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IN MEMORY — LOU BROWN

April 1, 1976.

Dear Friends:-

The sudden death of Lou Brown was a terrible shock to me and all the staff at Empire. Lou, an employee at Empire for over 20 years died at the Wellesley Street Hospital in Toronto, at the age of 53, due to a heart attack.

Every visitor to our store knew "Lou" as he was responsible for our counter and store business. A really great guy - everyone liked Lou. He was kind, patient and always pleasant. He had a great knowledge of stamps and could sort, value and put stamps into our stock faster than anyone I know.

Back about 1950 Lou applied for a position at Empire, but unfortunately there was none available at that time, but I did suggest that he try Marks Stamp Company, which he did and was employed by them. In 1953, when Empire bought the Marks Stamp Company, Lou was their assistant manager. He stayed on with Marks and I well remember going downtown each day to work with him, running the oldest Stamp Company in Canada - Marks. After about six months we moved the Marks Company to 1150 Yonge Street, and Lou joined the Empire staff. He became a close friend and a trusted employee and was fully dedicated to his stamp work. Lou's one other interest was Military Badges, and he had quite an extensive collection.

He met and married one of the lady employees at Empire, Miss Dora Lyle. Last October Dora and Lou bought a house in Barrie and moved there. It was Lou's intention to work only 3 days a week, but as it turned out he worked full time and never missed a day. He liked to commute by train and enjoyed living in his old home town of Barrie.

I'm sure those of you who knew Lou will share with us at Empire in the loss of a wonderful friend - Lou Brown.

Sincerely

H. B. Martin.

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THOUGHTS & THINGS ..... FROM THE EDITOR

AN APOLOGY

This issue will reach you later than usual. There are several reasons for the delay which, when combined, have set the mailing date back almost a month.

We apologize for the delay and hope to correct the causes of it. The next issue (May-June) should be out on schedule and we hope to maintain a regular schedule after that.

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> ". . . the great majority of philatelic writings that regularly appear in the newspapers and fill the columns of the popular philatelic press is simply journalistic trivia."
>
> Robert A. Scheuermann,
> Amer. Helvetica Phil. Soc., in
> Linn's Stamp News,
> Dec. 8, 1975.

The above quotation is from an article on the necessity of philatelic literature to the serious collector. The author expands his coverage to include bulletins of specialized societies.

Ernest A. Kehr, in a two-page editorial "Philatelic Journalism" in The Collectors Club Philatelist of Sept. 1975, said much the same thing but in stronger terms.

> ". . . In perusing the many columns which come to our desk, we come away with the impression — with perhaps a dozen exceptions — that they are produced by persons who have little personal knowledge of stamp collecting and less interest in its future."
>
> ". . . Let our voices be heard and let our letters to the editor be written with an insistence that stamp columns be produced by qualified philatelic writers rather than by indifferent hacks."

It is possible that these sentiments are echoed by many of our members, for it is true that there are stamp columns that are verbatim reprints of press releases from philatelic agencies and the like. There is no editorial comment nor any attempt to assess the material presented.

But before one follows the advice of Mr. Kehr, one should determine whether or not the column would appear at all if it was not prepared by an 'indifferent hack'. In many communities the readership of a stamp column is very small and few people would buy a paper just for the column, no matter how good it was. And there are newspapers which would be happy to see their stamp column dropped.

Often the person responsible for the column is a collector but is not an expert in any branch of philately. He or she is expected to turn out the column in addition to regular duties and derives little if any financial gain. What can one expect from a column which is produced under such circumstances.

One positive feature of stamp columns, no matter how poorly they are prepared, is that they keep the hobby before the public and might stimulate some interest. They also may serve as a form of free publicity and advertising for local stamp clubs, their meetings, exhibitions, etc. As such, they perform a useful function.

In considering the writings in other periodicals such as society journals, it must be kept in mind that many of them are prepared of a voluntary basis. The time taken to put the journal together is time taken from the editor's own collection, the editor's family and even from the editor's regular job. The editor cannot or should not be expected to verify or comment upon all of the information in submitted articles.

That is where the experts among the readers can play an important role. If they find inaccuracies in the articles, they should be prepared to correct them. And

I hope that our readers will do just that. Better still, in the interest of furthering the hobby, the experts, who have gained much of their knowledge from the writings of their predecessors, should impart their knowledge in turn, by writing articles for future experts.

This has come a bit from the comment upon Mr. Kehr's editorial but, in essence, Mr. Kehr did not go far enough. If you do not like the quality or content of what you read in stamp colums and the like, be they in newspapers, philatelic magazines, society journals, or whatever, you should be prepared to do more than criticize. Do something positive to correct the situation as you see it.

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Our ads in the past two issues have brought results. Such results that we have a pile of letters waiting to be answered. We try to send off a reply within a day or two but there are so many of them that it will be some time before they can be answered.

If you do not receive a reply when you expect one, please be patient, you will receive one in due course.

We will not run the ad again until we run short of articles, but don't let that stop you from submitting material to your Canadian Philatelist. A steady stream of articles, notes, and the like will mean that it will not be necessary to beg for items.

To those who have submitted material, our thanks. To those who are preparing material for submission, our thanks also. We will be looking for it.

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From time to time we will present columns of news From The Chapters and notes of articles in the journals that are received in the editorial office. The former will be found in the Society Reports section and the latter in The Bookshelf section. Watch for them.

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EDITOR RESIGNS

After 10 years as editor of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club (Halifax) Newsletter, George A. Penchard has resigned. His last issue of the Newsletter was No. 68, dated Dec. 31, 1975. We are sure that the NSSC appreciated the excellent job that George did during those many years. We have been reading the NSSC Newsletter for only a few years but have enjoyed George's comments, news and humour.

We wish George well and hope that he puts the free time he now has to good use. And we also wish his successor, Ken MacDonald, all the best in his new, and often thankless, position.

JUNIOR PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF AMERICA [JPSA] MERGED WITH JUNIOR WRITERS?

A press release dated 13 December 1975 announced that the JPSA members were to vote on the proposed merger of the JPSA with the Junior Writers' Unit of the Writer' Unit No. 30 of the American Philatelic Society.

If both groups approved, they would become the Junior Philatelists of America (JPA). The JPA would retain Unit Status (#26) of the American Philatelic Society and National Branch status (#381) with the Society of Philatelic Americans, and the JPSA Library would be transferred to the American Philatelic research Library, State College, PA.

Further information on the new JPA may be obtained from David R. Halaas, Augsburg College, Minneapolis, MN, 55454. Membership inquiries should be sent to the JPA Central Office, P.O. Box 15244, Commerce Station, Minneapolis, MN, 55454, and should include 13c. for postage or a stamped self-addressed envelope.

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Similarly, new rate schedules for 2nd and 3rd class mail has meant the introduction of new denominations and colours of current definitives.

All in all, inflation is truely hitting us from all directions. It would seem that the best way to beat it, at least as far as philately is concerned, is to collect used stamps, especially those you can beg from your friends' and relatives' mail.

INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS FOR EXHIBITS IN THE SPACE CLASS

International regulations have been promulgated for space collection exhibits by the F.I.S.A. (Federation Internationale des Societes Aerophilateliques) Commission on Astrophilately. Information on these regulations and on the F.I.S.A. may be obtained from the Secretary General, Kurt Dahmann, Fuggerstrasse 38, D-1000, Berlin 30 (Berlin West).

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"	121 U Lighthouse	2.00	.90
"	210-3 M G. P. O.	1.55	.60
"	214-7 M Telephone	1.53	.60
Br. G.	238b M Raleigh	2.00	.85
Ireland	52 U 1922 prints	1.25	.50
"	53 U "	1.50	.60
"	55 U "	3.50	1.50
"	75 U Definitive	3.25	1.30
"	121-3 U Hi values	3.90	1.50
"	134 U Plowman	1.00	.40
"	186-7 U Wheat	1.25	.50
"	204-5 U Leaves & Fruit	1.75	.75
"	216-7 U Europas	1.00	.40

Your approval requests welcome. Lets know your interests and type of collecting. Many, many selections on hand. References appreciated.

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OLYMPIC FLIGHT COVERS: ANOTHER ASPECT OF COLLECTING

On 7 February 1976, the Canada Post Office issued a 20c. Olympic commemorative stamp for the Winter Games in Innsbruck, Austria, 4 - 15 February 1976. To commemorate the event aerophilatically, a series of flight covers was sent to the sites of the previous 15 Olympic summer games as well as Montreal and Innsbruck.

Previous sets were flown to the respective sites on the dates of issue, using the low value (to 20c.) and semi-postal Olympic commemoratives as issued.

Envelopes flown to the various locations received arrival cancellations in most instances. One such envelope, sent to Mexico City in 1974, is shown here.

The location of the Summer Olympic sites of the past and present are: 1896 - Athens, Greece; 1904 - St. Louis, Missouri; 1912 - Stockholm, Sweden; 1920 - Antwerp, Belgium; 1900 and 1924 - Paris, France; 1928 - Amsterdam, Netherlands; 1932 - Los Angeles, California; 1936 - Berlin, West Germany; 1908 and 1948 - London, England; 1952 - Helsinki, Finland; 1956 - Melbourne, Australia; 1960 - Rome, Italy; 1964 - Tokyo, Japan; 1968 - Mexico City, Mexico; 1972 - Munich, West Germany; and 1976 - Montreal, Canada.

Anyone wishing to obtain further information on these Olympic flight covers is invited to write to R. K. Malott, 16 Harwick Cresc., Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, K2H 6R1.

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INTERPHIL '76 advertising seals bearing the insignia of the exhibition are ready for distribution. Eight attractive red, white and blue self-adhesive seals are on each 4" x 8" sheet. One such seal was used on p.26 of the last issue of the Canadian Philatelist.

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WHEW!

Stories about the slowness of mail delivery are always popping up in the popular press. Here is one such story sent in by Capt. R. B. Mitchell who took it from the Halifax Daily-Star, 19 Dec. 1975.

A Mrs. Shirley Plamondon of Dartmouth, N.S., received a parcel on Dec. 18th, in plenty of time for Christmas. It contained five pounds of assorted cheeses and fondue accessories. The only trouble was that the parcel, a present from her sister in St. John, N.B., had taken two years and 15 days to arrive. Naturally the cheese was moldy clear through.

The parcel had been postmarked in Rexdale, Ont., on Dec. 3, 1973. Where it had been for two years is not known. The paper states: "Needless to say, post office officials were looking into the incident."

"All they could say was that post office employees must have found the package when they began clearing away the mail backlog left from the recent strike."

"Unlike post offices in other countries, when we find a lost parcel like this we're foolish enough to deliver it," a spokesman said."

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Addendum
by E. R. Crain

Information provided to me following publication of my article in the Jan.-Feb. issue of the Canadian Philatelist allows me to add the following to the table on p. 13.

