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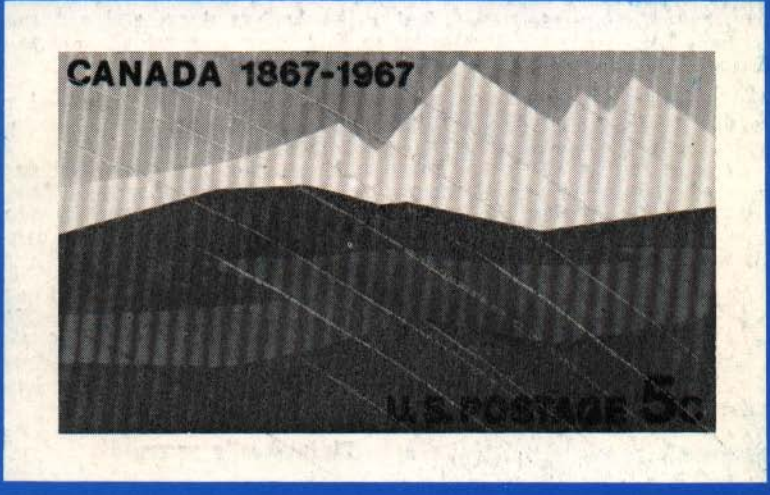

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Your Centennial Year Project?

July 1, 1967

Dear Friends:—

What is it — what have you personally planned to do as an individual during the special Canada Year? Chances are that you haven't really made up your mind on a project or if you have an idea then it hasn't been started yet — too many other things to do. I have a confession to make — ideas, I've had plenty but yesterdays plans are forgotten with todays new brain wave and tomorrow it's something new again. But what have I actually done as my Centennial Year project? Nothing. I'm going to try very hard and hope in my next letter to report some action.

Now if you haven't accomplished your bit, may I make a suggestion. Bring your Canadian stamp collection up to date as your Centennial project. Most collectors have things they were going to do with some of their Canadian stamps— the Revenues or used blocks, plate blocks or cancellations or other specialties or regular issues that you have been accumulating and not yet mounted. Get them all in order, mount up what you have and try and fill in on those you need. On the stamps you don't need, countries you no longer collect and the accumulation that is no longer of interest — sell them. Yes, that's the best thing to do is to sell them to your local dealer or Empire who in turn will put these stamps back into circulation and make some other collector happy.

I had planned to be in London in early May and then Amsterdam for the big stamp show. However, it was just not possible to get away so I postponed the trip for a few months. I have been very busy at the office having bought several rather important lots recently that had to be broken down and put into stock. Our staff have been under real pressure to find room and get all stamps away in their proper place to enable us to better serve our customers.

A number of interesting collections and lots have been purchased recently. One is a lot of over 1,000 Canadian Private Airways flight covers, also a big lot of Canadian modern and semi-modern in complete mint sheets. A Canada 1897 Jubilee set mint to the $5.00 was purchased and resold a couple of days later. Newfoundland stamps are one of my pet groups and I was happy to buy no less than 5 different lots during the last month. Included were early pence issues, airmails, imperforated varieties, quantities of mint commemorative sets and a wholesale used stock.

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OF THE

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AS AT

DECEMBER 31, 1966

To the Members,

The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada.

We have examined the balance sheet of The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada as at December 31, 1966 and the related statement of income and expenditure for the year ended on that date and we have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. Our examination included a general review of the accounting procedures and such tests of accounting records and other supporting evidence as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

The Sales Department records were not examined by us.

Subject thereto, in our opinion and according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us, and as shown by the books of the Society, the accompanying balance sheet and statement of income and expenditure are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the affairs of the Society as at December 31, 1966 and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

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Toronto, Ontario,

March 21, 1967.

THE ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CANADA

BALANCE SHEET — as at December 31, 1966

ASSETS

CURRENT			
Cash in bank		$ 8,476.05	
Accounts receivable		310.05	
Accrued interest on investments		348.69	
Prepaid expenses		309.41	
Inventories of stocks			
Medals	$ 161.54		
Handbooks	250.00	411.54	9,855.74
INVESTMENTS			
Government of Canada and Ontario Hydro Electric Power Commission bonds - at cost (Market value $15,554.00)			17,007.28
OFFICE EQUIPMENT AND EXHIBITION STANDS			2.00
			$ 26,865.02

LIABILITIES

CURRENT			
Accounts payable		$ 1,186.77	
Advertising paid in advance		87.35	
Fees paid in advance:			
Members	$ 3,299.00		
Chapters	105.00		
		3,404.00	
			4,678.12
RESERVES			
Life members' fund		$ 1,706.00	
Library fund		1,000.00	
General reserve			
Balance as at January 1, 1966	$ 16,927.92		
Add: Excess of income over expenditure for the year ended December 31, 1966	2,552.98	19,480.90	22,186.90
			$ 26,865.02

THE ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CANADA

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the Year Ended December 31, 1966

INCOME			
Membership fees		$ 7,974.40	
Chapter fees		288.00	
Admission fees		148.00	
Investment income		886.46	9,296.86
EXPENDITURE			
Magazine — Printing	$ 5,576.51		
— Distribution	608.79		
— Editorial expense	194.57		
	$ 6,379.87		
Less: Advertising income	3,104.80		
Net magazine cost		3,275.07	
Sales Department			
Subsidy	$ 1,350.00		
Substitutions and claims	47.36		
	$ 1,397.36		
Less: Excess of insurance receipts over cost	303.08		
Net Sales Department cost		1,094.28	
1966 Convention cost		733.02	
Administration			
General administration expense	$ 1,186.39		
Bank Charges	(41.04)		
Audit	100.00		
Printing	230.04		
Miscellaneous expense	166.12	1,641.51	6,743.88
Excess of income over expenditure for the year ended Dec. 31, 1966			$ 2,552.98

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The Editor Speaks Out . . . .

THE EDITORIAL BOARD of the Canadian Philatelist has under consideration the awarding of a medal each year for the best article appearing in the Canadian Philatelist for the year. No details have been worked out as yet and before doing so we would welcome any suggestions or comments by our readers. Several other philatelic organizations award a medal each year for the best article in their respective magazines. This procedure seems to be very well received in the various organizations.

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There are many collectors who find the cost of collecting their speciality running beyond their means, or beyond their limited budget, and wish they could find some less expensive field of philatelic endeavour. A one country field which can lead to considerable specialization, and to the acquiring of considerable knowledge in the realm of postal history, is to be found by way of the kiloware mixture.

Immediately we can see a great many collectors holding up their hands in philatelic horror. This is simply because they do not know what is involved nor how deeply one can penetrate into the postal history of a country by means of the lowly kiloware mixture. Let us consider some of the aspects of postal history and of specialization which are possible by this approach: cancellations, plate varieties, papers, shades, perforations and precancels are most of the many possibilities which exist.

Cancellations: towns, ambulants, air mail, registered, printed matter, branch offices, temporary daters are but a few of the types which can be found. Then, with some countries, they occur in various colours which may or may not have some special meaning.

Plate varieties: while in general, a plate variety is not of real value unless the position in the sheet can be determined, however many of them may be quite prominent and pleasing and are an agreeable part of mixture hunting. Sometimes a specialized catalogue or article is available, or becomes available, and it may enable the collector to pin down some of the plate positions of the varieties which he has found.

Papers: Today papers, with phosphor lines, etc., have become a worth while endeavour in many countries. While it is true that in some cases fairly expensive light source apparatus is necessary for detection, yet a great deal can be done with the eye and a good light source.

Shades: these abound in some countries. However, one must remember that the shade variations are only of real value when they indicate different printings. This can be determined, to the extent of different printings, by means of dated copies, except when we have two different printings of different shades, being issued by the post office at the same time.

Perforations: these fascinate some people though we must admit an album sheet of stamps where one stamp is shown in various combinations of number of holes per 20 mm. and various types of line, comb, etc. perforation, can be something of a bore to everyone except the owner or to another perforation buff.

Precancels: in some countries these are quite the thing, whilst in others they are not to be found or, if found, do not seem to differ from the regular type of cancel.

The type of printing will determine to some extent the number of constant varieties which can be found on some values in a mixture. Recess printing, in general, doesn't have the large number of constant varieties which are generally to be found in lithographed, typographed or even photogravure processes.

One systematic approach to the decision as to which country to investigate by means of mixture would be to list all the possibilities (cancellations, plate varieties, papers shades, etc.) and to

mark them (one, two, three, four, etc.) in order according to the individual collector's personal preference. Next, list a number of countries and their possibilities in the same regard (cancels, plate varieties, papers, etc.) in order of the most possible down to the least possible. If you do not know the possibilities of a country, a talk with a knowledgeable collector or a dealer should put you on the right track. Then by comparison of your preferences to the possibilities of a number of countries a collector should be able to decide on the most suitable country. But please, don't insert in your list of countries any except those from which kiloware mixtures are readily available.

A word of warning about purchasing kiloware mixtures. Some kiloware mixtures have been picked over even before they reach the retailer's hands. Others are just as they were when originally collected. Practically all the really valuable stamps will have been removed by the original sellers, though when occasionally finds of this nature do occur, they are very noteworthy. It may be necessary to try two or three, or even four, sources at first and to settle on the best one for your purposes. After this start, an occasional pound of mixture from a new source may prove a quite delightful surprise. Even a source which you have previously turned down may have acquired some new material which will turn out to be very acceptable.

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We are glad to inform our readers that the R.P.S.C. has just been elected as a member of the International Federation of Philately (F.I.P.) which has its headquarters in Paris and is the international body of stamp collectors' organizations.

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We note with sorrow the death of Mr. Alf Scadding at the age of 75 in Toronto. For many years he was engaged on the philatelic scene in Toronto, most recently with the Arcade Stamp Shop in the Arcade Building on Yonge Street. He was the last survivor of the Moose River mine disaster in 1936.

