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462ii	plain paper, dex tagged Wpg. 2-bar	1.25	5.00	7.50	30.00
462ii	HB paper, white gum	.80	3.20	5.00	22.00
462iv	HB paper, white gum, tagged, Wpg. 2-bar	1.80	7.20	15.00	WTD
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462vi	flrsc. paper, PVA plate 3	.75	3.00	5.00	21.00
462vii	flrsc. paper, PVA, tagged Wpg. 2-bar	6.75	15.00	30.00	120.00
462viii	flrsc. paper, PVA tagged general	.90	3.60	5.75	23.00
15¢ DULL PURPLE					
463i	plain paper, dex plates 1 & 2	.60	2.40	4.50	18.00
463i	variety, as above flrsc. paper	17.50	70.00	—	—
463ii	plain paper, dex, tagged Wpg. 2-bar	1.00	4.00	7.25	29.00
463iii	HB paper, dex gum	2.00	8.00	14.00	57.50
15¢ DULL PURPLE					
463iv	flrsc. paper, PVA plate 3	.75	3.00	5.00	20.00
463iv	variety, as above almost HB paper	2.50	10.00	WTD	WTD
463v	flrsc. paper, PVA, tagged Wpg. 2-bar	1.40	5.60	8.00	32.00
463vi	flrsc. paper, PVA, tagged general	1.00	4.00	7.50	30.00
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464i	plain paper, dex plates 1 & 2	.60	2.40	4.00	16.00
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464i	variety, as above only flrsc. paper	4.50	18.00	—	—
464ii	plain paper, dex, tagged Wpg. 2-bar	1.50	6.00	8.50	35.00
464iii	HB paper, dex gum	2.80	11.20	17.50	WTD
464iv	flrsc. paper, PVA, plate 2	.95	3.80	17.50	70.00
464v	flrsc. paper, PVA, tagged, Wpg. 2-bar	1.00	4.00	7.50	32.00
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50¢					
465Ai	plain paper, dex plate 1	4.50	18.00	22.50	100.00
465Ai	variety, as above dull paper	4.95	20.00	—	—
465Aii	HB paper, dex gum	4.75	19.00	28.50	WTD
465Aiii	flrsc. paper, PVA plate 2	4.50	18.00	22.50	100.00
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465Bi	plain paper, dex plate 1	15.50	62.00	70.00	280.00
465Bi	variety, as above dull paper	19.50	78.00	97.50	390.00
465Bii	HB paper, dex gum	25.00	99.50	120.00	WTD
465Biii	flrsc. paper, PVA plate 2	16.50	66.00	80.00	320.00
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458b	5¢ plain paper, dex sheet of 20 (4x5)	22.50	—	—	—
458q	5¢ plain paper, dex tagged Wpg. 2-bar sheet of 20 (4x5)	48.00	—	—	—

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466	3¢ precancel, plain paper, dex gum			.95	2.00
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468	5¢ blue, plain paper, dex gum			1.20	2.50
468	5¢ precancel, plain paper, dex gum			1.35	2.70
468A	6¢ orange, plain paper, dex gum			.40	.80
468Ai	6¢ orange, HB paper, dex gum			4.75	9.75
468B	6¢ black, HB paper, dex gum			.35	.70
549	7¢ emerald green, HB paper, dex gum			.45	.90
550	8¢ slate, flrsc. paper, PVA gum			.40	.80
550p	8¢ slate flrsc. paper, PVA gum tagged general			.40	.80
550ii	8¢ slate, HB paper, PVA, tagged general			2.00	4.00
BOOKLET PANES					
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457a	4¢ carmine rose, pane of 5, label				1.70
458a	5¢ blue, pane of 5, label				8.00
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THOUGHTS & THINGS

by Peter M. Mann

March winds and April showers
Bring forth May flowers.

From Canada Post we heard the March winds of change which were followed by the April showers — almost a flood — of press releases describing the changes. Fortunately, there is no sign of May flowers (definitives) - yet.

There have been changes in the policies of the Philatelic Service, in the make up of the Stamp Advisory Committee and, naturally, in the tentative 1979 programme of stamp issues.

I use the term tentative for the 1979 programme because it has been changed already and will probably be changed again. Will the time ever come when the programme will be set and announced in October or November of the preceding year and will remain as announced? Will we be around to see this happen?

The tide of opinion is turning against the SI system of dating that was introduced in the journal several issues ago. I bow to the wishes of our members and will return to the old ways — sigh.

WE GOOFED AGAIN

Yes, in the last issue we made yet another gaffe. In the Literature Review section, we indicated that the author of "Canada Tagged Stamps Handbook" was Ken Rowe. Of course, it was Ken Rose.

Our apologies are extended to both Ken Rose, author and Ken Rowe, author and Vice President of our Society.

Incidentally, Ken Rose is interested in receiving information on newly discovered tagging errors. He can be contacted at Box 7086, Station E, Calgary, Alberta, T3C 3L8.

THE GELDERT AWARD

The 1978 Geldert Medal has been awarded to Dr. R. A. Chaplin for his articles on the REGISTERED LETTER STAMPS OF CANADA (C.P. Nov./Dec. 1977; Jan./Feb. 1978) and the COUNTERS OF THE LARGE QUEEN ISSUE (C.P. Nov./Dec. 1978).

This award, which was established to honour the memory of our late President, Dr. G. M. Geldert, is given for excellence in philatelic authorship in articles published in the Society's magazine.

The award is made by a committee appointed by the Board of Directors and consisting of Mrs. G. M. Geldert, Mr. Colin H. Bayley and Mr. James Kraemer.

NEW R.P.S.C. FELLOWS

The Board of Fellows of the R.P.S.C. meeting in Cambridge, Ont., on April 28th, elected two new Fellows. The new R.P.S.C. Fellows are John F. Ayre of St. John's, Nfld., and Michael Madesker of Downsview, Ont. We congratulate both on being given this distinction.

Mrs. G. M. Geldert, F.R.P.S.C.,
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Dr. James J. Matejka, Jr., R.P.S.C. 6658

Our sincere congratulations are extended to Dr. James J. Matejka, Jr., of Chicago, Illinois, on being unanimously elected, by the Board of Election to the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists, to sign the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists at the annual Congress, Harrogate, England on September 1, 1979.

This is well deserved recognition of Dr. Matejka's fifty years of service to philately in the Chicago area, in the United States and internationally.

WRIGLEY MASTER COLLECTION SOLD

Roy Wrigley of West Vancouver, the specialist in Canadian Official stamps, sold his master collection at auction for $31,984.00. Having recently lost his wife because of cancer, Mr. Wrigley donated the proceeds of the sale to the Canadian Cancer Society.

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1980 YOUTH STAMP EXHIBITION

The Netherlands Federation of Stamp Collectors is sponsoring JUPOSTEX - EINDHOVEN 1980, an International Youth Stamp Exhibition in Eindhoven from May 23 to 27, 1980. The Canadian commissioner is Mr. Michael Madesker, c/o R. Madesker & Son Ltd., 565 Alness Street, Downsview, Ontario, M3J 2T8.

INDIA 80 AND NORWEX 80 ENTRIES

Canadian Commissioner, A. H. Hinrichs, has announced that he now has enrty forms for INDIA 80 and for NORWEX 80. Mr. Hinrichs suggests that anyone wishing to enter an exhibit in either of these exhibitions should contact him immediately, c/o Acres Limited, 1124 Northside Road, Burlington, Ont., L7M 1H4.

Robert C. Torrington, R.P.S.C. 7040

We regret to announce the death of Robert C. Torrington of St. Catharines, Ontario, on 17th January, 1979, while on vacation in Valdosta, Georgia.

Mr. Torrington was owner of the Garden City Stamp Co., and had been an employee of the post office for the past 26 years.

Mr. Torrington leaves his wife, Mary, a daughter, Julianne and son Paul, to whom we extend our sympathy on their loss.

Leo Baresch, R.P.S.C. 8188

We deeply regret to announce the death on 1st March 1979 of Leo Baresch, the well-known philatelist.

Born and educated in Austria, Leo was regarded by many as one of the few remaining old-time stamp dealers. A keen philatelist all his life, Leo built up a great many country collections, from Malta to classic Columbia, and from Turkey to the British West Indies. His main interests, however, were the stamps of Austria, Switzerland and Canada where his knowledge was exceptional. He was also a respected member of many philatelic societies and was instrumental in initiating the Strand Stamp Centre. His extensive knowledge of stamps together with a keen business acumen, enabled him to turn a former one-man operation into the thriving business of today that has made the name Leo Baresch well-respected throughout the stamp world. This business will be carried on in the capable hands of Werner Gattiker, Managing Director, who has been a partner for 12 years.

Leo leaves his wife, Florence, a son, David and daughter Anne to whom the Society and its members extend their sympathy.

HOW DO YOU SAY TUVALU?

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Letters to the Editor

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Sir:

I am anxious to trace any correspondence relating to George Heriot who was Deputy Postmaster General of British North America from 1799 to 1816. I am preparing a large monograph on him for publication and should be most grateful for any information concerning documents that your readers may have.

Yours sincerely,
Gerald Finley, Professor,
Department of Art History,
Queen's University,
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Sir:

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Sidney H. Featherstone
7 Blacklock Avenue
Henderson
Auckland 8, New Zealand.

WHERE HAVE ALL THE COMMEMORATIVES GONE? is answered, in part, by the letter that follows.

Dear Sir:

Upon reading your "Thoughts & Things" column in the Jan.-Feb., 1979 issue of the CANADIAN PHILATELIST regarding "WHERE HAVE ALL THE COMMEMORATIVES GONE?" I came to the conclusion that the only thing to do was send you a reply.

I am at present an employee of what is known as the POST OFFICE or what ever else people have come to call it. For this reason and the thought of possibly losing my job I hope you can withhold my identity.

One reason you find it difficult to receive new issues on your mail is that the Post Office allots a specific number of every new issue to each post office according to its grade standing. For example: for local post offices, all grading No. 3 or lower, receive a maximum of 600-14 cent stamps each, also a post office that doesn't rate in the grading scale (post offcie in a small store, etc.) may only get a maximum of 200-14 cent stamps. Keeping this in mind and the fact that most postmasters or the employees who order supplies to replenish sold stocks do not order new commemoratives but instead order the regular issues. Therefore the number of commemoratives that get used is very small.

One reason these people give for not ordering commemoratives to partially replenish sold stock is that they are too big, too hard to handle, ugly looking, or "I just hate all these different kinds of new stamps".

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In October I was given the responsibility of ordering supplies to replenish sold stock in our post office. I ordered as many types of commemoratives (especially Xmas) as I could. After the supplies had been received and the Postmaster had seen what I had ordered, I was given a blast of fury and removed from supply ordering. So you can see some reasons for the few commemoratives on your mail.

Sincerely,
Name withheld.

WHERE HAVE ALL THE COMMEMORATIVES GONE?
Some were used on mail.

Sir:

I read with interest the comments under the heading "Where have all the commemoratives gone" (Can. Phil., p.3, Jan.-Feb., 1979). As my wife and I keep all of the used Canadian commemoratives that come our way, I thought it might be interesting to see how many of what issues we had accumulated since the last time I had an extensive 'soaking stamps off paper' session (approx. Nov. 25, 1978).

Before I list the results, I should mention that all of these stamps have been accumulated in the normal manner, that is, they are all off domestic mail or business mail which does not include large packages or significant amounts of registered letters.

The list is broken down into two categories, namely 1977 and earlier and 1978.

I. 1977 and earlier issues:

8c. Winnipeg, Sc.633 (1974)	1
10c. Christmas, Sc.698 (1976)	1
10c. Christmas, Sc.741 (1977)	3
12c. Christmas, Sc.742 (1977)	3
12c. Inuit Hunting, Sc.748 (1977)	1
SubTotal	9

II. 1978 Issues:

12c. Peregrine Falcon, Sc.752	3
12c. Capex, Sc.753	1
14c. Commonwealth Games, Sc.754	3
30c. Commonwealth Games, Sc.755	3
14c. Captain Cook, Sc.760	1
14c. Nootka Sound, Sc.761	1
14c. Silver/Cobalt, Sc.762	3
14c. Tar Sands, Sc.763	2
14c. Capex, Sc.764	2
$1.25 Capex, Sc.766a	1
14c. Commonwealth Games, Sc.757	2
14c. Commonwealth Games, Sc.756	2
14c. CNE	2
14c. Inuit Dog Team	12
14c. Inuit Woman Walking	7
14c. Inuit Boat	9
14c. Inuit Aeroplane	12
12c. Christmas	50
14c. Christmas	113
30c. Christmas	1
14c. Mère d'Youville	22
14c. Ice Vessel Labrador	5
14c. Ice Vessel Robinson	9
14c. Ice Vessel Northern Light	9
14c. Ice Vessel St. Roch	6
Sub Total	281
Grand Total	290

My observations, not surprising for the time of year, are that the majority of the stamps are 1978 12c. and 14c. Christmas issues. In fact, Christmas stamps comprised 58% of the total.