Canada Specialized Catalogue Number	Description	Fluorescence [Red or rose] unless stated otherwise
	1870 - 1897 Small Queens	
41	3c. orange or vermillion	orange*
46	20c. vermillion	very dull orange
	1911 George V Admiral	
184	3c. carmine perf 12 x 8	dull
	1937 George VI	
238	3c. carmine coil	bright
	1953 et seq. Queen Elizabeth II	
377	5c. green	bright green
387	5c. blue and red Seaway	dull red
438	5c. green	bright green
479	5c. multicolour	bright yellow
	1967 Definitives	
457	4c. red	none to dull red
457a	4c. red booklet	none to dull red
457b	4c. red booklet	none to dull red
514	15c. lilac and rose	full pinkish purple
	1972 - 1974 Definitives	
598	50c. blue & pink (new printings)	bright pale yellow

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The original "Alaskan Philatelist" was published regularly by the original Alaska Collectors Club up to its last issue in May 1973.

A complete file of the original club's newsletter has been assembled and arrangements are being made to make them available to members at a low cost. The new "Alaskan Philatelist" will be illustrated and issued six times a year, beginning in February of this year.

If you are interested in the aims of the club, you are invited to join. Further information is available from the Membership Chairman, Don Morisch, USCG Group Office, Samoa, CA, 95564.

60 YEARS IN THE STAMP BUSINESS

In 1916, the Washington POST sponsored a program offering free classified advertising space to teen-agers seeking summer jobs. Among those who responded was a 14-year-old boy named Henry Ellis Harris, who had some stamps he wanted to sell "on approval".

Thus was born the H. E. Harris & Co., as a one-man, part-time business operating out of a spare bedroom in the Harris family home. Today, the company has nearly 400 permanent, full-time employees, and is headquartered in a modern building close to downtown Boston, with 77,000 square feet of office and production space. There are also a recently acquired 20,000 square foot warehouse nearby, and two buildings in Derry, N.H., which house an auxiliary printing and assembly operation.

During the past 60 years, Mr. Harris introduced many innovations such as the Honor-Bilt stamp packages, which, when introduced in 1933, were the first retail line of stamp packets in the world. He also was instrumental in forming the "ivory Soap Stamp Club of the Air" in 1934, which ran for three years and is said to have had some 2 million collectors among its listening audience. That promotion led to "tie-ins" with several other products.

Other items which Mr. Harris has been responsible for or has taken an active role in are: Crystal Mounts for hingeless mounting of stamps, direct mail program, the "Masterwork" albums for low to medium priced stamps, a dealer service program, and, of course, mail sales "on approval" and most recently, "Education Through Stamps", an educational program for Grades 3 through 6 utilizing postage stamps as teaching aids.

Many collectors have, at one time or another, sent for Harris Approval offers and, no doubt, there are just as many who began their collecting activities with the Harris Stamp Identifier booklet close at hand. The identifier has helped many collectors, in times of difficulty, to put their stamps on the right pages in their albums.

In 1973, when Mr. Harris was 71 years old, he sold his firm to General Mills, Inc., of Minneapolis, under the condition that it retain its autonomy and continue to be directed by the management team Mr. Harris picked to succeed him.

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It is anticipated that items can be dealt with within 6 to 8 weeks of the receipt of the same by the Foundation.

For details and submission forms write:

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THE ADMIRALS

ONE OF CANADA'S GREATEST

by Harry W. Lussey

Philatelic Photographic Service, Toronto

Foreword

Harry Lussey is a world renowned collector of many aspects of Canadian philately. He has formed definitive collections of most of the issues of the nineteenth century as well as the early twentieth century up to and including the "Admirals". His collection of the "Edwards" is one of the finest known and was used extensively by George C. Marler in the preparation of his now famous book "The Edward VII Issue of Canada" which was recently published under the auspices of the National Postal Museum of Canada.

Many articles have been written about the "Admirals" but Mr. Lussey's approach emphasises the usages of the various denominations to an extent that is seldom, if ever, seen. He showed over 200 pages.

The article that follows is the first of a series based on the Admiral Issue. It was presented recently to the Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada and received the Herbert Dube Lectureship Award. This award was established in 1969 to honour the first president of the Society. (See earlier numbers of the Canadian Philatelist for a description.).

F.G.S

Part One — Introduction

The Admirals have everything, yet collectors have only recently begun to recognize this. This issue was current from 1912 to 1928, a period of 16 years, but World War I intervened from 1914-1919 and very sharply curtailed usage to foreign countries. To some degree this affected domestic usage as well. Therefore the issue actually had years of unrestricted use. This, for a country the size of Canada 60 years ago, does not provide a very extensive supply of other than ordinary correspondence. Furthermore the liberal number of items required during the life of the issue, as a result or rate changes alone, renders many of them scarce, particularly mint or on cover.

This article will not be a complete presentation. This would be impossible for two reasons, the first is the limitation of space; the other is that my collection does not include examples of items which, I suspect, probably exist. As a beginning let us examine the various collectable types of the issue. If there is a weak area it is in perforations. It is primarily a perf 12 issue with some perf 8 coils and compound 12 x 8. The variety is minimal but not so in other areas.

Paper varieties are somewhat more plentiful than is generally realized and a few may become rarities of the future. The paper used was unmatermarked wove and the stamps were usually printed with the grain running vertically. Some "wide" stamps from sheets are known but all I have seen are used. Mint specimens would be more interesting. There are a number of values, other than the well known 2c. green and 5c. violet, which exist on

"ODDS AND ENDS"

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M-5	Webb P105b (cat. $20.00) 7c. green Centennial on Ont. Hydro return portion		4.75
M-6	Webb P106c (cat. $10.00) 8c. slate Centennial on Ont. Hydro return portion		1.25
M-7	Webb P106 Quebec Information Disease Form E259 8c. slate Centennial		2.00
M-8	Canada First Set of Tagged stamps on cacheted F.D.C. cancelled in Winnipeg by the Sefecan canceller #337p to 341p all five stamps on one cover		8.00
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M-12	#518 Group of Seven painting F.D.C. This is Ottawa P.O.'s first cachet	ea.	.50
M-13	#553i Kane Rosecraft unaddressed F.D.C. with stroke on tepee variety	ea.	1.00
M-14	#599 tagged Vancouver dollar F.D.C. no cachet, no official date by P.O. S.G. lists Oct. 24/73	ea.	5.00
M-15	#610iii Krieghoff with "broken door frame variety" on Rosecraft F.C.D. unaddressed	ea.	1.00
M-16	Prisoner of War Labels - for use during Second World War Sissons Number P.O.W. 5 1945 Mint single		$55.00
	P.O.W. 6 1946 Mint single		$ 4.50
	Mint strip of five		$21.00
M-17	Map of Viet Nam cachet showing principal cities. Canadian Forces useage.		
	(A) Vietnamese army label internal useage I.C.C.S cancel		$ 1.50
	(B(Vietnamese stamp KBC 3799 violet cancel		$ 1.50
	(C) Canadian stamps C.F.P.O. 5005 violet cancel used back to Canada		$ 1.50

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thin paper. Some values exist on very thick paper and at least two on double paper. A grey paper, similar to the U.S. blue paper of 1909, is known.

Printing and Plate Varieties

We have numerous reentries and retouches as the dies and plates were reworked to lengthen their lives. Major reentries, comparable to those on the 5c. beaver, exist on the 1c. green and important reentries are known on most values. One on the 5c. blue probably rates "major" status. The changeover from the wet to dry process in 1924 provided two distinct printings of all stamps current at that time.

Shades

In this area there is still much to be recognized. We know that World War I cut off the supply of German dyes and other sources had to be found. Substitutes seldom produced identical results. Then there is the problem of plate wear leading to lighter shades. Finally the amount of moisture in the paper, the wiping of the plate, etc., produced different shades from the same batch of ink.

Rate Revisions and Color Changes

Imposition of the 1c. war tax early in 1915 changed many of the rates. The numerous changes made in October 1921, the return to a 2c. letter rate on July 1, 1926, and revisions of the rates to certain areas, regarding which much is still to be learned, created a wide variety of rates. Those established on July 1, 1926 were current on the Admirals for only two years. The rate changes likewise resulted in the issuance of provisionals in 1926 and again in 1931. As rates were revised, U.P.U. regulations called for color changes, and these led to as many as three different colors for one denomination.

Marginal Markings

The hundreds of plates that were used provided a huge field for plate number collectors. Then there are the printing order numbers, lathe work, pyramid lines and the R gauge markings. A complete collection in this field alone is practically impossible to achieve.

Cancellations

Few recognize the scope of this area. Precancels were at their peak with the various city names providing well over a thousand varieties with more than a few falling in the unique or only two or three known categories. Military cancellations are far from common. The Montreal numerals and letters in duplex devices, the railway post offices, steamers and packet boat cancels, straight lines, emergency post office, squared circles, flags and slogans abound and a few fancy cancels round out this phase. Some of the real Admiral rarities are in this field.

Usages of the Admirals on Cover

Admiral covers to foreign countries, prior to 1920 in particular, may not be rarities but they are definitely scarce. From early 1912 to August 1914, when World War I broke out, is a rather short period. Covers in the 1915-1919 period are rarely seen. In 1921 practically everything changed. In 1922 postal rates, registration and special delivery rates went up, and again in 1925 rates on mail going abroad were changed. Single stamps, on overseas covers, paying the rates for which they were issued, are far from common. Even combinations of stamps paying these rates are decidedly collectable items. The provisionals issued in conjunction with domestic rate changes, used during the "provisional" period, are difficult to locate. This is only a sketchy outline of what the cover field encompasses.

The Remainder of the "Cover" Field

In this area we have covers with postage due stamps, both domestic and foreign. Special delivery covers with mixed frankings are particularly interesting. World War I brought censored covers, non-transmissibles, patriotics, prisoner of war and propaganda covers. Multi-colored advertising covers were still popular and fair and exhibition covers, while past their peak, were still in use.

The Postage Stamps and Postal History of Newfoundland

Winthrop S. Boggs

Newfoundland is of interest to postage stamp and postal history collectors for many reasons. Among these are its long, yet bounded, postal history beginning as Britain's oldest colony and ending with confederation in 1949; and the fact that its postage stamp issues were high in production and artistic standards, comparatively free from complicated varieties (a plus for beginning specialists), and fully reflected the history and economy of the area in their design. Despite these values, little had appeared in the philatelic press about Newfoundland until the publication of Winthrop S..Bogg's **The Postage Stamps and Postal History of Newfoundland** in 1942. Bogg's monograph is a fascinating and scholarly work based on exhaustive study of Newfoundland history and research into Newfoundland's postal records. Subjects discussed include early postal history; regular and commemorative issues from 1857 to 1942; airmail stamps and their overprints; postage due; postal stationery; and cancellations and postmarks. In addition to the many illustrations, this work also includes a bibliography and a listing of the post offices in Newfoundland and Labrador as of 1940 with their previous names.

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If we reflect at this point on the scope of the Admiral field versus that of the 1859's, the Large Queens, the Small Cents, etc., we cannot help but realize its vast area of collector interest. In an attempt to illustrate this, the rest of this article will cover all phases of the issue with the exception of precancels. Somehow I overlooked this extremely interesting area which includes many rarities carrying nominal catalog values. Although they are omitted, they definitely from an important section of any specialized Admiral collection.