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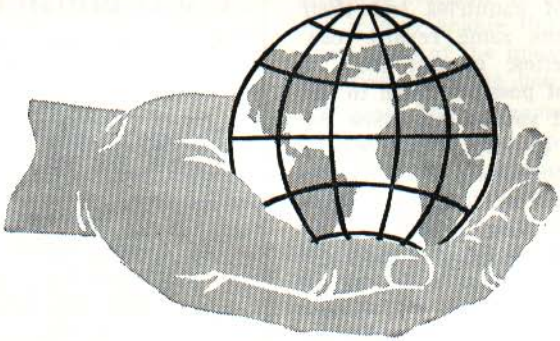

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THE RCAF IN SOUTH EAST ASIA 1942 - 1945

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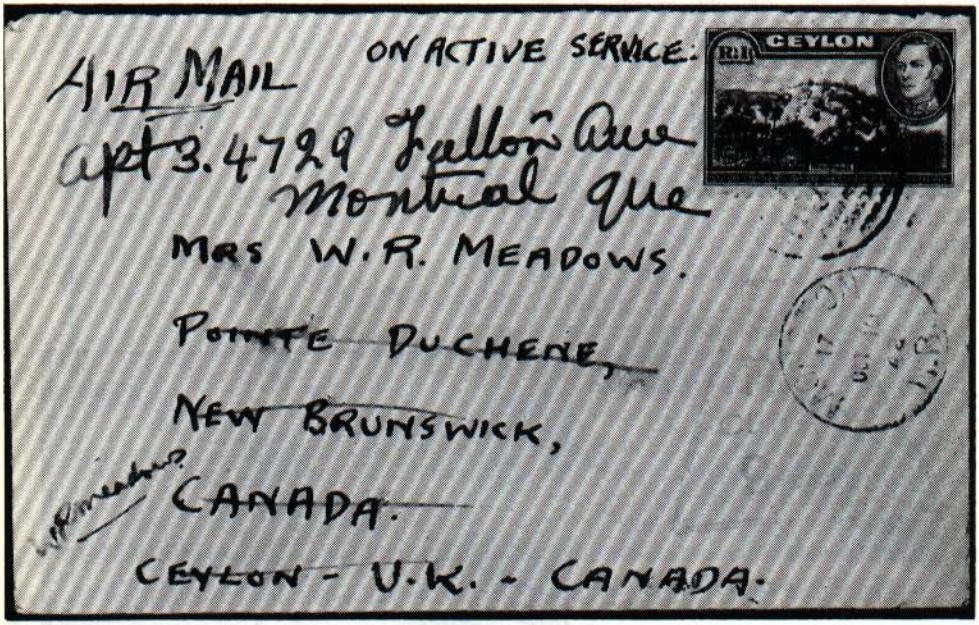

FIGURE 1. — Cover showing the routing CEYLON - UK - CANADA; the postal rate of 1 rupee and a security type of postmark used by the RAF Base PO at Colombo in 1942/43 - sometimes referred to as the III CO III marking.

As unification of the Armed Forces may soon cause the familiar image of the RCAF to disappear from the contemporary scene it occurs to me that some special effort should be made to record its postal history while reliable sources of information are still available. Accordingly, this article is a partial contribution to that end. It is based on knowledge recently acquired from several former members of the RCAF who served in Ceylon, India and Burma during the Second World War and on authoritative background kindly provided by the Director of History at Canadian Forces HQ in Ottawa. While there are still some gaps in the story, these I have endeavoured to fill with assumptions that only time will prove valid or otherwise.

Early in 1942 No. 413 Squadron RCAF was patrolling the North Atlantic from its base in the Shetland Isles when suddenly orders were received to move from that cold, windy part of the world to the tropical clime of Ceylon. At once the unit packed up and flew in its Catalina flying boats via the Mediterranean route to the new base at Koggala, about 80 miles south of Colombo, arriving there near the end of March.

Immediately, long range reconnaissance flights were commenced over the broad expanse of the Indian Ocean and it was on one of the first of these that Squadron Leader L. J. Birchall sighted

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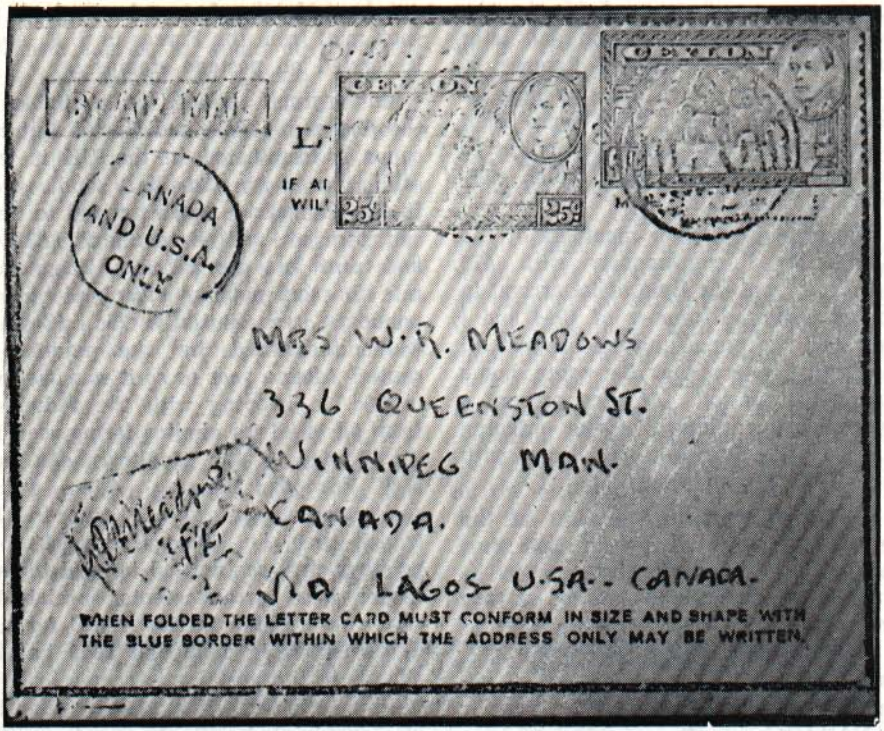

FIGURE 2 — AMLC showing the sorting mark "CANADA AND USA ONLY"

the Japanese Fleet sailing towards Ceylon. He was just able to send off a warning message when his plane was shot down into the sea; fortunately, he was rescued but only to spend the remainder of the War in a Japanese POW camp. His message, however, and its subsequent confirmation by another patrolling 'Cat' which was also shot down, enabled the defences of the Island garrison to be readied. The anticipated attack failed to take place as the Fleet turned away never to come back. But, there was ever the menace of submarines and surface raiders and the patrols continued into the spring of 1945. In order to extend the coverage of these patrols detachments were located for varying periods at points as far away as Aden, Mombasa, Durham, Madagascar, Diego Garcia, the Maldives and some of the other tiny islands in the Indian Ocean. After three long years of duty the Squadron said farewell to its 'Cats' and returned to England by ship.

While 413 Squadron was occupied in Ceylon and over the Ocean, RCAF graduates of the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan were arriving in India in ever increasing numbers to serve in the fighter, bomber, reconnaissance, transport and radar units of the RAF. Then, towards the end of August 1944 when preparations were under way for the Allied advance into Burma, Canada was asked to provide two RCAF transport squadrons. Nos. 435 and 436 Squadrons were detailed for this duty and the personel proceeded by ship to the UK where they obtained Dakota aircraft in which they flew to India. Arriving at Gujrat in what is now Pakistan about the end of October they at once started intensive training in the towage of gliders and the dropping of paratroops and supplies. Two months later this training was put to practical use when the

Squadrons moved to airfields in the vicinity of Imphal in Assam and later on to fields at Akyab and Ramree Island in Burma. Until the surrender of Japan in mid-August they were kept busy dropping and ferrying supplies to the advancing troops after which they returned to the UK.

One of those former members of the RCAF served continuously with 413 Squadron from the time of its arrival in Ceylon until the summer of 1944 and I have had the opportunity to inspect all the many letters that he wrote home during that period. As they present a comprehensive picture of the outgoing mail from the Squadron I shall deal with them first and in some detail.

As would be suspected most of the correspondence went by air and thus required Ceylon postage stamps to be affixed. For the early months of 1942 ordinary air mail letters were sent at a postal rate of one rupee (about 33c. Canadian). Routing instructions on the envelopes read "CEYLON - UK - CANADA' 'except for one item directed to go "via DURBAN". Presumably, they were carried by planes of the British Overseas Airways Corporation to England thence across the Atlantic in other BOAC planes. As some of the letters were re-addressed on arrival at their destination the backstamps give an indication of the transit time involved. For instance; one such cover, postmarked at Colombo on 22 Jun 1942, was backstamped at Moncton, N.B. on 19 Sep three months later. Conditions in the summer of that year, as well known, were rather grim and extensive delays could have been encountered almost anywhere along the mail route. A new route was developed across mid-Africa for planes travelling to and from the East and towards the end of the year the envelopes began to show "CEYLON - LAGOS - USA - CANADA". It is assumed that a transfer point was opened at Lagos whence Trans-Atlantic mail was carried by planes of the Pan American Airlines to New York. Only one letter seems to have been sent by surface route and because the free rate applied to such mail from the Forces in S. E. Asia, it carried no postage stamps.

An airgraph service was available to the Forces in India and Ceylon but because it terminated in the UK it was seldom used by Canadians and, when finally the service was extended to Canada, the "air mail letter card" (AMLC) had come into general use. The postal rate for this popular means of correspondence was initially 75c. (Ceylon) when forwarded by the mid-Africa route. After a year or so it was lowered to 20c. in keeping with the reduction from 6d to 3d for similar forms used by the Forces in the Mediterranean and N.W. European theatres. Again, a few re-directed letters give a clue to the transit time, i.e. about five weeks but whether this was normal is hard to say. Under local arrangements special designs were added to the AMLC for use at Christmas in 1942 and 1943 but no change in the postal rate seems to have been authorized. For 1944, a quantity was overprinted with the words "FREE XMAS MAIL" in red and four such forms were issued to each member of the Forces in S. E. Asia. A new type of form titled "AIR MAIL NEWS LETTER" made its appearance early in 1944. It provided more space for the message and additional sheets could be enclosed but the postal rate went up to 50c. As only one example was seen in the collection I assume that the form was either withdrawn or it did not achieve popularity. There were no Canadian type air letters in the collection and I am not aware of any having been sent by Canadians in other parts of the theatre.

Postmarks of eight different designs were noted on the covers; five of them being pertinent to the RAF Base PO at Colombo and three to the Indian Advance Base PO No. 9, presumably, at the same location. From this it seems that all outgoing mail from 413 Squadron as well as from other units in the same general area was taken to Colombo for cancelling and that, on occasion, the

staff of the Army BPO helped out in this task.

Censor marks, as would be expected, were seen on all the covers. Most of them were RAF designs but some had features common to Army censor stamps. An explanation for this apparent anonaly could be that officers of army units, such as AA batteries, stationed at Koggala shared in the duty of censoring the mail and when doing so used their own unit stamps. A few covers sent via the mid-Africa route also showed evidence of having passed through the hands of the US censors but just where is unknown.

One additional marking seen on several covers deserves special mention. It was a single ring circle containing the words "CANADA AND USA ONLY" in three lines. This mark was probably added by the Base PO in Colombo as an aid to sorting when it was known that a particular bag of mail would have to be re-sorted somewhere along the route at say, Lagos.

During the first three years of the War mail to and from the Forces overseas had been forwarded by surface shipping or by civilian air lines and the slowness of both methods had given ample cause for complaint. Therefore, when North Africa became free for the development of Allied air bases, arrangements were made with the PO Department in Ottawa to have letter mail carried across the Atlantic in Flying Fortresses and Liberators of 168 Transport Squadron RCAF. Despatches prepared by the Base PO in Ottawa were loaded on the aircraft at Rockcliffe and flown via the Azores to Rabat in Morocco from where shuttle services operated to the UK, to Algiers and later, to Naples.

