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BOULEE BAY

January 1st, 1965

Dear Friends:—

Last May when I was on the island of Jersey valuing the Commander Bowie stock, I had an interesting experience I would like to tell you about.

A London dealer, who is a very good friend, and I had been valuing all morning, going over collections, stock books, mint new issues, all very mixed and a most difficult accumulation to work on. We were dirty, tired and cold, when about noon we decided that we had better go for lunch. In our small rented car, we headed for the north coast of the island and drove along the narrow twisting roads. Shortly we came to a fork in the road with several signs, one pointing to Boulée Bay which we had never heard of, but we decided to investigate. The next mile was down a steep hill with hairpin turns, heavily wooded and no signs of life. Suddenly we came out on the seaside and there, nestling in the hillside, was a beautiful old hotel. We entered Fishermans' Bar and while enjoying refreshments, we enquired from the waiter if we might be served a light lunch. "No" he replied, "but our main dining room is open and we are serving fresh lobster which were caught in the Bay this morning." While we were considering this with another refreshment, the head waiter appeared and literally dragged us into the very formal dining room. (We were poorly dressed for this fare.)

While ushering us to a table in the far corner we simultaneously sighted the well known Manchester dealer, John Lea, a good friend of ours, having lunch with a charming lady. It might have been indiscreet the way we barged in. He was completely surprised so much so, that for a change John didn't know what to say. I might say here that this spot was possibly the most out of the way place in Europe, and the last place you would expect to meet someone you know, especially at that time of the year. However, John finally got around to introducing the lady his wife, who was all smiles and happy at this exuberant meeting.

"What are you scoundrels doing here?" John asked, "there must be a large lot of stamps around for the both of you to be on the job, or are you just checking up on me?"

We didn't tell John about the Bowie lot, and he didn't tell us any more than the fact that he was looking at a very fine collection. We all tried very hard in a friendy way to get to discover each other's secret. John and Mrs. Lea invited us back for evening dinner which turned out to be a hilarious party. We kept our secrets and I still don't know what happened to John's deal, however, when he reads this letter, he will know about the Bowie purchase.

This is a small world and I meet wonderful people in my travels, especially when they are stamp collectors and dealers. I hope to meet you one of these days soon.

Philatelically yours,

Harry Martin

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FROM THE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTORS OF THE SOCIETY TO ALL OUR MEMBERS AT HOME AND ABROAD

"A Very Happy and Prosperous New Year"

BY THE time our members and readers receive this issue, the new CHAPTER NEWS LETTER will be in the hands of all our chapters in good standing. The editing of this little journal has been entrusted to us and we took it on willingly, as we have always had a soft spot for our chapters with a particular one for those clubs in outlying sections where the organization of interesting meetings might present some difficulty.

We shall try and make it as interesting, or at least readable, as possible, but we do hope that chapters will cooperate a bit more (some of them) with the Society. Remember that the prosperity of the RPSC is our main concern and we might perhaps say, paraphrasing what a famous American tycoon said not too long ago: What is good for the RPSC is good for all chapters.

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Art McIntyre, of the Edmonton Stamp Club and retired journalist who nevertheless continues to turn out his stamp column in the **Edmonton Journal**, was on a visit to Toronto recently, when he attended several club meetings and the PSS dinner. We were delighted to see him again and we hope he enjoyed his stay in Toronto.

One evening, after having duly deposited him at his daughter's home after a club meeting, we fell to musing as to how many of our members bother to call on local stamp clubs in any place they are visiting. Many must be those who journey here and there on business or otherwise and we are sure that, if they so wished, they could find the time to pass a pleasant philatelic evening and give the local club an opportunity of meeting a fellow philatelist from perhaps the other end of Canada.

While we rarely hear of such visits taking place, we know they do occur.

Next time anyone plans a visit to another town or city, why not find out the name and address of the local president or secretary and on arrival there, discover when the next meeting takes place and attend it? Look in your Year Book, page 43, for a complete list of all chapters in good standing. There is hardly a place of any size in Canada without a club. In the case of Toronto, the Chapter Cards give all the necessary information of the local clubs, and also on the clubs at Halifax, Calgary, Edmonton, Montreal, Ottawa, London, Windsor and Port Arthur/Fort William, Québec and the Israel Association in Toronto.

And better still — if you can deliver an interesting talk, don't hesitate to let the local club know beforehand. They will appreciate this very highly.

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It has always been a mystery to us how so many collectors "specialize" in a particular country (including Canada) and get along quite contentedly without benefit of a handbook of any kind. They go by the catalogue, Scott, Gibbons, Yvert, Michel, etc. but going any deeper in their stamps does not seem to interest them.

It has always seemed to us that when one collects on the "one-of-each" basis, particularly a single country, the time inevitably comes when collecting becomes perhaps somewhat uninteresting and one starts looking around, like Alexander, for "new worlds to conquer", and turns to cancellations, covers, postal history and so on, to widen one's interest. Very often, in such a case, one gets hooked right up to the hilt!

The explanation might be that many collectors just don't want to get hooked right up to the hilt!

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Our readers will notice that we have re-baptized THE LONDON LETTER and FROM PARLIAMENT HILL, with the approval of our good friends Robson Lowe and Hans Reiche, respectively. The new titles are POSTMARKED LONDON and POSTMARKED OTTAWA. Hereby hangs a tale.

We wanted for this purpose a well-nigh perfect cancellation but after going through a considerable number of covers and enquiring in our personal circle, we simply could not find just what we wanted.

We therefore wrote, in the case of London, to the Philatelic Bureau at St. Martin's-le-Grand and duly received from them an excellent cancellation. The same day that we received this (incidentally, with a stern warning as to its illegitimate use) we received an auction catalogue from Robson Lowe, franked with a 2/6 stamp beautifully concelled with a new (to us) type of canceller in roman caps. As most of our readers know, a really good cancel is quite rare on mail from G.B.

However, this cancel on a 2/6 showed "London, S.W. 1" upside down, so we promptly wrote to the Postmaster of London S.W. 1 and per return received the one we show at the head of Robson Lowe's column.

Now for the Ottawa item. After one or two unfruitful efforts, we asked Hans Reiche what he could do in the matter and by return, we received the postmark which adorns his heading, which, he tells us, is also a new cancellor.

The similarity between the London and Ottawa cancels is quite marked. Is it just a coincidence, or were the two hammers made by the same maker?

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In the course of the past two or three years, we have had many favourable comments on our CP. It goes without saying that this is most rewarding to us.

However, this might be a fitting time to recall something which many lose sight of, the fact that, financially speaking, a great part of the success of CP is due to the very fine co-operation we get from our advertisers. Without them, we could not have achieved anywhere near what we have been able to do.

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THE CANADIAN VOYAGEURS CONTINGENT

By J. H. E. GILBERT

THE Canadian Government has recently announced that a memorial building and cenotaph is to be erected in Ottawa in memory of Canadian Servicemen who have given their lives for their country — 113,000 men all told. The earliest campaign to be mentioned on this memorial is "The Nile Expedition" and if in actual numbers it was small compared with later campaigns it ranks as the first ever. It is of great interest because, although it happened 80 years ago, it is a story of brave men which is comparatively unknown to the world.

The men are known as "The Canadian Voyageurs" and they were sent out to help in the attempt to relieve General Gordon when he was cut off in Khartoum. General Gordon reached Khartoum early in 1884 and endeavoured to defeat the Mahdi of Sudan in order to prevent him destroying all the Egyptian Forces. By the end of May, 1884, The Mahdi had captured Berber on the Nile, and it was then that General Gordon and his troops were completely cut off.

A British Relief Expedition was sent out under the direction of Lord Wolseley who decided to send the dismounted portion of the Force up the Nile to Khartoum. Owing to inexperience in dealing with river transport large quantities of supplies were lost and time wasted. It was therefore decided to recruit the Canadian Voyageurs as many of them were employed in the lumber trade and their experience of river work was invaluable in dealing with the Nile cataracts. Some of them had already served under Lord Wolseley during the Red River Expedition of 1870.



Towing the Whale Boats with Troops through the first gate of the Second Cataract.



Cover of a Letter from Canada to Egypt dated October 31st, 1884.

The Voyageurs were paid 40 Canadian dollars a month (about £7 14 s.0d.) and were provided with clothing and rations, and all expenses were paid by the British Government. The 380 Voyageurs who sailed for Egypt remained civilians although under Army orders, disobedience being punishable by fine. They wore smock, trousers and jacket in dark grey, with a large felt hat. About a dozen men missed the train at Ottawa owing to the fact that they imbibed too freely! However, they reached Montreal in time to sail with the contingent on September 14th 1884.

While the ship was taking on coal at Sydney, Nova Scotia, the Voyageurs had what was for many of them their first sight of the ocean, and several of them enjoyed a swim. Others were not content with such innocent pleasures and one man is reported to have entered the school house and delivered a speech to the children before attempting to 'mash'

the teacher! Not content with this he then entered the Court House to 'say goodbye to the magistrate'. A constable tried to put him out and the Voyageur promptly laid him out flat! However, this seems to have been the end of their high spirited behaviour and the Voyageurs then settled down and behaved themselves. They reached Alexandria on October 17th where they were joined by five Canadian Army Officers.

The boats used were of whaleboat type, about 32 feet long and fitted with sails and 12 oars. They were made in many different parts of the British Isles and the first 400 reached Alexandria by mid-September, and a further 400 by October. They were taken by rail to Assuit and then as cargo on the Nile until the first cataract had been passed. They were then floated and travelled up the Nile to Wadi Halfa. A railway operated between Wadi Halfa and Sarras, so rations were carried by rail to Sarras and then by boat, but troops embarked at Gemai. Owing to a misunderstanding with Thomas Cook & Son who supplied the coal for running the Nile steamers, they ran out of fuel, and troops and supplies were held up for five days.

Some of the Voyageurs started their homeward journey in January 1885, as they had only been engaged for 6 months, but 89 men volunteered to stay on. They reached Khartoun on January 28th, just 56 hours after General Gordon had been killed. The Canadian Voyageurs were, however, present when the enemy was defeated at Kirbekan on the 10th February 1885, and one officer and 43 men were awarded the Kirbekan clasp to the campaign medal and the Khedive Star.

In retreat the Voyageurs had to run the Nile rapids, an operation requiring great skill. They acquitted themselves well, and as mark of appreciation the British Government arranged for them to be taken on a tour of Cairo and the Pyramids. They were each provided with breakfast, one pipe and ¼ lb. of tobacco, dinner, and a bottle of beer or ginger ale.