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WAGLISLA - A NEW BRITISH COLUMBIA POST OFFICE

by W. G. Robinson

The recent trend toward consolidation and closing of rural post offices has been reversed with the opening of a new office on the Bella Bella Indian Reserve, located on the east side of Campbell Island, some 325 miles north-north-west of Vancouver.

In 1920 the post office on the Reserve was closed, and the name transferred to the Denny Island site, where the BELLA BELLA Post Office is still operated by B.C. Packers Ltd. in the store serving their fishing camp and the former R.C.A.F.

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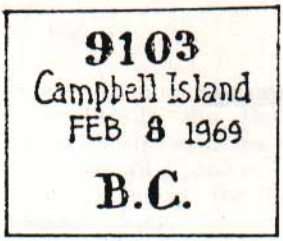


Fig. 7

Known as WAGLISLA, the office was authorized to open December 9, but actually opened for business on December 10, 1974, in the newly completed building of the Bella Bella Band Store, Ltd., a Band owned company. The Postmaster is Rhoda Brown.

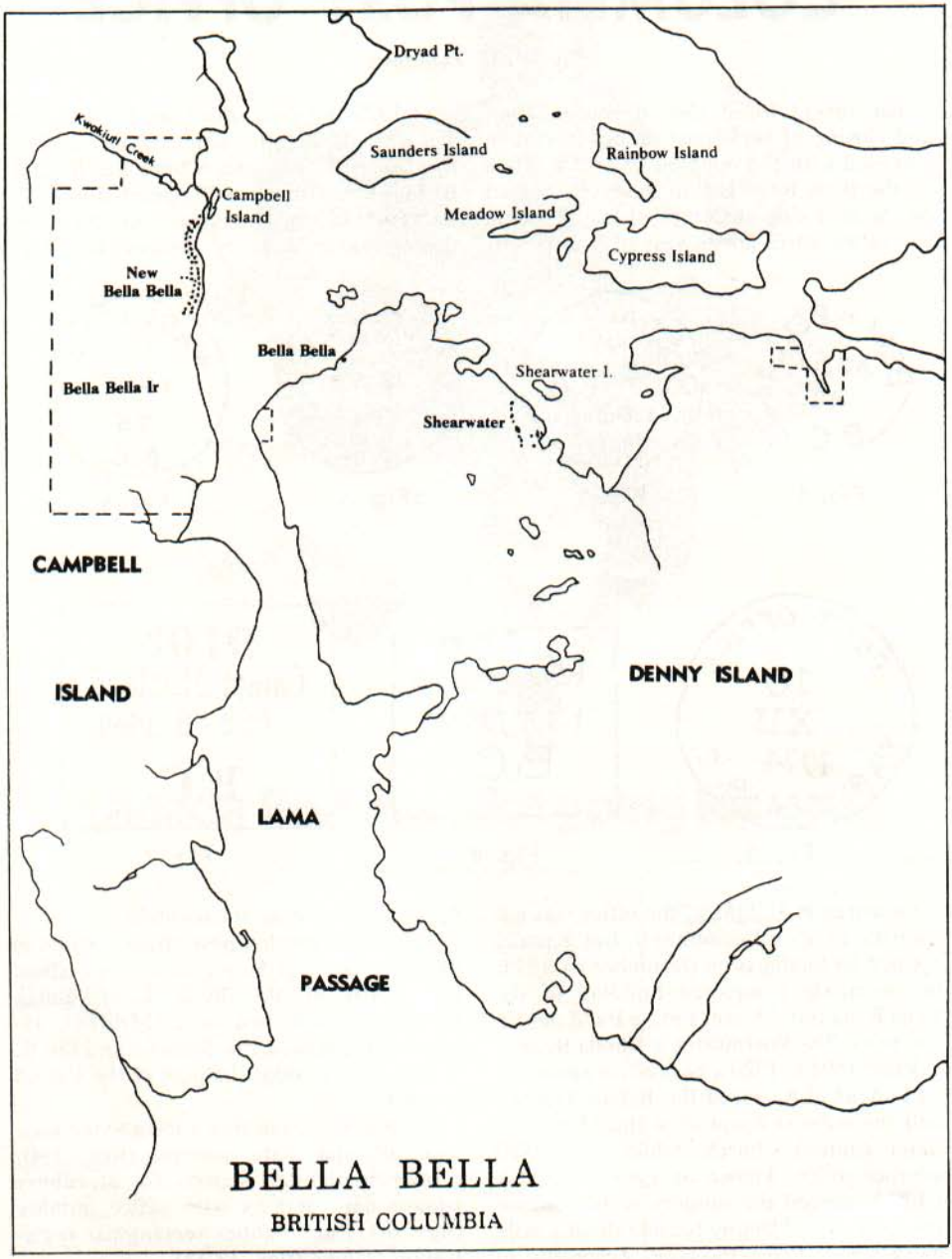
From 1894 to 1920 a post office known as BELLA BELLA served the Indian Reserve and the outpost hospital of the Methodist (later United) Church, while from 1920 another office, known as EAST BELLLA BELLA, served the cannery settlement on the west side of Denny Island, about a mile away across Lama Passage. According to G. H. Melvin [1], no postmarks are known from EAST BELLA BELLA.

flying boat base at Shearwater.

Since 1936 another post office, located in Martin's General Store, on a small island just north of the Bella Bella Indian Reserve, and known as CAMPBELL ISLAND, has served the Reserve and the R. W. Large Memorial Hospital of the United Church.

Postmarks of this area known to me are - steel circular date stamps (figs. 1-4), rubber circular date stamps (fig. 5), rubber square date stamps with office number (figs. 6-11) and rubber rectangular registration stamps (figs. 12-14).

Many of the names of the places and features in the area originated with the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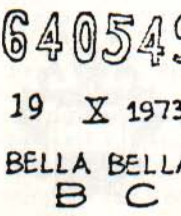

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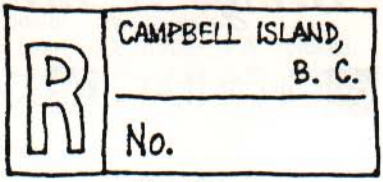

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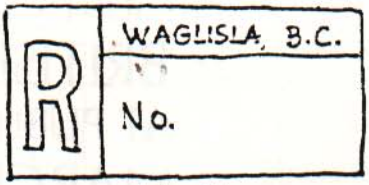

Fig. 14

Hudson's Bay Company, who established Fort McLoughlin in May 1833 and abandoned it in 1843. This post, named after Dr. John McLoughlin, physician and Chief Factor at Fort Vancouver, was located on Campbell Island, south of the present Indian village, on the shore of McLoughlin Bay. Dryad Point and Lama Passage are named for the Hudson's Bay Company ships "Dryad" and "Llama" which supplied the trading post.

BELLA BELLA is an English adaptation of the name of the local Indian tribe of Heiltsuks, who were variously referred to as Bil-Billas or Bel-Bellahs by early writers.

Walbran [2] does not show the origin of CAMPBELL ISLAND, which may have been named for Dr. Samuel Campbell, Surgeon of H.M.S. "Plumper", which conducted hydrographic surveys on the B.C. coast 1857-61, or may have received the name earlier for some other person. The writer would welcome definite information on this.

WAGLISLA was the original name for the Reserve locality in the Heiltsuk language. A literal translation means "The beach with the river nearby", and refers to the village location along the beach adjacent to Kwakiutl Creek.

Mail formerly travelled to and from these offices by steamers, notably those of the Canadian Pacific Navigation Co., the Union Steamship Co. of B.C., and more recently Northland Navigation Co. Now all first class mail is handled by air through the Vancouver A.M.F. office.

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CURRENT POSTAL MARKINGS: YUKON TERRITORY

by Frederick C. Smith

Canada's Northern Postal System has always held a great interest for students of postal history. Recently, we saw an article on the current postal stations operating in the Northwest Territories (Canadian Philatelist, Sept.-Oct., 1974). Below is a list of postal stations presently operating in the Yukon Territory, and the types of postal markings you might be able to obtain from them.

While this list is not complete, I trust that it will be of interest to those for whom "Northern Outposts" hold a fascination.

I have examples of all those indicated, on Registered covers. The various sorting points and transit markings are well worth the cost involved in obtaining a "Registered" cover.

Added Note: Amendments to "The Hollow Tree" No. 884 and 936, by Ed. Richardson.

Granville, Y.T. closed.
Keno Hill, Y.T. closed since 1968.
McCabe Creek, Y.T. closed.
R.C.A.F. Whitehorse,
later, Hillcrest closed.
Stewart River, Y.T. closed since 1965.

Postal Station	Circular Date Stamp	Rubber Date Stamp	P.O.C.O.N. Number	Roller	Other	Registration (R in block as elsewhere)
Beaver Creek	x		720011			x
Carmacks	x		720038			x
Carcross	x		720003 *			x
Clinton Creek	x		720046			x
Dawson	x	x	720062			x
Destruction Bay			720070 *			x
Elsa	x		720054			x
Faro	x		720089	x		x
Haines Junction	x		720097			x
Mayo	x		720127			x
Old Crow		x	720194			x
Pelly Crossing	x					x
Ross River	x		720135			x
Swift River YT (733) Mile)	x					x
Teslin	x		720151			x
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CANADA'S REGISTRY SYSTEM: 1827-1911

An update to Chapter I - Money Letters

by Horace W. Harrison, R.P.S.C. 6779

This article is the first update to the handbook which was released at the R.P.S.C. Convention in 1971.

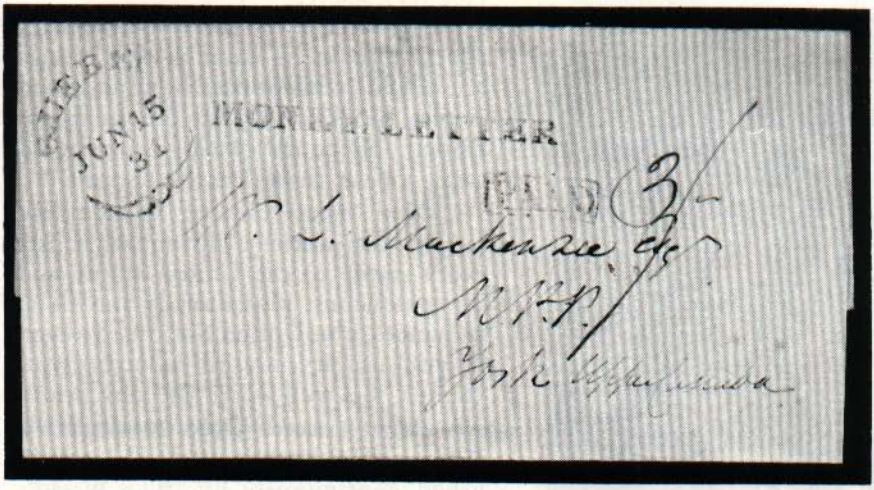

Fig. 3B Kalman Illyefavi photo

On Page 3 of the handbook Canada's Registry System the final paragraph states that the earliest known handstamp reading MONEY LETTER was mailed at Quebec in October of 1831. Figure 3B herein illustrates a still earlier example from the same hammer, dated June 15, 1831, at Quebec City. It is addressed to W. L. Mackenzie, Esq. M.P.P. (Member of the Provincial Parliament) at York (Tornto) Upper Canada (Ontario) and is rated Boxed "PAID" 3/- (Currency) for 556 miles distance from Quebec City to York, a double rate because of the enclosure.