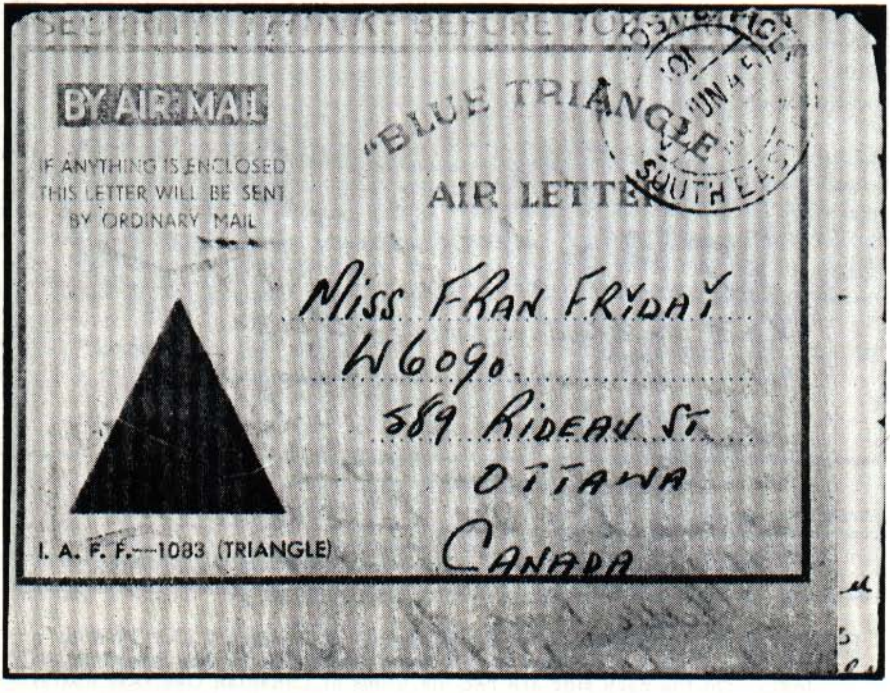

FIGURE 3 — The "Blue Triangle" or Honour type of air letter from a member of the RCAF serving in a RAF unit. The postmark is that of Base Post Office 701, South East Asia probably located in Burma at the time as no postage stamps have been affixed.

At the latter points the despatches tagged for S. E. Asia were transferred to planes of the RAF or USAAF and taken to Mauripur airfield at Karachi from where they were distributed by the RAF Postal Service to the many Canadians serving in India and Ceylon. I understand that 168 Squadron may have extended its flights on a weekly basis to the same destination but as yet I have been unable to confirm this detail.

Outgoing mail was handled generally in the reverse order and, as indicated earlier, most of it was in the form of AMLC or Air Letters for which the Inian postal rate was four annas. Again, the backstamps on a few re-addressed items provide a clue to the transit time involved in the new service. For example, in the summer of 1944 when the mail planes were operating on a regular schedule air letters were reaching their Canadian addresses in two weeks or less. Naturally, this greatly improved timing obviated any urge to send mail by civilian air lines and the practice of giving routing instructions accordingly disappeared.

By the end of 1943 the number of Canadians (mostly airmen) in S. E. Asia was so great that the appropriate authorities decided to send out a RCAF postal unit to handle the mail. And, in the following paragraphs are some salient details obtained through correspondence and interviews with former members of the unit.

On arrival in India in December 1943 the Unit opened a static office (and HQ) close to the main RAF base PO in Bom-

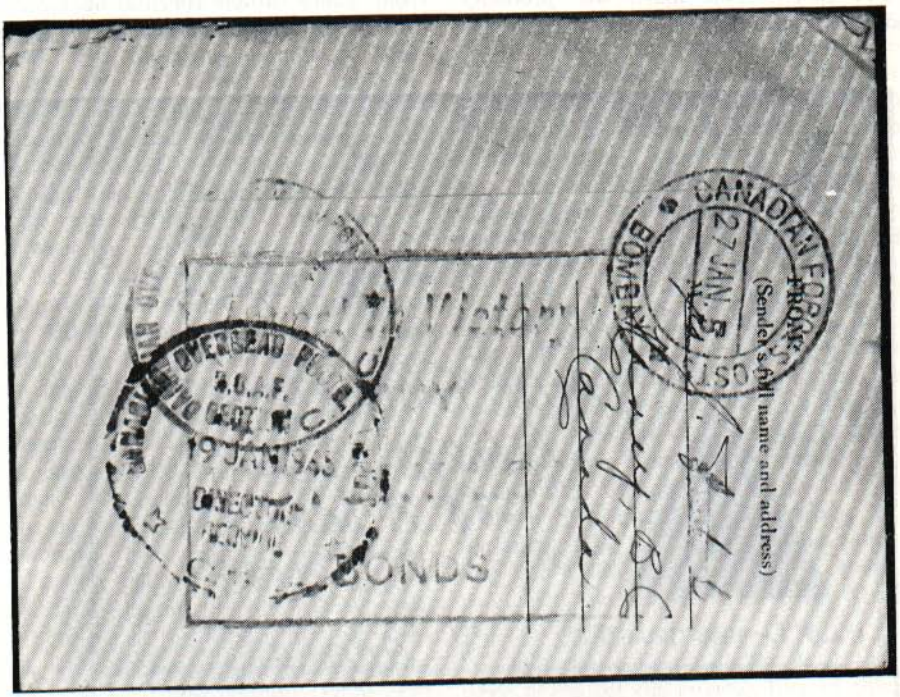

FIGURE 4 — Re directed letter from Haney, B.C. dater 2 Oct 1944 to a member of the RCAF in the UK but transferred to 436 Squadron in India. On the back side are two markings of Canadian Overseas Postal Depot - CPC - RCAF Section, Directory Service dated 11 Oct 44 and 19 Jan 45. Some eager person added the slogan "Invest in Victory - Buy - Victory Loan Bonds". It was then forwarded to RAF India Command where it was backstamped by "CANADIAN FORCES POSTS, BOMBAY" and forwarded on to the addressee at 436 Squadron.

bay where all surface mails into and out of the theatre were serviced. The office, designated "CANADIAN FORCES POSTS, BOMBAY" functioned as a minor base PO and for this purpose it maintained a master card index system which accounted for every Canadian serving in the area whether in the RCAF, the RAF, the British Army or elsewhere. Subsequently, additional CFP offices were opened at Karachi, Calcutta and Colombo and FPOs were allotted to 435 and 436 Squadrons when they arrived on the scene in October 1944. The FPOs being mobile offices accompanied the Squadrons and so they were located for varying periods at Gujrat, Imphal, Akyab and Ramree. Had the War continued on into the autumn of 1945 one of the FPOs would have been operating at Chungking, China as plans to that effect were in hand when the Japanese surrendered.

CFP, KARACHI acted simply as a transfer office in that it received the incoming despatches and forwarded them on to their proper destinations. Bags tagged for 435 and 436 Squadrons were turned over immediately to representatives of their respective FPOs for a shuttle service operated directly between Mauripur and the bases where the FPOs were located. The remainder of the mail despatch was sent on to CFP, BOMBAY for sorting. New despatches were then made up for CFP, CALCUTTA and for the major RAF stations in India and these were shipped by rail. Mail for CFP, COLOMBO (including 413 Squadron) and smaller RAF stations in the theatre were usually taken across the road to the RAF Base PO for inclusion in its despatches to the same destinations.

The CFP offices at Bombay, Calcutta and Colombo provided a directory service but they did not carry out any financial transactions; the purchase of postage stamps or money orders had to be made at RAF POs or at civilian facilities. They were equipped with distinctive Canadian datestamps of the design shown in Figure 4.

The datestamps were obtained from the PO Department in Ottawa but examples of their markings are seldom seen because the stamps were used only on mail originating at the CFP offices and for backstamping registered or redirected letters. As for the two FPOs with 435 and 436 Squadrons they used RAF type equipment but up to the present time it has not been possible to identify any specific design or number of datestamp as having been issued to them.

As the War came to a close the RCAF Squadrons and personnel from all over the Far East and S. E. Asia began moving back to India, to the UK and finally to Canada. Thus, by October 1945 the need for the RCAF postal unit had all but disappeared and its brief history ended after slightly less than two years of service.

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BULLETIN No. 2 — PLANS WELL ADVANCED

Arrangements are shaping up nicely for **BYPEX - '67** — the 1967 Annual Meeting and Exhibition of the "ROYAL" being held at the Talisman Motor Inn, 1376 Carling Avenue, Ottawa 3, Ontario, September 28 - 30.

Advanced registrations are being received in goodly numbers. Write directly to the Talisman for your reservation, if you have not already done so.

Plans for the Exhibition are coming along well. The Court of Honour will be All-Canadian, in honour of Canada's Centennial, and promises to be outstanding. Judging by the entries already promised the competitive section of the Exhibition will contain a wide variety of interesting material with some unique exhibits of international exhibition calibre.

We would urge prospective exhibitors to fill out and return the Exhibition Entry Form that was sent out with the May - June issue of THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST. It should be sent to Mr. Walter Anderson, Box 2547, Postal Station "D", Ottawa, Ontario. Be sure to include, at the bottom of the form (and on the back, if necessary) a description of your entry, as this is needed for use in the Convention Programme. Incidentally, there is advertising space available in the Programme. Write to Mr. Walter Anderson at either of the addresses shown below; for particulars.

We note that a little confusion has crept into the matter of the Post Office Box number to be used in connection with BYPEX - '67. The Prospectus included in the last "PHILATELIST" showed **two** box numbers, viz. No. 3144, Station "C", Ottawa in Section 16 and Box No. 2547, Station "D" in Section 17 and we offer a word of explanation: Box No. 3144 Station "C" is the permanent postal address of the "Royal" and it is quite in order to send Exhibition Entry Forms to that address. However —AND THIS IS IMPORTANT, when the time comes to send in your EXHIBITS, THESE MUST BE SENT TO BOX No. 2547, POSTAL STATION "D", WHICH IS THE SPECIAL BYPEX - '67 POSTAL ADDRESS.

For First Day Cover enthusiasts there will be a special cachet which can be used with the Toronto Centennial Stamp to be issued September 28, or any other that might meet your fancy — there will be a Post Office at the Exhibition at which will be available Philatelic Agency material, including plate blocks, etc. In addition, special BYPEX - '67 envelopes and seals will be available.

The Post Office Department has promised its full co-operation and we are working with them on a number of interesting possibilities.

Throughout the Convention there will be a number of Discussion Sessions at which subjects of philatelic interest will be covered. Mr. Hans Reiche of Ottawa, a Member of the Convention Committee and well-known philatelic writer and lecturer is in charge of this part of the Programme.