The whole expedition lasted only about six months and this, coupled with the fact that most of the men were illiterate, makes it understandable that very few letters between the men and their relatives in Canada have been found. No special arrangements were made for the carrying of mail and no detachments of the Army Postal Corps accompanied the expedition. To date, there are known to be four covers or postcards carried from Egypt to Canada and eleven carried from Canada to Egypt. These must surely be amongst the rarest of all campaign covers.

(Courtesy of PHILATELY, journal of the British Philatelic Association)

(Note from Dr. Geldert, our President: One of these covers was found by the late Mrs. Laura Bernard, of Ottawa, in a show-box of miscellaneous covers, for which a paltry sum was paid. Thinking it an odd item, Director Colin H. Bayley, of the RPSC, sent it to Robbie Lowe in London, who immediately recognized what it was and had no difficulty in disposing of it quickly for quite a respectable amount.)

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#730—SOUVENIR CARD #6

We are a bit tardy in reporting the Souvenir Card #6,—the card used during the Tourist season of 1964. However we were a bit late in obtaining our copies.

We note that the envelope containing the card is exactly like that of "Series #5"—the card for 1963.

However there are numerous changes in the double card enclosure. In the 1963 envelope there was a mimeographed notice (bilingual) to the effect that "Additional souvenir cards of this series and also of the series for 1961 and 1962, as well as other philatelic items, may be purchased from the Philatelic Section, Post Office Department, Ottawa 8, Ontario."

In the 1964 the notice is changed slightly and is printed on the back of the double card.

The 1964 card includes 9 stamps with a total of 50c. face value. These are:—

7¢ Airmail of 1964
3¢ and 5¢ current Regular series
5¢ Century of Victoria
5¢ Frobisher
10¢ Eskimo
5¢ 1964 Peace
5¢ Casimir Gzowski
5¢ Postal Bi-Centennial

Apparently the cards for 1959 and 1960 are no longer available. Those for 1961, 1962, 1963 and 1964 can still be obtained.

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PROVISIONAL CUSTOMS DUTY OVERPRINT

In packet #717 we listed a total of eight known copies of this stamp, seven of which were handstamped in black. One of these was the copy listed as the "Sissons' auction copy, present whereabouts unknown". This should be deleted, and the total number reduced to seven, of which six are with the black handstamp. This copy was already listed among the other owners. No additional ones have yet been reported.

#732—PICTORIAL R.R. & S.S. GOVERNMENT POST CARDS

It has been some time since we reported on these interesting, popular and attractive Railway and Steamship cards. Last spring Ray Peters of Phoenix, Arizona, who has the largest known collection of these (261 diff.) compared his with my own collection (259 diff.) to try and determine the total number of diff. varieties we held together. He found that jointly we had 303 varieties.

Mark Arons of Ithaca, N.Y., and George Hicks of Listowel, Ont. have what are probably the next two largest collections, and we believe they have between them some 35-40 varieties not in our collections. From this we are now of the opinion that there are probably at least some 350 diff. cards in existence, and that further studies may push this total still higher.

There are a number of smaller collections in existence, and even one of 100 diff. cards is an important one. If anyone is looking for a small sideline field we can very heartily recommend these cards as providing a limited field, attractive material, relatively modest in cost, and a real challenge to one's collecting ability. There are no

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#733—C.P.R. LETTER SHEETS

One of my own little sideline collection pursuits is that of making a study of the CPR Letter sheets, Holmes' nos. 1350 and 1350a.

These sheets, according to Holmes, were used in 1894 and 1895. He assigns the white laid paper variety to the 1894 period, and the grey blue laid paper to 1895. However we have in our own small starting collection, examples used as early as October 1893 and as late as January 1898.

These letter sheets were used by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for the purpose of making monthly statements to their stockholders. Therefore these letter sheets must have been used for at least 52 diff. months. It is our objective to obtain an example for each of these months. It is probably a near impossible task, and so far all we have are:—

1893—October
1894—January, April, May, June, November
1895—February, May, September
1896—November
1897—none
1898—January

—or 11 out of a possibility of at lest 52.

We expect our study will show that the colors or shades of paper vary greatly from white and yellowish laid paper to the grey-blue shades, and are probably not distinct, true varieties.

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#734—ANOTHER U.S. CIVIL WAR PATRIOTIC USED FROM CANADA

It had been a long time since we had been able to add another cover to this small but extremely interesting collection. Then a few months ago we were given the opportunity to purchase an interesting stampless patriotic used from "Richmond Hill, C.W." to Northampton, Mass. It was dated March 26, 1862. Naturally we jumped at the chance, and the cover now reposes in our collection.

The design is an interesting one, all in black, and consists of a pile of skulls, at the top of which is the skeleton of Jeff. Davis in uniform, with a Confederate flag stuck in his hat. Underneath is the legend "Monument to the memory of Jeff. Davis."

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#735—1 SH. NOVA SCOTIA NOVELTY

John Pratt, of Wayzata, Minn. recently showed to me a most interesting novelty cover. The cover had a forgery of the 1 shilling Nova Scotia stamp **imprinted** directly on the envelop.

This particular example was used in the U.S. having been franked with a couple of U.S. 1¢ stamps, and mailed from Lynn, Mass. to Reading, Pa. The date of use,—Nov. 13, 1893.

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#736—M.O.O.N. CANCEL REPORT

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C.F.P.O.	4
Misc.	12
Total	2105

We are finding that increasing numbers of towns have found it necessary to replace old hammers with new ones, giving us a number of towns with two or more hammers.

While the number of collectors of MOON cancels is growing, we find that most of them are specializing in a single province or group of provinces. Those of the Yukon and Northwest Territories appear to be the most popular as they also appeal to the collectors of Territorial cancels, and Arctica.

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#737—1949 AEROGRAM VARIETY

Not listed in Holmes, but listed in Kessler's Catalogue of Aerograms, Vol. 1, is the 15¢ carmine of 1949, printed by Globe Envelopes Ltd., Toronto with the **blue inscription missing!** Thus, this aerogram has the impression of the stamp only, with no aerogram box in the upper left. Kessler lists this at $100. My own copy is mint, and I have never seen a used one.

Incidently, both Kessler and Holmes give the first date of issue for this basic aerogram as May 28, 1949. In my own collection I have used copies dated May 3rd, and May 10th. I believe the proper first day of issue to be that of May 3rd.

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#738—1897 DIAMOND JUBILEE CARD

One of the most common, and most attractive of all 19th century Canadian post cards is that of the 1¢ black Diamond Jubilee issue of 1897, bearing the same design as the commemorative stamps of that same date. It is Canada's only commemorative postal stationery! It is very common, and most dealers in postal stationery have scads of them. They can usually be bought for pennies.

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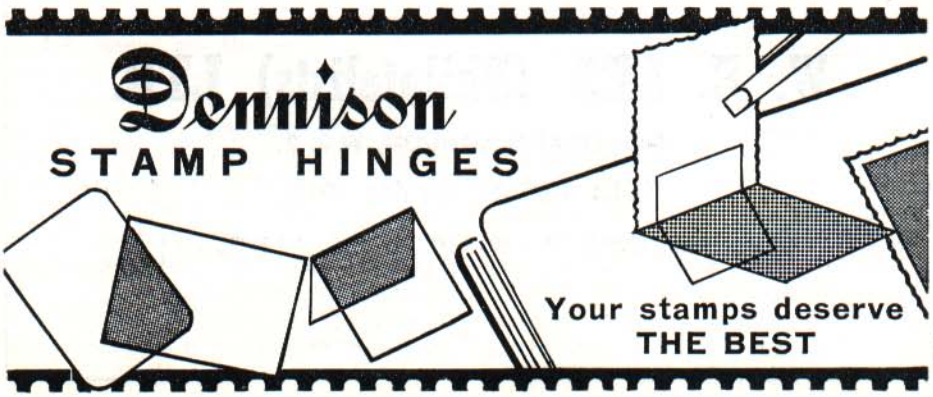
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1897—that is the period when Flag cancels were first being used,—it is the period when squared circle cancels were still being used. You will also find examples of the double and triple ring "barrel" cancels.

For these reasons we started a little collection of these cards, bearing various cancels, and even an occasional card with views printed on the back. It is an interesting sideline.

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#739—NEWFOUNDLAND 75¢ VICTORIA INLAND REVENUE IS SCARCE

While the $20 and $25 Victoria Inland Revenue stamps of Newfoundland have long been recognized as rarities, the 75¢ value has been little appreciated and is almost a rarity itself. Holmes listed this at $3.00 as compared with $2.50 for the 5¢ value, and $8.00 for the $5.00 value. Sissons is somewhat more realistic with values of $15 for the 75¢, $5 for the 5¢, and $10 for the $5.

Judging from the number of collectors who lack this long overlooked item, I would suspect that even offering full Sissons for a very fine copy would not bring many out of hiding!

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#740—GEO. VI 2¢ BROWN LABEL —METEOROLOGICAL RETURNS

One of the most unusual pieces of Postal Stationery I have seen to date, issued by Canada, is the small white address label ,approx. 4 x 2 in., imprinted with the 2¢ George VI stamp design. It is all printed in brown with a single line frame around the whole printed area. Above the stamp imprint in UR corner are the numerals "2275" —perhaps the form no. In the UL area is the two line "Meteorological/Returns" in small caps. The four line address reads:—"The CONTROLLER / Meteorological Service of Canada / 315 Bloor St., W. / Toronto (5), Ont." The label is ungummed but was apparently intended to be pasted to parcels, envelopes, etc. Since it was a "War Time Issue", we suspect it was made to conserve paper, making it possible to re-use envelopes. UNUSUAL!

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Obituary

Our readers will learn with great sorrow of the passing on December 7th last of Canada's Grand Old Man of Philately, Isaac Pitblado, K.C.

Mr. Pitblado started collecting stamps before most of us were born. Over the years he built up a fine collection of B.N.A., and the only complete collection of Manitoba law stamps. As a lawyer his reputation was such that his appearance on a case meant defeat for younger and less experienced counsel. As a stamp collector he might best be described as 'one of the boys' ever ready to come down to the other fellow's level with helpful advice and encouragment. A fellow collector presenting his card to the receptionist in the law firm of Pitbaldo, Hoskin & Company in Winnipeg was invariably ushered into Mr. Pitblado's private office for a stamp chat while thousand-dollar clients awaited their turn outside.

On my way to the Royal Society convention in Edmonton I telephoned Mr. Pitblado from the railway station for a ten minute conversation, during which he told me he had just completed a rearrangement of his earlier Canada. When I remarked that his enthusiasm was an inspiration to younger collectors he remarked he was ninety-six and aiming for the hundred mark. At ninety-seven he is gone, and philately mourns the loss of a great collector and a fine gentleman.

