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NEWFIES IN THE NORTH

Dear Friends:

Norm Carter has been an active stamp collector all his life — he worked at Empire Stamp Company for over 25 years and retired about two years ago. He now lives in Parry Sound and is taking life easy — still collects stamps and fishes during the summer season.

Recently he wrote me about another collector in Parry Sound who had a $20,000.00 stock of Newfoundland stamps he wanted to sell. I didn't believe such a lot could exist and especially not stacked away in a very old vault in the town of Parry Sound. I just had to drive up there and have a look and sure enough it was all true and more because this collector had all kinds of other stamps, Canada-boxes of covers, albums, sheets etc-and oh yes-plate blocks by the box. Well it was a nice warm day but I worked at full speed for some hours and then made the deal. I filled up the car but before leaving town drove down to the main dock and sure enough, Norm was there fishing just having caught a Pickeral about 30" long and weighing a ton more or less. We had a great re-union and I was able to show my appreciation for introducing me to this deal.

The other day we had a visitor in our store from Hong Kong. I had always been under the impression that everyone there spoke the English language but I was wrong because this chap only spoke Chinese. Fortunately he had a Toronto friend with him who could translate. He went through our stock of Hong Kong and bought just about everything including several hundred of some items and paid full retail prices. We also had about 1200 Hong Kong commemorative sets and on first day covers and he took the lot. This would seem to indicate a very speculative and strong market in the stamps of this tiny colony.

Coincidentaly the next day we had an Italian dealer visit and again the language problem. He bought substantially from our Italian stock also Monaco and San Marino.

From a collector in Nova Scotia I purchased a very nice five volume collection of mint British Colonies. Another purchase was a beautiful and nearly complete collection of mint Canada and the Provinces in a very large expensively bound album. Other albums, covers, sheets etc. were included and an especially good collection of Canadian Revenues. The Newfoundland included a number of rare imperforate stamps. This entire accumulation came in one large carton by registered mail and this is an easy and convenient way to sell your stamps.

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Thoughts and Things

FROM THE EDITOR

THE OLD ORDER CHANGETH . . .

"The art of progress is to preserve order amid change and change amid order" —Alfred North Whitehead.

To many of us the words "international exhibition" conjure a vision of row upon row of stamp frames holding collections of rare, classical stamps by the world's renowned and wealthy collectors. To some extent this picture is valid because a traditional attitude developed which established certain countries, certain stamp issues and certain methods of annotation as "gold medal" collections and those that did not conform were relegated to a lesser award or often condemnation. Within recent years, however, there have been signs of major change.

Probably the most significant cause of this change is that few of the major collections of yesteryear now exist intact. As the giants of philately pass on, their collections are fragmented and end up in the hands of many collectors. Another factor in this change is that philately itself is forming distinct divisions thus becoming a mosaic rather than a melting pot. Also, we must not overlook the fact that modern graphic arts concepts are being applied, with unusual success, to philatelic annotation causing many Victorian and Edwardian type displays to appear at exhibition like antique automobiles on a superhighway.

What does all this mean to you and me as average collectors? Well, for one thing, no longer do we have to form classical collections to be recognized internationally. Nor will we be considered poor unfortunates if we are topical collectors or postal historians. In fact, at the International Exhibition held at Munich earlier this year, many "non conforming" exhibits received significant awards. Also, at Stockholm next year, provision has been made for entries of thematic and subject collections at an international level with accepted standards of judging. CAPEX '78, to be held in Toronto in 1978 is already providing for the first international postal history exhibition. After all, is it not logical to judge dogs with dogs, cats with cats and horses with horses rather than lumping them together under the general class of "animals"?

Although this progress and change will readily be accepted by the majority of collectors, a problem will likely arise from those international judges who are either unwilling or unable to cope with the changing picture and will continue to assess collections in relation to those of the "good old days". Until a new breed of international judges emerges, we will have inconsistencies and disappointments. But, without doubt, we are entering a new era of international philately - and I like it.

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A POLICY STATEMENT

"Evolution is not a force but a process". —Morley

When it was announced that there would be a change in the editorship of the CANADIAN PHILATELIST, the question most frequently asked of me was "What changes are you going to make?" Apparently the thought that prevailed was that a new broom always sweeps clean and that change must take place for the sake of change alone. Few people seem to feel that the name of the game is evolution — not revolution.

No one can deny that the objectives of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada were well articulated by Ken Rowe, our previous editor. No one can refute the fact that the Society has grown and matured during his term of office. How-

ever it would be naive to assume that two people think exactly alike. So. despite a successful past experience, there will be changes.

One can expect that, over a period of time, new features will be added and others deleted. Also, chapters will be encouraged to submit reports of major events in their operations so that member chapters can share them and possibly gain from them. Thought has been given to the idea of introducing, by word and pictures, the executive of the Society to the majority of members who know them only as a name. Every effort will be made to increase the liaison with other societies (A. P. S., B.N.A.P.S., C.P.S. of G.B., A.T.S. and others) so that our philatelic perspective will be broadened. There may even be a change in the format and general appearance to the extent that new printing methods and cost will allow.

However, irrespective of the changes that will occur from time to time, the purpose of the CANADIAN PHILATELIST will be preserved. It will maintain its prime function as the voice of Philately in Canada which must not be confused with Canadian Philately. It will continue as your voice at local, national and international levels. It will promote and encourage all aspects of our avocation preserving the highest standards possible.

However, we must not lose sight of the fact that any journal is successful only if it listens as well as speaks. I ask for your contributions, comments and criticisms.

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A recent article on The Hazards of Ultraviolet Philately has, I am pleased to say, stimulated a great deal of interest. Many people, concerned about their eyes and not having the facilities or the capabilities of constructing a view box have asked for information on the protective goggles. Thanks to Colin Bayley we can report that Canadian Laboratory Supplies, Ottawa sell a certified type

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OUR NATIONAL POSTAL MUSEUM

At the international exhibition at Munich earlier this year I had an experience that made me proud to be a Canadian and a Canadian Philatelist at that.

It is usual for international exhibitions to have an Official Class devoted to displays by the postal authorities of various U. P. U. countries. As I walked down row after row of these exhibits it became increasingly obvious that most were short on imagination and many were long in propaganda. And then I came to the exhibit of Canada's Postal Museum.