One last word, may we repeat — send in your Exhibition Entry Form and $3.00 per frame fee as soon as possible. Get your material lined up. The Exhibition space is being taken up steadily and we would like to see as wide as possible a representation of our Members.

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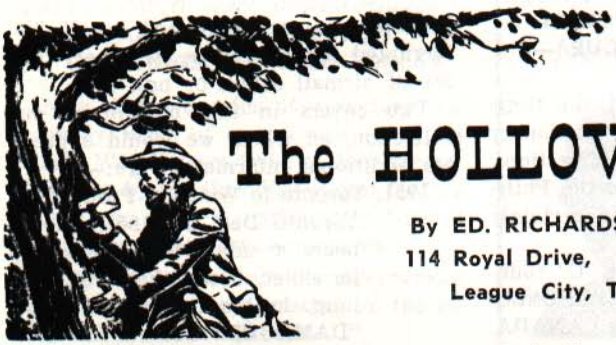

The HOLLOW TREE

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#883 — EXPO '67 MAXIMUM CARD

Thanks to C. Arthur Ayre of Petrolia, Ont. we have an addition to our Canadian Maximum Card collection. This was a copy of the special EXPO '67 Post Card put out by the Post Office Department, a reproduction of the 5c. EXPO '67 Commemorative stamp. Many of these cards were used as First day covers, but they do not become a "Maximum Card" until the 5c. stamp is placed and tied on to the "view side" of card.

While Ayre's card to me was cancelled on the First Day at Petrolia, — it is not necessary that a maximum card be cancelled on the First Day.

Apparently there is not too great an interest in Maximum Cards in Canada or the U.S. They are very popular in Europe. But the few enthusiasts over here have real difficulty in finding any supplies of more than a handful of issues.

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#884 — YUKON TERRITORY POST OFFICES

Since many collectors of Canadian Territorial Cancels are interested in current post offices as well as those earlier, I am listing below the latest list of Yukon Territorial Post Offices. In alphabetical order:—

Beaver Creek	McCabe Creek
Carcross	Old Crow
Carmacks	Pelly Crossing
Dawson	Ross River
Destruction Bay	RCAF (Whitehorse)
Elsa	Stewart River
Granville	Swift River
Haines Junction	Teslin
Keno Hill	Watson Lake
Mayo	Whitehorse

It will be noted that many small towns which show up on an ALCAN Highway road map, do not have post offices.

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#885 — NORTHWEST TERRITORIAL POST OFFICES

Thought we might as well supply the list of post offices currently operating in the Northwest Territories. Those with a (*) are above the Arctic Circle.

District of Franklin

Alert *	Isachsen *
Cambridge Bay *	Lake Harbour
Cape Dorset	Mould Bay *
Clyde *	Pangnirtung
Eureka *	Pond Inlet *
Frobisher Bay	Resolute *
Grise Fiord *	Sachs Harbour *

District of Keewatin

Baker Lake	Eskimo Point
Chesterfield Inlet	Rankin Inlet
Coral Harbour	

District of Mackenzie

Aklavik *	Fort Simpson
Arctic Red River *	Fort Smith
Cameron Hills	Hay River
Coppermine *	Inuvik *
Discovery	Norman Wells
Fort Good Hope	Pine Point
Fort Liard	Rae
Fort McPherson *	Tuktoyaktuk *
Fort Norman	Wrigley
Fort Providence	Yellowknife
Fort Resolution	" Sub Office #1

In addition there are three other post offices in the Northwest Territories,— which I cannot locate by District, and on which I would welcome information. 1.) Hall Beach—could this be a new name for "Hall Lake" on Melville Peninsula? 2.) Reindeer Station — is this a new name for Reindeer Depot in the Mackenzie Delta? 3.) Whale Cove — no information or leads.

#886—HIGGINS & GAGE POSTAL STATIONERY CATALOGUE — Section 3

While somewhat simplified, the Higgins & Gage World Postal Stationery Catalogue, now being issued in sections, is a very welcome addition to the Philatelic Literature available, and certainly is the most up-to-date.

Section #3 contains all the "C" countries, CAMEROONS to CZECHOSLOVAKIA, and of course contains CANADA. Since it has been a good many years since the Bond Handbook on Canadian Postal Stationery was issued, this new tool should be welcomed by all postal stationery fans. It is of course in English, is published loose-leaf, well illustrated, and bears what the publisher considers as net prices. The "C" section costs $3.00, and is available from the publishers at 23 No. Santa Anitam Pasadena, Calif. 91107.

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#887—"INTERRUPTED MAIL" COVERS

We have mentioned several examples of this interesting group of covers before, particularly airmail "crash" covers. However we are interested in all "interrupted mail" covers, whether they are of airmail origin or not.

Two covers in this portion of our collection, on which we would appreciate additional information are:—

1951. Toronto to Windsor. Postmarked Toronto Dec. 22, 1951. Cover bears a single line handstamp in violet, 5 mm high, 65 mm. long, in block sans-serif caps, "DAMAGED IN RAILROAD FIRE". Cover is charred at edges.

1961. Vancouver. Postmarked Vancouver 21 Jan., 1961. Cover bears a single line handstamp in violet, 3½ mm. high, 65 mm. long, in Upper and Lower case letters "Damaged in Mails at Vancouver". Also bears large rectangular, single frame line handstamp in violet, reading in 4 lines "FORWARD DIVISION / UNDELIVERABLE / JAN 21 1961 / VANCOUVER, B.C." The horizontal rectangular box is 33 x 45 mm. Cover is charred at edges.

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#888—WORLD WAR II AEROGRAM and AIRGRAPH CHRISTMAS GREETINGS by ARMED FORCES

Now that a quarter of a century has gone by, some of covers coming out of World War II seem to be getting greater attention by the Canadian Postal History collectors. This is particularly true of examples of Military Aerograms.

Of special interest are those aerograms which had a printed greeting on the inside. We have only two:—

1.) "A MERRY XMAS FROM ITALY" 1944, showing a jeep labeled "CANADA".

2.) "Greetings from the Middle East" 1942. Shows a map of the eastern Mediterranean, with sailing warship. Additional greeting reads "So far and yet so near in our hearts as we wish you a Merry Christmas."

Airgraphs with printed greetings were also used, and even these are gaining some popularity. These generally are reproductions made from film,—which was a method devised to save space and weight. Here again we have two examples:—

1.) 1942. "GREETINGS from the MIDDLE EAST", map and scroll.

2.) 1943. "'Christmas Greetings from The Eighth Army" and "Together, you and I we will see this thing through to the end." Pictures a cross on shield, two trees.

There are of course numerous varieties, and we would be interested in hearing from someone who has an extensive collection of these. We believe others would be interested to hear about them

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#889—C.P.R. LETTER SHEETS

It has been about two and one half years since we mentioned these special order sheets used by the Canadian Pacific Railway for making monthly statements to their stockholders. These are not the postcards, which were used later, but are quite similar to postal bands and wrappers. Holmes lists these as #1350 and #1350a.

Our objective is to secure as many of

Martin Apfelbaum:

For eleven days the crowds gathered in the bright, modern, R. A. I. building in Amsterdam, Holland. When AMPHILEX 67, this years International Stamp Exhibition was over, in excess of 65,000 tickets had been sold. On several days it was almost impossible to walk through the clean carpeted, aisles of the section occupied by the dealers bourse.

Unusual by American standards were the high percentage of collectors who spent a great deal of time viewing the estimated 25 million dollars worth of stamps on exhibition in 4,200 frames.

At most shows, the bulk of the crowd passes their time browsing through the bourse. In contrast, at AMPHILEX, there were many instances where you had to stand in line to see a specific display.

Important dealers were represented from as far away as San Francisco and Rome. The general consensus was that business was good though the cronic complainers were present as always.

The Dutch Government, which not only gave moral support but helped out financially, is to be commended for the beautiful set of stamps that they issued to commemorate the occasion. This is a profitable thing for a government to do, for very few of the stamps sold will ever be used as postage, therefore, assuring financial gain to the post office of the host country.

In order to buy a set of stamps you had to purchase an admission ticket for 70c. Each ticket entitled you to one set of stamps for 34c. more. The lines at the Post Office were staggering. My wife waited over an hour and a half to mail covers to our children on the second day of the show.

In summary I think there is indicated a boom for the future of philately with a decided improvement in the quality of collecting and a revival of interest in the earlier issues.

A personal note for those who have waited this long — the weather was generally cool with occasional rain.

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the different monthly reports as possible, and so far we have managed only 14, as listed:—

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1893—October
1894—January, February, April, May. June, September and November
1895—February, May, September

Blue-Grey Toned

1896—April and November
1897—(none)
1898—January

We hope we will continue to add copies for this study. Such additions should show us whether or not the blue-grey variety continues throughout 1896, 1897 and when in 1898 they were discontinued. Also we should be able to determine whether there was an orderly sequence to the Gray, White and Yellowish toned varieties.

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#890—ANOTHER VARIETY AUXILIARY SERVICE — SIBERIAN EXPEDITION COVER

Just recently, in packet #869 we made a review of the nine Canadian Siberian Expedition covers we had in our collection. We have since added a tenth copy. It is a most interesting one as it is a beautiful patriotic type, similar to, but very different from another in the collection.

For years we have had one with the Canadian Maple Leaf over-laid on the British Ensign ,and "C.A.H." (Church Army Huts) below. The Maple Leaf was overprinted in red, "PX K. of C. Canada". The whole design in blue and red. Across the top of the cover in red in two lines read "CANADIAN SIBERIAN EXPEDITION / ON Active Service". In lower left were three lines for return address "From ——" in blue.

This new variety 1.) has no return address lines in lower left; 2.) Across top reads in one line only "CANADIAN SIBERIAN EXPEDITION"; 3.) The Patriotic design is somewhat smaller; 4.) The maple leaf bears in blue "PX Canada".

This new variety was used MR 15, 19 and like my other two March covers,

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#891—W.W. I - INTERNMENT CAMP CENSOR MARKING - AMHURST, N.S.

One of the most interesting markings to come out of Canada during World War I, was the large (37 mm.) circular handstamp used by the Internment Censor at Amherst, N.S. This apparently always appears in violet to deep purple. Inside the circle in top half reads "Passed by Internment Censor", and at the bottom "Amherst, N.S." the date appears across center.

This internment camp was for prisoners of War held by Canada. All covers I have seen are stampless, no stamps being required.

In our collection are three covers, the earliest is dated June 15, 1915. The second is dated August 25, 1916.

The third cover is a piece of special postal stationery printed for "PRISONER OF WAR MAIL". This appears in black across top. In upper right is "No / Stamp / Required". This is dated November 1, 1917.

