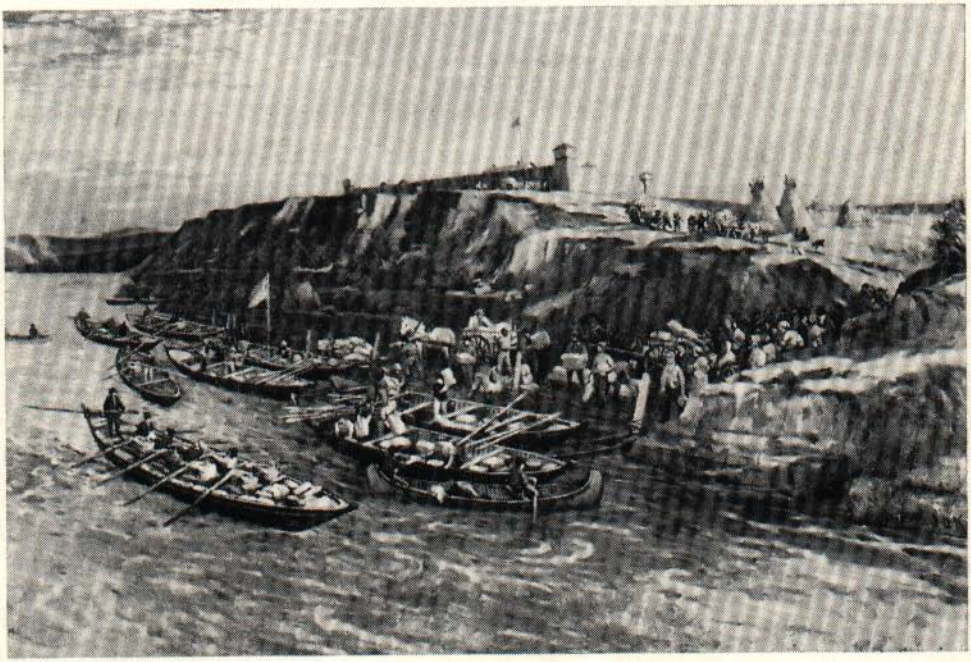
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March 1, 1964

Dear Friends:—

A few days ago I received a letter from a dealer in Western Canada, advising that part of his stock was for sale. Three long distance phone calls to him convinced me to leave my crowded office and piled up desk. On a beautiful bright Monday morning I took the T.C.A. Western Canada flight. By midnight the same day I had purchased one part of the stock comprising of complete and short sets mint of Queen Elizabeth from 1953 to date. On Tuesday we tackled the mint Canada stock which was mainly complete sheets with considerable number and representation of the more modern issues, and a terrific lot of plate blocks. This deal was completed and on Wednesday I bought a very fine collection of mint British Colonies, all in mint blocks of four. Late that night T.C.A. landed me with my excess baggage safely at the new Toronto Airport. I must say that this is a beautiful airport building, and the layout and facilities are a great improvement over the old Malton Airport. Western Canada was wintery and cold but the people warm and friendly. A most enjoyable trip.

An out-of-town dealer was visiting my office one day and I happened to show him an album of British Colonies that was on my desk. "What would be the price on that?" he asked. "Twelve hundred," I answered, but then added "to really encourage you I might be able to make it eleven hundred." That was the end of that conversation, and we went on to other business. About two weeks later, he wrote and asked me to send that album along, which I did, and invoiced him for $1,200.00, having forgotten the lower figure. Back came a cheque for $1,200.00 with the following comment. "When we were discussing this collection in your office, you mentioned a rock bottom price of $1,100.00. I do not like to haggle and perhaps my memory is at fault, but I will rely on yours. In other words, "Here is the bag, you hold it."

He was right, so I immediately asked "Joan" my secretary, to buy $100.00 in new bills of small denomination, and to crumple each bill up and stuff the lot into a cellophane bag. What a beautiful job she did on this, it looked like a thousand. We shipped it off in a large box, weighing only a few ounces, by express, with no comment. A couple of days later I received the following note.

"Dear Harry: The "Bag" arrived, and nearly broke my arm. I expected the express parcel to weigh something, and when I picked it up, the whole thing went over my head. Needless to say it is one of the more appreciated "Old Bags" I have known. I will give it to the Bank who do a better holding job.

Then there is the prominent Toronto collector who has a wife problem, no not you — the other fellow. She complained of his working on stamps all the time and she didn't have anything to do. Well he suggested to her to start collecting stamps, and she agreed to give it a try. He asked me for a rather mixed collection of British Colonies that would give her lots of problems and endless work. I had just the right B.C. collection, but having just purchased a small and very attractive topical collection, I suggested he take this along as well, and give her a choice. The topical collection won favour, and I hope will add another happy collector to our ranks. Did they live happily ever after? It's too soon to say, but I'll let you know later.

What do you do on New Year's Eve? Well I was out touring the town and visiting many friends. About 3 a.m. I delivered a parcel of stamps, a fine lot of New Brunswick sheets, to a friend, who bought the lot. You can see my stamp duties are never finished, but if that's work I can take lots more of it.

Philatelically yours,

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The Editor Speaks Out . . .

NO DOUBT many of our readers will have noted the bilingual slogan which has been appearing on mail from Toronto around the year end, reading FIGHT TUBERCULOSIS — COMBATTEZ LA TUBERCULOSE — quite an event! The thought came into our mind that once a letter is dropped in the mail box, no one has an opportunity of reading the slogan, until it gets into the hands of the mailman at the other end and is delivered to its addressee.

In other words, a French or bilingual slogan should, logically, appear on mail posted in places OTHER than Quebec, so that those receiving it in La Belle Province can read it. It seems to us rather obvious that a letter mailed in Quebec, bearing a slogan in French and addressed to most places elsewhere, would not have very much effect and therefore the slogans in English alone should be used in Quebec and the ones in French in most of the rest of Canada. Elementary, my dear Watson!

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Your directors and officers, and, not least, the hardworking Edmonton Committee, are hoping for a really good representation from the East for the Convention in May, at least as good as the one we had in Victoria six years ago (how that old man tempus fugits along!) when we had some twenty members undertake the long journey from the East, by a variety of means of transportation.

Endeavours are being made to get together a party of at least twenty by train, out of Ottawa and Toronto. Particulars of the scheme will be found on another page.

The main point is that twenty people must travel together, although they can **return** individually. The fares quoted are a considerable reduction on the ordinary rate. Such a group would, we venture to say, be most enjoyable and would be a great factor in speeding up the passing hours. For the best part of two whole days we could not only talk stamps but perhaps also do a bit of horse trading!

This will interest many of our numerous and faithful friends from south of the border and living not too far from Toronto. We shall be delighted to hear from them, and, of course, from our Kitchener, London, Windsor, Hamilton, St. Catharines, Peterborough, Oshawa, etc., etc. members. The more the merrier!

Incidentally, a friend of ours left Toronto for the West coast in mid-January and we were quite surprised to learn that he had to make his reservation more than two weeks prior to his departure. The last time we went to the Coast six years ago, in May, we made our reservation three days prior to our departure, with no trouble at all. It is evident that the railways' policy of cheap rates on certain days of the week is paying off, so we hope that every one thinking of taking advantage of this group scheme will send his or her name in as soon as possible.

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An oil company in Australia is giving away postage stamps with each purchase of gas. A small boy turned up at a service station one day and asked the owner for some stamps. These were refused and the boy was advised to get his father to purchase gas at the station and thereby obtain the stamps.

Rather disappointed, the youngster turned away, but he was soon back with his father's lighter. "Fill 'er up", he sad, "and let me have the stamps". We didn't make that one up but took it from the Australian Stamp Monthly. Si non e vero e ben trovato . . . .

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We note from the London Philatelist, organ of the Royal Philatelic Society of London, that several new fellows were elected recently, among whom were

three Canadians, Stuart Johnstone, of Vancouver, C. A. Byam, of New Liskeard, Ont., and Peter Hurst, of Montreal. Our sincere congratulations to these gentlemen on their fellowships.

Which reminds us that a few months ago, we received the membership list of the RPSL, from which we noted, with certainty, that no less than 46 of their members are residents of Canada, of whom 41 are also members of our Royal. We may have missed one or two, as no addresses were given, so we had to trust to our memory. In any case, this is a very good representation, as it must be presumed that anyone joining the Royal of London is a true philatelist, through and through.

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While on the question of philatelic honours, Canada has three philatelists who have signed the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists, a rare honour, but what names they are: Fred Jarrett, Gerry Wellburn and Vinnie Greene, truly three giants of Canadian philately!

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At the time of writing these lines, our President, Dr. Geldert, with Mrs. Geldert, will be basking in the (we hope!) warm Florida sun, soaking in vim and energy for the Edmonton Convention (as if he needed them!) while we in Toronto and elsewhere will be wrapping our scarves even more tightly around our necks, in a vain attempt to escape the bitter arctic blasts which have been blowing our way this winter. But our sincere wishes go to "Doc" Geldert and Mrs. Geldert for a pleasant vacation and we are eagerly looking forward to having our usual arguments with him in Edmonton, but more especially on the way there and back, when we are more likely to have time available!

Incidentally, Mrs. Geldert, not to be outdone by our "Doc", has gone in for collecting Canadian town cancels. The last time we saw her in the early fall, she told us this was a fine way of learning Canadian geography—and we quite agree.

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Our old colleague, Ian Murray, the P.R. Officer of the Association, informs us that these folders can be supplied, free of charge, in French or English, to any club applying therefore to any of the branches of the Association throughout Canada.

OBITUARY

HOWARD H. ELLIOTT, RPSC #405, of Winchendon Mass, USA, passed away November 28th 1963, at the age of 88. Mr. Elliott was one of two U.S. Honorary Life Members of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, an honour he cherished. For many years he served as Treasurer of the American Philatelic Society and was active in that Society for a quarter of a century and during his tenure of office saw the Society grow in stature and membership. He enjoyed the hobby until 3 years ago when ill-health forced him to curtail his philatelic activities.

