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November 1, 1965

Dear Friends:—

In mid September the B.N.A.P.S. held their annual Convention at Cape Cod in the Chatham Bars Inn. Since I had several stamp deals pending that were located between Toronto and Cape Cod, I thought it a good plan to drive there stopping on the way to buy and sell stamps.

The first stop was Oshawa to visit my good friend Bill Affleck, the best story teller stamp dealer this side of New York. He has a wonderful stamp den, everything quite handy for stamp work, and while we looked at stamps he told me the latest. Just by chance I had a quantity of stock books and albums of good British Colonies that Bill fancied and so they stayed in Oshawa.

That's all for this month, but please remember me when stamps are for sale.

Let's get on with the trip to the Cape. The drive through the New England States was beautiful and rather than take the thru'way, I took my time on the back roads and really enjoyed the trip. My route took me by Kingston, Lake Placid, Stowe, Manchester, Boston and Plymouth. You look that up on the map and you will see I took the long way round.

Being off season the Cape Cod area was somewhat deserted and a little the worse for wear after the busy summer business. This quiet and peace was just what I wanted: However, when we got to Chatham Bars Inn, all those wild, mad stamp collectors of the B.N.A.P.S. kept things hopping right around the clock for four straight days.

Jarrett was in his usual fine form, and his buddy Vinnie with his charming smile right there looking after him, or was it the other way around? George Hicks of Listowel, Ontario had his hand full looking after Joe Backes and their Toronto friend (guess who.) Meanwhile the wives were out buying up all the rare and beautiful antique bargains. Dr. J. Matejka of Chicago and his charming wife had a formal lobster dinner party in their suite after the normal evening dinner in the hotel dining room. It turned out to be a ball. Dr. Norman Boyd of Windsor was in charge of the entertainment, and his act "The last trip to Europe" brought tears to the eyes of everyone. Dr. Matejka had a few serious stories and only space forbids me from repeating here. Dr. Matejka's Newfoundland airmail collection is really something and there is not much he doesn't know about this particular field of collecting.

On October 19th. I was guest speaker at the London Stamp Club, and had a wonderful time there. It is always pleasant to go to London, as I have a son attending the University there, and also other good friends like Jim Law and Ed Abey to look after me.

The other night just as I was leaving the office a chap came in with a little lot of Liberia. I was in a hurry but took time to value and offer $35.00 which was accepted. After he had the money in hand, he said that another dealer had only offered $10.00. Wouldn't it be great if I could pay 3½ time the other fellows price on everything. As a matter of fact I'm not always able to pay the very highest price, but I do the best I can.

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The Editor Speaks Out . . . .

OUR readers will note in THE MAIL BAG a letter from a dealer member of the Society, who requested that his name be not published.

We acceded to his request, but we would like our readers to know that his name is one of the most eminent and respected over this side of the ocean and is well-known to all Canadian and American philatelists.

Needless to say, we quite agree with his remarks, but we did want to impress our readers that he is not some unknown person but one of the finest dealers in the United States.

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While in Ottawa in mid-September, we spent a few hours with our President and were delighted to note that he is well on the way to recovery and the same old Doc. His legs are somewhat weak, which is not surprising after some eight or nine weeks spent in bed, but he is undergoing a series of exercises which should soon straighten out this matter. We won't describe one of the exercises prescribed by the physiotherapist, but simply say that we would just love to see our "Doc" doing it!

Dr. Geldert has had many visitors, local and from out of town, including a visit from Robbie Lowe who spent quite a while with him.

Dr. and Mrs. Geldert wish to thank most sincerely all those who have sent so many kind wishes to him during the past three months. They did a lot to keep him going.

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During our brief stay in Ottawa, we managed to spend a couple of pleasant evenings with the R.A. Stamp Club and the Ottawa Philatelic Society. Our visit to the O.P.S. was rather spoilt by the playing of the Grenadier Guards band just outside the room where the club met, for an affair of the Inter-Parliamentary Conference. We could not talk or listen much, but we did hear some pleasant music!

Henri Gauthier was there and he told us that he hopes to get going by the 1st October. No doubt, there will be a message from him on another page.

We were pleased to hear that Mme Gauthier has got over the worst of her recent sickness and is now back at home convalescing.

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We had a rather busy September, as from Ottawa, we proceeded to La vieille Capitale, where we had the pleasure of addressing the Société Philatélique de Québec, thoroughly enjoying ourself in the process. It was almost exactly twelve years since our previous visit and we were royally received.

Mlle Marguerite Fortin, the S.P.Q.'s energetic secretary, met us at the station and forthwith proceeded to take us to the main Post Office hard by the Railway Station. Having now visited at various times the post office in Quebec, Toronto and Windsor, we almost feel qualified to take on a postmaster's job at a moment's notice! M. Richard, the Quebec postmaster, was a delightful host and the visit was most interesting.

Later, some six of us met at the Vendôme, which turned out to be a gastronomical delight. After this, the meeting of the Club was well attended and the guest from Toronto was well received. After the meeting, a few of us gathered at the home of Georges Filion, our liaison man with the S.P.Q., where we had some interesting discussions until a late hour.

Our heartfelt thanks to Mlle Fortin, Georges Filion and Guy des Rivières for having made our visit so pleasant and interesting. We devoutly hope that, D.V. and all that, we shall not wait another 12 years before returning to Québec, the cradle of Canada.

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It is interesting to note, from a recent notice sent out by the French Post Office, that seven recently withdrawn stamps had printings ranging from 2,790,000 to 5,675,000. No wonder

French commemoratives have been going up and up during the last few years!

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The South Shore Stamp-Club Philatélique de la Rive-Sud, asked us to be their guest at their 16th Anniversary Dinner, so we duly hied ourself to Montreal, where Wayne Curtis, the Club's efficient Secretary, soon took us in hand.

The dinner took place at La Chandelle, a small but efficient establishment, where some fifty members and their wives and girl friends gathered to hear us say a few things on the Tribulations of a Translator, which seemed to go down very well.

It was a most enjoyable evening and our warmest thanks go out to Wayne Curtis, Roger Trudeau, the President, and Jacques Charron, Vice-President, for the way they looked after us, and to the Club as a whole for the way they received the Man from Toronto! Merci, Rive-Sud; c'était une soirée que je n'oublierai pas de si vite!

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The week before we had been to Peterborough, where we addressed the Kawartha P.S. John Grace, Peter Dominik and Gwen Wilkinson (of old North Toronto days) welcomed us and we spent a most enjoyable evening.

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While in Montreal, we spent an evening and afternoon with Allen Christensen, and had, as always, a very pleasant time with him. A Vice-President of the Society, Allen is one of our pillars of strength and has been our mentor ever since we started taking an active interest in the Society's affairs twelve years ago.

It was fine to see that Rosemary, Allen's daughter and also a member of the Society, is taking an interest in France's stamps and manages to do a bit of collecting between sessions of Blackstone at McGill.

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We have not done so much travelling since 1958. We frankly admit that at our time of life, we sometimes find it ard to tear ourself away from home and hearth, but we never regret doing so, as these little jaunts of ours are most rewarding and enjoyable.

Martin Apfelbaum:

HUNTING GROUNDS



November 1965 — for a stamp dealer, the west coast is one of the largest and toughest markets in which to purchase philatelic materials. There are a number of fine stamp firms in the west, and the competition is no less than fierce. Yet Apfelbaum's probably does more business on the coast than any of the stamp companies that are located there.

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If you live in New Mexico, Arizona, California or Hawaii and are contemplating the immediate or future sale of a collection, accumulation, stock or estate, it will be well worth your while to meet with my father and discuss the liquidation of your properties. His advice is free of charge—even if you don't take it. But chances are you will.

Contact me today, by letter or phone, if you would like to be included in our firm's west coast buying tour during December and January. If you write, don't forget to include your address and telephone number, a brief description of your holdings, and suggest the most convenient time for my father's visit.

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Some Remarkable Stamps

EXTRACT FROM AN ADDRESS OF ROBSON LOWE TO THE EDMONTON STAMP CLUB

Most of you have collected Canadian stamps—I have myself although only on the limited scale of my collection of Chalon heads. There is little doubt that none of us have ever seen anything like this small but unique collection before and I hope that you will find these brief comments of mine of some interest.

As you know the first issue appeared in 1851 and was printed on a thin laid paper although sometimes the laid lines do not show.

