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January 1, 1974

Dear Friends:-

The other night I was guest speaker at the North Toronto Stamp Club meeting and after my talk I answered questions from the floor.

One question and my answer that might be of interest to you was from Mr. Loveys, a senior member of the Club. "Where and when did your father first sell stamps?" I answered that my Dad arrived in Canada from England in 1906 as a 12 year old boy and settled with his family in Feserton and later in Midland, Ontario. The strange Canadian stamps attracted his attention and he began collecting. He started trading and selling stamps among his school friends. There were just a few cents involved but it was a beginning.

When the Tecentenary issue came out in 1908 with a face value of 61½c he wanted to get a few sets, and the Midland Post Office had only the low values, so he wrote to a friend in Toronto to get the high values and that was the beginning of the stamp business by mail that has continued to this day. At this point Mr. Loveys stood up and said that he must be one of Dad's oldest customers, having bought stamps from him in Midland, which had to be before 1918. That's 55 years ago and Mr. Loveys is still actively collecting and Dad is still at his desk every working day at Empire Stamp Company.

On January 8th. 1974, my Dad will be celebrating his 80th. birthday. I, along with his many friends and stamp associates would like to publicly extend our very best wishes of a Happy Birthday, good health, good golf and happiness in the years to come.

Now to the next story - Did you read Phil Atlist column "Stamping Around" on page 291 of last months issue? Wow! He's even ready to fight anyone who doubts the veracity of my stories. It was some weeks later that I discovered the identity of the true Mr. Phil Atelist. I'm sure he will not have to execute his threat, but if such is the case, I wish he were 6 inches taller, 16 years younger and 26 pounds lighter. Phil is my champion - Thanks. Incidentally for the record, there were 107 crates weighting 9480 pounds.

What else? - I purchased an accumulation of Greece in 2 stock books with good Olympic issues, cataloguing over $2,500.00. A small but very nice collection of mint U.S. and also a $160.00 collection of Canada and the sellers were more than pleased with the price paid. On the Canada error, I purchased a sheet of 100 which has already been sold and I need another sheet. From the stock of the Late Stanley Shantz, I purchased used British West Indies stamps cataloguing over $30,000,00.

I would be glad to have the opportunity to be of service to you when you have stamps for sale. Please telephone or write.

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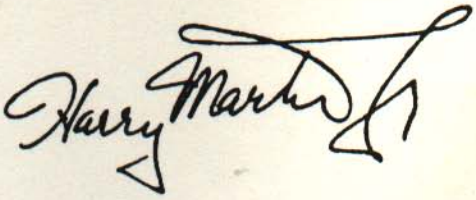

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THOUGHTS & THINGS ..... FROM THE EDITOR

FOR $5.42 PLAIN

There is danger in reckless change
but greater danger in blind
conservatism.
- Henry George

The announcement of the stamp issuing policy of the Canada Post Office for the year 1974 initiated a flood of controversy. Editorials appeared in stamp club publications entitled "Canada - A Sand Dune Country", "The Great Stamp Rip-off", etc. Letters have been sent to me speaking of the Canada Post Office as "killing the goose that lays the golden egg", "...are we to stand quiet and let other take advantage of us?", "is the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada going to sit back and do nothing?".

On the other hand letters were received with such statements as "I look forward to 1974 as being a very fruitful year for collectors of Canadian stamps", "The decision to issue semi-postals has opened up a new field of Canadian philately", "Sport minded collectors will now have the opportunity to contribute in this small way to the 1976 Olympic games", "Sure I collect Canadian stamps and the more the merrier".

It is perhaps significant that the majority of those who oppose the stamp issuing policy seem to be reacting (possibly overreacting) emotionally whereas those who support it appear to give practical reasons for their stand. Let us therefore approach the situation objectively and try to determine a valid reason for the strong objections that have been raised.

Surely those who condemn the issuance of forty-five stamps in one year cannot be doing so on the basis of cost because the face value of one of each stamp comes to $5.42. Very few people would consider this too much to pay for one year's issue of a single country. Even if one were to collect imprint blocks (all four corners) and first day covers the cost would be below $50.00 and much of that recoverable as postage should that person tire of stamp collecting. Specialists perhaps might find the price a little higher but this is not the fault of the Post Office Department. It, as some other countries do, does not issue imperforates, trial colours, proofs, etc and thus the cost of speciality items is determined by the specialist himself on the open philatelic market.

If the complaints cannot be justified on cost alone, what other reasons can be put forward? Certainly those who collect Canadian stamps cannot complain about being supplied with things to collect especially when the price is right. The argument becomes even more ridiculous if it is reduced to the added cost of stamp pages, hinges or plastic mounts. I hate to even mention the possibility that some people might begrudge the extra time it would take to mount all these stamps in their books. Thus the tempest seems to be the result of some collectors who are mentally unable to cope with being provided with stamps to collect and, in effect, develope philatelic indigestion.

Philately alone, of all the collecting hobbies, harbors a vociferous minority that developes paranoia when anything deviates from the inflexible, traditional standards that they have established both for themselves and their colleagues. On the other hand there is a silent majority who welcome each opportunity to expand their collections and, in many cases, deem it important enough to forgo other pleasures so that they will have enough time and money to do so. It is because of this group that philately today enjoys its exalted position as the most popular hobby in the world.

I would like to feel in the years to come collectors will pause at a particular section of their albums and say "Canada, 1974 - That was a good year".

THE GELDERT MEDAL

The committee has chosen Kenneth W. Pugh of Brandon, Manitoba as the recipient of the Geldert Medal for the year 1973 for his regular feature articles "Under the Looking Glass". Ken has had many other articles published and recently released part 2 of his handbooks entitled "Canada Varieties of the Queen Elizabeth Era".

The Geldert Medal was established to honour the memory of the late Dr. G. M. Geldert, a past president of this Society.

A NEW REGULAR FEATURE

We welcome Dr. R.E. Florida of Brandon, Manitoba to our "staff" of distinguished feature writers. Dr. Florida's interests are world-wide and his articles will deal with the interesting philatelic and postal history vignettes of countries of the world. His first article appears on page 43.

THE INDEX TO VOLUME XXLV

Again, Mr. J.J. Charron of Longueuil, Quebec, has prepared an index of Volume XXIV, 1973 of the CANADIAN PHILATELIST. This is included as an insert in this issue. I'm sure that I express the thanks of many readers for this voluntary and much appreciated service.

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At the annual banquet of the Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada held at Toronto on November 17th, the Herbert Dube Award was presented to Dr. Robert Chaplin by Dr. Fred Stulberg, the president of the Society. This award was established to honour the founder and first president of the Society and is given to a collector who has presented a paper to the Society deemed worthy of special recognition. Another criterion of this award is that this lecture must be published in a Canadian philatelic journal as an original article.

Dr. Chaplin's article on the Large Queens of Canada was published earlier this year in the CANADIAN PHILATELIST and was based on his award winning lecture. The Herbert Dube Award has been presented only twice since its inception over four years ago.

FEMALE PHILATELY

Men, their rights and nothing more;
women, their rights and nothing less.

- Susan B. Anthony

All too often, any new movement or cause especially one that challenges the established order is condemned with the same degree of intensity and intolerance as the movement itself displays in its attempt to become established and accepted. When the air finally clears and emotion gives way to reason, both factions start to recognize some validity in each other's position.

