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Stamps on the Channel Island of Jersey

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Dear Friends:—

There is more than the famous Jersey Cow on the beautiful small island in the channel off the coast of France. Castles, German war fortifications, sandy beaches, narrow roads with high hedges, 3000 hired cars (rentals), numerous small enticing pubs, and a very good stamp collection for sale.

Let me start from the beginning. During the month of May I attended the R.C.P.S. convention at Niagara Falls. Elsewhere in this magazine I'm sure will be a full report of the activities there. It was a great show and I had a wonderful time. Congratulations to the President, Dr. Geldert and those responsible.

A week later I was in London and Kitchener, then on May 28th I received a Transatlantic telephone call from London, England with information about two very large collections for sale, one being on the Jersey Island. This sounded too good to miss, so a couple of days later I hopped over on a T.C.A. direct flight—Toronto to London in 6½ hours.

Upon arrival I telephoned a dealer in Southampton whom I knew might sell all or part of his stock. Arrangements were made for me to inspect it the next day. It was more like a collectors vast accumulation of fine stamps with a terrific lot of Falkland including all the rarities, the rare mint Newfoundland block, Scott #211b worth $600.00, numerous collections, hundreds of fine 1d. blacks etc. After a couple of days work we made a deal and I purchased 2 new trunks, loaded up the loot and went back to London.

In London I bought a 2 volume British Empire collection covering the period 1840 to 1935, particularly strong in British America with the Victoria and Edward issues up to the top values mint. Falkland Centenary to the L-1, Canada with many pence issues. Jubilee to $5.00 mint, nearly complete Newfoundland etc. Catalogue value will exceed $20,000.00.

Well now comes the Jersey lot. The 50 minute flight from London landed us on the Island Airport which surprisingly enough is one of the busiest in Europe. Something like 80 flights a day. A friend met us in his sleek Jaguar and raced us about the Island as if we were on a Monte Carlo Grand Prix event. There is lots I would like to tell you about my visit there but I'd better stick to stamps. I met Mr. and Mrs. Kidd, who after many years of Government service in the Sudan have retired to Jersey. He had a 22 volume British Empire collection which was quite good and probably catalogues about $30,000.00. The Sudan part is exceptional, and I'm happy to say the collection is now on its way to Empire. Another collector heard I was on the Island and telephoned to ask if I would like to buy his 1 volume collection of Canada. It was a nice lot with good large and small Queens and I bought it without hesitation.

I have kept the most important purchase until the last. A 56 volume world collection virtually complete and estimated catalogue of a ¼ million dollars. Eighteen of the Favourite loose leaf albums are British Empire, the balance United States and foreign. The owner was an active philatelist for 50 years and had been on a steady new issue service. Practically all issues are complete to about 1955, including many rarities. The collection will not be received in our office until about the middle of July, so I'll try and give more details in my next letter.

What about the small deals? Yes I'm still very anxious to buy anything, anywhere, so when you are contemplating selling stamps, please remember me.

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The Editor Speaks Out . . .

THE ANNUAL Convention at Niagara Falls is over and everyone has gone home, but it will be remembered for a long while. Looking back on it, it can only be described as a remarkable affair and a very great success.

What pleased us greatly was to see so many members from some of our far away places, more than we have ever seen before. Harris McLeod and Art McIntyre of Edmonton, Stuart Johnstone of Vancouver, Joe Hughes of Port Arthur, Fred Hadley of Prince Albert, Doug Crawford of Chester, N.S., in Canada, and Ben Jacobsen of Santa Barbara, Calif., all came along and good it was to see them. We hope they enjoyed it all as much as we did.

What was also remarkable was the number of our American members who drove quite long distances to attend. Practically all the Eastern States were represented, many coming from as far away as Boston, Wilmington, Baltimore, Chicago, Dover, N.H. and many other places. Needless to say, our neighbours, New York, Ohio and Michigan, were well represented.

And, all the way from Texas, Ed Richardson, our popular contributor and columnist, came to speak to us, a treat for us and also for those who heard him talk at one of the BNA sessions.

Toronto was well represented with 61 members and nearly all Ontario Clubs were represented. Quebec sent us six members, all from the Montreal district.

Our grateful thanks go out to the members of the St. Catharines Stamp Club and the Niagara Falls P.S. The St. Catharines Club did trojan work in connection with the arrangements, Ted Pilgrim and Bill Bray especially being towers of strength. A very special mention must be made of Joe Montgomery, of Niagara Falls. Joe seemed to be

everywhere at the right time and his assistance and help were most invaluable.

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Most of our readers who know us personally seem to think of us as an "expert" on France. We had two sessions of the France and Colonies P.S. at the Falls, under the chairmanship of Alan McKanna. Was also present John Morton of Buffalo, with whom we have been in correspondence for years. We often turn to him for some elucidation on a cancellation and other points.

The erudition of these two gentlemen on France literally amazed us and it is not too much to say that we learnt more about French cancellations and postmarks in four or five hours than in the past ten years. It was a real eye-opener to us and a splendid example of the great benefit that can be derived from such study groups by all who wish to learn something of the country of their predilection.

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It speaks well for the immense popularity enjoyed by Ed Richardson that well over sixty persons attended the session of the BNAPS where he was due to give a talk. Owing to our having to attend another meeting, we were not present, but everyone was most enthusastic about his talk.

We ourself managed to get in a few words with Ed and as a result we can promise our readers some first rate items from his pen during the coming months.

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It was quite a job mounting the Philatelic Specialists' frames owing to our being unable to obtain the necessary place until late Wednesday night, which entailed a number of us working away until the wee sma' hours of Thursday, including Mrs. Geldert, our president's wife, who worked like a Trojan. However, it was well worth it. The material shown was superb in every respect and we do not think it too much to say that every exhibit there would have won an award, gold for the most part, at any international exhibition.

Our grateful thanks to Andy Hinrichs and his fellow members.

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The "old faithful" of our conventions were, as usual out in force, and it was a great pleasure for us once again to see so many well-known faces and meet so many old friends. We can hardly mention them all, but we would like to single out Vic Crouse of Windsor, Joe Backes, Bill Erbach and George Vogt, of Kitchener-Waterloo, Joe Barchino and Mae Hanselman of Brantford, Alan Millar of Belleville and Hilary and Mrs. Garrett, of Detroit. Hilary was a past editor of CP before he was transferred to Detroit. We even had Irving Boyd of Port Perry, our printer, with us, with Mrs. Boyd. He wanted to see what we queer philatelists looked like and he saw and was satisfied and pleased. Irving has a son who is a budding collector and we are hoping to make a real philatelist out of him one day. This young man has a lot to do with the printing of our CP so sees some good material every two months!

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Talking of Port Perry, reminds us that our old friend and member Herbie Buckland was around, looking as if the weight of his four score years was bearing lightly on his shoulders. Believe it or not, he is planning once again to go over to the old country and Norway this year!

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A rather extraordinary thing awaited us on our return home, in the shape of a letter from Mr. Richardson, of the London (England) Stamp Exchange, sending us a reprint of an item in **Stamp Collecting.** We had already earmarked this item for reproduction and it will be found on another page. Jim Woods, the editor of **Maple Leaves,** recommended Mr. Richardson to send it to us for our CP. And our thanks to Jim Woods for his suggestion.

The extraordinary part of it was that, inside, we found a note by a well-known member of the British cycling fraternity, saying: "I just saw your name on the

envelope and have craftily opened it, so that I could say "Hello!" to the famous Lammy!!".

How this got in the envelope we do not know nor do we know the writer personally, although we have heard of him as he is a regular writer in the magazine **Cycling**, to which we still subscribe, but it sure tickled us to see that we are still remembered "back 'ome" as a cyclist in those far off days when we had more hair on our head and were not quite so creaky at the joints. A wonderful echo from the past!

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One very important point we have not brought out in connection with the Convention was the extraordinary number of members who came along with their good ladies. We have been boosting Niagara Falls since last year as the "Second Honeymoon Convention", and this must surely have had some effect for we do not recall any convention of the past ten years with so many wives present.

It was a great pleasure to see them all and we are sure that they all had a very pleasant "Second Honeymoon"!

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We note with satisfaction, in several chapters, the awarding of the plaque which was presented to chapters in the 1953-58 period. We have often wondered just what had happened to the 60-odd plaques which were given to the chapters and are glad to note that they are mostly being used.

The Cover

WAS FRENCHMAN MURDERED FOR RARE STAMP?

Gaston Leroux, a wealthy Frenchman and a keen philatelist was friendly with a Hector Giroux, a keen collector of Hawaii who lacked only the rare 2 cent value to complete his set of Missionaries. In June of 1892 Leroux was found murdered in his apartment in Paris, apparently without motive. Later a detective checked the deceased's stamp collection and found the Missionary 2 cent missing.

After a process of elimination, suspicion fell on Giroux, to whose house the detective secured an invitation in the guise of a stamp collector. In a burst of enthusiasm Giroux displayed his collection of Hawaiians to the pseudo-philatelist and amongst it was the fateful 2 cents. The next day Giroux was arrested and confessed that he had killed his friend to obtain the rarity which had evaded him.