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The New Year will see three stamp exhibitions in London. The first, the British Philatelic Exhibition, will be held at the Seymour Hall in January. The exhibits are all one size, two frames. There are a number of exhibits from experienced philatelists which are not for competition. The competitive entries are restricted to those displays which have not been awarded anything higher than a "silver". The results should thus encourage the rising generation.

The sponsors are the Royal Philatelic Society, the British Philatelic Association and the Philatelic Congress of Great Britain, Promoted by the philatelic press, this will be the first exhibition where no stamps are for sale, only philatelic literature and accessories. The judging was completed before Christmas, so the list of awards appear in the catalogue.

The February exhibition will be held at the Festival Hall to celebrate the Centenary of the Stanley Gibbons catalogue and the exhibits are being contributed by famous collectors from all over the world. I wonder whether the shade of old S.G. looks on in wonderment, not only at the lively progress made by the firm, but also at the fantastic difference in the prices over the century. When Gibbons' catalogue first appeared, the 1859 issue of Canada was current—London prices varied from a penny for the 1 cent to a shilling for the 17½ cents.

The March exhibition is the annual STAMPEX, where the crowds foregather round the dealers' stands. Sometimes I wonder why there are no reports of casualties, for all comfort disappears amidst the swarm and it is difficult to believe in the quiet joys and relaxation of our hobby.

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The Burrus German States, which we sold in Basle at the end of October, fetched just over $750,000. Forty-two lots fetched over $3,000 apiece and accounted for $330,000, of the total. Although German bidders represented the majority of the buyers, not one of the twelve highest prices was bought by a German. They went to France, Italy, Norway, Switerland, U.S.A. and Great Britain.

In relation to the total printed valuation, the prices were good as they were 1.04% up, but the swing was tremendous. Generally the mint sheets were cheap, fetching around 40% of the prorata price for the same stamps in blocks of four. The used were generally up and many of the covers fetched substantial premiums. The best of the entries were:

Bergedorf, 1 sch. strip of four	$16,500
Bergedorf, 4 sch. pair	12,375
Hamburg, 2s and 4s used from Heligoland	4,680
Oldenburg, 1852, 1/3 sgr. block of 6	5,500
Oldenburg, 1859, 1/3 sgr. strip of 3	17,800
Saxony, 1850, 3 pfg. 2 pairs	10,200
Würtemberg, 1857, 18 kr. block of 4 and single	15,100
Würtemberg, 1861, 6 kr. bisected	8,000

The highest price in the sale was less than I anticipated, for the mint block of 12 Oldenburg 1859 1/3 sgr. only fetched $55,000!

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Back in London, the Burrus Italian States were the excitement on the 1st December and realised $559,995, just 11% over valuation. The tendency of

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THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF MAURITIUS





Mauritius and its dependencies, Rodriguez (350 miles to the north-east) and the Chagos archipelago, were known to the Arab traders who voyaged across the Indian Ocean in the early centuries of the Christian era, but it is usually believed that the first European to sight them was the Portuguese navigator, Mascarenhas, in 1505. To this day, Mauritius, Rodriguez and Réunion are collectively known as the Mascarenes. In February 1507, however, Diego Fernandez Pereira, first pilot in the fleet of Tristao da Cunha, discovered the island and named it after his ship, the **Cirné.** The island appears on sixteenth century maps under the name "Ilha do Cirné, though no attempt was made by the Portuguese to colonize it.

On the 20th September 1598 the Dutch, under Rear-Admiral van Warwick, landed on the south-east side of the island and gave it its present name in honour of their stadholder, Prince Maurice of Nassau. They held it for 112 years but abandoned it in February 1710. Five years later, on the 117th anniversary of the Dutch settlement, the French mariner Guillaume Dufresne took possession of the island and renamed it Ile de France. The governor of Bourbon (Réunion) made three attempts to colonize Mauritius (1715-21) and then the newly formed French East India Company took it over. During the period when it was under the control of the Company (1721-67) Mauritius flourished, as the result of the able governorship of men such as Mahé de Labourdonnais who established sugar planting as the island's chief industry. Today, in spite of the enormous fluctuations in the world market in recent years, sugar accounts for 97% of the island's exports. The French East India Company became bankrupt in 1764 and three years later Mauritius was bought by King Louis XV.

During the French Revolutionary Wars Mauritius was used as a base by French privateers operating against East Indiamen and British shipping in the Indian Ocean. The situation became so intolerable that an expedition under Commodore Rowley was mounted in July 1810 and Mauritius captured, only to be lost again to the French after their naval victory at Ile de la Passe in August. Finally Admiral Rodney despatched 16,000 troops from India and Mauritius was retaken on the 3rd December 1810.

By the first Treaty of Paris, signed at Fontainebleau on the 29th May 1814,

the island and its dependencies were ceded to Britain which adopted the obsolete Dutch name, The inhabitants, however, were confirmed in their rights, laws, language and religion and French culture and traditions survive to the present day. The language is a Creole patois using a predominantly French vocabulary with Bantu grammar. After the emancipation of the Malagasy slaves in 1834 indentured labourers from India were brought in and later Chinese, to a lesser extent. At the 1931 census Indians and Indo-Mauritians accounted for 268,649 of the total population of 393,238. The estimated population today is 710,000. With about 900 persons to the square mile Mauritius is one of the most densely populated countries in the world.

The early postal history of Mauritius is shrouded in mystery and nothing is known of the postal systems of the French regime. Governor Farquhar who assumed office on the 3rd December 1810 re-organized the island's administration and introduced a postal service modelled on English lines. Nothing is known of the earliest postal markings but elliptical handstamps inscribed **Port Louis Post Paid** are recorded from 1813 to 1821. Handstamps inscribed **Mauritius Post Office** came into use about 1829 and Packet Letter stamps appeared in 1817. No inland postal organization existed prior to 1832 and country post offices were not established till 1847, when eleven were opened in the chief towns and villages.

By an ordinance of the Mauritius Council, passed on the 17th December 1846, the postal administration of the colony was reorganized. The prepayment of postage was envisaged, the rates being fixed at 1d. per ounce on local Town (i.e. Port Louis) letters and 2d. per half ounce on country letters. Article 9 of the ordinance stated significantly, "Every letter . . . . if posted within the Colony . . . and having a stamp or stamps affixed thereto . . . shall pass by the post free of postage". Prepayment of letters going "beyond the seas" was made compulsory in a subsequent ordinance of the 13th January 1847. Again a reference was made to the inland postage being prepaid by stamps although no such device had at that time been adopted in Mauritius.

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Much has been made of the unusual inscription on them. It is popularly believed that the words **Post Office** were engraved in error; that Barnard, whose

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instructions had been given verbally, forgot the proper wording and was reminded of it when he passed the sign above the door of the Post Office. Some authorities, however, aver that since the handstamps of the island had been inscribed **Mauritius Post Office** for the previous eighteen years the same inscription on the adhesive stamps was perfectly logical.

When he had printed 350 of each denomination Barnard reported to the Colonial Postmaster, who in turn wrote to the Colonial Secretary on the 20th September 1847, proposing to put the stamps into circulation. This occurred the next day, for Lady Gomm, the wife of the Governor, was anxious to send out invitations to a ball at Government House and envelopes which contained these invitations were franked with the 1d. and postmarked on the 21st. Two "First Day Covers" of the 1d. Post Office are known to exist; one is in the Tapling Collection at the British Museum while the other (with the invitation still intact) reposes in the Royal Collection at Buckingham Palace.

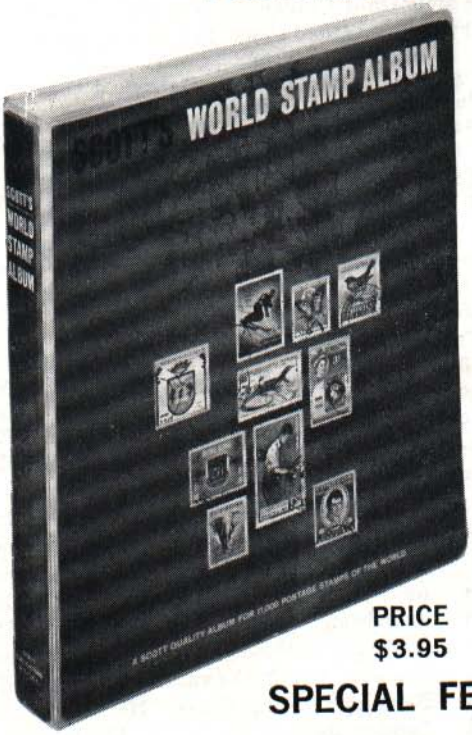
A further 150 of each denomination were printed off but on the 15th January 1848, the Colonial Secretary of Mauritius wrote to the Colonial Agent, London, and ordered a supply of stamps. Thus only 1,000 stamps with a face value of £6/5/- were printed by Barnard. As his tender had been accepted (see illustration) the Mauritius Post Office lost £4/5/- on the production of the stamps alone.

Few stamps are so thoroughly documented as the "Post Office" issue. During his service in Mauritius in the 1870s, Mapor E. B. Evans, R.A., a notable philatelist, discovered Barnard's original estimate which he presented to the British Museum in 1893. The small copper plate was kept by Sir William Gomm as a souvenir and unearthed by his grandson, Colonel Colnaghi, in 1912 when going through some family papers in a steel box in the vault of Drummond's Bank at Charing Cross. He sold it to a London dealer, Mr. N. L. Stocken, and eventually it passed into the collection of M. Maurice Burrus. Of the thousand stamps printed, only 26 are known to exist: fourteen of the 1d. and twelve of the 2d. A unique cover bearing one specimen of each was auctioned in the Burrus sale last October and fetched the record sum of £28.000.