The most significant, if not the most publicized, sociological change within the last quarter of a century has been the results of the Women's Liberation movement. Once the histrionics of brassiere burning and lavatory invasion subsided, it became increasingly obvious that the real issue was that in a male dominated society, many capable women have been denied the rights to express themselves in areas considered male by traditional practice alone. Certainly most women recognize that differences exist that make one sex better suited for certain specific functions but, by and large, women are often prevented from assuming a certain rank solely on the grounds that "women just don't do these things".

Philately seems to be one of these areas where discrimination by sex alone is practised and, although it is easy to understand why, it is not so easy to justify. This hobby was started by men, nurtured by them and brought to maturity by men. Thus, when women started to invade this

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hallowed ground, there was expected apathy. This emotion did not translate itself into open warfare but rather into an "if we ignore it they will go away" attitude. However, the "problem" continued to grow within a framework that did not acknowledge its existence and now it can no longer be ignored.

The women who excelled in philately were accepted by the men but then only as the exceptions. The hundreds of thousands of women who collect in the same ordinary way as the hundreds of thousands of men, are however, considered by many men to be inferior collectors. This attitude is not based on objective assessment but rather on traditional conditioning. Women philatelists must, in all fairness, be measured with the same yardstick as that used for men.

Before I am nominated for the "Women's Lib Stamp Award of the Year" let me point out that I am still chauvinistic enough to believe that people not only seek but also deserve escape, albeit temporary, from members of the opposite sex. Philately has long been an accepted vehicle for this practice. Thus, those who wish to establish philatelic organizations which restrict membership according to sex should not find that they must justify their position or, worse still, become the object of a confrontation intent upon destroying sexual barriers. If, on the other hand, the organization accepts both sexes as members, then it must also accept each person on ability alone without discrimination based on a preconceived male - female standard.

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3 May	Winnipeg Centennial (8 cents)
7 June	Centenary of Letter Carrier Service in Canada (five 8 cent stamps)
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26 July	Invention of the Telephone (8 cents)
28 August	Multicultural Series (two 8 cent stamps)
23 September	Olympic Semi-Postals (four 8 and 2 cent, four 10 and 5 cent, four 15 and 5 cent)
9 October	Universal Postal Union Centennial (8 cent and 15 cent)
1 November	Christmas (6 cent, 8 cent, 10 cent and 15 cent)

If 1974 follows the experience of previous years there will be minor changes but these will no doubt be announced well in advance.

Of interest to collectors of Canadian stamps is the fact that all Canadian stamp issues commencing January 1, 1974 will have incorporated into the design the copyright symbol (a "C" in a circle) as well as the year of issue. Apparently, as Canadian philately becomes more and more popular on a universal level, copyright protection becomes increasingly important.

WINNIPEG IN '74

C.P.S. OF G.B. CONVENTION

The Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain held its 27th Annual Convention from September 26th to 29th at Queen's College Oxford. Attendance was well over 70 and included collectors from Canada and Germany. Canada was represented by those well known characters Cliff Guile and Wayne Curtis together with their charming wives.

The continued upswing in the popularity of good quality Canadian material was evidenced at the annual Auction when well over 3,000 changed hands.

No less than three Fellows were elected, a rare occurrence in this, the largest specialist Society in Britain; they were Eric Bielby, George C. Searles and Bill Williams.

Winners of the annual competition were:-

Class

1 Dr. F. Stulberg - ½c. rates 1867-1938
2 London Group - Advertising covers
3a Frank Laycock - uses of the ½c. Small Queen
3b Colin Banfield - Jubilee issue

The new Trophy holders are:-

Frank Laycock - The Godden Trophy
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Although this is the second time in as many volumes that an address by the Postmaster General of Canada appears in the CANADIAN PHILATELIST, it should be noted that both of these deal with the postage stamp policy of the Post Office Department — a subject prominent in the minds (and voices) of many collectors. *THE EDITOR.*

You couldn't have asked me to speak at a better time. The leading voice of North American philately, Linn's Stamp News, has just taken a look at our 1974 stamp program, and compared us with one of the less-conservative Arabian shiekdoms. Yet another American writer, in that same issue, commented approvingly on our "mountain of attractions." One man's meat is another man's poison. Ask any Postmaster General.

Last month, for example, a stamp club criticized me for not putting out souvenir sheets on the Olympics. They said, "We haven't had a souvenir sheet in a long time, if ever, and they look so beautiful in our albums. The Europeans can do it, why can't we?" At the same time, collectors were complaining of too many Olympic stamps and a Guelph philatelist claimed that Canada was "going down the drain".

Well, that's good. That's a fine healthy difference of opinion. But between these poles of opinion there's usually a middle ground. That's where most of you walk, and that's where I have to both lead and follow. I have to both find a concensus and create one. So let me present some facts from my point of view.

The editorial in Linn's was headed "A Loaded Forty-five." In other words, our next year's program is loaded — or over-loaded. And no doubt most of you noted that it has 45 new stamps, and exclaimed, "Great Scott's! or whatever philatelists swear by.

I'll admit that 45 stamps is indeed a lot of stamps. But 24 of these stamps are on the Olympics, and this is a great and exceptional event. The figure of 45 is not one we intend to perpetuate. Even so, it's not at all as bad as it sounds.

Let's take 1973 as a basis of comparison. In 1973 we're issuing 29 stamps: 22 commemoratives and seven low-value definitives. Only five other countries have fewer than 20 new stamps, and another eight have 20 to 30. That puts us in the top 13, and it can't be too bad a record, because last year we had no fewer and no more complaints than ususal.

In 1973, then, if your were buying singles -- if you bought one of each of our new designs -- it would cost you $2.42. In 1974, one of each design will cost you $4.46. Percentage-wise, that's a big jump, but I think even Linn's would agree that if you're collecting a country, $4.46 isn't really exorbitant. *

Now in 1973, the plate block collector, the person who buys a corner block of four -- and this, I suggest, is the vast majority of you -- is spending $9.04 to acquire each new design. In 1974, you'll spend $8.96.

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Actually, for slightly less money, we think we're giving you more. For example, we're printing the Pacific Coast Indians and the Multicultural series two on a sheet, checkerboard fashion. That gives you twice as much coverage at no extra cost. And with four images on a sheet we can give you a big subject like the Olympics a much fuller, much richer treatment, adding, we think, to your interest.

So we're not pushing onward and upward in terms of exploitation. We're not adding noticeable to inflation. In fact, in 1974 there are only 12 issue dates compared with 13 in 1973. We recognize your problem. We know there's an upper limit, and I'm exercising what I believe is due discipline.

On the other hand - and a Postmaster General has always an "on the other hand" - we live in a country four thousand miles wide and one hundred and six years old. Historic events were taking place a hundred years or less ago and they'll call for commemorative stamps in these next few years. As you know, a stamp is a jack-of-all-trades. It's not just a collector's item, it plays the role of ambassador, teacher and statesman. It carries Canada's image around the world. It bears witness to our resources and our resourcefulness. It reminds us of our heritage. It promotes national unity. And God knows we have a lot to unify.

