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THIRD CANADIAN PHILATELIC EXHIBITION HANDBOOK and OFFICIAL CATALOGUE issued for the stamp exhibition held in Mount Royal Hotel, Montreal, Quebec, October 5-9, 1925. This is a 150 page official exhibition catalogue same size and similar in structure to the "CAPEX" Official Exhibition Catalogue (on sale at 55c). Over 100 pages of B.N.A. articles with 18 full pages of illustrations from the collections of Dr. Lewis Reford, Montreal and Mr. A. H. Lichtenstein, New York City.

14-page article by Victor Gaudet, K.C., Postmaster of Montreal at the time, titled "A Sketch of Postal Organization Through the Ages—With an outline of the development of the Postal Service in Canada." "The Specialist" by Fred Jarrett. "The 15 cents, 1868-1900 (Big cents issues)" and "The 11¾ Perforation in Canadian Stamps" by Dr. Lewis L. Reford. "Rowland Hill" by J. Powell Davies. An interesting feature in connection with this article lies in the fact that the author is a grand-niece of Sir Rowland's. Mrs. Powell-Davies is a resident of Westmount, Que. "The Revenue Stamps of Canada" by Edward E. Goodchild. "Air Mail in Canada" by T. M. Barrington. "The Relative Values of Early Canadian Stamps." Based on the number printed by Charles J. Phillips. "Philatelic Bibliography of Canada" by Edward E. Goodchild. "Canada Precancelled Postage Stamps" by Frank S. Thompson.

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EXUP VII — PROGRAM

Friday, April 22nd—Mont St. Louis Gymnasium.

7 p.m.—Cocktails with honor guests.

8 p.m.—Official opening and judging of Exhibits.
Registration of members and visitors.

11 p.m.—Closing time.

Saturday, April 23rd—

10 a.m.—Opening of the Exhibition and Bourses—Registration of members and visitors.
The 27th annual meeting of C.P.S.

11 a.m.—C.P.S. Directors' Meeting.

2 p.m.—Juniors' Program for boys and girls under 21 years old. Special prizes and souvenirs.

3 p.m.—Auctions, 50 lots Canada, British Colonies, etc., many superb lots (min. catalogue value, $5.00).

7 p.m.—Closing time.

7 p.m.—Cocktails at the Queen's Hotel Lounge.

8 p.m.—C.P.S. 27th annual banquet, Spanish Room.
Distribution of the awards and trophies also drawing of raffle tickets.

10 p.m.—Dance till closing.

Sunday, April 24th—

1 p.m.—Registration of members and visitors—
Opening of the Exhibition and Bourses.

10 p.m.—Official closing of the Exhibition and Bourses.

ACTIVITIES

We are expecting to have an exhibition of around 300 frames, including the 'hors-concours' section. The dimension of the frames are 24x32, which hold six continental sheets.

The auction which will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, will consist of around 50 lots, limited to 3 lots per member, with a minimum of $5.00 catalogue value per lot.

Banquet is to be held at the Queen's Hotel, Spanish Room. This hotel is located in the heart of Montreal at St. James and Windsor Sts. The price of the banquet is $5.00 per person.* The Queen's Hotel is one of the finest hotels in Montreal. For those wishing to attend church services on Sunday morning, churches of all denominations are nearby in downtown Montreal.

(*)including Cocktail, Banquet and Dance.

Some Philatelic Firsts

By E. C. Powell

PART I

The first Government institution established by the British in Canada, a year before Civil Government, was the Post Office.

Benjamin Franklin became Deputy Postmaster in Philadelphia in 1737, and in 1753 he was appointed Postmaster General for colonial North America. This was four years after the founding of Halifax, and two years before the defeat of General Braddock, an event which so alarmed the colonists that they appealed to Britain to establish a safer and more regular means of communication between them.

This resulted in a regular monthly packet service between Falmouth, in Cornwall, and Boston. A post office was established in Halifax, and a small sailing vessel carried the mails between that port and Boston.

It is stated that Franklin charted the Gulf Stream to help the packets make a speedy journey.

The oldest law enforcement arm in the American federal Government is the Postal inspection service, also instituted by Franklin. Later, he opened post offices at Quebec, Three Rivers, and Montreal, appointed a Postmaster to take charge of the Canadian offices, and established a monthly service between Montreal and New York.