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THE STAMP ON THE COVER

The stamp on the cover this month is the United States issue for the Centenary of Canada. There are two shades of green and two shades of blue and it is a most attractive issue. The design is symbolic of the scenic grandeur of Canada and is an interesting example of what modern design can do in the production of stamps. It was placed on sale on May 25 at the U.S. Pavilion in EXPO and is available, of course, for general use throughout the United States. First day covers were cancelled in Canada at the U.S. Pavilion and we are informed that this is the first time that a United States first day cover has carried a cancellation from another nation. It is a pity that some of the designers of our own stamps could not take inspiration from such an excellent design.

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The next editions of the Canada Basic Catalog and the Canada Plate Block Catalog will be ready late 1968. Work will begin on these at the close of 1967 and both catalogs will thus list all issues 1851 to 1866, and the subsequent full century of the Dominion of Canada stamps. As in previous editions, there will be listed for the very first time, hitherto unknown and unlisted Canadian varieties. In this respect we are fortunate thanks to the co-operation of thousands of collectors who send in details of whatever is discovered. We are always in the market to purchase any Canadian errors and varieties both known and unknown. For example, we bought a total of 105 of the Inverted Seaways from various finders in 1959. (All were sold within a year and since then have only bought an additional one a year. As requests for copies average one every 2 weeks it can be said that the market for this magnificent error is quite firm).

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1. *To receive and consider the financial statements of the Society for the year ended December* 31, 1966 *and the reports of the directors and the auditor thereon;*
2. *To elect directors and appoint an auditor;*
3. *To transact such further or other business as may properly come before the meeting and any adjournment or adjournments thereof.*

DATED at Ottawa, Ontario this 1st day of July, 1967
By order of the Board.

(Signed) W. F. ANDERSON,
Secretary.

NOTE:

1. All nominations for directors, duly signed by the nominee and seconded must be in the hands of the Secretary by Aug. 25, 1967.
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The undersigned member of THE ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CANADA hereby appoints G. M. Geldert of Ottawa, Ontario, or him failing, Allen H. Christensen of Westmount, P.Q., or him failing, Harry Sutherland of Toronto as the proxy of the undersigned to vote for and on behalf of the undersigned at the annual general meeting of the members of the Society to be held on the 30th day of Sept., 1967 and at any adjournment or adjournments thereof, upon any and all matters that may properly come before the said meeting or any adjournment or adjournments thereof, the undersigned hereby ratifying and confirming all that the said proxy may do by virtue hereof.

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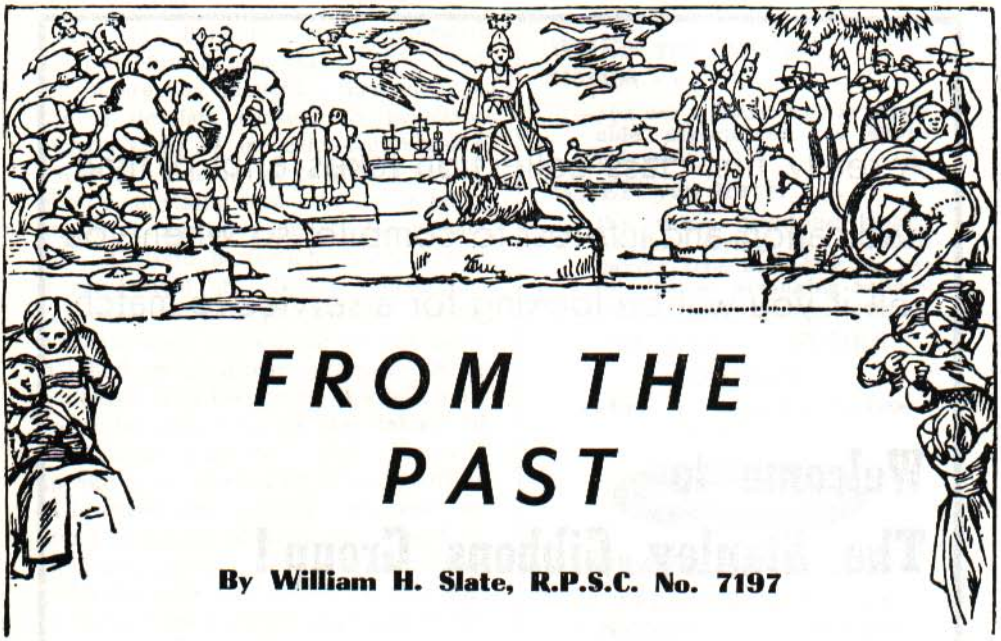

FROM THE PAST

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

From the Philatelist, February 1, 1867

AN AMERICAN EDITOR ON STAMP COLLECTING. — "The absurd, though innocent mania for collecting postage stamps seems to be on the increase in this country and in England. The fourth edition of an 'Illustrated Catalogue of Postage Stamps," prepared expressly for the use of collectors, has been issued in London by one 'Dr. Gray,' who probably makes his living out of the mania, and a magazine of goodly size is devoted to the subject. We have a thorough contempt for these 'trifle' manias that sweep over the human race, but the gentle creatures who collect postage stamps will not be likely to disturb the peace. Neither would you expect them to set the river on fire. They would never do a thing so rash. They might cause a few drops to be consumed, but that would be excusable. On the whole, perhaps, it is well that there are people in the world so easily pleased with toys."— **Boston Herald.** [The editor of the **Stamp-Collector's Record** remarks on this:— "Just so. **There are** various manias which from time to time afflict the human race —a mania for office under Andy Johnson being the prevalent one at present, as also a mania for becoming the people's representative in Congress. Just so. But, in the classic phraseology of Joe Blueskin, give us a stamp-collector before a trucking politician 'hany day— vun's a gentleman; t' other's a sneak.' " For our own part we should have deemed the world-wide celebrity of Dr. Gray as a zoological writer might have prevented the ludicrous supposition of the Boston editor.]

RATHER CUTTING. — We extract the following from a recent number of **The Postman's Knock,** published at St. John, New Brunswick:—"The Stamp Magazines in Europe appear to have 'drank the ocean dry' in reference to matters relating to the stamp business, for they are descending to the most trivial quibbles that ever were dreamed of. The dear knows, it was trivial enough when they restrained their flights of imagination to the great and appauling distinctions known to exist between perforated and unperforated stamps ;but when the number of the perforations come to be a matter of vital importance, we think the 'goak' is carried 'a little too far'. Just fancy, there are two distinct

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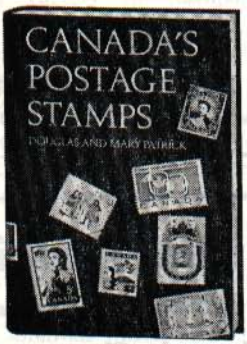
issues of Belgium, one perforated 11 by 14 and one 13 by 15. Sad but interesting thought. How many a life is desolate because its possessor owns a 11 by 14 and cannot purchase a 13 by 15. Our advice to such a one is, don't do anything desperate, live in hope, and be resigned to your fate, for we cannot all attain perfection. A new and glorious field of action has been discovered, the new St. Vincent stamps when severed are ragged at the sides. All hail, great discoverer, more to be honoured than Columbus, now will your name be preserved on the 'tablets of everlasting memory.' But, seriously speaking, we think that if such trifling differences are carried out, and we stand on a point of honour as to perforation, denticulation, &c., the sooner stamp collecting dies the better, as this sort of thing is mere child's play, and to the collectors of America we say, 'Don't trouble your minds about such little matters, but press forward to complete your collections by having therein a specimen of every known stamp of every legitimate issue.'"



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Dear Sir:

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Surely in the course of your philatelic life you must have run into some outstanding collections of this type of "garbage", as you unfortunately choose to call it, and it seems incredible that you have never bothered to ask "why" until now. If you, as the editor, feel so strongly about this "inane specialty", it is hard to explain the fat advertisements of various, I presume respectable, dealers pushing this very "garbage" into the laps of obviously naive collectors at large.

I happen to be a collector of plate blocks for several years, maybe not a very knowledgeable one, nevertheless managing to obtain a good deal of satisfaction from this peculiar hobby. To my untrained mind, since marginal imprints occur on all Canadian stamps issued from 1857 on, they form an undisputed variety in stamp collecting. The very fact that you can obtain only four plate blocks from a sheet obviously makes them more desirable and rarer than ordinary blocks.

I have no desire at this point to go into details of plate block collecting, I leave the field to others, numerous even by your own count. This note is meant merely as a protest against your very partisan outburst which I feel is not in keeping with your position as the editor of the Canadian Philatelist. Not everybody has the means or inclination to specialize in small Queen or similar. If it is a considered opinion of the R.P.S.C. that plate blocks are not a legitimate philatelic material, then this should have been denounced as such long ago including the catalogues published and certainly no advertisers should be allowed in the official publication. If this is not the case, in my humble opinion you as the editor have no right to express your views in such a way. To me, stamp collecting covers many fields and though one could ridicule any form of it, I doubt if this is the general idea.

In conclusion, a little bit of fresh air in the musty halls of the "classics" and room for ingenuity in stamp collecting and appreciation of modern stamp design would surely invigorate the Society.

Yours very truly,

M. V. PLACHTA,
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P.S.—For your information, it is not necessary to purchase a complete sheet of stamps to obtain the plate block. In most cases, the price of four stamps would suffice.

P.P.S.—I wonder if you have ever heard of another form of "garbage" collecting: the U.K. traffic light blocks?

Editorial Note—We are glad to see that our Editorials are being read; we don't like U.K. traffic light blocks either! (More on this subject in the next issue).

* * *

Dear Sir,

I was surprised that Mr. Rowe apparently has such long smouldering passions with regard to anonymous articles in the Philatelic Press.

I would suggest that there are several valid reasons for permitting this practice and with your permission would advance the following:

Firstly, with regard to the validity of the article, surely the fact that the editorial committee (of which Mr. Rowe is a member) has accepted the material for publication is sufficient safeguard against "the inaccurate efforts of a tyro". Equally obviously the identity of the author and his qualifications are known, or certainly should be, to the editor thus

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Thirdly (and this certainly does not apply in my own case) it may well be that is this age of frequent thefts a collector has no wish to advertise his possessions.

Lastly if an author is going to be the recipient of letters such as Mr. Rowe's from all who disagree with him he might be well advised to seek the shelter of a nom-de-plume.

I sincerely hope, sir, that you will not discourage those who somewhat diffidently attempt the difficulties of philatelic authorship by giving effect to Mr Rowe's ukase.

I am,
Yours sincerely,
FIAT LUX

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Dear Sir,

On page 137 of the May - June issue you have listed those cities which are employing the Centennial Maple Leaf cancellation. May I submit another? Goderich, Ont. is presently using it. I hope this will be helpful to those like myself who are trying to obtain a complete selection. Thank you for your attention.

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Within a few days of reading note #869 about the Siberian Expeditionary Force covers I had the good fortune to acquire an item which I think should be given some publicity.

This item is a picture postcard showing the Empress of Japan on the obverse and the postmark of the Canadian Siberian Expeditionary Force FPO 2 on the reverse side. The Empress was the ship that carried the first contingent of the Force from Vancouver to Vladivostok where she arrived on 26 October 1918. Included in the Contingent was No. 5 Detachment of the Canadian Postal Corps whose task was to provide postal services for the British and Canadian troops in Siberia (see illustrations).