We live in a land where the mercury drops to 40 below on the plains while people are picking roses on the west coast ... where loggers in the rain forest cut fir trees with bark a foot thick while hunters on the tundra step over birches a hundred years old. It's a land of diverse regions, diverse cultures and diverse views, some of them, quite naturally, opposed to yours. Many of you want fewer stamps. Many other people want more.

Every year I get several hundred requests to issue stamps ... stamps celebrating places and people, animals and industries, events and achievements ... the first flight in eastern Northern Ontario ... the first locomotive through Kicking Horse Pass.

My standard reply is to state our criteria for issuing stamps. Subjects must be of national significance ... illustrate our way of life ... create a national awareness ... foster international goodwill. Right now I have a request to commemorate the new C.N. Tower, designed to be the world's highest building. That's a potential subject, but then I have to ask "Can I issue a stamp in honour of a commercial building? If I do, am I prepared to issue a stamp honouring Eaton's and Simpson's? If so, am I opening a Pandora's box of commercialism? This country has a great many national firms.

It could be done, I suppose, in the context of Canadian architecture. But then I have to ask, "Is the architecture Canadian?" If so, how do other architects rate his building? The burden of decision rests ultimately with me, and I don't want to issue a stamp that would be a source of aggravation to every architect and engineer in the country. The only building we've featured so far on a stamp is the Parliament Building although I'll admit that's playing it almost too safe.

The point is that many groups are pressuring me for more stamps as persistently as your group may be demanding fewer. A current example is the lobby from the Niagara region. They want me to issue a stamp on William Hamilton Merritt, a local industrialist. They've persuaded people to write to me. They've enlisted local service clubs, T.V. and radio stations, and a well known public relations counsel. They send me clippings from local papers and syndicated col-

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umns. They've involved a great many people, as they've every right to do, and their case is impressive.

Merritt was an outstanding nation-builder. He promoted the Intercolonial Railway. He proposed the St. Lawrence Seaway, and the suspension bridge across the Niagara gorge. But his greatest claim to posterity is the Welland Canal. He played the leading part in financing and building it. And that, from my point of view, makes the decision difficult. The Welland Canal is part of the Seaway -- perhaps the most important part -- and since '59 we've issued two Seaway stamps.

I don't mean we're thumbs down on Merritt, but I still have to consider some plus and some minus factor before making a final decision.

I mention the Merritt campaign to give you the other side of the coin. A large number of groups make legitimate demands upon us, and in total they may, and often do, conflict with your demands. My job is to try to adjudicate. And in such a situation, I don't know any way to make everyone happy.

It does help, however, to have a long-range program. We shouldn't be planning next year's program now, and of course we're not. We have researchers uncovering commemorative dates five years ahead ... screening, comparing, checking, and weeding them out. For example, we're now designing Olympic stamps for 1976, and we hope to be able to do this for most of our issues. It allows us to integrate and balance our programs.

This long-range planning is part of our recent reorganization. When I took over as Postmaster General, stamp design was attached to accounting and so was mail order service. Philatelic product design was in marketing, and promotion and sales were with two other groups.

Last May, we brought it all together. We formed a Postage and Retail Products Branch. And at the same time we saw that to offer a good consistent service, we needed a well-defined and clearly-stated public policy.

We are now developing a policy which we hope will go into effect early in 1974 - maybe as early as January 15, and as usual I expect that some will like it and some won't. But as I have indicated my role is to reconcile diverse views. I have to consider the interests of the dealer as well as the collector, the interests of the philatelist abroad as well as at home.

One of the changes we are considering has to do with packaging our stamps. We prepackaged the Olympic stamps, as you know, on an experimental basis, and we think it was well received. So in the future when you buy sheets, or plate block sets, or combinations or set singles -- either at philatelic counters or by mail order -- they could come prepackaged, and at no additional charge. Only singles, and single plate blocks, and bulk mail orders from dealers would not be prepackaged.

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We also feel that perhaps new issues should only be sold by us for a period of 12 months. Then any stamps still in stock would be burned. I can imagine someone saying, "How much money does the government burn?" We try to print only what we'll need, but if we over-estimate, I'm sure you'll appreciate that all we would be burning is paper. It's not an additional cost to the taxpayer. It has no intrinsic value.

Previously, we were stocking new issues as long as four or five years. It's not only costly to keep storing and counting old inventory, we were cutting the dealer out of the mint stamp business. Next year, after 12 months, he'll be the only source - except for specially-packaged annual souvenir collections, which we'll sell for 24 months following date of issue. So collectors who buy a new issue will see their stamps rise in value faster. We think it will make a more interesting and healthier after-market.

Another item we are considering is a convenience pack of Official First Day Covers which could be issued twice a year in the single and combination format for 12 months following date of availability. The price for a First Day Cover will remain at twenty cents, plus the value of the stamps. But if you're ordering by mail, the minimum charge will be a dollar. That's on all orders. We can't afford to process an eight-cent mail order any more - that's plain economics. As you know, many stamp dealers won't handle orders under eight dollars. On the other hand, if you have a deposit account with us - what we call a subscription account now, to more truly reflect the nature of the service - there's no minimum order. And we'll accept foreign currency. At present, foreign collectors, as well as Canadians outside the country, have trouble getting Canadian money to buy our products. We think this new subscription service, with its $20 minimum deposit - coming as it does at a time when we're setting up agents abroad - will help to step-up interest in Canada's stamps. And the more interest, of course, the more your collections will be worth.

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You've been asking, too, why all First Day Cancellations are made in Ottawa. So, next year, from time to time, we'll make them in more appropriate places. Our Winnipeg Cenntenial stamp, in May, could be postmarked Winnipeg. The invention of the telephone -- a July issue -- could be cancelled in Brantford.

Our current studies also indicate First Day Cover service is a costly operation. To cover these costs, a service charge may be necessary. The service charge is at the site -- when you've bought and glued a stamp on your own envelope for us to cancel and mail back to you would be ten cents. When you send in your envelope for us to affix the stamp and mail it back to you, the charge would be 15 cents -- unless your purchase totals 50 cents; then it would be free.

But I hope we don't have the problem with rotating cancellation sites that one of my counterparts had in the States. He'd succumbed to the persuasions of a poultry industry lobby, and was bringing out a stamp picturing a hen. Then the Post Office looked for a suitable place to issue it, and came up with a tiny post office in Alaska called Chicken. A postal inspector went out and finally found it -- a general store with a bit of counter space, where customers would drop cash in a box, help themselves to stamps, then mail letters in another box on the counter.

The inspector explained to the post-master -- who was also the notary public and storekeeper -- that great things were ahead for Chicken. Thousands of people would soon be sending requests in for first day cancellations ... money would pour in from all over the world. So he'd have to improve his accounting ... glue the stamps carefully on the envelopes ... get each cancellation mark straight, and so low that

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it wouldn't deface the stamp. An inconvenience, of course, but think what it would do for Chicken.

The postmaster listened, incredulous. Then he opened up a gunny sack ... dumped in the stamp box, the mail box, the canceller ... handed it to the inspector, and said, "Here's your post office. I quit." Another case of conflicting objectives.

This theme of divergent opinion runs through everything we do -- from selection of a subject to design. Our new low-value definitives picturing our late great prime ministers -- I've heard people call them caricatures, an insult to the country. Others tell me, "They're delightful. New. Refreshing."

