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Christmas In New York

March 1, 1967

Dear Friends:—

Before Christmas I received an invitation from very good friends in New York to attend the wedding and reception of their son on December 24th to be held at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. This is a particularly busy time of the year, but of course I had to go. The only airline reservations I could get to New York left at 9 A.M. Friday and returning to Toronto midnight of the 24th of December — Christmas Eve. The Friday was cold but a bright day and I shopped on Fifth Avenue, New York, but not for stamps. Saturday the winter storms arrived into the area with a vengeance, snow forming to ice, more snow and gale winds.

The wedding was beautiful and the attractive couple were happily married. The reception with 200 guests, a Waldorf Extravaganza, was a wonderful and happy party. I telephoned the airlines around 8 p.m. to confirm flight departure, only to be informed that all flights were cancelled and the Kennedy air-field closed until the morning. I explained to the clerk that I had to be in Toronto by midnight to do my Santa Claus duties — her reply was "then you had better get on your sleigh and get the reindeer to take off as there will be NO PLANES TONIGHT."

Being stuck in the Waldorf Astoria overnight is no hardship, but getting up at 6 in the morning after the night before was difficult. The hotel lobby was deserted, I couldn't find anyone to pay my bill to, (they've caught up with me since.) Trying to find a taxi was almost impossible. When I finally got a cab, the drivers remark was "Mister, I won't take you to no airport today, you don't own enough money for that trip." As a compromise he drove with considerable trouble to the West Side Bus Terminal. On the way out to Kennedy Airfield by bus, I saw hundreds of cars stranded on the highway. The airline terminal was jammed with people—no flights —maybe an hour—then maybe two hours. There was no food in the restaurants, everyone was agitated and unhappy and this is Christmas day. In the afternoon I telephoned the bridegroom's parents and advised them of the troubles, and they insisted I come right over to their house which was close by in Flushing. It is wonderful to have good friends, they wined and dined, housed me overnight and placed me on the plane on Monday morning. Christmas in New York, just a memory not to be quickly forgotten.

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The Editor Speaks Out . . . .

FOR some time past, in all English stamp magazines, advertisements have appeared which offer to the philatelic public the latest varieties in British stamps. These varieties vary from bona fide major varieties to the fly speck type. Indeed it would appear that some dealers handle nothing but the latter.

It is rather difficult, at this distance from the scene, to determine the reason for the production of all these varieties. We do not for a moment believe that there is collusion between the printers and any of the dealers. The possibility that the new multi-color printing machines are not up to scratch does exist but there has been sufficient time to correct this condition. Nor do we consider that the ability of the press operators has deteriorated.

When we consider that for several years now the British have been engaged in printing a compartively large number—for them—of new issues, commemoratives, etc., we cannot but feel that this sudden increase in printing demands has been too much for them. To effectively "scan" all the sheets of stamps would probably hold up the issuance of stamps to the public to the point where there might even be a real lack of supply. Whatever the cause may be it is very unfortunate and much to be regretted.

In Stamp Collecting there have been of late several letters to the editor which take sides as regards this spate of varieties and the, in many cases, exorbitant prices charged by dealers. There are those who feel that if collectors wish to spend their money foolishly it is purely their own concern—caveat emptor. On the other hand, there are those who decry not only the high prices set by the dealers but also blame the postoffice clerks for not scrutinizing every sheet before they sell it — an impossible condition.

What we are more concerned with than either of the above stands taken in these letters is the effect that may result, and probably will result, on the collecting of British stamps. Before long, people are going to become tired of all these varieties and if they continue to be produced in the future, interest will drop and collectors will give up collecting not only these varieties but also the regular stamps themselves. This is not likely to have as complete and severe effect on British stamps from a collector's standpoint as it has had in the past, at various times, on the stamps of other countries. But it can be serious. There are too many collectors of the stamps of Britain which have always been regarded most highly. However, there will be a definite decline in their popularity and a consequent fall in prices, which may be offset in whole or in part by inflation.

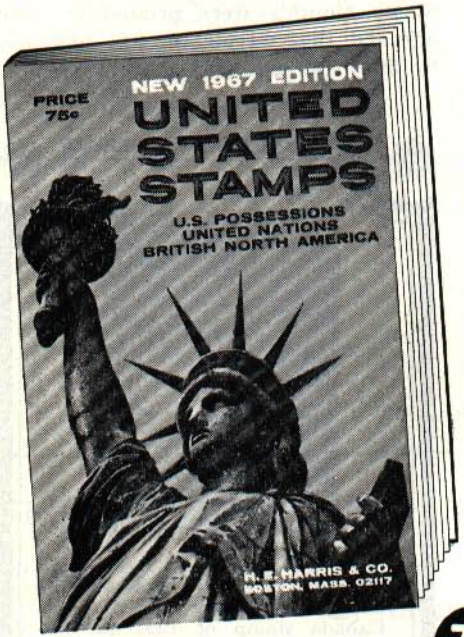
If the bottom falls out of the variety market, as it is likely to do in view of similar situations in the past, new collectors, who foolishly put any considerable amount of money into these varieties, are going to be out of pocket and will also become terribly disillusioned with stamp collecting and the hobby will lose many who, with proper introduction, would have become serious collectors with a real and lasting interest.

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There must be a great many of our members who would like to see articles of special interest in the Canadian Philatelist. There must also be many who would like to see in print what they have found out about some special subject. We would welcome suggestions from any member as to topics for inclusion in the magazine and also suggestions as to where we can obtain capable writers on the same. If there are members, who feel they would like to write article(s) on any subject we would be pleased to hear from them also. Remember, the Canadian Philatelist is

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"The attention of our readers is drawn to Mr. Robson Lowe's 'London Letter' which deals with the recently exposed productions of the Mexican forger Raoul de Thuin. Mr. Lowe has kindly provided the illustrations as a guide to members having similar material in their collections and we consider this so important that more space than usual has been given to reproducing these fakes in near actual size."

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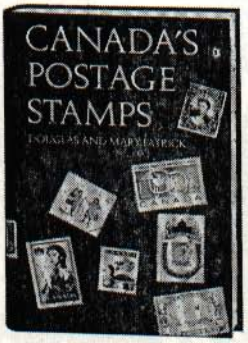
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Many of our members will remember Mr. Samuel Ray's address at the Convention in Niagara Falls on the subject of writing-up collections. We are pleased to note that the Newburg Medal for 1966 was awarded to Mr. Ray (R.P.S.C. 7901) by the Chicago Philatelic Society. The medal is awarded annually to philatelists in the Chicago area who have made significant contributions to the advancement of philately. The award was made for Mr. Ray's energetic promotion of writing-up collections and his work as a judge, lecturer and committee man.

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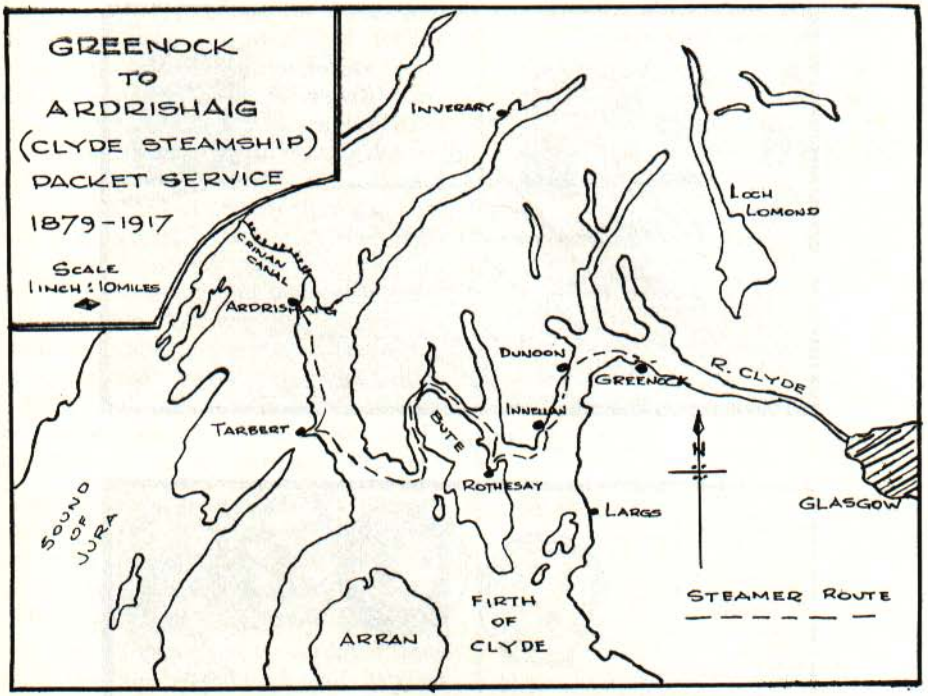
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THE GREENOCK AND ARDRISHAIG (CLYDE STEAMSHIP) PACKET SERVICE

By "DUNALASTAIR"

Before commencing this dissertation on a sideline of British Maritime Postal History the author wishes to pay sincere tribute to Mr. Alan Robertson for allowing him to quote and use illustrations of cancellers from his monumental book "The Maritime Postal History of the British Isles".

The year 1812 saw the start of the first Clyde steamship service and from that year until 1848 various routes were developed by the Clyde Shipping Company and the Castle Company. In 1848 the Castle Company was taken over by G. & J Burns (of the Cunard Company fame) who in turn in 1851 sold out to Messrs. D. & W. Hutcheson and Mr. David MacBrayne. This partnership renamed the Company 'Glasgow and Highland Royal Mail Steamers'. Though there is no evidence that the Post Office participated officially at this time there is little doubt that mail would be carried.

