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Winnipeg 20° Below Zero

May 1, 1967

Dear Friends:—

A few weeks ago I left Toronto where the temperature was about 30° above zero and landed two hours later in Winnipeg with the temperature at 20° below. Oh yes, and the winds were up to 50 mph. Boy was it cold, so cold in fact that the people pictured on the stamps I was carrying turned blue. Of course, it was all in the line of duty and on this trip, instead of buying, I sold a very fine lot of British North America stamps.

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Have you ever lost any stamps? There is a Toronto collector? who has a large suitcase filled with stamps worth thousands of dollars that he carts around with him. Recently when leaving his home this suitcase was placed on the road at the rear of the car ready to put into the trunk. He had to go into the house for the keys, and when he returned, forgetting all about the suitcase, got into the car and drove away. The "treasure chest of stamps" was literally left in the middle of the road — a main thoroughfare. There was no name or address on or in the suitcase. Although there are quite a few local dealers and collectors who would have known the owner by the contents, the truck driver who picked it up had no idea who it belonged to. Fortunately a frantic search, advertising, luck. an honest truck driver. and the owner got his stamps back.

The moral of the story could be "Sell your suitcase of stamps to Empire" or, "Be sure your name and address is in all your albums and stock books, and owners name and address tag on your suitcases, brief cases, handbags, etc.

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The Editor Speaks Out . . . .

THERE is a considerable number of plate block collectors and we must say we have often wondered what reason lies behind this, to us, inane sideline or specialty.

In the first place it is not the collecting of stamps, except in so far as they are a necessary evil. It is the collecting of something which is not even printed on the margin of the stamp but on the selvedge of the sheet. And to make it look good the stamps above the plate number are included. Early in the game some dealer realised he could go even further. If he could make collecting the plate number along with a block of stamps, say in a block of four, he could get rid of an extra two stamps at a greatly enhanced price. These extra two stamps are not necessary for the collecting of plate numbers.

We have heard many times the expression "I collect what I like and as I like", but we must respectfully submit that, in spite of this generality which covers a multitude of sins, the question still remains and it is "why?". It seems to us that this question has to be answered sooner or later by all would-be serious collectors who do not have a closed mind on the facts of life.

The American Philatelic Society has a system of disapproving of new issues by inserting a Black Blot along side the issue in question in their New Issues Chronicle. Applying this to plate block collecting we find we can give several reasons for doing the same for this sideline. They are:

1) Plate blocks are not available except by purchasing a complete sheet of stamps and removing the block from the sheet by the purchaser.

2) Plate numbers, themselves, are not necessary from the standpoint of printing nor from the standpoint of efficient operation of the Postal System. Both the U.S. and Canadian Post Offices have established the lack of necessity for plate numbers.

3) They are not, in themselves, postage stamps but to some extent compare to the basting threads used by a woman in making a dress, where these threads are later removed and thrown away.

Now, for the credit side of the ledger, we can establish the usefulness of plate numbers from the standpoint of philatelists in two respects:

1) They are useful to establish the plate or plates on which a certain plate variety occurs. With a sufficient block of stamps which contains the plate number of the selvedge and also the stamp with the variety, this becomes obvious.

2) They are useful in connecting shades of printing and plates.

But otherwise, by themselves, they are rather useless garbage.

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We have received from Wayne R. Curtis, RPSC 7545, a photostat of information which he received from the Canadian Post Office, covering the quantities of Official First Day Covers from 1949 to 1966 inclusive. It is a very comprehensive list of considerable length. The quantities run from a low of 30, 246 covers for the 1c. to 5c. Q.E. 1954 tag, 13th January, 1962, to 230,015 covers for the 5c. Alberta and Saskatchewan Florals, 19th January, 1966. In the last few years there has been a tendency towards somewhat larger quantities of first day covers.

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The dates are September 28, 29 and 30, and the place is the Talisman Motor Inn, 1376 Carling Avenue, Ottawa 3, Ontario.

We have been fortunate in getting this accommodation as Ottawa, because of its close proximity to Montreal and EXPO - '67, is going to be a very busy place this summer. The Talisman Motor Inn has just added a large ball-room (100 x 50 feet) and a considerable number of rooms to its already-famous establishment. We are planning an exhibition of substantial proportions and shall be using the same type of frame as was used at Bypex in 1957. These hold 15 pages each. There will be a Court of Honour of at least 30 frames. A block of 100 rooms has been reserved for out-of-town guests attending BYPEX - '67.

The show opens at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 28, with the bourse in full swing and an interesting programme of talks and discussion groups morning and afternoon with the President's Cocktail Party (registered guests only) in the evening. Arrangements are being made for the issuing of special BYPEX - '67 covers and on Friday, September 29, there will be further discussion groups and possibly a luncheon. On Saturday the Annual Meeting of the Socity will be held in the morning and the Annual Banquet in the evening.

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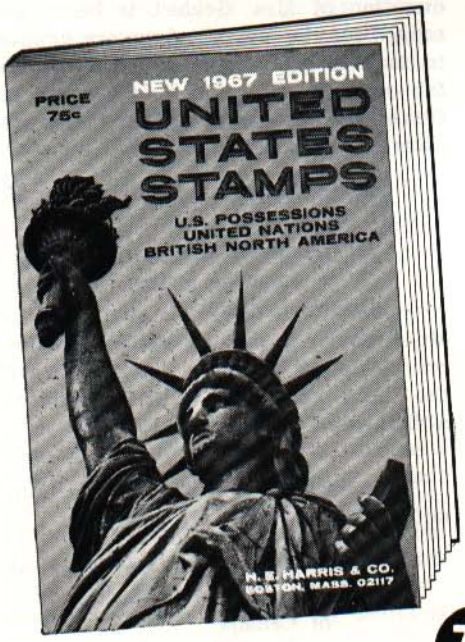