In the auction catalogue published by H. R. Harmer, Inc., the International Stamp Auctioneers of 6 West 48th St., New York, this story is refuted. Mr. Bernard Harmer, the President, stated he believed that the murder story was untrue because he had been advised that the magazine Life, when preparing a stamp story in 1954 had searched the files at the Sureté in Paris and had been unable to discover anything relating to the murder.

The brothers, L. N. and M. Williams, philatelic writers of note in England,

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Postage Stamps of the Leeward Islands

The Imperial Act of 1871 brought into being the Leeward Islands Colony, which consisted of five Presidencies, Antigua, with Barbuda and Redonda; St. Kitts, Nevis and Anguilla; Montserrat; Dominica and the British Virgin Islands. Each of the Presidencies had a legislature of its own with legislative powers concurrent with those of the legislature of the Leeward Islands, but the Acts of the latter were over-riding. Dominica ceased to be a Presidency of the Leeward Islands in 1940 and became a unit in the Windward Islands group. In 1955 revised constitutions for the remaining Presidencies were introduced and the federation of the Leeward Islands was abolished on the 1st July 1956.

Nineteen years after the Leeward Islands Colony had come into being, a proposal for the unification of the postage and revenue stamps of the five Presidencies was put forward when the Governor of the Colony wrote to the Colonial Office on 23rd June 1890, as follows:

I have the honour to submit to your lordship the expediency of establishing one uniform set of stamps for postage and revenue purposes, for use throughout the Colony of the Leeward Islands.

2. *The stamps for judicial fees are now uniform, but as showing what I should almost call the absurdity of the present system of using different stamps for these purposes in the different Presidencies, I may mention that there are now over eighty different stamps so used.*

3. *I propose to ask the General Legislature Council to pass a measure to secure uniformity in this respect, and I do not anticipate any objection. Each Presidency will receive for its own Treasury the amount realized by the sale of stamps within the Presidency, but the stamps would be available for use in any part of the Colony . . . .*

Designs for the stamps were selected on the 7th May 1890, and an order was placed with De La Rue on the 30th May. De La Rue promised delivery in four months. The stamps which were typographed on Crown C.A. watermarked paper, were issued in the same year and featured the head of the reigning sovereign, Queen Victoria. (Fig. 1). There were eight values, ½d., 1d., 2½d., 4d., 6d., 7d., 1/- and 5/-, on the last two values the name and value were printed in carmine for the 1/- and blue for the 5/- on white panels, the rest of the printing on both stamps was in green. On the other denominations the value appeared in white on a coloured panel and the colours for the value panel and the name were ½d. green, 1d. rose, 2½d. blue, 4d. orange, 6 d. brown and 7d. slate, the rest of the printing on all the stamps was in dull mauve.

In 1887 Great Britain issued the world's first commemorative stamps on the occasion of Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee. Ten years later, when the Queen's Diamond Jubilee was being celebrated, a few British Territories issued commemorative stamps, although Great Britain was not among them. In the Leeward Islands stamps of all denominations were issued with an overprint, the official decree reads as follows:

Administrator's Office
Dominica, July 20, 1897

It is hereby notified for general information that it is proposed to issue a certain *number of Leeward Island postage stamps in commemoration of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee.*

The stamps will be overprinted with a circle bearing the word "Sexagenary" and the figures "1897", *and in*

the centre of the circle the letters "V.R.I.".

The stamps will be for sale at the several Post Offices throughout the Leeward Islands from Thursday 22nd, instant, and the sales will continue for one week *from that date.*

Leslie Jarvis,
Clerk Executive Council

It is thought that the overprint was made by a handstamp applied separately to each stamp and there are specimens of the ½d. value with the overprint inverted and specimens of the ½d., 1d., 4d., 6d. and 7d. with a double overprint, but there were remarkably few errors. Although the decree provided for the stamps to remain on sale for a week, the whole supply, as far as is known, was sold on the day of issue.

In 1902 the 1890 4d., 6d. and 7d. appeared with a penny surcharge, that for the 4d. and 6d. showed the word "One" above "Penny" with a bar underneath, whilst that for the 7d. showed the words "One Penny" in one line, in smaller heavier type, with a heavier bar underneath.



A new issue, which was printed by De La Rue, on Crown C.A. watermarked paper, and featured the head of King Edward VII, also appeared in 1902 (Fig. 2). It introduced three new values, 2d., 3d. and 2/6d., but excluded two values of the previous issue, 4d. and 7d. Dull purple was used in place of the dull mauve in the previous issue for the lower values, but the green of the higher values was retained. The other colours used were ½d. green, 1d. carmine, 2d. ochre, 2½d. ultramarine, 3d. black, 6d. brown, 1/- carmine, 2/6d. black and 5/- blue. On the ½d., 1d., 2½d. and 6d., the denomination was shown in numerals in white on a coloured panel, on the 2d., 3d. and 2/6d. the denomination was printed on a white panel and on the 1/- and 5/- it was printed in words on a white panel.

In 1899 postage and revenue stamps proper to the British Virgin Islands were re-introduced, in 1903 stamps proper to Antigua, Montserrat and Dominica were issued again and, in the same year, the first issue proper to St. Kitts Nevis appeared. All these issues were in use concurrent with the general issue for the Leeward Islands, they did not supersede it.

There were further printings of the ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 6d. and 1/- values of the Leeward Islands issue during the years 1905-8, these printings were on Multiple Crown C.A. watermarked paper. Colour changes appeared during the years 1907-11, the low values being printed in single colour, and a new value, ¼d., was introduced in 1909. The ¼d. was brown and the value was printed in numerals on a white panel. The ½d. was dull green, the 1d. bright red, with a further printing in rose-carmine, the 2nd, grey, the 2½d. bright blue, the 3d. purple on yellow paper, the 6d. dull and bright purple, the 1/- black on green paper, the 2/6d. black and red on blue paper and the 5/- green and red on yellow paper. All printings were on Multiple Crown C.A. watermarked paper.

During the years 1912-22 all values were printed in the same design as the previous issue, but with the head of King George V replacing that of King Edward VII (Fig. 3). All the stamps were printed on Multiple Crown C.A. watermarked paper, the colours were the same as those for the previous isue, with slight variations for some values. In 1922 a new value, 2/-, appeared and the 4d. stamp was re-introduced. The former was purple and blue on blue paper and the latter black and red on pale yellow paper, both stamps had the value printed in numerals on a white panel.

There were further printings of all values, on Multiple Script C.A. watermarked paper, during the years 1921-32, four new values were introduced and

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32a	1859	5c. deep red, **The Major Re-entry.** Fine used	$ 150
	1859	10c. brown. Block of 4 **Plate Proofs** on India paper. Red "SPECIMEN"	$ 120
40		12½c. pale yellow-green, perf. 12, **O.G.**	$ 60
43a		17c. indigo, perf. 12, **part O.G.**	$ 90
43a		17c. indigo used **Showing the Major Re-entry** (No. 100)	$ 75
44	1864	2c. rose-red. Imprint copy with **Red Bar cancel**	$ 45
—		Bradbury, Wilkinson Essay (1857) for 1c. in brown. Showing portrait of Sir Sandford Fleming	$ 75
		NEW BRUNSWICK	
2	1851	3d. du'l red. **A very attractive pair** with blue grid. **(Illustrated)**	$ 285
—		6d. Block of 4 **Plate Proofs** in black on card	$ 72
5		**The rare 1/- reddish mauve,** with light, blue grid cancel. A little close two margins but **exceptionally good colour**	$ 540
—	1860/63	American Bank Note Co.'s **Die Proof** of the 17c. in b'ack	$ 45
		NEWFOUNDLAND	
26	1866	5c. brown, with Imprint. Used	$ 54
150a	1923/24	2c. carmine. **A marginal imperforate block of 4,** O.G.	$ 180
133 (var.)	1929	Perkins, Bacon printing, 4c. reddish purple, **Imperforate pair,** O.G.	$ 60
		NOVA SCOTIA	
3	1851	3d. bright blue **used on local cover** to Maitland. **Very attractive**	$ 105
5		6d. yellow-green, used. **Very fine**	$ 180
7		**A used pair** of the 1/- **cold violet.** Margins a little close at top and bottom—but of superb colour **and of the utmost rarity in a pair** (cat. £900)	$1425
—	1860/63	**Die proof** in black of the 10c.	$ 60
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there were some colour changes. The new values 1½d., 5d., 3/- and 4/-, all had the denomination printed on a white panel. The first printing of the 1d. during this period was in carmine-red, but another printing was in bright violet and the new 1½d. was in carmine red. Later the 1d. was printed in bright scarlet and the 1½d. in red-brown. The 2½d. was changed to orange-yellow, but was later printed in bright blue, and the 3d. was in ultramarine, but later reverted to purple on yellow paper.



A new design appeared in 1928 with the introduction of two new values, 10/- and £1. The new stamps featured the head of King George V., but they were larger than the other values, the King's head was shown in an oval, the ornamentation was different and the name, "Leeward Islands", was shown at the bottom and the value, expressed in words and numerals, was at the top. The 10/- stamp, printed on Multiple Script C.A. watermarked paper, was green and red on green paper, the £1, printed on Multiple Crown C.A. watermarked paper, was purple and black on red paper.