A more important observation is the great variety of commemorative issues which have turned up. Many stamps issued in the early part of 1978 are still appearing fairly regularly on business mail. It would seem that the Post Office is using up a lot of its older commemorative stocks. I have noted this phenomenon a few times in the past but never to the extent that it seems to be taking place now.

Finally, the number of the Ice Vessels which have turned up seems quite small in comparison with other single or double stamp issues. Perhaps a lot of these are being horded by collectors in view of what happened to the prices of the first ships issue of 1975.

It would be interesting to continue this type of investigation in the future as I believe that it gives a reasonably accurate picture of the use of commemorative issues in this country. I would certainly be interested in seeing a few similar listings for other areas in Canada. For example, I have often wondered if some of the issues honouring our French Canadian heritage

have been released in much greater quantities in the Province of Quebec than, say, in Saskatchewan.

Perhaps some other members will try their hand at this type of thing and send their findings to the editor.

R. J. L. Zsadanyi

EXCHANGES WANTED

Sir:

Allow me to greet you most cordially and thank you in advance for a friendly help.

Many years I had a pen-friend in Canada, with whom I also interchanged the post-stamps but, as it happens, my old friend Mr. North of Nobletown changed the world and I have nobody to whom to write, with whom to change the stamps and experiences.

I would like to turn to you - if you can get me an address of some stamps collector.

With many thanks for your kindness

I remain

Karl Vlasaty
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Czechoslovakia.

Messieurs:

Je suis un jeune Français passionné de philatélie. J'aimerais échanger des timbres avec des collectionneurs canadiens.

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Jean-Pierre Gabory,
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France.

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The M.E.F. Overprint Varieties

The First British Occupation issues for the Italian African Colonies

by Vincent J. Barone

It has been stated by historians that 1942 was the year in which the Allies turned back the Axis advance in World War II. For the Italians the turning point had come sooner, in 1941, and particularly in the Horn of Africa where the Italian Colonial Empire did not live out its fifth year. It was the proximity of both Libya and Italian East Africa to British colonies and territories (see Figure 1 for this and all map references) that had singled out the two mother countries that were to be each other's sparring partner from the beginning.

Early Italian attacks on Salum in Egypt, on Moyale in Kenya, and the Duke of Savoy's capture of British Somaliland in 1940, had led to British counter-offensives in 1941. First they over-ran northern Cyrenaica, then they made an all-fronts attack on Italian East Africa. Beginning in January, they penetrated Eritrea at Keren, Galla e Sidamo District (southern Ethiopia) at Mega after retaking Moyale en route, Italian Somaliland (Somalia) at Chisimaio, and Harar (northern Ethiopia) at Jijiga via Hargeisa in British Somaliland, which they had also retaken.

With the help of some Free French and hordes of Ethiopian irregulars, they drove the Italians, still led by their Viceroy, the Duke of Aosta (ex St. Andrew's College and Oxford), into the highlands. Massawa, Asmara, Harar, Mogadiscio, then Addis Ababa, fell to the invaders. Amedeo of Savoy, Duke of Aosta, surrendered on 19 May at Amba Alagi with full military honours, thus ending hostilities (except for a few pockets of resistance: Jimma, which surrendered in June, and Gondar, which held out until November). In Libya, too, where Rommel's leadership and the Afrika Korps had earlier ousted the British, Cyrenaica was retaken, while the Free French began the penetration of the Fezzan from Lake Tchad.

In 1942 the Axis retreated while the British set to administer the Italian colonies they had captured. It is at this point that a new chapter in philatelic history begins.

With the British occupation, Italian colonial issues ceased to have postal validity. For the actual combat period, only Allied military correspondence had been allowed. When peace followed (in the summer of 1941 in East Africa, and in various periods of 1942-43 for Libya), non-military mail service was restored to the captured colonies, but under the aegis of the British military administration.

That administration chose to break up Italian East Africa into its original parts. Eritrea was reduced to its 1935 size. Italian Somaliland was allowed to keep the Ogaden desert annexed to it as a province of Africa Orientale Italiana. Ethiopia, minus the Ogaden (which the British would occupy until 1948), was restored to independence under Hailé Selassié.

The British administered Libya in condominium with the French, allotting Fez-

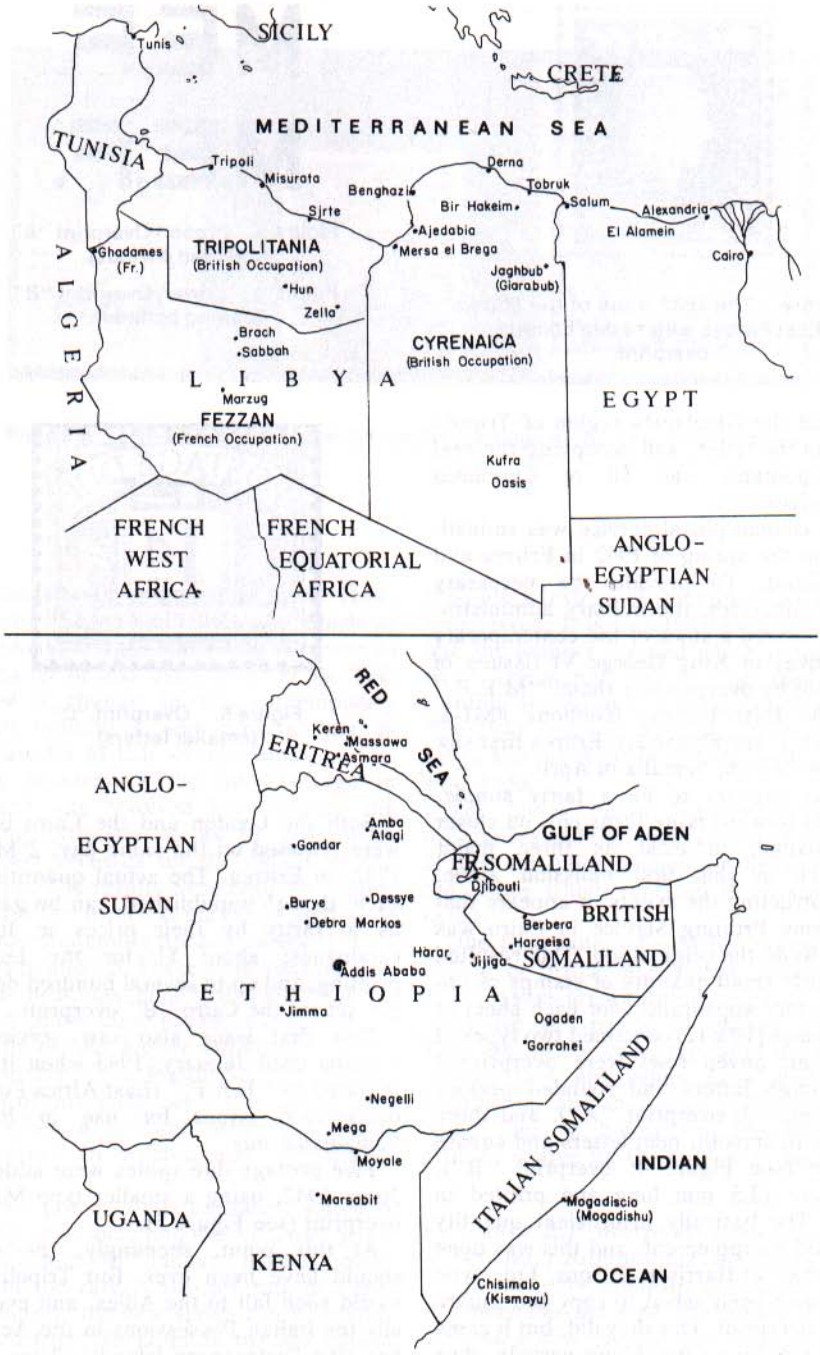

Figure 1. The Italian colonies of Lybia and Italian East Africa under British occupation.

Figure 2. The 1942 issue of the Middle East Forces with 14 mm London overprint.

zan and the Ghadamès region of Tripolitania to the latter, and occupying the rest of Tripolitania and all of Cyrenaica themselves.

The civilian postal service was re-instituted in the spring of 1942 in Eritrea and Somaliland. To provide the necessary postal adhesives, the military administration prepared a stock of the contemporary definitives of King George VI (issues of 1937-38) by overprinting them: "M.E.F." (Middle East Forces) (Gibbons #M1-5, Scott #1-5. See Figure 2.). Eritrea first saw them in March, Somalia in April.

What appears to be a fairly simple, straight-forward issue turns out, on closer examination, to exist as three major varieties in this first emission alone. Reconstructing the events, it appears that the Army Printing Service in Cairo was asked to do the original job. This resulted in a fairly small quantity of stamps of unsatisfactory appearance, for each sheet of 120 stamps (10 x 12) contained two types of overprint. Seven rows were overprinted with rough letters and rounded periods (see Figure 3: overprint "A"), and three rows with smooth, neat letters and square periods (see Figure 4: overprint "B"). Both are 13.5 mm long and printed in black. The basically insufficient quantity required a supplement, and this was done in London, at Harrison & Sons, Ltd., who must have been asked to copy the square period overprint. This they did, but it came out 14 mm long with oblong periods, thus creating a second "B" overprint and a third printing variety.

Figure 3. (upper) Overprint "A" (rounded periods).

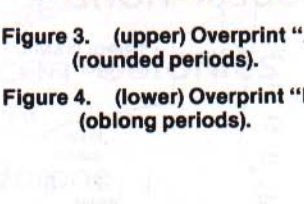

Figure 4. (lower) Overprint "B" (oblong periods).

Figure 5. Overprint "C" (smaller letters)

Both the London and the Cairo issues were released on the same day, 2 March 1942, in Eritrea. The actual quantities of each, though unpublished, can be gauged as to rarity by their prices in Italian catalogues: about $1 for the London printing, and up to several hundred dollars per set for the Cairo "B" overprint.

This first issue also saw service in Somalia until January, 1943 when it was replaced by "E.A.F." (East Africa Forces) overprinted issues for use in Italian Somaliland only.

Five postage due values were added in June, 1942, using a smaller type M.E.F. overprint (see Figure 5).

At this point, seemingly, the story should have been over. But Tripolitania would soon fall to the Allies, and eventually the Italian Possessions in the Aegean Sea (the Dodecanese Islands). They, too, would be under British occupation, and would need postal services. The M.E.F.

Figure 6. The 1943 issue, M.E.F. on lighter printings of the Geo. VI definitives.

overprints were extended to them. However, by the end of 1942, the pinch of war-time shortages was being felt even in the matter of inks used for printing. This caused a change in the contemporary British definitives and consequently in their use for M.E.F. overprinting.

The problem of the ink shortage in England was resolved by recutting the printing cylinders so as to give them shallower recesses for the details of the vignette. The results were radically lighter "shades" — from less ink being used — of the most frequently needed values: 1 d., 2 d., 2½ d. and 3 d. These were used for new M.E.F. printings, plus further stocks of the old 5 d. in the same brown colour, and the addition of four higher values: 6 d., 9 d., 1/- and 2/6. (See Figure 6.) The highest values of this series were not issued until 1947 when a 5/- and 10/- made their appearance in Eritrea and Tripolitania only.

In the process, this emission, which is entirely new, including the 5 d., was given the 13.5 mm "B" (square periods) overprint of the rarer Cairo printing of 1942. Fortunately, the new series can be distinguished from the latter in the low values not only by the new, lighter shades, but — and here it is crucial for the 5 d. — by the colour of the overprint, which is dark blue-black instead of the pure black of the Cairo issue. It is this 1943-47 issue which had the longest use and which is the one most commonly found, for the 1942 printing served only Eritrea and Somalia. The 1943 printing, instead, also went to Libya and the Aegean as well, lasting until 1948-1950.

The tables below list the overprint differences and the territorries and periods of use* for quick recognition. In addition, the issues which replaced them are also listed.

One final note. The M.E.F. overprints belong in British and Italian collections. These issues are an interesting note in an otherwise sad period in human events. They are, in any case, typical of the many stamps that are **prima facie** historical documents, and that raise philately from being "just a hobby" to the level of primary source for the student of history.

(*) *The M.E.F. overprints were even used in Great Britain after the war to compensate for domestic shortages [very much like the P.M. overprints of Italy, which saw civilian use after 8 September 1943]. Naturally, English cancellations do not enter into the scope of this article.*

TABLE I. GEORGE VI STAMPS OF GREAT BRITAIN OVERPRINTED "M.E.F."

1942-03-02 Mar. 2, 1942] Definitives: BLACK overprint.