In 1775 he was appointed Postmaster General for America, a year after Britain had dispensed with his services.

The Statutes of Edward III contain references to the English post system, and Edward IV had post houses placed at intervals of 20 miles. During the Scottish war a military post was established to maintain speedy communication with the army. In 1543 letters were carried from London to Edinburgh within four days, which was considered remarkably rapid for those days.

Sir Brian Tuke is the first Postmaster General of whom we have a record. In 1516 he acted as Master of the Messengers and Runners attached to the court of Henry VIII. Although this is the date generally accepted, there is evidence in the King's book of Payments that he was administering funds for the upkeep of the posts several years earlier.

State Posts are known in history long before the time of Henry VIII and by this time there were organized means of letter conveyance quite apart from the State service. This was especially true in Continental Europe, due in part to the manufacture of paper in Spain, Italy, France and Germany, and also in a large measure to the activities of the Taxis family, who had an organized system which was used by both rulers and merchants.

When Brian Tuke was appointed P.M.G. to Henry VIII he had already derived much benefit from his dealings with the Taxis family. Records still in existence show that their postal services were frequently used, but also revealed that the bills were not always promptly paid. This fact may have had some bearing on Tuke's being appointed Master of the Kings Posts. Calais was still an English garrison town, and was an important foothold in Europe both for diplomatic and commercial reasons.

After Cardinal Wolseley became Lord Chancellor, Tuke served him as a secretary. It would seem that the Postmastership was a subsidary appointment, as, a few years later, Tuke was appointed French secretary to the King, and later became Treasurer of the Household. His salary as P.M.G. was £66/13/0 a year.

The cost of the upkeep of the Posts was met out of the revenue of the King's household, and Henry and his ministers only spent what they considered absolutely necessary, so that the Dover Road was the only one where posts were constantly kept up. Other routes were only posted for special occasions and frequently the services rendered were not paid for.

Later on in the days of Charles the First, we find Lord Stanhope, who then held the office, petitioning for the arrears of his salary over a period of 19 years. He waited longer than I would. We learn, however, that he drew a considerable income by the leasing of postmasterships on all the principal roads of England.

In 1632 Charles the First forbade letters to be sent abroad except through the recognized post office and three years later a system of posts for England and Scotland was established and all private and local posts were abolished. Charges were made for the conveyance of letters and when James the Second was King. all revenue went to him. This amounted to twenty one thousand pounds in 1663.

Brian Tuke wrote, in 1533;

"I have known, in times pasts, folks which, for their own thank, have dated their letters a day or two before they were written, and the conveyers have had the blame."

During Queen Elizabeth's reign urgent state letters received special treatment, being forwarded by express posts or messengers, who, riding "post haste" only stayed long enough at a post stage to change horses and have their packet endorsed before speeding on their way. This practice continued until the Restoration of Charles II in 1660. Then ensued the fight for the Crown monopoly of letter carrying. The unauthorized posts, and those who support them, assailed the then Postmaster General, Henry Bishop, with complaints. He favored the monopoly for the King. This is his reply in an advertisement from the General Post Office in London.

"To prevent any neglect of the letter carriers in the speedy delivery of letters from the said office, its notified that the days of the receipt of every letter at the office is printed upon the letter: and the letter carriers ought to deliver them the same day in the summer, and the next morning at the farthest in the winter; and if any failure be complained of at the Post Office, it shall be redressed."

And so, in 1661, the first date stamp, known as the Bishop stamp, came into being.

Part II will continue in the April issue.

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BY TRAIN TO MONTREAL

The Windsor "Y" Club, have advised us that a party will be leaving Windsor on Thursday, 21st April, by the 4.55 p.m. C.P.R. train for Montreal and suggest that others travelling to Montreal could be picked up en route. This train is the 11 p.m. Pool Train from Toronto, arriving in Montreal at 7.45 a.m. on Friday, 22 April.

Dr. N. Boyd, of 1175 Kildare Rd., Windsor, has in hand all arrangements for intermediate points between Windsor and Toronto, and all those interested in joining the party in Chatham, London, Galt, etc., are requested to communicate with him at their earliest convenience.

For those in the Toronto area who would like to join the party, either in Toronto or between Toronto and Montreal, kindly get into touch **as soon as possible** with the President, L. M. Lamouroux, 222 Lawrence Avenue West, Toronto 12 (Telephone HU. 9-2209, or, during the day, EM. 4-9181-local 317).