The Leeward Islands participated in the general releases for the Silver Jubilee (1935) and the Coronation (1937) and during the years 1938-51 issued most values in their original designs but with the head of King George VI in place of the head of King George V (Fig. 4). The 4d., 5d., 2/6d., 3/- and 4/- were omitted. The only colour change for the first printing was the 3d., which was printed in orange, but there were six colour changes in 1949, when the ½d. was printed in slate-grey, the 1d. in blue-green, the 1½d. in orange and black, the 2d. in scarlet, the 2½d. in black and purple and the 3d in bright blue.

The Colony participated in the general releases for Victory (1946), the Royal Silver Wedding (1949), the 75th Anniversary of the Universal Postal Union (1949), the Inauguration of the British West Indies University College (1951) and the Coronation (1953). In 1954 the last issue appeared with the values expressed in cental currency and the head of Her Majesty the Queen in place of the head of King George VI. There were fifteen values, all printed on Multiple Script watermarked paper, ½ cent brown, 1 cent grey, 2 cents green, 3 cents yellow-orange and black, 4 cents rose-red, 5 cents black and brown-purple, 6 cents yellow-orange, 8 cents ultramarine, 12 cents dull pruple and reddish-purple, 24 cents black and green, 48 cents dull purple and ultramarine, 60 cents brown and green, $1.20 yellow-green and rose-red, $2.40 bluish green and red and $4.80 brown-purple and black. The last two values were in the design for the 10/- and £1 of the previ-

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THE LONDON LETTER

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

Our arrival at Nice was distinguished by the fact that the hotel at which we had booked had been pulled down. No wonder that our reservations had not been confirmed!

Roger Lœillet, whose exhibit at the recent Luxemburg Exhibition had won a gold medal, was our host on the first evening. His magnificent French collection still lacks a mint **tête-bêche** pair of the 1 franc Empire but his latest acquisition is even rarer, a cover originating from the French Consular Post Office at Ineboli "4010" on the Black Sea. Another treasure was his copy of the 1869 5 frs. with the numerals omitted, an error of which only four copies are known, this one having a clear red **"Imprimé"** cancellation.

We dined at la ferme St-Michel at Villefranche—a bœtian banquet which included one course with twenty-four different varieties of French sausages. My philatelic instincts enquired if this was a complete set but I learned that there are others but of lesser quality. May I commend **Saucisson d'Auvergne** and **Figliatelli de Corse.** A stuffed pig's leg (my suggestion that it was the limb of a worn out chorus girl met with derision) known as **Zampone** was also tasty. The five desserts were sampled and approved.

After a restless night . . . . . we went to Monte Carlo. The first issue of Egypt was discussed with Basil Benwell Rees—the essays and proofs, the curious mixture of printing problems and the use in the extra-territorial post offices in the Eastern Mediterranean have attracted collectors for many years. A pleasant nap in the gardens of the Casino refreshed us for the next assaults, one of which proved to be surprisingly simple as the collection in some thirty volumes is now in Pall Mall. Back in Nice we found the Leralle, whom we had missed in Monaco. He had just returned from an abortive buying trip in Spain and Portugal. Among the letters he had seen in the archives were three of note, one from Christopher Columbus, the second from Americus Vespucius and the third from Cervantes. The last was an application for employment which did not succeed. With a Chevalieresque explosion, Leralle indicated that the Spanish authorities had refused to part with their archives!

On the next morning we went to La Guade and recalled some happy memories of 1950 with an hour's gloat over the medallions of Belgium formed by Maurice Scheerlinck. Here were the treasures of a true connoisseur of philately. May I mention five covers which stick in my memory—the 20c. bisected for 10c., the 40c. three-quartered for 30c., the 10c. pair in combination with the Luxemburg 10c. used to Bassines and the combination of both Belgian and French 20c. on letters from Antwerp to Paris. Mint and used, blocks (some control and inter-panneau), coloured and other unusual cancellations—this is philately in the grand manner.

Lunch time produced another collection, every good stamp having a guarantee mark on the back regardless of whether it was genuine or not. This pernicious practice is growing and soon the signature of an expert on a stamp will have no significance. An indelible mark cannot improve the value, for it becomes an irremovable blemish, often penetrating the fibres of the paper and the unsightly blot can be seen from the front of the stamp. The most an expert should do is to lightly pencil his initials so that they can easily be removed by anyone who does not value their presence. Guarantee marks on covers are equally offensive and the only one that I ever valued was neatly written in pencil on the inside of the cover, the date of writing and a reference number being added.

In one of the collections I examined on

Newfoundland 'PENCE'

All the values of the first issue are represented with mint 1d. single and pair; 5d. marginal block; a fine 6½d. and a corner block of 8d. The used comprise 1d. single and a cut into but very unusual strip of four; two 2d., one quite superb; 3d; two fine 4d.; two 5d.; 6d. singles (2), one cancelled with the "466" of Liverpool, and a most attractive pair with enormous margins on three sides and just touched at right; four 8d., one very large; and a single fine 1/-.

The 1860 orange-vermilion unused comprise a 2d. and a mint 4d. The used offer two singles, one huge, and a pair of the 2d.; a neat 4d.; five fine 6d., again with one very large; and two examples of the 1/- both with clear to good margins.

The pick of the 1861-62 is the rare 1d. red-brown with full gum whilst another scarce stamp of this issue is the used 6d. in the true lake shade. Other values are a mint pair of 2d., mint and used 5d. and four used 6d. in the normal rose-lake shade.

The fifty stamps are catalogued at £5,750. and are acompanied by no less than twenty-three certificates from the British Philatelic Association or Royal Philatelic Society. The quality is of unusually high standard for such a collection, many being exceptionally fine.

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The 1857 issue is represented by a block of ten and two singles on the 1d., 3d. (2), 5d. corner block of six, a very fine 6d., two 6½d., a complete sheet of twenty and two single 8d., and a remarkable copy of the 1/-.

The thinner paper of 1860 offers two 2d., a single and a triangular block of four 3d., an excellent 4d., and a marginal 5d.

The 1861-62 new colours are sorted into shades and papers. Both 1d. are included, the chocolate-brown with watermark and the rare red-brown on a slightly thicker paper than usual. The 2d. is shown as a single in lake on thick paper and as a pristine marginal block of four in rose on thin paper. The other values comprise a rare sheet of 4d. in rose-lake on thick paper and a single in rose, 5d. chocolate-brown singles (2) and block of nine, and 5d. brown single and marginal block of four. The 6d. is present as a complete sheet and a watermarked single, a single 6½d., the 8d. in a watermarked block of four whilst the 1/- is represented by a single in lake on thick paper and a complete sheet in rose-lake on the thin paper. For good measure the last item shows most of the "STACEY WISE 1858" watermark.

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this trip some three thousand stamps bore a guarantee handstamp for which approximately 50 cents fee had been paid for each stamp—$1500! At least one-third of these stamps were cleaned or repaired or faked in some way or even outright forgeries. In another country in Europe it is a common practice to secure the certificate of a well-known expert before buying a good stamp or a piece. Personally, I have sympathy with this service if the collector knows so little about it that he cannot trust his own judgment. The other half of the practice is more Gilbertian. The owner keeps his treasures in the bank and never looks at them but produces the certificates for the admiration of his philatelic friends. If this is the hobby, why not sell the stamps and live on the proceeds, retaining the certificates for one's pleasure?

It is a mad world.

The purpose of a signature or handstamp on the stamp or the cover is to serve as a guarantee of genuineness. Therefore, the application of the mark should carry with it the responsibility for making good any loss incurred by the buyer who makes his purchase subject to the guarantee. For obvious reasons, the vendor should be the guarantor but if he has paid a fee for an opinion to a third party, then the latter should be legally bound to accept responsibility for any loss incurred through his lack of expertise.

So from Nice we flew to Zürich, picked up a collection of Germania and an hour later touched down at Orly for Paris. The next two days were hectic—exhibits were secured for the Melbourne International Philatelic Exhibition which is to be held next October, a splendid evening was spent **chez**-Salze and the excellence of Au Petit Riche—proved once again with Pierre Langlois.

The end of our stay was reserved for the appreciation of two splendid collections. The first was of triangular Capes and two eternal problems were discussed. The Perkins Bacon 6d. is catalogued by Gibbons as slate-lilac (1858) on blued and on white paper, pale and deep rose-lilac, and slate-purple on blued. Scott limits the choice to three stamps, lilac, grey and a blued paper variety. I suggest that a true list would read

- **a** 1858 lilac
- **b** 1858-63 rose-lilac (shades)
- **c** 1860 bluish-lilac
- **d** 1863 blackish-purple on blued
- **e** 1863 slate-lilac on blued

Other shades are colour changelings. In my opinion, varieties **d** and **e** were first issued (probably in 1860) as revenue stamps for use on documents. For this reason they were pen cancelled in large numbers and are commonly found in a grey colour after the cancellation had been removed. After the large stock of rose-lilac stamps had run out in 1863 the remainder of the stock in the revenue colour was used for postal purposes.