This handstamp was evidently obtained by the Quebec Postmaster on his own authority as it antedates the first officially recorded MONEY LETTER handstamps by some 8 years. This is the earliest of 4 recorded strikes of this hammer, all of which have a characteristic dot following the "Y" of MONEY. One dated OC 3, 1831, is in the collection of A. G. Fairbanks and the other two are in the archives at the Chateau de Ramezay in Montreal; one dated MA (rch) 17, 1832, addressed to River, Chambly is recorded as Document 926-3, and the other, dated OC 9, 1832, addressed to St. Mathias, is recorded as Document 949.

Fortunately for me, this earliest cover has no letter content, for if it had, it would not now be in my collection because the addressee is none other than the early Canadian radical, William Lyon Mackenzie, who was elected and expelled at least five times from the Provincial Parliament. In 1835 he was elected the first Mayor of York (Toronto) and was a leader of the abortive rebellion of 1837. My Canadian friend, who made this example available to me, is far too interested in the history of

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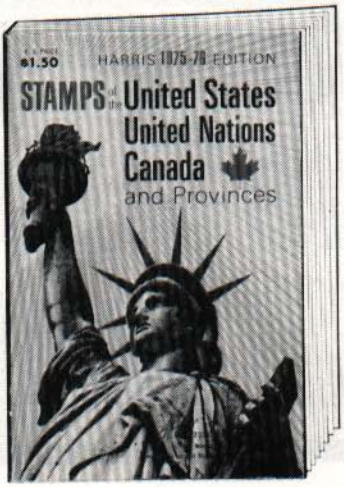

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Toronto to have allowed any significant W. L. Mackenzie document to leave Canada; and I might not have been willing to bring it across the border had it contained interesting historical material, as I was trained as a historian in a small radical college in New Jersey.

mentions the enclosure of $28.00.

I have been informed by a rude New York State postal historian that the "PAID 10" fancy handstamp is rare and that the cover really belongs in his collection rather than mine. He shall not be named to protect the guilty; for he reported a Money

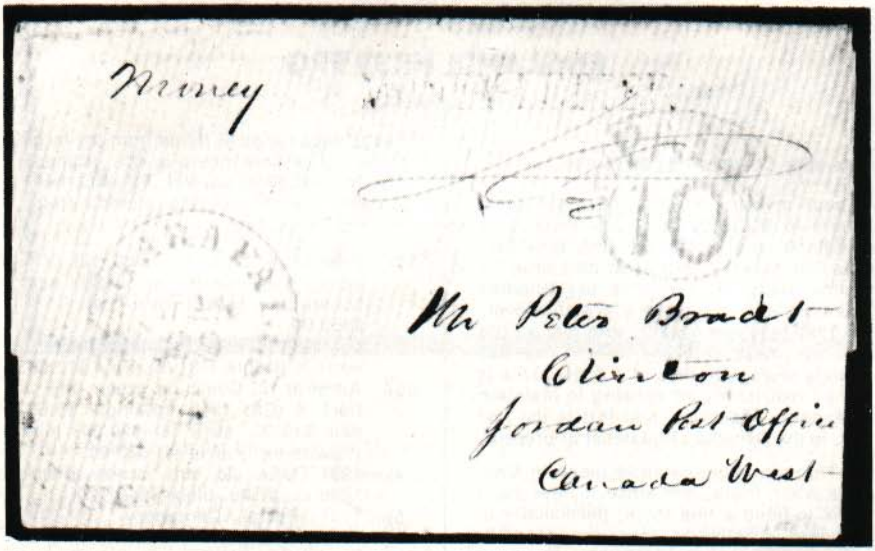

Fig. 16A Kalman Illyefalvi photo

On Page 11 of the handbook, the third paragraph refers to Figure 16. Illustrated herein is Figure 16A, being the second MONEY LETTER known to me to have originated in the United States and mailed to Canada. The letter was mailed at Niagara Falls, N.Y. on JAN 29 (1851) and rated PAID 10" handstamp in a pale blue ink of identical color to the N.Y. date stamp. The inscription "Money" at the upper left does not appear to be the handwriting of the addressor. There is a faint black "Queenston, U.C. Jan. 29, 1851" c.d.s. at the lower left and a similarly underinked MONEY LETTER handstamp at the top right center with a fancy faded red 4 ½ rating in manuscript. Because both countries were rating the mail by weight, either the U.S. 10c. is 5c. too much or the Canadian 4 ½ d is too little. The cover is backstamped Jordan, C. W. with an illegible date, and the letter

Letter Cover from Buffalo to Montreal in Western Stamp Collector some years ago; and when I wrote courteously to see if it came from the same correspondence as Figure 16, I received no reply. Evidently, he had seen my cover on display at the Collectors Club in New York, and had written it up as a copyrighted article in the philatelic weekly with neither the courtesy of requesting my permission nor the attribution of the cover to my collection.

My thanks go out to Mr. Samuel Ray, the premier Chicago dealer who obtained the cover shown herein as Figure 16A, and sold it to me on the banks of the Ottawa River at the 1971 Convention of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada.

The "piece de resistance" of this update of Chapter I was supplied to me by the Northern California cover dealer, Henry Spelman III, upon his reading the fourth paragraph on Page 11 in which I stated:

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8). $1 Export, 411, m. $10.00, block $44.00, Plate block $50.00. fu. $1.60.

9;. 1954, 4c. Defin. white fluor. paper (HI/HI). Bileski E37H. Very scarce. m. $20.00, block (4) $80.00.

10). UN. 1970, 10c. MED/LO, 15c. LO/LO, m. .68, blocks $2.72, plates $3.60. 10c. LO/LO, 15c. MED/LO, m. $3.40, blocks $13.60, plates $18.00. These listed by Bileski.

11). UPU. 1974, 8c. & 15c. Smooth papers, m. .40, blocks $1.60, plates $1.90, fu. .42. Ribbed papers, m. .54, blocks $2.16, plates $2.70, fu. .58.

I Look Forward To Hearing From You!

Fig. 16B Kalman Illyefalvi photo

"At this time the writer knows of no Money Letters sent to the United Kingdom or elsewhere abroad, and he would be interested in hearing of any for recording." Had I made a careful study of Fred Jarrett's classic "Standard British North America Catalogue", published in 1929, I would have found on page 484 under the heading "British Postmarks" type 748 described as: "Stampless cover, OCT., 1854, red, with MONEY LETTER red . . . $3.75." This was an indication that at least one Money Letter to Britain had previously been recorded. While I am not altogether certain that the handstamp "8 d Stg 10 Cy", illustrated as Type 748, is a British postmark and not a Canadian one, still the information that was reported on page 484 indicated that such a Money Letter to Britain did exist. Figure 16B herein is probably the cover recorded by Fred in his 1929 Catalogue.

Besides the obvious MONEY LETTER and rate handstamp, it also bears the "PAID, QUEBEC. L.C., OC 28, 1854" c.d.s. in the same shade of red ink and reads "AMERICA, LIVERPOOL; PAID, NO 12, 54" and is backstamped c.d.s. "1854, 13 NO 13, B Crown 1" in circle, plus c.d.s. "CARDIFF;; NO 14, 1854". The large black manuscript "6" at the center indicates 6 pence due from the addressee for the Registry Fee in the United Kingdom, showing that the British Post Office did indeed treat MONEY LETTERS as Registered material.

There is space at the bottom of pages 11 and 12 of the handbook to paste in two of the three illustrations herein, and I suggest that Figures 16A and 16B be used, since Figure 3A, already in the handbook, shows an illustration of handstamp MONEY LETTER Type O.

Those R.P.S.C. members who do not have a copy of "Canada's Registry System, 1827-1911" may obtain one for U.S. $7.50 from the A.PS. Central Office, P.O. Box 800, State College, PA, 16801, while the supply lasts. No reprint is expected for some years. However, additional chapters will be updated as time permits.

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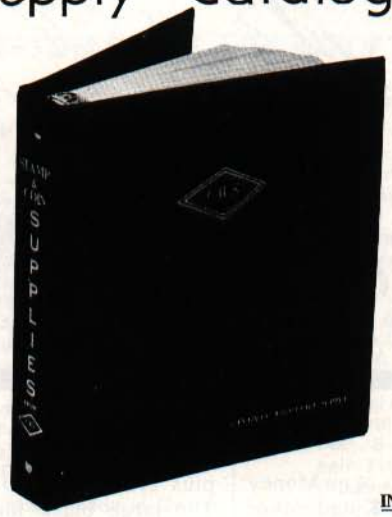

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Of all the postal experiments of the past, perhaps the strangest of all was the floating safes used in the Dutch overseas mail system in the early 1920s. This resulted in a 1921 set of seven stamps in three designs, called "Marine Insurance Stamps" in Scott's Catalogue (figures 1-3).

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Fig. 1-3: Netherlands' "floating safe" stamps, 1921

In the 1922 volume of the **L'Union Postale**, the official publication of the Universal Postal Union, these safes and their operation were described. "The floating safe is a safe intended to be placed on the deck of steam packets, to which it is held fast by four curved metal arms. As long as it is above water or is only in shallow water these arms hold it perfectly firmly. As soon however as it is more than 10 meters below the surface the arms open automatically, releasing their hold on the safe, which immediately rises to the surface and remains floating there. Should the steamer sink in shallow water the safe would consequently remain fixed to the deck.

"The safes are provided with a signalling apparatus which acts as soon as they are at the surface. The signals consist of twelve rockets which go off at intervals of an hour; of a bright light which shines for one minute, repeated at intervals of three minutes and a horn which sounds for one minute at intervals of eight minutes" (p. 115).

All of this commotion was choreographed by a clockwork mechanism and was intended to attract the attention of rescue ships. No doubt it would have been effective. However, there were even more safety devices fitted.

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Fig. 4. Registered letter to the Netherlands East Indies, to be placed in a "floating sale".

(Société, p. 3). The safe was locked with two ordinary locks as well as a secret one (**ibid.**, p. 4). If this were not enough security, the mailer could request a special container for secret documents "dont le contenu en cas d'overture par un incompétent, s'anéantit automatiquement" (**ibid.**, pp. 4-5), which translates freely: "where the contents will destroy themselves automatically in case of being opened incorrectly." Good grief!

This bizarre conflation of contraptions was designed by the Dutch inventor C. van Blaaderen and was first demonstrated in 1914, but was not adopted due to technical objections raised by the steamship companies. However the "War to End All Wars" produced enough marine disasters to convince the "Netherland" Line to install the safes (**Union Postale,** p. 116).