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European countries put out stamps much bigger than ours, and European collectors love them. Last August, when we issued a portrait of the Queen, 40 by 48 millimeters, a typical response was a man who sent us back a stamp he had bought. on the back he had written: "This stamp is so big I don't need any paper."

What can you do?

As Postmaster General you try to make sure that whatever you issue, in whatever form, type or style, is good art. You try to stay close to your policy line on issues. You try to evolve a policy that will give a fair shake to the stamp dealer, and give the collector a better quality product, more easily obtained.

And then you state a general rule of government: every positive action will elicit a corresponding negative reaction.

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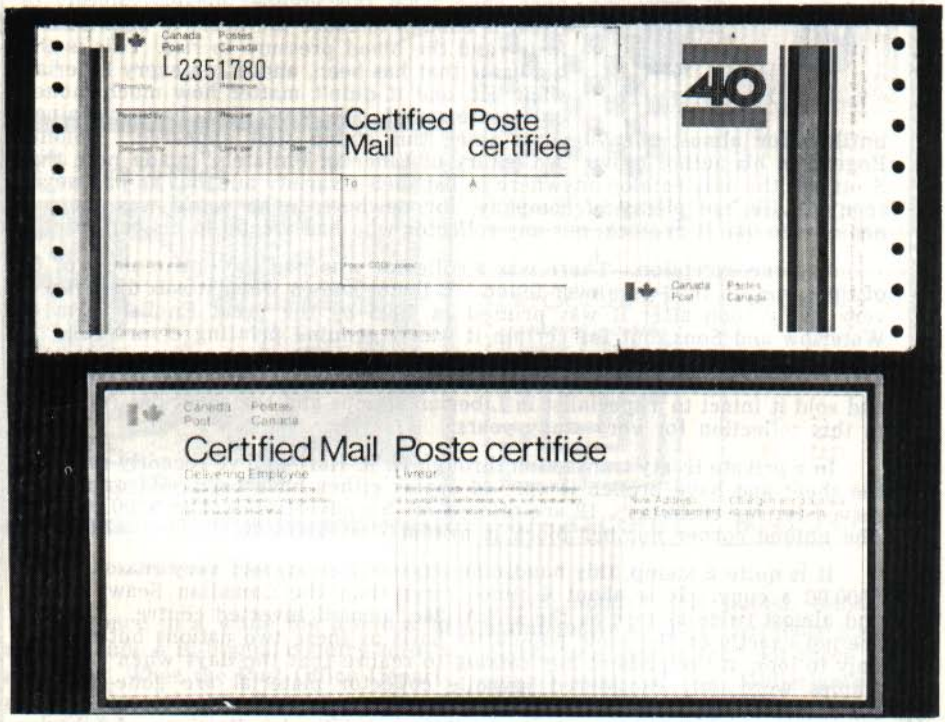
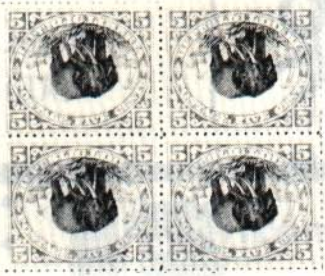


–Philatelic Photographics, Toronto

The Canada Post Office recently introduced a new system of Certified Mail designed to have the sender of a letter receive proof that this letter has been delivered (ideal for "pay-up-or-we-will-sue notices). Simply (if it can be reduced to simple terms), the sender pays his nearest friendly post office 40 cents and receives an outer envelope with window, and an inner insert assembly composed of a pouch, two card appendages and pieces of carbon paper interspersed. The sender puts his stuff in the inner pouch, seals it, puts his own name and address and that of the receiver on the appendages (spaces provided) inserts the whole thing in the outer envelope making sure that the recipient's name appears in the window opening, and off it goes in the mail (no postage necessary). When the friendly neighbourhood postperson delivers this epistle, he introduces himself (or herself) to the person of the house, opens the outer envelope, removes the contents, has the recipient sign the appendages along side his (or her) own signature (spaces provided), removes the appendages, keeps one copy for post office records, and mails the other back to the sender and lets the recipient keep the pouch and contents as a reward. Now that was easy, wasn't it?

A Toronto collector, intent on having an example of this new form of mailing in both directions has sent over a half dozen



LIBERIA No. 62a

THE INVERTED ELEPHANT

All those who collect Liberian stamps will at once know what this number means. Merely to list it is enough to cause the heart to beat a little faster and the blood pressure to rise. This is the big error that has been, and is, on every Liberian want list, and it didn't matter how much money one commanded, the want lists have remained unfilled for almost the 70 years since this stamp first appeared. Colonel Rogers, in his authoritative "A Century of Liberian Philately" made note that Scott was the only catalog anywhere to list such a variety but that he had never seen it. He had plenty of company, for nowhere in he world was there a dealer who had it in stock, nor any collector who had a copy in his collection.

Just one exception. There was a collector who had the entire sheet of 60 of the error, all that were ever found. It is not known when it was discovered, very likely soon after it was printed in 1905 by the great English firm of Waterlow and Sons, but for certain it was a genuine printing error found in the postal stocks. The sheet still has he number 482 which means it was the 482nd sheet to be numbered. The renowned dealer, Philip Ward Jr. acquired and sold it intact to a specialist in Liberian stamps and the sheet has remained in this collection for very many years.

In a private treaty transaction through H. R. Harmer I've recently acquired the sheet and have broken it up. 44 copies either have been sold or are reserved for my customers, 12 are offered in this advertisement at $500.00 each. The unique corner number block is available at $3000.00.

It is quite a stamp, this handsome engraved error, and very reasonable at $500.00 a copy. It is about 4 times rarer than the Canadian Seawy Invert and almost twice as rare as the U.S.A. 24c. airmail inverted centre. Liberian are not exactly on the same popularity basis as these two nations but one has only to look at the present day catalog to realize that the days when Liberian stamps were only considered juvenile collector material are gone forever. It's rather strange that there should have been any such ideas as most of the great collectors of the past had excellent specialized collections of Liberian stamps, and why not; most were the work of the world's foremost printers, a great number by Perkins Bacon, who back in 1840 and in the following years printed the world's first stamp and firsts for many nations.

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of these to his home from the office, at different times, instructing his wife to sign neatly so as not to ruin the visual effect when it appears on his album page. In each case his postperson has shoved the whole thing (folded) through the mail slot and has continued on his (or her) merry way. It's as frustrating as trying to throw away a boomerang.

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—Philatelic Photographics, Toronto

Every once in a while the attempt to make Canada a Bi-lingual country suffers a set-back. When the Post Office Department - one of the first government agencies to practice bi-lingualism (with the Numeral Issue of 1968) - is the cause of this lapse in policy, the faces are a little more scarlet than usual.

It all came with the new Floral Aerogrammes and Domestograms (oops - Domestogrammes) when the French word for POSTAGE turned out to be POSTE instead of POSTES.

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The situation in Canada, where if one posts a letter in a special psychadelic mailbox before a certain time it is assured next day delivery (well, almost assured), is not without it frailities. One area in Alberta which has been assigned the postal code of TOK 1YO has, with surprising frequency, found its mail diverted through Tokyo, Japan. I suppose that this situation will continue until the Post Office becomes disoriented.

This month's gold plated, mink lined stamp tong award for excellence goes to a recent semi-postal (oh! not those things again) issue of the Netherlands. The designs are the inspiration of a night student at the Rotterdam School of Design and a similar series is issued annually to support child welfare organizations in the Netherlands. Right on.