It is earnestly hoped that as many as possible will endeavour to make the journey by this train on the Thursday evening. It is certain that those who can will not regret it and will have an enjoyable time en route!

B.N.A. COLLECTORS CLUB OF MONTREAL

The B.N.A. Collectors Club of Montreal, at their annual general meeting, elected the following officers for the year 1955.

President, G. Scott Brooks; Vice-President, A. Graham Fairbanks; Hon. Secretary, W. M. C. Willcock; Hon. Treasurer, Martin Grimsgaard and Directors Mrs. H. C. Cooke, C. G. Kemp, Walter Macklin and Peter J. Hurst (ex-officio).

The Club, which is a Chapter of the C. P. S., meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month and as its name implies is a specialist club for those interested in the stamps and postal history of Canada and the Provinces. Particulars of membership may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, 3500 Belmore Ave., Montreal.

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THE POSTAGE STAMPS AND POSTAL HISTORY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

By Mary & Doug Patrick

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Chapters V and VI are devoted to an extremely concise story and explanation of The Universal Postage Union. This chapter alone is invaluable to collectors. Then follows the full story of the Postage Stamps of U.N. The completeness of these chapters is nothing short of astounding in its research and detail.

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KEEWATIN POSTMARK

by Frank W. Campbell

About ten places in the old territory of Keewatin may have had the abbreviation KEE. as the locality designation. Such are rare, and clear copies command a few dollars from cover collectors. Although the dates are not early, all must be after 1875, probably the habit of destroying the envelope and filing a letter opened out flat has made early covers relatively scarce.

The fact that such from Keewatin are of considerable value has led several collectors to submit to me the above marking, expecting it to be of the high priced group. Sad to say it is very common, the word ONT. being the key to its plentiful supply.

The office was opened in 1880 as Keewatin Mills with John Mather as the first postmaster. No postmark has been seen with this "Mills" on the name, so it is presumed this is the first instrument supplied, but if some lucky find does produce a Keewatin Mills I'd be very pleased to hear of it.

A very unusual affair about Keewatin and Rat Portage trading names has been described in an old pamphlet I distributed free at C.A.P.E.X., a few copies still left.

Kenora is now the municipality that includes Keewatin, the name Kenora being composed of the three older municipalities using the two first letters of the names, KE for Keewatin, NO for Norman, RA for Rat Portage. This joining of the municipalities to use the name Kenora was in 1899. Norman was opened as a post office in 1887 with Angus Carmichael as first postmaster.

This small style of postmark is called Round-7 in the 12 page article in Dr. Holmes' new catalog, in an attempt at classifying postmarks by types. The "Round" is to distinguish it from any postmark that has a full circle outside the inscription. This illustrated has "one-part-circle."

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VALUABLE U.S. "IDENTIFIER" IN NEW HARRIS CATALOG

A complete, fully illustrated UNITED STATES STAMP IDENTIFIER, the valuable aide that shows collectors the difference between rare and common "look-alike" stamps, is an added feature to the second 1955 edition of H. E. Harris & Co.'s STAMPS OF THE UNITED STATES, U.S. POSSESSIONS AND BRITISH NORTH AMERICA. Although expanded to 144 pages, the Boston firm's popular catalog will continue to be offered at the regular 25c price.

Other new additions include listings of postal savings stamps, war savings stamps and Canadian mint sheets. Readers will also notice an improvement in the catalog's printing, which is now by lithographic process for the first time, making the illustrations larger and closer in appearance to the actual stamps than was possible formerly.

Harris' price lists show 775 changes, mostly slight advances indicative of a continued firm market, and 124 new listings since the first 1955 edition appeared in November of last year. Generally the changes follow recent trends: regular issues, including coils, show more increases than commemoratives; special deliveries and postage dues show some increases and there are numerous changes in envelopes, revenues, U.S. possessions and Newfoundland; also in telegraphs, where most of the changes are decreases.

Readers desiring a copy of this valuable combination quide and checklist and United States Stamp Identifier can obtain the catalog for 25 cents from: H. E. HARRIS & CO., 1310 Transit Building, Boston 17, Massachusetts.

