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THOUGHTS & THINGS ..... FROM THE EDITOR

THE TIME HAS COME . . . . . .

"The time has come" the Walrus
said "to speak of many things....."
—Lewis Carroll.

It has been said that reminiscing is a characteristic of the elderly. However, at certain times many people, irrespective of age, indulge in it and cling to it as a child hugs its security blanket. Now I would like to share with you my thoughts of my past two years as editor of this publication.

If one were to judge accomplishment by editorial impact, my efforts, I fear, emerge as failures. One of my crusades was to get a statement of policy from the National Postal Museum concerning the disposition of duplicate and excess material. The ensuing silence has been deafening.

In another editorial it was pointed out that many collectors are engaged in a never ending search for material for their collections and cost seems to be no object. Yet bitter complaints are still heard each year when Canada Post publishes its list of new issues at approximately $6.50 for the lot.

More than once it was stated that some collectors consider women philatelists inferior to men solely on the basis of traditional sex attitudes. This controversial and sensitive subject brought forth a deluge of two letters.

One editorial came out in defence of speculators and hoarders pointing out the valid contribution that these people make to our hobby. Of the two replies received one suggested that I was a misguided capitalist and the other, that I was a misguided communist.

It was emphatically mentioned that a system for the accreditation of judges could not come about until local exhibitions were handled in a way that was consistent with methods used at other levels. Almost as an act of defiance return mail brought a request for me to judge a local exhibition using the standards so strongly condemned in the editorial.

On the positive side, however, letters and comments about the CANADIAN PHILATELIST seem to indicate that our publication is one of the leading philatelic journals of the world and need not take a back seat to any other. The reason for this is obvious. THIS IS NOT A 'ONE PERSON' EFFORT.

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By now many of you must be saying "When is that old man going to stop rambling and get to the point." Well, the point is that this will be my last issue as editor. The next issue of the C.P. will be edited by Peter Mann. Peter was introduced to the members of the R.P.S.C. (July-August, 1974) when he was chosen assistant

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editor a year ago. Since turnabout is fair play I will remain on staff as Peter's assistant. This arrangement will permit me to devote more time to my newly acquired appointment as curator of the philatelic department of the Royal Ontario Museum.

I ask that you continue to support Peter in the same way that you have supported me. No editor could ask for more.

A SOCIETY DEVOTED TO CANADIAN FLAG CANCELLATIONS IS FORMED

At a British North America Philatelic Society Convention held at Williamsburg, Va. in September, 1974 thirteen (lucky) people got together to form a society devoted to the study and promotion of the Flag Cancellations of Canada. Ed. Richardson of League City Texas, author (with Ted Killish of Detroit) of the now famous handbook on this subject was made member number one. Membership has more than doubled since that meeting.

So far three excellent Flag Cancel Bulletins have been prepared under the able editorship of Larry R. Paige. The one recently received was an interesting, informative 17 page effort. Those interested in membership should contact Larry at 1069 Shillelagh Road, Chesapeake, Virginia, 23323 U.S.A.

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This year the emphasis at COMPEX '75, being held on May 23, 24 & 25 at the La Salle Hotel, Chicago, will be B.N.A. philately. The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, the British North America Philatelic Society and the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain have been asked to participate.

The R.P.S.C. will be contributing approximately 300 frames of Canadian exhibits for the Court of Honour and has also provided several articles for the COMPEX program and directory.

The philosophy of COMPEX is an interesting one. It was founded quite a few years ago as the result of an inspiration of several Chicago philatelists. At that time close to a dozen societies and clubs were functioning as individual entities in Chicago and the immediate area. It was decided that much more could be accomplished if each of these had a common purpose and still were able to maintain their individuality. This brought the establishment of the Combined Philatelic Exhibition of Chicagoland, Incorporated which operates COMPEX on an annual basis.

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Some Aspects Of Postal Contribution To Early American Life

A SPECIAL FEATURE

By Graham J. Noble

(First of Three Parts)

Author's Note:
This series is intended to serve as an introduction to the role played by the postal service in the formative years of the American nation and its importance in facilitating greater communication of news and ideas to its far flung inhabitants. It will be interesting to contrast some of the themes presented here with the Canadian experience in a future series to see if they are of comparable significance. Appreciation is expressed to Dr. Elwood H. Jones, Assistant Professor of History, Trent University, Peterborough, Ontario who read and commented extensively on this paper and Mr. Gerald F. Tully, also of Peterborough, for his comments and providing the illustrations from his collection of early American postal rates.

It is regretable that historians have tended to pay little attention to the role of the postal service in American life, ignoring its vital contribution to the social and economic development of the nation. Several works have skirted some of the many facets of the postal service without really attempting to come to grips with the far reaching network of postal operations that have, at one time or another, touched every sector of United States life from the government, to the business community, to the frontiersman and the farmer.

Even today the post office is easily ignored as it functions just beneath the mainstream of daily life. Taken for granted, its necessity is spoken of only in times of strikes or rate increases. Today there are numerous forms of communication with mass media, being a large part of our lives. Television, radio, a daily press, and telecommunications bring the world instantaneously to our doorstep. National news is no longer gleaned from letters, because their function is now relegated to the conveyance of private, local and family matters plus endless bills.

It is somewhat difficult then, to think of the post office as one of the major forces behind uniting a loosely connected young Republic. However an entirely different view was held from the Revolutionary period well into the middle of the nineteenth century. It is the intention of this article to demonstrate that the United States Post Office played a vital role in eliminating distances, both mentally and physically, between Americans. It did this, in the first place, by enabling government matters to reach the hands of the people quickly, thus

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One of the tactics of the Sons of Liberty, a radical patriotic group, was to disrupt the administration of the colonial postal service. It diverted mail intended for post offices by forcing ship captains to deposit letters in taverns where postage due would not have to be paid, effectively cutting off revenue. Postriders, who collected their wages on a commission basis, began running their own private postal service, at reduced rates, from their own homes. Postmasters, many sympathetic to the cause but nonetheless desirous of their commissions hesitated raising objections to this practice fearing they might be branded agents of oppression.

