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by Ron Richards

HAPPY NEW YEAR!
BONNE ANNEE!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members of the Royal a very prosperous and healthy 1983. I would particularly like to thank the membership for bearing with me during a somewhat rocky start-up period and state that with this issue I intend to establish a personal tradition whereby this journal is published within the first two weeks of each bi-monthly period. Now if we can only get Canada Post to co-operate!

A REAL BARGAIN

What with the rising costs of just about everything — just take a look at the 1983 Stamp Program — it should come as a welcome surprise when I mention Life Memberships in the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada. Normally a Life Membership costs $150. — a bargain in itself. But from now intil 31 March 1983 Life Memberships are available at the reduced rate of $100! A life membership entitles you to all benefits provided by the Royal without ever having to worry about remitting dues again. Since dues are currently $10 per year, with the likelihood that this figure will be increased, you can see that now is a good time to opt for a life membership. Members who have already paid their 1983 dues, may apply the $10 toward a life membership. Further details are available from the National Office.

CLEARING THE MAILS

Over the past few months there have been instances when I have not been able to answer all mail as quickly as I would have liked. However, believe me when I say that the volume does come in peaks and valleys.

What has become increasingly evident, however, is that many members, officers, and even Directors are unclear as to where to forward certain pieces of information. All advertising material, including classified ads, should be forwarded directly to Dick Malott. Material for the Coming Events column, Letters to the Editor, articles, publications for review, should be forwarded to me personally. If you are not certain, forward your mail to the National Office and Shirley will see that it is forwarded to the proper individual.

It would appear that the Canada Post Corporation is once again experiencing problems with its Mail Order Service as I have started to receive copies of members' complaints. As much as I sympathize with you, there is very little I can do. There are only two members who could be of assistance — Judge René Marin (address unknown), and Bill Eyre, whose home address is published correctly in the Sept. / Oct. 1982 issue. With the pending move to Antigonish, the Philatelic Mail Order Service is bound to be in chaos for months, so I'd like to stem the tide early. Bill is top man in the Philatelic Service, so if anyone can help, he can.

I would also like to thank the editors of the various club newsletters for forwarding copies to me. I really appreciate it and the material makes very interesting reading.

A NEW FEATURE

With this issue we welcome what I hope will be a regular feature — The President's Page. Beverlie Clark has graciously consented to take time from her many duties as President and pen a column for the C.P. I personally applaud the move and look forward to receiving her notes on a regular basis. □

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Letters to the Editor

TO WRITE OR NOT TO WRITE

A fast review of three journals (this one, Topics and Maple Leaves) shows that in the last few years less than a dozen writers have occupied over three quarters of all space with their writings. With a total membership of over 3500 (some belong to all three societies) does the membership want to be guided by these few? I hope not.

I would suggest that in almost every tenth collection there is some stamp which is odd, different or peculiar from the normal one. Why do we not hear about it? Is it so hard to write down what one sees on a stamp? Just a few words may do. It is not necessary to write a long story to get across what one wants to say. I am sure our editor would even take on the task of writing something up once given the bare minimum facts. I would like to give you one simple example of what can be done without ANY effort at all and how one could, if one wants to, elaborate further on a few facts.

Case I: I have an Admiral stamp.
2c
Blue colour
Dated 20 Oct. 1920
Not listed in any catalogue
What is it?

Case II: Recently I found an Admiral stamp in my collection in a blue colour instead of what is normally listed in catalogues as carmine or green. The stamp is dated 20 Oct. 1920 but I can not read from where. I have heard before that colours can be printed in error and it appears to me that this stamp is a colour error which may be rare.

Case III: In their excellent handbooks on the Admirals both Mr. Reiche and Marler have listed in details the various types and varieties which exist on the 2c Admiral stamps, King George V. Under the heading of Shades, various shades of the carmine and the green 2c are listed with their approximate time period when these were issued. No mention is made of a blue shade of the 2c. In my collection I have such a blue 2c stamp which was once on a cover and obviously properly used. Unfortunately I soaked this stamp off the cover some time ago but the cancel still reads 20 Oct. 1920. It appears the cover came from Montreal, although one can not decipher the name of the city anymore. Colour errors are known on some stamp issues but I have not found any reference to such an error in the Admirals. Proofs may exist in other than the issued colour but this stamp is not a proof. It is well known that when one mixes blue and yellow one can obtain green. Is it possible that the printing ink was not properly mixed and that the blue was the actual printing colour for a few sheets? These may have been destroyed and just a few accidentlally got out? Or could this be a changeling due to some influence of chemicals. The cover, I remember, had not shown any signs of stains of discolouring, so the stamp must have been blue before it was stuck on the cover. Any information would be appreciated.

Well, now you see that out of a single brief statement one can develop a nice little story. All this took 5 minutes. Surely you have time and energy to do this as well and let all of us hear about your finds or questions and if you leave it to the editor to fill

in some padding, he will surely come up with ten pages on this one. So the question is not anymore To Write or Not To Write but WRITE.

Hans Reiche
Ottawa, Ont.

(Amen! - Ed.)

RAREST CENTENNIAL HIBRITE

On February 8, 1967, the Canada Post released a set of 12 new definitive stamps to commemorate Canada's centennial. These stamps were printed by the Canadian Bank Note Company on a bleached paper manufactured by the E.B. Eddy Company at its Ottawa mill. This paper appears off-white in colour under visible light.

On November 1, 1968, the first class postage rate increased from 5¢ to 6¢. A new 6¢ orange definitive stamp was issued (fitting into the set of centennial definitives released a year and one half earlier) printed by the British American Bank Note Company on the same type of paper purchased from the E.B. Eddy Company. The Canadian Bank Note Company continued to print the initial twelve values of the centennial definitives.

In the mid sixties, the Canada Post installed Pitney-Bowes MK 11 facer-cancelling machines in several post offices throughout Canada. A light beam was reflected off the moving letter into an electric sensor in the machine. A differential of 13% in the amount of light reflected from the envelope and stamp triggered the appropriate facing and cancelling mechanisms. The facing operation is the arrangement of letters so that all of the stamps are on the same side prior to being cancelled.

In the late sixties, the bank note companies began experimenting with a more resilient type of paper which would be better suited for both engraved and lithographic printing and appear whiter under visible light (for use in the light differential facer-cancelling machines).

This new type of paper became known as "hibrite" because it would show a strong blue-white fluorescence under ultraviolet light. The British American Bank Note Company purchased their supply of hibrite paper from Harrisons, the British security printer. Under visible light, this paper appeared much whiter than the Canadian Bank Note Company's stock of hibrite paper, which was purchased from the Abitibi Paper Company.

Many of the centennial definitives appeared on hibrite paper. The rarest centennial hibrite is the 6¢ orange definitive, Winnipeg tagged. This stamp has been known to exist used for years and now the first MINT copy has been recorded. This rare (and at this point, unique) item recently passed through a Robert Laird Auction, mixed in with a large lot, so it is doubtful that either the buyer or the seller realized the significance of this stamp at the time of auction. This MINT 6¢ orange Winnipeg tagged hibrite single has been examined by Toronto dealer Jim Hennok and by a few members of the BNAPS Centennial Definitives Study Group. There is unanimous agreement that the item (shown in the top of the photograph) is genuine. A used lower margin copy of the 6¢ orange hibrite Winnipeg tagged is also shown in the photograph.

The Centennial Definitive Study Group will be holding a seminar - meeting on Saturday, May 22, 1983 at the annual convention of the R.P.S.C. in Oakville. Many interesting errors and varieties including this 6¢ orange hibrite will be displayed and discussed. Interested guests are most welcome.

The discovery of this 6¢ MINT hibrite was discussed extensively in the BNAPS Centennial Definitives Study Group Newsletter (available only to members). Membership information can be obtained by writing:

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2250 Lawrence Avenue East, Apt. 406
Scarborough, Ontario M1P 2P9.

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Since The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada is the national society of philatelists in Canada, many requests for exchange partners are referred to us. As a service to our members, we are pleased to present these names so that those who wish to do so can make overseas contacts. We have no way of checking the credentials of the individuals who write to us asking that their name be published, therefore we urge that caution be taken when answering these requests.

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Amar Touati
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Marcos Sastre 2708
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Austria
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Walserweg 11 b
6700 Bludenz
Austria
Wishes to exchange Austrian stamps for Canadian 1960-80, mint and used. Corresponds in **German.**

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Rua Raimundo Montareiro, Sem No.
Senador Modestino Gonçalves
Minas Gerais, CEP 39 190
Brazil
A 12-year old student of Italian descent.

DEMANDES D'ECHANGE

La Royal Philatelic Society ne s'occupe pas normalement des échanges entre philatélistes, mais comme elle est la société philatélique nationale du Canada, on lui transmet de nombreuses demandes de philatélistes désireux de trouver des correspondants pour échanger des timbres. Ainsi a-t-elle décidé, pour rendre service à ses membres, de publier les noms des intéressés d'outre-mer, afin que ceux qui désirent établir des rapports avec eux puissent le faire. Je vous signale toutefois que nous ne savons rien des personnes qui nous demandent de publier leur nom, c'est pourquoi je vous conseille d'être prudent en répondant à ces demandes d'échange.

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Caixa Postal 283 - A/C Randon
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Spain

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Sweden

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MARCH 19 — KAPEX '83, Annual exhibition and bourse of the Kawartha Philatelic Society, Holiday Inn, George ST. N., Peterborough, Ont. Free admission and parking, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Chairman, 453 Arndon Ave., Peterborough, Ont. K9J 4A7.

MARCH 25-27 — ROPEX '83, National Philatelic Exhibition of the Rochester Philatelic Association, will be held at the Holiday Inn, 120 East Main Street, Rochester, N.Y. Information from P.O. Box 3806, Rochester, N.Y. 14610.

MARCH 26-27 — 40th Annual Exhibition and Bourse of the North Toronto Stamp Club at North Toronto Memorial Gardens, 180 Eglinton Ave. W., Free admission. Sat. from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sun. from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

MAY 13-15 — Annual Spring exhibition and bourse of the Winnipeg Philatelic Society at the Winnipeg Convention Centre, including 100-frame exhibition, daily door draws and an Awards banquet. Free admission. Information from the Winnipeg Philatelic Society, Box 1425, Winnipeg, Man. R3C 2Z1.

