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THE EDITOR SPEAKS OUT . . .

Your Editor recently had the pleasure of visiting the Westmount Stamp Club in Montreal, and the RA Stamp Club and Ottawa Philatelic Society in Ottawa.

At the Westmount meeting, there was a very interesting talk on pioneer aviation by a Mr. Crabtree, from England. Among the splendid material shown, there were a couple of pages of the autograph signatures of some of the early aviators such as Charles Rolls, Hubert Latham, Gustave Hamel, Santos Dumont, Maurice and Henri Farman, Jules Védrines, Graham White and others. It was hard for us to realize that all these were heroes of our boyhood and youth and pioneers in a new and then dangerous sphere and that out of their feats and accomplishments were to arise the easy and comfortable plane journey of today.

We spent a day with Allen Christensen in North Hatley and were glad to find out that in spite of his "country squire" activities of today, he is still very much interested in stamps and the stamp world.

It was good to meet so many old philatelic friends once again. We must admit that once upon a time, a visit to Ottawa would hardly have attracted us, but that now, with so many philatelic friends there, plus, of course, our worthy President, Doctor Gelbert (and of course the attraction of a brand-new first grandson) the journey of 260 miles or so to the Capital is undertaken by us with joy and pleasure.

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During the past year or two, we have noted with pleasure that quite a few "New Canadians" have been coming into local clubs in and around Southern Ontario. We hope that the same signs are evident in others parts of the Dominion.

This is all to the good, as many of these newcomers to Canada are keen collectors and have managed to bring quite fine collections with them.

May we here bring up one of our foibles, and that is the hope that few of our new fellow citizens will give up collecting the countries of their predilection in order to take up more specialized collecting of their new country, Canada.

As we have so often advocated, there is need of far more diversity in collecting interests among us and we sincerely hope that our New Canadian friends will do just that — interject that greater measure of diversity which will, we are sure, make our own collecting, whatever form it may take, just that more interesting and pleasant and render club meetings all over the country far more interesting than some of them are at present.

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Elsewhere in this issue, our readers will find obituary notices on two of our older members, Alex McMurtrie, of Sarnia, and Walter Bayley, of Toronto. As both were personal friends of ours, we would like to say a few words about them.

Alex McMurtrie was very active in the Sarnia Club and before that, in the Chatham-Kent Philatelic Society. He was a mainspring of philatelic activity in that part of the country and one of the most hard-working men we have ever met. Those who attended one of the SARPHEX affairs in Sarnia will never forget his Dutch auctions, which certainly kept going all those who were present. Alex was the master mind behind the Sarnia Convention last May and did an outstanding job, as all who were there can vouch for.

Walter Bayley was perhaps more widely known. Walter's knowledge of the stamps of Canada was phenomenal and it was hard for him to let any superb copy of any of our older stamps go by. He had a thorough grounding in the stamps of many other countries also. He was a wonderful auctioneer and a fine speaker and was greatly in demand everywhere and always most willing to oblige. When it was possible (and it usually was) to get Walter and his two cronies, Fred Jarrett and Vinnie Green, together for the evening, it was a revelation and a wonderful evening's entertainment. In the style of the Jack Benny-Fred Allen feud, Walter and Fred were always kidding one another and many a hearty laugh have we had at their repartees.

These are two great and sad losses, not only for our Society, but also for Canadian philately in general. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the families of these two good friends, Alex McMurtrie and Walter Bayley.

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We were delighted to hear from our President that we have received our Letters Patent from the State Department and are now officially the **Royal Philatelic Society of Canada.** It is now up to all of us to get together and put our shoulders to the wheel to vindicate our new title.

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With this issue, we begin the 1960 Honour Roll. We shall, during the ensuing year, scan with interest the names of those of our more than 1,300 members who contribute to the welfare and success of The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada by obtaining at least one new member for the Society before the end of the year once more comes around.

Not only encourage, but also SHOW your President, the Board of Directors and Officers, in a **tangible** manner, that you are solidly behind them in their continuous efforts to make The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada an organization you are proud to be associated with.

The Second Jarrett Sale

The second sale covering the 1859 issue took place at J. N. Sissons' offices on the 9th December and, as with the first sale, continued international interest was shown and prices realized were generally within or in excess of the estimated range, especially for finer items. The total realized from the session of the sale covering the Jarrett collection was $26,335. The following realizations are representative:

A very fine o.g. horizontal block of 8 of the 1c rose sold for $550. Bidding for the 5c Beavers was strong, $420 being paid for a very fine unused block of 4 and $175 was realized for an excellent used vertical strip of 7. A used copy of the "log in the waterfall" variety went for $110.

Among the 10c Prince Consorts, a fine copy of the chocolate brown tied to a part cover and used in the first week of issue brought $190, while an unused vertical imprint block of 6 of the red lilac was sold for $475.

Many of the covers and cancellations in the sale were unique and commanded high prices. A pair of the 1c and a pair of the 5c Beaver on cover fetched $140 and a cover with the 12½c green, in combination with a single and a pair of the 1c and a single 5c was sold for $400.

The highest price paid was $1,700 for a fine registered cover to Ireland with a strip of four 2c and a pair of the 12½c, with six superb target cancellations.

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL BECOMES OUR PATRON

The President, Dr. G. M. Geldert, informs us that HIS EXCELLENCY MAJOR GENERAL GEORGES P. VANIER, D.S.O., M.C., C.D., GOVERNOR GENERAL OF CANADA, has graciously consented to become the Patron of The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada.

This is indeed a high honour to our Society and will please all our members from Coast to Coast. More than ever, it will behoove us to make the Society worthy of the honours which have been conferred on it this year.

We have given His Excellency the Governor General the place of honour on the cover of this issue of The Canadian Philatelist.

Library Additions

The following books have been obtained recently and may be obtained from the Librarian on the usual terms:

HOLMES — Specialized Philatelic Catalogue of Canada and British North America (subject to a rental fee of 50 cents).

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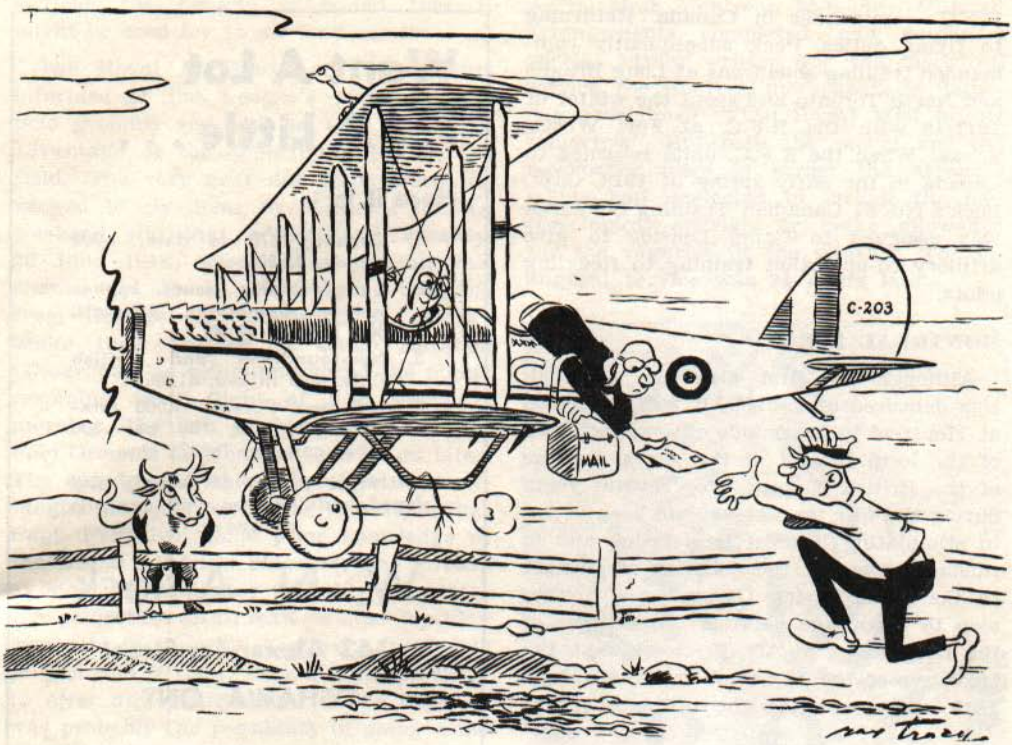

Canada's Pioneer Air Mail

By Wing Commander F. H. Hitchins
Air Historian

At 4.55 on the afternoon of Monday, 24 June 1918, a Curtiss JN4 biplane landed on the Royal Air Force aerodrome at Leaside, north-east of Toronto. To the casual observer there was nothing unusual about the arrival of the aircraft; it was just another in the dawn-to-dusk round of "circuits and bumps". Nevertheless the "Jenny" had just made history, for nestled at the feet of the mechanic in the rear cockpit was a brand-new mail bag containing about 150 letters bearing a special cachet that marked them as Canada's first officially sanctioned air mail.

Although no fanfare of trumpets heralded his landing, Capt. Brian A. Peck, the pilot of the aircraft, had won for himself a place in Canada's aviation hall of fame as the Dominion's first air mail pilot.

A native of Montreal and a graduate of Lower Canada College and McGill University, Brian Peck enlisted in the artillery on the outbreak of war in 1914 and, after almost two years service with a field battery, transferred to the Royal Flying Corps in March 1916. On completion of training as a pilot, he joined an army co-operation squadron in France with which he flew B.E.2Cs and R.E.7s over the battle-front for several months.

