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Dear Friends:—

During the last month I have visited the above cities buying and selling stamps. If I missed you why not write me so I'll be sure to visit next time I'm your way.

Purchases for the last month have included many large and small lots. One of the more interesting was an accumulation of mint Canada dating back to 1927, with quite a surprising quantity of sheets. Included were 1800 of the 50¢ Victoria 1935, the same with re-entry, and a nice number of plate blocks, also a large lot of mint coils with 400 1¢ 1928 orange, which catalogues $2.00 each. The commemoratives were also good and included 1200 of the 2¢ Brunswick.

A small collection was purchased locally, consisting of 6 albums and some boxes of odds and ends. The owner telephoned two other dealers before he reached me about 11.30 a.m. We made an appointment and that afternoon the collection was purchased. My offer was within 2% of the price he wanted.

Then there is the Power collection. A wonderful lot of mint British Colonies, beautifully mounted and arranged in 10 volumes. One jumbo sized album contained a fine range of Canadian plate blocks.

A specialized collection of Newfoundland was purchased, all mint, cataloguing $3000.00. Another lot was from a small out of town dealer who had some odds and ends that were of no use to him so he mailed them to us and received a cheque for $150.00.

An outstanding collection of Vatican City with the country complete was purchased along with eight other volumes, including an especially fine lot of France, Netherlands and Colonies.

On the wholesale level some fascinating large lots were purchased. The Canada used stock of a local accumulator, an awful mixed up lot of British Colonies worth $10,000.00, a bunch of Canada 1st day covers, a vast hoard of cheap foreign—almost anything you name, and I think I got it this month—no 12d's.

A few other items acquired are:

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The Editor Speaks Out . . .

WE ARE aiming to get this issue in the mails by the 25th or 26th April, so that every member in Canada and the U.S.A. will receive it well before the start of the Niagara Falls Convention.

Niagara Falls being placed where it is, right in the heart of the greatest concentration of population in Canada, we are hoping for something unusual in one of our border cities, that for once Canadians will outnumber our good friends from South of the border!

With highway 401 open all the way from Kingston or thereabouts to London, the Queen Elizabeth Way and the network of fine roads spreading out from Niagara Falls to Hamilton, Kitchener, North Bay, Ottawa and so on, we do this year anticipate a bumper Canadian attendance.

From what we know of the Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada, the show they will put up will be one of the finest ever seen in Canada. It will be small but we expect most of the material to be most unusual and as they did at the Royal Ontario Museum a few years ago, superbly presented, every exhibit a gem.

From what we have heard, our American members and friends will be in great numbers there. We know of several coming all the way from California specially for this.

And of course, we hope to see as many as possible from our "distant points". We know Quebec will be well represented but what about a few from the West and East?

We'll be there for the whole of the Convention, of course and hope to meet many of our good friends from everywhere in Canada and the U.S.A. and many new ones too!

Be seeing you at the Falls!

We are very pleased to note that our member R. J. Duncan has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, thus entitling him to use the designation F.R.P.S., L. after his name. This is a well deserved recognition of lon gand faithful service to the world of philately.

Bob is well known as the librarian, for many years, of the British North America Philatelic Society.

Our sincere congratulations, Bob!

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Not long ago, we were advised that one of our old and faithful members, Thomas E. Elnen, of Wichita, Kansas, was elected president of the Wichita Stamp Club for 1963.

Tom Elnen has been a member of the Society for many years, and we always remember him as one of those who could always be relied upon to send an exhibit to an exhibition when called upon!

Our congratulations, Tom, and a happy and successful presidency.

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We note in Robson Lowe's LONDON LETTER that he lunched with Pierre Yvert and Jacques Robineau at AU PETIT RICHE in Paris and introduced them to a new dish there, to wit Ripe camembert on apple tart. This is certainly a new one on us, so new that we have a camembert ripening slowly and our better half is making a real apple pie for us as soon as the said camembert is ripe and ready! We fully expect our good friend Allen Christensen in Montreal to follow suit and report on the combination!

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We had the pleasure recently of attending a meeting of the Hamilton P.S. and with Hedley Hollands as our chauffeur. Hedley is an ex-Hamiltonian and therefore knows his way around the city, to which we had been quite a few times already, but this time he took us to sections quite unknown to us. Judge of our astonishment when we were fortunate as to see one of the finest sights we have seen for a long time, a view of Hamilton by night from high above on the mountain, Flock Road, if we noticed right. Strange how we have managed to live within forty miles or so of Hamilton for well over thirty years and to be quite unaware of such a fine spectacle. That, and a splendid evening with the Hamilton Club, made the trip a memorable and worthwhile one.

WESTMOUNT'S 1000th Meeting

The 1000th meeting of the Westmount Stamp Club held on February 7th was attended by well over 350 members and friends.

Former Postmaster General William Hamilton gave a most interesting address and congratulated the Club on this milestone in its history.

A telegram of congratulations was read by the President K. G. W. Smith from Dr. G. M. Geldert, President of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada.

An interesting programme included a small exhibition, arranged by E. R. Fawcus, containing some beautiful material from the collections of E. M. Weisman, Dr. D. F. Green, D. B. Johnstone, S. W. Ivry, H. A. Dykerman, K. Pam, R. J. Sutherland, E R. Fawcus, Major W. W. Gear and W. L. Perry and a short auction of choice lots conducted by J. E. Pickering, the Club's honorary auctioneer.

In recognition of his great services to the Club, R. J. Sutherland was presented with an engraved silver salver. A past president, Mr. Sutherland has served as honorary treasurer since 1941 and has scarcely missed a single meeting during the past quarter of a century.

An Honorary Life Membership was presented to A. H. Christensen, Vice-President of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada and a former Honorary Secretary of the Club, in appreciation of his work for the Club and his contributions to philately.

The meeting was atended by three of

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The Effect of Imperfections and Faults on the Value of a Classic

By A. J. Branston

A MOST interesting pamphlet under the title "The Value of a Classic", by John Robinson, was issued some months ago as a supplement to **The Philatelist**. There are some six pages of printed matter with tables and a plate, comprising a detailed examination of the effect of faults and imperfections on the estimated values of copies of New Zealand "Chalon Heads".

The article, with its analysis, is probably the best ever produced to fill in that most difficult gap in catalogue reading . . . the loss of value due to condition. It records and analyses the percentage of catalogue valuation by 11 separate valuers to disclose the depreciation in value (in their estimation) of these classic stamps due to faults. It also shows by how much loss due to a fault can be offset by a compensating good point.

It is proposed very briefly to outline how the valuations were made and then to comment on these results. Firstly, as to the valuers. The group of stamps, some 24 Chalon Heads, were sent to nine professional philatelists and two advanced collectors for valuation, item by item. The professionals were asked to consider them as their own stock and priced to be sent to a "good" client, that is, to give their selling valuations to potential customers. This makes the results of this investigation most useful to the serious collector when he is about to buy classics.

The two collectors—described as "Advanced" — were asked to consider that they wanted the stamps and to quote the maximum which they would pay for them. It is not stated whether these collectors were advanced New Zealand specialists or whether they had a close, or even no, liking for these particular issues.

Now for the stamps. These fell into two classes, the first containing three copies of Chalon Heads, all described as "Superb". In the 1961 catalogue (S.G.) these were priced at £22, £18 and 50s., and the average percentage of catalogue prices at which these were valued by all the valuers was 81, 93 and 83. These are interesting figures in themselves, but wait a moment. The £22 item varied, in estimate, between 64 and 100 per cent, and the 50s. stamp between 55 and 160 per cent. But the £18 item ranged between 44 and 200 per cent. Well, well! As many of these "wide of the average" valuations came from professionals (and would have represented offers to clients) it certainly indicates: (a) that bargains are sincerely offered, and (b) that reference to the current S.G. catalogue ought to be made in all cases.

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of stamps contained 21 items. These were presented to the valuers in three groups:—

(1) Those with one fault only, and having no compensating factors; (2) Those having two or three faults and no compensating faults; (3) Those where the loss due to defects was offset by a desirable factor. Thus, for example, a £25 item had a tiny thin and a small corner crease, but these were offset by outstanding margins.

The selection of the stamps in this group was done with some care and it is just because of this that the analysis is most valuable to the collector.

For a complete appreciation of the effects on the valuations, the full text of the article needs to be studied. The following examples, however, show how the figures reflect the valuer's thoughts. Do not forget they were about to sell or to buy.

(1) How much loss does "Two perfs. short" represent? A very attractive item, catalogued at £40 but with two perfs. short, produced an average valuation from the 11 valuers of 44 per cent catalogue. On the basis of the 'superb" average valuations of 80-90 per cent the loss of the two perforations has produced a loss in value of at least half. That's worth remembering. Just how sound is this rough and ready rule, you may well ask. Now the individual assessments by these gentlemen fell between the wide limits of 10 and 77 per cent. But when all the valuations were plotted on a graph it became evident that well over half the points came within a few places of the average of 44 per cent. (See Fig. 1.) On this basis, therefore, it is reasonable **to expect a reduction of half catalogue at least for the two perfs. missing.**

Now there were no valuations of stamps with only one perf. missing, but midway between 44 and 85 per cent, i.e. 65 per cent, ought to be the answer.

(2) The stamp is fine, but the cancellation falls right on the face of the Queen. What is it worth? The stamp in this example was catalogued at £28. The 11 valuers produced an average value of 51 per cent (ranging between 29 and 70), which seems to suggest a half-catalogue assessment. It is of particular interest to note that the valuers were very consistent and some 75 per cent of their ideas fell within a few points of the 51 per cent quoted. Fig. 2 illustrates how the valuations were grouped in this case.)

