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Oshawa Buying Trip

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Dear Friends:—

The month of November has been a very active one for me. There are 3 stories to tell you about. "The Trunk", "A 28 Volume Collection", and "The Gordon Stock".

If you read last months letter you will remember about the trunk full of collections that I purchased in San Francisco. Before the trunk arrived in Toronto I was talking long distance on the telephone with a customer and I mentioned it to him. His curiosity aroused he asked more details and took a chance by purchasing the whole trunk, keys and all from me sight unseen. When visiting Toronto just last week he reported how very pleased he was with the lot.

On November 11th I was speaking on the telephone with a local friend who had a 28 volume collection of foreign stamps only up to date of 1954. Would I be interested? Within fifteen minutes I was there—got the collection and back to the office. It takes some time to value 28 books which were mostly complete mint sets, totaling $35,000.00 catalogue value: However on Tuesday, November 15th we agreed on price and I mailed our cheque for the full amount.

The scene now moves to the home of Mr. J. C. Gordon of Oshawa. A very young 83 years of age. Mr. Gordon has been collecting stamps since 1893 when he first went to work for the Stacey Ferguson Company in Hamilton, Ontario. As a bright youngster he influenced the office of the firm to use six ½¢ Maple Leaf stamps on their return letters instead of the common 3¢. He got thousands of them, which he traded and began to build up his collection.

For 67 years he has been collecting Canadian stamps and has never sold one stamp.

On Tuesday, November 15th, Mr. Gordon was working on his safety deposit box which he had brought home to check his mint sheets, when he picked up his copy of the Canadian Philatelist and read about my California trip. On the spur of the moment he decided to sell all his stamps and telephoned me to ask if I would be interested.

He described the lot as well over a thousand mint sheets, with more than 500 each of various dollar values, mint. Twenty-two albums with a number of fine 10d, two sets to $5.00 Jubilee mint, etc., and also a used accumulation from 1859 issue to date with thousands of Jubilees, about 800 2¢ Maps and so on. Another main part was the plate blocks, face value alone over $2,000.00. Last but not least were 6 large beautiful frames of Canada which had won awards at exhibitions.

Was I interested? Do I need say. The next morning at 10 o'clock I was at his door. We worked all day and the deal was completed at 6 P.M. He had our cheque for payment in full and I had a car full, and I do mean full of stamps. Honestly, I was tired out but Mr. Gordon who could spot me forty years was bright, fresh and ready to go bowling.

Philatelically yours,

HARRY B. MARTIN, Jr.

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THE EDITOR SPEAKS OUT . . .

HERE we are, back on the job, but we must admit that for the first few weeks, our mind was wandering somewhat. However, little by little, we got back in the old routine and it seems to us sometimes that our journey was just a dream!

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We must congratulate the Windsor Club (and Dr. Boyd) and Bill Angley, on the superlative job they did on the two numbers of CP which appeared during our absence. Both were a great credit to them and did much to enhance the prestige of our magazine. We only wish one thing, that we could keep both these able editors on the job permanently.

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Our readers will note that we are publishing the index of contents of The CANADIAN PHILATELIST during the past year, Volume XI. For this somewhat arduous work, we are indebted to member Jacques Charron, of Montreal. Better still, he has drawn up an index of all CPs since Vol. 1, No. 1 and we are hoping to be able to publish this in our February number. Many thanks indeed, Jacques.

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We notice in our last issue that our contributor Ed Richardson published the 500th of his "packets", as he calls them. As is well known to most of our readers, these appeared in POPULAR STAMPS until this ceased publication. This column has always been a very popular one and it is quite an achievement to have kept it going for such a long time, especially as it is always interesting and never dull. Let's hope he will attain No. 1,000. Thanks indeed, Ed!

The Editorial Board has tentatively decided to issue eight numbers of CP during 1961, the extra numbers to be in February and October. This is a step on the way to making it monthly in due course. However, tied up with this problem is that of contributions. These have been coming in nicely during this year, but we still have no backlog to speak of, the one thing which is essential to a monthly issue. We still have to go begging here and there for an article, but what we want is for writers and budding writers to come forward with something suitable. Even our **Mail Bag** is lagging these days and in spite of many requests on our part, we are finding it exceedingly difficult to persuade anyone to write a controversial letter to us. We know that Canadians, on the whole, are not taking their politics, municipal, provincial and federal, quite so energetically as of yore; surely stamp collectors are not falling in this same groove. So why not write to us about your pet beef and let us start an argument!

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We are sorry to say that in the course of our trip, we had very little to do philatelically, although we did take a few feet of movie film of the famous open-air stamp bourse just off the Champs-Elysées in Paris, quite an affair too. However, we did have one incident which has its somewhat humorous side.

Just before we left, we received a note from a collector in Peterborough, England, asking us for a membership application and a specimen copy of CP. The current issue had just appeared but we had not received any copies as yet and expected to pick two or three up in Ottawa on our way to Montreal, so we wrote this prospective member that we would pick up a copy there and deliver it to him in person, as we intended to do some driving in England. We duly got to Peterborough and delivered the said copy and, as we turned away, we said to our prospective new member: "As in my old cycling days, this was a 'ride with an object'." He looked at me somewhat queerly and suddenly burst out: "I remember now. You're Lammie. I handed you up a drink at the top of Alconbury Hill when you and Green went for the Edinburgh-London tandem record in '23"! The world is indeed a small place!

A Happy New Year to All our Members

From the President, Directors and Officers, A Very Happy and Prosperous New Year to all the Members of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, at home and abroad.

1961 Stamp Programme

THE subjects of four new postage stamps to be issued in 1961 have been announced by the Postmaster General, the Hon. William Hamilton. The stamps will be issued before the 1st July, 1961. All will be of the five cent denomination.

The first issue, to be released on the 8th February, will be a tribute to the development of Canada's Northland and the increasing activity there in recent years.

On the 10th March, a new stamp will be issued to commemorate the centennial of the birth of Emily Pauline Johnson, Indian poetess. Miss Johnson, a Mohawk, was born, according to most authorities, on the 10th March, 1861, at "Chiefswood" on the Six Nations Indian Reservation in Ontario. She died on the 7th March, 1913, at Vancouver after making a unique contribution to Canadian letters.

In keeping with tradition, the late Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, a former Prime Minister of Canada, will be remembered in a special issue which will be released on the 19th April. Mr. Meighen served two terms as Prime Minister from the 10th July, 1920 to the 29th December 1921 and

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The 33rd Annual Convention to be Held at North Hatley, Quebec

IT has been decided that the Annual Convention for 1961 of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada will take a different form from previous years so as to allow time for members attending the Convention to hear addresses on various specialized subjects and to take part in study groups which will be arranged and held during the Convention. The proposed arrangements will also provide more time for members to meet informally and enjoy a few days of pleasant philatelic companionship and social activities.

The Convention will be held at North Hatley in the Eastern Townships of Quebec from May 11 to 14 under the General Chairmanship of A. H. Christensen, to whom all communications regarding the Convention should be addressed at Box 250, North Hatley, P.Q., with the exception of requests for hotel accommodation. (See below).

North Hatley, on beautiful Lake Massawippi, is well known as a fashionable summer and winter resort and has excellent hotel facilities. It is some 90 miles by road from Montreal and can also be reached by train to Magog (C.P.R.) and Sherbrooke (C.P.R. and C.N.R.).

Accommodation for meetings and a large room for a bourse have been secured at the Community Hall which is close to the Connaught Inn. Mr. Bruce McKay, the proprietor of the Inn, has kindly undertaken to look after all hotel reservations for the Convention and should be contacted at the Connaught Inn, North Hatley, P.Q.—Telephone number VI 2-2458. (Sherbrooke Area).

Excellent hotel accommodation is also available at Hovey Manor and the Pleasant View Hotel and there are also several cottages available for those desiring to make up their own private parties.

North Hatley offers good golf and fishing for those interested and is recognized as the artistic centre of the Townships. It is only about 30 miles from the United States Border and many enjoyable motor trips can be taken to places of interest in the surrounding picturesque countryside.

There will be no Exhibition as such this year so that the Society Trophies for annual competition will not be awarded. It has long been felt that the great amount of time necessary to prepare and stage a large national exhibition scarcely warrants the effort entailed when only a comparative few of the membership and the general public are able to see it.

However, for 1962 plans are already well advanced to present an important exhibition in Windsor, Ontario, which is within easy reach of a large section of the Society's membership as well as being adjacent to such large philatelic centres as the cities of Detroit and Chicago. This year's Convention, it is believed, will offer the membership an opportunity of having time to participate in discussions of their particular interests and to hear addresses by leading specialists. It is hoped that some of these papers may be reprinted in **The Canadian Philatelist** during the year.

It is proposed this year to devote time to the study of Canadian material during these discussions and it would be helpful if members who propose to attend the Convention at North Hatley, would indicate the particular subjects, such as for instance the Pence Issues, Large Cents, Cancellations, etc., in which they are interested and in which they desire to participate in the proposed study groups and discussions. Several of Canada's leading philatelists have already indicated that they will give papers at these meetings.

Suggestions as to other subjects, such as perhaps the stamps of France, will be welcomed so that arrangements can be

made to obtain speakers and form additional groups if sufficient interest is forthcoming. It is suggested that perhaps collectors could bring with them a few interesting items from their collections to pass around at these meetings, which will be confined to members of the Society.

A large room at the Community Hall will be available for an informal bourse and meeting place where the books of the Sales Department under the supervision of Mr. Henri Gauthier, the Director of Sales of the R.P.S.C., will be on view.

Provision will be made for tables in the bourse for dealers who are members of the Society at a nominal charge of $10. on prior application. As space will be limited for these, applications should be made in writing as soon as possible.

On Saturday and Sunday afternoons there will be "Open House" meetings with the Eastern Townships Stamp Club acting as host to give all local collectors an opportunity to meet those attending the Convention and to discuss their own particular philatelic interests.

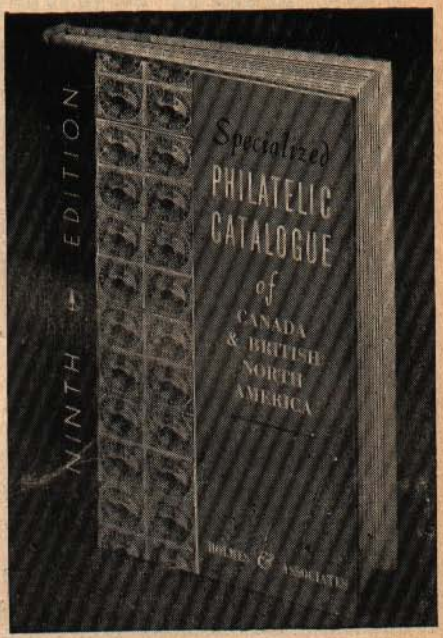
On the Saturday morning the Annual General Meeting of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada will be held at the Community Hall at 11 a.m and it is hoped that all members attending the Convention will make a special point of being present This will be followed by a meeting of the Board of Directors which will be continued during the afternoon if necessary.

On Saturday evening it is proposed this year to hold a Buffet Supper, in the large dining room at the Connaught Inn, instead of a banquet. It is felt that this will be a much more pleasant affair than the usual banquet with its innumerable long speeches.

The Convention will be opened on the Thursday evening by a reception at the home in North Hatley of Mr. and Mrs. Christensen for Members of the Society and their wives.

Informality is to be the keynote of the Convention with emphasis laid on providing the delegates with a few pleasant and interesting days in the country at this particularly lovely time of the year.

—A.H.C.



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Postal History of Everest Expeditions

By E. A. SMYTHIES, F.R.P.S.L.

THE conquest of Everest was an epic of human endeavour, spread over more than 30 years in time, and involving nearly a dozen expeditions. A summary of these expeditions, showing the year, the leader and members of the party, the height attained, and the casualties, is shown in tabular form as an appendix to this article.

The postal arrangements for these expeditions in many cases were elaborate and complicated. Letters and messages had to be taken to or brought from high-level camps, up to 25,000 feet on the slopes of the mountain, down to the base-camps, and then by postal runners over 150 miles or more of primitive country to the nearest point of civilization, where established postal services began. A number of these Everest Expedition had special cachets or cancelling hammers to mark their mails and messages. During the greater part of those thirty years, I was myself stationed in the Himalayas, and became personally acquainted with a number of leaders and members of various expeditions. These fortunate contacts, and the generous co-operation of a number of climbers, made it possible to build up a comprehensive collection of "Everest covers" which is very interesting, and possibly unique, and on which this article is based.

The first hurdle that every Everest expedition had to get over was how to reach the mountain at all! During the century of rule of the Ranas (which ended in 1950-51) all access on the south side through Nepal was absolutely forbidden. This left a long and circuitous route of nearly 300 miles through Sikkim and Tibet on the north side, for which the permission of the Dalai Lama was necessary. For years this also was unobtainable, but at last, in December 1920, the Dalai Lama handed a brown parchment to the British representative in Lhasa, which was the now historic pass granting permission to the first Everest expedition.

Further expeditions were sanctioned by the Dalai Lama in 1922, 1924, 1933, 1936 and 1938. The outbreak of the 2nd World War, followed by the reluctance (after the War) of the young Dalai Lama to give permission, stopped further expeditions, and then in 1950 the Chinese Communuists closed the Tibet frontier permanently. But as one route was closed, fortunately the alternate route through Nepal was opened by the King of Nepal and the Prime Minister, who reversed the century-old ban on foreigners into Nepal enforced by the Ranas, and in fact have encouraged Himalayan expeditions ever since on an unprecedented scale. Everest expeditions were organized in 1951, 1952, 1953:—

1921 and 1922. Apparently there were no postal arrangements for these expeditions, and certainly no special cancellations were used.

1924 (Bruce) Expedition. Correspondence was periodically sent from Base Camp via the long Tibetan route to Gantok in Sikkim, and thence by Indian post. A special Everest label was available, and four special cancellations were used, which are illustrated (with due acknowledgement to Col. L. Thompson and Mr. A. C. Waterfall). No. 2 is rare, No. 4 extremely rare.

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1933 (Ruttledge) Expedition. A circular cancellation in violet was impressed on covers, which were sent periodically by runner from Base Camp to Gantok (see illustration No. 5, which is actual size).