The Detachment was large enough to staff at least two FPOs but to the best of my knowledge, and I think Mr. Richardson will agree with me, all Siberian FPO covers so far known have the postmark of FPO 1. Thus my acquisition introduces a new Canadian PO after nearly fifty years. Moreover, the postmark is dated 28 Oct 18 which I believe is the earliest known date recorded for a cover from the Force. Quite a 'find' don't you think?

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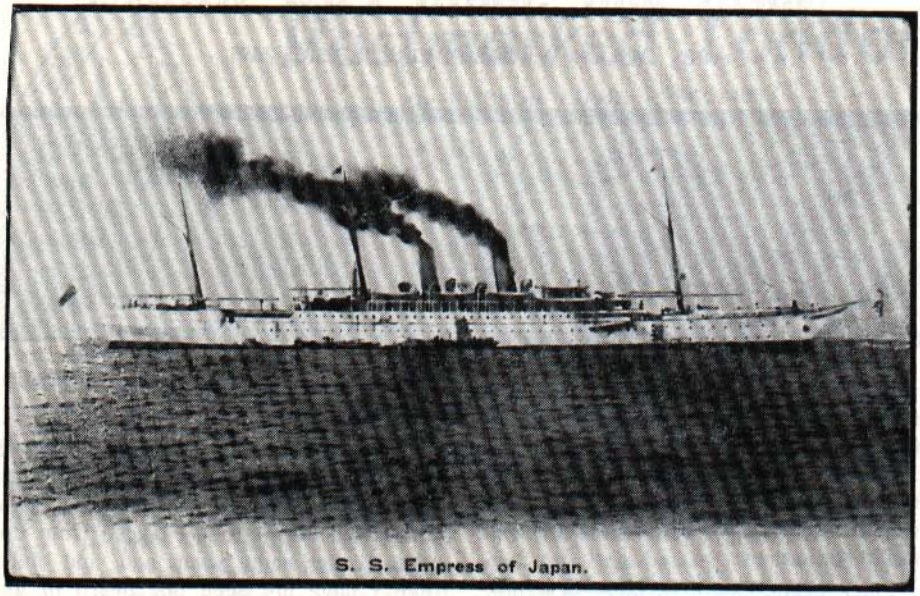

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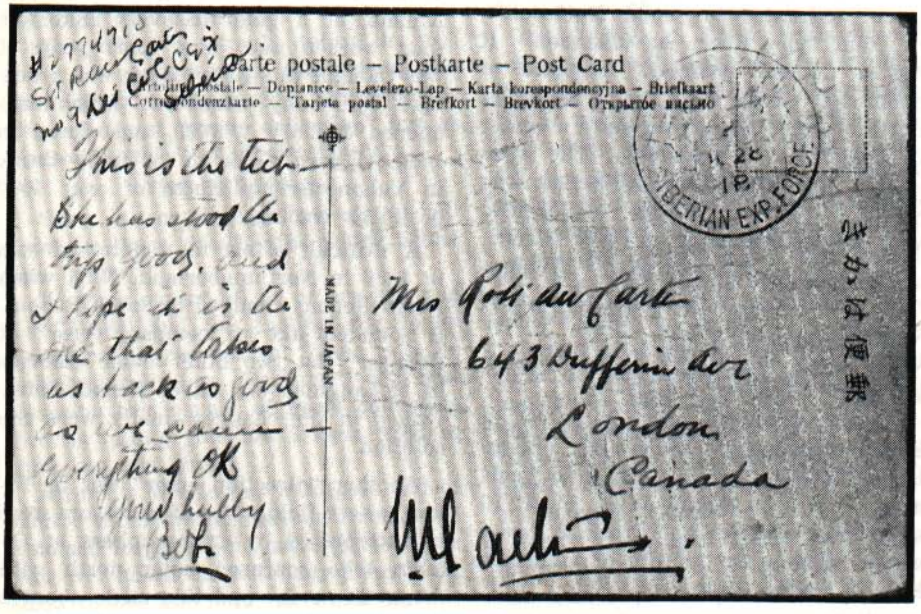

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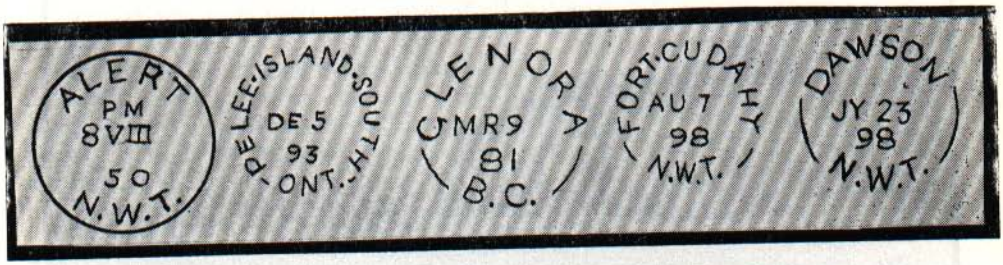
North and South Post Offices

By FRANK W. CAMPBELL, R.P.S.C. 7691



Over 2000 miles separates the farthest north-south post offices as listed in Canada. Alert, established April 30, 1950, on the northern tip of Ellesmere Island, with just ice between it and the North Pole, is mostly a weather and radar station.

Pelee Island South in Lake Erie, geographically more than 2000 miles south, was established in 1886. Probably no office will ever be established further north or south of these extreme sites.

A letter exists dated 1863 from Goderich, addressed to "John McCormick, of Point Pelee Iland, via Chatham." It has a Comber postmark, a place of about 100 people then, being 20 miles north of Pelee Island, but quite a center of commerce of that era. The postmaster probably knew some person who would carry it on to Mr. McCormick, who was a storekeeper on Pelee Island.

Chatham noted, was about 40 miles east of Comber. Seven miles east of Comber was my native village of Tilbury, thus I am interested in early postal routes of Essex county.

Another far-north post office was in British Columbia — Glenora-BC, operating 1875/1886, in the Cassiar gold fields area. It was on Stikine River, about 10 miles south of Telegraph Creek, BC, post office. It was on the site of a former H.B.Co. trading post.

Eight years later on October 1, 1894, much further north of Glenora in the present Yukon, was opened Fort Cudahy-NWT post office, then mostly a R.C.M.P. police post.

Dawson, east of Fort Cudahy, opened September 1, 1897, when gold was discovered nearby. The Dawson postmark illustrated here is one I traced from the actual cover some years ago, and since then I have not seen nor heard of another of this same Dawson-NWT design.

A recent note of information about Yukon post offices is that a post office named Ruby Creek operated during 1904/1905, being a few miles north of Kluane, at a gold discovery that was soon worked out. For some years it was thought this Ruby Creek was a mistake for Ruby Creek-BC, which was opened January 1, 1899, and closed in 1940. I wish a tracing of Ruby Creek in Yukon for my album of over 4000 postmark tracings.

A difficult affair to understand was in 1886 in Northumberland, N.B., when North Renous changed to South Renous. It sounded like a "compass error" of listings. But two other name changes of McLaughlan and River Renous intertwined in the changes finally were the solution.

Another "direction error" was in Yukon, where field notes of surveyors were misinterpreted by cartographers at Ottawa, who confused polar north with magnetic north—and this made about a quarter circle wrong in some sites. Map making from aerial photographing later corrected this.

Postmarked London

By ROBSON LOWE RPSC 7400

THE DISEASES OF PHILATELY AND THEIR TREATMENT

There was a parson on whom I called who combined theology with philately. **"Oh do come in!"** said his wife, **"Ted will be back in a minute, he's just pottering about the church".** Comfortably seated she launched forth into personal details of her physical condition which caused me to suggest that housewives ran about too much and that she would be more comfortable if she put her feet up for half an hour after lunch every day. Hearing her husband arrive she called out: **"Ted—Doctor Lowe is here to see you", "He's no doctor, he's a philatelist",** was the reply and a pair of feminine cheeks turned scarlet.

I am not a doctor but I have seen a fair share of philatelic diseases which broadly fall into three classes, physical, criminal and personal.

First of all we should define the pastime. It appears to me that **"stamp collecting"** is a hobby, that **"philately"** is the science of **"stamp collecting"** just as **"postal history"** is the humanity.

THE PERSONAL

Here is something that affects all mortals, those deadly sins which affect the hobby.

To some extent all of us are affected by GREED and this instinct has to be kept under strict control if one is to be a happy collector. Perhaps I can best describe this aspect of one's collecting life by telling you how I have tried to curb my own greed.

All of us love to buy a bargain and of course this is an instinct on which those who sell forgeries and fakes thrive. Have you ever heard the seller say **"This looks good to me but I do not know if it is genuine? If it is then it is worth £100. If you like to take a chance I will sell it for £10".** If this is the sort of gamble that you like then it is a thousand to one that you are £10 out of pocket.

However, the specialist may well have the knowledge that enables him to buy for a few shillings something that is worth as many pounds to him. He is entitled to his bargain and his ego is thereby inflated. This is a double profit which satisfies our baser instincts. I try and restore the balance by either buying more stamps from the seller that are not bargains and by thanking him warmly for having given me the opportunity of acquiring something that gives me pleasure. If it has been a case of just one item bought, then I like to give him a present that will provide him with as much pleasure as his sale has given me. The bargains I get when buying at auction must balance the bad buys and unless an item is flagrantly misdescribed or faked I try never to return an auction lot.

HOARDING is often confused with collecting. All possession is temporary at the best and one is only the guardian of the treasure for the period of one's life. The stamp collector will want to fill the empty spaces but, except for the purpose of exchange, duplicates are not needed. The philatelist may well accumulate quantities in order to make his study but having made it, surplus stamps become duplicates.

There is no merit in quantity, only a form of miserliness and greed, and if you agree that our hobby brings us pleasure and happiness then I can see moral right in the possession of duplication which would give others pleasure and happiness to own.

Many years ago, Charles Jewell said to me on occasion **"It is time that we had another pride's purge"** and he would scrutinize his collection carefully and remove all those pages which he no longer wanted. Influenced by this excellent practice I have tried to review

all my philatelic possessions every Christmas week and remove whatever I have not looked at or shown during the past year. In this way the collection remains a convenient size in spite of frequent additions. Whether the items removed are sold or given to someone else who will enjoy them is immaterial.

There is some sort of moral right of ownership and I have never regretted giving to another collector something that will aid his studies. If it is something which particularly interests me then I mount a photograph in place of the original.

ENVY of someone else's possession is something I confess to having felt in the past, but this disease I have cured by asking if I can take a photograph of the loved one I want. This, duly mounted and written-up in my own collection with the foot note **"The original of this photograph is in the John Smith collection",** pleases John Smith, and the photograph, usually in colour, certainly pleases me.