The service was inaugurated on 1 February 1921 between the Netherlands and the Netherlands East Indies and cost 15 cents per 20 grammes for items placed in the safes. Only "registered letters, letters, boxes or parcels with declared value" (**ibid.**, p. 118) could be carried, and ordinary postage and registration fees had to be paid along with the floating safe fee. Van Blaaderen's company, the shipping line, and the Post Office shared the special fee (**ibid.**, p. 117).

The adopted designs of the special stamps represent the functions of the safe. The 15 cent stamp (figure 1) shows gulls fluttering around a floating safe; the 1.50 guilder stamp (figure 2) represents the signaling devices operating in a rough sea; and the 4.50 guilder (figure 3) bears an allegory of the Dutch lion emblazoned on a floating safe.

An unusual thing about these stamps was that they were "manufactured at the expense of the van Blaaderen Company" (**ibid.**, p. 118). They were available in post offices in the Netherlands and in the East

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The service did not last long; I do not know when it was terminated, but think it was before 1925. In the last paragraph of the **Union Postale** account (p. 119) the unpopularity of the new service was noted.

"The use made of this service is not so frequent as the urgent demands of the public led the Department to anticipate. The fact that the safes are only placed on the ships of the 'Nederland' company is perhaps a reason for this, and is moreover very detrimental to their popularity, since persons wishing to make use of them can only do so on half the occasions on which the mails are carried."

This unpopularity makes it clear why used stamps and covers are so scarce. However, I doubt that the relatively infrequent sailing was the major cause of the commercial failure of this venture.

In the first place, the fee was not cheap and had to be paid in addition to the postal and compulsory registration (or "declared value") charges. And, above all, I doubt very much that shipwrecks were so common as to warrant the obsessive attention paid to salvage.

It is quite likely that people did not use the service simply because they considered it a waste of money. Indeed I have never seen a reference to a floating safe in the description of a ship wreck. On the other hand, should the Canadian Post Office institute a strike insurance service today, it would probably be quite popular.

For several years I tried with no success to discover the details of this odd service until I contacted the officials of the Dutch Postal Museum in the Hague. I am indebted to them for providing the literature and photographs used in preparing this article.

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The Netherlands - This is a very popular country. We have very few books.

Scandinavia - We need more books.

These are the most wanted countries but there are always Chapters and individuals who want others such as: The Channel Islands, Tristan da Cunha, Isle of Man and The Barbados (early). We need more of these also.

In spite of, or perhaps because of, the postal strike the fall sales were very good. I also met seven Chapter co-ordinators when they hunted me up to get their circuits.

We now have circuits going to 46 Chapters and there are over 60 individuals on the list to receive circuits, so if you receive a circuit only every few months, you will know why. There just are not enough to satisfy the demand.

Now for the bad news. We have had to have new blank books printed and the cost has been increased since the last printing. The books now cost 3 for $1.00. This is still a good buy and we are fortunate to get the printing done this reasonably.

Margaret Allen,
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THE COORDINATOR OF YOUTH ACTIVITIES--

SOEST, GERMANY was selected as the site of the first German-Canadian Stamp Exhibition for Young Philatelists. It will take place October 9 and 10, 1976. While it is doubtful that many Canadians will be there in person, it is our sincere hope that Canada will be well represented in the exhibition itself.

Soest was selected by the hosts, the German Philatelic Society, since this was the base for Canadian troops for many years and the local population established an excellent rapport with their guests. The City of Soest is over 1300 years old and has 40,000 inhabitants. The city lies some 50 km west of the important industrial and commercial centre of Dortmund.

The exhibition's hosts plan to ask the Canadian Ambassador to West Germany to act as the Honourary Patron of the event. It is expected that many Canadian servicemen and their families will visit Soest at that time from the nearby military base at Lahr (Schwarzwald). The exhibition itself will likely hold some 1000 pages of materials. Judging will be done in accordance with international rules for junior philatelists, with which many of our young exhibitors are familiar. A short description of the rules follows for those that were not aware of judging standards.

A young exhibitor may accumulate a total of 100 points based on the scheme shown in the accompanying table.

POINT AWARD SCHEME	under 15 years	15-18	18-21
(1) general considerations (appearance, write-up, neatness, lay-out)	45 points	30 points	20 points
(2) basic development of collection	15	20	25
(3) philatelic knowledge (includes condition of materials)	35	40	45
(4) completeness of collection	5	10	10

It is evident from the distribution of points that a young philatelist will not be penalized for his inability to buy some expensive items for his collection, thus completeness is assessed the least number of points. On the contrary, neatness and ability to tell the story will earn an exhbitor enough points to win a respectable award as shown in categories (1) and (3).

International scale of awards provides for five categories:

90 to 100 points - silver medal
75 to 89 points - silver-bronze medal
60 to 74 points - bronze medal
45 to 59 points - diploma
less than 45 (qualifying exhibit) - participation diploma

In addition to the above, it is customary to award prizes in kind in categories established by an exhibition committee or so designated by donors. The most important feature of exhibiting is not the award or its level but the lesson one learns through exhibiting and competition. If we were to borrow a phrase from the Olympic motto it would be: "The important thing . . is not winning but participating."

Young collectors are encouraged to apply to the Coordinator at 157 Clifton Avenue, Downsview, Ontario M3H 4L6 for advice and help in entering the First German-Canadian Stamp Exhibition for Young Philatelists.

The cost of forwarding and return of exhibits to and from Soest will be borne by the R.P.S.C. provided they are in the hands of the Coordinator in ample time.

Those wishing to try their skills on a local level should seek out local clubs and inquire as to their rules for young exhibitors. STAMPEX CANADA has a youth section and will be glad to accept entries from juniors.

Due to the postal strike fewer than usual requests for assistance and materials were received. Those requiring stamps for their clubs should apply now while supplies are still available.

M. Madesker.

THE CHAPTER COORDINATOR--

You will be interested to learn that the Society will be sponsoring a seminar on Exhibitions and Exhibiting sometime during 1976 under the co-chairmanship of Dr. F. G. Stulberg and me. It is our hope that this will evolve standards that will be used by all Chapters of the Society for their exhibitions. Once they are in effect, it is hoped that a Judges Roster can be established to assist Chapters in obtaining judges for their exhibitions. This seems to be a continuing problem, particularly in central and southern Ontario where most of our Chapters are located. You will be advised further on this when a date and location have been set. We hope that as many Chapters as possible will send a representative to the seminar.

Slide programmes No. 37 - Canadian Pioneer Airmail Envelopes and Stamps; No. 38 - Canadian Semi-Official Airmail Stamps, On and Off Cover; No. 48 - Canada, Its Beauty on Stamps; No. 50 - Canadian United Nations Military Postmarks; and No. 51 - Canadian Interrupted (Crash) Flight Envelopes, all by Major R. K. Malott of Ottawa, are now available.

A mailing sent to the Prince Rupert Stamp & Coin Club, c/o Mr. Les Farkas, has been returned endorsed "moved, address unknown". Will someone in the Prince Rupert club please send me either Mr. Farkas's new address or the name and address of their new Chapter Representative.

When I became Chapter Co-ordinator in 1973, I set myself two modest goals. One goal was to get Chapter membership over the 100 mark. The second goal was to make the Society truly national insofar as the Chapters were concerned by having Chapter representation in all provinces and territories. The first has been accomplished, we now have 103 Chapters. However, we are still not national as we have no Chapters in New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, or in the Yukon and the Northwest Territories. We certainly have mem-

bers in those areas and I can't believe that there is no activity at the club level in St. John, Moncton, Frederickton, Campbellton, Charlottetown, Summerside, Yellowknife, Hay River, Pine Point, Whitehorse, Watson Lake, Dawson City or even Old Crow.

The requirements for Chapter membership are quite easy to meet. At least three of the club members must be members in good standing in the RPSC and the annual dues are $5.00. As a Chapter, a club is able to use the Society's Sales Circuit, which has the advantage of bringing in new material for the club members. This is of particular importance to stamp clubs in remote locations. The club may also use the slide and lecture programmes which are available for club meetings and may also buy special medals for club exhibition awards.

As a point of interest, here is a geographical breakdown of our Chapters: Newfoundland - 1; Nova Scotia - 4; Quebec - 8; Ontario - 55; Manitoba - 3; Saskatchewan - 5; Alberta - 6; British Columbia - 16; U.S.A. - 4; Germany - 1; (at CFB Lahr).

If you are a member of a stamp club that is not a Chapter of the Royal, why not drop me a line for more information on how your club may become a Chapter.

Michael Millar.

THE CONVENTION COORDINATOR--

INTERPHIL '76

As of January 10th, the Sheraton Philadelphia Hotel was still accepting reservations for INTERPHIL '76. Anyone who plans to attend INTERPHIL '76 and wishes to stay at the Sheraton is advised to contact the hotel directly at 1725 John F. Kennedy Boulevard, Philadelphia, PA, U.S.A., 19103 [tel. (215) 568-3300].

All available data has been distributed. If you require data on the Philadelphia area, write to the Philadelphia Convention and Visitors Bureau, Tourist Center, 1525 John F. Kennedy Boulevard, Philadelphia, PA, U.S.A., 19102 [tel. (215) 864-1976]. The bureau has indicated that data will be available to those registering at the various hotels and INTERPHIL '76.

The RPSC's lounge is No. 19, near the 500 seat restaurant in the Philadelphia Civic Center, Exhibition Hall A. The BNAPS lounge (No. 20) is next to the RPSC's lounge. The Annual Meeting of the RPSC will be held on Saturday, June 5, 1976. The location and time is announced on the Coming Events page and will be posted at the RPSC lounge.

You are invited to contact me if you have any questions regarding INTERPHIL '76 and the Society's meeting.

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GUELPH STAMP CLUB CELEBRATES IT'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY

Guelph Stamp Club founding members, W. W. Tyson and H. A. Norton

At their regular meeting on January 21, 1976, the Guelph Stamp Club held a small birthday party to celebrate the 30th anniversary of its founding on January 28, 1946. Among the members and visitors in attendance were two of the original eight founding members. The other two founding members, who are still members of the club, were unable to be present.

Club Secretary Bram Costin, entertained the members with a talk in which he related the history of the club as gleaned from the minutes of the meetings of 30 years. Some of the incidents he reported on brought chuckles from his listeners. He also pointed out that the club had a 100% record in backing efforts to have stamps issued for a particular event or person. The club is now trying to get a stamp issued for the 150th anniversary of Guelph in 1977 and if their record holds, there will be such a stamp.

Following Mr. Costin's talk, the founding members present said a few words and related one or two incidents that did not get into the minutes. Refreshments followed and included a birthday cake baked by the treasurer.

During the 30 years of it's existence, the Guelph Stamp Club has had the ups and downs that are common to most clubs. But it has grown during that time from the original 8 to its present membership of 100 adults and junior members.