"A Sherpa runner carried a mail bag from Base Camp to the British Embassy at Kathmandu, where it was stamped with Indian stamps and posted at the Indian Embassy post office, and sent by normal

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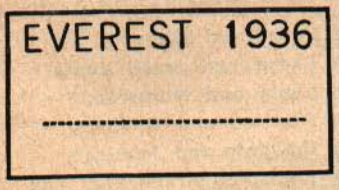
1936 (Ruttledge) Expedition. An oblong cachet was used, vide illustration No. 6. and the mails forwarded to Gantok as usual. It may be recalled that a good deal of annoyance and enquiry followed the non-delivery of these at destination. The mystery was solved when the postmaster at Gantok was arrested and 494 Expedition covers found in his possession! History does not relate what happened to them, but few seem to have survived, as covers with this 1936 oblong cachet are decidely rare.



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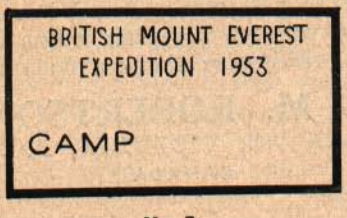
1938, 1951 and 1952 Expeditions. No special cancellations or cachets were used on any of these expeditions.

1953 (Hunt) Expedition. The postal arrangements for this Expedition are described in the following letter from Mr. W. Lowe, the Secretary of the Expedition:



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postal facilities to Patna P.O. and beyond. There was a rectangular rubber stamp at Base Camp which could be used if desired, bearing the words 'British Mount Everest Expedition 1953. Camp No.....'. This was used until stolen". The cachet was marked in red (see illustration No. 7). The TIMES correspondent (Mr Morris) apparently had his own runner, who, it is recorded, always made the journey faster than any others. But the great news of the final successful assault obviously went by some other agency, since the news reached Base Camp about two days before it was known in Britain—and Base Camp was about 150 miles from Kathmandu!

The accompanying plate (also reproduced from "The Philatelist") shows the seven special cachets used on various Everest expeditions, which I have in my collection. It also shows an eighth cachet, that of the "Daily Mail Himalayan Expedition 1950", where the objective was not an assault on Everest itself, but to try and find the "Abominable Snowman" in the vicinity of the mountain, unfortunately without the success it deserved.

Illustration No. 2 of the plate, the "Tractor Party" cancel requires a few words of explanation. Affiliated to the 1924 Everest expedition a Tractor party was organized—by someone unacquainted with Himalayan roads presumably—to test the possibility of mechanical transport in Tibet! I have a copy of the marching orders of the O.C. (Colonel V. A. Haddick, F.R.G.S.), giving detailed instructions for the pro-

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posed operations. Unfortunately, but not very surprisingly, the experiment proved a failure, as the Citroën tractor failed to surmount the 17,000 foot pass Tang La, and so never even reached the Tibet plateau.

In addition to the four special cancellations, the 1924 expedition also provided a stamp—for propaganda not for postage—featuring the view of the north slopes of Everest towering up 10,000 feet of precipice as seen from the base camp near the Rongbuk Monastery. This stamp is illustrated below.

Mention has been made of the non-delivery of letters and mail of the 1936 expedition. The mystery was solved when the postmaster at Gantok was arrested and 494 expedition covers found in his possession! Few of these covers have survived, but I have three of them, which have an official typed notice stuck on the back by the postal authorities, explaining why they had not been delivered. This also is illustrated below.

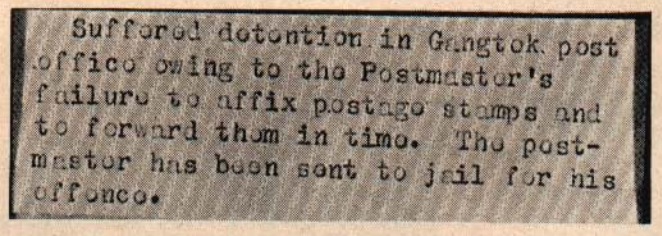
character, was being made from the south. The Nepal Government had rather reluctantly given permission for a flight over Everest "for scientific purposes only", and Lady Houston had financed the expedition, the objects of which were primarily to take aerial photographs of the unexplored country around Everest and incidentally to fly over the summit.

The expedition, under Air Commodore P. Fellowes, included two Westland biplanes, the pilots being the Marquess of Clydesdale and Flight-Lieut. McIntyre, and three small Moths. In March 1933, the expedition assembled near Purnea in Bihar. Three flights were carried out, i.e.:
(1) On 3rd April over Everest;
(2) On 4th April towards Kanchenjunga;
(3) On 19th April again over Everest.

On the first a limited mail of twenty-five covers was carried, which can be recognized by the special cachet or postmark (see illustration No. 4) reading "Houston Mount Everest Flight—Purnea—5th April 1933" in a circle.

A second type of cover, with a large coloured cachet showing a Union Jack and a view of Everest in a purple circle (see illustration No. 5) was carried on the second flight and shows the Purnea postmark dated 8 April 1933.

A third type of special cachet (see illustration No. 6) read "Houston Mt


Suffered detention in Gangtok post office owing to the Postmaster's failure to affix postage stamps and to forward them in time. The post-master has been sent to jail for his offence.

To complete the series of special cachets connected with Everest and the Himalayas, I must also mention the three special cachets and cancellation used by the Houston **Flight over Everest** Expedition of 1933. While the Ruttledge Everest Expedition of 1933 was weaving its weary way alog the bleak Tibetan plateau to the north of the Himalayan range, another assault on Everest, of a very different

Everest Flight 1933,, in three lines. I believe this was used on the third flight (and possibly the second flight also), as well as on base camp covers which were not flown over Everest.

These pioneer flights did not lack thrills! On the first flight the planes flew in to the famous Everest Plume, thinking it was just cloud. However it blew ice fragments with such force that the

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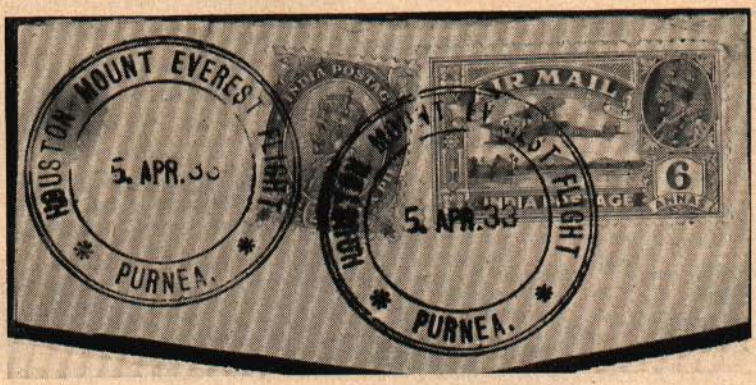
windscreen cracked and simultaneously a terrific down-draught caused the plane to drop 2,000 feet, leaving a bare 100 feet clearance of the summit!

There was also a disastrous sequel, according to the superstitutious Nepalese. A few months after the flight over Everest, an appalling earthquake shook all Nepal,



shattering Kathmandu and other towns. This, of course, (according to the Nepalese), was caused by the angry gods, who live on the top of Everest, in revenge for the sacrilegious operation that penetrated their heaven.

But I seem to have wandered away from the Postal History of Everest Expeditions, which is the subject of this article. In it I have described and illustrated most —I believe all— of the special cachets and cancellations used on the various expeditions that form an epic of human endeavour, and which are summarized in the Appendix that follows.

APPENDIX — EVEREST EXPEDITIONS

Serial No.	Year	Leader	Members of Party	Height reached	Deaths
1	1921	Howard Bury	Raeburn, Kellas, Mallory, Bullock, Heron, Woolaston, Moreshead and Wheeler	under 25,000′	Kellas (1)
2	1922	Bruce	Crawford, Norton, Mallory, Finch, Somervell, Strutt and Moreshead	26,700′ 27,300′	7 Sherpas (7)
3	1924	Bruce and Norton	Norton, Mallory, Irvine, Bentley, Beetham, Somervell ,Hazard, Odell, Shebbeare and Hingston	28,100′ ??	Mallory, Irvine, 2 Sherpas (4)
4	1933	Ruttledge	Smythe, Shipton, Greene, Birnie, Johnson, Boustead, Crawford, Shebbeare, Wyn, Harris, Wager, Longland, Brocklebank and McLean	28,150′	——
5	1934	Wilson	——	21,100′	Wilson (1)
6	1935	Shipton	Tilman, Warren, Kempson, Wigram, Bryant and Spender	23,500′	——
7	1936	Ruttledge	Smythe, Shipton, Wyn, Harris, Kempson, Warren, Wigram, Oliver, Gavin, Morris and Humphreys	——	——
8	1938	Tilman	Smythe, Shipton, Odell, Warren, Lloyd and Oliver	27,500′	——
9	1951	Shipton	Ward, Bourdillon, Murray, Hillary and Riddiford	——	——
10	1952	Wyes-Durrant (Swiss)	8 climbers, 3 scientists and Tensing	28,215′	1 Sherpa (1)
11	1953	Hunt	Hillary, Band, Bourdillon, Evans, Gregory, Lowe, Noyce, Ward, Wylie, Westmacott, Pugh, Stobart and Tensing	28,600′ 29,002′	——

The illustrations of this article have kindly been supplied by Mr. Robson Lowe

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from the 19th June, 1926 to the 25th September, 1926 Mr. Meighen died at Toronto on August 6th, 1960.

The 10th Anniversary of the Colombo Plan will be marked by a special stamp to be issued on the 28th June, in time for the official Colombo Plan Anniversary to be celebrated on the 1st July. Canada has participated actively and substantially in both the fields of capital and technical assistance to fellow Commonwealth countries and, more recently, to other countries under the terms of the Colombo Plan.

The Post Office Department has plans for other issues which will appear in the latter part of the year, and these will be announced as soon as the subjects have been confirmed.

Australian Re-Entry

The 8d. blue Trans-Tasman commemorative of 1958 is submitted by F. S. Scott, of Bristol, with what appears to be a variety similar to that found on the companion 6d. New Zealand stamp from Row 7 of the sheet. The latter is rated as a re-entry and occurs in the large star to the right of the portrait. The New Zealand stamp with variety is accorded catalogue status as Commonwealth No. 54a.

The Australian stamp appears so far to have escaped recording. The example submitted by Mr. Scott is on a flown cover and does not, unfortunately, provide evidence of its sheet position.

(Courtesy Stamp Collecting)

THE LONDON LETTER

By ROBSON LOWE (R.P.S.C. 7400)

● During November I have been travelling in Europe. At the beginning of the month we were in Rome and the high-light of the visit was an opportunity of studying a small portion of the extraordinary collection formed by Dr. Mario Tomasini. For his studies of the Italian States and his specialized collections of the classic issues of Europe he has won the highest awards in several International Exhibits and I know of no man to-day who covers so large a philatelic field in such detail. Looking through his Great Britain I saw a mint piece of a stamp which I have only known used—the 1854 1d. Die I, the small crown 14 NOT on blue paper. In my own collection I have a number of examples in fine used condition and I have always wondered whether the bluing had not been bleached to give them a curious yellow tone. The mint strip was from reserve plate I and establishes another major variety in our line-engraved stamps. At the time of our call, Tomasini was working on a display of provisional issues of the French Colony Guadeloupe disproving the catalogue listing (which includes at least one forgery) and establishing rarity.

On to Florence where there resides an English lady who bought her first stamp album from Stanley Gibbons in 1867. She still has it and now has almost as many volumes as the 97 years that she has lived. With such a background it is not surprising that her collection is unusually interesting.

In Milan the famous Bourse was in progress. Some eighty dealers had tables at which all classes of stamps were being sold and although very few had anything to offer other than the modern pictorials. The Bourse attracted more attention from the public than the meritorious Exhibition which surrounded it.

The stamps of the British Empire were more prominent than I had expected and one of the most attractive studies was the plating of the Cape of Good Hope 4d. in both states by Dr. Enrico Aghib.

We changed 'planes in London Airport and on to Dublin to give evidence at the trial of Paul Singer. For two hours I was cross-examined by counsel for the prosecution and both Mr. Justice Haugh and the jury added their quota of searching questions. Singer raised one objection to the evidence and in a cleverly worded appeal suggested that our method of valuing was an attempt to forecast the future and could not be accepted as a statement of fact. He suggested that the Shanahan valuations were just figures which the auctioneers hoped might be realised. His appeal was overruled. At the end of the prosecution's cross-examination I expected to be bombarded with questions from Singer but he only asked me one and that was completely irrelevant.

Yesterday the Judge sentenced him to fourteen years penal servitude on nineteen charges, three other sentences of five, four and three years were imposed to run concurrently and Singer's leave to appeal was refused. The trial lasted five weeks, 230 witnesses had given evidence and 1,700 exhibits shown to the Court.

In passing sentence the Judge said *"You gave no explanation to the jury as to why the money representing these investments was taken out of Dublin: or what was done with it except for a few brief references, in one of which you said you bought stamps in Montreal in January, 1959, for 200,000 Canadian dollars.*

One look at this lodgment shows that this leaves 120,000 dollars unaccounted for.

You showed them (the public) no mercy, and, with that in mind, you can expect no mercy from me, although I still believe it well within your power to atone for and to partly undo the ruin you have already caused".

In the meantime we had flown to Lisbon for the Fifth International Philatelic Exhibition which was held in connection with the 500th Anniversary of the birth of Infante D. Henrique (Henry the Navigator). The Exhibition was held in the Galveias Palace which is now owned by the Lisbon Council. The setting for the lovely collections was perfect—beautiful rooms with vaulted ceilings and light frescoes were

the background. The exhibition was held in two parts; from the 5th to the 13 the competitive classes were on view and from the 17th to 20th the Court of Honour. Unfortunately we had to leave before the second part but the winner in the classic class was Dr. J. A. Almeida Dias who won the Grand Prix for his collection of Portugal.

This is remarkable for several reasons. To the practised eye it contained quality, rarity and research. The amazing fact is that less than thirty months ago the owner was not a stamp collector. During this short period he had made a wonderful collection of Brazil for which he won gold medals in Hamburg, Palermo, Barcelona and London—an achievement which took little over a year and Portugal has only been actively studied for the last eighteen months!