The rare shades of the De la Rue printing of the 4d. triangular, slate-blue and steel-blue, cause endless trouble. Almost weekly I see guaranteed copies which are not what they purport to be. The basic truth is that both these rare shades were printed from the same mixture of ink, the slate before, and the steel after the plate was cleaned. The test for the genuine is simple—overlap several shades so that only the "POSTAGE" label shows. Does the heavily inked portions of the plate around the lettering show any signs of blue? If so it is neither slate nor steel, both of which are basically grey. A reasonable

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c	4d. indigo (shades)	medium
d	4d. greenish-blue	medium
e	4d. dark blue	dirty
f	4d. dull blue (shades)	dirty
g	4d. slate-blue	dirty
h	4d. steel-blue	clean and worn
i	4d. dark blue	clean and worn

in order of rarity in unused condition I would place them in the following order —**h, g, a, d, b, c, i, e, f**—the last being the most common.

The bonne-bouche was the Schatzkes collection of Peru—the used examples of the P.S.N.C. stamps, the strip and block, both of ten, of the ½ peso yellow and the seven copies of the error of colour ½p. rose-red. The blocks, the covers and the cancellations held the attention so that it was midnight before we went to dinner.

IT IS A MAD WORLD!

LEEWARD IS.....from page 156



ous issue, all the rest were in the same design as the first issue of 1890 which was used for the low values of all issues (Fig. 5). The stamps were withdrawn from sale and invalidated when the Federation of the Leeward Islands was abolished on 1st July 1956.

All the definitive issues of the Leeward Islands were typographed by De La Rue.

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#647—"ROYAL WEDDING" COMMEMORATIVE COVER OF 1863

John Pratt of Wayzata, Minn. recently sent us a most interesting cover for our inspection. The cover was used in Nova Scotia and was franked with the 5¢ Nova Scotia stamp, prepaying the domestic rate. It was addressed to Arichat, C.B. and dated August 1863.

However, the most interesting part of the cover was the design across the top. In two vignettes it showed an attractive lady and gentleman, and around these were entwined ribbons which read:—

"Spring & Summer—Denmark, England—Fashions for 1863"

After some investigation, it turns out that this was an early "Royal Wedding Commemorative" cover, commemorating the wedding of Albert Edward, eldest son and second child of Queen Victoria, to Princess Alexandra, daughter of King Christian IX of Denmark. Forty years later this couple became known as King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra. The marriage took place on March 10, 1863 at Windsor.

Surely a most attractive, and interesting, cover!

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#648—MUSGROVE"S EVENING BUSINESS COLLEGE

Four years ago, in packet #424, we discussed the three denominations of "Musgrove's National Business College" stamps inscribed "Inland Revenue Bill Stamp". These are well known to both Canadian Revenue and "Local" fans.

Some time ago, we added to our collection several values of another "Musgrove". Instead of the bald-headed and bearded gentleman portrayed on the "Canadian" issue, these featured a "Quaker". Both the design and the inscriptions suggest that they were intended as U.S.A. origin, but because of the other Musgrove issue, we feel they would be of interest to Canadian fans. The complete list includes:—

Type I—small size, inscribed "REV".
2c. orange
5c. red
10c. blue
20c. red-brown

Type II—small size, inscribed "POSTAGE"
3c. Green

Type III—double size, vertical format, inscribed "INL'D EXCHANGE"
30c. Grey
40c. Brown

It is interesting to note that both this "Quaker" issue, and that of the "Canadian" issue, are perforated 12.2 (12¼).

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#649—M.O.O.N. CANCEL PRICES

As readers know,—we are much interested in the MOON cancels of Canada, —those attractive square, modern cancels which bear the Money Order Office Number. Our collection numbers some 2000 diff. towns and of these nearly 800 are on full card or cover.

However, we have been concerned of late regarding the attempts of some dealers to price these beyond all reason. Granted, there are a few towns which no longer exist as post offices, and even when they did, were small—with very low volume of business. Covers from these towns will prove hard to get, and

should demand a premium. But this is not true of most towns. Merely because the town is small does not signify the MOON cancel from there is RARE!

Charging $1 to $2 each, for cancels from post offices which still exist, and from which additional supplies can be obtained on 1¢ and 2¢ post cards,—is going a long way to kill interest. Surely if a collector is so well endowed with coin of the realm that he cares not how he spends it, then who am I to say he shouldn't? But as for myself, I have managed to get to 2,000 diff. without getting that desperate! I expect I'll be able to add another 2,000 without having to do so.

What's a good standard price? Depending on condition and strike, we value the average card or cover at 20c.-25c., and the average "on piece" strikes at 5c. to 15c.

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#650—USED SINGLE REPLY CARDS

Several months ago, a small group of Canadian postal stationery collectors were discussing some of the problems connected with their hobby. It was generally agreed that one of the hardest groups of Canadian postal stationery to get used,—**at the proper date,**—were the Single Reply Cards. These are not items which catalogue highly. Yet it was interesting to note that the want lists of the leading collectors of Canadian postal stationery were almost identical!

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#651—PLATE BLOCK FREAKS

Once in a blue moon it is apparently possible to obtain a plate block without going through the philatelic agency! Once in awhile some lucky purchaser of sheets at a local post office finds himself with a plate block freak. We recently obtained two such freaks for our collection. These were the 1955 5¢ Elizabeth issue, LR plate positions for pl. #18 and #19.

The corners of the sheet had been so folded back before perforating and trimming, that almost all of the marginal imprint and pl. no. was saved. It is of course a perforation freak as well.

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While all plate numbers secured through the philatelic agency have a definite "prepared for collectors" flavor,—here are a couple of true philatelic "errors", and as such are much more interesting.

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#652—"CANADIAN FANCY CANCELLATIONS"

This splendid handbook with over 1000 illustrations has been mentioned by others, but we would be remiss if we did not again call it to the attention of Canadian collectors. Authored by two Fellows of the Royal Philatelic Society of London, Dr. Kenneth Day, and E. A. Smythies, this handbook of the British North America Philatelic Society is a "must" to all who collect 19th Century Canada. Over fifty pages alone are devoted to clear, sharp cancellation illustrations.

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#653—SASKATCHEWAN 5¢ "INVERTED OVAL" OR GARTER — 1906

One of the really rare B.N.A. Revenues is the 5¢ Saskatchewan Law stamp of 1906 (the first printing), with the "inverted oval" or "inverted garter". Holmes' lists this as #SL1A and catalogues it at $50.00.

This variety appears only in position #19 of the sheet of 25. Not knowing just how many sheets of this stamp were ever printed, it is not known what the potential number of "inverts" would be. However leading revenue fans consider this one of the rarest of BNA Revenues. We consider it far more rare than the famous $2 Third Issue Inverted Center Bill Stamp, but not as rare as the famous Newfoundland Transportation Tax stamps.

About a year ago, we were able to purchase a complete plating of this stamp,—all 25 positions, including the "inverted garter".

Unlike most other inverts, the entire blue printing consisting of the words "LAW STAMP" and "Cents" together with the two figure "5"s were **not** inverted,—only the central blue portion made up of the Garter surrounding the coat of arms. Thus this variety was not created by reversing the entire sheet, in which all stamps would have had all the blue printing reversed, but instead was due to the one "block" being entered in an inverted position.

#654—CANADIAN REPLY COUPONS

A small collection which we started not too long ago, does not seem to grow very rapidly but does provide a great deal of interest. It is made up of the International, Imperial and Commonwealth reply coupons of Canada.

According to the "Catalogue of Imperial and Commonwealth Reply Coupons" by John McGee (published in 1957 by the Society of Reply Coupon Collectors), there are some SIX varieties of Canadian "Imperial" coupons, and TWO "Commonwealth" coupons. However we know that some additional "Commonwealth" varieties have appeared since.

According to the "Catalogue of International Reply Coupons issued by the Commonwealth Countries" by Allan Hauck (also published by the same society, in 1962), there are at least FIFTEEN varieties of Canadian "International" coupons. This gives a total of at least 23 varieties.

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Well, it is all over! By that I mean such annual events as the Royal Canadian Philatelic Society Convention, the RA Stamp Club Exhibition and Banquet in Ottawa, the St. Lawrence International Stamp Club exhibition and many others. We are again nearing the end of a busy stamp season. After every such gathering, we always ask is this enormous effort worth while. If you have ever participated in setting up such a meeting, especially a large one such as took place in Niagara Falls, you will no doubt know what rather strenuous weeks and months are being spent by some to make the event a success. Were it not for the ever untiring effort of a few, such events would not take place. These events, especially the one held by our Society, are a mecca for the exchange of information. Not only was it possible to meet many friends again but serious studies and corner discussions took place on a wide variety of subjects. Not only were the experts available for free consultation, but they were also trying their best to add to their philatelic knowledge during the many day and night long get-togethers. Philatelic knowledge is spreading new ideas and problems are being voiced, interest is being created and a stimulus is being provided to all collectors attending such an event. These facts alone make such a great effort worth while. Unfortunately there are still many collectors who do not want to associate themselves with any organization or are not willing to give a hand in the planning of a meeting. All we can say is that anyone trying to collect stamps without having the opportunity to exchange information and obtain guidance from other collectors by not attending such events or not joining a society such as ours, will never be a serious collector. Collectors hiding their goods, do philately greater harm than they realize. No meeting, society or club can be successful without a little help from ALL.