In 1959, Mr. Elliott spent a week end in Ottawa, the guest of our President, who found him a most charming personality.

Notice of Annual General Meeting

TAKE NOTICE that the annual general meeting of the members of THE ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CANADA will be held on the 16th day of May, 1964, at the hour of 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon (local time) at the Macdonald Hotel, Edmonton, Alberta, for the following purposes:

1. *To receive and consider the financial statements of the Society for the year ended December* 31, 1963, *and the reports of the directors and the auditor thereon;*
2. *To elect directors and appoint an auditor;*
3. *To transact such further or other business as may properly come before the meeting and any adjournment or adjournments thereof.*

DATED at Ottawa, Ontario this 28th day of February, 1964.

By order of the Board.

(Signed) W. F. ANDERSON,
Secretary.

NOTE:

1. All nominations for directors, duly signed by the nominee and seconded must be in the hands of the Secretary by April 16th, 1964.
2. If you are not able to be at the meeting would you please send to DR. G. M. GELDERT, 516 Kenwood Avenue, Ottawa 13, Ont., the attached from of proxy.

— — — — — — — TO BE DETACHED HERE — — — — — — —

The undersigned member of THE ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CANADA hereby appoints G. M. Geldert of Ottawa, Ontario, or him failing, James Law of London, Ontario, or him failing Alan G. McKanna of Toronto, Ontario, as the proxy of the undersigned to vote for and on behalf of the undersigned at the annual general meeting of the members of the Society to be held on the 16th day of May, 1964, and at any adjournment or adjournments thereof, upon any and all matters that may properly come before the said meeting or any adjournment or adjournments thereof, the undersigned hereby ratifying and confirming all that the said proxy may do by virtue hereof.

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Incidentally, you might even enjoy the stamp show, as we will have the finest gathering of stamps ever assembled in Western Canada, as well as some purely western innovations.

Looking forward to seeing you in May, where a true western welcome awaits you.

Yours very sincerely,

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A Bit Of Canadiana

By W. E. LEA, RPSC 7175

THIS story is rather unusual as it consists of a new find in Canadiana, together with a selection of Pence Issues used on cover showing the various rates both local, to the U.S.A. and to Europe. The further Westerly point of the Canadian Postal System in 1851 extended only to Sault Ste. Marie, a border town between Canada and the U.S.A. at the junction of Lake Huron and Lake Superior. Indeed I did not know until I obtained this correspondence (which I term "The Murray Correspondence") that the Canadian Postal System had reached this outpost so early, but the date stamp on one cover from the Mackenzie River district proves that a cancelling date stamp had been allocated to Sault Ste. Marie in 1852. This is the earliest date I have so far discovered.

Alex Hunter Murray was born in Kilmun, Argyllshire, in 1818, the son of Commodore Murray, R.N., of the famous old firm of publishers in Glasgow which is still flourishing there, and when a young man, emigrated to the United States. For some years he was on the Mississippi about St. Louis, he then went up the Missouri River and served with the American Fur Co. with whom he had evidently a wide and far travelled experience. He was a clever man of no ordinary talent and already was an artist, engineer and surveyor and in fact was an adept at almost anything he turned his attention to and a most congenial companion. His fame rests chiefly on his trip to the Yukon where he was sent by the Hudson's Bay Company in 1847 to establish what was then an extreme outpost in the service — Fort Yukon in Russian Alaska Territory.

In 1845, accompanied by two others, he rode from the Missouri country where he had been employed with the American Fur Co. His companions were French Canadians. When they stopped at the Red River the two French Canadians stayed amongst their countrymen and settled there. Mr. Murray had been told there was a Scottish Settlement farther North so he rode on until he saw some sacks of grain in a barnyard and said to himself "That man who owns these sacks must have some bread to eat" and so he went down to the farmhouse and asked if he could be taken in, saying he was a stranger in the country and had arrived from the South. The name of the man to whom he spoke was John Inkster and he stayed in the house until the arrival of Governor Simpson either in June or July.

He wrote a letter to Sir George Simpson applying for a position in the Hudson's Bay Company, and on the strength of that letter he was hired as a clerk and went North to the Athabasca Country, and stayed with the Hudson's Bay Company until within a few years of his death.

Murray was appointed to the Mackenzie River District, then in charge of Chief Factor Murdoch McPherson. There he met Anne Campbell, daughter of the Chief Trader, Colin Campbell, of the Athabasca District and after a brief courtship married her. The young couple wintered at Fort McPherson. On the 11th June 1847 Murray went on his mission to build Fort Youcon leaving his wife at Lapierre House.

He experienced some difficulty in deciding on a site, but finally settled on a dry ridge about 300 yards long and 90 yards wide at a point about three miles above the mouth of the Porcupine River on the east bank of the Yukon within Russian Territory. Camping on the banks of the river, Murray writes of the mosquitoes—"I have been in the swamps of Lake Ponchartrain and the Balize (Louisiana), along the Red River (Texas) and most part of the Gullinipper Country, but never experienced anything like this. We could neither speak

nor breathe without our mouths being filled with them, close your eyes and you had half a dozen, fires were lit all round but of no avail. Rather than be devoured, the men, fatigued as they were, preferred stemming the current a little longer to reach a dry and open spot a little further on of which the Indians informed us".

Here on Sunday, June 27th, the first rough dwelling of willow poles covered with spruce bark were erected on a site of the future Fort.

The Fort itself consisted of a store in three compartments (shop, store and fish store); dwelling with two bedrooms, office, hall and kitchen. Men's house in three compartments, a boat shed and a meat scaffold, all surrounded by strong pickets consisting of good sized trees peeled and squared on two sides fitting closely 14½ feet above ground and 3 feet underground . The bastions, four in number, were strong, roomy and convenient.

Murray reported the early arrival of the Indians with more fur than he could pay for in the goods they desired. Beads and guns were in greatest demand. Russian trading goods in this district were then capots, cloth, powder horns, files, iron hoops for arrow heads, iron pipes, common arm bands, awls, ring and small brass coins with which the Indian women fringed their dresses, guns, kettles (sheet iron and copper).

The Company remained in peaceful possession of the trade until Alaska was sold by the Russians to the United States in 1867 soon after which, notice to vacate was served on the Hudson's Bay Company as the situation was then within the U.S. Territory and the trading of goods or any trade by persons with the natives was illegal and it had to cease.

Murray left Fort Youcon in 1848 joining his wife at Lapierre House. In 1849 he returned to Fort Youcon, with Mrs. Murray, and in 1851 returned to Fort Simpson.

In 1852 we find him at Fort Garry with his wife and several children. He was sent to Fort Pembina in the Winter of 1852 and remained in charge there for several years. Later on he managed the district of Lac La Pluie for the Hudson's Bay Company. He returned again to Fort Pembina and was made Chief Trader in 1856. He was in charge of Fort Alexander for a time. Then in 1862 Chief Trader Murray was placed in charge of Lower Fort Garry where he remained until 1864. He retired from the service in 1867 and died at his home Bellevue, near Lower Fort Garry in April 1874.

His elder daughter Helen Hunter Murray became the wife of Chief Trader W. J. (Big Bear) McClean of the '85 Rebellion fame.

Murray was one of the first white men to descend the Porcupine to the Youcon; the first Britisher to build a Fort on the River and make contact with the Indians of that region.

The only possible means of transport at this date was from the York Factory on the Hudson's Bay, by canoe along the Hayes River and Lakes to Lake Winnipeg, across the lake to Cross Is., and Grand Rapid and then along English River and Missinnippi to Lake La Loche.

It may not be generally known but it is possible to travel by river and lake as far as the Beaufort Sea in the Arctic Circle with never more than a portage of one day as the rivers flowed from one lake to another. However, it was an extremely hazardous journey as the rivers contained many dangerous rapids and travellers and fur trappers had also to evade the warlike Red Indian tribes.

However, Alex Murray safely accomplished this journey.

The correspondence starts with a letter from Alex Murray to his brother James dated "River Youcon", North America May 20th, 1849". (Contemporary Maps do not chart the River Youcon so he must have been one of the first white men to reach this Northern River which flows into the Behring Sea). Fort Youcon was just within the Arctic Circle and although probably unknown to Alex Murray at that time was actually in

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Russian America as Alaska was called. It was not until many years later that the Russians sold this Territory to the United States of America.

The letter acknowledges the receipt of his brother's letter dated February 26th 1848 which was not received until December 20th 1848. Ten months in transit and the shortest possible time for a letter to reach him from home.

It is obvious from the correspondence that the Murray family was very devout and close and kept in touch as much as possible.

The letter describes the life at Fort Youcon and the association with the Red Indians; from this letter it is obvious that Alex Murray had opened this New Fort and was preparing another journey with eight men into the Arctic Regions, the postcript of the letter addressed from "Lapierre House, West side of Rocky Mountains, Arctic Regions", reads:—"Here I am, dear James, up to the knees in business and only two days have I allowed myself to transact it all. I left the Youcon on the 7th inst. and arrived here this morning the 19th day from the Fort". Another excerpt: "I am very anxious to hear what is going on in the World nowadays, my London correspondent informs me that France is a Republic, Prince Phillip in England also the King of Prussia, and that there are great convulsions throughout Europe".

The second letter is also headed "River Youcon, North America May 30th 1849" and is sent from Mrs. Alex Murray to her mother-in-law at Kilmun, Argyllshire, Scotland. The letter is mainly concerned with domestic matters but it is worthwhile giving the following extract:— "A great change has been wrought since our first arrival here, this is now quite a pleasant place in Summer, the Fort will soon be completed—we have a good house and when winter comes, have nothing to do but make ourselves as comfortable and happy as possible. Mr. Murray is preparing for the summer voyage and will be absent one month".

(To be continued)

1964 Stamp Programme

The Postmaster General, the Hon. John R. Nicholson, has announced that a new 5 cent stamp, with a Maple Leaves design, will appear on the 14th May, as the first of a series which will highlight the floral emblems of the provinces. The Maple Leaf stamp will be a large-size horizontal two-colour job, depicting a spray of three maple leaves in red on a background of plain blue.