After a few days in London we were off to Paris where there are so many friends and so many fine stamps. Another volume of Schatzke's Collection was examined — Buenos Ayres which we had not known was among this famous collector's studies. To-day he is the leading philatelist in France and President of the Academy of Philately.

Even in Paris the talk is all on the Shanahan case and the burglary which enabled the police to act. Some of the stamps that were stolen have turned up in Switzerland and Italy and Tatsopoulos, a one-time employee of Shanahans, is under arrest in Switzerland charged with having sold the stolen property. Some have been identified in Rome and Milan and now on December 7th a lot of material is being sold by auction which contains pieces that are identifiable as having been from the lots that were stolen. In order to disguise their origin large blocks have been cut up, margins have been reduced and cut slightly askew in the hopes of disguising the stamps. The imperforates are recognizable from a myriad of tiny clues such as a faint gum crease, a trivial irregularity in the printing, as well as the general appearance. The perforated stamps were the easiest to identify as here every perf. screams its origin.

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In the British American section, a Bermuda 3p on 1p rose of 1874, unused, fetched $325 (cat. $400). A British Columbia 10c on 3p of 1869, unused, $82.50 (cat. $70). Cayman Islands No. 20, the 2½p on 4p provisional of 1908 unused, $120. Newfoundland No. 7, the 6½p scarlet vermilion unused, $235. St. Lucia's 1885 6p slate blue unused, $170 (cat. $175). St. Vincent 4p on 1sh vermilion of 1881, $170.

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SALE OF A FAMOUS COLLECTION BY ROBSON LOWE

One of the finest collections in the world of Hongkong formed by George F. Burghard of New York has just been sold by Robson Lowe of Pall Mall for £16,000. For this study, Mr. Burghard won one of the few Gold awards at the London International Stamp Exhibition last July. In addition to the stamps of Hongkong there is a wonderful series of letters bearing the early handstruck stamps used from 1842. Half of the collection is devoted to used stamps and the rare cancellations, particularly strong on original letters bearing the stamps of Hongkong used in the various Treaty Ports, as well as the neighbouring Post Offices at Macau, Bangkok, North Borneo and Labuan. Mr. Burghard has been collecting for over thirty years and after the Exhibition placed his collection in the hands of Robson Lowe Limited for sale.

The new owners are two young Englishmen, Patrick Pearson and Raife Wellsted, who have made the joint purchase in order to acquire a comparatively few stamps that they want.

In a personal interview with Mr. Pearson he was asked why he was so interested in buying the collection and he said that really it was to ensure that he was able to secure the mint block of the 96 cents olive-bistre which was issued in 1865; although a number of single unused copies of this stamp are known, this is the only known multiple piece.

While Mr. Pearson's interests centre on the postage stamps themselves, his colleague in this this transaction, Mr. Raife Wellstead, is particularly interested in the history of the Trans-Pacific postal services and there were several letters that he felt he would never acquire unless he bought the 'Burghard' collection. After the new owners have selected those few items that they require for their own studies, the balance of the collection is to be offered for sale by auction at 50 Pall Mall early in the New Year.

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Christmas Feature in Toronto Paper

On the 23rd December, the Globe and Mail, of Toronto, came out with almost a whole page featuring Christmas on stamps, written up by our good friend and member, Doug Patrick, of C.B.C. Stamp Club fame.

This feature took up most of the front page of the second section and was characterized by huge cuts of the following stamps: Australia 1957 and 1958 Christmas; New Zealand 1960 Christmas; Australia 1949 St. Nicholas and 1948 "Holy Night, Silent Night"; and France 1951 St. Nicholas. There was also a delightful cut of a little girl placing a letter in the mail box, addressed to Santa Claus, without a stamp!

We are reproducing the France St. Nicholas stamp of 1951 in the same size as it appeared in the Globe and Mail.

One interesting point of which we were not aware is that Santa Claus, otherwise St. Nicholas, besides being the patron saint of little boys, is also that of pawnbrokers! Well, after all, it COULD be very appropriate after the Christmas festivities are over!

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Another War Tax Stamp Find

By HANS REICHE

ACCIDENTAL entries sometimes occur when the transfer roll comes in contact with the plate due to a drop or sudden shift, a jarring or other mechanical faults which cause the transfer roll subject to enter information on to the plate in a position not normally wanted. Although such an occurrence is rare, stamps have been noted with what is to be believed faults caused by such incidents. Portions of the stamp design are then misplaced considerably and there show up as doubling out of line with the actual design.

A recent find was made by a well known Admiral specialist, Donald Young, of Toronto. A pair of the one cent War Tax stamps shows such an entry on one stamp. Doubling of the letters "War" can be seen. The pair is cancelled by a Savings Bank obliteration and was probably used on a cheque.

N.Z. Antarctic Mails 1960-61

On October 3rd and 4th the first flights of the 1960-61 season were made between New Zealand and the Antarctic. Mails were flown south on the first aircraft, a United States Navy "Constellation" for the wintering-over personnel at the New Zealand station of Scott Base, and for the American stations of McMurdo Sound and the South Pole. On the first return flight to New Zealand mails which had accumulated during the long winter months were brought back, followed shortly afterwards by philatelic mails which were carried as opportunity offered. Covers sent to Scott Base early in 1960 were held over and date-stamped on June 21st, 1960, and cacheted MID WINTER DAY as well as with the Expedition's normal cachet.—R. M. Startup (Masterton, N.Z.).

"Post Offices in the Union of South Africa and Neighbouring Territories"

The 1960 edition of the above publication is now available. Bound in stiff paper, it contains a list of post offices in the Union as well as those in the adjacent territories of Bechuanaland Protectorate, the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika, Portuguese East Africa, South West Africa, Angola, Belgian Congo, French Cameroons, French Equatorial Africa and Madagascar.

Copies are obtainable at any South African post office at 3s. each.—Sylvester L. Crozet (Germiston).

Numeral Cancels on Canada's Large Queens

By H. W. HARRISON and S. COHEN

INTRODUCTION:

DURING the latter months of 1959, the writers set out upon a survey of the various types of Numeral cancellations that are to be found upon the Large Head Queens issue of 1868. We appealed to collectors throughout the globe to send us lists of their holdings by means of an article which appeared in 'Maple Leaves' (Aug. 1959), in 'B.N.A. Topics' (September 1959), and in the 'Canadian Philatelist' (Sept.-Oct. 1959).

It is as a direct result from the response of the many co-operative collectors and dealers on both sides of the Atlantic that we are now able to embark on a series of articles which will attempt to portray in some detail the combined results of our findings.

All in all, some 50 different collections have been taken into account, whilst included in our figures are the listings we received from 30 collectors in the Western Hemisphere and 18 from the United Kingdom and elsewhere. We realize full well that this total falls far short of the number of specialists alone in this group on either side of the Atlantic. Nevertheless we have found a constant picture emerging throughout most of our research and we feel justified in arriving at certain conclusions. It should also be stated that a few major specialized collections have been itemized in our figures and these alone have provided a great deal of information to us. We are deeply indebted to the many friends who have made our task so much easier and who have gone to such great lengths to assist us.

The total number of Numeral cancels of all types on Large Queens that we have noted amounted to 2418 strikes. As was to be expected, the most common group being the Two-Ring type, with No. 7 the commonest individual strike with 144 examples noted. In our scarcity table we have taken this figure of 144 as our basic unit from which we have calculated a Rarity Factor for all other Two-Ring numerals as will be seen.

Far and away the most revealing and successful section of our enquiry centred around the fancy Toronto '2 obliterators. Considerable new information has been recorded, and we are now in a position to illustrate no fewer than 53 **different** types of these, plus three sub-types of Type 1. Mnay of the unique strikes which we shall illustrate are taken from the magnificent collection of Toronto cancels formed by Mr. R. J. McMurrich of Gananoque, Ontario, who so kindly lent his stamps to us for study and recording.

In order for us to do justice to the wealth of detailed information which we should like to publish, we have found it necessary to treat the various Numeral types by means of a series of articles which we hope will appear in sequence after short intervals. These will be presented as follows:

Part One:
The Two-Ring Numerals (This article).

Part Two:
The One, Three and Four-Ring Numerals.

Part Three:
The fancy Toronto '2' types.

Part Four:
Other types of Numeral Cancels.

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PART ONE

THE TWO-RING NUMERALS

We should firstly like to report on the questions we posed in our preliminary article appertaining to these, with such conclusions as we have been able to reach, as follows:

1. If Galt was originally assigned No. 20, what town was assigned No. 22; or vice-versa? No one has reported to us a Two-Ring 20 on a cover mailed from Galt, but we have noted a rather strange fact that the Galt c.d.s. mark often appears as a second strike on a variety of different Numeral cancels. We have seen it on Two-Ring No. 5, 14, 21 and on no less than five Toronto 2's. It is our opinion therefore that the Postmaster at Galt was accustomed to use his circular date stamp on incoming mail

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as a receiving mark. It seems to us rather more than likely that the original assumption that Galt may have been assigned No. 20 come from a copy bearing the Galt c.d.s. We now know that this certainly does not mean that Galt was assigned No. 20. Accordingly in our Table, we prefer to note No. 20 as 'Town, not Known'.

2. If Boggs is correct in assigning No. 34 to Branchton, Ont., when was the number re-assigned to Chatham, N.B., and what number was then assigned to Branchton?

No one has reported a cover from Branchton, Ont. with No. 34. Several collectors have shown us such covers with dates as early as 1869 from Chatham, N.B. We can only assume therefrom that the original assignment of No. 34 to Branchton was incorrect. (Note:—Holmes lists No. 34 as Chatham).

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3. 4. 5. There has been no reply whatever to any of these questions so there is little point in now reiterating them.

6. What was the official date of the withdrawal of the Two-Ring No. 1—60 Dominion series of obliterators, or was the series merely allowed to expire with the advent of other obliterators? In view of the late usage of certain of the Two-Ring obliterators, it appears to us to be fairly certain that they were never officially withdrawn but were left to die a natural death as new and possibly more efficient devices were developed and furnished by the Post Office Department. Information supplied to us on this point has been scanty but we did hear of one copy of 1c. Admiral Yellow (1922) with Two-Ring No. 21 but this copy was not on cover.

7. What is the relative scarcity of Numeral cancels on the Large Queens? In this article we shall only deal wtih the Two-Ring types of which we have drawn up a Rarity Factor Table as appended at the end of this article. We show in the Table, the number of copies of each number reported to us and also the towns of origin where we have been able to definitely trace these. Apart from No. 20 noted above, both No. 17 and No. 19 also are listed as 'Towns not known'. Very few copies of any of these numbers have been reported to us and all have been off cover. With regard to No. 17 an interesting development is that St. Hyacinthe (listed by both Boggs and Holmes as No. 17) has been shown to us with Two-Ring No. 52 cancel.

No cover has been reported to us from Caledon with No. 52 and so we have reassigned this number to St. Hyacinthe and left No. 17 as not known.

Also, from various reports we have received, we have reassigned No. 57 to Paris and No. 58 to St. Thomas. This finding now agrees with Holmes list, but

Kingston 9
showing
cut-out rings

London 6
showing
cut out rings

is contrary to Boggs listing of No. 57 as St. Thomas and No. 58 as Aylmer, U.C.

With regard to our Rarity Factor Table, we have taken a range of R.F.2.5 for the commonest, to R.F.200 for the rarest number. This is intended to be a guide purely as to relative scarcity, and it does not mean that any specific value can be calculated for any strike by multiplying the R.F. with a catalogue price. It is obvious that many other considerations would have to be taken into account were this done, such as the particular denomination of the stamp and its condition.

We cannot overstress that the R.F. Table relates only to these cancels when found on the Large Head Queens series. A completely different Rarity Table would apply to the same cancellations on any other issue, i.e. the small Queens, because

of the different periods of usage of these stamps. To illustrate this clearly, No. 6 which is quite common on Large Queens (R.F.5) is decidedly difficult to find on the small queens, whilst No. 9 is not even believed to exist at all on the latter, the obliterator having almost certainly been withdrawn or destroyed for some unknown reason prior to 1870.

One of the rarities

In the case of No. 9 we hasten to add that no single copies have been shown to us without the parts of the rings having been cut under the figure '9' (in exactly the same way as under the figure '6'). We mention this because it is reported elsewhere that only No. 6 had a small portion taken out of each ring and that No. 9 had no such mark.

In our next article we shall deal with the three other types of **Ringed** Numerals to be found on the Large Head Queens.

LARGE QUEENS - THE TWO RING-NUMERAL TABLE

2 Ring	Town	Copies Reported	Rarity Factor
1	Montreal*	85.	7.5
2	Toronto*	82.	7.5
3	Quebec	117.	5
4	Halifax	60	15
5	Hamilton	104	5
6	London	114	5
7	St. John, N.B.	114	2.5
8	Ottawa	30	35
9	Kingston	46	25
10	Sydney	31	35
11	Fredericton	49	20
12	St. Catharines	43	24
13	Belleville	46	25
14	Guelph	30	35
15	Brantford	22	45
16	Brockville	8	100
17	†	4	200
18	Yarmouth	18	55
19	†	5	175
20	†	5	175
21	Goderich	20	50
22	Galt	9	90
23	Woodstock	14	65
24	Stratford	12	75
25	New Glasgow N.S.	20	50
26	Windsor, Ont.	11	80
27	Ingersoll	21	50
28	Sarnia	9	90
29	Cobourg	23	45
30	Pictou, N.S.	11	80
31	Oshawa	9	90
32	Barrie	18	55
33	Sherbrooke	15	65
34	Chatham, N.B.	9.	90
35	Lindsay	20	50
36	St. Johns, Que.	14	65
37	Amherst	10	85
38	Bowmanville	6	150
39	Whitby*	10	85
40	Cornwall	9	90
41	St. Mary's, Ont.	19.	55
42	Acton Vale	4	200
43	Windsor, N.S.	24	40
44	Owen Sound	18	55
45	Perth	12	75
46	Dundas	9	90
47	Napanee	13	70
48	Simcoe	13	70
49	Prescott	12	75
50	St. Andrews, N.B.	5	175
51	Picton	14	65
52	St. Hyacinthe	9	90
53	Three Rivers	21	50
54	Truro, N.S.	31	35
55	Berlin	20	50
56	Brampton	11	80
57	Paris*	11	80
58	St. Thomas	9	90
39	Clinton, Ont.	11	80
60	Newmarket	16	60

Notes 34. Boggs gives Branchton, U.C. 57. Boggs gives St. Thomas 52. Boggs & Holmes give Caledon, U.C. 58. Boggs gives Aylmer, U.C.