Posted back to Canada early in 1917, Capt. Peck was placed in charge of the Cadet Wing at Toronto when the R.F.C. began to organize its training establishment in Central Ontario. His work with the Wing, and in particular the energy and skill which he displayed in setting up a School of Military Aeronautics before the trained staff arrived from England, received high commendation from the

R.F.C. commander in Canada. Returning to flying duties, Peck subsequently commanded training squadrons at Long Branch and North Toronto and spent the winter of 1917-18 with the R.F.C. at Fort Worth, Texas. When the R.F.C. units returned to Canada in the early spring of 1918, Capt. Peck's No. 83 Canadian Training Squadron was assigned to Camp Leaside to give artillery co-operation training to fledgling pilots.

MONTREAL IDEA

Although the first Canadian air mail was delivered at Leaside it was conceived at Montreal in the minds of some officials of the local branch of the Aerial League of the British Empire. For several years during the war the League had been active in stimulating interest in aviation and in raising money for the donation of aircraft to the Royal Flying Corps. As a further step to encourage aviation the officers of the League, led by Mr. E. Greenwood, the treasurer of the Montreal branch, in June 1918 arranged with the officials of the

Captain Brian Peck

Montreal Polo Club to convert their grounds into an airfield. The polo grounds, on the Bois Franc road at Back River, had been abandoned as a sports field since the outbreak of war, but had been used on occasion by visiting aircraft. In announcing their proposal to develop the area as an

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airfield, the League suggested that it might be used for an air mail service.

The Royal Air Force at Toronto was informed of the League's plans for the polo grounds and lost no time in taking advantage of the opportunity to use the field. The very next day Capt. Peck arranged to fly home to Montreal for the weekend and that afternoon (Thursday, 20 June 1918) accompanied by his mechanic, Cpl. E. W. Mathers, he took off from Leaside on "Curtis C-203." They broke their journey at Camp Rathbun (Deseronto) to refuel and spend the night; resuming their flight at 9.30 the next morning, the two airmen landed on the Polo Grounds at Montreal two hours later. The speed with which the flight was arranged makes it reasonable to assume that Capt. Peck had some prior knowledge of the Aerial League's plans for the airfield at Montreal, including probably the tentative project for an air mail service. Nothing was said in Toronto, however, about this project and if Capt. Peck felt it necessary to offer any justification for his flight it was probably the possibility of doing some exhibition flying while in his home-town to stimulate recruiting.*

While the "Jenny" was en route from Leaside there was much activity in Montreal. As soon as the Aerial League learned that Peck was on his way, Mr. Greenwood made plans to use the opportunity for an experiment in flying the mail from Montreal to Toronto. The proposal was submitted to Dr. R. F. Coulter, the Deputy Postmaster General at Ottawa, who gave his hearty concurrence, and the necessary arrangements were quickly made with Mr. J. E. Leonard, the Montreal postmaster. A new mail bag was provided for the occasion, Mr. Greenwood was authorized to act as "aerial postmaster", and a special cachet was prepared to cancel the stamps on the letters. Impressed on the letters in red ink, the cachet was a triangle surmounted by the words "Inaugural Service" and enclosing "Via Aerial Mail, Montreal, 23-6-18". With all arrangements completed, and numerous special letters written for the inaugural service, the Montreal newspapers on Saturday proclaimed "First Royal Mail by air tomorrow". But both the cachet and the newspaper were in error; the arrangements had neglected to include the meteorological officials or make allowance for the vagaries of the weather. The inaugural service was 24 hours late.

First Airmail Bag

Originally scheduled for 10 o'clock Sunday morning, the return flight to Toronto had to be postponed for several hours due to pouring rain. Then, late in the afternoon, although conditions were still far from favourable a little group gathered at the Polo Grounds to witness the historic occasion. The letters were cancelled by Mr. Greenwood, the mail bag was sealed, Peck and Mathers climbed into the cockpits of the "Jenny" and at 4.35 the aircraft took off into the lowering, rain-laden sky. After a few minutes in the air, however, the pilot decided it was futile to continue the flight and he returned to the airfield.

At 10.12 the next morning (24 June)

* A later account of the flight puts forward another objective — to provide the camp quartermaster at Leaside with a supply of liquor for his wedding reception. According to this story, the Curtiss on its return trip from Montreal carried not only the mail bag but also a case of whisky. Naturally, contemporary reports make no mention of any aerial liquor-running.

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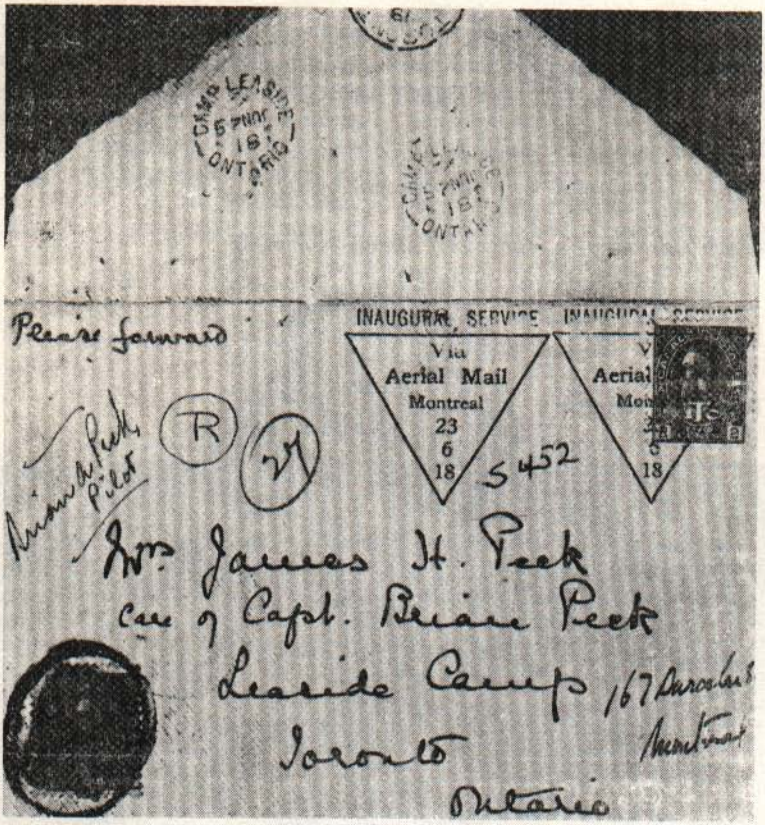
Peck set out again, under clearer skies, with his bag of letters still bearing the previous day's date. A 40-minute stop was made at Kingston* to refuel the aircraft and its crew, and at 4.55, six hours and 43 minutes after leaving Montreal, the "Jenny" touched down at its Leaside base. Capt. Peck rushed his mail bag by car to Postmaster W. E. Lemon at the Toronto post office to have the letters postmarked again with the time of arrival. The special delivery letters in the bag were distributed the same evening, about two hours after the plane landed at Leaside; the ordinary mail was delivered by the regular carrier service the next morning.



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Toronto newspapers appeared to be

* Contemporary reports mention only one intermediary stop at Kingston. A later account of the flight states that Peck landed at Kingston almost out of fuel, and had to accept ordinary automobile gas as no aviation spirit was available; he then flew on to the training camp at Deseronto, drained out the auto fuel, filled up with aviation gas and continued on his way to Leaside.

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slightly nettled by the fact that Montreal had "stolen a march" on the Queen City in that, although the aircraft had originally set out from Toronto, the mail was carried only one way. *The Globe* commented that, except for reports in the Montreal papers, "little was known in Toronto . . . of the unique mail service, and no arrangements were made to receive the historic mail bag"; indeed there were some doubts whether the Montreal reports had any basis in fact. Questioned by reporters, the adjutant at Leaside insisted that there was "nothing official" about the flight; Capt. Peck had merely been given permission to "drive" an aeroplane to Montreal and then had been persuaded to fly the mail back as a good will gesture. The adjutant thought the whole affair had been brought about by the newspapers. Despite his protests, the flight had been officially sanctioned by the Post Office (if not by the R.A.F.), and arrangements for it were well in hand by the time the *Curtiss* and its crew arrived in Montreal.

If Toronto's "nose was out of joint" in 1918, amends were made 40 years later. In September 1958 the Archaeological and Historic Sites Board of Ontario erected a plaque on the site at Leaside where the first air mail flight in Canada had terminated. Capt. Peck, unfortunately, did not live to see the ceremony which paid tribute to his pioneer effort; he had died at Montreal two years previously on 6 September 1956.

After Capt. Peck's flight in June 1918 had demonstrated the feasibility of air mail, the Aero Club of Canada, headed by Col. W. Hamilton Merritt, arranged another series of flights in co-operation with the Royal Air Force and the Post Office Department.

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EXPERIMENTAL RUNS

The first flight in this experimental service was made on 15 August 1918 when Lt. Tremper Longman of No. 78 Canadian Training Squadron carried a small cargo of air mail from Leaside to Rockcliffe in five hours. Cancelled in the Toronto post office at 9 a.m., the bag of some 60 letters, most official correspondence to government offices in Ottawa, was rushed to the airfield where Longman took off an hour later. After refuelling at Deseronto, he landed on the rifle range at Rockcliffe at 3 p.m. and the mail bag was delivered to the post office in Ottawa half an hour later. Some of the letters were received by officers of the Department of Militia and Defence at 4.30 the same afternoon.* Two days later Longman made the return trip to Toronto, leaving Rockcliffe at 6.50 a.m. on the 17th and landing at Leaside at 12.25, after the customary refuelling stop at Deseronto. The mail carried on the "Jenny" was delivered in Toronto an hour later.

