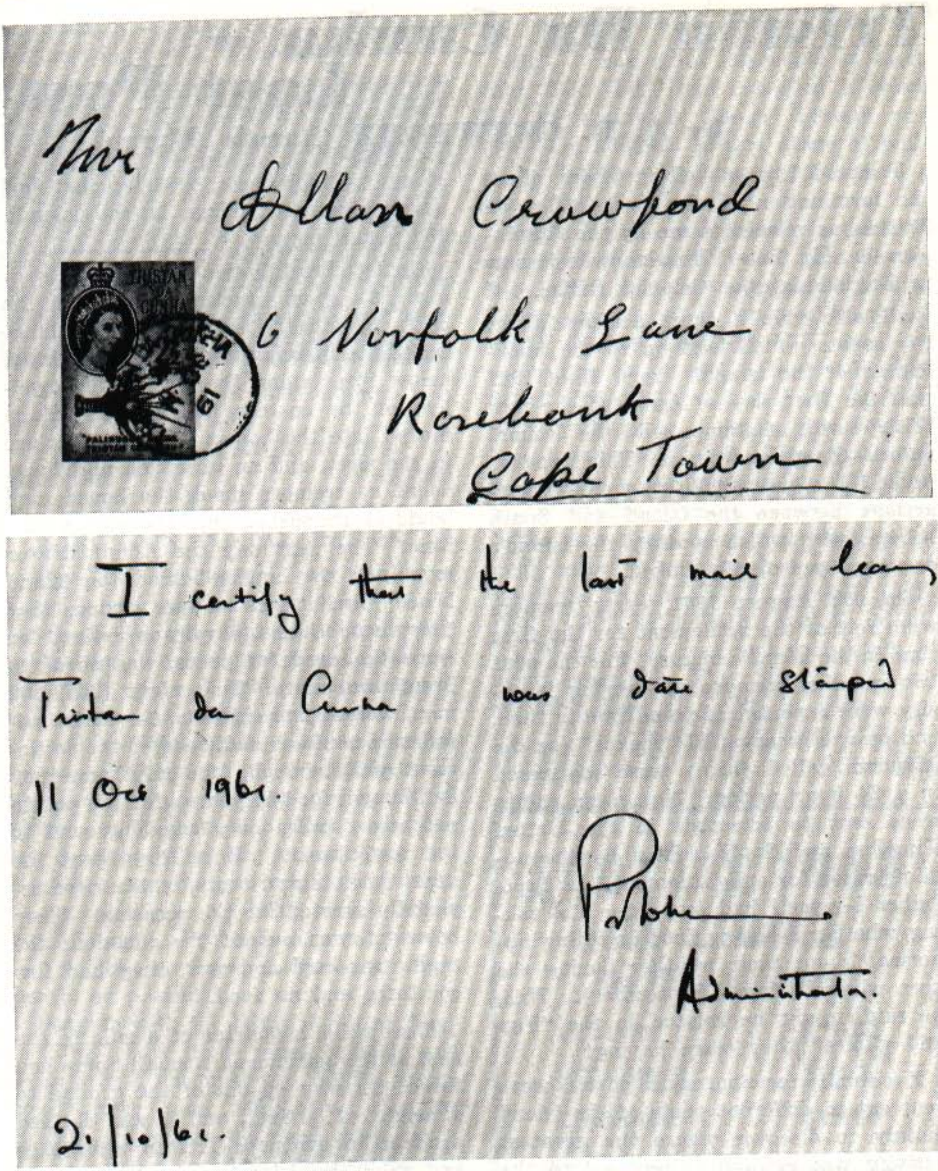
I should like to tell members about the termination of the post office on Tristan as related to me by the Administrator, Mr. Peter Wheeler, who is now in England at the Colonial Office. I shall also give a short account about the events which lead up to the abandoning of the island. April 15th, 1961 was the first day of issue of the new "fish" series of stamps with the decimal values—Rands and Cents. This step was taken in order to facilitate money transactions between the island and South Africa, with which country the island's economy was closely linked.

On 6th August 1961, earth tremors were felt at the settlement for the first time in the island's history. For the next two months, tremors of varying intensity were experienced from time to time, and on one occasion 87 "shakes" (as the islanders called them) were registered in a 24 hour period. Numerous cables were sent to scientists in the United Kingdom and South Africa by the administrator for enlightenment. In September I myself had one from him asking whether I had noticed anything abnormal about their weather during the past winter (May - September). This, he said, might be related to the "Fun and games" they were having!

Eventually reconnaissance parties were sent out to different parts of the island mainly to discover where the greatest activity was centred. One went to the eastward, another to the west, and a third to Nightingale Island, 20 miles southwest of Tristan. The outcome of these inspections was that at no place were the earth tremors as bad as they were at the settlement of Edinburgh itself. Houses shook, china fell from the shelves, and cracks appeared in the ground. Later doors jammed, windows refused to open, and stones fell down the chimneys. Fishermen operating in boats close to the shore brought up stones in their nets, a thing that had never happened before in the island's 150 years' history.