There ,among a vast expanse of lawn was a flower garden. It was not an exhibit in the true sense but rather a display. Although the material was excellent (imperforates, trial colours, etc.) this was secondary to the manner it was presented. It was tasteful, imaginative and attractive. Canada's image could not have been painted better.

Hats off to Jim Kraemer and his staff.

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A SPECIAL FLAG CANCEL

The CALGARY BNAPEX convention slated for Sept. 19-22, will feature a limited edition flag-maple leaf cancel, to be used exclusively during the period of the convention. In addition, two stamps - the OLYMPIC Games Comm. 1976, consisting of an 8 cent value and a 15 cent value will be issued on September 20th. BNAPS will have a special cacheted F. D. Cover available with the use of the flag cancel on the day of issue. Both covers - the 8 and the 15 - at the price of $1.00 each in a limited quantity will be available at the exhibition and can be mailed to subscribers postpaid under separate cover by contacting and making payment to

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Canada's Postal Museum Receives Former Prime Minister Pearson's Collection

The Lester Bowles Pearson philatelic collection was officially presented to the National Postal Museum of Canada at a ceremony held 20 June. The event took place in the Commonwealth Room of the House of Commns in Ottawa.

The presentation was made by the late Prime Minister's widow, Maryon Pearson. Accepting the gift on behalf of the Postal Museum was André Ouellet, Postmaster General of Canada. As a token of appreciation the Postmaster General presented Mrs. Pearson with an album of Canada postcards and a framed certificate. Among the guests attending the presentation were, Mr. G. A. H. (Geoffrey) Pearson, Mr. Pearson's son formerly Deputy High Commissioner in India and now with External Affairs of the Government of Canada; Mary E. Macdonald, Mr. Pearson's executive assistant when he was prime minister; Annette Perron, Mr. Pearson's private secretary; John A. H. Mackay, Deputy Postmaster General of Canada; James E. Kraemer, Manager of the National Postal Museum: J. B. Kinsella, Director of Public Affairs: Robert McCoy and Pierrette Thériault, Special Assistant and Departmental Assistant respectively in the Posmaster General's office.

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legacy to the people of Canada" said Mr. Ouellet. "Putting the collection in the postal museum was better than keeping it in a drawer at home" commented Mrs. Pearson.

Mr. Ouellet announced that the 6c. stamp depicting Mr. Pearson would be released this fall along with the other values of former Prime Ministers. The low value definitives will consist of all denominations 1c. to 8c. except the 7c. value. Queen Elizabeth of Canada will be depicted on the 8c. denomination.

In a long and illustrious career, Lester B. Pearson had many different roles; diplomat, soldier, cabinet minister, Prime Minister, author and educator. He was Canadian Ambassador to the U.S.A., (1945-46); Secretary of State for External Affairs, (1948-57), Chairman of the NATO Council, (1951-52); President of the 7th Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, (1952-53); Prime Minister of Canada, (1963-68); and Chairman of the Commission on International Development sponsored by the World Bank, (1968-72). In 1957 he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

The Pearson collection is a philatelic record of this era in Canada's history. Among the many items in the collection are a number of particular interest such as the 5c. Golden Anniversary of Flight in Canada. Mailed from Baddeck, Nova Scotia on 21 February 1959 and carried on a replica Silver Dart flight 23 February, the covers bear the personal signature of J. A. D. McCurdy who made the first powered flight of an aircraft in Canada. Another worthy of mention is the Royal Visit cover of 1964 which was cancelled on the day of issue and autographed by the Prime Minister's secretary, Mary E. Mcdonald.

Mr. Pearson's association with the United Nations from its inception is recognized in an official first day cover commemorating the 10th Anniversary of the U.N. General Assembly headquarters in New York City. The cover's design features a portrait of Mr. Pearson when he was president of the U.N. General Assembly and presided over the opening of the New York headquarters. Another cover and block of four stamps commemorating the 20th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations was presented to Mr. Pearson by Trygve Lie, the U.N.'s first Secretary General. The cover is personally autographed by Mr. Lie and included with it is a photograph of the actual presentation.

The high esteem accorded Mr. Pearson in other countries is exemplified by a special cover, bearing the U.S. 5c. commemorative of 29 May 1964 in memoriam of John F. Kennedy. It was sent to Mr. Pearson by Larry G. Newman with enclosed handwritten note, "Our memories of J. F. K. include you importantly at Hyannis Port, Sincerely, Larry G. Newman".

Canada's centennial in 1967 brought a host of philatelic honours and gifts from nations around the world. Among the items in this group are an autographed presentation sheet of Canada's 5c. centennial issue and letters to Mr. Pearson from then Postmaster General Jean-Pierre Côté. A postcard mailed to Mr. Pearson by John Fisher, Commissioner of National Centennial Administration and carried by "Balloon-post" from Calgary; a special card; a cover with cancellation commemorating the dedication the Canadian Centennial Forest in Israel; First Flight cover in one of a series of the 100 day Journey across Canada by Frank Ogden and his crew in the Canada Centennial Panorama Helicopter (July 6, 1967) are some of the other items.

Both 5p and 1/5 denominations of Ireland's centennial stamps in honour of Canada, are shown in complete printers' sheets with the written compliments of the then Prime Minister of Ireland, John Lynch.

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A REGULAR FEATURE

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—Philatelic Photographics, Toronto

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Is not the realm of philately sacred? Is not the battle cry "Philately for Philatelists?" Apparently not. A recent statement to the press states that H. E. Harris & Co. of Boston has been purchased by (are you ready) General Mills. This certainly must be a very expensive way to insure a supply of stamp packets to be included in breakfast food cereals.

Another major change involves the acquisition of the Scott Publishing Company, Omaha, Nebraska by Bergins, Inc.

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A tip of the watermark tray to Ed Hausmann, editor of B.N.A. TOPICS who, on April 1 of this year, sat down to write "The Newsfront" for his publication. With tongue in cheek and apparently full of an "April Fools Day" feeling, he wrote of the forthcoming issue of a 9c. stamp to cover a proposed increase in postal rates(with illustration). An American dealer, who failed to see where Ed had placed his oral appendage, sent off a certified cheque to Ottawa to cover the cost of his shipment.