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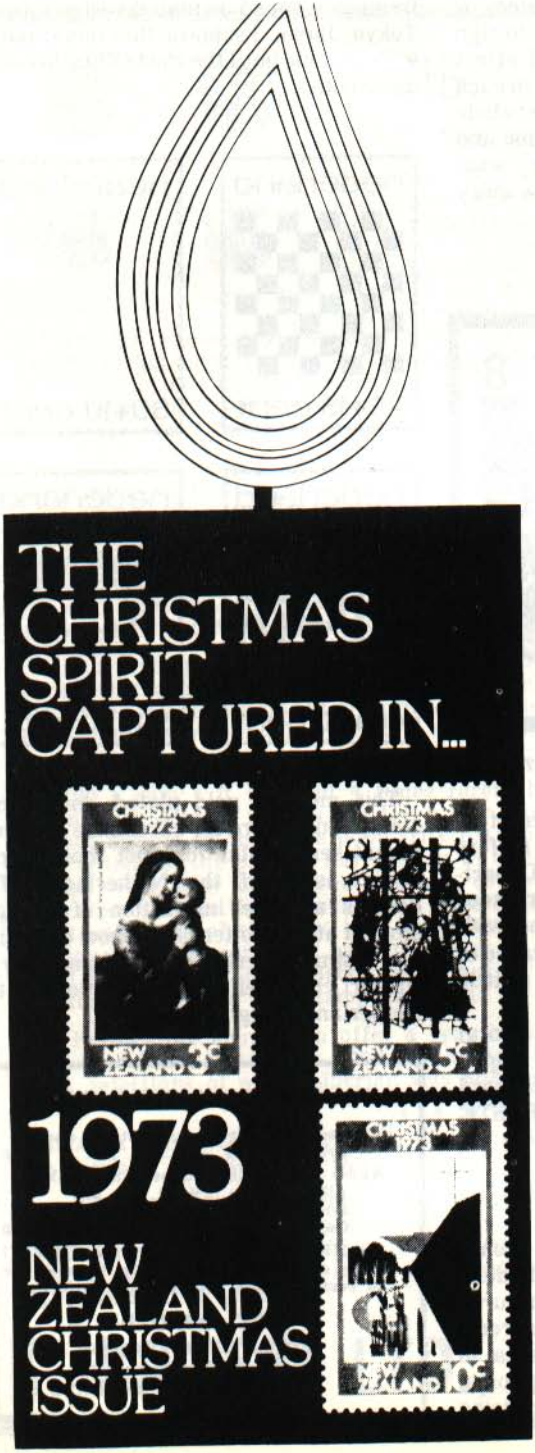

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—Philatelic Photographics, Toronto

By Douglas A. Crawford

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A new Post Office was built in Peterborough and opened for business in June 1955. The Post Office Department was continually experimenting with new methods of handling mail and it was Peterboroughs turn with their new building.

The sorting machine selected was a Dutch made "Transorma" Mail Sorting Machine. This machine had been in operation for many years in Europe and several South American Countries, and was felt to be the answer in handling the ever increasing volume of letters. The model installed in Peterborough contained 5 keyboards and 300 receptacles. The keyboard was regulated to drop 30 to 53 letters per minute and it was necessary for the operator to read the address and press a code number for the area that the letter was being sent in the 1 to 2 seconds allowed.

Before the operator could commence, it was necessary to insert a "marking key" which contained two letters and permitted identification of any missorted envelopes. Each operator was assigned a "marking key" and, to date, the following have been seen on envelopes handled through the Peterborough Post Office - AA, AC, AD, AH, AJ, AP, AQ, AS, AT, AU, AV, AX, AZ, BA, BB, BC, BH, BK, AND BL. There are

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no doubt others as all of the alphabet combinations were most likely used, up to at least BL.

Unfortunately, the experiment of the "Transmora" Mail Sorting Machine was not a successful one and it was finally sold for scrap. There were several problems with the machine that led to its demise, with the main one being the difficulty in accepting the number 10 size envelope. In Europe the standard size letter is shorter and almost square. The longer letter used in Canada often stopped the sorter and all five stations would have to wait until the unacceptable letter had been removed. Static electricity created by the cellophane in window envelopes would also stop the sorting machine. Maintenance was another factor as parts had to be brought from the Netherlands or made locally causing undue delay. A time study team from the Post Office Department found that with the above delays it was faster to sort by hand and that was the end for the "Transorma".

The writer would be interested to hear from collectors who might have found some of these postal markings. Information required is the "marking key" letters, the colour (red or black) and the date mailed. This can be sent to 431 Gordon Ave., Peterborough, Ontario. K9J 6G6

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Members are again reminded that it is not necessary to inform the secretary of their postal codes. These are being added automatically to the addressograph plates on an area basis and the changeover will be completed in a few months. An announcement will be made when this has been done and, if your address is incorrect at that time, you will be instructed as to what you must do to have it corrected.

NOTICE OF DUES

At this time of year, I would like to remind the members that they can render a great deal of assistance to their executive and particularly to the undersigned secretary. This assistance is very important and if the membership would simply follow the points listed below, renewal time could be a pleasure for all:

1. This issue (January-February) of the Canadian Philatelist will be the last one you will receive if your fees are not remitted by January 31, 1974, at the latest.
2. Your billing for 1974 fees was mailed to you by first class mail on or about the middle of November, 1973, and if you have not already done so, please take a couple of minutes and write a cheque to the Society and mail it in. A self-addressed envelope for this purpose was included with each billing.
3. With regard to any changes of address, please advise this office as soon as possible after you know of your move. It takes up to six weeks to get a new address registered on a plate so the sooner you notify us, the better it will be for all.
4. As Secretary, I am always available for enquiries of any nature but I would appreciate it if you could withhold such enquiries during the months of December, January and February when my work on the renewal of memberships is the heaviest. Your may be assured of my co-operation during any period but it will be much slower during the above-referred months.

Applicants listed as new members have applied for membership in the Society and in accordance with the Constitution, their names are hereby published. If no adverse reports are received within thirty days of publication, they will be admitted to full membership.

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Henceforth, The Honour Roll will be published once a year in the first number of each volume so that those who were instrumental in obtaining New Members during the previous year will be recognized.

Walter Anderson

THE SALES CIRCUIT

At the time of writing it is certain that 1973 has been another record one insofar as sales is concerned; however some of you must have been dissappointed at not receiving as many circuits as you would have liked. Unfortunately the demand is for mostly Canadian philately; particularly the early issues and no one needs reminding that supplies are harder to come by as more and more of our members ask for it.

When this season started, the number of books on hand was the lowest in six years and for about two months almost nothing came in; however I am pleased to say that some of you have put in some good work and the stamp 'pipeline' has started to 'flow' once again.

In addition to CANADA (to 1940) we require early Great Britain: Netherlands and colonies: early British West Indies: Australia and New Zealand.

There are some nice books of Canadian semi-airs and covers still available along with books of first flight Canadian covers.

Demand for Scandinavia has dropped off but good books of material especially mint, are awaiting your requests.

I would like to make a personal request to those of you who may have some early Isle of Man items, surplus to your requirements. This is my own special area of interest and I would appreciate hearing from any member in this respect.