CANADIAN NEWS

by

U. KNOHU

AS THIS is being written, the new 10c Eskimo Hunter stamp is being sold across the country. My personal opinion is that the artist and engravers did a nice job for this stamp. However, is the 10c value always to be in a brown colour? A blue ink or blue-green would have been much more appropriate for the subject matter depicted. As the official announcement stated this stamp is issued in Plates Nos. 1 and 2 and is also overprinted "G" for official use.

A copy of the 4c Queen 1953 design stamp mentioned last month as being printed in fluorescent ink has been submitted to the Post Office authorities. The question has been discussed with the official printers who maintain that none of the 1953 or 1954 Queen stamps are fluorescent and suggest that the effect might be due to an accidental exposure to some foreign agent such as a detergent. As very few of these type of stamps have been found I am not prepared to say that this explanation is not the correct one. I cannot, however, forget the case of the 1938 Chateau dollar stamp which is accepted by specialist catalogues as being analine ink and which was denied as being such for years by the printers.

The 5c Queen 1954 issue was released on January 11th, overprinted "G" and the 1c, 2c and 4c will follow overprinted in a few months time. It is not anticipated that the 3c denomination will be overprinted. To me this is a gentle hint worth remembering by collectors. It is also expected that the 15c Gannet stamp will never be overprinted.

The 5c Queen 1954 stamp in stitched books was first issued in November, 1954. These may be obtained from the Canadian Philatelic Agency and also from vending machines in a number of cities across the country. While on the subject of stitched booklets the Beaver booklet in this form appears to be selling for amazing prices in England. I fail to understand this as these were far from scarce and in a few of the smaller cities which had vending machines this type was on sale even last month and may well be still in stock there.

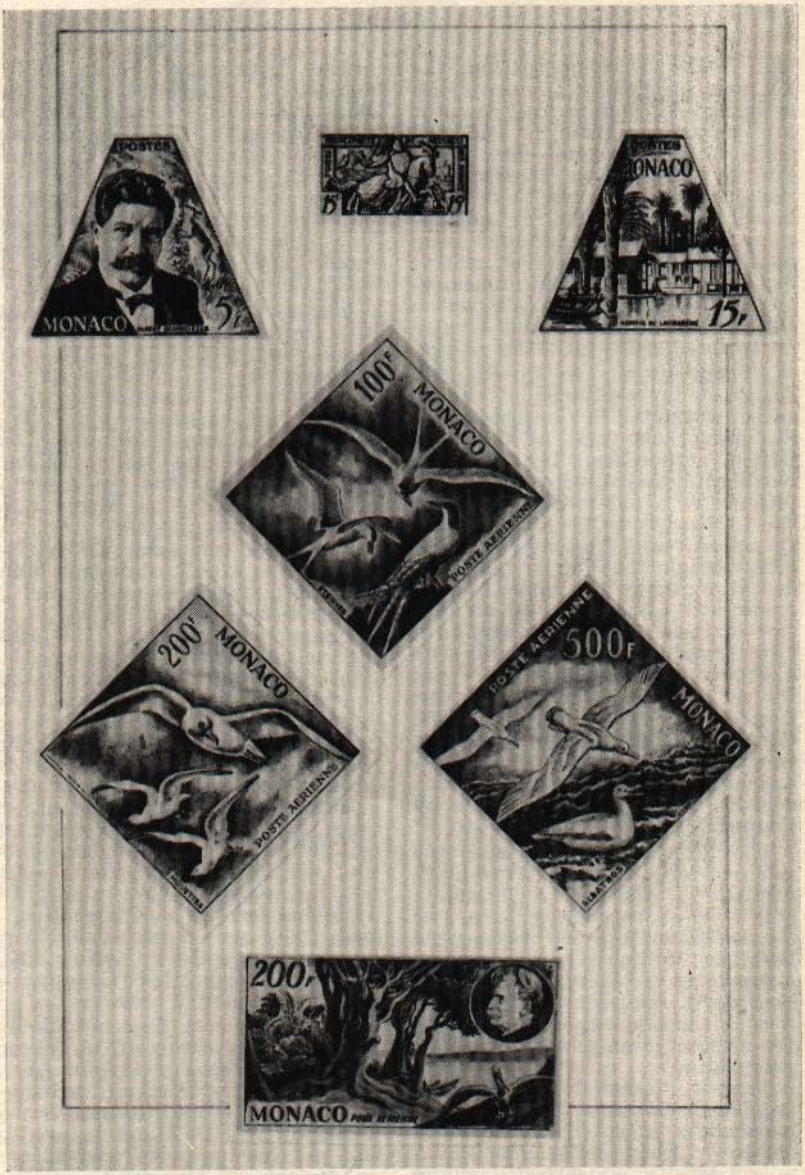
The next new issue of stamps will be the Musk-Ox and Whooping Crane and will be released probably April 4th. Then follows the Boy Scout stamp to be issued during the Jamboree in early August. As this is being written the dates of the pair of Prime Minister stamps and the Alberta-Saskatchewan Jubilee stamp have not been determined.