The threepence beaver, designed by Sir Sanford Fleming, came out on 23rd April. At that time, the beaver skin was a trading standard of the Hudson Bay Company and their coins bore a beaver as an emblem of value.

The block of four "beavers" is a bit of a brute with the corner missing off one stamp, but it IS the only one in the world. Between you and me, the pair has



as much appeal, although if you could find them there are two others in existence.

The pair of twelvepence which was once in the great Ferrari collection pleases me, for they are the last two stamps on the sheet. You will all know how rare this popular stamp is, I believe that there are less than 150 copies in existence and only two other pairs are known. There have been two losses of this stamp about 50 years ago which removed a fifth of the world's supply. A firm of dealers in London acquired twelve of these stamps from the late Lachlan Gibb and had the misfortune to lose them all. They had been put in an envelope which was usually kept in a



drawer in the safe but one day the drawer was opened for the removal of some papers and the envelope fell out and into the wastepaper basket. When the stamps were missed the dealers instituted a thorough search of their premises, but in vain, for they were never recovered.

Another serious loss of the twelvepennies occurred a few years later. It was a summer day and a dealer was sitting at a table with five copies of the 12d arrayed in front of him and the window was open because of the heat and somebody suddenly opened the door and a draught swept the rarities off the table and out of the window—none was recovered.

Possibly someone here does not know why the stamps are called 12d instead of one shilling. At that time the term shilling had a different significance in the various parts of North America. For example, in England a shilling meant 16 and 2/3 cents or only tenpence while in New York the expression was used in respect of 12½ cents which equals 7½d. The inscription of 12d on the stamps permitted no misunderstanding of their actual value.

I look upon the single with particular affection for it was once in my own collection of stamps bearing the portrait of Queen Victoria after the painting by Alfred Edward Chalon. The 12d was the first postage stamp to bear this portrait which an American engraver had copied from an engraving made by



Samuel Cousins in 1838. It had been used previously on certain Canadian bank notes. I would never have been able to afford the stamp but for the generosity of an old Jew who knew it was the only Chalon head that I lacked so sold it to me for £400 with the proviso that when I parted with it the proceeds were used for a good purpose. The condition was fulfilled because the money kept my aged mother in comfort for the last two years of her long life.

Among the contemporary printings on medium hard wove, I love the 3d with the marginal imprint although this is overshadowed by the blocks of six 3d deep red and four 3d brown-red. The former is a lovely, and the rarer colour; the latter has the stitch water-mark. Sarah-jane has asked me "What is a stitch watermark"? When machine made paper is being manufactured, it passes through rollers, the one that finally caused the pattern of the paper, such as laid, wove or watermarked is called the "dandy roll". This roll is covered by a wire gauze which in olden time was stitched with fine wire where it joined. It is the watermark caused by

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this wire stitching which is called the "stitch-watermark".

The block of four 6d greenish-grey is most attractive and the only one known, a single copy was once attached to form a block of five.



The 6d slate-violet is even rarer—in fact I had been in business for over 35 years before I even saw an unused copy.

In 1855 a thick hard paper was introduced and I believe that the mint pair of 6d grey-lilac must be unique. Curiously, the 1857 6d reddish purple on thick soft paper is a stamp that I have sold before.

All the stamps that have been mentioned so far were used on domestic letters or to the U.S.A. The 10d. bear-

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ing the portrait of Jacques Cartier, the famous French navigator who discovered the St. Lawrence River, was issued in 1855 to pay postage on pocket letters to the United Kingdom. The stamp is more beautifully produced than the preceding values and the stamps printed on stout hard paper two years later have



particular aesthetic appeal. Here is a brilliant mint marginal block of four a pair and six singles. The companion 7½d issued in 1857 for paying postage on Canadian steamers to the United Kingdom is represented by a block of equally fine appearance, but alas one stamp has a small tear. The brilliant marginal pair in the deep shade is equally lovely.

The ½d value which was issued in the same year for use on circulars and newspapers is very attractive in the deep rose and lilac-rose shades and the single in the last named colour showing the major re-entry is a "peach of a rose".

The mint block of ten is unique.

In 1858 Canadian stamps were first perforated. I know of no other mint blocks of the ½d and 3d, the latter has enormous appeal to me but I have sold a pair of the 6d brownish-grey in the







Burrus collection; here there are four singles.

Some of these unique unused blocks came from a collection found in the archives of a noble French family some 20 years ago. These were unearthed for the first time since the stamps had arrived in France. The blocks that are now in the Gill collection are the only ones that have ever been seen. All the stamps I have mentioned so far were printed in New York by Rawdon, Wright, Hatch and Edson. The first stamps they produced were the first to appear in the American continent, the New York 2 cents issued for local postage in 1842. They were fine printers and a

progressive firm and in 1858 became the American Bank Note Company.

All the pence issues had the denomination in colonial currency which, at that time stood at a premium of 25% over the equivalent value in sterling. For this reason, the 10d blue was also engraved "8d sterling" and the 7½d "sixpence sterling" and it was not until 1859 that the decimal currency with cents and dollars was introduced.

Naturally I was interested in comparing the unused multiples in this collection with those in the collection formed by His Majesty the Late King George V and now owned by Her Majesty. There is a marginal block of four of the 3d on thick hard paper with the inscription and two unused pairs of the ½d; that is all.

On the 1st July 1859 the new issue appeared, a few sheets imperforate of which there are blocks of four of the 1 cent rose and 12½ cents blue-green, a marginal block of nine 17 cents deep blue and a number of pairs. Among the regular perforated 12 stamps there is that wonderful block of 1 cent with the margin before the imprint had been engraved, a block of the 5 cents beaver as well as several singles with re-entries and plate flaws, the scarce 10 cents brownish-purple, a pair of 17 cents deep blue and a strip of three of the indigo.



When a remarkable collection is sold it is inevitable that others are interested in the owner and his career.

Every connoisseur of the classic postage stamp will agree that the collection that I have described is remarkable by any standard and includes many pieces that are irreplaceable. Robert Gill was born in 1889 in Baltimore, Maryland and has practised Corporation Law in that city for approximately 50 years, he is a director of various financial and other institutions, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, in Western Maryland College and President of the American Contract Bridge League.

During the first World War he rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and served under General MacArthur as assistant Chief of Staff of the Rainbow division. In the Second World War he served as Brigadier General and was Chief of the Prisoner of War Division in the European Theatre. Subsequently he served as Executive Officer under Justice Jackson at the Nuremberg International Trial.

He began collecting stamps in May 1946 while on a visit to Prague and until recently only took unused stamps, at first the classic issues only on a world-wide scale but in recent years has restricted his interests to specialised studies of Belgium, Canada, France, Greece, Portugal and Spain. Both his collections of Belgium and France were awarded a gold medal at the FIPEX Exhibition in New York in 1956 and his Canadian collection was shown in the Court of Honour at London in 1960. He is a Trustee of the Philatelic Foundation since 1950 and has served as their Vice Chairman for some years.

Notice To Chapters

As was done last year, the complete issues of THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST for 1965 will be sent to all Chapters in good standing on receipt of their membership list by the Secretary.

MOUNTING

By G. H. POTTS, RPSC 7325

For years it has been the common practice to mount stamps with hinges, though today the modern hinge is a far cry from some of the original ones. They are peelable and leave very little gum disturbance on a mint stamp. At one time many used a glue pot, or rather than buy a hinge used the selvedge. But now the tendency is to use a special mount for mint stamps, these consist of some form of cover, that the stamp may be slipped into, though a number of these are poor, as the stamp has a tendency to slip out.

Actually the mounting of stamps is well taken care of, and needs no further mention, but what happens when one has to mount Booklets, Aerogrammes, Covers, and Slogans. Hinges are not a satisfactory method.

Let's take a look at Booklets. It would seem that there are two recognised methods, the cut finger system, or the stick to the tongue.

The first method, two slits are cut in an album page about 1½" apart, and slightly wider than the booklet to be mounted. This is fine if you can find a razor blade, but with the event of the electric razor, it becomes more difficult, especially now they come in women's sizes. Besides one must have a package of band aids handy, and one other caution, don't try it on your best table, the results can be disastrous. Having surmounted all these problems and the booklets have been mounted, it is surprising how they manage to dance the twist during the night, and need straightening out next day.