The second flight in the series between the provincial and federal capitals was carried out by Lt. Arthur M. Dunstan who made the eastward trip with 130 letters on 26 August, and the return trip the next afternoon. The experimental service ended on 4 September with a round-trip flight between the two cities by Lt. E. C. G. Burton. Leaving Leaside at 8 a.m., he reached Rockcliffe at 12.42, had a hurried lunch and took off again an hour later. Delayed by head winds on the return flight, he did not arrive at Leaside until 7 p.m. with his cargo of 118 ordinary and 18 special delivery letters. This small bag was the "heaviest" mail carried on the experimental service operated by the Aero Club of Canada between Toronto and Ottawa.

* Replies to these official letters, despatched by rail that night, reached Toronto at 8 a.m. the following morning, less than 24 hours after the original mail had closed there. This combined air-rail service cut ten hours off the 33 hours required for all-rail transport of the mail. **(Courtesy of THE ROUNDEL, Journal of the Royal Canadian Air Force.)**

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OCTOBER 31: Attended the annual Banquet of the Brantford Stamp Club. Mae Hanselman, its energetic president, lined things up in grand style. Philatelists were present from all the surrounding points including Toronto. A large Bourse did a thriving business. This chapter publishes an interesting News Letter regularly for its members. Dr. Geldert wasted no time in telling all and sundry, "It's up to them to get 100% behind the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada". He prophesied a wonderful future for the Royal and urged all to get aboard the bandwagon.

NOVEMBER 7: Attended the Annual Banquet and Exhibition of the Saint John Stamp Club. Stressed the weakness of Philately in New Brunswick and pointed out the great value of a National Philatelic Organization where collectors are widely scattered. Found the Saint John group well organized, eager and enthusiastic under the capable hands of President Frank Ferro and Secretary, Larry Bell. The Exhibition was excellent and large, a real challenge for any local show. Professor McNutt of Fredericton, Dr. Tardif of Edmunston and others from various points in N. B. were present as well as two stalwarts of the Truro Stamp Club. Visited our old friend Aubrey Kelson, philatelic writer and dealer and well-known to Upper Canada collectors.

NOVEMBER 10: Guest of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club in Halifax. Here a large group of this thriving chapter turned out to greet the President. In addition, a delegation from the Truro Stamp Club drove 70 miles to Halifax for the occasion. The Nova Scotia boys and gals are really serious collectors. They sure know their stamps. Our Regional Director, Collins Baugild, is doing a top-notch job for the RPSC in Halifax, ably supported by George Thompson and others. The Halifax group took Dr. Geldert (an old Bluenose) right to their hearts. Following the meeting, all adjourned for a reception and refreshments to the home of the N. S. Stamp Club secretary, Miss Alice McLearn. Dr. Geldert showed some of the rarities of his Canada pence collection to both the Saint John and Halifax groups. In Saint John, President Ferro demonstrated the value of publicity in obtaining wide coverage both on television and the local press for the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, and philately in general.

NOVEMBER 15: Along with seven of the Society's Directors met the gang in Kitchener, Ontario, with regard to prepara-

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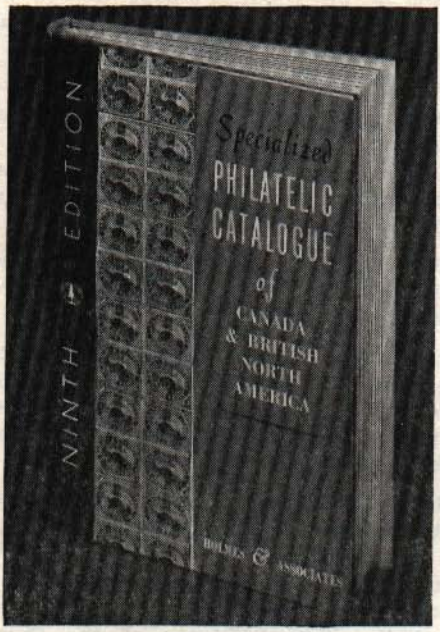

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tions for the 1960 Convention and National Exhibition. The Directors found the local boys with everything well in hand and committees headed by Bruce McAdam, Jim Kraemer, Director Bill Erbach and Kitchener-Waterloo President Joe Backes, all working hard to make the first convention held under the auspices of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, the best yet.

NOVEMBER 18: Flew to Boston, being met at the Airport by Bill Russell, Bill Pollitz and Les Littlefield. Attended a dinner at the University Club as the guest of the "Philatelic Group of Metro Boston". A body of advanced and serious collectors. 20 of the 24 present at the dinner collect Canadian items. Some of the material displayed would make any Canadian philatelist envious. Meeting once a month, they drive in from points as far as 30 miles distant from Boston. Quite a number of their members belong to the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada and it won't be long before all of them will be listed among our members. Following the dinner, Les Downing took your president to his home in Concord, Mass., where he bunked in after viewing some of Les' priceless treasures. It was a wonderful and a well worth while trip. Thanks Boston.

NOVEMBER 19: On to New York for the American Stamp Dealers Show. This was really something. Over a hundred dealers with everything imaginable for sale from a block of the Inverted Seaway to Topicals. The Armoury packed with thousands of people, buying, trading and milling around. Here we ran into Jim Sissons, Les Davenport, Fred Jarrett, Vinnie Greene, Charlie Westhaver, Sam Paige, President Larry Edmunds and Secretary Henry Nouss of the SPA, Bernard Ring, president of the American First Day Cover Society, President Cratensberg and Secretary Clay Musser of the APS, George Turner of the Smithsonian Institute, Bernard Davis, Harry Weiss of Weekly Philatelic Gossip, George Linn, Carl Rueth, Gordon Harmer, Admiral Jesse Johnson and many other notables too numerous to mention.

NOVEMBER 20: Entertained at dinner by George and Dell Lee with Ernie Kehr, one of America's greatest writers, both on philately and world events. He is the Stamp columnist of the New York Herald-

Tribune and the recipient of many philatelic decorations. His pioneer work on philatelic photography is little short of phenomenal. We hope to have Ernie (an extremely busy man), as an occasional contributor to the columns of the Canadian Philatelist.

NOVEMBER 21: George Lee of Canadian Plate block and Egypt Royal imperfs fame, took Fred Jarrett, Vinnie Greene and your president to his country place in Bernardsville, N.J., where his wife, Dell, extended a gracious American welcome to visiting Canadians. George is one of our most enthusiastic new members and his Canadian Plate Block collection is something to see. He really knows his stuff. The Lee home is something out of this world with sunken gardens, lily pools, acres of well-landscaped ground plus the cutest French poodle thrown in. George's interest in philately requires a library and two dens on the ground floor and a large living room upstairs. George is also a wizard on philatelic photography. Incidentally, as a sideline, when he tires of playing with stamps, he is president and owner of Red Devil Tools, one of the large manufacturers of precision tools in the U.S.A. Perhaps George will contribute an article on Canadian Plate blocks to the CP in the near future.

NOVEMBER 22: Flew back to Ottawa to find a desk piled high with RPSC correspondence, enquiries re membership, a stack of membership applications, and advertising for the Philatelist including one from Japan.

DECEMBER 10: Banquet of the Ottawa Philatelic Society. Guest speaker: Fred Jarrett.

DECEMBER 16: In Toronto, attending the meeting of the Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada to hear the guest speaker, Dr. J. J. Matejka, of Chicago, with a wonderful show of Newfoundland Airmails.

DECEMBER 17: Attended the Toronto Stamp Collectors Club Christmas Party.

In addition, the President received invitations to the Anniversary Banquet of the London Philatelic Society on November 7 and the Annual Dinner of the Quinte Stamp Club at Belleville on 14 November, but was regretfully unable to attend.

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Canada's 1960 Programme

At least five new stamps will make their appearance during 1960, according to the Hon. William Hamilton, Postmaster General. Also, the familiar blue aerogramme is to be completely re-designed.

The regular issue portraying Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will be replaced with new designs and it is expected that at least two of the denominations of the new series will be issued in 1960. While the designing of this new issue has not yet begun, some sweeping changes are receiving serious consideration. The stamps are to be of the same small size as the present issue, but may possibly be turned so that the long dimension is horizontal. Her Majesty's portrait will appear, but will not occupy the entire area of the design as at present. In the remaining space, besides the denomination and other necessary wording, some specifically Canadian symbol will be printed, and this symbol may vary with each denomination.

The new aerogramme will be printed in two colours on a brighter blue paper and the imprinted stamp will be re-designed.

Three new commemoratives will appear: MAY — 300th Anniversary of the heroic stand of Dollard des Ormeaux and his companions in the defence of Montreal at the Long Sault. Later, a stamp in honour of the 50th Anniversary of the Girl Guide Movement in Canada. Also, a special stamp to emphasize Canada's natural, renewable resources.

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Postal Cancellations of the Field Post Offices of Canada 1909 - 1946

By Lieut.-Col. R. H. Webb

(Continued from page 237 — Vol. 10)

The following footnotes relate to the check list of "CANADA MILITIA" field post office which appeared on page 237 of the Nov. - Dec. issue.

NOTES

1. Dimensions — unless otherwise stated in "Remarks"

	Diameter of circle	Height of letters FPO	CANADA MILITIA
a	28 mm	3 mm	2¾ mm
b	1 27 mm	2½ mm	2½ mm
	2 28½ mm	2¾ mm	2½ mm
	3 29 mm	3 mm	2¾ mm
	4 30 mm	3¼ mm	2¾ mm
c	28 mm	3 mm	2¾ mm
d	(27 mm	2½ mm	2½ mm
	(29 mm	3 mm	2¾ mm

4. The use of figures to indicate time, e.g. 21 (or 9 pm) is believed to have been introduced in 1927. Prior to that year, time was shown, if at all, by 'AM' or 'PM'. The time blocks were removable hence it is assumed that they were simply replaced by new blocks having figures.