Stamps denomination and colour	Gibbons/Scott catalogue numbers: Cairo ovpt A. 13.5 mm long round periods rough letters (84/120 sheet)	Cairo ovpt B. 13.5 mm long square periods regular letters (36/120 sheet)	London ovpt B. 14 mm long oblong periods regular letters
1d. red	M6a / 1	M6 / 1	M1 / 1
2d. orange	M7a / 2	M7 / 2	M2 / 2
2½d. ultramarine	M8a / 3	M8 / 3	M3 / 3
3d. violet	M9a / 4	M9 / 4	M4 / 4
5d. brown	M10a / 5a	M10 / 5a	M5 / 5

1942-06-01 [June 1, 1942] Postage Due Stamps: Overprint C [smaller letters].

Stamps	Gibbons / Scott catalogue numbers
½d. green	MD1 / J1
1d. red	MD2 / J2
2d. black	MD3 / J3
3d. violet	MD4 / J4
1s. blue	MD5 / J5

1943-01-01 [Jan. 1, 1943] Definitives: London ovpt B. dark BLUE BLACK

Stamps	Gibbons / Scott catalogue numbers
1d. pale red	M11 / 10
2d. pale orange	M12 / 11
2½d. lt. ultramarine	M13 / 12
3d. pale violet	M14 / 13
5d. brown	M15 / 5
6d. purple	M16 / 6
9d. olive green	M17 / 7
1s. bistre brown	M18 / 8
2s.6d. yellow green	M19 / 9

1947-11-01 [Nov. 1, 1947] Definitives: Overprint B. BLACK, 13.5 mm long, oblong periods, regular thicker letters

Stamps	Gibbons / Scott catalogue numbers
5s. red	M20 / 14
10s. ultramarine	M21 / 15

TABLE II. TERRITORIES IN WHICH "M.E.F." OVERPRINTED STAMPS WERE USED AND THE PERIODS OF VALIDITY.

1942 Issues [Cairo & London]

ERITREA: from 1942-03-02 until 1943, but valid until 1948-05-26

SOMALIA (including the OGADEN region of Ethiopia): from 1942-04-13 until 1943-01-14

1943-47 Issues

ERITREA: from 1943-01-01 until 1948-05-26 (replaced by British issues overprinted "B.M.A. ERITREA")

TABLE II (Continued)

SOMALIA: presumably from 1943-01-01 until 1943-01-14; replaced on 1943-01-15 by British stamps overprinted "E.A.F." (The 1947 high values were never used in Somalia.)

CYRENAICA (eastern Libya):
from 1943-06-01 until 1950-01-15 (replaced by the issues of Autonomous Cyrenaica) (The 1947 high values were not used in Cyrenaica).

TRIPOLITANIA (northwestern Libya, except the Ghadamès area, but including the Hun—Zilla region):
from 1943-06-01 until 1948-06-30 (replaced by British issues overprinted "B.M.A. TRIPOLITANIA").

AEGEAN ISLANDS (see next): 1947 high values were never used; the 1943 series was replaced by the "S.D.D." overprints on stamps of Greece prior to the Greek annexation in 1948.
CALCHI, CALINO, CASO, NISIROS, PISCOPI, SCARPANTO, SIMI and STAMPALIA: from 1943 (September) until 1947-12-31;
COS, LEROS, LIPSO, PATMOS, RHODES: from 1945-05-06 until 1947-12-31.

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The Gaspé Postmaster's Provisional Cover — 1851

by C. N. Richardson, London, England

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The cover was originally in the collection of the Baron Ferrari. Part of his collection was sold on 5/4/21, the third sale held in Paris, as Lot 214 and described as a printed envelope together with a Postal Stationery cut out and estimated at Frs. 320 (£8) and the cover then went into the collection of Maurice Burrus. On the extreme lower right side is the rubber stamp, a three leaved clover in a circle, the collection mark of Ferrari. The cover remained unshown until the Burrus collection was sold. This cover then came to light and was offered on November 9th, 1962 by Messrs. Robson Lowe in London. The cover was illustrated in the catalogue of the 29th November (the catalogues being printed and distributed before the auction in question) with the caption "A curious 1851 cover with the type set "THREE PENCE" . . . Is there a story behind this Ferrari cover?" I bid for this cover in partnership with Mr. D. M. Bolton. We obtained it for the sum of £275. Count Tomasini of Italy was the underbidder. We then re-offered the cover on March 25th, 1964 after having it on display at The National Stamp Exhibition of that year. This time it was described as "The unique Postmasters Provisional of New Carlisle". The research (see below)

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was then an integral part of the catalogue description. We estimated the item at £500. It was sold to Messrs. Stanley Gibbons for £525. The underbidders were two well known American dealers, Herman Herst and Henry Lacks. Stanley Gibbons then later included the item in their Catalogue as SG1 of Canada and, eventually, sold it privately to an investor/collector who then, much later, offered it for auction again in their auction rooms in London when it was bought by K. M. Robertson, Ltd., of Victoria, B.C., FOR £31,000.

EARLY HISTORY OF THE COVER

Firstly, the cover itself. In 1904 (it is so far not recorded whether this examination took place before or after it went into the possession of Ferrari) a Mr. DONALD A. KING examined the cover together with a typographical expert and pronounced the printing of the framed threepence as contemporary, that is to say, Circa. 1851. This examination is recorded by Fred Jarrett in his "Stamps of British North America" page 104. At the date of the publication by Jarrett, 1929, the whereabouts of the cover was unknown (it was, of course, by then in the unpublished collection of Maurice Burrus).

The Postmaster in 1851, was R. W. KELLY of whom early Canadian records will show was a part time Postmaster, his main occupation being the local printer (Gaspé records not available to the writer). Advance notices HAD been sent out announcing the issue on April the 23rd of that year of the new 3d, stamp, Prior to the use of the stamps, local Postmasters used either a locally made brass handstamp or, in smaller communities, such as at New Carlisle, a manuscript. It had already become a fashion for local Postmasters in the United States to create to their own designs, stamps for their own local usage until official stamps arrived, so the idea would not be solely that of Kelly. Jarrett makes the following astute observation "If the Postmaster kept a supply of envelopes so stamped (printed) ready for sale at 3d. plus a possible fee covering the cost of the envelope, the item is an exceedingly rare and valuable provisional. The neatness with which the marking appears on the only known speciman lends strength to the theory that they were prepared in advance and sold as required. Again, P. M. Kelly, would be unlikely to perform the two operations of handstamping with this design AND signing in pen and ink when, with the same pen and ink, he could have inscribed a large "3" to denote the amount HAD been paid." Further the placing of the endorsement is important. The purchaser of the envelope, already with the printed stamp upon it, places neatly (and in fine, different and educated script to that of Kelly's) the address to a Medical Hall in Toronto meticulously positioned in the centre and below the printed stamp. Kelley's CANCELLATION in manuscript, is VERTICAL ACROSS THE IMPRESSION AND ONLY JUST OVERLAPPING THE ADDRESS. In other words, exactly the operation of a person cancelling an early stamped letter.

On minute examination what could be a possible pencilled "3" can be seen on the extreme right of centre, to the right of "LETTER" by the "R". This COULD be the number of that particular envelope for Kelly's own memoranda.

The front Official Post Mark, presumably applied by Kelly, the "NEW GASPE APR. 7th. 1851" as well inked and bold, placed academically to balance the impression on the right, but THE MOST IMPORTANT POSTAL MARKING is on THE REVERSE OF THE COVER.

Unrecorded in either Jarrett's book, Robson Lowe's Catalogue or even in recent times by Stanley Gibbons, but recorded by me on March 25th, 1964 is the transit hand stamped postmark of "QUEBEC APRIL 16th 1851" on the reverse. This is in red and very faint situated in the centre and of undoubted genuiness both in ink and appearance.

As the crow flies it is approximately 320 miles from New Carlisle to Quebec.

IT TOOK NINE DAYS TO ARRIVE. (See Canadian Archives on weather conditions and route).

The postal marking proves that it was ACCEPTED midway to TORONTO by the established Postal Administration and delivered, by that Administration without suspicion, question or surcharge.

There can be no doubt, in any philatelic mind, that the cover was produced by P. M. Kelly, sold by him and that it was conveyed legally through the existing Canadian Postal Administration.

One day, probably in 'cut out' form, a similar piece will re-appear.

Ed. note. Part of the story of this cover appeared earlier in "Out of the Shadows" by "Beaver". Can. Phil., vol. 14, no. 4, pp. 173-4, 1963.

Allen Royal Mail Line Correspondence

A Search and a Request

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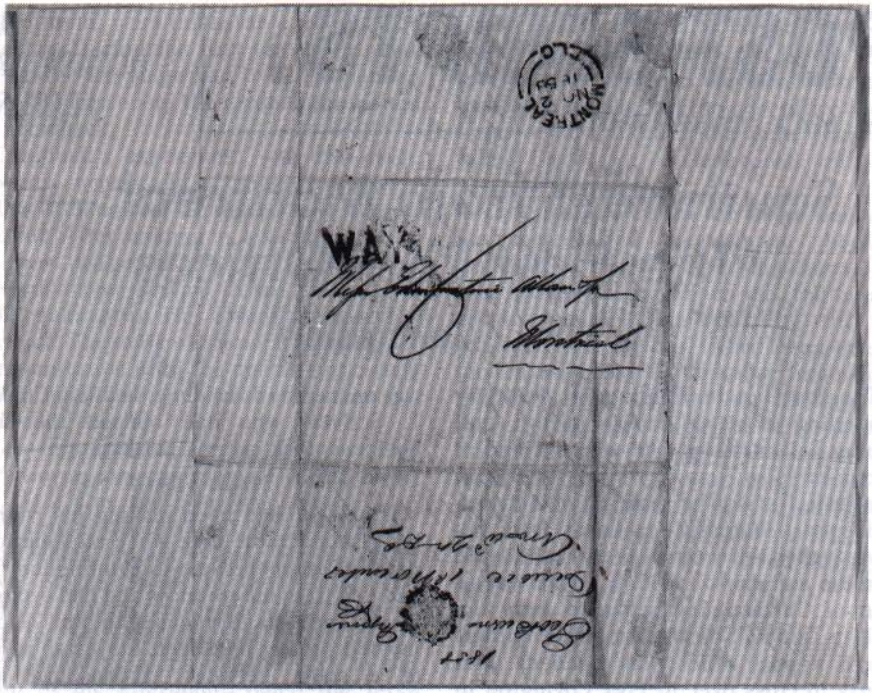
The Montreal Ocean Steamship Company was the first Canadian-owned and operated ocean steam navigation line. Better known as the Allan Royal Mail Line, it served on the North Atlantic from 1854 until swallowed up by the Candian Pacific Steamship Company at the time of the First World War.

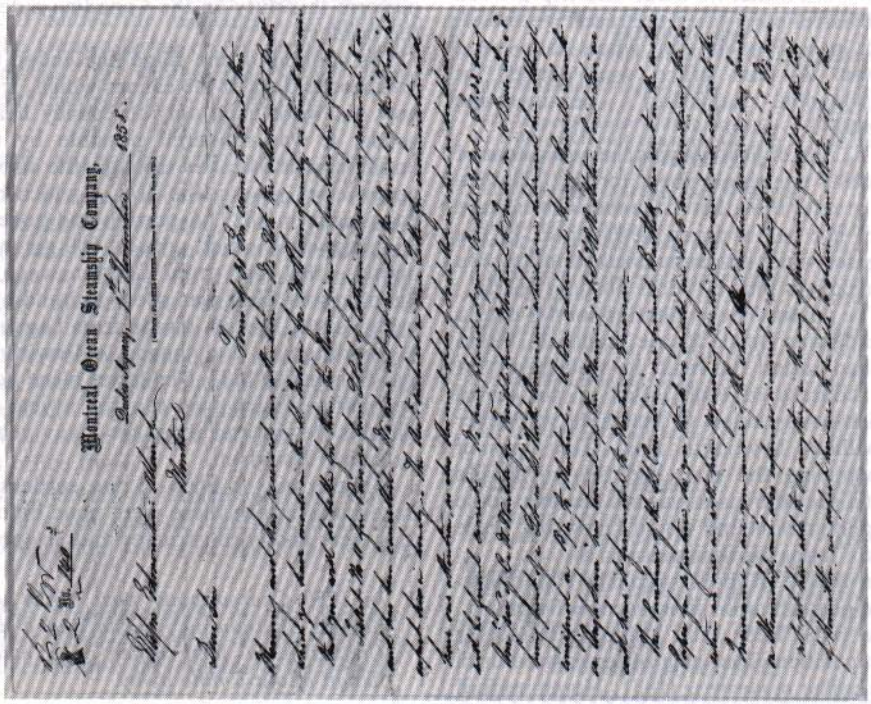
It had many agencies in many countries, but the major ones were Edmonstone, Allan & Company at Montreal and Portland, Maine; G. B. Symes, in Quebec; J. & A. Allan, Glasgow, and Allan & Gillespie, Liverpool. The massive correspondence by which this far-flung network was kept in touch had been dispersed over the years, much of it, naturally enough, into the hands of dealers and collectors.