It is a pleasure for us to be able to announce that this will coincide with the first day of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada Convention which will be held in Edmonton, under the auspices of the Edmonton Stamp Club, May 14-16.

Other stamps scheduled to be issued this year are:

June 30—Floral emblems of Ontario and Quebec.

April 8—5c. "Peace" stamp.

October, 2nd week—Christmas stamp.

October, early,—Commemorative of the Queen's visit to Canada.

Owing to the changes in this year's stamp programme, the suggested "Unity" stamp will not be proceeded with this year.

First Day Covers For New Maple Leaf Stamp

Just as we are going to press, we learn that the Edmonton S.C. will have a First Day Cover Service in connection with the new Maple Leaf Stamp which will appear on May 14, first day of the RPSC Convention being held in Edmonton. By the time this issue of CP is in the hands of our members and readers, full details will be available from

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Box 399, Edmonton, Alta.

The Chateaux and Palaces of France

By JAMES S. FIDGEN

IF you are planning a holiday in France this year, you are more than likely to set eyes on one or other of the splendid **châteaux** which are one of the imperishable glories of French culture. Before you go, look at some of the beautifully-produced stamps depicting these interesting old buildings and be ready to recognise them from the perfect miniatures provided by the stamps.

The word **château** is used, in French, to mean a large country mansion or palace, the former seat of a king or lord. It can also mean a castle or fortified stronghold **(château fort)**. Examples of the various types are to be seen on a number of French stamps.

Paris alone will give you access to many such fine buildings. First and foremost of these must be the **Palais de Versailles** (Fig. 1). This magnificent palace was erected for Louis XIV at a cost of £10 million and, at one time, 30,000 workmen were engaged in its construction. It is a few miles to the south of Paris, and may easily be reached from the Gare St. Lazare. It is open daily, except Tuesdays, and one should



Fig. 1



Fig. 2

not miss the Hall of Mirrors, where the 1918 Peace Treaty was signed; the Chapel; the State Apartments and the lovely gardens. These were set out by Le Nôtre, and are typically French in their geometrical design. (Fig. 2, to commemorate Four Centuries of Renaissance Gardens, and showing the immaculate forecourt of **Villandry Château**). The imposing entrance to Versailles is reproduced in Fig. 3.

When Louis wearied of ceremony at Versailles he withdrew to a beautiful miniature palace known as the **Grand Trianon,** (Fig. 4). Many illustrious, and notorious, personages stayed at the Trianon, including Madame de Maintenon, Napoleon and the Duke of Wellington. Tourists may follow in their foot-steps prosaically by tram or, more romantically, by motorboat down the river.



Fig. 3



Fig. 4

Another pleasant day's outing to the S.-E. of Paris takes you to **Fontainebleau** (Fig. 5), about an hour by train from the Gare de Lyon. It is the healthiest summer resort near the city and its forests make an ideal spot for a picnic. The château, surpassed only by Versailles in popularity, was the creation of Francis I, and in recent times it has been NATO's H.Q. Nearby is the picturesque village of Barbizon, home of so many great, but impecunious, artists.

In Paris itself, there is the **Château de Vincennes.** With its endless historical associations and as the home of the monarch prior to 1860 this chateau is open to the public every day except Fridays. Parts of it are depicted in Fig. 6.



Fig. 5



Fig. 6

Also in Paris is the modern **Palais de Chaillot** (Fig. 7) which was erected near the Eiffel Tower for the Paris Exhibition in 1937 and is used nowadays by the United Nations Assembly. It is open every day except Tuesdays. A short

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Fig. 7



Fig. 8

xious to see the **Palais du Luxembourg**, familiar to all stamp collectors thanks to three common but attractive stamps (Fig. 8) of 1946-48. It was built between 1615 and 1627 for the widow of Henri IV, and the public may visit it on Sundays.

Before leaving Paris, we should not forget to visit the **Palais du Louvre** to see in the flesh, as it were, the famous



Fig. 9



Fig. 10

statue, the Winged Victory of Samothrace, which is depicted on a 1937 stamp (Figs. 9 and 10).

Paris apart, the Loire Valley in the happy hunting ground of the **château**-minded visitor. Here are to be found innumerable **châteaux** in some of the most ravishing scenery in Europe. Starting in the west in the département of Indre et Loire, is the **Chaâteau de**



Fig. 11



Fig. 12

Chenonceaux (Fig. 11), a fine Renaissance mansion built for Francis I and looking very striking with its noble façade reflected in the river upon which it stands, and also the **Château d'Amboise** (Fig. 12) where Leonardo da Vinci died in 1519.

Moving eastwards into Loir et Cher, there is the **Château de Cheverny** (Fig.



Fig. 13



Fig. 14

13) and the **Château de Chambord** (Fig. 14), the latter stamp showing a fine floodlit view of the building. To the north in Eure et Loir stands the **Château de Châteaudun** (Fig. 15) and to the south the **Château de Valençay** (Fig. 16) in Indre. It was built by Philibert De-



Fig. 15



Fig. 16

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I have also just been informed that a marvellous display of Canadian stamps is on show in the National Gallery in London, England. It all goes to show how much our Post Office Department cares for collectors!

16 new stationery, coil and cellopack items are being placed on sale at the Agency this year. Some are already available, others will be placed on sale later on. Including the new definitives, this will make about the largest number of new Canadian philatelic items to appear in a single year.

The usual difficulties are still being experienced with the preparation of the multicoloured Flower stamps. A rather more modern approach has been adopted for the design of these stamps and I only hope that one will be able to recognize the flower depicted without too much difficulty.

A secret which has apparently been hidden from philatelists is the possibility that the new Canadian stamps will be printed from plates prepared by a novel method. Up to now, plates have been prepared from a transfer roll on to the steel plate. This process is very costly and the chances of plate spoilage are considerable. Highly trained and skilful people are required for preparing a printing plate. The new method makes use of plastic material. The original, or master, plate, is prepared as usual but only one plate is made by this process. From this plate, a plastic impression is made. This plastic plate is then metallized, hardened and used for the laying down of any other plates required. This method is comparatively cheap, more accurate, less difficult to operate, saves skilled workmanship to some degree and avoids variations from one set of plates to another. Unfortunately for stamp collectors who look for imperfections, the only ones which can appear are those already on the

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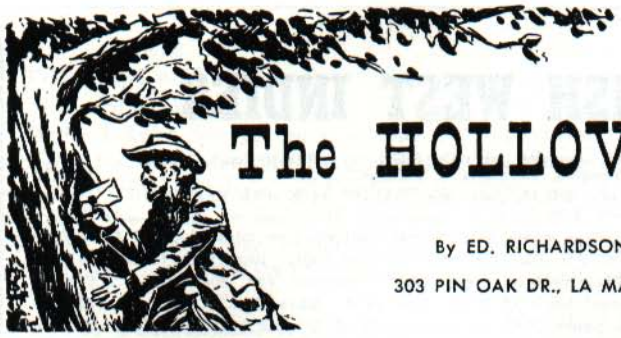
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#686—"N.S." OVERPRINTED BILL STAMP — 1¢ Orange

In checking the preliminary draft for the Sissons BNA Revenue Catalogue, I noted a variety which I had never seen nor heard of before,—1¢ Orange!

This basic stamp does not appear in the listing for the third issue Bill Stamps, in Sissons' or any other catalogue, and never before has this colour variety been listed under the "N.S." overprints. We are much interested in the story as to how this colour variety came about. Who can help us?

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#687—ADDITIONAL VARIETY OF THE MARITIME & NEWFOUNDLAND AIRWAYS

Nearly five years ago we published in packet #423 a complete listing of the known varieties of the Maritime & Newfoundland Airways stamps. At that time there were three regular company issues and 10 different reprint issues known to us. We now list the 11th reprint variety. It is the Bright Red on yellow-orange paper, IMPERFORATE. In perforated condition this stamp is one of the regular company issues, my #P-1. However I doubt if the imperforate was regularly issued, and therefore would list it among Group I Reprints — those made to closely imitate the regular company issues. Just added a full sheet of 25 to my collection of these interesting "phantoms".

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#688—ADDITIONAL ELECTION ENVELOPES

The 9th edition of Holmes' catalogue lists three Election envelopes bearing the Queen Elizabeth stamp impression. For some time now we have been reporting additional varieties as they have come to us. We think it might be appropriate now to give you a complete listing of those we have been able to garner, or have reported to us.

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FORM 95 6-57-150m on White paper '54 Eliz.
FORMULE 95 6-57-50m on White paper '54 Eliz.
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FORM 154 6-60-25m on Kraft paper '54 Eliz.
FORMULE 154 6-60-10m on Kraft paper '54 Eliz.
FORM 95 12-60-50m on White paper '54 Eliz.
FORMULE 95 12-60-20m on White paper '54 Eliz.
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While I have not yet seen a copy I suspect there is also the French equivalent of this last item, and this may complete the issues to date. If so, there are not just the three varieties listed in Holmes, — but TWENTY!

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#689—5¢ SURCHARGE ON THE 2¢ TWO LEAF EXCISE STAMP

Three years ago, we commented in packet #534 regarding this scarce stamp, and stated at that time that "this may well be one of the really great rarities among Canadian Revenue stamps".

Well, so far, I have been able to record just FIVE copies! At the time of recording, these were in the collections of Campbell, Sonne, Hopkins, Morgan and the writer. We believe additional copies are in existence, but doubt if ten copies were saved for collectors. It currently has a price tag of $1000 in a current catalogue!

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#690—DOUBLE PRINT OF NSLL5 HALIFAX LAW LIBRARY ISSUE

Just before he became seriously ill, the late Harold Walker called my attention to a double print in the no denomination Halifax Law Library stamp of 1950.

Since then we have located two copies, one being a bit more distinct than the other. The better of the two shows a very distinct double line where the shirt top crosses the chest. This variety is far from common and worth checking your copies for!

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#691—CANADA'S PIONEER SLOGAN CANCELLATIONS

During my talk at the RPSC annual meeting at Niagara Falls last year, I commented on the fact that one of the great cancellation fields still left pretty much untouched by the "fadists" was that of the early Pioneer Slogan Cancels. We truly believe that these attractive and most interesting cancels, which first appeared in 1912, offer a fertile field for the cancellation collector and that he had better not waste time in "getting with it"!