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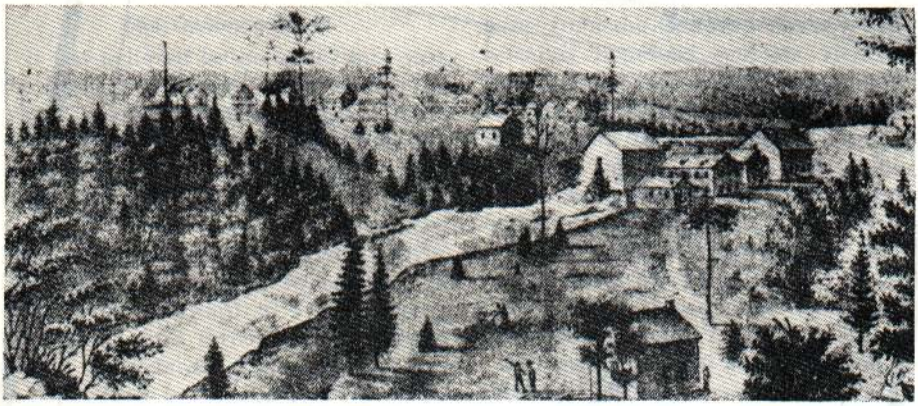

Renfrew In 1854

In 1827 Captain Christopher J. Bell took up property just north of where the Bonnechere River flowed into the Ottawa River, and built a saw mill there, on the first chute of the Bonnechere. The first post office in Renfrew County, Castleford, was opened by him there in 1832. It was probably served from Perth by horseback riders. Thomas O' Neill became postmaster in 1837. The Ontario Archives has a letter from O' Neill, "Bonnechere Point" to R. B. Sullivan Toronto, sent January 24, 1838, postmarked with a large double circle enclosing CASTLEFORD, U. C., with the date written in.

(From 1889 to 1891 the post office at Castleford was called Warnock, with the name Castleford transferred four miles south to the railway. (From 1891 on Warnock was renamed Castleford and the location on the railway was Castleford Station.)

By the 1840's from Bytown (Ottawa) stages ran to Aylmer, up the Quebec side of the Ottawa River. From there a steamer conveyed passengers and freight through Lake Deschenes to the foot of the Chats Rapids. Above the rapids another steamer ran to Conroy's Wharf at Bonnechere Point, Castleford, from which conveyance could be had by a poor road to Renfrew. For a time George Ross was captain of the steamer Oxgon, on Deschenes Lake. He was to become the first postmaster of Renfrew.

In 1823 Thomas McLean had come to the site of Renfrew village, taking up land along what was later Raglan Street. He rented 200 acres to Sergeant Henry Airth and 200 to J. Mayhew. In the early 1840's John Lorne McDougall, who had been agent for the Hudson Bay Company at Golden Lake, established a store in the new community rising beside the second chute of the Bonnechere. He was followed by others, and Renfrew post office was opened in 1848. A letter from William Harris, Renfrew to J. H. Price, Commissioner of Crown Lands, Toronto is postmarked with a double circle broken by RENFREW, C.W., dated AP. 12, 1851, in red.

Castelford and Renfrew are in Horton Township. In the next township west, Admaston, five miles north west of Renfrew, a post office called Admaston was also established in 1848, to serve the settlers beginning to spread west into the hinterland. The farthest west post

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office opened before the building of the Opeongo Road was Mount St. Patrick, appearing in 1852 just within Brougham Township 2½ miles south of the future road. There, 18 miles west of Renfrew, innkeeper Thomas Brady kept the post office.

The Opeongo Road

It was believed in the 1850's that once the forest was cleared of its timber, the whole area west from Renfrew would be available as farming land. The Opeongo Road was to run westward from Ferrall's Point at Castleford to Renfrew village, where it would cross the Bonnechere River on a bridge already built in 1851, then on to Ferguslea. From there it would bear westward to a magnificent hinterland, clear through to the mouth of the Magnetawan River on Georgian Bay. Instead it stopped short at Bark Lake, at the western edge of Renfrew County.

John Egan and other lumbermen prevailed on the Crown Lands Department to assist settletment by laying out a row of lots on each side of the Opeongo Road right to Great Opeongo Lake. Behind the great lumbering outfits settlers swarmed in, including a great number of Irish newcomers, as one can tell from the names of many of the villages. The Crimean War supplied names for two townships surveyed in 1857, Sebastopol and Brudenell. The latter was the family name of Lord Cardigan.

Letters in the Ontario Archives from T. P. French, Crown Lands Agent for the Opeongo Road, provide first hand accounts of the times. In a letter to Crown Lands Commissioner Joseph Cauchon on September 6, 1856, sent from Mount St. Patrick, he mentions "Mr. Brady the postmaster at this office, in whose house I still continue to live". In a letter dated "Sebastopol, September 3, 1858" he announces: "A post office has been today opened here".

French himself was postmaster at Sebastopol, no doubt having learned his duties while at Brady's Mount St. Patrick post office. Located on the Opeongo Road just within Sebastopol Township, Sebastopol post office was renamed Clontarf in 1860.

October 10, 1861 French wrote to Crown Lands Commissioner P.M. Vankoughnet, Quebec: "A new post office has lately been opened upon the road at a point 20 miles beyond this and 55 miles from the Ottawa. The new office is called Hopefield, and Mr. Henry Y. Read, one of the settlers, is postmaster. It will be a vast convenience". Hopefield was laid out in the northeast corner of Radcliffe Township on the English allotment system, to consist of 60 cottage farms of 10 acres each.

French resigned his position of Crown Lands Agent in 1864 to take up full time his work as postmaster and general merchant of Clontarf, and farmer.

Meanwhile, in 1859 had opened on the Opeongo Road Brudenell post office, at lot 289, in the township of the same name, and Shamrock, in Admaston Township 20 miles west of Bonnechere Point. The mail came tri-weekly. From 1865 to 1867 there was actually a Bonnechere Point post office.

On December 11, 1862 T. P. French had reported: "I visited the new road cut out by Mr. Skead from the Opeongo Road [at Hopefield] to his farm at Bell's Bay (Bark Lake), and I have no hesitation in recommending that this road be reserved as a public highway. Mr. Deane and Mr. Borthwick confirm Mr. Black's statement regarding the good land lying along the north shore of the Madawaska between Bell's Bay and Barry's Bay".

Bark Lake post office was established in Jones Township in 1864, with a weekly mail, the farthest west in Renfrew County on the Opeongo Road. 60 miles from Renfrew, it had a weekly mail. At the west edge of Sebastopol Township Madrid opened in 1865. It changed to Foymount in 1873.

Where the Opeongo Road crossed the boundary between Brougham and Grattan Townships Dacre post office appeared in 1865. Halfway through Sebastopol Township Vanbrugh was opened in 1870, with a weekly mail.