On October 8th the position was serious. As great cracks appeared in the cliffs behind the settlement, and large rock-falls precipitated onto the slopes below threatening the houses, the dwellers of the eastern half of the village moved into the homes of their relatives in the west, and an unsettled night was spent as tremors shook the houses and boulders thundered onto the plateau behind. The next day the Administrator examined the cracks behind the island beacon, and it was at once obvious that Tristan da Cunha, a volcano extinct for some thousands of years, was about to erupt once more. That night (9th) 300 men, women and children, the entire population of the island, vacated the settlement of Edinburgh, (the only home they had known for 150 years) for the potato patches, 2 miles over rough ground to the south west. Here they spent the night in huts and tents, which were especially erected for the occasion. Sleep however, was out of the question: the night was cold and wet, they had few comforts and no food.

Meanwhile, a quarter of a mile to the east of the settlement, a small hump had forced its way up out of the ground to a height of 30 feet, and it was deemed prudent to evacuate Tristan altogether and take the islanders to Nightingale Island. Fortunately for all concerned the fishing vessels TRISTANIA (628 tons) and FRANCES REPETTO (316 tons) were in the vicinity and these two vessels embarked the whole population and took them to the safety of Nightingale Island where they spent the night of 10th October. It was during that day that one of the most dramatic incidents (to philatelists) took place. As it was quite obvious to the Administrator that Tristan occupation had ended, an attempt


Mrs Allan Crawford
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Rosebank
Cape Town

I certify that the last mail leaving
Tristan da Cunha was date stamped
11 Oct 1961.

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was made to salvage valuable papers and government records, and during this process a big splash was noticed in the water close to Mr. Wheeler's boat. The safe containing the island's entire stock of postage stamps was deposited in Davy Jones' locker, in 7 fathoms of water! This was quickly followed by a smaller splash as the island's canceller followed to the depths below. Tristan da Cunha's post office was dead!

On the following day the Dutch ship TJISADANE (9,000 tons) called in Tristan's waters as previously scheduled. As soon as she heard of the islanders' plight, she put on full speed and steered for Nightingale Island instead, in order to assist. It was not long before instructions were given for the entire population to board the vessel for the Cape, for Nightingale was no fit place for settlement as the island is small and there is no fresh water supply. With them went a few items of mail—the very last mail

to leave Tristan da Cunha. This was dated 11th October 1961, the day of the arrival of the TJISADANE. The date stamp had been set in advance as is usual under the circumstances, although it had been thrown into the sea on the day before.

I have two letters dated 11 OC 61—one from Joan Rogers (aged 21), a girl who suffers from partial blindness and the other from my friend Mr. Johnnie Green. In the former letter Joan describes the island "shakes". Here is an extract from her letter:—"No one knows exactly what it is, but we only have ideas about it. If you go to bed at night you don't know if you will wake up in the morning or not. The Administrator sends telegrams to London, and when he receives them back again, if there is anything to do with the shakes, he puts a notice on the board so we can see it." My second letter, from Johnnie Green also spoke of the "jarring we got here some nights", meaning of course the earth tremors. These two covers, although of no extra special outside appearance, are the most prized pieces in my Tristan da Cunha collection, for they are amongst the few last letters to leave the island. They bear the significant date 11 OC 61, and are therefore "last day covers".

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During the Convention, Canada's national philatelic society will be host to Philately at Niagara Falls and a number of the leading specialist societies have indicated that they will hold meetings there in conjunction with the Convention.

A splendid programme of meetings and study groups is being developed by A. G. McKanna of Toronto who will act as Programme Chairman of the Convention.

In 1961 the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain held its first meeting in North America at the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada's convention in North Hatley. Last year it held its first meeting in North America at the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada's convention in North Hatley. Last year they held their second meeting overseas at Windsor during "CANPEX", when gatherings were also held by the Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada and the German Philatelic Society. The Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain will hold its third meeting in Canada at Niagara Falls during the Convention.

It is also announced that the British North America Philatelic Society will



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hold a special meeting at the Niagara Falls Convention and a most interesting programme is being arranged under the supervision of Dr. C. M. Jephcott, F.R.P.S.L. President of the British North America Philatelic Society and V. G. Greene, F.R.P.S.L., F.R.P.S.C. of Toronto.

Preparations are also being made for other specialist societies to hold special gatherings during the Convention, so that those interested in other than B.N.A. material will have plenty to interest them. The headquarters for the Convention will be the Sheraton-Brock Hotel and special attention is being given to provide a fine schedule of sightseeing trips for the ladies and other social activities during the three days of the Convention.

There will be no competitive exhibition as such, but plans are being formulated to present some fine displays of specialist material. There will also be a large Bourse.

It is anticipated that this the 35th Annual Convention of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, which will be ideally situated at Niagara Falls, will draw a large gathering of philatelists from both Canada and the United States. With the participation of the world's two leading B.N.A. specialist societies the Convention is assured of a record attendance of the leading personalities in this field.

Members are urged to make a special effort to attend this Convention which promises to be the most interesting and enjoyable philatelic gathering ever to take place in Canada.