Pending the arrival of stamps from England the Colonial Postmaster commissioned Mr. Barnard to engrave two plates of 1d. and 2d. stamps, known to philatelists as the "Post Paid" issue on account of the amended inscription on them. Barnard engraved twelve subjects on each plate. As each was engraved separately, no two stamps on the sheet were identical and this led early collectors to reconstruct plates of them. No. 7 on the sheet of the 2d. value has the famous **Penoe** error. The

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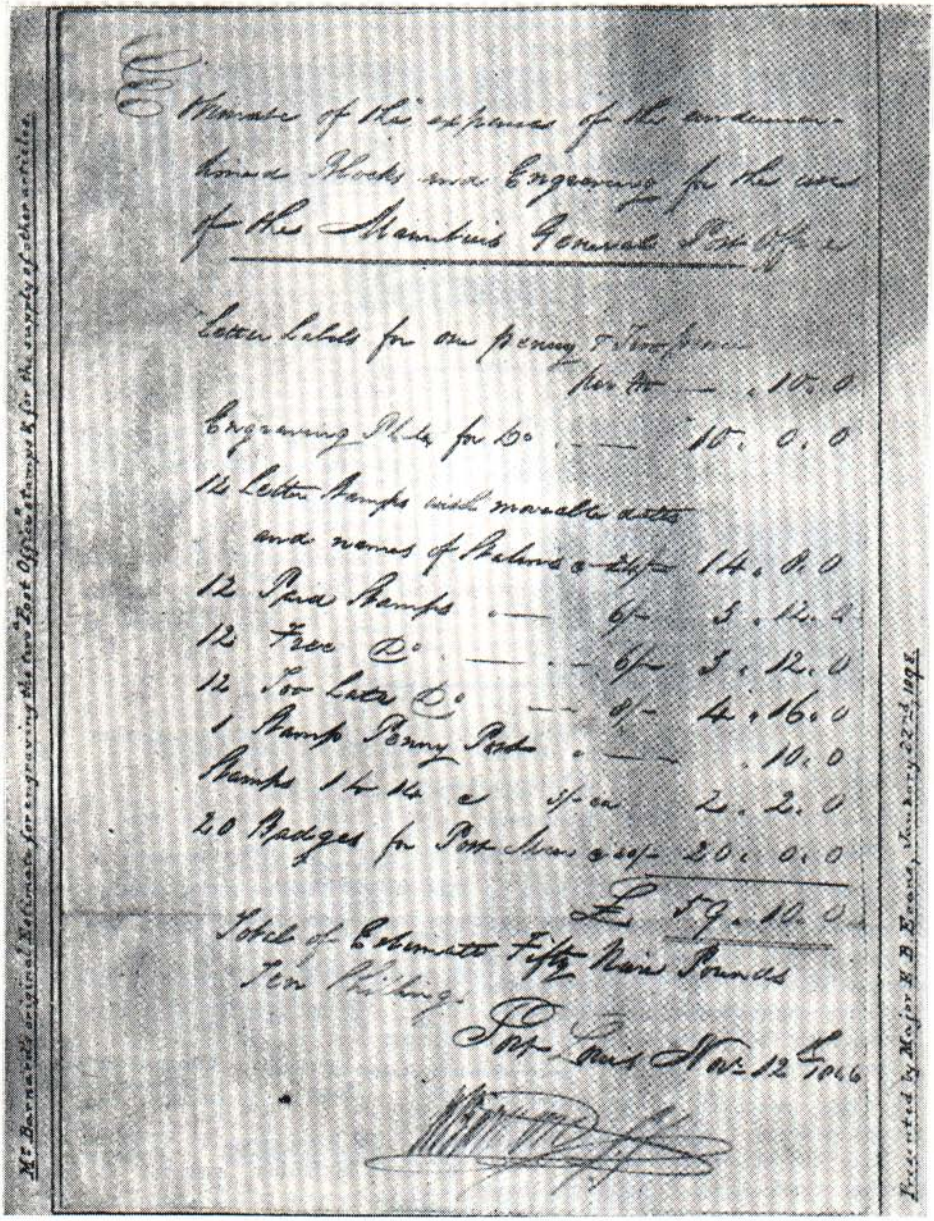
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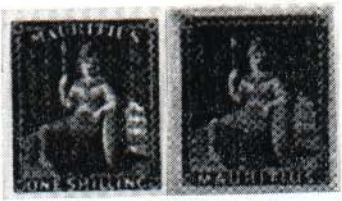
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new plates were ready by May 1848 and the stamps were probably put on sale at the General Post Office shortly afterwards although the official notice of their release was dated the 3rd August. These stamps remained in use till 1859 by which time the plates were extremely worn.

The plates were given to a Mr. Sherwin to repair and recut but before he could complete this assignment, a completely new 3d. plate was obtained from Mr. Lapirot, an out-of-work actor who claimed some engraving experience. The Lapirot stamps were ready by March 1859 and were then brought into use.

Nicknamed **tête de chien** (dog's head) by collectors, these stamps bore the crudest libel of Queen Victoria's portrait ever to appear on a stamp. By October, however, Sherwin had completed the re-engraving of the Barnard plates and stamps of the 2d. denomination were put on sale. They differ considerably from the originals and the lines of engraving are much coarser.

The Barnard-Sherwin plates also survived and eventually came into the possession of King George V who presented them to the Royal Philatelic Society in 1911. They were then defaced and some pulls from them in that state were made for presentation purposes. The backs of the plates had previously been



used for advertisements, in French and English respectively, for the Grand Hotel d'Europe.

The use of locally printed, expensively produced "natives" continued as late as 1860. A Mr. Dardenne was commissioned to print quantities of 1d. and 2d. stamps by lithography and these went on sale in 1859. Though the lithographic process was simpler than recess the Dardenne stamps were still crudely designed, with the Queen's portrait set in a Greek border.

In the meantime supplies of the stamps ordered from England arrived in Mauritius at the end of 1848. The stamps, which depicted Britannia, bore no denomination but were coloured red-brown, green or magenta. For some unaccountable reason these stamps, beautifully engraved by Perkins Bacon, were not put on sale for several years and the islanders made do with their own primitive adhesives. Six years elapsed before the green Britannias were released and then only after they were surcharged **Four Pence** in a semi-circle,

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the first surcharged stamps anywhere in the world. The circumstances of this issue are in doubt since proclamations announcing their sale were issued in 1854 and 1858 but no examples have been found with dated postmarks earlier than the latter date. In 1858 further stocks of Britannia stamps, this time in vermilion and blue, were despatched to the colony. The vermilion stamps were put on sale the following year as 6d. stamps, the green (unsurcharged) as 4d. and the magenta as 9d. The red-brown stamps of 1848 and the blue stamps were never used postally. Eventually they were remaindered at a nominal sum to the philatelic trade. Perforated and roughly overprinted "L.P.E. 1890" they were ignominously sold at 6d. each as souvenirs of the London Philatelic Exhibition.

Perkins Bacon printed two stamps in an amended Britannia design in August 1858 and they were released in Mauritius the following April. The 6d. blue and 1/- vermilion of this issue differed from the previous design in that the name of the colony was inscribed in a curve above Britannia's head and the value was expressed in words in the label at the bottom of the stamp. In 1861 they reappeared in altered colours, the 6d. being lilac-brown and the 1/- being green.

In November 1862 stocks of 1d. stamps suddenly ran out and it was decided to use some of the stamps of the Britannia design which had accumulated embarrassingly in the Treasurer's department. Curiously, instead of using the blue or red-brown stamps the Colonial Postmaster asked for the remaining stock of magenta (9d.) stamps. These cannot be distinguished in unused condition but cancelled with the "B 53" obliterator may be presumed to be 1d. stamps since this postmark had only recently been introduced. Further confusion has arisen on account of the existence of some magenta stamps surcharged **Eight Pence.** No official record can be found authorizing it and though postmarked specimens are known this stamp's status is rather doubtful.

In 1859 Messrs. De La Rue (who had been printing typographed stamps for Britain for four years) were awarded a contract for printing a new definitive series for Mauritius. The curious mixture of local primitives and Perkins Bacon classics was superseded gradually from April 1860 onwards by an uninspired surface printed series. Between that date and October 1872 stamps in denominations of 1d., 2d. 3d., 4d., 6d., 9d., 1/- and 5/- were issued. With the exception of the top value these stamps were first printed on unwatermarked paper but after 1863 all of them appeared on paper watermarked Crown CC.

Not only did Mauritius have the earliest surcharged stamps but, with the exception of Ceylon, it also had the most surcharged stamps anywhere in the Commonwealth up till 1900. Stamps of the De La Rue series were first overprinted to produce ½d., 1d. and 1/- denominations in 1876-7, then entirely reprinted with blank value tablets and surcharged in decimal currency in 1878. The opportunity to gain by the conversion to cents and rupees was lost by equating 4 cent with 1d. and fixing the rupee at 2/-, instead of 5 cents to 1d.



and a rupee worth 1/8. This resulted in a slight **decrease** in the postal rates and some curiously unmathematical adjustments such as 4d. (17c.), 6d. (25c.) and 9d. (38c.). The provisional surcharges were replaced in 1879-80 by a decimal series retaining the old designs. When the Universal Postal Union rate was fixed at 40 centimes or 4d. in 1883 the Mauritius equivalent denomination of 17c. had to be surcharged to reduce its value by one cent. Shortages of 2c. stamps in 1885 and 1891 necessitated the surcharging of surplus stocks of other

values (mainly 38c.). Having got a supply of 2c. stamps in 1892 they were promptly surcharged for use as 1c. stamps the following year.

Following the trend in colonial stamp design towards the end of the century De La Rue produced for Mauritius in 1895 a new series, replacing the diademed head of Queen Victoria by the coat of arms of the colony. Stamps in denominations of 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, and 18c. were produced from a key plate, the value tablets being inserted in another colour at a second operation. The stamps were printed in fugitive colours purple for the four low values and green for the two top values and being designed for either fiscal or postal use bore no inscription other than the name of the colony. Five years later the 1, 2 and 4c. denominations reappeared in new colours and a 15c. value was added. In 1902 various stamps were reissued overprinted vertically "Postage & Revenue" but the purpose of this was negated by the appearance of the arms design, without the overprint, on the new Crown CA watermarked paper later that year. The words "Postage and Revenue" were not incorporated into the design till 1910.



Mauritius was one of the seven colonies to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria philatelically. A 36c. stamp, in orange and ultramarine, made a belated appearance on the 23rd May 1898. A double-sized horizontal format was used to feature the basic arms design with the additional embellishments "Diamond Jubilee" and the motto of the colony "Stella Clavisque Maris Indici" (The sign is a star and the key of the sea) with the royal monogram and the dates of the reign. The following year the Jubilee stamp was surcharged for use as a 15c. value.

In December 1899 Mauritius celebrated the bicentenary of the birth of Labourdonnais with a 15c. ultramarine stamp depicting a full-face portrait of him. In true Mauritian tradition it reappeared in 1903 surcharged in red for use as an Express Delivery stamp.

In 1910 De La Rue added eight values to the definitive series, with the Emil Fuchs profile of King Edward VII in the standard keyplate design used increas-



ingly by many colonies. With the substitution of the portraits of King George V and King George VI in 1913 and 1938 respectively the De La Rue general plates were used in Mauritius for forty years. They were interspersed with reissues of the coat of ams design in 1921 and 1926 and apart from changes of colour and the transition from Multiple Crown CA to Multiple Script CA watermarked paper in 1921 constitute a rather dull period in the philatelic history of Mauritius. A shortage of 3, 10 and 15c. stamps in 1925 led to the provisional surcharges of 4, 12 and 20c. denominations to meet the emergency.