MAY 19-22 — OAKPEX '83, 10th annual exhibition of the Oakville Stamp Club, Oakville, Ont. General Chairman; D. Dixon, P.O. Box 1082, Oakville, Ont., L6J 5E9.

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MAY 21 — 55th Annual Convention of the R.P.S.C. at OAKPEX '83 of the Oakville Stamp Club, Oakville, Ont.

MAY 21-29 — TEMBAL '83, International exhibition of Thematic Philately, Swiss Industrial Fair, Basle. Information and entry forms from Tembal'83, Inselstrasse 51, CH-4057, Basel, Switzerland.

JUNE 9-12 — PIPEX'83, 43rd Pacific International Philatelic Exhibition of the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs at the Edmonton Convention Centre. Hosted by the Edmonton Stamp Club. Information: Keith R. Spencer, Chairman, P.O. Box 399, Edmonton, Alberta, T5J 2J6.

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by

Beverlie Clark

It is now a little over a year since I was honoured with the position as President of our Society and, as the saying "The time has come, ... to talk of many things:" I feel it is time to report to the membership on the Board's decisions and actions taken, on your behalf, during the past year.

With the resignation last Spring of our Secretary in Toronto the first major item requiring attention was our Administrative Office. Therefore, after obtaining the consensus of the Board, the decision was made, at the Board Meeting held last April, to move our Administrative Office back to Ottawa. This took place in early May.

During the transition period another important recommendation was approved by the Board of Directors and we are now pleased to report that our membership records have been transferred to Scriptomatic Cards for computer. This system will be used to process all incoming membership applications, renewals, mailing labels, etc., generating more work per hour through the office and solving many of the growing paperwork problems encountered by all Societies. Previously name and address plates had to be made for each person. Now all names are maintained on computer disks. This system will also eliminate the necessity of two sets of records, required previously, one in the office and another at the publishers, as well as allowing for immediate implementation of address changes, corrections, new members, etc., formerly at least a four-week turnaround. All C.P. envelopes are now addressed from the Scriptomatic Cards and forwarded to the publisher for each issue.

The one problem we have been unable to rectify is the time element involved in the delivery of our journal once it is in the hands of Canada Post. As it now stands it is taking anywhere from three to six weeks delivery for any destination outside of the Toronto area. However, we are still endeavouring to find a solution to this problem.

Once assured that administrative continuity was being maintained our deliberations then turned to how we might have a broader representation on the Board, and to improve and expand our services to the membership. At the Board Meeting held in Victoria we increased the number of Directors. We now have a total of sixteen Directors, including two in the Maritimes, two on the West coast, two on the Prairies, with the balance from Central Canada.

During the year we also had changes in some of our Officers. After eight years acting as our Treasurer, Art Leggett advised that he would like to retire from this position. Dave Dixon, of Oakville, was appointed to take over. With the May-June issue of the Canadian Philatelist we welcomed our new Editor, Ron Richards, because Peter Mann had to give in to increasing demands on his time. After holding this position for seven years he no longer had the time required to do the job the way he would like it done. All RPSC members owe Art and Peter a sincere vote of thanks for their many years of service. To Dave Dixon and Ron Richards our very best wishes in their endeavours.

The highlight of the year came about in May with the reality of Canada hosting the first international youth exhibition held outside Europe. The overwhelming success of

Canada 82 marked a milestone in the history of philately in Canada — an event we all can be justifiably proud of.

Our November meeting was a very progressive one, resulting in three additional committees (Arbitration, Complaint and Theft) set up to further our services to the members. The Arbitration Committee service will be offered to assist in eliminating differences or disputes between members and others, whereby the parties involved may wish to have the matter resolved without resort to litigation, which can be both expensive and time consuming. The Complaint Committee will investigate complaints by RPSC members against fellow members, negotiating for a possible settlement. Our Theft Committee will be run in conjunction with the American Philatelic Society Theft Committee. As soon as these committees are in full force particulars will be forthcoming in the C.P.

Another project which we are in the process of preparing is Handbooks of Information for both Chapters and Members. These handbooks will outline the many services available from your society together with information on participation in these services.

A further recommendation presented to the Board for consideration was to have our Sales Circuits entered into the computer system. Enquiries are now being made as to the feasibility of such a move as well as the cost. Therefore, this could be our next project for implementation — another step forward for a modern, well-run and controlled Administrative Office to serve YOU, the members. Please bear with us through this reorganization.

With these changes we are striving to carry on our responsibilities as Canada's only national society, and to continue the worthiness of the high honour conferred on our Society in 1959 to use the title "Royal" — a distinction not lightly granted.

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Mail Arrangements for Prisoners of War and Internees Held in Canada During W.W. II

PART TWO

(Prepared by the Research Section of the National Postal Museum.
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(10) **Refugee Camps**

By Orders in Council passed in June and July 1941 Internment Camps "A", "I" and "N" located at Farnham, Ile aux Noix and Sherbrooke respectively were converted to Refugee Camps under the control of the Commissioner of Refugee Camps, Department of Secretary of State, Ottawa.

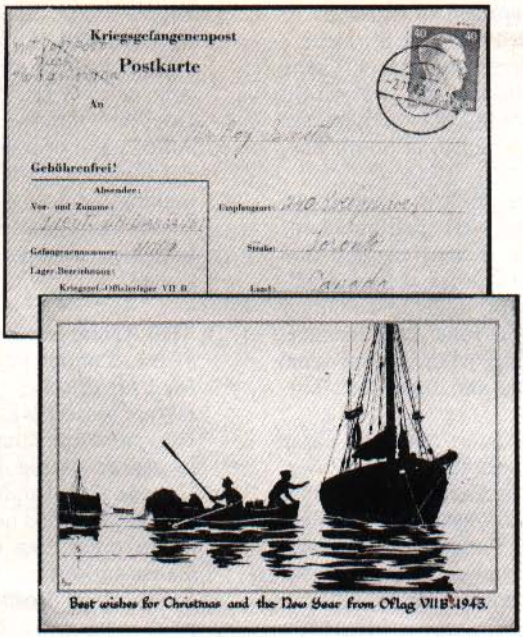
These Refugee Camps were utilized to quarter men formerly known as internees who were reclassified as refugees. As such they were considered to be individuals who had left Germany or Austria, as the case might be, to avoid Nazi oppression, and were believed to be supporters of the British cause in the war effort.

This change of status was made at the request of the Home Office of the United Kingdom who pointed out that a large number of men brought to Canada as prisoners of war Class 2, or internees, had been wrongly described and should be treated as friends instead of enemies. On this account Internment Camps "A", "I" and "N" were declared to be Refugee Camps and their occupants given various privileges and measures of freedom not accorded to prisoners of war or internees in Internment Camps.

The refugees in these camps were then no longer under the regulations pertaining to prisoners of war and the provisions of the International Convention relative to the treatment of prisoners of war did not apply. Therefore, the free postal privileges granted to prisoners of war were not applicable to persons held at these camps and instructions were issued to the postal service generally that all mail including parcels addressed to or sent by refugees at these camps must be prepaid with postage in the usual way.

Mail for prisoners housed at the three Refugee Camps was treated similar to mail reaching Canada for prisoners of war, i.e., ordinary letters and other items of mail addressed to refugees received at the Base Post Office from any source were diverted to the Chief Postal Censor and when returned to the Base Post Office were made up in bags, labelled with the yellow "K" tag and despatched to the Refugee Camps.

Ordinary and registered letters originating in any country outside of Canada which were addressed direct to a Refugee Camp which did not bear



Christmas card from a Canadian officer in German POW Camp (Oflag VIIB), utilizing the reverse of the card which normally contains the written message.

evidence of either British or Canadian censorship received at the civil Post Office serving a Refugee Camp were not diverted to the camp but were forwarded to the Base Post Office.

Registered mail addressed to refugees was despatched by the Base Post Office via the Ottawa Post Office to the civilian Post Office serving the camp.

Ordinary mail written by refugees was made up in a bag by refugee camp authorities and despatched to the Base Post Office, while registered letters written by refugees were handed to an official of the camp designated by the Camp Commandant and taken by him to the civil Post Office to be registered and despatched to the Base Post Office. Unlike prisoners of war, refugees were permitted to mail parcels if they desired to do so.

A little difficulty was experienced at first by mail from refugees being posted direct at a civil Post Office, but this was overcome by instructions to the civil Post Offices concerned to route such mail to the Base Post Office so that it could be diverted to the Chief Postal Censor.

The Farnham Camp was closed as a refugee camp shortly after its opening while the Refugee Camp at Sherbrooke was changed to a prisoner of war camp in December 1942 all of the internees being congregated at Ile aux Noix - and in November 1943 the Ile aux Noix Refugee Camp was permanently closed.

(11) **Labour Projects**

Arrangements were made in July 1943 for the employment of prisoners of war on labour projects located outside of Internment Camps, the prisoners of war being turned over by the Department of National Defence to a representative of the Department of Labour under the direction of the Director of Labour Projects P.W. of that Department.

The first consignment of prisoners of war were detailed from the St. Helen's Island (Montreal) Internment Camp No. 43, and were sent for employment at a logging camp operated by the Standard Chemical Co. at South Bay, Ontario.

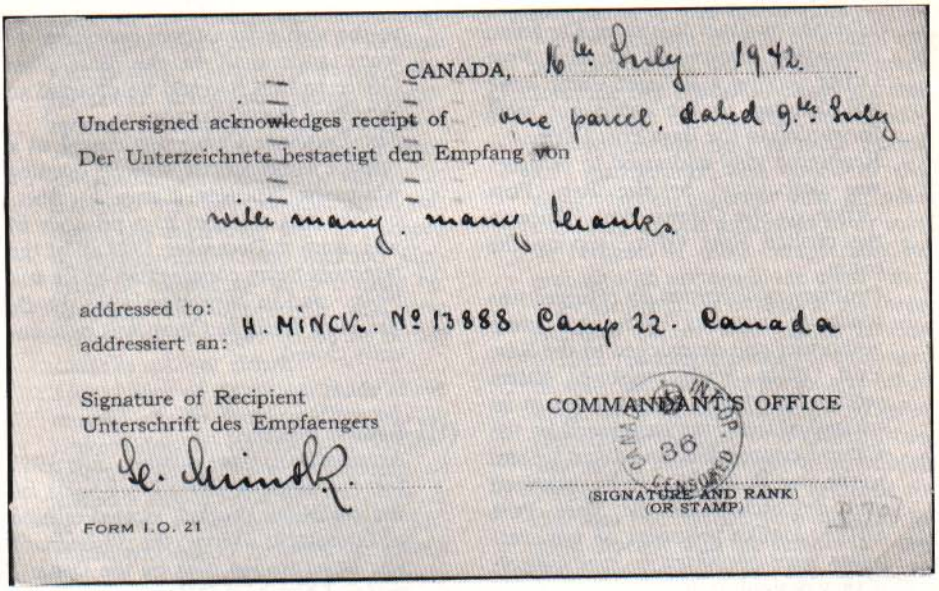
From that time on large numbers of prisoners of war were distributed for employment at various logging and lumbering camps, brick works, fertilizer plants, lumber mills and military camps, and for road maintenance, fuel wood cutting, work on individual farms, irrigation and sugar beet harvesting.