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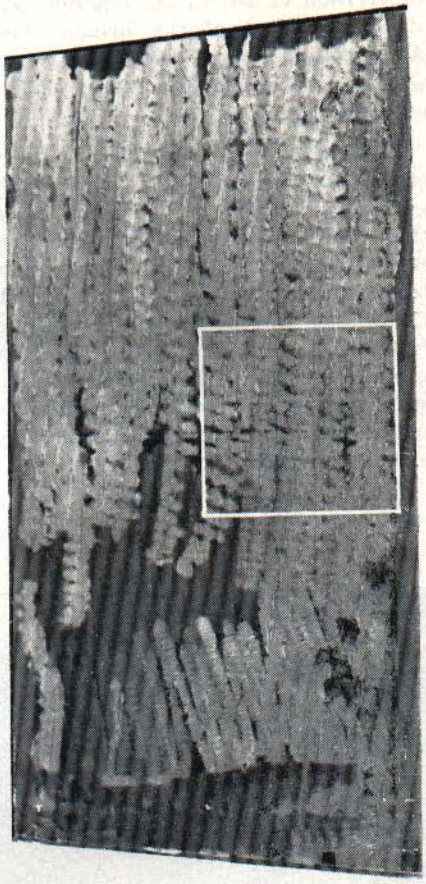
The Plate of the Twelvepenny Black

As most of our readers know, the Postmaster General brought along to Windsor a "mysterious" box which had been found in a cubby-hole in the old P.O. Department when it was moved to its new building on Confederation Heights in Ottawa. With the help of the staff of the Windsor P.O., armed with chisels, hammers and wrecking bars, this box was opened during the dinner at Canpex Dinner.

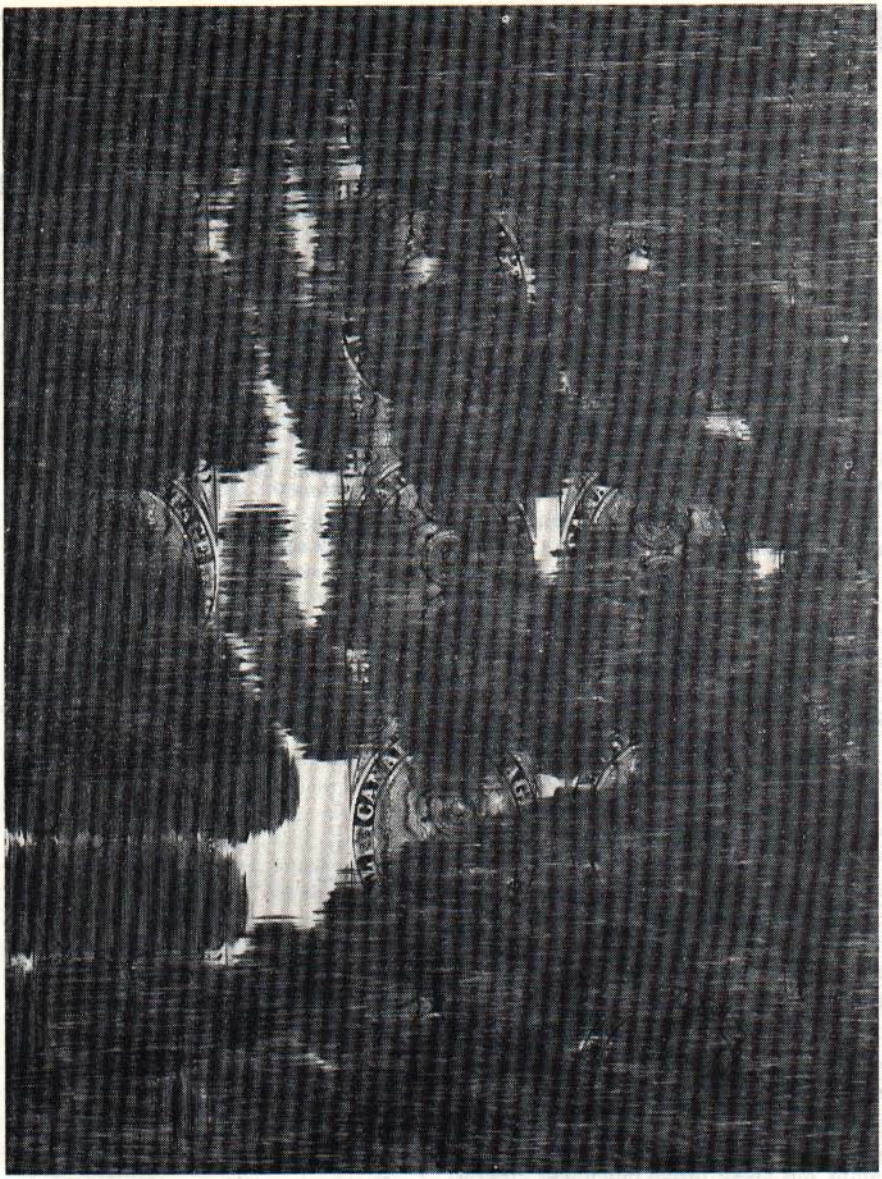
When finally opened, Vinnie Greene and two other members pulled out what were the original plates of the stamps of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, all nicely burnished. This solved the mystery of what had happened to these plates.

However, only the top five or six were taken out and it was surmised that the box contained other plates. Back in Ottawa, the contents of the box were examined at leisure and to everyone's surprise, the plate of the Twelvepenny Black, burnished like all the others, turned up.