It is not an easy field to complete. Money is not much of a help—just plain hard work in searching through accumulations of Admiral cards and covers and postal stationery is what is required. One of the best collections of these is not much more than 60-65% complete. Our own is less than 50%—and we aren't exactly known for passing up things of this sort which come our way!

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This total does not include the various sub-types used at Toronto showing indicia letters in the slogan slugs "A, B, C, D" etc.

#692—S. ALLAN TAYLOR'S "LOCALS" IN COMPOSITE FORMS

S. Allan Taylor's numerous Canadian and U.S. bogus "locals" are found on what seems to be an almost unlimited variety of papers, and printed in a similar variety of colors. Take the **British American College** stamp, a product of Taylor's imagination — one of his better productions. It is presently known in some 18 varieties. Not only was it printed in green, red, brown and black—but the black printings came on 15 varieties of papers! However, we are certain that a great many more varieties also exist. Why?

Take a look at Type II of Bell's Dispatch. This is the type with the broken left end of the ribbon. It is known in at least 24 varieties, and perhaps as many as 30. We now know Bell's Dispatch type II was printed in a composite along with 16 other Taylor fabrications, and among these other 16 was the British American College stamp! In this particular composite form, these were the only two Canadian items. But now that we know these two stamps were printed at the same time, it is logical to expect that all the paper and color varieties found on one, will be found on the other.

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#693—HANDSTRUCK "TRAVELING LETTER BOX" MARKING

One occasionally sees the slogan cancel reading "THIS MAIL WAS CARRIED BY TRAVELLING LETTER BOX TO TORONTO" or some similar wording. As far as I know these are still being used. Toronto used at least two different types of such slogan cancels.

One also will find handstruck handstamps on cards and covers. Usually these handstamps were reserved for use on odd-sized packages, etc. but they were used infrequently on ordinary mail. We are advised too that the handstamps were used by the Railway mail clerks in marking mail en route, and that the mail was later cancelled with the ordinary machine cancel at the larger terminal postoffices. These handstruck markings are usually in color.

Most of these markings, whether slogan or handstruck, seem to bear the name of the terminal postoffice, e.g. Toronto, Halifax, etc. However I recently came onto an example, a somewhat smaller handstamp than usual which reads

THIS MAIL WAS CARRIED BY
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(this mis-spelling is not mine!)

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#694—"SAMPLE" OVERPRINT ON CANADIAN FEDERAL REVENUES

A good many years ago we wrote up some blocks we had of the admiral postage issue, overprinted "WAR TAX" which had the word "SAMPLE" handstamped in script lettering in all the horizontal gutters. One well-known writer of those days who was known for his closed mind took me to task for writing up what he called "nothing but a private speculation,—a fake."

We have long since learned that there were a great many Canadian Federal Revenues which were handstamped in this manner. It is in fact the Revenue Department's equivalent of the Post-office "SPECIMEN". A good many Tax Paid Tobacco, Cigar and Snuff stamps come with this very same script handstamp. We have them on Tobacco, etc. issues from 1897 thru 1917.

It is interesting to note that the "Sample" handstamped copies I have of the 1897 issue are all without control numbers, whereas the later issues all bear the control no. "0000000".

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#695—NEWFOUNDLAND TRANSPORTATION TAX STAMPS

Among the rarest of all BNA stamps, whether Revenue or Postage, are Newfoundland's Transportation Tax stamps of 1927. There are three values, the $1 green, $2 red and $3 blue. One copy of each is known mint, and one copy of each of the higher two values is known used. Naturally they carry the highest catalogue value of any BNA revenue!

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The cloth had been drawn, the coffee served and the cigars lit, the light caught in the contents of the liqueur glasses had taken my thoughts a hundred miles away when the chairman rapped on the table—"Gentlemen, for the next half hour I propose that we discuss the afflictions of our hobby. Jack, start the ball rolling, what do you dislike about philately?"

"Mr. Chairman, gentlemen—I HATE PHILATELIC POLITICS. This is a real curse in our hobby which affects both amateurs and professionals. Let me take the collectors first. For a quarter of a century, I have watched men jockey for position in philatelic societies. You have all seen collectors hold forth on what should be done, by **someone else**, never by themselves. It is not surprising that some societies continue to lose support which is inevitable when those have now sought office or had that distinction thrust upon them, forget the purpose of our hobby. Every president, chairman and secretary should remember that to the true collector, philately is the pathway to happiness—I believe that Fred Melville first used that term—and anything that obstructs him on that path soon becomes hateful.

"I suppose the professionals have the same trouble. You see it sticks out a mile in our annual exhibitions and in the trade societies. The philatelic politician forgets that we collect for pleasure."

Some murmurs of assent and the chairman says "Thank you Jack—Bill, you are bursting to say something—let us have it."

"Right, Mr. Chairman. In many ways I agree with Jack but if I find that any society to which I belong gets into the hands of politicians, then I resign. I've no time to waste with folk that irritate me, and that brings me to my pet grouse. As you all know, I have some knowledge about G.B. line-engraved. Although it takes a good deal of time, I enjoy working on the expert committee and trying to solve problems. Now I think that if one has volunteered to do such work, then one should not be approached whenever one appears at a society meeting by those who should address their questions to the expert committee.

Ninety per cent of these alfresco examinations are from people who want justification for asking someone more for the stamps they want to sell. Both collectors and dealers do it and when they do I hate them!"

"Thank you Bill—now Harry—what have you got to say?"

"Well I suppose my **bête-noire** is the man who always tries to sell me something cheap which is inevitably faked

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in some way or other if not an outright forgery. You all know this type of character, be he an amateur trying to sell you the sweet thought that he bought it especially for you, or the quasi-professional who says that he does not know but it came from a good source—in any case it's a gift."

"Of course you are right Harry but you must remember that these parasites would not flourish if it was not that most of us are greedy and love to buy a bargain. Who else has a curse to expose—yes, Dick, carry on."

"Well Mr. Chairman, I cannot agree with all that has been said and you would not expect me to. While I deplore Harry's parasites, I love forgeries and fakes and their identification is a challenge which I would hate to miss. If there were no forgeries and fakes we would only know a tiny part of the present general knowledge about stamps. It is my contention that without weeds there would be less desire to maintain a lovely garden. I think that the curse of the hobby has been the New Issue service which provides a mass of stamps that the lunatic buyers stuff into suitable stockbooks, or more rarely mount in stamp albums under the impression that they are philatelists. If they received a set of bus tickets from the service they would put them in with the rest."

"I am not going to agree with you, Dick. I believe that collecting is a freedom—If someone gets pleasure out of collecting new issues then I support his right to do so. I loath modern stamps but that is my taste, or lack of it, but I realize if the rest of the philatelists shared my love of Kashmir then I could not afford to collect them. So for purely selfish reasons, I enter a plea of tolerance of others' tastes with the reservation that none of you have to share those tastes. Perhaps on another evening we can deal with other curses—or blessings. Robbie has been asleep for the last ten minutes, so this is where I say good night to you all"

Valuation of Admiral Cancels

By HANS REICHE, RPSC 6397

There have been a number of requests to prepare a listing of modern Canadian cancels valuations. The writer is familiar with the majority of cancels which appear on the Admiral issue as he has sorted several millions of the low values of these stamps. The list given below shows 24 different types of cancels. There has been no attempt to detail each of the possible variations within a type, except where special cancellations may require separate pricing within a type group. The prices for cancellations on stamps only are based on fine and fully readable cancels. The lowest valuation applies to the very common types of cancellations where no charge (n.c.) in addition to the stamp can be made. The 5¢ and 10¢ pricings indicate that although the cancellation may be common, a fine strike requires a very slight premium. Cancellations priced from 50¢ to 75¢ indicate that the strikes may only be found in the ratio of one to 1,000 stamps. Prices between $1 and $2 indicate that only one such cancellation may be found in 5,000 to 10,000 stamps. Values up to $6 are for cancellations which exist but which have been reported by very few collectors and one must therefore assume that only one specimen may be found in several hundred thousand stamps. All prices given are for the very common low Admiral values and not for any of the higher values or coils, for which higher prices would be justified.

A few explanations of the various types are necessary.

Type 1—About 15 different variations have been seen. All fall within this group. The rather low pricing for the coloured cork cancel is because it is not certain that this is actually a postal cancellation.

Type 2—The single ring is the best example. This cancellation was used during the small Queen period.

Type 3—Some of these bars are very fancy, such as crossed bars, and these require a higher pricing.

Type 4—These are usually part of city cancels where the left portion of the cancel is in the form of wavy or straight lines.

Types 5 to 8—These cancellations are reminders of types used on previous issues such as large and small Queens.

Type 9—The writer has in his collection 7 different strikes. It is certain that more exist but their late usage indicate that not many have been found on Admiral stamps. The pricing is only for fully readable strikes. Strikes where only a small portion of the cancel is visible, requiring some guessing as to its identification, are considered to be of no value.

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Type 10 — U.S. arrival marking, or possibly accidental cancels, have been found, including combinations of U.S. and Canadian stamps. Two British cancels have been found on Admirals, one from Bangor and the other from Torquay. They do not seem to be as rare as one would assume.

Type 11—Other sub-types exist. The oval and rectangular cancels can only be found complete on more than one stamp or on cover, since these are very large in size. A double-framed, blue, registered cancel measuring 1¾" x 1½", from Galt, Ont., seems to be somewhat uncommon.

Type 12—The complete Montreal duplex can only be found on more than one stamp or on cover, but the individual letter or number can be found on single stamps. There are various sub-types of these duplex cancels but going into these details would not be justified here, since other articles have been published on this subject. The letter "J" is still in use in Montreal and the price given is for copies dated during the Admiral period and not for later dated copies.

Type 13—A similar situation exists here. Some of these are still in use and only properly dated copies are considered.

