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From the Editor's Desk

by Steve Thorning

CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP

Back in the November-December 1996 issue we ran a letter from Robert Toombs, suggesting that The Canadian Philatelist mark the 50th anniversary of Canadian Citizenship. His suggestion was that collectors submit a few words about why they are proud to be Canadian, with related stamps or covers.

Several members have already made submissions, but I would like to have many more. A few will appear in the May-June issue, and I would like to sprinkle others through the remaining issues this year.

How about it? I have asserted in this column that philately and good citizenship go together. Let's all go on record and blow our horns for Canada.

WELL DONE, SIR

One of the delights of last year's editorial work was preparing Harold Gosney's topical treatment of Yonge Street. It is no secret that I have a weakness for off-beat topical treatments, and this one fit the bill perfectly — an unusual subject choice, but treated with wit and erudition. It was pleasant news when I learned that the article had been awarded the Geldert Medal for the best article published in 1996.

Mr. Gosney has been a pillar of the North Toronto Stamp Club for years. A few weeks ago he marked the fiftieth consecutive year of competition in the club's annual show. Does anyone want to beat that record?

Even after decades of collecting, Mr. Gosney has not become jaded. He still finds enough excitement and novelty in philately to produce award-winning articles and fresh exhibition entries. Double congratulations to you, sir.

ANOTHER C.F. BLACK ARTICLE

In 1992 this journal ran a multi-part article by C.F. Black entitled "Canadians and Armed Conflict." At the time, Col. Black told me that this would be his last major philatelic writing project. I was therefore pleasantly supplied when a large parcel arrived late in 1996. It contained a new and lengthy C.F. Black article entitled "Prince Edward Island, As Postally Recollected." I am pleased to commence the article with this issue.

As a historian myself, I greatly admire Col. Black's ability, all too rare in this country, to present Canadian subjects with excitement and in the general context of world history. I had assumed all long that he had done graduate studies in history. Only when I read his biography a few months ago for the "Fellows" column did I learn that his academic background was not in history, but mathematics.

This article will certainly provide fascinating reading for everyone. Perhaps it will inspire some Royal members to undertake similar treatments for their own provinces or regions.

ROYAL CALTAPEX 1997 ROYALE

As most members should be aware by now, the Royal's 1997 annual convention is being hosted by the Calgary Philatelic Society from Sept. 19 to 21. This is a departure from the normal spring date, but it will be upon us soon. Registration and reservation forms are included as an insert with this issue, and there is further information in the "News in Brief" column. The Calgary committee has been working hard, and this promises to be a superb convention, filled with that famous western hospitality. We hope to see a high attendance at this one. There will be more on the convention and show in our May-June and July-August issues.

DELETE THAT OLD OTTAWA ADDRESS

In recent weeks at least two people have tried to send mail to the old RPSC Ottawa address. Since the beginning of 1992, the business office has been located at Box 929, Station Q in Toronto, and the editorial offices have been here in Elora. Both current addresses are on the first page of each issue. The Royal's Ottawa box has been closed. Please make sure your mailing and address lists are corrected. Sending anything to Ottawa (other than mail for the RPSC Philatelic Research Foundation) will only result in delays and returned mail.

WANT A CHANGE?
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Here is the situation. Just about every dealer has a box of these that can be picked up reasonably. All auctions have collections and accumulations, and tremendous bargains are fairly normal. Even when prices look high, you usually wind up with stamps that exist not in the hundreds or thousands but in 10 to 50!

Best of all, consider this: NOT ONE CANADIAN REVENUE STAMP WAS EVER ISSUED WITH COLLECTORS IN MIND!

As I've pointed out before, nearly all come engraved (mostly the work of the American Bank Note Company) and if you think the 50¢ Canada Bluenose or the $1 USA Trans-Mississippi is the height of beautiful engraving, wait until you see any of the Canada Supreme Court Law Stamps.

Here is an excellent start. I recently purchased 100 packets of 200 different from a dealer who spent several years assembling the lot. Now a packet of 100 different sells at $25 or more every time. This 200 lot is well worth $100.

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I have two addresses. If you live in the USA, ALWAYS use the Pembina address. For Canadian collectors, there has been a change in my Canadian address. The old Station B (no, it did not stand for Bileski) which I've used for 57 years is no more. The old Station B post office, built before 1900, has been retired. All else remains the same, except the replacement for Station B. This is now RPO Redwood Centre.

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Letters to the Editor

BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC

Sir,

I have read the very interesting series, "The Battle of the Atlantic," by James E. Kraemer in *The Canadian Philatelist*. With reference to pages 284 and 285 in the July August 1996 issue, I can advise as follows:

According to *Lloyd's War Losses: The Second World War,* p. 1989, the ship referred to as T-2 must be the Norwegian *S.S. Thorstrand* which was lost on 6 March 1943 while bound from Liverpool to Saint John, N.B. It was carrying 1,324 tons of general cargo including glassware, salt, whiskey, aluminum, and MAIL. The ship was reported overdue at Saint John on 10 March 1943.

The M-790 is less definite but I believe it was the Norwegian *S.S. Scebeli.* Convoy ON-178 sailed from Liverpool on 12 April 1943 with one casualty, the *Scebeli.* She was sunk on 21 April. Most of the crew were saved, although the bow was blown off and she sank immediately.

The T-1 is a wild stab in the dark. The return convoys to the ON/ONS series were designated HX. Convoy HX-227 left New York on 18 February 1943. This convoy would have had a Halifax section. There were two losses in this convoy: the American *Wade Hampton* carrying 8,000 tons of foodstuffs and war supplies, sunk on 29 February; and the American *Merriwether Lewis* on 2 March 1943. The latter vessel was lost with all hands. The next HX convoy did not sail until 28 February 1943.

M. McAloon
Ministry of Defence, Historical Section
London, England

A PAID-UP MEMBER

Sir,

On page 407 of the November-December issue you listed some of the RPSC members at the CPS of GB meeting in Perth, Scotland last September.

You omitted Bev Wallace from that list. Bev has been a life member of the RPSC for years and is also a paying member of the CPS of GB and BNAPS. I don't believe any of the other wives at Perth from Canada are members.

Jack Wallace
Victoria

DEFINITIVE VARIETIES

Sir,

There are two stamps that were issued in 1995: Unitrade No. 1360H, the 45¢ Queen, sheet stamp, plus booklet numbers (Darnell No. 1637); and Unitrade No. 1360J, the 45¢ flag (Darnell No. 1638). Both of these stamps were printed by two printers and the printings are as different as night and day.

Let's discuss the 45¢ QE sheet stamp. The Canadian Bank Note printing, perf 13 x 13 3/4, has black hair. The Ashton-Potter printing perf 13 x 13 3/4, shows the Queen's hair as brown.

This same distinction carries through on all of the booklet issues, making this an extensive and expensive exercise to have mint copies of all the booklets, including the sealed and unsealed issues in both the 10-stamp and 25-stamp series.

When the stamps were issued, I looked forward to the 1996 editions of the Unitrade and Darnell catalogues to see how they would list the above issue. Well, I got my answer when the new editions came out — not a word in either book. These catalogues list variations of the smallest type in many of the earlier issues seem to be completely ignoring the blatant differences in the 45¢ QE sheet and booklet stamps. Are they waiting until the stamps are out of print, such as happened before, so that dealers can profit from stocks on hand? I hope not.

When we take a look at the 45¢ flag stamp, both sheet and booklet, we come up against the same situation. The CBN sheet printing, perf 13 3/4 x 13, has a light blue background. The Leigh Mardon printing of the same stamp, perf 14 1/2 x 14 3/4, has a very dark blue background.

In this case, the Darnell catalogue admits that there are two perfs, which signifies two different printings, but no mention is made of the most noticeable difference, the shades of blue.

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The same colouration difference carries through on the booklet printing, but again, no mention of the colour differences.

The two printings are so different as to warrant separate listings. All one has to do is to look at some of the minute differences that both books list for the Centennial Issue to wonder at their omissions in this case.

Joe Montgomery
Niagara Falls, Ontario

IMPACT OF COMPUTERS

Sir,

Further to your editorial "It's a New Year" in the January-February issue, regarding the impact of computers on philately: I have been concerned with the same idea for some years now until recently, when I read that Vance Carmichael of Vance Auctions has his son working with him in the business. Having been a bidder in his auctions for over 15 years and having sen how efficiently he runs his business, I feel that Mr. Carmichael would not have encouraged his son to devote his young years to their business if there was no future in philately.

Also, some friends who are not interested in philately but are computer experts feel that the Internet will be good for philately. So, will the post Office be used only for parcels in the future? If so, they will have to improve on their cancellations in order to have enough usable cancelled stamps to go around.

Robert J.H. Poulin
Victoria

THEY BOTH PLAYED AT LOEW'S

Sir,

Could you please check page 431 of the "Stamping Up Yonge" article in the November-December issue. There you have listed that Judy Garland played in *Gone With the Wind.* I think this was a misprint and should have been *The Wizard of Oz.*

Allen D. Quirk, Jr.
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

(Editor's note: Michael Millar cannot pin this one on Harold Gosney. The article originally contained stamps for both these 1939 classics. the last minute I discovered that there was only room for one stamp. In the haste I botched the changes to the text, and discovered the error only when it was too late. I plead guilty! About a dozen readers wrote to point out this howler. Mr. Quirk's was the first letter received.)

THE "PROOF" ARTICLE

Sir,

On September 18, 1996 I stood up at a meeting of the Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada in Toronto and offered my apologies to Dr. Jan Danielski for the improper language used in my letter published in the May-June 1996 issue, in which I criticized his article, "'Proof:' Toward a Correct Definition," published in the March-April 1996 issue.

In my original letter I queried whether Dr. Danielski breached the mandate of a philatelic judge by referring to a previously judged exhibit.

I unequivocally withdraw any such suggestion and apologize specifically for this unwarranted suggestion.

I decided on this course of action having read Dr. Danielski's letter in the July-August issue and understanding, for the first time, how deeply he was hurt. It was never my intention, nor did I have any reason to, injure or impugn Dr. Danielski's ability to judge. Neither was I aware of these feelings as he never communicated them to me and our relationship, until this point, has always been friendly.

The reason for selecting this particular venue was that I received my copy of *The Canadian Philatelist* just a few days ahead of the PSS meeting and was leaving for an extended period within a few days. This did not give me sufficient time to pen a proper letter of apology for this journal, where the article and my letter appeared.

I have apologized in person to Dr. Danielski and now repeat this apology in writing to *The Canadian Philatelist* and RPSC members. I would like to state categorically, and for the record, that my intentions were to point only to some of the dangers in making references, advice I myself neglected. At no time did I question Dr. Danielski's ability or integrity as a judge.

I was wrong in writing the letter without

giving it more thought and am grateful to Dr. Danielski for accepting my apology. He has proven himself much better and stronger than I.

Michael Madesker
Downsview

UNACCEPTABLE CANCELS

Sir,

As a life member of the RPSC for many years now I have from time to time noted articles in *The Canadian Philatelist* about increasing the membership. I doubt there will be very much interest in stamp collecting in the future if the post office keeps cancelling stamps as they are doing. See some of the samples I am enclosing — terrible cancels.. Not everyone collects just mint stamps as it is nice to collect stamps used as they have performed a service, but who would want to be a collector and receive stamps as enclosed!!! One $2.00 stamp has been cancelled three times. A good stamp for a collector has been ruined. These are not exceptions but everyday occurrences.

I think someone in the RPSC should contact the Post Office Department and ask them to do something about the cancelling of stamps. The situation at present is terrible.

Allen F. Miller
Belleville, Ontario

(Mr. Miller points to a recurring complaint of Canadian collectors. Many European postal administrations have taken steps to produce more acceptable cancellations, and we hope Canada Post will follow their example. Mr. Miller's samples are too heavily cancelled to reproduce here, but they now have a place in the Editor's Chamber of Horrors.)

A FAN FOR MEASURES

Sir,

It is with great pleasure that I read the ramblings of Jim Measures in each issue of *The Canadian Philatelist.*

Mr. Measures is a very good friend who never missed the topic of stamps over a cup of coffee. He and I are both past presidents of the Collingwood Coin and Stamp Club, where he was a great supporter of the Royal. Mr. Measures sponsored a number of club members and was responsible for the Collingwood Club joining the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada.

If there was a challenge, he would take it the plunge. When Penn State University offered a course on stamp collecting, he signed up.

The one debate that Mr. Measures and I never completed was whether pointed tongs or round tongs were the best.

Thank you for the mind jogging reading throughout the year and the great promotion of our hobby.

Jim Alexander
Collingwood, Ontario

ORIENTAL PAPERS

Sir,

It has come to our attention that we have been listed in your journal some time ago as a supplier of oriental papers and archival supplies ("Paper," July-August 1995). The address listed was our old one. The current address for The Japanese Paper Place is 887 Queen Street West, Toronto; phone (416) 703-0089; fax (416) 703-0163.

Nancy Jacobi, Owner
Toronto

SALES TAX ON POSTAGE

Sir,

The enclosed letters to the editor are from the *Gaceta Mensual,* the journal of the Club Filatelico de Caracas. [The letters complain of the value added tax on postage in Venezuela, initially 12 1/2%, later raised to 16 1/2%. Both writers suggest that the tax be incorporated directly into the price of the stamp, and that the value printed on the stamp reflect the total purchase price.]

It seems that not only Canada has problems with taxation on postage stamps. Perhaps other countries are now following this lead, since we as Canadians have not very vigorously protested this unfair taxation.

As you will see, the writers are not too happy about paying this tax to their post office. This situation does not happen anywhere in the world except for Canada and Venezuela.

Piet Steen
Hinton, Alberta

Philatelic News in Brief...

CANADIAN POSTAL MUSEUM

The new permanent home for the Canadian Postal Museum opens on June 11 in the Canadian Museum of Civilization in Hull. Occupying some 9,000 square feet of space, the new facility will offer temporary and permanent displays relating to the history of postal communications. The Museum's mandate is to collect, preserve, research and display postal artifacts. Shown below are some of the handstamps from the extensive and diverse collection.

In the entrance hall to the Postal Museum contains there are displays of Canada's first stamp, postmarks, and a jeep used for rural mail delivery.

A corridor, lined with brass pigeonholes from a 1920s Vancouver post office, leads to various display areas. One of the permanent displays is entitled "Fast Track," and deals with the sorting of mail.

The major opening exhibit is "Winged Messenger," an exploration of the development of airmail service in Canada between 1918 and 1948. A spectacular part of this exhibit is a de Haviland 60 Cirrus Moth biplane, positioned on a landing strip constructed in the exhibition hall.

A 1950s bush plane (Stinson 108 Voyageur) will be positioned outside the Museum in late May.

The exhibit is sponsored by Air France, and is supported by showings of the film *Wings of Courage*, a story about pioneer airmail in South America. The film is being screened in the Museum's Cinéplus cinema in IMAX format. Showings began on April 1, and run until June 24, Tuesdays through Sundays.

The "Winged Messenger" exhibit remains on view until September 30, 1998. Another opening exhibit is entitled "The Value of Error in Philately." This consists of some of the rarest printing errors in existence. This exhibit runs to October 13, 1997.

The Canadian Museum of Civilization is located at 100 Laurier Street in Hull. The mail address is Box 3100, Stn. B, Hull, QC J8X 4H2. Web site: www.cmcc.muse.digital.ca

VICTOPICAL '97

Victopical '97, the 1oth annual topical show presented by three stamp societies in Victoria on February 22 and 23, was a very successful exhibition, thanks in large part to a large number of junior exhibits. In addition, the students of Frank Hobbs and Pacific Montessori Schools presented three 15-page frames. The presentation from Frank Hobbs School was judged the best.

In the junior category, Roselyn Verwoord took a well-deserved gold for her imaginative and timely "Women on Olympic Stamps." All the junior exhibits were well done and the Victoria area can expect great things from its junior collectors in future years.

In the adult category, Gray Scrimgeour captured the Grand Award with a biographical account of Dr. Robert Bell of the Geological Survey of Canada. He told the story with postal history material from the 19th and early 20th centuries. This exhibit was an excellent demonstration of what can be done by a dedicated philatelist who is willing to do the necessary in-depth research required for such a subject.

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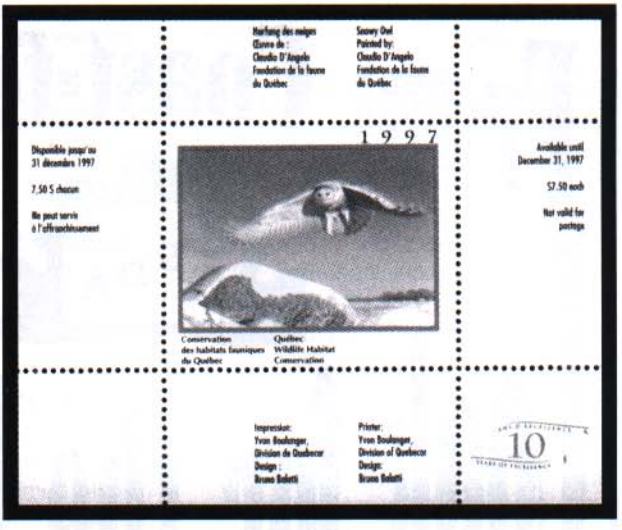

The 10th annual wildlife stamp issued by the Quebec Wildlife Foundation features the painting "Snowy Owl" by Claudio D'Angelo. The stamp has a face value of $7.50. Over the past decade, the QWF has helped fund more than 800 wildlife field projects through some 550 organizations. This, and previous QWF issues, are available from Darnell, Inc. in Montreal. The QWF can be reached at 1175 avenue Lavigerie, bureau 420, Sainte-Foy, QC G1V 4P1.