A 'Constitutional Post' grew out of the fear that postmasters loyal to the King would undermine the growing revolutionary movement by opening letters and diverting newspapers carrying the rallying cry. William Goddard, proponent of this new postal service, advanced his scheme which included the General Post Office's dismissal of Benjamin Franklin in January of 1774. by the time the Second Continental Congress met in May 1775, Goddard's Constitutional Post was in operation from Maine to Williamsburg, Virginia. Realizing the importance of the post office in resisting British rule, the Congress took over the system in July. Once again placed in charge of operations was Benjamin Franklin. Goddard was awarded the post of chief surveyor.

So successful was this postal system in diverting mail away from the General Post Office's established network, that Hugh Finlay, Franklin's replacement as Deputy Postmaster General was forced to close G.P.O. headquarters in New York around Christmas 1775 and move northward to Montreal; all communication between the two centres ceasing a few months later. Throughout the Revolutionary War, the Constitutional post office was indispensible in conveying communications between the government and army as well as private correspondence between soldiers and their families. "One measure of its importance to the government was the vast sum of money - $163,000 in 1780 alone - Congress poured into it to keep it afloat." 2

1 *Wayne E. Fuller, THE AMERICAN MAIL, page* 29
2 *Ibid, page* 36.

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Realizing the vital role the post office would play in peace-time, the Continental Congress established its own post office on 18 October 1782 regulating postal operations throughout the thirteen states. A New York publisher, Ebenezer Hazard, was appointed Postmaster General. The uncertain political jurisdiction of this post office together with a period of post-war depression hindered the effective operation of the postal service during the 1780's. Postmaster General Hazard insisted the post office accept only hard money in payment for postal services and this was seen as an affront to such states as Rhode Island and North Carolina where paper money was legal tender.

Numerous complaints of poor service and tampering with the mails were heard throughout this period, most vociferously by members of Congress who threatened to replace Hazard if the situation were not improved. Even Jefferson and Madison often corresponded in cypher for fear their letters would be intercepted.

Friction developed when individual states wanted to establish an efficient postal service within their own borders which would acknowledge only the Federal governments right to carry mail along interstate roads. If brought to fruition this issue would have sparked a major legal battle, an early test of Federal-State jurisdiction, but the shaky State finances at the time could not have supported the additional burden.

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A REGULAR FEATURE

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In the second, third, and fourth numbers of the 1974 **Canadian Philatelist**, this column featured a new topic, the macabre. "To qualify as macabre a stamp must, in my opinion, combine two features. First the subject depicted must be brutally tragic - and second, the design stark and unidealized; in short it must be a gruesome stamp" (CP, 25.2, p. 119).

This is a rather restrictive definition, as most stamps that mark a tragic and brutal event tend to play down the horrors of the situation. No doubt this is due to the healing tendency in man to forget the worst. At any rate, I have not found very many stamps that meet my definition. The purpose of this article is to list all those known to me and to describe a few of them not previously mentioned.

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Fig. 1

The all time world's champion macabre stamp is the 1973 Austrian anti drug abuse stamp (figure 1), which I described erroneously as "steel engraved" on p. 151 of Volume 25, Number 3 of the **Canadian Philatelist.** It is, of course, printed by photogravure, superbly as normal for Austria. Monaco has also issued anti drug stamps in 1972, 1973, and 1974. Of these, only the 1972 set is definitely macabre; the others are close but somehow are not quite grotesque enough. Similarly the drug abuse stamp from the United States does not make the gruesome grade.

Monaco issued a macabre stamp in 1971 and another in 1972 as propaganda against pollution. Both of these graphically depict the ravages of industrial pollution. Charles Baudelaire published his greatest collection of poetry, **Les Fleurs du mal**, in 1857 and was honoured by a stamp from Monaco in 1972 (figure 2). The design evokes the spirit of **les Fleurs du mal** although it does not seem to be based on any particular poem.

Fig. 2

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Et l'homme impatient se change en bête fauve.

This is a most unusual stamp and indicative of the striking nature of so many modern commemoratives from Monaco.

Fig. 3

Fig. 4

The disasters of the Second World War have resulted in several macabre items. In 1947 Poland drew attention to the descenity of Auschwitz with two postcards (figures 3 and 4). In 1944 Nazi occupied Albania brought out a set of seven semi-postals showing a woman and baby leaving a burning home with a crumpled body in

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Fig. 5

front of its door for the aid of war victims (figure 5). Since most of the victims were victims of the Nazis, this issue should perhaps win an award for unparalleled hypocrisy. In 1948, Albania commemorated the death of partisan martyr Qemal Stafa with a set of three stamps and a souvenir sheet. The border of the sheet contains a macabre drawing of Stafa being gunned down by fascists.

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Fig. 6

South Vietnamese soldiers are given special airletters for writing home to their families. The one illustrated (figure 6) commemorates the Viet Cong Tet offensive of 1968 and shows in a crudely executed design civilian men, women, and children being hacked to death with a village burning in the background. I do not know when this airletter was issued, but I have

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Fig. 7

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Fig. 8

seen copies cancelled to order in 1974.

North Vietnam has issued quite a few stamps treating the war, including a series marking each 500 American planes shot down. I suspect that some of these may be macabre but cannot say for sure until I see them. The cuts in the Yvert catalogue are not clear enough for a judgement. One of the problems in topical collecting is the generally poor quality of catalogue illustrations and the lamentable but necessary practice, given the large number of stamps issued, of illustrating only a few stamps of a set.

The United Nations in both the New York and Geneva offices, issued stamps showing a skull enclosed in a black poppy pod, an effective and macabre design. The first day covers of the Geneva issue (figure 7) also features a macabre cancel and cachet. Ghana's anti-nuclear bomb stamp of 1962 (figure 8) rather resembles the UN anti-drug designs.

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attention to the Ghana mushroom cloud skull stamp. If you know of any hideous stamps not mentioned below, I would appreciate hearing about them: R. E. Florida, Box 14, Brandon University, Brandon, Manitoba, R7A 6A9.

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What Price Varieties?

A SPECIAL FEATURE

By Frank Heeley

Yesterday I received a circular from a West Coast stamp dealer. The circular (was advertising in particular) "Errors and Varieties". Nothing unusual about that. Then I looked at some of the quoted prices: a 'Merritt' "superb" black colour shift for $15.00 single; a 'World Cycling' "truly superb black colour shift" for $15.00 single; the list went on and on to recount the 'wonderful' finds.