Type 14—It is obvious that no single stamp can show the full slogan. Only strips of at least five stamps can show a complete slogan. There are some slogans, such as exhibitions, and flags, which would demand a higher pricing, not because they are rare but because of the greater interest which exists.

Type 16—The famous Montreal dotted circle is not very common on cover and nice strikes may require higher pricing. This cancellation has only been found on the Admirals and was apparently in use during 1914 and 1915.

Type 23—Some of the military camps are scarcer than others. Authorities such as Lieut.-Col. R. H. Webb could shed further light on this subject.

Type 24—It is suggested that the new Handbook by T. P. G. Shaw, be consulted for these cancellations.

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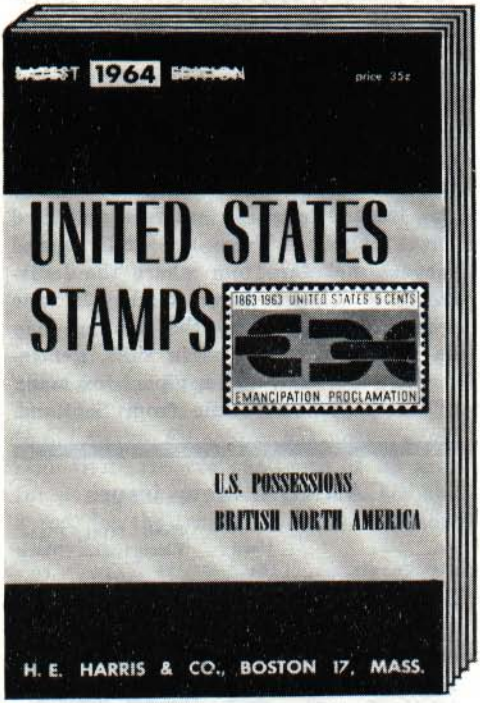
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coloured	-.25 up	-.40 up
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coloured	-.10	-.15
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rectangular	-.15	-.20
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numbers		
from 1 to 9		
excluding 5	-.20	-.40
5	5.00	not known
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THE COVER

FORT EDMONTON, 1825
The Boat Brigade Leaving
Fort Edmonton for York Factory

Fort Edmonton, or Fort of the Prairies. What memories these names recall! The vast rolling plains; in the far distance—the blue peaks of the Rocky mountains; the buffalo; covered wagons; fur traders; and tireless explorers and settlers! Confederation Life's Canadian historical calendar for 1950 is designed as a tribute to the City of Edmonton, capital of the Province of Alberta—a city with a storied past and a great future.

In the year 1795 the Hudson's Bay Company built Fort Edmonton as a trading post in the rich valley of the North Saskatchewan River, on a site a few miles from the city's centre. It was destroyed by the Indians in 1807, however, and rebuilt farther up the river, below the site of the present parliament buildings.

In May of 1825 Governor George Simpson visited Fort Edmonton, and on the evening of his arrival a grand ball was held for the entire population. Two weeks later he was able to join the boat brigade for York Factory. It was made up of a dozen York boats, or large pointed barges, each manned with eight oars. When there was a fair wind, a large square sail was raised to make the task easier. These remarkable boats carried, in addition to their crews, a load of furs and supplies well in excess of five tons. One hundred bales of furs, each weighing 100 pounds, were stowed below the gunwales and under the seats, leaving plenty of room for the oarsmen on the journey down the river. The even more laborious upstream struggle brought back supplies for the ensuing season's trade. Average time required for the return trip was four and one-half months.

The artist has put on canvas the words of W. Everard Edmonds, secretary of the Historical Society of Alberta and author of Edmonton Past and Present: "The annual departure of the boat brigade for York Factory must have been one of the chief events in the life of the little community of early Edmonton. The women folk, no doubt, would gather to bid the voyagers farewell. There would be much barking of dogs and running about of children. Perhaps on this occasion, too, in honor of the governor and to impress the natives duly with his importance, a salute would be fired from the diminutive cannon of the fort."

The whole scene is bathed in early morning sunlight. The precious bales of furs and supplies are being brought from warehouses on the high ground to the water's edge in wagons and Red River carts. There are Indians and teepees, not far from where the legislative buildings now stand. In the throng proceeding to the landing may be seen Indians, ladies in silks, gentlemen in top hats, and a piper, for many of these pioneers came from Scotland.

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Edmonton was incorporated as a village in 1871, the year of Confederation Life's founding, and 21 years later became a town. The Klondike gold rush of 1898 helped to swell the population, and in 1904 it became a city, and in 1906 capital of the province.

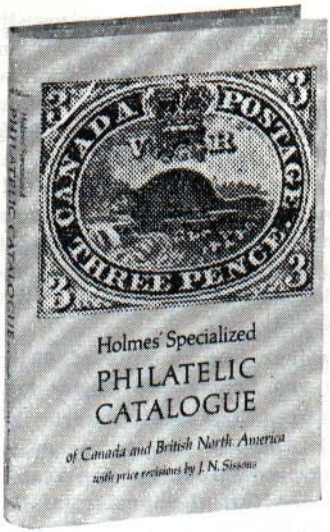
Edmonton of today is a thriving metropolis with an amazing future in view. Almost unique in its public ownership of utilities, it is the centre of a rich "black soil" farming zone and a lumbering area. It overlies vast coal deposits and borders a boundless field of natural gas. In addition to its manufacturing facilities and its land and water transportation, Edmonton is directly on a global air route and there are also not far away, such tourist attractions as the 1,600-mile Alaska Highway and the glorious beauties of the Banff and Jasper National Parks, Edmonton has nevertheless seen fit to reserve one-tenth of its area for parks, playgrounds, golf courses and a zoo, for the recreation of its residents and visitors.

(From the Confederation Life Association's Gallery of Can. History)



The above photo shows the part of Edmonton now occupying the site of Fort Edmonton, the buildings of the University of Alberta.

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Zanzibar has an area of 640 square miles and Pemba, 380 square miles.

The mean temperature varies between 84.4°F. and 76.6°F. but the tropical heat is tempered throughout the year by sea breezes. Normal annual rainfall is approximately 58 inches in Zanzibar and 73 inches in Pemba.

At the 1958 census the population of Zanzibar island was 165,253 and of Pemba, 133,858. The racial composition was Africans 76.5%, Arabs 15.7%, Asians 6.1%, Europeans 0.2% and others 1.5%. The estimated population in 1960 was 307,000. The religion is almost exclusively Moslem. Languages spoken are Kiswahili, Arabic, Gujerati and English.

The capital, Zanzibar, has a population of 57,923. Other towns, all in Pemba, are Wete, 7,507, Chake Chake, 7,167 and Mkoani 1,977.

The Protectorate's economy is based on agriculture and marine products. Cloves are by far the most important crop, with coconuts second. Zanzibar is the world's principal supplier of cloves.

Because of its position and the prevailing trade winds or monsoons, Zanzibar has had close connections from the earliest times with India and the countries bordering on the Persian Gulf and the Red Sea. After the death of Mohammed in A.D. 632 there was large scale emigration into the area by Arabs and Persians, the latter establishing the empire of Zenj.

In the first decade of the sixteenth century the Portuguese became dominant on the East African coast. Zanzibar and Pemba were made tributaries in 1503 but the relationship was soon altered to allies, rather than subjects.

The first recorded visit by an English ship, the **Edward Bonaventure** was in 1591.

In 1698 the Arabs of Muscat and Oman, assisted by English ships, captured the Portuguese fort at Mombasa. Gaining control of the whole area, Zanzibar and Pemba fell into their hands. In 1747 Ahmed bin Said el-Busaidi, founder of the Busaidi dynasty, still reigning in Zanzibar, became ruler of Muscat and Oman. The capital was transferred to Zanzibar in 1804 and the clove industry established. By 1856 Zanzibar had become, both politically and commercially, the principal town in East Africa.

Zanzibar separated politically from Muscat and Oman in 1861. In 1873 the Sultan agreed, by treaty with Britain, to prohibit the export of slaves from East Africa, and to close all public slave markets in his dominions. Until the establishment of the clove industry, slavery had been the prime factor in the Island's economy.

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mainland coast. In 1887 part of this strip was leased to the British East African Association and administration eventually passed to the Government of Kenya. This strip had an area of approximately 6,400 square miles.

Zanzibar and Pemba were placed under British protection by the Sultan in 1890 and a Constitutional Government was established in the following year. In 1961 a new Constitution was inaugurated which gave a considerable measure of responsible government and this led to the achievement of Independence on 10th December 1963.

The first post office, opened in 1868, was under Indian administration. Closed during the following year, it was reopened on 1st October 1875 as a foreign post office having special relations with the Indian Post Office. The use of Indian stamps was obligatory. They can only be detected by their cancellations. The office continued to function until 10th November 1895, the date of transfer from Indian to British East African administration.

A German postal agency operated from 27th August 1890 to 31st July 1891. German stamps of the 1875-1893 issues were used, obliterated by a single circle cancel enclosing the words ZANZIBAR —KAISER. DEUTSCHE / POSTAGENTUR.

France also maintained a postal agency in Zanzibar which functioned from January 1889 to July 1904. At first unoverprinted stamps of the "Peace and Commerce" series were used, employing a "Zanzibar" obliteration but in 1894 suitably overprinted French stamps were introduced.

The Zanzibar Protectorate post office, administered by the Postmaster-General of British East Africa, operated from 10th November 1895. Supplies of Indian stamps had been overprinted with the name, "Zanzibar", at the office of the **Zanzibar Gazette.** The work having been performed by native "craftsmen", there are countless errors. The ½ anna and 1 anna were overprinted in blue and the ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12 annas and 1 rupee, slate; 1 rupee, green and carmine; 2, 3 and 5 rupees in black.

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In the same year Zanzibar joined the Universal Postal Union and this called for a 2½ annas denomination to cover the foreign letter rate. Supplies of the 2½ annas overprinted stamp not being sufficent, stocks of the 1½ annas were surcharged "2½" in red in December 1895. On 11th May 1896 the 1 anna was similarly surcharged in black; on 15th





August the 2 annas was given the surcharge in red and on 15th November the 1½ annas in red in a different type. The catalogue recognizes seven different settings of the "2½" and there are many errors.