Mauritius participated in the three colonial omnibus series for the silver Jubilee of King George V (1935), the Coronation of King George VI (1937) and Victory (1946). Then on the 22nd March 1948 four stamps were issued to commemorate the centenary of the "Post Office" stamps. The 5 and 12c. values featured the 1d. stamp and the 20c. and 1 R. denominations showed the 2d. stamp. The stamps were recess-printed by Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co. and bore the portrait of King George VI.

A 5c. violet and 10 R. magenta were released on the 25th October 1948 to

celebrate the Royal Silver Wedding. On the 10th October 1949 four stamps were issued for the 27th anniversary of the Universal Postal Union. Both series followed the pattern of the colonial omnibus issues.

Mauritius was only the second colony to adopt the post-war Dorothy Wilding portrait of King George VI and at the same time initiated the present fashion for the photogravure process which, though used before the war for the Gold Coast, Seychelles and Virgin Islands, did not gain in popularity till the present decade. The new definitive series of fifteen values was printed by Harrison & Sons on chalk-surfaced paper watermarked Multiple Script CA and issued on the 1st July 1950.



The island's major industry, sugar, was represented on two stamps, the 1c. showing a sugar factory and the 10c. a bullock cart transporting sugar cane. An aloe plant, alluding to the recent development of the extraction of aloes-fibre and juices for medicinal purposes, was shown on the 3c. The varied scenery of Mauritius was indicated by the rugged outlines of Rempart and Pieter Both mountains (5c. and 50c. respectively), the picturesque Tamarind Falls on the 4c. and the beach scene featured on the 5 R. value.

Two of the island's best known harbours appeared on the 2c. and 2.50 Rs. Grand Port, known as Port Bourbon under the French and Port Imperial in the Napoleonic era, on the southeast side of Mauritius was the site of the great naval battle of Ile de la Passe in 1810. Port Louis (formerly Port Northwest and later Port Napoleon) on the northwest coast, was developed by Labourdonnais and is now the administrative capital of the island. A statue of Labourdonnais, unveiled in 1859, stands on the quay at Port Louis and appeared on the 25c. stamp. Government House at Le Réduit, once described as the Versailles of the Indian Ocean, was built by his successor, Barthélémy David, and was shown on the 35c. value.

Mauritius has been visited by several literary figures including Beaudelaire, Dumas and Sr Walter Besant, all of whom have immortalized the island in their works. But the best known novel recounting life in Mauritius is the ro-



mantic fable **Paul and Virginia**, written by Bernardin de St-Pierre in 1768. St-Pierre based his tragic story of the young lovers on the shipwreck of the St-Géran which occurred in 1744. The death of Virginia by drowning is vividly depicted on an old print in the Port Louis Museum and formed the subject of the 20c. stamp, Mauritius deer (**cervus hip-**

service, however, was afforded by the United States, and considerable hardship was caused to Canadian merchants in having to pay the Provincial postage to the lines. In consequence letters were commonly carried over the frontier by travellers and postage collected at the nearest U.S. office. Manuscript marks "Paid to the lines" are to be found, but only a few special handstamps were in use at Canadian exchange offices before 1851. One of the most interesting of these includes provision for "ferriage", or the charge for carrying across border rivers. (Fig. 12.)



Fig. 12. Niagara, 1829.

1799.

In this year Hugh Finlay, the Deputy Postmaster-General, was dismissed for debt, but it would seem unfairly. His successor, George Heriot, became Deputy Postmaster-General for the Provinces of Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and their dependencies. However, he was not given the superintendency of post houses. This adversely affected at first the efficient carriage of the mails, but, by the end of his tenure, stage coaches had supplanted earlier methods of transport on all the principal routes. Heriot was responsible for considerably improving and regularising mail services in Upper Canada, but the intolerable position in which he was constantly being placed between demands of the Governors for improvements and resistance of the General Post Office to expenditure finally led to his resignation in 1816.

1800.

The extent of postal services in the Province of Canada at this date is well shown by the following extract from the "Quebec Almanac" of that year:

"The Arrival and Departure of Mails.

"At the beginning of every month a Packet-Boat sails from Falmouth for North-America, having the Mail for Quebec on Board — In the summer months she puts in at Halifax (on her way to New York) and there delivers the Mails for Canada — From Halifax they are forwarded by Post for Quebec — In the months of Nov. Dec. Jany. and Feby. the Packet-Boats pass Halifax and deliver the Mails for Canada to the Agents for British Packet-Boats at New York, who forward them through the United States by the nearest post route for Montreal. A Mail for England is dispatched from Quebec once every fortnight in summer and once a month in winter to be put on board the first Packet-Boat for Falmouth.

"A Mail for Burlington in the United States is made up at Quebec every Thursday, and at Montreal every Saturday, by which conveyance letters may be sent for Europe under cover to a friend at New York, on paying the Canadian Postage at the office at which the letter is put in. The Post for Montreal leaves Quebec every Monday and Thursday at 4 o'clock in the evening, and the Post leaves Montreal for Quebec on the same days at the same hour. The Post arrives at these places on the morning of Wednesdays and Saturdays".

In 1811 the following was added:

"A courier between Montreal and Kingston U.C. is dispatched once a fortnight throughout the year. A courier between Kingston and York is dispatched once a fortnight during the close of the navigation on Lake Ontario".

1812–1814. WAR WITH THE UNITED STATES.

The outbreak of hostilities naturally stopped movement of mails through the United States to New York and the British packets. Consequently, interest was renewed in the overland route to Halifax, and additional settlements of old soldiers and their families established thereon to protect the movement of mails. Within Canada the following post offices were opened: ST. JOHNS and PHILIPSBURG (1812), WILLIAM HENRY (later SOREL) and ST. DENIS (1814), all in Lower Canada; and PRESCOTT, NEWCASTLE and DUNDAS (1814) in Upper Canada.

1816–1828.

Daniel Sutherland succeeded Heriot as Deputy Postmaster-General for Canada, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia in 1816. His administration was notable for a considerable extension of the postal services, particularly to outlying settlements. An important effect of the 1812 war was to focus attention of both the Home and Provincial Governments on the necessity of building up the loyal population of the Canadas. As a result, the first Government-sponsored settlement was successfully carried out in 1815–16 at Perth, Upper Canada, made up of families from Scotland. Officers and men from military units disbanded in Canada were also encouraged to settle by grants of land. A historic military settlement of this nature was that of Richmond, Upper Canada, in 1818. United States citizens started again to enter in some number, particularly into western Upper Canada. Cheap ocean fares encouraged a new and extensive movement from the British Isles, especially from Ireland, so that, starting with a few hundred immigrants, a peak was reached in 1832 when 52,000 persons landed on the St. Lawrence. The accompanying cholera epidemics in that year and 1834 temporarily checked this migration, but flight from the Irish "potato" famine of 1846 led to a new and higher peak, also with its accompanying epidemic. The 1820–1850 influx into the Canadas has been often termed the "Great Immigration".

As was natural, the new settlements soon demanded postal services. In 1817 there were only 13 post offices in Lower Canada and 12 in Upper Canada. By April, 1828, when Sutherland was succeeded as Postmaster-General by Thomas Allen Stayner, there were 151 post offices in the two Canadas, 2368 miles of established post roads, and a gross revenue of some 15,344 pounds currency. Examples of post offices opened during this period are: CHAMBLY and DRUMMONDVILLE, L.C. (1816); PERTH UPON TAY (later PERTH), U.C. (1816); ASCOTT (later SHERBROOKE) and STANSTEAD, L.C. (1817); TORONTO (later PORT HOPE, U.C. (Fig. 18); the "River Route" up the Ottawa, with ST. ANDREWS, GRENVILLE, HAWKESBURY and HULL, all L.C. (1820); BASTARD and RICHMOND, U.C. (1820); ISLE AUX NOIX, L.C. (1825); WELLINGTON SQUARE and STONEY CREEK, U.C. (1826); and GUELPH, U.C. (1828).

It is interesting to compare the following extract from the "Quebec Almanack" of 1824 with that given previously for 1800. It reads:

"The Mails from Quebec to the several Post Offices on the route to Montreal, are made up and forwarded every day, at 4 p.m. Sundays and Fridays excepted.

"The Mails from Quebec to the several Post Offices in Upper Canada, are made up and forwarded every Tuesday and Saturday, at 4 p.m.

"The Mails from Quebec to the several Post Offices in the Eastern Townships, are made up and forwarded every Monday, at 4 p.m.

"The Mails from Quebec to the several Post Offices on the Ottawa River, are made up and forwarded every Wednesday, at 4 p.m.

"The Mails from Quebec to the Forts Chambly and St. Johns, and Isle Aux Noix, are made up and forwarded every Tuesday and Saturday, at 4 p.m.

"The Mails from Quebec to the several Post Offices in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, are made up and forwarded every Thursday, at 2 p.m.

"Letters for the United States are now forwarded from the Post Office in Quebec, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, at 4 p.m. — The Letters from U. States will be due on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays, at 8 p.m.".

1826. OCEAN MAIL PRACTICES.

Official enquiries made in this year disclosed the startling fact that the universal practice for merchants and manufacturers was to send letters to Canada, quite improperly, by various lines of American packets sailing between Liverpool and New York, the mail being delivered to agents for these lines in London or Liverpool. As the gratuity to the master of the vessel was only 2d. per letter of any weight, the total cost was very much less than by the two alternatives, the official ship letter post on a private ship, handled through the General Post Office (1s. 1d. per single letter), or by the British official packet service (2s. 2d. per single letter).

1829.

A post office was opened at BYETOWN (BYTOWN), U.C., then headquarters for construction on the Rideau Canal under the charge of Colonel By of the Royal Engineers. This settlement eventually became the CITY OF OTTAWA (1855) and, in 1868, the Capital of the Dominion of Canada.

STANDARDISATION OF POST OFFICE MARKINGS.

Up to this time there had been a large variety in the handstamps used by the various post offices in Canada; examples are the various straight lines, the oval, the semi-circular, the boxed circular, the double circle with rule, and the "fleuron". (Figs. 13 to 18.) In 1828, however, Stayner ordered a number of stamps from various post offices from the Postmaster-General in England. These were cut in steel, circular in type, with parts of a double or single circle beneath. Further orders were made and, in correspondence on the subject, Stayner wrote:

> "The use of Stamps . . . at all the offices — even the smallest — I find to be one of the utmost advantage — as they tend to create in the Post Masters habits of regularity and good order, which are essential to the safety of the correspondence and to the character of the Department".