Curiosity got the better of me and I decided to check through my own collection with particular reference to errors and varieties as mentioned in the circular. If the circular's information and prices are genuine - and I'm sure the dealer believes them to be so - then all of a sudden I am worth much more money today than I believed myself to be worth yesterday. Here is what I found after a not-too-exhaustive 'search'.

Scott No. 655 - Merritt - Of forty-two stamps in my collection - collected at random - thirty of them have a colour shift, the black picture scene being moved to the right in varying lengths from 1 to 2 mm.

Scott No. 642 - World Cycling - The "truly superb black colour shift" is really not so. Rather, there is a shift of the silver spokes varying from 1 to 2 mm. of thirty stamps I examined only four were 'normal'. Yet the advertiser suggests such a colour shift as being "a rare item indeed".

To add spice to variety, so to speak, I found that stamp numbers 9, 47 and 49 have a red ink blotch on the bottom edge of the black tire. Stamp number 5 has a green dot on the outer end of the bottom spoke. Stamps number 41, 42 and 44 have a definite black-red ink mix on the figure '8'.

Having now discovered so many blobs and things in just thirty stamps my ever deepening curiosity led me farther on the road to 'discovery'.

Scott No. 569 - Algonkians - Out of twenty stamps I found the Indian dancer to be 'normal'; to have a blue left cheek; to have a black-eye. Meanwhile, his lady alternately did or did not wear a blue head-feather in varying positions.

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several stamps have a definite black-red ink mix in "Canada 15". The advertiser mentioned gold colour shifts; yes, they are there, and in addition there are fine red lines in the centre of the tiara.

Scott No. 657 - Stamp number 11 shows blue ink 'spilled over' into the lettering of OLYMPIADE.

At this point of time my eyes became blobbed looking for 'blobs' and I asked myself, "Why, oh why, do we place great emphasis on blobs and colour shifts?"

So many of Canada stamps are printed in several colours and in many cases must be run through the presses several times. Is it not then expecting a little too much to expect that there should be no tolerance for paper positioning? Should we expect a 'perfect' stamp every time? I don't think that printing machinery has been developed to work with no allowance for paper shifting to some slight degree.

A careful inspection of stamps from other countries where the latest in machinery is used will indicate minute colour shifts. Personally I'm not at all sure that we should call these minute variations 'varieties' because they are not, really, and I do not agree that a 'colour-shift' of ½ mm or 1 mm deserves a price of $15.00. I feel that it is high time stamp collectors cease to be bombarded with 'blobs' and 'colour-shifts' at very questionable prices.

Through these columns others may wish to express their viewpoints about varieties, or some acknowledged specialist may wish to offer some insight into the subject. Personally, I'm all blobbed.

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THE CHAPTER COORDINATOR

Chapters should make note that there are (or will shortly be) several new additions to the slide programmes of the R.P.S.C. They are:

The Stamps and Postal History of Fiji
by Dr. Don Welsh.
The Admiral War Tax
by Dr. Robert Chaplin.
The Early Post Offices up Yonge Street, Ontario, by Max Rosenthal.

It should be noted that the July-August, 1974 (Volume 25, Number 4) has a brief summary of new regulations concerning the slide programmes and chapters not familiar with them should take note before ordering.

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THE CONVENTION COORDINATOR

The scheduled locations for the RPSC annual conventions 1976 to 1978 inclusive are:

a) 1976: INTERPHIL '76; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA, 29 May to 6 June 1976;
b) 1977: BC PEX '77; Vancouver, British Columbia 21-23 April 1977;
c) 1978: CAPEX '78; Toronto, Ontario 9-19 June, 1978.

Any RPSC Chapters who are interested in hosting an RPSC Convetion after 1978 are requested to contact R. K. Malott, 16 Harwick Crescent, Ottawa, Ontario, K2H 6R1 for further details.

The 1976 Convention will be held in conjunction with INTERPHIL '76, the Seventh USA International Philatelic Exhibition. Interphil '76 will commemorate the 200th anniversary of the birth of the United States of America, and 200 years of postal progress in the USA. It will be presented in the Exhibition Halls of the Philadelphia Civic Centre, where approximately 2,500 frames will be displayed. The RPSC will not hold a separate exhibition, but rather members wishing to exhibit material will submit entries in compliance with instructions in the INTERPHIL '76 Prospectus available from the Canadian Commissionaire, James N. Sissons, 37 King Street East, Toronto, Ontario, M5C 1E9.

RPSC members considering attending and/or exhibiting at INTERPHIL '76 are urged to write Jim Sissons for a prospectus, which contains the necessary details for exhibiting and accommodation. Specific RPSC activities at INTERPHIL '76 will be announced in **The Philatelist** when arrangements are completed.

Questions concerning this event may also be directed to Dick Malott, RPSC Convention Co-ordinator.

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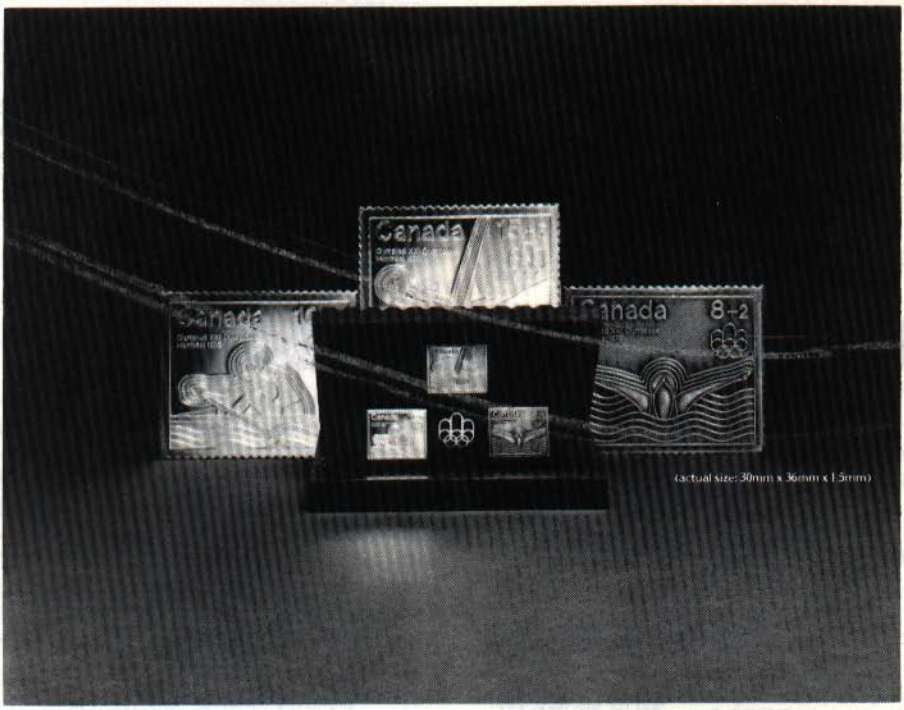

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NEW STAMP HONOURING LOUIS HEMON

Postmaster General Bryce Mackassey announced a further change in the 1975 stamp programme.