The National Postal Museum is attempting to reconstruct this correspondence through the good services and cooperation of dealers and collectors, in order to retain a documentary record of our pioneering mail line. Already news of this project has been spread by word-of-mouth, and already there has been an amazing response from the philatelic community, both here and in the United States. It is now our purpose to advertise this project as fully as possible, to invite all proud possessors of this correspondence to send photo-copies to the National Postal Museum, Ottawa. Shown with this request are examples of what we are looking for.

Those who respond will be reimbursed their normal cost for photocopying, and unless anonymity is requested their kind cooperation will be suitably acknowledged once the results of this project are made public.

Opposite: Examples of the types of material Dr. Mackenzie is seeking.





POST·SCRIPTS

AN OCCASIONAL FEATURE

BY MAX ROSENTHAL

Southwest from Montreal — The First Post Offices

Part 2 Conclusion

The first inn in Huntingdon, built by converting a stable into a tavern and joining Lalanne's log house to one end of it for a barroom, was kept by an American, Benjamin Lewis. The securing of a tavern had been a necessity to Lewis from his having taken the contract to carry the mail.

in the summer of 1830, Francois Lapallieur of Chateauguay began to carry the mail to Dundee, on the American border, where a post office was opened, with liberty to cross over to Fort Covington in New York State. he made one trip a week on a sorrel pony when the roads were bad, and in a French cart when they were better. A post office was opened at Huntingdon. Lapallieur's remuneration was $240 a year.

The rate of postage was the equivalent of 18 cents per single sheet for any distance not greater than that to Quebec City. There were not half a dozen newspapers in the bag, for which the annual subscription was four dollars plus 80 cents postage yearly.

The postmaster at Huntingdon for over a decade was Dowie Kettle Lighthall. When he had sorted the mail, he would call out the address of each letter to the crowd which never failed to assemble whenever Lepallieur hove into view. This way of announcing the mail had the advantage that if the addressee was not present, some neighbour was and would know that there was a letter for that person.

In 1831 J. Abbott established Manningville post offcie in Beauharnois Seigniory. Two years later John Manning took over that position. That post office existed until 1867. The same year (1831) Hemmingford was opened by J. Lalanne. In 1833, Colonel J. Scriver, who had opened the first business, took over as postmaster.

MAIL STAGE

Lepallieur had been making his rounds for a considerable time when an American named Campbell came to Huntingdon. He had fled from his creditors and had brought horses and a stage wagon with him. A long mooted project had been the establishing of a stage between Ogdensburg and Montreal, and Campbell contracted to perform this duty on the Canadian side of the border.

The opening of the stage line ended the prosperous days of the canoes which, from now on, were used only to convey heavy goods. It was rendered possible by the improvement of roads through the use of government grants, the first of which had been made in 1829. A portion had gone to Beauharnois District, with $4,000 given to improve the road from Caughnawaga to Beauharnois. Half was spent in building a bridge at the Basin*. A road from Laguerre to Huntingdon, and thence to Dewittville was finished in 1832. The latter place got a post office which was run for a year by Charles Dewitt and then, for many years, by James Davidson.

While it was a boon to the settlers to have roads where there were none before, they were poorly constructed and, in spring

* *In 1859 Chateauguay post office was named Chateauguay Basin and a new Chateauguay post office was established about a mile away.*

and autumn, were impassable for wheeled vehicles. During the first ten years of its existence, the stage had to be suspended more than once and the mailbag forwarded on horseback.

Campbell's experiment with the stage proved a success and a company composed of Lewis, Schuyler, Ames and Love bought him out. After sending to Albany for two of the best stagecoaches then made, they opened a new service in the summer of 1832, making two trips a week and carrying the mail. The route was a popular means of communication until the opening of canals made navigation upstream on the St. Lawrence possible+.

Leaving Huntingdon in the morning, Fort Covington was reached in the evening. At 2 a.m. the horn was sounded and the journey was resumed in the Canadian stage which, drawn by four horses, drove down Briggs Street to the border and reached Huntingdon by the Ridge Road in time for an early breakfast. The horses were pulled up alongside the ferry at the Basin in the afternoon. When the ferry reached Lachine, another stage was waiting. It landed the passengers by nightfall at the Ottawa Hotel on St. James Street, Montreal. In winter the stage drove straight across the ice to the city.

STE. MARTINE AND ORMSTOWN

Ste. Martine, from its situation at the end of the Beauce Road, and a convenient stage length from the Basin, was fated to become a village. In 1820 the reigning Bishop divided the seigniory into two missions, that portion north of the Chateauguay being named Ste. Martine. Three years later a small church and grist mill were built, thereby beginning the village with the same name. L. C. Noel opened a post office there.

The pioneers of Ormstown located on a site 10 miles east of Huntingdon around 1820. The site was to be called the village of Durham. A short time later a store was opened by William Cross. In 1836 a town plot was laid out and the name Durham bestowed upon it, but the post office which Cross opened there in the same year was called Ormstown to correspond with the name of the parish.

The management of the stage line was incompetent and the company became insolvent at which time Joshua Lewis got sole control of it. When he fell under suspicion of being in sympathy with the rebels of 1837, the Post Office Department, then managed by the Imperial authorities, withdrew the $1,000 a year contract for carrying the mail and gave it to George Pringle in 1839. Pringle ran the stage three times a week for 14 years, using three instead of four horses. In 1842 it was agreed that the steamer should take the stage on board, a procedure which saved having to transfer the mail.

+ *The commencement of the Beauharnois Canal in 1842 gave the village of Beauharnois an impetus to its growth.*

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An Unnoted Mercury

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Normal Mercury

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"Missing bracelet" Mercury

If there's any single stamp I've been intrigued with all my life, it's the Mercury of the general issue in use in Brazil between 1920 and 1940 (Scott type A76). This has always called up romance and mystery to me. I've seen many flaws in this issue, all of which, up to this point are easily attributable to poor inking, worn or dirty plates, and a few odd scratches. There are also a few distinct plate flaws in one year's issue which are noted in the national catalogue for Brazil, the Schiffer catalogue.

I have here an example which is perhaps harder to explain by adventitious causes, and looks to me like another engraving flaw. I have only one example, on the 1000 Reis value of the issue of '31-'34 (Scott No. 340, Gibbons No. 399). The "bracelet" on the arm of the Mercury above the value tablet is missing, as is a distinct part of the frame line of the tablet. It is conceivable that it is the result of a dirt speck, but I am not inclined to believe this because of the overall cleanliness of the stamp, because of the missing bracelet, and because of the heavy line at the wrist and thumb.

I'd be interested in confirmation from any source; also I would be interested in acquiring any copies of Brazil A76 which might be available.

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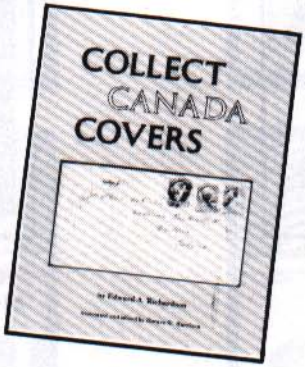

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A REGULAR FEATURE

...HANS REICHE

It is obvious that the US mail service is not much better than ours. On an average, magazines take 39 days to travel an average distance of 300 Miles. The USPS PMG. Mr. Bolger, recently mentioned that he believes the postage rates have risen too high, too fast. A team will investigate this aspect. Another team is studying the nine-digit ZIP as an important postal service, enabling it to apply electronic technology to improve service and to drastically curtail the rate of rising costs. Within five years plans call for the use of off-the shelf computor equipment to sort mail at all city blocks and large business levels. This system will permit about 40 people to do what 100 do today. A team will examine ways to exploit computors in mail preparation and addressing, and payment of postage through consolidated trust accounts or electronic fund transfers. (This suggestion was made many years ago by this author). It will be interesting to see if the US will reduce the rates and what Canada will do.

Make sure that you keep a few of the regular 10¢ flower stamp perforated 13 X 13 1/2 rather than 12 X 12 1/2 from the first plate. Also remember that the 14¢ Queen stamps from the $3.50 booklet are perforated 12 X 12 1/2 instead of 13 X 13 1/2 and will be listed by Scott.

The unhinged craze has now reached the most ridiculous stage. We note in one auction stamps "unhinged without gum". We hope all future retail catalogues will include such a description. By making this entire question more and more ridiculous the backbone of this craze may eventually be broken. And how about an exhibit in your local club of stamps seen from the gum side.

A few of the experimental Canadian test coils appear once in a while at auctions. These test coils were manufactured in ten rolls side by side, similar to the regular coils with the break-off feature. They can be found imperforated and perforated 10. The inscription reads "For Testing Purposes Only-Aux Fins D'Essai. Canadian Bank Note Company Ottawa. The perforated coils are much scarcer than the imperforated. Probably only a few are in the hands of collectors, and pairs may demand about 50 dollars.

Did you notice the difference between the 50¢ Street Scene printed by the British American Bank Note Co. and the Canadian Bank Note Co.? A new die was used. The licence plate of the car in the front shows either 1977 or 1978 . . . Catlogues should recognize this new die.

A new book, A Historical Survey of Precancels, has been published. It deals with USA stamps and gives an overview of the first documented type of 1844 through to precancels of today.

This year's National Computor Conference will feature a special computor-stamp exhibition and a contest for the design of a cancellation and a cachet. The winning cancel and cachet will be used at the temporary station at the conference. It will be the first event of this kind. This idea is excellent and should be encouraged. Many other organizations, meetings and events could be captured by this method, involving both the customer and the stamp collector or designer.

Now that the Post Office will keep for only six months a supply of all stamps issued for philatelic purposes, one must be careful not to miss any issue. Unfortunately, with almost no data made available when new plates, booklets, stationery and coils come out, it will be hard to keep up with new items. Collectors will still not be told how many stamps are being destroyed after removal from sale. It is anticipated that a smaller number of stamps will be printed to meet the much reduced availability. (Ed. See quantities printed of new and forthcoming issues in Canada Post News, this issue.)

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REVISIONS TO 1979 PROGRAMME

Canada Post has added two more stamps to their 1979 programme bringing the total to 41.

August 16 - 15¢ Flower definitive to replace the current 15¢ Tree (Aspen) definitive.

October 24 - 17¢ Year of the Child (UNICEF). This was originally to be commemorated in a combined Christmas/Year of the Child design.

You can also change the date of issue of the 17¢ World Canoe-Kayak Championships stamp. It would appear that Canada Post did not know the date of that event when it originally scheduled the stamp for release on August 16th. The New Date of issue is July 3.

FORTHCOMING ISSUES

May 3 - Canadian Authors, 2 x 17¢

The Emile Nelligan stamp was designed by Monique Charbonneau and the Frederick Philip Grove stamp by Rosemary Kilbourne. (Let us hope that the marginal inscription on the panes reads 'Frederick Philip Grove', not 'Frederick Phillip Grove' as described on the brochure announcing the stamps.)

The stamps were printed se tenant by the Canadian Bank Note Co., Ltd., on PVA gummed, coated one side (litho) paper using six colour lithography. 25 million stamps were printed in panes of 50 stamps.

May 11 - Col. John By and Col. Charles-Michael de Salaberry, 2 x 17¢.

The stamps were designed by Theo Dimson and printed se tenant by Ashton-Potter Ltd., on PVA gummed, coated one side (litho) paper using seven colour lithography. 27 million of the stamps were printed in panes of 50 stamps.

Can any significance be attached to the illustration of the stamps in the brochure announcing them? They are depicted with the two colonels back to back!

June 15 - Provincial and Territorial flags, 12 x 17¢, miniature sheet.

July 3 - World Canoe-Kayak Championships, 17¢.

ISSUED STAMPS:

April 10 - Endangered Wildlife

17¢ Spiny soft-shelled turtle (Trionyx spinifera), designed by Gary Low and printed by Ashton-Potter Ltd., on PVA gummed, coated one side (litho) paper using four colour lithography. 26.5 million stamps were printed in panes of 50.

35¢ Bowhead whale (Balaena mysticetus), designed by Robert Bateman and printed by Ashton-Potter Ltd., on PVA gummed, coated one side (litho) paper using four colour lithography. 16 million stamps were printed in panes of 50 stamps.

April 27 - High value definitive. $2 Kluane National Park, Yukon Territory. The design is based on the painting "Across the Tundra" by Alan C. Collier and printed by the Canadian Bank Note Co., Ltd., on PVA gummed, coated one side (litho) paper using four colour lithography and one colour steel engraving. It is in continuous production in panes of 50 stamps. It is not tagged.