During June to August 1896, supplies of British East African stamps were overprinted "Zanzibar", as in the first series. The same varieties of overprint may be found. The stamps were ½, 1, 2½, 4½, 5 and 7½ annas.

These surcharges were rendered necessary because of the delay in the delivery of the first definite stamps. These were recess printed by De La Rue & Co. on paper watermarked with a rosette. The design featured the portrait of Sultan Seyyid Hamed-bin-Thwain, the

lower denominations showing the crossed red flags of Zanzibar above the portrait, a palm tree flanking them on either side. The rupee values, larger in size, are similar except that the flags are shown on either side of the portrait. The stamps did not arrive in Zanizbar until a month after the death of the Sultan. The resultant demand amongst collectors and dealers for this posthumous issue so overwhelmed the Post Office that further provisionals became necessary.

The definitives were placed on sale on 20th September 1896. All had the flags printed in red, values and colours being ½ anna green, 1 anna indigo, 2 annas red-brown, 2½ annas blue, 3 annas grey, 4 annas myrtle-green, 4½ annas orange, 5 annas bistre, 7½ annas mauve, 8 annas olive-grey, 1 rupee blue, 2 rupees green, 3 rupees purple (4 rupees lake, 4 rupees sepia. The 5 annas is known bisected as a 2½ annas and the ½, 1, 2, 2½ and 8 annas are known without watermark. These are from the edge of the sheet.

The new provisionals were issued on 5th January 1897. They were 2½ annas surcharges in three types on supplies of the 4 annas myrtle-green stamp. In May 1898 the ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 4½, 5, 7½ and 8 annas were printed on paper watermarked Multiple Rosettes.

It was not until the third year of the reign of Sultan Seyyid Hamoud-bin-Mahommed bin Said that stamps bearing his portrait were issued. The frame design remained the same for both anna and rupee values as in the previous issue. Again, the flags were printed in red, the denominations and colours of the fifteen stamps in the series were as before. In 1901 the colours of the 1 anna and 4½ annas were changed to carmine and blue-black respectively.

Upon the death of the Sultan he was succeeded by his son, Ali bin Hamoud, then a schoolboy at Harrow, so that for a time a Regency was established. Ali ascended the throne in 1905 under the title of Sultan Seyyid Ali bin Hamoud bin Naherud.

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A number of provisional stamps were issued in 1904. Surcharged in words, they were "One" on the 4½ annas orange and 4½ annas blue-black, "Two" on the 4 annas myrtle-green, "Two & Half" on 7½ annas mauve and 8 annas grey-olive.



During Ali's minority, a new issue of stamps was made bearing his monogram supported by two lions holding flags. The values appear in Arabic in the top corners and in English in the lower, and, as in previous issues, the rupee denominations are of larger size. The series comprised ½ anna green, 1 anna rose-red, 2 annas brown, 2½ annas blue, 3 annas grey, 4 annas deep green, 4½ annas black, 5 annas yellow-brown, 7½ annas purple, 8 annas olive-green, 1 rupee blue and red, 2 rupees green and red, 3 rupees violet and red, 4 rupees claret and red and 5 rupees olive- brown and red.

Stamps bearing the portrait of the Sultan were issued in May 1908. They indicated a change in currency, the rupee having been stabilized at about 1/6 and its division into 100 cents instead of 16 annas, as before. The cent values show a medallion portrait in two dif-

ferent frame designs of formal scrolls. The values from 1 rupee to 5 rupees show the head and shoulders of the Sultan under an Arabic arch, with his name appearing on either side. The high denomination stamps, 10 rupees to 200 rupees depict the palace with its fine clock tower, and, on the left, the harem buildings, as seen from the sea. A native fishing craft completes the scene. The set consisted of 1, 3, 6, 10, 12, 15, 25, 50, 75 cents, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 100 and 200 rupees. The higher values are very rare stamps indeed.

Sultan Ali abdicated in 1911. He was succeeded by Sultan Kalif bin Harub, whose reign lasted until 1960. A set of twenty-one stamps was issued in 1913. Recess printed by De La Rue & Co. on paper watermarked Multiple Rosettes, the cents values showed the Sultan's portrait. Above the head appeared Cupid's head. This was later considered to be unsuitable and in later issues was replaced by a scallop shell. The rupee denominations from 1 rupee to 5 rupees pictured an outrigger fishing canoe whilst the 10 rupees to 200 rupees showed a sea-going dhow. The series comprised 1, 3, 6, 10, 12, 15, 25, 50, 75 cents, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 100 and 200 rupees.



The Colonial Office having taken over the responsibility for the Protectorate, certain of the values were printed in 1914 on paper watermarked Multiple Crown CA. These were the 1, 3, 6, 15, 50, 75 cents, 1 rupee, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10 rupees. The 3 cent and 6 cent both exist in two distinct shades.

A further change of watermark to Multiple Script CA took place during 1921-29, the issue comprising 1, 3, 6, 10, 12, 15, 25, 50, 75 cents, 1 rupee, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20 and 30 rupees. There were colour changes and new values in 1922. Printed on Multiple Crown CA paper were 8 cents, purple on pale yellow, and 10 cents, myrtle on pale yellow. On Multiple Script CA paper there were 3 cents yellow, 4 cents green, 6 cents purple on blue, 12 cents carmine-red and 20 cents indigo.

A new currency, based on 100 cents to the shilling necessitated changes in the stamps in 1926. An up-to-date portrait of the Sultan was used and the word CENTS was in seriffed capitals. The stamps were recess printed by De La Rue & Co. on Multiple Script CA paper. Values were 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 20, 25, 50 and 75 cents.

The same printers produced a somewhat similar set in 1936 but the word CENTS was now printed in sans serif capitals and the higher denominations were in shillings. The watermark was the same, Multiple Script CA, and the series, which was issued on 1st January comprised 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50 cents, 1/-, 2/-, 5/-, 7.50/-, 10/-.

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The Silver Jubilee of the Sultan was commemorated with four attractive stamps of similar design, issued on 9th December 1936. Recess printed by De La Rue & Co., they show the Sultan's portrait displayed against a background formed by one of the elaborate palace doorways. Values were 10, 20, 30 and 50 cents.

The Bi-centenary of the Al Busaid Dynasty was celebrated by a set of four stamps issued on 20th November 1944 showing a dhow with a background map depicting Zanzibar and Muscat. The issue comprised 10, 20, 50 cents and 1/-.

Victory in World War II was commemorated by overprinting the regular 10 cents and 30 cents stamps "VICTORY ISSUE 8TH JUNE 1946" down the sides and across the base.

Zanzibar figured in the general Colonial commemorative issues for the Royal Silver Wedding on 10th January 1949 and the 75th Anniversary of the U.P.U. on 10th October 1949.

De La Rue & Co. recess printed a fresh series of stamps which were issued on 26th August 1952. The cents values featured a new portrait of the Sultan and the shilling denominations were oblong stamps picturing the Seyyid Khalifa Schools at Beit-el-Ras. Printed on Multiple Script CA watermark paper, they were 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50 cents, 1/-, 2/-, 5/-, 7.50/- and 10/-.

The Sultan's 75th birthday was commemorated by a set of five stamps of like design issued on 26th August 1954. They were photogravure printed by Harrison & Sons on chalk-surfaced paper, watermark Multiple Script CA.





Above the Royal portrait the dates 1879-1954 are shown in English and Arabic.

A public competition was held for designs for a new series of stamps in 1957. They were recess printed by Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co. on paper watermarked Multiple St. Edward's Crown CA. The 5 cents and 10 cents depict Cloves; the 15 cents, 30 cents and 1.25/- show Dhows; on the 20 cents the





Sultan's barge, a present to Zanzibar by Queen Victoria, is seen; the 25 cents, 35 cents, 50 cents show a Map of the



East African Coast; the 40 cents pictures the Malindini Minaret Mosque; the 1/- and 2/- feature the Dimbani Mosque whilst on the 5/-, 7.50/- and 10/- the exterior of Kibweni Palace is depicted.

His Highness Seyyid Sir Abdulla bin Khalifa ascended the throne of Zanzibar on 17th October 1960 and stamps bear-



ing his portrait were issued a year later, on 17th October 1961. But for the change of portrait, the designs remained as in the previous set. The printers were Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co.

Special stamps commemorating Independence were released on 10th December 1963. Designed locally, they were photogravure printed by Harrison & Sons. The 30 cents depicts a Zanzibar Clove, the 50 cents, "To Prosperity" shows the sun-rise through a gateway, Religious Tolerance is the key-note of the 1.30/- whilst the 2.50/-, "Towards the Light" shows steps in Mangapwain Cave leading up towards the daylight.

A final note makes reference to a series of surcharged stamps prepared for Official use in January 1898. It is doubtful whether they were issued to the public. The 1 anna, 1½ annas and 2 annas stamps of the period were surcharged "2½", in red, each in three different types.

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The "G" stamps, regular postage stamps, perforated and overprinted with the letters "OHMS" and "G", have been in use in various forms since 1939. The Philatelic Section of the Post Office Department will continue to stock these stamps for sale to collectors by mail order for some time after they cease to be used officially.

The use of "G" stamps is being discontinued as a result of a recommendation of the Glassco Royal Commission which suggested that Federal Government departments and agencies prepay their postage by means of a bulk payment to the Post Office based on the volume of their mail.

The Three Penny "Tête-Bêche" Were Stolen!

The Post Office investigators inquiring into the appearance on the philatelic market last June of large blocks of 3d. Q.E. stamps orginating from sheets for making up into booklets and therefore showing the stamps tête-bêche, have established that they were never issued over a P.O. counter, but had been stolen from the printers' works at High Wycombe.

All the blocks came from printers' waste which was due for destruction. The number of tête-bêche pairs available to the stamp market could be as many as 30,000, although it is unlikely they will be disposed of in bulk because of the effect this would have on the market price.

The Post Office is considering what steps to take, if any, against anyone in possession of sheets, or parts of sheets, of these stamps.