Perhaps the stick to the tongue method is better, here one buys a number of triangular corners, and you put one of these at the top left corner, and to save money another on the bottom right corner. A couple of licks, and you start to mount them on a page, but alas, one corner is missing, and by the time you have retrieved it from your tongue, the other is on the floor. As you have already got the corners you carry on, but alas, who ever thought of stitching a booklet, maybe one will have to use both methods.

In desperation why not try my method, and your worries will be over. Take one of the mint stamp mounts, such as Hawid, and cut them up into pieces about 1" long. Width of mount doesn't matter, though I use pieces about 1". Place them over the back page of a booklet one at the top and the other at the bottom, give them a lick, press them onto your page, and the booklet is mounted. What is more it is easy to open, or can be removed and replaced at anytime, and it will stay in place.

This method can easily be used for Aerogrammes, covers and slogans, the latter I mount in 3-ring binders, by placing two strips 4¼" apart on the top half of a page and another set on the bottom. The slogans then slip in sideways, this allows more to a page. Here again it is easy to removed one, and make any changes that is necessary. This applies to slogans cut 2" x 4", Covers can be mounted like booklets, or a strip can be used down each side of a page.

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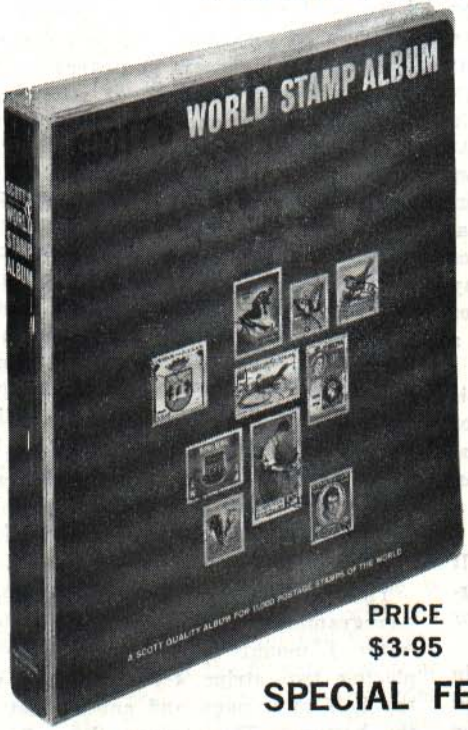
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FROM GLUTINOUS WASH TO CURIOUS SMEAR

PATRICK RYAN'S reflections on the Churchill Commemorative Stamps, available at all Post Offices some time soon

Philatelists are funny. Funny droll and funny daunting. At first sight, quaint documentary squirrels compulsively hoarding, in the words of Rowland Hill, "small, stamped, detached labels about an inch square prepared on the back with a glutinous wash." Less cuddly, though, at harder look. Traitors to their species in the long march of evolution. While mankind strives towards perfection, the philatelist pursues imperfection. The errors of his fellowmen are his one true delight. While they aim for the better, he hopes for the worst. Society decries poor workmanship, but the stamp-collector applauds the flaw, esteems the blemish and rejoices to see the nose of our noble Queen stuck on the wrong way round.

Philatelists are crazy, mixed-up people. Heaven has lately been bombarded with their confused prayers for the disfigurement of Sir Winston Churchill . . . **"Dear Lord, who made heaven and earth and the British Guiana One Cent of 1856 now worth £200,000, please arrange that the Churchill Commemorative stamps I buy on the day of issue be spoilt by every possible error of printing, watermark, gumming and perforation. May the printer who runs off my sheet be inefficient, three-fingered, drunk, colour-blind and affflicted by ague. On the other hand, O Lord, may the postman who date-stamps my first-day cover be the soul of efficiency, diligent, meticulous and so devoted to his duty that the awful botchery of my stamps shall receive a date-stamp of transcendent clarity'** . . . Her Majesty is, of course, the regular target for such invocations, and it is not widely enough known that she maintains her printed beauty against the deformities wished upon her by philatelic malediction only at considerable expense in voodoo retainers and white cockerels.

Philatelists are base materials. They are as obsessed with money as Midas and place a price on everything they possess. It is a frightening experience for one uninfected by philately to sit, trapped by ponderous albums across his knees, and watch the ice-light of avarice creep into the eyes of his best friend as he quotes the catalogue price, profit to date, and mercenary expectations of each portion of gummed paper in his collection.

Philatelists are filled with Freudian death-wish. What else could drive a man to devote his precious days here below to the contemplation of such minutiae of human failing as recently exemplified in the Philatelic Magazine:

> **CURIOUS SMEAR**
>
> Globe Stamp Co. Ltd. (London) have shown us a part sheet of the Great Britain Forth Bridge 3d. value with a colour smear which obliterates the value down the right-hand side. The variety occurs in the third vertical row and appears on each of the twelve stamps.

Can a man be legally sane and yet pay out hard-earned money to possess a Curious Smear? People have been put in straitjackets for less.

Philatelists are self-hypnotic. Otherwise, how could they get themselves conned into believing that because a sheet of 2d. stamps—worth £2 in postal services or about 1¼d. in paper, ink and gum—came to miss the perforating machine in 1957, it forthwith achieved a value of £12,000? Particularly, mark you, when, until 1854 all stamps lacked perforation anyway. And can we be in

the same world as income tax, dustbins and South Vietnam when we read, in Gibbons Stamp Monthly:

LEGLESS WONDER

Just before going to press I was handed a complete sheet of fifty stamps of a newly discovered variety of British Honduras, a completely missing colour which results in albino legs to the Jacana Bird . . . I can now take bookings for individual stamps at £35 apiece . . .

The Jacana Bird stamp, complete with fully coloured legs, retails in British Honduras post offices at three cents apiece.

Philatelists are gullible. With victims eager to pay folding money for imperforates, curious smears and legless Jacana birds it is not unsurprising that philately has ever been a happy hunting-ground for forgers. It is estimated that the number of spurious Speratis displayed proudly in stamp collections is rivalled only by the number of fake Corots revered in American art galleries.

Philatelists are masochists. They do not want to be cured of their sad addiction. Lately, in the United States, a printer's gremlin contrived to omit a complete bridge from fifty copies of the four cent stamp, which then became saleable for a total of £3,500. The Post Office kindly proposed to release the victims from the dealers' thrall by printing another 770,000 bridgeless items, but the self-inflicting philatelists rallied in protest and the department was forbidden to do so by a Federal judge in Washington.

Philatelists are unscrupulous. Stamps bring out man's inherent amorality. Specimens stolen in planned burglaries vanish into secret albums and never reappear on the market. One enthusiast will never leave his collection alone in the presence of another. Two rabid collectors negotiating a swop provide a spectacle of chicanery and double-dealing comparable only with the prospect of a Greek selling a second-hand motor-car to an Armenian. The British Museum have the stamp squirrels weighed up. If you take a head count, you'll find that there are more attendants to the acre in the Stamp Room than in any other part of the building. It would be easier to knock off Nefertiti's mother-in-law than to whip a few penny blacks up your jumper.

Philatelists are fanatics. To a victim of severe philatelic neurosis, everything else in life—career, marriage or getting the coal in—are badly also-rans to his glutionus obsession. At the last census, there were more stamp-widows than golf-widows. A brave, but now divorced, philatelic neighbour had to fight his way through the flames twice when his house caught fire. On the first heroic dash he collected only his British Colonial Over-prints and clean forgot his wife.

But, in the final count, philatelists are wonderful. Unwavering philanthropists ever ready to pour their savings into new issues, no matter how obvious may be their own exploitation nor how blat-

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THE MAIL BAG

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Sir:— Isn't it odd how we occasionally run into collectors whose misguided principles are so strong that they see red if a professional makes two cents at their expense?

That seems to be the complaint of Mr. W. Steiner, of Vancouver, RPSC 4306, who resented being asked to pay 5c. for a stamp that he could get for 3c. at the Post Office.

We don't know all the circumstances, or even why the dealer seemed to get his supply before the general public. This is not unusual. Large buyers of stamps in the U.S.A. and at the U.N. can go to a special window for their supplies. This avoids crowding the ordinary wickets. The stamps are preselected for condition. And is this so terrible?

The dealer asked two cents per stamp for selected condition, and for the convenience he extended his patrons by making it unnecessary for them to go to the Post Office. Granted that he sold 200 of them at this tremendous markup (if indeed he sold that many!). This is $2, a huge sum no doubt which would help immeasurably towards his rent, his overhead, his taxes and his living expenses.