Last season many books of Canadian mint plate blocks were received and to my surprise excellent sales were obtained, however supplies have kept coming in and at the present time stocks are adequate so unless they are the early issues, do not send in anymore until requested.

Blank sales books for mounting your stamps and covers are available at a cost of one dollar for five, postpaid. May I remind our American members if ordering by cheque to include twenty five cents for bank charges.

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Coming Events

MARCH 25 to APRIL 2 — JERUSALEM '74 INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION. Canadian Commissioner: A. Ben David 7 Old Park Road, Toronto 347, Ont. (Postponed from Dec. 1973)

MARCH 30 & 31 - ANNUAL EXHIBITION OF THE NORTH TORONTO STAMP CLUB at North Toronto Memorial Gardens, Toronto.

APRIL 20 - 21 — KAPEX, the Annual Exhibition of the Kawartha Philatelic Society at the Holiday Inn, George Street, Peterborough. Exhibition Chairman - Harry Van Oudenaren, 36 North Street, Bobcaygeon, Ontario K0M 1A0.

MAY 2 - 4 — Winnipeg's Centennial Stamp Exhibition and the 46th Annual Convention of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada. Chairman, George Warnock, Box 1425, Winnipeg R3C 2Z1, Manitoba.

MAY 10 to 12 — Lakeshore Stamp Club Eleventh Annual Exhibition & Bourse at the Fairview Shopping Centre Auditorium, Pointe Claire, P.Q. (Montreal area) Exit 33, Trans-Canada Highway. Exhibition Chairman - Jack Westwater, P.O. Box 1, Pointe-Claire-Dorval, P.Q.

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UNDER THE LOOKING GLASS

BY KEN PUGH

Recently I received a copy of Glenn Hansen's "Guidebook and Catalogue of Canadian Stamps - 2nd Edition". I feel this is a magnificant publication and is no doubt the modern version of Holmes.

Glenn discusses a number of major varieties, such as the 1969 six cent Christmas - Missing Colour Error, giving an excellent account as to how and where the error was found. Apparently in Kerrisdale, B.C. a lady purchased nine of the errors and seeing that they were faulty, returned them to Cunningham's Drug Store for 'good ones'. Of the 400 errors printed, 100 were sold in Kerrisdale, B.C. (nine returned), and another 100 were sold from Eaton's Brentwood substation in Burnaby, B.C. One hundred were re-covered by the Canada Post from Nelson, B.C. post office and another 100 from a Victoria, B.C. post office. Thus a total of 191 errors were sold while 201 were recovered. It is estimated that of the 191 errors sold, about 75 per cent found their way into collectors hands where the price for both mint and used specimens has stabilized at $1,500.

The 1972 Vancouver Dollar has been found with a major variety. The first four stamps on the fifth horizontal row (R5-1-4), show a short vertical bar through the dollar sign. On a normal stamp the vertical bar extends above the -S- while on the 'dollar sign' variety the bar stops at the top of the -S-. I have seen this variety listed as high as $32.00 - block of four, or $15.00 - pair, but I feel this is a bit high. I suggest a price of $7.00 per mint pair, one without the variety, or $15.00 per mint block containing two of the variety.

Finally, one strip of thirteen of the 1971 eight cent slate coil, dull paper, Ottawa tagged, was recovered in Brandon, Man. Unfortunately, a similar strip of thirteen was 'sliced to death' by a dentist's receptionist. Ugh - what an ugly fate!

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Turkey, to me, is one of the most interesting countries to collect, but it has never been very popular. Dealers often act as though I have made a slightly indecent proposal when I ask them for Turkish material, and usually they have nothing. Since beginning to issue stamps in 1863, Turkey has had three forms of government. There was the Ottoman sultanate from 1863-1922, the provisional government in Asia Minor from 1920-1922, and the Turkish republic from November 1922 to the present.

For several years after the establishment of the Republic, stamps from the previous eras were still valid for postage. I suppose that the country was too exhausted from its fighting in the First World War (1914-1918) and the war to expel foreign troops (1919-1922) to worry too much about its stamps. Indeed, the period of 1914-1923 offers a lifetime of work to postal historians with all the war-time provisionals and Ankara overprints.

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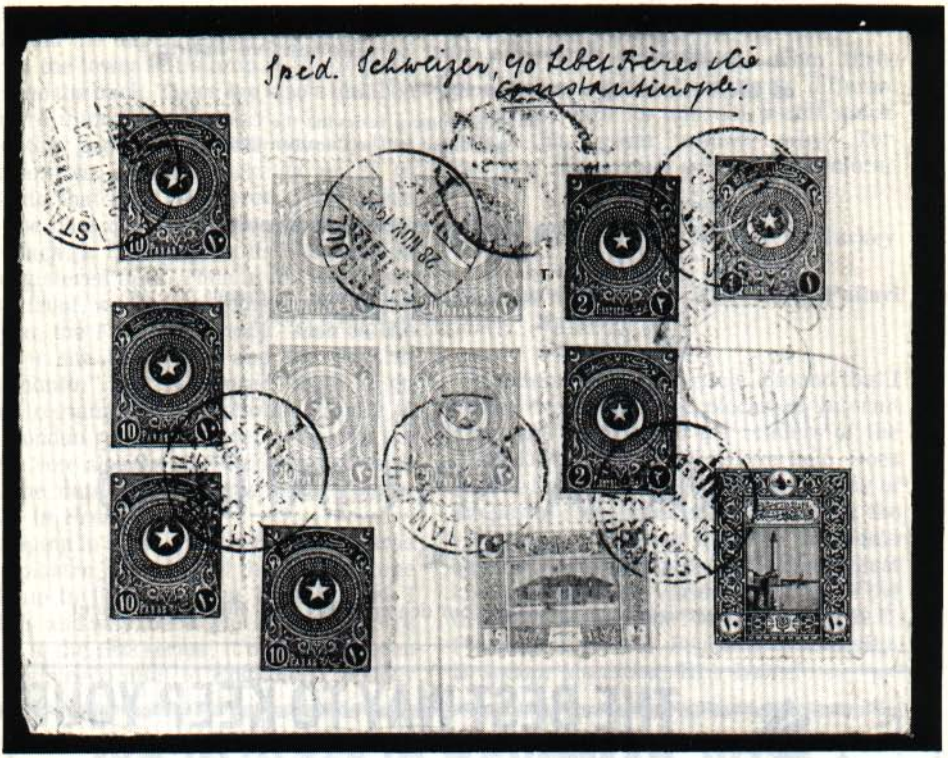

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registered commercial cover to a British perfumer, postmarked 23 November 1923 in Istanbul and with a red London registry back stamp dated 3 December. The stamps with a star and crescent within a circle are from the first issue of the republic (1923), the soldier stamp on the front is from the twenty-ninth issue of the provisional government (1921), the parliament building stamp on the back is from the thirty-third provisional government issue; and the lighthouse stamp is from the 1917-1918 issue of Sultan Mohammed V.

The 5 piastre stamp picturing a soldier with a rifle and bayonet looks rather ominous to me; the message of that bayonet is all too clear. Its designer, Vanidettin Bey, has well captured the harsh and desperate spirit of the war of 1919-1922. The inscription on the right of the stamp reads "Freedom is the right of my flag which has ever waved free", and the left reads "Independence is the right of my nation which loves right." Both this stamp and the parliament building stamp on the back of the cover were lithographed in Genoa, Italy. Because Turkey was an ally of Austria in the First World War, the 1917-1918 stamp (lighthouse), which here has the more common 12½ perforation, was printed in Vienna.