† 17, 19, 20. Not known. We can find no confirmation that any of these were assigned to towns listed by Boggs or Holmes.

* 1, 39, 57, 2. Exist with 'barred' rings. (Through cloth?).

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YOUR Sales Department

● Three months ago, after a suspension of more than nine months, the Sales Department started again from scratch. And I am pleased to report today that the results of the first three months have been far beyond the expectations of your Sales Director.

Outside of a few omissions, especially a bad one, and here I want to offer my deepest regrets to the Kitchener-Waterloo Philatelic Society, for missing sending them books for their last two meetings. I am sorry and it will not happen again. Outside of that error, I think that stamps have been forwarded on time to all clubs and societies, as well as to individual collectors. To the individual collectors with requests for special countries; if you have not heard from me, it is because the stamps requested were not available.

I am not out of the woods yet, I would like to send financial statements to the collectors who have books with the Sales Dept. To this date I have not found the time, but anyone who wants to know how much there is to his credit, just ask for it, and I will supply it as fast as I can.

The correspondence has been kept up to date, but this has been increasing steadily, and is reaching the point where it is interfering with the other work. So, write whenever necessary, but don't otherwise.

The envelopes for covers have just arrived from the printers and persons wishing to place covers in the Circuit may send in their order. The envelope is 7" × 4½", will take 10 or 12 covers of standard size. These envelopes are for old covers such as large or small queens, but not first day modern covers (there is no demand for these). The price of the envelope is 15 cents each, commission on sale is 20% plus 1% insurance.

There are a few clubs that I am still waiting to hear from, not very many, most of them have been receiving books for sometime.

To all members who intend placing books with the Sales Dept. for circulation, please contact this office before making the books. I have been obliged to my deep regret, to return books because the material was either in poor condition or too high priced. Also we have a surplus of some countries, and this includes modern Canada from 1935 to date. Except for stamps such as Pence issues or Large Queens in fine condition where price is secondary due to the scarcity and quality. All the rest with the exception of new issues which are priced only at double face in the catalogue and must be sold above 50% to at least break even; the rest at 50% or over with rare exceptions is very hard to sell. So, if you want to sell your stamps, price them reasonably. Some are far from doing it, probably due to lack of information on that subject.

The regulations as expressed in the July - August issue of the Philatelist seemed to have covered all the points for the good operation of the Sales Circuit, and when everything goes well, leave it alone. So, no new regulations, no criticism, just a very pleasant get together for this issue.

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POSTAL MARKINGS OF VATICAN CITY

By O. J. SIMPSON

WHEN I feel I need a change from considering the postal history of the Channel Islands (or there is a lack of suitable items available at a reasonable price), then my Vatican City collection comes out for an airing. There is a very strong Vatican Philatelic Society, based in the U.S.A., with over a thousand members in different parts of the world (but only five in Great Britain), and its notes issued every two months have provided invaluable in supplying the historical background necessary for writing-up the various issues. As yet, however, I have never seen anything in print about the postal markings of Vatican City, and this article may help to fill the gap My collection of used items is not complete and does not contain every variety of the postmarks which must exist. So I am hopeful that other collectors who read this will be able to extend the dates I have given and possibly provide details of those sub-types of figures 5 and 9 which I lack.

The postal service of the Vatican State dates from August 1st, 1929, and all correspondence (other than for Rome) goes through the Central Railway Station, Rome, Post Office. Items for Rome are routed through the Head Post Office there and the same system operates for inward mail to the Vatican. Internal correspondence does not, of course, go out of Vatican City itself. Here there is a Central Post Office near the St. Anne Gate with two branch offices on St. Peter's Square. Cancellation is also carried out at the Philatelic Bureau, but the only postal service at counters in the Vatican Museums and in the dome of the Basilica is the selling of some low value stamps to visitors for postcards bought there

For cancelling purposes circular handstamps are generally used, but roller stamps and a single cancelling machine are also employed. Fig. I (29 mm. liam.) illustrates the first cancel used from August 1st, 1929. This reads POSTE VATICANE, but in 1930 another, inscribed CITTA DEL VATICANO /POSTE (28 mm. diam.), was introduced in order to comply with the U.P.U. regulation that all stamps should bear the name of the issuing country. My first cover in 1930 is dated April 7th, so I cannot be certain when the cancel was actually introduced. It is shown in Fig. 2, the figures after the date indicating the hour of collection or cancellation according to the 24-hour clock. Three sub-types exist:

(a) 28 mm. diameter; 3 mm. letters (DEL 2 mm.); asterisks with 8 points. (1930-33).

(b) 29 mm. diameter; 3½ mm. letters (DEL 2 mm.); asterisks with 6 points. (1933-35).

(c) all letters including DEL 3½ mm. high; I have only one (poor) example and the date appears to be 1934.

I have three stamps cancelled in 1931 with another type (Fig. 3)—horizontal lines and vertical shading removed—but have not seen it used in any other year.

An unusually decorative postal mark is shown in Fig. 4 and I have it on a First Day Cover (April 3rd, 1933) bearing the stamps issued for the special Holy Year announced to commemorate the bimillenary of the Crucifixion. The stamps themselves are cancelled by the type shown in Fig. 5; as Fig. 4 bears no date it cannot correctly be reckoned a postmark and I should very much like to find out if it was used on any other occasion. Although Fig. 2 with small DEL was in use as late as 1935, Fig. 5 was introduced in 1932. It differed mainly in having the vertical bars removed from both segments. The bottom space thus provided is always blank; the top may be so or it may contain a number which, presumably, indicates the number of that particular handstamp. These numbers run from one to ten and may be in Roman figures or in the more usual Arabic ones. I have written to the Vatican postal authorities to try and discover something about these numbers, but have not been successful in getting any reply. My own theory is

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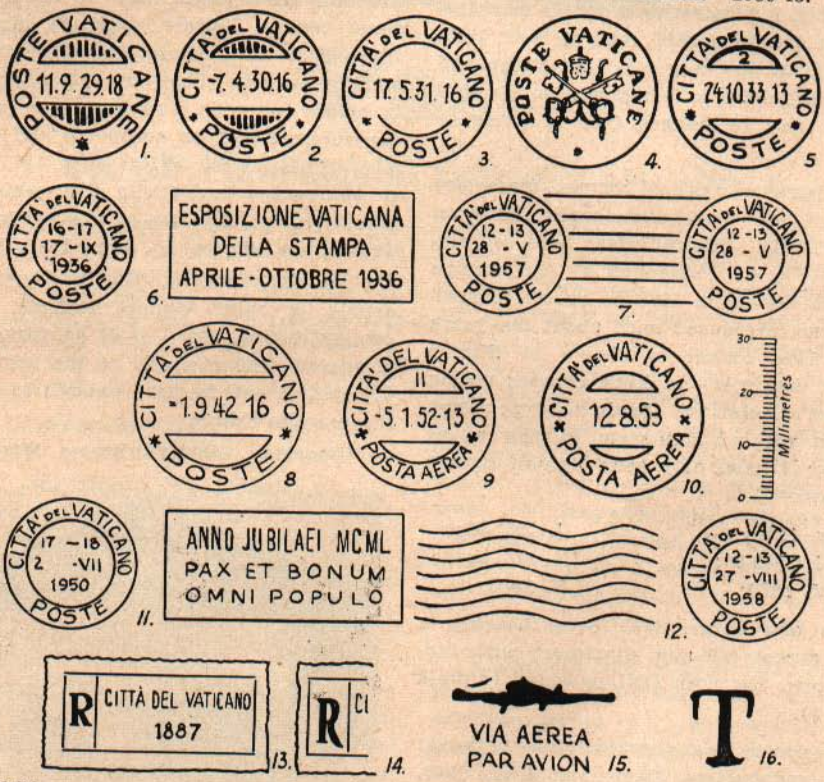
that cancels with Roman numerals are used at the Philatelic Bureau and those with Arabic ones at the Central Office; this would leave the blank cancellors for the two branch offices All the "maximum" cards and obviously philatelic covers I have bear cancels with Roman figures or with "5" or "8". The earliest and latest dates in my collection are:—

Blank. 1933-53;
1. 1935-44 and 1959-60;
2. 1933-43; 3. 1939-59;
4. 1955-60; 5. 1953-57;
6. not seen; 7. 1958-59;
8. 1953-59; 9. not seen; 10. 1955;



I. 1943-56; II. 1945-60;
III. 1953-57; IV. 1952-58;
V. 1955-58; VI. 1958.

The Roman numerals are apparently inserted individually as I have an example where the II appears loose as *I I*. The diameter of the cancel is again 28 mm. for numbers 1 to 8 and for all with Roman figures. Numbers 5 and 8 (early dates) also exist in a 30 mm. circle and I have only seen "10" in this size. All the letters are bigger (3 mm.) and the cancels also differ from the others in that the date year includes three figures instead of the usual two, e.g. 11.12.953—18. Various sub-types of the normal cancel can be recognized (Fig. 5):—

(a) DEL in 2 mm. caps., rest in 2½ mm. POSTE either 16 mm. from bottom of "P" to bottom of "E" or 18 mm. (both in use in 1933). Eight-pointed asterisk. 1933-44.

(b) DEL IN 2 mm. caps., rest in 2½ mm. POSTE 18 mm. Maltese Cross substituted for asterisk. 1939-43.

(c) All letters ½ mm. POSTE 18 mm. Eight-pointed asterisk (very clear). 1943-44.

(d) All letters 2½ mm. POSTE 15 mm. Maltese Cross for asterisk (cross is slightly smaller on current cancels). 1939-60.

(e) As (d) but + substituted for Maltese Cross. 1958-60.

Type (d) is known used in red on First Day Covers of the St. Domenico Savio issue in 1957 ("II" in segment).

During the Catholic Press Exhibition commencing April 6th, 1936, a slogan cancel reading ESPOSIZIONE VATICANA/DELLA STAMPA/APRILE-OTTOBRE 1936 (Fig. 6) was in use. The commemorative stamps issued for this occasion did not appear until June 22nd and it should be possible to find the slogan cancelling the 1933 definitives or the 1935 Juridical Congress stamps, but I have not seen it on any of these. This machine cancel has the circular date stamp 24 mm. in diameter as does Fig. 7, illustrating a double machine-cancel in use from 1937 until at least 1957. On single stamps only one date stamp and part of the bars will register so its full size can only be bauged from a cover or card.

An extra-large cancel (32 mm. diameter) can be found used occasionally between 1940 and 1944. The asterisks here are six-pointed (Fig. 8). Although airmail stamps were first issued in 1938 no special cancellation was introduced until about ten years later. This cancel is shown in Fig. 9 (28 mm. diameter), Maltese Crosses taking the place of asterisks. Again sub-types exist with or without numerals in the upper segment; I have only seen Roman figures as below:—

Blank. 1949; I. 1951-53;
II. 1949-59; III. not seen;
IV. 1960; V. 1956.

I have one cover, 1953 date, bearing a larger cancel (30 mm. diameter) with bigger letters, but with DEL in small capitals (Fig. 10).

A second slogan cancellation (Fig. II) was introduced on December 23rd. 1949, declaring "Peace and Goodwill to all Mankind" on the occasion of the 25th Holy Year in 1950. This should also exist on the Roman Basilicas definitives issued the previous March, but all my specimens are on the Holy Year stamps. Like the 1936 slogan it was only used at the Central Post Office. A roller-type of wavy-line cancel has been in use from 1957—possibly earlier (Fig. 12).

When the Vatican started to handle its own postal affairs no printed registration labels were available and blank Italian ones were used. A 1929 registered cover I have bears one of these handstamped POSTE VATICANE in blue, but it is also known in black.

By 1933 labels of the type shown in Figs. 13 and 14 were in use, but more recent labels seem to be like Fig. 13. Although one or two Express stamps form part of each definitive issue these are not always used on urgent letters. Rubber (?) stamps reading ESPRESSO or URGENTE are frequently found employed in black or purple ink and both marks may be used on the same cover. Letters going by air sometimes bear the PAR AVION etiquette—and sometimes not. They are often impressed in purple ink with a rubber stamp showing the silhouette of an aeroplane and reading VIA AEREO/PAR AVION (Fig. 15). Letters to addressees in Vatican City which bear insufficient postage are marked with a large T(axe) as shown in Fig. 16.

As explained at the beginning, this article is based almost entirely on my own collection, and I shall be very pleased if anyone who can add to the information it contains will be kind enough to write to me c/o the Editor.

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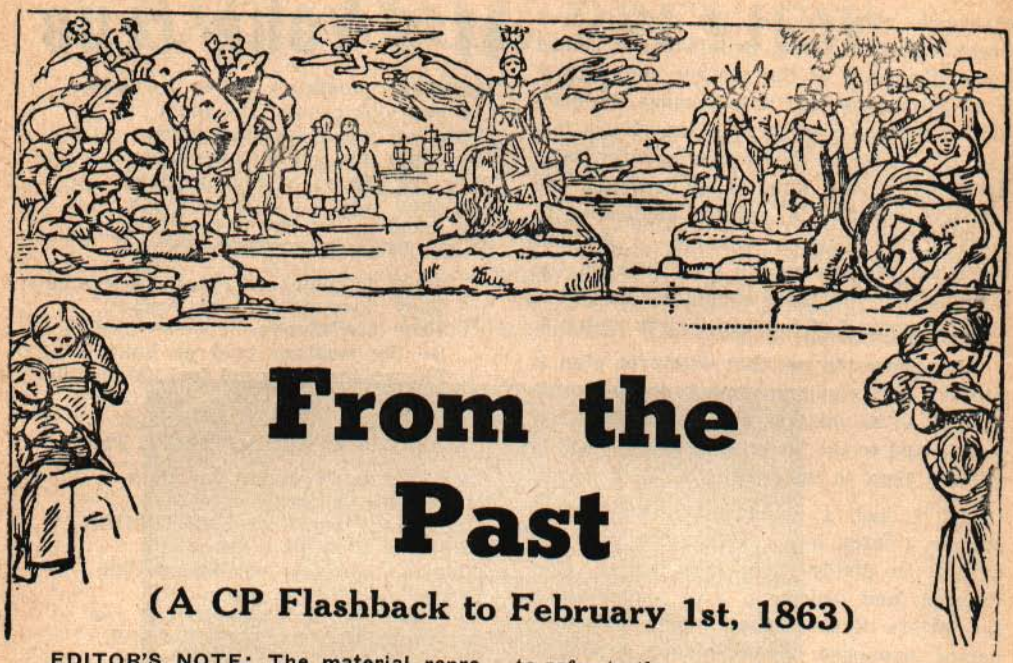

From the Past

(A CP Flashback to February 1st, 1863)

EDITOR'S NOTE: The material reproduced below is the second instalment of a tentative series commenced in our last number. If it is enjoyed by our members, we shall continue the series. The articles have been furnished to us through the courtesy of Mr. William H. Slate, who is an ardent collector of 19th century philatelic literature.