Barry's Bay post office was establish-

ed in Sherwood Township in 1876, where the Madawaska River flowed into the bay of the same name. A man called Barry had settled on the island in it. A stopping place on the Opeongo Road was the hotel of William Martin, who was postmaster. A stage brought mail daily from Combermere, to the south. Logs for sawing were floated through.

Harty's Station post office was opened in 1886 at the railway crossing of the Opeongo Road in Admaston Township four miles west of Renfrew. In 1891 the post office was renamed Ferguslea, while the railway station became Opeongo.

22 miles west of Renfrew, in Gratan Township, Esmonde post office opened in 1888.

The Canada Atlantic Railway

In 1888 J. R. Booth and a group of Ottawa associates decided to build the Ottawa Arnprior and Parry Sound Railway, to provide a shorter route between the Ottawa Valley and Georgian Bay, the old dream of the Opeongo Road. Only at Barry's Bay was it to touch the Opeongo Road after leaving Renfrew, taking a more northerly route, along the Bonnechere River as far as Golden Lake. Within a few years it was renamed the Canada Atlantic. We shall survey the post offices along its route.

In 1826 James Wadsworth purchased from Gregorie Baker the land just west of Eganville, and began clearing a portion which later was known as "The Farm", although it was a depot for lumbering rather than agriculture. He erected buildings, and began lumbering on the Bonnechere. John Egan purchased "The Farm" from him in 1837. He set up a depot at the 5th chute on the river, and built a saw mill and erected a store. On the south side of the river Egan had a stone grist mill built in the late 1840's. Other buildings soon clustered about it, and the village began to grow. Patrick Hickey was a manager for Egan. M. Hickey began a general store, and established Eganville post office in 1852.

Also on the Bonnechere River, but five miles downstream, in Bromley Township, Douglas post office was opened in 1854. It had a flour and saw mill.

At the eastern mouth of Golden Lake, in Algona South Township, Golden Lake post office was opened in 1873. It was named after an early settler, John Golden.

James Bonfield had obtained property on Brennan Creek about 1850, naming it Killaloe after his birthplace in Ireland. In 1868 William and Alec MacDonnell built a sawmill there, in Hagarty Township. Settled in 1877, two years later the village got a post office. Mail came twice weekly.

The railway came through 1½ miles north, and Killaloe Station post office was opened there in 1896. It is now the main village, the old one being almost deserted.

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By 1880 improved roads in Renfrew County led to many abandoned farms being reoccupied by German and Polish immigrants. At the west boundary of Hagarty Township Wilno post office, named after a Polish city, was opened in 1885, with Adam Prince, who ran a general store, as postmaster.

In 1887, just north of the future Admaston Station, nine miles northwest of Renfrew, Balsam Hill post office was opened. The year before Cullton had been opened in the same township, on Moore's Creek, two miles from the future Douglas Station, with Patrick Cull postmaster.

In 1884 Murchison post office had been opened in the township of the same name in Nipissing District, on the Madawaska River. It was 50 miles north of Rathbun, on the Central Ontario Railway, and got a weekly mail. The new Canada Atlantic Railway pushed through just south of Murchison. At the nearest station Madawaska post office was opened in 1900.

By 1894 the line had reached Madawaska Station. Before long it was into Algonquin Park, bringing with it E. C. Whitney, owner of the St. Anthony Lumber Company, to build a saw mill. There Whitney post office was opened in 1895. At the end of 1896 the first through train ran from Ottawa to Depot Harbour, on Georgian Bay. From the great timber stands along the upper Madawaska River, known as the Egan Estate, J. R. Booth built a spur line to tap the supply from in between there and Opeongo Lake. There was a post office called Egan Estate from 1896 to 1900.

In 1885 Alexander Kirkwood, of the Crown Lands Department, had suggested a national forest and park around the headwaters of the Muskoka, Petawawa, Bonnechere, and Madawaska Rivers, in Nippissing District, to control lumbering in the area. Provincial Lands Surveyor James Dickson submitted reports on the district supporting Kirkwood's views, and in 1893 the nucleus of Algonquin Park was set up. Canoe Lake was chosen as headquarters. There, on the Canada Atlantic Railway, Algonquin Park post office was opened in 1897.

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The April meeting took place in the corridor outsided the room where meetings were generally held, the room still being in a state of disrepair following the March jamboree. The competition for the Stirrup Cup was won by Mr. Pott-Hunter, M.F.H., with a display of Fiji stamps overprinted EUROPA. The runner-up was Mr. Pott-Hunter, M.F.H. (who had submitted several entries), with his thematic collection of Foxhounds on stamps. Other entries included Unbroken Coils of G.B.(Mr. Longstop), Photographs of the clerks in the local post office (Mr. P. Witt), and Great Britain pictorials by a new member, Miss Pike. The judging was performed by Messrs. Anglebend and Stopcock: only after the awards had been announced was it discovered that they were two of the workmen sent round by the Council to repair the walls. The judges appointed by the B.P.A. were discovered later. The meeting closed at 10.30. Mr. Pott-Hunter then took Messrs. Anglebend and Stopcock round to the nearest bar which they found closed.

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The May meeting opened in the usual room but was rather late in starting because it was discovered that the Secretary had forgotten to notify the speaker where the meeting was to take place. After a long search the guest speaker, Miss Annabelle Lowe, was discovered on the down-platform of the station looking up the times of return trains. Miss Lowe was then allowed the remaining half hour to give her display "Thematics with a difference". The tape-recorder then proposed the vote of thanks and said that it congratulated Miss Lowe on her display and it thought that whilst members were very interested with the differences, they had found the thematics rather above them. The meeting then closed(at 10.30 p.m.) and Miss Lowe once more found herself consulting the time-table of return trains, this time on the up-platform.

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As soon as the President had taken the Chair for the June meeting, he was asked whether it wasn't about time that an A.G.M. was held. A lively discussion followed, it being pointed out that the last one had taken place in February, 1961. It was decided that an Extraordinary General Meeting should be held to decide in which decade the next A.G.M. was to be held.

Miss Grace Midwife then showed some of her collection of Locals. Of special interest was a cover bearing an Italian stamp advertising a well-known sewing machine, addressed to Scotland, which was cancelled BLARNEY, and had a Shannahan Airport receiver's mark on the back, thus proving that the letter had obviously been misdirected.