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Corniphila, of Zurich, Switzerland announces an auction from October 8 - 13 of this year (advertisement elsewhere in this issue). "So what?" you may ask "Many places hold stamp auctions in October of this year." Well, this is what. One of the items - lot 6146 - a fantastic used block of four (or is it actually a block of 8) of the 6 penny issue of 1852 is offered for sale. This piece must be one of the classic rarities of Canadian Philately and rightfully belongs back in Canada. Estimate is approximately $20,000.00 provided the U.S. dollar does not change too much by the time of the sale. Any patriotic Canadian prepared to work overtime for the next few weeks in order to bring this item home?

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A bulletin from the British Post Office dated July 2, 1973 contained two eye-openers. The first one was headed "CHARITY STAMPS EXPERIMENT" and stated that "Money for charity is to be raised with one experimental issue of postage stamps with a premium. Values of the stamps are likely to be at the first-class basic letter rate, plus a premium for charity."

The second charmer was a small footnote at the bottom of the page marked Note to Editors: "Post Office proposals for increases in postage rates are being considered by the Price Commission and the Post Office Users' National Council."

Some mornings it doesn't pay to get out of bed.

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G. B. recently issued a stamp commemorating the four hundredth anniversary of the birth of Inigo Jones, famous architect and designer. The design was two figures from Inigo Jones's theatrical drawings and coupled Oberon, King of the Fairies with Thetis, Greek sea nymph. However, the Post Office exercised its right of censorship for although the original drawing by Jones displayed Thetis' ample breasts visible through a see-through blouse, it was decided to depict the situation with Thetis clad in more durable material than gauze. Will the CANADIAN PHILATELIST ever have a centre-fold a la PLAYBOY?

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The Gray Creek Bisects —

A FEATURE ARTICLE

By R. THURLOW FRASER #8168

Every now and then officialdom does something which annoys people and as a result sometimes independent minded people will react in interesting ways. This happened in British Columbia in 1971 and as a result some unusual postage stamp combinations occured.

In 1971 on June 30th and December 30th the postage rate for first class mail was increased from 6c. to 7c. and from 7c. to 8c. respectively and in both instances - in particular with the raise to 7c. - post offices in some centres were caught with insufficient 1c. stamps to use with existing stocks of 6c. or 7c. stamps.

It seemed that the two postage rate increases in one year should be sufficient in themselves to bother people but when there was no perceptible improvement in service at the same time it was almost too much to pass without some way to protest. It proved to be just that for a few people along the shores

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After June 30th in the small community of Gray Creek on the eastern shores of the main lake up to 100 envelopes were mailed to many parts of Canada and some to Great Britain bearing one 6c. stamp plus one half of a 2c. stamp. Six months later when the 8c. rate came into effect smaller numbers of envelopes were processed with one 7c. stamp also plus one half of a 2c. stamp cut vertically through the centre of the stamp.

In August of 1971 I received a letter from a friend camping near Gray Creek and was surprised to see the 6c. stamp and one half of a 2c. stamp. Thinking it interesting but an isolated item I noted on the cover "A Novel Bisect" and filed it away. From the contents I knew that the friend who wrote me had not thought of my philatelic activities when the letter was sent. Later when going through a small carton of envelopes I came on four more with bisected 2c. stamps all mailed in August 1971. These joined the first received but a mental note was made that a visit would be made to Gray Creek some time to find the story behind the action.

Recently I made that visit and on my second call to a home found one of the people who had used the bisects. A most charming lady who had come to the area just after the 1914-18 war and has lived there ever since. I then learned about the later covers sent out after the second postage increase. Copies of all covers and descriptions are listed.

1971 June 30 rate increase

1 Cover sent to Rossland B.C., cancelled Gray Creek B. C. August 23 1971

4 Covers sent to Nelson B. C., cancelled August 2, 6, 17 and 23 respectively

1971 December 30 rate increase

1 Cover sent to Trail B.C. and "unclaimed" and as no return address was shown it was forwarded to Vancouver, apparently opened and returned to sender at Gray Creek. The reverse of this cover has the postage meter impression as follows:—

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UNDER THE LOOKING GLASS

BY KEN PUGH

In these past few months I have seen a number of excellent publications, some of which have touched on varieties.

The Centennial Definitives of Canada, by Mr. David Gronbeck-Jones is an excellent study of a most fascinating issue. Due credit must be given to Mr. Gronbeck-Jones for finally making sense out of the three variations in the 6c. black definitive of 1967. Although plate varieties are not discussed in this book, it does provide an excellent guide to the complicated gums and papers which make this issue a challenge to collect.

The comprehensive 'Centennial Definitives Issue's Reference Manual', by Jacques J. Laroche is also a must for the Queen Elizabeth specialists. Mr. Laroche does mention and illustrate a number of interesting varieties, such as the 6c. black — printed on the gum side error and the imperforates and double imperforates found on the 6c. black, 6c. orange, 7c. emerald, and the 8c. slate coils.

The ease in which this reference manual can be followed, its completeness, and its periodic injections of Laroche's humour makes it a delight to read.

Variety enthusiasts have been waiting some time now for Hans Reiche to publish yet another fine handbook. True to form his 'Canadian Stamp Varieties —1973', is an excellent publication. Mr. Reiche illustrates each variety with a large close-up photo which makes identification much easier. I suggest you obtain a copy of this excellent book while they can still easily be had.

Mr. Eric Rushton, a distinguished philatelist whom I'm sure many of you have had the pleasure of meeting or corresponding with has kindly sent three photos of some interesting varieties.

The vertical white line through the centre of the 5 cent 1954 definitive issue was probably caused by the press suddenly stopping and starting. How many other issues have turned up with this variety?

The second photo illustrates a break in the bottom bar on the 20 cent overprint 10 cent 1939 Special Delivery. Hans Reiche in his 'Canadian Stamp Varieties — 1973', illustrates a similar break, but in the lower bar on the right side of the stamp. He states that "these can be valued at around $3.00".