Visitors to the show voted Lindsay Kiessling's "Philatelic Felines" the most popular exhibit. The cats were popular with young and old.

Gold: Gray Scrimgeour, "Dr. Robert Bell of the Geological Survey of Canada;" Vincent Leonardson, "Runners and Blades." **Vermeil:** Les Rimes, "What Type of Ship/Vessel/Boat is That?"; Stan Freestone, "Norman Rockwell — A Philography;" Lindsay Kiessling, "Philatelic Felines;" Elmer Kennedy, "Canadiana." **Silver:** Robin Mowat, "The Hudson's Bay Company;" Bob Sharpe, "Stamps on Stamps;" Viola Gianetti, "Palettes, Palettes." **Bronze:** Joel Dooley, "A Glimpse of the Queen Mother."

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Silver Bronze: Matthew Padgham and Paul Gifford, "Space and Dinosaurs." **Bronze:** Timon Ferguson, "Stamps."

APS PROTESTS LIMITED ISSUE

The decision of the United States Postal Service to issue souvenir sheets for PACIFIC 97 with limited availability has drawn the ire of many American collectors. American Philatelic Society president Randy Neil has joined the protest, claiming that the 150th anniversary of American postage stamps is a proud occasion that all collectors should be able to share by purchasing the souvenir sheets at their local post offices. As a minimum, Neil urges, the number of sales points should be increased and the period of sale should be lengthened.

American collectors have had a dim view of limited-issue stamps since the days of the Farley Issues of 1935. There were later furors around the Hammarskjold error of 1962, and more recently, over the "Cowboy" Bill Pickett stamp on the 1994 "Legends of the West" sheet.

NEW AIRMAIL CATALOGUE

The much awaited *Air Mails of Canada and Newfoundland,* a joint project of the American Air Mail Society and the Canadian Aerophilatelic Society, is now scheduled for a June release. There are to be launches at PACIFIC 97 on June 6 and at the opening of the Canadian Postal Museum on June 11. The 550-page hardcover catalogue will have listings for all air-related philately of Canada. We wish both groups well with this ambitious project.

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It is not too early to make plans to attend the Royal's 1997 convention in Calgary this September.

Entry and registration forms are included with this issue. The convention hotel is the Coast Plaza. A block of rooms has been set aside for Royal members, at a special convention rate of $84, single or double. Hotel reservations must be in by August 18 to take advantage of this rate.

Convention registration costs $100. This entitles the delegate to admission to the show for all three days, entertainment, a reception, and the awards banquet.

Mr. J.S. Karr is in charge of the convention registration. He can provide more details at Box 1478, Calgary, AB T2P 2L6, or by phone at (403) 287-0897.

An entry form for exhibitors is also part of the insert with this issue. There is also a four-page exhibitor's prospectus. Dr. Fitz Roett is in charge of the exhibits; he can be reached at the postal address above, or at (403) 259-6094 (home) or (403) 640-4371 (office). Copies of the prospectus are available from him, or from the editor.

Further details about the convention will appear in our next two issues.

SPRAY ON CANCELS

For some months we have been providing regular updates on new slogans and various curiosities generated by the high-speed cancelling and sorting equipment of Canada Post. The following slogans are scheduled for 1997:

Mar. 30 to Apr. 11	ALPHA-TORONTO	(Toronto only)
Apr. 21 to May 30	LITERACY/ALPHABETISATION	(General use)
Apr. 21 to May 30	LOTO MIRA	(Quebec and Montreal only)
May 20 to June 1	B.C.C.H.	(Vancouver only)
June 1 to June 30	JEUX DU QUEBEC	(Quebec City only)
June 2 to June 6	SPRUCE MEADOWS	(Calgary only)
June 30 to Aug. 30	CANADA GAMES	(Winnipeg only)

Alpha Toronto is a local literacy organization, and the slogan is an in-kind donation from Canada Post. LOTO MIRA is a lottery in the province of Quebec that supports guide dogs for the blind.

Collectors are reminded that slogans may not run exactly as scheduled, and that they often run beyond their assigned cut-off dates. There can also be variations in size and spacing of the letters.

Below are some recent examples. At left is a messy and unreadable cancel from Montreal. It appears to be a spray-on used on large envelopes. At right, 1997 ALPHA-TORONTO and Literacy slogans; a spelling error (Alphabatisation); and a Vancouver example with a short top line.

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The President's Page / La page du président

by William G. Robinson

The affairs of the Society continue on a positive note with our new Administrator, Andrew Parr, gaining experience of our business. Ray Ireson, our Chapter Liaison Officer, has recently sent a newsletter to all Chapters outlining the various services available to Chapters and Members. The work done by such volunteers is outstanding, and they deserve our strongest commendation. Chapters requiring further information, or visits from RPSC Directors or Officers, should contact Ray at 86 Cartier, Roxboro, QC H8Y 1G8.

We have recently received a complaint from a new member who received unsolicited approvals when his membership was announced in *The Canadian Philatelist*. The Society is completely against such actions, and has requested the dealer concerned to stop sending any stamps in this way. If dealers send members lists of available material, and send them approvals after receiving requests for them we have no objection—but please don't send such approvals on speculation without a specific request from a member.

The Insurance Program, offered to Members by Hugh Wood Canada Ltd., 2040 Yonge Street, Suite 300, Toronto M4S 1Z9, is excellent and deserves much higher participation than it receives at present. I carry it personally, and recommend it highly. Different rates are available for home or vault storage, travel in Canada and the United States, or worldwide. Don't leave home without it.

In the last issue, I mentioned that Denis Hamel had moved from Toronto to Montreal, and had resigned as a Director of the Society. It now gives me great pleasure to announce that the Directors have elected Gregoire Teyssier, 4081 rue des Cascades, Charny, QC G6X 1G8, to serve for the remainder of Denis' term to 1998. Gregoire is well known in Quebec philatelic circles, having served as President of several bodies, and prepared the postal history exhibit at CAPEX '96. We welcome him and hope that he will enjoy his work with us.

Other Directors who plan to retire at the 1997 Annual Meeting include L. Col. William Bailey of Richmond, BC, Michael Millar of Barrie, ON, and Donald Wilson of St. John's, NF. We thank them all for their services to the Society, and will await with interest the nominations to replace them. Some interesting names have already been suggested, and the final lists should be in the May-June *Canadian Philatelist*. There is a good chance that several of the Officers may also be replaced at the Annual Meeting in Calgary next fall. We are glad to see the new blood coming forward, while we greatly appreciate the fine services of the continuing Officers and Directors.

Many members—including your President—plan to attend PACIFIC '97 at San Francisco during May and June. This should be a fine show, well worth a visit if you can arrange it. The RPSC will have a presence in combination with the British North America Philatelic Society, and the Caribbean Study Circle. We will need volunteers to staff this table, and would appreciate all the help

available. Our booth at CAPEX '96 was most successful because of the work of our volunteer members, and we hope PACIFIC '97 will be the same. My wife and I look forward to seeing many of you there.

We hope that all the Canadian National Level shows will be well attended this year. Every success to you all in 1997.

Postmarked OTTAWA

by Hans Reiche

PRECANCEL DISCOVERY

We are excited to report a major new find in a precancelled Canadian stamp. The 3¢ Small Queen with precancel G has been found with the 11 1/2 perforation. It will be Catalogue Number G-37eii-V. This is the first 11 1/2 perforation reported on a precancel. The find was made by Rev. David Izzett.

2¢ CARMINE ADMIRAL ISSUE DATE

Mr. Marler, in his extensive study of the Admiral issue, states that the Philatelic Agency in Ottawa informed him that the 2¢ Carmine Admiral stamp was first issued on 22 December 1911. Certain copies in my collection show dates of 25 November 1911 and 3 December 1911. Another copy is dated 15 December 1911. Marler suggested that some may have been wrongly dated or back dated. The first two plates were approved as stated on 4 December 1911, having been engraved on 22 and 23 November 1911. The early copies I have are from the first plate and they all have the characteristics as described by Marler.

Stan Lum, in his excellent articles on First Day Covers in *BNA Topics*, showed a number of first day covers that had been prepared by Mr. T.N. Legault. He was a Post Office employee and carefully prepared many first day covers of stamps when they appeared. These covers are scarce (just a few of each exist) but they do indicate clearly the first day of issue, or at least the first day these were available to him. These early dates sometimes conflict with the dates the Philatelic Agency quoted. It may be that not all post offices outlets received the new issues as early as the first day covers indicate.

Therefore, it is not surprising to see that the 2¢ Carmine Admiral (but not an FDC) addressed to Legault has a date of 16 December 1911, one day after the dated copy that I have in my collection. This shows that the stamp must have been ready at that date, a week before the date reported by Marler.

NO NEW PERFS

In the November -December 1996 issue we reported a change in perforations in some of the recent Canadian definitives. This report was a false one. The stamps that were measured appear to have come from a misperforated stamp or a heavily soaked bunch. Kindly forget to look for a new perforation.

THE PHILATELIC FUTURE

There can be no doubt that we have entered the computer age. The increase in the use of computer and automation is evident everywhere. What used to be a common practice, the mailing of business letters, has almost disappeared. Internal correspondence in large organizations does not exist anymore. Government agencies have eliminated written memos; connections between groups, agencies, and organizations is done by an inter-connected computer system.

Transmission of any information or mail is carried out electronically.

As long as you know how to type, the rest is left to the machine, no the secretary, not the regular mail system. The demand for faster information exchange is obvious. Time means cost.

So where does the stamp collector come in here? The large and beautiful books, the magazines, and the catalogues that are still being printed are on the way out. The first Internet-only auction, with no published catalogue, has made its appearance, and it could be downloaded in full colour. Too bad if you missed that one, and you will miss many more unless you get on the bandwagon of automation. The mailing of philatelic literature costs dealers thousands of dollars, and the Post Office loves this business.

But wait, as mailing goes down, and all the philatelic information you need will be instantly available to you at home. Conventional mail is rapidly becoming a luxury and an outdated information system. It is slow, costly, takes up space, and information, once sent, cannot be easily updated.

Albums and stockbooks will still be purchased for some time. These cannot be transmitted through electronic means. Sooner or later the demand for postage stamps will decline. Philatelically inspired may be a reminder one day of the good old days.

The Post Office will have to compete with the rapidly increasing electronic mailing systems.

The issuing of a large number of special stamps, in larger formats such as sheetlets, is not the answer. Collectors are turning away from all these special high-priced issues that have come on the market lately.

Even though the mailing system will change drastically, there is one consolation for collectors. The market is still full of stamps: look at the ever increasing number of philatelic advertisements and stamp auctions, and bourses. These will be continuing sources for collectors of stamps for a long time to come, even though the older mailing system will, sooner or later, be gone.

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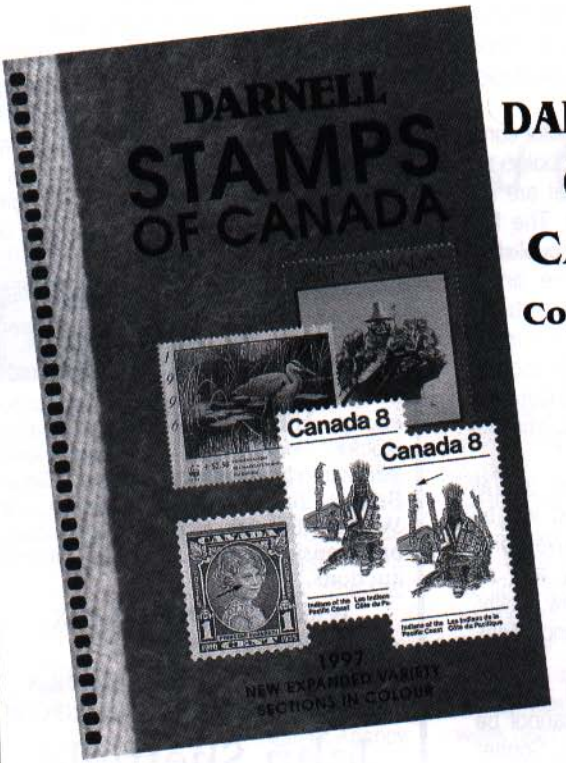

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STAMPS FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY

I am not Irish—but neither was St. Patrick. I am, however, a philatelist, and the stamps of Ireland are very interesting to me. Eire or Southern Ireland has issued its own stamps since 1922. In the early years, they tried to pretend that Northern Ireland didn't exist, and showed a map on one stamp with no border between North and South. In recent years the Irish Republic has issued some of the most attractive stamps in the world on such topics as flowers, animals, and sports.

In the north, Ulster or Northern Ireland is part of the United Kingdom and uses the stamps of Great Britain. Starting in 1958 Great Britain has issued a variety of "Regional Stamps" including issues for Northern Ireland. The design shows a portrait of Queen Elizabeth along with symbols of Northern Ireland such as the flax plant and the red hand of Ulster. These stamps are sold only in Northern Ireland, but are valid for postage throughout the United Kingdom.

St. Patrick was born in northern England and was named Sucat. While he was a teenage lad, Sucat was captured by an Irish chieftain warrior named Niall of the Nine Hostages, who later became the High King of Ireland. In or about the year 405 AD, Niall sold Sucat into slavery in Ulster.

He worked as a sheep herder in County Antrim for six years, when he escaped. He returned to England, then later went on to Auxerre in Gaul (France) to study for the priesthood. When he was ordained, he took on the name Patricius or Patrick.

In a dream Patrick heard Irish voices calling him, "We beg you, holy youth, come and walk among us again." In the year 432, Patrick, a newly appointed bishop, sailed to Ireland. He had planned to land in County Antrim where he had been a slave, but was blown off course and landed at the mouth of the Slaney River, not far from present-day city of Belfast. Once landed, he was captured and taken to the district chieftain, Dichu, who was soon to become Patrick's first convert, and perhaps the first Irish Christian.

Niall of the Nine Hostages, High King of Ireland, was never converted, but his sons were. Probably due to his relationship with Niall, Patrick was allowed to travel throughout Ireland, spreading the gospel. In the sixth century. St. Columbia, who was a great great grandson of Niall, took Christianity to the Scots.

When Patrick arrived, Dichu gave him a barn at Saul to use as a place to hold services. This barn was converted into an abbey and it was here that he died on 17 March 461.

In the 12th century the Normans, under John de Courey, conquered Ireland and buried the remains of three saints at the cathedral at Downpatrick. The three were St. Patrick, St. Columbia, and St. Brigid, the Roman Church's first woman bishop. The popes in those days were obviously not so adamantly opposed to women as priests.

Judging from their stamps, religion is important to the Irish, and so is the position of women in Society. Having observed this and seeing St. Patrick and other saints on their stamps, I can't help but wonder when they will issue a stamp to honour St. Brigid.

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The Judging and Exhibiting Column
La rubrique du juge et de 'exposant

by/par Charles J.G. Verge

REVISED JUDGES LIST

The revised list of Canadian judges and apprentices is effective February 1, 1997, and is offered for those Canadian and American stamp show organizers who wish to avail themselves of RPSC accredited judges for their exhibitions.

Please note that all judges, with the exception of two, Cimon Morin and Michael Nowlan, are available to judge all classes of a show for which their accreditation level entitles them, and those levels below their accreditation; that is, internationally accredited judges can, in addition, judge at both the national and regional level.

Only those judges bearing an "L" in their accreditation number may judge national philatelic literature shows.

LA LISTE RÉVISÉE DES JUGES

La liste révisée ci-dessous des juges et juges-apprentis canadiens est entrée en vigeur le 1 février 1997. Elle est présentée ici pour les organisateurs canadiens et américains d'expositions philatéliques qui sont intéressés à se servir des juges accrédités par La SRPC.

Veuillez noter que tous les juges à l'exception de deux, MM. Cimon Morin et Michael Nowlan, peuvent juger toutes les classes d'une exposition au niveau pour lequel ils/elles sont accréditées ainsi que les niveaux sous le leur; i.e. un juge de niveau international peut, de surcroît, juger les niveaux national et régional.

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A definite eyestopper was lot 1709, a set of seven vertical strips of three 1897 Jubilee Issue specimen overprints. The set included values from the 20¢ to $5 stamps and was described by the auctioneers as "showpieces." Estimated at $16,400, the lot sold for $5,775. Another rarity was featured in lot 1708, an 1876 cover to England with an 1875 8¢ Blue registration stamp and an 1876 5¢ Olive Green Small Queen. Estimated value was $5,000+ and the lot reached $6,325.