In 1879 David MacBrayne acquired sole control of the line and gave his name to the Company. By this time the company's route extended over a network of services along the west coast of Scotland and in fact the Company had such a monopoly of this part of Scotland's transportation until taken over in 1929 by the L.M.S. Railway Company that there is an old verse that goes

"The earth belongs unto the Lord
And all that it contains
Except the Western Highlands,
Which belong unto MacBraynes"

In the aforementioned year of 1879 the most regular service was between Greenock and Ardrishaig and in July '79 the Post Office established offices on



Figure 1



Figure 2

board the steamers "Iona" and "Columba" on this route.

In the summertime this route is very heavily travelled and the floating Post Offices did a tremendous volume of business. They were initially staffed by two sorting clerks and a postman supplied by the Greenock Post Office. Their duties were the sorting and handstamping of letters with the official Post Office cancellers issued to each vessel, accepting telegrams (which were despatched at the port of arrival) and the sale of postage stamps and money orders. To give some idea of the volume of business the following quotation from "The History of Steam Navigation" by J. Kennedy published in 1903 is given:

"The only floating post office in the kingdom is to be found on board the COLUMBA, and in it is transacted a larger amount of business than is transacted in many a provincial town. In it letters, telegrams and parcels are received, stamped, sorted and distributed at every calling place, for transmission

to all parts, and it is of immense convenience to tourists and the inhabitants along the route. Upwards of 100,000 letters pass through this office in a month, of which a large proportion are local letters passing between the coast towns and villages at which the steamer calls. Over 450 telegrams were handed in, and upward of £70 received for postage and telegraph stamps in one month. The most sanguine expectations of the Post Office Department being more than realised, has induced the Postmaster-General to add to the staff. Three post office officials travel with the COLUMBA. Postal orders can be purchased, and those issued at other offices in the kingdom cashed on board this steamer."

MacBrayne's Guide Book for 1908 declares:—"Over 207,000 pass through this office in a month; many of these are local letters between the coast towns and villages at which the steamer calls. - - "

If these figures can be accepted, they show that the amount of mail handled must have approximately doubled over this five year period.

The ships Post Offices operated on board four of MacBraynes ships "Columba", "Iona", "Grenadier", and "Chevalier", of these "Columba" operated the service for the four summer months, June to September in general spending the rest of the year laid up since the volume of traffic did not justify such a large, and expensive to run, steamer. "Iona" assisted with the summer service and also carried the run for a large part of the remainder of the year. The winter service was run after 1885 by the "Grenadier" which was launched in that year. "Chevalier" normally operated outside of the Clyde area but spent the winters laid up at Greenock and from time to time relieved on the winter service.

The ships ran from Glasgow to Ardrishaig but the post Office service operated between Greenock and Ardrishaig since connection with the Railway was at Greenock. The Post Office issued the cancellers numbered GAP 1 to 9 for

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Figure 3



Figure 4

use in the post offices. The letter "A" was used on the outward journey and "B" on the inward. Duplex types 1 to 4 cancelled stamps on letters posted on board or letters from ashore which had not been cancelled. The circular part of the duplex was used as a backstamp on letters posted ashore with adhesives already cancelled by a datestamp.

Mr. Robertson's book gives a full tabulation of the earliest and latest known dates of use for the various cancellers and for the letters 'A' & 'B'.

Cancellation GAP 1 (Fig. 1) is the rarity of the group as it was in use for only two months in 1879—at least as far as surviving examples indicate.

GAP 2 was in use from 1880 to 1900,

and GAP 4 is recorded from the same period. The only difference in these two is a millimeter of diameter in the circle, No. 2 measuring 20mm and No. 4, 19mm. This may well be an accident of manufacture in what was intended to be the same canceller.

"Iona" used GAP 3 from 1880 to 1884 and GAP 5 (Fig. 2) from 1885 to 1900. "Grenadier" used GAP 6 from 1885 to 1901.

GAP 7, (Fig. 3) 8 and 9 (Fig. 4) have the name slugs interchangeable and presumably were handed over from ship to ship. No. 7 is recorded from all four ships, over the period 1901 to 1908. "Chevalier", only being recorded in the winters of 1902-3 and 1907. No. 8 from all but "Chevalier" from 1903 to 1909 and No. 9 from all four from 1909 to 1914. ("Chevalier" only in the winter of 1913). On the outbreak of war in 1914 the name slugs were removed from the cancellers and in March 1917 the post offices were discontinued after 38 years of operation.

In spite of the volume of business mentioned earlier and this 38 years of life none of the cancellations is really common and the scarcer ones command high prices.

Fairly obviously from the foregoing, cancellations from the "Columba" with the exception of GAP 1 are the most common. "Iona" material is also relatively common but cancellations from both "Grenadier" and "Chevalier" are definitely uncommon. Mr. Robertson rates the latter as only slightly rarer than the former but the author's feeling is that from the very occasional running of the service in winter time by the "Chevalier" this factor should be increased.

GAP 10 is a reconstruction of an incomplete impression found on a parcel post label and may be from a wooden handstamp used on the uneven surface of parcels. GAP 11 and 12 are from impressions in the Post Office proof book and recorded therein as having been sent to Greenock but so far no

Martin Apfelbaum:



The current rash of stamp thefts has brought to the attention of the criminal world the value (often inflated) of stamp collections, thus resulting in additional "easy buck guys" getting into the act. For each article published in the daily press about such a loss there is someone else who can see the possibilities in a pilferage job of his own. It is my thought that every stamp collector should take some protective steps.

The first and most logical one is to insure the collection. It is not as simple as calling your broker and telling him you want to insure your stamp collection. There are special policies written for philatelic material and there are certain qualifications that have to be met. Make sure you choose a substantial company that has a reputation for meeting its commitments. You may very well need an appraisal or listing of your holdings. Make sure that all the policy requirements are met so that the company doesn't have an escape clause.

Secondly, don't spend too much time bragging about the value of your holdings. Those people who are interested in taking what isn't theirs have big ears.

Thirdly, consider the acquisition of a safe or burglary protection for your home. This can serve to give you a degree of protection against fire also.

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examples have been discovered.

GAP 13 is believed to have been used on telegrams and to have been in use in 1917.

There are some odd uses reported outside the periods detailed, for instance GAP 9 is reported from "Columba" on 12th April 1909. It is unlikely that "Columba" was in service this early in the year, and again GAP 8 is reported from "Iona" on 14th April 1917 about a month after the closing of the post Offices and some three years after the name slugs were supposed to be removed from the cancellers.

Cancellations are very often found on contemporary post cards sent by travellers to their friends and this makes reproduction for the purpose of illustration somewhat difficult as the cards are franked with the half penny green values of Great Britain against which any but a very firm strike of the cancellor does not show clearly. Messrs. MacBrayne issued for use on board their steamers some extremely attractive colored post cards and envelopes (Figs. 3, 4 and 5) which are found with the Greenock and Ardrishaig cancellations and these make a very interesting addition to a collection of these markings.

Since the first shall be last let us now

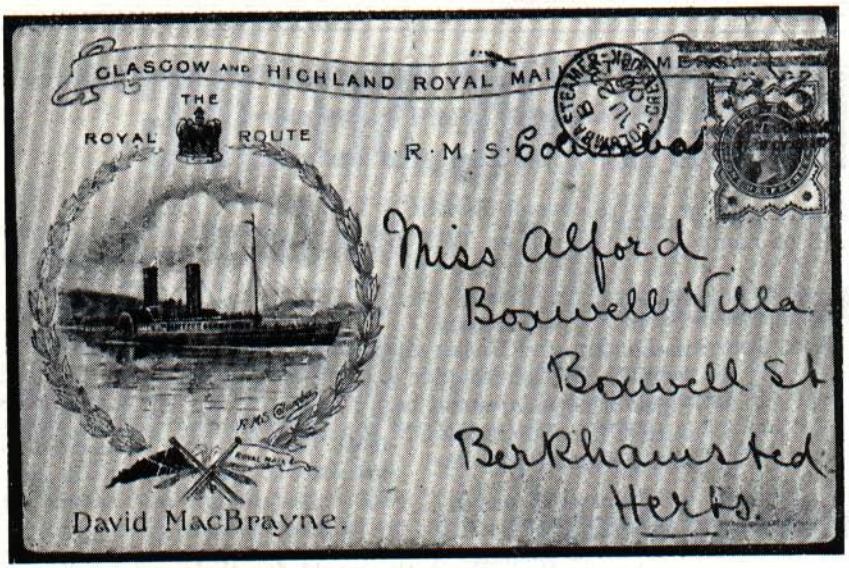


Figure 5

turn to Figures A and B. Figure A is a dotted circle Greenock Cancellation recorded as being in use from 1860 to 1872 and since it is found on mail from points on the Ardishaig route (from the backstamps) there is a theory that this may be a forerunner of the Greenock and Ardrishaig cancellations applied to mail sorted on board before the establishment of actual post offices. The gap between 1872 and 1879 when the P.O.s were established may be bridged by Fig. B, the "Greenock Sorting Tender" applied to mails sorted on the railway between Glasgow and Greenock. The Scottish Postmark Group have for some time held the opinion that the Greenock Sorting Tender operated as an accessory to the Greenock and Ardrishaig Packet, vide the 14th report of the Postmaster General ". . . . and the despatch of mails by the steam vessels on the Clyde was expedited by sorting the letters on the railway between Glasgow and Greenock . . ."