Fig. 14. 1817–18.

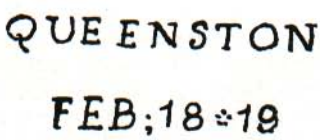


Fig. 13. 1817–20.



Fig. 16. 1793–7.



Fig. 15. 1815–28.



Fig. 17. 1819–25.



Fig. 18. 1804–30.



Fig. 20. 1830–33.



Fig. 19. 1829–41.



Fig. 21. 1836–40.

These standard handstamps arrived in 1829, the earliest dated example being for HULL, Lower Canada. (Fig. 19.) At the same time, an interesting group of other handstamps show up, presumably made locally from type set in a double brass circle, and possibly copied from or providing the pattern for another set of standard steel stamps obtained from England in the 1830's to 1840's. (Figs. 20 and 21.) A number of directional marks were also obtained from England by Stayner, such as "MONEY LETTER", "FORWARDED" and "TOO LATE". (Figs. 22a, 22b and 22c.)

MONEY LETTER

Fig. 22a. 1843–54.

FORWARDED

Fig. 22b. Montreal, 1829–34.

TOO LATE

Fig. 22c. 1839–47.

1830–1840.

This was a period marked by continuous agitation in the Provinces against high postage rates, slow services, and retention of revenue by the British Treasury instead of its use on improving the posts. There were strong demands for Provincial control, and the two Legislatures (Upper and Lower Canada) appointed several committees to examine and report on the situation. Finally, in 1840, the Governor-General named three Commissioners to "Enquire into the Affairs of the Post Office in British North America". Their report, made in 1841, contains a wealth of information on postal matters. Although Stayner, who was a Commissioner, dissented from many of the findings, he signed the report on the understanding that he would submit a separate statement for the consideration of the British Government. The principal recommendation of the report was for a considerable reduction in the postage rates, one, in fact, that would have brought the Canadian rates to a lower figure than those existing at the time in the United States. Stayner, although he had done much to improve the service, became increasingly unpopular. This feeling was intensified when the extent of his perquisites was disclosed and it was found that his income from 1831–34 had averaged about 3185 pounds currency, or nearly that of the Governor-General. On the credit side, however, he had increased the number of post offices under his charge from 151 in 1831 to 398 in 1840, an increase of 163%. During the same period the population served by these offices had only increased 49% (747,000 to 1,080,000) and the gross revenue 149% (21,180 to 52,752 pounds currency).

1838. STEAMBOATS.

In this year the first mail was carried across the Atlantic by steamboat, the two ships "Great Western" and "Sirius" making successful voyages to and from New York and Bristol and Cork respectively. The "Sirius" also picked up mail on one occasion from the Halifax packet. The first crossing of the Atlantic under steam alone rests, however, to the credit of the Canadian-built "Royal William", which left Quebec on August 5, 1833, and arrived at Gravesend September 11 of the same year.

Steamboats had been running on the St. Lawrence river between Quebec and Montreal from 1809, and on Lake Ontario from 1817. By the 1830's improvements in engines made the use of such ships possible on the smoother portions of the upper St. Lawrence, where a combined "stage coach and steam boat" service was instituted between Montreal and Kingston. Mails were carried officially by these boats, and a number of handstamps, both straight line and circular, were used on letters passing over inland waters. (Figs 23 and 24.)



Fig. 25. 1846–55.

STEAM BOAT

Fig. 23. Kingston, U.C., 1840.

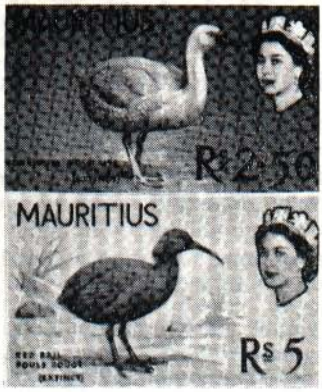


Fig. 24. 1842–45.

pelaphus) on the 1 R. stamp were introduced by the Dutch and are now extremely numerous in spite of the popular sport of deer-hunting. By contrast, the deadness of the Dodo **(Raphus cucullatus)** is proverbial. The last specimen of this large flightless bird (12c.) was killed by sailors in 1681. The Deer and the Dodo form the supporters on the island's coat of arms, featured on the 10 R.

The series was issued between 3rd November 1953 and the 1st June 1954, with the portrait of Her Majesty the Queen substituted. The view of the Tamarind Falls was enlarged on the new 10c. and the Historical Museum at Mahébourg appeared on the 15c.

Mauritius participated in the omnibus issues for the Coronation in June 1953, Freedom from Hunger in June 1963 and the Red Cross Centenary in September 1963. A set of four stamps, lithographed by Enschede on paper watermarked Multiple St. Edward's Crown CA, was released on the 10th January 1961 to commemorate the sesquicentennial of the British Post Office in Mauritius. The Annigoni portrait of Her Majesty balanced the Lawrence portrait of George III, the original of which belongs to the Corporation of the City of Coventry.



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the German States was followed, a Modena cover fetched $6,000, while top prices in the other states included $3,450 for Romagna, $7,200 for Sicily, $3,750 for Sardinia, $3,300 for Papal States and $31,500 for Tuscany, the last being for a strip of 2 soldi which realised $4,600 in the Caspary sale in 1957.

The mint blocks of 30 of the Sicily 5 gr., 10 gr. and 20 gr. fetched $37,800 and the blocks of four of the Sardinia first issue $37,200. The record was for the mint corner pair of the Naples Cross of Savoy, which fetched $63,000.

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Last night, I heard that my old friend Edgar Mohrmann, of Hamburg, had died while on a visit to Chicago. In 1934, Edgar bought three of the star pieces from the Hind collection for Burrus for £8,000 (then $40,000); the mint blocks of Double Geneva and Oldenburg 1859 1/3 sgr. and the 1d. and 2d. Post Office Mauritius on cover. During the last year, these three items realised $270,000, which showed 12% compound interest on the original investment.

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By HANS REICHE, (R.P.S.C. 6397)

The "goings-on" on the Hill have been getting a little bit tough during the last few weeks. The Hill seems to have its own problems and not very much time for stamp news. So maybe the change of our front is justified.

Did we say the Hill did not have much time for stamp news? Well, let us look at Hansard's, Vol. 109, No. 183, 2nd Session of the 26th Parliament, Wednesday November 4th, 1964.

Mr. Howard: Has the Queen's printer recently published a book entitled "Some Canadian Postage Stamps" or similar title, and if so, how many such books were published, at what cost for (a) printing, and (b) purchase of stamps from the Post Office Dept., and what was the selling price thereof? Has the government any knowledge, based upon the number of such books which were published, of the value such books now have to collectors and whether or not the Coin Centre of Canada, 535 Sussex Street, Ottawa, obtained a quantity of these books and, if so, how many? Does the Queen's Printer have any plans to produce a follow-up type of book containing stamps succeeding in issue those contained in the book referred to in part 1, and, if so, how many such books are to be published, what is the estimated cost for (a) printing and (b) purchase of stamps from the Post Office Department and what will be the selling price?

Hon. Maurice Lamontagne: The Queen's Printer has recently published a book entitled "Some Canadian Postage Stamps"; 793 copies have been printed so far and 203 copies are still in production; (a) cost of printing 3096.— (b) purchase of stamps from the Post Office Department, 3680.—; selling price of publication 12.50. The government as such has no knowledge of the value of such books to collectors; the Coin Centre of Canada, 535 Sussex Street, Ottawa obtained 350 copies. The Queen's Printer at present is negotiating at present with the Post Office Department for the preparation of a new book on Canadian stamps, but no decision has been arrived at, or arrangements made, as to quantity to be published, cost involved and selling price.

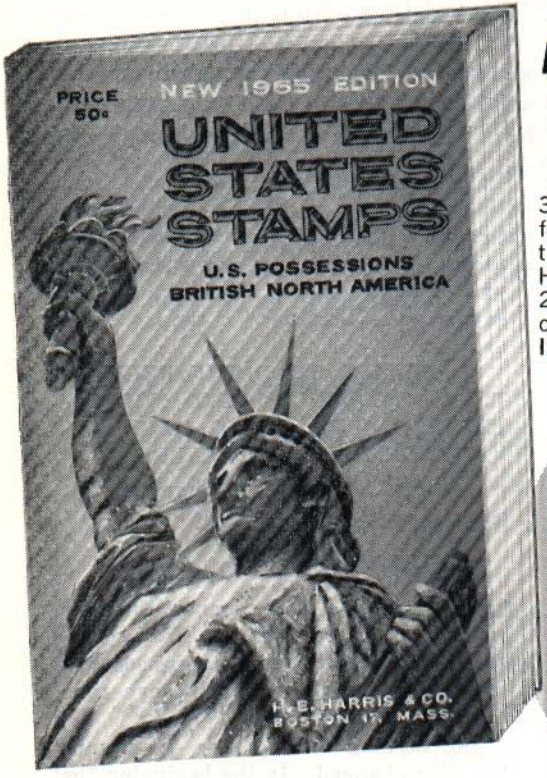
There are a lot of rumours around Ottawa about this and, without comments, here are a few of such rumours: 400 copies went to the U.P.U.; more than 996 copies have been printed; the Post Office Department did not know anything about such items; collectors may try to stop the issue of another such book; do these books fall into the same category as the imperfs.

Well, we finally succeeded in convincing the Philatelic Agency to stock for collectors all the different types of precancels issued. From the 1st January, precancelled stamps will be available from the Agency. We are certain that many collectors must have missed certain issues by not having been informed until too late. We realize that this may mean an additional workload for the Agency and everyone knows, it does take some time before one's order is filled and you receive your stamps. We agree that it would be nice to have your order filled at once but like any government establishment, additional help just is not available and so we will

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have to wait a little longer than we would like for our orders. We are actually happy that the stamps do not come in at once, we hardly have time to mount them now.

The tagging on the new 4c. stamps has been changed. In the beginning the stamp was tagged by a 4mm stripe in the centre of the design. The new plates appear with a stripe of 4mm width at each alternate vertical perforation row. This means that a total of five vertical stripes on a sheet of 100 will tag all stamps, 50 stamps with the stripe on the left, the others with the stripe on the right. Copies with an 8 mm stripe in the centre of the design have been found but these must be oddities rather than intentional issues.

In case you are wondering where this nice clear strike of Ottawa shown above comes from, it is a new cancelling device which was taken into use at the date indicated.