A special feature of this sale was the abundance of mint sheets. Lots 1387 and 1388 each consisted of a pane of 100 of Canada's 1¢ Yellow Small Queen. Lot 1387 sold for $2420 (estimated at $3,000+) and lot 1388 realized $1650 (estimated at $1,000+). A seldom seen 1897 2¢ Green Victoria Jubilee mint sheet of 100 of plate No. 7 in pristine condition was found in lot 1726 with an estimate of $7,800. It sold for a very reasonable price of $770!

A definite bargain was had in lot 1829, the half-cent Black Brown Quebec Tercentenary sheet of 100 (folded and selvedge separation). It featured the re-entry in position 44 and was estimated at $900+. It found a new home for $148.50. A lucky buyer picked up lot 1937 at a fair price as well. It featured a sheet of 50 (plate No. 2) of the 1935 10¢ Mountie and was estimated at $375. It sold for $148.50.

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MEA CULPA

Everyone, I am sure, is familiar with the old expression "what goes around comes around." Thus it is with your obedient servant and his column in the January-February issue of *The Canadian Philatelist.* Having chided my "Fellow Fellow" Harold Gosney, FRPSC, over his appalling lack of Presbyterian historical knowledge, I now find that he, and his Yonge Street article, have been awarded the Geldert Medal for the best article in *CP* for 1996. Not only that, but one of the judges was none other than that pillar of Calvin Presbyterian Church — and fellow Presbyterian elder — Harry Sutherland, QC &c&c. I have not yet been advised by the Principal Clerk of the General Assembly whether the Moderator rent her lace jabot in twain at the news, but I wouldn't be surprised. Anyway, all joking aside, heart congratulations old friend. The honour is well deserved.

A CORRECTION

I should correct one error in my previous column. Presbytery 25 was the Presbytery of Barrie, not the Presbytery of Ottawa. I sent it in correctly and since the Editor and I don't make mistakes, we'll have to see who we can hang the blame on —maybe the Post Office. I mean, don't they get blamed for everything these days?

SHOW YOUR PAGES, NOT YOUR STAMPS

I never enjoyed a great deal of success as an exhibitor — there are those who might say the same about my judging, but that's another story! I always attributed my lack of success to the ignorant clods of judges who didn't appreciate the finer points of British squared circle postmarks, or whatever aspect of GB postal history I was showing. Here I was, endeavouring to illustrate the gloom of modern-day philately with these radiant one hundred plus years old gems from my collection and all I could manage at the International level were bronzes and small silvers. This was particularly galling, especially since I had cleaned up at the local show — gold, Best in Show, Best Postal History, etc. Then one day, like Paul on the road to Damascus, the scales fell from my eyes and I discovered why I was so unsuccessful beyond the friendly confines of the Barrie Stamp Club. (Chapter 73 — better plug the local club or else I won't hear the end of it!) annual exhibitions. All was revealed in a learned article in the *American Philatelist.* The problem was with my pages. Can you believe it? Here I was, using Gibbons Simplex Standard pages — you know, the ones with the neat border — on the false assumption that the judges would be suitably impressed. Not so, thundered the learned *AP* author. According to his article, no longer was the stamp the thing, the thing was the page itself. Then, in a crass display of American materialism, the learned author let us in on his secret. What one needs is a top-of-the-line personal computer, the latest version of Aldus PageMaker, and the latest version of Ventura Publisher, and off you go. By my calculations this lot would run to around $15,000 (U.S., of course). The learned author illustrated his article with examples of his work and gloated that he had taken high awards at many of the "PEXs" that are so much favoured by our American cousins. I asked myself, how could I have been so foolish? Here I was spending my philatelic allowance on exotic GB postal history material, to impress the aforementioned judging clods, when I should have been spending it on computer equipment to produce fancy pages with which to impress them. No wonder they didn't like my exhibits. The material might have been of Large Gold quality, but it would seem that my Gibbons Simplex pages didn't even rate a Certificate of Participation. That's what did me in. I hate when that happens! I'll have more to say about computers and philately next time.

CANADIANA

...an occasional feature by John G. Peebles

ROYAL CANADIAN GARRISON ARTILLERY IN SAINT LUCIA

In the early years of colonialism, particularly during the 18th and 19th centuries, the islands of the Caribbean were the focus of many battles fought both on land and on sea. One island, Saint Lucia, changed hands no less than 14 times. As a result, several different flags have flown over the island. In 1996 Saint Lucia began to introduce a new definitive series of stamps to replace those of the "trees" series of 1990. The new stamps depict "flags that have flown over Saint Lucia."

Each new stamp features a flag along with other information about the period that is represented, such as the vintage ship, depicted in the background, that most likely would have carried the particular flag shown.

The flags are presented in chronological order, starting with the lowesr denomination (the 10¢ value) depicting the Spanish flag. Spain exerted the earliest influence in the region. The series concludes with the $25 high value, depicting Saint Lucia's independence flag of 1979.

During the First World War, the forts around Port Castries in Saint Lucia were manned by the Royal Canadian Garrison Artillery from 1915 to 1919. Canadians also performed Coast Guard duties and mine sweeping operations, while training the local defence force. As a result, Canada is honoured on the $5 definitive. The Canadian flag of the 1915 to 1919 era is featured.

The entire definitive series was designed by John Batchelor of Wimborne, Dorset, England. Batchelor's illustrations have been featured for over 30 years in numerous books, magazines, and advertising material distributed throughout the world. The award-winning illustrator specializes in technical military and transport subjects. Batchelor boasts a personal library of 3000 data files and 2500 technical books and manuals, and these resources have helped him in producing stamps for some 30 countries around the world.

What actually goes into the making of a stamp? When contacyted by us, John Batchelor was able to provide background information on the Saint Lucia stamps. Wrote designer Batchelor:

"The St. Lucia stamps were most interesting to work on and I am delighted to be able to 'flesh out' the story behind them. I was commissioned to illustrate the 16 stamps of flags which have flown over the island since the 1500s but I felt that just reproductions of flags could be boring so I suggested having the flags 'flying' would be more interesting and reducing them in size to allow a ship of the period to be included would take the eyes of the ship stamp enthusiasts."I put this idea to Colin Freeman at Crown Agents and he put it to the Philatelic Bureau in St. Lucia and they came back with a firm approval.

"To say the world of flags is a minefield is an understatement. I was killing time at an airport when I saw a publication called *Flags of Europe* and bought it for future reference but in there found reference to an organization called the Flag Institute. As there were several flags for which I needed detail I contacted them and had the most amazing help in return. The director, Dr. William Crampton, took a personal interest when he found out what I was up to, making very useful suggestions about the flags, dates, etc. I had already tried to find out labout the Canadian flag of 1915-19 by asking my wife who was teaching in Vancouver, B.C. to check the local

reference library. They could not help! The Flag Institute sent me a full colour sheet with all of the details I needed along with similar sheets for several of the other flags. They have the most amazing details of any flag you would care to mention with history, colour details, proportions, etc., etc. Anyone even remotely interested in flags should join the Institute for regular updates about flags of the world.

"Enclosed is an item that is part of the build up to the final art of the Canadian flag stamp.

"Although there were plenty of Canadians serving in ships of the Royal Navy during World War I the, asit was known then, Dominion of Canada had very few modern, ocean going warships under the flag of Canada. There was only one large cruiser, the 11,000 ton *HMCS Niobe* but because of a grounding accident in 1914 was used only as a depot and training ship. I found a small photo in a Hulton library book on the Firdt World War, a photo of a V & W class destroyer flying what I first thought was a Red Ensign but then noticed a crest on the flag. The photograph taken in the West Indies proved that at least one 'modern' V & W sailed under the Canadian flag for a while so I selected it for the stamp. As far as a reference is concerned, I have many photos of these and other ships of World War I, also many Admiralty drawings in great detail so I had no trouble getting the details right. I have written to an American friend living in Germany and hope to find out the name of the ship on the stamp. If anyone knows, it will be him as he knows the tiny details of navies the world over. Should the name be confirmed I will send it to you."

Shown above is the pencil drawing provided to us by John Batchelor and which was submitted to Sdaint Lucia postal officials. It can be compared with the final stamp version which graces the cover of this issue.

Each stamp in the series was printed using lithography by BDT International Security Printing Limited. The stamps were printed on CA watermarked paper in sheets of 50 in two panes of 25 stamps with a gutter between. The 10¢ to 40¢ denominations were issued on September 16, 1996; the 50¢ to 95¢ values on November 18, 1996, and the $1 to $25 high values on January 8, 1997.

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NORTHERN GOLD:
The Post Offices of the Yukon and Northwestern British Columbia

by William G. Robinson, FRPSC

The first part of this article covered post offices opened from 1894 to 1905—generally considered to be the golden age of the Klondike Gold Rush. This second part covers later post offices opened up to the outbreak of World War II in 1939.

POST OFFICES OPENED FROM 1906 TO 1939

Conrad

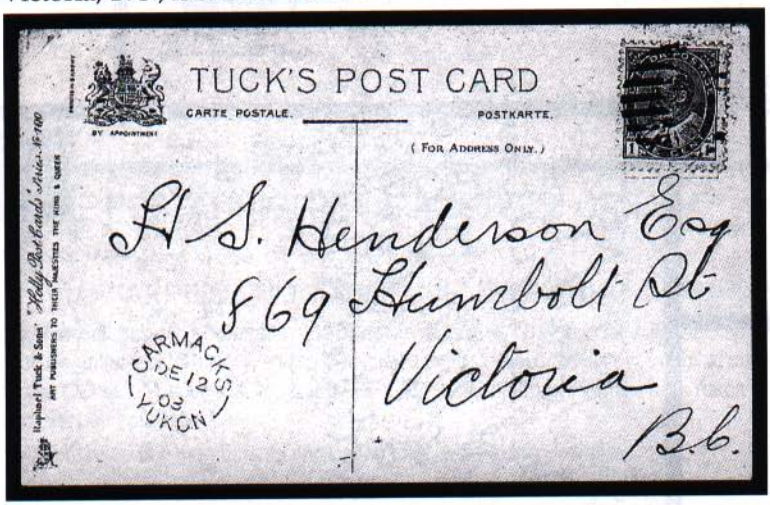
Open from July 1, 1906 to October 12, 1910, this office was located at the Montana Silver Mine, on the west shore of the Windy Arm of Tagish Lake, five miles southeast of Carcross. Examples of the earliest (August 15, 1906) and latest (February 13, 1907) markings reported are shown below.

Livingstone Creek

A placer gold strike was made on a tributary of the Big Salmon River, some 50 miles southeast of White Horse. A post office was opened here February 8, 1908. It closed on September 30, 1915. The latest known strike is shown below. Woodall reported in 1976 that only one example was known. A few more have turned up since then.

Carmacks

This office was opened August 1, 1908, near the Tantalus Coal Mine, 125 miles north of White Horse. It was named for George Carmack, one of the discoverers of gold on Rabbit (or Bonanza) Creek in 1896. He lived at this location for some time. This office is still open, The earliest marking, dated December 12, 1908 and sent to Victoria, B.C., is shown below.



Robinson Station

This office was opened February 1, 1909, at a White Pass and Yukon Railway siding

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It closed May 5, 1915, and no markings are known. The writer camped here with a Topographical Survey of Canada party for some time during the summer of 1944, but even then there was no postal history evident. A proof strike, dated February 6, 1909, appears at right.

Minto Bridge

Interest in mining eventually shifted to the Stewart River base metal area. This office opened about 175 miles east of Dawson on November 1, 1910. It closed temporarily on April 15, 1918, only to re-open on June 1, 1918. The office closed for good on July 1, 1921. It was named for Lord Minto, a Governor General of Canada. Only two examples are known in collectors' hands. At the top of the opposite page is the earlier one, dated April 10, 1914, and addressed to California.

Black Hills

Also located in the Stewart River base metal area, the Black Hills post office opened on August 1, 1910, to serve placer miners on a tributary of the Stewart River, 65 miles south of Dawson. The office remained open until October 25, 1924. The example shown opposite, second from the top, was mailed on September 17, 1911, and is addressed to California. Woodall, in his 1976 book, commented, "No postmarks known."

Glacier Creek

Another post office, originally named Glacier, was opened August 1, 1910 to serve a mining camp some sixty miles west of Dawson, near the Alaska border. The name was changed to Glacier Creek on December 1, 1910, to avoid confusion with Glacier, B.C. It is doubtful that any markings exist for the short-lived name of Glacier, Yukon. The third item opposite is a registered cover mailed on August 17, 1929 to Montreal.

Champagne

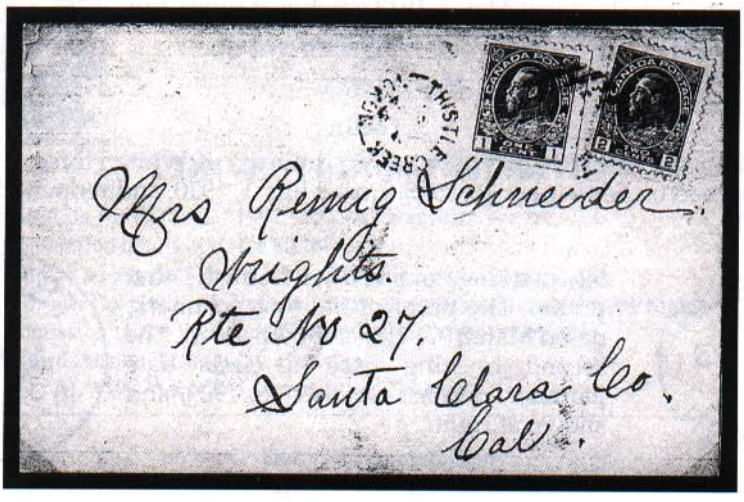
The Champagne post office opened June 1, 1911 to serve the trading post at the north end of the Dalton Trail from Dyea, Alaska, and the Dominion Experimental Farm.

Few markings are known, except those from the Yukon Airways & Exploration Company's first flight covers of June 23, 1929, one of which is shown opposite, bottom. This post office remained open until August 10, 1949, but the latest reported marking is May 18, 1942. This strike is shown at right.

Thistle Creek

This office opened July 1, 1911, and closed June 1, 1923. It was located at a mining camp on the Yukon River, between Stewart River and Kirkman Creek, some 220

miles northwest of White Horse. Only one example of the postmark is known. Dated April 12, 1923 on a cover to California, it is shown below.



Glenboyle

The Glenboyle post office was opened March 1, 1913 at the headquarters of the Yukon Consolidated Gold Corporation on Bear Creek, six miles southeast of Dawson. It was named for Colonel Joseph Boyle, a mining executive. The office closed May 1, 1918. Below is the later of two known examples, dated July 31, 1914.

Scroggie Creek

Located on a tributary of the Stewart River, the Scroggie Creek post office served a mining camp from May 1, 1913 to July 30, 1925. Two examples have been reported. The proof strike of March 12, 1913, is shown at right.

Another office in the same area as Scroggie Creek, to be called Scroggie Forks, was authorized to be opened on June 1, 1913. A proof strike exists, dated May 2, 1913 (shown at right), but the Scroggie Forks post office never opened.

Teslin

Located on the east side of Teslin Lake, southeast of White Horse, the Teslin office opened on September 16, 1913, closed July 1, 1920, and reopened on June 19, 1930.

No markings are known from the first period. The proof of the first postmark, dated March 3, 1913, is shown at left. The second opening used a circle date hammer, proofed October 26, 1929, and shown at right.

Mayo Landing

Mayo Landing opened at a silver mining camp about ninety miles east of Dawson, at the junction of the Mayo and Stewart Rivers, on June 19, 1914. The name changed to Mayo on August 2, 1958. The office is still open. A registered cover, with the earliest reported strike of the registration box, dated June 27, 1927, is shown below.

Kirkman Creek

Gold was discovered here in 1898 by the Kirkman brothers of California, on the east bank of the Yukon River, some twenty-five miles south of the mouth of the Stewart River. A post office was open here from July 1, 1917 to September 30, 1917; and again from June 1, 1923 to September 30, 1932. In his 1976 study, Woodall stated "No postmarks reported," but a few have since been located. One example dated December 1, 1926, on a cover to California, is shown at the top of page 119.