5. Other First World War Camps may have had FPOs using this type of postmark but confirmation is awaited.

Machine Cancellations

Electric post marking machines were provided the "Canada Militia" FPOs at Camps Borden and Valcartier during the summer of 1916 (July ?). The machine at the former FPO was moved to Toronto (Exhibition Park) on 14 Dec. 1916 but as the electric motor was not suited for the available power, another one (25 cycle?) had to be borrowed from the CNE authori-

2. Dieproofs of the date stamps for Beamsville, Long Branch and Goderich Camp FPOs and the Niagara Camp date stamp with "the" have been seen but actual use has not been confirmed.

3. Date stamp for St. Jean, P.Q. FPO has a small dash between "CANADA-MILITIA".

ties. The same machine alternated between the two locations thereafter until the summer of 1918 when it was sent to Niagara Camp.

CHECK LIST

FPO	Approximate Dates of Use Earliest	Latest
Valcartier Camp	30 Aug. 1916	Dec. 20 (?)
Camp Borden	30 July 1916	?
Toronto (Exhibition Park)	14 Dec. 1916	?
Niagara Camp	25 June 1918	?

(a)

(b)

Date stamp (a) of which 8 dies were produced, is believed to have been issued to the postal detachment of the First Contingent which concentrated at Valcartier Camp in late August and September 1914. I believe these date stamps were intended for overseas use but it is possible they may have been taken into service at Valcartier. I have a cover postmarked 30 Sep 14 in conjunction with a Quebec City cancellation dated 1 Oct, thus indicating that at least one date stamp was used in Canada before the departure of the Contingent from Quebec on 1 Oct.

I have seen die-proofs of type (b) with FPOs numbered 9 to 16 inclusive but I know of no actual use in Canada or overseas. Why the numbers start at 9 is a matter for conjecture but I assume there is some connection with the eight postal detachments serving the "Canada Militia" FPOs in Canada.

TRANSITIONAL PERIOD 1936 (?)—1941
Circular Date Stamps

d

b

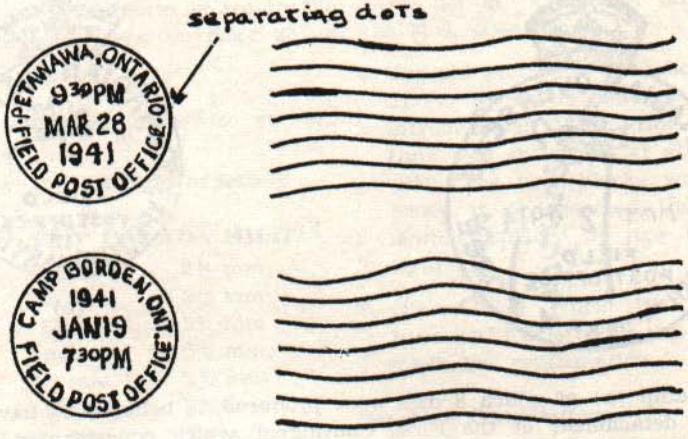
c

New type date stamps appear to have been adopted about 1936-37 for the FPOs shown in the check list below. These FPOs were, of course, open for a few weeks only, in the years prior to 1940 but thereafter they appear to have been in continuous operation until replaced by Military Post Offices in 1941. Again, actual years of operation, together with the opening/closing dates for each FPO have yet to be ascertained.

CHECK LIST

FPO	Type (a)	Type (b)	Type (c)	Know Dates of Use Earliest	Latest
Camp Borden			x	8 Aug 38	28 Jan 41
Connaught Camp		x		?	?
Dundurn Camp	x			7 Jul 36	21 Oct 40
Sarcee Camp		x		?	1 Sep 40
Shilo Camp		x		?	?
Sussex Camp			x	6 Jul 37	20 Feb 41

Machine Cancellations



The above examples of this type of postmark are the only ones known to me. Just when they came into and went out of use and if any other FPOs used them are questions to which I am unable to provide answers at present.

CAPO'S 1941-45

Circular Date Stamp

Newfoundland and Labrador during the period 1941-46 were not yet part of Canada but arrangements were made for Canadian Forces to be stationed at a number of locations thus creating a need for FPOs. The exact reason for adopting the term CAPO (Canadian Army Post Office) for the POs shown in the check list is unknown to me, but I presume it was to differentiate between the MPOs in Canada and the CFPOs overseas. Although free postal privilege for ordinary mail was authorized effective 20 Dec 1939 for all Canadian troops serving abroad, letter mail from the Forces in Newfoundland was normally sent by air so postage is found on most covers. Newfoundland stamps were obligatory except on mail from CAPO 10 at Goose Bay, Labrador but covers are frequently seen bearing only Canadian postage or a combination of Canadian and Newfoundland stamps. Owing to the inaccessibility of Goose Bay from Newfoundland, arrangements were made for Canadian postage to be used on mail from CAPO

10. I believe this was the first official use of normal Canadian postage outside the country.

The decision to send a joint Canadian - US Force to the Aleutians to push the Japs out of the area resulted in CAPO 51 being opened at Adak and later at Kiska. As mail from CAPOs 1 - 5 was required to have Newfoundland postage, so did mail from CAPO 51 have to have US postage. Covers from this Force may also be found bearing the postmark "Canadian Postal Corps No. 1" thus indicating use of the emergency date stamp.

CHECK LIST

FPO	Location	Type			Dates	
		(a)	(b)	(c)	Opening	Closing
CAPO 1	St. John's	x			1 Sep 41	14 Dec 45
CAPO 2	Gander	x			"	27 Jan 45
CAPO 3	Botwood	x			"	18 Feb 45
CAPO 4	Gander	x			10 Aug 42	20 Nov 45
CAPO 5	Torbay		x		26 Sep 42	30 Nov 45
CAPO 10	Goose Bay	x			10 Jul 42	30 Jul 46
CAPO 51	Adak; Kiska			x	22 Jun 43	6 Jan 45

NOTE: The above dates are those of formation and disbandment of the CAPOs. It is doubtful if mail was cancelled by CAPO 51 before 12 Jul 43, the date the Force sailed from Vancouver Island ports.

WINTER MANOEUVRES 1944-45
Circular Date Stamps

During the winter of 1944-45 the Canadian Army carried out two winter exercises to test equipment and tactics. One of these, known as "Exercise ESKIMO" was based on Prince Albert, Sask., to test "dry cold" conditions, while the other was based at Williams Lake in the interior of BC to test "wet cold" conditions. The two FPOs opened to serve the participating troops were identified by numbers according to the code used for MPOs; i.e., FPO 1212 signifies military district No. 12 (Saskatchewan) and FPO No. 12 within that district.

CHECK LIST

FPO	Location	Approximate Dates	
		Opening	Closing
1212	Prince Albert, Sask.	28 Nov 44 (?)	19 Mar 45 (?)
1126	Williams Lake, BC	?	30 Apr 45

CONCLUSION

Other types of postmarks exist, of course, as some of the FPOs were provided with "rollers" and rubber hand stamps for registration, money orders and parcels. Examples of these postmarks have been excluded as otherwise the article would be much too long.

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Pall Mall Preview

January 1960

A brief summary of the current auctions being held by Robson Lowe Ltd. at Pall Mall and Bournemouth

THE classic stamps of Oldenburg have been popular for many years. Many of these charming lithographs may be found in second and lower rate quality, but in perfect condition they arouse keen competition from those that know fine stamps. The market is not confined to Germany, and buyers from most countries in Europe, both North and South America as well as Australia, are expected to be represented at 50 Pall Mall on 20th January.

January 27th at 2 p.m.
Cape of Good Hope

In this collection each piece has been carefully classified as to colour and paper. The 1855 1/- is shown in at least eight different shades

The many shades in which the 1853-55 1d. and 4d. triangulars were printed may be matched by the contemporary 1d. and and 2d. stamps of Great Britain

January Sales at Pall Mall

THE first sale in the New Year is being held on 6th January — a POSTAL HISTORY AUCTION — which includes strong sections of *Polar Postal History*, the second part of the Marquess of Bute's collection of *Siege of Przemysl* cards, *Great Britain, The Holy Land* and what is now called *Yugoslavia.*

On January 9th the GENERAL COLLECTIONS formed by the late R. A. Allback, the late Alfred Marsh and Commander R. M. Reynolds will be sold at Bournemouth. The 13th will see the sale of the BRITISH EMPIRE collection formed by the late G. K. Rose with a wealth of medium classics particularly strong in the *Australian States* and specialised collections of *New Guinea* and *Papua* formed by R. T. Ledger.

On January 20th, a remarkable collection of *Oldenburg*, formed by an Italian nobleman, now deceased, fills the afternoon. There are 91 covers which include 1855 $\frac{1}{3}$ sgr. (a single on one and three on another); 1851 $\frac{1}{3}$ gr. (3), 2 gr. (seven singles and a pair), and 3 gr. (4); 1861 $\frac{1}{3}$ gr. strip of three, $\frac{1}{2}$ gr. chestnut pair, $\frac{1}{2}$ gr. brown (a pair and ten singles) and 2 gr. (5). Other used items of note are strips of three 1855 $\frac{1}{3}$ sgr. and four 1861 $\frac{1}{4}$ gr. as well as four pairs of the $\frac{1}{2}$ gr.