On May 15, two stamps will be issued to commemorate contributions to Canadian literature by Lucy Maud Montgomery and Louis Hémon. The stamps will feature "Anne of Green Gables" and "Maria Chapdelaine", two young heroines of Canadian literature through whose eyes early life in Canada was recorded for the

UN TIMBRE CONSACRÉ À LOUIS HÉMON

Le ministre des Postes, l'Honorable Bryce Mackasey, a annoncé une nouvelle modification au programme d'émission de timbres de 1975 at la parution, le 15 mai prochain d'un timbre consacré à l'écrivain Louis Hémon.

Ce timbre de Louis Hémon, qui sera émis en même temps que celui consacré à Lucy Maud Montgomery, remplace le timbre qui devait être consacré à Robert Service et dont l'émission a dû être retardée en raison de difficultés techniques dans la production.

Les deux timbres qui seront émis le 15 mai seront donc consacrés à Anne of Green Gables et à Maria Chapdelaine, deux jeunes héroïnes de la littérature canadienne qui font revivre, pour le plaisir de millions de lecteurs, jeunes et vieux, les premiers jour de la vie au Canada.

NOUVELLES ENVELOPPES ET CARTES POSTALES PRÉ-AFFRANCHIES

Ce nouvel ensemble se composera de quatre enveloppes et de deux cartes postales, affranchies à six et à huit cents. Les enveloppes seront offertes en deux formats, soit celle portant le numéro 10, pour la correspondance d'affaires et celle portant le numéro 8, pour la correspandance personnelle. Les cartes postales auront la dimension réglementaire de cinq pouces et demi sur trois pouces et demi. Les nouveaux motifs d'affranchissement en deux couleurs utilisés sur les enveloppes et les cartes postales, en plus d'être très jolis, découragent la contre-

enjoyment of millions of readers, young and old.

The previously announced issue on that date to honour Robert Service has been deferred due to technical problems in production.

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The new pre-stamped stationary will be in six and eight cent denominations and will consist of four envelopes and two postcards. The envelopes will be in two sizes, a number ten, business size and a number eight, personal stationary size.

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The envelopes and postcards in the eight cent denomination will continue to be available singly at prices of 11c. and 10c. each respectively. Both envelopes and postcards will be priced to provide customer savings for quantity purchases. A further five percent saving is available on purchases in carton lots. Purchases of the six cent envelopes will continue to be restricted to boxes of five hundred and six cent postcard sales will continue to be restricted to banded units of one hundred, although these items may be purchased singly from philatelic offices for collecting purposes at 8c. each.

The new issue is complementary to the high quality Canada Cards and the popular floral design aerogrammes and domestogrammes.

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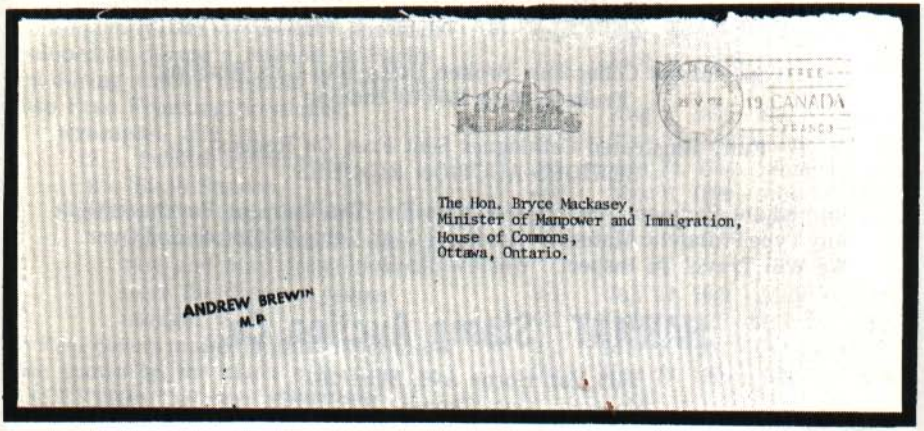

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From Andrew Brewin to Bryce Mackasey
29th Parliament, Second Session

By William Pekonen

PART II (Conclusion)

The purpose of this article is to show a code number for each session of parliament since Confederation. Opposite each code are the first and last dates onwhich free mailing privileges could be used by Members of Parliament. These dates do not necessarily coincide with the session dates.

The Post Office Act became effective on April 1, 1868. It is assumed, that prior to that date, anything goes for the 1st Session of the first parliament. The first session opened November 1, 1867 and prorogued May 22, 1868. We can assume, however, that the rules established by the "Canadian Postal Guide" (published Toronto January 1863) were generally followed. This rule allowed mail to be free ten days next before the meeting of Parliament.

A 1920 amendment to the Post Office Act allows free mailing of papers during a recess of parliament if these papers were issued by order of either House.

A 1951 amendment allows free mailing privileges to apply to the 10 day period following a session as well as 10 days before a session. This situation still applies as of to-day.

A correction is necessary to a statement made in the first article. Currently, we are experiencing the 30th Parliament not the 28th Parliament. Similarly the session which began on September 30th, 1974 is the 121st session and not the 115th session as previously noted.

The list below shows the dates of proper useage of FREE Mails by Members of Parliament. These dates apply to most general situations excepting:

1. Orders by the House
2. Cabinet Ministers
3. Partial terms served by an M.P.

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the 20th parliament, defeated for the 21st Parliament, and re-elected to the 22nd Parliament in a by-election for the 4th session. This would naturally affect the dates of proper useage for that particular member. Additionally, most sessions were NOT concurrent.