The formulae for (1) and (2) seems to run: "Arrive at what you think the stamp would be worth if it were superb

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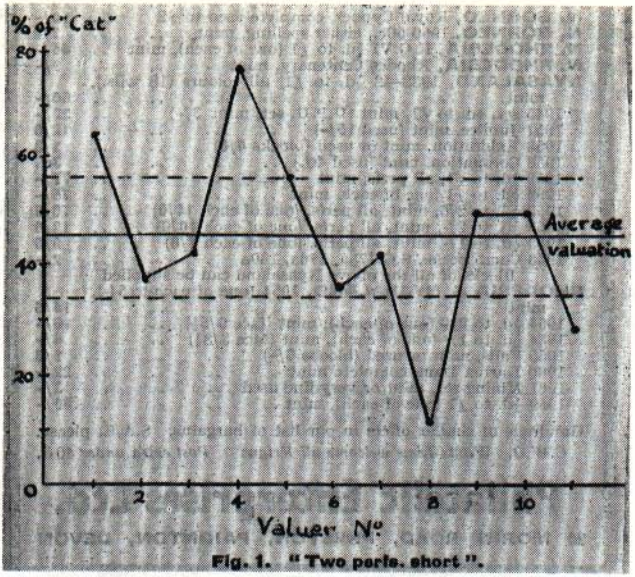


Fig. 1. "Two parts short".

and then charge, or pay, about one half of this".

Not all of the valuations show anything like such consistency. In particular, **the effect of slight staining** appears to have two angles. Thus, a stamp catalogued 55s. was assessed, on average, as worth 57 per cent of catalogue price because of slight staining. But out of the 11 valuations only one fell anywhere near this average of 57 per cent, so it's not a very reliable figure. Why? Well, five of the valuations came within a narrow band, approximately 30-45 per cent catalogue. On the other hand, four of the valuers almost overlooked the stain and offered 70-80 per cent valuations. On the former quotations for the superb items, it almost looks as though these experts either discounted or completely overlooked the stain. If it was just overlooked, then I suggest that the **effect on the value of slight staining should be to reduce the value by two-thirds.** It would be interesting to know if the low value of this "Classic" has any bearing on the wide divergence of views as to the effect (in value) of staining. Fig. 3 illustrates how scattered these 11 valuations turned out to be.

The **effect of two or more faults on one stamp** seem to run along this kind of pattern:—



Stamp	Fault No. 1	Fault No. 2	Average Val. %
T	Superb.	—	85
U	Canc. on Profile.	—	51
V	ditto	+Two perfs. short	44
W	ditto	+Rubbed face ..	32
X	ditto	+Thinning ..	32

Earlier on, it was suggested that the loss in value due to the single defect "two perfs. short", amounted to approximately 50 per cent. Bearing this in mind, and looking at the table above, it suggests that where multiple faults exist, the individual losses are not exactly cumulative, but they operate in a graduated scale. This leads to the question: **By how much does a stamp recover its value to the possession of a desirable feature?** Here are some examples extracted from John Robinson's article and arranged to show just how much recovery is produced in these cases.

Stamp	Fault	Average value %
M	Canc. on face	51
N	Canc. on face plus very rich colour	59
O	Thin at back	32
P	Small thin but outstanding margins	38
Q	Smudgy canc.	44
R	Smudgy canc., but outstanding margins	80

The first two pairs of values point to only a small recovery in value, but the large increase in the last item prompts a further look at the question. A study of the photographs of the stamps shows that item S (only 44 per cent with a smudgy cancel) had the Queen's face partially obscured by a light cancellation, whereas stamp T, which regained so much, left much of the face clear.

There is one aspect of valuation on which Mr. Robinson does not throw much direct light. This is: **What effect (if any) does a high or low catalogue price have on these comparative valuations?** Do these rough and ready guides apply to all classics equally, irrespective of price? The original analysis makes the assumptions that actual cost (between

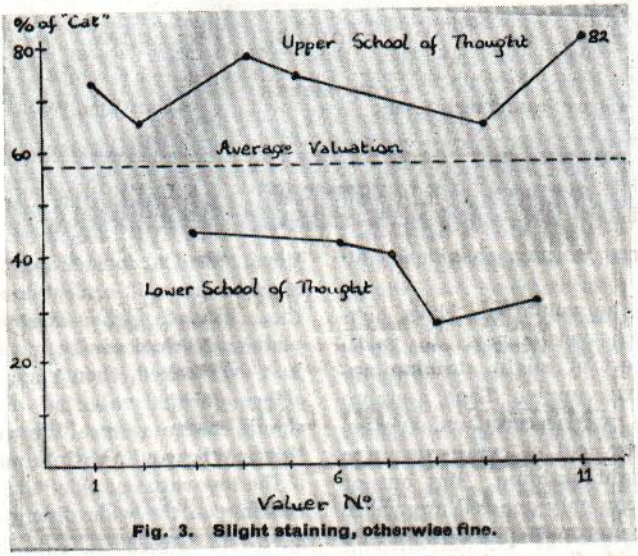


Fig. 3. Slight staining, otherwise fine.

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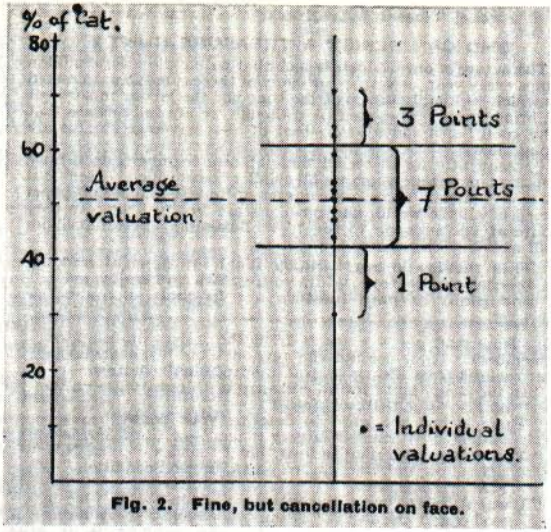


Fig. 2. Fine, but cancellation on face.

£150 and 30s.) does not affect the comparisons made. It is true that the general yardstick of "percentages of S.G. catalogue prices" has been used and if you leave it at that, all's well. Now some interest can be drawn from the following: the average value of the stamps used in this valuation test was £23.5s. As between the dearer items (£40-£150) and the cheaper (30s. to 60s.), the 11 people making the valuations arrived at figures much nearer the aver-

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age for the cheaper stamps than for the dearer ones.

But the valuations of some higher priced stamps showed remarkable alignment and in one case no less than 10 of the valuations came within 6 per cent of the average. This seems to suggest that the value of some items is generally recognised but that you may pay "anything" for certain other items. Incidentally, John Robinson states that the stamps were selected so as to have a "relatively high catalogue price because this allows greater freedom in the values given by the examiners". If this is true what interpretation can be placed on the following extracts from his article?

£150	45 points	
£45	64 "	
£45	44 "	
£40	66 "	
£35	62 "	
£25	70 "	(X)
£25	32 "	(Y)
60s.	60 "	
50s.	55 "	
30s.	60 "	
20s.	35 "	

Looking at the two entries marked (X) and (Y) above, it will be seen that the widest divergence of opinion (X) and the closest agreement (Y) are on stamps of the same catalogue value.

Again, the sum of the "scatters" of the top four items (219) points) is almost the same as the sum of the "scatters" of the bottom three items (210 points). On two scores, therefore, it looks as though divergence of opinion as to condition is not related to price. On this basis, one may expect to receive offers of these stamps either side of the average, irrespective of the catalogue value.

It is also necessary to note here that there is another factor which the Robinson analysis does not take into account. This is that, in almost every case, all the stamps were different catalogue numbers. In fact, there was only one case of the same stamp in different condition being brought under scrutiny. This stamp was catalogued at £6. Both examples exhibited two faults and they

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averaged 32 and 20 percent valuation respectively.

Professional and Collector

The group of valuations in question were made by nine professionals and two advanced collectors. The number of active advanced collectors must very considerably exceed the number of professionals. On a numerical basis, therefore, it might well be argued that the Robinson analysis was weighted in favour of the professionals. Perhaps it set out to do just that. Whatever the reasons for this unequal arrangement, perhaps readers will wish to think over the final point produced by the article.

An examination of a series of "scattergraphs" constructed from the average valuations reveals one interesting point. This is that, apart from the valuations of the items termed "superb", the collectors' valuations, in nearly all instances, were noticeably nearer the average valuation that those of the professionals. This appears to indicate(quite possibly very correctly) that the advanced collector is shrewd in the matter of imperfections and that the professional is more strongly prejudiced against such faults. But he is much better with the superb items!

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Some of the POW camps were of immense size, as much as one mile in length in some cases, and very densely populated, up to 7,000 inmates in one camp.

Four of these camps established an inter-camp postal service, Waldenberg (Oflag IIc), Grossborn (Oflag IID), Neu-Brandenburg (Oflag IIE) and Murnau (Oflag VIIA). As is well-known, "OFLAG" is the abbreviation for "Offizieren Lager" (Officers' Camp).

The incoming mail was censored by German officers and then distributed to mail officers, who then handed it to the various addresses in the POW buildings.

It did not take long, once the camps were organized, for the inmates to get acquainted with each other, find old friends and organize themselves into a vigorous cultural and social community. Their activities soon showed the necessity for establishing a system of communications. The Intercamp Postal System was the answer. In order to overcome possible resistence, or even opposition, from some destructive elements, such as are found in any large community, an inter-camp postal service was established under the sponsorship of the WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND (FWS). The full-time officers received a nominal salary, but they all paid this into the Fund. All profits were also paid into the Fund, up to an amount equqal to $4,000 monthly and the moneys were, by devious ways, transferred to occupied Poland. The Postal Services were extensively used by the Camp Library, the Book Service, the Theatre, the Consignment Shop, and various organizations and clubs, and, of course, by individuals. Some stamp clubs were organized and delegates of these clubs sat on the Stamp Advisory Committee.