(From the East Toronto S.C. Bulletin)

CANPEX '64

The Editor has mentioned in his column at the beginning of this issue that the Edmonton Convention Committee is now going full steam ahead and is well in its stride for our Annual Convention and Exhibition. Here is the evidence on this point, in the shape of a report from each of the convention committee chairmen in Edmonton. They speak for themselves!

From the General Chairman—
G. C. Bolton

We once more take the opportunity to assure you of the warm welcome which waits for you here in the West.

Plans are being made to feature special interest groups throughout the three days of CANPEX '64 and we are even hoping to have something special for those early flight enthusiasts who would like to meet some of the bush pilots who opened up the great Northwest. Be sure to look for our unique Northern displays created for this show.

From the Exhibits Chairman—
J. Goodall

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From the Publicity Chairman—
Mrs. G. F. McKay

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Please write to us for any kind of information regarding roads, or accomodation, or side trips. We can promise interesting activities for every member of the family—even if he or she is not a stamp collector.

From the Court of Honour Chairman—
W. Rorke

Highlights of the Court of Honour displays will be many. Among the finest will be a composite exhibit from the collections of that great philatelist, E. A. Smythies, featuring fancy cancels. Another composite exhibit will be of early N.W.T. covers, of Assa. East, Assa West and Atha.

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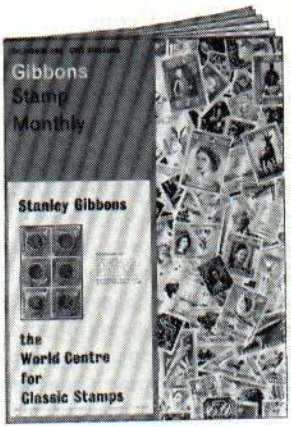
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Whooping Crane Stamp Background In Display

By A. W. McINTYRE
LIFE MEMBER RPSC



Original pencil sketches and background materials leading to the issuance of the Whooping Crane postage stamp, designed by the late Dr. William Rowan, FRSC, internationally known biologist of Edmonton, will be among the special displays being arranged for CANPEX '64 in Edmonton, May 14 to 16.

Professor Rowan for 25 years headed the department of zoology at the University of Alberta. He was a noted ornithologist, bird photographer and artist. In 1942 he designed a set of game bird stamps on behalf of the Prairie Provinces Conservation program, which were sold by the game associations of the western provinces.

When numbers of fast vanishing Whooping Cranes dropped to a low of 14, Dr. Rowan was a leader in the campaign to prevent its extinction. For three years he pressed for a stamp to acquaint the public with what the rare bird looked like and alert hunters not to shoot the protected cranes. The stamp (Scott 353) was issued on April 4 in National Wildlife Week, 1955.

As a further spur to conservation, Dr. Rowan sent his personal cheque to Ottawa by which the post office provided special cancellations reading, "Protect Whooping Cranes Now Facing Extinction", these were used in May, 1955, at Winnipeg, Regina and Edmonton.

St Martin's-Le-Grand The "New Look" From

GERD PETER PICK, RPSC 7025

The Philatelic Storm blowing from G.B. has a simple reason: Money. But before we start castigating, let's look a little closer at the new inventions and policy from the G.P.O. of Great Britain.

For many many years since its inception, the G.P.O. had to submit not only the budget but the request for all of the money needed to Parliament. Any surplus also was turned over to the General Treasurer. Some time ago, for a trial period of five years, this old system was changed to a more modern business-like administration, which in turn led in 1961 to the new Postal Law which establishes the G.P.O. as a business, similar to our Canadian Crown Corporations, paying taxes on income but keeping the surplus. Of course, Parliament and Treasury still have to approve the budget.

This new system therefore has a built-in incentive to make more money in order to be able to invest in improvements. One way to sell more stamps was to look to us stamp collectors as prospective customers with good returns. So first the stamp design and printing was modernized to be more attractive "They are completely new to British postage stamp design, more pictorial and more colorful" proclaims a G.P.O. Bulletin.

"Picture Postcard" stamp booklets were issued this summer for the first time at holiday and tourist resorts for the convenience of holiday-makers who want to send picture postcards. This was the first time that the P.O. produced sehenant stamps.

Next came colored views on aerogrammes. Then Pictorial Postmarks for Tourist and Prestige Publicity, for a charge, of course: £ 50 basic plus £ 3 die charge and time charge of £ 1 per die per week. Happy Harold of Hastings inaugurated this service. That was in March; in July, for the obvious reason to please the customer, the slogan

postmark was transposed. Instead of the date stamp clearly shown on the left side of the stamp, the slogan was now clear, and the date struck on the stamp. (A method which also pleases us collectors and might well be adopted by the Canada P.O.). Many towns in Great Britain availed themselves of this kind of Publicity and collectors may send items to the respective Head Postmasters of these cities. (If enough interest of RPSC members and C.P. readers is shown, I will gladly supply a list regularly). First Day Cancels for collectors was the next step, followed by the logical step of a Philatelic Bureau. As some of the more abundant commemorative issues of the G.P.O. may come on short notice, the Philatelic Bureau in some instances will provide and address and post covers for an extra charge of 2s.6d. per cover. "Philatelic Boxes" were also provided at 30 main London and provincial offices for First Day posting with the promise that "items posted in such Philatelic Boxes are postmarked under special supervision to ensure that date and cancellation are neat and clear".

The newest invention is a **Philatelic Bulletin** which can be had for an annual subscription of 5s. and may appear in monthly intervals. Contents similar to the Philatelic Bulletins of the Australian Post Office and the New Zealand Post Office. It all started officially when the Postmaster General, the Rt. Hon. Reginald Bevins, M.P. announced on March 25th, 1963 he intended to introduce better facilities for philatelists.

Come to think of it, Mr. Editor, we like it too!

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lorme and at one time belonged to Talleyrand. Much further to the east, is the **Château du Clos-Vougeot** (Fig. 17) a noble residence in the département of Côte d'Or amid some splendid wine country.

For those who fancy the warmth and colour of the south, the Midi offers the world-renowned wonders of **Carcassome** (Fig. 18). The **Château d'Uzès** (Fig.



Fig. 17



Fig. 18

19), north of Nîmes in Gard, and the **Château de Pau** in the Basses- Pyrénées (Fig. 20), are other Midi region "musts" for the tourist. For those who feel like getting off the beaten track there are



Fig. 20



Fig. 21

places like Brouage in the Charente-Maritime or the ancient Porte-Chaussée at Verdun to see. The ramparts at **Brouage** (Fig. 21) are a reminder that this very ancient site was once an important part but the village is now silted up. To Canadians, Brouage is a hallowed spot as the birthplace of Samuel de Champlain.

Whatever part of France you may decide on, your pleasure can be enhanced by seeing the stamps in your album come alive.

MAIL BAG . . . from page 86

To date, we have succeeded very well in having a good varied programme covering from simple subjects such as perfs., watermarks, etc., to black light detection of phosphor lines and papers (the latter very interesting!).

JOHN MILLEN,

Trail, B.C. RPSC 3861

THE MAIL BAG

FRANKING FOR THE LAW

Sir:—I recently acquired a pre-adhesive cover addressed to an individual in Brighton, England. Written at the top is London, July Five, 1806; in the upper left corner in red brown is what appears to be a large double circle postmark. Shown within this circle is FREE and JUL 5, 1806—see figure 1. In the lower left corner is the undecipherable signature of the person who probably authorized the franking of this cover. On the back is a small, brown postmark; within the double circle of this postmark is JY 1806 and within a small circle between the double circle is the numeral 5—see figure 2. Inside the letter the address of the originator is shown as Thavie's Inn; the contents of the letter are of a legal nature.

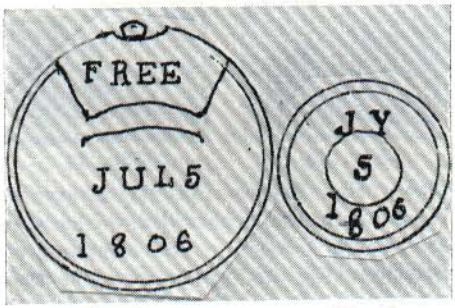


Fig. 1 Fig. 2

As a matter of interest, Thavie's Inn came into existence in 1376 as an Inn of Chancery and the site was acquired by Lincoln's Inn in 1550. It was sold by the benchers in 1769 and thus erased as a legal institution. The name of John Thavie is sometimes erroneously linked with Lincoln's Inn. He was an armourer by profession and died in 1348 and, as a consequence, could not have had a personal connection with same.

I would appreciate information as to why the law profession had franking privileges; also between what periods the above-mentioned postmarks were in use.

R. M. RICHARDSON,
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CLUB PROGRAMMES

In the Columbia Philatelic Society, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman are responsible for our programme. It consists of:

a) General business.
b) Correspondence (RPSC, NW Federation and other Clubs and Societies)
c) A talk, usually by a member on his pet subject, or if a visitor is in town, we put the bee on him.
d) Auction—Member material and material from a couple of commercial firms in Trail, the sum raised from which goes to the Boy Scouts.
e) Once a year, we have an International Night, in which we meet with the Inland Empire Stamp Club, of Spokane. We alternate between Trail and Spokane.
f) In November, we have our Annual Meeting, which takes a general topic form with a philatelic aspect. A local citizen often gives the talk and the Club members add the philatelic part (Our wives attend this meeting).
g) At our regular meetings, we encourage members to bring in items of interest received, such as a "Tin Can Canoe Mail" cover, which I received lately and any report on any other club which was visited.

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The Bi-Centennial of What?

By J. J. CHARRON, RPSC 6741



Ever since the new 5¢ Bi-Centennial stamp appeared in September 1963, I've been puzzled by the English and French inscriptions on it. That Franklin did come to Québec from Philadelphia to set up a general mail service organization in 1763, is an historical fact. But let us look at the inscriptions on this issue. Are they correct?