Consequently, this simple code has been developed to denote a session of Parliament during which a member was entitled to use Free Franking privileges.

Example:. "12 - 6"
12 - Twelfth Parliament
6 - Sixth Session

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Any Free covers mailed on dates other than those shown on the chart are either an "EXCEPTION" or are "SUSPECT".

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CODE	From	To
1-1	Apr 1, 1868	June 1, 1868
1-2	Apr 5, 1869	June 22, 1869
1-3	Feb 5, 1870	May 12, 1870
1-4	Feb 5, 1871	Apr 14, 1871
1-5	Apr 1, 1872	June 14, 1872
2-1	Apr 25, 1873	Aug 13, 1873
2-2	Oct 13, 1873	Nov 7, 1873
3-1	Mar 16, 1874	May 26, 1874
3-2	Jan 25, 1875	Apr 8, 1875
3-3	Jan 31, 1876	Apr 12, 1876
3-4	Jan 29, 1877	Apr 28, 1877
3-5	Jan 28, 1878	May 10, 1878
4-1	Feb 3, 1879	May 15, 1879
4-2	Feb 2, 1880	May 7, 1880
4-3	Nov 29, 1880	Mar 21, 1881
4-4	Jan 30, 1882	May 17, 1882
5-1	Jan 29, 1883	May 25, 1883
5-2	Jan 7, 1884	Apr 19, 1884
5-3	Jan 19, 1885	July 20, 1885
5-4	Feb 15, 1886	June 2, 1886
6-1	Apr 3, 1887	June 23, 1887
6-2	Feb 13, 1888	May 22, 1888
6-3	Jan 21, 1889	May 2, 1889
6-4	Jan 6, 1890	May 16, 1890
7-1	Apr 19, 1891	Sept 30, 1891
7-2	Feb 15, 1892	July 9, 1892
7-3	Jan 16, 1893	Apr 1, 1893
7-4	Mar 5, 1894	July 23, 1894
7-5	Apr. 8, 1895	July 22, 1895
7-6	Dec 23, 1895	Apr 23, 1896
8-1	Aug 9, 1896	Oct 5, 1896
8-2	Mar 15, 1897	June 29, 1897
8-3	Jan 24, 1898	June 13, 1898
8-4	Mar 6, 1899	Aug 11, 1899
8-5	Jan 22, 1900	July 18, 1900
9-1	Jan 27, 1901	May 23, 1901
9-2	Feb 3, 1902	May 15, 1902
9-3	Mar 2, 1903	Oct 24, 1903
9-4	Feb 28, 1904	Aug 10, 1904
10-1	Jan 1, 1905	July 20, 1905
10-2	Feb 26, 1906	July 13, 1906
10-3	Nov 12, 1906	Apr 27, 1907
10-4	Nov 18, 1907	July 20, 1908
11-1	Jan 10, 1909	May 19, 1909
11-2	Nov 1, 1909	May 4, 1910
11-3	Nov 7, 1910	July 29, 1911
12-1	Nov 5, 1911	Apr 1, 1912
12-2	Nov 11, 1912	Jne 6, 1913
12-3	Jan 5, 1914	June 12, 1914
12-4	Aug 8, 1914	Aug 22, 1914
12-5	Jan 25, 1915	Apr 15, 1915
12-6	Jan 2, 1916	May 18, 1916
12-7	Jan 8, 1917	Sept 20, 1917
13-1	Mar 8, 1918	May 24, 1918
13-2	Feb 10, 1919	July 7, 1919
13-3	Aug 22, 1919	Nov 10, 1919
13-4	Feb 16, 1920	July 1, 1920
13-5	Feb 4, 1921	June 4, 1921
14-1	Feb 27, 1922	June 28, 1922
14-2	Jan 21, 1923	June 30, 1923
14-3	Feb 18, 1924	July 19, 1924
14-4	Jan 26, 1925	June 27, 1925
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16-2	Jan 16, 1928	June 11, 1928

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17-3	Jan 25, 1932	May 26, 1932
17-4	Sept 26, 1932	May 27, 1933
17-5	Jan 15, 1934	July 3, 1934
17-6	Jan 7, 1935	July 5, 1935
18-1	Jan 27, 1936	June 23, 1936
18-2	Jan 4, 1937	Apr 10, 1937
18-3	Jan 17, 1938	July 1, 1938
18-4	Jan 2, 1939	June 3, 1939
18-5	Aug 28, 1939	Sept 13, 1939
18-6	Jan 15, 1940	Jan 25, 1940
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19-1	May 6, 1940	Nov 5, 1940
19-2	Oct 28, 1940	Jan 21, 1942
19-3	Jan 12, 1942	Jan 27, 1943
19-4	Jan 18, 1943	Jan 26, 1944
19-5	Jan 17, 1944	Jan 31, 1945
19-6	Mar 9, 1945	Apr 16, 1945
20-1	Aug 27, 1945	Dec 18, 1945
20-2	Mar 4, 1946	Aug 31, 1946
20-3	Jan 20, 1947	July 17, 1947
20-4	Nov 26, 1947	June 30, 1948
20-5	Jan 16, 1949	Apr 30, 1949
21-1	Sept 5, 1949	Dec 10, 1949
21-2	Feb6, 1950	June 30, 1950
21-3	Aug 10, 1950	Jan 29, 1951
21-4	Jan 20, 1951	Oct 19, 1951
21-5	Sept 29, 1951	Jan 8, 1952
21-6	Feb 18, 1952	Nov 30, 1952
21-7	Nov 10, 1952	May 25, 1953
22-1	Nov 2, 1953	July 6, 1954
22-2	Dec 28, 1955	Aug 7, 1955
22-3	Dec 31, 1956	Aug 24, 1956
22-4	Nov 16, 1956	Jan 18, 1957
22-5	Dec 29, 1957	Apr 22, 1957
23-1	Oct 4, 1957	Feb 11, 1958
24-1	May 2, 1958	Sept 16, 1958
24-2	Jan 5, 1959	July 28, 1959
24-3	Jan 4, 1960	Aug 22, 1960
24-4	Nov 7, 1960	Sept 28, 1961
24-5	Jan 8, 1962	Apr 28, 1962
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26-1	May 6, 1963	Dec 31, 1963
26-2	Feb 8, 1964	Apr 4, 1965
26-3	Apr 5, 1965	July 6, 1965
27-1	Jan 8, 1966	May 8, 1967
27-2	May 8, 1967	May 3, 1968
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28-3	Oct 8, 1970	Feb 16, 1972
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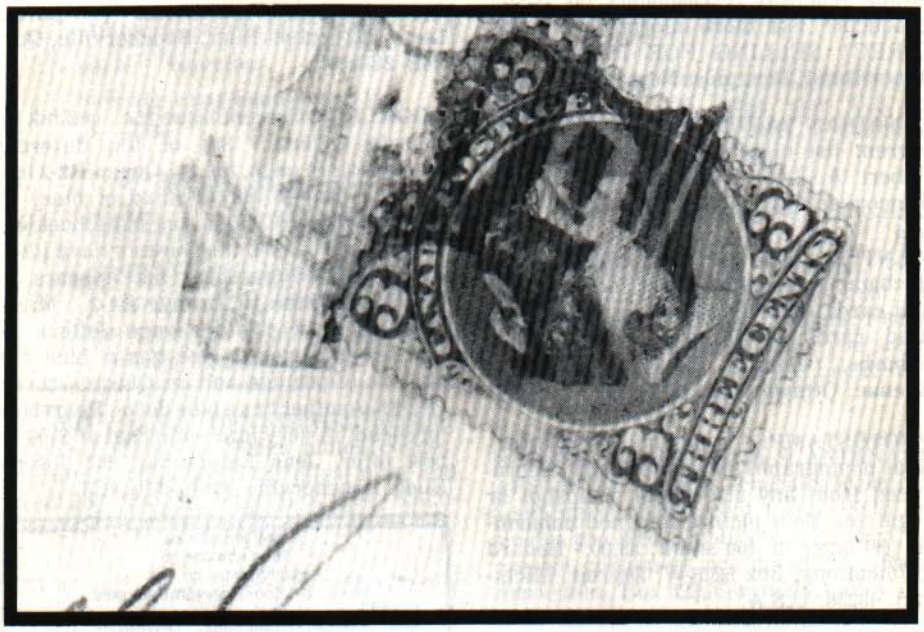