The chief companies operating these work projects were the Abitibi Power and Paper Co., Great Lakes Paper Co., Kalamazoo Vegetable Parchment Co., Marathon Paper Mills, Newago Timber Co., Nipigon Lake Timber Co., Norther Paper Mills, Ontario Paper Co. Ltd., Ontario-Minnesota Pulp and Paper Co., Pigeon Timber Co., Provincial Paper Co., Pulpwood Supply Co. Ltd., and numerous others. In all 58 companies were concerned; in addition agricultural work was carried on at eight points in Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan and Alberta and prisoners of war were also employed at two military camps - making a total of approximately 199 labour camps and agricultural projects to which prisoners of war were assigned.

(12) **Mail Arrangements for Prisoners of War at Labour Projects**

Mail for prisoners of war located at a labour project was placed in an inner bag sealed and labelled for the N.C.O. in charge of the Veterans Guard of Canada Detail stationed at the labour project, and this inner bag was placed in an outer bag by the Internment Camp authorities, sealed and labelled for the civil Post Office serving the place where the labour project was operated.

If there was not sufficient mail to


CANADA, 16th July 1942.

Undersigned acknowledges receipt of one parcel, dated 9th July
Der Unterzeichnete bestaetigt den Empfang von

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Signature of Recipient
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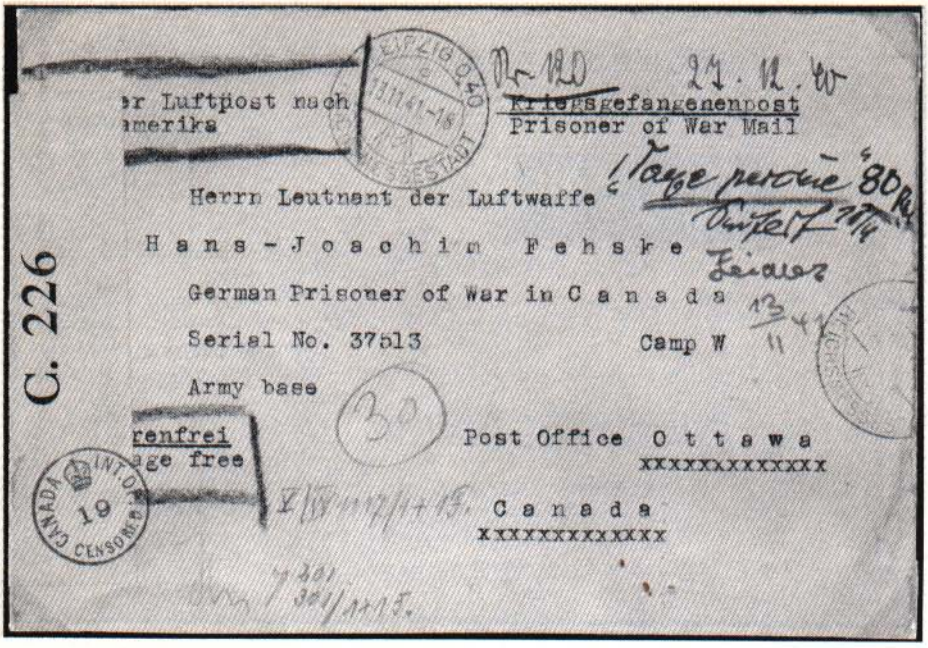
FORM I.O. 21

POW card "Free" franked Base APO, Ottawa, July 18, 1942, acknowledging receipt of a parcel by a POW at Camp No. 22 (formerly Camp "M") Mimico, New Toronto, Ont. This Camp opened July 19, 1940 with a barracks-type accommodation for 550 EMS & Internees. It closed May 1, 1944.



Letter dated Nov. 13, 1941 to a German POW at Camp "W", Neys, Ont., received at Base APO, Ottawa, Dec. 22, 1941, then re-directed to POW Camp No. 30 at Bowmanville, Ont.

warrant the use of a bag it was enclosed in an envelope addressed as above indicated to the N.C.O. and placed in an outer envelope addressed to the Postmaster of the office serving the camp, the envelope being endorsed "Prisoner of war Mail" - no postage was required.

On arrival at the Post Office, the inner bag or envelope was diverted by the Postmaster to the N.C.O. upon production of proper identification.

Arrangements were made with the N.C.O. to ensure that all empty mail bags were returned to the Post Office promptly.

Mail written by prisoners of war was collected by the N.C.O. and enclosed in an envelope addressed to the Camp Commandant of the parent Internment Camp and endorsed "Prisoners of War Mail" - no postage was required. This envelope was diverted to the official who habitually called for the internment camp mail.

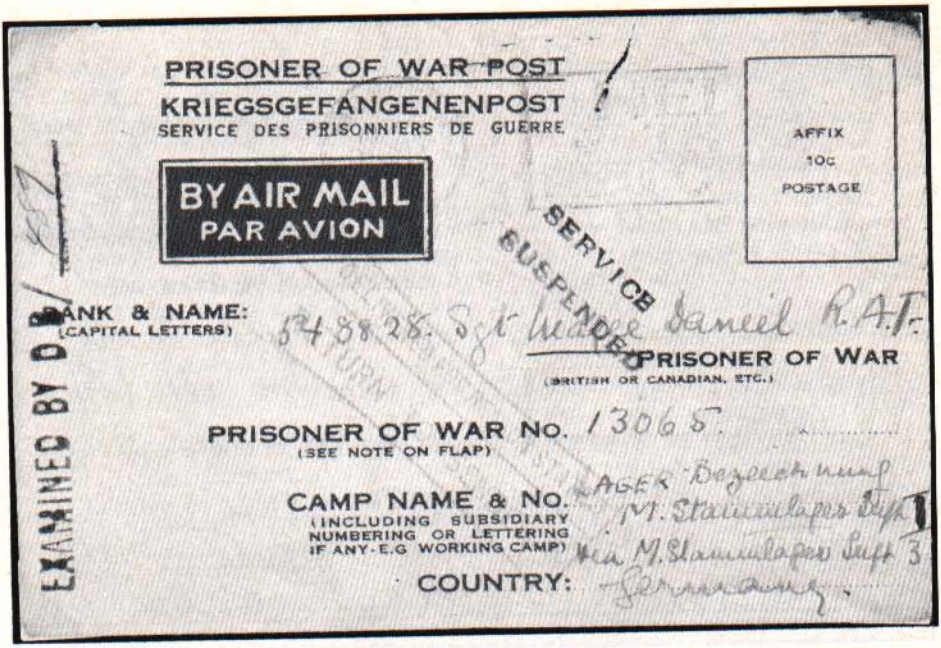
(13) **Irregularities**

Instances have come to hand from time to time where prisoners of war engaged in farm work had letters and postcards mailed at the civil Post Offices in the neighbourhood of the working camps. In some cases the prisoner of war had obtained extraneous paper and envelopes and postage stamps from farmers or other civilians with whom they came into contact and had them mailed at Post Offices in the ordinary way.

Steps were taken by the Department to see that as far as possible all such letters were diverted to the Base Post Office so that they could be sent to the Chief Postal Censor for examination.

(14) **Detention Camps**

No. 1 Prisoners of War Detention Barracks and No. 2 Prisoners of War Detention Barracks were established at Hearst, Ont., and Hurkett, Ont., in



Another letter from Mrs. Pope, Mar. 14, 1945, to an RAF Sgt. interned at Stalag Luft I, located near Barth, Germany. The letter was returned to sender as noted by the rectangular handstamp & "SERVICE SUSPENDED" marking.

Mail service to and from Stalag Luft I was poor. It usually took from seven to eight months to get mail to Stalag Luft III. Stalag Luft III housed the German censors who cleared the mail for the other Lufts, the mail being channeled to Luft I after being "okayed" by the censors. Mail addressed to a prisoner in Luft I usually had to have Luft III included in the address.

March 1945, where prisoners of war, engaged in works projects, who were sentenced to undergo punishment were sent.

Suitable arrangements were made in connection with letter mail addressed to such prisoners of war whereby the N.C.O.'s in charge of Veterans Guard of Canada Details at works projects, placed the letters in envelopes addressed to the Officer Commanding the Detention Barracks. This envelope was again placed in an outer envelope addressed to the civil Post Office of the place where the Detention Barracks are located, specially marked "Prisoner of War Mail" and posted at the local Post Office serving the labour project.

On arrival at Hearst or Hurkett the outer envelope was opened by the Postmaster and the inner envelope delivered to the addressee free of postage. Registered articles for prisoners of war held at Detention Barracks were re-directed to the barracks and re-registered at the civil Post Office serving the works project, to Hearst or Hurkett, as the case may be.

Outgoing letters and cards written by the prisoners of war were enclosed in an outer envelope by the Detention Barracks authorities and addressed to the Department of National Defence (Director, Prisoners of War) Ottawa, and mailed at the Hearst or Hurkett Post Office. On arrival at the Directorate, Prisoners of War, Ottawa, the letters were opened, postmarked with a special P.O.W. dating stamp, and diverted to the Chief Postal Censor for further scrutiny, whence they were

German POW card from Canadian POW at Stalag 344, Germany. Cpl. Sadoquis was allotted POW number 26521. His message on reverse dated July 3, 1944, was eventually received by Alex Smith.

sent to the Ottawa Post Office for forward despatch.
Prisoners of war undergoing punishment at Detention Barracks were not permitted to receive their parcels which were held until the period of punishment terminated.