Yes, the Post Office does undersell him. But does the Post Office give philatelic advice? Does it let the collector use his library, his accessories? Does it stock hinges, albums and other items for the collector's use? Does it let him read magazines, books, publications?

Most collectors are well aware of the fact that it is the dealer whose availability to buy stamps when they are for sale gives philately the financial foundation that it has. Without him, stamps would descend to the level of buttons, picture cards, birds' eggs and butterflies . . . all lovely things to collect but impossible to sell when one wishes to.

Mr. Steiner feels that the 2 cents extra the dealer asked for a 3c. stamp which he had purchased in anticipation of being asked for it is too much to expect. We wonder how he is going to feel some day when he tries to sell his collection, and then puts a price on his investment in stamps.

A DEALER MEMBER, RPSC

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THE N.B. MUSEUM, SAINT JOHN, N.B.

Sir:—I have just visited the museum on the front of this postcard. What I found to be of particular interest were the stampless and First Issue covers of N.B. Included in the display were, first of all, two "straight-line ST. JOHN, N.B. of 21-22 Sept. 1797! Also there was a fine 3d. Cover with the I grid. Upstairs, they have a fine collection of early letters.

LEON WARMSKI,
Montreal RPSC 7256

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COLLECTOR or "INVESTOR"?

Sir:—May I take the liberty of commenting on the article in the July-August issue by Mr. Nowlan.

It is plain, to be sure, that Mr. Nowlan is not a philatelist but only a collector of "financial pieces of paper". It is ridiculous for Mr. Nowlan to say "there is the monetary value to be considered in the collecting of any item". A "hobby" is just that and should be enjoyed as such with no thought (deliberate) of financial gain. I can see no object in collecting anything if the main idea in mind is financial gain.

It is possible in some hobbies that some financial gain may or may not be had, but to collect plate blocks (or anything else) with only the thought of profit in mind can not lead to true enjoyment of one's hobby, Shame on you, Mr. Nowlan! May I suggest you forget financial gain and start enjoying your hobby, because I'm sure that up to now,

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The HOLLOW TREE

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

#781—CANADIAN AIRMAIL FIRST FLIGHT PILOTS AND THEIR AIRMAIL FLIGHTS

The August issue of **The Jack Knight Air Log** (Vol. 22, No. 3) contained 21 mimeographed pages devoted to the above title. These were included in the "Canada Air Mail Notes" section now edited by F/L R. K. Malott, 16 Harwick Crescent, Ottawa 6, Ont.

In the listing, Canadian and Newfoundland flights are now logically combined. Nearly 300 pilots are listed alphabetically, together with the dates and routes of the flights they made. The editor states "Pilots listed are of any nationality. The criteria is that they flew the aircraft as captain (or in some instances as co-pilot) to, from or between points in Canada with airmail first flight covers".

We congratulate the editor on this excellent and valuable contribution to Canadian areophilately.

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#782—1965 PRECANCEL CATALOG

This, the seventh edition of the "Official Catalog of Canada Precancels", is the first new edition since the sixth was published in 1959. Like the last, this one is also edited by H. G. Walburn of British Columbia.

We especially like the less crowded appearance of this edition, and the more generous use of illustrations. The size has been increased from 48 to 56 pages, and the price is now $2.00.

In the sixth edition the highest priced items were listed at $25.00. We note a goodly number of precancels that are now priced well in excess of that figure. Some of those we spot are:—

1. All the AMHERST, N.S. precancels are up to $50.00 each. Up from $25 each.
2. The CARBERRY, MAN. invert is at $50, up from $20.
3. The single CHATHAM, ONT. item is now at $40 up from $20.
4. Two EDMONTON, ALTA. items are now listed at $40 each. The type 2, 2c. carmine 1912 issue is up from $20, and the 10c. plum of the same type, same issue, inverted is listed for the first time.
5. SYDNEY, N.S.—the 2c. green and 5c. violet are at $50 each up from $25, and the 10c. brown is at $40, up from $20.
6. In TORONTO there is the 50c. Widow's Weeds with type 2 normal and type 3 inverted to form a double, now at $40 up from $25. Also Type 1, on the 1c. num. issue is now at $50, up from $25.
7. The WINDSOR type 1 with the London type 1 double is now at $40 up from $25.
8. The WINNIPEG type 3 with the Brandon type 1 double is also at $40 up from $20.

In the Bar types there were also a few big increases, notably:—

a. On the 15c. Large Queen, Type S vert. is up from $15 to $40; type T triple is up from $15 to $40; type T double vert. is now $40 up from $12.50.

b. On the 8c. Diamond Jubilee, Type T is now $40, a big jump from only $10.

c. On the 20c. Diamond Jubilee, both the type T double, and T Vertical are now $40, up from $12.50.
d. On the 50c. Diamond Jubilee, Type U double is now $40 up from $20; U vertical is also $40 up from $15, and U double vert. is $40 up from $20.
e. The $1 Diamond Jubilee type U is now a healthy $50 up from $20.
f. The $2 Diamond Jubilee type T is now $40 up from $20.

These are the more spectacular prices, but this is only a start, as many, many other spectacular price jumps have taken place in the lower brackets. It is the most complete price revision in years. It makes obsolete all previous editions. The prices reflect recent trends in the precancel market. A must!

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#783—25c. SILVER ON 10c. BLUE YUKON LAW STAMP OF 1903

This stamp is listed by Sissons as #R13 listing at $25. It appears on almost all Want Lists. We have one in our own collection but we have handled only one duplicate. It seldom appears on the market.

In a recent Sissons auction a very fine o.g. copy came up for sale, as one would expect, it attracted a goodly number of bids. In spite of its catalogue value of $25 it brought $55.00. It is a rare stamp indeed and we have not seen the last of the price increases for this item.

#784—NATIONAL PARKS AUTO DECALS

Back in packet #575 we mentioned the 1960 Canadian National Parks stamp, used for taxing automobiles for the use of the park highway system. Recently I have obtained copies of the 1963 and 1964 issues.

These are approx. 4" wide by 3¼" tall. They are of the same design, a large male moose, with sun-ray background, "CANADA" over back, "NATIONAL PARKS" in panel below, and year date arranged vertically at left. Colors are:—

1963—Green, Brown, Yellow and Black.

1964—Yellow, Brown and Black.

On the reverse is the year date, "Fee $2.00" and control number in red, the balance of the printing in black.

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#785—"JUAN DE FUCA DESPATCH" POSTAL STRIKE SERVICE

Last summer during the Canadian Postal strike I received an interesting cover from a correspondent in Victoria, B.C. On the reverse a label, printed in red on yellow paper, and measuring 56mm by 45mm, was tied with a hand-stamp "CANCELLED" and another straight line date stamp, dated "JUL 25 1965".

The cover was carried by this private carrier to Port Angeles, Wash. where it was posted with a US stamp.

The label reads:—

JUAN DE FUCA DESPATCH
Victoria to Port Angeles
JULY 1965
(Outline of an Ocean going Vessel)
POSTAL STRIKE - SPECIAL SERVICE
** Carrier Fee **

I have seen one other similar cover, it was also marked with the same markings, and the same date.

It is quite possible that other "private carrier labels" exist. We would be interested in hearing of any used on cover during the strike.

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#786—POPULAR SIDELINES

About two and a half years ago in packet #658 we listed a number of

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groups of sideline material which were popular with collectors at that time. We list below a new group of popular sidelines, and to denote those which have maintained their popularity we mark (63) after those which were specifically mentioned, or included in a larger group, in the earlier list.

Aerograms (63)
Official View Cards (63)
Pictorial R.R. Cards (63)
Double Reply Cards Used (63)
J. C. Wilson Patriotic Cards & Covers 1897-1902 (63)
Patriotic Cards 1904-14 (63)
Illustrated Exhibition Adv. Covers (63)
Padposts (63)
Large Queen & Diamond Jubilee Precancels
Yukon Terr. Cancels before 1920
Flag Cancels 1901 - 1927 (63)
Supreme Court Laws (63)
Canadian "Locals" (63)
Semi-Official Airmails (63)
Yukon & Dawson Laws (63)

The criteria for the above listing is that the supply available appears to be inadequate to meet demands. There may be many groups with a greater number of followers, but in their instances, supplies seem to be adequate to meet most demands, at current market prices.