We discovered this during a trip to Ottawa in October and when we heard that a proof had been pulled from it, we did not rest until, thanks to B. M. Erb, the Chief of the Public Relations Division of the P.O. Dept., we had a couple of photos of the plate to reproduce and show our members and readers.







This plate is interesting in more ways than one. First of all, three types of obliteration were used on this stamp, a round obliteration with scalloped edges, a rolled obliteration and then the final burnishing of the top of the plate. The enlarged photo shows this quite well.

It will be noticed on careful examination that the plate comprises two panes of 100 stamps each. The separation of the two panes is just visible in the centre of the plate.

The section shown in the enlargement is indicated by the white square on the photo of the plate.

Our thanks to Mr. Erb for enabling us to publish this most interesting reminder of a fine stamp — Sic transit gloria mundi!

The Cover

By DOUG PATRICK RPSC 3941

Of all the rare stamps in the world that belong in the philatelic album of fame, Britain's 6d dull violet overprinted I.R. Official ranks among the most mysterious.

It wasn't the first postage stamp nor the most colorful one issued by Great Britain but merely a normal stamp tracing its rarity to the fact it had been available for use a few hours on Saturday morning, May 12, 1904, the very day that all official stamps of Great Britain were discontinued.

In 1882 the British Government Department of Inland Revenue had special stamps prepared for use on official mail and these consisted of the regular issues overprinted in black, I.R. Official. Others came into use for the army, navy, works office, board of education and the Royal household.

Some of the employees made flagrant misuse of their government jobs to obtain these stamps at face value for subsequent illegal sale to the stamp collectors. According to law, the stamps were not made for private ownership. Even to own one was illegal and to use an I.R. Official stamp on a private or personal letter would incur the utmost rigour of British law.

Employees were permitted to buy them for use on official mail and in devious ways managed to smuggle them to collectors. Later, however, controls were attempted to prevent purchasing the stamps but these broke down and finally the stamps were all withdrawn.

Of all the common I.R. Offical stamps in various denominations the chance of finding the rarest one, 6d King Edward VII overprinted, was one in millions. Robert Lyman, a Canadian philatelist travelling in Switzerland in 1951, recognized a 6d I.R. Offical (the one illustrated) in a box of oddments left from the collection of King Alphonso of Spain.

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But he made a counter proposal suggesting that the stamp be submitted to the Royal Philatelic Society, London, and if it were genuine he would be willing to sell it for a modest figure. Eight months later the stamp returned to Geneva and with it came a certificate saying it was genuine in all respects.

Mr. Lyman bought the stamp and immediately sold it by a telephone call to Mr. Robson Lowe in London, England.

Charlie Foster Passes

We were very grieved to learn that Charlie Foster passed away on December 14. Charlie, as he was affectionately known to all around Toronto, was one of the great collectors of Canada's stamps. He was an assiduous attendant at meetings of the Toronto S.C.C., North Toronto S.C. and West Toronto S.C., and a regular visitor at many philatelic gatherings.

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The Club will welcome exhibits from all over Canada for ECSPEX and intending exhibitors should contact J. D. Goodall, 13068 — 124 Avenue, Edmonton, at the earliest opportunity.

Besides the Exhibition, ECSPEX will include an auction under the direction of Stewart S. Kenyon, 15205—74 Avenue, Edmonton. The auction catalogue will be distributed on a nation-wide basis.

Various cacheted covers will be handled at ECSPEX by J. Paterson, 12845—102 Avenue, Edmonton, to whom all enquiries should be addressed.

EXUP - IX - 1963

L'Union Philatélique de Montréal, Chapter No. 3 of the RPSC, will be holding an Exhibition — to be known as EXUP-IX-1963, February 15-17 at the Centre des Loisirs St-Edouard, 6515 St-Denis St., near Beaubien, Montreal, to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the Founding of the Club.

The usual amenities, Bourse, Souvenir Programme, seals, Cachets, will be available, as also ample parking facilities.

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There are at least four obvious uses for photography in the activities of the serious collector:

1. To provide colored transparencies for use in giving talks on your specialties at club meetings, etc. (This seems to be one of the better answers to the old dilemma of passing around your material and talking about one thing while all but one or two of the members are looking at something else);
2. To build up a photographic file of your valuable items — surely the best record and identification in case of loss or theft;
3. To illustrate articles;
4. To illustrate your album or exhibit pages with (a) blow-ups of varieties, etc., (b) reproductions of pertinent photos or other material from books, etc., (c) photos of the reverse of covers or letters which you do not wish to split or unfold.

When looking for equipment to fit my own needs, the 35mm camera commended itself because of its versatility in all fields and because its slides fit most projectors. I settled on a Praktica FX2 with 2.8/50 Tessar lens by Zeiss, since a good buy was available second-hand ($60-odd) and it has the removable lens necessary for close-up work. No doubt some cameras at an even cheaper price would prove adequate. The Praktica has done everything I have asked of it so far.

A microscopic lens would allow one to fill the frame with a small portion of a stamp for study of minute detail. To date however my own requirements have been satisfied by inserting behind the standard lens one or more of a set of three extension tubes, available at small cost as accessories for this camera. When all three are used together the viewer will not quite accomodate a small stamp the size of the low-value Canadian definitives.