It is obvious that this postal service was primarily used for real business and not for stamp collectors, from the number of postcards sold, as these are seldom kept by collectors.

The number of items handled was about 250 daily, with peaks of several thousands at Christmas and on the more popular name-days, such as St. Joseph, etc. At Grossborn, the record delivery was on the 24th December 1944, when it reached well over 10,000.

The Grossborn Postal Service occupied up to 40 full-time employees. The stamps, covers, cards, etc., were designed by many artists, not always connected with the postal authorities. One artist had designed a stained window at the National Museum in Warsaw and he adapted the design of this window to a stamp (fig. 4)

The printing blocks or dies were usually carved out of wood, but some were lino blocks. Some of the blocks were made from a broken chair leg in one of the barracks.

The printing of the stamps and postal stationery presented enormous difficulty due to the constant lack of paper for the stamps and of dyes for the ink. Very often, this shortage was even desperate. Because of this, a large variety of papers and colours and shades are to be found in some issues. Some stamps were printed on the borders of German newspapers and others were even printed on cigarette paper!

The designs in all four camps covered a very wide field. Kings, heroes, national heroes also known abroad, such as Pulaski and Kosciuszko, national events such as the Proclamation of the Constitution, Patriots, such as Paderewski, Coats-of-Arms of the principal cities of Poland, Y.M.C.A., Red Cross, Sports, Allegoriesm well-known landmarks, Numerals, were all used in the designs.

Many of the designs show remarkable artistic talent on the part of the designer



Fig. 1 — A Selection of Stamps from Camps 11C, 11D and 11E

and the high skill of some of those who carved out the design on wood.

All the stamps were printed from single dies or blocks, except the regular issue of Waldenberg Camp of the 5 gr. Numeral, which was printed in blocks of four. The perforation of this stamp was done by a roulette wheel.

The Grossborn Camp Post Commission commemorated one rather unusual kind of event on its stamps, meat dinners! During the war the Germans were experiencing great difficulties in adequately feeding their own people, so it can be well imagined that they did not make any special effort to provide attractive food for the POW. However, it did happen that every late fall, the camp inmates were getting some wild meat, probably from the animals on a fur farm. The meat obtainable in the camp was named "Fox meat" and its distribution was an event that is well remembered to this day. The Postal Commission got the idea of commemorating this untoward event with a "commemorative" label, showing a fox with a fork in its jaws. On November 21, 1944, when the camp reported FOXES for dinner, the Postal Commission allowed an orange label to be affixed to all items posted on that particular day. On another "Fox Day", blue labels were used. In both cases, all remainders of such labels were destroyed (Fig. 2).

The printing of the stamps varied a great deal, from well below 100 in the case of some commemorative sheets, to well over 100,000 of the regular 5 gr.

Theoretically, the designs approved by the Postal Commission had also to be approved by the German camp supervisor, before the actual printing could start, but the proper sequence was not always adhered to. In the Grossborn camp, the souvenir sheet showing General Sikorski, who was killed in a plane accident flying from the Near East to Great Britain to lead the Polish divisions stationed there, was first printed and then submitted to the Germans for approval. Approval was refused and the Germans destroyed the plate. However, over 700 copies had already been sold. Another General Sikorski stamp was issued in the Woldenberg camp with permission of the German authorities. The Grossborn camp issue is known to have been forged.

It is of interest to know that at Grossborn, the "Lagermark" currency issued by the Germans for use in the Camp was replaced by a "Piast" currency issued by the Camp Bank with 100% coverage in . . . American cigarettes, two cigarettes to one Piast! The Woldenberg Camp also replaced the "Lagermark" currency with new currency, also with



Fig. 2
Cover with "Fox holding Fork" label



Fig. 3 — Some fine work from Camp 11C

coverage in cigarettes.

The Majority of the plates used in the Neu-Brandenburg, Grossborn and Woldenberg camps were defaced in the presence of the Postal Commission by means of a saw cut in the middle of the design. Only the few last issues before the sudden liquidation of the camps could not be destroyed or defaced. There is no evidence of any kind regarding the dies used at the Murnau camp. This, the smallest of the four camps, was administered by one man; he was the post office!

Later on, appearance of some Murnau stamps seemed doubtful and these were carefully checked and examined by experts. They seemed to be from original dies, but on a different paper to that used originally, and also with a different ink, which is a sure indication that someone is still in possession of the dies and using them.

In the spring of 1944, the inmates of Neu-Brandenburg (IIE) were transferred to Grossborn (IID). Because both camps had a postal service, the two administrations were merged. The remanders of the Neu-Brandenburg camp, bearing the designation IIE, were overprinted "OBOZ IIC". OBOZ is the Polish for Camp.

The Woldenberg Camp issued an Official stamp for official correspondence. Both the Woldenberg and Grossborn camps issued and used postage due stamps.

Following the continuous retreat of the Germans in the East and the resulting advance of the Russians, the Grossborn and Woldenburg camps were evacuated in a more or less organized manner. The evacuation started on January 25, 1945. The camp inmates were forced

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to march about 300 miles. The Postal Services carried all their equipment themselves, but did not try to be really active while on the move, but they did manage to issue a few new stamps showing episodes on the march. The evacuation march of Camp Woldenberg ended up in Murnau Camp, where the officers met the liberating armies. Only 300 reached their destination. The liberation was commemorated with an overprint in Polish on a stamp, reading POLSKI OSRODEK WOJSKOWY MURNAU (Polish Army Centre, Murnau).

The evacuation march of Camp Grossborn ended up in Sandbostel, after nearly 400 miles.

During the evacuation marches, everyone had to carry all his belongings himself. Therefore, during the long march in snow, rain and cold, most of the marchers disposed of all or part of their baggage, so it was obvious that a very large quantity of philatelic material must have been lost on the road.



Fig. 4

The history of the POW camp post offices and their achievements is a brilliant incident in the story of the Polish Army, 1939-1945.

A complete catalogue of all the POW issues has not yet been made, but, to the best of my knowledge, one is in the course of preparation and will be issued in the not too distant future.

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the Founding Members, T. Kearney, J. E. Pickering and Larry Flood. A letter of congratulations and good wishes was read from the Club's first President R. H. M. Falls who unfortunately was unable to be present.

The President of the Club is K. G. W. Smith, and W. L. Bungay is hon. secretary.

Canadian Forces Mail

By Lt.-Col R. H. Webb, RPSC 7119

Nearly two years have passed since my article bearing this same title was published in the Canadian Philatelist (March and May/June 1961 editions). In the intervening months I have learned, much to my chagrin, that the air letter which I had described as the first issue was not so. When Mr. S. D. Barfoot of London, England, informed me that he had an air letter not mentioned in the article, postmarked Jun 15 1942 I was more than a little surprised. Within a week, however, I received confirmation from Mr. F. A. Sénécal of Montreal. More recently Dr. H. Fenigstein of Toronto wrote to say that he also had a copy. My embarrassment was thus complete and it is to rectify the mistake that this addendum is now being published. At the same time I am taking the opportunity to mention several other air letters that have since come to light.

The only explantion that I can give for my failure to record the correct No. 1 air letter is that details concerning it were contained in the files which, as I had stated, had been destroyed by flooding of the file storage room.

The actual No. 1 air letter together with the one which I previously indicated as being the first issue are depicted in figs. 1 and two respectively.

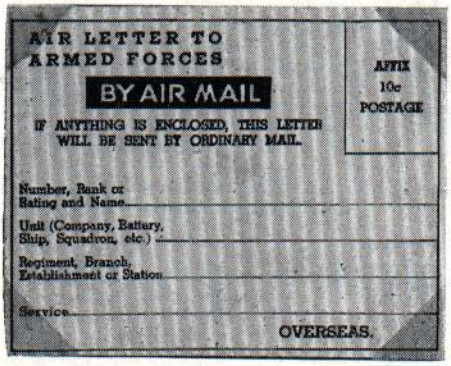


Fig. 1



Fig. 2

The significant difference between these two forms lies in the title which appears in the upper left corner of each. I have been unable to obtain an official explanation for the change but it is my belief that the title of the air letter in fig. 1 must have caused some confusion as to its use by civilians. While it was primarily intended for their correspondence to members of the Armed Forces the title suggests just the opposite. Inasmuch as this air letter was in issue for only two months or so, it must be one

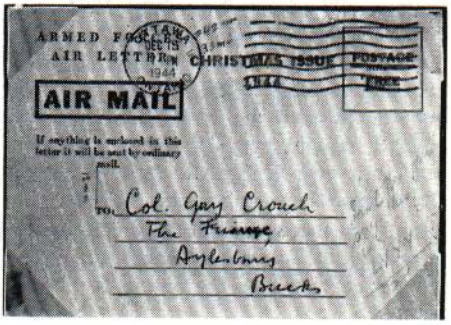


Fig. 3

of the scarcest items in this category of postal stationery.