All of the Republican stamps on this cover are of the Ahmed Nazmi printing, the first printing on thin white paper issued late in 1923. They were lithographed in sheets of 100, comb perforated 13^1_4 except for the sixth vertical row on each sheet, which was perforated 12^3_4 by 13^1_4 due to a repair on the perforating machine. Oddly enough, all four of the 10 para values and both of the 1 piastre on this cover are of the 12^3_4 by 13^1_4 variety. The quality of workmanship on this issue was notoriously

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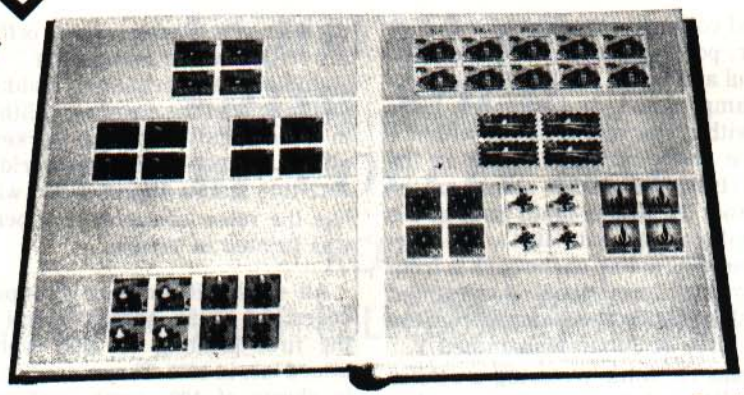

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bad: note the break in the Turkish inscription in the 20 para stamp on the front and the unprinted portion under the star in the lower left stamp of the 20 para block on the back. There are also a number of more minor varieties.

Another peculiarity of this cover is that it bears six postal markings on it to indicate that it is registered. First there are the blue crayon crosses on the front and back, a typically British convention for registered mail. Then in the upper left of the front, we find "recommande" in red crayon, the French marking. Also on the front is the UPU "R" and the Turkish "Taahhutlu" or "registered" both in on black rectangular handstamp. Finally is the London registry cancel in red on the back. Note also that the Turkish postmark has the date and the city name "Stamboul" in French.

Keeping in mind that there are 40 paras to on piastre, we find that the total postage adds up to 18 ¾ piastres. Finally, now I understand why there was an 18 ¾ piastre value in the 1923 series; it must have been for registered mail to England. I wonder then why the person who mailed this cover did not use a single stamp to prepay his postage, but I am glad he did not.

All in all, with stamps from three governments printed in three different countries, with its unusual postal markings, this cover shows why Turkey is a challenging area for collectors.

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In researching this article, I found that I lacked two important pieces of information and I appeal to the readers of the CANADIAN PHILATELIST for help. Does anyone know where I could find a listing of the postal rates in effect in Turkey at the various periods of her history? And could anyone tell me the dates of issue or earliest known usage of the various printings of the first republican issue? My address is R.E. Florida, Box 14, Brandon University, Brandon, Manitoba, R7A 6A9.

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The appearance of the annual retail catalogues this year, much earlier than ever before, is due to heavy competitional pressure. Next year we hear they will appear even earlier. But this brings up the question of pricing. Comparing five different issued retail catalogues for Canadian stamps, prices vary by up to 25 per cent. Who is correct? What shall the collector take as his guide? Discussions with a few dealers and collectors and an article in Stamp Wholesaler by a dealer indicate the overall dissatisfaction with these priced retail catalogues. The reasons are simple. With the inflationary trends, the weak dollar, and increasing demand, prices change continuously - a feature of this peculiar market. Many persons questioned suggest that the retail annual priced catalogues have under such conditions little value as means to establish an accurate price level. They simply become a cheap numbering list compared to the more expensive annual world catalogues.

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moment and the new definitives may not provide the endless number of varieties as the previous issue. But it is fairly certain that varieties will appear from time to time, especially as two different Bank Note Companies are still printing these definitives. Although Scott catalogue has practically ignored the listing of any of these varieties, the retail catalogues have not. One must therefore assume that a large number of collectors will try to complete these issues with all these varieties. This will be some task for many as some items are very difficult to find, especially because even in the last few days of the previous definitives changes were noted to have occurred. A properly written display of this issue would make a fine exhibit.

The Olympic stamps were reported in two different papers - a dull and a bright. We have not been these. The imperforated Mounted Police stamp is now being sold for around $600.00 a pair. A few sheets "appeared" in Toronto. The 15c. Royal Visit stamp exists in a light and deep gold colour. It is believed that this variety will be listed by some catalogues. The Jeanne Mance stamp was seen with one vertical row of stamps in the sheet misplaced. This was caused by a misperforation of two vertical rows.

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THE MAILBAG

As of deadline time for this issue (December 1, 1973) fifteen letters have been received dealing directly with the postal policy of the Canada Post Office concerning new issues for 1974. Printing all these is impractical and taking selected phrases from each does not usually convey the true meaning of the writer. Thus, it must suffice to report that eight objected on the grounds that 45 stamps were too many and/or the cost would be prohibitive. The remaining seven supported the 1974 stamp programme and four of these specifically mentioned approval of the Olympic semi-postals.

EDITOR

Dear Sir:

I wish to draw attention to a quote from your Editorial in the CANADIAN PHILATELIST issue of November, 1973 as follows:-

"Efficient methods are now being used, and are still being developed, that do not required the use of postage stamps to prepay postage tariffs and it is not only possible, but probable, that the stamp as a postal entity could disappear. Thus, survival of our hobby depends upon finding more reasons for which stamps can be issued and accepting them within the framework of philately.

The continued growth of our hobby depends upon maintaining a sustained supply of stuff to collect."

It would appear that your remarks are not consistent with the policy of the R.P.S.C when I find my copy of the Canadian Philatelist comes in a brown envelope using metered postage.

I have thought for some time that it is somewhat ridiculous that a Society such as ours cannot take the time to extoll the beauty of Canadian postage stamps by their use on our communications. Distribution of the CANADIAN PHILATELIST must go to many parts of the world and we should do some promotion on behalf of our own great variety of stamps available.

Business men, who are interested in philately, should consider the use of more postage stamps in their mailings which would help create interest in our hobby by pointing up the great variety of postage stamps we have available - some of which depict our history and heritage.

Let us mount a drive to use more postage stamps and not just rely on the odd letter from Auntie Jean or some other relative to make use of more Canadian postage stamps.

Sincerely,
W.R. Watson
R.P.S.C. No. 8994

ED NOTE: Although it would appear as though my remarks are not consistent with the policy of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, the policy of the R.P.S.C. is consistent with my remarks. Very few establishments, including most large philatelic societies can afford the luxury of paying someone to affix stamps by hand on large bulk mailings. This merely substantiates the thesis that "the stamp as a postal entity could disappear". Thus the intent of the

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editorial was not necessarily to stimulate the use of the postage stamp per se (although this would be the utopian solution) but rather to find new reasons such as charity stamps, semi-postals, yes, even those "for philatelist only" for which stamps can be issued. These stamps would fill the vacuum created by the diminishing use of stamps as postage.