Most items in the above listed groups, when offered for sale, are readily snapped up.

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#787—SOUVENIR CARD #7

We now have our copies of the 1965 Souvenir Card - Series 7, and report. The envelope and card are slightly larger than previous issues. The envelope is about ½" longer and 1/8" taller. The layout is the same as in the 1963 and 1964 issues, series 5 and 6.

The enclosure is again a folded card. Colors have been changed from a purplish-blue and red to a light blue and red-brown. The text has changed from blue to red-brown. As for the ten stamps mounted on the folder, there are no repeats from series 6. The stamps included are:—

5c. Charlotte Conference
5c. Quebec Conference
8c. on 7c. air mail rate stamp
5c. Royal Visit
4c. Regular Issue
3c. and 5c. Christmas stamps
5c. Ontario Floral
5c. Quebec Floral
5c. Maple Leaf - Unity

The card for 1961 - series 3, has joined the other two in becoming obsolete, according to the notice on the back of the enclosure. The early issues are in great demand at the moment.

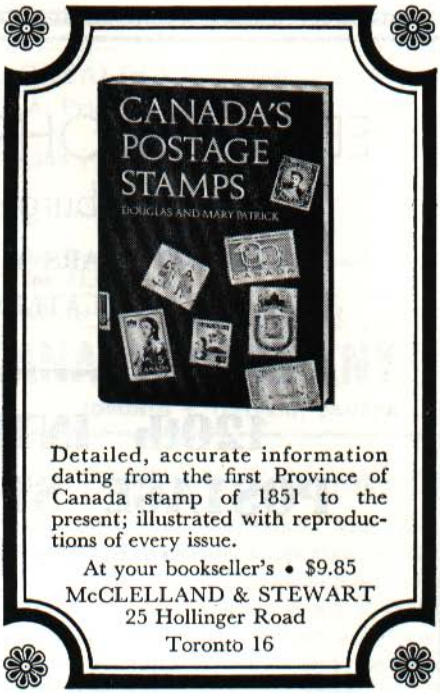
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#788—"TRANSATLANTIC MAIL BETWEEN GREAT BRITAIN AND CANADA"

—by Susan McDonald

Back in packet #670 we mentioned an excellent article by this author contained in Postal History Journal #9. This was regarding "Postal Arrangements Between U.S. and Canada".

This same fine student has come up with an even better study, this one spread over two issues of the same Journal, nos. 12 (June 1964) and 14 (June 1965). Some 46 profusely illus-



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Any collector of early Canadian Postal History material will find it well worth their time and money to add this to their references library.

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#789—HALF CENT LARGE QUEEN—
Single Tied to cover—
Sissons' Auction

Next to a single 15c. Large Queen on cover the ½c. is about the toughest of the set to get on cover showing the rare single rate. Very few Canadian collections contain a copy of such cover. They were usually used on circulars and unlike family correspondence, these were seldom saved.

In a recent Sissons auction, there was a fine example, from the Clarence Westhaver collection. The stamp catalogues $22. Jim estimated it would go for $25. It brought $40. The more we think about it, the more we think the buyer got a real bargain. It was tied to an 1875 statistical return.

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you have been too busy worrying about the profit angle to get much pleasure and enjoyment out of your "collecting"!

ALLEN F. MILLER,
Belleville, Ont. RPSC 7139

OTHERS SEE US from page 272

antly commercial the design. They have ever been the gallant supporters of tottering South American economies, providers of cream on stamp-dealers' cakes, and God's gift to the treasuries of emergent African nations. But perhaps their finest hour is yet to come.

My most mercenary philatelic acquaintance assures me that in the field of really long-term investment, the laying-down of mint sheets of British high-value stamp issues is surpassed in profitability only by the laying-down of port. A full sheet of the 1s. 3d. Churchill Commemorative costs £7 10s. 0d. It's not a really high value but well worth salting away. If each of the thirty-two million working adults in the country bought a sheet each for long-term storage ,the Post Office would be out of the red overnight with about two hundred millions to spare. And if they'd all come again on June 14 and buy a sheet each of the 2s. 6d. 700th Anniversary of Parliament issue at £10 a time, George Brown would be able to settle our Balance of Payments problem and pay us our Post War Credits as well. Vive les philatelistes Généreux . . . Long Live the Saviours of the Pound.

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SAY YOU SAW IT IN CP

POSTMARKED OTTAWA

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



The Armed Forces Airletter sheet will from now on be printed by the Post Office Department as we understand. We presume that the new sheet will be different in design from the previous one and collectors should watch for them.

The 1967 Souvenir Folder of stamps will be in three panels with stamps and description. So far all the souvenir cards were of a single card type but the new one will be a folded little booklet which can fit easily into a pocket. It is the intention of the Post Office to sell these cards at Expo '67 in Montreal and other places during 1967.

Although the Churchill stamp is not very appealing, the first lithographed Canadian stamp is somewhat a Canadian postal event. Plans are already on the way to print other stamps by this process and serious consideration is being given to next year's Christmas stamps and the Postage Dues.

The new 3 cents postcard will be precancelled and should be out any day. New experiments are being conducted with the tagged stamps and we would not be surprised to see soon new methods adopted for the identification of such stamps. As usual the Post Office will not make any prior announcement when these new stamps will be issued and collectors of tagged stamps should keep a close watch.

The demand for the "G" overprinted stamps is still large and the Philatelic Agency keeps on hand all the stock which they still have. Usually they would have destroyed some of the stock because some of the items are remaining in fairly large quantities. These will never have selling values much above the face.

Two interesting local Canadian stamps have recently been noted. One is "Wartime Delivery Service St. Catharines" the other one "Dominion Express Co. Printed Matter at Special Rates". There must be some collectors amongst the Royal who could write an interesting article on them. How about it!

Local stamps exist from various countries. The history of these local stamps forms part of the postal history of a country. At the same time it is the beginning of the post monopoly. The German local stamps were issued in 1861 by the Harmer Co. in Hamburg and many others followed. 1 April 1900 saw the end of these local stamps in Germany. Most of the delivery companies in Germany delivered and picked up the mails four times a day. What a difference from to day! A specialized catalogue of these German local stamps was published by G. Glasewald. For the US locals a book called "The American Local and Carrier Stamps" was published by Patton. The famous Russian locals, the Zemstvos, are listed in a catalogue by C. Shmidt and a book about locals of the world was issued by Stanley Gibbons in 1899.

Every so often the question of thin paper varieties comes up. Some of the recent regular issues have been noted on thinner paper than usual. Of course, no specific order has been placed to produce stamps on thin paper since the King George issue. Thin papers sometimes seem to appear as a result of improper sizing of the paper during manufacture. The thickness tolerances for the manufacture of paper are normally

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As late as the 1920's, communications within Newfoundland, particularly the northern areas, were very slow and unreliable. In the winter, many 'outports' were pretty well isolated. As development of aircraft progressed after the war, the utilization of local air services for speeding up the mails became an attractive possibility. The Newfoundland Government was aware of the possible advantages and was quite prepared to co-operate in the institution of such services.

In 1921, Major Stanley Cotton, Captain Sidney Bennett (a native Newfoundlander), and their companions, undertook to demonstrate that aerial transportation was feasible and advantageous, particularly for winter service. They used three different planes, all equipped with skis so that they could land on fields of snow, or frozen ponds and bays. With this equipment they made a few experimental flights in the spring of 1921, on some of which mail was carried. In the spring of 1922, and again in 1923, they made a number of quite successful flights, which are described later. For various reasons, their pioneering efforts were not continued after 1923.

THE "HALIFAX" AIRMAIL

The Government was also very interested in the possibility of sending mail by air to the mainland of North America. On November 15, 1921, the Minister of Posts announced that an air mail flight to Halifax, N.S., was scheduled to be attempted on November 26, and that a special stamp was prepared for use on his mail. Arrangements were made for Cotton to make the flight in a DeHavilland 9. The Department of Posts and Telegrams guaranteed $1,000 for his expenses provided he reached Halifax by air and within a stipulated time.