(15) **Discontinuance of Censorship**
Upon the discontinuance of Canadian censorship about the middle of August 1945, owing to the cessation of hostilities with Japan, the Director, Prisoners of War, issued instructions to the Camp Commandant of the various internment camps that certain mail was to be censored at the camps while other mail would simply be marked with the camp censorship stamp and forwarded to the Base Post Office for onward transmission. □

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2. A list of not more than five (5) persons additional documentation or informa the arbitration panel will be sent to each party with a request that a preference be numerically designated. The arbitrator who is most preferred by both parties will be chosen. In the first instance all officers and directors of the RPSC are members of the arbitration panel. Other persons may be chosen, by the RPSC, to serve on this panel.
3. At the same time as the designation of the arbitrator is made, each party will send to the above address a complete documentation of the matter or matters in dispute including correspondence, sworn statements, and exhibits (such as the stamps in dispute), etc.
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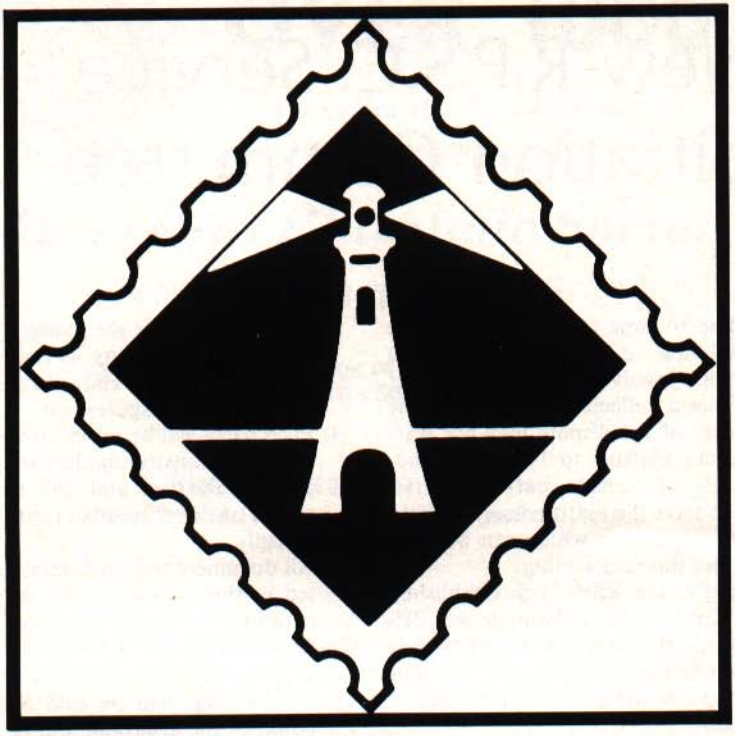

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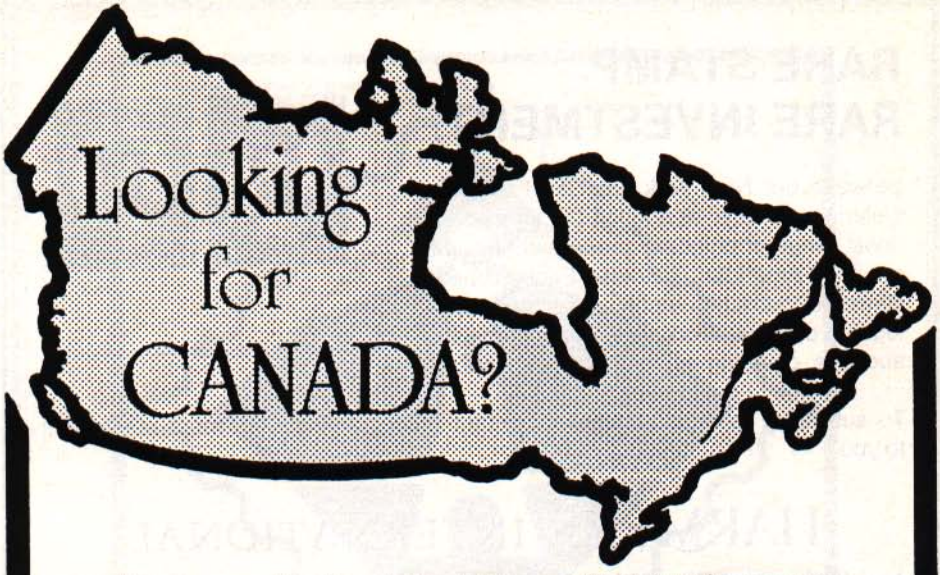

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Inflation and Philately

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We know we are living in a period of inflation, a period when the price of everything we buy is higher than the time we bought it previously. How bad is that inflation? The official figure, that is according to the Consumer Price Index, is, at the moment, about 10% a year. Just what would be the situation if inflation were to really run wild? The Consumer Price Index does not give the answer to either of those questions. All that it does do is to provide a 'yardstick' with which to measure the rate of increase from some previously determined date. For those interested in philately a good deal of information and a clear picture of the situation, can be gleaned from stamps, of a previous situation when inflation was allowed to run its course until the situation became ridiculous and drastic action had to be invoked.

In Germany, after, and as a result of, World War I and the Peace Treaty which followed, inflation really ran wild. It is said that a person needed a basket full of high-denominational bills to buy a loaf of bread. Like everything else, postal rates went up and up, and the Postal authorities were hard put to supply postage stamps as required. The postage stamps issued during this period are still with us and they provide a record of it as nothing else can.

When the War ended in 1918 the postage on a first class letter to be delivered inside Germany was 15 pfennig. For delivery within the same town or city it was 10 pfennig. For delivery outside Germany the rate was 20 pfennig. To avoid confusion through using too much detail, we will trace only what happened to the '15 pfennig' rate. In 1919 it had gone up to 20 pfennig. In 1920 it was 40 pfennig. By 1921 the rate was 60 pfennig. By January 1st, 1922 it had gone up to 200 pfennig or 2 marks. By July 1st of the same year it had gone to 3 marks; by October to 6 mks; by November to 12 mks; by December to 25 mks. On January 1st, 1923 it had doubled to 50 mk. Three months later it had doubled again to 100 mk; and in July to 300 mk. Every month thereafter, and sometimes twice a month, the cost of postage went up dramatically so that by September 1923 the mailing rate for a first class letter was 250,000 mks. By October 1st it was 2 million marks; by October 10th it was 5 million; by October 20th — 20 million. November 1923 saw the inflationary trend reach its peak: on November 1st the 1st class letter rate was 100 million marks; on the 5th it was a thousand million marks or one billion (1,000,000,000 mk.); November 20th it was 20 billion; by November 26th it reached its peak of 80 billion marks (80,000,000,000 mk.). At this point the currency was devalued and as of 1st December the rate for a 1st class letter was back to 10 pfennig.

With the devaluation of the currency, presumably new money or currency was created with the old being worthless for commerce or use, but was no doubt of some value to numismatists. Of course the same applied to postage stamps; those in use had to be discarded at the time of conversion and new ones made available for use. Postage stamps had followed the currency, as the value of money went down, the cost of postage went up and the value of postage stamps had to be adjusted accordingly. This is where we have the best record of this period — in philately.

1920

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1.25M 1.50M 2.50M

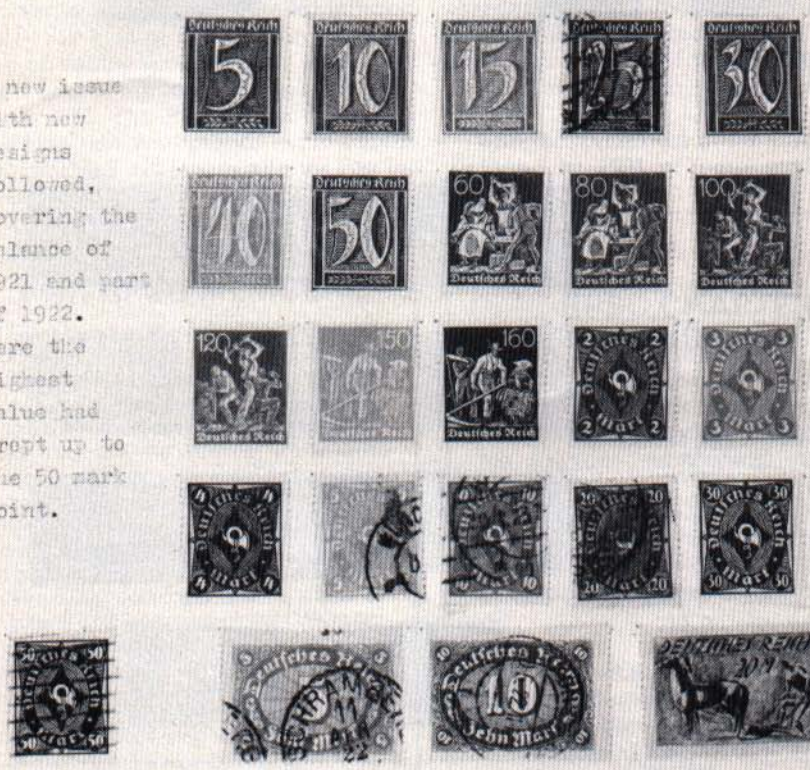
In 1920 the postage stamps in use in Germany were the same as those of 1902-11 with some different colours. Denominations were from 5 pfennig to 4 marks. Some surcharges became necessary but they were not above the four (4 M.) mark.

1921

Early 1921 saw more surcharges, also in the higher denominations, and these might have been a hint of what was to come. Note that there were now 5 mark and 10 mark stamps whereas the highest in 1920 had been the 4 mark.

1921-22

A new issue with new designs followed, covering the balance of 1921 and part of 1922. Here the highest value had crept up to the 50 mark point.



1922

1922 saw another issue. It ran from the 1½ mark to another 50 mark denomination.

20 M.

1923

1923 started with another new issue, and there is every indication that inflation was starting to warm up. It was a continuation of the 50 mark type of late 1922. There were no pfennig values and it started at 100 marks and went to 100,000 marks.