FROM THE CHAPTERS

RESOLUTION OF CENSURE

WHEREAS the Canadian Post Office has a policy of selling Canadian postage stamps to foreign stamp dealers at a discount below face value and,

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE LETHBRIDGE PHILATELIC SOCIETY go on record as censuring this policy and requesting our Member of Parliament to support us in our endeavour to have this policy changed to one that does not discriminate against Canadian citizens and further we request the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada to publish this resolution in the hope that other Clubs and Societies throughout Canada will follow our lead.

Passed at our general meeting December 11/75
J. H. Carpenter, President.

The Lethbridge Philatelic Society is not the only group that is concerned about this policy. The Middlesex Stamp Circle, London, Ontario, has written for more information and the Columbia Philatelic Society, Trail, B.C., has sent a letter of complaint with respect to this practice to President H. Sutherland.

WOMEN'S LIB NIGHT AT THE KINGSTON STAMP CLUB

On the regular meeting night of the Kingston Stamp Club the writer was asked to show slides as part of the programme. Although there are not many female members of the Club, he thought it might interest the men to see slides on "Women on Stamps". Unfortunately the evening turned out to be very foggy, damp, and the roads were very slippery which reduced our usually good attendance. There were only seven men and one woman present. However, with the script on a tape recorder and a good projector, some very interesting slides were shown which all enjoyed. It was apparent, that throughout the history of the world, there have been some very influential and powerful female personalities, whose lives and exploits were thought interesting enough to be immortalized on stamps. The only criticism raised was that it was unfortunate that all the subjects were of Royalty. However, it would seem that there is another series which can be shown and hopefully they will show some "more ordinary" women who have left their mark on history.

H. C. Secker
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by Beverlie A. Clark

THE ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

In 1873, an Act of Parliament authorized the establishment of a "Mounted Police" Force for Canada's North-West. The purpose of this force centered on the policing of the territory known as Rupert's Land, which had been purchased in 1869, by the Government of Canada, from the Hudson's Bay Company.

This vast area, stretching almost 1,000 miles from the Red River Valley to the Rockies, was the home of some 30,000 Indians who roamed the plains and hunted the Buffalo and, although occasional traders were allowed into the outer plains, the Indians had never allowed the establishment of permanent trading posts in the region. But, in time, the flow of traders and settlers increased and soon were enroaching upon Indian lands. With the influx of traders and settlers also came the fortune hunters and desperadoes, back and forth across the International Boundary, carrying "firewater" to the Indians. These illicit traffickers caused demoralization of the Indians and white men alike, bringing lawlessness and disorder.

Deeply disturbed by the constant reports of bloodshed and exploitation in the North-West, Prime Minister John A. Macdonald assigned Colonel P. Robertson Ross to examine conditions. He reported that the entire North-West was "without law, order or security for life or property," and recommended (a) the appointment of a Civil Magistrate or Commissioner, after the models existing in Ireland and India; (b) the organization of a well-equipped force of not less than 100 to 150 men, one third to be mounted; (c) the establishment of several government posts; and (d) the extinguishment by treaty of Indian titles to the land.

On April 28, 1873, the Prime Minister gave notice in the Commons of a proposed bill "Respecting the Administration of Justice and for the Establishment of a Police Force for the North-West Territories."

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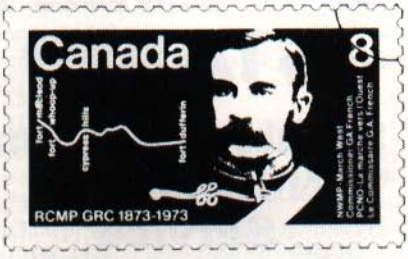
who had crossed the Boundary looking for horses that had been stolen by a raiding party of Saulteaux and Crees, launched an unprovoked merciless attack upon a sleeping encampment of peaceful Assiniboines in the Cypress Hills (southern Saskatchewan) and massacred all the inhabitants.

On May 23, 1873 the bill was approved and three months later, on August 30th, the Order-in-Council was signed. It was to be a purely civil force, and not subject to the Queen's regulations and articles of war. The force's specific duties were to supress the whisky traffic, to collect custom dues, to calm the growing unrest among the Indians who had been suffering the loss of their possessions to unscrupulous traders and, above all, to stamp out lawlessness.

The first steps toward actually organizing the new Force were taken in the autumn 0f 1873, and by October recruits had been dispatched to the temporary headquarters at Lower Fort Garry, where the command was taken over by its first Commissioner, Lt. Col. George Arthur French, a Royal Artillery Officer. The newly appointed Commissioner quickly realized that 150 men would be insufficient for the task and further recruiting was authorized.

The following spring, the full force of six troops amalgamated at Fort Dufferin, on the west side of the Red River near Emerson, and from this point, on July 8, 1874, headed west. Their chief objective being the fork of the Bow and Belly Rivers (Southern Alberta), and there "Fort Whoop Up", notorious stronghold of the whisky traders, was to be located and destroyed.

By 1875 the Force had become firmly established. The first post, Fort McLeod named after the Assistant Commissioner, had been built by the Old Man River near the foothills of the Rockies. One hundred and sixty miles east of Fort McLeod, Fort Walsh was erected in the Cypress Hills, close to the scene of the murderous attack in the Spring of '73. In the north was Fort Saskatchewan, nineteen miles from Fort Edmonton (a Hudson's Bay Post), while Fort Calgary was established at the junction of the Bow and Elbow Rivers, midway between Forts Edmonton and McLeod.



Commissioner G. A. French

Spectroscopy

The Musical Ride

RCMP Centenary
Issue, March 9, 1973

Many situations arose that tested the capabilities and resourcefulness of this new force, such as the influx of the Sioux in June '76 following the annihilation of General Custer's 7th Calvary on the Little Big Horn River, 300 miles south of the Cypress Hills; keeping law and order on the prairies during the building of the railroad; the Riel Rebellion; and the Gold Rush in the Yukon. However, within a few short years the "Red Coats" as the Indians called them, had won the confidence and respect of the Indians, an in particular that

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of Crowfoot, Chief of the Powerful Blackoot Confederacy, which lead to the signing of the Blackfoot Treaty (Indian Treaty #7) on September 22, 1877 - the most important treaty in Canadian history. With the signing of this treaty complete sovereignty of the Canadian West passed to the Dominion Government.

By 1904 there were eight divisions and eighty-four detachments policing the vast North-West, and in June of the same year the Force became the Royal North-West Mounted Police, when King Edward VII bestowed upon it the prefix "Royal", in recognition of its services.

An Act of Parliament in 1919 enlarged the scope of the Force to include enforcing federal laws in all nine provinces, and to retain full police authority in the Yukon, North-West Territories and the Arctic islands.

On February 1, 1920 the Headquarters were transferred from Regina to Ottawa and the name was changed to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

The RCMP today is as modern and progressive as any police force in the world, and its operations have been extended to incude Air and Marine Services including northern patrol and supply services. The Force has branched out in many directions, there is The Investigations Branch, The Identification Branch, Scientific and Technical Crime Detection Laboratories, Security and Intelligence, plus a nation-wide telecommunication network, and internationally it is connected through its membership in the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL).

Although sled dogs have been replaced by the snowmobile, Police Dogs are very much a part of the modern Force, and are well trained in the sophisticated roles of trackers of criminals, lost persons, even hidden explosives and narcotics.

The last dog sled patrol left Old Crow in the Yukon on March 11, 1969, headed for Fort McPherson, 200 miles away in the North-West Territories. The patrol consisted of two constables driving two teams of Siberian Huskies, decendants of the original thirty-four sleigh dogs donated by Walt Disney to the RCMP after making the film "Nikki", Wild Dog of the North.

The RCMP Band has been part of its force since the March West in 1874, when Fred Bagley led the March with his lone, rallying trumpet.

The Musical Ride is a contemporary link with the original force. It was instituted in the Force not long after its inception in 1873, and is believed to have originated in the lancer regiments of Britain. It is usually performed by a full troop of thirty-two men and horses, and the intricate figures, derived from Cavalry drill, are executed at the trot and canter to the tempo of accompanying band music.

To honour the Centenary of this Mounted Police Force in 1973, Canada Post issued three stamps on March 9, 1973. The stamps were designed by Dollaire Mortin DeVito Inc., of Montreal, and printed by Ashton-Potter Ltd., of Toronto, in multi-coloured lithography, on coated one-side litho paper, perf 12, in sheets of 200 divided into panes of 50 (10 x 5). A total quantity of 24,000,000 of the 8c, and 12,000,000 of the 10c. and 15c. were ordered. Imperforate pairs of the 15c. turned up shortly after issuance. Marginal inscriptions including the designer's name appear on the four corners of each pane of 50 stamps.

Also, the last issue of King George V, The Dated Die Issue of 1935, included a 10c. carmine-rose stamp depicting a "Mountie" on horseback. This stamp printed by the Canadian Bank Note Co., Ottawa, had a total printing of 4,085,500 copies from two plates. Printed in sheets of 200 in panes of 50 (10 x 5). Imperforates also appeared with this issue. For the first time in the 20th century, the name of the printer appeared in the marginal imprint which was situated at each corner of the sheet (i.e. once on each pane). A plate variety is known showing the policeman with a broken leg. This was the first dated die issue, the date being in the bottom right corner. This stamp was also used officially, and copies can be found punched O.H.M.S. in both the 4-hole and 5-hole types.

CANADA: A MAJOR MODERN RARITY

There is a Canadian stamp issued within the past 10 years that outside of various errors, one must now nominate as the rarest 20th century Canadian stamp. Itself it is not an error or minor variety, it is a straight forward major stamp listed not so long ago in all the catalogues at a few cents. It can be picked up even now for a few cents though now and then one can see it advertised at $5.00 to $10.00 or even more.

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COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

by Steven Slavik

French Morocco Worn Plate

Fig. 1

Fig. 2

Figure 1 shows Scott No. 60 which was issued in 1917. Produced by very fine line engraving, it was designed by De la Neziere and engraved by A. Mignon. I have a copy (Fig. 2) from a plate that was so worn that the imprint on the right and left barely show. Parts of letters are barely visible on the stamp and do not show in these photographs. Many other differences are visible, such as a large white flaw on the right, midway between the "15" and the base of the frame.

Two Unusual Postmarks

Fig. 3

Fig. 4

Figure 3 shows an Ivory Coast stamp (Sc. No. 50) which was issued in 1917 and postmarked "Service en Lagunes" in 1927?

What was the "Service en Lagunes"?

Figure 4 shows the Bolivian stamp, Sc, No. 47, issued in 1897 and postmarked Callao (Peru?) in 1899. I cannot find a Callao, Bolivia on my maps, but most of my Peruvian cancellations of that period have double-lined circles.

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Figure 5 depicts another Bolivian stamp (Sc. No. 86). This stamp was produced by lithography in 1907 and issued with the oversize "V" in "Estevan". In 1910 the same value was issued with the same frame but with a redrawn vignette and the date 1809 changed to 1810. It too was printed by lithography.

Does anyone know the details of these issues, where they were produced and by whom?