Many months ago we tried to explain that there are two different types of stamp people. The philatelist and the collector. Some replied at that time that all collectors are philatelists. Well, it was interesting to hear in Niagara Falls that others believe the same. A simple explanation was given that the philatelist is a man who has many stamps and decides that they are not all duplicates. A collector simply pastes his stamps in an album. The question of what constitutes an expert was also raised. There is no competent expert committee we were told. **You** are your best expert. The condition of a stamp is a purely personal matter. What one collector prefers to call a fine stamp may be to another one but a space filler. So do not believe others until you have made your mind up yourself. At least that was the advice we were given.

Again a simple staple machine seems to fail to function. Booklets of the new Queen stamp have been found without the usual staples. Similar to the previous booklet panes, one can collect these with and without the holes in the tab. No marking lines have so far been noted on the new panes but it must be assumed that these do exist. The lines in the previous panes appeared at the top or bottom of the tab. Coils of the new issue have been out for some months but again no markings have been found. Since the coils are now sideways, it is not certain where the markings will occur. We would be interested in having anyone report such markings when they have been noted. Another question

is that of the coil jumps. It might be difficult to find these in the new coils with the different layout. On the other hand we have never believed in the great fuss which is made about these jumps. These are simply oddities caused by the occasional misalignment of the paper when printing. They are not constant and these jumps were already noted in the Admiral issue.

There seems to be a stalemate with regard to the problem of which is the better approach to mounting stamps in an album. Some companies have been manufacturing for years albums with individual plastic pockets for each stamp. The pockets are in the form of either complete little envelopes or cut outs with protective covers or plastic leaves fastened only on one side. Others have used the stockbook idea. Many collectors and companies have carried out research in determining the effect of various protections for stamps. Although no definite statement has ever been made one way or another, evidence exists that under certain storage conditions, all plastic enclosures for stamps will have some effect on the paper on which the stamp is printed and on the colour dye. The lack of air ventilation and the possibility of trapping moisture inside the pockets cannot be overlooked. We may report more on this subject later on.

Coming Events

OCTOBER 19—QUINTE STAMP CLUB Sixth Annual Interclub Exhibition, at Kiwanis Centre, Belleville, from 1 p.m.

OCTOBER 28—EAST TORONTO Stamp Club Exhibition, at Church of the Resurrection, Woodbine & Milverton. Noon to 10 p.m.

NOVEMBER 8-9 — HAMILTON Philatelic Society — Exhibition. Details later.

Obituary

It is with profound regret that we heard of the passing of Mrs. Laura Barnard, of Ottawa, just as we were going to press.

Mrs. Barnard was the President of the RA Stamp Club, and the guiding spirit behind almost all recent Ottawa philatelic events. Her great help to all collectors, her ability to organize and her outstanding knowledge and unlimited original ideas in philately will be missed in Ottawa and by all who knew her.

She was well-known in Topical societies all over the world and was a strong supporter of the R.P.S.C.

Mrs. Barnard will be a great loss to Ottawa philatelic circles and her passing will be deeply felt.

SHAKESPEARE TO BE HONOURED PHILATELICALLY IN G.B.

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The Niagara Falls Convention

The convention of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, under the general chairmanship of Dr. G. M. Geldert, of Ottawa, at Niagara Falls, May 16 to 18, was a great success.

Registrations were the highest in the society's history and over a dozen specialist societies and study groups participated in the program.

A large group from the United States came from as far as Southern California, Texas and New England; with others from the New York and Chicago areas; as well as many of the leading personalities in Canadian philately from as distant as Vancouver, Edmonton, Port Arthur and Chester, N.S.

NEW FELLOWSHIPS

Three new fellowships were awarded at the banquet at the Sheraton Brock Hotel, to J. Watson Yuile, Montreal; Prof. R. T. Waines, Toronto; and L. M. Lamouroux, Toronto.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Dr. Geldert presided at the Annual General Meeting which was held on the Friday evening. The Secretary, Treasurer and Editor of "The Canadian Philatelist" presented their reports and Henri Gauthier, Director of Sales reported marked progress of the Sales Department during the year.

Directors elected were:—president, Dr. G. M. Geldert, Ottawa; vice-presidents, A. H. Christensen, Westmount; James Law (London, Ont.) and Dr. N. O. Boyd (Windsor, Ont.); treasurer, Alan G. McKanna (Toronto); editor of "The Canadian Philatelist", L. M. Lamouroux (Toronto); secretary, Walter F. Anderson (Ottawa); Directors at large, W. J. Banks (Toronto), E. J. Christensen (Edmonton), A. H. Hinrichs (Toronto), James E. Kraemer (Kitchener, Ont.), and J. M. F. Poelmann (Burlington, Ont.).

P.S.S.C. EXHIBITION

The exhibition by the Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada contained a great deal of lovely material. It consisted of some 130 frames of specialist material by members, selected by A. H. Hinrichs, president, to show the wide diversity of the collecting interests of the members, and also to provide the maximum interest for the viewer.

B.N.A.

Frames 1 - 3 Dr. G. M. Geldert
—Canada Pence.
4 - 6 A. G. Fairbanks
—Canada Pence, Covers, Cancels, Re-entries and Multiples.
7 - 9 G. S. Wegg — Canada Pence
10 - 12 V. G. Greene
—Canadian Military Covers.
13 - 15 J. Law — 1868 Large Queens
16 - 21 H. J. Hollands
—Canadian Railroad Cancellations 19th Century Covers.

BRITISH COLONIES

Frames 22 - 24 F. B. Brookbanks
—Cape of Good Hope, a selection of Triangles.
25 - 30 C. H. Bayley
—Barbados, 19th Century issues.
31 - 36 A. H. Hinrichs
—India, 19th Century Rate Covers.
37 - 42 H. Gosney
—Leeward Islands, De La Rue "Key Type" definitives.
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—Malta, Great Britain issues of 1857-85 used in Malta.
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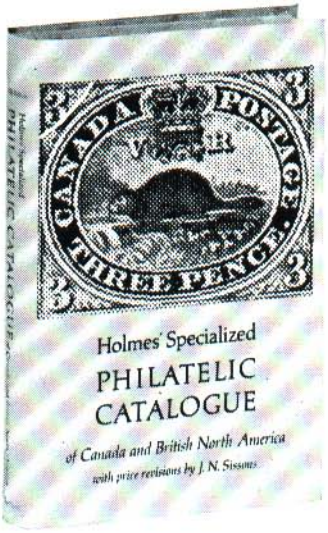
The Canada Post Office had on display three frames of material relating to the Trans-Canada Highway, Jean Talon and Seaway commemorative, the later containing the famous block of 25 of the "Inverted Seaway."

An illustration of the design of the new $1. stamp was also shown. It depicts a case of goods labelled "Canada" suspended from a crane against a background of Mercators Projection of the World, emphasizing Canada's growing evport trade (see photo further on).

R.P.S.L. LUNCHEON

An informal luncheon was held by the fellows and members of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, present at the convention. Some 30 were present and this was the first occasion that such a gathering has taken place in Canada.

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B.N.A.P.S. MEETING

The stamps and postal history of Canada and the provinces were featured at the meetings of the British North America P.S., one of which was held under the chairmanship of Dr. C. M. Jephcott, president, with excellent talks by Fred Jarrett, V. G. Greene and J. H. M. Young (all of Toronto) and E. A. Richardson (LaMarque, Texas).

C.P.S.G.B. MEETING

The Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain held its third annual meeting in Canada under the chairmanship of A. H. Christensen, who welcomed the president of the society, Dr. C. W. Hollingsworth and Stanley Cohen, of Birmingham, who had flown from England to attend the Convention.

Dr. Hollingsworth addressed the members and the fellowship book was signed by three Canadians who had not an opportunity of doing so at one of the Society's annual general meetings in the United Kingdom. These were R. J. Duncan who was made a fellow in 1954; A. H. Christensen (1957) and Hedley J. Hollands (1962). The other Canadian fellows of the C.P.S. of G.B. are Gerald Wellburn (1948), Fred Jarrett (1951) who was also made an honorary life member in 1954, Hon. George C. Marler (1954), H. Buckland (1957) and from the United States Frank Campbell (1953).



At the Niagara Falls Convention: I. to r. Allen Christensen, F.R.P.S.L., F.C.P.S.; F.R.P.S.C., Vice-president; Ted Pilgrim, of St. Catharines; Eric Rushton, of Chippawa, Ont.; and Joe Montgomery, of Niagara Falls, Ont. The large poster is a reproduction of the new $1 stamp issued on the 14 June.

Interesting talks were also given by Dr. Robert Carr of Youngstown, Ohio, and Stanley F. Cohen of Birmingham. The program for the meetings was arranged by Hedley J. Hollands. The meeting was followed by an informal luncheon.

SPECIALIST MEETINGS

A study group meeting was also held on the Admiral issue under the co-chairmanship of G. Drew-Smith of Galt and Hans Reiche of Ottawa.