In proposing the vote of thanks to Miss Midwife, the tape-recorder said that it congratulated Miss Lowe on her display and it thought that whilst members were very interested with the differences ,they had found the thematics rather above them. At this point the secretary nudged the proposer and asked it to sit down. The proposer was switched off.

Before the meeting broke up, the President reported that the action, Rex v. Potts v. Krysis, would shortly be heard, and asked members to stand for a minute so that guidance might be given to

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those trying the action. Members remained standing in silence for a full five minutes.

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The July meeting of the North-East Cheam and Suburbs was held in the downstairs room, which had just been decorated. As the President had taken the chair at the last meeting, there was one chair short and one of the visiting team had to remain standing. A long list of apologies for absence was received that only three members were present, the remaining thirty-seven people having come with the visiting team. The President of the visitors (North-North-East Cheam and Suburbs P.S.) explained that this was a scratch affair and he did not know what his team was going to show, but he was sure that their hosts would be interested.

Mr. Bracebelt gave the first display, which consisted of the pictorial issues of France. He was followed by Mr. Hulot, who explained that, as he collected France, he thought the meeting might like to see some of the colorful issues produced by his pet country. The next speaker (who gave his name as Mr. Puth-puth) thaid he wanted to thow thome thtampth which were uthed abroad and promptly produthed ten pages of modern French pictorials used in Algeria. The final speaker apologised for having brought some modern French, but as all his were properly written-up he would (unlike Mr. Puth-puth) let the thtamps thpeak for themthelveth. The tape-recorder (not having received a single bid) was rapidly switched on to pass a vote of thanks and it congratulated Miss Lowe on her display and it thought that whilst members were very interested with the differences, they had found the thematics rather above them. It was switched off after the N.N.E. Cheam members had left.

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At the August meeting, in subdued whispers, Major Krysis was welcomed back after a somewhat lengthy absence. The meeting started nearly on time, but there was a slight delay of fifty minutes caused by the chimney catching on fire, the result of Major Krysis having tipped the contents of his watermark detector into the grate. The Chairman decided to read the apologies for absence in an abbreviated form in order to give the speaker as much time as possible. He then introduced Dr. F. P. N. Parsons, who would talk about India.

Dr. Parsons then gave an outline of the postal system and explained where India was. He also showed some Cholera letters from India and was explaining why some letters were found bearing the signs of scorching (as a means of disinfection (when Major Krysis again emptied a bottle of benzine on the fire, thinking it was a dottle from his pipe. Once again, the chimney started to blaze and this time the fire brigade was summoned. Dr. Parsons returned home with many more covers bearing proof of disinfection than he had brought with him.

It is hard to say when the meeting closed: it dwindled away until midnight, at which hour the Quetta earthquake was finally brought under control.

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The September meeting was held in an asbestos tent. It had been intended that this meeting should be devoted to a competition, but, because of recent events, it was necessary to turn it into a business meeting instead, much to Mr. Pott-Hunter's disgust. Lord Hellpuss asked why the authorities had not used a special cachet to commemorate the conflagration.

The Secretary explained that a state of emergency was in operation and he hoped that the tent would only be a provisional arrangement. He explained that the local Council were unwilling to rent rooms to people who threw explosives on their fires, and that the Society may have to seek fresh accommodation in the future. Major Krysis became very angry and said that he did not regard benzine as an explosive: any collector had the right to use benzine in his watermark detector, and why should

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the Council object. Well, don't stand there staring! Why should they object? And anyway, what was the Council doing, having fires in August! He then made a passionate appeal to all the members to stick together and pointed out that it was all right holding meetings in an asbestos tent in September, but what would happen when it turned cold? And where could the frames be exhibited? Mr. P. Witt started to reply to these questions by suggesting that the frames could be put in the garden during the winter and used as cold frames, and if members felt cold in the tent, then the obvious thing to do was **to light a fire.**

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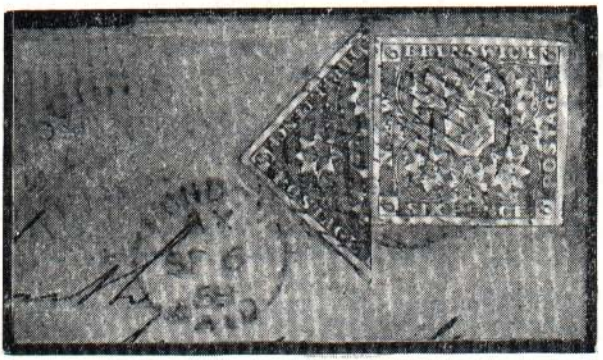

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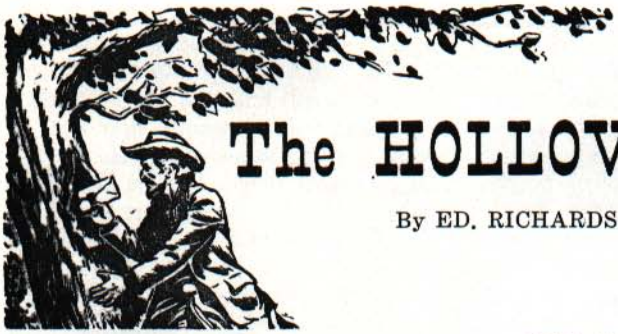

The HOLLOW TREE

By ED. RICHARDSON, F.R.P.S.C.

NOTE:—After some 13 years at the old 303 Pin Oak address we have moved. We are still in the same general area as before, but we are 15 minutes closer to Houston and the Houston airport.

This move, into a somewhat larger, and newer place, gives us both a study and a workroom,—both still very much disorganized. This move also caused us to be out of circulation pretty much for about three months.

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#873 — RCAF MOON CANCELS

Since there is considerable interest among not only MOON cancel fans, but among the military postmark students, I list below the **M**oney **O**rder **O**ffice **N**umbers, and the location of currently existing RCAF post offices.