In 1920 the definitive postage stamps in use in Germany were much the same as had been in use since 1902. Denominations ranged from 5 pfennig to 4 mark. See No. 188 to 132 of Scott's Catalogue. In 1921 there were some surchanges, and these may have been a hint of what was to come in the next two years. These surcharges, Nos. 133 to 136, were for 1.60 mk, 3 mk, 5 mk, and 10 mk. Note that there is now a 5 mk and a 10 mk stamp.

1921 saw a new issue with denominations ranging from 5 pf to 20 mk. See Nos. 137 to 155. When this issue was reprinted, mostly in 1922, a 30 mk and a 50 mk value were added, Nos. 183 and 184. Also issued in 1922 were additional stamps with values from 100 mk to 500 mk. See Nos. 156 to 160.

It was in 1923 that uncontrolled inflation really took hold of the economy. Another issue of stamps appeared with values ranging from 100 mk to 100,000 mk; see Nos. 199 to 209. The Post Office authorities must have been hard pressed to provide the stamps needed to keep up with the ever increasing rates, for three additional issues were printed. These ranged in value from 5 mk to 75 thousand marks; see Nos. 221 to 240. Still these could not take care of the demand or the values needed, so they resorted to surcharging. We find this surcharging produced some thirty-eight (38) varieties ranging from 8,000 mk to 2 million mk, among which there were eight valued at 800,000 mk and six at 2,000,000 mk.

When surcharging is required it is obvious that a new issue would also be required. This also came out in 1923. It was designed to take care of the then postal rates, with the lowest denomination 500,000 mk and the highest fifty million marks (50,000,000 mk). See Nos. 280 to 309. Still this issue does not seem to have satisfied the demand and again they resorted to surcharging. This time the values created were in the billion mark bracket, from No. 310 at one billion marks (1,000,000,000 mk) to No. 321 at ten billion marks (10,000,000,000 mk).

With the revaluation of the currency on December 1st, 1923, of course another issue

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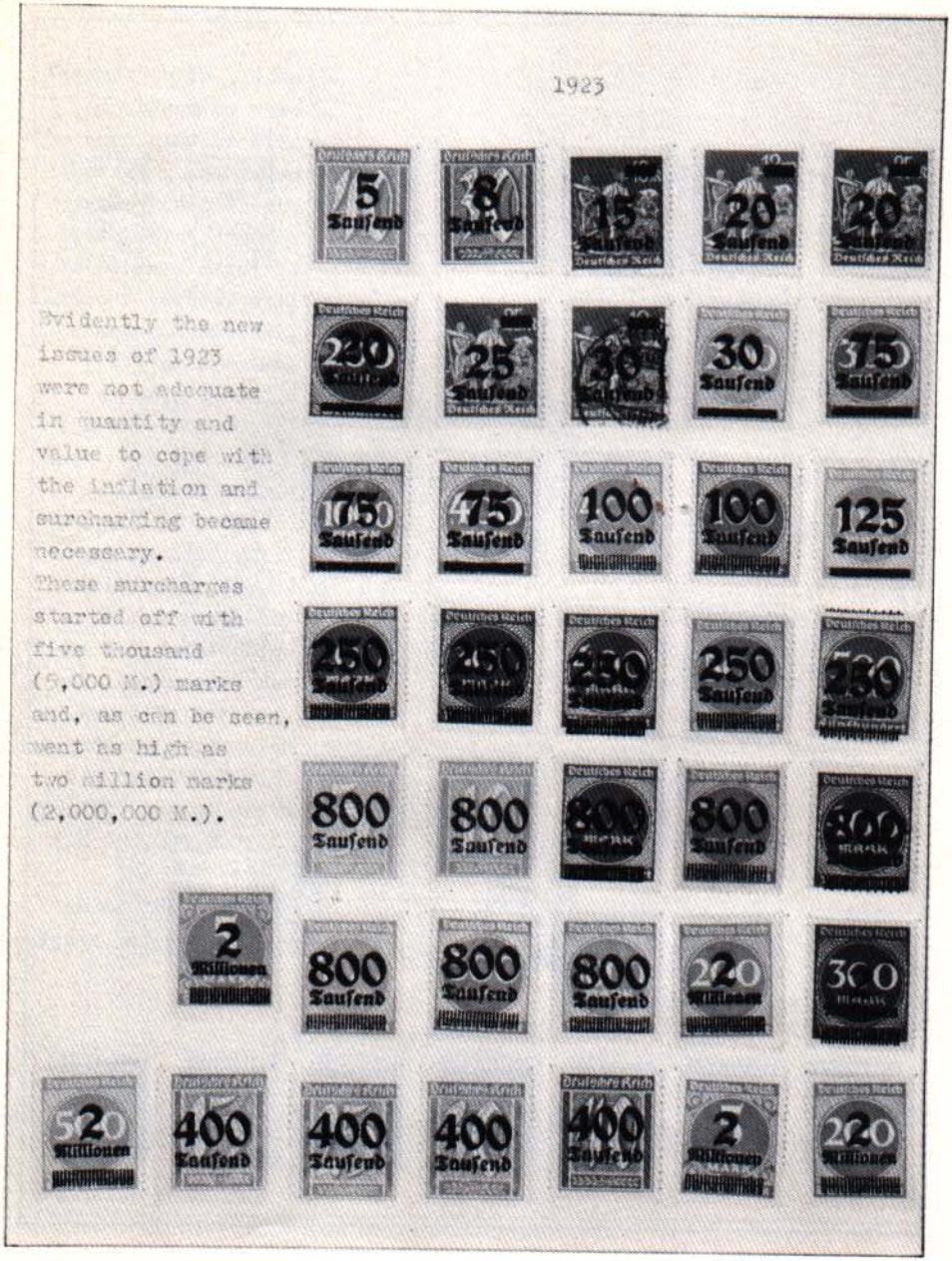
1923

Soon, three additional issues appeared in 1923. The first issue went from 5 marks to 1000 marks. The second issue was two stamps of 5000 marks and 10,000 marks. The third issue was of three stamps of 5,000, 50,000 and 75,000 marks. Even this was a big change from 1920 when the highest denomination was a 4 mark stamp.


1923
5 Tausend
8 Tausend
15 Tausend
20 Tausend
20 Tausend
Deutsches Reich
Evidently the new issues of 1923 were not adequate in quantity and value to cope with the inflation and surcharging became necessary.
These surcharges started off with five thousand (5,000 M.) marks and, as can be seen, went as high as two million marks (2,000,000 M.).
30 Tausend
75 Tausend
100 Tausend
125 Tausend
250 Tausend
800 Tausend
2 Millionen
220 Millionen
400 Tausend

Still, other issues were to appear in 1923 to take care of inflation and its effect upon postal matters. The first of these started at five hundred thousand (500,000 M.) marks and went to fifty billion marks (50,000,000,000 M.) The second went from ten million marks (10,000,000 M.) to fifty billion marks (50,000,000,000 M.) But again postal authorities had to use surcharges. There were ten of these, going from one billion (1,000,000,000 M.) marks to ten billion (10,000,000,000 M.) marks.

Truly inflation was now at its heigth!

1923

1924

1M 2M 3M

Just how ridiculous had the inflation become? By way of comparision, imagine paying, not 17¢, not 35¢, not $1.00 or $100.00, but a billion dollars ($1,000,000,000.00) just to send a letter!

Inflation at its peak became ridiculous, and the answer to it was to revalue the money. Thus the paper money in circulation became items for numismatists and postage stamps of the inflationary period became collectors items, useless for postage.

1923 saw one more issue (as above) which brought the 'pfennig' back. Note the '100 pfennig' stamp instead of the 'one mark'.

1924 saw three stamp issues of which only one had other than the 'pfennig', and then only the '1 M.', '2 M.', and the '3 M.'.

became necessary. These stamps, Nos. 323 to 328, were from 3 pf to 100 pf in value.

The main thing to be noted here is that postage stamps give us a very good, and possibly the only, record of what transpired during this period of inflation in Germany when inflation really ran wild. The only assurance we need to validate these high value stamps is the assurance that the stamps were created for postal needs and not just to 'milk' collectors. The postal rates quoted were obtained direct from the German Post Office at Bonn and the rates give every indication that the stamps created were needed. If the postage on a letter was 80 billion marks for within Germany, than certainly postage stamps of 50, 20 and 10 billion marks would not be out of order, especially when a foreign letter cost 320 billion marks. The only item of which there could be some doubt is the quantity. Germany was known to sell cancelled-to-order stamps at the time, but this would not effect the denominations. During the 1920's German postage stamps were relatively cheap; every young collector had them. This might indicate that the stamps on hand just before the devaluation were not destroyed but sold to collectors and dealers. Be that as it may, it does not take from us this 'yardstick', this picture of inflation which a study of these German stamps presents to us. If free enterprise in its ultimate form is the working of the market place without any hindrance or restrictions from government, than certainly it had 'its day' in post-war Germany of the 1920's. □

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The Conquering of the Canadian Rocky Mountains by Canadian Air Mail

August 1919

by R.K. Malott

The Canadian aviator who first flew across the Canadian Rocky Mountains in August 1919, died on Friday, 23 April 1982 in Toccoa, Georgia, USA at the age of 87 years.

Here is the fascinating story of Captain Ernest C. Hoy, pioneer Canadian pilot who first flew air mail across the Canadian Rocky Mountains from Vancouver, British Columbia to Calgary, Alberta.

The Canadian Rocky Mountains presented such a formidable obstacle to communications and transportation for British Columbians that the construction of a railroad through the Rockies was made a requirement before British Columbia agreed to enter Canadian Confederation in 1871.

The conquering of the Canadian Rockies by air occurred on 7 August 1919 when Captain Ernest C. Hoy flew his Curtiss JN-4 from Vancouver, B.C. to Calgary, Alberta, via Vernon, Grand Forks, Cranbrook, and Lethbridge.