17¢ Postal Code. The stamps were designed by Don Haws and printed by Ashton-Potter Ltd., on PVA gummed, coated one side (litho) paper using five colour lithography. 75 million! stamps were printed se tenant in panes of 50 stamps.

The design of these stamps, which are supposed to remind the public to use the postal code, could indicate how the collectors are being 'shafted' by Canada Post. If the slogan postmarks, magazine,

The following data on the number of stamps, of the several designs, that were received by Canada Post in 1977-78 may be of interest.

House of Commons Debates (Hansard) 28 February 1979
QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER
Stamps - Her Majesty The Queen

Question No. 864 — **Mr. Howie:**

For the fiscal year ended March 31, 1978, how many postage stamps and in what denominations were produced showing a portrait of Her Majesty the Queen, and in these same denominatuons, how many were produced showing any other portrait or picture?

Mr. David Collenette (Parliamentary Secretary to Postmaster General):

Denominations of stamps depicting the Queen's Portrait and other subjects of the same denominations produced in fiscal year 1977-78:

Ten cents	Queen — 202,000 rolls x 100	20,200,000	
	4,820,000 books x 4	19,280,000	39,480,000
Ten cents	Flower		81,500,000
Ten cents	Christmas		102,500,000
First Class Postal rates increased to twelve cents - First April 1977			
Twelve cents	Queen (in sheets)	261,600,000	
	3,908,000 books x 4	15,632,000	277,232,000
Twelve cents	Parliament (in sheets)	319,600,000	
	2,833,000 rolls x 100	283,300,000	602,900,000
Twelve cents	Commemorative issues		260,925,000
Twelve cents	Christmas		80,550,000
First Class Postal rates increased to fourteen cents — First April 1978			
Initial quantity of stamps delivered prior to First April 1979			
Fourteen cents	Queen (in sheets)	129,000,000	
	80,000 books x 3	240,000	129,240,000
Fourteen cents	Parliament (in sheets)	72,700,000	
	300,000 rolls x 100	30,000,000	102,700,000
Fourteen cents	Commemoratives		87,387,000

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newspaper and TV advertising is not achieving the effect Canada Post wants, what makes them think that these stamps will do the job? What makes them think the general public will even bother to use them? (See "Letters", this issue.)

And why two stamps? Wouldn't one stamp with a hand, unidentifiable as to sex, have been just as effective? It looks like another Canada Post gambit to wrest a few more dollars from collectors.

One can also ask why 75 million of these stamps were printed. The total for the 17¢ Endangered Wildlife was a mere 26.5 million and the combined total for the Authors and the Colonels (May issues) is only 52 million. Could it be that the post will attempt to 'push' these stamps rather than the commemoratives or the definitives. Will they also keep them on sale at the wickets for a longer than normal (for commemorative issues) length of time?

TWO NEW STAMPS — IN BOOKLETS ONLY

On 28 March 1979, Canada Post released a new 50 cent vending machine booklet containing 17¢ House of Parliament stamps for the new postal rate that went into effect on 1 April.

In addition to the two 17¢ stamps, the booklet pane contains one new 1¢ slate coloured and three new 5¢ maroon coloured House of Parliament stamps.

The 1¢ and 5¢ stamps will be available only in this 50 cent booklet and will not be printed in any other form.

Official First Day Covers with complete booklet panes were available as was an official first day of issue cancellation.

The booklet cover designs are the same ten designs as those of the previously issued 'Floral Booklets'. They are printed in blue on the ivory stock with a 'safety' motif (horizontal wavy lines) on the outer surface.

NEW POSTAL STATIONERY

On 28 March, 1979, the following postal stationery items were placed on sale.

Envelopes: - 12 cent short (No. 8) and long (no. 10) envelopes overprinted 15 cents.

- 14 cent No. 8 envelopes overprinted 17 cents, 15 cent No. 8 and No. 10 envelopes and 17 cents No. 8 in new colours will be released later

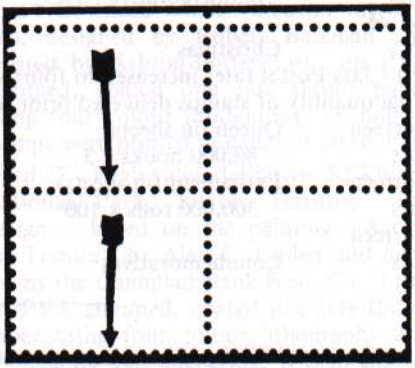
- 17 cent No. 10 envelope with current indicia design in blue and brown

- 15 cent postcard with green and brown indicia

- 17 cent postcard with blue and brown indicia

The postcards and No. 8 envelopes retail for 3 cents above the face value, the No. 10 envelopes for 3 cents above face value.

- 35 cent aerogramme picturing a sky above the Atlantic coast. This is No. 5 in the 'Sky Scenes' series. The picture is printed with a four colour process instead of the previously used three colour process. All other features of the aerogramme are unchanged.



Arrows indicate positions of narrow spacing between two perforations.

LITTLE PERFS

Discrepencies have arisen recently in the measurements of perforations on some Canadian stamp issues. The reason for this is a "little perf" (narrow spacing between two perforations) which is found on comb perforated stamps.

The example shown above, when measured with a Gibbons Instanta Perforation Gauge, measures 12.5 (12 1/2) including the little perf, but measured around the perf, it is 12.2, which would be listed in catalogues as 12.

A small perf indicated a shift or loosening of the perforation arm and is not supposed to happen. It will not be found more than once on a stamp, making it easier to measure a pair than a single.

VARIETIES

50¢ Street Scene Definitive (723). This stamp clearly shows the differences that a change in printers brings.

Plate 1: printed by the British American Bank Note Co., perf. 13.2 x 13.2, 3 line plate inscription includes: Engraving: Arthur Pontin: Gravure. Copyright symbol and date (1977) on building above car on left side of street.

Plate 2: printed by the Canadian Bank Note Co., from an obviously new die, is darker than the stamps from plate 1. Perf. 13,2 x 13.2, 2 line marginal inscription changed in format and omits the name of the engraver. Copyright symbol and date (1978) is on the licence plate of the car in the right foreground.

From Stuart A. Clark, Winnipeg, we have the following:

$1 Vancouver, redrawn (599a). "The Man on the Mountain", a short vertical line protruding from the top of the skyline close to the left side of the design. Stamp position in the sheet is not known. Information requested.

14¢ House of Parliament (714). Short lightning rod - stamp 34, plates 1, 2, 3, 4. Light in window (upper row of windows in middle of stamp) stamp 32, plates 1, 2, 3, 4.

Missing brick, stamp 1, not on every pane of plates 1, 2, 3, 4.

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1st Award
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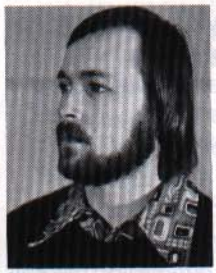

2nd Award
R. Allen

A little over a year ago, the National Postal Museum announced a design competition for a new cancellation to be used in the Museum after it moved to its new quarters at 180 Wellington St., opposite the Parliament Buildings, Ottawa.

The First Award design, depicted above, was submitted by Frank Alusio, 46, of Weston, Ontario, an airport planner with Transport Canada in Toronto, Ontario. He has been an avid philatelist since the age of six. Richard Allen of Ottawa, Ontario, was the designer of the Second Award design.

Both of the award-winning designs will be used by the Postal Museum at its new location. Postal Museum artists will prepare the final versions of the artwork from which the cancelling dies will be made. The dies will be used in two newly developed cancelling machines which will be used for the first time in Canada at the new Museum. The machines use a light projection system that allows the precise location on a cover before the cancellation is applied.

The winners of the eight prizes awarded in the competition are:

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1. Richard Allen, Ottawa, Ontario.
3. W.M.A. Cherniwchan, Montreal, P.Q.
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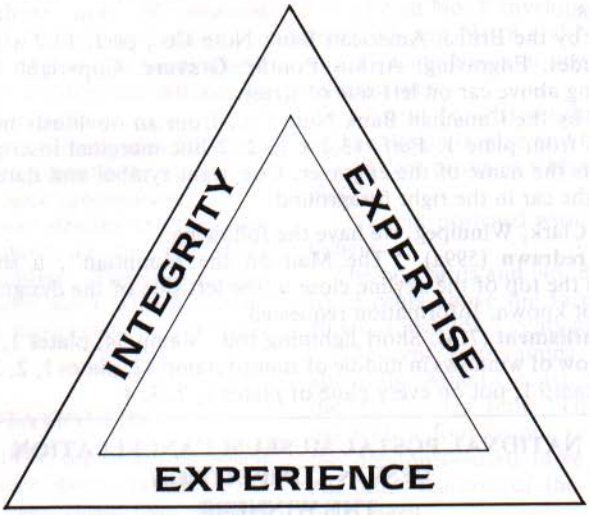

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A Report to the Membership

by Fred Stulberg

After a period of relative Winter calm, the beginning of March saw a meeting of Directors and Officers convened at Ottawa. This meeting is called at this time mainly to receive and approve the reports that are to be presented at the annual meeting although other business is often considered.

The death of Fred Jarrett, our first President following reactivation of the Society in 1921 and our first Fellow, was noted with deep regret and a donation in his memory was made to the Vincent G. Greene Philatelic Research Foundation.

The President reported on the state of the administrative office of the Society which, up to that time, was being maintained on a trial basis at Toronto by Ms. Roddi Gould (ARGEE Management Company). This arrangement has been working so efficiently that the Directors unanimously agreed the situation should no longer be provisional. Ms. Roddi Gould was elected Secretary of the R.P.S.C.

Director Colin Bayley stated that his brief to the Tariff Board with respect to special duty consideration on imported philatelic supplies was favourably received although he cautioned against expecting immediate response. Apparently, when a ruling is eventually given it will deal with all collectables rather than philately alone. In his capacity as complaint investigator, Colin reported problems with several dealers that were being investigated and, failing satisfactory resolution, they would be expelled from the Society.

The reports of the Officers generally revealed no serious problems. Probably the most significant one was the financial statement. It disclosed a substantial deficit in last year's operations which, upon analysis, was largely due to the preparation, printing and mailing of the Membership Directory. In all likelihood, the Membership Directory has become a thing of the past.

While on the subject of finances, I would like to clarify the question that is often asked of me. It relates to the pay and allowances of the Directors.

None of the Directors receive remuneration for their services and are even expected to pay their own costs for travel and accomodation to all Society meetings. The one exception applies to attendance at the annual meeting where a person travelling over 500 miles to 1000 miles can receive a grant of fifty dollars. Over one thousand miles the grant is one hundred dollars. Not all directors request this grant.

Two of the Officers receive pay for their work. The Director of Sales, whose work often exceeds fifty hours a week, receives a commission on sales. The Secretary is a full time employee of the Society and receives a wage based on the prevailing rate for similar work.

The President has a yearly travel allowance equal to the return economy air fare from Halifax to Vancouver but this can only be used for travel to and from Chapters. It does not include accomodation.

Speaking of travelling, the month of March saw the start of the talk and judging circuit. First there was a talk to the North Toronto Stamp Club. This was

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CH-160 Schwarzwald Stamp Club
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CH-161 South Simcoe Stamp Society,
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THE CHAPTER COORDINATOR--

As announced in the last issue of The Canadian Philatelist the cost of medals has gone up to $4.50. This price applies to all medals, regardless of size.

That is the bad news. The good news is that we received three slide programmes from South Africa on an exchange basis. Two are available and have received rave reviews from those Chapters that have seen them. They are No. 88, The Postal History of the Suez Canal, and No. 89, Angels of Humanity, the story of the Red Cross. The third is being held pending a corrected commentary from South Africa. We are also told that Fred Stulberg, our esteemed President, has quite a few programmes ready to be turned over to The Society for use. Watch for the announcement in succeeding C.P.'s. Your Co-ordinators were also instructed to go ahead with further trades with South Africa by The Directors at the meeting in Ottawa early this month.

We extend a welcome to the two new chapters listed below.

Chapter 160
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By the time this is published, GRANDPEX will be history. We hope to have met a lot of our readers there and that we will be told what you wish us to do to help you. Hope we saw you there.

Ted Lyon for
Doris & Ted Lyon.

THE COORDINATOR OF YOUTH ACTIVITIES--

The 1980 International Youth Exhibition will take place at Eindhoven Netherlands) from May 23-27. As usual, the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada will sponsor a number of young participants at this very important event. For information and entry forms please write to:

M. Madesker
565 Alness Street
Downsview, Ontario
M3J 2T8

The Youth Education Program receives from time to time requests for pen-pals from abroad. One such request came from a 16-year old young lady in India: Miss Daya Samtani (20, R. V. Layout, Seshadripuram, Bangalore 20, India) who seeks a correspondent interested in Olympic stamps. Those interested are asked to contact Miss Samtani directly.