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Rare Cover Sold at Auction

The recent auction sale by J. N. Sissons of Toronto of some of the property of V. G. Greene brought to light some items that had not been seen by collectors for a long time. Among these was a cover showing a 10 penny imperforate plus two s penny stamps sent from Hamilton, C.W. in 1855 via United States Mail through Boston. This was the emergency Crimean War rate. Also sold was an imperforate ½ penny on vertically ribbed paper on cover. This is a paper variety so scarce that many collectors of early stamps of Canada do not know of its existence. Stamp items that were sold included the only known unused block of six of the 17c. Cartier; a superb, never hinged block of 15 of the 20c. Numeral; gutter blocks of the 1, 2 and 3 cent Admirals, imperforate horizontally, first printing. Only ten such blocks could possibly exist.

Although the V.G. Greene postal history holdings are to be auctioned at a later date, several items were included in this sale. One of these was the famous Toronto cork PAID cancellation (see above). This is the only one on cover known to exist.

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A few new definitive varieties can be reported. The 2c. Laurier has been found with nice vertical hairlines which appear to be the result of surface plate cracks. Also, the 8c. Q.E. is known on the same type of paper as the so called 'ribbed paper' of the Vancouver Dollar. The 6c. Pearson has been reported printed on the

gum side; similar to the 6c. black of the previous issue. Not very many have come on the market. Perhaps, either fewer were printed or the inspectors were able to remove most of them before distribution.

The 1967 6c. definitive has been found with a very nice 'offset' on the front resulting in a doubling of much of the black design. A similar irregularity has already been reported in this column on the 3c. coil. Likely this happens when, through poor paper control in the press, the printed paper "kisses" the printing plate a second time.

Collectors of paper varieties should note that the new Olympic stamps exist on hibrite.

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The Philatelic Agency in Washington has moved to larger and better housing with excellent displays of philatelic items. Automation in filling over-the-counter orders has been increased. An order for 48 different items, some in pairs, some in blocks, some tagged others untagged took exactly four minutes to complete. This system apparently keeps track of every sale and automatically adjusts inventory records.

This writer offered a suggestion to the Printing Bureau in Washington that received considerable interest. It was based on the optical scanning principle whereby machines could differentiate and sort according to the differences in stamp designs. This could prove to be much simpler and more economical than tagging and present day equipment could handle this task with ease.

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I have had a query about the trimming of sheets of stamps after printing. Those delivered to the post offices for general use are trimmed so that the selvedge is minimal. Those for the Philatelic Section for sale to collectors are not trimmed as severely and the marginal imprint is left intact. This does not imply that those sheets for the Philatelic Agency are not trimmed at all after printing. The edges of the printing cylinders have inscribed on them additional information, some often that does not have direct bearing on the actual stamp printed. Experimental entries appear that have no relation to the stamp design on that particular plate. It is even possible to have different values, different stamps, and information changes on a cylinder after it has been formed. Although many philatelists cannot bring themselves about to believe this, I have been assured, and have assured others that this is being done. Someday a sheet of stamps that has been mis-trimmed will eventually be found that will display this interesting aspect of stamp manufacture.

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JUNE 6 to 16 - 'ARPHILA 75' PARIS. INTERNATIONAL PHILATELIC EXHIBITION to be held in Paris, France. Canadian Commissioner: Mr. M. R. Rasic, 172 Hillhurst Boulevard, Toronto, Ontario.

AUGUST 16 — SIXTH ANNUAL EXHIBITION AND BOURSE OF THE COBOURG STAMP CLUB at the Senior Citizens Building (behind Victoria Hall) King Street West, Cobourg, Ontario. Information from Philip Smith, 18 Arthur Street, Port Hope, Ontario, L1A 1Z4.

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This next series of articles will be presented largely in chart form. It is an attempt to present the data accumulated by myself during these past five years of research in this area, including as well the enthusiastic contributions of over 250 correspondents.

The data by no means is complete, nor will it be for some time. It requires your efforts, again, to report to our membership those items in your collections which are not listed here.

I would appreciate your using the headings given in the charts wherever possible.