Captain Hoy, originally from Kelowna, B.C., was a member of the Royal Flying Corps during WWI. He returned to Vancouver in January 1919, and with five other flying personnel formed the Vancouver Branch of the Aerial League of Canada. With financial assistance from Ernest Rogers, five Curtiss JN-4 training aircraft were purchased and special flying demonstrations and flights were presented in the Vancouver region. At the same time, support for an air mail service across Canada was developing under the leadership of Mr. John Nelson, Editor of the Vancouver *Daily World*; Mr. Buchanan, of the Lethbridge *Herald*; and Mr. J.H. Woods, of the Calgary *Herald*. To demonstrate the feasibility of such a service, a successful flight across the Canadian Rockies was deemed essential. Arrangements were made to fly a Curtiss JN-4 aircraft powered by a 90 hp Curtiss OX-5 engine over this route. Preparations for fuel, oil and landing facilities in open fields or race tracks at various towns were completed. Competition was keen for the honour of attempting this first flight across the Rockies. By a random lot selection Captain Hoy was chosen to attempt the flight. To increase the endurance of Hoy's JN-4 to four hours, a 12 gallon gasoline tank was removed from a wrecked JN-4 and placed in the front seat compartment with special hose connections to the other gasoline tank. Instruments available in Hoy's JN-4 were an airspeed indicator, an altimeter for height indication, an unserviceable compass, and a Canadian Pacific tourist map to the area. The challenge presented to Captain Hoy and his frail JN-4 was formidable.

Captian Hoy's first attempt to fly to Calgary was made on 4 August 1919. He took off from Minoru Park, Lulu Island, Van-

Fig. 1. Envelope post marked from Vancouver, BC dated 4 August 1919 at 4:30 a.m. from Dr. J.W. Thompson of Vancouver, B.C. The envelope addressed to Mr. E.L. Richardson, Manager of the Provincial Exposition, Calgary, Alberta bears three cents in postage and a two line rubber stamp cachet in red ink on the front and back of the envelope - "1st B.C. Alberta/Aerial Post".

Fig. 2. The back of the Vancouver postmarked envelope bears an arrival back stamp Calgary, Alberta, 8 August 1919, 3:30 p.m. with a die box cancellation reading in three lines, "Victory Stampede/Calgary/Aug. 25-30, 1919".

couver at 3:40 a.m. with his first stop destined as Vernon. Although fog forced him to fly at 1,000 to 5,000 feet for part of the journey, he had to descend to 500 feet over Chilliwack, B.C. to locate his position. Since he had to complete the total trip within 18 hours flying time, and since the fog was prevailing, Captain Hoy decided to land at Chilliwack. He returned to Vancouver to try again at a later date, Thursday, 7 August 1919.

Captain Hoy carried aboard his aircraft

several special letters from Mayor Gale of Vancouver and newspapers of the Vancouver *Daily World* assigned to officials at the various towns and cities along the route. Frank Ellis states in *Canada's Flying Heritage* that Hoy carried aboard his JN-4, 45 envelopes from Vancouver bearing a red cachet "First BC. Alberta Aerial Post". (See Figures No. 1 & 2 envelope dated 4 August 1919 addressed to Calgary, Alberta). At 4:13 a.m. the Curtiss JN-4 rose from Minoru Park, Lulu Island, Vancouver and pointed towards Vernon. The weather was perfect, the route was clearly discernible through Coquholla Pass, and the aircraft was running smoothly. Hoy landed at Mission Hall, Vernon at 7:18 a.m. Mayor Shatford of Vernon greeted the pilot, and accepted the newspapers and flown envelopes for himself, Mr. J.A. McKelvie, Editor of the *News*, Hon. E.P. Chapman, and the President of the Executive Council of the Army and Navy Veterans. Hoy was then treated to a large breakfast. The letter to Mayor Shatford of Vernon, from Mayor Gale of Vancouver, dated 1 August 1919 stated "This letter will be presented to you by Captain E.C. Hoy, D.F.C., who is making the first attempt to cross the Province of British Columbia to the adjoining Province of Alberta by air transport.

A successful flight over the Cascade, Selkirk and Rocky Mountain Ranges, within the time limit set for the event, will go far to prove the stability and practical worth of aerial navigation and greatly assist in the establishing of the much desired closer union between our Coast cities and the centres of population in the progressive interior and Eastern portions of the Province.

I know you will give a fitting welcome to Captain Hoy on this memorable occasion."

At 8:14 a.m. the mailman aviator was again on his way, this time to Grand Forks. Captain Hoy had mail and parcels for the Mayor and merchants at Grand Forks too. He arrived at 10:34 a.m. and had special aircraft service supplied by two ex-RAF personnel, Lieutenants McLeod and Manly. At Grand Forks, another aircraft flown by a Lt. Hall circled the town while Hoy was preparing for his next hop. At 11:15 a.m. Captain Hoy was airborne at Grand Forks. He landed at Cranbrook, B.C. at 2:05 p.m. He flew through the main part of the Rocky Mountains between Cranbrook and Lethbridge via Crowfoot Pass. His 7,000 foot ceiling allowed him a clearance of 150 feet over the Pass. He reached and landed at Lethbridge at 6:22 p.m. and took off again at 7:18 p.m. (Figure No. 3, envelope from the *Herald*, Lethbridge, Alberta). Bowness Park at Calgary was finally reached at 8:55 p.m. From Mayor Gale of Vancouver Captain Hoy delivered newspapers and letters of greeting apparently to the mayors of all towns and cities stopped at on route to Calgary. Newspapers the Vancouver *World* were also delivered. Captain Hoy's successful trans-Rocky flight was heralded by the Alberta and British Columbia papers as a most eventful occurrence.

The return trip to Vancouver from Calgary was planned via Banff, Field, Golden, Revelstoke and Vernon, B.C. A few letters marked "By First Aerial Mail" were prepared for the return flight — letters from Acting Mayor McCoubrey of Calgary to mayors en route; a letter from John Doe, Secretary of the Calgary Aero Club to the President of the Aerial League of Vancouver; a letter from Mayor Gale of Vancouver to the Mayor of Golden; a letter to John D. Kearne, President, Rotary Club of Vancouver (Figure No. 4, envelope dated at Calgary 9 August 1919); and a letter to Mrs. H.G. Lockewood of Golden from a friend in Vancouver. Newspapers were also sent from the Calgary *Herald* to the Vancouver *World*. Captain Hoy's departure was delayed because of weather conditions until 11 August. On that date he was airborne at 9:53 a.m., and over a selected starting point at 9:56 a.m. Hoy was over Cochrane at 10:11 a.m., over Morley at 10:27 a.m., and over Golden at 12:35 p.m. He had planned to land at the local ball park but it was too small and crowded. He flew to and landed at 12:38 p.m. in a field owned by Thomas King on the west side of town. The crowd at the ball park rushed to the landing site where Hoy was acclaimed a hero. A letter of greeting from Vancouver was read to the crowd by the local government agent since there was no mayor. Prior

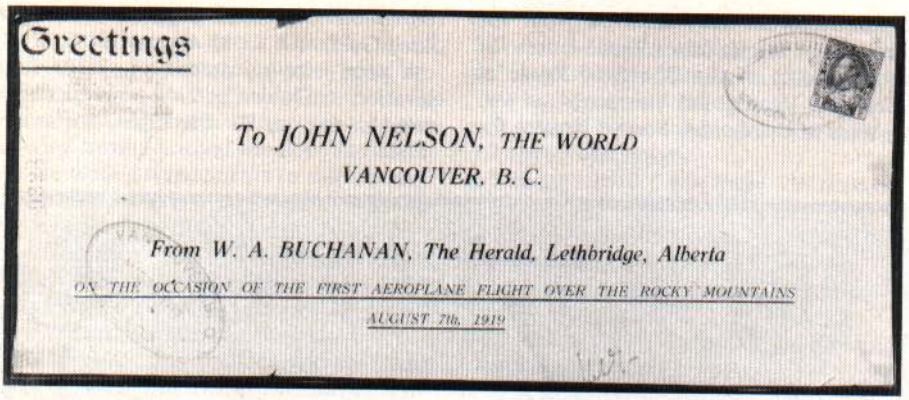

Fig. 3. The mounted front of a specially printed envelope from W.A. Buchanan, Publisher of The Herald, Lethbridge, Alberta to Mr. John Nelson, Publisher of The World, Vancouver B.C. The envelope front has no date of mailing from Lethbridge but it has an arrival oval cancellation "Vancouver, BC, Canada, August 10, 1919" and a two cent stamp tied to the top right corner by an oval cancellation "Branch Dead Letter Office, Vancouver, BC August 18, 1919." Why this letter ended up in the Dead Letter Office is not known. All the mail from Calgary distined for addresses past Golden, BC was taken by train to Vancouver. The envelope has printed in black on the front, "On the occasion of the first aeroplane flight over the Rocky Mountains August 7th, 1919."

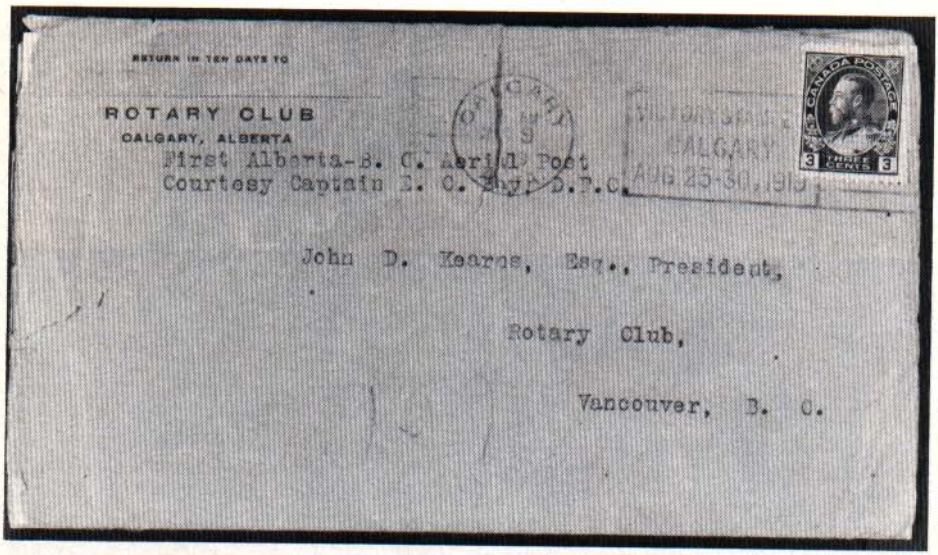

Fig. 4 One of four envelopes postmarked Calgary, Alberta 8 a.m., 9 August 1919 is depicted bearing a three cent postage stamp, the Calgary boxed die cancellation "Victory Stampede/Calgary/Aug. 25-30, 1919", and a typed inscription "First Alberta - B.C. Aerial Post, Courtesy Captain E.C. Hoy, DFC." The envelope and letter inside bore greetings from the Rotary Club of Calgary, Alberta to Mr. John D. Kearne, President of the Vancouver Rotary Club. The back of the envelope bears the arrival machine cancellation, Vancouver BC, 1 a.m., August 13, 1919 and Vancouver Fair/Sept. 8-13/1919".

to his departure Hoy received from the President of the Board of Trade letters for the Presidents of the Board of Trade at Revelstoke, Vernon and Vancouver, as well as copies of the *Golden Star* of Golden for the Vancouver *World*. (Figure No. 5, letter dated Golden, B.C. 11 August 1919).