A French speaking pen-pal is desired by a 15-year old American, Mr. Wm. A. Stout, Jr., 241 S. Olden Ave., Trenton, N.J. 08629, U.S.A. Collecting interests unknown.

Allan Brink, Nattergalevej 2, Dall Villaby, DK - 9230 Svenstrup J, Denmark, is 18 years old and is looking for a young Canadian to exchange with. He can supply stamps of Denmark and Greenland primarily and other parts of Scandinavia and Europe, if necessary. He corresponds in English and French.

M. Madesker.

THE SALES CIRCUIT--

The Sales Circuit needs stamps of France, Germany, Great Britain, Netherlands, Newfoundland, Switzerland, United States, Austria, Scandinavia, British Colonies, especially Australia, New Zealand & Oceania, World Wide and Canada. There are many people waiting for Canadian Revenues. We need good stamps, mint & used or MNH of the above countries. Canada plate blocks pre-1950 are requested.

Please be sure that your sales book's value is at least $25.00 to meet our minimum requirements. Books with higher values & Better stamps sell better and quicker.

It is becoming very important that all chapters send in the dates of the meetings for which they desire circuits. All too often, by the time we receive your parcel with the date on the advice, it is too late to send a return parcel. We need to know well in advance, a year at a time if possible. It is only in this way that we can give you good service.

The service to individuals has improved this year. We have three categories, those who receive circuits once a month, those that get them every two months, and those who get circuits only when we have their particular needs available.

Sending circuits to individuals could be improved if everyone would return their circuits as soon as possible so the books can go to the others. Another thing, if you are going to be away, please let us know so that circuits won't sit around while you are on holidays for a couple of months.

The Sales Department is checking into obtaining good mounts for MNH stamps. As soon as we have the information we will let you know. There are still a few blank sales books left at 3 for $1.00. The new lot which has been printed will sell for 2 for $1.00 as printing and postage costs are up.

Unfortunately we have been losing a few contributors to the sales circuit by death. This can be very confusing for your beneficiaries if you have not made a list of books in the circuit and let your family or executor know about them.

If you wish to sell your duplicates or buy stamps, help yourselves by using the

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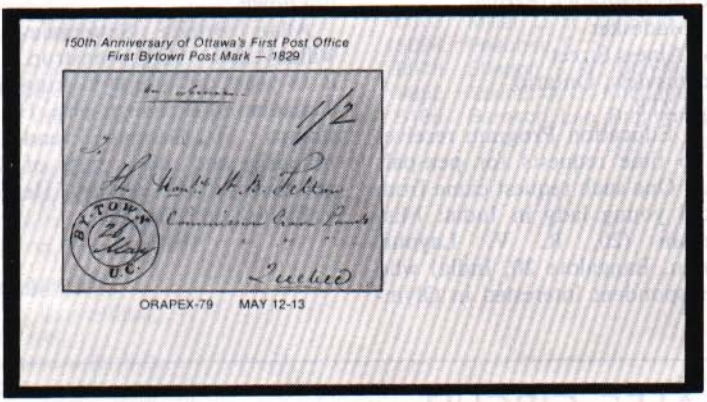

Chapter 41

Above is a cover which the R.A. Stamp Club prepared for their 18th Annual Exhibition, ORAPEX 79. See page 124 of the Mar./Apr. issue for information about its availability.

Chapter 122

The Philatelic Club of Montreal puts out an interesting monthly Newsletter from which one can often garner a few news items concerning Canadian stamps, among others. This is very evident in their April 1979 issue. Editor Lloyd Slaven prepared for that issue a very useful full page summary table of the current definitive series to date. He stated that the table would be reissued with additions and corrections in a future issue.

Chapitre 40

LA SOCIÉTÉ PHILATÉLIQUE DE QUÉBEC

Par Raymond Dubé

A Québec, l'année 1979 sera vécue sous le signe de la philatélie. Deux expositions, l'une d'envergure provinciale au début de mai, l'autre d'envergure nationale, à la mi-septembre, s'inscriront dans les célébrations qui marqueront le cinquantième anniversaire d'existence de la Société Philatélique de Québec.

C'est le 5 mars 1929, à la veille de la crise économique des années 30, qu'une douzaine de personnes tout au plus se réunirent dans l'arrière-boutique du magasin de tabac de M. G. -A. Grondin, au 61 de la rue Buade, au coeur du Vieux-Québec, pour jeter les bases de la Société.

Les promoteurs du projet, trois citoyens influents de la ville: deux anglophones, MM. S.-Tanner Green, surintendant

général des Postes à Québec, et J.-F. Gurry ainsi qu'un francophone, M. W. Amyot, tous trois Fellows of The London Philatelic Society, eurent assez de quelques minutes pour exposer le but de la réunion avant qu'on ne procédât à l'élection d'un premier bureau de direction.

MM Amyot et Gurry furent nommés respectivement président et vice-président, assistés d'un secrétaire-trésorier, le notaire Jules Lessard et de quatre directeurs: MM G.-A. Grondin, Bruno Chartier, P.-S. Lefaivre et J.-A. Dubé. M. Tanner fut sur le champ nommé président honoraire.

La nouvelle société, en dépit des difficultés de la situation économique d'alors, prit rapidement un bel essor. Avant la fin de la décennie, en effet, elle avait déjà réussi à organiser trois expositions, deux en 1937 ey une 1939, qui furent présentées au Foyer du Palais Montcalm, Place d'Youville: des expositions qui, selon les journaux de l'époque, suscitèrent beaucoup de curiosité et d'intérêt, tant à cause de la quantité que de la qualité des exhibits.

Puis éclata la guere en septembre 1939. En fut-elle responsable ou l'enthousiasme des débuts s'était-il émoussé, pendant une douzaine d'années, la Société fonctionna au ralenti. Au cours de cette période, l'arrivée de nouveaux membres, plus jeunes, permit de bâtir une relève, qui au commencement des années 50, allait donner à la Société un nousel élan grâce au dynamisme de ses présidents: MM Guy Desrivières (1945-52), Georges Filion (1952-58 et 1962-64) Georges April (1958-62) et Gérard Lemieux (1964-68). C'est ainsi que de 1953 à 1966, la Société présenta au public québecois sept expositions toutes plus considérables et meilleures les unes que les autres. Le recrutement de nouveaux membres se faisait cependant plutôt difficilement, les effectifs de la Société ne dépassant pas la soixantaine.

Il allait appartenir à M. Jean Thomas de prendre la relève en 1968. Pendant ses trois termes de deux ans à la présidence, il multiplia les efforts afin d'atteindre le chiffre 100. Ce fut en quelque sorte une période de stabilisation et de réorganisation dont profitèrent ses successeurs: Mme Lola Caron (1974-76 et M. Jean-Pierre Delwasse (1976 à aujourd'hui).

Actuellement, la Société Philatelique de Québec a le vent dans les voiles. Elle regroupe 175 membres et vise le chiffre 200. Elle est passée de l'amateurisme au professionalisme. Elle a fait de la majorité de ses collectionneurs de véritables philatélistes.

Elle a acquis ses titres de noblesse en 1975, lorsqu'elle fut l'hôte le la Société Royale Canadienne de Philatélie et organisa l'exposition QUEPEX. qui réunit les meilleurs philatélistes canadiens et québecois.

La Société atteignit de nouveaux sommets en 1977 avec QUEPHILEX 77, qui en plus d'une classe senior, révéla l'existence du club philatélique du séminaire St-François de Cap-Rouge, en banlieue de Québec, dont les présentations démontrèrent un haut niveau de qualité et de connaissances philatéliques.

Toujours en marche vers de nouveaux sommets, la Société Philatélique de Québec, prépare fébrilement QUEPHILEX 79, qui sera présentée au Centre Municipal des Congrès, Place Québec, les 11, 12 et 13 mai prochain et réunira des philatélistes de toutes les parties du Québec. Un objectif de pas moins de 300 cadres.

A la fin de l'été, à la mi-septembre, (les 13, 14 et 15) elle sera l'hôte de la British North America Philatelic Society dont l'exposition BENAPEX aura lieu dans les salles du Château Frontenac.

Deux événements qui couronneront dignement cette année du cinquentenaire et auxquels seront particulièrement fiers d'assister deux des philatélistes qui ont vécu les heures difficiles de la Société, M. Armand-L. Désaulniers, un octogénaire qui fut de la réunion du 5 mars 1939 et qui occupa la présidence au cours de la décennie 30 ainsi que M. Gérard Lemieux, un autre ancien président qui rejoignit les rangs de la Société au début des années 30.

CHAPTER MEETINGS

BRITISH COLUMBIA PHILATELIC SOCIETY
Meetings every Wednesday at 8 P.M. in the Dickinson Room, Stry Bowling Alley, 144 East 7th Ave., Vancouver, B.C. President Mr. W. Carracher, 744W 69th Ave., Vancouver, B.C. V6P 2W3.

CALGARY PHILATELIC SOCIETY
(Chapter 66) Regular meetings: First Tuesday of the month, Calgary Central Library, 616 Macleod Trail, 7:00 p.m. Auction: Third Tuesday of the month, CUPE Hall, 104 - 13th Ave. S.E., 7:30 p.m. President: E. A. Harris, P.O. Box 1641, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 2L7.

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION FOR ISRAEL PHILATELY
(C.A.F.I.P.) RPSC Chapter No. 76. Meetings every third Monday of the month (except) July and August) at 7:30 p.m. at Coleman's Delicatessen, 3085 Bathurst Street, Toronto (at Lawrence). Visitors always welcome. President: Peter Brull, P.O. Box 397, Willowdale, Ontario. M2N 1Y2.

COLUMBIA PHILATELIC SOCIETY
Chapter No. 11. Meetings held monthly on the Fourth Monday at 7:30 p.m. Visitors welcome. Secretary - Mrs. E. Bailey, 1490 Fourth Ave., Trail, B.C. V1R 1S4. 364-1303. President - Mr. Thurlow Fraser, Box 8, Rossland, B.C. 362-7778.

EDMONTON STAMP CLUB
Touring stampers welcome. Meetings on alternate Mondays in the cafeteria of St. Joseph Composite School. Pres. - Keith R. Spencer, ph. 434-0270; Membership - Terry Krawec, ph. 469-8789. Address all mail c/o the Club, P.O. Box 399, Edmonton, Alberta, T5J 2J6.

GREATER VICTORIA PHILATELIC SOCIETY
(Chapter 32 of the R.P.S.C.) Meets in Windsor Park Pavillion at 8:00 p.m. on the third Friday of each month. Secretary Mrs. Gladys Clarke, 1737 Mortimer St., Victoria, B.C., V8P 3A9. Telephone 477-0261. Visitors Welcome.

GUELPH STAMP CLUB
(Chapter 98, RPSC). Meets first and third Wednesdays, September through May, third Wednesdays June through August, at 8 p.m. in the Guelph Library, Norfolk at Paisley Streets, Guelph, Ontario. Secretary: Ernie McFarland, 46 Harrison Ave., Guelph, Ont. N1H 5K4. Visitors most welcome.

HAMILTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY
Chapter Fifty-one. 2nd and 4th Mondays Sept. to May inc. Lower auditorium of the Canadian Martyrs Church at the corner of Main Street West and Emerson Avenue in Hamilton (across from McMaster University campus). Secretary - Mr. Andrew Chung, McMaster University. P.O. Box 299, Hamilton, Ontario L8S 1C0.

KINGSTON STAMP CLUB
RPSC Chapter 49 meets the second & fourth Monday, Sept. to May, at 7:30 p.m., at the Hall of St. George Cathedral, Johnson and Wellington Sts, Kingston, Ont. Correspondence to: Secretary Roger Lapoint, Kingston Stamp Club, Box 361, Station 'A', Kingston, Ont. K7M 6R7.

KITCHENER-WATERLOO PHILATELIC SOCIETY
(Chapter 13 of the R.P.S.C.). Meets at 7:30 p.m. on the 2nd Thursday of each month (except during June, July and August) in the Elizabeth Room of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church (Queen Street Entrance). Visitors Welcome. Pres. Gordon Warnock, 192 Blucher St., Kitchener, Ont.

LAKEHEAD STAMP CLUB
R.P.S.C. Chapter No. 33. Meets second Wednesday and last Friday monthly from September to June in the Faculty of Education Building. Visitors always welcome. J. van Greem, Secretary-Treasurer, 230 Peter Street, Thunder Bay "P", Ontario P7A 5H9.

LAKESHORE STAMP CLUB
501 St. John's Blvd., Pointe Claire, Quebec. Meeting nights 2nd and 4th Thursdays September till June at 7:20 p.m. President - Geoff Newman; Secretary - Margaret Dunnett. Mailing address: P.O. Box 1, Pointe Claire-Dorval, P.Q., H9R 4N5. Visitors Welcome.