There are some philatelists who would consider it a disease to cut up a multiple piece, thus destroying some philatelic evidence. However, providing the item is properly photographed and studied before cutting, there must be a moral right in severing a block of twenty-four into six blocks of four so that five more collectors may enjoy possession. You can say that it should have been cut into twenty-four singles for the same reason but this is a question that can only be answered by knowledge of the supply available and the demand.

Another disease which affects all collectors is SELFISHNESS and this may be seen in many forms.

Stamp exhibitions are popular both with collectors and with the visiting public. The motives for exhibiting vary. It can be the desire to give pleasure to others who share your particular interest, and through exhibiting I have met many collectors who have been able to add to my own knowledge, often correcting a false theory which has been advanced in a moment of misguided en-

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thusiasm and ignorance. Others who enter for competition are often anxious to know what the jury, with those decisions usually only the gold-medalists agree, think of their treasures. Others only enter for the pleasure they will give to others and the pleasure they receive. I believe that the day will come when an international exhibition will be held that is non-competitive.

Occasionally I meet collectors who boast **"I never show my stamps to anyone.** Possibly they have nothing worth showing and by **"worth"** I mean **"interest"** and not **"value".** Often such philatelic misers are influenced by the fact that someone may learn something from their studies and this may increase competition in the stamp market. Others do not want to attract the attention of he Inland Revenue Department to their riches or excite the thief to robbery. These are some of the forms of philatelic selfishness.

Another form is the donation of valuable stamp collections to philatelic institutions and museums. Unless there is a substantial sum of money given to preserve and present the collection in a manner which will continually interest the visitor, and unless there is a knowledgeable curator whose enthusiasm will breathe life into the exhibit, then the collection will be no more service than if it was buried with the late owner. It is probably an understatement to say that £25,000,000 sterling is the value of postage stamps at today's prices which are so buried. The names of the donors are forgotten, the pleasure to hundreds of thousands of people living and unborn is diminished, and the treasures not only rot but they prove an unwanted burden to the custodians.

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no one has the moral right to deny any of this freedom to future generations.

There is one other form in which this philatelic disease of selfishness is prevalent and that is in the family relationship. One of the most famous collectors that the world has ever known barred access to the room in which he kept his collection, to his wife and every other member of his family. He was a great man and his wife was a large-hearted and intelligent lady, and she realised that in this locked room he kept his beloved mistress, Lady Philately. In the company of the latter he found complete relaxation and relief from the burdens of his considerable duty.

However, his children did not possess the same degree of understanding as their mother and were more or less jealous of their father's hidden companion. In his twenties, one of the sons sought to get nearer his father by taking up the hobby. He showed his father auction catalogues from time-to-time and sought his experienced advice on the desirability of a stamp that appealed to him. The father always gave his son an honest opinion but for several years the boy did not succeed in buying any of these stamps. Later he discovered that the same man always bought the stamps above his bid and on making a discreet enquiry, he unhappily discovered that the buyer was his father's agent. The boy sold his collection to me, determined never to collect stamps again, and as the years passed father and son drifted further and further apart. One can only presume that the father was jealous that the son might learn to share the same amorata.

The fact that so few children find the same interest in the hobby as their parent is suggestive that the latter has sometimes overlooked opportunities for giving their children the same chance of pleasure through life.

The first experience I had of philatelic interference with marital relationship was in 1922 when a young wife of a customer who was constantly calling on me to buy stamps, reviled me as a snake in the grass who came between her and her husband. More than somewhat shaken I debated with myself on the moral implied. I sought the views of wives of other collectors and found to my surprise that most of them actively resented their husband's hobby, one even suggesting that, as her husband stayed up so late playing with his stamps, it was a form of family limitation. Even the more tolerant took the somewhat cynical view that it was only just better than **"blondes or booze".**

Times have changed, and today many collectors take their wives to philatelic conferences and exhibitions, and although few of them appreciate the finer points of the hobby, they are content to share the interest of their spouses and to exchange confidences, on this childish weakness with their fellow **"stamp-widows".**

I will not, because I cannot, speak for the feminine of the species, but I would urge all married male collectors to find the weekly piece of news about your own discoveries which can interest your family. Whenever you are having a stamp session on your own, interrupt your profound concentration by showing your wife three copies of the same stamp and ask her which is the bright cobalt and which is the dull ultramarine. Her colour sense may not be better than yours but in any case she will be pleased to have been asked for her opinion. If you share it, say so with sincerity. If you do not, thank her equally warmly for her valuable advice.

Remember that our hobby brings companionship to the lonely, adventure to the adventurer, consolation and forgetfulness to the bereaved, relaxation to the busy mind and the antidote to "being out of it" for those who have retired from their professional life. This is a hobby of happiness and not the amassing of dirty little pieces of paper that others have spat on.

It was Goethe who wrote
"COLLECTORS ARE HAPPY PEOPLE"

Mail By Rail

By "GLENROCK"

Figure 1

Inspired partly by the Society's book on "Transportation Post Marks" (plug), partly by an interest in railways and finally by a little idle time the writer started looking for stamps that might illustrate the "Mail by Rail" theme with the accompanying results.

The first Travelling Post Office was operated on the Grand Junction Railway in England from Birmingham to Liverpool commencing in January, 1838. This was a converted horse box using exchange apparatus invented by the Post Office staff for the picking up and setting down of mailbags while the train was in motion.

European railways were quick to follow this example and although Britain has not yet thought fit to honour philatelically her lead in this field France issued a stamp in 1944 to mark the centenary of the founding of the French Travelling Post Offices ("ambulants"). This stamp shows one of the first T.P.Os and is indeed a very ornate example of the railway carriage builders art.

German "Bahnposts" commenced operating in 1841 and one of their early mail cars is illustrated on the 1960 "Day of the Stamp" issue of East Germany.

In America the Railway Mail Service was founded in 1862 over what is now part of the main line from Chicago to Kansas City and St. Joseph and while again no specific stamp has been issued to mark this event two values of the Parcel Post issue of 1912-13 show the R.M.S. in action. The 3 cent value shows a Railway Postal Clerk setting out bags in the exchange apparatus and the 5 cent illustrates a mail train approaching the lineside exchange point with mail pouches about to be picked up.

The interior of a Travelling Post Office is well illustrated on the 1951

Figure 2

Figure 3

French "Day of the Stamp" issue. The crowded conditions under which the clerks are performing their duties being complicated by a large sack of mail being dragged between them.

Two stamps issued by now independent French Colonies feature mail cars. The 30 franc value of the 1965 "History of the Post" set issued by the Malagasy Republic shows a later 19th Century car while the 1966 "Day of the Stamp" issue from the Ivory Coast Republic depicts a Mail Train of 1906 vintage.

East Germany has also featured the railway mail on two of its "Day of the Stamp" issues, that of 1958 showing a modern mail carriage and that of 1963 the mechanised loading of a mail car. Many countries have issued stamps showing railway trains vaguely labelled "Mail Train" but since these do not specifically show the mail car they have been ignored here. Unfortunately among these is Canada which, in spite of its widespread mail service which forms the subject of Mr. Shaw's excellent book, only has the 1927 Special Delivery depicting methods of transportation among which is a train. Since we have missed the centennial of Canada's service in 1954 may we hope that some other suit-

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Figure 4

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The Tagged Stamps of Winnipeg

By GLENN F. HANSEN, R.P.S.C. 8477

For five years now Winnipeg has been the locale of an experiment by the Post Office Department. The experience has been involved with the chemical treatment of stamps and the use of specialized equipment to automate the handling of mail.

The official announcement of the change is perhaps the easiest way to introduce the subject:

"A pilot installation in the Winnipeg Post Office of an Automatic Segregator, Facer and Canceller requires the introduction of special "Tagged Stamps" to activate the machine.

"The stamps being introduced will be of the same design as those currently in use, but the 4c. has one vertical line and all the other stamp denominations from 1c to 5c have two vertical lines of a barely visible phosphorescent quality. The material used has been carefully examined by the Department of National Health and Welfare, the Industrial Health Division, who declare it to be harmless.

"The equipment to be installed in Winnipeg is comprised of three basic parts; Segregator, Facer and Canceller units. Mail is conveyed to the Segregator by the conveyor belt and mail that is not in letter form, including letters too thick or too large to go through the Automatic Cancellers, is first removed automatically. The remaining letters are then neatly stacked, but are not yet faced up.

"Letters are then fed into the Facer-Canceller unit which scans each letter in turn. As each letter passes the scanning portion of the machine it is exposed to ultra-violet light rays and this "excites" the phosphorescent material causing it to glow and enabling the machine to recognize the stamp and determine its location on the envelope. Envelopes not the right way up are turned over and all envelopes are aligned with the stamp in the upper right corner. The machine then cancels the stamps and stacks the letters face up in orderly fashion.

"The machine separates those envelopes bearing a single 4c. stamp for local delivery; letters with no stamps or with stamps in an improper location, or a number of locations, go to a special reject stacker for hand processing.

"This method is believed to have definite advantages over several earlier experiments. Photo-electric cells to identify the stamp color have had a high percentage of rejects and were easily confused by charity stamps or even smudges on the envelope. Fluorescent markings were quickly discarded as many of the papers and inks used in envelopes contain fluorescent materials. The British Postal Administration's systems of a colloidal graphite line on the back of the stamp and employing a high voltage charge through each envelope was the basic plan from which this machine has been developed. However, it was determined that markings of a type that would be less visible would not disfigure the stamps as much.

"The machine is now being made in Britain and is expected to commence operation in Winnipeg about the middle of 1962. Before it can be used, however, the Winnipeg District must be thoroughly "saturated" with the tagged stamps and these are being sold for the first time of Saturday, January 13, 1962."

The Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce thought the introduction of tagged stamps in Winnipeg was a golden opportunity to get a bit of good publicity for Winnipeg and set up a first day cover service in co-operation with a local

stamp dealer. The story of the problems involved in operating this first day cover service was one of frustration, when orders were not received until after the Christmas season was over; aggravation, when it was found that collectors wanted all sorts of weird "custom-made" covers; disgust, when some requests were in-decipherable; success, when after marking around the clock a nice set of first day covers were processed.

The issue used in the January 13, 1962 introduction of Tagged Stamps in Winnipeg was the 1954 Queen Elizabeth set, 1c. to 5c. values. Quantities of these values tagged before the issue was replaced by the Cameo design are:—

1c. — 8,200,000.
2c. —29,595,000.
3c. —11,695,000.
4c. —37,345,000.
5c. —32,095,000.

The 1c. value is one of the lowest printings of a current stamp for some years. The whole set of five stamps is fast becoming extremely rare in either used or mint condition. Collectors in Winnipeg who have not got this yet should do everything they can to secure at least a mint and used set before prices go out of reach. When first released the set was sold for 25c. mint or used singles and are now listed in Lymans at $1.50 per set of used singles with the 4c. value being listed as not available in mint condition.