A good take-off despite the 2,583 foot elevation of Golden at 2:45 p.m. suddenly ended in disaster for the flight. An emer-

Fig. 5. An interesting envelope from Golden, BC dated 11 August 1919 addressed to The President of the Board of Trade, Vancouver, BC, bears a three cent stamp cancelled at Golden, BC 11 August 1919 and an arrival date at Vancouver of 13 August 1919. The envelope was taken from Golden to Vancouver by train due to Captain Hoy's accidental crash at Hoy on 11 August. On the front is a sticker "Stick to Canada' Buy More Victory Bonds".

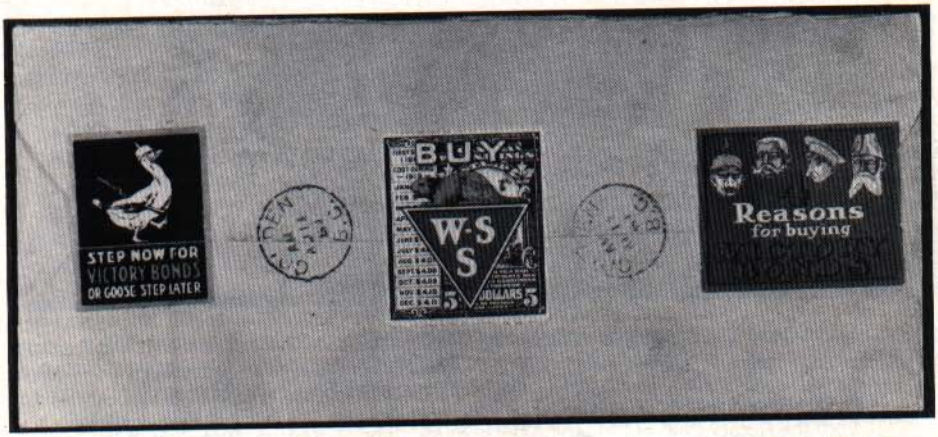

Fig. 6. On the back of the Golden, BC envelope are two postal cancellations "Golden BC, a.m., Aug. 11, '19. and three patriotic First World War Victory Bond stickers.

gency turn to avoid two children on the field put the aircraft into a slip. The tip of the left wing hit the ground and spun the aircraft into the grassy field. (Figure No. 7, the crashed aircraft). Hoy crawled out suffering from a bruised shoulder and black eye. He made arrangements to ship the aircraft back to Vancouver by train and then he himself left by train at 3:15 p.m. Captain Hoy arrived at Vancouver Tuesday evening a tired and bruised aviator. His assignment to fly across the Rockies was, however, successfully completed.

The postage for mail flown on these special pioneer flights was the normal surface rate. Authorization for the flights to carry mail came from the Postmaster General in Ottawa. The inventory of known flown mail and newspapers is as follows:

a) 7 August 1919: Vancouver - Calgary: 45 covers and papers.
b) 7 August 1919: Vancouver - Vernon: 4 covers and papers.
c) 7 August 1919: Vancouver - Grand Forks: 2-6 covers and papers.
d) 7 August 1919: Vancouver - Cranbrook: At least 1 cover and papers.
e) 7 August 1919: Vancouver - Lethbridge: 2 covers and papers.
f) 7 August 1919: Lethbridge - Vancouver: 2 covers and papers.*
g) 11 August 1919: Calgary - Golden: 2 covers and papers.
h) 11 August 1919: Calgary - Vernon: 1 cover and papers.*
i) 11 August 1919: Calgary - Vancouver: 4 covers and papers.*
j) 11 August 1919: Golden - Vancouver: 3 covers and papers.*

The numbers of the above indicated covers existing today are not known. Mail and papers marked with an asterisk were not carried past Golden, B.C. due to the crash at Golden. (Reference AAMC page 1657, items 18-18a to 18i inclusive.) In 1920 Captain Hoy and friends formed a com-

Fig. 7. Captain E.C. Hoy's crashed JN-4 at Golden, BC, 11 August 1919. (DND photograph). The aircraft crashed on the property of Mr. Thomas King. The three people in the photograph are most likely Mr. & Mrs. Thomas King and their son, Norman, on the left.

mercial seaplane company in Vancouver and took delivery of the first commercial seaplane sold by Boeing. Since neither he nor his co-pilot George Dickson had flown a seaplane before, they crashed in English Bay on the inaugural flight. The plane was repaired but crashed again killing another pilot that was at the controls. Hoy quit flying and moved to New Jersey in 1920 to work for Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada.

In 1922 he married Miss Marjorie Day of Vancouver, and had as a family, a son and a daughter. He later became the manager of the Assurance Company's office in Newark, New Jersey and then in Chicago, Illinois. In 1956 he retired to Clarkesville, Georgia. In 1969, Captain Hoy returned to British Columbia to refly over the route he blazed over the Canadian Rockies in 1919. A special souvenir cover was prepared for the event by the Vernon Flying Club, Vernon B.C. (Figure No. 5, envelope dated at Calgary 2 August 1969). He died on Friday, 23 April 1982.

This data on Captain Hoy's daring flight over the Rockies came from Frank Ellis' *Canada's Flying Heritage* pages 178-180; the Calgary *Daily Herald*, dated 4, 7, 9 and 11 August 1919; The Vernon *News* dated 14 August, 1919; original data from Captain E.C. Hoy and George H. Melvin, Chairman of the Vernon Museum, Vernon, B.C. and the American Air Mail Society catalogue Volume IV, Fifth Edition, 1981.

Anyone having further data on this pioneer Canadian flight across the Rockies is invited to contact the author, R.K. Malott, 16 Harwick Crescent, Nepean, Ontario, K2H 6R1, Canada. □

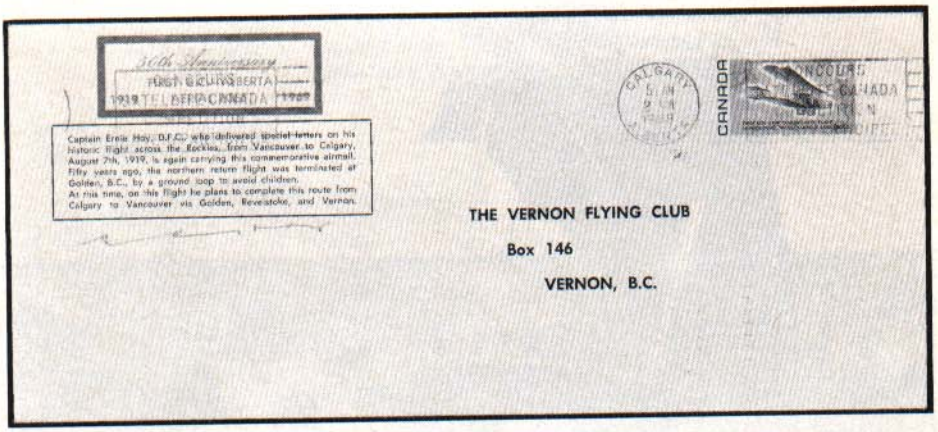

Fig. 8. One of the 150 flown commemorative envelopes autographed by Captain E.C. Hoy on 2 August 1969 and flown over the same route of the Captain's flight of 7 August 1919 - Vancouver, Vernon, Grand Forks, Cranbrook, Lethbridge, Calgary and on to Golden, BC where the aircraft crashed. The envelopes were cancelled at Calgary, Alberta at 5 a.m. on 2 August 1969, and backstamped at Vernon BC and Golden, BC on the same date.

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The new Plate 2 of the 30¢ Queen Elizabeth shows a distinct difference in shade and paper from Plate 1. Only specialized catalogues will recognize this. There appears to be a number of different papers in the low-value Heritage stamps and it will be interesting to watch this new series as it may lend itself to specialization as with some of the previous sets.

It was interesting to attend one well-known auction in Zurich. The fine material, equivalent to our superb here, brought half-catalogue or less. The superb material, and practically all items sold were of this condition, brought full-catalogue and more. The amount of such material which is being sold in auctions is always surprising and one wonders where all this nice material comes from again and again. A flea market near the Zurich lake had 27 stands with stamps and postcards every Saturday. Postcards are popular there and if one looks carefully on the back one can find such items as Canada Postal Union rates single to Europe, postage dues, Austria used in Turkey, Germany used on Heligoland, prisoner of war cancels, etc. Most sell for one Swiss franc which is equal to 60 cents. An eight-volume Canada collection was for sale but was too high priced.

The first experimental automated post office has opened in a small town in Switzerland. One can buy stamps, mail letters, buy money orders, deposit money into the Post Office bank account, take out money, register mail and weigh mail. All this done through a micro-processed computer. Colourful advertising brochures are available in every post office about the stamps of Switzerland with superb colour reproduction.

A recent philatelic journal suggests the 5¢ Beaver as a good investment. Although a fairly large number can still be found in stocks and sales circuits, centred copies are rare. Major Champman who once owned a large collection of over 3000 "Beavers" mentioned that any centred copy is worth double the catalogue price. Copies with special cancels such as four ring numerals and fancy cancels bring additional premiums. Because the original plate was reworked several times, many flaws and reentries exist. Prices quoted for the 5¢ Beaver range from $8 to $27 — a wide spread.

Once again another lot of "experimental coils" of the King Edward VII appeared on the market. This is the second time in a short period that "finds" were made. The 1¢ and 2¢ stamps exist with a Type "T" precancelled in strips cut from sheets and pasted together to form a coil. Roller-cancelled stamps with Ottawa No. 1 can also be found in this form. Although only 150 copies are supposed to exist, the two lots plus various auction sales indicate that more must be available. Recently, last Spring, a few strips of five appeared of the precancelled stamps and were offered to a dealer who planned to buy them for a good sum. When he was told that all came from a part sheet precancelled and cut apart to form these strips, the deal was of course off. Marler in his book on the King Edward issue writes: "How is a stamp cancelled with the Ottawa roller or one precancelled with the type "T" bars to be identified as an experimental coil and distinguished from another that was used on a parcel of the kind of mail for which the precancelled stamp served?" These must be regarded as having no official status.