The theory of the last paragraph is advanced in an article in the May -June 1965 issue of "TPO", the magazine of the T.P.O. & Seapost Society and adds an interesting footnote to the study of the official cancellations.

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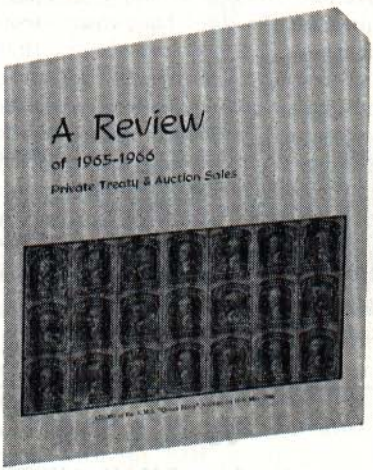
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Recently a Royal Commission report to the Government advising on economies to be effected in internal operation resulted in the elimination of the official overprinted "G" stamps. Instead of stamps, all Government offices from January 1, 1964 used envelopes bearing the words "Canada Postage Paid - Port Paye" in various forms. Some envelopes had in addition to the above wording the phrase "On Her Majesty's Service - Service de Sa Majesté" printed on the face.

Because I am constantly looking for a new philatelic field especially in contemporary Canada collecting, I decided to start putting aside all such Government postal stationery items which came my way. Now after a year and a half, I finally sorted these out and found I had thirty-seven varieties, all saved from my personal and business mail. I have "catalogued" these according to the following criteria:

1. Department from which the envelope emanates
2. Manila paper or otherwise
3. Plain or window envelope
4. Size of envelope
5. Manner in which "Canada Postage Paid - Port Paye" is printed or stamped on the envelope
6. Whether OHMS-SSM appears on the envelope or not
7. Whether other embellishments appear on the envelope such as Canada's Coat of Arms, advertising, etc.
8. Colour of the wording on the envelope
9. Appearance of the circular date cancel (if one appears)
10. Location of the wording on the envelope
11. The printer's code number which appears usually on the lower left corner.

Among my thirty-seven varieties, I have found that some departments e.g. Dep't of Labour, has several varieties (I have five) differing in size of the envelope, using or omitting the Coat of Arms, ditto OHMS, plain and window envelopes.

Some departments such as the Post Office and Dep't of External Affairs use a stamping device to furnish the wording on their envelopes rather than using printed stationery. The stamped wording is usually in red ink. The Dep't of National Revenue uses blue ink. The rectangle enclosing the words "Canada Postage Paid - Port Payé" is usually in horizontal format, however that used on some of the stationery from the Unemployment Insurance Commission is in vertical form (at least on two varieties I have). Some offices, even though they use printed envelopes, also stamp the wording (usually in red) on the envelope. This extra wording is thus a duplication and appears rather redundant. There are also several varieties of this type stationery with no department noted on the face, and these presumably may be used by any department of the Government. I have also acquired several blue, and several white paper envelopes as well as the traditional manilla paper.

Recently I noted in philatelic advertising several dealers having these envelopes for sale. This sideline fits in well with postal stationery collecting as well as in the 'Officials of Canada" part of the collection, and surely adds fun to contemporary Canada collecting.

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#863—ARO FIELD FORCE COVER

In a recent acquisition of a small Military Cover Collection there was included one inscribed "Aro Field Force, Southern Nigeria, West Africa". The cover was a soldier's stampless, countersigned by Lieut. A. E. Rastrick. It was addressed to Dunnville, Ont. The postmark was from "Old Calabar River JA 28 02".

The cover appears to have been one which was formerly in the collection of Lloyd Sharpe, the well known War Cover Collector, from Hamilton.

According to Sharpe the Aro Field Force covers to Canada are extremely rare. It appears that the expedition went inland from Old Calabar, the capital of the Eastern Province of Southern Nigeria situated at the mouth of the Cross River. The Aros against whom this expedition was made, occupied a considerable area on the Cross River, about one hundred miles inland. It was a tribe with relatively high intelligence, and they dominated many of the surrounding tribes. It seems they were constantly engaged in and fomented tribal wars, and they were quite daring in their violation of the 1901 proclamation forbidding the buying, procuring or selling of slaves. Their submission, due to this expedition, brought and end to the tribal wars, and consolidated Nigeria under British rule.

A. E. Rastrick, was formerly a bank clerk in Dunnsville. In 1900 he is supposed to have been a member of the Canadian Contingent, in South Africa. I have not been able to find such evidence.

The expedition was a small one, consisting of 14 white officers, 1830 native soldiers, together with the crew of 53 in number of the "H.M. Thrush", and 3 officers and 27 sailors from the gunboat "Jackdaw".

Lt. Rastrick sucumbed to a tropical illness. Only two of the white officers survived the expedition. No wonder covers from this expedition are rare!

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#864—NORTH WEST (RIEL) REBELLION COVERS

From this same volume of War material formed by Bill Rorke, came three covers all addressed to the same soldier, "Private Rob. K. Allan of C Company, 90th Battalion."

Private Allan was from Allan's Mills, Ont. The covers are all dated during April and May 1885. All are addressed to him at "Qu'Appelle, N.W.T. or **elsewhere".** All are back-stamped "Qu' Appelle Station."

Covers from this Expedition to the North West are far from common. They not only fit nicely into a Military Cover collection, but also find their way into collections of Territorial Postal History.

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#865—BRITISH COLUMBIA TELEPHONE Co. RECENT FRANKS

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#866 — WEIGHTS & MEASURES RED NO DENOMINATION #R115a

#R115a in Sisson's catalogue is the "No Denomination, Red, Any Denomination." Sound confusing? Well it appears this stamp was issued to be used for any denomination. Apparently very few were so used. We have seen many mint copies, and once in a great while a "cancelled to order" copy with a neat cancel in the lower corner. However these last are nothing but fakes, as there can be no used copies of the NO DENOMINATION value.

In the Morgan Collection there was one copy which had the denomination written in the blank space '1.60". This copy was also cancelled November 2, 1877 which should be enough to indicate that it is not a part of the 1887 issue even though it carries small blue control numbers.

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#867—MISSING MARGINAL PERFORATIONS

Seeing the illustration of lot #392 in the R. Maresch & Son Auction of Nov. 30th-Dec. 1st reminded me of an item I wrote up several years ago. Lot #392 was a right margin, block of four of the 15c. Gannet, IMPERFORATE at RIGHT MARGIN.

Back in packet #255, published in the old POPULAR STAMPS magazine, I wrote:—

"I have a plate block, upper left position, from plate #6" of the 4c. Queen Elizabeth (Scotts #328) "with the top row of HORIZONTAL PERFORATIONS COMPLETELY MISSING."

It is interesting to note that Plate #6 of this issue, and the 15c. Gannet both came out in 1954. There may be other sheets of these and other issues of the same period with similar missing perforations. Can anyone tell us if there might have been a special reason as to why these IMPERFORATE MARGINAL copies appeared at that time?

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#868—REVENUES BRING GOOD PRICES at SISSON'S MORGAN AUCTION

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Lot #65 (R9a) 1864 Bill, 9c. vert, pr. Imperf. horiz ..... ($100) 85.
#67 (R15) $1 1864 Bill, o.g. ..... ($50) 47.50
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#92 (R49a) 3c. 1868, Wmk pair, used ..... ($30) 57.50
#96 (R43b) 6c. 1868, horiz. pr. imperf. vert ..... ($100) 62.50
#99 (R53a) $2.00 INVERTED CENTER, VF ..... ($750) 600.00
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#166 (PN7a 5c. book. pane of 25, post. note ..... ($20) 24.00
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#173 (Alberta R26a) $5 vert pr. Imperf. bet. ..... ($100) 77.50
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107	2c. green	.14	.60	.02
107a	2c. thin paper	.35	1.50	.35
108	3c. brown	.25	1.15	.02
109	3c. carmine	.13	.60	.02
110	4c. olive bistre	.85	3.60	.21
111	5c. dark blue	3.00	14.00	.08
112	5c. violet	.40	1.70	.08
112a	5c. thin paper	.50	2.20	.50
113	7c. yellow ochre	1.00	5.00	.18
114	7c. red brown	1.25	5.50	.60
115	8c. blue	1.35	6.00	.65
116	10c. plum	5.00	23.00	.10
117	10c. blue	.75	3.30	.10
118	10c. bistre brown	.75	3.30	.12
119	20c. olive green	2.75	13.00	.11
120	50c. black brown	2.75	12.00	.32
120a	50c. black	13.50	—	.55
122	$1.00 orange	4.25	19.00	.50
135	3c. Confederation	1.10	5.00	.09