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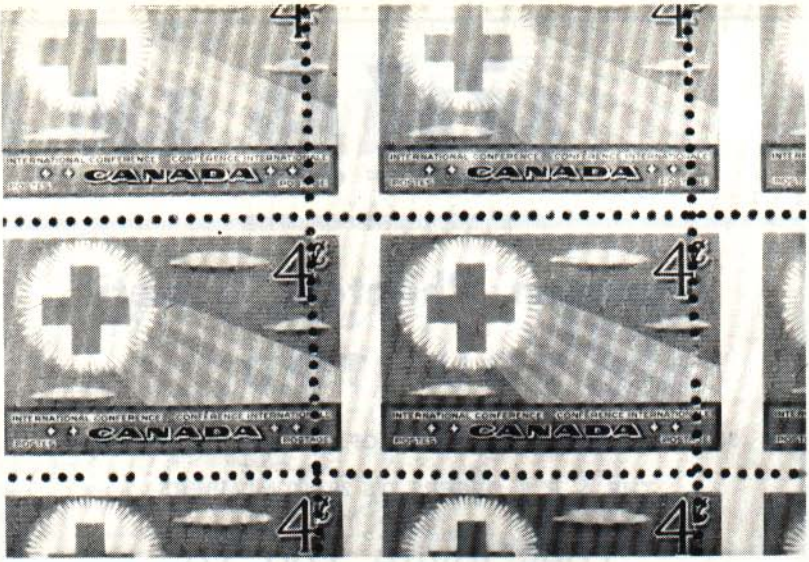

The third photo illustrates a rather nice vertical perforation shift in the 1952 Red Cross issue.

My 'Varieties of the Queen Elizabeth Era - PartII - Major Varieties' will be published very soon, but before it can go to press I require either the photos or actual stamps of the following items for illustration purposes.

1) 1959 St. Lawrence Seaway—missing CAN, or DA.
2) Hairlines, Imperforates— 6c. orange, black, 7c. emerald, 8c. slate coils.
3) 50c. Textile—major retouch.
4) 8c. on 7c. Jet Plane—missing overprint.
5) 7c. 8c. coils—double perforations.
6) 1962-64—'G' varieties.
7) 1962-64—4c. definitive counterfeit.

If you have any of these varieties please contact me as soon as possible. If you should have a clear photo of any of these, it would be most appreciated. Please send them to K. W. Pugh, 134 - 20th St., Brandon, Manitoba, R7B1L4.

I am deeply sorry for the delays in my answering correspondence for the months of July and August. At that time I was working at an archaeological site at Notigi Lake, near South Indian Lake Manitoba. As our mail arrived by plane every week (hopefully), it was impossible to answer it promptly. My apologies.

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BY FRED STULBERG

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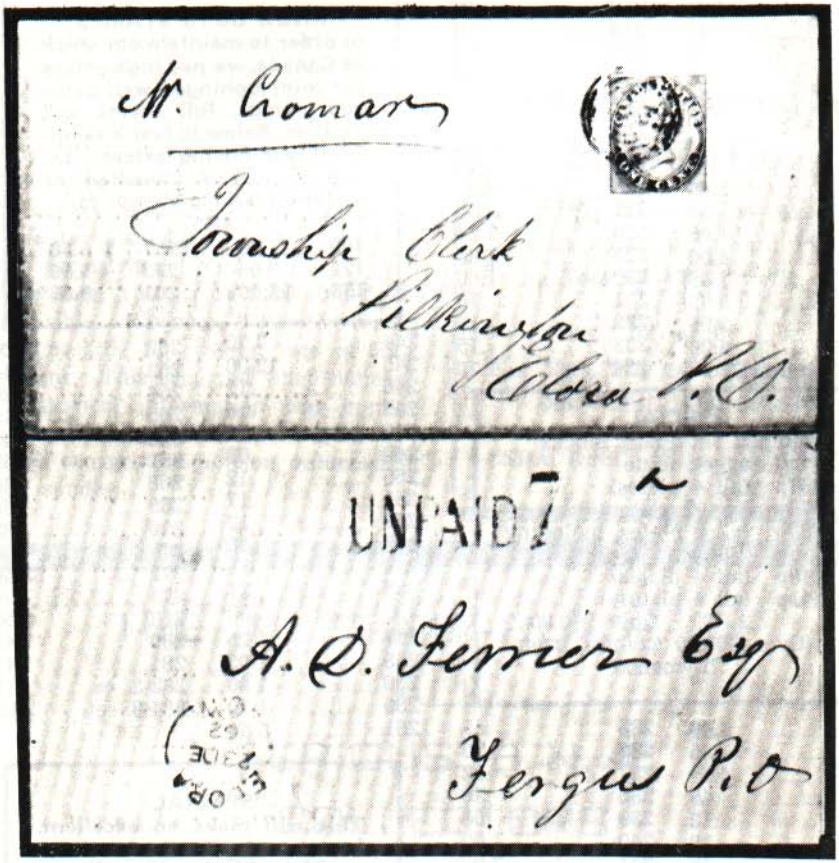

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Many of us have received envelopes or cards which, when folded in a certain way, expose the address of the sender thus providing a convenient contrivance for return mail. Most marvel at the ingenuity (especially those who remit payment of dues to the American Philatelic Society) and inwardly admire the accomplishments of modern man. However, to give credit where credit is due this practice existed in Canada early in the nineteenth century.

Early examples of Canadian reverse covers predate the postage stamp era. Most originated with the Canada Company and concerned land leases. Such a document would be sent to a person for his signature with instructions to reverse it and address it back to the sender. It is interesting to note that these leases were sent postage collect, and had to be returned postpaid.

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251	.17	269	.50
252	.12	270	.85
253	.50	271	.85
254	.15	272	3.60
255	.21	273	7.00
256	.50	2.79	2.50
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stamp era usually had a governmental complexion (as above). This was a printed form sent to the clerk at Pilkington, (C.W.) requesting statistical information about the operation of the municipality. The first mailing (upper portion), as printed matter only, travelled for the 1c. circular rate which was prepaid by postage stamp. However, when the clerk filled in the required information, it no longer retained its circular status and had to be returned as a letter. Thus, the second mailing (lower portion) was assessed 5c. postage and, since it was sent collect, an additional 2c. due fee was added. This is shown in the handstruck UNPAID 7.

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BY ROBSON LOWE

A REGULAR FEATURE

PHILATELIC SCHOLARSHIP

There are many philatelists in the world who study their subject carefully and will identify the normal sheet position of any stamp that they are studying. Perhaps it has a surcharge or an overprint which is known inverted.

When the philatelist buys the error he sends it up for a certificate. If it is passed as genuine he pays for it, and if it is condemned as a forgery he returns it.

We wonder why he does not compare his rarity with the specialised study in his own collection, firstly to see if he can plate it, and secondly to compare the rarity with a normal to see if the density and colour of the ink are similar.