THE ARRANGEMENT OF POSTAGE STAMPS

By DR. J. E. GRAY,
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of The British Museum

THE collection of Postage Stamps is recommended as inducing the study of history and geography, and there can be no doubt that it does so, if properly pursued. But many collections and several catalogues have been arranged and published in alphabetical order, or, in other words, by the initial letter of the countries which issue them; this, I think, must appear, to every one who considers the subject, a method of arranging the stamps which can never conduce to the object desired;—an arrangement in which the Granada Confederation, for example, is made to precede Great Britain, and Greece to follow, seems as odd a jumble of confusion as can need enter a person's head. I know that it is said that the plan is followed because it is more easy to refer to the name of the country when so arranged, than when placed in geographical groups. This may be so to some, if the collector pays no attention, and takes no interest in geography or history. But, to a person who is interested, and has made some advance in the study of these two most important branches of science, then the arrangement of the countries which are related to each other in position, government, and language, will certainly be the most easy of reference. We use a dictionary to find out a word we do not understand, and a scientific treatise when we want to learn any subject we think worthy of study.

Collectors who arrange their stamps in alphabetical order, and even authors who print catalogues of them according to that plan, seem to feel that it is not a good one. I do not know a single collector or catalogue compiler who completely carries out the system. They generally place the colonies of France, Spain, Denmark, &c., under the head of France, &c., consequently under F, S and D; thus these catalogues perform their proposed purpose so imperfectly, that they think it necessary to have a large number of cross references, or have an alphabetical index to help their arrangement; and it is to be further observed, if they are so

arranged, why are not the colonies and dependencies of Great Britain to be placed under the head of the mother country? It is no use saying that it is because the colonies of France, Spain, and Denmark are few and, like those of the mother country, bear the head of the king or emperor of the country for that is equally applicable to most of the English colonies. I do not, therefore, see any reason why Cuba, in the alphabetical catalogues should not be placed under C instead of S, if Antigua is under A.

It appears to me that whatever plan is adopted for arranging stamps, to be useful, it ought to be uniform, and carried out completely and to the letter or it is more apt to mislead than to instruct.

If I had a considerable number of stamps, I think it would be more easy and natural to divide them into British, Continental, and American than according to the letters of the alphabet by which their names happened to commence especially as many of them do not bear the name of the country that issues them.

The stamps of England and her dependencies all have the inscription on them in the English language, and most of them are embellished with the portrait of our Queen. The dependencies of the British Crown naturally group themselves into Indian, Mediterranean, African, Australian, North American, and West Indian possessions. The continental stamps naturally divide into groups, each marked by the language of the rountry they represent, and the portrait, arms, or other emblems they are illustrated with. Those belonging to countries such as France, Spain, Portugal, Italy, &c., all use a language which is a modification of the Latin tongue. Then those marked with a Grecian inscription. The countries of the German races easily divide themselves into those issued by South Germany, as Austria and Bavaria, and use the **kreuzer**; and those for Northern Germany, as Prussia, Brunswick, Saxony, &c., which use the **groschen**; those issued by the Hanseatic towns of Lubeck, Hamburg, and Bremen; and then follow the Scandinavian kingdoms of Denmark and Sweden, and the Sclavonic empire, that use the **kopec**; and the Eastern Principalities, that use the **para.**

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Apologies to Ken Putnam.

(Courtesy of The Galt Stamp Club News.)

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It is to be observed that in this list I have taken the countries as they lay from west to east.

The stamps of the American Government as naturally and as easily separate themselves into three groups, ranging from the north towards the south of the continent—first, the Northern States, that bear English inscriptions, and use the **cent**; then the Brazilian, marked with the Portuguese **reis**; and, lastly, those governments that use the Spanish language.

PALL MALL PREVIEW

January 1961

A THIRD OF THE WAY through the philatelic season come the Christmas and New Year festivities, but long before then the auctioneer has his plans made for the sales in 1961. Possibly before this Preview is read, the first three sales will have been held; the Postal History Auction on the 4th January, the General and European sale on the 6th and the British Empire sale on the 7th. The coloured illustrations shown here are some of those used in the auction catalogues, which are obtainable from Robson Lowe Ltd., 50 Pall Mall, London, S.W.1, or from Bournemouth Stamp Auctions, Granville Chambers, Richmond Hill, Bournemouth. The price is indicated in the narrative.

Some of the fine Hong Kong cancellations in the 25th January sale

On 11th January the **GREAT BRITAIN** collection, formed by L. Dunevein of Eastbourne, fills the day. There are unusual and rare covers including those of the Circular Delivery Companies, used abroads (Great Britain 1/- embossed used with the first issue of India at Agra), forwarded letters (from Canada, India, Jamaica, Sierra Leone, U.S.A. and Venezuela with penny blacks), pictorial envelopes (the House of Lords 1d., Mulready proofs and tablet essays, caricatures, propaganda envelopes including the anti-Graham wafer used), and coloured cancellations on the first adhesives. There is a block of four of the penny black used on a May 13th cover, a mint marginal strip of plate II second state and a mint block of six plate XI. Of little value but of the greatest rarity are two letter sheets bearing the embossed one penny rose. The first, dated 1850, bears an additional cut-out 1d. rose and the 2d. adhesive; the second, used in 1852, shows the embossed stamp neatly framed between the 1d. and 2d. adhesives. Catalogue 2/6 (40c. sea mail, $1 air mail).

On 25th January the Gold Medal collection of **HONG KONG and TREATY PORTS,** formed by George E. Burghard of New York, is being sold. The coloured illustrations in this Preview are indicative of the quality of both cancellations and covers. In the five-shilling catalogue (75c. sea mail, $1.50 air mail) there are nine other illustrations in colour. The sale commences with Hong Kong handstruck stamps from 1842 on covers, the adhesives including proofs and imprimaturs, unused blocks (the CC 18c.) and singles (96c. olive-bistre), and used inverted surcharges (1880 5c. on 8c. and 10c. on 16c.) and double overprints (1890 Jubilee). Covers (96c. olive-bistre) showing the various rates, rare obliterations ("2H62") and cancellations, "used abroads" (Formosa, Labuan, Philippine Islands, Siam), Maritime Mail ("Per Yoreshun Boat"), combination and Boxer Rebellion covers fill the morning session. Among the very rare covers are Hong Kong stamps used at Anping and Tamsuy and Russia used in Hankow with "I.P.O.". Off cover one must mention the block of ten 1882 CA 10 cents mauve cancelled at the British and American consulates in Bangkok.

The bisected stamps of Hanover are all rare, the 1/15 thaler particularly so

The afternoon session on 25th January is filled by the Burghard collection of Treaty Ports in China and Japan and the British post offices in Wei-Hai-Wei (Liu-Kung-Tau) and Macau. The wealth of covers and multiple pieces have never before been assembled together by one collector. There are two covers bearing the Shanghai sunbursts, the lovely Nagasaki "N2" illustrated here, and the best array of "D28" (9), "D30" (7) and "N2" (8) that we know. The Macau covers, ranging from "BOAT Office 10 cents" to the wonderful crowned circles, are unique.

On 1st February the London sale will be full of **THE NEAR EAST,** including the collection of Turkey formed by Richard Diamond of Nottingham, which contains a number of items from the Ferrari collection. At the end of the 1914-18 War the Nationalist Government set up in Angora overprinted the stock of postage stamps. Until the permanent issues printed in Genoa appeared in 1922, provisional postal issues were made by overprinting the handsome, and often large, postage stamps. A better collection has yet to be offered. These issues are followed by those of Cilicia, Syria (the Arab Kingdom overprints include some of the rarest stamps in the world), Israel and Saudi-Arabia. Catalogue 2/6 (40c. sea mail, $1 air mail).

A remarkable registered cover from Hanover to Vienna bearing the rare 10 gr.

On the 4th February there is a **GENERAL SALE** in Bournemouth which includes collections offered intact valued at £400 (9,632 Whole World), £340 (6,940 British Empire) and £650 (17,751 other countries). There are good sections of Australian Commonwealth, Canada, German Post Offices Abroad and Colonies, also U.S.A. At the end of the sale is a British Empire collection broken into 52 lots and a less conventional property in 42 lots. The latter includes collections of Airmails (2,381 for £150), K.G.V (1,297 mint £135), Foreign (9,788 for £135) and stamp centenaries and anniversaries (579 for £50). Catalogue for this sale is 1/- (15c. sea mail, $1 air mail).

On the 8th February a fine collection of the classic issues of **HANOVER** fills the day. Some of the handsome pieces from this sale are illustrated here. Other rare items include complete sets of used copies showing each marginal number, 1853 3 pf., strip of four; 1856 3 pf., strips of five and seven, 1859 3 gr. in a strip of six and a block of four; 10 gr. pair with marginal number; and 1863 3 pf., strip of five, all used. Among the few mint are two blocks of four of the 10 gr. The catalogue, with colour plates, is 5/- (75c. sea mail, $1.50 air mail).

Blocks from the specialised collection of Hanover

On 15th February there is a sale of **EUROPE AND COLONIES** which is full of meat — the fine collection of early Austria used in Hungary, the Epaulettes and Medallions of Belgium, the German and Italian States with some lovely stamps selected from an old stuck-down collection, the superb blocks of early Spain — all are most attractive. The catalogue has a colour plate and is priced at 2/6 (40c. sea mail, $1.50 air mail). The companion sale of **AFRICA, AMERICA** (lovely Bolivia, Brazil and U.S.A.) **and ASIA** will be held in early March after we have produced another classic sale of **TUSCANY** on 22nd February; in addition to some fine mint blocks and a superb array of covers, there are used strips of five of the 1851 1s. yellow and 9c. and singles of the 2c., 60c. and 3 lire. The catalogue, with colour plates, is priced 5/- (75c. sea mail, $1.50 air mail).

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Truro (N.S.) Stamp Club Stages RPSC Regional Meeting

WHAT is hoped to be the first of many regional get-togethers of RPSC members in future, took place in Truro, Nova Scotia, in November and was marked by a large attendance of Royal members from the Maritime provinces The Sydney, Halifax, Truro and Saint John, N.B. Chapters were well represented in addition to RPSC'ers from many scattered points in the Maritime Provinces.

Stamps valued in excess of over $100,000.00 were on exhibition at what was the largest gathering of Philatelists ever assembled in Nova Scotia, some 300 of whom sat down to dinner in Kaulbach Hall.

Dr. G. M. Geldert, president of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada was the guest speaker and presented a plaque to Dr. Harold MacCormack, president of the Truro Club.

Dr. Geldert in turn was presented with a pair of engraved cuff-links as a token of appreciation of his presence.

A large auction was conducted by Dr. H. V. Corbett, president of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club of Halifax who certainly could show many club Auctioneers a few pointers.

Dr. Geldert recounted some of his experiences at the International Exhibition in London, England and briefly touched on the modern trends of stamp collecting throughout Canada, the USA and Europe. He pointed out the fact there was considerable demand for Foreign items in the National Society's Sales Department, probably the result of the "New Canadian" influence on philately in Canada.

He stressed the value of a Canada wide organization pointing out that only through a strong united effort, influence can be brought to bear on the "Powers that be".

He urged the Maritime collectors to consider being hosts to a Royal Convention in the not too distant future, which suggestion was received with considerable enthusiasm.

Following the dinner, a most enjoyable reception for the RPSC president was held at the home of Mr. Robert F. McLellan of Truro.

Both radio and the Maritime press gave excellent coverage of the Regional Meeting, which was well organized by Dr. MacCormack and the Truro Chapter.

BOOK REVIEWS

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MAIL BAG (Continued from page 39)

Sir:—I am working here in this town with a group of six retarded girls. I would appreciate it if some of the members of the Society could help me out with a donation of some stamps to add to their collections.

All packages of stamps will be gratefully acknowledged.

I wish you could see how very much the girls enjoy their bi-weekly stamp meetings.

GWEN WILKINSON (Mrs.).
RPSC #5376.
90 Elgin St. N., Port Hope, Ont.

Sir:—The suggestion of the absence of an exhibition from the programme of the Annual Convention, to be replaced by Study Groups, Philatelic Papers, etc., and a good Bourse, delights me. Our Chapter (Peterborough) is far from Toronto, Montreal, etc., where the experts congregate in large numbers and such a Convention will be invaluable to us.

I do hope that this idea for the 1961 Convention will be carried through if it is at all possible.

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We are pleased to announce that Chapter #17, the Westmount S.C., is holding a two-day Exhibition at the Victoria Hall, Westmount, on February 8th and 9th. This promises to be a fine effort and should be visited by all collectors in the Montreal area.

British Stamp Wins Award

Monte Carlo, Dec. 15 (Reuters) — A British £1 stamp featuring the Queen and Windsor Castle won the International Philatelic Art Society's gold medal today as the best stamp printed in 1958-59. (This seems to be #374 of G.B.—Ed.)

CHAPTER NEWS

Many thanks to the following clubs for their bulletin: Galt, Greater Victoria, North York, Edmonton, Columbus (Ohio), Westmount, North Toronto, Quinte (Belleville), Brantford, British Columbia.

● **GALT**

From that bright little publication THE GALT STAMP CLUB NEWS, we learn that this season is earmarked as EDUCATION YEAR for the Club. Bright idea! Already two study groups have been formed, Germany and Topicals, with a Canadian one in the offing. A fine way to celebrate the Club's twentieth year.