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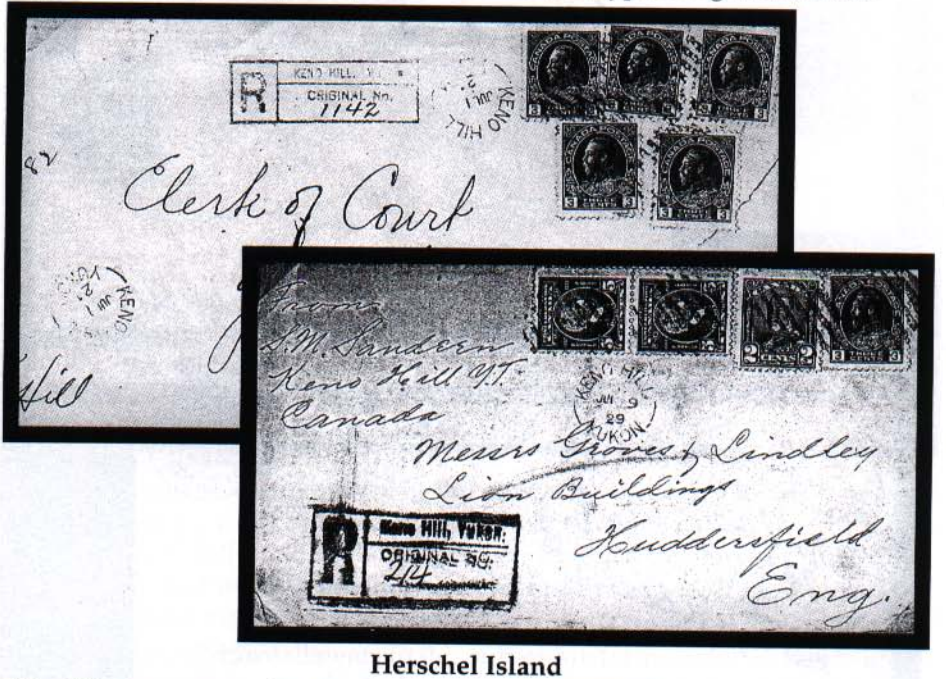
Keno Hill

This office opened July 1, 1921, so residents of a mining camp a hundred miles east of Dawson would not have to travel to Mayo Landing for mail. The office closed June 25, 1968. A registered cover to Dawson is shown below. This is the first report of the early boxed registration marking. The lower illustration shows a second registered cover, dated June 9, 1929. It has the later type of registration box.



Herschel Island

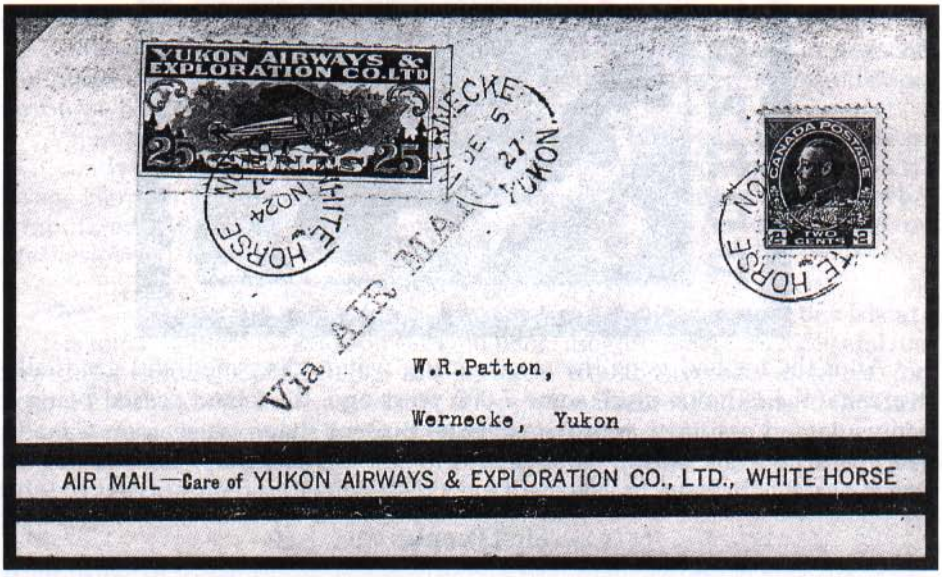
This office was unusual in that it was not connected with the search for minerals. It opened on April 17, 1925 at an R.C.M.P. post on an island in the Beaufort Sea, within the Yukon

Territory. For the first few years the office was administered by the Edmonton District, and was considered to be part of the North West Territories. The earliest reported cover, dated August 3, 1928 and addressed to Prince Rupert, B.C., is the first of four items shown below.

Wernecke

The last office opened in the Yukon before World War II was at a mining camp near Keno Hill. It was named for the manager of the Treadwell-Yukon Mining Company. This office provided service from November 1, 1926 to August 22, 1933.

The earliest reported examples are on White Horse to Wernecke flight covers, dated December 5, 1927. An example is shown below. At left is the latest known strike, dated December 17, 1932.



This completes the survey of Yukon and northwestern British Columbia postal history up to 1939, based mainly on the author's collection, which was exhibited at CAPEX 96. I hope readers have found it informative and entertaining, and that it will whet their interest in this out-of-the-way facet of Canadian postal history.

Two further installments to this survey are forthcoming in future issues of *The Canadian Philatelist*. The Yukon offices from the World War II era, 1940 to 1946, will appear in the May-June issue, and those opened since 1946 will be found in the July-August issue.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, AS POSTALLY RECOLLECTED

by C. F. Black, FRPSC

What is now Prince Edward Island became free of the last ice age, the Wisconsin, about 13,000 years ago. It was not then, however, an island, for it was connected to the mainland by a land bridge across part of what is now called the Northumberland Strait.

After the ice had gone the surrounding waters deepened and gradually overcame the isthmus until, some 7,000 years ago, the island ceased being a peninsula and assumed approximately its present shape, as seen on Canada 499.

First Peoples

Some time before the land bridge disappeared, a number of Paleo-Indians (Canada 1104) crossed that connecting link. Their presence is evidenced by their characteristic spear points or arrow heads that are still being occasionally found on various parts of the Island.

Later, about 5,500 years ago, another people moved up from the south and conquered or merged with their predecessors. These newcomers were the Shellfish People, so called because their former campsites, a number of which have been revealed by erosion along the north shore, feature mounds of decaying shells such as the oyster shell seen at the lower right of Canada 1409, P.E.I.'s West (Eliot) River stamp of 1992.

Canada 1104, 567, 273.

Then, about the beginning of the Christian Era, a group of Algonquins (Canada 566-69) moved from central Canada to this region where, by a combined process of conquest and adoption, they prevailed. These newcomers were the Micmacs (Canada 567, 1232; Saint-Pierre & Miquelon 550), who have remained on the Island, where there are still about 400.

The Micmacs called their island home Abegweit [Cradled on the Waves], a name that has survived, for example, in the name of the ice-breaker ferry (Canada 273) that plied the Northumberland Strait between P.E.I. and New Brunswick from 1947 until the early 1980s. In her retirement she is serving a different public purpose as a yacht club in Chicago. A successor, *Abegweit 2*, continued the same route.

Further recognition of the name came in 1962, when the Canadian Permanent Committee on Geographical Names gave the name Abegweit Passage to the narrows where the ferries cross.

A number of Island names are of Micmac origin, such as Cascumpeque [a bold, sandy shore], Miminigash [portage place], and Tracadie [camping ground]. Savage Harbour is the site, traditionally, of a battle between tribes, which may be symbolized by the clubs on Canada 563 and 571 and the tomahawk on Czechoslovakia 1401.

European Discovery

There is uncertainty as to which Europeans were the first to sight this Island.

It is unlikely that Leif Ericsson (Iceland B6b; Hungary 2533; U.S. 1359) and his crew of Norsemen (Canada 1105) saw it, but it would have been possible, for Iceland 214 shows his route as passing through the Strait of Belle Isle to the Gulf of St. Lawrence and leaving the Gulf through the Cabot Strait.

Christopher Columbus did not, of course, come this far north on any of his four voyages to America (Spain 418-32), but there was an interesting Island event

U.S. 1359; Spain 428; Iceland 214.

more than 400 years later that related to the *Santa Maria*, his flagship on his first voyage, in 1492.

In 1893 the Columbian Exposition (U.S. 230-45) in Chicago celebrated, albeit a year late, the 400th anniversary of that voyage, and replicas of his three ships sailed there from Spain. They remained in Chicago until 1915, when the *Santa Maria* sailed for San Francisco to be at the Pan-Pacific Exposition (U.S. 397-404). When, some time later, she was on her way back to Chicago, now being towed, her tug brought her to Charlottetown. By then her owners had run out of funds, and she was put up for auction. The purchaser was a local man, who later sold her, at a good profit, to the Historical Society of Chicago. Thus, for a time, what was possibly the only full-size replica of the flagship of Columbus was to be seen in Charlottetown Harbour, berthed at one of the wharves seen on the 43¢ envelope, Webb EN134.

In May 1497 John Cabot (Canada 1106), accompanied by his son Sebastian (Hungary 3314), sailed for North America on the *Matthew* (Canada 282, Newfoundland 270), and made his landfall on June 24, 1497, the feast day of St. John (Vatican 598, C58).

It was long believed by some Islanders that on that day he sighted P.E.I. For example, in 1847 a Charlottetown newspaper published a romantic account, in considerable detail, of his brief visit, including a description of a sharp contact with the Indians. In 1875 an historian, Campbell, stated that this Island was among Cabot's first discoveries.

Canada 282; France 297.

This theory has, of course, been effectively disposed of, but the name Cabot has not disappeared. In 1885-87 an impressive government building, which housed the post office and other federal offices, was erected beside the Provincial Building (Canada 431) where part of the Confederation Centre of the Arts now stands, and came to be known as the Cabot Building. As late as the 1960s a Provincial Park was established on the north shore, at the place where earlier stories had Cabot landing, and it was given the name Cabot Park. So the story lingers.

After Cabot returned to England and recounted his experiences, including the seeing of fish so plentiful that they impeded the progress of the *Matthew*, it seemed likely to the historian D.C. Harvey that English commercial fishermen would have come to the waters, including the Gulf of St. Lawrence (Vatican 128), that offered so generous a reward (Newfoundland 67, 183). They might well have sighted the Island. Fishermen from Brittany (France 1510, 1535) were also possible visitors.

Now, after all this speculation, we come to fact. In April 1534 Jacques Cartier (Canada 7, 208, 1011; France 296-97, 1923) sailed from St. Malo (France 347) for this part of the world. He is known to have sailed along the north shore of the Island on June 30, and described it as the fairest land it may be possible to see.

No contemporary portrait of Cartier exists. Those seen on the stamps noted above, and others, are based on a 19th-century painting by a François Riss, a Russian artist living in Paris. The original was for many years hanging in the City

Hall of St. Malo, which was destroyed when the town was bombed during World War II. France B200 shows the ruined St. Malo, where the ashes of the painting were probably lying among the debris.

Cartier's name survives on P.E.I. in the name of a Provincial Park.

Early Maps

Not long after the voyages of Cabot and Cartier the information gained by them began to receive the attention of cartographers. The earliest map showing any comprehensive knowledge of this part of America to be seen on a stamp appears to be one drawn in 1540 by Sebastian Munster, which is shown on Costa Rica C701. There is a large island in the approximate position of Newfoundland, and in the waters just to the west of it are indications of other, smaller islands, one of which would undoubtedly be P.E.I.

Ten years later a French mapmaker, Pierre Desceliers, produced the world map seen, inverted, on G.B. 665. On the original there is a recognizable P.E.I.

Costa Rica C701; G.B. 665.

In 1625 a former Governor of the English settlement in Newfoundland, John Mason, prepared the map, with the south at the top, shown on Newfoundland 223. It also shows islands in this part of the Gulf.

Samuel de Champlain (Canada 97, 227; France B305) also drew maps during this period. Although he mentioned in a written work in 1603 an island named for St. Jean (Vatican 598, C58), it appeared only as a dot on a map of his in 1612. On his last map, in the early 1630s, Isle St. Jean was recognizably portrayed and named.

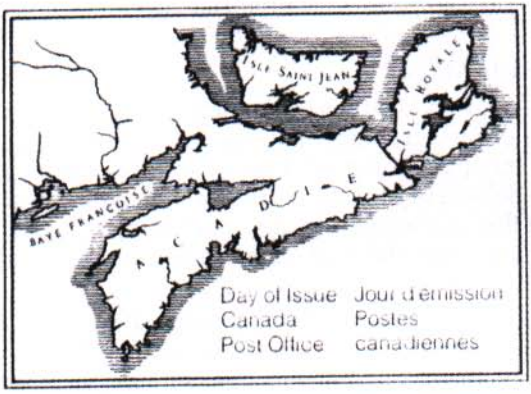
The (Interrupted) French Regime

Although it kept appearing on maps, there was little interest given this island by Europeans for many years after it had been discovered and named. It had been claimed for France by Champlain in 1603, but there was no permanent settlement until the next century. There were only nomadic fishermen (Newfoundland 67) during the summer, and in the winter there was some trading with the natives for furs (Canada 301).

Back in 1524 the Italian explorer Verrazano (Verrazano Narrows Bridge in New York, U.S. 1258; British Honduras 288) was so impressed by the eastern coastal area from Delaware to Nova Scotia that he gave it the name Arcadia after a plain in the Peloponnesian Peninsula in southern Greece (seen on Greece 1232) considered by the ancient Greeks to be an earthly paradise. Cartographers later in the century began to give the name to the general area of the present Maritime Provinces, but without the 'r' — the L'Acadie/Acadia of Canada 898.

Until the middle of the 18th century Acadia passed several times by treaty between the French and English. One of these treaties, for example, was that signed

in 1667 (Antigua 193-94; Surinam 349-51), which included a provision that Acadia be returned by the English to the French in exchange for the English part of the island of St. Christopher (St. Christopher 1-23) in the West Indies.



A cartographic depiction of 18th Century Acadia, based on a map by Bellin, 1757, and used as the cachet for the official first day cover for Canada 898. (Courtesy Archives of the Quebec Seminary)

The ownership of the island changed for the last time in 1763, when by the Treaty of Paris, New France was ceded to the British. Isle St. Jean became the Island of St. John.

There are on the Island more than 40 names of geographical features or communities that can be traced to the French regime. One of the early ones is Souris, which recalls the plagues of mice, that particularly in the 1720s and 1730s, overran the fields and consumed much of the food intended for human and livestock consumption. These were not like the mouse that Robert Burns wrote of, the "Wee, sleeket, cowran, tim'rous beastie," that is pictured on the 19p of the G.B. Burns commemorative of 1996, nor the jovial Mickey of so many Disney stamps.

Clockwise, from upper left: Antigua 193; France B305; Canada 898; G.B. 1996 Burns issue; Canada 227.

Some of the geographical names are of religious significance, such as Scentia Road, derived from an early settlement, La Grande Ascension (Ascension 241, 514-15). Others are family names. One pays tribute to a missionary to the Micmacs, another was in the 1880s given the name New Acadia. A post office there from 1889 to 1914 had the bilingual name New Acadie.

The British Possession

Following the Treaty of Paris in 1763 the Island of St. John was, by Royal Proclamation, annexed to Nova Scotia.

The British government was soon deluged with requests for grants of land. In order to consider these and to encourage land settlement it was necessary that an accurate survey be conducted. A proposal for such a survey was submitted by Lieutenant Samuel Holland of the 60th Regiment, the Royal Americans (Montserrat 401), which in 1830 became the King's Royal Rifle Corps (Gibraltar 287). His proposal was approved, and he was authorized to proceed. The Holland survey was carried out in 1765, the first of a series of surveys of British America north of the Potomac. He was familiar with the general area, having served with Wolfe (Canada 100) in 1758 at Louisbourg (a 1995 Canadian stamp booklet has five stamps showing Louisbourg at that time) and Quebec (Canada 388) the following year.

The results of his survey are seen, in small scale, on Canada 499 (shown on page 122). The improvement over earlier maps is evident when one compares it with that in the cachet of the first day cover for the Acadian Congress Centenary stamp of 1981, Canada 898 (shown on page 126), a map drawn only eight years earlier by Bellin. As instructed, Holland divided the island into three counties, subdivided into townships of 20,000 acres.

The Commissioners of Trade and Plantations in 1767 considered the applications for grants of land, and selected grantees by a lottery. The winners were given rights of ownership to 64 of the total of 67 townships, which came to be known as 'lotts,' later to be called 'lots.' Some of these lots were to become addresses and, when a postal service was developed, 19 became postal addresses with their distinctive postmarks, one of them surviving until 1923.

A good many Island place-names originated with Holland. A few were given to communities, but most were of geographical features.

St. Vincent 491

Charlottetown (Canada 499; envelope EN134) was named after Charlotte Sophia, the consort of the reigning monarch, King George III (Barbuda 76; St. Vincent 491). It is interesting to speculate what its name might be had not another woman had an unfortunate accident. Before meeting Princess Charlotte, the daughter of the Duke of the German State Mecklenburg-Strelitz (Mecklenburg-Strelitz 1-6), George was a suitor for the hand of Lady Sarah, daughter of the 3rd Duke of Richmond and Lennox. During the courtship Sarah suffered a broken leg, and while she was recovering from this accident his eye happened to fall on Charlotte. She captured his affections, and became his Queen. Thus, but for that broken leg, Canada 499 might have been issued to mark the bicentenary of Sarahtown as the capital of the Island.

Georgetown was named for the King himself, and Princetown, a community that did not survive, was called after the Prince of Wales, later to become King George IV (Barbuda 77; Grenada 1204a).