B.C.
9153—Comox
9317—Holberg

Alta.
8791—Beaverlodge
8273—Cold Lake
8773—Penhold

Yukon
23004—White Horse

Sask.
7411—Dana
7129—Moose Jaw
7412—Yorkton

Man.
5618—Beau Se Jour
5279—Gimli
5617—Gypsumville

Ont.
2287—Borden
2491—Centralia
2887—Falconbridge
4157—Moosonee
3839—North Bay
4146—Pagwa
4344—Sioux Lookout
4783—Trenton

P. Que.
0051—Bagotville
1315—Lac-St.-Denis
15209—La Macaza
0977—Moisie
1449—St. Jean
1799—Senneterre

N.B.
X713—Chatham
X740—St. Margarets

P.E.I.
X090—Summerside

N.S.
X279—Greenwood

NFLD.
13102—Barrington

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#874 — $30 on $1 SUPREME COURT

Referring back to packet #845 we called attention to the new variety of this surcharge which had been discovered and first reported by Jim Sissons. We understand further supplies of these were turned up by Kass Bileski. Also we wish to report that this variety comes in both the normal blue, and milky blue shades.

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#875—6d PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND REPRINT FROM ORIGINAL DIE

Back in packet #851 we mentioned these reprints as existing in blue, and I stated that "I understood that other colors exist." I can now report that they also exist in carmine.

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#876—25c. GEORGE VI 1938 SUPREME COURT LAW

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We would not at all be surprised if additional supplies of these became available in the future.

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#877—"IN PRIZE" DOUBLE IN RED

Some three years ago, in packet #713, we were able to confirm Nelson Bond's variety of the "IN PRIZE" overprint struck twice in Red, on the 10c. Widow Queen Supreme Court Law. In that packet we reported a pair of 10c. "IN PRIZE" with one stamp struck once and the second stamp struck twice.

Jim Sissons has come up with a small lot of this same 10c. Widow Weeds Supreme Court Law, struck twice in Red. However the double strikes are in quite a different position than in the earlier reported variety. This variety, as well as the se-tenent pair, will be listed in the next edition of Sissons Revenue Catalogue. Also see packet #839 — same variety.

So far however, these double strikes in Red varieties, — have been reported only on the 10c. value.

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#878 — STR. VADSO MARKING

In packet #830 I asked if anyone could tell me anything about the "BOSCOWITZ S.S. Co. / STR. VADSO / Victoria & Vancouver" marking. Large red, oval, approx. 2½" long, — this marking is generally found on large pieces bearing the Edward Issue.

Fred W. Coffin of Vancouver has come up with the following information. "I think these are authentic, and similar ship P.O.s were in operation on several coastal freighter - passenger boats for many years, serving small logging and cannery operations in out-of-the-way places up our west coast and on the Queen Charlotte Islands."

He further states, "Boscowitz & Co. were fur traders in Victoria before 1891, and had a ship, the S.S. Boscowitz. Later the VADSO was added to their operations, and was finally wrecked at Naas River in a snowstorm about 1913. The ST. DENIS was chartered from Mexico about 1908, and later was loaded at Comox with coal for cargo on her return to Mexico about 1910, but was lost in a storm with all hands."

Mr. Coffin has a "Str. Vadso" cancel similar to mine. He also has a postcard with a similar "Str. St. Denis" marking.

Many thanks to Mr. Coffin for this interesting information.

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#879—LABRADOR U.S.A. "LOCALS"

For the first time that I can recall, a complete set of these popular bogus locals in **mint blocks of four,** showed up in one of Jim Sissons' recent auctions. While I had long owned mint blocks of the 5c. and $1 value, I had never heard of a block of the 25c. value.

Now I have heard of them, — and have them!

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#881 — NO NEW FLAG CANCEL?

We are quite disappointed that the Canadian P.O. Dept. did not see fit to issue generally to all larger post offices a new flag cancel for use in this, the Centennial year. A new cancel designed after the new Canadian flag would have been quite attractive, and the EXPO '67 emblem could still have been incorporated much as it is now being used with the ordinary wavy line cancel.

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#882—WAR TAX PRECANCELLED

For those who would like to tackle a small group of precancels, with some hope of getting them complete, — they might well consider going after the Admiral War Tax Postage issues. Three of these do occur precancelled, — the 2c. Carmine WAR TAX, the 2c. plus 1c. Carmine, and the 2c. plus 1c. brown. Only the common dies are known precancelled.

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LONDON —	1	"	1	"
NIAGARA FALLS	2	"		
OTTAWA —	1	"		
TORONTO —	5	"	6	"
VANCOUVER—	1	"	1	"
WALKERVILLE—	2	"	1	"
WINNIPEG—	1	"		
Totals	15	"	10	"

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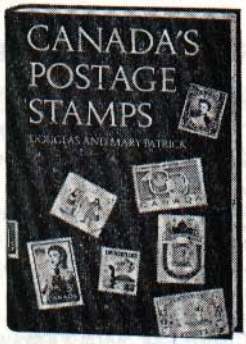

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Section 6. Pub. 1967 by Higgins & Gage Inc., 23 North Santa Pasadena, Calif., U.S.A. Price $3.00.

H. S.

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Guide to Precancel Collecting

This Guide is published by Gunesch Precancel House, Inc., P.O. Box 43, Roselle, Ill. 60172. The previous edition was published in 1958 and contained 46 pages. This new edition contains 128 pages and is a mine of information for all who are interested in U.S. precancels. A long time ago the writer dabbled in U.S. precancels but found it rather sticky going without any aids. If at the time a copy of this Guide had been available, it would have made the difference between dropping the collecting of precancels and in becoming an enthusiastic devotee.

The Guide covers all ramifications of the subject of U.S. precancels and their collection. The first section covers all the basic knowledge required for intelligent collecting and mounting of precancels; the second section, precanceled coil stamps; the third section, local precancels; and the fourth section, Bureau printed precancels. In this fourth section there is a sub-section of some 63 pages, entitled the Parade of Bureaus, which is certain to be of special interest to anyone collecting Bureau precancels.

Without doubt, this Guide is a "must" for any beginner and a worthwhile addition to the library of any collector of these stamps.

The price of this book is $3.00 in U.S. funds and is obtainable from the publishers at the above address.

R. T. W.

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This volume follows in the same style as Volume 1, published in 1963 which dealt with the stamps of Queen Victoria, and treats the stamps of these four reigns in great detail. A great number of varieties and shades which the average Great Britain collector, I am sure, never knew existed are illustrated and listed.

The field is rich in philatelic interest and this volume opens the way to specialisation and further research. The catalogue has been compiled from the latest and most advanced studies many of which are based on earlier research by some of the philatelic "greats" and also contains much original research.

One important feature of the book is the ingenious tabulation of plate markings of the Typographed issues which enables users to identify speedily the plates from markings on the low values.