The other chief item of equipment you will require is a copying stand. My German "Rowi" complete with two GE No. 1 photofloods cost in the $50 - 60 range. It holds the camera pointed downward with viewer facing you at convenient height as you sit at the desk or table on which the equipment stands. Height and lateral position of the camera as well as of the lamps are instantly adjustable. Blue lamps compensate for daylight color film.



The home-made photo reproduced here shows detail sufficient to plate this Denmark No. 1, "disjointed foot on 2" variety, with the naked eye, and also serves as record of ownership and identification in case of loss or theft.

For the philatelic work I have found Ansochrome (ASA 32 daylight) to give truer color reproduction than its chief competitor; others of course may disagree. For black and white work a relatively slow, fine-grain film like Kodak Panatomic-X is suggested, since with the stand sufficient exposure is no problem.

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For the color slides, for instance, I have found 1/10 sec. with f16 usually about right for photographing covers or complete pages. With the larger tubes required for closer work, a slower shut-

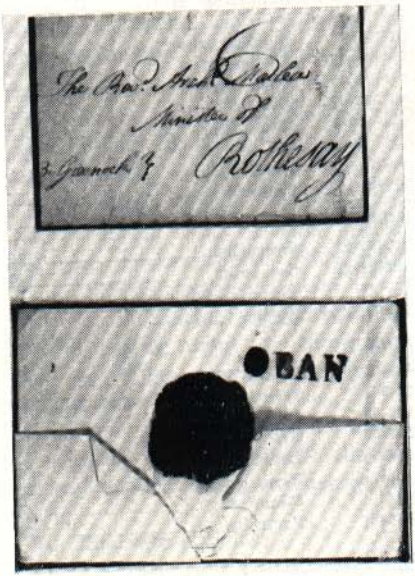


Photo (top) showing the address and rate marking on front of letter, whose back is displayed (below) because the handstamp thereon is of primary interest. Adds to the effectiveness of the exhibit page.

ter or wider opening may be called for. The best settings for your equipment and requirements can be determined only by your own meter readings and experience.

You can buy a 20-exposure roll of color transparency, processing included, for about $3. Black and white prints are of similar cost. A fellow society member recently was quoted $1.50 to $2. per slide for photographing his philatelic items, by a photographic firm. The professional job of course might be superior for some purposes, but the collector in question was more than satisfied with



Illustrations from books, etc., like this line drawing of a postboy of the period, can be photographed to add to the interest of the album or exhibit page.

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the slides I produced to illustrate his talk at a national Convention.

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Consult your camera dealer for advice about equipment and methods—but remember that he probably has had no experience in philatelic photography and so make sure that he understands exactly what results you want to achieve.

My dealer, for instance, first suggested a bellows which was fine for very close-up work. But even when entirely collapsed it would not allow the coverage of a subject much larger than a single stamp, while without it I could not effectively photograph an area much smaller than the album page. When I explained the need to include the intermediate field of subjects like blocks, small groups of stamps, covers or part-covers, he quickly came up with the tubes which in various combinations meet my requirements nicely.

The wide-awake dealer will recognize that you are probably pioneering a new photographic field in the community he serves, and will be eager to give you all the cooperation he can.

The writer will be glad to share his limited experience—and to learn from that of others. He will answer, if he can, the questions of any RPSC member. (Write care of the Editor).

Danish bicolour with inverted frame setenant with normal, is adequately illustrated by this do-it-yourself photo.



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Counterfeit First Day Covers

By Stanley H. Frycznski, Jr. RPSC 7711, Pres. AFDCS

This article was motivated by a desire to warn the uninitiated about a very serious pitfall—the "buy of a lifetime" Of course this situation may occur in any walk of life and it certainly does exist in philately. There are genuine bargains, there are unwitting errors and there are downright swindles engineered by confidence men and forgers. The author desires to focus attention on the existence of spurious First Day Covers so that both the seasoned collector and the novice may be aware.

It does not make much sense to counterfeit or prepare a relatively recent First Day Cover, just as it would be ridiculous to print phony one dollar bills. Both are hardly worth the effort. Therefore, one should watch for such fake items among the more expensive covers.

When a cover of more than fifty dollars value is offered to a collector at a fraction of its true price, this transaction should be approached with some suspicion. But there is a very reliable recourse, a form of insurance—the American First Day Society Expertising Committee. This fine group is headed by Dr. Samuel Penchansky of Bayonne, N.J. and stands ready to be of assistance to all Society members. The cost to the member is merely postage and insurance both ways for the covers he wishes to have checked.

If a collector is not properly equipped or experienced, it is poor practice to attempt to determine the authenticity of a cover on his own. An error may prove to be very expensive, the three genuine covers illustrated here have a total value of $225. It is far better to have empty album spaces than to own counterfeits.