In the earlier article I mentioned the "Christmas 1944" air letter issued in Canada for use by members of the British Armed Forces and Merchant Marine

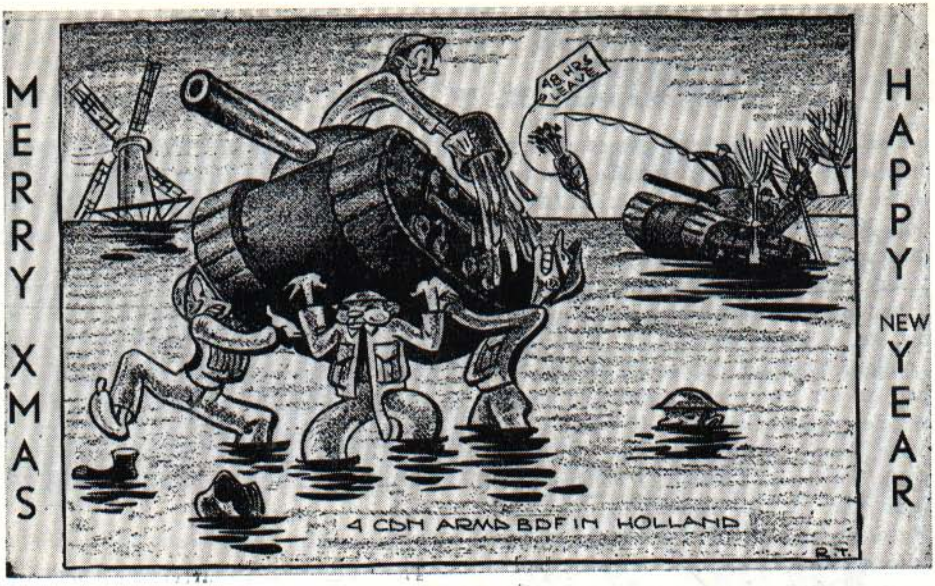


Fig. 4

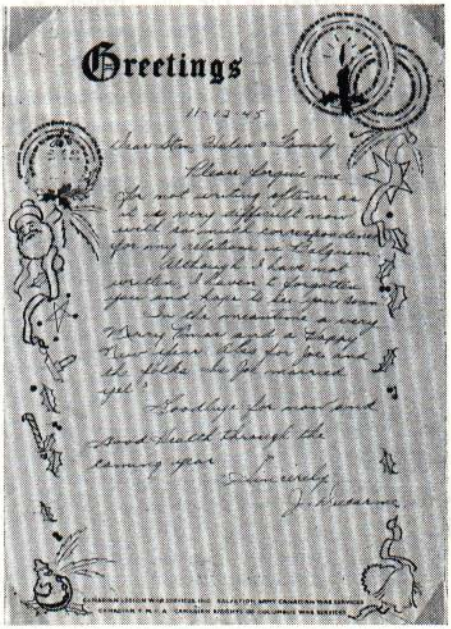
who were in this country in late November and December 1944. As I had no sample of this form at the time no picture of it was included. Mr. Sénécal kindly loaned me his copy and it is shown in fig. 3. I have no knowledge of the quantity printed but it was unlikely to have been very great as the total number of Britishers in Canada in the winter of 1944 was only a few thousands at the most.

Page 208 of the May/June 1961 issue carries a picture of an air letter with a Xmas cartoon printed on the message side of the form. Mr. Barfoot was kind enough to send me two more examples of this special type of Xmas air letter and they are shown in figs. 4 and 5. Obviously that shown in fig. 4 must have been printed in Holland or possibly Belgium but I would welcome any information as to where the one in fig. 5 was printed.

When dealing with the Prisoner of War air letters in the first article, I mentioned the existence of a POW air mail post card but as I did not then consider it properly belonged among air letters, no picture was given. However, that prolific writer of articles on POW and Military Mail, Col. Lloyd Sharpe suggested that these air mail cards should be included. I now think he had a point and the two varieties of cards are now shown in figs. 6 and 7.

The Post Office recently produced the new Forces Letter shown in fig. 8. This form, printed by International Envelope

Fig. 5



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249	1c War 1942	(100)	pl 18 LR	14.00
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251	3c red 1942	(100)	pl 7 LR	12.00
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253	4c greenish black	(100)	pl 1 LL	35.00
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275	4c Citizen	(50)	pl 1 LL	4.00
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277	4c Res. Govt.	(50)	pl 2 UL	3.50

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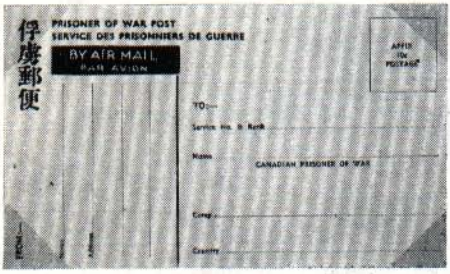


Fig. 6

shown in fig. 14 of my original article no doubt lies in the policy of the Federal Government to have all official stationery fully bi-lingual. One cannot wonder, however, why the term "aerogramme", which seems to have almost universal

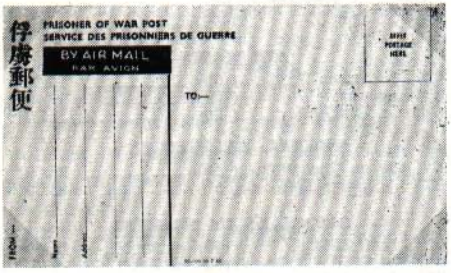


Fig. 7

application, was not used instead of "Lettre-Avion"".

In closing, I wish to add a few words about the check list. Readers, at least those interested in these air letters, now know of the arrangements made for reproduction of the check list prepared for the original article. (Nov/Dec '62 edition of CP, Page 270). As a result of having the opportunity to inspect the collections of Mr. Barfoot, Mr. Sénécal, and Mr. C. F. Black of Ottawa, some thirty additional major and minor varieties have been noted and a new check list is being prepared with the assistance of these collectors. In due course



Fig. 8

the editor will be requested to notify members when the list is ready and how copies may be obtained.

ROLL OF DISTINGUISHED PHILATELISTS

We are very pleased to be able to announce that our member, V. G. Greene, known to all and sundry as "Vinnie", has been designated to sign the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists at the Scarborough Congress in Great Britain on June 14th.

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THE LONDON LETTER

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

Dining at **L'Or du Rhône** in Geneva, our host, who enjoys being married to a fellow Philateliste, observed that many stamp papers to which he subscribed contained little or no features on practical philately. He had been collecting stamps for some years before he read of a simple method for removing an old hinge (or layers of old hinges) from unused stamps. Such information could be printed by most journals at least once every five years and there is a whole series of questions that I am sure readers would want to ask.

WHAT IS THE VALUE?

He suggested that a periodical feature dealing with various experts' views on the valuation of say five copies of the same illustrated stamp demonstrating different conditions. The experts could include a catalogue editor (who would indicate which was the catalogue quality), a dealer, a specialist in the country concerned and an auctioneer. For example, it would not be difficult to produce five copies of the Canada 6d on laid which were valued at between $250 and $15 according to the condition. Last year we published a monograph by John Robinson — **"The Value of a Classic"** — based on the stamps of New Zealand which gave a great deal of fun and instruction to the readers. The different opinions of eleven different experts were quoted.

A. J. Branston has just written an interesting commentary on the same article in the 1st March issue of **"Stamp Collecting"**. On the average he proves that valuers thought that two perfs. missing on a classic reduced the value by half and a similar reduction was recorded when the cancellation obliterated the portrait on the stamp.

THE JUDGEMENT OF PARIS

Next day we were in Paris and saw an ancient specialised collection of Greece which is about to be sold by Maurice Jamet. This lot must have been put together over 50 years ago by an expert; the classification looked excellent and the first Athens 20 lep. (of which there were four shades) and the 40 lep. solferino were readily recognisable. Then to Roger North who owns Maison Maury, which has recently celebrated its centenary. North, like many other French dealers, was leaving later in the day to visit the International Stamp Trade courses which are held on succeeding days in Düsseldorf and Brussels.

Uncle George Behr beamed benevolently inside his most attractive store while threatening to assasinate us because the first volume of the **Encyclopaedia** is now out of print. Most of the French dealers have a colourful display of thematic and commemorative stamps used on unaddressed envelopes, which are calculated to make the true philatelist vomit. They sell in thousands. In addition, M. Behr has some real postage stamps in lovely condition.

Another smart establishment is Edouard Berck's building in Place de la Madeleine — I have never seen so many handsome stock books, one even contained whisky! Berck collects all the things I would like to buy and sells all those I do not collect. There are some splendid classics but the bell was rung for me by his splendid catalogue of France and

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Colonies. These stamps have become so complex that it nearly always takes me ten minutes to find anything issued after 1930. In this small volume the stamps of France have been divided thematically. First comes an excellent synopsis of French cancellations and then the classics; the latter include prices for shades, blocks, varieties, reprints, cancellations and postal forgeries. After the 1876 issue is a price list of the cancellation of the Post Offices abroad, the Siege of Paris and Ballons Montés. The Peace and Commerce type round off the 19th century but are also the first of the Allegorical designs, the balance of which forms the next section. Other groups include Arms and Heraldry, Commemorative, Monuments, and Buildings, Personalities, Airmail, etc. A few stamps are catalogued under two headings and in consequence I found everythin very easily. In addition there was a mass of specialised information varying from proofs (lovely) to first day covers (xxxxx).

During the afternoon we went to see an auction at the Hotel Drouot and although there was one for philatelists, my attention was drawn to another room where a sale of Globes and Maps was being held. The room was packed with something like about 100 people and my own attention was attracted to five letters from Sir Hugh Featherstone addressed to Lady Hamilton who was described as the "celebrated mistress" of Admiral Nelson in 1810. If history may be believed, Emma had more claims to distinction than that of being Nelson's mistress. And why call her celebrated when he only had one.

Anyway I bid unsuccessfully for these although I should very much have liked them in my collection.