From the same estate comes the collection of triangular *Cape of Good Hope* which will be sold on the 27th. The large mint blocks include 1855 1d. (8), 4d. (36, possibly the largest piece extant of this stamp) and 1/- (18 and 8); 1863-64 1d. (12 and 8), 4d. (8), 6d. (8), 1/- (8) and 1/- pale emerald (4). There are mint triangular blocks of four of the 1855 6d. and 1/-, 1863 1d. (3, shades), 6d. (3) and 1/- (2) as well as one of nine of the 4d. with full corner sheet margins. The used include blocks of four in seven different shades of the 1853 1d., six 1855 1/- yellow-green and eighteen 1/- dark green. Among the superb singles are six "woodblocks".

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ALEX McMURTRIE

It is with deep regret that we learned of the passing of Alex McMurtrie on the 7th November after a lingering illness.

Alex has been a director of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada for a number of years and an active one too, for he never hesitated to come to a meeting of the Board in Toronto when called upon.

He was one of the mainstays of the Sarnia Stamp Club and has done a tremendous amount of work to make stamp collecting strong in that part of the country. Before moving to Sarnia, he had been very active in the Chatham-Kent Philatelic Society, of which Club he was a Vice-President at the time of his passing.

Alex had several interests in philately, one of which was collecting stamp columns from all over the country.

We received a notice from Boris Milosevich of Sarnia, informing us that Alex had willed two of his topical collections to the Sarnia City Library and other parts of his collection to other libraries in Kent County.

His death will be a grievous loss not only to the Sarnia Stamp Club, but also to our Society and to Canadian philately.

WALTER BAYLEY

Walter Silliman Bayley passed away suddenly on 17th November of a heart attack, in his 74th year. He attended the Philatelic Specialists' dinner at the King Edward Hotel in Toronto on the 14th and seemed in good health, but he was stricken on the night of the 16th and passed away the following day.

Walter was a familiar figure at most of the philatelic conventions held in Canada and the United States and will be greatly missed by his host of friends.

His collection of the 1897 Jubilee was of the front rank, as were his collections of the Canada "Widow's Weeds" of 1892 and the "Nesbitt" envelopes of Canada, issued in 1860.

Walter was a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, and was the Royal's representative for Eastern Canada. He served on the jury in New York at CIPEX in 1947 and was Chairman of the Jury at CAPEX in Toronto in 1951. Shortly after the latter exhibition he suffered a severe heart attack from which he never fully recovered.

The Toronto Stamp Collectors' Club owe a great deal to Walter, who saw it through some lean years as President and awarded the "Bayley Trophy" annually to the member of the Club who had built up the best "sideline" collection during the previous year.

In addition to his membership of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, he was a member of the British North American Philatelic Society, the Essay-Proof Society, the North Toronto Stamp Club and other clubs across Canada.

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The London Letter

By Robson Lowe

During October, we invaded Italy in connection with the International Exhibition held at Palermo to celebrate the Centenary of the issue of the lovely Sicilian stamps. On October 9th, in the company of my wife and Anna Waley (who was really there to keep me in order) we flew to Milan where we met a steady stream of collectors during our two-day visit. In addition to the many who collect various issues of Italy and the early States, we were surprised to find philatelists who specialize in plating the 1841 1d. red of Great Britain and the triangular 4d. Cape of Good Hope. Venice was, commercially, a waste of time but quite lovely and for the first time I got stuck in a traffic jam on a canal and our taxi had to reverse for half a mile. In Florence we found some very fine stamps but by the time we got to Rome most of the leading collectors had left the metropolis for Sicily.

Marcus and Betty Samuel, together with Maryjean Picton, had gone direct from London to Palermo taking with them the material that we were to have on display. The Exhibition was well housed and the frames attractively displayed but there were very few visitors. On one day only twenty-three people paid to come in. The Jury, exhibitors and dealers made up the bulk of the attendance and this suited us well as we were able to give time to business with advanced collectors without being cluttered up with masses of the general public that just goggle and do nothing. Our stand looked very attractive and many thought that the coloured illustrations from our catalogues, which had been mounted up on album sheets and written up as collections, were the real thing. The press took a photograph of the Queen's portrait which was shown on the stand, together with our display and published it as "The Queen of England with her stamps" — a mistake which was difficult to understand as Her Majesty's stamps were actually on display in the Court of Honour.

The pages chosen from the Royal Collection were of stamps in use in 1859 and included the Ceylon octagonal imperforates, Mauritius 1859 2d. large fillet and some of the high values of the Britannia design, Natal, New South Wales, British Guiana lithographs and India used in Malaya, with the bisects on covers. In the Class of Honour the Grand Prix was won by Anderegg of Switzerland for his magnificent collection of that country. First prize for Sicily was won by Sai Vita, of Milan, and Mario Tomassini, of Rome, won the International Grand Prix for his general collection of Italian States. This was quite a fantastic study which was excellently written up and illustrated in the catalogue. A specialized study of Naples with all its Postal Forgeries used on cover day by day was perhaps to be expected but in his general collection of Europe there was a wonderful lot of classics. To mention a few, in the Austrian

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1850 9kr type II there was a used block of sixteen and France started off with a complete set of the first issue in mint blocks. His Swiss cantonals were complete on covers and among other countries shown which were full of superb classics were the German States and Roumania.

The British Commonwealth section was comparatively weak and the most attractive display was William Frazer's collection of Virgin Islands. Gonzalez Garcia of Portugal justifiably won the Grand Prix for overseas philatelists for his collection of Portugal and Colonies.

We stayed at an hotel on the other side of Mount Pellegrino so we had the choice of driving six miles through the town, eight miles round the coast or nine miles over the top of the mountain, whenever we wanted to go home. The weather was glorious most of the time and during the very civilized luncheon intervals of three hours, some of us had a dip in the sea. We returned home at the end of the month via Naples, Pompeii, through Sorrento to Rome and so back to London just in time to tackle the problems arising out of the October and November sales. So far, the most surprising thing has been the record price of £1700 paid for the Great Britain 1d. plate 77 mint (a used copy on a piece with a 4d. realized £900.)

In the Pall Mall Preview that is included in this issue are illustrated some of the Oldenburg and Cape of Good Hope gems which were among the loot that we collected in Italy. February will be even more exciting for on the 3rd we have an enormous sale which includes the "Thirkell" Greece, the "G. K. Rose" Europe and Colonies, and the "Dromberg" Brazil. On the 5th and 6th we have a two-day sale in Bournemouth which includes three large general collections and on the 10th we shall be selling the "Gwatkin" Great Britain. During one of my journeys on the Continent this year, I found a valuable specialized collection which had not been seen since 1939. This is the fabulous Pantheo property and the Lombardy-Venetia and Roman States will fill the days on February 17th and 24th respectively.

A Happy New Year to you all.

ROBSON LOWE

P.S.—Since dictating this letter we have learned of the death of Walter Bayley of Toronto. His many friends in England loved him and mourn his passing.

Robson Lowe's Auctions

We have just heard from Mr. Lowe that his firm has had a record year. The figures are so remarkable that we cannot forbear publishing them.

Total sales for the 1958-59 season were £433,829, an increase of £126,487 over the previous year.

The breakdown in sales is as follows (with figure for previous year in brackets):

Great Britain, £39,000 (£23,600); Commonwealth, £71,500 (£74,450); Foreign, £157,855 (£70,522); Postal History, £28,300 (up £2,100).

It is interesting to note that out of the total auction realizations of £396,773, more than half, £201,273, were exported outside Great Britain, those to America amounting to £62,433.

These are, indeed, remarkable figures.

ALL ABOARD FOR POSTERITY

Here is one for the book: Our President, Dr. Geldert, in his winter sojourn in Florida meets many Philatelists. Naturally, on his return to Ottawa, he forwards the odd membership application to his friends with the suggestion that they may care to become a member of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada.

Recently, he received a letter from our friend George L. Merrill of Toledo, Ohio, from which we take the liberty of quoting:

"I do not notice on the application blank you sent me any listing for paid Life Members to the Society. I think it would be fine for you and I, along with other interested friends, to start this type of thing and establish a nucleus of a fund to help carry on the Society after we are dead and gone, and it would occur to me that we might initiate it.

"It would occur to me that $100.00 ought to produce, in this market, an income of four or five dollars a year to cover the dues. With this in mind, I enclose my cheque for $100.00 to cover this amount. Let me know what you think of this idea. Perhaps, you and I could be the Charter Life Members, or at least get the ball rolling".

The Directors think this is a splendid idea and have approved of Life Memberships in the Society at $100.00.

The Fund has been initiated with George, our President, and one other who desires to remain anonymous, as Charter Members. What a wonderful thing it will be for all contributors to this fund to realize they have left a lasting memorial for posterity to Canadian Philately, to carry on after they are dead and gone for all the years to come.

We know there are many of our members who will delight in being associated with such a worthwhile cause.

Canada, compared with our powerful and wealthy neighbor to the south, is relatively small in population. Let us at all times endeavour to place the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada in such a financial position that it may accomplish much for Philately.

Bequests in your wills, regardless of amount, will go a long way towards achieving this end.

Who will be among the first benefactors to a great cause?

Switzerland Catalogue

We have received a copy of the 1960 Switzerland Catalogue for 1960, published by THE AMATEUR COLLECTOR LTD., of London, England.

Price quotations therein have been computed in the FALL of 1959, which makes it quite up-to-date.

A well printed volume of 72 pages, with 539 fine illustrations, this is indeed a necessary guide for all collectors of Switzerland — and they are many.