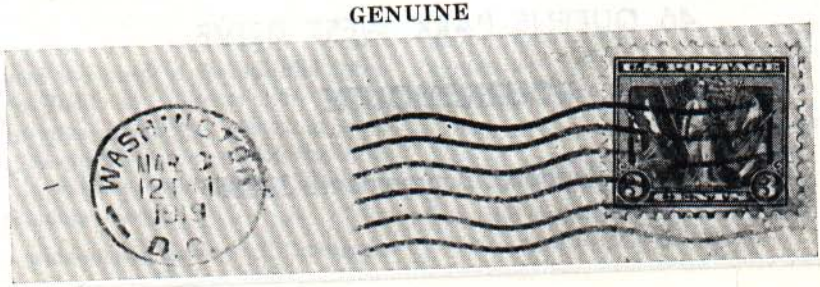
If a purchase is to be made from a reputable dealer, he will readily grant



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permission to have an expensive item checked. If he does not, there is good reason to be alarmed. Also, it must be stated that not all dealers are experts and some that are have been fooled by phony material. Anyone can always

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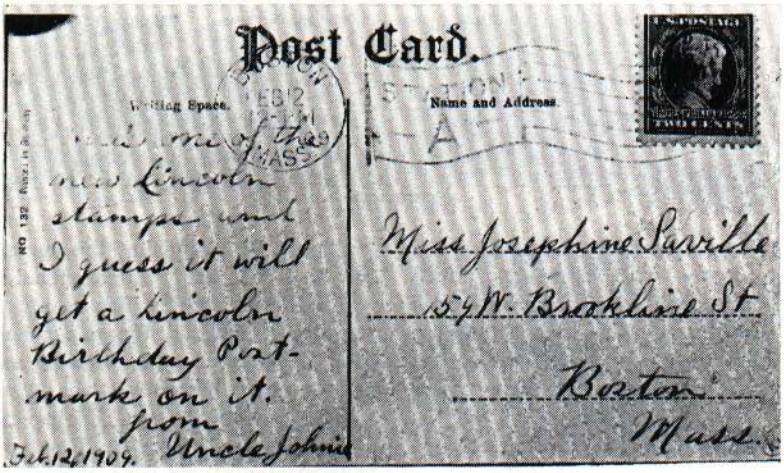
learn a little more about his chosen field. Philatelists are no exception.

Now to the story. William Clarke, a dealer in Bayonne, has a stock of early First Day Covers and he has a reputation of being fair. He is a member of this Society. One day he appeared at my office, dropped three covers on my desk and said, "How do you like these phonies?"

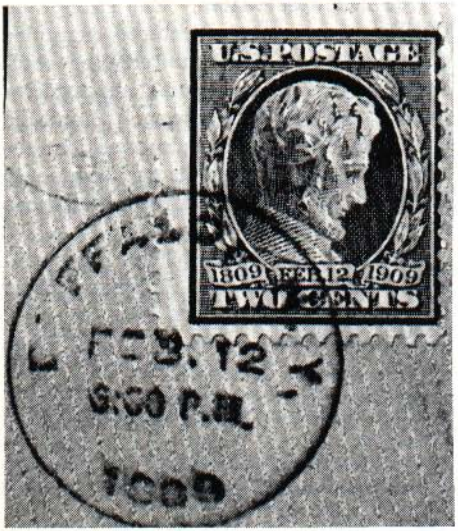
Mr. Clarke is by no means a "Johnnie-come lately" to this hobby. The remark was so surprising that I immediately looked at the covers. They were the 3c. Victory (#537), the 2c. Lincoln Memorial (#367), and the 2c. Hudson-Fulton (#372). They were examined with great care. Bill was so certain that they were fakes that he made me a gift of them in order that this article might be prepared for the benefit of Society members.

This is a perfect example of a dealer who had been "stuck". Instead of passing on his error to an innocent collector, he decided to perform a public service giving the AFDCS the benefit of his experience. He is hereby publicly thanked for this unselfish behaviour.

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The next step was to deliver the three phonies, plus six similar but genuine covers, to Dr. Penchansky. The nine was shuffled before making the presen-

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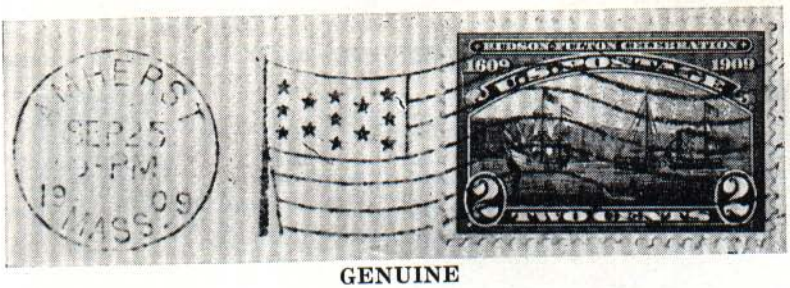
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tation but he was able to identify Mr. Clarke's covers with seemingly little effort. The good doctor has a great deal of experience with fake First Day Covers since, he also, has fallen a victim to them. Some of his mistakes grace the New York Collectors' Club collection, properly identified, of course.

The questionable covers were compared with the same issues from both my collection and that of Dr. Penchansky. Without any doubt the postmarks were not the same. Our expert identified them as positive forgeries of the same vintage of others he had seen.

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After this conclusion the covers were sent to a laboratory for chemical testing as additional proof. The result was no surprise. Firstly, the paper had been chemically treated to present an aged appearance. Secondly, the envelopes had been manufactured during the last 14 to 16 years. They could not possibly have existed at the time of the 1909 and 1910 cancellations.