The stamp chosen has come to be known as the "Halifax Air Mail". It is the 35c. red of the 'Cabot' issue of 1897 (Gibbons No. 78), depicting an iceberg off St. John's, overprinted in three lines: "AIR MAIL — to Halifax, N.S. —1921". The first printing of 5,000 was issued on November 16, and stamps were affixed by postal authorities to mail handed in for the flight. Mail was cancelled as received, so that it should be possible to find cancellations bearing all dates from Nov. 16 to Nov. 26, except Nov. 19 and Nov. 20 (Saturday and Sunday). However, the earliest known date is Nov. 17.

The mail was closed on Nov. 26 and forwarded by rail to Botwood, whence it was intended to be flown on Nov. 30.

Bad weather delayed the take-off until Dec. 10 at 10.40 a.m. Then, after two hours flying time, engine trouble forced a landing at Deer Lake. Next day, in starting up the repaired engine, Major Cotton suffered a severe accident and had to return to St. John's. Captain Bennett went to Deer Lake to fly the machine back to Botwood, but it crashed near Grand Falls. Eventually, due to these accidents and other delays, the flight was abandoned on Jan. 28, 1922. The mail was then taken to Norris Arm, placed on the train, and forwarded by regular surface means, reaching Halifax on Feb. 4, 1922.

Mail from St. John's comprised some 5,000 items. A small supplementary mail was added at Botwood on Dec. 6 and Dec. 8, franked with the special stamp.

INTERNAL WINTER FLIGHTS, 1921 - 1923

No special stamps were prepared for these flights, nor were special rates charged. Most mail carried was franked with stamps of the "Caribou" issue of 1919, making up the 3c. rate for internal mails.

Details of these flights are not completely available as records were not always carefully kept and some of the reference material is now ambiguous. It is believed that the following list is reasonably accurate.

1. February, 1921. Botwood-St.Anthony

This flight was scheduled by an official notice dated Feb. 22, but was **not** flown. Some 200 covers, dated St. John's Feb. 23, 24, 25, or 26, were despatched by rail to Botwood on March 1. The earlier dates are very scarce. Covers bear a one-line cachet "AIRPOST St. Anthony". The plane was not ready in time, and the mail was sent to St. Anthony by sea, arriving April 21. Mail routed for return to St. John's was also sent back by sea, and is backstamped St. John's May 7.

2. March, 1921. Botwood-Fogo

An airmail flight to Fogo was announced on March 8. Mail was cancelled in St. John's on March 9 at 11 a.m. or 2.30 p.m., and on March 10 at 11 a.m. or 2.30 p.m. The earliest cancellation is very rare. A single-line cachet "AIR POST FOGO" was applied to the face of all covers.

The actual flight was made to Fogo on March 28, and covers are backstamped with the regular circular Fogo postmark of that date.

The plane returned to Botwood the same day. However, though mail may have been carried on the return flight, none has been discovered.

3. April, 1921. Botwood-Grand Falls-Fogo-Musgrave Harbour-Twillingate-Botwood

Records are meager, but a flight of this routing is believed to have taken place on April 10. A cover is known dated St. John's March 15, and backstamped Fogo April 10.

4. Feb. 23, 1922. St. John's-Clarke's Beach-Bay Roberts-Harbour Grace-St. John's

Mail carried on this flight bears no cachet, but most covers have handwritten inscriptions indicating they were carried by Air Mail by Major Cotton. Covers from St. John's are dated from Feb. 16 to Feb. 23, and backstamped Feb. 23 by their respective receiving offices. Letters from Canada and the U.S. were also carried—this flight was well publicised—and bears suitable identifying inscriptions. Return mail is known, though scarce.

5. Feb. 25, 1922. St. John's-Carbonear-St. John's

This was an attempted flight, by Major Cotton, to Botwood, which was forced down at Carbonear. For this and most subsequent flights, a cachet "Per AERIAL MAIL" was applied. A small mail from Carbonear was carried on the return flight.

6. Feb. 26, 1922. St. John's-Botwood

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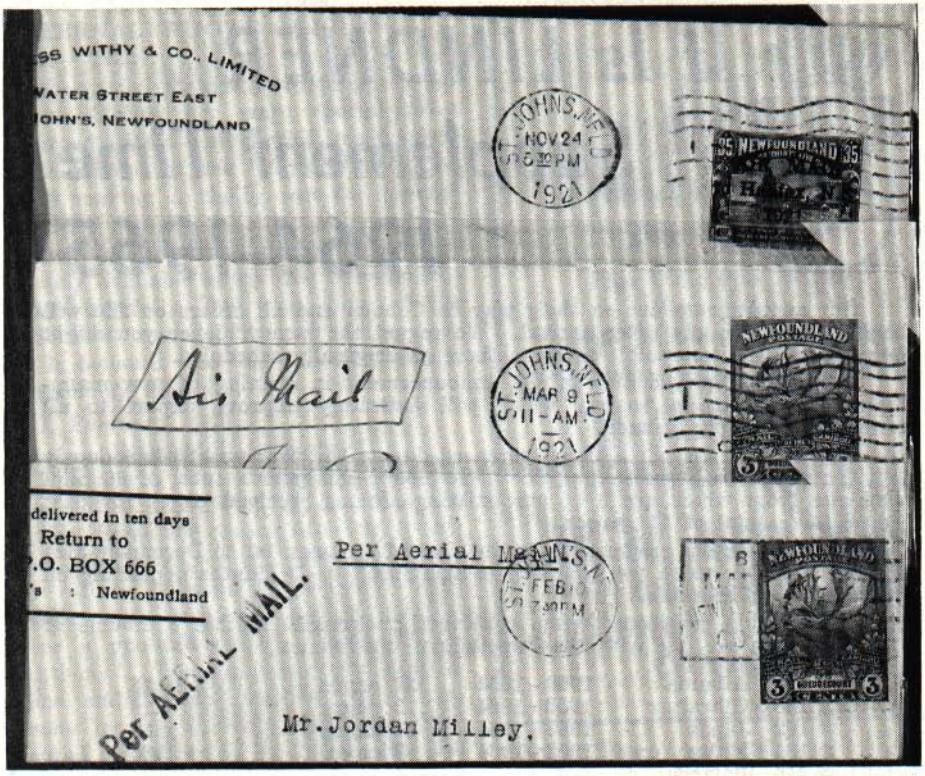
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CENTRE: Internal Flights 1921-23 — This cover was carried on Flight 2 from Botwood to Fogo in March 1921. Franked with 3c. Caribou (Gibbons #132). Bears cachet "AIR POST FOGO" in bluish violet and is inscribed "AIR MAIL" in pen. Mail was sent to Botwood by surface means to await the flight, which took place after delays and trial flights, on March 28, 1921. The cover was backstamped on arrival Fogo, Mr 28 21.

BOTTOM: Internal Flights 1921-23—Cover from St. John's to St. Anthony carried on Flights 19 and 20. Franked with 3c. Caribou (Gibbons 132) "Per Aerial Mail" in violet on front. Posted at St. John's Feb. 10, 1923, held at Botwood to await the plane. Flown from Botwood to Hawke Bay on March 23, 1923, from Hawke Bay via Flower's Cove to Forteau on March 27, 1923. From Forteau to St. Anthony, the mail was forwarded by surface means and arrived at St. Anthony on April 4, 1923, receiving there the rectangular backstamp in violet.

ment of the attempted flight of Feb. 25. Mail is postmarked St. John's Feb. 23, bears the cachet, and is backstamped Botwood Feb. 26.

7. March 3, 1922. Botwood - St. Anthony - Battle Harbour

This was an extension of Flight 6. Mail was carried which had been accumulating for some time at Botwood, and bears various dates from Jan. 14 to Feb. 27. It is backstamped at the receiving offices March 3 or March 4.

8. March 6, 1922. Battle Harbour-Cartwright

This flight was a continuation, after delays for repairs and bad weather, of Flight 7. Mail bears the postmarks above-mentioned and the Cartwright backstamp March 6, but hardly any has survived.

9. March 12, 1922. Cartwright-St. Anthony-Seldom Come By-

Botwood-St. John's

This is the return flight from Labrador. Mail from the various points, dated from March 2 to March 12, was picked up, and was backstamped March 12 on arrival at St. John's.

10. March 11, 1922. St. John's-Twillingate-Fogo

This was a flight by Captain Bennett, undertaken while Cotton was in Labrador. Mail posted in St. John's bears the dates March 6, 7, or 9. It is backstamped at Twillingate on March 11, and at Fogo on March 12.