A booklet composed of the 1954 Queen type with 4c stamps in bilingual format is also anticipated in the not too distant future. The same value stamp in the 1953 Queen coil form has joined this 1953 Queen 3c value and is no longer available from the Philatelic Agency.

The 1951 postal Centennial 15c value is now only available in broken stock with no plate number positions in stock. The current issue 1954 design has been printed with Plates 1 and 2 for the 1c, 3c and 6c; 1-3 inclusive for the 2c; 1-5 inclusive for the 4c and 1-6 inclusive for the 5c. Plates Nos. 1 and 2 are no longer available of the 4c and 5c denominations. The 5c stamp overprinted "G" appears on plates 1 and 2 only.

I have still to find a collector who has seen a copy of the following: 4c, 1953 Queen issue in sheets precancelled with three pairs of double lines. This type was issued February 2nd 1954 and apparently did not have a wide use. If any reader can obtain a copy, on or off paper, I would be very grateful.

RECENT NEW ISSUES



The Realm Of Stamps

By Montor

THE 50th ANNIVERSARY of the founding of the Rotary Movement on February 23, 1905 at Chicago has been commemorated by a number of countries by the issue of special stamps to mark the occasion. Among those that issued commemoratives in honour of Rotary International are the United States of America, Belgium, Australia, Philippines and the Saar. These will of course be of particular interest to members of this international organization and may induce many members of Rotary to become interested in philately.

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Last month "This Week Magazine," which is published in the United States, had a most interesting article entitled "What your hobby tells about you." On the subject of collecting, which is listed as the most popular of all hobbies, and particularly about stamp collecting the author has this to say. "You are apt to have a high I.Q., and an unquenchable thirst for either general or specialized knowledge. The odds are better than even that your enquiring mind seldom permits you to be bored. You tend to be level-headed and not easily upset. And—this is particularly true if you are a stamp collector—you tend to be happier and better contented with life than the majority of your fellowmen."

There is no doubt that it is being more and more recognized that stamp collecting is ever growing in popularity and at the same time that both the young and old have much to gain by interesting themselves in this absorbing subject.

It is up to every member of the Society to do his or her part in promotional work for philately particularly by interesting and helping the juniors with their stamps.

Many of the large clubs in Canada sponsor a junior section. If however, you don't have one in your local club it would be an excellent idea to start one or to sponsor one for the kids at a school or youth centre. Kids do need encouragement and sound advice about stamps and the members of Canada's national society are indeed the people best fitted to help the kids in this way.

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For those fortunate enough to be able to get quantities of the current Canadian stamps on their mail a most interesting and attractive collection can be put together at little or no cost.

We are passing through an interesting period of Canadian stamps with many out of the way things to look for in forming such a collection. Besides the ordinary stamps and the commemoratives there are the coils, which are by no means common, and contain several varieties of interest, and the stamps from the booklet panes.

Precancels should not be overlooked. in fact are to be recommended, as some of the recent ones seem to be definitely scarce. And to round out such a collection do not disregard postal stationery. Some recent items are likely to be well worth looking for and should become good property.

The other great field of course is cancellations. The R.P.O.'s (Railway Post Offices) are in themselves a separate study and provide the material for the creation of a collection of great interest. Other attractive collections can be made of slogan cancellations and the various types of town cancellations, etc.

At first one might think that such a collection is not worth while bothering about and would be easy to form but just try and complete a collection of all varieties of the 1953 Queen Elizabeth II stamps.

There are precancels and postal stationery that will take a great deal of finding.

There is a terrific demand for the stamps of Canada throughout the world and the study of our modern stamps is well worth while, while they are still current and comparitively plentiful. Besides which a great deal of philatelic knowledge and experience can be gained by working on everyday stamps and much can be learned about Canada's postage history by the collection of the many forms of cancellations that can be found on them.