Appendices cover; K. G. V. Simple Cypher watermark varieties, "Specimen" overprints; Perforators; Identification of plates; Booklets and advertisement panes — also cylinder numbers, controls and perforation types.

To descend to the purely monetary level, collectors will be amazed at the variation in price between varieties of the same relatively common stamp and for this, if nothing else, no Great Britain collector should be without this volume. It is almost certain that even if bought for this purpose alone the reader will find the book so fascinatiing that he will be drawn deeper into the study of these issues.

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The book is in twelve parts, the first three dealing, respectively, with the making of the stamps, the colours and the proofs. Of particular interest to this reviewer is the information given on the range of perforations used in each of the four perforation phases which the author recognises. This is a distinct advance over the rigid classification comprising three perforations (11¾, 11¾ x 12 or reverse and 12) used by Calder and cited rather slavishly by subsequent writers, even although the limitations of the perforation measuring gauges available in Calder's time have been overcome and we now have available gauges capable of measuring a continuous spectrum of perforations with a high degree of accuracy and precision.

Parts IV and V cover the plate features of the 1 and 2 cent values which, although not showing the multiplicity of plate variety shown by the 5 cent, nevertheless contain a number of interesting varieties which, along with a treatment of the guide dots and plate inscriptions, are discussed and illustrated.

The next two Parts are devoted to the 5 cent value, comprising a most comprehensive treatment of the repaired impressions. fully illustrated (Part VI). This is followed (Part VII) by a classification of the flaws and re-entries, Calder's well-known system based on "scratches", "splashes", "dashes" and "dots" being employed by the author in this phase of his studies, although he

has extended the work to include a treatment of the frame-line re-entries, these not being covered by Calder in his 1939 book. This part contains 237 illustrations of the above-mentioned types of flaws for Plates 2 to 6 inclusive and 132 of re-entries for Plates 7 to 14 inclusive.

Part VIII is a treatment of the plate features of the ever-popular 10 cent value with its great range of shades (previously dealt with in Part II). Part IX deals with the 12½ cent, the author having been able to round out Lees-Jones' plating of this value by providing the necessary illustrations, not hitherto available.

Part X covers the plate features and key to plating of the 17 cent, which was first done by Calder in 1926 and includes a series of fine illustrations. The monograph closes with Part XI dealing with Canadian Postal Rates 1859 to 1868 and a short Part XII on Forgeries.

The book contains twenty-five full-page plates together with the numerous half-tone illustrations and line drawings already referred to. Not the least of the books features is an excellent reproduction of the Health/Egleton engraving of the Prince Consort, used as the frontispiece.

This is an authoritative work, excellently compiled and printed, and published at a price which should insure a wide circulation. It is a most useful and timely addition to the library of the BNA specialist.

"The First Decimal Issue of Canada"
by Geoffrey Whitworth, pub. 1966
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London, 41 Devonshire Place,
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SEPTEMBER 28 - 30, 1967. R.P.S.C. Convention and Exhibition. The Talisman Inn, Ottawa — 200 frame competition exhibit. Details from General Chairman, Colin H. Bayley, 425 Hinton Avenue Ottawa 3, Ontario. Make your reservation now.

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NOVEMBER 10 - 12. London Philatelic Society 75th Anniversary Exhibition in London's new Centennial Convention Hall, Wellington St. London. The Exhibition will be open to all Ontario residents, or members of Ontario stamp clubs, which include cross-border members. Entry fee will be 50 cents per frame, with both six and eight-page frames available. Individual silver trophies will be provided as the top prize in each class or sub-class. A stamp auction will be held Friday evening, Nov. 10, with the society's annual dinner on Saturday. The bourse will be limited to 20 dealers. Arnold Benjaminsen, club secretary, 298 Neville Dr., London, is in charge. The exhibition committee is headed jointly by Tom Moore, president, and Stan Shantz, a past president. Further information may be obtained from Stan Shantz, 763 Green Lane, London.

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Confederation Life Stamp Club
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The Stamp on the Cover

The cover illustration this month is devoted to the special Canadian Stamp for EXPO which opened on April 28, 1967.

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CHAPTER NEWS

SUN PARLOR STAMP CLUB

As part of the centennial celebrations in the Leamington area, the Sun Parlor Stamp Club held a Centennial Stamp Exhibition in the auditorium of the Leamington Recreation Centre, April 8 and 9, 1967. There were approximately 65 frames in the Exhibit from collectors living in the Leamington area. Various facits of stamp collecting were displayed, and in the material shown were some early France as well as the beginnings of a historical collection on the area.

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VANCOUVER ISLAND PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The Annual Meeting of the Vancouver Island Philatelic Society was held on February 9th, at the Empress Hotel, Victoria.

The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada Plaque was awarded to the retiring Treasurer, Miss Jean G. Roberts. This award is made annually to the member who has contributed most to the welfare and progress of the Society.

Miss Jessie M. Gordon, 2849 Burdick Avenue, Victoria, B.C., was unanimously re-elected as Representative from this Chapter to the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada.

Officers elected for the ensuing twelve months were:—

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President: Mr. R. G. Carley,
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Secretary: Mr. C. R. Stephens,
Box 1142, Victoria, B.C.
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Glenshiel Hotel, 606 Douglas St.,
Victoria, B.C.
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Mr. Gordon H. Roberts,
Mr. F. W. L. Keane.

The Society meets on the second Thursday of each month, (except July and August), at 7.45 p.m., in the Duke of Kent Room, Empress Hotel. Visitors are cordially invited to attend all meetings.

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LAKESHORE STAMP CLUB

At the annual exhibition held in Fairview Centre there were between 4-5000 visitors and so far the Club has gained nearly 30 new members with club membership now approaching the 120 mark.

The best exhibit award was won by Mr. R. S. Traquair, the Vice President and ex member of Calgary Society, who displayed Canadian Varieties.

CENTENNIAL MAPLE LEAF CANCELLATIONS

If you want to make a collection showing the Centennial Maple Leaf cancellation with the three wavy bars, these are the cities using them during 1967. The number in brackets ( ) indicate the number of different dies in use, if more than one.