The place-names names were mostly those of officers with whom Holland had served at Louisbourg (the 1995 booklet) or Quebec (Canada 100, 388). Some of the more distinguished personages whose names are still on Island maps were:

Field Marshall Sir Jeffrey Amherst (Amherst Point and Fort Amherst National Historic Park) had been Colonel of the 15th Regiment (Antigua 278), later was in command at Louisbourg, and was rewarded for that victory by being appointed Commander-in-Chief of the forces in British North America, and then became Governor of Canada.

Montserrat 396

U.S. 1564

Cape Gage was named for General Thomas Gage, who had been in the 55th Regiment (Montserrat 396), and during the American Revolutionary War he had fought in the battle at Fort Duquesne (U.S. 1123). Later he, too, became Commander-in-Chief in British North America.

Howe Bay and Point were named for General Sir William Howe. He had been at Quebec in 1759, and during the Revolutionary War he was in command of the British force at the Battle of Bunker Hill (U.S. 1034, 1564). He defeated Washington at White Plains (U.S. 629-30). Later he became Gage's successor as Commander-in-Chief.

Gordon Cove was probably named for Captain William Augustus Gordon who had served at Louisbourg and Quebec. He was the grandfather of General Charles George Gordon of Khartoum (Sudan 51-59).

General James Murray (Murray Harbour, Murray River) had also been in the 15th Regiment (Antigua 278). He was at Louisbourg, was a brigadier at Quebec, and became Governor of Canada. He is buried in Westminster Abbey (G.B. 452).

Sudan 51

A Separate Colony

Not long after the lottery of 1767 the new proprietors decided that it would be advantageous to have the Island constituted as a separate colony, and in 1768 addressed a petition to the King. In June 1769 the separation of St. John's Island from Nova Scotia was authorized, with Charlottetown as its capital.

An official seal was required, and at the suggestion of the King its design featured a large oak tree, representing the mother country, and a smaller one in its shadow to represent this dependency. Under the trees was the motto PARVA SUB INGENTI, 'The Small under the Great,' and around the legend band was SIGILLUM INSULAE SANCTI IOHANNIS IN AMERICA. Representations of this

Canada 424, 827

seal, in a modified form adopted during Victoria's reign, with three small oaks, are seen on Canada 400, 424, and the covers of stamp booklets 1-10.

The Provincial Arms, granted by King Edward VII in 1905, also feature the oak trees, as does the Provincial Flag, adopted in 1964. The Arms are seen on Canada 424 and the Flag is on Canada 827.

The American Revolution

In April 1775 the American colonists commenced the Revolutionary War to win independence from British domination (U.S. 1629-31, 1686-89), and in November of that year the War was brought to Charlottetown.

The American Congress had been informed in October that two brigs loaded with arms had sailed from England for Quebec, and General Washington (U.S. 2) had ordered two armed schooners, the *Hancock* and *Franklin*, to seize them, but not to harm any Canadian ships nor, by implication, other property of the northern colonies.

U.S. 1629-31

These privateers exceeded their orders. They came to Charlottetown and landed armed parties who stole much personal and public property, including the Great Seal of the Colony (Canada 400), and took prisoner the acting Governor and Surveyor General. When the captains of the privateers later reported to Washington they were reprimanded severely for this disobedience, and dismissed from the service. Washington later wrote of the "plague, trouble and vexation" they had caused him. The prisoners were released and some of the property returned, but the Seal was never recovered. In 1778 the other Island communities, Malpeque and St. Peters, were also plundered. Perhaps in part because of these incursions, some 200 Island-born volunteers joined the British forces during the War.

A much more favourable impact of the Revolutionary War on St. John's Island was the arrival of hundreds of Loyalists (Canada 209, 1028). By the mid-1780s they formed about 20% of the population. They and their descendants have played an important part in the history of the Island.

Canada 209

Some had participated actively in the great battles of the war such as Lexington (U.S. 617-19, 1563), Bunker Hill (U.S. 1034, 1564), Cowpens (U.S. postal card UX87), or had fought the Minute Men (U.S. 619).

One, a Quaker and a follower of William Penn (U.S. 724) let loyalty to the British take precedence over the Quaker teaching never to take up arms, and fought at Lexington and was taken prisoner.

Another, Colonel Edmond Fanning, who had been the Commanding Officer of the King's American Regiment of Foot, was in 1787 appointed Governor, an office he held until 1804. The present Government House bears his name, and it was on the steps of Fanningbank that the Fathers of Confederation were photographed in 1864, during the first Confederation Conference, as seen on Canada 224.

British Military Presence in the 1700s

During one of the periods in which the Island of St. John was temporarily in British possession, a detachment of one of their regiments had an unnerving experience.

An ensign and 40 men of the 29th Regiment of Foot (Grenada 430) came here in 1746 to obtain food supplies, such as cattle, which they bought from the inhabitants. Some of the latter informed the Micmacs of their presence, and while the soldiers were getting hay for their newly-acquired animals the Indians surprised and killed the sentry and then killed or took prisoner most of the unarmed shore party.

As a consequence of this experience it became the custom of the officers of the Regiment to wear their swords at all times when in their regimentals, and the 29th from then on had the nickname 'The Ever-Sworded Twenty-Ninth.'

U.S. 1563; Grenada 430; Montserrat 393

For much of the period from the 1763 Treaty of Paris until 1873, when the Island joined the Canadian Confederation, small British garrisons were stationed in the Colony. They consisted of detachments of varying strength from regiments serving in North America.

The earliest of these to be represented on a stamp was from the 59th (2nd East Lancashires), an officer of which is seen on Antigua 329. They arrived in 1767 and remained two years.

In 1786 the 42nd (The Black Watch), seen on Gibraltar 276, began a tour of duty of three years. Their various responsibilities were not limited to military duties. For example, they were sent across the harbour from Charlottetown to

deal with smugglers, who were a constant annoyance.

The 21st (Royal Scots Fusiliers), on Barbuda 217 and Montserrat 393, followed the 42nd, providing the garrison from 1789 to 1792.

Jersey 103; Canada 1226

Spiritual Matters

Observations on the state of the Christian religion on the Island of St. John were recorded by two qualified visitors during the 1780s. They were far from complimentary.

The earlier of these was the Methodist 'Bishop' Black of Nova Scotia, who in 1783 was invited here by Benjamin Chappell, a friend and devout follower of John Wesley (Guernsey 362-66; Jersey 103). He recorded that "alas! the people in general appeared stupid, and senseless as stones, altogether ignorant of the nature of true religion, and of that faith which worketh by love."

Six years later, in 1789, Bishop Charles Inglis (Canada 1226), the first Anglican Bishop of Nova Scotia, indeed, of any of Britain's colonies, came to the Island, which was part of his diocese. He was not as severe as had been Bishop Black. Although he found the people hospitable he upbraided the churchwardens and vestry in Charlottetown for their failure to build a church. Her also showed his disapproval of the custom of having worship commonly conducted in the Cross Keys Tavern, "a very improper place." A church was eventually built, but not until 1802.

A Change in Name

The name Island of St. John was not entirely satisfactory, as it was often confused with other Saint Johns, such as St. John's, Newfoundland and Saint John, New Brunswick.

There were, accordingly, suggestions that the name be changed. For example, to New Anglesea, New Guernsey, or New Ireland. The last was actually adopted by the Colonial Assembly in 1780, but it was disallowed by the British Government on two counts: it was a "presumptuous act" not warranted by law or usage, and as well there was already a New Ireland, in the Bismarck Archipelago in what is now Papua New Guinea. Scenes of the latter New Ireland are found on Papua New Guinea 383 and 713, and Jersey 303.

Further action was not taken until 1798, when the Assembly, this time following proper procedure, recommended the name be changed to Prince Edward Island, after the Duke of Kent, then in command of the troops at Halifax. He was the fourth son of King George III (Barbuda 76). This recommendation was approved, and the change became effective on February 1, 1799. The Duke's

Papua New Guinea 383

portrait does not appear on any stamp, but his name is on the stamps issued by the Colony from 1861 to 1873. It is also on the many postmarks that have appeared since 1814.

The Selkirk Settlers

Thomas Douglas, 5th Earl of Selkirk, made his mark in the world by sponsoring the settlement of displaced Highlanders in British North America. He has been called "the most remarkable name in the annals of immigration to Canada."

He had first planned to transport poor Irishmen to Louisiana, but this project did not come about. He then considered the northern United States, but the British Government objected. He next tried Upper Canada, but the Government withdrew an offer of free land. Then he tried Prince Edward Island, and this one succeeded.

Canada 397

In 1803 he brought 803 Highlanders to this small Colony, many of them from the Isle of Skye, and settled them on land he had bought not long before. There had been little preparation for their arrival, and for some time they lived in wigwams and shacks, but they survived and flourished. They and their descendants have continued to contribute materially to Prince Edward Island.

Thus his later, and better known, settlement of the Red River Colony in 1812 was not his only one in this country, as perhaps implied by Canada 397.

There is on the Island a small community of Selkirk, and a Provincial Park also bears his name.

A Peninsular War Incident

The Arms of La Coruna (Corunna) on Spain 1059 bring to mind an interesting Island connection with the Peninsular War of 1808-14. In January 1809 the British fought a successful action against the French at Corunna. During the battle the British Commander, Sir John Moore (St. Lucia 360), was killed, and buried that night on the field of battle. This event was the subject of Charles Wolfe's well-known poem, "The Burial of Sir John Moore," of which the second stanza reads:

> "We buried him darkly, at dead of night,
> The sods with our bayonets turning,
> By the struggling moonbeams' misty light,
> And the lantern dimly burning."

One of the men who carried Sir John to his place of burial and dug his shallow grave was Sergeant William Johnstone, of the 42nd Regiment, the Black Watch (Gibraltar 276), a Regiment that previously had provided garrison troops for the Island of St. John, and was later to furnish garrisons for the renamed Prince Edward Island.

Some years after Sgt. Johnstone had retired from the army, in 1818, he mortgaged his pension and he and his family came to British North America in 1832 to settle on Prince Edward Island. He brought with him the bayonet, which is still on the Island. He also had a personal letter from the Duke of Wellington (Gibraltar 245-46) under whom he had served at Waterloo in 1815 (St. Lucia 633). In it the Duke had cautioned him not to seek a provision in the Colonies in North

America unless able-bodied and in a secure financial situation. He had, as well, a letter from Sir John's brother, Sir Garrick Moore, who enclosed a cheque for 75 guineas "for helping to carry my poor brother off the field of battle."

Sgt. Johnstone died on the Island in 1856, age 76.

St. Lucia 360; Gibraltar 276

The War of 1812

When war broke out in 1812 between Great Britain and the United States (Canada 501; Guernsey 24-27 and its CAPEX souvenir sheet), Canada became a major field of conflict. This War did not come directly to Prince Edward Island, but there were enlistments in the forces. For example, about 100 men enlisted in the 104th Regiment (The New Brunswick Fencibles), which in the dead of winter marched to Quebec and later into action. They performed "distinguished service" at Lundy's Lane.

Guernsey 25

British Garrisons in the 1800s

Regiments of British Regulars continued to provide garrison troops until the 1860s, some of them for more than one period. Their duties were not always confined to providing protection against Britain's enemies. There were also local problems that they were called upon to help control. Desertion was fairly common, and rewards of from five to eight pounds were offered for information leading to the "recovery" of deserters, but few were ever found.

Twenty of these garrison regiments have been represented on stamps:
The Royal Artillery, 1812, etc. — St. Lucia 750)
4th (King's Own Royal Border Regiment), 1866 — Antigua 262; Gibraltar 278
7th (Royal Fusiliers), 1847 — Gibraltar 277
14th (Buckinghamshires), 1847 — Montserrat 395
15th (East Yorkshires), 1865-66 — Antigua 278; St. Kitts 68
16th (Bedfordshires), 1865 — Gibraltar 277, the merged regiment
20th (Lancashire Fusiliers), 1847 — St. Helena 229, 240
23rd (Royal Welsh Fusiliers), 1838, etc. — Antigua 333
34th (Border Regiment), 1830 — Gibraltar 278, the present-day unit
37th (North Hampshires), 1839 — Gibraltar 288
42nd (Black Watch), 1850 — Gibraltar 276
52nd (now part of Royal Green Jackets), 1824, etc. — Great Britain 1024
60th (King's Royal Rifle Corps), 1843, etc. — Gibraltar 287; Montserrat 401

62nd (The Wiltshires), 1860 — Great Britain 309.
76th (2nd Duke of Wellington's), 1852-54 — St. Lucia 756
81st (2nd Loyal Regiment), 1823-25 — St. Lucia 757
83rd (County of Dublin Regiment), 1834 — Gibraltar 237
85th (2nd King's Shropshire Light Infantry), 1837 — St. Lucia 755
93rd (Sutherland Highlanders), 1838 — Antigua 265
Royal Newfoundland Regiment, 1805-08 — Newfoundland 115, etc.

During their tour of duty, the 14th (Buckinghamshires) were sent to the scene of an election riot in the Belfast district, the most serious in the Island's history. They found Scots and Irish attempting to settle differences with clubs and stones. By the time it was over several lives had been lost and scores were injured.

Montserrat 395; Gibraltar 287

Great Britain 309 shows Carrickfergus Castle, which the 62nd defended against a French attack in 1758. When they ran out of musket balls they tore the buttons from their uniforms and used them instead until the French were driven off. Since then they have worn dented buttons on their uniforms. They also have an unusual nickname, the Moonrakers, which they seemed to have earned some years later when some of their off-duty members were seen to be attempting to rake the moon's reflection from an English village pond.

The *Royal William*

The first vessel to cross the Atlantic largely under steam power was the *Royal William* (Canada 204). She had been built at Quebec, and on her maiden voyage, in 1831, en route to Nova Scotia, her first port of call was Charlottetown.

The superstitious Micmacs living near the harbour entrance, it is told, were so frightened that they took to the woods, and were greatly relieved the next day to find that Charlottetown had not been harmed by the "smoke-boat."

Two years later the *Royal William* sailed from Pictou, Nova Scotia to Cowes, the Isle of Wight, in 25 days. In England she was sold and became, briefly, a transport in the Portuguese Navy and then a Spanish warship, the *Isabella Segunda* (Spain 1256). She is also seen on Central Africa 639.

Canada 204; Spain 1256

Shipbuilding

The building of sailing ships on the Island began in the late eighteenth century and continued to expand greatly for some decades. Those shown on Canada 744-47 may be considered as representative of the vessels produced in the approximately sixty shipbuilding yards. The largest was a three-decker of 175 tons.

In the 1840s there were about 475 ships built, in the 1850s about 850, and in the 1860s more than 900. Many of them crossed the Atlantic to British owners; others went to Newfoundland, where they were used extensively in the fishing industry (Newfoundland 30, 59); and some went to other destinations.

One of these Island-built ships was the *Wanderer*, a brig of 173 tons built in 1847 by William Orr. Early the next year she sailed to England, where she was sold. The following year she carried 148 English settlers to Natal. The centenary of her arrival was marked by a pair of Natal Settlers stamps issued by South Africa, in English and Afrikaans (South Africa 108).

The discovery of gold in California in the late 1840s (U.S. 954) caused great excitement on Prince Edward Island, so much so that a company of 40 was formed to sail there and share the wealth. They left in November 1849 in the brig *Fanny*, built in Charlottetown, to sail around the Horn for San Francisco, where they arrived the following summer. Most returned home no wealthier.

In November 1858 the locally-built brig *Prince Edward* sailed with a shipload of 92 emigrants for New Zealand. Their safe arrival there would have been reported in letters franked with New Zealand 6-9. At about the time they left Prince Edward Island a settlement was being formed near the east end of the Island in an area so remote that it was suggested that it be called after the equally out-of-the-way New Zealand. This came about, and the name is still in use.

One of the Islanders trained in the local industry, in the firm of James Yeo, later became master of the famous *Great Eastern* (Great Britain 1189; Monaco 614; Virgin Island 553). She was the British steamship, built in 1858, that, at 18,915 tons, was the largest ship afloat. In 1866 she was used to lay the first successful Atlantic cable.

Clockwise from left: South Africa 108; New Zealand 8; Great Britain 1189; U.S. 954.

Postal Firsts

There was no recorded postal service during the period of the French Regime. The only reference to a post during that era stated that private letters could be carried, for a fee, by the couriers who were conveying the dispatches of the Governor.

When Prince Edward Island became a permanent British possession in 1763, Benjamin Franklin (Canada 691; U.S. 1690) was the Deputy Postmaster General of British North America, and remained in that position until 1774.

Canada 691

There is no evidence of any organized postal service on Prince Edward Island during Franklin's period in office. Most of the letters to addresses off the Island were then taken, at least on the first leg of their journeys, by private arrangements with ship's captains.

In 1775, at the urging of the Colony's Governor Patterson, a winter mail service was begun by men in a canoe, who made the passage across Northumberland Strait between Wood Islands, P.E.I., and Nova Scotia.