FRENCH PHILATELISTS

So much more was crowded into our three days, lunch with Pierre Yvert (of Maison Champion) and Jacques Robineau (whose auction business is becoming increasingly popular)—I learnt from them of Philately but taught them how to eat ripe Camembert on apple tart which is now a new dish at **Au Petit Riche.** On our last day an hour was spent with the Maestros of French Philately, Joseph Schatzkes and Michael Lipschutz—whose achievements in philatelic research have never been bettered. The Schatzkes work on Mexico will find an enormous readership among advanced collectors. The doyen of French philatelists, Léon Dubus (it is reported that he wants to put his collection up for sale just for the pleasure of buying it all in again) brought in four covers from New Caledonia on loan for a London display. A hilarious evening was spent with the Langlois at the **La Table du Roi** where your scribe was elected Cardinal of the Kitchen. The red cap was comfortable but felt strange—maybe I have worn the motley for too long.

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The Cover

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RUSSIAN ZEMSTVO STAMPS

A law of 1864 gave the local governments a large degree of independence, and one of their duties was to develop and run the rural posts in their area, carrying the mail from the main towns to outlying and distant towns and villages.

The Imperial Post delivered mail only to the main towns, and each local government designed and printed its own stamps which appeared in a vast variety of design and colour.

Many are very rare, ranging from 2 to 8 each and unique specimens are known. The illustration shows the 1K. black of Alatyr in the Simbirsk Government of which only three examples are known.

Several famous collections of these unusual stamps have been formed over the years the best known being that of Agathon Fabergé. There is also a very impressive collection of these issues in the Berlin Postal Museum.

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Canada Easter Seals

The 1963 design and format of Canada's National Easter Seals is a distinct departure from all previous issues.

The sheet consists of 40 Seals—each portraying a different activity of crippled children.

Basic colours are red and blue with related colour variations and the lily symbol on each seal together with the word "Canada" 1963.

Inscriptions on seals 11 and 40 are in French and English.

Seals are printed in Canada for the Canadian Council for Crippled Children and Adults and are distributed through its affiliates in each province as a main source of revenue for care and treatment.

Information on all earlier seals may be had on request.

Bert L. Baulch Box 176
Cooksville, Ontario, Canada



Early R.P.O. Routes Of The Niagara Peninsula

By Hedley J. Hollands, RPSC 6715

The history of the Canadian railroads from their earliest days has been linked with the carrying of mail. The study of the cancellations of the various roads in the eighteen hundreds is to watch the growth and opening up of Canada as we know it today. The railways brought with them the prospect of development and colonization of the land, speeding up of travel, and to many the speed with which mails could be transported.

The two largest railways in the 1800's were the Great Western Railway & the Grand Trunk Railway. Then in 1882 the Grand Trunk Railway absorbed the G.W.R. and became the largest railway in Canada having taken over no fewer than 125 different roads, quite a feat for a company of fifty years standing.

There are several railways in this early period that built lines in and around the Niagara area and are worthy of study by the R.P.O. collector. The first of these lines would have to be the Great Western Railway. In 1834 a charter was granted to the London & Gore Railway and this was the genesis of the G.W.R. By 1836 a survey was made of the proposed route between Hamilton & the Detroit River. For the next ten years little was done except that the title G.W.R. was adopted. Another four years past and then the first sod-turning ceremony was held at London, but it was still another two years (1851) before the actual construction was commenced. In 1853 the first train arrived in London and was followed in 1854 by the operation of the Galt branch of the line. It was also in this year that the sorting of letters en route was inaugurated in Canada. Two events of note happened in 1855, first the Niagara Suspension Bridge was opened allowing conection with the New York Central Railroad. Then. in December, the Hamilton to Toronto branch of the line was opened. Another important first for Canada was achieved in 1857 when the first sleeping car in the world was completed in the Hamilton workshops. It was in December of 1858 that the Sarnia Extension of the line was opened for service, and in 1860 the first locomotive to be built in Canada was again produced by the Hamilton workshops. In 1860, it placed in use the first parlour cars used in Canada. During the next twenty years the G.W.R. took control of several other roads and obtained running rights over many others, but the end came in 1882 for this great line, when it was amalgamated with the Grand Trunk Railway, the latter becoming part of the Canadian National Railways in later years. The postal markings of this line are many and a few of these are illustrated in this article along with other lines.

The Buffalo & Lake Huron Railway

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was first incorporated as the Buffalo and Brantford Joint Stock Company in 1851. The following year it changed its name to the Buffalo, Brantford & Goderich Railroad. By 1855 the company had nominally completed 83 miles of line between Fort Erie and Paris on the G.W.R. In January of 1856 the service was suspended because of dangerous trestles and part of the roadway was unbalasted. The line was now bankrupt, but under the leadership of its President, John Galt, new funds were raised and it was incorporated as the Buffalo and Lake Huron Railway to take over the assets of the bankrupt line. The company from this point on ran in and out of financial trouble but managed to stay in business until it was taken over by the Grand Trunk Railway in 1870.

The Canada Southern Railway was incorporated in 1857 as the Erie & Niagara Extension Railway and was to build from Fort Erie to Windsor. The change of name to Canadian Southern Railway was made in 1868. The line was completed to Amherstburg in 1873 and in 1874 the branch from Niagara to Fort Erie was completed. The line ran into strong competition with the G.W.R. Air Line between St. Thomas and Fort Erie. An agreement to consolidate with the Michigan Central was made in 1883 and they continue to operate these lines to this day as a division of the New York Central.

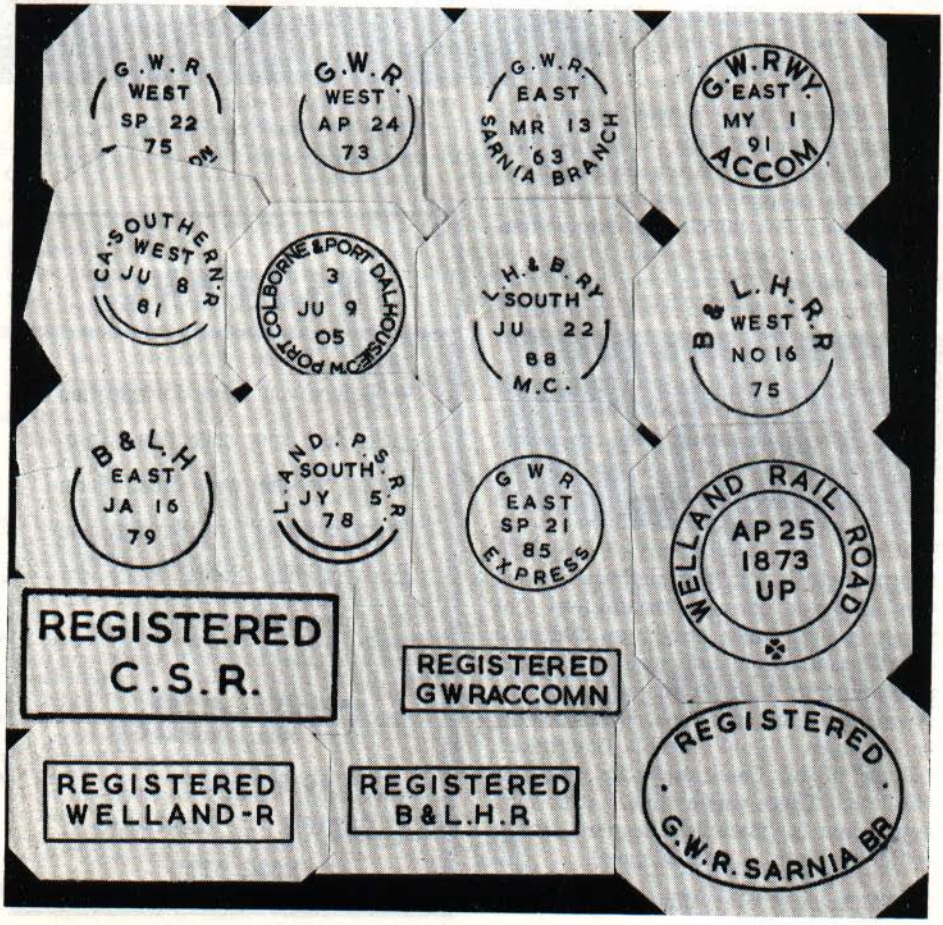
The Welland Railway. The first portage railway in the Niagara Peninsula was the Erie and Ontario, chartered in 1835 and opened between Queenston and Chippawa in 1839. For a time it was leased to the G.W.R., and was eventually sold to the Canadian Southern. In 1853 the Port Dalhousie and Thorold Railway was chartered and in 1856 extended to Port Colborne, in 1857 the



name was changed to the Welland Railway. The railway was used mainly for hauling grain, and was eventually taken over by the Grand Trunk Railway in 1883.

Many and various are the types of cancellations used by the different roads on these runs. They can be split up into three groups. First the large two ring type such as used on the Welland Railway in its early days. Secondly the smaller single circle type and broken circle such as used on the G.W.R. and Buffalo and Lake Huron Railway. The third type are the Registration boxed cancellations which were used on most roads in Southern Ontario. The first and second types vary in their construction as to abbreviations of the route names, clerk numbers and train numbers. In a short article of this nature it is not possible to go into detail of the various roads, but I have tried to show a selection of the types used in this area.

With the publication of Mr. T. P. G. Shaw's new book on Canadian Transportation postmarks all the latest information on R.P.O's has been brought together under one cover and for the student of this subject this book is indispensable.



THE MAIL BAG

EXHIBITS AND JUDGING

Sir:—I was very much interested in the correspondence in connection with judging at philatelic exhibitions in the March issue. For the Canpex show at Windsor I was privileged to recruit the strongest panel of Jurors ever assembled in a Canadian show, with the exception of Capex in 1951. Among them were Messrs. Boker, Davenport, Gates, Greene, Jephcott, and late Ed. Mueller, all with long International experience. This created many opportunities for discussing Exhibits and Judging in general.