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Regina
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St. John's, Nfld.
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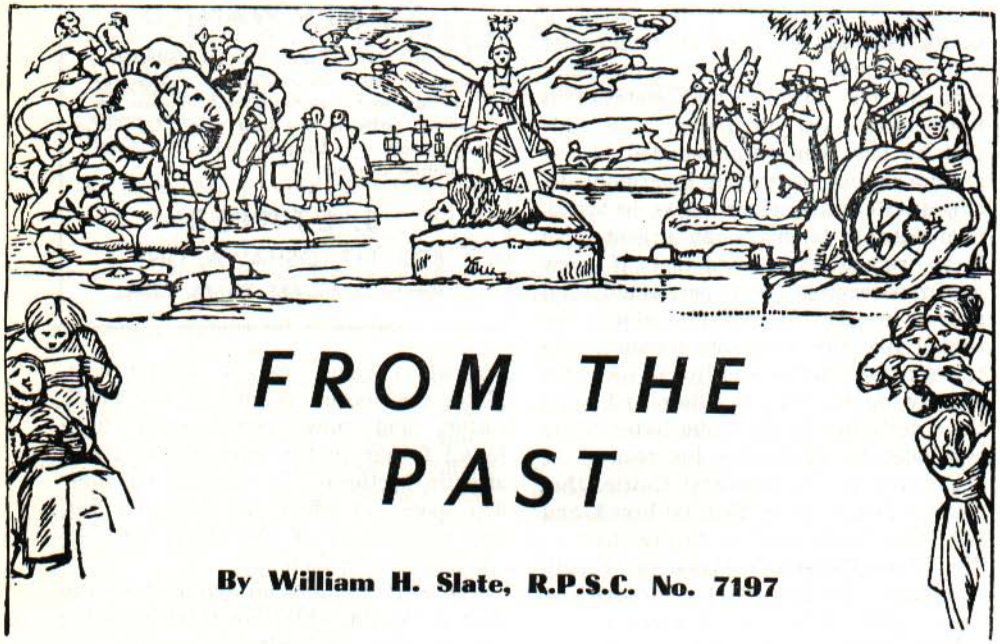

FROM THE PAST

By William H. Slate, R.P.S.C. No. 7197

From "THE PHILATELIST"
February 1st 1867

NOTICES OF PHILATELIC PUBLICATIONS

The Stamp-Collector's Monthly Gazette. St. John, New Brunswick : George Stewart, jun.

The number of magazines partially or wholly dedicated to philately in so many localities, is highly satisfactory to those interested in that now acknowledged science. The one under notice, which is the 19th number of a second volume, contains a dozen well-printed pages of large octavo, and is alike creditable to editor and publisher. It opens with the 9th and closing chapter of a tale, of which the hero appears to be the unfortunate Connell stamp, a copy of which has been lost, but which, when found, appears to have made all things square, and everybody happy in the received fashion. This is followed by some extracts from Mr. Stourton's Forged Stamps Vade Mecum; the leading article, with local postal information; a description of the numerous stamps of Victoria; an account of novel issues; postal chit-chat; advertisements; and answers to correspondents.

In addition to all this, is a prize enigma, ingeniously made up in the manner employed by some of our own weekly publications. It seems the united brains of New Brunswick were not equal to the task of a solution to the last month's enigma, which the editor comments upon with ! ! ! The one before us is too long for insertion here; but we append a couple of transpositions, the letters in which form inscriptions on a postage stamp.

1. Ypppcnnneeeeeaagoooooosfggdht.
2. Frrrroooccnnaeesiit.

For a correct solution of the former, are offered a penny Bahama; a 5 para Egypt; and the 1 groschen envelope of Hanover. For the latter, the 10 p. Egypt; 5 reis Portugal; and ½ schilling Lubeck. All genuine and unused. Perhaps some of our younger readers would like to try their wits; not for the sake of "filthy lucre," the to and fro postage outweighing the monetary value of the prizes; but—think of the honour!

The Postman's Knock. St. John, New Brunswick; F. A. Hunter.

This less pretentious little claimant on our notice, published in the same colonial capital as that just reviewed,

and, as noticed in our last month's number, at the marvellously low price of **gratis,** has reached the 8th number of its 1st volume. Of this the publisher reminds his patrons, and states that 8,000 have been circulated. He adds that he has been recommended to ask a subscription price, but invariably declined. He hints, nevertheless, in broad, unmistakably language, an urgent wish to be "remembered"; and that "if every one who receives the paper would send a small present to help him along," he should like the aggregate amount. He remarks that "those who live in the same locality might club together and send their gratuities in the same letter." He concludes by reminding his readers of the words of the immortal Cuttle, that "Half a loaf is better than no bread, and the same holds good as to crumbs."

The Stamp-Collector's Magazine, Fourth Volume. London: E. Marlborough and Co. Bath: Alfred Smith and Co.

This long-established favorite, first in rank, if not in time, over all its congeners, demands neither praise nor notice, but simply congratulations from all the philatelic community, on its continued and deserved success. The present volume, both externally and internally, is on a par with the preceding three, whose delicate green binding is now superseded by a rich mauve, the usual ornamental postage stamp being the newly-issued 10 reis, Brazil.

The Stamp-Collector's Record. Boston, United States: Allan Taylor.

The number for November last of this journal is before us. It almost completes the second volume of the publication, and must consequently have found favour in the eyes of our transatlantic brethren. It contains but four 8vo. pages; of which the first and last, and a modicum of the others, are devoted to advertisements.

The work contains an extract from the **Boston Herald,** which we think amusing enough for transcription among our Postal Scraps. We cannot congratulate the editor himself on the general suavity of tone employed in his remarks. He takes occasion, while objecting to the opinion of a contemporary respecting the expressive face of the Hospodar of Roumania, to sneer at the gentleman whom he is pleased to call the "traitor Davis." Speaking of the collapse of a certain "Stamp Scheme Co.," he remarks that "Transgressors of the laws of God's free country will please observe. **Nuf ced."** This mysterious bit of wit we leave to be **deciphered.**

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By HANS REICHE (RPSC 6397)

We have been looking for a long time to find some material which would indicate mailing problems during the 1965 Canada Postal strike. We reported one item only shortly after the strike and now many months after we have found a second item. This item is a second class mail announcement from the US Treasury Department to Canada. The mail has a cancel in three lines, violet, reading: Returned During Strike In Canada Postal Service Mail Of This Size Not Mailable. Another interesting item shown to us during a meeting of the Brockville 'Prescot Stamp Club is the St. Lawrence Seaway Paquebot cancel. Two types exist. One shows the coat of arms of the St. Lawrence Seaway authorities in a double circle and next to it in large letters the word Paquebot. The other type shows the word Paquebot in small slanting letters and without the coat of arms. Paqueboat cancels are still being used and these covers seen came from a Canadian boat, using Canadian stamps mailed in Massena. A collection of these modern Paqueboat cancels should be very interesting.