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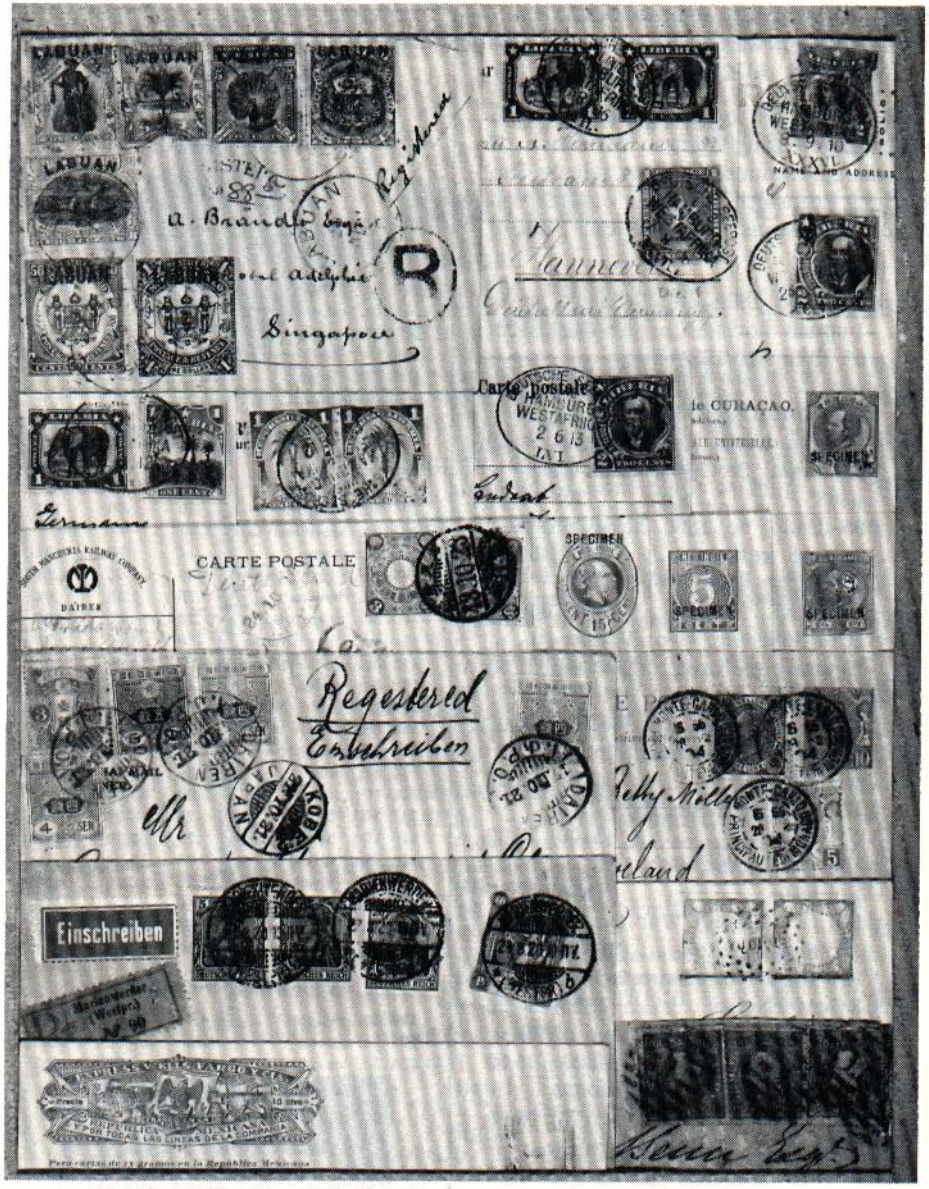
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#869—MORE SIBERIAN EXPEDITION FORCE (CANADIAN) COVERS

Back in packet #666 I last mentioned these interesting Canadian Military Expedition covers. At that time I had made a little "find" of some four covers

WANTED — PLATE BLOCKS FLORALS

We have heard it said in several quarters recently that collecting plate blocks was 'for the birds' and 'lot of bunkum'. While we never collected such ourself we do maintain a large stock for our many eminent and knowledgeable customers who so collect; and we respect their endeavours in this field. Philately is many things to many men and one need not collect only large Queens or Admirals to be with it.

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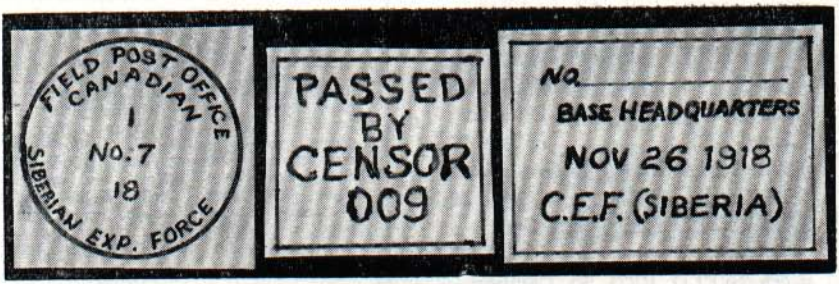
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Base Headquarters Censor Marking (Found for November only)

Censor Marking (Used Dec. - February)

which exactly doubled my collection of these. Eventually I sold one of these and now have since picked up two more which go into the collection. This brings the total to nine, which may well be a large part of the known supply.

All the other covers were either addressed to Eastern Canada or the US. The last two, both stampless, are addressed to Scotland, and to Winnipeg, Man.

In November 1918 we show two covers, and both show the Base Headquarters marking, in addition to the normal Field Post Office handstamp.

In December 1918 we have two covers. Both show the ordinary Censor marking, one "Censor 004" the other "Censor 001".

For January 1919 I have no covers. For February 1919 I have one cover, and it bears the "Censor 009" marking. This seems to be the last of the censored covers.

For March 1919 I have two covers, neither are censored, and neither one carried any countersignature.

For April and May 1919 I have one cover each. Again there are no censor markings, but both of these are countersigned.

I am still not convinced that a new Field Post Office hammer wasn't produced and was first used in March 1919. The figure "1" from March on seems to be under the "A" of CANADIAN (2nd A) instead of under the "D".

#870 — YUKON & DAWSON COURT LARGE DIE PROOFS

In my own collection of Canadian revenues, I have for a long time had the 25c. and $1.00 Dawson Mining Court Small Die Proofs in carmine, and the 10c. and 25c. Yukon Territorial Court small Die Proofs in Blue. All on India paper. According to Brazer these were the only copies known, and these were the only values reported in Die Proofs.

In the November 29th sale of Harmer, Rooke & Co., New York, they listed:—

"Dawson Mining Court Law Stamp, $2 Orange brown, large die proof on india mounted on card," and also

"Yukon Territorial Court Law Stamp $3.00 dark olive green, large trial color die proof on india mounted on card."

Something new!

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#871 — LONDON to LONDON AIR Sold by Private Treaty

In the fall of 1960 the "Mathews" copy of the London-London Pioneer Airmail stamp of Canada was sold for a new high price of $5,250. Previously they had sold around the $1200 mark.

In a H. R. Harmer sale last fall, it was announced that the Shrady Collection contained a copy which would be so'd at auction. However before the sale took place this was sold at private

treaty. We are greatly disappointed, as we knew of at least three collectors who would have bid a fair price for this item, and now we will never know what it might have realized at auction.

It is also our guess that when the prize piece of a sale is withdrawn, it lowers the prices realized on the remaining Canadian Semi-Officials in the collection.

We hope another London - London comes onto the market soon, and we'd expect it to again bring in excess of $5000.

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#872 — POPULAR SIDELINES

We have often mentioned popular sidelines in this column. Last fall at Calgary, the BNAPS Convention provided for EIGHT SIDELINE Study Group Meetings. These were arranged at the specific request of collectors attending. The fact that such meetings were held is in a way an indication of considerable interest in the fields. These were:—

Flag Cancellations
Squared Circle Cancellations
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Western Postal Markings
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Coming Events

MARCH 7th to 18th—The 12th Annual Exhibition of the North York Philatelic Society. North York Public Library, 5126 Yonge St., Willowdale.

APRIL 8, 1967—OXFORD PHILATELIC SOCIETY — 18th Exhibition, Bourse and Banquet, Old St. Paul's Church, Woodstock, Ont., 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission Free. Dinner 6:30 p.m.

APRIL 20/22, 1967 — St. Catharines Stamp Club Annual Exhibition at the Fairview Mall, St. Catharines, Ont. A bourse but no auction. For information write the Chairman, W. E. Bray, 39 Burness Drive, St. Catharines, Ontario.

APRIL 29, 1967—Barrie District Stamp Club Annual Exhibition at the Central United Church Hall, Barrie, Ont. Bourse Tables. For information write the Chairman, Mr. William Vis, 266 Napier Street, Barrie, Ontario.

APRIL 15/67 GRANDPEX '67. Exhibition and bourse of the Grand River Philatelic Association to be held in the Kitchener Memorial Auditorium Annex, East Avenue, Kitchener, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Anyone may exhibit regardless of club affiliation. Information may be obtained from Mrs. R. P. Gillrie, General Chairman, GRANDPEX '67, 630 Rockway Drive, Kitchener, Ontario. A banquet will be held on the evening of April 15. Tickets are available from Mrs. Gillrie or from Mr. Bernard Petker, 38 Uplands Drive, Kitchener.

RPSC CONVENTION

The Annual Convention, Exhibition and Bourse of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada in Ottawa will be held September 28 - 30, 1967. The exhibition will be competitive, frames 3 x 4 feet taking 15 standard album pages. Rates per frame $3.00.

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The enormous publicity in the lay press about the purchase of De Thuin's fakes and forgeries by the American Philatelic Society has thrown his work out of perspective. De Thuin has stated that dealers co-operated with him in distributing his wares but it is doubtful if there are more than half-a-dozen dealers in the English-speaking world who would deliberately sell this class of goods as genuine.

There was an Englishman who was distributing some of the De Thuin fakes shortly after the last war, but, with one exception, I have never heard of a case where any sales were made direct to a collector. The favourite method of sale was to "salt" a bundle of genuine covers with a few faked pieces, usually only one, which the lady in the case would show a dealer and ask for a cash offer.