Dear Sir:

The CANADIAN PHILATELIST arrived this morning and I have just finished reading it from the beginning to end. I cannot begin to tell you how much I enjoyed it. It certainly contains a lot of interesting and knowledgeable articles.

I would like to suggest that you consider as the subject for a future article or editorial, why male philatelists fail to recognize the fact that women are also capable of being good philatelists. I realize that, generally, men have more money to spend on stamps but this does not necessarily mean that they became better stamp collectors.

This male superiority also shows up at the annual meeting of the Society. Women are treated as oddities and we seem to be tolerated as a necessary interruption. We do, you know, pay the same membership fee as the men and should therefore be accepted as equals in both the field of philately and as administrators.

I have been told that this situation is as bad or worse overseas but not in the U.S.A. Perhaps it is time for us to take a long look at our own point of view.

Very sincerely,
Eileen Painter,
Peterborough, Ont.

ED. NOTE: There is little doubt that women generally are considered "second rate" philatelists in this male dominated hobby. This attitude could very well be erroneous and I will be prepared to publish any worthy article that would show it to be so.

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Although I disposed of a few copies to collectors, I believe vaguely that I found four such cancels in that lot. Recently I came across one more in the Ritter lot of Admirals. Because this actual cancel was never photographed for publication, I thought it would be useful to all to show one copy here. The cancel reads Vars. Ont. with a number 1 between 10 bars. Why such a small city required a roller I do not know.

Hans Reiche,
Ottawa, Ontario.

WHAT'S NEW IN OLD CANADA

BY FRED STULBERG

A REGULAR FEATURE

YORK
17APR1810
Fig. 1

Fig. 2

Fig. 3

Fig. 4

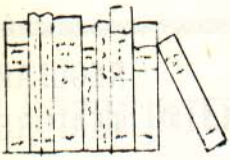
—*Philatelic Photographics, Toronto*

WHAT A DIFFERENCE THE YEAR MAKES

The Town of York, Upper Canada was established in 1793 but it did not have a post office until 1797 or 1798. The development of the postal practices at this post office paralleled the others in the Colony at that time and around 1803 it received its first post office dater device, This was of the "straight line" type in use at most of the early post offices in Canada (fig. 1). In 1829 York got its first circular date stamp (fig. 2) and it completely replaced the earlier one and, in fact, set the trend for the shape of almost all post office daters that were to follow - even until today.

This device was in use for almost two years and was replaced, in 1830, with another circular device (fig. 3). This remained the chief implement at York until the name was changed to the City of Toronto in 1834. Subsequent postal devices, of course, reflected this change.

In 1836, a town near Hamilton was established that took on the name of York that had been discarded by the City of Toronto. Actually this town exists today. The first postal hammer of this town was a large double ring dater with the YORK, U.C. designation and was unlike any of the ones used at the previous town of York. However a discovery by Frank Campbell established that, in fact, this device had actually been received by the "Toronto" York (fig. 4) and had been sent down to the post office at the "Hamilton" York when it opened. Examples of this mark after 1836 are relatively common because the device was used for almost 25 years. However, so few examples of this strike prior to 1834 have been found that this is likely the rarest of all handstruck postal markings known from the original York Post Office.



THE BOOKSHELF

CANADIAN FIRST DAY COVER CATALOGUE - Will Gandley

This catalogue is another in the Parliament Series of Catalogues and is one of the better ones of this group. The pricing in general is good and the categories well defined and clear. The only drawback comes in the illustrations which, in many cases, could be of better quality.

Nevertheless, it is an excellent work and certainly fills the need of those who collect the first day covers of Canada.

Copies are available from many dealers or directly from the publisher, Canadian Wholesale Supply, P.O. Box 841, Brantford, Canada, at 95 cents.

A.W.L.

MATCHED BLOCK STAMP CATALOGUE - Will Gandley

As the title implies, this catalogue deals with those Canadian stamps for which a matched set of four corners with marginal imprints are available. This means that the first listing starts with the George VI issue of 1937 (Scott's No. 231). This could very easily restrict the usefulness of this work since the usual approach to listings of marginal imprints starts at the Confederation Issue of 1927 (Scott's No. 141) and many collectors of these items may prefer the listing that is broader in scope.

Pricing seems to be realistic and the novel numbering system which has become the feature of the Parliament Series of Catalogues has a certain advantage over existing systems. However, by and large, there is not much in this issue that can not be found in either Lyman's or Canada Specialized.

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A.W.L.

COLLECTING STAMPS WITH THE COMMONWEALTH QUEEN ELIZABETH II STAMP CATALOGUE - 22nd Edition

This catalogue is not only the best of its type that has so far come on the market but also rivals all the general catalogues available to the collector today. The set up lends itself to easy reading and the crisp illustrations contribute to the overall attractiveness of this publication.

The listings are clear and contain information on the quantities issued, the designers, the printers, the varieties, the papers, the gums and, in fact, most of the information that one would expect to find in specialized catalogues of the individual countries. The high quality of the printing and the paper add to the overall excellence of this work.

The publishers are Urch, Harris & Co. Ltd., Bristol and London and, because of this, the numbering system is their own and the pricing is in British currency. However, the collector of either part or all of these issues who would possibly find this a drawback would be more than amply rewarded by the many advantages that this work has to offer. It is a quality publication.

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F.G.S.

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The new Volume III is 42 pages longer that its predecessor and is a continuation of Volume II in that it covers the listings from Japan to Zambezia. Included, for the first time, is the comprehensive listing for the adhesives of the Mongolian People's Republic. In addition to the Mongolian listings, there are 45,415 new prices -

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Significant changes in format involve the rewritting of the RESMI and crescent overprints of Turkey; the first time listing of the semi-postal set and souvenir sheet for the International Bureau of Education and for the 1948 "Freedom Fighters" air post stamps of Poland; and the restoration of the listing for the Red Cross Franchise stamps of Portugal of the 1927-36 period.

The three volumes of "Scott's" with 2,833 pages of listings constitutes the 130th edition of this world-renowned publication.

Volume III is available from most dealers and, like the two previous volumes, retails for $9.00.

CANADA VARIETIES OF THE QUEEN ELIZABETH ERA (Part II)
by Kenneth W. Pugh

This is the second of Kenneth Pugh's handbooks on the same subject and the excellence and clarity found in the first one has been maintained (although my review copy was itself a variety with quite a few pages joined together and uncut). He again deals, in chronological order, with some of the major and minor varieties (and irregularities) found on stamps issued since 1952. He has wisely chosen to allow illustrations to carry his story and these are large and of excellent quality. The text accompanying each illustration is clear and concise and written in a newsy relaxed fashion. Apparently a third volume is in the planning stage and will be a future project for this very busy gentleman.

Copies are available from many stamp dealers or from the author, Kenneth W. Pug, 134 - 20th Street, Brandon, Manitoba, Canada at $3.50 post paid. F.G.S.

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The book follows a similar layout to the Encyclodedia but the listings have been revised and simplified.

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This catalogue is a large book and the binding leaves something to be desired. Probably the quality of the binding is compromised in an attempt to keep the cost down. The cost in Canada is approximately $23.00 and can be obtained from most of the larger dealers.

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