Last year, Mr. X kindly answered our question regarding the sheet position of a provisional. By return we had his answer **"No 9 because . . . ."**. He was right. In due course he bought the stamp and sent it up for a certificate. It was turned down as a forgery so we pointed out that we had his opinion that it was genuine. Checked again, he could find no fault and came to see us, bringing the pages of his study with him. Our conversation ran like this:—

"I don't know what to do".

"Well, if the error is a forgery, then to preserve all the plating clues it would have to be a photograph. Have you checked the colour of the surcharge?"

"No, but it is black".

Put up to the light, the colour of the genuine surcharge turned out to be indigo blue, and so was he "patient". The basic stamp was then plated and found to be from the right position. Mr. X still did not know what to do so we asked him

"Who has the best study of the stamp?"

"I suppose I have."

"Then tear up the certificate and write your own".

Mr. B., who is one of the most expert amateurs that we have had the pleasure of knowing, once said, when asked if he had a certificate for a stamp, **"No. I would rather have the opinion of the one man who knows, than the dozen who don't".**

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With the enormous growth in the number of collectors there has been an equivalent increase in the number of stamps submitted for an expert opinion. Whether it is an individual expert or an expert committee, the number of incorrect opinions expressed on stamps **outside** the expert's or committee's particular field of expertise is somewhere between 20% and 40%.

Constantly breaking up specialised collections, we have come to this sad conclusion. In one property over half the surcharges certified as genuine were forged, and this fact could be proved by the late collector's own possessions.

Collectors who enjoy studying their stamps would get more pleasure for less money if they use their own analytical judgment when buying, rather than paying a substantial fee for the opinion of someone who probably has not got the expertise on the subject that they themselves possess. They may make an occasional mistake, who does not make them?

Next month we will discuss the ethics of selling a stamp that is forged with a certificate that it is genuine, and of course, vice versa.

The First Philatelist

Saml Lord Jr Esq
Woodhouse
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The world's first postage stamp; a fine penny black on cover.
Cancellation on back reads Ambleside Dec. 15, 1840.
Who addressed and stamped this envelope?
William Wordsworth: born April 1770.
Who mounted the cover in his collection, Dec. 16, 1840?
Samuel Lord Jr.

What famous poet sent Samuel Lord Jr. another penny black on cover and even an original poem dedicated to Samuel Lord Jr. The last four lines end:

> Scant of Verse and scant of Time
> Shall my own be deemed a crime
> When I can no more afford -
> Tho' it be to please a Lord?

There is a distinct impression that somewhere long ago I saw those lines in print. Where? Well, do offer $100.00 to the first person who has the answer to that question. In the meanwhile do have THE original poem in my possession. It and much else including mounted penny blacks are all in an album labelled #1. The last entry in it is dated April 24, 1841!

Am publishing a special booklet dealing with Samuel Lord Jr. entitled 'The First Philatelist?". It is well illustrated, introducing one to an astonishingly creative dedicated collector. Samuel Lord Jr. started his album #1 in 1838. He was then 15 years old. There were no stamps; no matter, there were stampless covers! His album #1 ends April 24, 1841 and it is beyond belief what he managed to accomplish in three vivid years.

What happened after that? Well, that is the problem. Collectors all over the world can have some fun trying to track down the answers. There must have been other albums. There certainly must exist covers addressed to Samuel Lord Jr. after 1841. I'll pay handsome prices for any such covers, say $10.00 and up. And anything from $500 to $1000 and up for any of the other albums.

So we are dealing with an English boy who seems to have vanished after 1841. England is the place for the search. But wait, wait. It is known Samuel Lord Jr. lived to a great age and he spent the last 19 years of his life in California and he is buried somewhere there. In fact it is a certainty that there are alive right now people who must have met and talked with Samuel Lord Jr., he who was born in 1823, 150 years ago.

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Otherwise any other better grade 19th Century covers, all countries of the world are of interest. Wanted also Canada stamps 1841-1940, also all Canada philatelic sidelines such as revenues, proofs, etc., etc. Also, any newly discovered Canadian errors, especially missing and shifted tags in sheets.

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References (for those who have never done business with myself over the past 52 years): Am Life member Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, as well as life member of the American Philatelic Society, member of numerous other societies such as the Collectors Club of New York, Essay Proof Society, B.N.A.P.S., Society of Philatelic Americans, American Air Mail Society, Liberian Philatelic Society, etc.

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AIRPORT CANCELLATIONS OF CANADA

A FEATURE ARTICLE

J. L. PURCELL #3346

Airport Mail Facilities (A.M.F.) cancellations have interested me for some years, but I have yet to see any articles on them in the Philatelic Press. All the types I list and conclusions I draw are based on the comparatively few I have located in the last twenty years - probably about 40 copies. The earliest legible date I have is Mar. 28, 1947 although a somewhat blurred date may be Jul 15, 1943. Both are Moncton A.M.F.

About twelve years or so ago I tried to get Mr. Shaw to add these to Section "D" of his Great Work on Canadian Transportation Postmarks as they fitted into that category i.e. a Postal Employee stamped mail posted at the station or airport post box, just before the train or plane departed. Perhaps it is just as well he did not as at least three of these facilities have expanded into Postal Stations. The 1966 list of Canadian Post Offices (formerly published by the Queen's Printer) lists Montreal AMF Postal Station and the 1968 edition also includes Toronto and Vancouver.

Goose Airport is deliberately left out as it was a regular Post Office when Newfoundland joined Confederation. However there are at least two items of interest I am going to mention. Firstly, it is a continuation of Canadian Army Post Office (C.A.P.O.) NQ. 10 which was started in the early 1940's. Secondly, except for the wartime "blackout" cancellations and some Royal Canadian Navy wartime cancellations it has produced the only cancellations since the four ring numerals, that do not include the name of the province or the country. At least I have seen no others.

The accompanying chart shows thirteen types of cancellations. I hope to hear from readers who may have others.