● **NORTH YORK (Toronto)**

The North York P.S. recently had a very interesting person address the Club, Miss Helen Fitzgerald, the designer of the controversial Canadian stamp honouring the Associated Country Women of the World, as also the more recent issue commemorating the Golden Jubilee of the Canadian Girl Guides' Association. Miss Fitzgerald's address was much appreciated by all those who attended.

● **VICTORIA**

From the bulletin of the Greater Victoria P.S. we glean that there is some complaint about mail between Victoria and Seattle. That's nothing, boys. You ought to see how mail is handled between Toronto and Ottawa and also Toronto and Windsor!

We also learn from it that we have a competitor, THE PHILATELIC LEADER, published in Winnipeg. What struck us, however, is that apparently several Victoria members have written articles fo the aforesaid publication. Well! What about their own CP?

There is also a nice little boost up of our CP and the Society, something we do not often see in Club Bulletins. Thanks, Victoria!

● **COLUMBUS (Ohio)**

A nice little bulletin is THE TELESCOPE, of the Columbus Philatelic Club. The Club news is always interesting and the Columbus Club have one idiosyncrasy which no other club has, so far as we know. They mail THE TELESCOPE in some nice philatelic cover most times. We have had from them a cover with the old "Williamsburg, Va." strike, one with the "Youngs & Col. H.P.O." cancel and another with a cachet showing the cover was carried on one of America's last remaining Mail Boats, at Cape Coral, Florida. Well done, Columbus!

● **WESTMOUNT (Montreal)**

233 members! Surely this makes the Westmount S.C. the largest club in Canada. They also announce an Exhibition on February 9th.

● **HAMILTON**

The Hamilton P.S. had a wonderful joint meeting with the Buffalo Stamp Club in Hamilton. This was exceedingly well attended and proved to be a most enjoyable affair. We are reproducing elsewhere the FRIENDSHIP PLAQUE which is exchanged between the two clubs at each of their joint meetings. The Buffalo S.C. is holding it at present and the Hamilton P.S. will receive it next May at the meeting in Buffalo. Thanks to Dick Hedley of Buffalo for this item.

● **NORTH TORONTO**

The RPSC Plaque was awarded this year to Donald Young, well-known Admiral addict, for distinguished service in the interests of our hobby. Well done, Don!

Again NT to the fore, for Jack Banks, Herbert Dube, Bill Maresch and Russ Waines won awards at the Warsaw International Exhibition this past summer. Congratulations to these four eminent philatelists.

● **VANCOUVER**

The British Columbia P.S. set some questions to the local P.R.O. of the P.O. Dept. who came up with some interesting answers.

30,000,000 Girl Guide stamps were printed, at a total production cost of $21,000.

The same quntity of a regular issue would have cost $8,000. The estimated philatelic sales of 900,000 stamps brings in additional revenue of $45,000, plus a profit of $3,500 on FDCs. Die proofs and other material related to the development of new design postage stamps are retained in the Archives indefinitely. Printing plates are defaced and melted. A commemorative stamp is ordered in a specific quantity with the initial order and no more are made. Also the hand steel date cancel devices are hand cut and made by PRITCHARD & ANDREWS of Ottawa. Very interesting information indeed.

● **TRAIL**

The Columbia P.S. informs us of a fine address on the stamps of Denmark by Axel Nielson, of the David Thompson Stamp Club, of Castlegar, after which a film on Denmark was shown and also two films of European scenes.

Jack Harrison, the President of the Club, also sends us some bouquets on CP. Thanks, Jack!

● **LETHBRIDGE**

New President for 1961, Dr. M. Hanna, and Secretary-Treasurer,, Mrs. J. H. Carpenter, 2117-14 Ave. South, Lethbridge, Alta. We also note that Dr. C. H. Chapman, who moved to Lethbridge last year from Sarnia, is now Vice-President of the Lethbridge P.S. You simply can't keep a good man down! We expect to hear news of great doings from Lethbridge this coming year.

● **EDMONTON**

1960 was a most successful year for the Edmonton Stamp Club which doubled its membership during this period, their membership now totals 110. 17 meetings were held during the year with an average of 50 present per meeting. An excellent record. The Joint meeting with the Calgary Club in Red Deer was bigger and better than ever at which Dr. Geldert, President of the Royal, attended. Their secretary E. J. Christensen reports that his visit securely cemented Chapter 6 to the parent body. The Edmonton Chapter give prominence to the presentation of Philatelic films at their meetings. With a club headed by Bill Rorke as president and a most energetic secretary in the person of E. J. Christensen (who incidently is the liaison officer with the RPSC) the Edmonton Stamp Club is bound to forge ahead. Good going boys.

STAMP HOLD-UP

Norman Goodger, of London, Ont., lost a valuable collection of stamps to a couple of gunmen on Nov. 7.

According to Mrs. Goodger, who was home alone, she answered the door expecting real estate appraisers. "Then", she said, "they pulled a gun, took me into the bedroom and tied me up."

"They seemed to have my inventory", said Mr. Goodger later.

Mrs. Goodger said one of the men had come to the house several times, saying he was interested in buying the German collection.

Were stolen, among other items: 12 volumes of Germany, in 12 Warwick albums and 1 Burleigh album, all blue, in blue cases. Individual stamps were mounted on black photographic paper and were in Harco or Crystal Mounts, mounted on white Godden sheets. Also Safen, and Favourite albums.

There was also a collection of USA Precancels, comprising several hundred Godden sheets with mounted Bureau singles arranged by State and City.

● **LONDON**

The London Philatelic Society held its annual Bourse and Exhibition in November and was one of its most successful events. Some 55 frames were on exhibit and viewed by a large attendance. The Simpson Trophy went to Grant Showers of Sarnia, (Past president of the London P.S.) for his exhibit of 3¢ small Queens, 2 ring numerals as the best all round exhibit. The genial secretary of the L.P.S., George Baxted, informs us that there will be a bunch of new members from this Chapter for the RPSC in January. Atta boy, George. That's the kind of news we like to hear.

Vice-President and Director Dr. Norman Boyd represented the Royal on this occasion. Prizes went to J. Woolverton for Topicals, to George Ross for British Colonies and to George Baxted for his exhibit of Foreign items.

Northern Development Subject of New Stamp

A new large size five cent postage stamp, a tribute to the development of Canada's Northland and the increasing activity there in recent years, will be issued on the 8th February, 1961.

This stamp depicts a large modern earth-moving machine and a surveyor with a transit below a compass rose. Lines of latitude and longitude illustrate the great expanse of Canada's last frontier in the north and the design as a whole emphasizes the prodigious activity being directed to the development of these parts of the country. The background of the stamp will be red and the lettering and foreground will be green.

The stamp emphasizes the changing concept of Canada's North from a remote land of untapped possibilities to an active and vital segment of the Canadian economy. The government programmes in mining, communications and other fields have already begun to move many aspects of northern development from the planning stage to actual production.

The Eskimo people are to share in the northern opportunities through an expanded educational and vocational programme. The formation of Eskimo co-operatives has demonstrated the value of neglected natural resources and resulted in new industries. In the cultural field the Eskimos have been encouraged to express their unique artistic talents ont only in the traditional stone sculpture but also in the new art form of stone and sealskin prints.

The new stamp was designed by B. J. Reddie of Ottawa, who received his training at Toronto Central Technical School.

The Post Office Department will be happy to co-operate with industries interested in the Northland who wish to arrange for special "first day cover" service with the new stamp. Such industries he said. should contact the Post Office Director of Financial Services at Ottawa.

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THE MAIL BAG

SHANAHAN'S

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Toronto. T. V. Anderson, Maj.-Gen.

Dublin Stamps Case

A jury in the Central Criminal Court in Dublin on Friday found Arthur Desmond Shanahan, a director and secretary of Shanahan Stamp Auctions Ltd., Dun Laoghaire, co. Dublin, guilty on 16 counts. Shanahan had been charged on 22 counts of conspiracy and fraud, involving a total of £846,000, arising out of operations of the company. Shanahan was sentenced to 15 months' hard labour.

(Editor's Note—See The London Letter).

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JUDGING POSTAL HISTORY

Sir:—I was very interested in the report in the Sept.-Oct. issue of the C.P. of Sir John Wilson's address to the Philatelic Congress of Great Britain.

What especially interested me was his remarks regarding exhibits of Postal History and it is to be hoped these will be heeded and that competent judges are appointed to score the Postal History exhibits at our R.P.S. of C. exhibitions and conventions.

A survey of the past conventions shows far too little attention is given to this class by the host chapters and in some instances Postal History entries are either entered in the cover class, ignored altogether, or as in one convention I attended recently, entered in the stamp entry class of that particular country, in which case the exhibitor was competing against himself.

Judging of the stamp classes is usually satisfactory, but the same cannot be said after a perusal of the Postal History awards given at the various R.P.S. of C. exhibitions.

I was told by a judge commenting on one P.H. exhibit, some of the material was plentiful and common. Even so it deserves consideration. I recall one exhibit some years ago of a common U.S.A. stamp with different cancellations winning a trophy.

To me, Postal History material reveals the early attempts of the authorities to bring orderly procedure into the distributions of the mails, and the obstacles and problems which had to be overcome in order to do this. When one considers the limited knowledge and means available to the postal authorities in the handling and distribution and the establishing of post offices for delivery of mail, which increased in volume as the years passed, a great deal of credit is due to those early pioneers of the P.O. for what they accomplished.

A well arranged and written up Postal History exhibit can show this progress from the time the Government recognized and organized the postal sevice from its inception to the issue of the first postage stamps.

While some of the Postal History material may be plentiful and common, this can only apply to the last years of its use, as I know from personal experience the earlier material is both scarce and expensive.

Judges seem to score P.H. exhibits mainly on the covers and fail to consider the attempt by the exhibitor to show, as I have previously stated, the growth of the postal services which is a fascinating study of the evolution of the mails from early times to the present day.

I would like to see the views of other exhibitors expressed on this subject, and hope that the R.P.S. of C. will realize the importance of Postal History and appoint judges who can and will give it proper recognition in an exhibition.

Kitchener. J. S. MARTIN.

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MORE UNFASTENED BOOKLETS

Sir:—Would like to report that I have the current 5c booklet neither stitched nor stapled.

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Sir:—In THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST of July-August, you had a short item "A Find in Windsor".

Would appreciate your letting Mr. Bill Walsh know I have a similar item in booklet 341-A.

Being the proud owner, I thought it was a rarity, but there was a singular lack of enthusiasm among Club members, though there isn't another one in Edmonton that I know of.

Would you ask Mr. Walsh to let me know if he has had many replies?

Edmonton. M. C. ADAMSON, M.D.

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MORE ABOUT "WHY WAIT FOR SPRING?"

Sir:—Further to my listing of the "Why Wait for Spring?" slogan, in order to complete my 1960 list of this slogan, I would like to know if anyone has seen the following towns use the slogan in 1960:

Chicoutimi, Drummondville, Joliette, Levis, Newmarket, Noranda, St-Hyacinthe, Scarborough, Sorel, Valleyfield.

Naturally, any spares of these would be appreciated.

Halfmoon Bay, B.C. G. H. POTTS, RPSC #7325

DEAR MR. EDITOR:

Sir:—I have head with some annoyance in a recent issue of the Philatelist a condensed article on Sir John Wilson's address to the philatelic Congress. Unfortunately, however, I believe some of his surprising remarks may prove to be confusing if not discouraging to many newer collectors and I wish to comment thereon—

1. Postal History (Stampless) to be in a separate catagory in exhibitions — I agree here as we can hardly term this stamp collecting although of great interest and value to many collectors.
2. Large amount of faked cover prevalent —this I think very misleading—there are a small number of BNA covers of high value about in the last few years, mostly emenating from England and designed to deceive expert collectors or dealers who in most cases should know better. Certainly, this should not discourage general collectors from obtaining the hundreds of covers available for a few cents to a few dollars which certainly are genuine and add to many collections.
3. Cancels — especially where Sir John states "Coloured cancels are of no importance and the supreme proof of collectors' madness". How about prices obtained for such, per supply and demand in about any auction house in the world and quoted in catalogues for decades as in Scotts US specialized and Gibbons?—the penny black at £3 for regular and £40 to £50 for a blue or yellow cross? Who can resist a red cancel on a blue stamp or vice-versa and is this an eye appeal primarily?
4. Condition—"greatly exaggerated, etc." —This remark is not consistent as elsewhere he frowns on improving stamps or colours which will later deteriorate —then, why would stamps which are thinned or torn do the same over the years with handling by different owners?

Surely, there was a purpose in these remarks by an undoubted international expert, but all this writer can see is perhaps to help some professionals to move inferior stamps. Sir John mentions pudging, but, does not say if his remarks were in such capacity or personal opinions. However, as Chairman of the Jury at the London International exhibition with final rulings, his remarks seem to have been followed.

Most top awards went to those with a large number of rare stamps, generally off cover, some in large multiples and some in only average condition: A Judge in London, in front of many, remarked afterwards, "You were lucky to receive a Gold award. Main reason was because you had a cheque book exhibit".

Right now, I'll say this writer was an exhibitor, did not expect a gold and was quite satisfied with a silver. Times and fashions change.—Consider Charles Pack some 15 years ago—a top collection, yet hardly any covers, rare cancels of plate varieties were included but how many collections today lack such.

A famous New York "house organ" commented at length on the London Exhibition, judging and summarizing that same had not moved with the times. Sir John in fairness, due to lack of time perhaps, did not comment on other lines of collecting such as plate varieties, proofs and essays, topicals, plate blocks, first day covers, etc., but the inference was that these are beneath his interest—per his remark that "the stamp is the thing".

—OLD TIMER'

(Editor's Note: This letter refers to a condensed report of Sir John Wilsons' address to the Philatelic Congress of GB, carried in the July 1960 issue of the CP, regarding cleansing of stamps and covers. Sir John was referring to and deploring the use of detergents for this purpose).