The earliest reference to a postmaster was the selection for that office some time after 1775 of a Captain William Allenby. This was not, however, an official appointment. He and three successors performed the required duties until the first official postmaster was appointed in 1802. He was Benjamin Chappell. He and members of his family were to hold the office for some 40 years. The first official post office building was erected in Charlottetown about 1807, the only one on the Island until 1827.

Most of the detailed records of postal services were, unfortunately, lost by fires in 1884 and 1892, but it is known that an official courier service by packet between P.E.I. and Nova Scotia had been established as early as 1816.

The first postmarks came into use in 1814. On these the Colony's name was over the years variously given as PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, PRINCE EDWARDS ISLAND, or in one of several abbreviated forms. Some time later place-names were added to the postmarks.

Not all were the names of communities, as some of the 'lots' into which the Island had been divided became postal identifications. Nineteen lot numbers came and went for some 90 years. The earliest was for Lot 47, in 1832 and the latest, Lot 56, was in use until 1923.

The most important event in philately, the appearance in Great Britain of the first postage stamp, the Penny Black (G.B. 1) on May 6, 1840, was not long in coming to the attention of Islanders. This was evidenced by a cover on display in the Court of honour at CAPEX 87. This cover, bearing a Penny Black (plate 6, position 1D) was postmarked at Kilmarnock, Scotland on 6 October 1840. It was addressed to David Chrichton, Merchant, Murray Harbour, Prince Edward Island, B.N. America. The exhibitor, Habsburg Feldman S.A., stated that "This must be one of the first stamp usages ever seen in North America." Is there an earlier one known addressed to B.N.A.?

A stampless cover, dated 27 Dec. 1841, with the PRINCE EDWARDS ISLAND postmark.

It would also seem unlikely that the beginning of the hobby of stamp collecting in North America would be associated with this small island, but Ralph Mitchener, in *The Canadian Philatelist* of May-June 1987 drew attention to the lead article in the May 1892 issue of the *Toronto Journal of Philately*, in which it is stated that "the first collector in America was Mr. George Dill of Prince Edward Island, who began a collection in 1859."

In January 1861 Prince Edward Island issued its first postage stamps, in denominations of 2d, 3d, and 6d. (P.E.I. 1-3). The 2d is illustrated on a 1991 40¢ envelope (Webb EN131) and two Special Events envelopes (EN131a, 131b).

A perforation change and additional denominations appeared in 1862-65 (P.E.I. 4-10). These were all superseded on January 1, 1872 by a decimal currency issue of six denominations (P.E.I. 11-16), which continued in use until July 1, 1873, when the Island became the seventh Province of Canada.

P.E.I. 5, 15

Underwater Cable

In 1852 the first underwater cable in North America was laid across the Northumberland Strait between Cape Traverse, P.E.I. and Cape Tormentine, New Brunswick. Leadership in the project was given by Frederick Newton Gisborne, portrayed on Canada 1138. On this stamp, the route of the cable is indicated on the background map by a white line. The only comparable successful undersea cable that had been laid earlier was one laid the previous year across the Strait of Dover from the South Foreland to Sangette, not far from Calais.

Canada 1138

The Crimean War

A number of Islanders served in the British forces that were engaged in the war in the Crimea from 1853 to 1856. A postal association with this war is found on stamps honouring Florence Nightingale (G.B. 613; Australia 284; Dominica 209), who established there a field nursing service that was later adopted and developed world-wide.

Great Britain 613

This war saw the first use of postmarks identifying British field post offices, which were in use there from 1854 to 1857. Gibbons lists 23 combinations of postmarks and stamps (SG Z1-23).

One of the chief engagements of the war was the Battle of Inkerman, during which the British Second Division was commanded by General Pennefather. On his staff during the latter part of the war was Col. John Hamilton Gray, a future Father of Confederation (Canada 135, 142, 224), whose home was in Charlottetown. Col. Gray had some years earlier, in India, married General Pennefather's daughter. As a continuing reminder of that battle the Gray home was called Inkerman, as was a neighbouring shore and a road some distance away.

Two other Island place-names are also the names of battles in the Crimea: Alma and Balaklava Road.

Montserrat 404

One of the British regiments that had provided garrison troops for the Island, in 1838, was the 93rd, the Sutherland Highlanders (Antigua 265; Montserrat 404). While in the Crimea they formed a part of a force defending Balaklava in 1854. A sudden powerful Russian cavalry charge took all the defenders by surprise. Their fellow defenders, the Turks, turned and ran, but the 550 men of the 93rd quickly deployed in two ranks along the front and opened accurate musket fire on the Russians who, suffering heavy casualties, wheeled and retreated. Reports of the 93rd's steadfastness referred to their "thin red line." Before long this term was being used in a broader sense for the British infantry as a whole, and this nickname was still heard years after the red coats and white cross belts had been succeeded by khaki and camouflage.

Christian Martyrs

Members of an Island family, the Gordons, who were Christian missionaries serving in the South Pacific, were to suffer martyrdom comparable to that endured by members of the Jesuit Order in Canada who, many years earlier, were killed by Indians they were trying to convert to Christianity, a sacrifice symbolized by the five crosses seen on Canada 1129 and Vatican C81.

George Nicol Gordon, a grandson of a Loyalist settler, Robert Gordon, studied

for the Christian ministry and was ordained by the Presbyterian Church in 1855. He volunteered for missionary service, and in 1857 he and his wife arrived on the island of Erromango in the New Hebrides.

The location of Erromango in the island group is seen on New Hebrides 208. A map of Erromango is on New Hebrides 238; another is on Vanuatu 280.

Four years later, in 1861, the island was ravaged by a hurricane, and there was a serious epidemic of measles. The natives held the "foreign devils" responsible, and they were both murdered.

When word of the tragedy reached Prince Edward Island, George Gordon's brother James offered to take his place, and after ordination in 1864 he too left for Erromango. Eight years later his mission also was abruptly ended when he too was murdered in a surprise attack by "savage natives."

The fate of these missionaries is still remembered in Erromango, where there is a Martyrs Memorial Church dedicated to their memory. In Alberton, P.E.I. there is a Gordon Memorial Church, which contains a collection of memorabilia.

Canada 1129; New Hebrides 208

Royal Visitors

In August 1860 the Island welcomed for the first time a member of the British Royal Family. The 18-year-old Albert Edward, Prince of Wales (New Brunswick 11; Newfoundland 32, postcards Webb P1, P3) arrived on *H.M.S. Hero* to a royal salute and an escort provided by the 62nd Regiment (G.B. 309), the "Moonrakers" mentioned previously, cavalry, and other militia.

A French frigate, *La Pomone*, entered Charlottetown Harbour, raised the Union Jack and was given a royal salute. One welcoming flag flew from an inverted gun barrel placed at a central street corner, where it still remains as a reminder of the occasion.

Nine years later, again in August, Queen Victoria's third son, Prince Arthur, Duke of Connaught (Newfoundland 113) was enthusiastically welcomed. He was to come again many years later, in 1912, this time as Governor General of Canada. On this occasion he was accompanied by his daughter Lady Patricia, who was soon to lend her name to a famous Canadian Regiment, the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. The 75th anniversary of the P.P.C.L.I. was marked in 1989 by Canada 1249.

New Brunswick 11; Newfoundland 113

(To be continued in the May-June issue)

CANADIAN BIRDS / LES OISEAUX DU CANADA

On January 10 Canada Post Corporation issued a set of stamps featuring four species of birds. The stamps depict the western grebe, the mountain bluebird, the northern gannet, and the scarlet tanager. The grebe and bluebird also appear on pre-stamped envelopes issued the same day. The tanager will appear on a pre-stamped window envelope to be issued in June.

Collectors have the opportunity to purchase uncut press sheets as well as the panes of 20. Restricted to 8,500 sheets of six panes of perforated stamps, these are on sale for face value ($54.00). As well, 1,500 numbered sheets signed by the designer and artist are available for $89.95.

Specifications:

Date of Issue:	10 January 1997
Last Day of Sale:	9 January 1998
Denomination:	4 x 45¢

La Société canadienne des postes a annoncé l'émisstion d'un jeu de timbres mettant en vedette quatre autres représentants de la faune ailée. Un feuillet de 20 timbres, qu'on pourra se procurer à partir du 10 janvier, sera consacré au grèbe élégant, au merle-bleu azuré, au fou de Bassan et au tangara écarlate. Le grèbe et le merle-bleu figureront sur des enveloppes préaffranchies, mises en vente le même jour.

De nouveau, les philatélistes auront l'occasion de se procurer des planches d'impression entières. On propose, à leur valeur nominale (54 $), 8500 planches se composant de six feuillets de timbres dentelés. Un nombre limité de planches (1500) signées par le concepteur et l'artiste et numérotées seront mises en vente à 89.95 $.

Spécifications techniques :

Date d'émission :	10 janvier 1997
Dernier jour de vente :	9 janvier 1998
Valeur :	4 x 0,45 $

Printer:	Ashton-Potter Canada Ltd.
Quantity:	16,000,000
Dimensions:	40 mm x 30 mm (horizontal)
Perforation:	13+
Paper:	Coated Papers
Gum:	P.V.A.
Printing Process:	five-colour lithography
Pane Layout:	pane of 20 stamps uncut press sheet of 120 stamps
Tagging:	general tagged, four sides
First Day:	Toronto, ON

Imprimession :	Ashton-Potter Canada Ltd.
Tirage :	16 000 000
Format :	40 mm x 30 mm (horizontal)
Dentelure :	13+
Papier :	Coated Papers
Gomme :	A.P.V.
Procédé d'impression	lithographie (cinq coleurs)
Présentation de feuillets :	feuillet of 20 timbres planche non-coupée de120 timbres
Marquage :	procédé général, sur les quatre côtés
Premier jour :	Toronto, ON

MASTERPIECE BY PHILLIPS / UN CHEF-D'OEUVRE DE PHILLIPS

On February 17 Canada Post Corporation issued a stamp featuring the 1930 print *York Boat on Lake Winnipeg* by Walter J. Phillips. The 90-cent international rate stamp is the tenth in the series *Masterpieces of Canadian Art*, and the first to feature a woodcut print. The design is by Pierre-Yves Pelletier, who designed all previous stamps in the series.

Specifications:

Date of Issue:	17 February 1997
Last Day of Sale:	16 February 1998
Denomination:	90¢
Printer:	Ashton-Potter Canada Ltd.
Quantity:	6,000,000
Dimensions:	40 mm x 48.5 mm (vertical)
Perforation:	13+
Paper:	Coated Papers
Gum:	P.V.A.
Printing Process:	six-colour lithography
Pane Layout:	pane of 16 stamps
Tagging:	general tagged, four sides on fluorescent paper
First Day:	Winnipeg, MB

Le 17 février, la Société canadienne des postes émettra un timbre illustrant le gravure *Un bateau York sur le lac Winnipeg*, créée par Walter J. Phil- lips en 1930. Le timbre au tarif du régime international (0,90 $) sera la dixième de la série *Chefs-d'oeuvre de l'art canadien* et le premier illustrant une gravure sur bois. La série ont tous été conçus par Pierre-Yves Pelletier.

Spécifications techniques

Date d'émission :	17 février 1997
Dernier jour de vente :	16 février 1998
Valeur :	90 $
Imprimession :	Ashton-Potter Canada Ltd.
Tirage :	6 000 000
Format :	40 mm x 48,5 mm (vertical)
Dentelure :	13+
Papier :	Coated Papers
Gomme :	A.P.V.
Procédé d'impression	lithographie (six coleurs)
Présentation de feuillets :	feuillet of 16 timbres
Marquage :	procédé général, sur les quatre côtés sur papier fluorescent
Premier jour :	Winnipeg, MB

CANADIAN TIRE

A new stamp issued March 3 honours Canadian Tire Corporation's founders, brothers A.J. and J.W. Billes, and the 75th anniversary of the founding of the company. The firm is now the largest retailer of automotive, home, and leisure

Le 3 mars, la Société canadienne des postes émettra un timbre honorant les fondateurs de Canadian Tire, les frères A.J. et J.W. Billes. L'entreprise, qui a commencé par un seul magasin dans le centre de Toronto il y a 75 ans, est devenue l'un des plus grands détaillants de produits de

products in Canada. The stamps are issued in a special format that includes a pane of 12 stamps and a bilingual, colour booklet that features an illustrated history of Canadian Tire.

l'automobile et de loisirs au pays. Le timbre, qui sera émis en feuillets de 12, sera accompagné d'un livret bilingue rehaussé d'illustrations en couleurs qui raconte l'histoire de Canadian Tire.

Specifications:

Date of Issue:	3 March 1997
Last Day of Sale:	2 March 1998
Denomination:	45¢
Printer:	Ashton-Potter Canada Ltd.
Quantity:	15,000,000
Dimensions:	40 mm x 30 mm (horizontal)
Perforation:	13+
Paper:	Peterborough
Gum:	P.V.A.
Printing Process:	five-colour lithography
Pane Layout:	pane of 12 stamps
Tagging:	general tagged, four sides
First Day:	Toronto, ON

Spécifications techniques

Date d'émission :	3 mars 1997
Dernier jour de vente :	2 mars 1998
Valeur :	0,45 $
Imprimession :	Ashton-Potter Canada Ltd.
Tirage :	15 000 000
Format :	40 mm x 30 mm (horizontal)
Dentelure :	13+
Papier :	Peterborough
Gomme :	A.P.V.
Procédé d'impression	lithographie (cinq coleurs)
Présentation de feuillets :	feuillet of 12 timbres
Marquage :	procédé général, sur les quatre côtés
Premier jour :	Toronto, ON

CHARLES-ÉMILE GADBOIS

On March 20 Canada Post issued a stamp honouring Father Charles-Émile Gadbois (1906-1981), the Roman Catholic priest who was famous as a songwriter and publisher of French songs. The stamp coincided with the *Semaine de la Franco phonie* (French speaking communities week), the theme of which was French Song. The stamp was designed by Marie Lessard of Montreal.

La Société canadienne des postes émettra, le 20 mars, un timbre en hommage à l'abbé Charles-Émile Gadbois (1906-1981), auteur et éditeur de chansons de langue française. Le timbre sera mis en circulation à l'occasion de la Semaine de la francophonie, dont le thème est cette année, La Chanson française. La Montréalaise Marie Lessard a conçu le timbre commémoratif.

Specifications:

Date of Issue:	20 March 1997
Last Day of Sale:	19 March 1998
Denomination:	45¢
Printer:	Canadian Bank Note Co.
Quantity:	7,000,000
Dimensions:	40 mm x 30 mm (vertical)
Perforation:	13+
Paper:	Coated Papers
Gum:	P.V.A.
Printing Process:	five-colour lithography
Pane Layout:	pane of 20 stamps
Tagging:	general tagged, four sides
First Day:	Ottawa, ON

Spécifications techniques

Date d'émission :	20 mars 1997
Dernier jour de vente :	19 mars 1998
Valeur :	0,45 $
Imprimission :	Canadian Bank Note Co.
Tirage :	7 000 000
Format :	40 mm x 30 mm (vertical)
Dentelure :	13+
Papier :	Coated Papers
Gomme :	A.P.V.
Procédé d'impression	lithographie (cinq coleurs)
Présentation de feuillets :	feuillet of 20 timbres
Marquage :	procédé général, sur les quatre côtés
Premier jour :	Ottawa, ON

HORTICULTURAL EXHIBITION / EXPOSITION FLORALE

Canada Post issued a stamp on April 4 to coincide with the opening of *Québec en Fleurs 97*, an international exhibition of ornamental horticulture. The exhibition ran April 4 to 13 in Quebec City. This is only the thrd time that an international horticultural exhibition has been held in North America. Claude A. Simard of Sainte-Foy designed the stamp, which features a watercolour of a blue poppy.

Specifications:

Date of Issue:	4 April 1997
Last Day of Sale:	3 April 1998
Denomination:	45¢
Printer:	Ashton-Potter Canada Ltd.
Quantity:	9,600,000
Dimensions:	30.5 mm x 36 mm (vertical)
Perforation:	13+
Paper:	Peterborough
Gum:	P.V.A.
Printing Process:	five-colour lithography
Pane Layout:	booklets of 12 stamps
Tagging:	general tagged, four sides
First Day:	Quebec, QC

La Société canadienne des postes a annoncé qu'un timbre soulignant la tenue de *Québec en Fleurs 97* sera mis en circulation le 4 avril, journée d'ouverture de ces floralies, qui se poursuivront à Québec. Ce n'est que la troisième fois qu'une exposition internationale d'horticulture ornementale se tiendra en Amérique du Nord. Claude A. Simard a réalisé l'aquarelle d'un pavot bleu qui orne le timbre.