The English distributor, now emigrated, was also a faker, but it is probable that most of his own work was on similar lines but he also ventured into the faked watermark field and produced a number of mint "errors" of surcharge.

Many of these fakes were described and illustrated in **"Philately"** during 1961 as a result of which, about another dozen patients were submitted to the B.P.A. Expert Committee, most of which turned out to have come from the same source.

While there is no doubt the book to be produced by the A.P.S. will reveal many items outside of Mexico which I have not seen, I believe all the following to have been manufactured by De Thuin.

BISECTS: Barbados, Canada, Falkland Islands, Montserrat, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, New Zealand, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Trinidad and Turks Islands.

IMPERFORATE VARIETIES: Bermuda and Newfoundland.

FORGED PERFORATIONS: Barbados and New Brunswick.

FORGED OVERPRINTS AND SURCHARGES: Leeward Is. and Niger Coast (including bisects).

FORGED CANCELLATIONS: in addition to the above: Fiji and St. Vincent.

Many of the fakes are on pieces or covers and the following points often indicate De Thuin's work:

Firstly, the date-stamps imitated are invariably sans-serif types, whether or not this was the type in contemporaneous use. Illustrations have been chosen to demonstrate this point. Note how often figures in one line are of different size. (illustrations A)

Secondly, the paper of the piece or cover is usually of much later manufacture than the classic period.

Thirdly, the writing of the address is often artificially aged by damping.

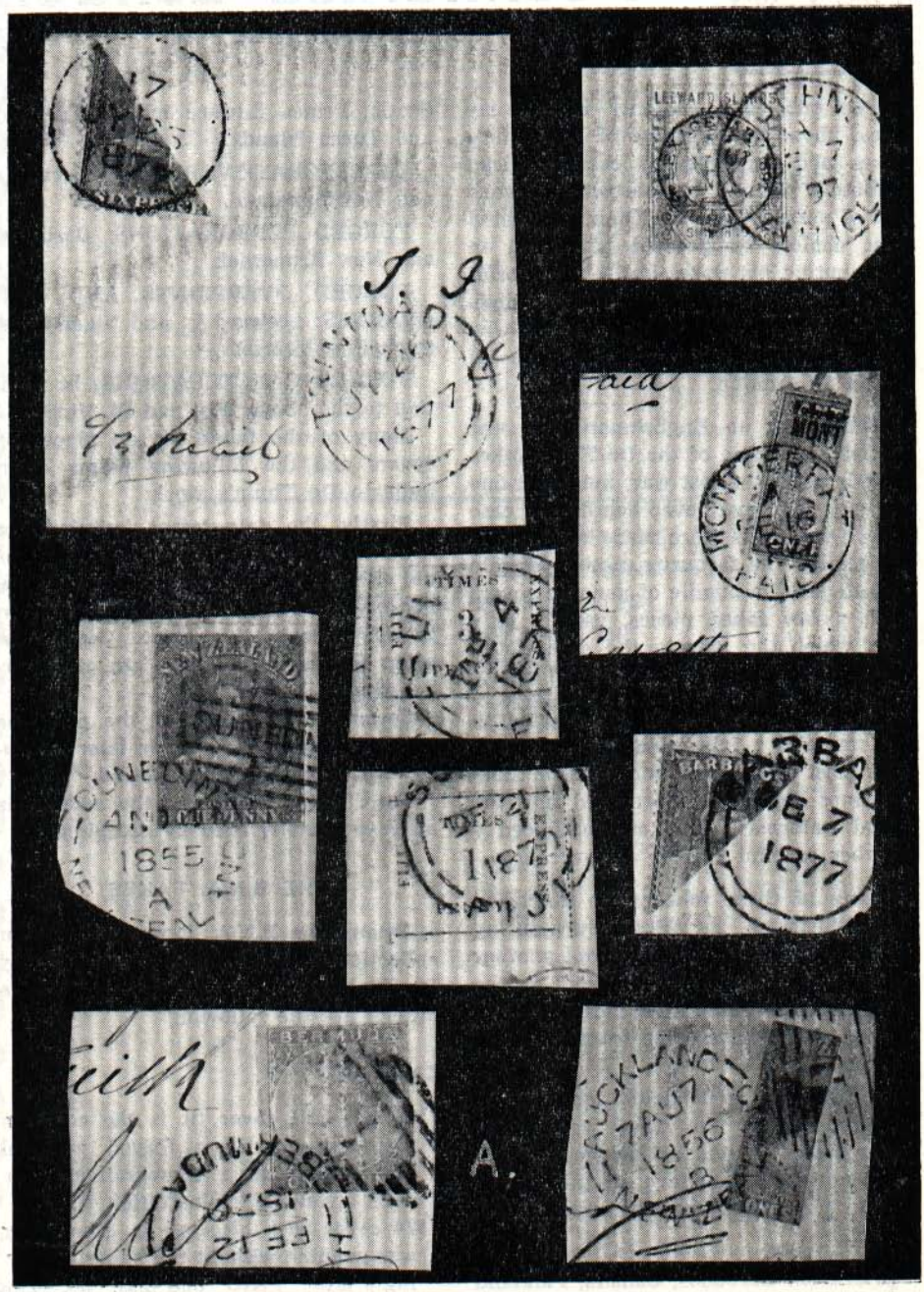
THE B.N.A. FAKES

Among the B.N.A. items in my own collection which I believe were made by De Thuin (and of course there may be others) are the following:

CANADA

7½d. on half cover (it is the common plate proof with a forged numeral cancellation on a comparatively modern envelope). Illustration B.

1874 cover with bisected 6c. (the cover was genuine without the adhesive having a faint "PAID" and mss. "3". The adhesive has been added, both date-stamps painted over, the Toronto now


CUNEUNDA
AND QUEENSTOWN
1855
3 BAD
1877
AUCKLAND
1856
A.



tying the adhesive, the original impression having been partly covered by the bisect. The "3" has been inked over to tie and forged bars added for good measure). Illustration C.

1875 and 1896 pieces bearing respectively the bisected 2c. and 1c. with forged cancellations. Illustration D.

1903 piece with 1c. bisected, forged cancellation. Illustration E.

NEWFOUNDLAND

1857 1/- scarlet-vermilion bisected on piece, forged cancellation. Illustration F.

1860 1/- orange-vermilion bisected on piece, forged cancellation and Boston date-stamp. Illustration G.

1876 5 cents with roulettes cut off and tied on piece. The tying part of the cork cancellation has been added and



Illustration "C"

the whole painted over; the London date-stamp is paint work.
Illustration H.

1933 Airmail 5c. and 10c. with perforations cut off and stuck on pieces with forged date-stamp.
Illustration I.

NEW BRUNSWICK

1851 6d. bisected and used on a cover backstamped on arrival "HALIFAX - NOVA SCOTIA JY 16 1857". (the whole cover is manufactured).
Illustrations J.

NOVA SCOTIA

1861 10c. bisected on cover backstamped on arrival "DORCHESTER N.B. DE 7 1861" (the whole cover is manufactured). Illustrations K.

Illustration L, shown through the courtesy of the American Philatelic Society, is of some of De Thuin's equipment, the setting of the Honduras airmail provisionals and three covers which merit comment. The upper one shows an Antioqua bisect added to a cover awaiting completion; the centre cover is a genuine letter to Cadiz to which the faker has added a whole Canadian 1859 10c. and a bisected 5c. as well as the oval "PAID"; the lower letter from Prince Edward Island is apparently a complete fake, although the stamps are genuine (the cancellations are forged).

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THE MAN HIMSELF

The termination of Raoul de Thuin's activities as a forger and faker of stamps and covers must be a source of congratulation to those officers of the American Philatelic Society who took the requisite action. Now let us consider the man himself.

Last January he was quoted as saying **"I have no conscience at all at having deceived all those foolish people. They are just fanatics who neglect their families for their passion".** His peculiar