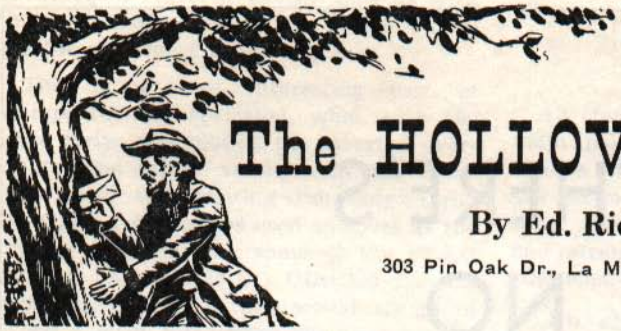
A quick perusal of this catalogue shows some really startling price changes, all on the upward grade. Some of the upwards revisions among the tete-beche pairs, for instance, are quite surprising.

Incidentally, a key to Scott's catalogue numbers is included in the volume, as is also a conversion table from sterling to dollars.

The catalogue has been ably edited by those well-known writers, L. N. & M. Williams and can be obtained in Canada from R. Edwin Elliot, Box 134, St. Johns, P.Q., price $1.50, post free.

News From New Zealand

The Editor has received from the New Zealand P. O. a list of all the stamps available at present from the GPO, Wellington, and will be pleased to lend it to anyone interested. Stamped addressed envelope, please.



The HOLLOW TREE

By Ed. Richardson

303 Pin Oak Dr., La Marque, Texas, U.S.A.

No. 448—1899 PROVISIONAL OVERPRINT "SHOWING THROUGH"

The "2 CENTS" overprint on the 3c Leaf and Numeral issues have long been known with the variety "Overprint Showing Through." This is not a faint trace, but a deep black clear print. It does not appear to be due to offset—rather it appears that for certain printings, either a different ink, or a slight change in the overprinting process took place.

While I cannot pin-point the Leaf issue, at least I can report that all copies I have seen on the Numeral issue appear to have come from Plate No. 4. I have seen several Plate No. 4 blocks and strips with this variety, but never on any other plate. Not all plate No. 4 pieces show this variety however.

No. 449—CANADIAN "SHINPLASTERS"

While not philately, but rather numismatics, I know there is a great deal of interest among Canadian stamp collectors in collecting their own "shinplasters". Webster defines these as "a piece of government paper money of a denomination less than a dollar".

Counting minor varieties, Canada has issued just TEN varieties of these. The first in 1870 and the last in 1923. All are in 25c denomination. A most interesting collection these make as a sideline to philately. Many are quite scarce but none are out of reach. According to Charlton's "Standard Catalogue of Canadian Coins, Tokens and Paper Money" (published in 1959)—in very fine condition these range from $3.50 to $40 each.

No. 450—OVERPRINTED NEWFOUNDLAND SAVINGS STAMP

The 10c Blue National Savings Stamp has recently appeared with a three line overprint in carmine reading **"Newfoundland / Savings / Bank".** According to my information, approximately 20,000 of these were so overprinted. This would be 400 sheets as the original issue was printed in sheets of fifty (10 x 5).

The Newfoundland Savings Bank is not a Private bank—it is THE National Savings Bank, and its savings are a first charge guaranteed by the Newfoundland Provincial government.

We understand that when these are used up, there will be a new definitive issue. It is likely that the original basic stamp, un-overprinted, may turn out to be quite scarce, as it is doubtful if there are any great stocks laying around.

No. 451—LARGE QUEEN—DOUBLE ROW OF PERFS

They may be quite common for all I know, but I just never have seen any before—double rows of perforations on the Large Queen issue. Yes I have a goodly number of examples in the Small Queens, but until I recently had the chance to see a used 12½ with double rows of perforations at the bottom, I did not suspect they existed in the earlier issue.

No. 452—PLATES USED IN THE 1899 PROVISIONAL OVERPRINTED ISSUES

Writing a few moments ago about the variety found in these prompts me to call attention to the plates used for this issue. We have just recently succeeded in completing our set of plates.

In the LEAF issue, four plates exist, plates 3-6 inclusive. Plates No. 3 and No. 4 are very scarce—much more so than the plate block catalogue value of $20 for a strip of 4 would indicate.

In the NUMERAL issue, six plates exist, plates No. 1-6 inclusive, and all are of

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about equal scarcity, except that as with the Leaf issue, plates No. 5 and No. 6 are the ones most frequently seen.

This is a most interesting pair of stamps for the specialist, what with the plate strips and blocks, the inverted overprints, the minor varieties in the overprint, and the printing "showing thru" varieties. A few copies used on cover at the proper time, showing some of the FLAG cancels, and SQUARED CIRCLE Cancels being used at that time would all go to make a most interesting showing.

No. 453—ST. HYACINTHE SQUARED CIRCLE

Squared Circle cancellation fans might well give this hammer some study. Luckily it is rather common, therefore available in goodly number for study purposes. Up through 1897, there is nothing in particular of interest, but beginning in 1898 on, perhaps continuing on to the end of use in 1900, all examples of this cancel which I have seen show some changes have taken place, whether intentional, or from wear I do not know. I must have examined nearly 100 examples of this strike for 1898 and all show a blank space around the inside of the border. This is particularly apparent on the sides. The thick bars at the top and bottom sometimes appear as two thin lines.

Does this indicate nothing more than wear, or was the hammer actually cut, to "lighten" the cancel?

No. 454—ASSOCIATED SOCIETIES SAVINGS BANK STAMPS OF HAMILTON

Collecting the "stamp money" of Canada has long been a favorite sideline of mine. These include the Thrift and War Savings Stamps of Canada and Newfoundland, as well as the Postal Note and Script stamps, and the Alberta Prosperity stamps and Certificate.

A forerunner to these is the set of savings stamps issued by the Associated Societies Savings Bank of Hamilton, Ont. Can anyone report exactly the year they were issued and how long a period of use they enjoyed?

I have a set of four in my collection, as follows—

1c Yellow
1c Pale purple
5c Dark Blue
25c Rose

All feature the denomination as the main part of the design, repeating the figures of value in all four corners. All are perforated 12½. They were printed in sheet form, size not known, and probably had straight edges in all margins. Any additional information would be welcomed.

No. 455—MAGNUS PRINTS AND LETTER SHEETS

Much has been written about Charles Magnus, the publisher of a very popular and rare group of U.S. Civil War Patriotics. However he was most famous for his lithographic prints of various cities, historical and scenic spots. Some of these prints were made on double size letter sheets — printed in black. Others were printed on black cards with gold borders.

These prints were produced around the 1860's, and it may be of interest that Magnus also printed quite an extensive series of letter sheets and prints showing Canadian scenes. Many collectors of Canadian stamps collect these as a sideline, or to illustrate their collections. They make wonderful decorations for the stamp room when properly framed.

While I am certain the list following is not complete — it does represent all the varieties I have in my own collection, or have seen. Most of these bear one of several types of imprints, however a few bear none. There are at least four types of imprints, reading in substance "Published by Chas. Magnus & Co., 12 Frankfort St., N. York."

Letter Sheets (black only)

L-1 Hamilton, Canada West (no imprint)
L-2 Hamilton, C. W.
L-3 Halifax
L-4 Kingston, Lake Ontario
L-5 Prescott, From Ogdensburg Harbour
L-6 Toronto, Canada West
L-7 Montreal (two horizontal scenes) (note A)
L-8 Canada (six small scenes) (note A)
L-9 French Parish Church Notre Dame, Montreal.

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The Realm of Stamps

by MONTOR

The writer of this column would like this month to make a suggestion which, with possible modifications, could be implemented to the great benefit of philately in Canada.

With the great distances in this country, it is of course next to impossible to select a site for the Society's annual convention and exhibition which could be attended by any sizable proportion of the membership.

The two national societies in the United States, the American Philatelic Society and the Society of Philatelic Americans, because of this same difficulty, have, during the past few years instituted half-yearly regional meetings, generally held in a different part of the country than their annual gatherings. These, it is believed, have worked out satisfactorily and benefited not only the Societies but also been the means of publicizing stamp collecting, as any exhibition undoubtedly does, throughout the U. S.

The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada's Annual Convention and Exhibition is now generally held around the beginning of May. Why not therefore arrange a fall gathering some distance away from the site of the Annual Convention to give those living in another part of the country at least some of the advantages of such a meeting.

It is not suggested that the Society should attempt to arrange a second major annual exhibition at these mid-year gatherings, but if the local clubs like to get together and provide a purely local exhibition, so much the better.

The staging of an exhibition entails a very great deal of hard work, as is well known by anyone who has ever had anything to do with these shows, but it can not be denied that a stamp exhibition is one of the very best ways of attracting new collectors and furthermore, it does bring out many lone collectors whom one has no idea were so much as remotely interested in philately. On several occasions, this columnist has met collectors at these events who, it transpired, had really first class material which would put to shame many of the exhibits on display.

Say at the beginning of October, when the Canadian countryside is so beautiful with the Fall colourings and the hotels are not so full, such a gathering held at one of the resorts of which Canada has so many, could be made the occasion of a very successful get-together of collectors. Study groups could meet and discuss their interests and problems, and, after all, a great deal of the charm of philately is to discuss stamps and look at stamps.

Members could be encouraged to bring along an album or two and no doubt a number of dealers would be glad to attend.

Possibly, several of the directors and officers of the Society might also find it possible to be there.

It is really up to the individual members and the chapters to get such a movement started, as, after all, the membership can not expect the officers and directors to do everything.