It is safe to say that any rigid points system was furthest from their minds, particularly in a show such as Canpex, and the question of completeness was a secondary consideration.

At Canpex the Judges panel was given complete freedom in their adjudication. The panel of ten divided itself into small groups in tackling the various classes, after which they interchanged, then got together again to finalize their decisions. It was very gratifying that their decisions created practically no dissension.

It is appropriate here to mention some points that came up in talking with the Judges after their duties were concluded. Ed. Mueller was quite opposed to any idea of grading countries or groups as regards maximum awards allowable. He said that the Management of some International Shows did sometimes request this. He was referring to the fact that in some big shows maximum for such countries as Pakistan was a Bronze; maximum for 20th century a Silver, and so on. To him, any such distinguishing as between "Gold Medal Countries", "Silver Medal Countries", &c, &c, was obsolete. There was a time, not so long ago when a stampless cover exhibit could not rate a Gold Award!

Like in most everything else, changes are constantly taking place and the question of classification in major shows has been greatly influenced by the growth of newer groups such as Airmails, Topicals, Cancellations, &c, &c. How do these rate as regards Gold, Silver, and Bronze awards? What should be the status of 20th Century exhibits? Even today the finest collections of 20th Century stamps don't seem to have much chance against 19th Century Classics.

There was much discussion on just how a major show should be divided into sections. There are Judges who are competent in 19th Century, but have very little knowledge, or even interest in such things as 20th Century or Topicals &c. Can they therefore be good show Judges? Does the judging of stampless covers require a Judge with specialised knowledge of this branch of philately? How can Judges properly evaluate show collections unless they are

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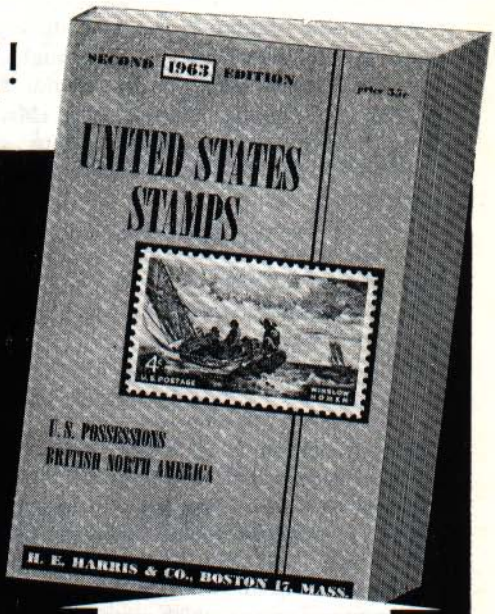
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conversant with all the classes?

As regards judging in the local shows, there are different schools of thought, but most experienced judges would, I think, substantially agree with Mr. Banks' general outline, with perhaps a few minor reservations; but always recognising in some way any intelligent efforts by newer collectors.

If this letter does anything to stimulate further discussion in the various clubs on Exhibits and Judging, it will have served its purpose.

JAMES LAW

London, Ont. RPSC 4406

Sir:—I saw an item in the American Philatelist, January issue, regarding the Canadian variety of the Queen Elizabeth five-cent stamps issued October 1st, 1962.

I have a strip of fourteen stamps that show a paper crease which runs from the top right to the bottom left. The second stamp, right top, has a double paper crease. Like Mr. Norton, #32142, in the American Philatelist, I took these to be printed from a cracked plate. Mr. Norton reports that it is from Plate #1, upper right hand corner.

Presumably Mr. Norton's stamps were bought from the Philatelic Division of the Canadian Post Office, whereas the ones in my possession came from the Normandin Post Office, Lake St. Jean District, Que.

W. W. GEAR,

Montreal RPSC 4863

HOW DO YOU DO IT?

SIR: — I am looking for information which, I am sure, you or some expert member, can furnish:

(a) How can one tell the watermark on a stamp which is on cover or piece?

(b) How does one determine, if a stamp on cover or piece, whether it is thick, medium or thick paper?

I shall greatly appreciate the answers to these questions, which will help me identify a couple of the better items in my collection.

JAMES T. HOWLEY,

Riverside, Ont. RPSC 7734

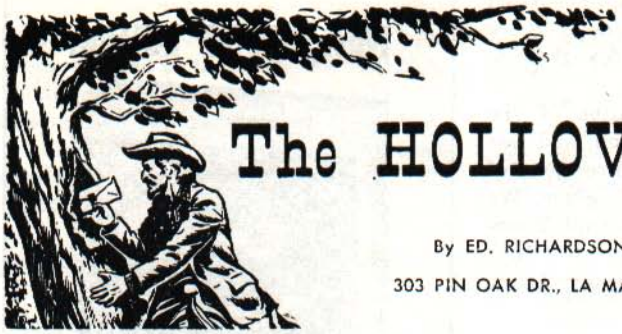


CANCEL EARLY ON ½c. QV

Sir:—Under the heading Hollow Tree: I have a small ½ cent Canada dated prior to February 20, 1883.

It is cancelled Halifax Feb. but the

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The HOLLOW TREE

By ED. RICHARDSON (R.P.S.C. 6991)
303 PIN OAK DR., LA MARQUE, TEXAS, U.S.A.

#637—PRECANCELLED POSTAL STATIONERY

Previous references to this interesting sideline field were made in packets #409, 441 & 509. Our small collection of these has grown quite a bit since our last mention, when we had 44 varieties. We now can report 62. The breakdown:—

Special Order Envelopes	30
Postal Bands	3
Single Reply Cards	7
Double Reply Cards	3
Post Cards	18
Envelopes	1
	62

However even this showing is probably small. We know of one collection that may be in the neighborhood of 90 - 100 varieties. Since these were long neglected by collectors, we believe it will be a long time before we have any idea as to the approximate number that exist. Almost every lot we turn up has a great many which are new to us.

If you are interested in precancels, or in postal stationery, we suggest that you do not put off collecting this interesting group too long.

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#638—"M.C. COLLEGE STAMP"

Back in packet #586 we mentioned this Canadian "College" stamp for this first time. While we only had one denomination (the 50c.) in our collection, we were able to report a total of some five different. However, while we still have only the one variety, we can now report that there are at least seven denominations:—

2¢ ochre to pale brown
3¢ pink to red
5¢ ochre to pale brown
10¢ ochre to pale brown
25¢ ochre to pale brown
50¢ yellow ochre to brown orange
$1.00 yellow ochre to brown orange

All of these are extremely scarce, and Sherwood Springer states that it is quite possible that "these may be bona fide college stamps."

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#639—"THE 1765 TAX STAMPS FOR AMERICA"—by A. KOEPPEL

Published late last year was a very worthwhile addition to any BNA Philatelic Library, — a 32 page (8½ x 11), well printed and profusely illustrated monograph on the Embossed Tax Stamps of 1765. Since these embossed stamps were intended for use in not only the colonies which later became the U.S.A., and in several of the West Indies, but more particularly because they were also issued to agents for distribution in Quebec, Montreal and Halifax, — they are in fact the first BNA Revenues.

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We were more than a little surprised to find a total of 51 varieties of these illustrated. We had no idea that so many existed!

The booklet is a publication of the American Revenue Association, and was edited by Adolph Koeppel, President of the Association. No price is given. We suggest that a post card to Adolph Koeppel, 217 Broadway, New York 7, N.Y. will probably bring the necessary information.

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#640—M.O.O.N. PRECANCELS

We have mentioned these Money Order Office Number precancels before, in packets #433 and #608 we made a substantial "boo-boo". In that packet we stated "A complete collection, with all the known varieties of inverts, doubles, etc. would still number only 228 varieties!"

Somehow our pencil slipped! So we took time to check and double check and here is the proper score:—

Basic varieties, including the 1930 Dies	368
Inverted	23
The London "Errors"	2
Various **Doubles**	38
Total	431

In our own case, our major interest has been in the basic varieties, of which we lack only SIX of being complete. We also lack just six of the inverts, but lack a large majority—28 in fact, of the various double varieties. Of the 431 possible varieties we have 391. It is a wonderful, limited precancel field, and one that apparently has a lot of fans.

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#641—POPULARITY OF BNA SIDELINES

A stamp dealer recently commented in his monthly bulletin, "Last month—I offered books of pre-cancels, perfins and certain revenues. The response was overwhelming. I just did not realize such a demand existed in these fields." The material offered was all Canadian.

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#642—"COURTESY FLIGHT" COVERS

Don Amos of Winnipeg, reported in the American Air Mail Society's monthly publication, **The Airpost Journal**, an additional airmail company known to have flown "courtesy" mail.

This new one is the **Ginger Coote Airways.** They used a boxed cachet of several lines, giving address and telephone numbers. We have never seen an example.

This brings the total known companies, —flying courtesy mail,—to eight. For a list of the other seven, see packet #584.

#643—"A. PIRIE & SON, 1857 WATERMARKED PAPER

Bill Rorke of Edmonton, a frequent reporter for this column, recently showed us a most interesting stampless cover, used from Galt, September 12, 1859. Both the small envelope and the paper enclosed, were pale blue, of the laid variety.

However the most interesting feature was in the fact that both the paper and the envelope bore a watermark of great interest to BNA specialists.

A Pirie & S
1857

The watermark appeared, as above, in double-lined letters. A nice correlative item for anyone's collection of 15¢ Large Queens!

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#644—FAKE CANCELS ON LARGE QUEENS?

Frankly some of the nice cancels seen during the past year on various Large Queen issues, appear a bit "too good."