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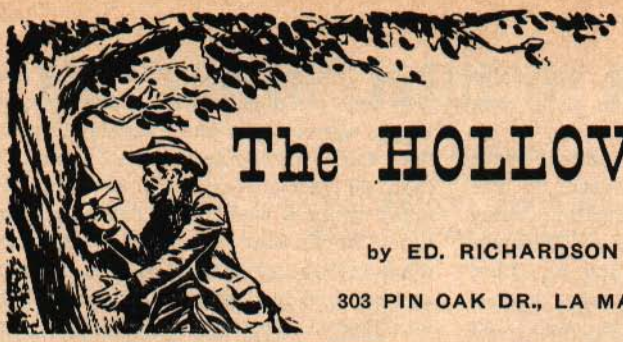

The HOLLOW TREE

by ED. RICHARDSON (R.P.S.C. 6991)

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No. 501—ANOTHER NEW ELECTION ENVELOPE

Ann Dorian of Ilford, England reports another new election envelope not listed in Holmes. This is on the 5c. '54 Queen issue, and is FORM 154—6-57-40M Fraft. This would probably take No. 1138d as its assigned cat. number. With only 40,000 printed it is apt to be scarce—but not a rarity.

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No. 502—ANOTHER TYPE WORLD WAR I FLAG CANCEL DISCOVERED

A new type flag cancel not previously recorded was recently reported to us. It was used at Trois Rivières, P.Q., in 1918 and in the white space for the slogan to the left of the flag design appears in four lines

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It is surprising that a new type flag cancel should show up after all these years. But that is part of the charm of cancellations. It is reported that two copies were found. Can any reader also report this, and was it used in any other town than Trois Rivières?

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No. 503—SOME INTERESTING HITHERTO UNKNOWN SEMI-OFFICIAL AIRMAIL VARIETIES OF CANADA

The auction sale of the "Mathews" collection by F. W. Kessler of New York contained some interesting varieties not hitherto listed by any catalogue. First there were several in the Canadian Airways issues. In the unsurcharged issue most catalogues list only the horizontal pair, imperf. between. While the Canadian Airmail Study Group had previously reported the vertical pair imperf. between it had not been reported elsewhere. The 'Mathews' collection contained a pair.

In the Horizontal pairs, imperf. between, there were pairs in **both** shades. This had been reported in only the deep shade previously. This means there were ten pairs in **each** shade in existence, rather than only 10 pairs in total as had been previously believed.

In the inverted surcharge variety, a block of four and a horizontal pair were offered, these from the two right vertical rows of the sheet. The right stamp had the inverted surcharge, the left was normal.

There were also several unlisted surcharge varieties of the Patricia Airways and Exploration issues, but most catalogues have long since given up trying to list them all!

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No. 504—IMPERF. GUTTER BLOCK OF No. C5

In the same auction sale there was offered a horizontal **gutter** block of 8, imperforate, "consisting of 2 imperf. blocks of 4 with the wide gutter between". This is the 1935 Daedalus issue, Scott's No. C5.

We have long suspected that many of the imperforates of the 1935-1940 issues existed in **uncut sheets**, and that therefore gutter blocks would exist. This is the first evidence we have seen. We suspect that others, and in other issues, will eventually come to light.

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No. 505—MANITOBA ENGINEER'S STAMP

Harold Walker has shown us a set of four of the 1958 Manitoba Engineer's Stamps. He tells us that they have been issuing this class of stamps "for a period

of ten years". Approximately 200 copies of each stamp are supposed to have been issued.

They do not bear a denomination, hence probably will not be recognized in the Holmes' catalogue revenue section, being more in the class with Tax Paids. However they are scarce, interesting, and for those lucky enough to be able to locate them,—make interesting additions to one's Tax Paid collection.

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No. 506—1926 2-LINE SURCHARGE VARIETY

This has long been one of our favorite issues of 20th Century Canada. While we have had a pair of the variety, "Double surcharge, one inverted" not listed in Scotts, but listed in Holmes as No. 86D, we knew very little about the details of this variety.

Recently we had the chance to examine a block of 12 from the upper right corner of the pane, bearing full margin of 14 mm. at top, with arrow at right. This is an exceptional piece in itself, but what interested us most was the fact that one row of the inverted surcharge falls completely on the top margin! This then should mean that at least one row from the bottom of the pane was not surcharged with the second, the inverted surcharge! Therefore there should be at least TEN pairs somewhere which show the lower stamp with the normal surcharge, the upper stamp with the double surcharge, one inverted. Never heard of its being reported. Who can help?

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No. 507—"SALVAGED FROM / T-C-A WRECK"

In packet No. 492 we reported a cover bearing a two line, straight line marking **"SALVAGED FROM / T-C-A WRECK"** and asked readers for additional information.

Ask and ye shall receive!

By the time my own copy of C.P. had reached me, I had received four letters on the subject,—these from Stan Lum of the RCAF at Moose Jaw, H. D. Aitken of Toronto, Bob Traquair of Calgary and J. Hird of Port Credit.

The cover, and several others similar to it, was from mail salvaged from the wreck of a Trans Canada Airliner near Moose Jaw on April 8, 1954. Bob Traquair also sent me a photostat of the news story which appeared in the Calgary Herald for that day. According to that paper "More than 30 persons—perhaps 37—were killed today when a westbound Trans-Canada Air Lines North Star and an R.C.A.F. training plane collided over northeastern Moose Jaw and crashed in flames.—Airlines spokesmen identified the North Star as flight 9, several hours behind schedule from Winnipeg to Calgary.—The training plane was from an R.C.A.F. station just outside the city".

The final destination of the plane was Vancouver.

Thanks to all who helped bring together the full story of this crash cover!

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No. 508—1c. "NS" BILL STAMP USED FOR POSTAGE

Revenues on cover, used for postage, is another of my favorites. So I was real pleased to find in a revenue collection purchased recenly, a fine example. This is a small mourning cover, franked only with the 1c. 3rd Issue Bill Stamp overprinted "N.S."—for local rate.

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No. 509—PRECANCELLED POSTAL STATIONERY

We have mentioned these interesting items before,—in packets No. 409 and 441. The collection keeps growing, and we can now report having some 44 varieties. However this is definitely a small showing. Beginning with the Feb. 1960 issue of MAPLE LEAVES, the official organ of the Canadian Philatelic Society of G.B., C. C. Sonne and R. B. Hetherington have been publishing a listing of these. While the listing is still going on, they already report some 29 diff. cards and 27 envelopes. Their envelope listing is as yet not completed and no wrappers or postal bands have yet been listed.

Those interested in these unusual postal stationery items should obtain copies of the issues of this magazine beginning with the February 1960 issue, and including those to date.

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THE "QUEEN" ISSUE OF BARBADOS

Part I—The General Issue

by
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THE appearance in 1882 of an issue of stamps showing a portrait of Queen Victoria represented a major break in the Island's stamp-issuing policy, both with respect to the design and to the method of producing it.

Regarding the design itself, we find that the "Britannia" design which had been used so far by Barbados and also by Trinidad and Mauritius had been abandoned by the last-named Colony in the early '60's. Trinidad discontinued the Britannia design in favour of one showing the Queen at approximately the same time as Barbados.

The Barbados "Queens" were printed from typographed plates by De La Rue & Co., the dimensions of the plates being such as would conform with the other plates which were being used to print stamps for many of the other colonies. The stamps were printed in two operations, the first being the printing of the design, with the value tablet blank and the second the printing-in of the value from a separate plate.

The sheets of paper on which the stamps were printed were 21¼ × 11 inches, the stamps being printed in four panes each containing 60 stamps in 10 vertical rows of 6 stamps each. The two upper panes are separated from each other by a narrow central "gutter" (see Fig. 1) and from the two lower panes by a somewhat wider gutter which contains the watermark "Crown Agents" in sans serif, double lined letters 12mm high. The two side gutters contain the watermark "Crown Agents for the Colonies", reading upwards on the left side and downwards on the right. Printed crosses occur at various places around the outer margins of the sheet, but these are not constant with respect to their position. The plate numbers are printed in double ringed circles at the four corners of the sheet.

The paper used was white wove and carried the "Crown over CA" watermark, the CA standing for "Crown Agents".

The stamps were comb perforated 13 to 14 by 14.

The first stamps of this issue were ordered in February 1882, the original order comprising the half-, one-, two-and-a-half and four-pence values in green, red, blue and grey respectively. The first three values are believed to have been issued on August 28, the four-pence value being issued somewhat later. The gum used was of two general types, white and yellow, this being the case throughout the issue and possibly the use of the latter gum is responsible for the number of mint stamps of this issue which show rather severe "tropical toning" affecting the entire appearance of the stamp.

FIG. 1. Block of 4 of 1d. showing portion of Central gutter at right.

In September 1884 a further order to the printers included a request for three-penny purple and four-penny brown stamps, the grey colour of the original four-penny having been changed; and an order placed in June 1886 included the final three values of the issue, i.e., the six-penny (see Fig. 2), the one and five shilling values.

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As is to be expected in an issue of stamps extending over a period of ten years, there is considerable variation in shade, especially in those values, such as the half,- one-, two-nad-a-half and four penny brown which were used in considerable quantities. The first shades of these values were pale. On the other hand, the

FIG. 2. Block of 4 six penny.

three-penny value of which far fewer were used, but which were supplied in five different shipments and presumably, five printings, shows a surprising number of shades and may be regarded as the most interesting one of the issue in this respect. The shades of this value include a dull purple, a deep purple and various sub-shades of reddish purple. The dye in this stamp is somewhat fugitive in water and it is therefore difficult to accurately assess the shades by inspection of used copies which have probably been soaked.

The reason for the change of the colour of the four-penny value from grey to brown is not clear. Only two orders of the stamp in the grey colour were received although the total of these was fairly considerable (see table below).

The four-penny brown stamp shows considerable variation in shades from a pale to a deep rich brown.

The three top values of the issue merit special attention with respect to their comparitive rarity. Reference to the data for numbers printed, given below, will show that the number of six-penny stamps printed was only about 40% that of the number of one shilling stamps; also, that the number of five shilling stamps printed was very small indeed, the two orders for these totalling only 3,600. It will thus be obvious that the normal valuations attached to these stamps are very much out of line.

Indeed, we may even gather up our courage and make a comparison between the five shilling Barbados "Queen" and the famous Canadian twelve-penny black of which according to Boggs, 1,450 were issued to postmasters and therefore available for sale to the public. This number is 40% of the number of the Barbados five shilling "Queen" stamp.

This latter stamp is, perhaps, more strictly comparable with the large five shilling stamp of the Britannia series of Barbados of which a total of 10,000 were printed with 4,800 being used up in the preparation of the famous surcharged bisects, leaving a total of 5,200 sold. That they were all sold seems to be supported by the fact that the first order for the five shilling Queen was not placed until 1886, four years after the issue had first appeared. This can only mean that the Post Office was waiting to get rid of the remaining stock of the large five shilling stamp before ordering that denomination in the new series.

The very considerable disparity in the value of these two stamps is probably all a question of the stamp collectors fancy. There is little doubt that the Britannia five shilling stamp would be expected to appeal to the collectors of the day. It was the first of that denomination issued by

FIG. 3. "Specimen" overprints.

the Island and was of pleasing design and colour. It had been used to produce the bisects which had rapidly appreciated in value, even while the stamp from which they were made was still available at the Post Office. The five shilling Queen stamp, on the other hand, was printed in a rather

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unattractive bistre colour and was, understandably, much less popular. It had, in fact, little or no glamour!

Proofs of all stamps of the Queen issue are known as are also stamps with "specimen" overprints. (See Fig. 3). There is a variety of the one shilling value in which the value has been omitted. Bisects of the one penny, on-covers, are known.

The following list of number of orders for each stamp (shown in brackets) together with the total number of each denomination ordered is taken from Bacon & Napier's handbook on Barbados, (pub. London, Stanley Gibbons, Ltd. 1896):—

½ penny	1,535,280
1 penny	4,182,000
2½ penny	1,442,400
3 penny	47,040
4 penny grey	223,680
4 penny brown	1,034.560
6 penny	14,640
1 shilling	35,520
5 shilling	3,600

(To be continued)

From Parliament Hill

by HANS REICHE (R.S.P.C. 6397)

THERE are many who have asked me what actually is a good stamp collector. One could write books on this subject but at a recent meeting my explanations were these in brief: Philatelists are the backbone of the hobby. Their interest in the study of stamps does add the required knowledge for the rest of all collectors. They are endeavouring to further the art and to make available the infomation needed by others to stimulate further activities. Without their help stamps would soon become a purely commercial venture. Collectors are, as the word implies, people interested in collecting stamps. Their aim is completion, plus an enjoyment and a relaxation of the daily routine. Although they do not add basic knowledge to the hobby, they certainly form the vast majority of the guild. Accumulators do not contribute anything to the hobby because their aim is to get as many stamps together as possible, often regardless of value and condition. Often will they hold valuable material which could be useful to the philatelist and collector. Their lack of interest in stamps as such, for the sake of the word quantity, denies others the opportunity of filling their albums. Very seldom will the Accumulator sell any stamps. Investors do not contribute to the hobby. Their intention is to make money and whenever this possibility is given they will do so regardless of whether or not it is necessary to corner the market. The price columns in the catalogues and sales books are his field. And last of all, there is the dealer. His function is that of any businessman. He is trying to make a living by helping collectors, advising them and giving them the service they want. Unfortunately a large number of collectors want to be dealers and thus the bonafide dealer sometimes cannot give the needed service to the satisfaction of the buyer. The practice of dealing in stamps by collectors should be discouraged. Philatelist or collector should have a definite aim. He should have a goal along which lines he can follow his approach to stamps. Many are completely losing sight of this and wander aimlessly from one subject to another, never accomplishing anything. Consultation with others will often help in setting the task. A good philatelist or collector should belong to a club, if possible, and certainly be a member of a society. Advantages gained far outweigh the small expense. A society such as the RPSC creates stimulus through the help of the exchange circuit, library, meetings and the magazine. The value of philatelic literature is often overlooked. Every serious collector or philatelist should be well infomed and should also make his own work in philatelic endeavour and interest known to others by writing briefs. This will avoid loss of valuable information later on. A good philatelist and collector will trust his dealer. He will not hunt from one to the next in order to find a stamp for a penny less in cost. Stamp collectors must be honest. Sooner or later deviates will be found and as much as you trust your favourite dealer or auctioneer, he and other collectors should trust you. If your collection is of some value—and I do not mean into the thousands—your collection should be insured and some arrangements should be made in case of death. Well, that is all on that subject.