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BY FRED STULBERG

A REGULAR FEATURE

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To many collectors the word "philatelic" has an unsavory connotation. It is often applied to things manufactured by postal agencies, dealers and collectors to satisfy a philatelic, rather than a postal demand. Purists feel that the presence of these items pollute a collection and often downgrade exhibits that contain them.

Probably because of this philosophy the postcard illustrated above drew surprisingly little action at a recent auction. Normally, used patriotic cards in their proper period seldom stay long in dealers' stocks. Also, there are enough people interested in the Special Delivery stamps of Canada to aggressively compete for a special delivery postcard of the nineteenth century. Lastly, collectors of postal stationery like to have unusual items in their collections and here we have a "cut square" used as postage without penalty.

This item was prominently illustrated in the auction catalogue and those who would have normally been interested in it were likely turned off when they saw that this was manufactured by R. S. MASON, STAMP DEALER. HAMILTON, CAN. and was addressed to his wife. What could be more "philatelic"?

Actually, if the reverse had been illustrated as well as the front, the interest would likely have been more intense. It reads:

> "Maggie and Ruth Edmondson are in town, I think they are going to spend the night with us. Thought you would like to know and get ready."

From this it is obvious that this mailing was not philatelicly inspired. Lacking a telephone, Ralph Mason informed his wife of the situation by using the special delivery service which, at that time, was akin to personal messenger. However, Ralph Mason, as a stamp dealer, could not

resist creating the unusual. Is this, then, a "philatelic" piece?

The answer is "What difference does it make?" If an item is unusual and fits an individual's collecting interest, then it belongs in his/her collection. To go a step further, collections of first day covers, first flight covers, special cachets and cancellations, souvenir sheets and many others would suffer badly when the "philatelic" concept is applied. Finally, many items of yesteryear, some of them unique, exist today only because a dealer chose to mail something special to himself or to a favoured customer; or a collector decided to answer a fellow collector's letter using an unusual combination of stamps; or he decided to send a message to his wife on a special postcard.

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There is an indication that the definitives will be replaced with another set. The stylized caricatures did not find much praise and although everyone likes to see some modernization of our stamps, the group of consultants sometimes appears to go too far. The sets of Indian stamps will also be replaced, perhaps by Indian masks.

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Although the mail strike is over, the book on the Colour Identification of the Admirals is considerably delayed. At the time of writing (Dec. '75), we are not certain when it will be published. A start has been made on another book which will be a report on the Large Queens. It is hoped that it will contain a coordinated review of all the published data in a format which is easily readable. Suggestions on this one are always welcome.

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The small sheet of the earth sciences stamps (Sc. 582-5), which was issued in 1972, exists with one stamp in one of the rows completely blank. The blank field, like a gutter between two stamps,shows no trace of colour. How this happened we do not know but it must be a very rare item.

The recent 8c. coil exists on a hibright paper which is the brightest paper we have ever seen on any Canadian stamp to date. Under normal light the paper looks "whiter than white" and under UV "brighter than bright" (whatever that means). That same 8c. coil also can be found completely dull under UV. The 6c. Xmas stamp in blue has a nice red "moon in the sky" variety. The regular 8c. "weeping Queen" variety does not appear to be very constant. We have now seen four different types, and we honestly do not know which is the one listed in some specialized lists. Anyhow, plenty are around.

The dollar Olympic (Sc. 656) is on dull and hibright papers. A few more completely untagged 25c. booklets have been found but even these few will not alter their scarcity. The same booklet also shows a constant blue dot over the "C" of Canada on the first 8c. stamp.

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More and more proofs and imperfs seem to be coming on the market. Although no recent proof later than the 1969 Christmas stamps has been noted, airletter sheets and postal stationery overprinted Specimen are out. The older proofs have turned up in hitherto unrecorded types, e.g., the Large Queen 2c with Specimen in green, the die essay of the 12 ½c Large Queen in blue, the proof of the Map stamp in red and blue, the essay of the KE in red, green, brown and black printed by De La Rue, the 20c KE proof in olive green overprinted Specimen, the 5c blue Admiral proof punched Specimen, the 7c unissued Quebec Tercentenary essay in brown, the 20c unissued Quebec Tercentenary essay in purple, the 10c Confederation large die proof in olive green, The King George VI 3c without Postage die proof in black, the 4c Princess Elizabeth in black large die proof, the 1939 $1 large die proof signed by D. H. Dawson, the 14c War Issue large die proof in black without die number, and the 20c 1938 Express large die proof in green.

Some years ago a non-collector arrived early at one of the Ottawa stamp clubs. Only the writer was present. The visitor had brought with him a box filled to the top with proofs and dies from the British Empire which he had found in the attic of his recently purchased house. And, this is not a story, it contained a single colour proof of a Canadian stamp — the 7c brown Admiral — a single stamp mounted on cardboard and inscribed, accepted for colour.

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It is interesting that during the postal strike, the Montreal local opened their own mail delivery with two special labels. These were sold for $1 to be used on letters that were delivered. The labels are now being marketed by a Montreal dealer. This entire affair seems rather strange in view of the strong stand taken by the union during the strike. Perhaps the problem could have been solved by letting the union form their own postal delivery service. It certainly would save the taxpayer a lot of money.

The mail strike produced a number of oddities. Mail posted to Canada from other countries was returned to the sender marked by the originating country. Markings such as 'Embargo Return to Sender', 'Return to Sender Temporary Embargo', 'Service Temporarily Suspended Return to Sender', and others were used. One envelope, posted in Ottawa for New York, was routed (no one knows why) to Bielefeld in Germany, from there it went to Oliverea, NY, and finally to New York. Many more examples may be found and a collection of this sad period should be interesting.

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The difficulty in separating the USA Washington issues is well known to all US collectors. A new identifier has been developed that will assist a collector to separate the flat from the offset printings, and to identify the rotary printed stamps, the various printing types and perforations. The item is called Identicard I.

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Probably many missed the special souvenir card which was issued for INPEX CANADA 75 and was sold in Vancouver during the exhibition. Although it was printed in the USA and shows the U.S. sport stamps issued for the 1932 Olympics, it is certainly a Canadian item.

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The illustration of cancellations has become a major problem. From a perusal of recent publications, there appears to be a trend to reproduce them by the cheapest method. In a recent study of Quebec post office cancels, the reproductions were so poor that they had to be left out. In another article, the cancels were copied in ink, the copies were Xeroxed and the Xerox copies reproduced, resulting in inaccurate and poor pictures. For another article, cancels were traced as well as possible, the tracings were photographed and the photographs were reproduced. The camera lens must have been poor as evidenced by the resulting distortion. Also, the tracings did not accurately represent the cancels. In another book the tracings were "improved" by making the circular cancels more round, even though the actual cancel showed distortion due to damage of the canceller. Actual photographs taken with a fine grain, high contrast film and printed on glossy paper can best be produced in full size. Although this method is costly from a reproduction standpoint, it is superior to all others. Your opinions on this matter would be interesting to all of us who are writing and trying to reproduce certain cancels.

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(continued from Vol. 26, No. 4, Jan.-Feb. 1976)

(conclusion)

TAMWORTH

Calvin Wheeler built the first log house on the site of Tamworth in Sheffield Township, the next township north of Richmond. He dammed the Salmon River and built a saw mill and a grist mill. A village grew on the 7th concession west of the river. In 1848 Wheeler's Mills petitioned for a post office as the nearest one was at Camden East. The petition was granted and Wheeler selected the name Tamworth for the post office. The name was that of the constituency represented by Sir Robert Peel, a man Wheeler admired. It was an eventful day in midwinter when Samuel Hicks rode down the hill, stopped in front of Wheeler's store and delivered the first bag of mail into Wheeler's hands.

MORVEN

On May 2, 1848, David Roblin wrote to Robert Baldwin from Napanee, "I also have yours of the 28th ult. requesting to know who would be a good person to recommend Post Master at "Morven Gordanien Settlement". In reply I have to say that I think, either Mr. George Huffman or Samuel Lake, both of whom in that place will make suitable Post Masters."

The next day Roblin decided. "I beg to say that from all the information I have been to obtain respecting the Post Office at 'Morven Gordanien Settlement' that Mr. Samuel Lake would be a proper person to attend to the duties of Post Master. Mr. George Huffman would answer as well, but is not situated as well as Lake to it."

Morven post office was kept by Lake, a carriage-maker and storekeeper. It was located in Ernesttown Township, on the route from Napanee to Odessa, the 5th concession road, half a mile east of the western boundary.

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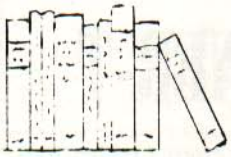

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IN THE JOURNALS

The five items of postal stationery that are franked with the 8c. Alaska Highway stamp, have received attention recently in a article (in French) by Marc Beaupre in the bulletin (Vol. 8, No. 8, Jan. 1976) of La Societe Philatelique de Quebec, and another, by Arnold Paddock, in Ice Cap News (Vol. 20, No. 6, Nov.-Dec. 1975). In the latter journal, there is also the first instalment of "The Soviet Antarctic Expeditions" by E. S. Anasir.

Bogota Filatelico, No. 24, Oct. 1975: — "Filigrana" by Juan Kettinger, pp. 7-10, illustrates watermarks and lists Columbia stamps (with Scott numbers) printed on such watermarked paper. Also "La Oficina Postal Inglesa en la Habana" by Dr. Roberto M. Rosende, pp. 11-18, illustrated with photos of the cancellations and entire covers; and a bibliography on Columbia stamps of 1887 to 1910.

The Cuban Philatelist, Vol. 5, No. 3, Jan. 1976. "Cancels of the Republic" by Rudy Roy, pp. 5-7. Checklist of Cuban Stamps by Wm. McP. Jones and Rudy Roy, Jr., the 1875, 1876, 1877 and 1878 issues, pp. 17-20 (to be continued).

Guatemala Filatelica, No. 173, Jan. - June, 1974. "Fiscales de Guatemala - 1881-1882" by Federico Prahl R., pp. 4-10; also "Un error en los sellos aeros de Guatemala" (Sc. C163-5), by Dr. Eduardo Escobar R., p.22.

Guatemala Filatelica, No. 175, Jan.- June, 1975. "Guatemala: Asignacion de los matasellos con numiero en 1871, 1872 y 1873", by Federico A. Prahl R., 15 pp, 5 maps.

New Zealand Stamp Collector, June 1975. The Annexation of the Cook Islands, 11th June, 1901. Pt. I, by A. R. Burge.

New Zealand Stamp Collector, Sept. 1975. Part II (conclusion).

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Postales De Bolivia, No. 19, Oct. 1975. "Apuntes para la historia de los sellos postales de Bolivia, XIV, Escuditos de 1894" by Eugenio von Boech, pp. 12-18.

The S.P.A. Journal, Dec. 1975. This issue features Graham Noble's "The Postal Contribution to Early American Life" and also has "Constant Plate Varieties" by Hans Reiche.

Stamp Collecting Weekly, Jan. 15, 1976. "Puzzling Canadian Roller Cancellations" by the late E. A. Smythies, pp. 1005, 1007, 1009.