POSTMASTER GENERAL VISITS R.A. STAMP CLUB

On January 14, 1963, the Honourable Ellen Fairclough (extreme right) Ex-Postmaster General of Canada paid a visit to the R.A. Stamp Club, (RPSC Chapter #41), and delivered a most inspiring address on the activities of the Post Office Department. Others pictured with Mrs. Fairclough are from left to right, Stanley MacLeod, Secretary; Lorne Bentham, Publicity Convenor; John Carpenter, Superintendent, Postage Stamp Division, Post Office Department; Mrs. Norma Gilmour, Treasurer, and Mrs. Laura Barnard, President, R.A. Stamp Club.

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We have turned down a good many of these because they just were not, in our opinion, "kosher". Furthermore we have heard rumors of some skullduggery going on in this field over "across the pond", and we think that officers of various philatelic societies should make certain they are not being used to promote the sale of these fabrications.

If such is the case, it is going to take some real house cleaning to get rid of the junk. I sincerely hope that my suspicions are proved wrong, as I'd not relish the thought of Large Queen's cancels getting the kind of black eye that certain U.S. isues got a few years back. Any information any reader can provide will be handled in strictest confidence.

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#645—$30 SUPREME COURT LAW

Two more copies of the $30 overprinted stamp have shown up. Together with those reported in packets #591 & #618, this makes a grand total of FIVE. There are without a doubt others not known to this writer, but we suspect it may well turn out to be a very rare item. Happy hunting, but please report the "bag"!

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#646—QUEEN ELIZABETH 2¢ GREEN '53 ENVELOPE,— STAMP INSIDE

We have no recollection of this item being reported before, and we have had it in our postal stationery collection for some time. It is the large size, business envelope, with the first Queen Elizabeth issue, 2¢ Green, **imprinted on the inside.** It's position is inside the upper left front corner of the envelope.

While Holmes' does not list this item, being too recently discovered,—numerous other similar examples are listed, but unpriced.

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second number in the date is blurred, only the first number showing, which is a "1". There is no doubt that the date is prior to Feb. 20, 1883. The "83" is very plain.

WALTER P. CARTER
Willowdale, Ont. RPSC 3640

Escpex 1963

The Edmonton S.S. raised its sights for its Third Annual Exhibition at the Hotel Macdonald, and with this success, gained further experience and confidence, under the general chairmanship of G. C. Bolton (president of the Club), ably assisted by E. J. Christensen, Secretary, for CANPEX 1964, which the Club, as Chapter 6 of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, will sponsor in 1964.

The Exhibition featured over 150 frames from all over the U.S. and Canada, with good variety and quality, and a splendid Court of Honour, showing material seen for the first time in Edmonton.

The Canadian Post Office display showed the stages of production of the King Edward VIII essay of 1936 and the George VI revised issue that did not reach use.

An outstanding exhibit of Canadian Pence Issues by Charles de Volpi, of Montreal, captured the Grand Award and the H. G. Saxton BETTER CANADA Memorial Gold Medal.

Two silver medals were awarded: Willard Rorke, of Edmonton, for a fine showing of Small Queens, with special emphasis on the 1870-93 period, 1c. and 3c., and Ernest E. Poole, also of Edmonton, for Selected Pages of Pence issues of Newfoundland.

Bronze medals were awarded to S. S. Kenyon, of Edmonton, Canada 1859 One Cent; F. S. Evans, of Sedro Woolley,

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May 16 to 18, 1963

The 35th Annual Convention of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada takes place at Niagara Falls from May 16 to 18, with hedquarters at the Sheraton Brock Hotel, under the general chairmanship of Dr. G. M. Geldert, F.R.P.S., L., R.R.P.S.C., President of the Society.

A special feature of the Convention will be the Exhibition of some 150 frames arranged by the Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada. This is an invitation show of specialist material of great diversification, contributed by the members of that Society and arranged by the President, A. H. Hinrichs, of Toronto.

In its capacity as acting host to all philatelic interests, the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada has invited various specialty groups to associate themselves with and become a part of its philatelic programme as prepared and detailed in the programme which follows. Further, all registered guests are cordially welcome to attend any of these sessions.

Harrison D. S. Haverbeck, F.R.P.S., L. has accepted the invitation to speak at the Banquet which will be held on the Saturday evening. Mr. Haverbeck is a past president and a Governor of the Collectors' Club in New York and Chairman of the Club's Board of Trustees. He is also a trustee of the Philatelic Foundation and a member of their Expertizing Committee.

The annual Blossom Festival takes place in the Niagara Peninsula this year from May 17 to 23. Full information about the Festival will be available at the Convention.

If they have not already done so, members are urged to make their reservations without delay direct with the hotels. Literature giving particulars of hotels and the many attractions of Niagara Falls was mailed several weeks ago to all members of the Society.

Details of the Convention arrangements are given below with particulars of the tentative times of the various meetings as available at the time of going to press with this issue. A complete programme will be available at the registration desk at the Convention.

THURSDAY, MAY 16

2 p.m.—**Opening** of Exhibition arranged by the Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada.

2 p.m.—**Opening** of Bourse.

Evening—**Reception** by the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada for Members and registered visitors and their wives.

As there will be a very full schedule on Friday and Saturday, it is suggested that any time available on Thursday be devoted to patronizing the Bourse and sightseeing.

FRIDAY, MAY 17

9 a.m. to 8 p.m.—Exhibition and Bourse.

British North America Philatelic Society — Chairman, Dr. C. M. Jephcott, F.R.P.S., L., of Toronto, President of the B.N.A.P.S.

9.30 a.m. — Illustrated talk by C. de Volpi, F.R.P.S., L., of Westmount, on "19th Century Rate Covers to and from Canada".

2 p.m. — Illustrated talk by V. G. Greene, R.D.P., F.R.P.S., L., F.R.P.S.C., of Toronto, on "Canadian Military Covers, 1758 to 1917".

3.30 p.m. — Illustrated talk by Ed. Richardson, of La Marque, Texas.

France & Colonies Philatelic Society— Chairman, Alan G. McKanna, of Toronto.

9.30 a.m.—19th Century issues.

11 a.m.—Sage issue.

2 p.m.—Sower issue.

3.30 p.m.—Blanc, Pasteur and Peace issues.

Germany Philatelic Society — Chairman, J. E. Kraemer, of Kitchener. 9.30 and 2 p.m. sessions, featuring an illustrated talk by Bernard A.

Hennig, of Chicago, on "Danzig".

Scandinavia Collectors' Club — Chairman, W. J. Banks, of Toronto.
9.30 a.m. and 2 p.m. sessions.

American Airmail Society
Jack Knight Airmail Society
Rocket Mail Society
9.30 a.m. and 2 p.m. sessions.

Czechoslovak Philatelic Society
9.30 a.m. and 2 p.m. sessions

Royal Philatelic Society of Canada
8.00 p.m. — **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** — All R.P.S.C. members present are urged to attend.

SATURDAY, MAY 18

Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain—Chairman, A. H. Christensen, F.R.P.S.C., of Westmount.
9.30 a.m. and 11 a.m. sessions, featuring an illustrated talk by Dr. Robert Carr, of Youngstown, Ohio, on "British Columbia".
This meeting will be followed by a luncheon for members of the C.P.S.G.B. at 12.30.

Admiral Issue Study Group—Joint chairmen, Gerald Drew-Smith, of Galt, and Hans Reiche, of Ottawa.
2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. (see details on another page)

Lecture, by Samuel Ray, of Chicago, on "History, Theory and Techniques of Writing-up Stamp Collections"—9.30 to 10.30 a.m.

Panel Discussion on "Judging a Philatelic Exhibition and Preparing Material for Exhibition"—2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

India Study Circle, North America Chapter, Initial Meeting—Chairman, A. H. Hinrichs, of Toronto—2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

8 p.m.—**BANQUET of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada,** at the Sheraton Brock Hotel.

SUNDAY, MAY 19 —
"BLOSSOM SUNDAY"

9.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon—Exhibition and Bourse.

9 a.m., **Order of the Tie** — Annual Breakfast.

Group meetings may be continued during the morning, depending on individual demands. Information will be posted at the Registration desk, together with information on the Blossom Festival.

OBITUARY

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the passing of our member Col. Duncan McLellan of Glasgow, Scotland. Col. McLellan, who had been in poor health for the past few years, was a keen and able student of Canadian philately. A past President of the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain, Col. McLellan did much for the furtherance of the hobby in his native country. He was one of the first to make a study of the Squared Circle cancellations of Canada, and also did extensive research on the 1859 and Large Queen issues. We extend to Mrs. McLellan and family our sincere sympathy at this time. May the passing of time not dim the memory of an old and sincere friend.

H. J. H.

ADMIRALS AT NIAGARA

By G. Drew-Smith, RPSC 6530

The Admiral Devotees will hold several short sessions at the Royal Philatelic Societies Convention at Niagara Falls on May 16th, 17th, 18th, under the chairmanship of G. Drew-Smith and Hans Reiche.

Some of these are as follows:—

'Why study the Admirals' a story presented with slides of many little known facts of the Admiral issues of 1911 - 1925, —By G. Drew-Smith.

'Should a study group be formed' —by The Committee

'Plate Inscriptions' —by Hans Reiche

'Developments in the Fabulous Booklet Panes' —by G. Drew-Smith.

'War Tax Stamps' —by Hans Reiche.

CHAPTER NEWS

• **HAMILTON**

Hedley Hollands was due to give a talk on the RPOs of Canada at the Hamilton P.S. and we took advantage of this to go with him as we had not been to a Hamilton meeting for quite a while.

Hedley's talk on early Canadian RPOs turned out to be a great success and with an attendance of well over 50 members present, the evening was a great success and enjoyed by all, including your editor.

It was good indeed to meet several old friends, such as our good collaborator Lloyd Sharpe, some of our Kitchener and Brantford friends such as Joe Backes and Joe Barchino.