It is well to point out that the English and French inscriptions convey two different meanings. A "FIRST LAND ROUTE" is not a "PREMIERE ROUTE POSTALE" and vice versa. If this Bi-Centennial stamp is to commemorate the establishment of a regular postal service between Québec, Trois-Rivières and Montréal, then the French inscription comes the closest in describing this Bi-Centennial event.

FIRST LAND ROUTE

That the route, shown on this stamp, is the "FIRST LAND ROUTE", can be disproven. I have in my possession a certified copy, in French of course, which reads (translated) as follows:

"Ordinance of April 30, 1734.

Charles Marquis of Beauharnois, Commander of the Military Order of St-Louis, Governor and Lieutenant General for the King in New France.

Gilles Hocquart, Knight Councillor of the King, Intendent of Justice, Police, and Finances of the said Country.

Sieur Lanouillier De Boiscler, Chief Roadmaster in this country, gave us an account of his visit on the North Shore from Québec to Montréal, of the roads that he traced and those he had traced under our orders, of the state in which they were found and of the ferry installations on the different rivers that flow into the St. Lawrence River, so that travel by land will become just as easy as by water," etc.

The document goes on to explain the various rates charged for ferry crossings for wagons, pedestrians, cattle, etc. This Ordinance is further substantiated by a commemorative plaque at the Porte St-Jean (St. John's Gate) in Québec City which was put there by the Sites and Historical Monuments Commission - Canada, and reads as follows:

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PREMIERE ROUTE POSTALE

The French inscription, which can be translated verbatim without losing its meaning, gives the impression that no courier service existed prior to 1763. It is inconceivable that for 29 years, prior to 1763, with a "King's Highway in Canada", that no letters or correspondence were carried or handled. No regular postal service existed, but the mail did go through. I said at the beginning that the French inscription came closest to describing the Bi-Centennial event. But the stamp does not say anything about the Bi-Centennial event.

In "Bogg's Handbook", Vol. 1, page 2, one reads:

"A few years later, however, the road was decided upon and in 1734 it was opened. Post houses were established at nine mile intervals and ferries put into operation across the larger rivers. Although the courier service, as heretofore, was primarily for government despatches, the couriers were allowed to take any letters that might be entrusted to them by private persons. The fees were ten sols (10¢) from Québec to Montréal and vice versa, five sols (5¢) to Three Rivers, with proportionate rates to other settlements. This was the maximum extent of the Postal Service in Canada during the French Control".

In "Canada and Newfoundland Stampless Catalog" by Konwiser and Campbell, 1946, page 7, one reads:

"A post road between Québec and Montréal was built under the French régime, with post houses at intervals. These post houses were taverns and supplied horses, etc. for travellers as well as for postal service".

In "BNA Topics", Vol. 21, page 235, one reads:

"There was no general mail service before this time, but Franklin did find a system of post houses along

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An Urgent Appeal From The Secretary

Statements for Membership dues for 1964 were sent out the first of December, and while the results have been quite good, several hundred members have neglected to remit, to date.

As the Society's membership listing is being published shortly, in order to avoid any members being left off the list, please remit your dues without further delay to the Secretary,

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PARLIAMENT HILL . . . .

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master plate. Only the plate inscriptions differ from plate to plate. It is believed that this new method will be used for the next Canadian stamp.

It will be remembered that the previous coils and booklet panes sometimes showed guide lines in the margins. These guide lines have not been noticed for some time on the new regular issues and it was thought that they would not appear again, due to better alignment of the printing and cutting machines, but we have them once again. They seem to be less frequent than on the previous issues, so keep a sharp watch for them.

The double and triple printed envelopes of the 4¢ and 5¢ values seem to be more common than anticipated. A number of reports have now been received on this subject and we would not be surprised to find that several hundred of these double and triple printed envelopes exist.

Of interest are the returns from Government establishments of the official stamps. All establishments have been asked to return their stock of official stamps. We have noted perforated, OHMS and some of the better G overprints. I wonder how many of the 50 cents Lumber and Fish dollars will be returned?

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the post road. These served as a foundation which he expanded and developed".

Finally, a commemorative plaque appears on the Post Office at the corners of Windsor and St. James Street West in Montréal, put there by the Sites and Historical Monuments Commission of Canada, which reads as follows:

"From 1693 couriers, the first known of whom was Pierre DaSilva, called the Portuguese, carried the mail between Québec and Montréal".

BI-CENTENNIAL OF WHAT?

The purpose of this stamp, according to the Post Office Department, is to commemorate the Bi-Centennial of regular postal service. But does it say so? No, it mentions the "FIRST LAND ROUTE" and the "PREMIERE ROUTE POSTALE".

In conclusion, why not a new issue in 1964 to commemorate the 230th (crazy figure but it works out that way) anniversary of the "FIRST LAND ROUTE" and the "PREMIERE ROUTE POSTALE"?

The slogan for the Niagara Falls Convention was 'A Second Honeymoon at Niagara Falls'. Take it from a Westerner 'When it's springtime in the Rockies it's a first Honeymoon!

Sixty Years a Member Of The Toronto S.C.C.

The Toronto Stamp Collectors' Club paid their respects to Harry J. Fairhead at the Club meeting held on January 16. Sixty years ago. Mr. Fairhead was President of the Club. which he joined in 1898, six years after the Club was founded and he has been a member ever since.

Mr. Fairhead, now 88, was introduced to the meeting by Les Davenport and the highlight of the evening came when John Young, who at 26 is President of the Club, presented Mr. Fairhead with a silver tray engraved with his name and the notation: "In Commemoration of the Diamond Jubilee as President of the Toronto Stamp Collectors' Club in 1904, presented on January 16, 1964". Mr. Young then made Mr. Fairhead an Honorary President and Life Member of the Club.

During the rest of the evening, many older members of the Club enjoyed the reflection of events in the past 60 years and younger members were amazed at the variety of activities so many years ago.

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When you have decided on a new specialty, take your decision to a professional whose opinion you value, and get his ideas. If you can't find anyone who can or will assist you, then feel free to contact me. I'll do my best to help you map out a new lease on your philatelic life.

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John Young, President of the Toronto Stamp Collectors' Club, presenting the tray to Mr. Harry J. Fairhead, President of the Club in 1904, to commemorate his presidency of the Club 60 years ago. On the left, Fred Jarrett.

CHAPTER NEWS

• **LAKEHEAD**

The Lakehead Stamp Club (Port Arthur and Fort William) has sent us a notice concerning their new officers for 1964 and also, something we have never seen before, a ditto'd Annual Report on the lines of a corporation's, but, we are bound to admit, much easier to understand!

This report contains a report on the year's activities by Past President Larry Marrier, a statement of receipts and expenditures and a balance sheet, plus the report of the Programme Committee, the Librarian and the RPSC Sales Manager.

This is indeed a model way of doing things and whoever is responsible for doing such a fine job is well entitled to our sincere congratulations.

With such high efficiency and a healthy financial situation, we can see an excellent year ahead of the Lakehead Club.

• **MONTREAL**

We note that the South Shore were expecting the visit of Henri Gauthier, the director of Sales of the Society, at the end of January. We hope Henri's visit will prove fructuous, not only for himself but for all the members of the South Shore.

• **TORONTO**

Dr. D. R. J. Welsh was elected President of the North Toronto Stamp some time ago and has been directing the activities of the Club this year, with excellent results. Besides being president of the club (and practising as a very busy surgeon), Don finds time to write an article on the stamps of Fiji, which we hope to publish in an early issue.

The 21st Annual Exhibition of the Club will take place this year on the 14/15 March, at the North Toronto Memorial Gardens, 180 Eglinton Avenue West. This exhibition will be up to the usual high N.T. standard and all visitors will be welcome. There will be a bourse and refreshments and no admission charge.

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We note that for the final issue of the Club Bulletin, its editor, R. L. Stone, put in a brief but very interesting history of the Society. Since then, Bob Stone has passed on the editorship to co-editors, Mrs. Neta Hill, of Edmonton, and Ian Paterson, of Eldorado, Sask., from whose pen we are publishing or shall publish, an article on Edmonton's Postal History.

We are eagerly looking forward to meeting once again such a fine Club.

Canadian Easter Seals, 1964



The 1964 design and format of Canada's Easter Seals continues the new approach inaugurated with the 1963 issue. The current sheet again consists of forty seals, each portraying a different activity of crippled children. Five designs have been replaced or altered, with a colour change to green and blue. Related colour variations and the lily symbol appear on each seal, together with the wording "Canada 1964", and "Help Crippled Children" in French and English.

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TRADE NOTES

ROBSON LOWE

Robson Lowe, Ltd., have sent us their Review of the 1962-63 season, together with a Preview of the 1963-64 one.

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JULIARD CLASSICS

A very interesting publication from this well-known firm and a fine production of some 44 profusely illustrated pages. It lists over 1,000 stamps and covers from many countries, mostly of the 19th Century.

A good point of this list is that ALL stamps described are in VF condition, unless otherwise stated.

Another is the replacement of the "*OG", showing that a stamp has full original gum, by the European symbols: * for "unused" and ** for original gum.

The list also comprises three pages of Mr. Juliard's usual pithy comments on philatelic matters, especially against the FDC clubs which are springing up in schools in the U.S.

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APRIL 4—STAMPFEST '64—Kitchener-Waterloo P.S., Exhibition at Eastwood Collegiate Institute. Exhibition Chairman: Mrs. Betty Martin, 16 Raymond Rd., Kitchener, Ont.

APRIL 24—LAKEHEAD STAMP CLUB at Lakeview High School Cafeteria, Annual Exhibition, Exhibition Chairman, Mr. Oliver Antilla, 240 Amethyst St., Port Arthur, Ont.

APRIL 25 — BARRIE DISTRICT STAMP CLUB — Annual Exhibition and banquet, Central United Church Hall, Barrie, in the afternoon. All visitors welcome.

APRIL 25 — LETHBRIDGE P. S. — Exhibition, Lethbridge Public Library —Annual Dinner, May 9th.

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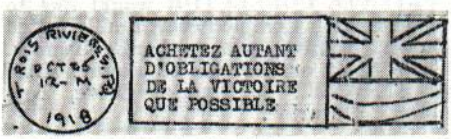
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