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Hugh Finlay's Journal was first published in 1867 in an edition of 150 copies. Naturally, it has been extremely scarce since and up to now was generally available only in a microopaque edition.

The original edition, which sold for $10 a copy, included a long introduction which was a capsule history of the Colonial post office. This new edition contains a photo offset reprint of that original book plus a Publisher's Preface, an Introduction by Calvet Hahn who has included a biography of Finlay and an Index compiled by John Alden, Keeper of Rare Books at the Boston Public Library.

The Journal is a day by day account of Finlay's trips as "Surveyor of Post Roads on the Continent of North America", from Quebec to Falmouth, Maine, and from Charleston, S.C., northward to Hampton Roads, Virginia. It contains little information of use directly to those who want to collect Colonial covers, but it does have information on how the mails handled, how few letters passed through the post compared to the numerous bootlegged one, and why the mails moved slowly.

The Journal makes interesting, informative and occasionally amusing reading.

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FIRST U.S. GOVERNMENT POST OFFICES IN THE NORTHWEST TERRITORY. By Jerry B. Devol and Richard B. Graham. The American Philatelic Society, Box 800, State College, PA, 16801, U.S.A 48pp., illus., 18 cm. x 26 cm., clothbound. 1975. $4.00 [US] from the publishers.

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They have traced the growing need for postal service through the military campaigns against the Indians by Generals Arthur St. Clair and "Mad" Anthony Wayne, the establishment of a semblance of peace and the beginnings of the early settlements.

The establishment of the first mail route on the Ohio River is described and documented. The hardships of carrying the mail hundreds of miles upstream in rowboats were incredible. It is fortunate that the Pickering-Craig-Putnam correspondence still exists and has been brought into general print by the authors.

The first sections of the work cover the historical background, the establishment of the frst post office at Marietta and the river mail route in 1794. Its operation and conversion to a contract (land) route in 1797 is described. The final portions detail the establishment of the other post offices in Northwest Territory and provides interesting information of early Kaskaskia and Detroit among others.

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ZUMSTEIN KATALOG SCHWEIZ/ LIECHTENSTEIN UND CAMPIONE 1976. Zumstein & Cie., Inhaber Hertsch & Co., Bern, Switzerland. viii + 312pp., illus., 12.2 cm. x 20.4 cm., light card cover. $3.75 [US] postpaid from Ronald Frank Co., Inc., Lincolndale, NY, 10540, or other dealers.

This is a fully illustrated German-French edition which covers all issues and all important varieties of the two countries and includes semi-postals, airs, officials, telegraphs, railways, U.N. Postal Administration for Geneva and Campione d'Talie. It is well printed on coated paper with excellently reproduced illustrations.

B.P.A. PHILATELIC SOCIETIES' DIRECTORY 1976. The British Philatelic Association, 1 Whitehall Place, London, SW1A 2He. 127pp, 12 cm x 18.3 cm, paper. £1.

This is a very useful compendium of information of the B.P.A., Value-Added-Tax, starting a stamp club, etc. The bulk of the book is a directory of philatelic societies which is divided into 5 sections: 1, regional societies of Great Britain and Ireland; 2, Specialist societies in Great Britain; 3, Philatelic Societies overseas (including the R.P.S.C.); 4, members of the Exchange Club section and 5, Dealer members.

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The Zumstein Europa is well known and ranks as one of the better catalogues. This German language catalogue includes all the stamps of Europe, offices abroad and former German Colonies. There are 32,000 illustrations and over 160,000 prices in Swiss francs. Those issues whose values are subject to rapid fluctuations have prices indicated in italics. The introduction to the catalogue, explanation of symbols, etc., is in German, French and English.

WRIGLEY'S TEXTBOOK & GUIDE TO THE CANADIAN OFFICIAL OHMS AND 'G'STAMPS: From start in 1923 to Discontinued 1963. By Roy Wrigley. Roy Wrigley, 525 Clyde Ave., West Vancouver, B.C., V7T 1C4. ii + 72pp., illus, 14 cm. x 21.5 cm., soft cover. 1975. $5.00 from publisher or a dealer.

The name Roy Wrigley has become synonymous with Canadian official stamps, the OHMS perforated stamps, the OHMS and 'G' overprints. His latest book, which he has titled a "Textbook & Guide", is an attempt to bring all of his information together into one book for anyone interested in this subject. He covers the history of the officials, the many types, how they were perforated, the varieties, forgeries, etc.

Unfortunately the book will not enhance his position in Canadian philately. It suffers from excessive repetition, typographical errors and insufficient editing. Some parts are very awkwardly constructed, some sentences lack verbs and several just make no sense.

That it lacks an index is not too serious but the table of contents could have included page numbers for the sections that are listed. Even the listing is incorrect. Under the main heading "4-Hole Perforated OHMS Type II" is 'fluorescent printing on No. 0241'. If you look for a section with that heading, you will not find one. However, there is a 6 ½ page article

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Wait for an improved second edition.

CANADIAN METER POSTAGE STAMP CATALOGUE, 2nd ed. By Ross W. Irwin. Canadian Wholesale Supply, P.O. Box 841, Brantford, Ont. 68pp., 14 cm x 21.5 cm., illus., soft cover. 1975. $3.00.

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THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT STAMP COLLECTING. By Will Gandley. Canadian Wholesale Supply, P.O. Box 841, Brantford, Ont. ii + 38pp., 14 cm x 21.5 cm, soft cover. 1975. $1.95.

THE CANADA/BNA SIMPLIFIED STAMP CATALOGUE 1976. By Will Gandley. Canadian Wholesale Supply. 38pp., 14 cm x 21.5 cm, illus, soft cover. 1975. 95c.

THE CANADIAN MATCHED BLOCK STAMP CATALOGUE 1976. By Will Gandley. Canadian Wholesale Supply. 51pp, 14 cm x 21.5 cm, illus., soft cover. $2.50.

THE CANADIAN FIRST DAY COVER CATALOGUE 1976. By Will Gandley. Canadian Wholesale Supply. 52 pp., 14 cm x 21.5 cm., illus., soft cover. $1.50.

Things You Should Know . . . is a personal account of how one person got into the stamp business and his opinions on many aspects of collecting and selling stamps. Thirteen pages are personal history that really has no connection with the title. The remaining 25 pages do present some interesting and valid opinions. It is not a book one would need to read more than once.

The Canada/BNA Simplified . . . is just that, a simplified illustrated price list using Scott numbers, of all Canadian and BNA postage stamps, revenues, airs, booklet panes, miniature sheets and the like. There are no varieties listed and prices are given for mint and used singles only. Every stamp is illustrated with the illustrations ranging from very poor (No. 621) to very good (No. 215, 480). It is worth its 95c. cost if you don't need more information.

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Canadian First Day Cover Catalogue is a useful catalogue in that it lists dates of issue and prices of FDC's with singles, blocks of four and plate blocks. The latter two pricings are usually missing in more comprehensive catalogues that price plate blocks, mint and used singles, blocks, etc. Each issue is illustrated adequately. The price is reasonable for the information provided in the catalogue.

All three catalogues have a good layout with large clear type.

WEBB'S CANADA AND BNA CATALOGUE, January 1976 edition. By Jim F. Webb, Hornby, Ont., L0P 1E0. 55pp., 14.8 cm x 21.6 cm., illus., soft cover. 1976. $1.50.

One of the several Canada and BNA catalogues that are currently available, Webb's should be in a favourable position because it was published later than the others and should have more current prices.

It has a full listing and pricing of Canada, the provinces, revenues, perforated officials, stationery, semi-official airs and booklet panes. It does not, however, have all of the known varieties of these several items, however, the inclusion of so many BNA items that are not found in other, similarly priced catalogues makes Webb's a very useful one to have. The illustrations, although reduced, are clearly reproduced on light green paper. This makes for easy reading as does the layout. It is available from many dealers or directly from J. F. Webb.

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R. K. Malott writes:
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I have been corresponding with a seriously ill young chap who has been living in a care-home in Newfoundland for over a year. His only real enjoyment in life is stamp collecting. At present he is seeking any type of used or mint stamps, with a preference for Canadian stamps. He also enjoys receiving mail and philatelic envelopes for studying.

If any of the R.P.S.C. membership would care to send Robert Carivan some stamps or envelopes, I am sure that his letter of thanks to the sender would be a most pleasant reward. Robert's address is:

Mr. Robert Carivan,
c/o Chaulk's Senior Citizens Home,
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Your consideration of this suggestion is appreciated.

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V. Esbenson would like to see Canada Customs establish specific regulations or promulgate directives that relate specifically to philatelic literature and supplies. Can any R.P.S.C. member supply a solution to this problem?

"I wonder if it would be possible for the RPSC to try to do something to get Canada Customs to recognize philatelic literature and supplies under a separate or non-taxable category.

At the present time there are no specific regulations relating to such items. The result is that the items are placed under very highly taxed, arbitrary and ludicrous customs categories. Worst of all, any book that contains some kind of listing of stamps or postal stationery is classified as "advertising material" or a "commercial directory for business purposes".

Such items are taxed at very high rates to protect the Canadian advertising industry. Unfortunately almost all philatelic literature contains listings of stamps or stationery. Thus Canadian philatelists who want specialized literature, solely for their personal hobby, are subject to extremely high and unfair taxation.

For example, I recently received ten copies of a small specialized handbook on the Japanese Occupation of Indonesia from the Dai Nippon Philatelic Society in Holland for distribution to members of the International Society of Indonesia Specialista (ISIS). When the books arrived in Canada they were classified as "advertising material". I explained the purpose of these highly specialized, Dutch language handbooks and added that I did not have the invoices demanded by customs because I was not paying for the books but their value was $4 to $5 each.

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Because I felt that I could not impose a Canadian tax on foreign members of the society, I returned the books to the Netherlands but had to sign a statement that the books had been "refused in customs". I had hoped that our society could help its members obtain needed but often hard to get literature. It appears, however, that the Canadian Government will not permit such dangerous competition with Canadian business.

Even if the RPSC can do nothing to get customs to create a favourable, low or no-tax category for philatelic material for private use, most of which cannot be produced in Canada because of the small Canadian market, I think that an article in the Canadian Philatelist, outlining the lowest tax categories into which each type of philatelic material can be placed under the existing regulations, would be very helpful to those who must receive philatelic literature and supplies from abroad.

No customs official will believe a word anyone says and they do not or will not understand what philatelic material is. Therefore such items are placed in a different, arbitrary and highly taxed category each time it goes through customs. If we had an article, as described above, we might be better able to deal with the customs officers.

In the past, customs has imposed similar absurd reasoning as mentioned above and has assessed 50% to 100% import duties against specialist handbooks I have ordered from abroad for my own use. I am very tired of this nonsense. Ironically,

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actual philatelic advertising material such as dealers' price lists and auction catalogues are not subject to tax even when in the form of a hardcover 500 page auction catalogue such as I received last year.

Hopefully an RPSC member will know enough about customs regulations to write an article that will help the rest of us bring philatelic material into the country as philatelic material and not as dangerous advertising material that is liable to destroy the Canadian advertising industry."

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