11. March 14, 1922. St. John's-Trinity-Catalina-Bonavista-Botwood

This was a flight by Major Cotton, carrying mail posted at St. John's March 11 to March 13, plus some "foreign" mail. Covers are backstamped Trinity March 14, Bonavista March 15; but Catalina mail is not backstamped. Return mail from Trinity is known; it is dated March 11, was put on the train at Botwood and received at St. John's on March 17.

12. March 20, 1922. Botwood-Twillingate-Fogo-Botwood

This was a flight by Captain Bennett, carrying mail received (by train) at Botwood up to March 16. Covers to Twillingate and Fogo are backstamped March 20; covers to Joe Batts Arm (forwarded from Fogo by surface means) are backstamped March 21.

It is believed, though no authentication exists, that Major Cotton picked up return mail at Botwood and flew it to S. John's on March 21.

13. April 9, 1922. St. John's-Botwood

This was a flight by Major Cotton, scheduled to have started on March 28, en route to Labrador.

14. April 10, 1922. Botwood-Port Saunders-Botwood

There are no authentic records of this flight, and no details of mail, although it is known to have been flown and mail carried.

15. April 20, 1922. Botwood-St. Anthony-Battle Harbour-St. Anthony-Botwood

This was the continuation of Flight 13, and return. Outgoing mail is dated St. John's between March 23 and March 28. Mail for St. Anthony received a large rectangular cachet enclosing "Post Office - April 20 1922 - St. Anthony, Nfld." in three lines. Battle Harbour mail is backstamped an unframed "Battle Harbour - Ap 21-22 - Labr." It had been intended to continue the flight to Cartwright, but weather conditions rendered this inadvisable: Cartwright mail was forwarded from Battle Harbour by surface means and backstamped Cartwright June 23! Round trip covers to Cartwright were returned by ship, and bear the Cartwright postmark of June 23 and St. John's backstamp of July 1.

Return mail (flown) from Battle Harbour, St. Anthony and Botwood, is backstamped St. John's April 21 or 22.

16. Jan. 18, 1923. Botwood-Port Saunders-Botwood

This was a flight by Major Cotton, carrying mail for the St. Barbe district. Information is lacking both on the mails carried and on the date of the return flight.

17. Feb. 8, 1923. Botwood-St. John's

This was a flight by Major Cotton. Some mail from Hawke Harbour to St. John's, picked up on the St. Barbe flight, is known.

18. March 22, 1923. St. John's-Botwood

This was a flight by Captain Bennett. It cannot be determined whether mail was carried, as none apparently has survived.

19. March 24, 1923. Botwood-Hawke Bay (Port Saunders)

This was a dual flight by Major Cotton and Pilot Breakell. Mail was carried, but none between these two points has been found.

20. March 27, 1923. Hawke Bay-Flowers Cove-Forteau-Hawke Bay

This was a continuation, by Major Cotton, of Flight 19. Mail from St. John's, dated Feb. 10, to Forteau with backstamp March 27, and to St. Anthony

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with backstamp April 4, is known: the stage from Forteau to St. Anthony was by surface mail. Round trip covers, also returned by surface mail, are backstamped St. John's May 2.

21. April, 1923. Hawke Harbour-Botwood-St. John's

Details of this flight by Major Cotton are lacking. Mail is known, dated Hawke Harbour March 20 and March 30, bearing a cachet "Aerial Mail", and backstamped St. John's April 12.

22. May 16, 1923. Hawke Harbour-Rigolet-Hawke Harbour-Botwood

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PART II

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There are 74,470 price changes, which tops last year's figures by 10,260.

Here again, the most notable price changes refer to the rarer items, but there have been many changes in much more recent stamps. Switzerland is one of the latest countries to show increases, a striking example being the LUNABA souvenir sheet of 1951, which has jumped from $27.50 to $100 unused, and the 1934 NABA sheet from $175 to $300.

We rather expected the 1945 PAX set to go up more, but from $103 to $134 is still quite a jump.

Vatican still pursues its upwards flight, the Raphaël and Tobias airmails being perhaps the most noticeable, from $312 to $467 unused.

Liechtenstein, Italy, Austria continue their upwards surge, and Belgium has now started to move up.

3,472 price changes in France! The tête-bêche of the early issues all have moved up.

But nearly all European countries are in the same boat. Monaco, Luxembourg, Netherlands, even Portugal, are all moving steadily up and up.

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NEWF'LAND .... from page 289

On this flight was carried mail from Cartwright forwarded to Rigolet by surface means. It is dated May 10, backstamped Botwood May 15 (16?), and St. John's May 17. It is not known whether the stage from Botwood to St. John's was flown.

This was the last of the 1921-1923 pioneer flights.

The flights listed above are those on which mail was carried. Cotton, Bennett, and their companions made many other flights for testing and surveying purposes and also to assist the seal-fishing fleet.

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CANADA: The 2c 1963 Overprint Errors

1. THE MISSING G.
2. THE WIDE SPACED G.



During the overprinting of these stamps there was a mishap which produced not one but two distinct major errors, both the first of their type in Canadian philatelic history.

Somehow the sheet of 600 stamps was advanced too far in relation to the G plate during the overprinting: As a result the top row of 20 stamps failed to get the G overprint. This happened to the 2 top panes of the 6 100 units. The next two panes directly underneath got the G overprint widely spaced along their 2 top rows. The final bottom 2 panes ended up with their top row again missing the G.

A single sheet of 600 stamps printed in this fashion produced a total of 40 pairs each of which had one stamp with and one without G. In addition there are 20 pairs showing wide spacing between Gs. The wide spacing pairs are therefore twice as rare as the missing G pairs.

All the remainder of the 600 stamps have the G overprint badly misplaced in relation to normal position.

This error was not detected by the stamp inspectors and the stamps went into postal use as well as to the Philatelic Agency. There is every reason to believe that the errors in printing occurred to 2 sheets. If all can be located, which is impossible, there would then exist 80 pairs of the missing G and 40 pairs of the wide spaced G.

The Philatelic Agency broke up its stock mostly into blocks of 4 and distributed the stamps to its subscribers without noticing the errors. All 2c. G have long since been sold out and any supplies in government offices have been destroyed. We were first alerted to the errors when a block of each variety was found early in 1964 in our usual large purchases of the stamp. A dealer in Toronto found one of each in his stock and got in touch with us. Much later a collector, Mr. Henry Esau, of Fort William, Ont., found a block of the missing G.

Collectors and dealers should check their stocks of the 1963 2c. G value for the above errors. They are quite valuable. If any are found please advise the writer, K. Bileski, Station B, Winnipeg, Canada.

CONUNDRUM—Take away my first letter, take away my second letter, take away all my letters, and I am still the same. The postman.

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FRANCE

1928 "Ile de France" mint set; used set on cover; mint set with wide spacing

GREENLAND

1932 Semi-official—Franck Expedition—10 ore brown red, unused

ITALY

1923 Balbo triptych sets of 20 pairs on covers, single without overprint
1933 "Volo di Ritorno" tripych mint, Official 1933 "Servico di Stato" triptych mint and on cover

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1935 Earhart mint and on autographed cover
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black-on-mauve postage stamp, picturing three gaily twirling **Feux-Follets** troupers, to honor the company's top-billed appearance at the first Commonwealth Arts Festival beginning Sept. 16.

(Reproduced from TIME of 10 September 1965)

The Cover

THE AFRIKA KORPS STAMP

The Afrika Corps stamp was produced in Tunis during March-April 1943, for use as a parcel post stamp. Designed by Lieutenant Roleff, the issue of the stamp was strictly controlled with the object of limiting the number of parcels sent to Germany, owing to the great difficulty of finding the necessary transport. A charge of 20 pf. was made for each stamp issued and the stamps themselves were valid only on parcels sent from Tinis to Europe.

When first produced the stamp was lithographed on thick white paper in the works of a French mission in Tunis. It would seem that the operators were unskilled as, by reason of faulty cleaning of the stone, progressive deterioration took place in the quality of the stamps produced. The later printing on porous paper was by offset-litho in the office of the German newspaper **Die Oase.** It is estimated that, in all, about 20,000 stamps of both types were printed but it is quite certain that most of them were never used.

The normal cancellation employed on such parcels as were sent was by a rubber stamp reading "Bei der Feldpost eingeliefert". As a rule, violet-blue ink was used, but cancellations in red, blue and green are known, as is the amployment of the standard blind Feldpost cancellation.