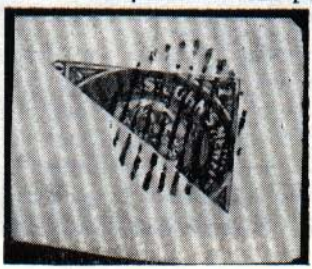
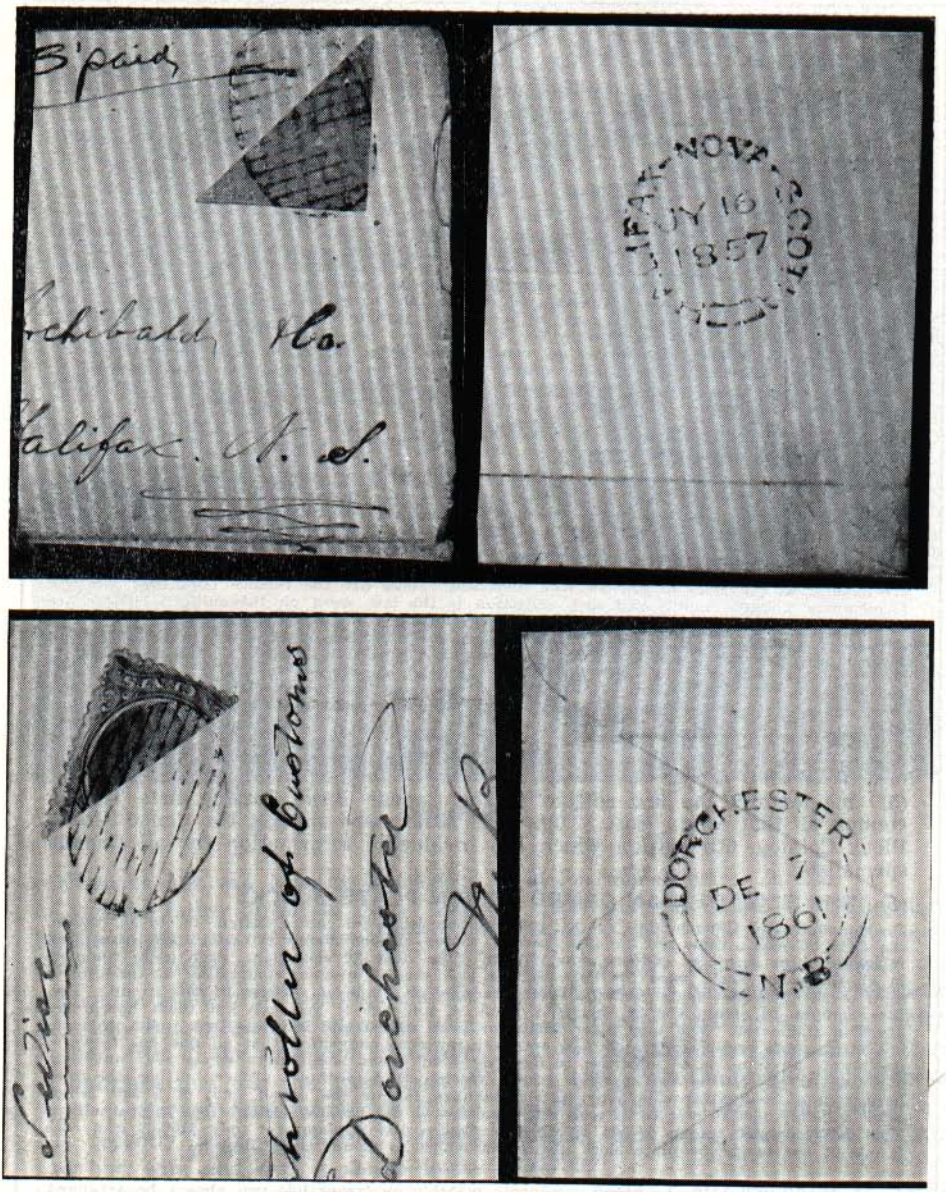


Illustration "F"



Illustrations "J" & "K"

derisive view about philately did not cover other forms of collecting. His three wives (the press does not say if the sentences ran concurrently) were supplemented by 400 mistresses.

We are reminded of our school-boy days when the number of different stamps in one's collection was a matter of record and boasting between young collectors. De Thuin's collecting took another form and one can be only equally suspicious of the accuracy of his record. There is no mention that any of his wives bore him any family, so his statement that his four hundred mistresses only produced twenty-five child-

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(5) Incidentally the 3rd edition of the Canada Basic Catalog lists Tagged stamps, all that exist. Cost $2.00. Add $3.00 more and get the Canada Plate Block Catalog, 6th edition which has invaluable information for all Canada specialists.

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Illustration "L"

ren makes one ask how he knew that he was the father of any of them. May be the double-crosser was double-crossed (this is not a re-entry).

Looking at his craftsmanship, one can soon see that outside the Mexican field, he had little of the advanced knowledge of philately that was the great asset of Jean de Sperati with whom de Thuin has recently been compared. Sperati had one wife and was a stamp lover. His methods of philatelic reproduction carried that finesse that one could identify the sheet position of many of the classic stamps which he manufactured. As far as we know, outside the classic primitives of Mexico, de Thuin made no forged stamps. He would make a surcharge or an overprint to put on genuine stamps and many of his forged cancellations emulated the work of the old Parisian maestro, Zareski.

The "potter's thumb" identifies most forgers' work. No matter how much they try they cannot successfully conceal their own particular characteristics in their reproductions and long before he was identified and named, de Thuin had been given the pseudonym **"George"** among those British philatelists who collect and study the work of such monsters.

In a letter I received from an American collector whose interests I share, was the quotation, **"And in the sweetness of friendship, let there be laughter and the sharing of pleasures. For in the dew of little things, the heart finds its mornings, and is refreshed."**

A fair creed for a collector but we fear that de Thuin would not understand.

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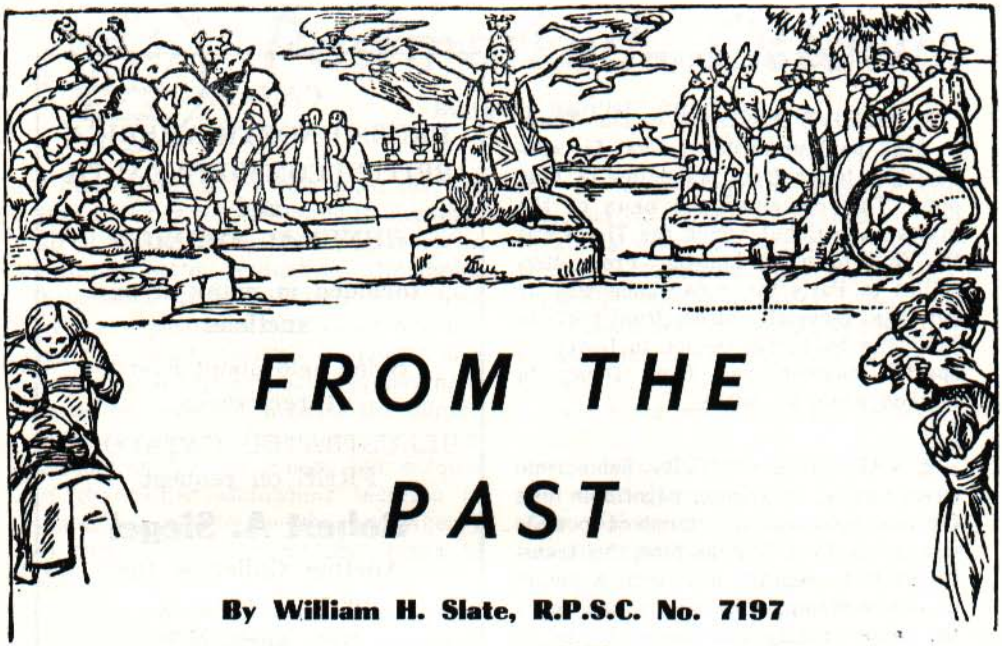
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FROM THE PAST

By William H. Slate, R.P.S.C. No. 7197

A HOST OF POSTS.

That little word **post** has meanings a host,
And in this respect is the lexicon's boast,
For there's no other word that ever we heard
That has been more twisted, and bother'd, and blurr'd.
There are **posts** of honour and **posts** of pride,
And a thousand **posts** in the world beside;
Posts in the streets, and **posts** to the lamps,
And some walking **post**-men—remarkable scamps!
There are bank-**post** bills as current as gold,
And cheques **post**-dated not pleasant to hold;
And that wonderful **post** with but **four** letters to it,
That has all other letters in Europe pass through it!
You **post** in the navy, promoting the brave,
You **post** in the army for being a knave;
You **post** the pony whenever you bet,
And you **post** off to prison when taken for debt!

Post-obits are given for gold on your life,
You're examined **post**-mortem if murdered in strife;
You **post** by horses, or **post** by train,
And the latter steam-style is styled **posting** amain!

If a man any great punctuality boast,
You say of him 'he's to be found at his **post**;'
But if you're kept waiting you inwardly groan,
And say 'What a fellow he is to **post**-pone.'

You **post** your books of accounts by millions,
You call your galloping boys **post**ilions;
And you try to save your tin of a verity,
Just to leave to your young **post**-erity.

'**From** pillar to **post**' was a saying, you know,
But now **in** a pillar to **post** we go;
And an author's friends, to amuse or fume us,
Print, after his death, his words **post**humous.

POSTAL SCRAPS

EXPENSIVE POSTAGE. — The **Times** in 1842 paid upwards of £300 for conveying a letter from Marseilles to London. This contained the news of the massacre in Cabul, which the **Times** was the first to make known. From Marseilles to Paris the conveyance was by carriages especially hired; from Paris to Boulogne by horse; thence to Dover by special steamer, and from Dover to London again by horse.

A VALUABLE LETTER.—Some time since a letter containing negotiable bills for one thousand two hundred pounds was given to a boy to post; he transferred it to another boy, with a penny to buy a stamp; this second boy spent the penny in taffy, and tore up the letter to escape detection, the pieces of paper found in the field being the means of unveiling the young rogue.—**Postmaster-General's Annual Report.**

AUSTRIAN COMPLEMENTARY LABELS—Oblong pieces of paper bearing a white diagonal cross, have been called "Complementary" labels. These were only the impressions of the woodcut block which were arranged to fill up the frames from which the stamps of the old issues were printed. In a sheet of fifty Austrian stamps there are impressions of four such blocks. When the sheets of stamps were perforated, they were so separated also, as they were of the same size as the stamps, and in lines with them. The sheets of stamps of the present issue do not contain any of these labels.

—Gray's Catalogue.