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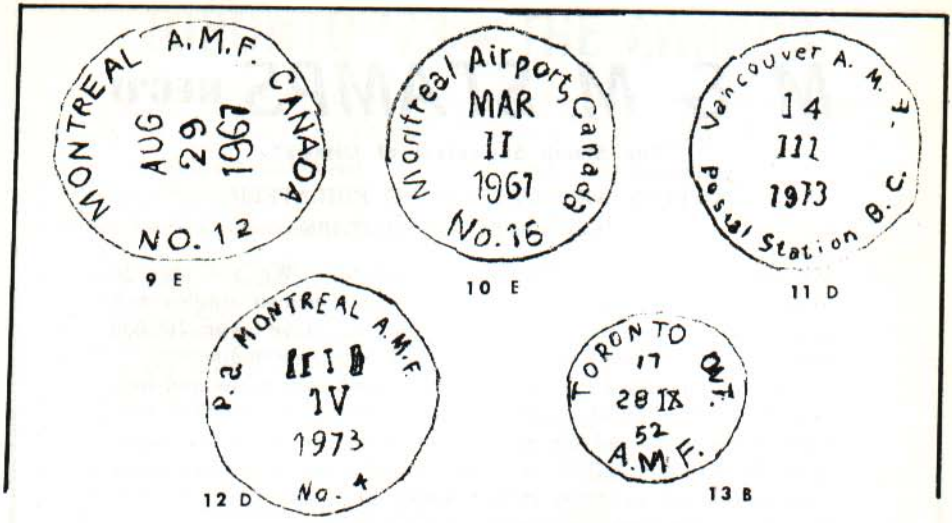

The letters following the numbers refer to the method of indicating the month. A, C and E show the month in letters e.g. MR or MAR and the B and D types use Roman Numerals. Time indicia and reversal of dates (e.g. 28 IV or IV 28) are not considered new types. Size of letters also does not change the type. Only one distinctive change in size was noted (Clerk No. 11 in Type 7B).

The following is a list of offices using the same type:

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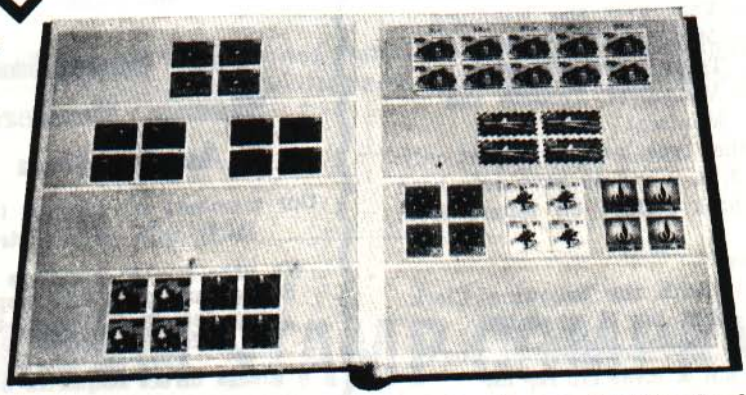

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Subject Exhibited	Name of Exhibitor	Award
* Canadian Provinces	G. C. Baugild	Bronze
* Port Hope, 1831-1900	Mrs. G. Wilkinson	Bronze
* British Columbia, Pre-Confederation	Dr. R. V. C. Carr	Gold Award - Grand Award
* Newfoundland Provisionals	Mrs. E. M. Todd	Bronze
* Large Queens of Canada	Dr. R. Chaplin	Silver
* Edward VII, 1903 - 1911	H. W. Lussey	Gold
* Niagara (on cover)	C. Troup	Bronze
* Handstruck Legislative Markings, Victorian	Dr. F. Stulberg	Bronze - Silver
* Canadian Squared Circles	N. A. Pelletier	Bronze - Silver
* Patriotic and Exposition Covers	R. P. Hedley	Bronze
* The 2c. Green Admiral, 1922-1927	W. B. Flemming	Bronze - Silver
* Selected Canadian Varieties and Errors	R. S. Traquair	—
* Canadian Plate Varieties	D. Blair	—
* Canadian Revenue Stamps	J. M. Shelton	Bronze
* Canadian Federal Revenues	E. Richardson	Gold
* Canadian Booklet Panes	M. Madesker	Bronze - Silver
* Development of Canadian National Telegraphs	K. Rowe	—
* Flight Cover, Aerogrammes, Crash Covers	R. Malott	Silver
* E. E. F. Issues	C. H. Magee	Silver
* Holy Land from Turkish Times to D. Ben-Gurion	W. J. Stern	—
British Military Postmarks, Palestine	A. Collector	Bronze - Silver
Litho-and Typo-graphed Issues of Palestine	H. Gordon	Bronze
Postage Dues of Palestine	C. A. Tuteur	Bronze
Foreign Post Offices in Palestine	F. S. Nussbaum	Bronze - Silver
Forerunners of Palestine	Dr. A. Friedberg	Gold
Palestine - the 4 Overprints of the Greek Orthodox Convent	A. Lyness	Vermeil
* Palestine Censor Covers	M. Walther	Bronze
* The 80 Minhelet Ha'am Postmarks	C. H. Magee	Bronze
Israel's Flag Stamp	Dr. O. Stadtler	Bronze
* Postmarked Jerusalem-Palestine Forerunners	C. H. Magee	Bronze - Silver
Postmarks of the Palestine Mandate (literature)	D. Dorfman	Silver
Israel - 1948	A. Cohen	Gold
The 80 Minhelet Ha'am Post Offices	A. Schlachet	Bronze
Israel Coinage	Dr. J. Sachis	Silver
* Selected Pages of Modern Israel	Mrs. T. G. Frohlinger	Bronze
Palestine 1850-1948 (Turkish pre-UPU rates and overprints of the British period)	B. Shandor	Gold
* Tete-beche Issues of Israel	M. Madesker	Bronze - Silver
Allied Mail from Palestine during World War II Crash Covers from the Holy Land	F. Blau	Bronze - Silver
* Jerusalem Mails (Israeli and Arab)	W. J. Stern	Bronze - Silver
Great Jews on Stamps	A. Steiner	Bronze - Silver
Forerunners of Palestine	Dr. H. G. Sladovsky	Gold
* Herzliana	A. Ben-David	Reserve Grand Award Vermeil Topical Award
Concentration Camp Mails	M. M. Kohn	Bronze - Silver
Concentration Camp Mails	A. L. Shay	Vermeil
Concentration Camp Mails	S. Simon	Vermeil
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Jewish Personalities on Stamps	J. Hennenberg	Bronze
* Jewish Personalities on Stamps	W. J. Stern	Silver
Biblical Music	H. Diamond	—
* Red Cross	Mrs. A. Prokopishyn	—
* Forerunners to the Irish Overprints of 1922	V. A. Linnell	Silver
Irish Cancels on British Stamps (1840-1880)	E. M. Labiuk	—
Hong Kong, pre-adhesive mails	P. Shek	Gold
* English Postal History to 1773	S. W. Shelton	Silver
* Postal Fiscals of British Colonies	Wm. E. Fox	—
Flaws and Varieties of Ireland	E. T. Sullivan	—
British Solomon Islands	S. C. Jersey	Vermeil
* Bahamas, Pre-stamp Covers and Queen Victoria	J. F. Ayre	Gold - Champion of Champions Award
* British P.O's in Mesopotamia (1865-1917)	H. Magee	Bronze
Pre-stamp Covers of Great Britain (1763-1840)	E. Peters	Bronze - Silver
* Turkish Stamps in Anatolia (1920-1921)	A. Kinsky	Gold
* Polish P.O.W. Camp at Woldenberg	M. Lubinski	Bronze
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• Covers & Postcards of Latvia under Occupation (1817-1947)	A. Greblis	Bronze - Silver
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• Estonia 1918 - 1940	Mrs. L. Avandi	Bronze
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One thing is certain that a complete roll of these stamps must have been printed. This would mean that more than 100,000 stamps should exist. Where are these stamps?