Mint, the stamp can be obtained without great difficulty, but genuinely used material is of extreme rarity.

(From R. S. B. Greenhill, of the C.P.S.G.B., adapted from an article in STAMP COLLECTING, 23 January 1959)

AN URGENT APPEAL FROM THE SECRETARY

Statements for Membership Dues will be mailed about the First of December and full co-operation from all members is earnestly requested. In other words, please pay your dues as quickly as possible and don't force the Secretary to send a second notice later on, thus avoiding a tremendous amount of unnecessary work. After the January-February issue of THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST, no further numbers will be sent to any unpaid member until he has paid his dues for 1966. So, . . . DO IT NOW!

Your Sales Department

Before proceeding with the business of the Sales Department, let me extend for my wife and myself our deepest thanks and appreciation for the numerous letters received, wishing her a prompt and complete recovery of her very serious illness. Although I would like to answer each and everyone personnally, it is not feasible, and it is through the medium of our publication, that on behalf of both of us I want to tell you how much it helped to know we had so many friends.

From early February to early August is a long stretch in hospital, and when you have to divide your time between hospital and Sales Circuit, the days were long and the nights were short; getting the books out meant work in the early hours.

Life is now back to normal, but with no holidays, it will mean a two year stretch without rest, so if I slip occasionally during the coming season give me your indulgence, I'll need it.

And now back to work and the Sales Circuit. Last year we received 1231 new books, a few outstanding and these were cleaned out in no time; the rest divided into fair, average and unsaleable. During the past year, we retired 1065 books and naturally all the good ones, which leaves me with so few good books that you can count them on the fingers of two hands. TO THOSE WHO SUPPLIED ME WITH GOOD STAMPS, AND OTHERS WHO HAVE SOME AVAILABLE, PLEASE SEND SOME ALONG, THEY ARE BADLY NEEDED.

REFERRING YOU TO MY ARTICLE IN THE JULY-AUGUST ISSUE OF THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST, YOU WILL NOTE WHAT IS NEEDED BY THE SALES DEPARTMENT, SO AS TO BE ABLE TO CARRY ON FOR THE PRESENT SEASON.

IN RETROSPECT

We have never thought at any time that we were a fortune teller or a sleight of hand artist, but looking back at our article in the March-April issue of the Philatelist, we see that our prediction of increased value in the stamps of certain European countries has come true in a rather spectacular fashion. Just take a 1965 Scott catalogue, place beside it the 1966 and then compare. Most of Europe, especially Germany to 1953, France right down the line, Switzerland (Oh, those miniature sheets!) Italy, Belgium, some Scandinavian; and to those who by belief or adoption collected Vatican just take a look. On the other side of the world, in Japan, increased prices reflects the ever growing popularity of that country.

For some forty years I have been told that Philately is a hobby and that collecting should be done for pleasure alone; but it is an even nicer hobby if you find that your collection increases in value.

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The "Half-Secret" Error Of Canada

By WILLIAM PEKONEN, RPSC 7526

Most postage stamps issued by Canada since 1935 have a date in the design. These dates are reported as being the year during which the plate was engraved but not necessarily the year of issue. In some cases, the date is very obvious, while on others, the "secret-date" is difficult to find even with the aid of a 10X power magnifying glass. For instance, the date is in various locations of the crest in the provincial flowers series, and can be difficult to locate. One of the most difficult to find is the location in the $1.00 "Export" Stamp. Look as you will, but use a strong glass and "Good hunting"!

Another intriguing "secret-date" is in the Postage Dues. This first form of payment for postal service, was paid "C. O. D." by the recipient until postal authorities "smartened up" and requested payment in advance. At present, the Postage Due is a "receipt" for insufficiently prepaid postal service. The following list gives the "secret-dates" shown on various Postage Due stamps:

1c.—1935
2c.—1935
4c.—1935
5c.—1948
6c.—1956
10c.—1935

The secret date is printed on the postage dues in a very abnormal manner. It is usual for the date to be as "1935" —but not on the Postage Dues! The design is made up of a central denominational shield. On either side of the value tablet are reversed scrolls. The numbers making up the "secret-date" are split-up so that they appear in these various spots:

"1" Upper left curve of left-hand scroll

"9" Lower part of left hand scroll at the intersection of lines level with top of "C" of cents and upwards from tip of "A"

"3" Upper right curve of right-hand curve

"5" Lower part of right hand scroll—
—intersect of "s" and "o"

Similarly, with the year dates of 1948, and 1956.

In 1965, the post office has issued a 3c. Postage Due—a real "faux-pas" this time! **Here is an error which cannot be ignored!** The "1" and "9" are shown in the normal position — but that is all! Only half of the "secret-date" is shown on the stamp—an unmistakeable "half-secret"! Postal authorities have been silent up until the time of this writing on this magnificent error. It is a matter of speculation as to what actions they will take.

The following partial list describes how to find the dates on some of the latest (since 1960) stamps of Canada.

Girl Guides—obvious date
Dollard des Ormeaux—obvious date (1660)
Pauline Johnson—obvious date (1861)
Arthur Meighen—lower right corner
Northern Development—immediately below 5c.
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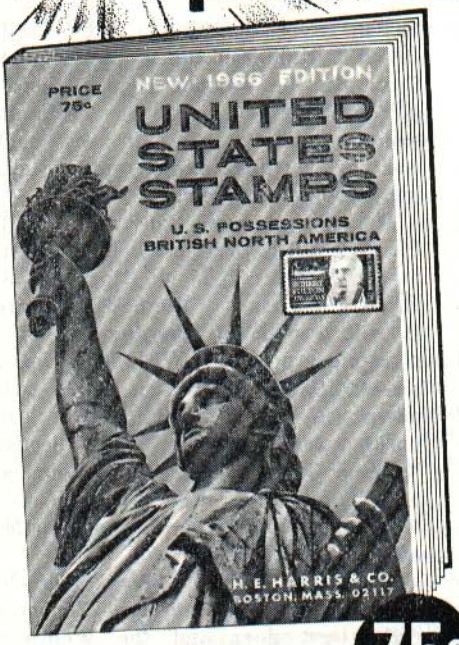
Red River Settlement—obvious date
Jean Talon—on hem of skirt
Victoria, B.C. Centenary—obvious date
Trans Canada Hwy.—On island of P. E. I. Shield
Queen Elizabeth II—1c.—no date
" " —2c.—no date
" " —3c.—no date
" " —4c.—no date
" " —5c.—no date
Sir Casimir Gzowski—obvious date (Note "W" beside right chin-whisker)
4c. Coil—no date
$1 Export—(Good hunting!)
Martin Frobisher—in shading of iceberg (lower right corner)
Postal bi-centennial—just above "N" of Canada
15c. Geese—just below the wing joint of the rearmost goose
7c. Air-craft—just to the left of the administration building
Peace on Earth—just below the lower right end of the "Terris" Scroll
National Unity—'1964' in the extreme lower left corner
Ontario Flower—just below the stem of the stylized maple-leaf in the shield.
Quebec Flower—just below the Maltese Cross in the crown
8c. Overprint—same as 7c. Air-craft
Quebec Conference—1964 on cuff on coat sleeve
Royal Visit—lower right corner
8c. Air-craft—same as 7c. air-craft
3c. Christmas—obvious date
5c. Christmas—obvious date
N. B. Flower—"1965" in lower tip of shield
N. S. Flower—under the leaves above "n" of Canada
International Co-operation Year—obvious date
Manitoba Flower—Near bottom of shield beneath front legs of buffalo
B. C. Flower—just above "V" in the crown
Sir Wilfred Grenfell—at lower left bottom
National Flag—lower end of flag staff
P. E. I. Flower—in the grass of island
Sir Winston Churchill—no date
Inter-Parliamentary Union—obvious date
Ottawa—obvious date

P. S. If you cannot find the date on the $1.00 stamp (or on others), send me a list of the tough ones—for a description of how to find the secret-date. Correspondence will be welcomed at P. O. Box 246, Cloverdale, B. C.

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It is also a beautiful city and we Hamiltonians are proud of our city. The eye-taking view from the mountain and Scenic Drive is really worth while. Some one hundred thousand people now live up there in what might almost be called Upper Hamilton. The view from the mountain is indeed interesting. One can see downtown Hamilton stretching out to the east and west. In the near distance is the bay, the lake and the Skyway bridge.

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