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By HANS REICHE (RPSC 6397)

Some time ago we mentioned that the Post Office is contemplating to eliminate all plate inscriptions from the sheets to facilitate better accounting. Numerous discussions have apparently been held by the department with collectors during the recent months. It appears now evident that this original idea may have to be reversed not because the department has found a simpler method for accounting for the stamps but because of the rather astonishing increase in plateblock sales by the Philatelic Agency in Ottawa. (a puzzling phenomena to the writer)

A number of collectors have recently returned from Europe with the news that many of the issues from 1950 to-date have decreased their values from 10 to up to 25% of that what has been quoted last year. All the popular countries are involved and it should not be a surprise to many. Speculative manipulations by some dealers and the entry of certain previous coin dealers into the stamp market has caused this situation. We all have noticed advertisements by dealers to be great specialists in UN stamps and then a month later being the specialist for Spain. And so once a country becomes less popular and prices drop dealers move from one field to another. And since none, or extremely few are actual specialists misleading statements do not only hurt the prospective collector but philately.

During a recent trip to the Philatelic Agency in Washington we observed the almost automated dispensation of stamps for buyers. Each type is stored on a shelf fastened to a large rotating drum. A push button brings the correct value on the drum up to the front for distribution. Large number of tagged stamps exist and all are sold at this agency. The help of the ultraviolet lamp identifies the correct stamps prior to each sale and no error can be made. The occasional error has been noted to come from our Canadian Philatelic Agency, especially on the celopack sheets, because these are not marked and no light is used to assure that the stamp is tagged.

Once again we must warn collectors against drying the new 5 cents flag stamp between blotting paper. The gum side will stick to the blotting paper after soaking because of the peculiar type of "gum" used. Dry these stamps on top of a plastic sheet to avoid sticking. Even under pressure the backside of the stamp will peel easily from the plastic sheet.

Another warning. Many of the recently used coloured cancellations are not fast in water. They may not run completely but react with water to some extent and will tint the water and the stamps in the bath. Cold water is best for such stamps.

It might be of interest for any one travelling to New York to know that a new Philatelic Centre has been opened. It is a meeting place and once a week an open dealers bourse is being held there. As far as we understand all are welcome.

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THE COVER PICTURE

We illustrate on our cover this month the stamp issued for the 50th Anniversary of Confederation in 1917 showing a reproduction of the Fathers of Confederation.

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CANADIAN ROLLER CANCELLATIONS

By E. A. SMYTHIES F.C.P.S.

It is an astonishing fact that Canadian enthusiasts over the years have made detailed studies of many types of cancellations, and published results in handbooks — Squared Circles, Duplex, R.P.O.s, Fancy Cancels, Precancels come immediately to mind — and yet until recently have completely ignored a type which for scope, importance and interest equals any type of Canadian cancel and exceeds most. I refer to Roller cancellations, which have been in widespread use for over 70 years, but (so far as I can ascertain) until two years ago had never been seriously studied anywhere by anyone; at least nothing of importance had been published. Jarrett and Boggs scarcely mention them.

In our contemporary "MAPLE LEAVES" August 1964 Hollingsworth published an article giving a classification of the early types of Rollers which were made and issued to postoffices in the period 1894-1930. Since then intensive research, with the cooperation of the few Roller enthusiasts there seem to be, and much valuable information from the Postal Authorities, Ottawa, has unearthed a goldmine of interesting postal history which was quite unknown and unexpected hitherto and which I will endeavour to summarise briefly in this article.

But before doing so, in case some of my readers do not know what Rollers are, it may be advisable to describe and define them. Everyone knows what a common garden roller is like and how it works, i.e. a cylinder attached to a handle by which it is pushed or pulled along. The Rollers (or revolving cancellers as they were called) of 1894-1930 were identical in principle but of course diminutive in size. The brass cylinder, engraved with the Roller pattern, was fixed to a handle about 6" long. The Roller pattern was partly standardised to show 8 thick vertical bars and the name of a postoffice horizontally and on the average measured 2 cms. in width and 1.7 cms. in height. In all the early Rollers the pattern was engraved three times (tandem fashion) giving a Roller slightly over 5 cms. circumference.

We can pinpoint exactly the start of these Rollers. Boggs has recorded in



fig. 1



fig. 2



fig. 3



fig. 4

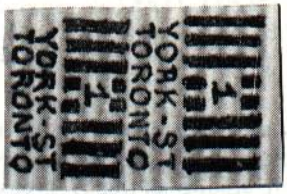


fig. 5

the 1894-95 annual report of the Post-office **for the first time,** "Paid to Pritchard and Andrews for 16 brass revolving cancellers at $1.65" (see fig. 1). These had no numbers and were ipso facto considered unsatisfactory, as the next batch showed a small number squeezed in between two central bars (see fig. 2). This also was evidently unsatisfactory and was soon replaced by a pattern with a clear number (see fig. 3), which became the standard type.

Apart from these standard types, an astonishing number of sub-types were made and issued for special purposes in some of the larger towns. For example for the different grades of post-office, postal terminal, station, sub- office; for postoffices called after **streets** (over 30 recorded); Rollers for military Field P.O.s in World War I; for P.O.s in railway stations (one of these had five Rollers in simultaneous use at one time!); special Rollers for registration (Montreal alone had over 20 of these), and for Parcel Post and Dead Letter offices. (see figs. 4, 5, 6).

Since Rollers showed no dates and were intended for 2nd, 3rd and 4th class mail only, the issue of special Rollers for the strictest 1st class mail (i.e. registered mail) is most unexpected. All these give Rollers an unique distinction since no other Canadian official cancellation shows such diverse types and uses.

They have another unique distinction. Jarrett in his very brief reference to



fig. 6

1967—A YEAR ✶ FOR CELEBRATION

In many ways a celebration year. Back in 1066 King Harold the Ready fought a victorious battle against invaders in the north of England—the Battle of Stamford Bridge. Hearing that William of Normandy was landing troops at Hastings to lay claim to the English throne he marched his men south for engagement. Lost by a rouse. The Stanbridges (taking the name of the earlier battle) settled there having as little to do with the conquerors as possible. Finally, in 1907 the last of the Stanbridges up and married a Norman girl (de Clacy) and struck out as others had done for the new world.

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Rollers (page 440) noted "Numbers have no philatelic significance". The Postal Authorities certainly thought very differently and regarded numbers on Rollers as important and significant. The Director, Public Relations Office, Ottawa, has noted:— "Numbers on Rollers were used both as a control on the number of Rollers in operation within a postoffice and as an identification of the particular section of the postoffice using that particular Roller". This dual purpose is, I believe, unique in Canadian official cancellations, and the numbers are obviously of considerable philatelic importance and significance. For Toronto and Montreal they run into hundreds, for smaller towns such as Winnipeg or Ottawa to 30 or 40.

Rollers have still another unique distinction. In Canadian official cancellations generally, errors (of spelling etc.) rarely crop up, for example the solitary Sq. Circle Bleeker St., Precancel Bribdgeburg, Registered RERISTERED. In Rollers, however, they are more abundant than errors in all other official cancellations together! They include name misspelt, name omitted (see figs. 7, 8, 9), number omitted, number inverted etc., and already nearly 20 have been recorded, probably with plenty more awaiting discovery.

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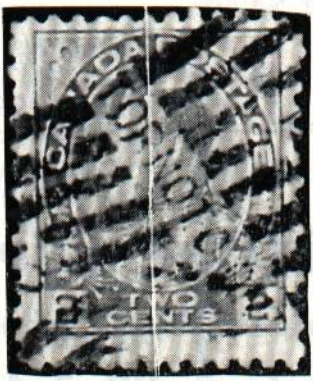


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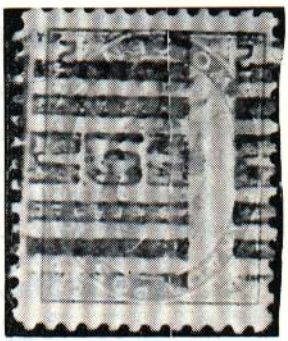
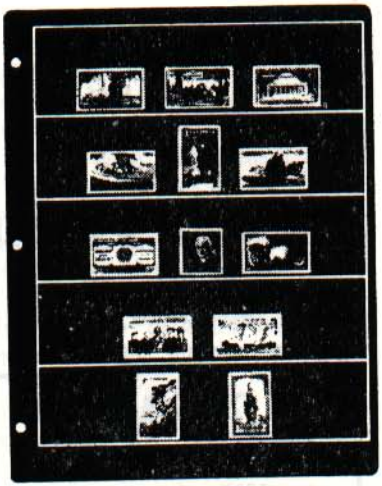


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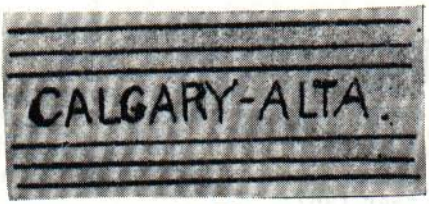


fig. 10



fig. 11

reversed or in looking-glass writing, was evidently no easy matter!

Precancel enthusiasts cannot ignore Rollers. They were eminently suitable for quickly cancelling complete sheets of stamps, and in spite of very emphatic orders that they were not to be used to make precancels, in actual fact they were so used to an appreciable extent. To date about 30 Rollers from 24 different post-offices have been recorded as precancels. The Precancel Catalog has ignored them so far, but perhaps will include them in future.

Between 1928 and 1935 the pattern of Roller was gradually altered to the more modern designs with thin horizontal bars (see figs. 10, 11), sometimes with a date, sometimes not, which have continued to the present day. So far as I know, no one has made a detailed study fo these modern types as yet.