One last observation. The stamps on the covers are poorly centered examples of each issue. The counterfeiter obviously wished to lend some authenticity to his work by this means. Don't be lead astray by this simple expedient.

The author would welcome comments on this article as well as the experiences of other collectors.

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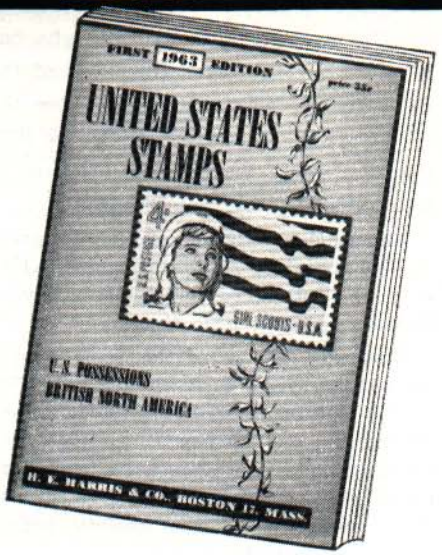
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At the annual convention of the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain, held in Aberdeen on 3-6 October, Dr. C. W. Hollingsworth, of Walsall, who has been for several years Hon. Sec. of the Society, was elected President for the 1962-63 term, succeeding Sir George Williamson, whom we had the pleasure of welcoming last May at Windsor.

Among those present at Aberdeen was our ex-librarian, Herbert Buckland, F.C.P.S., of Port Perry, who reports having had a wonderful time there.

Two new fellows of the Society were elected this year, E. A. Smythies for his work on Duplex and Fancy cancellations of Canada, and Hedley J. Hollands, one of our members, for his work in Canada on behalf of the Society. The latter was Hon. Secretary of the Society before coming to Canada.

A most interesting part of the Convention was the trip made by members to the Pirie paper mills, where the paper with the scarce script watermark "Alex. Pirie & Sons", used for the 15c. Large Queen, was produced.

There was a fine exhibition in conjunction with the Convention and we are glad to note that two of our members and contributors, H. W. Harrison, of Pikeville, Md., and Bart Bartlett, of Louisville, Ky., were among the award winners, the first for his articles in MAPLE LEAVES on the Large Queens and the second for his showing of the Quebec Tercentenary Issue. Another one of our members, Geoffrey Whitworth, of Halifax, England, had a fine non-competitive display of the 1859 issue which had won a Gold award and the Seagram Trophy at Canpex.

A feature of the Convention was the most interesting talks and displays by Mrs. Barratt on Newfoundland classics, E. A. Smythies on 19th century cancellations and J. J. Bonar on Postal History.

Next year's convention will take place in Llandudno.

Canada's 1963 Stamp Programme

At the beginning of November, at the dinner of the Hamilton and Buffalo Philatelic Societies in Hamilton, Ont., the Postmaster General, the Hon. Ellen L. Fairclough, announced Canada's stamp programme for 1963. The programme includes six regular and three commemorative issues.

On February 4th, the 1c. and 4c. values of the new Queens will appear and the 2c. and 3c. on May 2nd.

On March 5th, the first commemorative will be released. This stamp will honour Sir Casimir Stanislaus Gzowski. Sir Casimir Stanislaus Gzowski was born in Poland in 1813 and came to Canada as a young man. He was an intimate friend of many of the Fathers of Confederation. An engineer of great ability, he took part in the building of the Grand Trunk Railway and also built the International Bridge across Niagara Falls and was first chairman of the Niagara Falls Park Commission. He was one of the early officers of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers (now the Engineering Institute of Canada), and was one of the founders and an early president of Wycliffe College. He served as a Senator on the board of the University of Toronto for approximately 20 years.

The stamp, which will mark the 150th anniversary of Sir Stanislaus' birth, will be of the 5c. denomination. A number of Canadian designers, including several artists of Polish descent, have expressed an interest in submitting designs for the stamp.

June 14th will see the appearance of the new $1 stamp, depicting a scene related to Canada's export markets.

Sir Martin Frobisher, the Arctic explorer, will be commemorated on July 29th.

The bicentennial of the opening of the first post offices, at Québec, Montréal and Trois-Rivières, in what later became

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Book Reviews

EESTI

A Specialized Illustrated Catalogue of Estonia

We have received for review a copy of the new handbook and catalogue of the stamps of Esthonia, published by the Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada.

This handbook, authored by V. Eichenthal, one of the foremost specialists on the country, is a remarkable production. Its history is worthy of note.

Just over a year ago, Dr. Maresch, the well known Toronto dealer, brought to the attention of the Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada the manuscript originally prepared by Mr. Willem Eichenthal at the beginning of World War II. Enemy action resulted in destruction of this document and Mr. Eichenthal spent the last ten years painstakingly reconstructing it, revising it and gathering the works of other authors on the subject. It appeared, however, that this was in danger of being lost, for a publisher could not be found, without guarantees that he could not make. The Philatelic Specialists agreed that they would publish the book, but found the cost beyond available funds. A committee was set up to see if it was possible to prepare the book on a more economical basis and with the help of a number of the members, it was published on a "do it yourself" basis. The copy was prepared, edited, titled and set up by volunteer help. The text was typed, photographically reduced, illustrations added and the whole copy transferred to a lithograph plate, then run off on Multilith presses. One firm did the plate work, another printed and a third did the binding. In between, the committee titled, proof-read, corrected, sent copy to Sweden for filial approval by the author, pasted-up headings and illustrations, collated and finally packaged and shipped the books. Then a group of members translated the original German and the whole thing was done over again in English.