It is obvious that under the presidency of Vern March and the secretaryship of Tony Sarson, Hamilton is going ahead by leaps and bounds. Good Luck to them!

• **VICTORIA**

We don't often hear from the Vancouver Island P.S., but the club informed us recently that they have elected three new Life members, the Hon. J. K. Hodges and Dr. Joseph A. Pearce, both of Victoria, and G. E. Wellburn, R.D.P., of Duncan, B.C.

This a well deserved honour, and we are glad to see Gerry Wellburn, one of Canada's most distinguished philatelists, to be thus particularly honoured.

Having thus broken the ice, keep it up, V.I.P.S. Your editor has a particularly soft spot for the City of Hanging Baskets and is always pleased to hear from either of the two clubs there. And thanks to M. J. O'Brien, a secretary who is doing his job well!

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By Fredric Bettin, RPSC 7027

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SEMI-TRANSPARENCY	5	4	2
EMBOSSING	2	2	2
INTERSTICES	2	5	3

Shades—Same as last article

1. Red purple (10%)
2. Brownish red purple (25%)
3. Dark red purple (40%)
4. Greyish red purple (25%)

I have a majority of the first printing

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shades on both horizontal and vertical mesh papers and it is possible that all exist. However, please note that I cannot prove by dated copies that the vertical mesh papers are first printing. If any of you have dated copies, vertical mesh, please let me know.

Combined total shades: (both horizontal and vertical mesh papers)

1. Red purple (approx. 20%)
2. Brownish red purple (approx. 20%)
3. Dark red purple (approx. 20%)
4. Greyish red purple (approx. 20%)

With tongue in cheek, I will make the following suggestion to catalogue publishers: This printing should be designated by a major number, the appelation "thin paper" should be dropped and perhaps minor subdivisions listing a total of 4 shades, such as:

Red purple (first printing) (my brown red purple)

a. Bright red purple (my red purple)

b. Dark red purple (my dark red purple)

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c. Grey red purple
(my grey red purple)

Since the part ONE article was written, I have been able to "split" the "dark purple" shade into distinct major shades which I shall call "dark red purple" and "greyish red purple". These shades have been used in the above article and the former article should be amended accordingly.

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PHILATELISTS MAKE BEST HUSBANDS!

In New York, psychologist Dr. William Hutchinson looks at marital love and romance through the benevolent eyes of a philosopher. According to him, stamp collectors make the best husbands. "Stamp collecting," he points out, "requires patience, care, perseverance, sound financial judgement — virtues necessary for a happy marital life. Any woman can safely age while living with a stamp collector. For him, a stamp becomes more valuable with age and this attitude is subconsciously projected on to his wife."

(From Toronto Weekly Star)

From Parliament Hill

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

Probably only very few collectors are aware that the new booklet stamps and the tagged stamps have appeared. It is unfortunate that the Post Office does not set specific first days for such items and the collector is therefore forced to outguess the Government. The announcements of the appearance of the coils and the postal stationery with the new design will be made through the special bulletin which is supplied to all depositing minimum of twenty Dollars with the Philatelic Agency. Stock of the previous issue with the overprinted G are still plentiful and it may take some time before the new design will be overprinted. The entire question of using the G stamps for the Government is still under consideration and it could well turn out that soon no more G stamps will be issued. There has also been some hint that the missing "c" for cent on all the new designs may have to be added, which would require new plates. The writer doubts that this will be done due to the high cost of new plates especially, with the present tight money policy.

It will be of interest to you that in September a new 15 cents will be released. This stamp, showing four Canada Geese, will replace the Gannet stamp. In June the redesigned Dollar stamp will appear showing portions of a well known Canadian harbour dock. The official announcement will refer to an unidentified seaport. Collectors have become used to this policy, still remembering the "Arrow" incident. In July a new explorer stamp will honour Sir Martin Frobisher. The bi-centennial of the opening of the first Canadian Post Offices will be commemorated by the stamp to appear on the 23rd August. Three Post Offices were located in Quebec, Trois Rivières and Montreal.

Do auction sales reflect the actual market value of stamps? We noticed recently one article on this subject saying "no" and another saying "yes". The reason for this controversy is that results have shown wide differences in prices which have been obtained for the same stamp at various auctions. In a field the writer is familiar with, he has studied auction results during the last 6 months of 5 different auction houses. Two are in the USA, one in Germany and two in England and the stamps watched were German Colonies and Occupations. Here prices varied with a ratio of 1:10. One would assume that the European auctions resulted in always higher prices for such material than the US auctions but this was not the case. The overall distribution of prices indicates a normal pattern in that

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more successful bids are placed at the mean than the maximum or minimum price. On the other hand there is a difference between the European and US auctions in that the distribution peaks towards the maximum for Europe and towards the minimum for the US. Tying this to famous name sales, advertisements, illustrated catalogues and others than just the actual stamps, it is evident that these facors are vital in determining the realized prices. Of interest is that the distribution peak usually falls within 75% of catalogue taking all auction prices into account. This would indicate that auction prices do reflect the market value but only when taken as the mean and not at the maximum or minimum deviation from the mean. Maybe this sounds rather scientific but in plain language if you want an item from an auction do not bid below 75% of catalogue or your chances of getting it will be progressively smaller. A similar study for Canadian stamps may be a good exercise for someone else.

We have recently seen a marvelous collection of Canadian town cancels. The collector attempted to get one cancel from each Canadian town or city. The Official Post Office guide lists, we believe, about 70,000 names. This collection was short a few hundred and glancing at it recently we noted names we had never heard of and others just within a few miles from here of which we had never seen a cancel before. That goes to show you that one can have a lot of fun for very little.

A major and constant plate variety seems to have been found on the recent 5 cent Queen stamp. Thirty sheets have been seen with the same variety. The first vertical row of a lower right sheet shows a distinct flaw which is a little hard to describe. A vertical stripe appears across the entire stamp just in front of the Queen's face but cutting through the nose. This stripe has the appearance of a damaged plate such as may occur when a hard object fills on the plate reducing the depth of the fine engraved lines. These lines have a more shallow look and in this particular case show up as broken little squares with a much lighter shaded background. Has anyone further information on this variety?

(See Mr. Gear's letter in The Mail Bag)

Make sure that we see you all in Niagara Falls!

An Honest Forger

(Vancouver Sun headline)

Our member W. H. Day, of Vancouver, sends us a cutting from the **Vancouver Sun** which is rather interesting to stamp collectors everywhere.

A man named André Frodel died not long ago in Vancouver without leaving a will, so the provincial government's official administrator stepped in and seized all visible assets, which consisted of several hundred forged stamps and little else.

Normally, assets would be sold by the administrator and the cash used for funeral costs and paying off my debts.

However, W. C. Topping, president of the British Columbia Philatelic Society, pointed out to police that the Frodel fakes could easily end up in the hands of the wrong people.

Vancouver fraud squad seized the stamps from the official administrator and police are now probing the old man's activities over the past ten years.

"We don't know if he did anything illegal, but when you've got bogus stamps someone eventually could pass them as original" a fraud detective said!

Mr. Day has promised to keep us posted as regards any new developments.

Enquiries made in Toronto revealed that this man was known in trade circles and that an eye had been kept on his activities.

ESCPEX 1963 ..... from page 133

Wash., Canadian Stamps of Queen Victoria; W. Rorke, Edmonton, Canada Edward VII ,and R. C. Tipper, of Toronto, Commonwealth stamps used by British Forces in Egypt, 1932-35.

The North Toronto Stamp Club Trophy was awarded to R. P. Noritis for a fine showing of Latvia airmails.

The Junior exhibits drew praise from the jury. The Edmonton BNAPS Study Group shield was awarded to Deirdre McKay for the Admirals of Canada and a special award was given to Aris Birze, of Oshawa, for a fine exhibit of the Red Cross on stamps.

The Court of Honour comprised Stamps of the Ukraine by Dr. R. Seichter, of Hanover, West Germany; Early Proofs and Essays, by Dr. C. M. Jephcott, of Toronto; Victorian and Edward Booklets of Canada, by A. P. Cook, Ithaca, N.Y.; and Canadian Military Covers, by Col. V. G. Greene, Toronto.

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Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1962

ASSETS			
Cash on hand and in bank		$3,253	
Accounts Receivable—Advertisers, etc.		848	
Accrued Interest on Investments		569	
Inventory of Sales Dept. blank books		163	
Prepaid expenses		980	
			5,813
Investments at cost (Market Value $10,482)			10,600
Office Equipment			1
			$16,414
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable		$ 173	
Advertising paid in advance		123	
Fees paid in advance — Members' Dues	$2,152		
Chapter Fees	54		
		2,206	
			2,502
Reserves—Life Members' Fund		1,606	
Reserve Fund		4,225	
Library Fund		1,000	
General Reserve		6,631	
Chapter Program Fund		450	
			13,912
			$16,414

Income & Expenditure Account for the Year ended 31st December 1962

INCOME			
Membership Fees		$6,177	
Chapter Fees		250	
Admission Fees		215	
Investment Income		572	
Total Income			$7,214
EXPENDITURE			
The Canadian Philatelist—Printing	$5,195		
Distribution	589		
Editorial Expenses	77		
	5,861		
Deduct Advertising Revenue	2,286		
Net Cost of The Canadian Philatelist		3,575	
Administration Expenses		989	
Bank Charges		(37)	
Audit		100	
Printing & Stationery		173	
Miscellaneous Expenses		3	
			4,803
Canpex Deficit		1,823	
Sales Department subsidy		750	
			2,573
Total Expenditure			$7,376
Excess of Expenditure over Income for the Year			$ 162

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