It was actually March 13, 1963 before "Sefacan" was installed and put into operation in Winnipeg. By this time the Cameo Issue was replacing the earlier stamps. Since the Cameo set has just recently been replaced by the Centennial Issue no figures are available as to the quantities tagged for use in Winnipeg of this issue.

The Cameo set has an interesting history of experimentation with the tagging used on the 4c. value. After the machine was introduced it was found that experiments were necessary to improve its operation and the 4c. value, being the keystone of the whole project and the only one being singled out by the machine as being for local mail, had several changes in the physical proportion and location of its tagging. These are all listed in The Canada Basic Catalogue and are very definitely worth collecting if they can be secured.

Canada issued three Christmas Issues, in 1964, 1965 and 1966 with the two values, 3c. and 5c. both being tagged in each year. The 1964 set is particularly desireable with the miniature sheet of the 3c. value, in the tagged version, being a particularly good item. The 5c. value of the 1965 Christmas Issue has a variety as rare as the famous Inverted Seaway wherein the tagging has been applied down the centre of the stamp instead of along both edges.

Canada's miniature sheets are unique. They are issued not for the collecting public but for the convenience of postal service patrons. There are either 20 or 25 stamps to the pane in cello-paks sold for $1.00 or $1.50, the face value of the stamps.

The 1964 Christmas miniature sheet of the 3c. value was the first one in the world tagged for use in special machinery and is becoming extremely rare. The 1965 and 1966 Christmas miniature sheets of the 3c. value are also available tagged. Another miniature sheet tagged for use in Winnipeg is the 5c. Cameo in a sheet of 20.

Canada's Centennial stamp which was issued January 11th, in a sort of off-handed tribute to the Father of Confederation, Sir John A. Macdonald, is also available tagged and collectors should be sure to watch out for this.

It is quite possible that the current regular issue just released on February 8th will not be of long duration because of its intimate connection with our Centennial year. It might be a good idea to have a complete set of this set tagged in your collection and watch all values, but most particularly the 4c. for any changes in tagging.

Good specialized collections of Winnipeg's tagged stamps have now been

formed. These include plate blocks, mint and used singles and blocks of 4 and first day covers of all items. The tagging varieties of the 4c. Cameo were not given any fanfare when they were brought into Winnipeg so that covers of some of these varieties will be extremely rare and interesting. The rarest of these now appears to be the variety with the tagging 8mm wide down the centre. There were only 8,000,000 of these issued and it appears possible these were an error at the printers where the tagging was applied. The variety with the centre stripe 4mm wide was the first issued and has been listed as being produced in only 15,000,000 copies.

Tagged stamps have been released for use in Winnipeg for over 5 years and it is interesting the number of varieties that have become known. An interesting sideline to a collection of Winnipeg tagged stamps would be the collection of stamps issued and used in other locations. For some years now the Post Office Department has issued tagging rejects to other post offices throughout the country, most particularly Toronto, where improper tagging would not affect operations. These items are varieties, not errors, and generally consist of striping applied in the wrong place.

Some dealers, even in the Winnipeg area, are not stocking tagged stamps. Their excuse is that the cost of studying each stamp for the tagging makes it not worth their while. If you can find such a dealer go through his stock of the 1954 Queen Elizabeth issue, the Cameo issue and the Christmas issues of the past three years. Here is a golden opportunity to profit from someone's sheer laziness or stupidity. While there may be some excuse for a collector to ignore any particular facet of stamp collecting he wishes there is no excuse for dealer neglect.

Many collectors find it very difficult to find the tagging on the current stamps and others have experienced difficulty with past issues.

It does appear that the phosphor is being applied in a less visible solution than was the case with the Cameo Issue. The earlier Cameos were very easily identified as tagged with the combination of solid dark colors and heavy chemical solution helping greatly. A little experimenting in either good northern daylight or fluorescent light will enable anyone to separate tagged from untagged stamps.

In all cases to see the tagged lines experiment by holding the stamps at an angle to the light source and by moving the stamp until the light catches the darker streak of the tagging find the right angle of view for you. The angle of viewing differs somewhat with each viewer but once found makes identification relatively easy.

This applies to both mint and used stamps while used stamps have the added feature that the tagged stripes will show up instantly on the reverse side when soaked in water. While the fluorescing quality of the tagging does diminish after prolonged water soaking the tagging is visible to the naked eye

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or in soaking for the life of the stamp. So far as known no amount of soaking or even boiling will erase the lines of tagging before the stamp itself has been ruined by such treatment.

Certain ultra-violet lamps can be used for identifying tagged stamps but their use is not only unnecessary but dangerous unless used under carefully controlled conditions by persons completely knowledgeable in their use.

If you must insist on the most scientific and up-to-date method of detecting tagging use extreme caution. Any ultra-violet or black light lamp which emits short wave violet radiation under 2900 Angstroms uses a light source that can cause blindness resulting from direct exposure for anything upwards of ten seconds. Any reflecting surface, such as an album page on a table top can have the same disastrous result as looking directly into the lamp. Exposed skin must also be protected from the rays and, if you still insist on using these lamps, be sure to wear properly fitted goggles. A "Woods" lamp with a frequency of about 3200 Angstrom units can be used and is probably about the safest but even this should be treated with respect.

There is developing quite a bit of written information on these tagged stamps. Dr. E. S. Mercantini has written a series of ten articles over the past three years for "B. N. A. Topics" and these articles have been used quite freely in this series. Dr. Mercantini is a dermatoligist who has lamps available in his practice for the study of tagged stamps and his comments on the use of these lamps is particularly illuminating.

The Canadian Philatelist, has also had several articles on these stamps. The Canada Basic Catalogue has perhaps the best listing of the stamps up to and including the Cameo set and the 1964 Christmas issue. Future editions will, I am sure, continue this most interesting story.

Coming Events

SEPTEMBER 28 - 30, 1967. R.P.S.C. Convention and Exhibition. The Talisman Inn, Ottawa — 200 frame competition exhibit. Details from General Chairman, Colin H. Bayley, 425 Hinton Avenue Ottawa 3, Ontario. Make your reservation now.

OCTOBER 23/28 — WEEK OF PHILATELY — Centennial Project of the East Toronto Stamp Club and the North Toronto Stamp Club — Thorncliffe Market Place, Overlea Boulevard, Toronto, Ontario. Featuring close to 400 frames from members of both clubs with special consideration to displays that have connection with Canada's Centennial. Each evening a programme will be given in the Auditorium designed to be of interest to the general public as well as to philatelists. Cacheted covers will be available. For further information contact Mr. Raymond Reakes, Exhibition Secretary, 188 Woodmount Avenue, Toronto 6.

NOVEMBER 3 - 4, 1967 Hamilton - Buffalo Reunion, Hindoo Koosh Bldg., 121 Hughson St. N., Hamilton. Auction on Friday, Nov. 3, at 8 p.m. Exhibition and Bourse on Saturday, Nov. 4, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Competition in the exhibition is open. A banquet will be held on Saturday evening at 7 p.m. General information and banquet tickets may be obtained from Mr. A. L. J. Sarson, President, Hamilton Philatelic Society, 364 Eastside Crescent, Burlington, Ontario.

NOVEMBER 4/5—SUPEX '67 — To be held at the Youth Centre, 345 Lesperance Street, St. Lambert, by the South Shore Stamp Club. Chairman, Mr. Jean-Marie Lamarre.

NOVEMBER 10/12 — LONPEX 75—75th Anniversary, Bourse, Auction and Banquet of the London Philatelic Society — To be held in the Centennial Hall, Wellington Street, London, Ontario. Participation welcomed by residents of Ontario or members of any Ontario philatelic society. Rules and entry forms available from Mr. Arnold Benjaminsen, Secretary, London Philatelic Society, 298 Neville Drive, London, Ontario.

CHAPTER NEWS

We have received a report from the Barrie District Stamp Club that their recent exhibition was most successful. The Grand Prize was awarded to Mr. Michael Millar.

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The Grand River Valley Philatelic Association exhibition (GRANDPEX '67) held on April 15, 1967 was noted for the calibre of the material shown. The grand award was won by Dr. D. C. Jordan for an exhibit on Tibet.

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We are advised by Mr. Fred Bailey of the Columbia Philatelic Society of Trail, B.C., that their 9th Annual Inland Empire Stamp Show was held at the Ridpath Motel in Spokane on April 8 and 9. A number of our B.C. philatelists won awards including Mr. R. T. Fraser of Rossland, B.C., Mr. N. C. Stibbs of Nelson, B.C. (jointly with Mr. Fraser) and Mrs. Ethel Bailey of Trail, B.C.

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Mr. Fred Smith, President of the St. Francis Collectors Club of Lennoxville, Quebec, reports on the Joint Stamp-Coin Convention held on May 7. There were 37 exhibitors — the bourse had 18 dealers. The Best of Show in the stamp exhibition was won by Mr. Hector Herbert. The R.P.S.C. plaque was presented to Mr. Norman Flint.

REPORT ON AMPHILEX 1967

This year's international show was held in Amsterdam from May 11 to May 21 under the sponsorship of the F.I.P. The exhibition, at which some 4,000 frames were shown, was held in the Rai Building — a modern exhibition centre in Europe Square. There was ample space under the one roof for all the exhibits although the Court of Honour and the Class of Honour were shown in a separate room. Thin material stretched over the top of the hall permitted ample light for examination of the exhibits but protected them from the effect of sunlight. There was ample seating for the leg-weary visitor.

The exhibition was exceedingly good and among the exhibits shown was 6 frames by Her Majesty The Queen showing stamps of Transvaal, Orange Free State, New Republic and Stellaland.

The only Canadian exhibits were in the literature class — Mr. Rowe's book on the Forwarding Agents being awarded a silver medal and a special bronze medal from the Dutch Postal Historians. (Mr. Rowe is a member of the board of editors). The other Canadian exhibit was debarred from competition since it was shown at two previous international exhibitions.

The only exhibit of the stamps of Canada was shown by Mrs. J. N. Hubbard of the United States who showed early covers displaying various postal rates and combinations. She was awarded a silver medal.

The grand prize of the Class of Honour was won by Mr. Stanley of New Zealand for a magnificent showing of New Zealand 1855-1873. The grand prize in the National Class was won by Dr. F. L. Reed of the United States for a showing of Netherlands 1852. The international grand prize was won by Mr. Charles Robertson of England for his showing of Austria and Lombardy Venetia.

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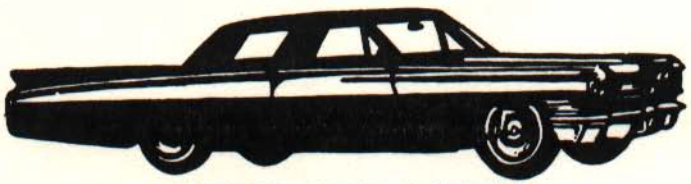

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