Spécifications techniques

Date d'émission :	4 avril 1997
Dernier jour de vente :	3 avril 1998
Valeur :	0,45 $
Imprimission :	Ashton-Potter Canada Ltd.
Tirage :	9 600 000
Format :	30.5 mm x 36 mm (vertical)
Dentelure :	13+
Papier :	Peterborough
Gomme :	A.P.V.
Procédé d'impression	lithographie (cinq coleurs)
Présentation de feuillets :	carnet de 12 timbres
Marquage :	procédé général, sur les quatre côtés
Premier jour :	Québec, QC

LESTER B. PEARSON COMMEMORATIVE ENVELOPES

On April 23 Canada Post will release a limited edition of 5,000 sets of three envelopes bearing portraits of Lester Pearson to mark the centenary of his birth. They will be franked with 45¢ flag stamps, and will be available only through the National Philatelic Centre in Antigonish.

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BOXES IN ALL COLLECTING AREAS, BUT PLEASE, NO MIXED AREAS.

No one is buying blocks or recernt FDCs. There is some interest in booklets, booklet panes, and souvenir sheets. Books in unusual areas are welcome. We can't promise that they will sell, although they often do.

When pricing stamps, please round up or down to the nearest five cents.

All common stamps should now be put in Nickel Boxes. All stamps in Nickel Boxes are currently priced at ten cents, but we didn't change the name. Minimum price for a stamp in a book is 15 cents, with the exception of stamps that are part of a set. No incomplete sets please. Now that we have most of the common stamps out of the booklets, we have room on the rack for rare and valuable ones.

Minimum handling charge on books and Nickel Boxes is $5. Please note that the commission charged is 20% as of 1 January 1996. Books whose value falls below $30 and Nickel Boxes whose value falls below $100 are withdrawn.

The stamp circuit constantly needs good saleable material, so get busy and let us hear from you.

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From F. Warren Dickson, Anti-Theft Committee....

Stolen from a dealer at the PHILEX show at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre on Sunday, January 12: One blue coloured album containing various Canadian covers between 1870 and 1970, of a total value of $10,000 to $12,000. The thief was seen and can be identified. Photocopies are available for scrutiny from the Anti-Theft Committee. Please call Warren Dickson during business hours at (416) 222-7240.

From the National Office....

by Andrew D. Parr

In the last issue of *The Canadian Philatelist*, it was announced that new mangement had been introduced to the National Office. These changes are designed to bridge the gap between the membership and the administration of the Society.

Notes de Bureau National....

par Andrew D. Parr

Dans le dernier numéro *Philatéliste canadien*, on a annonceé qu'un nouveau système de gestion pour le bureau national. Ces changements ont été introuits pour faciliter les relations entre les membres et l'administration de la Société royale de philatélie du Canada.

We intend to bridge that gap by offering all members of the RPSC a single point of contact. Members can contact the National Office by mail, telephone, fax, and e-mail. We look forward to speaking with you, getting to know your needs, hearing your suggestions, and addressing any difficulties.

The purpose of this change is quite simple but important. The Board of Directors and the National Office want to ensure that all members are receiving high quality service. We want to ensure that every enquiry to the office receives timely and effective response. In other words, we want to open the lines of communication amongst members of the RPSC.

It is with pleasure that we introduce this new column as one of those lines of communication. Through this forum, we will be telling you about new initiatives and important developments in the administration of the Society. We will also look for important feedback from the membership as a result of this column, so please do respond to it.

RPSC Now Accepting VISA

The RPSC is now accepting VISA. To begin using this fast and easy method of payment, simply complete the VISA section on the wrapper of this issue of *The Canadian Philatelist* and send it to the National Office. At this time, only VISA payments can be processed. Sorry to those of you using other major credit cards. Our traditional method of payment will not be changing. However, for those of you who prefer to use your credit card, the option is now available to you for payments to the RPSC.

Membership Rewards

The Board of Directors has also initiated a drive to add new members to the Society. One vehicle for doing so is to offer you, its current membership, a reward for promoting the RPSC by bringing in new members.

To do so, the Board has authorized that any current member who signs up five (5) new members will have their annual dues for the next year waived. The Board will also be publishing the names of all those

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Notre intention en faisant ce changement est simple mais important. Le Comité de directions et le bureau national veulent s'assurer que les membres reçoivent des services de haute qualité. Nous voulons nous assurer que chaque question dirigée au bureau reçoit une réponse prompte et efficace. En autres mots, nous voulons ouvrir les lignes de communication aux, et entre, les membres de La SRPC.

C'est avec grand plaisir que, pour atteindre cet objectif nous débutons cette nouvelle colonne. De cette façon nous porrons vous informer des nouvelles initiatives et des développements importants dans l'administration de la Société. Nous désirons aussi connaître les réactions des membres alors veuillez s'il-vous plaît nous écrire.

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La SRPC accepte maintenant la carte VISA. Pour utiliser ce méthode de paiement rapide et simple, veuillez simplement compléter la section VISA sur la couverture de ce numéro du *Philatéliste canadien* et envoyer-le au bureau national. Présentement nous acceptons par VISA. Nous nous s'excusons auprès de ceux et celles qui utilisent les autres cartes de crédit. Nos méthodes tradtionelles de paiement ne changeront pas, par contre, pour ceux st celles qui préfèrent utiliser leurs cartes de crédit VISA, c'est maintenant possible.

Bonis d'adhésion

Le Conseil de directions vient d'initier un projet pour augmenter le nombre de membres de la Société. Une façon d'atteindre ce but est d'offrir à nos membres actuel, une récompense pour promouvoir la Société en recrutanr de nouveaux membres.

Le Conseil a authorisé que n'importe quel membre actuel qui inscrit cing (5) nouveaux recevra une extension d'une année à leur période d'adhésion à la Société. Nous publierons aussi les

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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. Please note that we have no way of checking the credentials of the individuals who write to us asking that their names be published; therefore, we urge that caution be taken when answering these requests.

La Société royale de philatélie du Canada ne s'occupe pas normalement des échanges entre philatélistes, mais comme elle est la société philatélique nationale du Canada, ou lui transmet de nombreuses demandes de philatélistes désireux de trouver des corrspondants pour échanger des timbres. Ainsi atelle décidé, pour rendre service à ses membres, de publier les noms intéressés d'outremer, afin que ceux qui désirent établir des rapports avec eux puissent la 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 épondant à ces demandes d'échange.

Sergio Beato
Via St. Anna 13
45035 Castelmassa (RO) ITALY
"I collect stamps from all over the world but I'm specialized in Italian used and new Isle of Man, Foroyar, and Antarctic Territories. As well, I collect stamps with Arctic/Antarctic topics, and war themes. I trade one for one with common stamps and according to the Yvert catalogue for better ones."

Ivo A. Denis
Animas No. 781
c/o Gervasio y Belascoain, CUBA
"I write hoping to get your colaboration to have some friends in Canada for exchange of mint stamps. I'll be very happy if you can help me."

Kim Kyung Tae
1404, 5/1 Daeyeon 5Dong
NamGu, Pusan T608-025
Republic of KOREA
"I want a penpal in Canada. I collect stamps and miniature sheets, etc. for medicine, gymnastics, and map topics."

Ivano Rogo
V. Belli 29
12051 Alba (CN), ITALY
"I am collecting envelopes and postcards (no FDC) of all the world, used before 1950. I don't look at the stamps on them, only the date of the cancel. I astudy what happened in a country on the date shown on a postal item. I hope to contact others collecting the same thing, or people who are able to send me what I need. I can buy or exchange with other things, including stamps."

Mohamed Hamia
Boite Postale 270
Rouiba Boumerdes
35300 ALGERIA
"Je serai extrêmement ravi d'échanger des timbres en ma possession contre des timbres du Canada ou d'autres pays du monde, on toutes les nouveautés d'Algérie à venir par l'intermédiaire d'un club de philatélie ou d'un particulier."

Francisco Jose Rodriguez A.
Edificio el Castillita Ph. 17
Av. Principal del Bosque
Zona Chacaito X-1050
Caracas, VENEZUELA
Collector of phonecards wishes to exchange cards from Venezuela for Canadian and US phonecards.

Sam Chinappi
Via 4 Novembre, 56
00040 Ariccia, Rome
Collector wishes to exchange mint or used stamps with a Canadian philatelist. Writes in English or French.

Dimitratos Spyros
Pamcotidos 1
16562 Glufada, GREECE
"I am creating a stamp collection with the theme, Seagoing People and Explorers of the Earth. I start from the Vikings, Magellan, Columbus, until the exploration of Antarctica. I collect unused stamps and posted envelopes, but have great difficulty in finding envelopes. I would like to hear from anyone who can offer help."

Meroni Maurizio
Via Emilio Fattori, 9
20037 Paderno Dugnano
Milano, ITALY
Collector wishes to exchange used Italian stamps for used Canadian stamps. Uses Yvert & Tellier and Michel catalogues. Writes in English and Italian.

COMING EVENTS / CALENDRIER

NATIONAL EXHIBITIONS

1997

MARCH 14 - 16: EDMONTON SPRING NATIONAL AND REGIONAL SHOW '97, hosted by the Edmonton Stamp Club at the Conference Centre, Fantasyland Hotel, West Edmonton Mall, Edmonton. Open exhibits, bourse, and seminars. Information: Keith Spencer or John Powell, Box 399, Edmonton, AB T5J 2J6; phone (403) 437-1787 or (403) 435-7006.

APRIL 26 - 27: ORAPEX 1997, the 36th Annual RA Stamp Club Exhibition and Bourse, plus Canada's Fourth National Philatelic Literature Exhibition, at the Curling Rink, RA Centre, 2451 Riverside Drive, Ottawa, Ontario. Hours: Sat. 10 am to 6 pm; Sun. 10 am to 4 pm. Information: Paul Burega, 16 Aldgate Cres., Barhaven, Nepean ON K2J 2G4; (613) 825-8105.

SEPTEMBER 19 - 21: ROYAL 97 ROYALE, annual exhibition and convention of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, hosted by the Calgary Philatelic Society, at the Coast Plaza Hotel, 1316 - 33 Street NE, Calgary. Show Chairman: Hugh Delaney, Box 1478, Calgary, AB T2P 2L6; phone (403) 255-0422, fax (403) 255-2984.

1998

MARCH 20 - 22: EDMONTON SPRING NATIONAL AND REGIONAL SHOW '98, hosted by the Edmonton Stamp Club at the Conference Centre, Fantasyland Hotel, West Edmonton Mall, Edmonton. Open exhibits, bourse, and seminars. Information: Keith Spencer or John Powell, Box 399, Edmonton, AB T5J 2J6; phone (403) 437-1787 or (403) 435-7006.

MAY 29 - 31: ROYAL 98 ROYALE, annual exhibition and convention of the RPSC, hosted by the Hamilton Philatelic Society, at the Hamilton Convention Centre. Details to be announced.

1997

MARCH 15: OXPEX 97 and OTEX 97 (Oxford Philatelic Society Annual Exhibition and Ontario Topical Exhibition) at John Knox Christian School, 800 Juliana Dr., Woodstock, Ont. 10 am to 5 pm. Show features 180 frames of competive exhibits, displays, super prize draws, youth booth, judges critique, refreshments. Free admission and parking. Information from: Gib Stephens, Box 20113, Woodstock, ON N4S 8X8.

MARCH 8: OAKPEX '97, show and bourse of the Oakville Stamp Club, at Glen Abbey Recreational Centre, Oakville (Third Line, south of Upper Middle Road). 10 am to 5 pm. Information: Jim Stanley, Box 69643, Oakville, ON L6J 7R4.

MARCH 15 - 16: NORTH TORONTO STAMP CLUB's 54th Annual Exhibition & Bourse, at the Civic Garden Centre, Edwards Gardens, 777 Lawrence Ave. E. at Leslie St., Toronto. Hours: 10 am to 6 pm Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm Sunday. Ample parking, free admission, wheelchair access, competitive exhibits, 22 dealers, refreshments. Information: Ben Marier, (416) 492-9311.

MARCH 22: NYPEX 97, annual show of the North York Philatelic Society, at Goulding Community Centre, Lariviere Rd. and Goulding Ave. (3 blocks south of Steeles, west of Yonge). TTC stop nearby. Dealers, exhibits, sales circuit, and bid board. Free admission and parking. 10 am to 5 pm Information: Show Chairman, 34 Seaton Dr., Aurora, ON L4G 2K1; (905) 727-6993.

APRIL 5: KAPEX 97. The Kawartha Philatelic Society's 41st annual exhibition and bourse. New location: Holidat Inn, Peterborough Waterfront, 150 George St. N., Peterborough. 9:30 am to 5 pm. Information: Mark Armstrong, 17 Buxton Rd., Downsview, ON M3M 1Y6;)416) 245-9952.

APRIL 5: LONPEX 105, exhibition and bourse of the London Philatelic Society, at South London Community Centre (west of White Oaks Mall), 1119 Jalna Blvd., London, Ont. 10 am to 5 pm. 25th anniversary meeting of the Postal History Society of Canada.

APRIL 12: STAMPFEST '97, sponsored by the Kitchener-Waterloo Philatelic Society, at the Community Christian Reform Church, Bleams Road at Westmount, Kitchener, Ontario. Information: Betty Martin, (519) 578-7782.

APRIL 25-26: SPRINGPEX, a stamp show hosted by the Hamilton Philatelic Society, at Bishop Ryan Secondary School, Quigley Rd. at Albright,Hamilton, Ont. Open Friday 5 pm to 10 pm for sales circuit and auction only. Full show open Saturday, with free admission, 18 dealers, sales circuit, youth booth, exhibits, and Canada Post.

MAY 9 - 10 - 11: The Nova Scotia Stamp Club will proudly celebrate the 75th Anniversary of its 1922 founding by staging NOVAPEX 97 at the Dartmouth Sportsplex, Wyse Road, Dartmouth. Philatelic societies from all of Nova Scotia will be participating. Information: George A. Mackenzie, Apt. 175, 1333 South Park Street, Halifax, NS B3J 2K9. Dealer enquiries invited.

AUGUST 28 - 30: BNAPEX '97, St. John's, Nfld. Annual Convention of the British North America Philatelic Society, sponsored by the St. John's Stamp Club. Information: J. Donald Wilson, 11 Elm Place, St. John's, NF A1B 2S4.

SEPTEMBER 27: MILTON STAMP FAIR, at Milton Senior Activities Centre. 9 am to 5 pm. Information: (905) 878-1533 or (905) 878-9076.

OCTOBER 25: 9th annual stamp show and sale sponsored by the Trenton Stamp Club, at Dufferin Centre, 344 Dufferin Ave., Trenton, Ont. Hours: 10 am to 4 pm. Free admission, exhibits, 10 dealers, door prizes, and hourly table auctions. Great food at our hospitality tables. Information: Peter Howe, (613) 392-4845.

OCTOBER 25: Brantford Stamp Club's annual exhibition and bourse at the regular location, Woodman Community Centre, 491 Grey St., Brantford. 10 am to 4 pm. Free admission and parking, 13 dealers, sales circuit, beginners' booth, exhibits, draws and prizes. Part of the Sesquicentennial celebrations. Information: Show Convenor, Brantford Stamp Club, Box 25003, West Brant Postal Outlet, Brantford, ON N3T 5M3.

International Exhibitions

1997

MAY 29 - JUNE 8: PACIFIC '97, an FIP WORLD PHILATELIC EXHIBITION, at Moscone Convention Center, in San Francisco. Commissioners: Canada-East: Mr. Clifford R. Guile, 342 St. Clair Ave. E., Toronto, ON M4T 1P4; Canada-West: Mr. William G. Robinson, 5830 Cartier St., Vancouver, BC V6M 3A7.

AUG. 30 - SEPT. 8: MOSCOW '97, an FIP sponsored World Philatelic Exhibition, celebrating the 850th anniversary of the founding of Moscow. Canadian commissioner: James E. Kraemer, 17 Commanche Dr., Ottawa, ON K2E 6E8.

DEC. 8 - DEC. 14: INDEPEX '97, New Delhi, India. Canadian commissioner: Charles J.G. Verge, Box 2788, Stn. D, Ottawa, ON K1P 5W8; (613) 998-9809; fax (613) 998-8620.

1998

MAY 13 - 21: ISRAEL '98, International Show held under FIP patronage in Tel Aviv, Israel. Information from the Canadian commissioner: Mr. Wm. G. Robinson, 5830 Cartier St., Vancouver, BC V6M 3A7.

JUNE 18 - 21: JUVALUX '98, an FIP Sponsored Youth Show to be held in Luxembourg. Canadian Commissioner: Father Jean-Claude Lafleur, 4900 rue St-Felix, St-Augustine, QC G3A 1X3.

JULY 25 - AUG. 2: PORTUGAL 98, FIP sponsored show in Lisbon, Portugal. Information from the Canadian commissioner: Mr. J.J. Danielski, 50 Blackwell Ave., Unit 21, Scarborough, ON M1B 1K2.

OCT. 20 - 25: ILSAPEX 98, FIP sponsored show at Gallagher's Estate Exhibition Centre, 20 minutes from Johannesburg, South Africa. Information from the Canadian commissioner: Mr. William G. Robinson, 5830 Cartier St., Vancouver, BC V6M 3A7; (604) 261-1953; fax (604) 736-5097.