The Canadian Christmas Stamps

More and more Christmas stamps are coming out around the world and there is a growing body of collectors that are starting to specialize in these pleasant stamps. Canada, which had the honor to issue the very first Christmas stamp anywhere is putting out this year a 3c. and a 5c. value (they will be withdrawn at the end of this year). Specialists are going to have a wonderful time as besides the usual singles and blocks and First Day Covers, there will be 2 plate sets for each; the stamps will be specially Tagged for use in Winnipeg only; there will be a miniature sheet and there will even be a Tagged version of this sheet! We will have very complete specialized collections to send out. ..Ask to have one lot sent on approval.

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A dollar bill or mint Canada — U.S.A. will do.

How about that very first Christmas stamp ever?

We offer Canada Scotts #85, 86 good used at $1 a pair.
or #85, 86 good mint at $3 a pair.

Don't hesitate to pick these up as these are going to go up sharply over the next few years. Right now, they are badly undervalued.

By all means get the new editions of my 2 catalogs, Canada Basic Cat. & Canada Plate Cat. Out about March 1965. Full of surprises including the full story of the greatest Canadian error since the Invert Seaway. This error is far rarer, yet there must be some 40 more to find, and they can only be found by KNOWING what to look for. Both books $5.00.

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Sir:—I would like to get in touch with any members who collect GB cylinder blocks and Booklet panes with cylinder numbers.

It may be of interest to collectors of modern day commemoratives of Great Britain, to know that a new flat bed printing machine has been used for a number of the 1964 commemoratives. The main interest is that the sheet may be inserted right way up or upside-down, in the latter case producing an inverted watermark.

It is known that the Forth Bridge 6d comes with an inverted watermark, has anyone got any others?

Known values to be printed on this machine

Shakespeare—1/3. 1/6.
Geographical—4d. 8d. 1/6 (this is reported by Stanley Gibbons)
Botanical—6d. 9d. 1/3.
Forth Bridge—6d.

Sincerely
GEORGE H. POTTS,
RPSC 7325

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PAPER CREASE

Sir:—The enclosed is a paper crease on the .25¢ which I thought you might like to have for the magazine.

I cannot send it as it belongs to a friend of mine but it works as in the cut-out enclosed. It is not necessary to return the picture unless you wish to.

I will take this opportunity to again let you know how much your efforts are appreciated by us in keeping up a fine magazine for the Society. It is really something to look forward to.

The list of members is a good idea but would like to suggest that a list alone would seem to be a lot of work for you, but to most members it would be of little value unless each member's collecting interests are included, unless they do not want them put in. It would give members the chance to write to



those with similar interests for selling, exchanging, gathering information, etc. Of course, ths involves extra work for you but it would then make your efforts worth while.

Keep up the good work and best wishes.

D. AMOS,
Winnipeg RPSC 7621

COLOUR REGISTRATION

Sir:—Thought I would just drop you a few lines to report something I noticed while going through a recent batch of Canadian commemoratives. On certain issues such as the 'Unity', 'World Peace' and 'Quebec Conference' there occasionally appears what I take to be poor alignment of the second colour. In the 'Unity' stamp this results in copies showing the yellow band around the earth touching the blue sky at the bottom right; on the 'Peace' stamp I have a copy where the red stem in the centre touches the dark blue frame line. The most obvious variety I have occurs in

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the 'Quebec Conference' issue where the reddish shading which normally colours all lettering and the maple leaf, leaving only the hand white, has shifted over to the left, resulting in the figure 5 being 2/3 reddish and 1/3 white. I have attempted to sketch these misalignments, and should you think it important perhaps other members might be asked if they can report similar or even greater shifts.

Perhaps I may be allowed this opportunity to say how much I appreciate the fine work you have been doing in running the Canadian Philatelist.

M. B. DICKETTS,
Toronto RPSC 198

FRED WHO?

Sir:—An article in the last number of The Canadian Philatelist made defamatory reference to a "Canadian collector by the name of Fred ———." As I was the only "Fred ———" attending the Convention the statement that this party was "pulled out of bed and thrown into the pool" has been taken to refer to me. I therefore must correct this erroneous statement. I definitely was not thrown into the pool — I fell in.

FRED JARRETT,
Toronto RPSC 198

TERRIBLE COILS

Sir:—I note your article in the current CANADIAN PHILATELIST concerning the time it takes for delivery of our pulication. For your information my copy of the Sept. - Oct. 1964 issue was received September 21st.

I would like to make the following suggestions concerning our magazine; I suggest you place in a prominent place in every issue the dates on which our annual convention is to be held. I would like to attend but must plan for meetings of this type months in advance. I suggest you also put something in the magazine about the perfs of the current coils which are terrible; even they admit it as per the notices I received with my last order.

You are doing a very good job in putting out the CANADIAN PHILATELIST: keep it up.

ALBERT G. BROWN,
Essex, Conn. RPSC 3136

The Cover

These stamps were issued November 29th, 1913, to commemorate the Centenary of the Netherlands' Independence from French rule.

The 10 Gulden stamps on the cover show the portrait of Queen Wilhelmina. Shown are a 10 gulden, mint and used, of which 100,000 were issued but only 24,000 were sold. The rest, 76,000, were surcharged 2.50 for 2½ g. on August 17th, 1920. Shown are a pair of the surcharged stamps.

The stamp on the right of this pair has what is known as the "broken 'E' of Nederland. This is rare se-tenant to a normal stamp.

These stamps were printed in sheets of 10 x 4 = 40 to a sheet, by Jan Enschedé & Sons by the process, on unwatermarked paper.

The remainder of the series portrays Kings William I, William II and WiWIliam III.

In 1813, the Kingdom of the United Provinces of Holland, which included Belgium and Luxembourg, fought and won its independence from France. Belgium won its independence from Holland in 1830, while Luxembourg had its independence granted in 1890, when Wilhelmina was made Queen as a girl of 10. Queen Emma acted as regent until Queen Wilhelmina came of age in 1898.

—ALBERT E. KIRBY, RPSC 5582

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Book Reviews

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by Douglas and Mary Patrick

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"Canada's Postage Stamps," compiled by Douglas and Mary Patrick and published by McClelland & Stewart, provides all essential data, for all stamps from 1851 for 112 years and is fully illustrated. Number of plates used and volume printed is given.

In a postal history chapter, early beginnings are recalled, the change from sterling to decimal currency values, and there is record of the bank note companies that printed the stamps.

EXTENSIVE APPENDIX

An appendix tells how Canadian stamps are made, reviews the law applying to stamps, lists publications devoted to Canadian stamps, provides an extensive glossary of philatelic terms and has an index.

The authors were given access to official records in their research. They have long been known as conductors of a radio stamp club and as columnists.

Airmail, coil, precancels, war tax, special delivery and official stamps receive attention in the comprehensive volume.

This volume must certainly be included among the handboks that are indispensable to the collector who specializes in the stamps of Canada. Published by McClelland and Stewart Limited, and obtainable at most stamp dealers and booksellers—Price $9.85.

—A. W. McINTYRE

"MAGNA TORCH"

The Advertisement on page 290 of the November 1964 issue of **The Canadian Philatelist** regarding the **"MAGNA TORCH"** gave the address of the Supplier as 160 Divalda Road, Weston, Ont. whereas it should have read—Gift Lines Ltd. 160 Rivalda Road Weston, Ontario.

Martin Apfelbaum:

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MEDICAL EXPEDITION TO EASTER ISLAND

The Medical Expedition to Easter Island left Halifax on Nov. 16 to conduct research on what is still one of the loneliest spots in the world. Easter Island is situated in the South Pacific some 2,500 miles off the cost of Chili. Its isolation however is to be short lived as it is to become a stopping point on an air route to be established between South America and Australia.

Among the objects of the Expedition is to identify and evaluate the relative role of environmental and hereditary factors in an isolated population. It is also proposed to establish facilities for a permanent biological station as well as a health centre on the island.

The Expedition consists of a task force of 36 scientists and researchers from Chile, Great Britain, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, the United States, as well as from Canada.

They sailed in H.M.C.S. Cape Scott, a repair ship of the Royal Canadian navy, which has been placed at the disposal of the Expedition by the Canadian Government. The scientists will be put ashore on Easter Island on December 14 and they will conduct their investigations among the 1,200 population until they are picked up by the "Cape Scott" on February 11 for their return voyage to Halifax arriving on March 17.



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A point of particular interest to Philatelists is that a Post Office is being established on Easter Island by the Chilean Government.

An attractive seal, as illustrated, has been prepared as a souvenir of the Expedition and those interested in obtaining cacheted cards from Easter Island may order them by sending one dollar with a stamped self-addressed envelope to "METEI", Easter Island Expedition Society, care of McGill University, Montreal, to arrive not later than **January 15.**

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A World War I Cover—

C. F. BLACK, RPSC 6665

At this time, when our thoughts are turning back to the first Great War, it is of interest to find the cover illustrated here, a striking memento of the anxious and tragic days of that war. It is illustrated here, a striking memento of the anxious and tragic days of that war. It illustrates Canada's part in that conflict, participation in which first brought this country to nationhood.

The particular interest of this envelope is that it was recovered from a torpedoed ship, brought to Halifax and safely delivered. The letter was written by a Canadian soldier on active service and the cover bears the signature of the censoring officer. It was posted at a field post office in August, 1915.

While it was crossing the Atlantic on the S.S. Hesperian, that steamship was torpedoed and sunk without warning at a position about 85 miles south west by south from Fastnet, a rock and lighthouse off the south west coast of Ireland.

Lloyd's Registry of Shipping for 1914 contains the information that the S.S. Hesperian, originally named the W.S. Main, was built in 1908 and registered at Glasgow. It was a ship of 10,920 registered gross tonnage, owned by the Allan Lines Steamship Company Limited.

Following recovery after the torpedoing, the letter was brought safely across the Atlantic by a later mail steamer. It reached Halifax on October 15, 1915 when the stamps were affixed and cancelled.



Canada Cellophane Packages

G. H. POTTS, RPSC 7325

Seldom heard about, but these packets do present some interesting figures. Perhaps one of the scarcest items in modern Canada would be the 2nd issue of the 5c. package. If one collects straight edges they make for interesting collecting.

During the later part of 1961 the Post Office issued cellophane packages consisting of the then current 1954 regular issued cellophane packages consisting of the then current 1954 regular issue, with 2c. and 5c. denominations. These were put in miniature sheets with all 4 edges imperforated. The 2c. were produced from plates 15 and 16 of the regular issue by omitting the perforation wheel between the 5th and 6th row. These were then cut into sheets of 5 x 5. The 5c. stamps were produced from a completely new sheet consisting of 600 stamps, and cut into sheets of 4 x 5.

The first issue consisted of two types of packages.

(a) Red wording on a white background printed on transparent cellulose film with the main wording at right angles to the continuous border printing.

(b) Red wording on a white background printed on transparent cellulose film with the main wording parallel to the border printing.