The net result, a 212 page handbook of Estonia, with sections dealing with occupation issues, forgeries, fantasies, varieties, etc., in two editions, one English and one German.

The Philatelic Specialists Society has no thought of making a profit from this enterprise; they will be quite content to keep the loss at a minimum. The satisfaction will come from saving an irreplaceable manuscript from extinction and the service to Philately thereby performed. It is interesting to note that at the time the decision was made to publish the book, the Society did not have a member specializing in Estonia.

The book, splendidly illustrated and produced, is available, in English or German, from dealers or direct from the Society at Box 94, Postal Terminal A, Toronto, for $4.95 postpaid.

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CANADIAN FANCY CANCELLATIONS OF THE NINETEENTH CENTURY

This splendid handbook by Dr. K. M. day, F.R.P.S.L. and E. A. Smythies, F.R.P.S.L., is published by the British North American Philatelic Society and comprises some 122 pages, 42 of which are plates of cancellations Besides Unofficial Numeral Cancellations, we find innumerable other kinds, Leaves, Flowers, Stars and Crosses, Crown and Masonic symbols and so on.

It is exceedingly well written up and the numerous collectors of Canadian cancellations will find therein a fund of information.

The variety of these fancy cancellations is remarkable and we suspect that few collectors, generally speaking, even suspect the existence of so many.

Dr. Kay and our good friend E. A. Smythies are to be congratulated on this interesting handbook, which can be obtained, post paid, for $3.00 from the Handbook Committee of the BNAPS, R. J. Woolley, 1520 Bathurst Street, Apt. 206, Toronto 10, Canada.

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APRIL 28—RA STAMP CLUB, Ottawa —Annual Exhibition at the Recreation Centre, Riverside Drive, Ottawa.

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the Province of Canada, will be commemorated on August 23rd.

And finally, on September 30th, a new 15c. will be issued, to replace the present gannet. The new stamp will show four Canada geese in flight.

The Hon. Mrs. Fairclough also announced that in 1964, the present 7c. stamp, which shows a single Canada goose in flight, would be redesigned.

CHAPTER NEWS

● **MONTREAL**

After the visit of the Editor, the Westmount had the visit of our President, Dr. G. M. Geldert, as reported on another page.

● **OSHAWA**

The Oshawa Stamp Club held their Annual Fall Exhibition in the McLaughlin Public Library from 12 to 26 October. This year's outstanding exhibit was that of Mrs. E. Schmid, of pages from her Topical collection of great musicians and composers.

The Club is having a very active and interesting year and will pay a return visit to the West Toronto S.C. early in the New Year.

● **LEAMINGTON**

Not long ago, we heard from Gene Barna informing us that the Sun Parlor Stamp Club, was now meeting twice a month, on the first and third Wednesdays, at the Leamington Library. Neil Paterson, of Leamington has been elected President and Mrs. Elsie McClellan, Box 325, Wheatley, Ont., Secretary. The Club also has an enthusiastic Junior Section, under the keen direction of Gene himself. Good Luck, Sun Parlour!

● **BELLEVILLE**

The Quinte S. C. had an enjoyable Interclub meeting on the 13th October (which clashed with the St. Catharines affair, alas!) at which Mrs. Laura Barnard, of the RA S.C. in Ottawa, gave a most interesting talk on Topicals and, we hear, even made some converts!

Nick Shymko, an old member of the Club, was again present at a club meeting, after a longish stay first in Edmonton, (where he left his mark at the Edmonton S.C.), and now in Ottawa.

● **LONDON**

A. E. Hetherington, Editor of the new LONDON LETTER, is to be congratulated on putting out a bright little journal.

The Club was most fortunate in having Fred Jarrett as a speaker on Oct. 1. To hear Fred give some of his experiences as dealer, author, collector and "locator" of finds, is a real treat. Wish we had been there!

● **NORTH TORONTO**

Jack Banks, one of the North Toronto S.C.'s good philatelists, won a Gold plaque at SOJEX 1962, the 27th Annual Exhibition of the South Jersey Stamp Clubs, Inc., held in October. Jack's exhibit consisted of Norway's 20 mm. Posthorn issue. Congratulations, Jack!

The Club's 25th Anniversary will be celebrated on May 2 by a Dinner, particulars of which will be announced in due course. It is hoped that many old members, now spread around the country, may be able to attend and meet old friends.

● **BRANTFORD**

The Brantford Stamp Club's Journal

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When, shortly afterwards, she picked out one of them in order to correspond with a friend, she noticed that the sheet was only half printed—all the black part of the design and inscriptions were missing.

The writer reported the finding of this item to the late Dr. Seale Holmes at the time, not knowing of his fatal illness which no doubt prevented him from ever making any mention of the discovery.

As far as the writer knows, there has not been any reference to this error since. If anyone knows of a similar item having turned up anywhere, it would be interesting to have it reported.

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● LENNOXVILLE

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