NORTH TORONTO STAMP CLUB
Chapter 5 of the Royal. Meetings at 7:30 p.m. on Second and Fourth Thursdays (except in July and August) at Dewi Sant Welsh United Church, 33 Melrose Avenue. Visitors Welcome.

NORTH YORK PHILATELIC SOCIETY
Meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month (July & August excepted) at the North York Memorial Community Hall. 5090 Yonge St. Willowdale, Ontario. Sec'y: Mrs. M. Summerfield, Phone 221-0375. Visitors Welcome.

NOVA SCOTIA STAMP CLUB
Halifax, Nova Scotia, Est. 1922. First Affiliate of the R.P.S.C. (1934). Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month, Sept. - June, Nova Scotia Museum. Corr. Sec'y: Miss Marilyn Murphy, 5872 Merkel Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3K 2J3. Visitors Welcome.

OAKVILLE STAMP CLUB
R.P.S.C. Chapter No. 135 meets 7:30 p.m., second and fourth Tuesdays, year round at Trafalgar Hall Auditorium, Trafalgar Road at Hwy. 5, Oakville. R.P.S.C. Representative: Dave Dixon, P.O. Box 529, Oakville, Ont. L6J 5B9. Visitors Welcome.

CHAPTER MEETINGS

OTTAWA PHILATELIC SOCIETY
(R.P.S.C. Chapter No. 16). Meets Thursdays at 8:00 p.m., September through May in the Chateau Laurier. Contact E. B. Manchee, 2420 Rector Ave., Ottawa. K2C 1M3. Phone: 828-6346. Visitors Welcome.

THE PHILATELIC CLUB OF MONTREAL
(Chapter 122 of the R.P.S.C.) meets the first and third Thursdays of each month, September through June at 7:30 P.M. , at the Notre Dame de Grace Community Centre, 5311 Côte St. Antoine Road, Montreal. Guests always welcome. Information: P.O. Box 264, Westmount, Québec, H3Z 2T2.

R A STAMP CLUB - OTTAWA
(Chapter 41, RPSC). Meets 7:30 p.m. Every Monday at The R. A. Centre, 2451 Riverside Drive, Ottawa, Ontario. (Except June, July and August). Visitors Welcome - Phone 733-5100.

LA SOCIÉTÉ PHILATÉLIQUE DE QUÉBEC
Regular meetings will be held in the basement of The Saint Charles Garnier Church, 1215 Chanoine Morel, Sillery. As in the past we will hold meetings on the first and third Wednesdays of the month - 7:30 hr., to 10:00.

ST. LAWRENCE INTERNATIONAL STAMP CLUB
Cornwall, Ont. Massena, N.Y. (Chapter 54). Meets the first Tuesday in Massena, N.Y. & third Tuesday at House of Labour, 130 Sidney St. Cornwall, Ont. Time 7:30 til 10:30 p.m. of each month. (Except July and August). Visitors always welcome. Secretary Mr. Robert Kitchener 114 - 15th Street West, Cornwall, Ontario K6J 3J8.

VANCOUVER ISLAND PHILATELIC SOCIETY
Meets monthly on the second Thursday, Room 112, Provincial Museum, at 8 p.m. Sec'y: Chas. W. Marshall, 1472 St. David St., Victoria, B.C., V8R 4Z3. Visitors always welcome.

WEST TORONTO STAMP CLUB
Meets 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesdays, except July and August at St. Pauls Runnymede Church, 404 Willard Ave., near Jane and Annette, Toronto. Visitors welcome.

WINNIPEG PHILATELIC SOCIETY
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COMING EVENTS

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MAY 5 — MAIPEX '79, Annual Exhibition and Bourse, Auction and Banquet of the Maine Philatelic Society, Holiday Inn Downtown, Spring St., Portland Maine. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Prospectus and information on cacheted cover and special ship cancel from Chairman: Earle C. Brooks, Sandy Point, ME 04972, U.S.A.

MAY 5-6 — CALTAPEX 79. Annual exhibition, bourse and auction of the Calgary Philatelic Society in the Palliser Hotel, Mezzanine Floor. Auction - May 4 at 7 p.m. Chairman: Philip Wolf, 10515 Shillington Cresc., S.W., Calgary, Alberta, T2W 0N8.

MAY 11 - 13 MAI — QUEPHILEX '79 sponsored by La Société Philatélique de Québec, exhibition and bourse at Palais Municipal des Congrès (Quebec Hilton). Exposition au niveau provincial sera presentée au Palais Municipal des Congrès (Quebec Hilton).

MAY 12 — Exhibition and Bourse of the St. John's Philatelic Society in the Arts and Culture Centre, St. John's Nfld. Information from: Bruce MacLean, 22 First St., Mt. Pearl, Nfld., A1N 1X8.

MAY 12-13 — ORAPEX '79, theme: Postal History. Annual exhibition and bourse of the RA Stamp Club at the RA Centre, 2452 Riverside Drive, Ottawa, Ontario K1H 7X7. Chairman: Andy Palochik at the above address.

MAY 19-20 — PhilaFest '79 in the Holiday Inn South/Airport, 6331 South 13th At., Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Admission and parking free. Sat. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Information from: Tom Kassel, P.O. Box 130, Milwaukee, WI 53201 U.S.A.

JUNE 2-3 — COPEX, Exhibition and Auction of the Bear Creek (Surrey, B.C.), Centennial (Coquitlam, B.C.) and Delta and Fraser Valley Stamp Clubs in the Coquitlam Recreation Centre, 633 Poirier St., Coquitlam, B.C.

1979

JUNE 8 - 10 — PIPEX 1979, 39th annual Pacific International Philatelic Exhibition of the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs in the Royal Towers Hotel, Westminster, B.C. Sponsored by the Royal City Stamp Club assisted by the B.C. Philatelic Society. Information from PIPEX 1979, P.O. Box 895, New Westminster, B.C., V3L 4Z8.

JUNE 15-17 — STAMPEX CANADA '79 at the Sheraton Centre Hotel, Toronto, Ontario. 60 table bourse, exhibition and lectures. Information and application forms: STAMPEX CANADA, 565 Alness St., Downsview, Ontario, M3J 2T8. SASE please.

JUNE 22-24 — TOPEX '79, 30th annual exhibition, convention and bourse of the American Topical Association, Inc., Redpath Hotel and Motor Inn, Spokane, Washington. Prospectus from Dorothy Oaks, So. 2215 Sunrise Rd., Spokane, WA 99206, U.S.A.

AUGUST 23-26 — STaMpsHOW 79, Annual Convention of the American Philatelic Society at The Sheraton-Boston Hotel and Hynes Auditorium, Boston, Mass.

SEPTEMBER 13 - 15 SEPTEMBRE — BNAPEX, annual convention of the British North America Philatelic Society, exhibition, bourse, banquet, social activities, ladies programme, at the Chateau Frontenac Hotel, Quebec. Chairman: Guy des Rivières, 71 St-Pierre, Québec, G1K 4A4. BNAPEX la convention annuelle de la British North America Philatelic Society. Cette manifestation aura lieu au Château Frontenac à Quebec.

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SEPTEMBER 15-23 — BRASILIANA '79, Third FIP International Exhibition on Thematic Philately and First Inter-American Exhibition of Classic Philately

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under FIAF at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Canadian Commissioner: Michael Madesker, 157 Clifton Ave., Downsview, Ont., M3H 4L6.

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NOVEMBER 9-11 — HAMILTON-BUFFALO STAMP EXHIBITION, auction and Bourse of the Hamilton Philatelic Society, Crestwood Restaurant (Strathbarton Mall) 1565 Barton St., Hamilton, Ont. Auction, Fri. 7:45 p.m., Exhibition and Bourse, Sat. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Chairman: Barry Hong, 50 Jerome Crescent, No. 806, Stoney Creek, Ont., L8E 1K6.

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JANUARY 11-20 — INDIA 80, International Philatelic Exhibition at Pragati Maiden, New Delhi, India. 3000 frames. Canadian Commissioner from whom information may be obtained: Mr. A. H. Hinrichs, c/o Acres Limited, 1124 Northside Road, Burlington, Ontario, L7M 1H4.

MAY 6-14 — LONDON 1980, London International Stamp Exhibition, Earls Court exhibition centre, London, England. 4,000 frames, 200 trade stands. Information available from The Secretary, London 1980, P.O. Box 300, London WC2R 1AF, England.
Canadian Commissioner: Dr. Fred G. Stulberg, 577 Kingston Rd., Toronto, Ont., M4E 1R3.

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MAY 23-27 — JUPOSTEX - EINDHOVEN 1980, International Youth Stamp Exhibition in Eindhoven, Netherlands, sponsored by the Netherlands Federation of Stamp Collectors. Canadian Commissioner, Michael Madesker, c/o R. Madesker & Son Ltd., 565 Alness St., Downsview, Ontario, M3J 2T8.

MAY 29-31 — CALTAPEX '80, Annual Exhibition, Bourse and Banquet of the Calgary Philatelic Society, Palliser Hotel, Calgary, Alberta. Prospectus, bourse space and other information from: E. A. Harris, P.O. Box 1478, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 2L6.

MAY 29-31 — R.P.S.C. ANNUAL CONVENTION at Calgary (see above).

JUNE 13 - 22 — NORWEX 80, International Stamp Exhibition commemorating the 125th anniversary of Norwegian stamps. Norges Varemesse. Osla. Contact address: The General Secretariat, NORWEX 80, Postboks 1043 Sentrum, Oslo 1, Norway. Canadian Commissioner: Mr. A. Hinrichs, 80 Speers Road, Oakville, Ontario, L6K 2E3.

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Literature Reviews

CANADIAN PHILATELY: BIBLIOGRAPHY AND INDEX 1864 - 1973 / PHILATELIE CANADIENNE: BIBLIOGRAPHIE ET INDEX by/par Cimon Morin. National Library of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0N4. 17.6 cm x 25.3 cm, xxi + 281 pages, frontis., illus, indexes, typewritten, offset, soft covers. 1979. Canada $9.80, other countries $11.80 (Canadian funds or equivalent) from bookstores or, by cheque or money order payable to the Receiver General of Canada, from Publishing Centre, Printing and Publishing, Supply and Services Canada, Hull, Québec, Canada K1A 0S9. (Cat. no. SN3-108/1979; ISBN 0-660-50175-9).

At last, the book I have been waiting for several years to see in a convenient book size. Having had access to a photocopied version (8 1/2" x 11" looseleaf) of the compiler's working copy for at least two years, I can attest that this book will be an indispensable working tool for all serious Canadian philatelists.

Cimon Morin, the Librarian at the National Postal Museum, has searched the philatelic literature in the philatelic libraries of societies and individuals in England, the United States and Canada. He has brought together the literature dealing with the postage stamps, postal stationery, postal history and postal markings of Canada and British North America. He has included monographs, brochures, specialized catalogues and auction catalogues, as well as articles printed in periodicals, exhibition catalogues and more general works. All of the material in the book was published during the period from 1864 to 1973 and only documents published in either English or French are listed.

Unpublished manuscripts, documents on the development of philately itself and official publications of postal administrations or of any other government division are not included. Newspapers, except for Meekel's Weekly Stamp News, are also excluded.

The 3481 entries are consecutively numbered and grouped under appropriate subject headings which are listed in the Summary (Table of Contents). Access to the entries may be gained through that section or through either the Author Index (pages 247-259) or the Subject Index (pages 260-281).

Adding to the obvious usefulness of the book is a list of the serials cited in the bibliography and in which Canadian libraries they may be found.

It is admitted by the compiler that the bibliography is not complete and that he is gathering material for a revision which would fill in the gaps and bring it up to date. Consideration is also being given to annual supplements that would keep it as current as possible.

This book is undoubtedly a MUST.

LYMAN'S STANDARD CATALOGUE OF CANADA-BNA POSTAGE STAMPS, 29th edition, SUMMER 1979. Published by Robert W. Lyman (Canada) Co., P.O. Box 23-C, Station V, Toronto, Ontario, M6R 3A4. 13.7 cm x 21.2 cm, 128 pages, col. illus, paper. 1979. $3.00 from most dealers or $3.50 postpaid from Charleton International Publishing Inc., 299 Queen St., W., Toronto, Ont. M5V 1Z9.

This is the second full colour edition of this well known catalogue. At first glance it is obvious that a large number of initial shortcomings of the first catalogue have now been overcome and this one is even a better catalogue than the one before. The colours are much better, even though some difficulties still exist on certain stamps. Again the cover is attractive and we notice, with interest, that the Canadian flag stamp has been replaced with the Maple Leaf stamp. We wonder why?

Deletion of highly specialized material, such as rare imperfs, is a step in the right direction for a general (purpose type) catalogue such as this. The addition of the quantity issed for each stamp is valuable information. The identification of each

stamp by a colour is suggested for the next issue because the design information as presently given is not sufficient. The Grading Guide could use a better selection of specimens as the very good stamp illustrated is not even good, the fine not even very good and very fine not even good. The separate listings of perforations used for the early stamps and the additional notes are very helpful to a beginner. As colour printing is not cheap, the price for the catalogue is a bargain. It is Certainly a must for any collector and dealer.