Type b was delivered to the Post Office department for insertion of the panes by the Post Office staff.

No. Issued	(a)	(b)
2c.	5,515,400	954,000
5c.	3,961,200	170,000

However in the later part of 1963 a new type was issued for the 1963 current issue, namely

(c) Red wording on a white background printed on transparent cellulose film with the main wording parallel to the border printing. (Size of lettering is smaller).

However some of these were used for the 1954 issue stamps, and on account of the vertical layout of the stamps, these are inserted sideways.

5c. No. issued of type c 74,500. Rather a small amount when you consider the usual amount issued of most items.

Now let's take a look at the straight (imperforate) edges. We find that these cellophane packages give us 4 more collectable items, namely Leftside, rightside, top and leftside, and bottom and leftside. Now let us see how many of each edge is available when both the cellophane packages and booklets are combined.

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Right-side	—	*19,408,200	—	*8,411,400
Left-side	—	*19,408,200	—	*8,411,400
Top & right-side	37,503,000	*6,464,400	37,804,825	86,003,975
Bottom & right	37,503,000	*6,464,400	37,804,825	86,003,975
Top & left-side	—	*6,464,400	—	*4,205,700
Bottom & left	—	*6,464,400	—	*4,205,700

* only available in cellophane packages

From this you can see why one finds so many top edges and so few top and bottom left.

The 1963 issue brings another set of figures due to the horizontal shape, with the top and left-side being the hardest to find. Naturally no quantities are yet available.

At the present time the 1963 issue is available in packages of 2c. 4c. and 5c. also the 3c. Christmas stamp in both regular and tagged. This makes a total of 10 different packages collectible to date.

Coming Events

MARCH 27 — KAWARTHA STAMP CLUB, Peterborough, Ont. Annual Exhibition at the Lions' Club Centre, and Annual Banquet. Details in the next issue.

APRIL 3, 1965—KITCHENER-WATERLOO P.S., Annual Exhibition at the Eastwood Collegiate Institute, Kitchener. Exhibition Chairman, Mrs. R. B. Gillrie, 630 Rockway Dr., Kitchener, Ont.

MAY 1 — OTTAWA, Annual Exhibition of R.A. Stamp Club.

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1965 Convention – Halifax, May 13 - 15

The 1965 Convention of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada will take place in Halifax, with headquarters in the Nova Scotian Hotel, from the 13th to the 15th May inclusive, under the sponsorship of the **Nova Scotia Stamp Club.**

While the planning of the Convention is still under way as we go to press, some particulars can be given as to what is being planned.

Thursday, May 13 will be taken up with registration and a reception in the evening, sponsored by a good friend of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club.

For **Friday 14th May,** there will be a bus tour of Halifax and the surrounding country, with perhaps, a cruise around Halifax Harbour. The Presidential Reception will be held in the evening.

We hope to hold the Annual General Meeting of the Society as usual on the morning of the **Saturday, May 15.** The Annual Banquet will take place in the evening at the Hotel Nova Scotian.

Several study groups are being planned.

The President of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club, Eric Tizard, informs us that he has personally visited several groups in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, notably Truro, Digby, Amherst, Saint John, Kentville, Greenwood, Moncton etc. and found everyone keenly interested in the coming Convention and all the Maritime clubs have assured Mr. Tiard of their whole-hearted co-operatio so there is assurance of a very large turnout from the Atlantic Provinces.

Many of our members have visited the Atlantic Provinces, either on business or on vacation, and are already aware of their charms so the attendance from "Lower" and "Upper" Canada should be quite strong and as representative as elsewhere in the past few years. No doubt also—at least we hope—that some members from the Lakehead West will be keen on this opportunity of getting acquainted with their fellow collectors from "down East".

By the way, those who think all the "fine" collections are in Central Canada, and perhaps in a few places in the West, will be in for a pleasant surprise!

We are also sure of a goodly contingent from the United States. Halifax is quite handy to Boston and other parts of New England, but knowing the boundless enthusiasm and energy of many of our American friends, we are quite certain that we shall see a goodly number from points much further afield than New England. They will be more than welcome, for many a Convention would have been the poorer but for the terrific enthusiasm of so many of our members and friends from south of the border.

So, from all over the North American Continent we shall convene once again in Halifax from the 13th to the 15th May 1965.

? Collect Canada ?

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MAY 6-9 — UNION PHILATELIQUE DE MONTREAL, Exup X 1965, at the Palais du Commerce, 1660 Berri, Montreal. First Provincial Philatelic Exhibition. Particulars from the U.P.M., Box 398, Montreal 3, P.Q.

MAY 13 - 15 — RPSC ANNUAL CONVENTION, Nova Scotian Hotel, Halifax, N.S.

Obituary

We regret to learn of the passing of Edgar Mohrmann while on a visit to Chicago. Mr. Mohrmann was one of the greatest auctioneers in Europe and was very well-known over this side of the Atlantic. To his associates in Hamburg, we offer our deepest sympathy in their great loss.

CHAPTER MEETINGS

OTTAWA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

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CHAPTER NEWS

● **WOODSTOCK**

The following new officers of the Oxford Philatelic Society were elected: President, Art Williams; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Doris Milnes, 707 Hughson St. Woodstock, Ont.

Glad to hear once again from the Oxford P.S. which has been very silent (for us) for quite a long time!

● **TRAIL**

George Vlanich has been elected President, of the Columbia Philatelic Society. John Harrison remains as Secretary-Treasurer.

We learn that John Millen, Immediate Past President of the Club, is retiring and leaving for a trip around the world. Thanks, John, for your line "I am renewing my 1965 membership at once so as not to miss any copies of CP on my return. I will contact you on my return next September". What wouldn't we give to be going with you! Bon voyage!

● **BRANTFORD**

Under the able editorship of Jim Moore, THE PHILY, bulletin of the Brantford S.C. is better than ever.

We seem to be doing a lot of quoting in this issue, but we can not forbear from doing so in the case of THE PHILY:

". . . one of the most enjoyable and fulfilling aspects of stamp collecting is found by attending these shows and also club meetings, meeting other collectors, exchanging ideas and sometimes stamps. A stamp collector can only get out of the hobby what he puts into it . ."

How true!

By the way, Jim, did Barb give you a hand with the November Issue?

● **QUEBEC**

Georges Filion, the liaison officer of the Société Philatélique de Québec to the RPSC, reports that their recent Exhibition was attended by over 900 persons, with which figure Georges seems to be disappointed. While it was a three-day show, we think such an attendance is very creditable indeed and the SPQ is to be congratulated on such a good showing.

The First Prize was awarded to Gérard Lemieux, President of the Club, for his presentation of Canadian pre-cancels. For this he received the Lieutenant-Governor's Silver Medal. Second prize went to Mlle Marguerite Fortin for an exhibit on "PHILATEC" the great international exhibition which took place in Paris last June. For this she was awarded the "Timbres-poste et Monnaies" Trophy.



AT THE QUEBEC EXHIBITION: Georges Filion, SPQ Liaison Officer to the RPSC, presenting the Lieutenant-Governor's Silver Medal to Gérard Lemieux, President of the Société Philatélique de Québec, for his outstanding display of Canada pre-cancels, the three frames of which are seen in the background.

● **MONTREAL**

On the 24th November, the South Shore Stamp Club (Club Philatélique de la Rive Sud) celebrated its 15th Anniversary, for which our very sincere congratulations to this active and lively club. From a communication from Mr. R. Marcotte, the Club's very efficient Secretary, we would like to quote the following lines:

"At every meeting of the Club there are always brisk exchanges between members who bring their stamps, yet some others come mainly to chat, look at some of the other members' stamps

and occasionally buy the stamps they have been trying to get for a long time. But when the meeting closes, they are all happy and looking forward to the next meeting".

That should be the situation in every stamp club in the world.

● SHERBROOKE

The Eastern Townships S.C. and the St. Francis Collectors' Club held a joint Exhibition in Sherbrooke on the 31 Oct. and 1st November, which was very successful indeed. Well over 400 people were in attendance over the week end. "The chief aim of the Exhibition was to interest youth in the collecting of stamps and with the hope of interesting anew the older folk to return to our fascinating and inexpensive pastime" said Hector-J. Hébert, president of the Eastern Townships S.C.



(Photo Gerry Lemay, Sherbrooke Daily Record)

Official opening of the Exhibition held jointly by the Eastern Townships Stamp Club (Sherbrooke) and the St. Francis Collectors' Club (Lennoxville). From L to R: Eddy Echenberg, President of the C.N.S.; l'abbé Hector Lafrance, Stamp Curator at the Sherbrooke Seminary, cutting the ribbon marking the official opening of the Exhibition; Hector-J. Hébert, President of the Eastern Townships Stamp Club, and R. B. Miess, President of the St. Francis Collectors' Club.

We note that our old friend Father Hector Lafrance seemed to be right in the midst of things there and he is quoted as saying: "We are always ready and willing to give advice to beginner and oldster alike, on any queries they may have concerning their chosen hobby."

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● TORONTO

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Nice to hear that Norm Meadows was in charge of the nominations and elections. Before his retirement, Norm was at the Adelaide St. P.O. in Toronto and many a lunchtime we have passed together gabbing on our favourite subject, to wit France . . . what else!

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The Canadian Association For Israel Philately (CAFIP), one of the new chapters of the "Royal", is composed of specialists in the field of Israel and Holy Land Philately. Members of the society are also well known in other areas of stamp collecting. It would suffice to mention men like Doug Patrick, Harry Zifkin, Tom Roberts.

The association's exhibitions, held only infrequently, have attracted collectors like His Eminence Cardinal Spellman, Mr. E. Spurgeon and the late Mr. Ross Workman.

Meetings are held the second Monday of each month, 8.30 p.m. at the Y.M. H.A., 4588 Bathurst St., Willowdale. Further information can be obtained from Mr. M. Madesker at 633-7230 and from Mr. T. Roberts at OX. 1-3813.

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● **HAMILTON**

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Dr. C. H. Chapman is appointed Liaison Officer of the Club to the RPSC.

Glad to hear from Lethbridge. News from the "place where they have runners on the front of their vehicles and wheels on the back", are far and few between.



The Executive of the Civil Service (Ottawa) Stamp Club for 1964-65. L to R, seated: Lt. Herbert Saunders (Army) President; Major G. Ralph Purser, Vice-president; Mrs. Norma L. Gilmour, Treasurer; and Miss Margaret Over, Librarian. Standing: Bill Assad, Auctioneer; Lorne Bentham, Public Relations Officer; Ralph Mitchener, Immediate Past President; and Paul Desjardins, Secretary.

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