During the convention meetings were also held by the Scandinavian Collectors Club, the Germany Philatelic Society, France and Colonies Philatelic Society, Czechoslovak Philatelic Society, American Airmail Society, Jack Knight Airmail Society; as well as the initial meeting in North America of the India Study Group, particulars of which were given in the last issue of "The Canadian Philatelist".

A most interesting talk was given by Samuel Ray of Chicago on writing-up stamp collections and there was a panel discussion on judging a philatelic exhibition.

During the Convention Gerd P. Pick of the International Service, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, Montreal, made six special recordings for broadcasting overseas.

The Convention Programme was arranged by Alan G. McKanna and the mounting of the exhibition was in charge of Dr. N. O. Boyd and J. M. F. Poelmann. The Registration desk was efficiently run by a committee of local members of the Society, under the chairmanship of W. E. Bray, President of the St. Catharines Stamp Club, including Paul Dicaire, William Free, Harry Holm, Bruce McCausland, Cliff Wheeler, Martin Mooy, E. V. B. Pilgrim, Mrs. Bray, and Miss Janet Lawther of St. Catharines and J. C. Russell and F. L. Somerville of Niagara Falls. Other local arrangements were ably handled by J. C. Montgomery, Industrial Manager of the Greater Niagara Chamber of Commerce and Eric Rushton of Chippawa.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

A feature of the convention were the social activities commencing with the Society reception for members and registered guests.

The ladies program consisted of sightseeing and other special events including a tea arranged by the Scandinavian Collectors Club after the showing of a color travelogue.

Dr. and Mrs. Geldert entertained the wives of members and guests to a delightful luncheon in the Seagram Tower after a sightseeing tour of the Niagara district.

ANNUAL BANQUET

The annual banquet held at the Sheraton Brock Hotel was under the chairmanship of Dr. Geldert. The head table was piped in by a Highland piper who played during the dinner.

Corsages for the ladies at the banquet and also at Mrs. Geldert's luncheon were donated by George L. Lee of Bernardsville, N.J., who proposed the toast to the ladies which was responded to by Mrs. W. E. Bray. The toast to the visitors from the United States and Overseas was proposed by A. H. Christensen and responded to by Dr. C. W. Hollingsworth, President of the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain.

Harrison D. S. Haverbeck, chairman of the board of Trustees and a past president of the Collectors Club, and a governor of the Philatelic Foundation of New York was the guest speaker and gave a most amusing and interesting address. He was warmly thanked by V. G. Greene on behalf of the society.

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The invocation was given in Latin by E. V. B. Pilgrim, head-master of Ridley College, St. Catharines, who afterwards conveyed the appreciation of all those present to Dr. and Mrs. Geldert for all they had done to make the convention such an outstanding success.

The announcements of the fellowships concluded the 35th annual convention of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada which is now the largest royal philatelic society in the world.

The traditional annual Breakfast of the Order of the Tie took place on the Sunday morning at the Niagara Falls Convention. Samuel Ray of Chicago was inducted as a member by Dr. N. O. Boyd of the Windsor Y Stamp Club.

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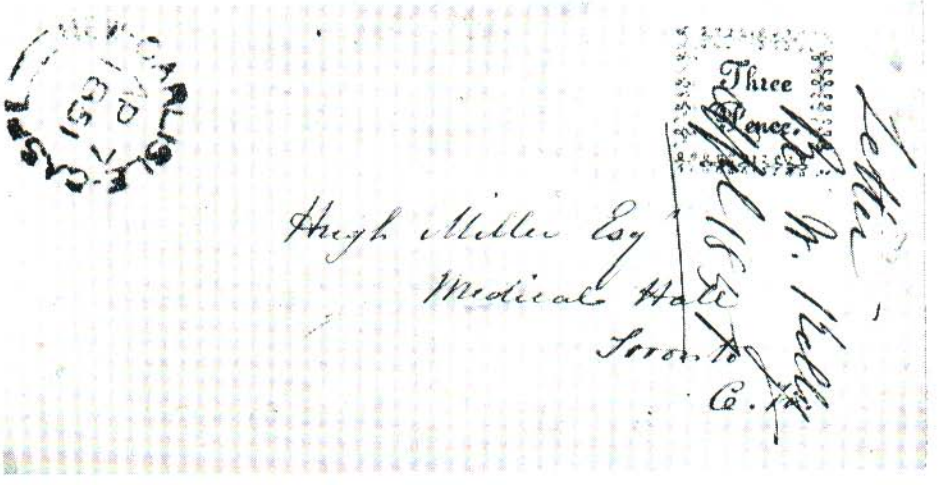
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"Out of the Shadows"

The Rediscovery of the Rarest British North American Entire

If you have the good fortune to possess a Jarrett, turn to page 104. At the head of the page you will see a manuscript cancel on a type-set 3d. stamp. It is headed "Provisional Stamped Envelope", and I quote: "The Provisional stamped envelope illustrated, used from New Carlisle, Gaspé, Québec, April 7th, 1851, addressed to Hugh Miller, Esq., Medical Hall, Toronto, C.W., must have been printed upon the initiative of Mr. W. Kelly, the local Postmaster, whose signature appears across the design. But one specimen never came to the attention of Philatelists, and the present whereabouts of this is not known to the Author."



This was written in 1929, the cover having been examined in 1904 by experts and pronounced genuine. It disappeared, as we now know, into the fabulous collection of the Baron Ferrari, and now it has once more reappeared, in the equally fabulous Burrus collection, and sold recently in a London auction room, still unrecognised and described, fortunately for the purchaser, as "Three Pence in fancy frame, not cancelled but crossed by recipient's endorsement. Most intriguing".

Intriguing indeed! With doubt in my mind regarding the "recipient's endorsement," I consulted a contemporary survey map of Upper and Lower Canada, and discovered New Carlisle to be on the south-easterly tip of Cape Gaspé, north of New Brunswick and, of course some 200 miles north of the normal postal route overland to Quebec, almost 1,000 miles from its destination.

It seemed obvious to me that this cover had been collected by ship and conveyed round the Cape and down the St. Lawrence, via Quebec and Montreal, to Toronto. On studying the manuscript endorsement, it occurred to me that "LETTER . . . P.M. W. KELLY . . . . APRIL 1851," would seem more suggestive of a Postmaster's provisional cancellation rather than an abbreviation of "A letter received from Mr Kelly some time in April 1851". Indeed, the whole entire followed closely the pattern in use at that time by the postmasters

in the United States.

The actual date itself, April 7th, 1851, is very significant. It was on the day before that control officially passed to the provincial postmasters, headed by the new Postmaster-General, James Morris, first P.M.G. of the Canadian Post Office, under the proclamation of the Governor-General, April 5th.

The actual pre-notification had been sent to the postmasters on March 14th, so that P.M. Kelly had ample time to prepare a small stock of pre-stamped envelopes ready for issue on the first day, April 7th.

It can be observed that in the manuscript cancellation of this stamp he only writes "April", not the actual day, relying of course on the official c.d.s. on the left of the cover for this.

The most important postal marking on this entire is the back-stamp. This was not recorded by Jarrett, though in the faintest red we can make out QUEBEC APR. 16, 1851 U.C. One week from date of issue, dead on route and on time by river boat from Cape Gaspé, down the St. Lawrence to the first port of call—Quebec! From there by land to Toronto! Beyond any possible dispute, absolutely genuine, and confirming to the hilt the original suggestion by Jarrett in 1928, when he says: "The New Carlisle postmaster was therefore not violating any regulations in having a 'Three Pence' marking set in type, and a supply of envelopes so stamped, ready for sale at 3d. each, plus a possible fee for the cost of the envelope. The neatness with which the marking appears lends strength to the theory that they were prepared in advance and sold as required. Postmaster Kelly would be unlikely to perform the two operations of hand stamping with this design and signing in pen and ink. As this is so, the item is an exceedingly rare and valuable provisional".

Valuable indeed. The only parallel is to be found with the Postmasters' Provisional issues, contemporary with this of the United States, which are illustrated and catalogued by Stanley Gibbons and Scott. Of these, there are examples of only one or two known, and are priced up to £3,000, though their market value today would be hard to place, so seldom have they ever been offered on the open market.

The condition of the cover is excellent, reflecting the care with which it has been treated for such a long period of years in these two famous collections. There is a minute guarantee mark depicting a three-leaf clover in circle, in the lower right corner.

There can be no doubt, in the light of the fresh examination of this cover, that Postmaster Kelly did in fact for about three weeks take a leaf out of his American cousins' post book, and issue these Provisionals. How many? Well, your guess on this is as good as mine. Look well at the illustration. I do not think that another full cover will ever turn up now, but there may well be CUT OUTS of the stamp lurking somewhere in the shadows of an old collection, and if this is so, their guarantee mark should be a four-leaf clover, for the lucky owner!

"BEAVER"

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"7,000 miles to look at stamps—You want your head examined". Such was the response of my non-philatelic friends on hearing of my proposed trip to Niagara Falls in Canada. Now, 7,000 miles and two weeks later, what recollections can I bring home to relate to the captive audiences watching the 120-odd colour slides taken during the week?

The language barrier was quickly overcome and I was soon able to carry on a conversation like a native. On the first evening, during the reception, names which had previously been by-lines and signatures in magazines and at the end of letters were transformed into actual people and, without exception, after half a minute, I might have known them for years.