As an example of this form of collecting a most attractive collection was formed several years ago of Canda's war issues. This collection was made up entirely of material from the waste paper basket and contained no philatelic covers or such like items. It told the history of the Canadian post during the war years and one would venture to say that many of the cancellations it contains would now be hard or well neigh impossible to replace. Another specialized collection is now being formed of the Queen Elizabeth II issue of 1953 and believe it or not it lacks certain items which just cannot be found.

So do not despise this form of collecting, it can provide limitless pleasure and be the basis of a collection of the very greatest interest.

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RECORD OF NEW ISSUES

CANADA. 10 cents brown depicting an eskimo in a kayak with an iceberg in the background designed by Harold Beament of Montreal issued February 21. Also overprinted "G".

AUSTRALIA. New 1/0½ stamp portraying Her Majesty printed in deep blue on watermarked paper in sheets of 120 to be issued March 9 to replace this denomination portraying the Late King George VI.

BERMUDA. New 8d. stamps have been ordered of same design as the present 6d. stamp. Colours red and black.

CYPRUS. New definite issue has been ordered from Bradbury Wilkinson & Co. Ltd. of 15 values in decimal currency from 2 mils to £1. The designs will include portrait of Her Majesty together with the Crown and will feature pictorial subjects.

SARAWAK. The Postmaster General of Sarawak has announced a competition for the design of ten new postage stamps for Sarawak.

TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS. Portrait of Her Majesty and Crown with vignettes in black showing "M. V. Kirksons" on the 5d. green and Flamingoes on North Caicos on the 8d brown. Issued February 1.

BELGIUM. Set of three stamps to publicise "Floralies Gantoises", showing views of the Town of Gand and local flowers issued on February 15. The 80 c. shows the Rabat and a begonia, the 2.50 Fr. shows the Chateau des Comtes and azaleas, and the 4 Fr. shows the Trois Tours and an orchid.

DENMARK. Two stamps with additional surcharge of 5 ore for benefit of Liberty Fund. The original values on the special stamps issued in 1947 have been overprinted and the new values surcharged in black. The 20 ore plus 5 ore is printed in green and the 30 ore plus 5 ore in red issued February 17.

FRANCE. 12 frs. bistre black and brown organge commemorating the 200th anniversary of the death of le duc de Sanit—Simon (1675-1755) first day sale at Paris on February 5 and on general sale February 7.

ITALY. A 25 lire blue and violet to commemorate the centenary of the death of Silvio Pellico was issued on December 31.

JAPAN. New 500 yen dark red violet will be issued March 15 depicting Bridge and Irisis from laquered ink-stone box by Ogata Korin (1658-1716).

MONACO. Fourteen new stamps were issued on January 14 consisting of a set of four values honouring Doctor Schweitzer each of a different format; 2 frs. slate and green yellow showing the landing place of Lambarene, 5 frs. slate and green portrait of Dr. Schweitzer, 15 frs. slate and green, Lambarene Hospital and 200 frs. green and blue air mail stamp depicting Mediterranean sea birds; 100 frs. slate and blue, Sea Swallows; 200 frs. grey black and ultramarine, Sea gulls; 500 frs. grey blue and dark green, Albatross; and 1000 frs. black, blue and green, Cormorants.

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(Illustrated on page 8)

PHILIPPINES. Set of three stamps to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Rotary International were issued on February 23. 5 centavo, sea-blue, 18 centavo sunset-red and 50 centavo blue-green. The central motif of design shows the Mayon Volcano in Albay. The Rotary Wheel is shown at the lower left foreground and at the bottom right is the wording "50th Anniversary 1905—Rotary International—1955.

SAAR. Six commemorative stamps will be issued in 1955. "Weltmeisterschaft im Querfeldein"; 50th anniversary of Rotary; "Saarmesse"; Red Cross, Day of the Postage Stamp and "Volkshilfe."

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Quoting the explanation from the Philatelic Bureau, "When an impression was made from plate No. 3 damp ink from the plate corner was apparently transferred to the delivery tapes that carry the printed page of paper. The next sheet of paper was printed from plate No. 4 but the damp impression from the preceding plate No. 3 was also transferred to this sheet."

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