Another "coil" may be of doubtful official status, Marler writes in his new "Admiral" book. These are the strips which were overprinted in the back with various types of cancels on the 2¢ carmine.

The writer remembers that when he arrived in Canada, he purchased from the Philatelic Agency on Sparks Street in Ottawa one such strip of four stamps, paying 8¢ for it. Whether this one is legitimate or not the author cannot tell but maybe some were sold at this official office without the knowledge of many collectors. At the same time the 50¢ and $1 dry-printed Admirals from the last plates were still available from the Agency in sheets. Unfortunately the author earned only 96 cents an hour at that time and could not afford such luxury. Mr. E. Rhoades for many years studied every new issue and plate which was issued and documented all found varieties in a list which was published regularly by the Agency. These lists formed the background to the books on constant plate varieties including the latest Constant Plate Varieties of Steel Engraved Stamps by the writer.

By now the $5 stamp has made its appearance as previously forecast for some time in this column. Maybe one day we will see a $10 stamp. □

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FORTHCOMING ISSUES

January 10, 1983

The first stamp of 1983 will be a $5 addition to the National Parks series of high-value definitive stamps.

Point Pelee National Park is located in an area known as "Canada's Deep South" and boasts one of the warmest climates in Canada. First discovered by Europeans in 1670, the site has been a national park since 1918.

Much of the flora and fauna found in the park reach their northern limit within its bounds and appear nowhere else in Canada. Despite the park's many unique features, it is perhaps best known as a haven for bird watchers. Observers have spotted at least 336 species there, although only approximately 90 actually nest there.

The marshy terrain of Point Pelee depicted on the stamp is a rendition by artist Wayne Terry, using an appropriate water-colour technique, with typography by William Tibbles. The stamps will be printed by Canadian Bank Note, Ottawa, Plate 1 inscription, in panes of 25 stamps using four-colour lithography plus one-colour steel-engraving. The stamps will be untagged and according to Canada Post will be perf. 13+. Actually, since the other values in the series are perf. 13.3 x 13.3, it is a logical guess that this issue will follow suit.

In the editor's opinion, $5 is an awful price to pay for such an ugly stamp. Just because a $5 stamp will undoubtedly be obliterated and destroyed by postal clerks through usage on parcels, is no excuse for such a drab design. As usual, Canada Post has blown it again!

Revised Booklet Pane Layout

A recent re-printing of the 50¢ vending machine booklets has resulted in a new pane configuration. Apparently a new plate had to be made since the original was damaged, and the cut-lines for the slitter were mis-placed. The original booklets have the 5¢, 10¢ and 30¢ Maple Leaf stamps on the top row, with a single 5¢ stamp and two labels on the bottom. In the revised pane, the opposite is available — the three stamps are on the bottom while the single stamp and two labels are on top.

This new booklet is available from Philatelic Centres across Canada and from the Philatelic Mail Order Service, listed as "new pane configuration". Random singles are 50 cents and sets of 10 covers are $5. □

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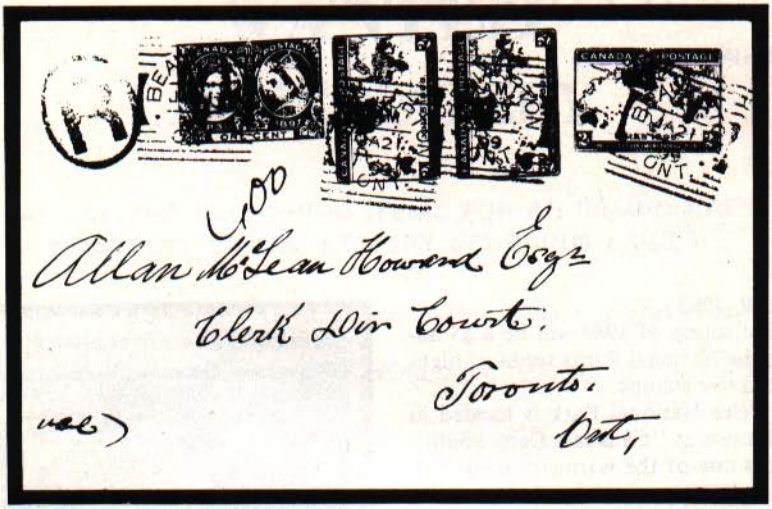

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THE ADMIRAL ISSUE OF CANADA, by the Honourable George C. Marler. Published by the American Philatelic Society, P.O. Box 8000, State College, PA 16801. 18.2 cm x 26 cm, 556 pages, hardbound, 1982. $35 ($28 to APS members).

Superlatives are grossly overworked these days, so it will suffice to say that this book is excellent — and without equal when it comes to detailing the fascinating story of the popular Admiral issue of Canada.

Each stamp, including the overprints and War Tax items, is thoroughly covered in this book, with approximately 250 of the 575 illustrations in colour. There are extensive tables noting such detail as the dates when plates were engraved and approved, and the marginal inscriptions included on each plate.

Painstaking detail is seen throughout the book and the meticulous nature of the author is shown through the inclusion of both a detailed index and a 13-page table of contents.

This book is a must for all Canadian collectors, even those with only a passing interest in the Admirals. The only sad part about the book is that it was published posthumously. However it is a fitting tribute to a great Canadian and a true philatelist.

ROYAL WEDDING STAMP CATALOGUE & Checklist. Published by Stanley Gibbons Publications Ltd., 399 Strand, London, England WC2R 0LX. 19.6 cm x 20.6 cm, xvi + 140 pages, col. illus., soft bound, 1982. £7.50 or equivalent.

This catalogue comprises a complete listing in alphabetical country order of the stamps, sheetlets, miniature and souvenir sheets, presentation packs, first day covers, overprints, etc. from approximately 84 postal administrations which were issued to commemorate the 1981 Royal Wedding.

As well as the basic issues, errors and varieties are also included and illustrated. The colour quality is excellent throughout. As an added bonus, the catalogue includes four "black prints", representative of the omnibus series' produced by the Crown Agents, Inter-Governmental Philatelic Corporation and Philatelists (1980) Ltd. on behalf of 42 Commonwealth countries.

LYMAN'S STANDARD CATALOGUE OF CANADA-BNA POSTAGE STAMPS, Winter 1983, 36th edition. Published by The Charlton Press, 299 Queen St. W., Toronto, Ont. M5V 1Z9. 13.5 cm x 20.8 cm, 144 pages, col. illus., soft bound, 1982. $3.50.

The former "bible" of Canadian postage stamps was finally released in November, two months later than usual. I say former because Lyman's today is but a mere shadow of its former self.

This 36th edition of Lyman's should be given away as a cheap hand-out rather than sold at $3.50, so atrocious is the colour throughout. The registration-quality is so poor that many stamps are simply not recognizable.

The catalogue has been up-dated to include "all" issues to mid-August 1982, according to the publisher. Unfortunately the layout for the new pages leaves much to be desired and it is quickly apparent that the Charlton Press has no one on staff who knows anything about the current Canadian market. Several issues are glaringly overlooked (a lack of knowledge?), e.g., the "A" stamp coil, the 30¢ Maple Leaf coil,

the 5¢ Maple Leaf, the 10¢ Maple Leaf, the 30¢ Maple Leaf in red from booklets, the 30¢ Maple Leaf from $6 booklets, current booklet panes, etc. etc. Also incorrect is information concerning quantities, dates of issue and se-tenant arrangements.

If The Charlton Press' boast of being "Canada's Leading Philatelic Publisher" has any shred of truth, then philately in Canada is in big trouble. I am certain that Hans Reiche's role as a "consultant" is a very minor one as I know he would never have consented to have his name on this joke.

If the Charlton Press does not announce in advance that it has cleaned up its act for the next edition, then I would suggest that collectors totally boycott it — if we continue to accept junky catalogues then that is what we deserve.

SCOTT CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES, Vol. 1, No. 1, November 1982. Published by Scott Publishing, 3 East 57th St., New York, N.Y. 10022. 19.5 cm x 23.5 cm, 84 pages, soft bound, 1982. $3.00 (only available as insert in Scott Stamp Monthly)

A new design and new format for the Scott monthly chronicle. Scott has expanded its scope to include several countries which were previously excluded or confined to "For the Record" sections.

The new Chronicle will be part of a new system of cataloguing to take effect with the 1984 Scott catalogues. A new "compressed" format will be introduced for a number of less popularly collected countries — containing basic information but no illustrations. Where the illustration number currently appears, the "compressed" format will indicate the volume and number of the Scott Chronicle in which the actual illustrations appear. Collectors will now have to save the Chronicle as an integral part of the annual four-volume catalogues.

In addition to pricing new issues, Scott now supplies them on a mail-order basis. The whole idea is an interesting concept which may take time before collectors catch-on. It will be interesting to see Volume 1 of the 1984 Scott catalogue.

STANLEY GIBBONS SIMPLIFIED CATALOGUE, STAMPS OF THE WORLD, 1983 EDITION, Volume 2, Countries K-Z. Published by Stanley Gibbons Publications Ltd., 399 Strand, London, England WC2R 0LX. 21.3 cm x 30.4 cm, xii + 914 pages, soft bound, 1982. £9.95 or equivalent.

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At this time we would like to welcome two new chapters to the R.P.S.C.: the Caledon Stamp Club, Chapter 173; and the Leamington Stamp Club, Chapter 174.

Upon checking our records, we find that we have been unable to contact certain chapters through the representative whose name is on file. Four chapters are in arrears for their 1982 dues and we would appreciate hearing from the President or a designated chapter rep. The clubs are:

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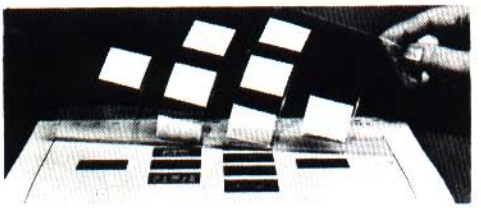

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