Speaking of cancellations we should mention a lot of specialists are collecting the various Canadian cancellations which have appeared on recent and older issues. The fine article by Mr. Smythies on roller cancels is one such study. Although the writer is mainly interested in the cancellations which occur on the Admiral stamps of Canada we have been collecting others as well. The proof book mentioned by almost all collectors of cancellations contains an impression of each of the cancel which was manufactured by the Ottawa company of Pritchard and Andrews. It appears that many collectors take this as the bible of all cancels which have been issued. Unfortunately this is not correct. Cancels exist which are not in this proof book. It might be that the company overlooked in some cases to place an impression in the book or another company or even the government itself did manufacture additional cancels. In the field of rollers there are many not listed in the proof book. Another item of interest is that there exist one proof book at the Post Office and another one rather cut-up with the manufacturer. Both books differ slightly in some of the records and certain types are listed in one but but not the other. In the classic issues large number of fancy cancels exist and these are listed in certain handbooks. We should warn collectors though not to take for granted all fancy cancellations which are offered and even listed in these handbooks. Home-made cancels with fancy designs are in many collections (including ours!).

The question is asked often how to distinguish a vertical from a horizontal wove type paper. Many Canadian stamps and from other countries as well have issued such stamps on two papers. We should make a correction here. In some cases the paper used was not a different one but the printing plate was turned around by 90° and the grain of the paper appeared to have been changed. There are a few systems which may be used for indentification. Hold a stamp at an angle against a strong light and view the back with a glass. By slightly varying the angle it is often possible to see the direction of the paper grain. If this does not work take the stamp and shine a medium strong light through the paper and view the back with a glass. Diamond shaped patterns may show up similar to small watermarks. If these diamonds are horizontal then the paper is a horizontal wove paper. The same may be noted sometimes by putting the stamp, face down, into a watermark

detection solution using a black background. The use of ultraviolet light is another possibility. A destructive method consists of pulling a piece away from a stamp and then observing the paper fibres at the torn edges. If the fibres are long in the direction the paper was pulled off, then this is the direction of the woven paper. If the fibres are short the direction is the opposite. There may be one more system. Paper shrinks and once the stamp is printed on a somewhat moist paper it will change slightly its dimension after drying. Paper shrinks in opposite direction to the paper grain. A horizontal wove paper will shrink vertically. Therefore such a stamp may appear shorter than one printed on a vertical wove paper. In the Canadian Admiral stamps such specimens are said to be of the squat size. Good luck in your search!

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The Mail Bag

Dear Sir:

I read with interest the article on the Greenock and Ardrishaig Packet Service in your last issue and it brought to my mind something which has always bothered me when reading philatelic articles in our journal. That is the use of pseudonyms by some authors.

I think that market and racing tipsters have a valid reason for operating under the cloak of pseudonymity in that they do not wish to be held responsible if their information is wrong. I do not, however, feel that this reason can be valid when the person is, presumably, a reputable philatelist writing on his own specialty.

The signature of the author is the validation of the subject dealt with in the article. It tells the reader that the author is a reputable person and that he has confidence in the statements he is making. It is in fact the major factor in deciding whether or not the information imparted can be trusted. As the function of most philatelic articles is the transmission of information it is vital that the origin of the information be identifiable to the reader. Otherwise how is one to know that the article is not the inaccurate effort of a tyro who knows even less about the subject than ourselves.

In no other specialized field are valuable information and discoveries offered in this anonymous fashion. In fact I doubt if an article would be accepted that was not identified and with sources quoted.

Please let us leave these Victorian affectations to the writers of "Advice to the Lovelorn" columns and insist that all authors have the guts to accept the responsibility for what they write.

"Will the **real** author please stand up!"

Kenneth Rowe, R.P.S.C. 6657

Dear Sir:

I am somewhat surprised at seeing a repetition of an old Canard(which should have been laid low long ago). On page 272 of the December issue of **The Canadian Philatelist.**

I refer to the paragraph headed OXIDISATION. In this country (where the article originated) and amongst chemists, there is no such word. The chemical process of OXIDATION is no doubt intended by the author but the blackening of stamps is not due to oxygen, but to gaseous sulphur compounds present in the atmosphere (especially in industrial areas). Basically, it is the lead compound in the ink which is turned to black lead sulphide. (PbS.)

The cure is to apply hydrogen peroxide, a strong **oxidising** (sic) agent, which converts the sulphide into white lead sulphate, acording to the equation:

$$\underset{\text{black}}{PbS} + 4H_2O_2 = \underset{\text{white}}{PbSO_4} + 4H_2O$$

The addition of this new white solid in the printing ink, no doubt accounts for the "over-restoration" that makes the stamp "become lighter than the original."

I hope it will now become evident that if the cure is an oxidation process, the blackening process cannot also be an oxid(is)ation process. Clumsy though the word is, it would be better to refer to this blackening as "sulphurisation".

Yours sincerely,

M. Krysis (Major)

NOTE: Your editors are pleased to note the reappearance in philatelic circles of Major Krysis — but at the wish of incuring his wrath we point out that while he is completely correct the term used in the article is generally accepted in philatelic circles.

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Dear Sir:

The Canada post card problem cover on p. 86, which is one cent maple leaf design with roller flag cancellation appears to be an early form of pre-cancelled card used in Windsor and immediate vicinity including Amherstburg, the southern terminus of the Michigan

Central Railroad. The card with said roller cancel in purple is relatively scarce being priced at up to $15.00. The card in our possession has no post mark other than the flag roller cancellation and was mailed from Amherstburg to Detroit addressee, and dated July 23rd, 1902.

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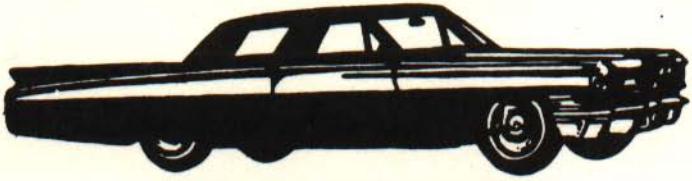

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