But although the earlier types with vertical bars ceased to be made and distributed thirty years ago, they did not cease to be used. The longevity of some of these Rollers was quite extraordinary. I have two strikes of a Roller (Portage-la-Prairie MAN) one on a Widow 20c. (1897) and one on an Eskimo (1955), a period of 58 years! And we know at first hand that the postmasters of Rouleau SASK (father and son) used the Roller supplied in 1908 up to 1965!

In the Roller handbook which it is hoped will shortly be published by C.P.S.G.B. (and from which the data in this article are taken) a total of over 2400 Rollers from over 1000 different post-offices have been described, classified and recorded. Here is an interesting fact: **not even half that number have as yet been found**—their existence is known only from the official records of the suppliers (Pritchard and Andrews) and the Proof Books kept at Ottawa G.P.O. What a field for exploration this suggests! But, it may also be asked, how many have survived nearly half a century of complete neglect, with no collectors—and therefore no dealers—at all interested in Rollers? Collectors of Toronto cancellations will have to get busy if they wish to acquire the 360 different Rollers recorded for Toronto (and rather less than 180 so far seen!).

One more point about Rollers is worth a mention. Although no early Rollers show a date, the year of issue of more than 60% is known—by their inclusion in the Ottawa proof book, which is very useful knowledge.

It has naturally not been possible within the limits of this article to give all the information about Rollers that will appear in the handbook, but I hope enough has been written to show what an interesting study these Rollers provide.

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We have been kept very busy, probably due to the successive snow storms which have contributed keeping most of us indoors, and going over our collections.

In the seven years that have gone by since we started handling the Sales Department, we have seen quite a few changes in the collecting ways of our members. At first it was Canada and all its ramifications, and as can be expected it still is. Due to the great cooperation of a few outstanding Canadian Philatelists, we have year in and year out received a few books of outstanding fine 19th. Cent. material, which by the time Christmas rolls around have all but disappeared. This also applies to the Edward VII which in mint condition are very seldom seen in the books we receive; and as to the Admirals these also are on the popular list. When we started work with the Sales Circuit, Great Britain and Colonies were in large demand, then for three or four years it fell off considerably, and now especially Great Britain is making a very strong comeback.

In foreign, the demand for Western Europe goes on unabated and countries like Germany, France, Switzerland, to mention only a few are requested from Nova Scotia to Vancouver Island. Countries like Spain and Portugal which for years didn't sell, have jumped on the bandwagon.

However there is always another side, and one of the most noticeable are the stamps of our neighbour to the south. For some unknown reasons as far as the collecting of stamps of the United States are concerned it shows a serious downward trend, which can only be attributed to the numerous commemorative issues issued by that country; and of which we are overloaded.

Books of stamps of Central and South America sent to the Clubs have come back virtually untouched, and if individual members of our Society are interested in these countries, I'll be pleased to hear from them.

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Thursday evening, January 19th, was slide night, and featured "Mammals" on stamps. The slides showed such exotic mammals as the Duckbill Platypus, Anteaters, and cute Koala Bears from the land down under. These and other slide programmes are obtained through cooperation from the R.P.S.C.

EDMONTON STAMP CLUB ANNUAL MEETING

To meet rising costs of hall rentals, fees were raised to $3 for city adults, $1.50 for out-of-town members. The club continues to meet in the Macdonald Hotel.

Elections resulted in acclamations for most of the officers. Returned for another term were: president, Ian Paterson, vice-president Jan Roebroek; and secretary-treasurer, E. J. Christensen.

Named to the exectuive committee were R. L. Stone, G. C. Bolton, A. W. McIntyre and S. Osterwoldt. Auction committee: A. I. Matthew, Ralph Woodman, E. Husman and Ian Paterson, Auditor, F. N. Harris. Editors of the Bulletin, Mrs. Helen Broad and Mrs. J. D. Goodall.

The secretary's report showed that 43 joined during the year, resulting in a total of 271, comprising 155 seniors, 19 juniors, 94 out-of-town and three honorary life members.

RA ACTIVITIES

By HANS REICHE (RPSC 6397)

A brief note may be of interest to all readers about the RA Stamp Club activities in Ottawa.

Under the guidance of the writer as president of the club emphasis has been placed on philatelic education. A minimum of two educational programs are planned for every month, the club meeting once a week. Philatelic speakers have been "lured" to Ottawa and give interesting and often controversial talks to the club. Many rather lively discussions have followed some of the meetings and it is recalled that one night the president had to call a halt before the last bus left the terminal to bring collectors safely home. That night was "A Dealer's view" and rather frank and uncomplimentary questions were raised both by the Ottawa dealers and the collectors at hand. All learned a lot and this was the aim. Speakers such as Don Woodside, Bob Woolley, Maj. Guy Grenier, Jim Kraemer contributed to the programs of the RA.

Probably the highlight for the club was the Centennial Project of the Philatelic Course which was given by Mr. Ernest Kehr. A condensed university course in philately brought a new dimension to many and opened unexplored ventures into the science of philately. It was the first time that such a course has been presented in Canada and with an attendance of over 120 it was an outstanding success.

Another project which was carried out some years ago was the collection of data leading to the now published book on the "War Tax Stamps of Canada". Other such projects are being planned.

GET A NEW MEMBER

The Dealer Speaks

In my last article I discussed the dealer briefly and now turn to the collector.

To view the collector correctly under todays conditions, we have to go back to the history of collecting and see where he came from and how he has developed. The earliest collections were formed soon after the appearance of the postage stamp itself. There were no rules laid down how and what to collect so everybody went his own happy way. Stamps were generally peeled or torn off covers and firmly glued into places provided by the early album makers. If the stamp did not quite fit the illustration it was suitably trimmed and cut to shape. As the album makers did not indicate perforations, these usually were cut-off. An other very popular way of "collecting" was to gather several hundred stamps of about the same size (clipped with scissors!) and thread them together on a good piece of string and make a nice long stamp-snake or stamp-chair. At the early stamp bourses held in Paris stamps were pinned to a board for better viewing. No wonder we still find a lot of stamps today with pin-holes in them. Early collectors paid no attention to condition and collected anything that resembled a postage stamp. We still come across these "old-time" collections occasionally and although almost all stamps are damaged in some way, we look at them fondly for here we have the humble beginnings of stamp collecting.

The appearance of catalogues and philatelic magazines over the years slowly brought a sense of order into the hobby as well as making the collectors aware of condition. The foundations of philately were laid. The annual appearance of catalogues showed the new stamps which had appeared in that year, as well as correcting (very slowly) some of the errors that had crept into them. Stamps were given catalogue numbers, and collecting became a systematic hobby for intelligent people with an orderly mind.

The collectors of the last century, generally speaking, collected world-wide, and the aim of every collector was to gather as many different specimens as he possibly could. The worth of a collection was judged by the number of different stamps it contained. This trend continued almost to the end of the 1st World War. There were of course some collectors that had limited their collections before that time, but they were the exception rather than the rule. The appearance of many more stamps annually after the war discouraged many collectors to continue collecting the world, and all stamps issued. A natural restriction took place and, generally speaking again, most collectors limited their collecting activities to "groups" such as European countries only; British Colonies and so forth. As these collectors now had fewer stamp to obtain to keep up their collections, they usually studied their stamps more thoroughly and started to add varieties, covers and other items that fitted into their collecting groups. They commenced to "complete" their collections. As long as they collected catalogue numbers of the world this appeared to be within the collectors grasp, but as soon as they started delving deeper into the stamp itself, the philatelist was born. This resulted in the acquisition of more and more material with the dawning knowledge that "completion" is impossible for the specialist. This gathering of material was not for its own sake, but the result of the quest for knowledge.

After the second world war there came another flood of new issues to which many collectors again took exception and they further restricted their collecting fields. This constant breaking down of collecting fields will carry on for many years to come, where collectors will tackle smaller and smaller fields.

Today's collectors can be divided into two general groups — those that collect 19th Century and those that collect 20th Century material. These two major groups have very little in common with each other. The 19th Century collectors can be divided again into several groups. The specialist of an entire country, and the specialist in one particular group of issues or even one stamp only. The collectors of 20th Century material can also be divided into several groups. The general one country collector belongs in this category. Although his collection will contain some 19th Century material the main strength of his collection will be 20th Century. An other group is collecting stamps issued only after the 2nd world war. It is here that we find the never hinged collectors. He has applied the strictest rules of condition to the stamps he collects, and therefore will only collect the latest issues of the world hot off the presses for they are being made for him (something which he does not fully realise) in the condition that he demands. He can not collect earlier issues to his satisfaction for the stamps do not exist in the condition he demands. The thematic collector is also a product of recent years. He is a world-wide collector again searching for a particular topic. There may have been very few stamps for him to collect a few years ago, but again we find that the philatelic presses of the world are catering to him, and issuing all that he can digest, and many times even more than he desires.

Collecting is a very individualistic effort, what appeals to one is scorned by the other. It basically does not really matter what the collector collects as long as he does it realistically. Aimless collecting unfortunately still goes on. The collector's field of endeavour should not be too ambitious or he will become frustrated for his goal will never come into sight. On the other hand if his field of collecting is too limited he

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will accomplish it in too short a period of time, and will have to look for new collecting fields.

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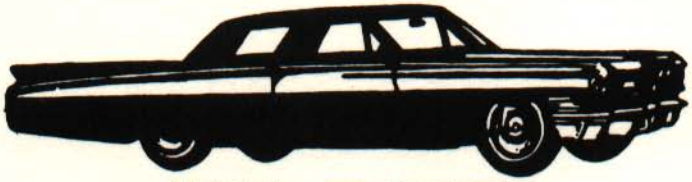
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