What philately needs in Canada is for more people to be willing and able to play a greater share in the development of interest in stamp collecting.

In the last two issues of THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST, there have been references made as to the question of what to collect. One member advocated that the stamps and related material of Canada were quite sufficient and that the philately of the rest of the world could be ignored.

This was followed by a letter pleading for a wider look at the subject and making the suggestion that a second country was tantamount to a necessity to obtain the greatest benefit from one's hobby.

One can not help feeling that to get the fullest benefit from and to be able really to understand and appreciate the stamps

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CHAPTER NEWS

BRANTFORD

The Brantford Stamp Club's Twentieth Birthday Party on 31 October proved to be a very enjoyable affair. There were many visitors from all around Brantford, and also from further afield. The President of the R.P.S.C., Dr. G. M. Geldert, was present and gave an inspiring speech.

GALT

The Galt Stamp Club is holding its Grand River Valley Philatelic Association meeting with a dinner in conjunction with it, on the 28th January, at Fearn Lodge, Galt. This is always a very pleasant evening and the Club will be pleased to welcome any visitors.

The Club's Bulletin, The Galt Stamp Club News, is a delightful little publication. We note attendance at a recent meeting of the Club was 64% of the membership. Many clubs will look upon this percentage with envy.

Shows what a live president like G. Drew-Smith can do to a Club!

BELLEVILLE

The Quinte Stamp Club held its Third Annual Inter-Club meeting on 14 Nov. with over 90 members and visitors present. The latter came from Toronto, Port Hope, Peterborough, Brockville, and other neighbouring places.

Jack Hodgson, of Belleville, won first prize at the Exhibition with a very fine display of the United Nations.

Well done, Quinte! Wish we could have been there as usual, but we may be there next year.

KAMLOOPS

We hear from Bob Duncan, who is also well-known as the Librarian of the B.N.A.P.S., that collectors of the Okanagan Valley, from Armstrong, Kamloops, Salmon Arm, Falkland, Vernon, Kelowna and Penticton, have "banded together for pleasure and profit", under the name of MAINLINE PHILATELIC SOCIETY. It is obvious that Bob Duncan must be a prime mover in this.

We hope to hear more of the Mainline P. S. as time goes on.

LONDON

The London P. S. held a very successful day's entertainment on the 7 Nov. which was very well attended by members and visitors from the London district and further afield.

We have not heard much about it, except that Cyril Woodhead was there, but we do know that the Club is forging ahead under the able direction of its new President, Grant Showers.

WINDSOR

Canada's "Biggest Little Club" was off to a flying start and seems to be headed for a very active season, as allways. President Perl Wakeham gave a very interesting talk recently on the "Inverted Seaway" and we thought at first that he actually had a copy, but were disappointed (as Perl must be, we are sure) to find that he was showing some mere photos!

—Eric Rushton
Co-ordinator of chapters

REALM OF STAMPS (from page 30)

of any one country, it is essential to have a thorough grounding in world philately, which, in the old days, was acquired in the first instance, by starting with a world-wide collection, thus, through the years, familiarizing oneself with the postal issues of the world.

The first writer was correct in her assumption that the philately of Canada—and this, of course, applies to the stamps of practically any large country (Ed. ANY country!) was so broad that there was literally only the very few who could hope to accomplish anything towards completion. This is, of course, correct. In fact, with specialization as it is today, many will only aspire to concentrate on one single. stamp.

But this does not get away from the fact that, as most true philatelists of experience will attest, an all round knowledge of the subject is something that is invaluable and which can only be acquired by years of study and familiarizing oneself with the stamps of the world.

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From The Sales Manager

You have not heard from me for quite a long time, but the volume of business is heavier than ever.

Sales are on the increase and well over last year's total, for which we must be indebted to our dynamic President and his drive to increase our membership.

We must have material to supply all the demands on this Department.

This being your favourite place you are living in, Canada, it stands to reason that we must have plenty of Canadian material, early and modern. The percentage of books received is one in 25 of Canada.

What else do we need? Well, good British Colonies, Germany, Austria, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, Denmark and Big Demands for France.

In connection with the retirement of books, we used to brag about a six months' period, but this is now out of the question and we hope very shortly to send out a few cheques in time for Christmas.

If at any time you may have been overlooked, just drop me a line to wake me up! This is a full-time job, putting in ten hours a day and almost every day in the year. Time off for exhibition trips, bourses, etc., all for the good of the cause.

CYRIL WOODHEAD.

SLOGAN **(from page 13)**

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Auctions Tell The Story

The British Commonwealth Collection of H. M. Spencer Lewin, of Montreal, was sold for more than $23,000 by Harmer, Rooke & Co., of New York, at their auction held on 14 - 15 October.

A very fine Newfoundland "De Pinedo" cataloguing $650 was bought for $500. A Mauritius No. 4, went for $1,050.

A Canada used 10p blue, 1855, No. 7, fetched $120 against a cat. value of $85. The 2½d. on 4d. of Cayman Is., 1907 - 8, brought $150, full catalogue. In Great Britain, a wing copy of the 1862 1/ - deep green, mint, brought $70, while a used copy of the £5 deep orange of 1882 was bought at $70.

A No. 2 Ceylon, the 6d. plum used, with four margins, sold at $62.50, while a St. Lucia mint block of 30 of the ½d. emerald green of 1885 went up to $200.

Coming Events

WEST TORONTO STAMP CLUB 25th ANNIVERSARY PARTY — The West Toronto Stamp Club will hold a Celebration for its 25th Anniversary at the Park Plaza Hotel, Bloor and Avenue Rd., Toronto, on March 5th, 1960. Bourse will start at 10 a.m. and dinner will be served at 6.30 p.m. A small Exhibition will be held. Dancing after dinner. Tickets, $4.00 per person. All R.P.S.C. members cordially invited.

The R.P.O. Corner

THE CASE OF THE "WANDERING APOSTROPHE"

(With apologies to Earle Stanley Gardner)

The Ontario and Western runs, in which Winnipeg has been abbreviated to Wpg or Wpeg, have been the object of study by a number of RPO specialists, such as Chas. A. Porter, J. H. Lant, C. M. Chandler and J. C. Astwood. They have noticed that in many of these runs Wpg may appear as W'pg or WP'G, W'P'G, or with no apostrophe.

It is recognized that a change from Wpg to W'pg or other form represents a different hammer and many may feel that they should be listed separately just as much as changes in the position of, for example M.C. or R.P.O. I have resisted listing these separately as it is a minor variation, not too easily recognizable unless a complete, clear strike is available. I feel the run is the same and is a case similar to clerks' numbers or different clerks' names. To list each separately would complicate the listing unnecessarily. Many may not agree, but my recommendation is to mount such variations as you find them, as a variety of the basic run.

There is a fine field for research here, the relation of clerk number, date of use, train number to the particular abbreviation. I hope some of our readers will produce articles for us along these lines.

T. P. G. Shaw

EDITOR'S NOTE — If you are interested in Canadian Railway Cancellations, please contact either Mr. T. P. G. Shaw, 142 George Ave., Shawinigan, P. Q., or Mr. A. G. McKanna, 41 Saybrook Ave., Toronto 18, Ont.

The Mail Bag

PAPER VARIETIES

Sir:—Mr. Hans Reiche, in his column in the Nov.-Dec. issue, says he does not believe that current issues have been printed on "horizontal wove" paper, and that the last time "different" papers were used was during the Admiral period.

To take the last point first, horizontal wove paper is fed to the press so that the vertical "grain" of the paper is in the length of the stamp. Sometimes plates were laid out differently, or else the paper was turned 90° to accommodate the lay-out. In either case the grain appears in the width of the stamp.

The current 2c value appears to be on horizontal wove paper. Mr. Norman Todd, of Norwich, a Canadian specialist dealer, has had a reply from the Post Office in Ottawa to his questions on the subject, and I quote the relevant passage:

". . . Up to approximately one year ago, it was customary to print stamps 400 to the printing plate. In this case, where the wire marks (in the paper) showed, they were in the vertical position. **Recently the Department has been printing stamps from plates of 600 subjects.** To accomplish this, it was necessary to turn the paper 90 degrees, which would show the marks . . . in a horizontal position."

The remainder of the Department's reply can be found in the October issue of Mr. Todd's "Canadian News Letter". No doubt plate block collectors will be especially interested in the underlined sentence above.

ANN DORIAN
London, England RPSC No. 7113

ANOTHER ERROR

Sir:—Following up the article on Errors on Stamps which appeared in the Sept.-Oct. issue and Mr. Potter's letter in the last issue, there is one error which was little publicized at the time and therefore little known today and that is the accented first "E" on the name of the battleship CLEMENCEAU shown on Scotts No. 371 of France. Strange to say, many French people (including the writer) would have sworn that the name of Georges Clemenceau took an acute accent on the first "e", but it does not. The stamp issued in 1951 (Scott No. 669) to commemorate the 33rd Anniversary of the 1918 Armistice and showing the head of France's great wartime premier, correctly bore no accent.

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SLOGAN **(from page 32)**

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October 1959 — GIVE TO U. G. N. — New Westminster

Members are requested to send in similar reports of new slogan cancellations in use in their districts.

B.W.I. Notes — Barbados Britannias

PART IV

By Colin H. Bayley, Ottawa Philatelic Society

This consisted of the ½ and 1 penny stamps, these now having the same design as has been used in the 6 penny and one shilling stamp and showing the denominations. It was the last issue of Barbados printed by Perkins, Bacon & Co.

The paper shows the usual variation from thin, almost pelure, to medium thick.