The inspector of the sheets from this roll obviously did not notice that these were printed on the wrong side. The PVA gum, not being shiny, makes it difficult to detect which side is up—even on a normal stamp — but in this case the printing covered the gum thus making it even more difficult to detect. But, I guess, collectors are never that lucky. Because the printing was done on top of the gum, the impression did not come out as well as when printed normally. The surface is not as smooth and so the picture is fuzzy and in many places the ink did not take at all. This is what most likely caused the inspector to cull out a large number of sheets from this roll.

The few sheets that got through were then mixed with other sheets for distribution. The largest number was found in Toronto and Sault Ste. Marie and a few in Halifax. Finds in London and Ottawa were returned to the Agency for destruction. Of the Toronto find none were released so far (at least this is what we hear). The total number of stamps found and available to the collector is likely between 1,000 and 2,000.

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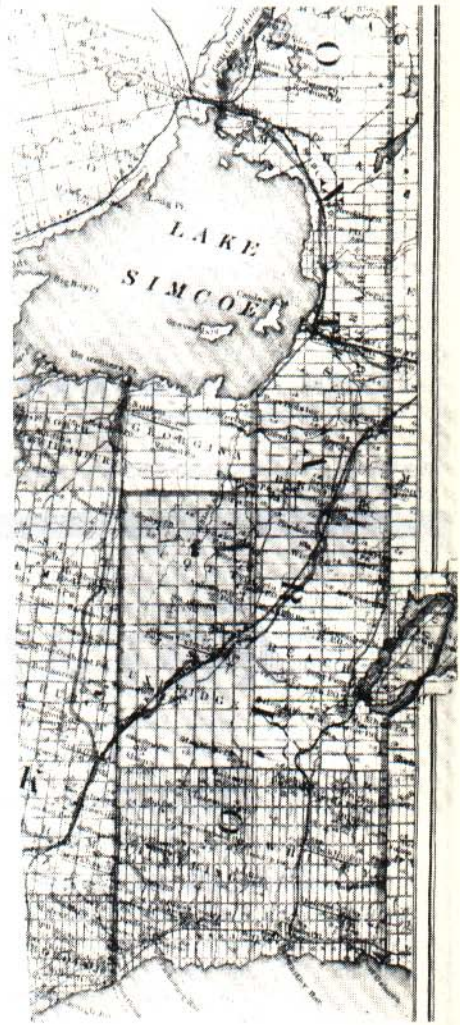
A letter sent by Hurd to Robert Baldwin on March 4, 1841 has a manuscript postmark in the lower left "Reach, 4th March 1841, U.C., with a line drawn in an arc across that corner. Another letter from him to that leading statesman, on July 1, 1841 has the comment:

"You will no doubt recollect that in a former communication I apprised you of our intention to petition for an appropriation of money to improve the road from Syndenham Harbour (Oshawa) in Whitby to Beaverton on Lake Simcoe known by the name of Simcoe Street, a distance of about 50 miles. I am informed by J.B. Warren and other trading men in Whitby that the inhabitants of Darlington and its vicinity are striving to obtain a grant of money to improve a road from Bowmanville in Darlington, representing it to be the principal road to the back country."

Hurd was still pressing for the completion of Simcoe Street when he wrote to Baldwin on February 5, 1845.

A very great proportion of the inhabitants of Reach, Brock, Thorah and Mara depend exclusively on this road as there is no line of road west of this in any degree equal in goodness. Travellers from Windsor (Whitby Harbour), Oshawa and Bowmanville to all these northern townships concentrate at the village of Prince Albert on termination of the plank road in Reach, and from this point northward for about 12 or 14 miles this is the only road, the Scugog Lake on the east and a long swamp running parallel with the lake on the west.There are no roads branching off to any extent until one gets some distance back of the Scugog Lake."

A year later Hurd became postmaster of Reach. A letter written by him to Baldwin



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Mara

Irish as well as Scottish settlers located in Mara Township, and one of them, Michael McDonagh opened Mara post office in 1842, where he farmed in lot 15 concession A, near the shores of Lake Simcoe. The Baldwin Papers also provide letters from McDonagh to Robert Baldwin. The first are, from December 13, 1841 was written so soon after the establishment of the post office, that a handstamp was not yet to hand, and it has the manuscript postmark "Mara, Decr 13th 1841", joined by a bracket, in the lower left. "Michael McDonagh P.M." is written at the top, next to FREE, stamped in italic capitals. In it he wrote:

"I am indured by Messrs. Johnston and Lount to request you will be pleased to use your influence in my behalf to obtain for use the situation of Treasurer in the intended new District of Simcoe. It is needless for me to add what my useful services were in trying to improve this isolated section of the County" he added, no doubt thinking of his having brought postal service there.

A letter from him written February 14, 1843 is already postmarked with a medium-sized double circle broken by MARA, U.C., with the date written in. With high postage rates calculated according to weight, it would have been prohibitingly expensive to mail anything heavier than a letter, so it is not surprising that on June 3, 1845 McDonagh wrote to Baldwin.