"You're not Doc Hollingsworth—I had you figured differently", was the almost inevitable response after introduction, but I never discovered just what they expected. Not all present were strangers, since some had been in London in 1960 for the International Exhibition (and at Llandudno—Ed.) Half a Sunday spent philatelically in an Oxford hotel with Lloyd Sharpe was brought to mind, and Hedley Hollands and I attended our first CPS of GB Convention in Buxton 10 years before.

Hours were spent in the Bourse searching through stock books, flicking through covers, the pile of loot growing higher and higher, putting aside Peterborough Squared Circles for you know who, he dashing over with a book of 5¢ Edwards that had to be examined, off to the cashier to cash another traveller's cheque, returning time after time to one dealer whose stock I thought I had been through with a fine-tooth comb, only to find yet more booty, the magic appearance of postmarks under the influence of little squares of red celluloid, and with a real stamp collecting finish of sorting through a huge box of stamps on paper, feverishly watching the clock and finishing just as the Bourse finally closed.

My sightseeing was not neglected and a glorious half-day was spent with guide Hedley going down the river from above the Falls to the delightful Niagara-on-the Lake with camera clicking briskly. I bemoaned the fact that at Aberdeen, at our Convention last year, there were no kilts and no pipers, and now here, in Canada, no Mounties! But I was saved at the eleventh hour by the appearance of not one but a whole bandful of Mounties and it was but the work of a second, having seen them through the window, to grab the camera and to chase them through the streets and click away dyspnoeically. And what about the piper, with kilt and all, who piped the head table guests into the banqueting room!

It was heartening to see the excellent attendance at the CPS of GB meeting on the Saturday morning and to have one of our own home members Stanley Cohen, give one of the displays. Thanks to Bob Carr for the other. It was my privilege to ask Fellows Bob Duncan, Allen Christensen, and Hedley Hollands to sign the Fellowship Roll, the first time this has been officially done on your side of the Atlantic.

To conclude, thanks to all the members of the Royal for their hospitality, company and friendship. I've started saving up for the International Exhibition in '68—See you then!

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OBITUARY

CYRIL WOODHEAD

We learned with much regret the passing of Cyril Woodhead at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto on the 28th May, after a lengthy and lingering illness.

Cyril was well-known to most of our older members, as he was in charge of the Society's Sales Circuit for many years. Before taking this office over, he was President of the Society for five years and it can be truly said that he was the one to start the Society back on the road to prosperity and prestige, after a depression of many years.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Woodhead in her sad loss.

G. F. KETCHESON

Mr. Gerald F. Ketcheson, one of the founding members and a past President of the British Columbia Philatelic Society, passed away February 12, 1963, in Vancouver. Mr. Ketcheson was an active member of The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, the American Philatelic Society, and the China and Australian States specialists groups.

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are equally sure the story is true. They point out that the report of the Giroux-Leroux murder was published in a British philatelic journal, The Stamp Collector's Fortnightly, in July, 1896, only 4 years after it happened.

They feel also that a report at the time is more likely to be correct than research which failed to reach a conclusion in the nineteen-fifties.

It is interesting to note that this stamp brought $41,000 at H. R. Harmer's auction on May 27th, the highest price ever paid for a single stamp at auction, the previous best having been $32,900 for the famous 1 cent British Guiana at the Ferrari auction in Paris in 1921.

The purchaser was the Raymond H. Weill Company of New Orleans. Mr. Raymond Weill stated, after the auction, that his Company had purchased the stamp for stock and that he "hoped it will remain in the country, particularly as Hawaii is now our 50th State".

WANT TO TRADE STAMPS with other members of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada or correspond on various phases of philately? Use the classified ad section of The Canadian Philatelist to obtain results.

CHAPTER NEWS

● **KITCHENER**

Mrs. R. B. Gillrie, President of the Kitchener-Waterloo P.S. tells us that the Exhibition held on 30 March was a great success and well attended by the general public. Good material was on display and interest and enthusiasm abounded.

Mrs. A. G. Beardmore was awarded the Dominion Life shield for the best exhibit in the show. She showed her collection of Royal visit material. Other award winners were the Dr. R. B. Gillrie trophy to Janet Beins for Netherlands semi-postals, the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada plaque to Gerald Drew-Smith, of Galt, for his show of Admirals of Canada, and golds to Mrs. Gillrie (Irish Free State), J. E. Kraemer (Pontifical States) and Robert Stock, of Tavistock (Postal History of Oxford County).

Silvers were awarded to Mrs. Gillrie (Medicine), also the American Topical Association certificate, Dick Babb, of Blair, (cattle), Janet Beins (European composers and music) K. Maghee (Norfolk Is.), Mrs. Beardmore (New Zealand) and Walter Allendorf (Berlin).

● **BARRIE**

The Barrie & District Stamp Club Exhibition was held on May 11, and Dr. P. A. Scott carried off the Award for the best exhibit, a nice showing of the perforated O.H.M.S. of Canada.

● **CALGARY**

We don't often hear from Calgary P.S., so we were very pleased to learn that they had had a very successful Exhibition, CALPEX '63.

Stewart S. Kenyon, of Edmonton was awarded a Gold and the RPSC plaque for a study of Canada's 1859 1c. rose, proofs, imprints, watermarks, etc., with a wide showing of covers of this stamp.

Silvers were given to Willard Rorke, of Edmonton, 1c. and 3c. Small Queens of Canada; E. A. Harris, of Calgary (two silvers), for a Study of the Squared Circle cancellations of 1893 and The History of the Post; A. G. G. de Chastelain, of Calgary, for Moldavia, Wallachia and Moldavia; and L. S. Crosby, of Banff, for P.E.I. covers and counterfeits.

Honourable mentions went to Robert Traquair, Calgary, Postal History of the Calgary Stampede; S. Richardson, of Calgary, France 1900-1940, including Sowers (We'd like to hear about these —Ed.); D. E. Tincknell, of Calgary, New Zealand.

The Club is also sponsoring Souvenir Covers with Stampede motif during Stampede week. Enquiries should be sent to Bob Traquair, 3323 Canberra Place, Calgary, Alberta.

● **MONTREAL**

Jacques J. Charron, now resident of Quebec, has presented a trophy to the South Shore S.C. (C.P. de la Rive Sud) for the most consistent attendance at Club meetings. A very good idea!

An interesting item gleaned from the Rive Sud Bulletin: When Sandford Fleming, the designer of the Threepenny Beaver (and other distinctions) came to Canada, he carried with him a letter of introduction to Sir Casimir Gzowski.

● **TORONTO**

The North York P.S. held an Exhibition recently in the North York Public Library, for a whole week. Award winners were: Commonwealth, Bill Chadwick; Foreign, Al Kirby; Topical, C. E. Porter.

● **TORONTO**

Everett Blake was re-elected president of the West Toronto Stamp Club (How many years is that, Everett?) and F. Charles as Secretary.

Incidentally, West Toronto is another Club we never hear from.

● **VICTORIA**

The Greater Victoria P.S. elected Ben A. Howell to the Presidency and Mrs. J. H. Turner as Secretary. Mrs. Turner's address is 29 Cambridge St. Victoria, B.C.

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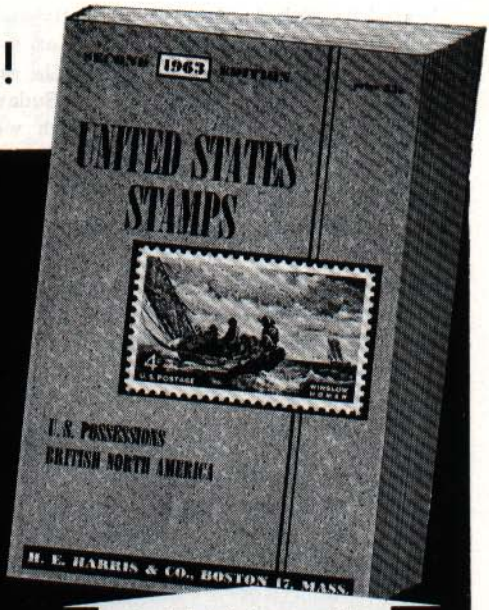
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- **PORT ARTHUR**

The Lakehead Stamp Club held a very successful Exhibition in March. The RPSC plaque for the best exhibit went to E. Thompson, for his display of the ½d and 1d issues, 1911-1936—of Great Britain.

Other awards went to P. Kowalski (Canada Q.V. Leafs and Numerals); E. C. Tacium (1c. Green Admirals); S. Fuhr (Germany, 1959-61); and B. Somerton (Birds of Europe).



E. Tompson holding the RPSC plaque and receiving the Culligan Trophy from Larrie Marrier, President of the Lakehead S.C., with his winning entry in the background.

- **CORNWALL, Ont., and MASSENA, N.Y.**

Lawrence Mills, of Malone, N.Y., was awarded the St. Lawrence International Stamp Club Trophy for the best entry in the Club's Exhibition held on April 21 at the Schine Inn, Massena, N.Y.