THE 1875-8 ISSUES

During 1874 the contract for printing the stamps of Barbados had been withdrawn from Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co. and given to Messrs. De La Rue & Co. who made use of the plates used by the former firm. For some time past De La Rue had been using paper water marked "Crown C C" for the British colonial stamps which they printed. This paper was made to fit plates containing 240 subjects in 4 panes of 60 (10 runs of 6), the paper being 21¾ x 11⅜ inches, with the watermarked words "Crown Colonies" appearing across the horizontal gutter between the upper and lower panes and also, in smaller letters, vertically outside each of the four panes, reading upwards at the left and down at the right.

It will be seen from the above that the paper used by Perkins, Bacon & Co. would not fit the old De La Rue plates particularly well. For the ½, 1, 3 and 4 penny stamps (120 subjects) the paper was cut in half horizontally and the sheets printed with the watermark vertically. This means that one vertical row should show no watermark or at the most, only portions of watermark at the two sides, together with the two inside vertical frame lines of the right and left panes. For the 6 penny and one shilling stamps the paper was turned sideways to permit each of the 110 subjects on the plate to print over a watermark, the stamps being thus watermarked "sideways". Here we would expect a space similar to the one mentioned above showing little or no watermark except that, here, the space should be **horizontal** on the printed sheet. The plating of the stamps of this issue, to show the two types of positioning of the plates, would be an interesting study.

The first consignment of the ½, 4, 6 penny and one shilling stamps were perforated 12½. The one penny stamp and the three penny, issued later and also the other values received in later consignments, were all perforated 14.

Both of these perforations were applied by single line machines whereas the machines normally used by De La Rue were of the comb type with a gauge of 14. The reason for this departure from normal operation was the fact that the comb machine could not be used for perforating panes of stamps having more than six stamps in each horizontal row.

The stamps of this issue show some interesting shade varieties. In the 12½ perforation, the six penny stamp is in a bright yellow shade in which the colour

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shows through to the back thus earning the unwarranted description of "aniline". This colour term has come to be used in philatelic parlance to describe any stamp in which the colour shows through to the back. Why it is thus used is a mystery, since the condition of colour showing through is certainly not a unique property of "aniline" (i.e. (synthetic) dyes.) The one shilling perforation 12½ also shows this effect.

The four pence perf. 14 stamps show an interesting range of shades from red to crimson lake. The same is true of the six penny perf. 14 stamps which show a wealth of shades from a rather pale yellow through a bright ("aniline") yellow to a full chrome yellow, the "aniline" shade being extremely rare. The perf. 14 one shilling stamps also show a range of shades including an "Aniline".

THE 1878 SURCHARGES

The somewhat involved method adopted by the Barbados Post Office to meet a shortage of one penny stamps is well known: the five shilling stamps were surcharged at the right and left sides, perforated up the middle and the lower portion of the stamp carrying the original label cut off. The writer well recalls, as a boy, knowing an elderly gentleman in the Island whose claim to fame was having been the person whose first assignment, on entering the employ of the Post Office in 1878, was laboriously to cut off the value tablets and ornamental stars across the bottoms of the horizontal ships of 12 five shilling stamps which had been thus surcharged and perforated. The number of five shilling stamps thus processed was 4800 to give a total of 9600 penny stamps. Here again, a rather surprising number of these stamps have survived, although copies showing all of the perforations intact are none too common, and no wonder when one considers the amount

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Type 3: The "1" and "D" are shorter, measuring 6 and 2½ mm. in height respectively and are followed by a dot.

These interesting stamps have been plated by Mr. Charles A. Stephenson and the results of this admirable piece of philatelic research have been published in "The London Philatelist" of October and November 1922 and also reprinted in monograph form. The reader is referred to these sources for details of this plating study.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

In putting down these brief notes on the Britannia Issues of Barbados, the writer has tried to acquaint the reader with the sequence of events relating to this issue. Many collectors find the earlier perforated issues of this series rather difficult to deal with, both with respect to the perforations and to the watermark. The writer hopes that his notes may be a help in dispelling some of those difficulties and welcomes correspondence on these issues.

No writing on these issues would be complete without mention of the "blue shilling" of the 1861 issue. The first shipment of 50,000 of these was printed in **blue** instead of brownish black, the error only being discovered after they reached the Island. The ensuing correspondence given in the Appendix of Messrs. Bacon & Napier's book, makes it plain that the stamp was never issued to the general public although a letter from the Colonial Secretary to Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co. dated Sept. 25, 1863 refers to "a few having been disposed of for a postage label album." It is apparently some of these latter "labels" (!) which have come on the auction market from time to time.

It is interesting to speculate on the fate of these 50,000 stamps. They were, apparently, not returned to the printers as the latter state (letter October 31, 1863 to Colonial Secretary of Barbados) "we leave them in your hands to do with them as you think best, of course on the understanding that they are not used in the way of business." That these latter instructions were carried out is shown by

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The following values will be discontinued: 2½d, 3½d, 4d, 5½d, 7d and 1/7, but the 2½d will be required until March 1960 when the new bulk rate takes effect.

The Australian P. O. also announces the issue, on the 9th December, of the recent stamp commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Post Office, overprinted NORFOLK ISLAND in red, and surcharged "5d", at the Norfolk Island Post Office.

BARBADOS (from preceding page)
the great rarity of these stamps. Were they burned? Or do they still repose in some forgotten corner of the Barbados Post Office which, incidentally, occupies the same quarters it did when the stamps were received in 1863?

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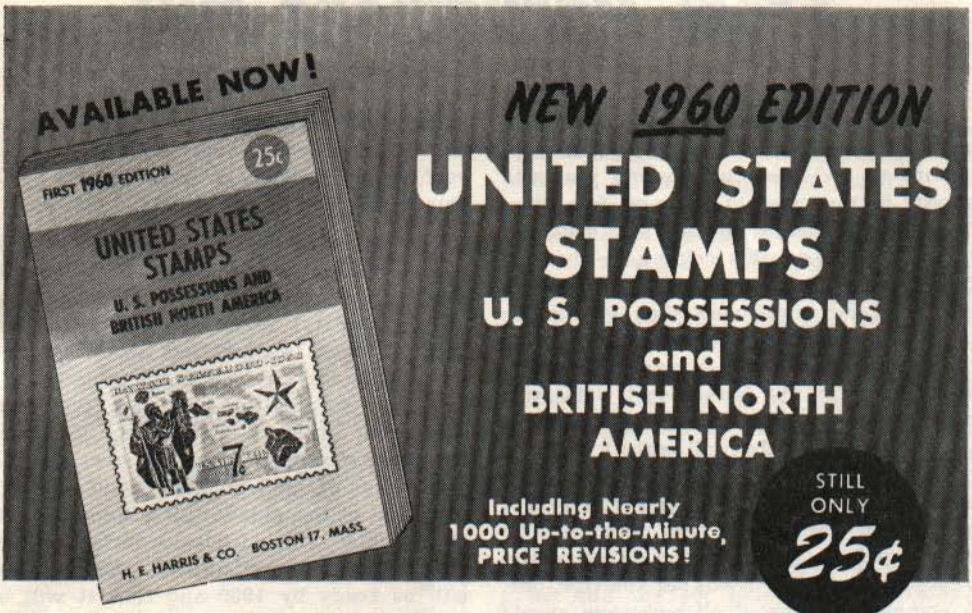

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Well, our predictions some months ago are not far out. The official listing of stamps to be issued this coming year will appear in the press in the next few days. Some of our guesses will be facts soon and if you have read this column in the last few months, you will see what I mean. Although we mentioned that the entire definitives would be replaced next year, it seems that only two values will appear. The reason for this is that each value will have another design and the government is making sure that all values will be masterpieces, and that takes time. It is obvious that there will be only five values and no six cents stamp any more. No new stamps will be issued during January and February, but March will see the first one. A complete change of all aerogram sheets will be made and these will be issued soon. This is the only postal stationary change contemplated. A new scheme for replacing postage dues has been suggested but it seems that this one is even more complicated than using stamps, so I believe we still will see the new dues.

The Seaway stamp has now been given the honour of making the world's international press and I do not want to add any more to this subject but just mention the fact that after the blue part of the stamp was printed it took four days to dry them and only then were the sheets fed to the red machine. Many things can happen in four days!

Of interest is the appearance of the regular set on horizontal woven paper instead of the vertical one. This has been caused by the new printing plates of 600 instead of 400. The plate has been turned around by 90°.

A new souvenir sheet will be issued by the Post Office similar to the one already on sale. But this time a new lot of stamps will be mounted on the card. Although all stamps are stuck down on the card, it will make a nice showing.

"Avoid a lineup. Plan your Christmas Mailing now and purchase Postage Stamps early" is a little coloured sheet the Post Office is sending out to individuals. This sheet shows a part sheet of the 5c stamp in full colour with some black bars across each stamp (already precancelled for you). But do not try to use them!

The last issue of **The Postmark**, the official magazine of the Post Office Department, brings a review of recent Post Office developments. I would like to quote here some of them because they are of interest to all collectors. A new Engineering Branch has been formed to deal with the ever-increasing problem of handling the mail. The Department claims that over 10 million pieces of mail must be handled every day. One of the aids is the automatic sorting machine which I have reported on previously. It is expected that this machine will be ready by 1960 and that it will be installed. The Post Office has recently installed a few curbside mail boxes for the motoring public. Maybe it will not be long before you can mail your letters directly

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And in the words of our friend, Donald Young, for the "Admiral Addicts": The 2c green and the 10c blue have been found on a horizontal wove paper. I have not seen these but a similar report came through some years ago on the 50c. I have still to see that one.

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