Some of the topics I hope to cover in the future are: constant and semi-constant varieties; Freaks - plate flaws, colour shifts, perforation freaks and errors, perforation shifts, paper creases, folds, shading varieties, tagging, ultra-violet varieties, G varieties, papers, perforated initials, counterfeits, forgeries and fakes.

I am interested in expanding my reference collection of these items,thus if anyone has information as to where I can obtain this material please contact me at 134 - 20th St., Brandon, Man. R7B 1L4.

Terminology used in this article

COUNTERFEIT - Any fraudulent imitation of a genuine postage stamp intended to deceive and defraud the Post office of postal revenue.

FORGERY - Any fraudulent imitation of a genuine postage stamp intended to deceive and defraud the collector.

FAKE - Any fraudulent alteration of a genuine postage stamp to make it appear what it is not, for the purpose of deceiving collectors.

BOGUS - Any fraudulent production made only to deceive collectors, which has never existed in genuine form. They are also known as phantoms or fantasies.

Very often one may find combinations of the above terms. For example, a forged cancellation on a genuine stamp is properly termed a fake. A forged stamp once genuinely postally used is termed a counterfeit.

Other terms which may be found useful are:

REPRINT -Stamps printed from the original printing plates, after the official use of the issue has long since been discontinued. There is a common tendency to apply the name, in error, to fresh printings of current stamps from existing plates to renew postal or philatelic agency stocks.

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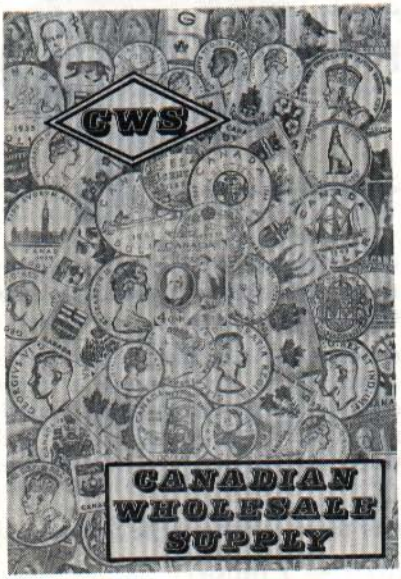

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1967	4c. Carmine Rose Defn. Type I	None in Collectors Hands	Lum, Hausmann, Hansen
1970	6c. Orange Defn. Perf. 12.5x12.5	Approx. 200 known No extention of Bottom Right Frame Line	Lum, Hausmann, Hansen
	* Type II (see forgeries)		

FORGERIES

Year	Issue	Notes	Recorded By
1955	4c. Musk Ox	Imperforate by Frodel	Stulberg F.
1958	5c. B.C. Centennial	Imperforate by Frodel	Stulberg F.
1958	5c. LaVerendrye	Imperforate by Frodel	Stulberg F.
1959	5c. Seaway	Double Printing by Frodel	(source unknown)
1959	5c. Seaway	Inverted Center by Frodel	Stulberg F.
1973	*6c. Orange Imperf. x 11.75	Imperforate Horizontal Extention of Lower Right Horizontal Frame Line	Pugh K.

FAKES

Year	Issue	Notes	Recorded By
1967	3c. Defn.	Imperf Top Margin Perforated Bottom Row Above Selvege	Prowse, D.
1970	Opal Booklet	Faked Horizontal Gutter Perfs	Hansen, G.
1970	6c. Manitoba	Red Ink Removed	Sagen, J., Pugh, K.
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1958	5c. LaVerendrye	Mirror image tete-beche with normal	Stulberg F.
1959	5c. Seaway	Inverted Center and Double Printed by Frodel	(source of reference not known)

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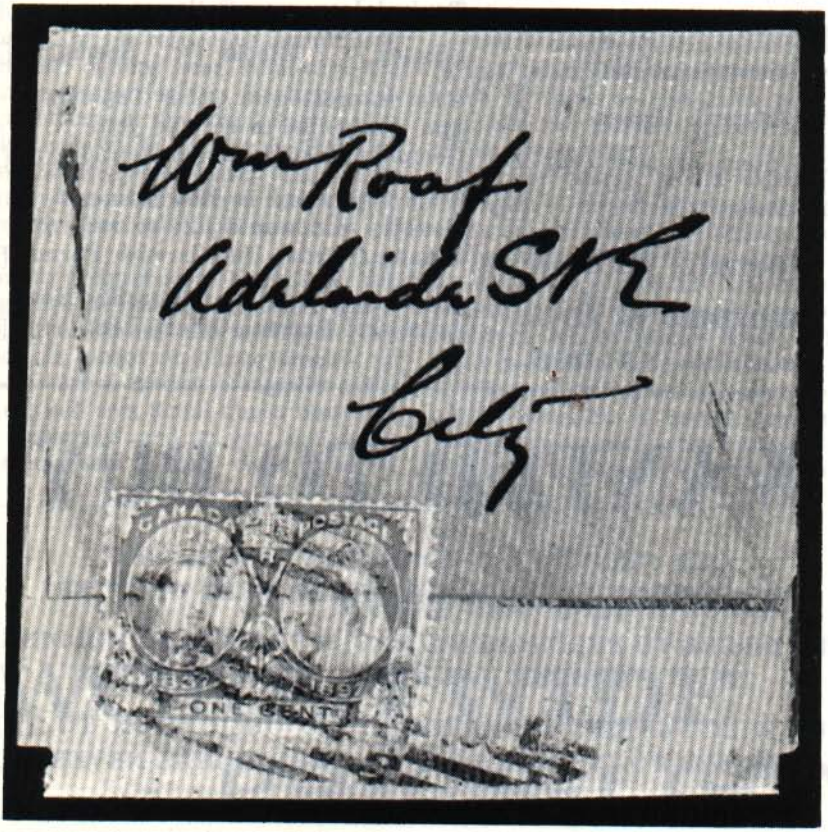

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The only group of people to suffer by this ruling were the companies, usually publishers, who used half cent stamps to mail periodicals (under certain conditions). In the larger urban centres the supplies of the previous half cent Small Queen Issue had been exhausted and it was not being reprinted. New stamps could only be obtained with the purchase of full sets.

Because it was illegal in Canada to bisect stamps to represent the value of the fractional portion, a new solution had to be found - and quickly. An official directive again went out to all postmasters advising them that they were to supply regular users with whole one cent stamps at one half cent each to be used in place of the unavailable proper value. Postmasters were to keep track of these special sales and were refunded the difference from the Post Office Department.