OCT. 23 - NOV. 1: ITALIA 98, FIP sponsored show in Milan, Italy. Classes will be Postal History, Aerophilately, Thematic Philately, and Literature. Information from the Canadian commissioner: Mr. Peter Madej, 30 Ormskirk Court, Toronto, ON M6S 1B1.

1999

MAR. 20 - 27: AUSTRALIA 99, an FIP sponsored World Philatelic Exhibition, limited to Traditional, Postal Stationery, Revenues, and Social Philately, to be held in Melbourne. Canadian Commissioner: Mr. Owen White, Box 860, Stn. K, Tornto, ON M4P 2H2; phone (416) 481-4731; fax (416) 482-4256; e-mail: olwhite@zircon.geology.utoronto.ca

APR. 27 - MAY 4: IBRA '99. World Exhibition under FIP patronage, in Nuremberg, Germany. Canadian Commissioner: Maj. R.K. Malott, 16 Harwick Cres., Ottawa, ON K2H 6R1; (613) 829-0280; fax (613) 829-0280.

CHAPTER MEETINGS / RÉUNIONS DES CLUBS MEMBRES

AJAX PHILATELIC SOCIETY

RPSC Chapter 163 meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, September to June at Ajax Public Library, 65 Harwood Ave. S., from 6pm to 9pm. All new members and visitors are welcome. Address: PO Box 107, Ajax, ON L1S 3C3.

AMICALE des PHILATÉLISTES des l'OUTAOUAIS

L'APO, chapitre 190 de la SRPC, se réunit tous les jeudi de début septembre à fin avril, de 18h30 à 21h00. Les réunions ont lieu au Centre Communautaire Tétreau Parc Moussette, Boul. Brunet, Hull. Les visiteurs et les nouvraux membres seront toujours les bienvenus. Visitors and new members are welcome. Information: P. Sarault, 82 rue Kent, Hull QC J8X 3K4.

CLUB PHILATÉLIQUE ARGENTEUIL STAMP CLUB

Chapter 118 meets 2nd Wednesdays of each month (except July and August) at 7:30 pm. Bilingual and bi-province meetings in Hawkesbury ON and Lachute PQ. Information: P.-Yves Séguin, 2888 Front Rd., Hawkesbury ON K6A 2T4.

BARRIE DISTRICT STAMP CLUB

RPSC Chapter 73 meets second Wednesday of each month except July and August at 7:30 pm. at Parkview Centre, 189 Blake St., Barrie. Table Auction at every meeting. Visitors welcome. Contact: Sec.-Treas. Lew Metzger, Box 1113, Barrie ON L4M 5E2.

BRAMALEA STAMP CLUB

RPSC Chapter 144 meets 1st Sunday October to June inclusive (1:30-4:00 pm) and 3rd Tuesday year round (7:30-9:30 pm) at Terry Miller Recreation Complex, Meeting Room 2, Williams Parkway (between Dixie Rd. and Bramalea Rd.) Bramalea, Ont. Visitors welcome. Correspondence: Bramalea Stamp Club, Box 92531, Bramalea ON L6W 4R1.

BRANTFORD STAMP CLUB

RPSC Chapter 1 meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month, September to May, and the first Tuesday in June, at the Woodman Community Centre, 491 Grey St., Brantford, Ont. Doors open at 7 pm, short business meeting at 8 pm, followed by a program. Circuit books, 5 dealers. Visitors welcome. Information: Secretary, Box 25003, 119 Colborne St. W., Brantford ON N3T 6K5; (519) 753-9425.

BRITISH COLUMBIA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The British Columbia Philatelic Society meets every Wednesday, September to June at 7:30 pm in the Amenity Room, Grosvenor Building, 1040 W. Georgia St. Information: B.C.P.S., 2955 West 38th Avenue, Vancouver BC V6N 2X2.

CALGARY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

(Chapter 66) Regular meeting: First Wednesday of month, 7 pm. Auctions on third Wednesday of month, 7:30 pm. Kerby Centre, 1133 7 Ave. SW. No meetings July and August; no auction December. Correspondence to Calgary Philatelic Society, P.O. Box 1478, Station "M", Calgary AB T2P 2L6.

CANADIAN AEROPHILATELIC SOCIETY

RPSC Chapter 187, The Canadian Aerophilatelic Society (CAS) welcomes anyone interested in aerophilately or astrophilately, worldwide. Yearly membership $15. No formal meetings; several members meet at the RA Stamp Club meetings at the RA Centre, 2451 Riverside Dr., Ottawa, Ont. 7:30 pm every Monday except June, July and August. Information: Ron Miyanishi, 124 Gamble Ave., Toronto ON M4J 2P3.

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION FOR ISRAEL PHILATELY (CAFIP)

Chapter 76, Jan Bart Judaica Study Group, meets 2nd Wednesday of each month (except July and August), 7:30 pm, at Shaare Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave., Toronto. Contact: Joseph Berkovits, York Toronto P.O. Box 33, 260 Adelaide St. E., Toronto ON ; (416) 635-1749.

COLBORNE STAMP CLUB

Chapter 205 meets on the second and fourth Tuesday September to May inclusive at 7 pm, in the Drop-in Centre, Victoria Square, Colborne, Ont. All stamp collectors welcome. Information: Mary Jackson, Box 33, Castleton, Ont. K0K 1M0, phone (905) 344-7882.

CREDIT VALLEY PHILATELIC SOCIETY - MISSISSAUGA -

Chapter 67 meets 2nd and 4th Monday of every month (except on holidays and in July and August) at 7:30 pm at Forest Avenue Public School, 20 Forest Ave., Port Credit. Visitors always welcome. Contact Bob Laker, (905) 279-8807.

DELTA STAMP CLUB

Chapter 138 meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays (except June through August) at 8 pm at the Phoenix Club, 6062 - 16th Ave., Delta, BC. Visitors are always welcome. For more information call 943-5738.

EAST TORONTO STAMP CLUB

Chapter 12 meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays (except July and August) at Stan Wadlow Clubhouse, Cedarvale Ave. (first east of Woodbine, at Cosburn), north of arena. Visitors welcome. Sec.: Raymond Reakes, 188 Woodmount Ave., Toronto ON M4C 3Z4.

EDMONTON STAMP CLUB

Touring stampers, new members and guests are welcome to visit Edmonton's R.P.S.C. Chapter 6. Meetings every other Monday, September through June, 6:30 pm, at St. Joseph High School, 4th floor cafeteria, 109 St. and 108 Ave. Correspondence: Edmonton Stamp Club, Box 399, Edmonton AB T5J 2J6; Information: Keith Spencer (403) 437-1787.

ESSEX COUNTY STAMP CLUB (WINDSOR)

R.P.S.C. Chapter 154 meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month (4th Wednesday in July

and August) at the Teutonia Club, 55 Edinborough, Windsor, Ont. Meetings start at 7 pm, program at 8 pm. Lots of parking; all visitors are welcome. Information: Essex Count Stamp Club, 2975 Clemenceau Blvd., Windsor ON N8T 2R2; (519) 974-2390.

ETOBICOKE PHILATELIC SOCIETY

R.P.S.C. Chapter 78 meets at Fairfield Centre, 80 Lothian Way, Etobicoke at 7:30 pm, 1st Wednesday of every month except July and August. Visitors always welcome. Information: C.E. Allen, 5 Aintree Court, Etobicoke ON M8W 2E1. Phone 251-3425.

FENELON STAMP CLUB

R.P.S.C. Chapter 176 meets 2nd Monday of each month in the Fenelon Falls Community Hall behind the Village Office on Market Street at 7:30 pm. Visitors always welcome. Information from the President: Margaret Allen, R R 1, Fenelon Falls, ON K0M 1N0.

GREATER VICTORIA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Chapter 32 meets on the third Friday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Windsor Park Pavilion in Oak Bay. Circuit books, auction and special programmes prevail. Membership $8 per year. Visitors welcome. Information: Don Dundee, 928 Claremont Ave., Victoria, BC V8Y 1K3; (604) 658-8458.

HAMILTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY

R.P.S.C. Chapter 51 meets at 6 pm on 2nd, 4th and 5th Mondays, Sept. to June except holidays, and 2nd Mondays July and August, at Bishop Ryan Secondary School, Quigley Rd. and Albert, in east-end Hamilton. 10 dealers, extensive sales circuit, youth booth, library. Auctions at each meeting, slide shows and speakers periodically. Nominal door fee. Free coffee. Visitors and juniors welcome. Information: H.P.S., Box 60510, 673 Upper James St., Hamilton ON L9C 7N7.

KAWARTHA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Chapter 58, R.P.S.C. Meetings 2nd and 4th Tuesdays September through June (excluding 4th Tuesdays in December and June). Meetings 7 pm at St. Peters High School. Information: Lloyd Mosher, 1269 Royal Drive, Peterborough, ON K9H 6R6.

KELOWNA & DISTRICT STAMP CLUB

Chapter 90 meets monthly, 2nd Wednesday, September to June from 7 to 10 pm at Dr. Knox Middle School Cafeteria, 1555 Burtch Ave. Business meeting at 8 pm followed by an auction. Visitors welcome. Information: Box 1185, Kelowna, BC V1Y 7P8; (604) 765-6174.

KENT COUNTY STAMP CLUB (CHATHAM, ON)

Chapter 7 meets 4th Wednesday of each month (except July, August and December) in the cafeteria of John McGregor Secondary School, 300 Cecile at 7:30 pm. Visitors always welcome. Sec.: Abie Heersma, 73 Jasper, Chatham ON N7M 4C1.

KINGSTON STAMP CLUB

Chapter 49 meets 2nd Monday, Sept.-May and 4th Monday, Sept.-Nov. and Jan.-Apr., at 8 pm, St. Thomas Anglican Church Hall, 130 Lakeview Ave. at Cranbrook (one block west of Days Rd. and one block north of Front Rd. in Kingston Township. Free parking, visitors are always welcome. Information: President, Kingston Stamp Club, 1960 Hwy. 2 East, Kingston ON K7L 4V1; (613) 546-3332.

KITCHENER-WATERLOO PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Chapter 13 meets 2nd Thursday every month (except July and August) at Rink in the Park, Seagram Drive, Waterloo. Visitors welcome. Information: Betty J. Martin, P.O. Box 43007, Eastwood Square Post Office, Kitchener ON N2H 6S9; 578-7782.

LAKEHEAD STAMP CLUB

Chapter 33 meets 2nd Wednesday and last Friday each month, September to June at the Herb Carroll Centre, 1100 Lincoln St., Thunder Bay ON. Meetings start at 8:00; visitors welcome. Sec.: D. Lein, 232 Dease St., Thunder Bay ON P7C 2H8.

LAKESHORE STAMP CLUB

Chapter 84 meets at Karnak Hall, 3350 Boulevard des Sources, Dollard des Ormeaux, QC on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays, September to June at 7:30 pm. Information: David Nickson, President, P.O. Box 1, Pointe Claire, PQ H9R 4N5.

MILTON STAMP CLUB

Chapter 180 meets last Monday of each month (except December), from 7:00 pm at Hugh Foster Hall (next to Town Hall) in Milton, Ont. Silent auction every meeting. For information: Milton Stamp Club, 425 Valleyview Cres., Milton ON L9T 3K9; Phone (905) 878-1533 or (905) 878-9076.

NORTH BAY & DISTRICT STAMP CLUB

Chapter 44 meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, September to May, at the Cassellholme Home for the Aged, 400 Olive Street, North Bay ON at 7 pm. (Basement meeting room.) Table auction and sales circuit. Visitors are always welcome. Information: John Fretwell, RR 1, Callandar ON P0H 1H0; (705) 752-1364.

NORTH SHORE STAMP CLUB

Chapter 198 meets on alternate Tuesdays, September through June, at North Vancouver City Library, 121 West 14th Street, North Vancouver BC. Visitors are always welcome. For the current meeting schedule and information, call Erna Krische at 985-2810.

NORTH YORK PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Chapter 21 meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month (except July and August) at 7 pm in the lounge of Centennial Arena, north side of Finch Ave. W., west of Bathurst. Sales circuit, auctions, speakers, lectures. Visitors welcome. Information: John DeGroot, Box 62, Willowdale ON M2N 5S7; (416) 493-1008.

NOVA SCOTIA STAMP CLUB

The first affiliate of the RPSC, est. 1922, meets 2nd Tuesday of each month, September to June at the Nova Scotia Museum. Visitors welcome. Information: E. Sodero, 831 Tower Rd., Halifax NS B3H 2Y1.

OAKVILLE STAMP CLUB

Chapter 135 meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 7pm in the Cafeteria, St. Thomas Aquinas Secondary School (formerly Perdue High School), 124 Margaret Drive (Lakeshore West/Dorval Drive), Oakville. Visitors welcome. Information: Oakville Stamp Club, Box 69643, Oakville ON L6J 7R4.

OTTAWA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Chapter 16 meets every Thursday at 7:30 pm, September through May, at the Hintonburg Community Centre, 1064 Wellington St., Ottawa ON. Visitors are always welcome. Information: Pres. Mitch Gosselin, (819) 682-6277; P.O. Box 65085, Merivale Postal Outlet, Nepean, ON K2G 5Y3.

OXFORD PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Chapter 65 meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays, September to May, at Woodstock Collegiate Institute Cafeteria, Riddell St., Woodstock, Ont. Trading at 7 pm, program at 7:30 pm. Speakers, mini auctions, draw prizes, contests, dealers. Information: Gib Stephens, P.O. Box 20113, Woodstock ON N4S 8X8.

PENTICTON AND DISTRICT STAMP CLUB

Chapter 127 meets the first Sunday of each month at 2 pm at the United Church Hall, 696 Main St., Penticton, B.C. A short business meeting is followed by circuit books every month and four slide shows in the year. Visitors always welcome. Information: K. Giessen, 217 Redwing Pl., Penticton BC V2A 8K6; phone (250) 493-0188.

R.A. STAMP CLUB - OTTAWA

Chapter 41 meets every Monday (except June, July and August) at 7:30 pm at the R.A. Centre, 2451 Riverside Dr., Ottawa ON. K1H 7X7. Visitors welcome. Information: (613) 733-5100.

REGINA PHILATELIC CLUB

Chapter 10 meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month, September through May, from 7 -10 pm at Sheldon-Williams Collegiate Library, 2601 Coronation St., Regina. Visitors are always welcome. Information: Box 1891, Regina SK S4P 3E1.

ROYAL CITY STAMP CLUB

Chapter 104 meets 3rd Thursday of each month (except July and August), 7:30 pm at Community Centre, 65 East Sixth Ave., by Canada Game Pool, corner of McBride, New Westminster BC. Information: Box 145, Milner BC V0X 1T0. Phone 534-1884.

SAINT JOHN STAMP CLUB

Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays (Except July and August), 7 pm at the Saint John High School, Canterbury St., Saint John, NB. Visitors and new members welcome. Information: Saint John Stamp Club, 185 Princess Street, Saint John NB E2L 1K8.

ST. JOHN'S PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays (except July and August), 8 pm at Cabot Institute. Visitors welcome. Information: J. Don Wilson, 11 Elm Place, St. John's, NF A1B 2S4; (709) 726-2741.

SASKATOON STAMP CLUB

Chapter 80 meets second and fourth Mondays September through May, between 7 to 9 pm at the Saskatoon Field House, 2020 College Drive, Saskatoon, Sask. Visitors always welcome. Information from the secretary: Doug Smith, (306) 249-3092; e-mail: ae245@sfn.saskatoon.sk.ca

SOUTH CARIBOO COIN AND STAMP CLUB – 100 MILE HOUSE, B.C. –

The club meets 3rd Mondays of each month at the 100 Mile House Elementary School Library. For information, contact Horst Stock, 395-4497.

SUDBURY STAMP CLUB

Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month, September to June, in the library, LaSalle Secondary School at 7:30 pm. Meetings include slide shows, presentations, and an auction. New members are welcome. Information: Dan McInnes, Box 2063, Stn. A, Sudbury ON P3A 1L8.

TORONTO HARMONIE STAMP CLUB

Chapter 94 meets third Thursdays each month, 7:30 pm, Victoria Park Secondary School, Library Seminar Room, 15 Wallingford Road, Don Mills ON. Information: J. Doehler (416) 438-4862, or P. Mustard (416) 690-9711.

UNION PHILATÉLIQUE de MONTREAL

Chapter 3 meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, September to June at 7 pm, 7110 8th Ave., Montreal (St-Michel) PQ. Visitors always welcome. Information: 9170 Millen St., Montreal PQ H2M 1W7.

WEST TORONTO STAMP CLUB

Chapter 14 meets second and fourth Tuesdays (except July and August), 7:30 pm at Fairfield Seniors' Centre, 80 Lothian Ave., Etobicoke. Visitors always welcome. Information: 331 Rathburn Rd., Islington ON M9B 2L9.

WINNIPEG PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Meetings 1st and 3rd Thursdays (except July and August), 7 pm in Room 308, Union Centre, 275 Broadway Ave. (corner of Broadway and Smith St.). Visitors always welcome. Information: P.O. Box 1425, Winnipeg, MB R3C 2Z1.

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