Hans Reiche.

Ed. note: Side by side comparison of the review copies of the 29th and 28th editions reveals that the quality of the printing has deteriorated. The current edition has so much misregistration of the colours that the illustrations, for the most part, are blurred to varying degrees. The colours tend to be duller but, in certain cases, e.g., monochrome blue stamps, they match more closely the colour of the issued stamps. Deep red and carmine however, are less closely matched than previously.

An error that apparently escaped notice in the last edition is repeated in this edition. The low value (1¢ to 8¢) definitives of 1972-76 (586-593) are listed as perforated 12 1/2 x 12. That, of course, should be 12 x 12 1/2.

Price changes, of which there are 3,000, tend to be rather modest and the majority are increases. It is noted that the prices of plate blocks and MNH Vancouver $1 redrawn (599a), the Quebec $2 (601a) and the 1975 Coastal Vessels 8¢ (670-73), have all been reduced.

PAPER VARIETIES TO THE 1973-76 LOW VALUE DEFINITIVES OF CANADA, 2nd ed., by Andrew Chung. Published by the author, McMaster University, P.O. Box 299, Hamilton, Ontario, L8S 1C0. 18.0 cm x 21.7 cm, 24 pages, illus., typewritten offset, saddle stitched soft cover. 1979. $3.50.

In this revision of his 1977 booklet, Andrew Chung has brought the detailed listings of the 1¢ to 10¢ definitives up to date, and has reduced the number of categories of fluorescence by eliminating the gum colour under UV light.

The paper fluorescence scale which is used has 4 major levels: Hibrite, Fluorescent, Dull and Very dull. The first two have three sub-levels. Chung also lists the ribbed paper that is used for some of the stamps.

To help collectors to become familiar with some of the paper varieties, three stamps are included. They are Fluorescent, Dull and a ribbed paper. Spaces are provided to add samples of the other fluorescent types.

The listings comprise separate pages for each of the stamps in the series plus the coils and complete booklets. They are in tabular form and indicate fluorescence levels on the printed side, gummed side, whether the stamps are from philatelic stock (with plate inscriptions), non-philatelic stock, precancelled, and the type of tagging found on them.

This is a handy guide to known paper varieties which collectors will find useful.

THE CARICATURES AND LANDSCAPES DEFINITIVES OF CANADA: A Specialized Study of the 1972/73 Series by David Gronbeck-Jones. Published by the author, P.O. Box 147, Petawawa, Ont., K8H 2X2. 13.8 cm x 21.6 cm, iv + 44 pages, illus, typewritten, offset, saddle stitched, soft covers. 1979. $4.00 from the author or dealers.

Although the 'Caricature and Landscapes' definitive issue has not the large number of varieties and errors that appeared in the 'Centennial' definitive issue, it has enough to make it interesting and challenging to collectors.

The use of three security printers to print these stamps, the practice of producing a given stamp by more than one of the printers, the changes in the printing processes, the papers and the perforation gauges, have resulted in varieties that are described and discussed in Gronbeck-Jones' latest Canadian Specialists' Handbook.

He opens his slim handbook with a short introduction followed by a description of the designs and values of the series.

The next section, the longest in the book, is a discussion of production methods. In this section he presents what information has been garnered from the printers; "They are extremely reluctant to divulge their trade secrets". and from other sources. He deals with the texture and fluorescence of the paper used and describes the printing methods that have been employed (intaglio, photogravure and lithography), and concludes the chapter with discussions of tagging, perforations and the gum.

The rest of the book is a presentation of the author's listing system which breaks down the issue into groups with like characteristics. These are presented in chart form and in more detailed listings for each denomination and for complete booklets of these stamps.

It must be noted that the perforations given in the detailed listings for the 1¢ to 8¢ values have been reversed. They should read 12 x 12 1/2, not 12 1/2 x 12 as given.

Included in the book is an illustrated explanation of the author's simple grading system for fluorescent papers (6 fluorescence grades recognized) which he has developed over several years. This will be welcomed by specialists and will serve as an introduction to the novice specialist, who is just beginning to notice the many varieties that are not listed in the commonly used Canadian catalogues.

This is a useful, informative handbook for all collectors of modern Canada.

JAPANESE POST OFFICES IN CHINA AND MANCHURIA by John Mosher. Quarterman Publications, Inc., 5 South Union Street, Lawrence, MA 01843, U.S.A. 15.7 cm x 23.5 cm, xvii + 229 pages, illus (maps, postmarks, photographs), indexes, typwritten, offset, hardbound. 1978. US $30.00 postpaid from the publisher.

John Mosher, author of a popular history and guide, "Kyoto", began collecting Japanese stamps in 1961 while waiting in Kyoto to marry his fiancée. The collection was soon expanded to include material left by his father and grandfather, both of whom had lived in China for many years. With that and other material, he began to study the Japanese postal system in China.

The first result of his studies were articles in "Japan berichte" followed in 1977 by a small book "Japanische Postämter in China und der Mandschurei mit Kwantung - 1876-1922".

The present book is a completely revised, corrected and expanded edition of that earlier German one. It begins with a brief history of postal services in China which only began in 1896-97 under the Chinese Customs Service. Before and after that time, several foreign countries had established their own post offices in China. It wasn't until the early 1920's that the Russian, British, French, Japanese and American post offcies in China were closed, but Japanese post offices continued in Manchuria until 1945.

The author details these post offices in China and Manchuria on a regional basis, Northern China, Shan-Tung Province, Central China, South China, Manchuria (about one half of the book). He provides outline maps of the regions with the cities indicated on them. Large scale maps of some of the communities show the locations of the Japanese post offices in those communities.

The cities are then considered in turn in detail with a concise history of the city, its populations, etc., and the dates of opening and closing of the several post offices. Where possible, this information is accompanied by illustrations of postmarks known to the author. He has also included excerpts from published descriptions of the cities and towns under discussion. All of this adds up to a concise but interesting history of the areas treated.

The inclusion of maps locating the post offices within the communities adds a dimension that is often lacking in other works on post offices.

Of the cancellations in the book, the author states "I don't like freehand drawings of cancels or attempts to complete fragmentary cancels, as I have seen too many such which gave a false impression. The drawings in this book were all made by me with india ink over glass. I

have attempted to give only what I saw and no more. Most of the prettier illustrations are from secondary sources and only given here to provide examples; the incomplete, often messy cancels are the real thing we find in our collections."

Many of his tracings are gathered in the last part of the book where they are discussed under such headings as: 'Crooked Dates', 'Spacing Proves It', 'Fragments', 'China' and 'Commemorative Cancels'. The cancels are numbered using Yasuharu Amano's index numbers.

An annotated bibliography is followed by a geographical index and an illustration index.

This is a very informative and useful book for the postal historian and can be read for the historical sketches alone.

STANLEY GIBBONS GREAT BRITAIN SPECIALISED STAMP CATALOGUE VOLUME 3: QUEEN ELIZABETH II PRE-DECIMAL ISSUES, 4th ed. Stanley Gibbons Publications Ltd., 391 Strand, London WC2R 0LX, England. 14.4 cm x 22.2 cm, x + 366 pages, illus, hardbound. 1978. $16.95.

This new edition of the popular Specialised Vol. 3 has been improved both in layout and content. The page headings have been redesigned and, for the definitives and regionals, now include the Specialised Catalogue numbers. Indexes relating to booklet panes and coils have been added to the basic definitive lists (Sections S and U).

Additions to the "Wilding" definitive section include further illustrations of booklet panes and many new cylinder flaws. The entries of the First Day Covers and Presentation Packs have been made more prominent in the Special Issues section and the regional First Day Covers listings are now at the end of each Region.

Prices have been revised and show substantial increases, especially among the "Wilding" definitives, including the high values.

Recommended.

SIEGER SPEZIAL-KATALOG: EUROPÄISCHE BLOCKS, 3 Auflage. Published by Sieger-Verlag, Postfach 1160, Am Venusberg 16, 7073 Lorch/Württemberg, West Germany. 10.4 cm x 20.8 cm, 679 pages, illus, light card cover. 1978. 6.00 DM (approx. $3.75) from the publisher.

The third edition of Sieger's catalogue deals exclusively with miniature and souvenir sheets of all European countries. Some 1143 are listed, illustrated and described, giving dimensions, perforations and quantities printed. Over 2700 net prices for both mint and used copies are provided.

The text is entirely in German and the prices are in Deutsch Marks. Occasional reference to a dictionary would make the text readily understandable.

It is a useful well printed (on coated paper) and clearly illustrated catalogue.

ISLENZK PRIMERKI: CATALOGUE OF ICELANDIC STAMPS 1979, 23rd ed. S. H. Thorsteinsson editor. Published by Isafoldarprentsmidja HF, Reykjavik, Iceland. 14.0 cm x 20.3 cm, 118 pages, illus, card cover. 1978. US $7.50 postpaid from Scanstamps Ltd., P.O. Box 28054, Washington, DC 20005, U.S.A.

This bilingual (Icelandic and English) catalogue listing and pricing all Icelandic stamps and first day covers bearing singles and blocks of four, from 1935 onwards, is the basic reference for the Icelandic specialist. It covers the regular, commemorative, airmail and official stamps, and includes perforations varieties, inverted watermarks and overprint varieties among others.

This edition has an additional five page price list of semi official cancellations, Christmas seals and local stamps. Price revisions have been extensive with the increases ranging from about 40% to as high as 117%. The pricing, which was done in conjunction with leading Icelandic dealers, reflects both Reykjavik and international market trends. Values are given in Icelandic kronur.

Recommended.

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HJMR NEWSLIST: STAMP EDITION. Special edition. HJMR Co., P.O. Box 6638, Hollywood, FL 33021, U.S.A. Tabloid newspaper format, 28 pages. 25¢ in stamps or coin from HJMR at their new address above.

This Special edition marks HJMR's move to new enlarged office and warehouse facility. It contains hundreds of offers of stamps, covers and postal history material, emphasizing material from France, Hungary, South Africa and South West Africa.

MEXICANA, Vol. 2, No. 1, January 1979. Mexico Elmhurst Philatelic Society International, 7441 East 33rd St., Tucson, AZ 85710, U.S.A. Letter size, 3 hole punched looseleaf, 20 pages. Quarterly. $1.50.

The current issue of this journal has additional "Unrecorded Mexican Postmarks" by Karl H. Schimmer, "Some Curious Eagles" by John K. Bash, "Mexican Postal System 1830-1832" by C. W. Koppe Trans. by A. W. Borck, and "Earliest Usage of Registration Labels" by Karl Schimmer, among other items.

FOUNDATION BULLETIN. The Philatelic Foundation, 270 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10016, U.S.A. 8 1/2 x 11", 3 hole punched looseleaf, quarterly to members of the Foundation.

The Philatelic Foundation has reintroduced to its members the Foundation Bulletin. This first issue answers the question: "Why Have Expert Committees" with a short history of such committees and the expiscating of stamps from 1894 to date. How stamps are examined and how opinions are made are also discussed. It is obvious that "expertizing" has become as necessary to a collector as is a stamp catalogue.

Other items of interest in the Bulletin are a look inside of the Foundation's new home and the slide programme it has made available to schools, clubs and other organizations.

A free copy of the Bulletin is available from the Foundation. Please include a large (No. 10) stamped self-addressed envelope with your request.

Canadian Philatelic Literature

Another stamp club has joined the ranks of those that publish a regular small magazine which contains more than just club news.

The Calgary STAMPede, edited by Don Bowen. The Calgary Philatelic Society, P.O. Box 1478, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 2L6. 21.7 cm x 14.0 cm, 12 pages, typeset, offset, paper cover. Monthly except July and August. Available to members only ($5.00/year).

This is a well produced magazine which has an illustrated cover, usually a picture postcard of Calgary or a corner card illustration. In addition to the club news, there have been brief notes on German New Guinea postal history, Canadian covers, Newfoundland's First Regular Airmail Service, South American 'See becks' and others.

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followed by a trip to Cleveland, Ohio to the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club as the speaker at their Awards Banquet. While there, I spoke with Bernard Hennig, Chairman of Judges Accreditation for the American Philatelic Society concerning the possibility of reciprocity with the R.P.S.C. once our accreditation program starts functioning. Shortly thereafter it was off to an evening with the members of the Oakville Stamp Club only to return a few days later to their annual exhibition, where Mike Street filled me in on GRANDPEX and the forthcoming R.P.S.C. Convention at Cambridge. The month ended with the judging of the Exhibition of the North Toronto Stamp Club.

Publishing deadlines prevent me from reporting on the judging seminar trip through Western Canada but this will likely appear in my next report.

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