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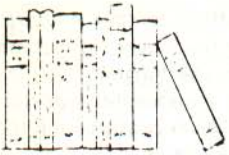

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J. F. WILSON of COLUMBUS, OHIO seeks information about HONG KONG WAR TIME MARKINGS:

Recently I purchased a small collection of stamps and covers. Among them was a page with a cover addressed to ENGLAND, VIA Airmail and having the postal marking (no stamps) on the upper right corner. there was the notation on the page that "the above received shortly after the relief of Hong Kong after Japan surrender and before stamps were in use."

I would like to have any information about this marking and would appreciate any help your readers could give me. My address is 19w. Royal Forest, Columbus, Ohio, 43214, U.S.A.

G. DAVIS PROWSE of CFB PETAWAWA clarifies the POSTAL CODE FOR ALERT, N.W.T.

Since my article on the postal markings currently in use at Alert NWT appeared in The CANADIAN PHILATELIST (volume 26, pages 37 & 39) I have received sveral letters questioning the correct postal code for Alert.

People from Yellowknife to West Germany tell me that our post ofice department lists the coding as "K0K 3S0" which would be logical, as all mail is cleared through Belleville, Ontario.

When I was in Alert in November 1974, the Postmaster listed the local code as "X0B0A0". This was also the designation in the information given out to new residents of CFS Alert.

To clear up the quesions, I wrote the Postmaster in Alert. His answer of 15 March 1975 includes the front of a cover "On Postal Service" from the Eastern District, Ontario Postal Region, addressed by an addressograph machine as follows:

THE POSTMASTER AU MAITRE
DE POSTE
CANADIAN FORCES STATION ALERT
MPO 310
BELLEVILLE, ONT.
X0B 0A0

This would indicate that the POD in Ottawa, and CFS Alert are still using the NWT postal coding of "X0B 0A0".

ROBSON LOWE of LONDON, ENGLAND asks for help in TRACING A COVER.

When the Robson Lowe Encyclopaedia, Volume V was being compiled, the owner of a Canadian cover sent us a photostat of it showing the 1898 Map Stamp. From this we stated that the date of issue was December 6th, 1898 and that one cover exists showing this date of usage.

There now appears to be some doubt as to whether this is, in fact, the correct date. I would therefore be most anxious to have the owner of that cover send me another photostat, or better still, a clear photograph. Address is 50 Pall Mall, London, England, SW1Y 5JZ.

KEN PUGH of BRANDON, MANITOBA SHARES A FEW THOUGHTS

Please permit me the space to jot down a few reflections on my last five years of writing the 'Under the Looking Glass' column for the CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

The next series of articles under this byline will be the accumulative efforts of approximately two hundred and fifty contributors. I wish to express my sincere thanks to each correspondent. Without them little would be known of the Queen

Elizabeth Era Varieties. It is their interest and efforts that makes a society like ours a reality, and, in my opinion, one of the most representative and progressive in B.N.A. philately.

Acknowledgements must also be directed to the editors of this journal through which this series has reached our membership. To Kenneth Rowe and Fred Stulberg my gratitude. Because of their open minded approach many collectors have become aware of the fact that Canadian philately does not stop at the LARGE Queens (although that era of philately is certainly equally as fascinating as the present).

The news that Fred was leaving us for yet another philatelic post saddened me. There is no doubt that his desire to improve the format of the Canadian Philatelist has met with tremendous enthusiasm. He has, as well, encouraged many new members of the Royal to share their thoughts by contributing new and interesting material to our journal.

After reflecting upon the tremendous job Fred has done for us these past years I find myself no longer saddened, but deeply grateful.

We wish him well.

EDITORS NOTE: Thanks . . . . Sincerely

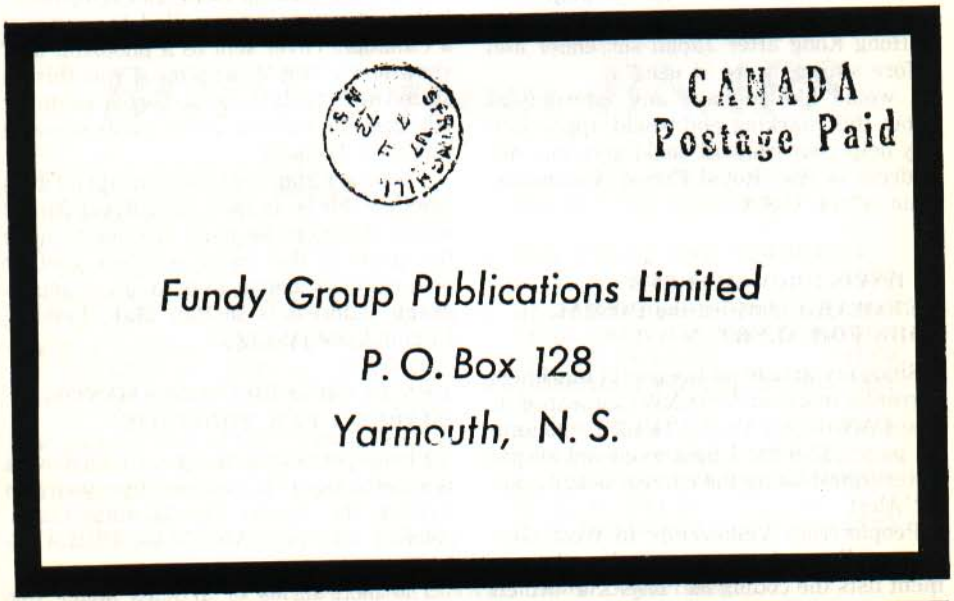
LESTER PINK of YARMOUTH, N.S. asks about MODERN "PAID" MARKINGS:

Enclosed are covers from Springhill N.S. (Medium Security Institution). One has the Springhill Post Office postmark the other has nothing on it. (see below)

You will note these covers are franked by a rubber stamp "Canada Postage Paid". As this is the first time I have ever seen this I am wondering if it is legal.

Both envelopes are renewal orders for a weekly newspaper from two different inmates with the prison address on the inside.

Can anybody give me more information on this? My address is P.O. Box 128, Yarmouth, N.S.



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