After a long time the new List of Canadian Post Offices has again been published. This list was sold out for many months and it has now been brought up to date. This list and the supplements until December, 1961, are available from the Queen's Printer. It is a very valuable document for all who collect cancellations. The Postal Guide of Canada has been sold out for over a year but a few copies have recently been noted by the writer here

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NOTES ON SHAW'S TYPE 18, R.P.O.

THE "TRAIN NO." SERIES

BY DR. ALFRED WHITEHEAD

Type 18

Fig. 1

FOR SEVERAL decades most of the early Canadian R.P.O. markings had direction marks as part of their indicia. These were varied, according to the direction of the run, as: N.S., E.W., often spelled out fully: North, South, East, West. Then there were such combinations as DE, NW (Day East, Night West) and the like. Several Ontario runs featured the following: TIN (Train one North), T_2N, T_1S, T_2S, and similar indicia for E and W. A study of these Ontario combinations is long overdue and should be made by some research philatelist with sufficient material. A most interesting chronology may be discovered.

I believe the mid-nineties saw the first replacement of direction marks by train numbers. My earliest example is TRENT & PICTON M.C. (Shaw: O-422) Jy 13, 94, with "2" above the date. It is odd that such an early instance of a really important innovation should come from a short, rural, 30-mile run (the Central Ontario Rwy) (Note by T. P. G. Shaw: I have Q-252, MR 13, 90, with 2 over date and O-419 SP 26, 90, with 2 over date).

P.E.I. supplies my next example: CH'Town & SOURIS, this in 1895, also with "2" above the date. Here is another surprise, for most P.E.I. R.P.O.'s of this time and for the next ten years or more, resolutely used "E" or "W", or dispensed entirely with such frivolous impedimenta, showing a blank above the date.

After the turn of the century the use of train numbers became more general and the story of Edwardian R.P.O.'s is one of fewer and fewer direction marks. This period is a most interesting one in its fluctuating advance towards almost exclusive use of train numbers and I have dealt rather fully with it elsewhere. This adoption of train numbers led the authorities to produce a new type of marking—Shaw's type 18:

Fig. 1. TYPE 18

At the top of the circle, dominating the marking, are the words "TRAIN No."; below, at the base of the circle, the name of the run, as "Hx & CAMP R.P.O.". The letters "MC" had dropped out of use by this time as far as newly introduced markings went.

This, the most typical of Edwardian R.P.O. markings, seems to have been confined to Eastern Canada, the Maritimes, Quebec, and Ontario. I know of none from Western Canada. So far as my records go this type had a very gradual introduction, commencing in 1904 and slowly spreading over the next two decades. My earliest are:

OTT & Ft. Wm. R.P.O. (Shaw: 0-225)
Jun (sic) 23, 04; "96" above the date.

MON & OTT R.P.O. (a rarity unlisted by Shaw)
Jy 5, 04, "W" above the date.

Note the "W" above the date here. (I have not seen "E", which may exist.) Was this due to dislike of change or to obtuseness? For a considerable time "E" (and probably "W" which I haven't found) was used above the date in **OTT & S.S. Marie, TRAIN No.** (Shaw: 0-259) **BLEN & SAR, TRAIN No.** (Shaw: 0-26) used "AM" and "PM" (I have both) in 1925.

Some of the "TRAIN No." R.P.O.'s appeared late in time. My earliest **Hx & St. John** is Sp 23, 37 (Shaw: M-57). Another late one is the above **BLEN & SAR,** my earliest being Sp 8, 25. Most

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of these Type 18 markings have long been superseded by other types, but I think the two Maritime examples, **Hx & CAMP** (Shaw: M-44) and **Hx & St. JOHN** are still used occasionally today, mostly on the back of registered letters.

It is not difficult to build up fine specialized Collections of Type 18, as most of the runs are far from rare and were in use for some yeas. Thee is a good range of train numbers to look for on some of these. Shaw lists most of them, but others may be found. For instance, **OTT & Ft. Wm.** (Shaw: 0-225) Shaw gives 2, 6, 96; but I have also 1, 4, 33, 97. I suspect his "6" is a partial "96" as I have never found "6" on this common marking.

In my experience **MONT & MONT LAURIER** (Shaw: Q-118) is the rarest of this type as I have found only two copies on the 3c brown Admiral. I have never found **BROCKVILLE & OTTAWA** (Shaw: 0-46), and should be glad to be informed of its existence. (Note by T. P. G. Shaw, 4 copies have been reported by R. W. Gremble, J. M. Allen, R. H. Lant and J. McGrath.)

recent issues of topical interest

STRAIGHT FROM THE SHOULDER

BY THE PRESIDENT

IN the November issue of the Philatelist, Chapters were asked to appoint an **enthusiastic** RPSC member to act as liaison between the respective Chapters and The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada. Two months have elapsed and **only one** solitary Chapter has replied to our request, namely the South Shore Stamp Club of St. Lambert, Que. They appointed J. J. Charron whom we already knew to be a real RPSCer. The Honour Roll shows this to be a fact. Incidentally, just take time to glance over the Honour Roll in the November CP to see who have done effective work on behalf of the RPSC. It is rather enlightening. 107 of our members brought in over 200 new members in 1960. What have the other 1350 members done? If you are numbered among the 1350, make your pledge now that you will bring in **at least** one or more new members during 1961. Make yourself **worthy** of the name Royal. **Show** your Board of Directors you are firmly behind them in making the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada Tops. We can double our membership overnight and incidentally, our finances, if everyone does his bit. How about it, fellows?

We are familiar with the old saying that "Its always a few who do all the work", but we don't want the Royal to be that type of an organization. We want to be classed as Workers and not "Drones" in the Bee-Hive. We want to hear less of "What do I get out of it" and more of "What can I put into it". Then, and then only, shall we be on our way to accomplishing great things for Philately in Canada.

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THE RPSC LIBRARY

In the last CP, members were urged to write Director Andy Hinrichs, 461 Briar Hill Ave., Toronto 12, with suggestion of what books they would like to see in the Library.

The response has been Nil; most disheartening. **Do you or do you not want a Society Library?** A few items have been donated and sent to the President as a nucleus. Many members must have books in their possession for which they no longer have any use. Such would be very welcome but write first before sending and state what you have.

We acknowledge items from Walter Stern of Winnipeg, G. H. Potts of Halfmoon Bay, B.C.; Henry Stockwell of Ottawa; and Peter Lerpinière of Lively, Ont.

Please do not send auction catalogues or magazines of recent vintage. Thanks.

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COOPERATION?

In the November issue of the Philatelist, members were requested to remit their 1961 RPSC dues promptly in order to greatly lighten the work of the Secretary.

It was pointed out that Director Walter Anderson, our secretary, is a voluntary official and that last year, statements had to be sent out three times to many neglectful members before obtaining results. Such created many hours of needless work on the part of Society officials who are giving their time gratis for the benefit of the Royal, to say nothing of extra expense to the Society. While many of our members heeded this request, as of the first of 1961, two-thirds of our members are still in arrears.

All business organizations, including the RPSC, have a budget for the years outlay, hence, we **must** know early what our annual revenue will approximate. We should like to publish several additional issues of the CP in 1961. Such requires considerable **advance** planning. We need your cooperation,—NOW—not six months hence. $4.00 is a small amount but when multiplied a thousnad times by tardy remitters, it runs into considerable money. Please cooperate and help your Directors do a worthwhile job for you. Start the New Year right. 'Nuf said.

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Your Directors are greatly concerned with the present lack of cohesion existing between the National Body and most of its Chapters. Liaison in most cases, is very slight indeed—zero in many. This should not be. What can we do about it?

An exhaustive survey had been instituted to examine the question in all its phases and a full report will be prepared and presented to the next Annual General Meeting.

The cooperation of each and every Chapter is requested in this matter. Will each Chapter therefore thoroughly discuss the question, and submit to Jim Law, 70 Frank St., Tillsonburg, Ontario, a summary of their views as soon as possible.

Among points arising are the following—

1. In what way can each chapter become more closely woven to the RPSC?
2. What methods should be adopted to increase RPSC membership in each chapter?
3. How can the RPSC best contribute philatelic information and knowledge to its chapters?
4. Sales Circuits and types of sales material desired.

Consider these and any other points carefully, as they affect the relationships between your chapter and the RPSC and forward your report to our Mr. Law at the above address.

SARNIA STAMP CLUB EXECUTIVE OPENS NEW SEASON

From Left standing: G. A. Tithecott, Wes. Thompson, H. Wiggins, W. L. Millman (RPSC 5547). Seated: F. A. Smith, H. F. Bardwell, President, RPSC 7080); Stan Richards, Secretary, RPSC 6479).

TRAIN NUMBERS

By T. P. G. SHAW

D. H. Pack would like to know how we know the number over the date is a train number and not a mail car number.

In some cases, this number is prefixed by "Tr" or "T", for Train. The numbers also agree with those listed in the train schedules, time tables and Railway Guide.

As these indicia are hand set, careless clerks may add to the confusion by transposing the train number and year or reversing the figures so that, for example, "36" becomes "39", "63" or "93".

General usage seems to be odd numbers are used West and North, even numbers East and South. The higehst train number so far is "874".

The same train numbers may be found for the same routes over several railways or for widely separated runs in different postal divisions. For example, trains 1, 3 (West, 2, 4 (East) can be traced on C.N.R.

Halifax & Campbellton	1, 2, 3, 4
Campbellton & Levis	1, 2, 3, 4
Montreal & North Bay	(1, 2)
Levis & Montreal	(1, 2)
North Bay & Ft. William	(1, 2)
Fort William & Winnipeg	(1, 2, 3, 4)

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From Parliament Hill . . .

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in Ottawa. This book is dated 1959 and has much interesting information.

There are a number of philatelic books in preparation all of which will eagerly be awaited by Canadian collectors. One will deal with the various flag cancellations, another one will be the revised RPO handbook and also a new Admiral handbook.

A variety has been reported which may be constant. A break occurs on some stamps of the Girl Guides in the top inscription band. A folded paper 2 cents Queen stamp has been noted showing a portion of the design printed on the gummed side and leaving a large white, unprinted part on top of the stamp. Some of the G overprinted stamps have been reported on the horizontal wove paper and the 15 cents from Plate 4. There is some talk that the 20 cents has been printed from 300 subject plates, but this can not be confirmed.

The Honour Roll

On which is inscribed the names of those members who have contributed to the progress of the Society in securing the addition of new members for 1960.

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Dr. Geldert, President of the RPSC presents the plaque to Dr. Harold MacCormack, President of the Truro Stamp Club, on the occasion of the first regional meeting of RPSC members in the Maritimes.

The Secretary's Page

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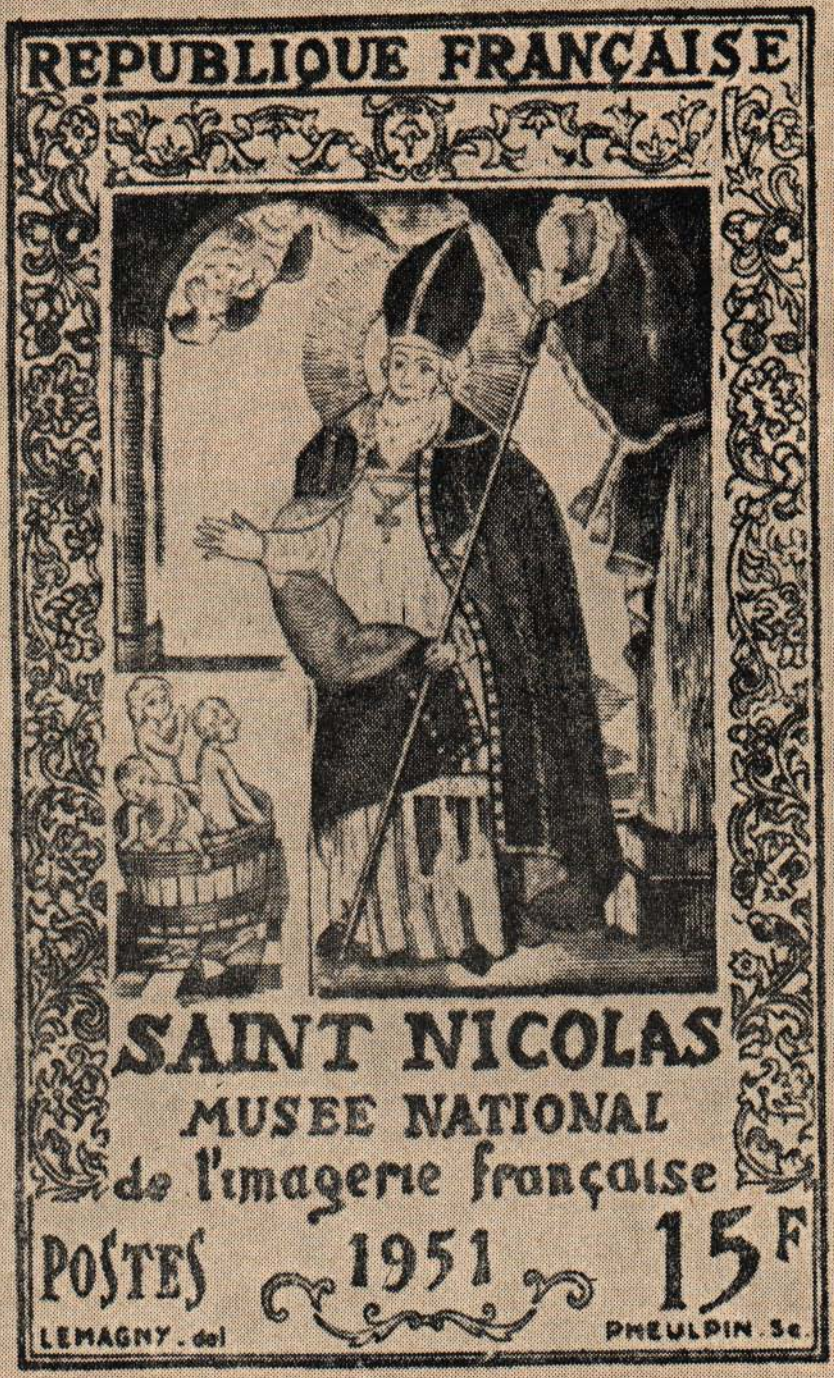
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