Robert Carr, of Cornwall, carried away the RPSC plaque for the best entry of stamps from Canada or BNA, for a frame on the various postal rates for Canadian mail. The Junior Trophy was won by John Garner, of Potsdam, N.Y. for his depiction of THE CHRISTMAS STORY in stamps.

Mrs. W. R. Barnard and Hans Reiche, of the RA Stamp Club in Ottawa, were the judges.

- **BELLEVILLE**

Ron Olesen was elected President and Fred Helson Secretary, of the Quinte S.C. at their annual meeting held this past winter.

- **HALIFAX**

The Annual Dinner Meeting of the Nova Scotia S.C. took place on the 16th April and was a great success. A display of 15 frames took place after the dinner and also, the election of officers was held. Eric Tizard is President and Charles Morshead is the Secretary. Address: 1541 Le Marchant St., Halifax, N.S.

- **TRAIL**

On May 14th, the Columbia P.S. held a joint meeting with the Inland Empire P.S., of Spokane, Wash., in Trail, B.C.

A very fine banquet served by the ladies of the East Trail United Church (any onion soup, John?—ED.) opened the evening with 48 present from the Trail, Spokane, Nelson Clubs and also the David Thompson Stamp Club.

After dinner, an interesting talk was given on the history of the Trail-Spokane area, featuring the early postal service of the district, on both sides of the border.

This was followed by a lively auction and the showing of coloured slides of Ottawa by the wife of one of the Trail members. (Is she bashful, John?—ED.)

Errata

In Col. Webb's article in the previous issue, on page 115, the figures 1 and 2 should be reversed, i.e., Fig. 1 is Fig. 2 and Fig. 2 is Fig. 1.

On Page 143 of previous issue, for Ralph Tipper's award at Ecspex, read "British Forces Mail in Egypt".

THE MAIL BAG

Sir:—Other dealers and collectors have often asked how I price my squared circles. The enclosed table has been my guidepost for some time and is of course based on the rarity factor of the squared circle handbook.

I am sending this to you to learn of the opinions of others as to its merits, because when you come down to selling, some dollars and cents value must be attached to them.

Where I refer to complete envelope, I mean average condition, where I refer to cut square, I mean that or a stamp on piece where more than 80% of the total cancellation is readable, where I refer to a 'B' copy, it is where less than 80% of the cancellation is readable.

I usually allow a 50% premium for an extra fine strike and 100% for an off dated copy. Of course if strikes appear on more valuable stamps, the price of the stamp is also taken into consideration.

DON McCALL,
Scarborough, Ont. RPSC

SQUARED CIRCLE PRICE CHART

Rarity Factor	Complete Envelope	Cut Square	'B' Copy
2.5	.30	.30	.30
5	.40	.30	.30
7.5	.50	.40	.40
10	.75	.50	.50
15	1.00	.75	.60
20	1.50	1.00	.75
25	2.00	1.50	1.00
30	3.00	2.00	1.50
35	4.00	3.00	2.00
40	5.00	4.00	3.00
45	6.00	5.00	4.00
50	7.50	6.00	5.00

POOR FDCs AND A COLLECTOR BECOMES A PHILATELIST

SIR:—I have been a member of the CPs and now the RPSC for some years and do think you are making an excellent job of the CP, and through it, I'm kidding myself I'm gradually turning from a "stamp collector" into a "philatelist".

The Niagara P.S. not long ago supervised the issue of special cachets for Sir Casimir Gzowski stamp and for my local junior customers, I ordered a number of covers.

Of the twelve received, only four showed the cachet clearly so that it could be read, and two of these were on a slant.

The horizontal pairs and some of the singles were put on the envelopes crooked. All in all, we were disappointed.

I wonder if you've had any other mention of this service. I think the idea of a local organization doing a job such as this for the rest of us is fine, but thought it could be mentioned in one of your articles on points to be checked when this sort of thing is done in the future. I, for one, will be very careful in later projects of this type.

Another suggestion. I usually use a peelable label for FDCs and the last two or three of these specials, as above, have used envelopes of a type of paper which roughens when the label is removed and it must therefore be left on, which is unfortunate. The paper of the envelopes should be of a harder finish so that the surface would not be damaged.

DUG MERRETT,
Coboconk, Ont. RPSC 6237

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Sir:—As a member of the Oxford Philatelic Society, I would like to know where I can procure a catalogue giving particulars of British Consular stamps. I would be grateful if you could obtain this information.

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R. J. Sutherland, left, holding the silver salver with which he was presented at the 1000th meeting of the Westmount Stamp Club in recognition of his great services to the club since its formation, with three of the founding members, T. Kearney, J. E. Pickering and Larry Flood.

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And in the cancellation we have a legible FIRST DAY OF ISSUE in a box, besides the usual date stamp!

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In keeping with the forthcoming commemoration of the bicentenary of the founding in 1763 of Canada's first Post Offices in Quebec, Trois-Rivières, and Montreal by Benjamin Franklin, Deputy Postmaster General of all British America, La Société Philatélique de Québec has adopted a new letterhead showing, in the upper left corner, the "QUEBEC CANADA" broken Circular Postmark, encircling the BISHOP MARK.

The MARK, invented by Henry Bishop, was applied by an instrument first used in 1661 in England then in America around 1750. It consists of the day and the month and measured about 15 to 16 mm. in diameter. It is known in black, red, red-brown, magenta, and brown-black. In the North American Colonies, it was first used in New York, then in Albany, Boston, and Philadelphia.

In Canada, the MARK was used only in Quebec City from 1776 to 1800 and is believed to exist in black only.

Bishop was Postmaster General under Charles II from 1660 to 1663. In reply to charges of mismanagement, he wrote:

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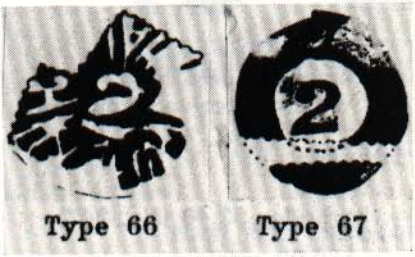
Dominica, 1886, 1d on 6d green, two short perfs.	$2,100
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More Fancy Toronto "2" Types on Large Queens

by HORACE HARRISON, RPSC6779

Type 6 has been found recently on 2 copies of the 1¢ yellow orange and Type 67, on but a single copy of the 3¢ large Queen.

Type 69 also has turned up on a 1¢ Yellow recently purchased by Stanley Cohen, of Birmingham, England, at a London auction house.



Type 66 Type 67



Type 69

It must be remembered in all of these tracings that a great deal of the detail is lost in the transfer of the actual strike on the stamp to an India ink drawing which requires considerably more skill than the "artist" possesses to reproduce faithfully the graduations of gray between black and white. Only the judgment of the "artist" determines where to draw the line between black and white in these gray areas. I believe that it is a proper job on almost all of these drawings. As the late Justice Holmes of the U.S. Supreme Court once said, "I may not always be right, but I'm never in doubt!".

Stampede Cachet

The Calgary Philatelic Society advises us that the Club is preparing a special cachet for the Calgary Stampede this year, taking place on the 8-13 July.

They have prepared a special 6½" x 3½" envelope for this purpose, on which will be placed, on the left, a design in green of a bucking broncho. This year's cachet, in black, is that of a small train of six teams hauling two wagons with a bullwhacker walking alongside.

These wagons played a most significant part in the opening up of this part of Canada, transporting freight and wheat from Fort Benton, Montana.

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Dr. Gyorfi also informs us that the Club is a "good and steady customer of the Sales Dept." and that they appreciate very much the colour slides with lecture sent to them by Jim Law.

The Club held a five-day exhibition at the beginning of May and had a special slogan cancel on the Sydney mail.

We are getting an example of this cancel. We have one, but it is not quite good enough for reproduction, so we are endeavouring to get a good one from Dr. Gyorfi and if we do not get it in time for this issue, we shall publish it in our next number.

A.P.S. Convention In Mexico

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Three New Fellows of the Society

Three new fellowships were announced at the Convention in Niagara Falls. These were awarded to J. Watson Yuile, of Montreal, Professor R. T. Waines, of Toronto, and Louis M. Lamouroux, of Toronto.

This brings the total number of Fellows created to seven, the others being Fred Jarrett, of Toronto, Dr. G. M. Geldert, of Ottawa, A. H. Christensen, of Westmount, and Vincent G. Greene, of Toronto.

Our congratulations to all the new Fellows for their well-deserved recognition.

Montreal Robbery

Member W. A. G. Huxel, of Montreal, advises us that his entire stamp holdings were stolen from his home, for a total catalogue value of $25,000.

There was a large quantity of First Day Covers, all addressed to himself, 15 Bileski binders of Canada matched plate blocks from Scott's #50 to date, 80% complete in the OHMS and G overprints, 3 binders of New York-United Nations matched plate blocks complete to date, a 3-ring binder of New Zealand Plate Blocks and same of Australia Plate Blocks, 2 loose leaf binders of mint stamps of the world, topical collection, birds, butterflies, flowers, fish, tobacco, coffee, tea, cocoa, cotton, and numerous other items.

If any member sees or hears of this material, he is requested to get into touch with Sgt.-Det. P. Melanson, 750 Bonsecours St., Montreal 1, P.Q. (Phone 872-5138).

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