"I received your letter by the last mail and I shall look out for some safe opportunity to send you the book you require, and in case no opportunity presents itself I shall take it with me when I go to town." "Town" meant Toronto, where Robert Baldwin was head of government.

Oshawa

The water power of Oshawa Creek in the hollow on the present King Street had attracted Whitby postmaster John Warren's attention. In 1837 he moved there, and set about the building of a store, as well as a grist mill. An older store had been run by Edward Skea since 1835, on the brow of the hill at King and Centre Streets. A few years later he selected the southeast corner of King and Simcoe Streets as a more advantageous point. Because of him the early hamlet got the name Skea's Corners.

By 1842 it was made up of a few houses, two hotels, and three general stores. All mail for it was addressed to Whitby post office. That year Skea made an application for a post office. J. H. Cameron, representative of the district in the Legislative Assembly, answered that before a post office could be established it would be necessary for the people of the neighborhood to decide upon a name. Meetings were called to discuss this, in the hotel on the soutwest corner of King and Simcoe Streets, Gradually public opinion settled on Sydenham. The wharf at the lake had been known for sometime as Sydenham Harbour.

This name would have been chosen had it not been for the appearance at a meeting of Moody Farewell. He traded furs with the Indians. Two of the latter accompanied him one night as he entered the hotel, and found the problem under discussion. It was suggested that the Indians be asked their opinion as to a name. The children of the forest advised them to call the place Oshawa. Its meaning had to do with the crossing of a stream. The name was immediately adopted, and forwarded to Legislature Member Cameron.

Edward Skae was postmaster to 1845. A letter from Abner Hurd, Reach Township to Robert Baldwin, Kingston, written December 10, 1843 has the manuscript postmark "Oshawa, 11 Decr. 43." A hammer had apparently not yet been issued. Another letter from Hurd, written March 10, 1846, already has a medium sized double circle broken by OSHAWA, U.C., with Apr 11, 1846 in type, all in red. This is one of the postmarks from hammers issued that year in which the lettering is thinner than formerly.

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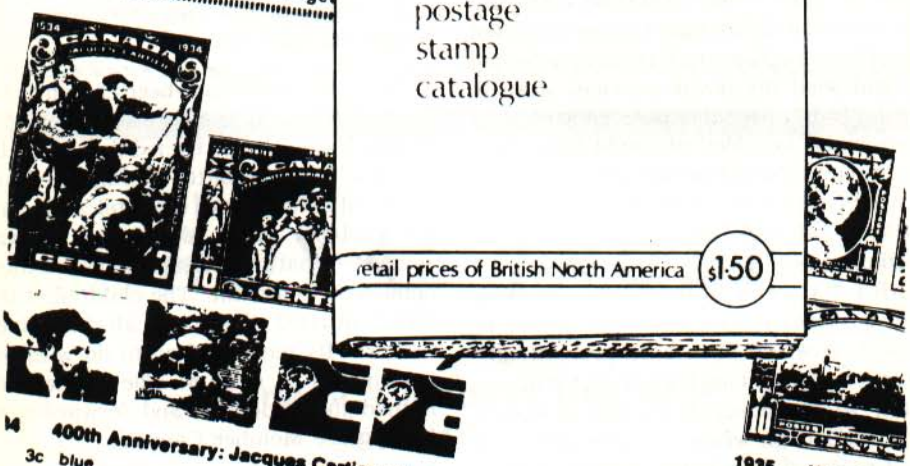

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1528 Simpson Ave.,
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Dear Sir:

Congratulation on your appointment to the editorship of the CANADIAN PHILATELIST. Having seen many of your exhibits, heard many of your talks and knowing of the many friends and acquaintances that you have both in Canada and abroad, I look forward to future issues of this fine publication.

As a member of the Armed Forces and a Canadian collector, I was fascinated by your article dealing with the Boer War Cover and it set me thinking about a WW1 cover in my possession. It apparently originated in Khotin Bess which was a camp in the Ukraine. It passed through the hands of a Russian censor at Odessa. Apparently when it reached Canada stamps were affixed and cancelled with a large purple oval of the British Mail Branch Post Office, Halifax and dated July 7, 1915. Backstamps include a large purple circle (about 30 mm.) with "A 4" in the centre, and a Sydney, N.S. circular date stamp. A face marking which appears to be from the Montreal Post Office (lower left corner) with an incomplete date shows postage due of 10 cents.

I wonder whether any of your readers can give me my background information about this cover and the military operation reflected by it.

Stanley Lum, Sgt.

EDITORS NOTE: Congratulations are due also to Sgt. Lum because recently he was elected secretary of the Toronto Stamp Collectors' Club.

Dear Sir:

Today, I received envelopes bearing the Royal Train cancellation which I find very attractive as compared to the Ottawa first day cancellation available through the philatelic agency. As you know Ottawa implemented a cacheted F.D.C. using their own published covers to court the collector's dollar. I feel that these covers do not have any significant postal value other than the stamp bearing a first day post mark which is very drab and common. This has always been a bug bear with me. Now with the Royal Train cancellation it is proven that a significant cancellation can be struck.

—*Philatelic Photographics, Toronto*

I have a number of F.D.C.'s of Norway and these covers are very attractive with the cacheted envelope, stamp and post mark relating to each other.

Why can't the Canadian postal service do something similar such as striking a unique commemorative post mark for each stamp released then the striker could be destroyed or placed in the postal museum and presented? In the case of the series of Canadian Indians, the same cancellation could be used on each issuing date.

Why can't a first day cancellation be made available from a post office having some significance to the stamp released?

Could not first day covers be cancelled from different towns then returned to Ottawa for distribution from the central agency or carried through the regular mail service?

Has the society looked into this matter before? I have talked to a number of collectors who show no interest in Canadian first day covers because of the present situation.

Could the help of the society be enlisted if a majority of members feel as I do about this?

I believe it is very hard to get any assistance from Ottawa regarding philatelic information but I am willing to do whatever is possible to better our philatelic standing.

I would gratefully appreciate your comments to the above questions.

Very truly yours,
James F. Hagen
R.P.S.C. #10123

ED NOTE: The Canada Post Office has, over the past several years, instigated procedures specifically designed to please the taste of philatelists. I am sure that this trend will continue and perhaps, in the not too distant future, we will see significant changes in the cancellations used on first day covers and special issues.

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